

Lori Toia serves up Plymouth Fish Market's cod and cole slaw to Elaine Murad of Canton.

# Restaurant crawlers get their MA ANA auring via

ground utility line servicing Redico Inc., which DTE said a Wayne County issue.

"The cable that's crossing Sheldon Road that's in conflict with the water main doesn't belong to us," said Scott Simons, DTE Energy spokesman. "The cable is privately owned by the customer, and apparently the county has to

#### BY TONY BRUSCATO

STAFF WRITER

While riding the horse drawn carriage as part of the Old Village Restaurant Crawl Wednesday evening, Gary Tuggle of Westland didn't think he could eat another bite as he and his wife, Cyndi, were headed to the last of seven restaurants participating in the sevenyear event.

"I'm stuffed, where's the Alka Seltzer," moaned Tuggle.

While the restaurant crawl allows for participants to walk around Old Village while sampling foods from the participating restaurants, many stomachs were full by the time the last destination was reached.

"The Caboose was good, I think we might go back there," Tuggle said.

Caboose owner Rick Kelp, who with his wife, Kim, took over the soup-and-sandwich restaurant in July, used the crawl as a showcase for their homemade goods.

"We're featuring three soups, chicken enchi-

lada, homemade chicken noodle and cream of potato," said Rick Kelp. "Our sandwiches are roast beef, corned beef, turkey and pulled pork

"This event is really great for the community," he said. "A lot of people didn't know we are here, and now they do.'

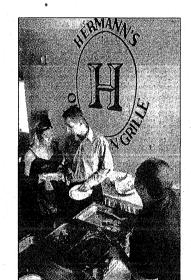
For Josie Sipple of Northville Township, there was no secret which restaurant topped her list.

"My favorite was Station 885," Sipple said. "The prime rib, mashed potatoes and salad were really good, and the chocolate fountain was to die for."

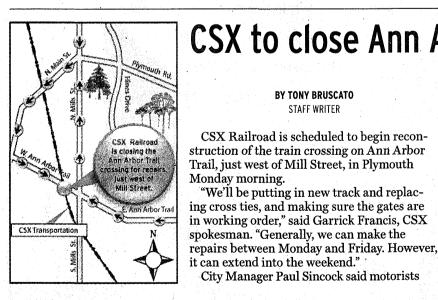
Station 885 senior manager Kim Buerkle said the crawl is a chance to showcase one of Plymouth's best-known restaurants.

'It's a show for us, and the owners want us to serve what we're known for, the prime rib," Buerkle said. "I have a lot of people say they haven't been here for a long time, or that they'll be back."

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Nick Hermann, owner of Hermann's Old Town Grille, is ready to serve Charlie and Dan Lundquist pizza, mini corn dogs, loaded baked potato soup or a chicken salad wrap.



# CSX to close Ann Arbor Trail crossing

BY TONY BRUSCATO

STAFF WRITER

CSX Railroad is scheduled to begin reconstruction of the train crossing on Ann Arbor

"We'll be putting in new track and replac-

ing cross ties, and making sure the gates are

in working order," said Garrick Francis, CSX

City Manager Paul Sincock said motorists

it can extend into the weekend."

Trail, just west of Mill Street, in Plymouth

headed north on Mill Street can connect with Main Street, head south on Main and re-connect with Ann Arbor Trail. Traffic headed south on Mill should turn west at Ann Arbor Road, north on Main Street to Ann Arbor Trail.

"Obviously, these crossings are in pretty poor condition," said Sincock. "It's one of those things where we have some short-term pain to get through it and a much better product in the end."

It's the first of two crossings CSX plans to repair in the city. The other is just north of downtown at Main and Theodore, which is scheduled to start on Monday, Aug. 20.

for delaying the project. DTE Energy denies the charge, putting the onus on Wayne County for failure to remove the utility lines in a timely manner.

struction equipment and workers doesn't necessarily mean

the project is going full-speed

lines to allow for the installa-

tion of a 36-inch water main

be completed. Wayne County

officials blame DTE Energy

below the underpass has yet to

In fact, the removal of utility

ahead.

"AT&T has been out there working very hard," said Wayne **County Assistant County** Executive Alan Helmkamp. "If DTE would do as well, I would be pleased.

"As for the actual field work, yesterday (Thursday) was the first day they were out. They agreed to have the lines out by June 1, and it's August

pay that customer \$80,000 to do the work, which hasn't been done yet.

'There's still our pole there, but that's connected with the underground service," he said. "We're not holding up the project, we're pretty much done.'

Helmkamp confirmed Redico is responsible for moving the line, with the county to reimburse the cost within 30 days.

"However, if DTE is claiming

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#### **MICHIGAN CONSTRUCTION** PROJECTS

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**Coming Thursday** 



#### **PLYMOUTH PIPELINE**

#### Chili dogs, hold the onions

This year's Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff in downtown Plymouth is looking for "hot" dogs.

"We're looking for the hottest dogs in the coolest city," said Annette Horn, Chili Fest organizer. "We'll be judging in the hot and spicy and the bike dog categories."

This year's Chili Cookoff is scheduled for Sept. 30.

"This is a family event, and dogs are just like family, and people love to show them off," said Horn. "We'll have ribbons for all participants and an official Bone Trophy to the hottest dog."

Entry forms are available at Specialty Pets, Jill Andra Young Photography and Happy Hounds Day Care. Entry fees are \$5 for pre-registration and \$7 at the event.

#### **New Morning School** scholarships

New Morning School is awarding a \$750 partial-tuition scholarship for the 2007-2008 school year. The new scholarship is being funded by the Plymouth Women's Charity Potluck, a group of 20 women who meet for a potluck event, with each contributing \$25 toward the scholarship. The scholarship is open to all current and future students. Applications are being accepted through August 17. For more

information or for an application contact Kelly Krawczyk at 734.420.3331 or Kelly@newmorningschool.com.

#### Hand crafters wanted

The Plymouth Historical Museum is seeking crafters for its second annual Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale on Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tables are \$15 each. Crafters are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, as the Museum has limited room. Applications are available on the Museum web site at http://plymouthhistory.org/ craft/craftshow.pdf or at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

#### **Plymouth Arts Council** Exhibit

**Plymouth Community** Arts Council is hosting special weekend open hours on Saturdays, Aug. 11 and Aug. 18, from noon to 5 p.m. to view its current exhibition, 'Fluid Moments' by local photography artist, Rein Nomm. The exhibition is housed at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 North Sheldon Road in Plymouth. Nomm will be available during the exhibition and will be selling select pieces. For more information contact the council at (734) 416-4278.

Visit www.plymoutharts. com to learn more about the exhibition and the artist.

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# Taking a bite of the 'Big Apple'

Dance instructors from Central City Dance Center in Canton traveled to New York City to study with choreographers from the hit television show "So You Think You Can Dance" in early July. The classes were part of a dance educational series that help the instructors keep up on the latest trends and mainstream choreography, according to Tamara Smola, Central City owner and artistic director. The entire Staff attended classes in all genres of dance, including hip hop, jazz, ballet, tap, and contemporary movement. In addition to dancing at Broadway Dance Center and at the Pulse Convention the staff of Central City Dance also found time to indulge in everything the city had to offer. They saw a Broadway show, ate New York cheesecake, and experienced a terrifying cab ride in the busy streets of the Big Apple. Central City is now accepting open registration for fall classes through Sept. 8. Register before Aug. 17 and be entered to win free dance lessons for a year. For more information about the center's fall curriculum, visit its Web site at www.centralcitydance.com or call (734) 459-0400.

**Community Financial will** host free financial education seminars Tuesday, Aug. 21 and Wednesday, Aug. 22. Both hour-long seminars, which are open to the public, will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the credit union's main office located at 500 S. Harvey in Plymouth.

The Aug. 21 seminar is titled "Take Control of Your Money!" and focuses on how to create a spending plan, set realistic goals and track spending. It is estimated that most American consumers waste 20 to 30 percent of their money due to poor spending and planning habits.

This seminar has been designed as an interactive learning experience and will also help people identify budget busters that can destroy a spending plan.

The second seminar on Aug. 22 is titled "Understanding and Improving Credit Scores." Participants will receive straightforward answers to a variety of questions including what's in a credit report; why you need a good credit score; how to establish and improve your credit score, and much more.

"These seminars provide an excellent opportunity for us to give members and others in our community the knowledge needed to better manage their finances and achieve greater peace of mind," said Bill

Lawton, president and CEO of Community Financial. Participants will enjoy refreshments and have an opportunity to win a \$50 gas card. To register for the free

#### Chiefettes fund-raiser

seminars, call 734-582-8702.

The Canton High School Pom Pon team will be holding a car wash fund-raiser from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Aug. 18 at the Fastlane Quick Lube Oil Change at 5881 Canton Center Road, on the west side of the road, between Ford and Warren roads. Make a donation to show your support for the Canton Chiefettes and get your car cleaned in the process. For more information. e-mail Kimberly Mabie at kmabie@comcast.net.

#### **Drive-In Night**

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit is hosting a drive-in movie night Monday, Aug. 20, at the Compuware Sports Arena Drive-In Theatres in Plymouth. The theatre opens at 7:30 p.m. and inflatable toys and games will entertain children until

movies begin at 8:25 p.m. Cost is \$25 per car, and proceeds provide scholarships for kids to attend YMCA camps.

#### to buy passes. Creative writing

Life and Writing Coach Jane Saylor offers creative writing classes that will help students enjoy writing more, feel more confident with their writing on a personal and business level, challenge themselves to learn, never be staring at a blank page and learn about themselves in a very unique way.

Saylor teaches with one-toone, individual attention, in classes set up according to the student's schedule, and provides a new perspective on writing.

Saylor coaches in writing the same way she coaches in life, with the focus on the individual as an entire being, including physical, intellectual, emotional and spiritual. Classes are fun and always upbeat.

Cost is \$150 for six weeks, which can be paid in three \$50 payments or use PayPal or check by mail.

To set up individual creative writing sessions, which will take place over the telephone and the internet according to the writer's schedule, e-mail Saylor at GrandSchemePress@comcast. net or call (734) 546-3260.

#### Historical walking tour

Join the Plymouth Historical Museum and the Plymouth Preservation Network for an historical walking tour around Kellogg Park 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 25.

Wendy Harless, Chairperson of the Plymouth Preservation Network, takes guests on an historical walk around the park. Have you ever stopped to wonder: Why we have a park? What is the oldest building around the park? Why is the Wilcox house located near the park? These questions and many more will be answered. Arrive early and enjoy free Starbucks coffee!

Cost is \$10 per person with a limit of 25 people on tour. Tickets are available at the Plymouth Historical Museum or through PayPal on the museum's Web site at www. plymouthhistory.org/walkingtours.html. Contact the museum for more information at (734) 455-8940. The Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

#### Tiny Tot program

The Plymouth Salvation Army still has openings for the Tiny Tots Preschool program. For 3-year-olds there is a Monday/Wednesday class or a Tuesday/Thursday class from 9-11:15 a.m. The cost is \$95

per month.

For 4-year-olds there is a Monday/Wednesday/Thursday class from 12:15-2:30 p.m. The cost is \$120 per month. There is a one-time registration fee of \$35 for all classes.

For more information call (734) 453-5464 or stop by the office at 9451 S. Main in Plymouth.

#### YMCA board

The Plymouth Family YMCA is looking to grow its Board of Advisors.

This is an opportunity for members of the Plymouth, Canton or Northville communities who are looking to get more involved in their community. There are monthly meetings from September through June. Responsibilities include advocacy, fund-raising and expertise.

Anyone interested in getting more information can contact Josh Landefeld at (734) 453-2904 or jlandefeld@ymcametrodetroit.org

#### Rapunzel on stage

The Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville presents the musical Rapunzel Aug. 6 through Sept. 23.

Show times are weekdays, Monday through Fridays (Aug. 13-17) at 10:30 a.m., Saturdays (Aug. 18 and 25) at 11:30 a.m., Saturdays (Sept. 8, 15, 22) at 2:30 p.m., and Sundays (Sept. 9, 16, 23) at 2:30 p.m.

Please no children under the age of 3. Tickets are \$8, with group rates and reserved seating for groups of 20 or more. For more information, call

(248) 349-8110.

#### **Good Grief golf**

New Hope Center for Grief Support hosts its ninth-annual "Good Grief" golf outing Saturday, Sept. 8, at St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth Township with a 10 a.m. shotgun start.

Proceeds from the outing will benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support, a bereavement outreach center located in Northville. New Hope provides free grief support services and resources to men, women, teens, and children throughout southeastern Michigan.

The cost for this four-person scramble, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, dinner, contests and prizes, is \$125 per golfer. Dinner-only is \$35 per person.

For information about sponsorship opportunities or for registration information, visit New Hope's Web site at www.

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#### LOCAL NEWS

# **Book-lovers savor 'Potter,' other titles in busy summer**

**BY JULIE BROWN** STAFF WRITER

Summer's traditionally a time for "beach books," but local readers tackle more serious fare as well.

Gerry Barlage, adult service coordinator at the Plymouth District Library, reports A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini, a native of Afghanistan, is popular.

"It's the same guy that wrote The Kite Runner. Anybody who read The Kite *Runner* is coming back for that," she said of the fiction title.

Harry Potter has grabbed the headlines lately, attracting readers of all ages. The newest fiction tome,

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows by J.K. Rowling, is "a biggie with our adult patrons, as big as the kids," she said, noting even "senior seniors" are tackling it.

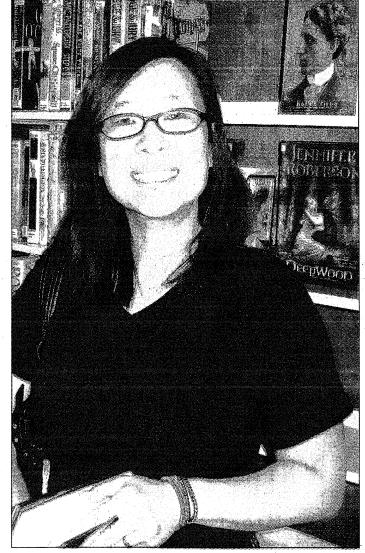
"I got the impression from the people this morning (who reserved the book) that it was because of their grandchildren, that they don't want to appear not to know," Barlage said.

"The 'Diana' book is very popular." That's The Diana Chronicles by Tina Brown. "We have a large Anglophile community," with a lot of interest in the British royal family, said Barlage, who agreed "beach books" have boosted adult reading this summer. Circulation hit 90,000 in July, a record for the library.

#### Book club grows

Brooke Somerville, in the adult services department at the Redford Township District Library, said it's been busy there. "We started a book club just recently and we've gotten a good response." The Redford Recreational Readers will discuss Florence of Arabia on Sept. 12, by Christopher Buckley. Redford Recreational Readers meet 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at the library on Six Mile east Beech Daly.

"It's a humorous book,



Peg Foen of Plymouth comes to the Plymouth District Library once or twice. a week. Drawn to the work of Asian American author, Brian Leung, she recently enjoyed his new book, 'Lost Men.'

said Somerville of Florence of Mean Thirteen. Arabia. The heroine promotes women's rights in the Middle East in that fiction title.

"We have so many holds on that," she said of Harry Potter. "It's always been popular. Everybody wants to read it to see how it turns out."

"They want something easy," she said of summer readers. God Is Not Great by Christopher Hitchens is a popular nonfiction title in Redford.

"It's kind of a provocative look at religion. He's a very humorous author," said Somerville, who read his last but not this one. Also popular there are A Thousand Splendid Suns and Lean,

At the Livonia Public Library, City Librarian Kathleen Monroe said "It's been extremely busy for everybody." Livonia has done an adult summer reading program for several years. 'It's been very successful." Organizers have gift baskets with different themes from area businesses, and hold drawings for those at the end of summer.

Adults who read at a certain level are eligible for a drawing at the end of the summer. Kids in Livonia also have programs to encourage reading throughout the summer, with special programs at the end.

Harry Potter is "hot, hot, hot" with related programs tying into the new movie and book. "I haven't had a chance to read it yet," Monroe said. To get kids to read something at that length's amazing, she added.

"I think it's been a wonderful thing. I think it's helped to make them lifelong readers."

As an administrator, she doesn't see directly popular titles among adult readers. "We've kept the citizens of Livonia busy," said Monroe, doing some reading herself.

"I'm revisiting Jane Austen." Sense and Sensibility, which she read in the past, is included. "I like all those 19th century authors, and I go back and read them."

At the large Civic Center branch in Livonia, for July this year over 50,000 items circulated. The library has two other full-service branches. "July was the big month of the summer," the city librarian said.

"We're just glad we're here to kind of fill that gap in the summer." People of all ages have more time for leisure reading in the summer. "I think it's a wonderful service,' Monroe said.

#### Records set

Ellen Pare, adult services/ reference librarian at the Canton Public Library, also reports a record-setting summer. "We have had record checkouts and participation in our summer reading programs at all levels," Pare said. 'It's been a busy summer."

"Even with adults, Harry Potter is huge. It's the book of the summer," Pare said. "They're just really good stories. I think that's probably the fundamental attraction of it. They're just fun to read."

The newest Harry Potter has over 50 copies at Canton's library, and there's still a wait list for it, she noted.

A Thousand Splendid Suns is popular there as well. Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search for Everything Across Italy, India and Indonesia by Elizabeth Gilbert, a nonfiction title, is being read in Canton. "That one's very popular, too," Pare said of the book.

Canton adults are also reading The Diana Chronicles, and a mystery by Janet Evanovich, Lean, Mean Thirteen, part of a series.

She agreed people read lighter stuff in the summer. "When people are traveling, they just want something entertaining," Pare said. The Canton library did weekly drawings for adults on a travel theme. The grand prize drawing for a Northwest Airlines certificate (\$400) is this coming week; the library has also given gas cards, a luggage package, and Cedar Point ticket package.

Jan Smith, interim director for the Garden City Public Library, reports James Patterson and Michael Ledwidge's The Quickie, about a police officer trying to get revenge on her husband she suspects of cheating is well-read. "Something goes terribly wrong," Smith said of the storyline.

A Thousand Splendid Suns and Harry Potter are top picks in Garden City as well.

"I love Harry Potter. It has all the elements you're looking for in a book," said Smith, citing mystery, romance and danger. She and other readers are sad that series is ending.

"I think everybody's waiting for something spectacular" from Rowling.

#### Titles for young adults

Also popular with young adults in Garden City is the follow-up third part of a trilogy, The Inheritance Trilogy. Aragon was the first, Eldest by Christopher Paolini the

second, Smith said. Author Frank Herbert's (Dune series) son Brian wrote Sandworms of Dune, very popular with science fiction fans. The younger Herbert and Kevin J. Anderson write science fiction titles that are popular.

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"Everybody's looking for a good beach book," said Smith, who likes author Clive Cussler's adventure novels.

At the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, department head for adult services Marilyn Kwik reports "We have a fair number" reading Harry Potter. "It's always popular."

The Janet Evanovich and James Patterson books do well in Westland; also liked is The Secret by Rhonda Byrne, a self-help type book. "This year, we also have a lot of people reading You - The Owner's Manual: An Insider's Guide to the Body That Will Make You Healthier and Younger. It's by Michael Roizen."

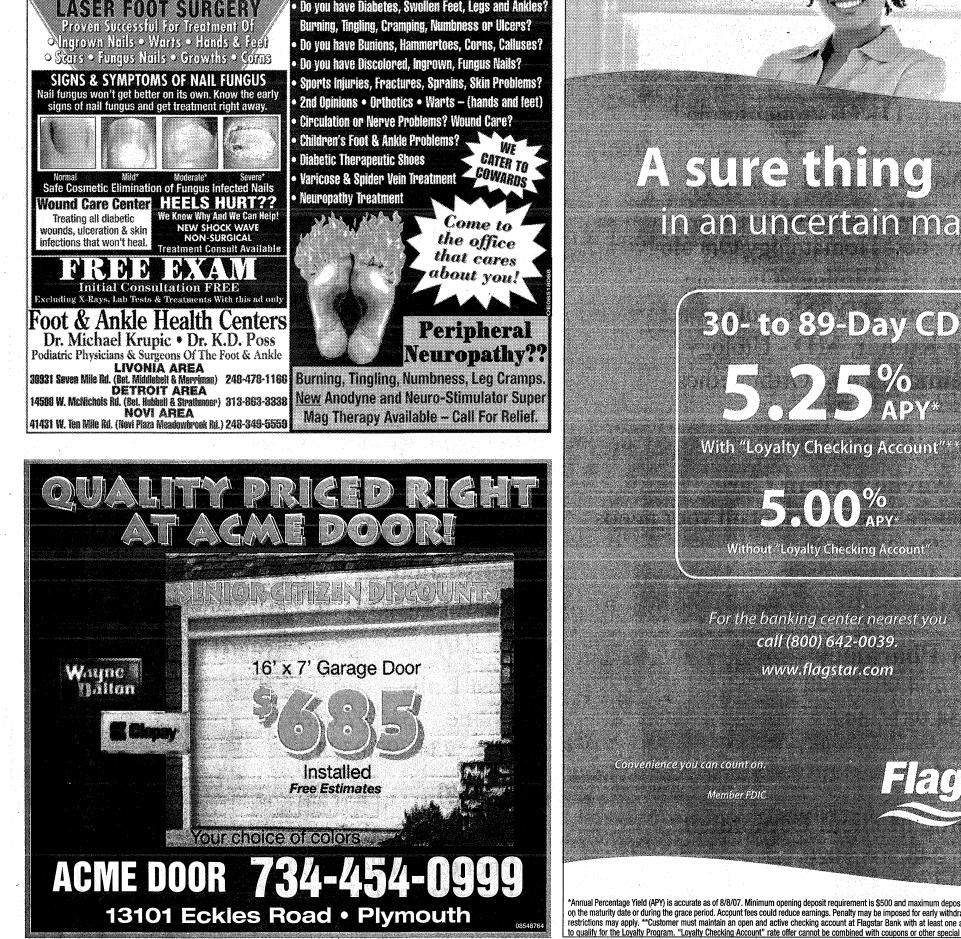
That nonfiction book deals with health issues, Kwik said, adding A Thousand Splendid Suns does well there.

