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Suspect nabbed in Internet sex sting

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

A Plymouth Township man was arraigned in 31st District Court in Hamtramck Friday morning after being charged with sending sexually explicit images of himself over the Internet to an undercover Wayne County Sheriff's deputy posing as a 13-year-old girl.

Gregory Debrincat, 28, was arrested at his home Wednesday afternoon and charged with two four-year felony counts of illegal use of the Internet and two misdemeanor counts of distributing obscene material to a minor. Judge Paul Paruk set bond at \$10,000. Debrincat's preliminary



Debrincat

examination is scheduled for Aug. 30.

Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans said when Debrincat, who is single, began communicating with the undercover deputy in June, the online chat room conversation almost immediately became sexually suggestive, before turning more graphic.

Evans said Debrincat used a Web camera to expose his genitals to the undercover officer, despite the fact the "girl" said her grandmother was nearby. "When he allegedly sent the images, Mr.

Debrincat did so believing that the young girl was at home with her grandmother nearby," Evans said. "That just shows how shameless these individuals are and how eager they are to traumatize our young children for their own pleasure."

According to Evans, when Debrincat again contacted the officer's online profile he sent her images of himself masturbating.

When deputies arrested Debrincat they also seized his home computer, which they will examine for evidence.

"If our officer chatted with him long enough, the suspect likely would have

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Sweep misses Plymouth targets

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Wayne County Sheriff's Department is looking for two men who avoided capture during Operation Trackdown, a multi-agency felony fugitive sweep Aug. 14-16 through suburban Wayne County.

The sweep was an effort to find offenders who committed crimes such as home inva-

sion, armed robbery, criminal sexual conduct and auto theft. A number of law enforcement agencies were involved because many of the criminals sought live in one community and commit crimes in another.

The task force attempted to arrest two men in Plymouth, 31-year-old Corey Mangan and Galvin Wolfe; however, police

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Bonds paving way for school improvements

Work continues with funds OK'd by taxpayers

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Construction projects at nearly a dozen Plymouth-Canton school buildings are expected to be completed in time for the start of classes on Tuesday, Sept. 4.

"We're still going through the punch lists, but the buildings will be ready for students," said Ken Jacobs, assistant superintendent for administrative services. "One thing we pride ourselves on is being on time and under budget."

This summer's construction projects included complete remodeling at Eriksson, Field, Hoben and Hulsing elementary schools, as well as Pioneer Middle School. The projects included new windows, ceilings, carpet, tile, roofs, air conditioning and a complete paint job.

One of the major projects, which took more than a year to complete, was the \$4.5-million refurbishment of Miller Elementary, where there are now closed classrooms instead of the open school concept in which there were no floor-to-ceiling walls or doors in the classrooms.

"That was a big project, we gutted the whole building," Jacobs said. "It was completed Aug. 1, and the staff is back in the building. We're doing our punch list and getting it ready for the first day."