At Westland, the adult summer reading program's been popular, with its ".007 James Bond" theme. "Their mission was to complete the passport." Readers were rewarded if they read such things as spy novels. The adults had programs that supported the theme, such as belly dancing and handwriting analysis. The Spy Tech shop in Rochester had a speaker come to Westland on different spy equipment available for purchase.

"It was a very good summer. We had a really high attendance," said Kwik. Also popular are Philippa Gregory's The Other Boleyn Girl and The Boleyn Inheritance series titles, especially with women. "It's really obvious that people are still interested in reading. Books are still very, very popular," Kwik said.



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LOCAL NEWS

Artist's rendering of what the new Plymouth Township branch of the Catholic Parishes Credit Union will look like.

# Credit union breaks ground on Plymouth Township branch

Credit Union broke ground

The project team for the new building includes Plante & FH Martin Constructors of Warren: Nudell Architects of Farmington Hills; and Nowak

been selected to provide Design-Build services for this project," said FH Martin President R. Andrew Martin, building will serve as the third branch location for Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union, Livonia, with another branch located in Redford Township."

Credit Union, which was money, and embodies the credit union philosophy of "people

services to the Catholic community in Plymouth, Canton, and the surrounding commu-



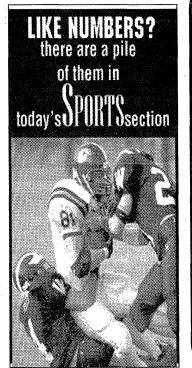
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Horse and carriage rides add to the Old Village mood, and traffic.

Other restaurants along the crawl included Grecian Cafe, Hermann's Olde Town Grille, Crawford's Kitchen, Dilly Dally Deli and Plymouth Fish/ The event is sponsored by

said more than 200 tickets were sold. "It was raining all week, and we sold half of them today (Wednesday) when people saw

Chamber of Commerce.

**Executive Director Fran Toney** 

the weather was going to be better," Toney said. "This is one of our most popular events." The second annual downtown restaurant crawl is scheduled for Sept. 19.

job," Simons said. "We attended numerous meetings with engineering personnel ... We never assured them we could be relocated by that date."

A July 3 memorandum by Victoria Holland, Wayne County's director of engineering, indicated DTE's on-site work had been on hold for about a month because the utility company's project designer was on vacation.

"In addition to delaying the utility relocation issue, subsequently scheduled events are also being delayed, including the installation of storm sewer, BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Entitled Penn-taste-tic, the event with more than a dozen participating restaurants benefits the Friends of the Penn and Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets - \$25 for adults and \$15 for children 10 and under can be purchased at the chamber office, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail.

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water main and railroad bypass tracks," wrote Holland.

Meanwhile, the estimated \$14 million, five-lane underpass - which was initiated in 1999 with a \$5 million federal grant - is still "on target" to be completed in December 2008.

"Call me the eternal optimist, but I'm sticking to that," Helmkamp said. "If this means we have to revise the schedule and add shifts, even in the bad months, we'll do whatever we need to do to get it completed by then."

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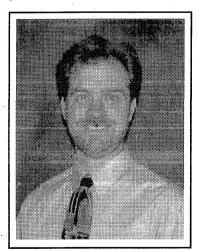
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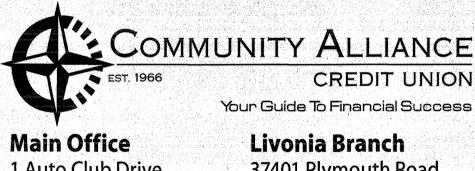
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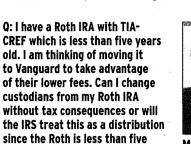
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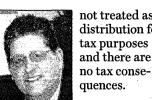
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years old? A: There is no problem in switching from TIA-CREF to Vanguard. Since the money is staying within a Roth IRA, it is not considered a distribution and the five-year rule does not apply.

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Money Matters Q: I have four rental homes on seven-year ARMs

Rick Bloom (adjustable rate mortgages) with American Home

Mortgage about two to three years old. My wife is employed, and I am retired. Our credit score is 735, and we are in the zero tax bracket. Unfortunately, the loans are about to exceed appraised value. Jim Cramer, from CNBC, says to walk away from such loans. What are the consequences?

A: Although it would be nice to say that you can walk away from the loans without any

not treated as a consequences, that's not the distribution for case.

Switching Roth IRA will not cause tax consequences

When you obtained the mortgage, you entered into a legally binding contract which states the terms of how the loan has to be repaid. Nothing in the loan documentation deals with the value of the home.

Just because the house is now worth less than the outstanding balance does not give you the right to walk away from the property. You are legally liable for the debt. If you walk away from the loan, the mortgage company can come after you.

In Michigan, there is a procedure known as Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure. This allows you to shortcut the foreclosure procedures and voluntarily surrender your property back to the mortgage company.

In many cases, even though the property may be worth less than the outstanding mortgage, lenders will accept the deed and not pursue any legal recourse. However, this is not always the case. In situations where the property is a rental, as opposed to someone's personal residence, mortgage companies are sometimes more difficult.

The other issue is taxes. When someone is forgiven a debt, this creates a taxable event. The money that is forgiven is considered taxable income. Of course, the house you are turning over to the mortgage company has value which would partially offset the loan being forgiven. My advice is contact your mortgage company. Every mortgage company has departments set aside to handle problems. By working with the company, you may be in a better position to reach an equitable deal as opposed to walking away from the loan and letting the mortgage company foreclose.

Whether it is the IRS or a creditor, the key is to be proactive. If you wait too long, you will lose all leverage in dealing with your creditors.

**Rick Bloom** is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).

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# Here's your chance to dine with Coco from WJLB-FM

The Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers are teaming up with Buddy's to present "Dining With the Stars" featuring Coco of "The Coco, Foolish & Mr. Chase in the Morning Show," which airs weekdays from 6-10 a.m. on FM98 WJLB.

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The show is known throughout metro Detroit for its laughs, amazing prizes, hot dine with their favorite stars topics, celebrity gossip and interviews, news and more.

In 100 words or less, tell us why you're a fan of Coco and would like to have lunch or dinner with her at Buddy's Pizza in August.

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 August contest is 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21.

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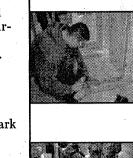
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Ltd. featuring stylist and makeup artist Christine Fitzpatrick, a \$100 gift certificate to the Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield and a dance exhibition courtesy of Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

Other upcoming "Dining With the Stars" include Chuck Gaidica of WDIV-TV (Channel 4), Attorney **Geoffrey Fieger, Florine Mark** of Weight Watchers, health and fitness guru and  $O \mathfrak{S} E$ columnist Peter Nielsen, Ruth Spencer of WDIV's "Ruth to the Rescue" and Trudi Daniels of WRIF-FM.

No purchase is necessary to enter. Buddy's Pizza will review all entries and select the top four "fan" letters.

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# Police go high-tech to find missing kids

The Plymouth Township Police Department has gone high-tech in its efforts to help when children go missing.

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The program, "A Child is Missing," relies heavily on satellite and computermapping technology when a child, senior or other people can't be found.

"This is a great program, a great way of being proactive,," township police chief Tom Tiderington said. "It's a welcomed asset that reflects the department's philosophy of community-oriented policing."

Here's how it works: Once an officer has verified someone is missing, A "Child Is Missing" technician is alerted. The officer gives the technician pertinent information about the missing person, including description, clothes worn and the time and location the person .was last seen.

The technician then uses satellite computer-mapping technology to identify the area where the individual was last seen.

We use an imagery/satellite program to increase the map-tracking accuracy and to help visualize "hot spots" that may harbor the missing child or attract a "wandering" individual," Tiderington explained.

An instant message is recorded with the description of the person and the alert is phoned to homes/ businesses in the area where the missing person was last seen. The alert message asks residents to check their property for the missing person and to call their local law enforcement agency should they have any information.

ACIM searches for children up to 18 years old, elderly (often with Alzheimer's) college students on campus, and disabled. Unlisted numbers are not available; however, they can be added by visiting the Web site www. achildismissing.org. The program is cost-free.

Anyone who would like more information about the program should contact the **Plymouth Township Police Department's Community Resource Officer, Jamie** Senkbeil, at (734) 354-3243

# Liquor luges keep ice carver busy in summer

BY REBECCA JONES STAFF WRITER

Would you prefer your martini shaken, stirred or sent down a slide?

This time of year, liquor luges account for most of the business at Michigan Ice Carvers in Redford.

It may be 85 degrees outside, but inside, snow piles up behind Matt Sokolowski, who's wielding a chain saw to cut a 300-pound block of ice in half. The freezer is kept at 20 degrees, and he wears a snowsuit to work. "On a day like this, it's not

a bad job," he said.

Sokolowski, 39, who lives just four blocks away from his store on Six Mile, began carving ice sculptures on the side while working as a chef.

He learned the trade from classically trained culinary experts at Schoolcraft College. He graduated in 1988.

Demand for ice sculptures grew, and he left the food service industry behind. First, Sokolowski worked out of his home, but 12 years ago, he opened Michigan Ice Carvers, which now employs four workers.

In addition to ice sculptures, the company sells 500 to 600 ice luges per year. "It makes the liquor ice cold," said Sokolowski, who doesn't drink. "(Years ago), a customer asked me to do a luge. I had never heard of it."

One bar asks him to design a new one each week.

On Tuesday, he was working on a motorcycle-shaped luge to help a Commerce Township man celebrate his 40th birthday. Sokolowski savs he could have made a full-size replica of a Harley-Davidson. Instead, the design will fit on a table

top. "Stuff like this keeps me artistically challenged," Sokolowski said. It will take about two hours of sculpt-

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ing with various chisels and power tools.

Matt Sokolowski carves a birthday message into an ice bar for an upcoming party.

Birthday celebrant Jason Breckenridge also ordered "It's a novelty," said

ing on a martini liquor luge for a wedding this weekend at Canterbury Village. Instead of putting their mouths up to the slide, guests can have their glasses filled neatly.

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\$80 to \$1,500.

Sokolowski is a twotime gold medalist at the Plymouth Ice Festival. His apprentice and nephew, Jesse Levitt, who is still in high school, took home the silver medal this year.

Sokolowski said there's sculpting in the Detroit area because of all the talent available locally. "It all stems from Schoolcraft College.'

Personally, he prefers cold weather activities, like ice fishing and snowmobiling. Sokolowski said he would be fine with one week of warm weather each summer, só he can take his family to the beach and make sand castles for a change.

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an ice bar, which will keep five fifths of liquor chilled throughout the night. He said he saw a full-sized ice bar in Las Vegas in February. "It was the coolest such a market for ice thing I'd ever seen."

Breckenridge, who learned about Michigan Ice Carvers through its Web sites, www. michiganice.com and www. iceliquorluge.com.

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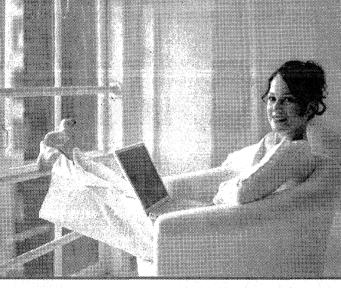
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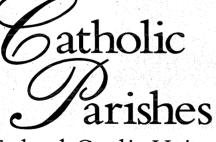
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The city's foresight in preserving a large section



of its lakefront for recreational use is one of the factors that has kept Chicago a vital, vibrant city.

We recently visited my son, daughter-in-law and new granddaughter and enjoyed the thrill of being in a city again, a city with thousands of people who live, work and play in a place that offers world-famous architecture, shopping, a plethora of restaurant choices, cultural facilities second

to none, spectator sports, mass transit and the natural beauty of Lake Michigan's shore.

But this isn't another column about how depressing Detroit is in comparison - though, of course, it is. Chicago has its own problems that make large sections of the city as miserably poor, decayed, crime-ridden and hopeless as Detroit. It also has a racial divide within the city, where the Chicago River is as clear a demarcation as Eight Mile. The difference is that it has retained a vital middle class, black and white, who value what only a big city can provide.

This is, instead, about an environmental threat to that city and to the other cities and towns along Lake Michigan's shoreline and about the compromises some people are willing to make for short-term economic growth.

BP oil won approval from Indiana to exempt the company from state environmental laws. BP requested the exemption to make way for a \$3.8 million expansion of its Whiting, Ind., refinery to refine heavier crude oil from Canada. BP is already a major polluter of the lake and the new permit allows it to release 54 percent more ammonia and 35 percent more suspended solids. The permit also gives the company until 2012 to meet federal limits on mercury discharge.

The new levels are below federal water-quality standards, but still represent a break from attempts to rein in pollution of the lake.

Last week, the U.S. House voted 387-26 to urge Indiana to reconsider the permit. Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich has strongly objected to the dumping. A story on the Chicago Tribune Web site Tuesday said several lakeshore communities are banding together to form a Shoreline Mayors Task

Last week, the Michigan Supreme Court voted 4-3 with the conservative majority ruling that some plaintiffs in a suit against Nestle Waters North America did not have standing to sue over potential damages to a stream, lake and westlands because they don't use those areas. This is a setback for environmentalists who argue that everyone is affected by water and air pollution and everyone should have standing. The narrow legal nature of the ruling means that the suit can go forward, but it also makes it harder for ordinary citizens to take action.

Force to address lake issues.

Michigan's Congressional delegation unanimously supported the resolution. Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who has often talked about the central importance of the Great Lakes to Michigan, had yet to publicly comment on the issue as of Friday.

It is shameful that the federal Environmental Protection Agency, Indiana regulators and Indiana's governor would defend this action for the sake of a few jobs and BP profits. Yes, we need to have oil, but it can not be, should not be at the expense of our greatest asset. The lakes provide water, food, recreation opportunities, access to the world for our natural resources and much more. They are a far greater economic asset than the oil that BP will refine in Indiana.

Last week, the Michigan Supreme Court voted 4-3 with the conservative majority ruling that some plaintiffs in a suit against Nestle Waters North America did not have standing to sue over potential damages to a stream, lake and wetlands because they don't use those areas. This is a setback for environmentalists who argue that everyone is affected by water and air pollution and everyone should have standing. The narrow legal nature of the ruling means that the suit can go forward, but it also makes it harder for ordinary citizens to take action against those who damage the environment.

This is a time for those who care about these Great Lakes to stand firm, even as we struggle to get our economic engine running again.

For Michigan, the lakes define who and what we are. The governor needs to step up and lead; the #state needs to put protection of our water resources at the top of its economic plans.

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# Don't like deed restriction? Change them - courts won't

hat do dog parks and golf courses have in common? Answer: A recent Michigan Supreme Court ruling that kept a dog park out of Birmingham could also keep a Detroit-owned golf course in Huntington Woods. And why? Deed restrictions, even old deed restrictions.

The high court ruled that land



fenced off for a dog park by the city of Birmingham, called Springdale Park, violated a 1915 deed restriction that limited the use of that land for "strictly residential purposes only." The court

Charlie Langton defined "residential" as referring

to homes where people reside, not dogs.

In October 2006, an Oakland County Circuit Court judge nixed a proposed \$11.25 million sale of Rackham Golf Course to a developer who hoped to build 400 homes on the greens. The judge upheld a 1924 deed restriction that mandated Rackham land be used only as a golf course. That was the intent of Horace Rackham when he donated the land to Detroit in 1924.

So why are decades old deed restrictions getting so much court support? Is it that most judges like dogs and golf? Probably, but not legally.

Deed restrictions are not laws. Neither Congress, state Legislatures nor city councils enact them. Instead, deed restrictions are created by homeowners, land developers, condominium or homeowners associations. Essentially, a deed restriction is a contract between a buyer and seller (or donor) of property.

Enforcement of deed restrictions, by courts, generally is thought to enhance the value of land and preserve the freedom to make contracts. The restrictions will continue to regulate how the land is used, forever, unless they violate law, public policy or are changed. The rules for changing deed restrictions are usually contained within those

deed restrictions themselves, i.e. a vote of the majority of subdivision homeowners or associations.

Most homes are subject to deed restrictions. From the subtle such as the color of your front door, swimming pools, basketball hoops or even whether one can hang an outdoor cloths line, to the more substantive use of the property, residential vs. commercial ... the list goes on and on. Deed restrictions are recorded in the county clerk's office. Any title search, a standard requirement at a real estate closing, will reveal the deed restrictions and thus the limitations on what the buyer can or can't do with the property.

The Supreme Court in the dog park case was asked to interpret a deed restriction. It did - and the dogs lost. If Springdale Park residents want a dog park, the Park Association must be convinced to change the restriction. Dogs in the park are unlikely anytime soon since it was the Park Association that sued the city to enforce the anti-dog deed restriction.

Although the Rackham case is currently being reviewed by the appellate courts, and the issues are complex, I would guess that Mr. Rackham's intent to keep his donated property as a golf course would be upheld. If Detroit wants to sell the property to a developer, find the Rackham heirs and convince them to lift the deed restrictions. especially since the land reverts to those heirs if Rackham is not used as a golf course.

The bottom line: If you don't like the deed restrictions, change them - or don't buy the property. Courts will generally enforce the restrictions even though millions of dollars are at stake and poor little Fido can't romp in a park.

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Katie Warner Future art teache 2005 Henry Ford Community Co leae c Transferred to Ea igan Uni

Katie Warner likes Henry Ford Community College so much that she's continued to work here while she completes her bachelor's degree at EMU. "I'm really glad I came to HFCC first. It's a nice, small, homey atmosphere. University campuses are bigger, spread out, not as personal." The visual arts major also appreciated the one-on-one attention she received from her HFCC instructors. "They had a very positive energy, which allowed me to be creative and experiment. I feel that I have an advantage as an artist because I've attended two schools and seen two different perspectives." Visit us at www.hfcc.edu to find out how we can help you.



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It was three and done Wednesday for the Michigan Rams, who were ousted by Buffalo (N.Y.) Meridian Medicine, 5-2, at Roxbury Park in the All-American Amateur Baseball Association Tournament held in Johnstown,

The 20-and-under Rams opened the double-elimination tournament Monday with an 11-4 triumph over the Columbus (Ohio) Big Kats before blowing an 8-3 lead in the ninth inning Tuesday and losing to Johnstown Realty of Altoona (Pa.), 14-10.

A two-out single by Ryan Shay followed by Drew Churchward's two-run homer staked the Rams to a 2-0 first-inning lead against

#### **COLLEGIATE BASEBALL**

Buffalo. Meridian Medicine got a run back on the bottom half of the first on Pete Lusk's RBI single off Rams starter Steve Teno, a pick-up from the LCBL Michigan Bulls.

Meridian Medicine starter Tom Hasley then slammed the door shut on the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League representatives, who collected only a total of five hits after racking up 23 in the first two games of the AAABA tourney.

Cory Brownsey, who led Buffalo with three hits, clubbed a three-run homer in the fourth inning to give Meridian Medicine the lead for keeps, 4-2.

Buffalo added its final run in the fifth when Jim Banks delivered an RBI single off Rams

reliever Justin Mazur, who worked the final two innings.

Hasley gave up a pair of hits in the fifth, but kept the Rams off the bases and off the board until the seventh when Kyle Gendron led off with a double.

Reliever Cary Johnson then entered the game retired nine straight batters, including a pair of strikeouts, to pick up the save and preserve the win for Hasley.