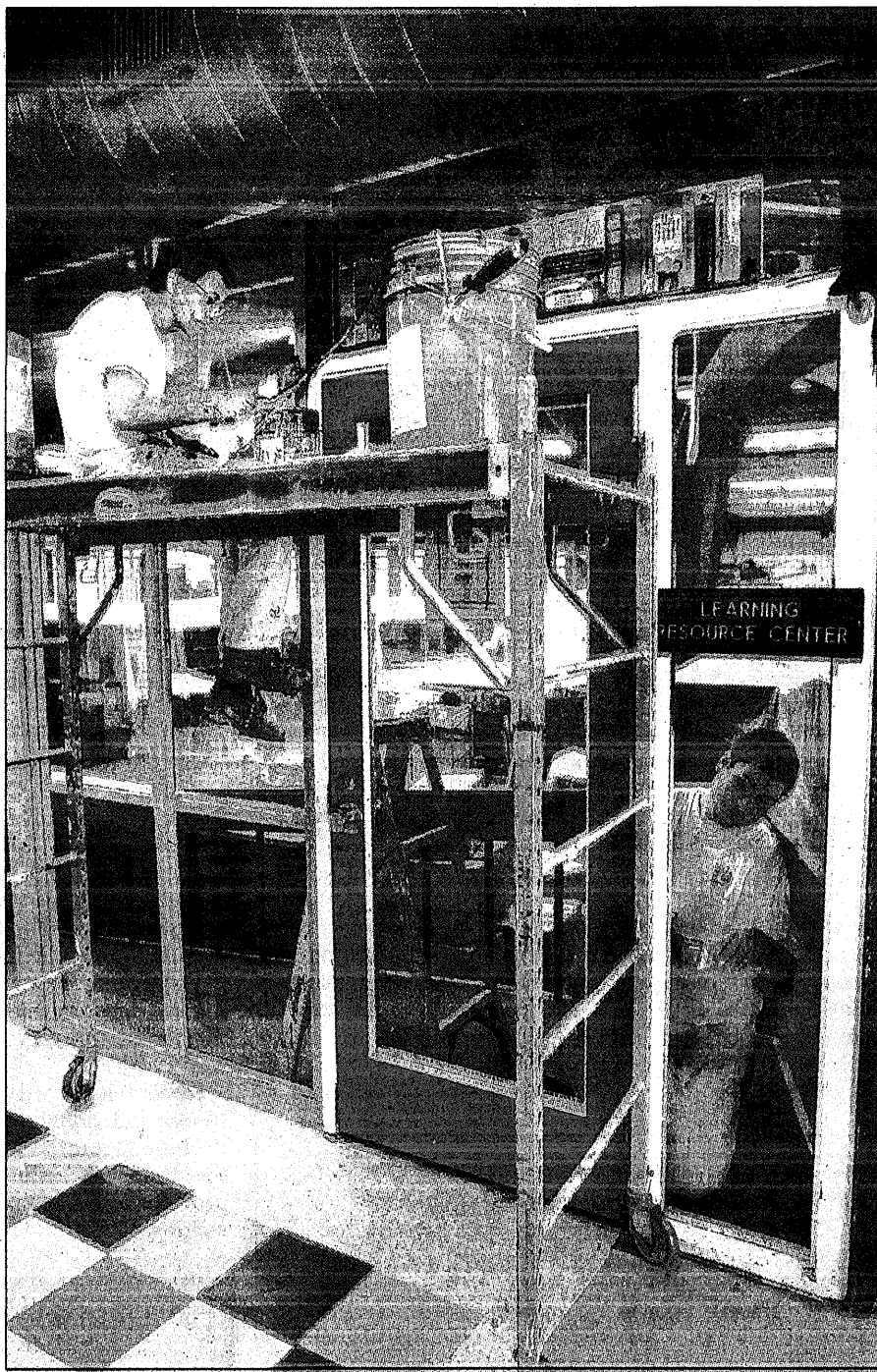
Jacobs said Salem High School will continue to show signs of construction, but it won't be unmanageable for staff and students.

"We are four science rooms short, but we have five swing rooms where we will move them in another part of the building until they are completed," added Jacobs. "We would have liked to have it all done."

"Last year our challenge was getting electrical parts from Mexico," he said. "This year it's getting the cabinetry from Texas."

The three-year, \$10 million heating, ventilation and air conditioning system at Salem has been completed.

Gallimore Elementary has a new



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Pioneer Middle School had major heating and air conditioning work done. Donald Corbett, working under the ductwork, and Tasso Liangis paints the doorframe at the entrance to the learning resource center.

gymnasium/cafeteria floor. West Middle School, as well as Farrand and Fiegel elementaries, are getting improvements to parking lots, as well as separate bus drop-off and parent pick-up loops.

A big challenge for Jacobs has been Mother Nature. With all the recent rain, getting asphalt in the parking lots has

been delayed. "We're fortunate to have all our sites ready for asphalt," Jacobs said. "We hope to have it down on Monday and Tuesday."

This is the third year of the district's

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Endowment passes 2 million-dollar mark

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Community United Way has topped the \$1 million mark in an endowment fund that will eventually be used to defray administrative costs and allow the PCUW to give 100 percent of its contributions to charities.

Thursday's Tee Off for a Friend golf outing at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center was the richest ever for the PCUW, netting more than \$200,000 for the nonprofit organization and pushing the endowment fund past the \$1 million mark.

The three main sponsors for the golf outing each year are Johnson Controls, DTE Energy and Visteon.

"I just think it shows that even in this type of economy, people appreciate what the Plymouth Community United Way is doing," said Terry Nadeau, vice president and general manager of purchasing at Johnson Controls, Inc., the lead sponsor of this year's event. "It's times like this

that bring a community together. We were really supported by all the suppliers of JCI, DTE and Visteon."

This week's event was the ninth golf outing, with proceeds over the years jumping by leaps and bounds.

"It's really incredible that we've been able to continue the momentum we've built up over the last nine years," said Greg Foster, PCUW chairman of the board. "We started out with \$13,000 and are now to the point where we passed the \$200,000 mark this year."

"It's an amazing feat, and a lot of dedication and hard work," he added. "We can begin to tap the endowment and utilize some of that money for administration, which means more of the funds can go to the agencies we support."

A special recognition was given to Chuck Harvey of Johnson Controls, who spearheaded the establishment of the PCUW's endowment fund.

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More than 350 golfers took part in Thursday's Tee Off for a Friend golf outing, which pushed the Plymouth Community United Way endowment past the \$1 million mark.

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Coming Thursday in Filter

Filter revs up for a weekend of racing, art and music during 3 Days in The D.

Ladies' Night Out

Ladies are invited to attend the fourth-annual Ladies Night Out Plymouth Style 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13. The evening, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, is designed as a night for the ladies to do some shopping and get pampered while enjoying an evening out on the town.

Participants can visit the participating stores and enjoy unique refreshments, enter to win gift baskets, receive free giveaways, and be papered with mini-makeovers, hand treatments and massages. In addition, some participants will offer special discounts on in-store merchandise.

Participating stores this year include B.E. Unique Co., Clearly You, Dearborn Jewelers, Delta Diamond Setters & Jewelers, Eclectic Home, Gabriela's, Gigi's Mode, Hands on Leather, Haven, Lynn's Corner Shoppe, Maggie & Me, Merle Norman, Michigan Made & More, Native West, Nature's Choice, Penn Theatre, sideways, Spa Julianna, That's Awesome, TranquilTea, Vanity Salon, Village Shopkeeper and others. Maps will be available that evening to identify all participating businesses.

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

Taste of Greece

The third-annual "A Taste of Greece Festival" takes place Sept. 14-16 at the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church grounds, 39851 Five Mile Road (near Haggerty) in Plymouth.

The event features Greek food, pastry, live Greek music and traditional Greek dancing, a Kids' Korner with crafts, treats and inflatable rides, a Greek market, Taverna and Coffee House.

Parking is available in the Bosch Corp., parking lot adjacent to the festival, please use the Haggerty Road entrance.

For more info, call (734) 420-0131 or visit the Web site at www.atasteofgreecefestival.com

Chorale auditions
The BeckRidge Chorale announced it will conduct auditions for its upcoming season. Auditions will be by appointment only. To schedule an appointment or for more information call (734) 416-9885, e-mail Beckridgechorale@aol.com or visit the group's Web site at www.plycommunitychorus.org

Beautification awards

Nominations are being sought for the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's annual business beautification awards.

For the past 10 years, the chamber has presented Beautification Awards to acknowledge those businesses "who strive to make the Plymouth Community a more beautiful place to do business." Winners have included every type of business, from small retail to larger corporate companies.

Nominations are eligible in three exterior categories: renovation, landscaping and new construction. Nominated businesses must be located in the City or Township of Plymouth.

Anyone who would like to nominate a business must do so in writing. The deadline for nominations is Sept. 20. Mail, fax or e-mail nominations to The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, 850 w. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI 48170; fax to (734) 453-1724; or e-mail chamber@plymouthmi.org.

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

Senior Fest

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

The picnic takes place 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, at Waterford Bend Park, Six Mile and Northville roads.

Tickets must be purchased by Sept. 6 at the PCCA office. Tickets cost \$6 for members, \$7 for guests. A box lunch, entertainment, prizes and vendors are included.

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

Wedding workshop

A wedding workshop, designed to couples-to-be can enjoy a stress-free and cost-effective wedding by spending just 90 minutes with a variety of experts, has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, at the Meeting House Grand Ballroom in downtown Plymouth.