In seven innings, Teno gave up all five runs (four earned) on 10 hits and six walks. Teno, who struck out three, was charged with the loss.

The Rams, who made only one error during three tournament games, turned a pair of double plays. But they left runners on base in four different innings.

"After Drew (Churchward) hit the homer, we had runners, second and third, first and second, and couldn't get a run in," Rams manager Rick Berryman said. "We just could not get the extra runs in. Their pitcher did a nice job keeping the ball down and away."

Joe LaDucca also had three hits for the victors, while Banks went 2-for-4.

Churchward was ejected in the eighth inning for arguing with umpires after throwing his helmet.

"It was a bad call, but we were pressing after the (Johnstown) loss," Berryman said. "To a fault, we were over-trying. It's not a negative thing We just wanted to make up for vesterday's defeat. I've never seen a loss like that. It was numbing. You didn't know what to do."



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ryan Smith, in his Redford Rebels baseball uniform, sits next to his grandfather AI Smith, who is holding a 1948 photo of himself scoring a run for the

# Generations of baseball rooted deep

here is a T-shirt with the catchy phrase "Baseball Is Life, The Rest Is Just Details."



**Tim Smith** by members of

many families during the 1940s, '50s, '60s and beyond. Love of America's national pastime was absolute, unconditional, shifted from generation to generation with as much ease as a Placido Polanco single to right.

And, believe it or not, baseball was big in the city of Detroit, at places such as Northwestern High School, where future Tiger slugger Willie Horton slammed homers onto nearby Grand River Avenue. It remains to

Whalers sign pair **Plymouth Whalers** president, general manager and head coach

Mike Vellucci recently announced the signing of two players from the 2006 Ontario Hockey League Draft including forward Chad Rutkowski, who was selected in the fifth round (93rd overall), and 16-year-old defenseman Josh Bemis, who was selected in the 14th round (273rd overall).

The 6-foot-2, 193pound Rutkowski, 17, tallied 12 goals and two assists in 25 games last year for the Belle Tire Midgets.

Bemis, a Clarkston native, had originally committed to play at Western Michigan University. The 6-foot-1, 180-pound defenseman was the youngest player last year in the U.S. Hockey League playing for the Chicago Steel. He recorded two assists in 38 games. The Whalers open training camp Aug. 29 with the first preseason game 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1 against the Windsor Spitfires at Compuware Sports Arena.

#### Ignition Nov. 3

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#### Flag football Ultimate Soccer Arenas 1 of kind complex youth league **BY DAN STICKRADT**

Flag football is coming to Wayne-Westland in the form of a co-ed five-on-five version for boys and girls entering grades K-5 in the fall of 2007.

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Michigan Flag Youth Football is teaming up Wayne-Westland Community Education in the program.

Although the league will be held at Wayne-Westland Schools, players do not have to live in or attend a school in the district. Players and teams from private and public schools in surrounding communities are welcome.

Teams will be formed districtwide by school and grade. Each team will have a maximum roster of 10 players to ensure plenty of playing time for all participants.

There are no weight or height restrictions for the non-contact program. Practices, one per week, will begin the week of Sept. 16. Team coaches will select their practice day and time. Practice locations will be at either Walker-Winter, Patchin, Roosevelt or Hicks elementary schools.

Games will be played Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at Marshall Middle School. The eight-week season starts Sept, 22.

Players will develop the skills to run and cover patterns, pass the ball, blitz the quarterback, receive the ball, defend the pass and run the ball. Children will learn the fundamentals of teamwork, responsibility and sportsmanship.

The entry fee is \$95 (includes team jersey). A mouth-guard is required. Cleats are optional.

To register, visit www.Michiga nYouthFlagFootball.com; or call (248) 481-8251 for more information.

#### STAFF WRITER

Ever tried to rush to your kid's soccer game at 5 p.m. on a Friday – in rush hour traffic? Never an easy task to make it on time?

George Derderian and four of his partners are trying to help change that — and create something in the athletics community that will create plenty of envy.

The Ultimate Soccer Arenas are coming close to a reality, with the opening date set for Nov. 2 of this year. The complex should be the largest in the country built to date.

"It's the 5 o'clock on a Friday bogey question: How long does it take to get to your kid's game on a Friday afternoon through traffic," said Derderian, who along with

Jon Murad, Rick Tapper, Tom Korpela and Mark Major, are the developers and managing partners of the complex, located at 867 South Blvd. in Pontiac, just west of Opdyke in the heart of Oakland County.

We had to find a place where it would be easy to get to, without having to sit in traffic for an hour," added Tapper. "This is what we came up with. If you look at it, the traffic is flowing the other way if you're trying to get here at that time of day."

So the five partners came up with the idea in the summer of 2006 and found the ultimate location where people can go opposite of traffic and spend 25-30 minutes in a vehicle to get to a world-class soccer facility.

"We timed it. It takes about 25 minutes to get here from a lot of cities and you're

actually going the opposite way of the traffic during rush hour in most cases," offered Derderian. "It's 25 minutes from Shelby and 25 minutes from Highland. It's even less from Rochester or Lake Orion and it's right around the corner from Bloomfield Hills and Troy."

The motto for the complex, which is quite different of any other soccer complex in Michigan, is "We don't play indoor soccer, we play soccer indoors...'

'This is something completely different," said Derderian. "These are not indoor soccer fields with boards. These are real fields indoors."

The complex is being developed on an old brownfield redevelopment property.

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# Hearing impaired golfer sends message

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Lauri Ponikiewski got into the game of golf a little late, but the Livonia native is making up for lost time.

"I've been playing for 12 years," said the 44-year-old Ponikiewski, who is a Senior Designer at the General Motors Tech Center in Warren. "I played different sports, racquetball and softball. After college I was kind of bored. All the people at work were playing (golf) and I thought it was kind of boring. I wish I had signed up for golf a long time ago."

Ponikiewski has become an impressive 6-handicapper, but that's only half of her story.

"People don't know golf is out there for the deaf, especially for women all over the United States," said Ponikiewski, who was coming off a runner-up finish at the U.S. Deaf Golf Championship, July 17-20, in Caseyville, Ill.

One of three children of Joe and Henrietta Ponikiewski, Lauri was diagnosed with a 60 percent decibel hearing loss as an infant. She wore two hearing aids as a youth while going through numerous tutoring and speech therapy programs provided the Redford Union Schools.

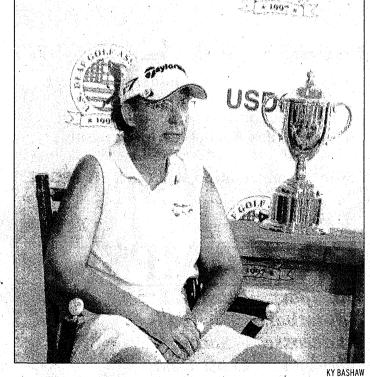
She went on to earn a degree at Lawrence Tech.

Golf serves as a refuge for Ponikiewski, who is completely hearing impaired in one ear and has only a 15 percent decibel hearing level in her other ear.

Ponikiewski has become a fixture in the Midwest Deaf Ladies Golf Association where she has won the title seven times. In her most recent tourney, July 31-Aug. 2, at The Oaks in Springfield, Ill., Ponikiewski carded rounds of 80-79-81, to place first.

She also received another nice award when she was inducted

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Lauri Ponikiewski was runner-up in the U.S. Deaf Golf Championships, July 17-20, at Far Oaks Golf Club in Caseyville, Ill.

will open its Major Indoor Soccer League season Nov. 3 against the defending champion Philadelphia KiXX at 7:35 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3 at Plymouth's Compuware Sports Arena in a rematch of the MISL championship final.

The Ignition will play a total of 15 regular season matches at Compuware.

For ticket information, call 1-888-436-GOAL.

#### Meet C'ville Team

Livonia Clarenceville will stage its Meet the Team Night for all fall sports athletes, parents and coaches from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15 at the high school gymnasium. Topics include athletic and academic eligibility, sportsmanship, season schedule, team rules and consequences, team policies and banquet information.

General procedures will also be covered followed by break-out session with each coaching going over policies and answering questions.

#### Golf hat trick

After winning the City Golf Challenge and the JAWS Classic on the Adams Junior Tour, Canton's Zach McCurley captured his third tournament in as many weeks Thursday at the Herb Fowler Memorial Junior Championship held at Huron Hills in Ann Arbor. With the support and help of caddy and friend Nick Watson, the Belleville High School senior shot rounds of 69-64-70-203 to edge Brighton's Jimmy Dewling by a stroke.

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into the MDLGA Hall of Fame, an honor which completely caught her off-guard.

The last time Ponikiewski competed in the U.S. Deaf Golf Championship was four years ago in Pinehurst, N.C. where she finished fifth.

But when the U.S. tourney was staged two years ago in Denver, Colo., Ponikiewski withdrew in protest of the rules, which required all participants to remove all or any hearing aid devices.

"They made us them take out, and I was upset about it," Ponikiewski said. "It's a totally different atmosphere, but it was not as bad as I thought. It was weird not hearing the birds or the traffic, but I think it helped me focus on my game and I surprised myself. But I still believe the rules are wrong.

Ponikiewski duked it our for four days with Susan Zupnik of Maplewood, N.Y. before losing on the third hole of a sudden death playoff when she had a triple bogey.

"It was an unbelievable experience all week," said Ponikiewski, who shot rounds of 83-85-79-84. "The course (Far Oaks G.C.) was 6,040 yards, a very difficult, and hilly course.

BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY Wednesday, Aug. 15 Tommy Titan Tuneup at Cass Benton, 6:30 p.m. GIRLS GOLF Tuesday, Aug. 14 Wayne at Milford Invitational (Preswick Village), 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15 John Glenn vs. Belleville, Edsel Ford at The Woodlands (Van Buren), TBA Thursday, Aug. 16 Wayne at Birm. Seaholm Invitationa

The rough was very thick, making it hard to hit the ball out of the thick rough. The bunkers were huge and deep, and the wetlands were everywhere on almost every hole. The greens are very fast and very hard to read. Our tournament director (Rob Strano) changed our tee markers every day and made it difficult and challenging."

On the 72nd and final hole of regulation, Ponikiewski was in position for a breakthrough triumph.

"I played very well at the U.S. Championship considering the heat, the course conditions and the pressure," she said. "But my putting was off. I had a total 14 three-putts. I had a six-footer (on No. 18 of the final day) for a birdie. I could have won right there. It was the most thrilling, but nerve-wracking playoff I ever played."

Despite the heartbreaking runner-up finish, Ponikiewski qualified to play in the World Deaf Golf Championship, Sept. of 2008, in Perth, Australia. In the meantime, Ponikiewski will continue to hone her game.

"I work so hard on my swing," she said. "I practice a lot, many hours on my short game and putting, too. I take a lesson once a month and practice three or four times a week. It's practice, practice. I get frustrated. I have

Ponikiewski is a regular at the Oasis Golf Center.

"I want to say a special thanks to my longtime instructor, Dick Gray, for working so hard with me," Lauri said. "And also Dave Wall, for helping me with many aspects of the game."

Ponikiewski was competing this weekend at the Women's Golf Association of Michigan Tournament hosted by the Saginaw Country Club. Her previous best GAM finish has been 21st.

"I hope to be in the top 20," Lauri said. "I hope to build off my experience (U.S. Deaf Championship) and gain confidence. My goal is for a deaf women to win the Women's GAM (Golf Association of Michigan) or Mid-Amateur tournament.'

Ponikiewski counts Lorena Ochoa and Jay Haas as her favorite women's and men's touring pros.

The U.S. Deaf Championships also had a special entrant when Cincinnati native Kevin Hall, an Ohio State grad and America's top deaf golfer, competed and ran away with the men's title.

Lauri Ponikiewski also hopes to stand on the podium some day as women's deaf champion. It's never too late.

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#### THE WEEK AHEAD

to learn more patience."

at Hudson Mills Metropark, 7:45 a.m. Churchill vs. John Glenn at Whispering Willows, 2:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17 Ladywood vs. Temperance Bedford at Giant Oak G.C., 8 a.m. John Glenn vs. Northville at Tanglewood G.C., 2:30 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS Thursday, Aug. 16 Stevenson at Adrian Invitational, 8:30 a.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

olcraft College, 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18 MU Alumni Game at Greenmead Field, 2 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Thursday, Aug. 16 Madonna Alumni Game at Activities Ctr., 7 p.m.

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be seen if the sport will ever again rise as a rite of passage at least in

urban centers, where basketball hoops have taken over from sandlots as the activity of choice. But things were different in Horton's prep career during the late 1950s. And they were certainly much different a decade before that, when my dad, Al Smith, was an All-City star at Detroit

Northwestern. Throughout Smith's high school years, when he earned seven varsity letters in baseball, football and basketball combined, he and Colts teammates such as future bigleaguer Harry Chiti played hard and played often.

#### Alley ball

As kids, they smacked it around in alleys as wide as an office hallway, giving them the ability to hit the ball up the middle. "If you hit the ball straight over

second base, it's a base hit," said Al, about the philosophy behind the alley antics.

They bounced rubber balls against porch steps and learned about hand-eye coordination and being quick on their feet.

When it came time to graduate to the high school field, all of those little games yielded big-time skill that opened up eyes. My dad batted .400 as a rule, and was a fluid second baseman while Chiti caught. Eventually, a Brooklyn Dodger scout inked Smith to a contract, although an injury during the 1950 spring training derailed his pro hopes.

"If I was any good I would have made it," is what dad always said to us while growing up in a Redford Township household where baseball was the main course and all other sports vied for the crumbs of attention.

He worked my brothers and I to death trying to make us

Livonia Stevenson will stage its Meet the Team Night from 7-9 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20 at the high school auditorium. All ninth- and 10th-graders, along with newcomer athletes

meetings, while all junior and

into the kind of player he was, throwing batting practice until his arm practically hit the dirt. Unfortunately, although we all had our moments, we never approached his level of ability.

#### Talkin' Baseball

Of course, baseball continued to dominate conversation throughout the subsequent decades, as we got married and had children. More than five decades after Al Smith was a Detroit Northwestern icon, his grandson - Ryan Smith of Redford - recently had the chance to play at that high school as a member of the Redford Rebels travel baseball team.

Ryan, like his grandfather a three-sport athlete (baseball, basketball, football), and his teammates squared off against the Detroit Eagles. Ryan went 1-for-2 and walked, but his team took it on the chin against the Eagles.

Still, to mark the occasion, Ryan made sure someone took a photo of him swinging the bat in a pose reminiscent to one Grandpa Al fashioned back in the day.

Why? Because he knows how the baseball bloodline flows.

"I play two other sports (at Redford Thurston), but baseball is my core, where a lot of my feelings come through," said Ryan recently.

"It's through the blood, from my grandpa, through my dad (Chris) and just throughout the family."

Indeed. If family members weren't playing baseball, they were immersed in it. For example, Al's mom, Marie, would soak in every second of radio broadcasts in the pre-TV era.

"She always sat next to the radio, listening to Harry Heilmann and Ty Tyson," my dad continued.

Although the Rebels had a disappointing game in the city, the younger Smith realized at the time that it was a moment to cherish.

"Yeah, it was a special thing, really a privilege to play where my grandpa played when he was a kid," noted Ryan, who just turned

#### SPORTS ROUNDUP

senior athlete and parents will be meeting in assigned rooms from 7:45-9 p.m. following the introduction meeting at 7 p.m.

Topics include athletic and academic eligibility, new athletic participation fee of \$200, sportsmanship, varsity letter requirements, physical information, season schedule, team 16. "... I told all the guys my grandpa played at that field when the scouts came and told him to break (snap) his wrist, to let his wrist go. Then he was jacking home runs out to left and center, out onto the road."

#### Plain and simple

That road, Grand River, isn't quite the same. And much-revered Olympia Stadium, which stood proudly in the late 1940s, is long gone thanks to the wrecking ball.

Physical evidence of a bygone era is gone or nearly gone. But nothing can weaken family ties built from memories and a common bond, something many Detroit-area families certainly share. In fact, after Ryan's Detroit experience, he made sure to talk about it with his grandfather, now 75 and still living in Redford.

"I told him he was a great player," Ryan said. "But he just talked about it, about the games he played and the plays he made."

When told of what Ryan had to say, Al Smith responded with a shoulder-shrug of a response - not surprising given that he grew up in the era of athletics where it was all about the team, not massive egos or self-glorification.

He merely loved playing baseball, nothing more, nothing less.

"You always thought, there's always going to be work," Al said. "But baseball and high school, that's truly once in a lifetime.

"Even though I needed the money, I didn't work, I played ball. And, you always had the dream that you would play for the Detroit Tigers." He didn't realize that dream, and Ryan probably won't, either. But for them, any time spent on a baseball diamond is the same as a cherished family gettogether. The two are one and the same and as good as it gets.

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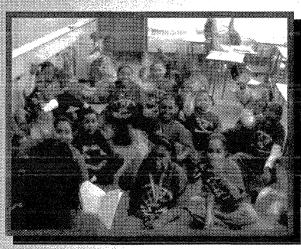
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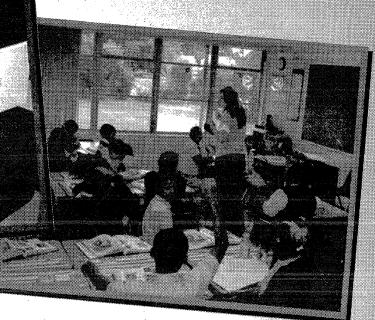






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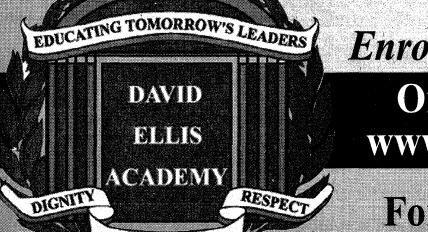
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#### State-of-the-art

The Ultimate Soccer Arenas, a 266,400 square-foot complex on a 15.8-acre site, will feature two full-sized soccer fields and one full-size lacrosse field. along with 450-plus parking spots (plus five for buses) and many other amenities.

The FIFA (Federation International Football Association) fields feature state of the art Astro-Turf GameDay Grass-XPE with anti-bacterial Turf Aide built-in, the latest upgrade to turf fields. Under 72-foot ceilings, the two soccer fields are 110 yards by 75 yards and will be joined by one full-size lacrosse field at 85x47 yards.

Also aboard will be a 3,000 square-foot Strength, Speed and Agility Training Center, full-service restaurant, European coffee shop, pro shop, arcade game room, snack and ice cream shop, party rental and meeting rooms, large rest rooms and separate keved locker rooms, coaches offices, 5,000 square-foot viewing area to all fields, including a viewing deck, and reception area. Plans on having wireless Internet and alcoholic beverages for parents will also be available, although those details have not been finalized.

One soccer field will also boast a 2,000-seat arrangement to host high-level games.

"No other (soccer) facility is like this one," boasted Derderian. "The ceilings are high enough for regular soccer.



Developers George Derderian Jr. and Richard Tapper take a look at the plans of the Ultimate Soccer Arenas complex. The Pontiac facility will serve the Detroit area and will be the largest in the country.

These are fully constructed steel buildings, not these air domes. They will all have air conditioning and heat. There is state-of-the-art lighting everything will be top-notch."

And regional. 'We're using a lot of Oakland County or Michigan products," added Tapper. "We tried to make it as local as possible."

#### Around the corner

**Two-time national Premier Developmental League** national finalist Michigan Bucks men's soccer team, a minor league affiliate of the Columbus Crew of the Major League Soccer, will play its home games at the complex in 2008, while numerous youth club teams, high school, collegiate and recreational teams and leagues are kicking on the door to use the facility for training sessions and contests. All-American Lacrosse will be the main client for the lacrosse facility.

Many camps and clinics

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for both sports will also be part of the program. The field can be split in half for practice training sessions, to accommodate more teams.

With construction moving along at a fast rate, word is getting around to thousands who are involved in the sport in Southeastern Michigan.

"There's at least 100,000 people in the area playing the sport. It's one of the biggest youth sports in the country," said Tapper. "It's big in the high schools and colleges and there are a ton of adults who play in leagues."

"My wife and I have both been soccer parents for many years and Jon (Murad) is a player. We know how important something like this will be to Detroit area, the city of Pontiac, everyone involved with soccer," offered Derderian, who noted that they have been contacted by officials in other states on perhaps building similar facilities in other metropolitan areas.

Ultimate Soccer Arenas, which will have its main entrance off South Blvd. with a side entrance drive off Centerpoint Parkway, will be open as early as 7 a.m. on some days and remain open as late as 1 a.m., seven days a week.

"It will be open almost all the time. We'll get as many teams and leagues, camps in here as possible," said Derderian. "We've already been talking to a lot of club teams that want to use this facility and a couple of colleges have spoken to us about hosting a game here. We'll have some big tournaments here. We're expecting this to be a huge success."



#### **Grand champs**

The Livonia Stevenson varsity pom pon team were awarded Grand Champs at recent camp sponsored by Mid American Pom at Northwood University. Members of the Spartans, coached by Lyndsey Domm and Laura Scheel, include Juliann Bermudez, Carly Bernadotte, Amanda Brindley, Alison Chludzinski, Kim Cornelissen, Deanna Diponio, Paige Frey, Allie Goodrich, Jaclyn Henderson, Jillian Henderson, Megan Hill, Emily Jankowiak, Emma Knox, Katie Kretunski, Paige McMullen, Courtney O'Neil, Megan Pietila, Rachel Sager, Shaylyn Sikorski, Jennifer Smith, Katelyn Stafford, Sam Turner, Jennifer Verba, Leah Winn and Tiffany Yu.



#### Stingrays car wash

The Farmington Family YMCA Stingrays will stage a car wash from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25 at the Farmington YMCA, 28100 Farmington Road, just north of 12 Mile Road. The fund-raiser will help pay for the Stingrays' trip to Fort Lauderdale, Fla. for the YMCA Short Course National Meet. The Stingrays came away with four titles at last week's YMCA Long Course National Meet led by Katya Bachrouche (Farmington) in the 200- and 400-meter individual medleys. The Stingrays also won both the 200 and 400 medley relays which also included Megan Bender (Allen Park), Brynn Marecki (Livonia), Bachrouche and Laura Timson (Livonia). The Stingrays also finished second overall in the women's high-point standings.



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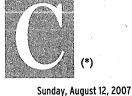
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# Boys are more at risk for some birth problems

t has long been acknowledged that boys generally outnumber girls by about three to one in the incidence of childhood mental disorders such as learning disabilities, behavioral problems, autism, attention deficit hyperactive disorders, and so on.



Years ago an experiment was done to test the hypothesis that this higher rate of disorders for boys might be related to their being more at risk for brain injuries during the birthing process. It was considered that one way there might be greater risk

would be if they had bigger

Len McCulloch

heads that received more pressure during contractions through the birth canal. A group of one hundred newborns were measured, boys and girls, and the boys' heads were significantly larger than the girls.

To test out whether or not this was causing any type of brain injury, spinal taps were done on the hundred boys and girls and in a significantly higher rate of boys there was found traces of blood in the cerebral spinal fluid, indicative of minor brain bleeding.

Unfortunately, the research wasn't followed up on to examine the same children five to 10 years later to see if the boys outnumbered the girls in terms of rates of various childhood mental behavioral and developmental abnormalities.

Also unfortunately, the size of heads of boys and girls cannot be controlled and neither is it advisable to have all births by C-section to avoid risking new birth minor brain bleeds that might eventually show up as disabilities later in life. And, there are certain conditions that exist in some pregnant mothers that are known to be detrimental to the developing baby which cannot be wished away.

Mothers with epilepsy is an example. Being born to a mother with epilepsy may affect developmental outcome of the offspring in several ways. Prenatal exposure to some anti-epileptic drugs is said to be associated with an increased incidence of major malformations. Genetic factors may also contribute. Exposure to prolong and multiple maternal seizures are additional risk factors.





Linda Mulari talks about running a garage sale at sister Cheryl Angel's home in Livonia.



Jane Casey arranges items in the garage sale at her Plymouth home.



#### BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

They're a popular pastime for shoppers

heryl Angel and her sister, Linda Mulari, opened at 8 a.m. to attract early birds to their garage sale in Livonia. Thursday is a popular day with serious bargainhunters. By 10 a.m., the two had sold \$250 worth of items. One man bought glassware for his cottage; others took home collector dolls. Lisa Hoffman spent \$45 for a Detroit Red Wings jacket.

"My sister is downsizing," said Cheryl Angel, who'd been working on the sale for several

days. Angel needed a permit to hold a garage sale in Livonia, but requirements vary by community so she suggests people check beforehand. "It's all accessories for the home. My husband's 85-year-old aunt lives with us and figures it's time to let go (of her dolls). My sister and I go through it, decide what she would pay for it at a garage sale, what I would pay, and then compromise on a price."

"I tell people make me an offer if you're interested," adds Mulari, who moved from a Canton condo into an

However, there are many factors that are under every pregnant woman's control to increase or decrease the risk of mental health issues in their offspring. Common sense tells the mother to be healthy, eat right, sleep well, and take care of her unborn as she would herself.

Unfortunately, many teen and young mothers-to-be are not always educated enough to the deleterious effects of alcohol, cigarettes and second hand smoke, drugs, medications, and stress on the mental health of their offspring. All of these can be controlled by prevention.

In my work with the Social Security Administration doing disability determination evaluations on thousands of children over the years I have seen a high correlation of youngsters with common disabilities such as learning disabilities, mental retardation, autism, brain damage, etc. and the use by their mothers, when the child was in utero, of any or all of these various "substances."

Also seen is the pattern of boys outnumbering girls in the incidence of childhood disorders so I still have not thrown out the hypothesis of the boys head bigger than girls' heads birthing risk.

Another major factor is stress. A mother under high amounts of stress throughout pregnancy may be producing excessive cortisol, a hormone known to have harmful effects on healthy brains, let alone premature developing brains and a newborn's brain having been bathed for nine months in high levels of this hormone, and perhaps others that are related, may be prone to develop schizophrenia, say some.

The important thing is early education to our mother's-to-be about the dangerousness of "substances", stress, and related factors that common sense would tell them could be harmful to them and therefore to their new child.

We are seeing so many disabilities in children probably traceable back to damage done to them, in utero. We cannot get too early of a start on preparation of our children's mental health.

Len McCulloch is a Diplomate of The American Psychotherapy Association and holds credentials in mental health, brain injury, addictions and social work. His monthly column "Our Mental Health" has appeared in the Observer and Eccentric newspapers and various other publications for six years. He can be reached at 248 474-2763 ext. 22.

Allyn Campbell sets out items for the family's garage sale at their Farmington Hills home.

apartment. "We wheel and deal. Rugs have been going. Antique jewelry went like hot cakes. What hasn't sold is pictures. People look but don't buy."

"You never know what's going to sell," said Angel.

Lisa Hofmann of Livonia loves going to garage sales.

"We go out every week," said Hofmann as she modeled the jacket for daughters Elyssa, 10, and Julia, 8. "I'm going to wear it to Red Wing games and any other place I can."

Ken Hawkins of Livonia was looking for hunting and fishing gear, tools and

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Games were part of the

fun at the Dixboro Fair.

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# Dixboro Fair draws crowd for fun and games

**BY JULIE BROWN** Staff Writer

Donna King of Plymouth Township had her hands full Saturday, Aug. 4, but didn't mind a bit.

The Humane Society of Huron Valley volunteer was out at the Dixboro Fair that day with dogs Sadie and Buster, trying to get them adopted together. "We try to do that if you can have room in your home for two," she said, noting the dogs were found in a trailer without electricity or running water.

"I've got four dogs" at home, added King, who enjoys volunteering with the Humane Society of Huron Valley "right up the road," she said, pointing, in Dixboro, west of Plymouth and Canton in Washtenaw County.

Buster's a Lab mix and Sadie a shepherd mix. King and fellow volunteer Christina Zeisler of Ann Arbor, whose husband works in Canton, were busy seeking homes for dogs at the fair. If you'd like to adopt an animal, call (734) 662-

5585 or visit www.hshv.org for information. "We are trying to get more information out to Canton," Zeisler said, including on lost dogs from Canton often turned in there.

"That'd be wonderful," she said of Buster and Sadie possibly being adopted at the fair. "They've been through a lot." Plenty of other pets at the shelter need loving homes.

The Dixboro Fair was held on a warm, sunny day and drew people to the grounds of the presenting Dixboro United Methodist Church. Kari Dorr of Ypsilanti brought son Gavin, 3, daughter Karli, 1, and a friend, their first time at the annual event.

"We heard there was a petting zoo and some games," Kari Dorr said. "We thought it'd be a fun



day for the kids. I think it's wonderful. The kids are enjoying themselves."

At the petting zoo, kids had a chance to get in line and milk the cow, or visit with other animals. There were a number of artists showing their wares, and the Superior Township Fire Department was there with a fire truck.

There was also entertainment and plenty of tasty food. Proceeds supported the Humane Society of Huron Valley, Habitat for Humanity in Washtenaw County and restoration of the Dixboro Schoolhouse project.

The Methodist church, believed to be the longest continuously operating Methodist congregation in Michigan, was open for tours conducted by Emily Vincent of Superior Township. ED MARTIN

The building originally began in 1857; church members just finished an extensive renovation and were eager to display all that work and its results.

Nearby the Dixboro Fair, area businesses were appreciative of the crowds visiting the community. "There's a lot of people they bring into town," said Steve Dani of Plymouth Township, who with wife Brenda owns the Dixboro General Store. "I think it's a good thing for the whole area." His wasn't the only business in Dixboro that benefited, he said.

"It's nice to see the cars up and down Plymouth Road," Brenda Dani added. "It brings people to Dixboro. It's nice to bring a lot of people into the area."

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sporting goods to sell in his upcoming garage sale.

"I'm interested in anything that strikes my fancy," said Hawkins. "I have a lot of guy stuff for my sale. I had one (sale) last year in June and didn't do well, but I'm going to give it a try and see what happens."

#### **MOVE QUICKLY**

Jane Casey was hoping to make \$600 at her garage sale in Plymouth. Casey remembers years ago when her mom's garage sales lasted 10 days in a row. She advises shoppers "if you see something you want to take it. Otherwise it will be gone." For sellers, she says to price items depending on whether you value it or if you just want to dump it.

"I always had garage sales with my mom for 40 years.

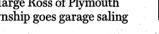
Mom passed away last year and I have her furniture, household goods," said Casey. "You have to be organized. When I clean and find an item I haven't used in several years I put it in a box then place it in the garage sale area in the attic."

Sarah Carter of Westland was searching through Casey's

"I go every Thursday usually with three to four of my teacher friends to look for toys and items for the prize box in my third-grade classroom. Students have to earn 10 points for turning in their homework to choose something from the box. Every summer I have to replenish it," said Carter, who started going to garage sales with her mom as a kid growing up in Plymouth. "I get deals. Instead of paying several dollars for an item, at 25 cents I can get more."

Marge Ross of Plymouth Township goes garage saling

items for kids stuff.





Sarah Carter of Westland (right) and her cousin Heidi Stabb (left) browse garage sales frequently during summer. Carter is a school teacher and likes to look for items she can use in the classroom.



with her neighbors every week. "We go when we can just because you might find something we really love. I make a list of things. I bought lots of toys for grandkids," said Ross, who is choir director for Silver Linings so she's always looking for red shirts and blouses for members to wear while per-

forming. 'We look in the Observer and go from there," added her neighbor, Marlene Dennis. "You never know where you find your best treasure. One time I found a bowl to match my daughter's expensive Christmas dishes."

Social worker Hilda Heath regularly visits estate and moving sales looking for items for clients in need. She bought chairs, end tables, blankets, and household goods at a sale hosted by Kathy Tomey and her brother, Stephen Tomey, at their mother's home in Farmington. Their mother moved in with Kathy after being diagnosed with lung cancer.

"I saw the sign on my lunch hour," said Heath. "I like estate and garage sales. They'll be moving out of town and you can bargain."

Stephen Tomey didn't price

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ON THE

SPOT



Lisa Hofmann of Livonia puts on the Detroit Red Wings jacket she just bought at a Livonia Garage Sale and models it for her daughters 10-year-old Elyssa, and 8-year-old Julia.

items but instead was telling buvers to make him an offer.

'One guy loved to barter," said Stephen Tomey of Livonia. "The idea is to keep everything out and keep it organized. Don't place much in a box. People tire of looking through it if there's too much stuff."

#### **LEARNING THE ROPES**

Lynn Tomey doesn't like being called the Queen of Garage Sales but admits there's an art to shopping. Lynn colbargain.

"You end up with too much clutter," said Lynn. "It can be like gambling. I had no control. I'd be going to the bank and taking out about \$20 to \$40 at a time."

Lynn offers advice as well for anyone trying to hold a successful garage sale.

"The rule of thumb is to price them 10 to 15 percent of the cost of the item. And you have to put up a lot of signs. Put them on every corner and every entrance to the sub. Signs attract people, colorful signs with smiley faces, not plain white signs."

Over the years, Denise Crossland has become an expert on garage sales. As a classified saleswoman for the Observer & Eccentric *Newspapers*, she offers advice on placing ads in the garage sale section.

"You can attract people by listing antiques, tools first,' said Crossland. "I look for silver. Today a lot of people are going to garage sales and then selling it on eBay (for more money)."

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#### Masters made modern

Loretta Neville painted this watercolor titled Modern Matisse. It is one of the works in an exhibit at the Livonia Civic Center Library. A gala reception takes place 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, at the library on Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. The paintings were inspired by the Old Masters as part of a class led by Edee Joppich, an instructor for the Visual Arts Association of Livonia.



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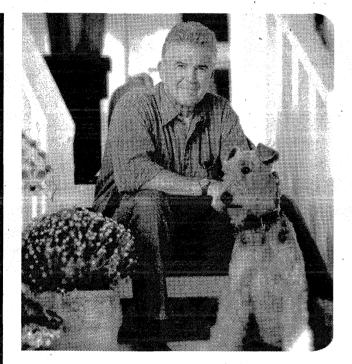
Prospective students can find out more at open houses to be 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia.

For more information about the M.B.A. program at Schoolcraft, contact Lawrence Tech at (248) 204-3050 or livonia@ltu.edu.

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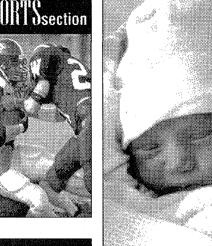
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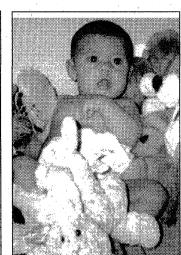
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#### **ENGAGEMENTS**

**BIRTHS** 



Ella Jane Craggs Ella Jane Craggs was born June 29, 2007, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Parents are Erin and Kirk Craggs of Canton. Sibling is Cooper, age 3. Grandparents are Jane LeSage of Livonia; Kenneth LeSage, Dearborn, and Richard and Donna Craggs of Brooklyn, Mich.



#### **Riley Albert Ballard**

**Riley Albert Ballard was** born on April 7, 2007, weighing 9 pounds, 12 ounces and measuring 22 inches long.

Parents are Susan Sarafian and Dave Ballard. His siblings are Jordan, 9, and Taylor, 6. Grandparents are Al and

Janet Sarafian of Livonia, and Joyce Ballard of Oxford. Great grandparent is Margaret McGinty of Oxford.



**Balint-Destrampe** 

Stephen and Libby Balint of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter. Dawn Marie, to Jason Robert Destrampe, the son of Robert and Susan Destrampe of Westland.

The bride-to-be graduated from Franklin High School in 2001. She is employed by Servicing Solutions in Southfield.

The prospective groom graduated from Wayne Memorial High School in Wayne in 2001. He is employed by Rush

Trucking in Wayne. A May 2008 wedding is planned at St. Damian's, followed by a reception at Joy Manor.

The couple plans to live in Westland after returning from a honeymoon cruise.



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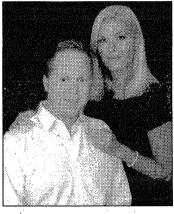
Bill and Bonnie Van Proyen of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda, to Jeff Brouwer, son of Dr. Lynn and Betty Brouwer of Holland, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Canton High School and Calvin College, and is employed as a world languages teacher.

The prospective groom is a Holland Christian High and Grand Valley State graduate, and is employed as a CPA.

An October wedding is being planned.

After their honeymoon in

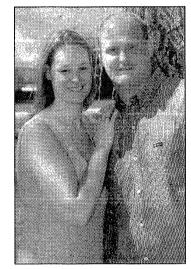


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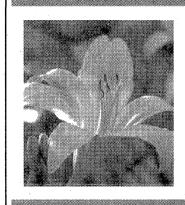
in Otisville, Mich., followed by a reception at Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth. The couple will make their home in Livonia.



Baptist Church, followed by a reception at Wabeek Country Club in Bloomfield Hills. The couple will honeymoon in French Polynesia/Tahiti.



Hawaii, the couple will reside in Westland.



#### SUSAN W. ALTZ

August 9, 2007, Age 44 of Rochester Hills. Beloved wife of James. Dear mother of Amber Faber. Favorite daughter of Bettilyn (Richard Jennett) and the late Gerald Kass. Loving sister of Stephen Kass, Philip (Helen) Kass, James (Lisa) Kass and the late David Kass. Loved by many nieces and nephews. Memorial Service at a later date. Please contact Harry J. Will Funeral Home for details

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#### JUDY LEE CLARK (Grigg)

Age 60. Loving mother of Jeff and Mike. Memorial visitation Wednesday 1 pm until the time of the service at pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 25450 Plymouth Rd., Redford, 48239.



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#### **JOHN H. SCHMIDT**

76, of Bradenton, Florida, died unexpectedly Saturday, August 4, 2007. John is survived by his children and their spouses, John Chandler Schmidt and Mary Hannington of Detroit, and Dr. Rebecca Schmidt Abel and Daniel Abel, of Morgantown, West Virginia, his former wife, Joan Bowes, of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan and his step-children, Tom, Tracey and Carolyn. He was preceded in death by his wife Elizabeth and his parents, Myrtle and Harold Schmidt. Born in Detroit, John left many fiends in Traverse City, Michigan to move Bradenton, Florida in 2002, where he and Liz enjoyed the year-round sunshine and John became immersed in Bridge Club and Fantasy Football. John's love for fun and the joy he found in his many friendships were surpassed only by the prided he felt in



#### ALICE M. STEPHENSON (nee Roberts)

August 8, 2007, age 91. Formerly of Bloomfield Hills and Boynton Beach, Exemplary Citizen, Stroke Survivor, Devoted Wife and Mother. Beloved wife of the late J. Albert for 60 years. Dear mother of Robert L. M.D. (Mary Geo), James A. (Ellen) and William H. (Sally). Grandmother William, Robert & Kelly. Also sur-vived by four great-grandchildren. Sister of the late James Roberts. Aunt of Lynn Plavan and Steve Roberts. Memorial service Thursday 11:30am at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham 48009. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

#### **Root-Peters**

Mr. and Mrs. Norman L. Root, Jr. of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Teresa, to Robert Lawrence Peters III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Peters, Jr. of Livonia.

The bride-to-be earned a Master of Arts in Curriculum from Michigan State University. She is a teacher in the Wayne-Westland Community School District.

The prospective groom is a senior IT consultant at PMA Consultants LLC.

A July 2008 wedding is planned for St. Francis Xavier

#### Keda-Smith

Tom Sr. and Barbara Keda of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara Jean, to Jesse Charles Smith of Lansing, son of Kevin and Marie Smith of Lincoln Park.

The bride-to-be graduated from Allen Park High School in 1999, and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sign Language Studies from Madonna University in 2004. She is currently employed as a sign language interpreter for Plymouth Canton Schools.

The prospective groom graduated from the Michigan Automotive Academy in 1999, and is employed by Toyota of Lansing.

A wedding is planned for July 2008, at Bloomfield Hills

#### **Borenski-Terwellen**

Mr. and Mrs. David Anderson of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Carrie Lynn Borenski, to Richard Keith Terwellen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hoffmeyer of Dearborn.

The bride-to-be received her CDA and is a teacher at Tutor Time in the Plymouth Canton School District.

The prospective groom is an electrician at Van Buren Electric in Plymouth. The marriage will take

place in October 2007, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, Plymouth.



#### LUCILLE ANNA GUITH

Age 92, of Burton and Troy, died Wednesday, August 8, 2007 at Beaumont Hospice, Royal Oak. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Monday, August 13, 2007 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 404 N. Dayton St., Davison, Rev. Fr. Andrew A. Czajkowski celebrant. Burial will follow in New Calvary Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be 12 NOON to 8 PM Sunday at Allen Funeral Home, 9136 E. Davison Rd., Davison. A Rosary will be prayed 7 PM Sunday. Memorial contributions may be made to Beaumont Hospice, 1200 Stephenson Hwy., Troy, MI 48083. Lucille was born in Flint on July 18, 1915, daughter of the late William and Anna Kruger. Lucille and Thomas A. Guith Sr. were married on October 30, 1937. Thomas preceded her in death on September 10, 1991. Lucille retired from the Flint Public School system in 1978 after serving 15 years with the Senior Citizens Services Program. Above all else, she was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Lucille is survived by her children, Thomas "Tim" A. Jr. (Donna) Guith, Melinda (Larry) Brawner, Mark G. (Bonnie) Guith. Also surviving are eight grandchildren, six & half greatgrandchildren and her sister, Betty Kane. She was preceded in death by three sisters and a brother.