The workshop is arranged like speed dating, or musical chairs, but it's all about meeting wedding experts who can help couples plan the event of a lifetime. The panel of experts include: Photography, Florist, D.J., Videography, Invitations, Honeymoon Travel, Bridal Accessories, Chair Covers, Cakes, Decorating, Catering, Reception Halls, and Engraving.

The wedding experts not only will offer tips on how to better plan and prepare for the wedding but also will give advice on how to save money and reduce expenses. Organizers stress the panelists are not there to sell products or services.

The workshop is free of charge to those who make reservations in advance; tickets



PEZ collection

Children keep lining up to check their answers in pursuit of the Library's PEZ prize gift basket. The Plymouth District Library has a new exhibit in the new lower-level youth entry. Almost 100 PEZ dispensers are smiling out at library visitors young and old. Created in Vienna in 1927, the candy was originally called Pfefferminz and was to serve as a smoking deterrent. Shortened to PEZ, the candies caught on and by 1955 were marketed to children as the company placed small heads on the dispensers. The Library is asking patrons to identify ten special PEZ dispensers - a winner of a PEZ gift basket will be given to one individual drawn from all correct contest entries in late September.

will cost \$10 at the door. To make a reservation or for more information, call (734) 453-8872.

Perennial exchange

The Trailwood Garden Club sponsors a Perennial Exchange at the Plymouth Fall Festival 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8.

The exchange is open to members of the community on a "bring something, take something" basis at no charge. The club, a member of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association, will be set up at the east end of Kellogg Park, opposite the Wilcox House.

For more information, call (734) 459-7146.

Grief support

Ward Presbyterian Church sponsors an eight-week grief workshop, "From Grief to New Hope," beginning Sept. 10.

This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough of Plymouth, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville. Each session will begin with a presentation about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Attendees will be placed in groups with others who have had similar losses.

The workshop will meet for eight consecutive Monday nights from 7-8:45 p.m. at Ward Church located on 6 Mile and Haggerty in Northville. For registration information call Barb at

Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5943. For information about other age and loss specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support call (248) 348-0115.

Corn Maze help

The folks at Maybury Farm in Northville need volunteers for the Maybury Farm Corn Maze, which begins Friday, Sept. 21 and runs through Oct. 30. Volunteers are needed on Fridays from 4:30-9 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays (first shift) 12:15-5 p.m. or (second shift) 4:30-9 p.m. Volunteers do not have to work every weekend.

Drivers are also needed who can drive the wagons with either a tractor or team of horses.

To volunteer or for more information, call Shari Peters, president of the Northville Community Foundation, (248) 374-0200.

Artists needed

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging is looking for volunteer artists for a creative display project for The Plymouth Community Council on Aging.

Sports background or the simple love of baseball would be helpful. The project will be needed by Oct. 8.

Interested artists should call Bobbie at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 for more information.

Kindergarten seats

New Morning School still

has several seats available in its 2007-2008 kindergarten program. New Morning School has expanded its kindergarten program so that students and their families can choose from half day classes during the morning or afternoon, as well as a full-day option. High-quality before and after school care is also available.

New Morning School offers a unique learning environment for kindergarten students ages 4-1/2 to 7. The challenging and developmentally-appropriate academic curriculum is based on the latest brain research, and focuses on hands-on, project-oriented learning. The program fosters development of the whole child, resulting in love of learning and high self-esteem.

To find out more, call 734.420.3331 or visit the school's Web site at www.new-morningschool.com

Crafter call

The Plymouth Historical Museum is seeking crafters for its second-annual Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1. 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://plymouth-history.org/craft/craftshow.pdf> or at the Plymouth Historical Museum. Hand-crafted items only, please.

The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for its Craft Show that takes place during the Fall Festival Sept. 7-9, 2007.

Ten-by-ten foot spots will cost \$75 per day or \$200 for the three-day weekend. Jewelry vendors will be juried this year and have an earlier deadline of June 30.

Applications are available to download at www.plymouthfallfestival.com or for more information call Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614.

Golf benefit

Conestoga-Rovers & Associates sponsors its 12th-annual Cal Branigan Memorial Golf Outing, a charity event benefiting Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne.

The event was established in 1995 to honor Cal Branigan, a former CRA employee who died of a heart attack. Branigan was a hardworking, dedicated individual who was well respected by his co-workers and clients.