#### **EUGENE M. MITCHELL**

Age 76, longtime resident of Farmington Hills, died in Farmington Hills, Michigan, August 8, 2007. Mr. Mitchell is a noted philanthropist, U.S. Government Economist, member of the Scarab Club, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, MENSA and is the nephew of Margaret Mitchell, author of "Gone With the Wind". Eugene is survived by Virginia (nee: May) his beloved wife of 32 years; his brother, Joseph R. Mitchell; and cousins, Marion R. Powell and Russell and Maria Powell. Visitation Sunday, August 12th from 3-7 PM at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Road (btwn 9-10 Mile Roads, just N.

of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200); and at Patterson Funeral Home at Spring Hill, 1020 Spring St., Atlanta, GA (404-876-1022) on Thursday, August 16th from 3-7 PM with an evening scripture service. Funeral Mass Friday, August 17th, 10:30 AM at the Cathedral of Christ the King, 2699 Peachtree Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30305. Those who wish to further honor Eugene's memory may do so by making contributions to the American Cancer Society.

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the accomplishments of his children. Memorial services will be held in Detroit and Bradenton at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the West Virginia Rural Nephrology initiative created by his daughter at Box 9165, West Virginia University School of Medicine, Morgantown, WV 26506. Morgantown, Arrangements by Covell Cremation & Funeral Center.



#### JIGGER SMITH

Marilyn Shores Smith, known to her friends and family by the nickname Jigger," passed away on August 7, 2007 at home, surrounded by her family. She and her husband, Alvie, have been residents and active members of the Birmingham community since 1955. Born January 27, 1927 in Waterloo, Iowa, Mrs. Smith also lived in Janesville, Wisconsin and Kankakee, Illinois. After graduating from high school in Kankakee in 1944, she earned a bachelor's degree in political science at the University of Wisconsin in 1948. She married her college sweetheart, Alvie Smith, in July 1948 and moved to East Lansing, Michigan when her husband accepted a position at Michigan State University that year. The family moved to Birmingham in 1955 when Mr. Smith joined the public relations staff at General Motors (an association that continued until his retirement in 1988), and the couple continued to live in Birmingham until the present time. Mrs. Smith was very active in charitable work, particularly in areas involving young people. She was a member and one-time president of the Women's Association of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan. She also was an active participant in projects supporting the Cranbrook Educational Community, including regular involvement with the annual Giftorama fund-raiser for Kingswood school. An honorary alumna through the Kingswood Past Parents group, she also served as president of the Kingswood Mothers Council. She was a member of the Village Club of Bloomfield Hills, serving for a time on the program committee of that organization, and also of St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook. She is survived by her husband Alvie; her children Randall (Sharon) Smith, Diane (James) Adair and Amy Lynn Smith; and her grandchildren Nicholas Adair, Erin Adair, Kevin Smith and Scott Smith. A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to The Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan.

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# **Seminars** provide education on homebuying

**BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN** STAFF WRITER

Buying a home is usually the largest purchase a person makes in a lifetime, and a confusing one.

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# **Dance students** learn about **Polish culture**

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#### **BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN** STAFF WRITER

When Patricia Steven was younger she learned about Polish dancing as did her children when they came along. Now the director of the The P.R.C.U.A. Syrena Dance Ensemble is looking for children (age 3 and up) who would like to learn about their Polish heritage through song and dance. The Polish dance school is affiliated with the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America which was established in 1873 to unite and help Polish immigrants.

From September to April practices are held on Wednesday nights at St. Linus Catholic Church in Dearborn Heights. Throughout the year, stu-

'Kids are going in all different directions now.

Mackenzie Parrent and Sarah Gardener celebrate the Fourth of July by marching in their subdivision's annual parade.

# Homeowners hold Independence Day Parade for 42nd year

Haley Briscoe took first place for the Statue of Liberty costume handmade by her mother.



For the 42nd year in a row, Livonia's Schanhites Manor Subdivision near Plymouth and Inkster held their 4th of July parade. Neighbors gathered together and kids decorated their bikes and themselves in red, white, and blue. Before the block party potluck picnic winners were chosen for their patriotic spirit.

Best decorated bike winners were Morgan Parrent (first place), Kasie Griffin (second), and Makayla Bowling (third). Best float (wagons, strollers) went to Nicole Brey (first place), Barry Parrent (second), and Patrick and Justin Lynch

(third). Best costume: Haley Briscoe (first place), Madison Eisenhauer (second), Mac and Morgan Parrent (tie for third).

Briscoe was definitely the most patriotic dressed in a Statue of Liberty costume handmade by her mom.

Parade organizers Patricia, Amy and Billy Holcomb organized more than 75 kids and their families to ride bikes or march in the parade.

There are many parents who were in the parade when they were children and now march with their kids.

Everyone had fun cooling off after the picnic with the annual water balloon fight.

We want to get them back into their heritage to find out where their ancestors came from.' PATRICIA STÊVEN

dents perform at a variety of venues and pres ent a recital in April.

"Kids are going in all different directions now. We want to get them back into their heritage to find out where their ancestors came from," said Patricia Steven whose grandparents immigrated from Poland. "Dance is very important. It teaches fundamentals of different dance styles for different regions of Poland.

"Kids get a deeper appreciation of their heritage so they can readily appreciate the talents of other nationalities and cultures."

Registration for the 2007-2008 dance season begins Sept. 5. For more information, visit www.syrenadance.com or call Patricia Steven at (313) 563-1761.

This year Syrena celebrates 32 years of educating children about their Polish heritage. The cost is \$35 a month for one child, \$50 for two or more children.

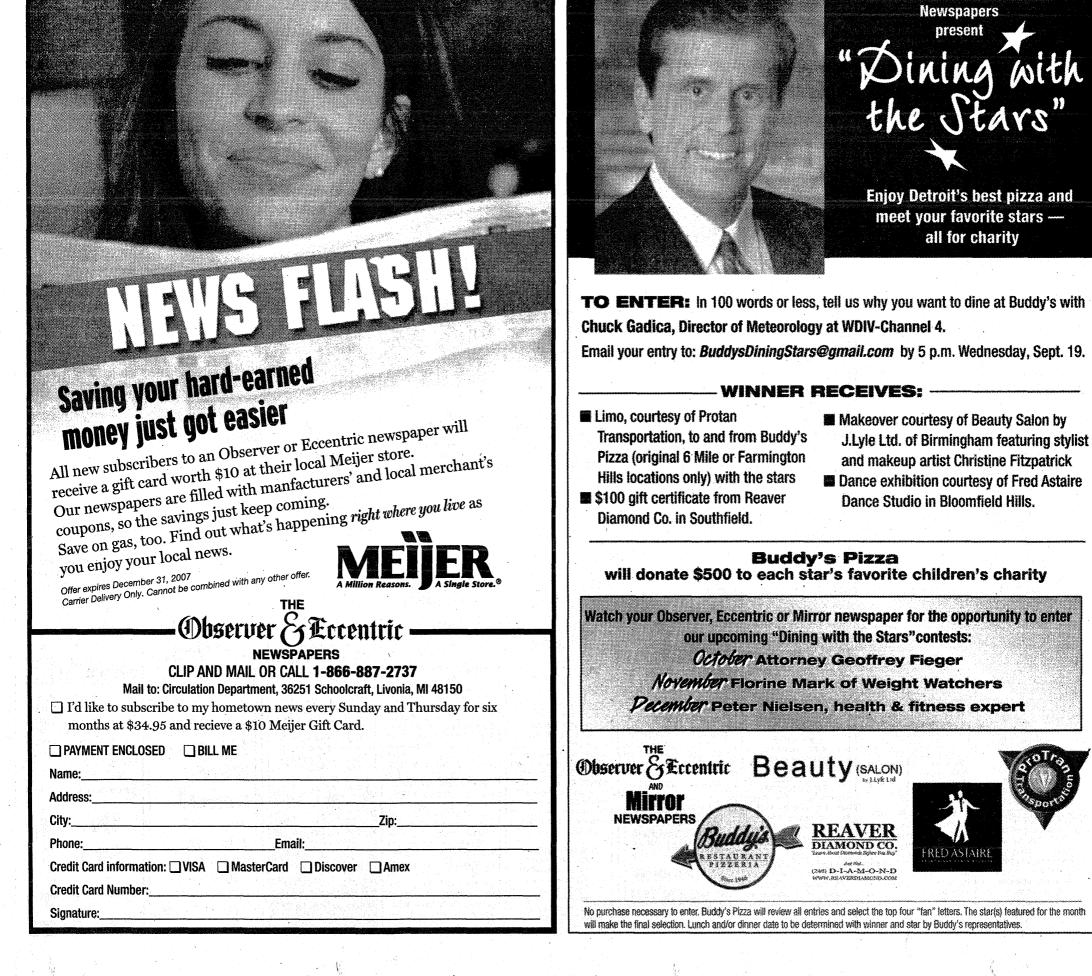
"When I danced we only had 4 schools. We now have 10 schools," said Steven who's been director of the ensemble for 10 years. "Kids come from Farmington and Farmington Hills, Plymouth, Canton, Garden City, Dearborn, Riverview. They learn a few songs and about their costumes. Different regions have different styles of costumes."

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#### REUNIONS

#### **Garden City East** Class of 1977

Saturday, Oct. 6. Casual attire. Cost is \$35 per person. Contact Teri Harrelson (Falconer) at (734) 421-2286 or Kim Orsette (Gallinat) at (734) 762-6357 or GCEAST1977@aol.com.

#### **Our Lady of Sorrow Farmington** Class of 1966

Celebrate their 41st reunion Friday-Sunday, Aug. 17-19. Contact Tom Goebel toll free at (800) 300-0112 or Tomgoebel@comcast.net for details.

#### **Rochester Adams High School** Class of 1977

6:30 p.m. Saturday Aug. 18, at Great Oaks Country Club, 777 Great Oaks Blvd., Rochester. Proper attire. No jeans please! Cost is \$60 per person, includes dinner, entertainment and beverage tickets. R.S.V.P. today. Please make payment as soon as possible if you plan to attend. For more information, visit www.adamshigh1977.myevent.com or contact Kitty Manning at kittyadler@yahoo. com or call (248) 842-1590. **Andover High School** 

#### 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. **Berkley High School** 

#### Class of 1987

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 kimsliasophia@gmail.com. Reunion Web site is www.BHSreunion1987.com for further information and details.s

#### **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. **Bishop Borgess** 

#### Class of 1977

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

#### Class of 1987

A 20-year reunion, Sept. 15, 2007, at the Livonia Marriott. Contact borgess87@hotmail.com for more information.

#### Burt Elementary and Junior High (Detroit)

#### Class of 1967

For information contact Contacts: Sandy Rhodes Luoma at sandysgarden2003@yahoo.com, Sue Smith Nykamp at suenykamp@yahoo.com or Margaret Hadcock Gallagher at edgallagher@prodigy.net **Clawson High School** 

#### Class of 1962

A 45-year reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Hilton Detroit-Trov 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 Fordson** Class of 1969

Planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core.

#### **Detroit Chadsey** Class of 1957

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A 50th Reunion is being planned for Sept. 29, at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor. Looking for January, June and Summer '57 graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Pat Gorski-Zielinski, (989) 366-9288. **Detroit Central High School** 

#### Class of 1947 A 60-year reunion, noon to 4 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 19, 2007 at Drake Park, between Maple and 14 Mile Road in West Bloomfield. Contact Jack (Jake) Ginsburg at (248)842-1738 or Paul Davidson at (248)851-2355. **Detroit Cody** Class of 1957

#### REUNIONS

A 50th reunion at the Embassy Suites, Livonia Oct. 5. 2007. Cost is \$90 per person, complete with dinner, open bar, memory book, CD, champagne toast and much more. This invitation is to all 50s graduates. Call 800-859-9502 or email loret@wideopenwest for details. Cost is \$90 per person, complete with dinner, open bar, memory book, champagne toast and much more.

#### **Detroit Cooley** Class of 1957

A 50-year reunion, Sept. 28-29, 2007, Sheraton Novi Hotel, Contact: Sharon (248) 334-7641 or Sue (734) 632-0350 Email: shadden@med.wavne.edu.

#### Classes of 1967, 1968

Reunion 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, 2007, at Laurel Manor, Livonia. Discounted tickets before March 1. Contact Dave Junguist at (810)667-9131, Web site www.geocities.com/ cooleyreunions67. All classmates are encouraged to register for inclusion in memory book at www.classreport. org/usa/mi/detroit/cooley/1967 **Detroit Cooley** 

#### Classes 1960-63

6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, 2007, at St. John's Armenian Cultural Center, 22001 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. For information and tickets, call Joyce (Karagozian) Obenhoff (586)754-3984, Sharon (Wiand) Witberg (586)977-1469 or (586)864-2352, Roger Avie (248)476-5400 or Robert Postoian (248)788-2746. **Detroit Denby** 

#### Class of 1947

A 60th reunion will be held noon to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at

A 50th reunion is planned for Sept. 7, 8, and 9, 2007, at the Thomas Edison Inn, Port Huron. Seeking lost graduates, January/June classes. If you are not yet on the mailing list, please e-mail maroonfowl@aol.com or call (248) 642-0249

Searching for classmates of the class of 1967 for a 40th reunion this summer/fall. Contact Diane Kangas (Krok) at (586)446-9011 or Mary Mezzardi (Winowiecki) at mmezzadri@hotmail.

#### com. **Detroit Henry Ford**

Class of 1967 A 40th reunion will be held 6:30-11:30

p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Laurel Manor Special Event Center in Livonia. Seeking January, June and summer graduates from 1967. For information, call Ellen (Neihoff) VanderRoest at (248)684-7705 or email chuckandelvan@comcast.net. Class of 1977

#### Looking for classmates for a 30-year reunion. Information at henryfordhighschool.com.

#### **Detroit Holy Redeemer** Class of 1957

A 50-year reunion. Oct. 12, 2007, at 🔹 O'Kelley KofC Council, Dearborn. In interested in attending or know the whereabouts or former classmates, contact John Duff at oliverlynn@aol. com or phone (734)261-3346.

#### **Detroit Mackenzie** Class of 1957

Looking for graduates to attend a reunion scheduled for Oct. 19, 2007. Call Eleanor at (734)425-8278. **Detroit Osborn** Classes of 1970, '71, '72

Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007, Best Western Sterling Inn, Sterling Heights. Alumni can update their addresses by either calling Sharon at (734)261-3264 or e-mailing celebrationstoremember@ yahoo.com. Visit Web site at ctrinc. divincinet.com

#### Detroit Western Class of 1962

A 45-year reunion will be held in Sept., 15, 2007 at Warren Valley Country Club, Dearborn Heights. Seeking information on classmates from that year. All other classes welcome. Contact Helen Knights at (734)285-4927 or Ralph Brighton at (734)513-7499. Classes of 30s, 40s. 50s Sept. 21, 2007, Dearborn Hills Golf

Club. \$25. Contact Simon Hachigian at (313)565-4997. **Detroit Redford** 

#### Class of 1967

A 40-year reunion, Friday, Aug. 17, at Embassy Suites, Livonia. Buffet dinner with cash bar. \$60 per person, Contact Sandi911@comcast.net or call (248)646-8134.

#### **Detroit Southwestern** Class of 1957

A 50-year reuhion is being planned for September 2007. Looking for January and June graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Angie (Conz) Maccani at (313) 532-4379 or Ken Suski at (313) 291-5450.

#### **Detroit St. Theresa**

Class of 1961 Sept. 22. 2007. For information. contact Dick Johnson at Sttheresa1961@ aol.com

#### East Lansing High School Class of 1957

A 50-year reunion, Aug. 24-26. For information, contact Linda Foster at (517)543-3041.

#### St. Mary of Redford All classes

St. Mary of Redford School Alumni "All Class Sock Hop" (Reunion) will be held Saturday, October 6: 4 p.m. Mass. 6 p.m. Reunion. For further information, please contact: Dave DiPonio at ddiponio@wadetrim.com or (313) 363-6153 or Jamie Sloan at jes521970@ aol.com or (248) 391-0607. The Sock Hop will be held in the "Old" SMR Gym on Mansfield in Detroit. Reservations required by Sept. 14.

#### Fordson High School **Garden City High School** Class of 1972

A 35-year reunion is planned for Saturday Oct. 13, 2007. For more information, contact Lori Howe Richardson at (734)421-7808 or lhowerich@hotmail.com or Sharon Burke Parkila at (734)421-3108 or sparkila72@aol.com. Class of 1987

Searching for all class of '87 Alumni for a 20-year reunion. Need to find current information on alumni (name, address, phone, email, etc.). Contact GCHSClassof87reunion@comcast.net or call Sheryll (Pietryka) Catton at

#### (734) 367-0898. Class of 1989

Need classmates to register online with names, addresses and email addresses to Paula at gchs1989reunion@hotmail.com and check out web site at www.myspace. com/gchs20threunion. The reunion date has not been set yet. In addition to our class we are also looking for members in the classes of 87.88.89 for a combination reunion.

#### Grosse Pointe North Class of 1991

Call (800) 677-7800, visit www. taylorreunions.com or e-mail: info@ tavlorreunions.com.

#### Lakeland Class of 1982

A 25th reunion 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Nov. 24, 2007, at The Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth. Limited amount of rooms at a discount until September. Ticket purchases due by

Oct. 15. Contact Lisa (Perna) Hartman for tickets at musicmuse@comcast. net or Laura Lovelace at lauralee@ comcast.net for more information. Livonia Franklin Class of 1969

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A reunion is in the pre-planning stages for 2007. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com.

#### Class of 1966, 1967

A 41st and 40th reunion will be held Oct. 20, 2007, 6:30 to midnight. Tickets are \$50. Call Tom Kujath at (248)888-9535.

#### **Our Lady of Sorrows** Class of 1966

Aug. 17, 18 and 19. For more information, call Pat Ormsby LaPlante at (248)476-0634

#### **Redford Thurston High School** Classes of 1957, 1958

A 50-year reunion is planned with several events Sept. 14-16 at Embassy Suites, Livonia. For information, contact Ron Beller at (989)652-9724 or e-mail at Admiral741@yahoo. com or Marian Keegan Hierholzer at (248)349-2697 or e-mail at Mamia@ comcast.net

#### **Classes of the '80s**

Thurston High School's '80s Reunion Committee will host a 2007 THS Multi-Year Reunion from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Hyatt Regency, in Dearborn. A limited number of first-come/first served tickets at \$59 per person will be available and no tickets will be sold at the door. E-mail Andrea Gambotto (Class of '86) at andshaffer@netscape,net or Dan Phillips (Class of '82) at DanielP422@ vahoo. com. Representatives from graduating classes of '80, '82, '88 and '89 are sought.

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#### Class of 1957 and 1958

A combined reunion on Sept. 21-22, 2007, at the Marriott Hotel in Romulus. All classes welcome. For information, contact Yvonne (Guertin) Mack at (734)464-7748 or email ymack@twmi.rr.com or Stan Pientack at (734)475-2797.

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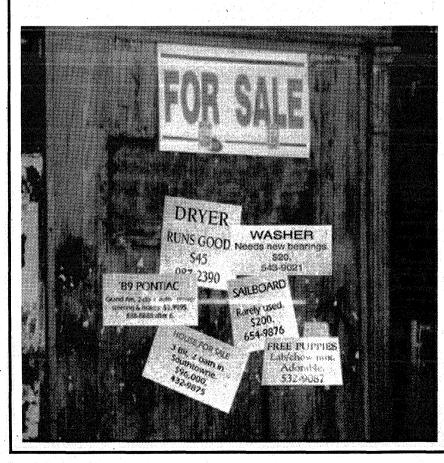


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ship. 2139626 PERSONABLE AND SPECIAL

PERSONABLE AND SPECIAL SWF, retired, talented, fun-loving, attractive, 132lbs, 5'5", blonde, seeks well-groomed gentle-man, 65+, to share life and enjoy each other's company. 2891247

SOUND LIKE YOU?