This year's outing takes place at Northville Hills Golf Club, 15565 Bay Hill Drive, in Northville, Thursday, Sept. 20. Registration, cart assignment and warm-up starts at 10:30 a.m., with a noon shotgun start. A buffet dinner, with awards, prizes and gifts, starts at 6 p.m.

For more information, call (734) 667-4653.

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.

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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.

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@ymcamedetroit.org

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 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.newhopecenter.net or call Pattie Bingham, (248) 348-0115.

Delta Kappa Gamma show

Delta Kappa Gamma's 21st-annual scholarship craft and home show will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20 at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail (southwest corner of Sheldon and Ann Arbor Trail) in Plymouth.

The show will feature more than 100 juried crafters and home vendors. Admission \$2.

Call (734) 254-0849 or e-mail sweisz59@comcast.net for more information on the show or about exhibiting crafts.

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Back in style

Owner opens new salon with focus on customers

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Dawn Connors had already worked with Jacinda Burdziak at four other hair salons, so when her long-time friend told her she was opening her own salon in downtown Plymouth, joining her wasn't a difficult decision.

And now she's glad she did, because Burdziak's new venture, Vanity Salon, appears to be gaining momentum.

"It's absolutely outstanding, because it's all about the customer," said Connors.

"(Burdziak) is very successful in the salon industry, she runs a very professional salon, and what I like about her as a businesswoman is what goes for one goes for all. She doesn't have special rules for special people."

It's a rule Burdziak is applying at Vanity, her second salon venture (she also is a former owner of Plymouth's Salon Trio). She and husband John opened Vanity last month, after John - a builder by trade - got it built out from a design they did together.

It's a return to entrepreneurship for Jacinda, who sold her interest in Salon Trio after she and John married in 2001. The couple wanted to focus on starting a family and sold Trio "to free up our time and focus on that," according to John.

Now, with daughter Ava now 4 and daughter Lola is 1, the Burdziaks decided it was time to get back in.

"It took some convincing on my part," John said with a laugh.

The one caveat the couple, who live in Canton, decided early on was they'd own their own building, not seek a place to rent. They wanted somewhere with great parking that would draw heavy foot traffic, and found just such a building in the 3,000-square-foot space on Penniman.

In addition to the great location, building ownership also helps the couple secure some



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The two-floor, 3,000-square-foot Vanity Salon opened last month on Penniman, across from the post office.

financial stability for the burgeoning family.

"We were only interested in owning the building," John said. "It was in keeping with our life change and our family ... we did it for them. The intent was for the future of our daughters. That's really important to us."

Once that was settled, Jacinda began gathering her staff, which now numbers more than 30. In addition to more than two dozen stylists, she brought in two nail technicians, a barber to handle men's hair and an aesthetician specializing in skin care, facials

and body waxing.

Jacinda, who celebrates 20 years in the industry in October, has worked with nearly all of them at some point.

"I think I'm a good businesswoman, especially in terms of customer service," Jacinda said. "I make an effort to make sure everyone's fairly treated. Nothing's about me, it's all about (the stylists)."

The salon is designed with all of that in mind. It's an airy two floors, with 17 styling/color chairs. In addition to shopping locally when possible, the Burdziaks brought in

VANITY PLATES

- What: Vanity Salon grand opening
- Where: 857 Penniman (across from the post office)
- When: 7 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Oct. 20
- What: Event will feature appetizers, entertainment and refreshments
- For details: (734) 459-7777

a lot of fixtures from Italy. The salon is painted with warm, natural textures.

None of the stylists are on staff; all of them are independent contractors. Jacinda takes a rental fee, and the stylists earn their own money.

"My whole goal, my vision, was an upscale, independent contractor salon focused on customer service," Jacinda said. "Everyone loves the spaciousness the salon offers. The energy is very positive. It's definitely a good vibe."

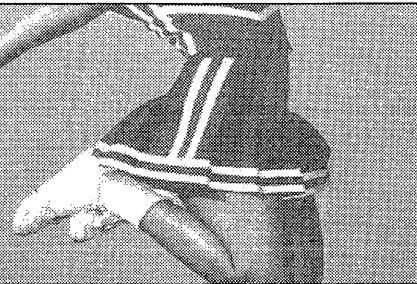
She'll keep the staff well-educated with in-salon seminars and workshops, keeping up with what she said are

ever-changing trends in the industry.