SF, 26, fun-loving, enjoys sports, romance and trying new things. Seeking honest, easygoing man to share talks, good times, friendship and fun. 72/207859 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. **2**209752

MAKE ME LAUGH MAKE ME LAUGH DWF, 54, 5'9'', N/S, outgoing, enjoys comedy, theater, soft rock, dancing, dining, outdoors. ISO tall, S/DWM, like age, good-humored, honest and spontaneous. 27209652 HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU WIWF, 57, homeowner, independent, a little lone-ly, dog owner, enjoys quiet times, good talks and togetherness. Seeking a kind man to share these. 72211330

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Take ME GOLFING Tidy SWF, 60, enjoys fine dining, traveling. Seeking golfer, best friend, confidante, 58-70, widower a plus. Honesty, trust, a must to make a relationship work. **17**976914

relationship work. **T3976914 SOULMATE SEARCH** Sim, attractive, 57-yr-old JF looking for her soul-mate, any sincere, successful JM, between the ages of 54-64, please respond. **T558875 COULD IT BE YOU?** SWF, 74, very active, 51", brown/brown, loves life, travel, music, festivals, good company, nice walks, scenic drives. Seeking compatible, kind SWM, solid build A+, who enjoys the same. **T210844 WORTH YOUR CALL UNOTH YOUR CALL UNOTH YOUR CALL SBF**, 22, 54", light complexion, brown/hazel, dim-ples, 200lbs, enjoys horror films, hanging with friends. Looking for a nice, smart, compassion-te, goad-oriented man to share the good things ate, goal-oriented man to share the good things in life. 2201967

OUTGOING AND OUTSPOKEN SBF, 19, 5'10" SBF, 19, 510", likes dining, movies and relaxing at home, seeking a SM, 19+, with various interests, let's get together and talk over dinner. 2208077

QUEEN SEABCHING FOR KING SWF; 23, seaching for a SBM, 2-35, outgoing, sensative, outgoing, understanding, good sense of humor, who likes to go out and have fun. 2208814

LADY IN THE WOODS LADY INTHE WOODS SWF, 50, looks younger, nice smile, blonde/ hazel, 5'5, average build, employed, educated, home owner, dog lover, seeking compatible, out-doorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. 32:210247

NURSE Attractive SWF, 64, 5, 135lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, fair skin, looking for N/S, honest gentle-man, 60-70, who has numerous interests includ-

Mark, 50-70, Who has full relation in the rotation of the interval ing an interval ing, and home life. 2409879 POSSIBLE LTR SWPF, 58, 5'7', attractive, slender, athletic, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks SWPM, 55-62, N/S, college degreed, healthy, SOH, possible LTR. 27993381

SOH, possible LTR. 37993381 DO YOU EXIST? DWF, 58, 577, slender, very attractive, college-educated, enjoys movies, theater, sports, con-certs, dining and travel. Seeking widowed/ divorced WPM, 55-63, athletic, healthy, tall, N/S, D/D-free, with good sense of humor. 37200296 LOOKING FOR YOU Attractive SWF, 59, 577, blond/green, with a lov-ing heart, seeking a SWM, christian a+, N/S, D/D-free, who enjoys the simple things in life. 37206291

#### NO DRAMA

SBF, 28, outgoing, down-to-earth, loves shop-ping, bowling, shooting pool, more. ISO a special man, 20-38, with like interests, to share special times. 27172726

times. **37**172726 GIRL NEXT DOOR SBF, 22, 51", seeking a SM, 18-27, for dinner dates, phone conversations, walks in the park, or just hanging out watching a good movic **37**188347 ARE YOU MY MATCH?

ARE YOU MY MATCH? SBF. 29, 5'5', easyoing, laid-back, D/D-free, seeking a SBM, 21-36, honest, caring, for friend-ship, maybe more. **37** 188807 LET'S TALK SBF, 53, 4'11'', likes romantic walks, dining and more, seeking a tall, caring SBM, 54-59, honest, respectful, who enjoys the same, for friendship, maybe more. No head games/drama. **37** 190972 CIEL NET DODE

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

ARE YOU MY LADY? SBM, 54, N/S, loves R&B, jazz, simple times, romance and time with someone special. Seeking a loving lady, medium build/full-figured, to share all lifes simple pleasures. **7210024** VANILLA SEEKING CHOCOLATE VANILLA SEEKING CHOCOLATE

VANILLA SEEKING CHOCOLATE Call me if you desire a nice shape, SWM, blue-eyed blonde, 50-year-old, 180lbs, desires SBF for friendship and definitely romance. ☎777324 THE REAL DEAL SWM, 59, handsome, N/S, blond/blue, 5' 9'', 165lbs, Catholic, down to earth, easygoing, seeks WF, 42-65, N/S, physically fit, with classy and style. ☎134098

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and style. 2134098 WORTH A CALL SBM, 28, 5'6", 150lbs, enjoys home-cooking, Italian food, time with friend, good company, movies, music and more. Seeking a nice, open-minded SF to share the good times. 2213010 SOMEONE WHO LOVES LIFE

SOMEONE WHO LOVES LIFE SBM, 6'1", 250lbs. outgoing, romantic, likes movies, dining and traveling, seeking a woman, 35-45, who likes long walks and good conversa-tions, let's talk. **12**:216163 **BETRAYED? METOO** SWM, 48, 6'1", 190lbs, N/S, handsome, sincere, educated, honest, seeks attractive woman, 38-0 for direction bits of the transformation of the trans-tion of the transformation of the transformation of the trans-solution of the transformation of transformation of transformation of the transformation of transfor

50, for friendship, sharing, fun and romance. **2**217955

T217955 HANDSOMELY HUMBLE SBPM, 43, 5'11", 215lbs, H/W proportionate, respectful gentleman, looking for professional SF, 30-45, N/S, for LTR, T578139

Simple, honest SM, 35, 5'6', brown/hazel, medi-um build, seeks nice, kind-hearted, non-judg-mental woman to share talks dates, fun and more. **12**(217053

EASYGOING Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fish-ing, motor sports etc. WLTM SWF, for dating and fun times. 213614

tun times. 2718/614 CUTE, CUDDLY COWBOY Wise and kind SWM, 46, enjoys simplicity, art fairs, flea markets, festivals. Seeking the compa-ny of a lady with similar interests. 27200459 HUL ADJEST

H LADIESI HI LADIESI DHM, 48, kind, hard-worker, N/S, seeks a H/WF, 37-57, N/S, for sharing of conversations, dates, fun and more. Possible LTR. 22216527

IT'S NO FUN BEING ALONE SWM, likes camping, biking, dining, walks, romance and having fun, seeks a W/BF, 45-60, who enjoys the same, for companionship, maybe more. 2216421

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. 27151943

special times in life. 27151943 IT'S NO FUN BEING ALONE SWM, 38, 210lbs, hwp, brown/brown, hard-work-ing, loyal, honest, compassionate, humorous, enjoys anything outdoors, seeks a SWF, 35-40, attractive, active and caring. 27216329

A GODD CATCH DWM, 60s, N/S, social drinker, good sense of humor, likes dining, traveling, shows, walks in the park, seeks a mature SWF, 50s-60s, N/S, 51"-5'6", petite, active, for companionship, maybe more. 32216394

LOOKING FOR A SOUL MATE SBM, 60, caring and thoughtful. Likes movies, travel, dining out and more. Seeking a SF, age and race open, for LTR. **T**132859

travel, dning out and more. Seeking a SF, age and race open, for LTR. 1312859 MAN WITH CUTE DIMPLES Friendly, affectionate, warm, respectful BM, 43, N/S, in search of a easygoing, honest, active woman, with God in her heart, hwp, for friend-ship, romance and more. No head games/drama. 165436

NICE GUYS DO EXIST SBM, 6'1", 250lbs, likes walks on the beach, casinos and movies. Searching for a H/AF, 18+, 4'11"+, attractive, caring, **2**212428

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 WM, 39, 5'9', brown/brown, stocky build, seek-ing a woman, 18+, to spend time with. 32214317

 HOPE TO FIND U SOON

 SBM, 5'11', 170lbs, black/brown, brown com-plexion, enjoys playing chess, walks, concerts, plays, more, Looking for drama-free, romantic, kind lady, good-natured and fun-loving to share the good things in life. 32216113

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 Easygoing, expressive DVM, 43, nice looks, no kids, enjoys traveling, outdoors, romantic evenings. Seeks warm-hearted SWF, 32112288

 LIVING ON THE EDGE!

Everings, seeks warm-hearted SWF. 27112288 LIVING ON THE EDGE! SWM, 28, tattoo artist, guitar player, seeks a sim-ilar cool girl, for motorcycles, loud music, tattoos and wild adventures! Let's meet and have some fun! 2729933

ENJOYS GOING TO CHURCH ENJOYS GOING TO CHUHCH SBM, 28, 6', 173lbs, N/D, Nkids, slim build, brown complexion, glasses, likes movies, long walks, Jesus, cooking, music, bowling, mexican food, shyness, seeks, SB/HF, 25-28, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. 2980453 LET'S HAVE FUN M 18 enjoys working on cars, painting, seeks

SM, 18, enjoys working on cars, painting, seeks a SF, 18-22, for movies, fishing and having fun.

Ready to meet great new people? HONEST AND COMPASSIONATE HONEST AND COMPASSIONATE SWM, 48, 57", brown/green, masculine, hand-some, honest, kind, compassionate, humorous, likes good conversations, long walks, movies, antiques. Searching for the same in a woman, 35-55, for dating, fun, possible LTR. 27205521 BACK IN MICHIGAN AGAIN

SM, 55, Looking forward to re-discovering Michigan, and would love to have some compa-ny! I'm an educator artist, involved in theater who loves reading, quality conversation, and/or just listening. 1223976

NEW TO LAFAYETTE

SM, 31, new to area, family-oriented, commit-ment-minded, loves quiet times, good company, lifes simple pleasures. Seeking a loving, like-minded woman to share a liftle happiness.

A GREAT GUY Good-natured, good-looking SWM, 41, ener-getic, versatile, fun, passionate, into boat-ing, casinos, flea markets. Seeking conver-sation SWF, for conversation and connec-tion SWF, for conversation and connec-

HANDSOME MALE

SBM, 6', HWP, professionally employed, kind, considerate, confidence, likes concerts, travel, dining. Seeking WF, 30-58, attractive, passionate, loving, affectionate, **19**984967

ATTRACTIVE SBM, 34, 5'6', ISO SF, race open, 18-27, who wants to talk, share good times and juts have some fun. 2215278

LOIS LANE Even a modern day superman needs a little help. SWM, 40s, fun, outgoing, adventurous, seeks SF, hwp, sexy, with similar qualities. 2204559

SF, nwp, sexy, with similar qualities. 32204559 WILL IT BE YOU? Sociable, happy, romantic SM, 61, 617, 205lbs, caramel complexion, passion for dancing, con-certs, music, romance, good company and laughter. Looking for a kind, classy lady to share these. 32215554

HANDSOME & FUN-LOVING

Sincere, fun-loving, down-to-earth SBM, 44. ISO romantic, honest, intelligent BF, 25-55, with great SOH, for companionship, possible LTR. TOPRE147

T3988147 MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC Tall, athletic SWM, 48, 6'2', 200lbs, brown/blue, never married, no dependents, college-educat-ed, clean-cut, good sense of humor, outgoing seeks friendly SF; for fun. Age/location open.

LONELY & READY SWM, 49, average build, Italian, heart of gold Virgo, N/S, seeks WF, 45-55, with a nice build ready for LTR. Serious replies only. Redford Area.

TRY THIS ONE

TRY THIS ONE SCM, 34, 5'7", 170lbs, brown/brown, medium build, student, employed, sociable, fun-loving, friendly, enjoys music, writing, hockey, football, more. Seeking nice lady to share talks, good times, friendship and possible LTR. **2**211236 YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE! Note and SVMA Co. traditional

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. **21**76497 **BODY BUILDER SEEKS SAME** SWM, 38, 6'2", dark/blue, masculine build, enjoys sports, concerts, movies and dining, would like to meet a woman, age/race open, bodybuilder/masculine a +, for companionship, possibly more. **21**74520. **ARTSY GUY SEEKING** 

ARTSY GUY SEEKING ARTSY GUY SEEKING SM, 25, seeking someone intelligent and cute who likes live shows, listens to indy/underground music; and watches movies that make you think. I'm interested in film, music, and art. 3227289

THAT SPECIAL ONE

THAT SPECIAL ONE SM, 5'11", self-employed, likes dining, Jazz con-certs and bowling, seeking a woman, to share these activities with and more. 1212601 WORTH IT SM, 52, browr/brown, 226lbs, 5'9", working con-struction, student, enjoys driving, the outdoors, fitness, biking, good company, nice talks. Seekingb honest, trustworthy, respectful woman to share all life offers. 1212923 NICE LOOKING JEWISH GUY Very honest SJM, 6'2", 225lbs, 46; business owner, attractive, enjoys life, loves boating, open to LTR. Seeks attractive, slim, physical-ly fit, emotionally open and intimate SJF, 25-46, who loves good communication, sharing thoughts, long walks, and days on the lake. 12206878

HOPE IT'S YOU DWM, 56, father with grown children, semi-retired, car mechanic, home owner, enjoys fish-ing, working around the home, camping. Seeking active, happy lady with like interests for compan-ionship, smiles, special times. **1**207555

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OLD SCHOOL GIRL... looking for old school guy, SBF, 41, has a good sense of humor, N/S, seeks nice guy, for dating and possibly more. 2186572

LIFE IS TO SHORT SWF, 41, 5'7", outgoing, fun, enjoys all sports, the outdoors and warm climates seeking a car-ing, romantic, honest, handsome SM, 35-70, with similar interests, for companionship, romance and more. 27189112

GOOD TIMES Hard-working, honest, respectful, ambitious, attractive, SBF, 38, educated, D/D-free. In search of SBM, with same qualities, for friendship and casual fun. 12159358

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 under standing, fun-loving good-hearted guy standing, 2199972 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. TO 199785

WILD AND SOPHISTICATD Ebony woman desires shared love relationship for mental, emotional, physical, spiritual and financial uplifting. 40-50. 21147056

ARE YOL OUTTHERE? Employed, easygoing SBF, 48, mom, pretty smile, golden complexion, brown/brown, attrac-tive, independent, warm-hearted, loves R&B, soul, classic cars/car shows, concerts. Seeking warm-hearted, independent SBM, intelligent and good-humored for companionship, happiness. T220926

CLASSY LADY SBF, 36, 5'3", N/S, seeking a SBM, 35-49, who enjoys sports, dining, traveling and movies, for friendship first, maybe more. **2**(192050) SEEKING FRIENDSHIP SEEKING FRIENDSHIP

SEEKING FRIENDSHIP SBF, young 60s, w/good morals, caring, nice-looking, 53", 156lbs, N/S, N/D, N/Drugs, clean, honest living, partly retired, enjoys art, card play-ing, casinos, and movies. Seeking honest man 50-60, race open. **21**34425 **CLASSY LADY** SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-69, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/morals. **37**207254

TRY ME SBF, 33, 5'5", 160lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, looking for a loving SM, to share talks, good times, shopping, dancing laughter and simple times. **37**213013

I'LL MAKE U SMILE Loving, open-minded, spontaneous SBF, 18, D/D-free, N/S, no children, looking for SW/HM, to share friendship, fun times, talks laughs a little romance and see what happens next. 37212804

SF, 31, 5'9', brown/blue, Pisces, enjoys romantic dinners, movies, nice talks, quiet walks, simple fun. Looking for a nice, easygoing, simple guy to share friendship and fun. 2213820

ARE YOU SEKKING? DWF, 63, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, Ioving, optimistic, likes, theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet N/S WM, 58-70, fitnancially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating, **Tr**630808

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. **17**201386 HOW ARE YOU? SBF, 29, mom of 2, N/S, fun-loving, caring, compassionate, likes cooking, painting, walks, beaches, family times. Seeking a nice guy with zest for life, to share a little happiness. 2200770

zest for life, to share a little hap GETTO KNOW ME Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO hon-est, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible

#### LTR. 2963760 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. 22205287

SEEKING MR. RIGHT Classy SBF, hoping to meet mature SBM, 45-60. I'm a very passionate, affectionate, loving per-son, who enjoys a variety of activities. If you're seeking your soulmate, why not try me? 12965794 TS95/94 READY FOR A FRESH START? DWF, 47, 55", 120lbs, long blonde/blue, well-pro-portioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6"1"+, 225lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adven-turer, manly gentleman. TS952549 LNEED & LOVE

I NEED A LOVE... to keep me hapy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming WF, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, tun, loving, caring, 25568059

VERY CUTE SBF, 56, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-look-ing, confident male, 45-58, N/S, intelligent, sin-cere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. 2113198

# MEN SEEKING WOMEN

LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT WiWM, 45, 511", 220lbs, is easygoing, fun-lov-ing, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/outdoor. Looking for LTR, with the right person. 32265340 WORTH YOUR TIME Attractive, clean-out SM, 46, 511", 155lbs, self-Attractive, clean-cut SM, 40, 511°, 15005, Sen-employed, respectful, open-minded, enjoys cooking, music, movies, comedy shows. ISO attractive, pleasant SWF, 28-42, D/D-free, slen-der-medium build, classy, kind, compassionate and caring, for friendship/LTR? 1217334 SOMETHING BETTER SWEM doe N/S good looking E'9" atbletio

SOMETHING BETTER SWPM, 40s, N/S, good-looking, 5'6", athletic, degreed, homeowner, great cook, respects and appreciates women, enjoys everything, including romance. Seeking SWF 29-50, good-looking, H/W proportionate, who's seeking a passionate ITR #7914514 H/W proportion LTR 2214514

DWM, 56, 5'10'', handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, con-certs, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. 72/209646 SEARCHING FOR LADY LOVE SM, 51, 511", 185lbs, enjoys the outdoors, boating, dining out, music, long walks, etc. Seeking honest, caring SF, who enjoys same activities, for companionship, friendship and romance. **1**:146012

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND SM, 20s, 6'1", likes comedy, and suspense films, fitness, romantic times with someone special. ISO genuine, nice lady, good-looking, intelligent, to get to know, share a little fun and romance. 2217356

ENJOY THE VIEW Romantic, thoughtful SWM, 39, is looking for love, enjoys hugs, kisses and cuddling, seeks kind, attractive SWF, age and area open. **2**113835

BOMANTIC & ATTRACTIVE DWM, 60, 5'11", 190lbs, seeks nice-looking lady to help share each others heart, and lifes daily adventures. **3**146279

# TALL, ATHLETIC TALL, ATHLETIC SWM, 47, 6'2", 200lbs, part-time personal trainer, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors: working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. 7531308

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sport-ing events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. TS92418

#### LETS GET GOING!

SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, sponta-neous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF

redust un, and adginer, seeks personable SWF for dating and more, 37128302 ROMANTIC GUY SWM, 48, 5'10'', brown/brown, fun, adventurous, N/S, seeks the same in a woman, 25-62, N/S, fit, attractive, who's in good shape, for fun and adventures. Give me a call. 2218526

AMERICAN MADE MALENCAN MADE WM, 45, above-average looking, brown/blue, ath-letic, honest, good sense of humor, seeks com-patible woman, with same interests, age open. 2131277

#### TAKE A CHANCE

TAKE A CHANCE Attractive SWPM, 56, sensitive, easygoing, a good listener, good-humored and fun, enjoys travel, sports, music, good food. Seeking romance with shapely like-minded SBF, some-one to share/explore life with. **17**761586 **A GOOD CATCH** SBM, 35, 55°, 220Ibs, dark complexion, shaved head, mustache, correctional officer, father, look-ing for a living nord-hearted child friendly left.

head, mustache, correctional officer, fatther, look-ing for a loving, good-hearted, child-friendly lady with whom to share life and all it offers. **21**14595 **LATIN WOMAN WANTED** SWM, tall, darivblue, good sense of humor, enjoys sports, concerts, movies and dining. Seeking a SHF, 18-50, who can enjoys the same, for fun, dating, maybe more. **21**177316 **TALL DAPK AND MANDSOME** 

THUM, dating, mayoe more, 2417/316 THU, DARK AND HANDSOME SBM, 37, tall, down-to-earth, D/D-free, likes can-dle light dinners, music and romantic walks, seeking a WHF, 21+, who likes the same, for friendship, possible LTR, 27185524 EBONY KING SEEKS QUEEN

Professional SBM, enjoys traveling, shopping, din-ing, spending money, seeks slim, sexy female, 18-30, to enjoy the finer things in life with. No stress, no pressure, for fun relationship. 27185973 HI

SWM, 43, 6'2", 200lbs, with salt-n-pepper hair, seeks thin SF, under 42, with long hair and nice legs for a life of happiness, humor and love. **2**192324

T192324 WORTH A CALL Simple, easygoing SM, 18, likes sports, looking for a nice lady to share talks, friendship, fun and possibly more. T212691

ionship, smiles, special times. 2207555 NICE GUY SWPM is looking for a companion, SWF, 50-65, to enjoy each other's company. I like movies, sports, and other things. I'm 68, 1551bs, 5'6'', and an active professional. 2708126 GOOD BETTER BEST! SWM, 49, 5'9'', 1951bs, is in uits about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compati-ble SWF, to have and hold. 27992943 FRIEND AND CONFIDANT FRIEND AND CONFIDANT SWM, 74, active, educated, financially-secure, seeking a nice woman. Join me for dining, danc-ing, and classical music. I'm a good listener, and would love to hear from you! **27**139382

YOUR SEARCH ENDS HERE SWM, 58, 510°, 175lbs, N/S, employed, busi-ness manager, kind, considerate, seeks SF, 50-, N/S, who enjoys the simple things in life. Race unimportant. Woodland Beach, MI, 2506600

UNUSUAL REQUEST Nice-looking, extremely busy, Grösse Pt. SWPM, 6'3", 228lbs, N/S, N/Drugs, ISO over 45 also extremely busy SWPF, pretty lady, for great friendship and special times. I know how to treat a lady and practice the golden rule. 751/43/40 **2**143494

CALL ME SOMETIME Self-employed SM, 51, 5'11", 177lbs, blue eyes, loves enjoys motorcycles, the outdoors, travel, cooking, music from modern rock to motown, and much more. ISO, affectionate, honest SF, slim-medium build. Friendship/LTR? C146467

SIMT-medium build, Friendship/LTF7 # 14946/ SINGER SEKS SINGER SWM, 52, in shape, sober, enjoys singing karaoke, playing guitar, animals, the simple things. Seeking SF, 30-45, in shape, no kids, and a good country singing voice for friendship, more. #149897 a good cou 2168597

T168597 WORTH IT SM, 63, blond, 6', 200lbs, fit, active, fun, enjoys keeping active, the gym, sports, cars, boats, horses, pets. Seeking good-humored, fit, ener-getic, attractive lady wispontaneous streak, who enjoys the same. T135531 TAKE A CHANCE SUMM 23 tables, chick beyding, shorting pool

TAKE A CHANCE SWM, 33, father, enjoys bowling, shooting pool, cycling, camping, family, ISO loving lady who likes children, is secure and down-to-earth, for sharing good times, good talks, smiles, laughter, more. **21**77919

#### HI LADIES!

SM, tall, easygoing, likes hunting, fishing, motor-cycles, long walks and movies, seeking a woman, who wants to share life, laughter, inter-ests, possibly more. 2185540

CALL MEI SWM, 56, black/brown, clean-shaven, N/S, adventurous, seeking a SWF, 45-58, for friend-ship, maybe more. **2**:185903

GOD TIMES SWM, 30, 5'8", N/S, enjoys the beach, the out-doors and traveling, seeking a woman, 21-40, active, in good shape, with similar interest, for friendship, maybe more. **21**86087 **A WALK AND A TALK** 

A WALK AND A TALK Try this easygoing, lovable SWM, 50, good lis-tener, who enjoys book stores, coffee shops, nature and concerts. I seek a like-minded coun-terpart for where ever it goes. T200890 LET'S GET TOGETHER DWM, D/D-free, east area, great sense-of-humor, interested in music, outdoors, pets, gar-dening and evenings in front of a fireplace. ISO WF, 35-55, with similar interests for friendship, possible LTR. T202143 DON'T HESITATE...

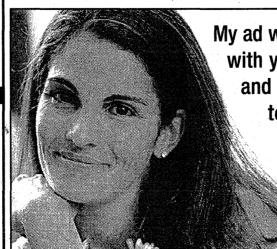
DON'T HESITATE... call for a date! SWM, 55, happy, healthy, N/S enjoys reading, cooking, home life, road trips seeks SWF, 40-59, for companionship, maybe

more. 2992956

VANILLA SEEKING CHOCOLATE Call me if you desire a nice shape, SWM, blue-eyed blonde, 50-year-old, 180lbs, de-sires SBF for friendship and definitely romance. 2672855

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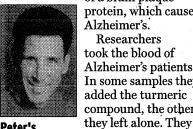
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# Spice up your food to fight Alzheimer's

#### Jerry from Ypsilanti e-mails asking if there is anything he could add to his diet to help fight Alzheimer's disease?

Jerry, try spicing up your foods. A new study found a chemical in the spice turmeric helps rid the blood of a brain plaque



protein, which causes Alzheimer's. Researchers took the blood of Alzheimer's patients. In some samples they added the turmeric compound, the others

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was better at deleting the disease causing Peter Nielsen protein when the

turmeric chemical was present. Researchers hope it may be possible to give Alzheimer's patients blood infusions of the turmeric chemical to help their immune system delete the brain plaque ingredient.

#### Ann from Lincoln Park e-mails asking with all the fruits and vegetables in season right now, which ones are the best to eat?

A team of researchers looked at more than 1,000 foods to see which ones pack the most antioxidants. Antioxidants are the good stuff in food that can help fight off disease. Topping the list of the most powerful antioxidant foods are blackberries, strawberries, cranberries, raspberries, blueberries, walnuts and artichokes. The researchers also determined cooking appears to increase the antioxidant potential of most foods, except for grains such as pasta and rice.

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 at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

# Vigilance doesn't end with summer

#### **BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN** STAFF WRITER

ust because summer is almost over, Dr. Lisa Markman isn't letting her guard down when it comes to water safety. Markman is keeping an eye on her two young daughters just as her mother did when she was growing up in Southfield.

Emma, 6, and Charlotte, 3, need constant supervision, whether it's around the pool, a bathtub, or containers which hold water or other liquids. That includes toilets and dog bowls, but especially five-gallon buckets used for chores in the home.

Safety doesn't end with summer when a child can drown in one of these white plastic containers, even if only half full.

About 25 children around the country drown annually in buckets, and many more are hospitalized according to the Detroit Medical Center. The tragedy happens when a child goes to play in the water and falls in, but is not strong enough to pull themselves out.

"Parents still need to be concerned," said Markman, a pediatrician at the DMC. In late July, the DMC came out with a bucketful of children's safety tips and information to keep kids safe at home or around pools in community recreation centers all year long.

"Kids who first start walking, 9 to 18 months, can trip and fall into the bucket and can't get themselves out, and are more apt to fall in because the bucket is heavy," Markman said. "You think those are things that can never happen to you, but if you're the parent of a child who dies like that the number is 100 percent for you."

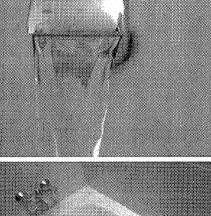
Drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury death in children, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics

As little as a few inches of water can pose a drowning hazard for children.

Markman can think of two cases of near drownings she encountered while covering the emergency room in a Chicago hospital. One child recovered without devastating injuries. Another child was resuscitated, but suffered severe brain damage.

"There's a danger around the house, especially

# Water safety







with small children under age 2 with the bathtub," Markman said. "Never ever leave children unattended in the bathtub. You need to plan, have your towels, washcloths, soap there. Don't answer the phone or door, and don't let another child be responsible for a child in the bathtub."

Markman cautions parents to be wary of bath seats, which are not foolproof. Children could slip out if left unattended.

"Before I had kids of my own, I never imagined how kids could drown," Markman said. "Now I realize it's easy to get distracted. You have to be vigilant."

And when away from home, don't depend on lifeguards at community recreation centers, or hotel/motel pools while on vacation.

During the summer, Markman takes her

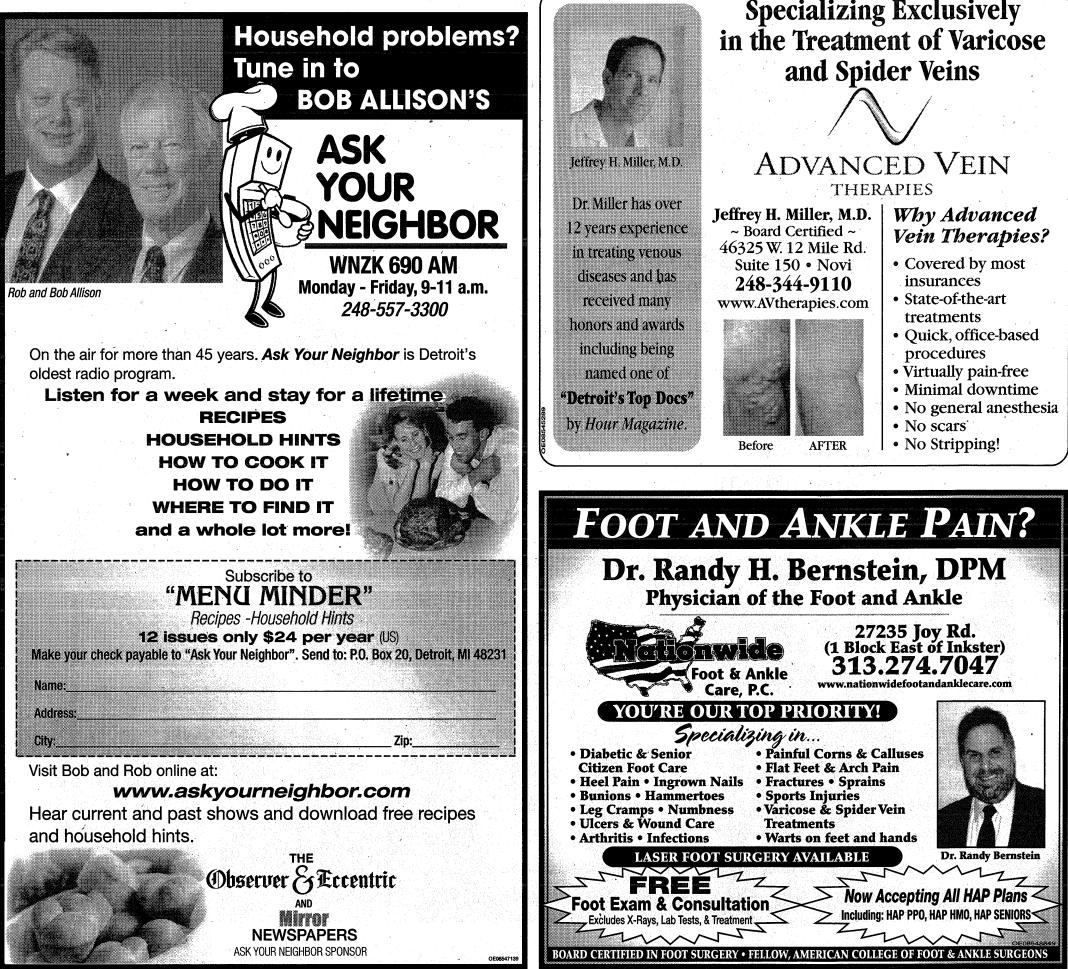
daughters to an outdoor pool in Ann Arbor two or three times a week.

"The important thing is even if a lifeguard is on duty, lifeguards are watching lots and lots of children. It's up to you to keep them safe," Markman said. "We have a rule - if the kids are leaving the area, they need to let us know if they leave the pool or sandbox. It's easy for parents to get distracted. People are talking and eating.

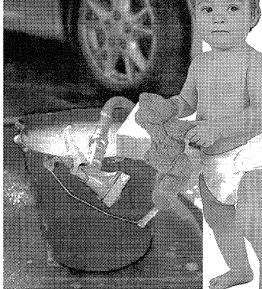
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"I think parents get reassured when children can swim," she added. "Just because a child can swim, they can get fatigued. Sometimes there's rough play in the pool and they can get disoriented. Even with good swimmers, there's a potential for something bad to happen."

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#### HEALTH

# **Optometrists offer no-cost infant eye assessments**

Optometrists from the Michigan Optometric Association (MOA) recommend infants receive a one time, comprehensive eye assessment through InfantSEE. The program, designed for infants during their first year of life, is supported by a network of more than 300 MOA members and offers early detection of potential eye and vision problems at no cost, regardless of income

According to MOA, 1 in 10 children is at risk from undiagnosed eye and vision problems. Visual development is most dramatic between 6- and 12-months of age and early detection can prevent and help reduce the threat of serious vision impairments. If left untreated, vision problems can make learning difficult and may lead to permanent vision impairment.

"Parents take their children to the dentist to help prevent a future of cavities. Likewise, parents should consider taking their infants to the optometrist to help prevent a future of eye and vision issues," said Dr. Barbara Horn, O.D., and member of the MOA InfantSEE committee. "I strongly encourage all parents of infants to visit an optometrist for an InfantSEE eye assessment during the first year of their infant's life."

Since its inception in June 2005, InfantSEE assessments have shown that one in 20 babies were found to be at risk for an abnormal prescription status, reaffirming the need for this

valuable program.

Although infants cannot respond verbally, the first year-of-life is an ideal time to conduct an eye assessment. Not only is this a critical time for eye and vision development, but generally children at this age are not afraid of the doctor. During the assessment, infants typically sit on their parent's lap as the optometrist performs the exam. The optometrist uses lights and other hand held objects to check that their eves are working together and that there are no significant issues that may impede proper vision development. The optometrist may also dilate the baby's pupils to ensure the health of the eye. Following the assessment, in addition to sharing the top of the page.

findings with parents, the optometrist may send summary information to the infant's pediatrician, family physician or other health care provider to report and explain any significant condition diagnosed during the exam.

"Optometrists, through their clinical education, training and experience, have the means to provide the most effective primary eve and vision services to children, as a complement to routine well-care exams given by pediatricians," said Horn.

To locate a Michigan Optometric Association InfantSEE optometrist in your area, visit www. infantsee.org and click on the doctor locator at

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#### Health camp

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

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). Benefit golf outing

The 7th annual Michael Yendick Foundation Golf Outing will take place at the Wabeek Country Club Monday, Aug. 13. The majority of the proceeds benefit the annual Camp Oasis of the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, Michigan Chapter (CCFA) for youngsters with Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis.

The Foundation was developed by family members in memory of Michael Yendick, who was very active with CCFA and loved children. The event will feature driving range privileges, outing souvenirs, refreshments, lunch, a snack, dinner and an awards program with a guest speaker followed by a silent auction. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m, with a 12 noon shotgun start at Wabeek Country Club, 4000 Clubgate Dr., Bloomfield Hills. Cost is \$235 per golfer or \$900 for a foursome. For information and to register, call (248) 569-7283, or send e-mail to Rglanz@ClarkHill.com.

#### Holiday cards

The American Lung Association of Michigan (ALAM), a part of its efforts to raise funds to support lung health research, education and advocacy, is selling holiday cards in a variety of styles and price ranges. Interested customers may request an album to examine, and cards may be customized with individual's, family's or company's name, Purchases made before Sept. 30. will be entitled to a 20 percent early buyer discount. Large quantity dis-

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of the cards, visit www.buyholidaycards.com. To preview an album or for information, contact Betty McNeil at (248) 784-2030 or toll free at 1-800-543-5864.

#### Divorce support group

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14, 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.

#### Sharing & Caring event

Brassiere Bazaar with bra fittings, information on prosthesis options, complimentary skin analysis by Advanced Skin Care, make-up tips for maintaining a healthy glow 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, in Nordstroms Lingerie Department, 3rd floor, the Somerset Collection. Reservations required. Call (248) 551-8585.

#### Camp for kids with epilepsy

Camp Discovery, the only specialized camp in Michigan for children with seizure disorders, takes place Aug. 19-23, at Sherman Lake YMCA Outdoor Center in Augusta, Mich. All children who attend build self-esteem, challenge themselves physically and mentally, and form lifelong friendships and memories. To send your child to camp, volunteer as a counselor, or to sponsor a camper, call (800) 377-6226, ext. 1231. **Bariatric seminars** 

The Michigan Bariatric Institute (MBI) at St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers three laparoscopic (minimally invasive) surgical weight loss options including Gastric Bypass, Adjustable Gastric Banding, and Sleeve Gastrectomy. Learn more at one of the next free monthly Educational Seminars 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22, or Tuesday, Sept. 18, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Call (734) 655-2693 or toll free at 1-877-Why-Weight to register for free

#### Dental practice work

dentists who are considering selling their practice within the next five years to a special sellers workshop 1-4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, at Fifth Third Bank, 217 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. Dentists will have the opportunity to hear from a panel of legal, tax and financial professionals who have personally assisted with the planning and sale of dental practices. They will discuss how to ensure the successful sale of a dental practice for the benefit of seller, buyer, staff and patients, including avoiding common mistakes and unnecessary fees. Cost is \$49, includes 3 continuing education credits (CEUs). Reservations requested by Friday, Aug. 17, by calling (888) 477-7325 or send e-mail to kensmith@

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#### peakdental.com. Plus-size clothing sale

Michigan Bariatric Institute patients at St. Mary Mercy Hospital are selling plus-size clothing they no longer need. There will be gently used clothing for women (sizes 12-32) and men (sizes 38-60, and up to 5XL) 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, on the St. Mary Mercy Hospital grounds and in the auditorium at 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia.

#### Memory walk

Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak. The Alzheimer's Association event raises awareness and funds to fight the disease. To start a team or make a donation, visit www.alzgmc.or or call (248) 351-0280.

#### Upcoming

Walk'n Roll benefit Sunday, Sept. 9, at Kensington Metropark in Milford and Stony Creek Metropark, Shelby Twsp. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with walk kick-off at 10 a.m. Presented by ALS of Michigan to raise funds for Michigan programs and services to benefit people with Lou Gehrig's Disease. For information and to register, call (800) 882-5764 or visit. www.alsofmichigan.org.

#### Dawn Farm fund-raiser 1-6 n.m. Sunday, Sent. 9, at Dawn Farm

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#### Educational classes

The Alliance for the Mentally III begins the fall Families in Action 10-week series of educational classes 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, for family members in the tri-county area whose loved one is experiencing some form of mental illness, at St. Regis parish center in Bloomfield Hills. The objectives of the program are to help families understand the basis of mental illness and discover ways to cope more effectively and help their loved one be as healthy and independent as possible. The cost for 10-sessions is \$20 per person, \$30 per couple, includes a workbook. Since space is limited, call (248) 348-7196 for program and registration information, or register on the AMI website at www.ami.oakland.org.

#### Post-polio conference

Presented by Michigan Polio Network, a nonprofit providing information and education on the late 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 for conference and hotel reservation. Call (248) 476-2477 or (313) 885-7855.

#### Kadima benefit

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the Max M. Fisher Music Center in Detroit. Feátures the music of Joshua Nelson and the Kosher Gospel Singers. Cost is \$100. Call (248) 559-8235, ext. 128. All proceeds will allow Kadima to continue to provide comprehensive treatment programs for people who suffer from mental illness

#### **Diabetes Review**

The American Diabetes Association and Great Lakes Medical Supply hold a series of free, one-hour educational seminars, at the Jewish Vocational Service (JVS), 29699 Southfield Road. Diabetes Review is designed to educate people with the disease about proper diabetes self-care. A certified diabetes educator will speak about diet, exercise, medications, stress, the importance of glucose testing and AIC testing. To register, call Felicia McGee at (888) DIABETES, Ext. 6697. Locations and dates include 11 a m to noon Sept. 29, at Walsh College, 3838 Livernois, Troy; 6-7 p.m. Oct. 9, Royal Oak Public Library, 222 E. 11 Mile, and 11 a.m. to noon Nov. 3, Alfred Noble Branch

#### Library, 32901 Plymouth Rd., Livonia. H.U.G.S. support group

Help, Understanding and Grief Support Group and counseling for parents who have suffered a pregnancy or newborn loss, meet 7-9 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month, at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. For information, call (248) 937-4847. There is no pre-registration required.

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#### RHEUMATOID NODULES

Rheumatoid nodules are small hard bumps that develop in individuals with rheumatoid arthritis. In most casts the nodules form in areas subject to prolonged pressure. Thus, the usual site is the elbow and at the Achilles tendon where the tendon rubs against the back of the shoe

Other favorite sites include the pads of the thumbs because of repetitive rubbing and pressing during the course of daily use. However, rheumatoid nodules can occur anywhere including the eye, the spine, and the lung.

Rheumatoid nodules in the lung present problems for physicians. The chest x-ray has features that mimic a cancer. At times the only way to differentiate a lung cancer from a nodule is to undertake a lung biopsy, which is no small procedure.

Some people with rheumatoid arthritis are subject to large numbers of nodules; they appear in crops on the hands and arms and over the legs and feet. Why some people will develop nodules and other individuals will have a few or even none, is not understood. In general, patients with a large number of nodules have more severe arthritis than patients with few or no nodules.

Treatment for rheumatoid nodules includes injection of a steroid into the middle of the nodule; this therapy is not uniformly successful. Surgeons can remove the nodules, but the nodules tend to return in several months. No medicine as yet, has proved successful in preventing nodules or removing them.

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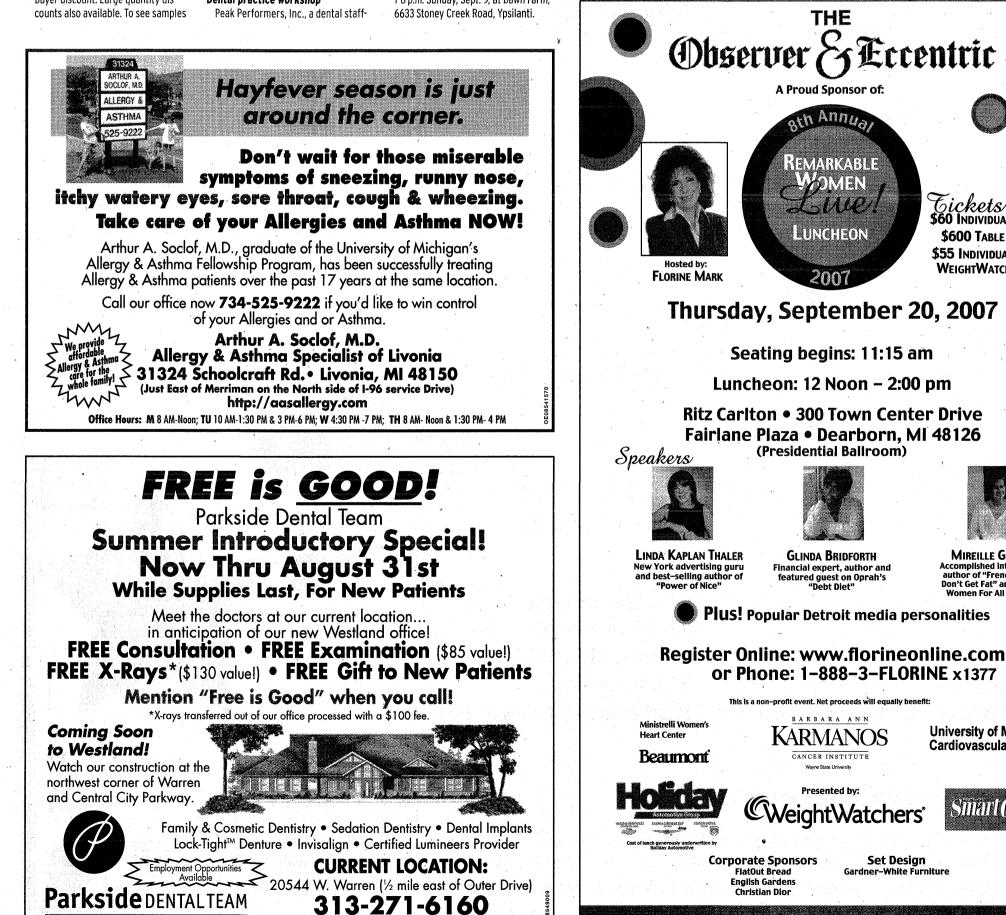
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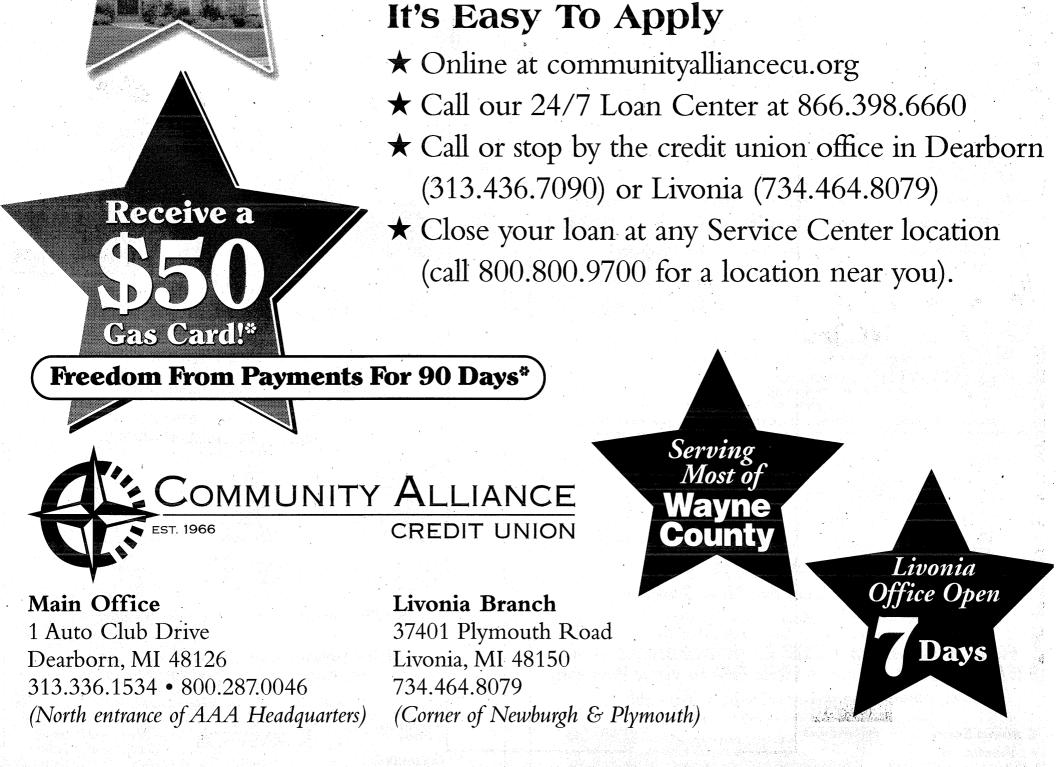
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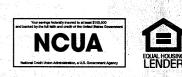
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# Michigan's Bronner's yule shop takes pride in service

**BY JULIE BROWN** STAFF WRITER

If you walk through the doors at Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland in Frankenmuth and ask for a particular item, you won't just be pointed in a certain direction - or have to look hard for help.

The staff and owners at the venerable Christmas store take great pride in their customer service, which brings people back to shop and enjoy each year.

"First of all, we stress 'nice," said Michelle Tolliver, Customer Service assistant supervisor for Bronner's. "We stress 'nice' in all aspects of dealing with customers. Most definitely, we take a lot of pride in that.

"We just stress always being nice and trying to make the customer happy, giving them whatever they need."

That means trusting customers and giving them the benefit of the doubt. "We tend to underpromise and overdeliver," Tolliver said of the store

founded in 1945 by Wally Bronner and his wife, Irene, and still owned by the family.

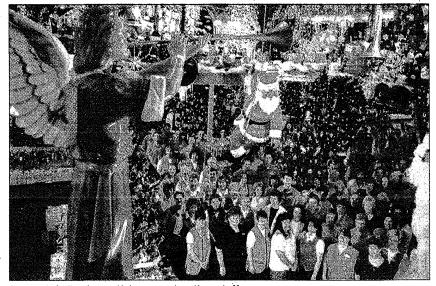
Wally Bronner's in his 80s and with his family still works regularly at the store. "You know who you're working for," Tolliver said. "You know their values."

Bronner's customer service focus includes quick response to phone calls and e-mails, aiming for one-two hours on phone calls and 24-hour replies to e-mails. The store aims to ship merchandise within one-two days, and tries to handle returns involving replacement or credits as quickly as possible.

Tolliver said Bronner's relies on "a lot of word of mouth" to bring customers back. Customer service is heavily stressed in training, with Bronner's having had just over 600 employees last year.

Some Bronner's staffers have worked there 30-40 years, boosting their knowledge of the business and its wares. The store now does business worldwide, Tolliver noted, but still takes pride in good customer service.

"The Internet obviously plays a big part" in Bronner's business now, she said. Customers still find their way to Christmas Lane in person, with about two million visiting a year on



Bronner's in Frankenmuth has many longtime staffers.

the 361 days per year the store's open.

"It's its own little unique niche," Tolliver said of the Christmas store, which sees an upswing in sales in the third and fourth quarter starting with fall color tours, but is still busy all year.

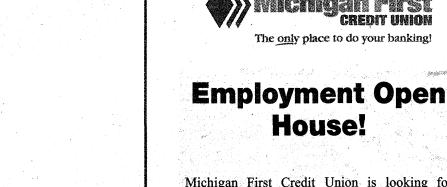
Phones at Bronner's are answered on a tiered system, but there's no maze of numbers to wade through: "As soon as you press that prompt, you speak with a person," Tolliver said. She and her colleagues are proud of their good customer service reputation,

Satisfied customers include Cindy Marriott of Plymouth, who doesn't necessarily have to make the trek. north by car to reach Bronner's.

"I order online from them to get my Christmas lights," said Marriott, a psychologist for a charter school in Detroit. She finds the online customer service good.

"I loved it," Marriott said of visiting the store, which she does every few years. "I love Christmas, I love Bronner's. I have a hard time deciding what to buy."







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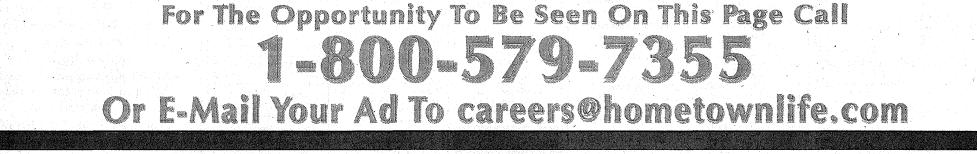
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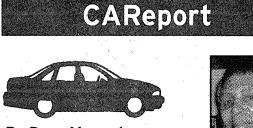
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#### By Dave Menard Avanti News Features

Truck buyers seem to be expecting a lot out their trucks these days. It wasn't that long ago that a truck was supposed to do just one thing – haul cargo – and it wasn't expected to be the most comfortable or luxurious vehicle on the block while doing it. That has changed.

Now, you can get a truck that can haul the biggest load, while at the same time surrounding you in comfort and style, with the latest music and entertainment technology to go along with the latest engineering.

If that sounds appealing to you, and you have more than a few bucks laying around, the 2008 Ford F-250 4x4 Lariat King Ranch might be something to put on your shopping list. This is a big truck, part of Ford's F-Series Super Duty Line that also includes the F-350 and F-450.

The F-250 comes with three choices of cabs, the regular, the Super Cab and the Crew Cab, like the test vehicle, and comes as either a 4x2 or a 4x4, as out test vehicle did. To give you even more choices, the Super Cab and the Crew Cab come in either 6.75-foot or 8-foot bed length versions. Our test truck came as a 6.75-foot model with a 156.2-inch wheelbase; the 8-foot cab comes with a wheelbase of 172.4 inches.

The F-250 Lariat Crew Cab certainly looks the part of a tough truck, but there are some refined styling features on it that mean you won't be embarrassed to park it at a nice restaurant, either.

The F-250 features stacked headlamps, redesigned taillamps and a new grille that sits 4 inches higher than on previous models. The fender flares wear air vents that are color coded to the type of engine under the hood – red for diesel and black for gasoline.

Power-telescoping mirrors are standard, as are cab steps and a sliding rear window. You have your choice of up to 10 different wheel styles in either the standard 17-inch wheels or the optional 18- or 20-inch wheels found on the King Ranch. Our F-250 Lariat King Ranch came with Ford's new 6.4liter Power Stroke twin-turbo diesel V8 engine. This engine is rated at 350 horsepower and 650 lb.-ft. of torque; plenty to

rated at 350 horsepower and 650 lb.-ft. of torque; plenty to get up to speed quickly, particularly with an empty truck bed. The transmission is either the standard 6-speed manual

or the optional 5-speed automatic. The test truck came with the automatic and it shifts smoothly. The automatic comes with a tow/haul feature that changes shift points under acceleration, keeping the truck at a higher rpm and further

up in the power range. Tow/haul also prevents the vehicle from upshifting when it crests a hill and provides downhill braking that allows the



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transmission to downshift to maintain a steady speed going downhill.

Inside, the F-250 Lariat King Ranch is comfortable and loaded. The wood-leather-and-chrome interior features an easy-to-read instrument panel, including a complete compliment of gauges. Controls are logically laid out. The air vents are now round. Not forgetting it's a working truck, the F-250 comes with a large center console that can hold file folders and a laptop computer. The Crew Cab seats up to five adults fairly

The Crew Cab seats up to five adults fairly comfortably. There's plenty of leg, shoulder and head room in the cabin, and the power leather seats (which can be heated) are very comfortable and provide good support. Standard features on the F-250 King Ranch include dualzone automatic temperature control, cruise control, power windows and locks, leather-wrapped steering wheel with audio controls, and a power sliding rear window.

The standard audio system is an AM/FM/CD system with four speakers; you can upgrade to a system that includes a subwoofer and eight speakers. An auxiliary audio jack for your mp3 player is also included.

You can also add a navigation system, and that option will also get you the audiophile audio system. If you need still more, there is also a rear seat DVD entertainment system available, as well as satellite radio.

Ford is also offering a Reverse Vehicle Aid Sensor and a rearview video camera backup system. The Reverse Vehicle Aid Sensor lets you know when you're getting too close to an object, while the camera system consists of a camera mounted in the tailgate bezel and a rear-view mirror display that lets you see what's behind you.

Even with all this luxury, we can't forget this is a truck, and it handles like one. While the ride is fairly smooth and quiet, particularly considering it's a diesel, it can be a bear to maneuver and park. Routine handling is very good; parking and U-turns, as you would expect from a vehicle this size, have to be carefully planned out.

The F-250 comes with four-wheel antilock brakes and they work very well.

The 2008 Ford F-250 Lariat King Ranch 4x4 starts at a little over \$37,000. Add the diesel engine, the automatic transmission, navigation system, satellite radio, rear entertainment system, stowable bed extender, 4x4 off road package, Reverse Vehicle Aid Sensor, bodyside protection moldings and a few other odds and ends and you're at more than \$57,000.

Lots of money for a truck, but if you're looking for something that can handle major work while at the same time providing luxury features, a nice ride and looks sharp, too, you ought to put this truck on your list to check out. Dave Menard can be reached at Avanti1054@aol.com

2008 Ford F-250 Lariat King Ranch Crew Cab 4x4 Vehicle class: Pickup truck. Power: 6.4-liter V8 diesel/five-speed automatic transmission. Mileage: N/A. Where built: Louisville. Base price: \$37,305.

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The Vesta (403-37) was designed for the busy household with many features that makes living easier. As you enter the home, there is a garden window facing the front for the avid herb and spice grower. It is in the kitchen over the double sink. The balance of the kitchen is spread out with a stand-alone area containing the stove and refrigerator. There is also a raised eating bar for those afternoon snack fests with the kids.

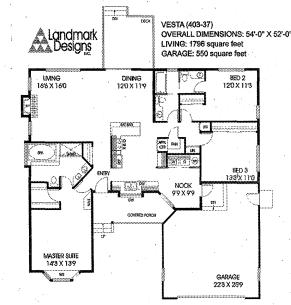
Off the breakfast nook, there is a cabinet area for appliances, dishes, and the walk-in pantry. This area also contains the washer and dryer. By being located in the center of the home, it is convenient to all the rooms. There are two bedrooms on the right side of the home. One bedroom has a long wall closet that runs the full width of the room. The second bedroom has a half bath along with a small wall closet. Off both these rooms are linen closets. Also in this area is a full bath with a tub.

For privacy, the master bedroom has been located on the left front of the home. It has been designed with a beautiful window seat, oval tub spa, and full bath with a shower and "his and her" sinks. There is a large walk-in closet and an area for a stereo or television.

The formal dining room has sliding doors that open onto a small deck. The living room, which is connected to the dining room, has a fireplace with a tile hearth. It is possible to use these two rooms as a great room by combining them. The roomy kitchen area would enhance the openness.

Last, but not least, is the garage. It is set up with one door, but has been designed to hold two cars. There is an open area at the rear of the garage that could hold the workbench for the handyman or the storage area for the lawn mower and gardening supplies. Of course, it could also hold the toys of the family such as skis, sports equipment, or bikes.

This 1,796-square-foot home is ideal for the family with children or for the more mature couple whose children return for visits.



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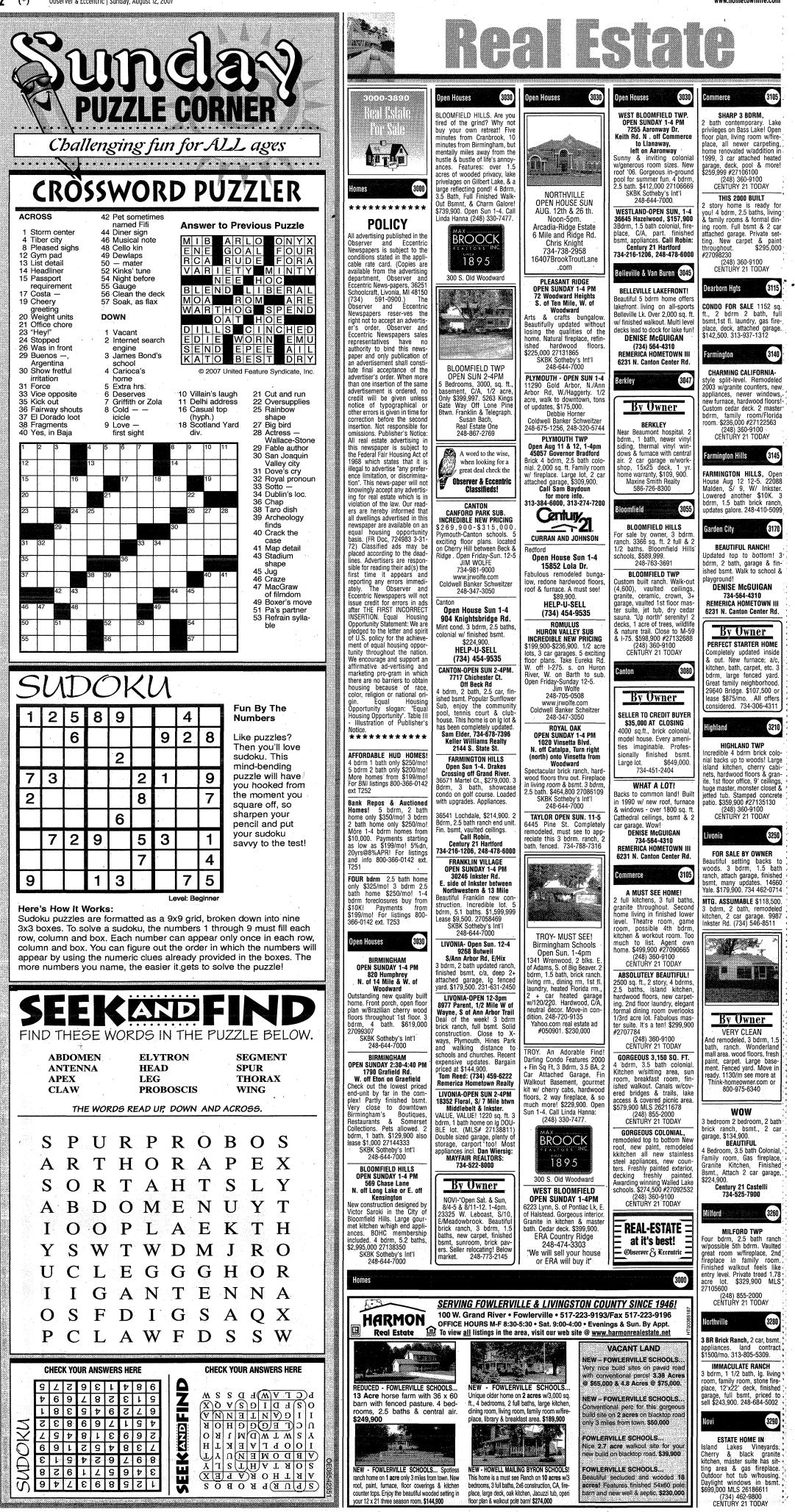


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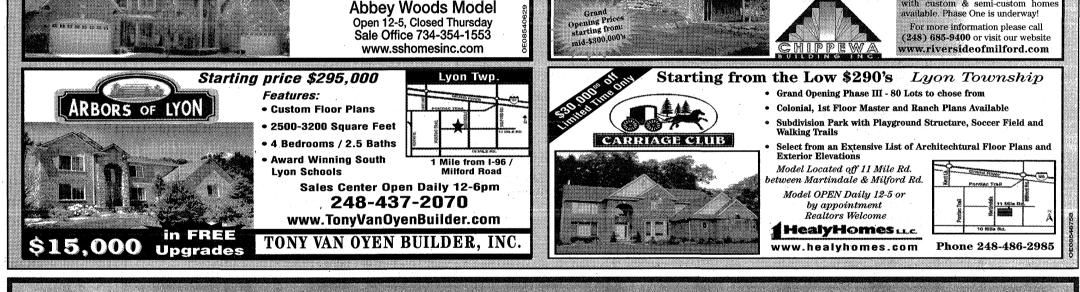
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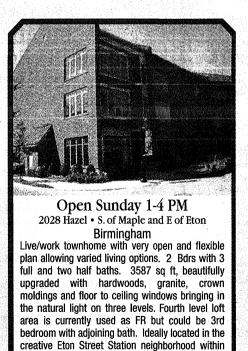
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