"Education is important; it keeps you current and motivated," Jacinda said. "Fashion changes by the season, and you have to keep up with the trends. This industry changes so much, if you don't, you can get stagnant."

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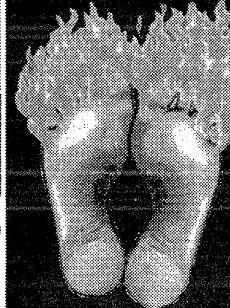
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Downtown crawl to benefit Penn pals

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

The Old Village Restaurant Crawl has been a successful staple of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's calendar for years.

Last year came the first such crawl - where diners get to sample specialties from various participating restaurants - came to the eateries of downtown Plymouth with the first "PENN-taste-tic" to benefit the chamber and the Friends of the Penn Theatre.

Now, chamber officials are hoping for an even more-successful downtown crawl, having corralled 18 restaurants to participate in the second-annual event 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for people to find out how good our downtown restaurants really are," said Fran Toney, the

chamber's executive director. "We were very encouraged by the attendance at the first one last year, and we look forward to an even better event this year."

Organizers have added a small twist to the event for its second go-round: Diners will be able to vote for their favorite restaurant. The 18 participating eateries include 1999 Tavern, Box Bar, Café Bon Homme, Compari's on the Park, Coldstone Creamery, E.G. Nick's, Fiamma Grille, Grape Expectations, Little Bangkok, Jimmy John's, Panera Bread, Sean O'Callaghan's Public House, Starbucks, The Penn Grill, House of Fudge, Boule Artisan Bakery, 336 Main and Kennitz Fine Candy.

While chamber programs will benefit from the crawl, it will also help the grass-roots organization that saved the historic Penn Theatre.

"we're happy they've chosen us to benefit from the crawl," said Ellen Elliott, executive director of the Friends. "It helps with awareness that the Penn's back open. It's surprising, but people still don't know we're open, even though it's been almost a year."

"The crawl also helps with exposure, not just for us but for the restaurants," she said. "It gets people into restaurants they might not otherwise go into."

Tickets must be purchased in advance and are only available at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce office at 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail, in downtown Plymouth. Adult tickets are \$25 each, and children 10 and under are \$15.

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

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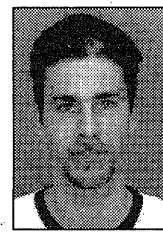
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were not able to find the pair at their last known addresses.

According to task force officials, Mangan lived in Plymouth in November 2006 when a warrant was issued for his arrest after he failed to appear for his sentencing on a felony stolen car case. At that time, Mangan lived on Amber Court, and is believed to still be in the area.

Police say Wolfe lived in Plymouth in 1993 when he



Mangan

Plymouth area.

Despite not finding the two Plymouth men, Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans said Operation Trackdown was a success.

"The numbers were significant, over 150 arrests in three

violated terms of his probation after being sentenced for a third-offense drunken driving charge. Authorities say they aren't so sure Wolfe still resides in the

days," Evans said. "What we've historically seen is some crime reduction for a short period of time when you grab that number of people in a geographic area. More importantly, it's the continued growth of cooperation and collaboration among the departments," he added. "We need to integrate the resources we have because it's to the public's benefit, the training and conditioning will help in any emergency. In a homeland security-related issue, it could be the big difference between life and death for a lot of people."

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attempted a sexual rendezvous," Evans said. "However, we already had enough evidence to arrest him and we wanted to get him off the street before he had a chance to victimize a real child."

Debrincat is the 132nd suspected child predator to be arrested by the Sheriff's Internet Crimes Unit in the

past three-and-a-half years, with the unit maintaining a 100-percent conviction rate.

"The issue, particularly for me, is that the number of predators is staggering," Evans said. "The number of solicitations our officers get are in the hundreds per person, and it's only the tip of the iceberg."

Evans said the Internet Crimes Unit consists of only a handful of officers, which makes it difficult to keep up with the number of online predators.

"In our economy, we can't hire new officers to handle the epidemic, and we need the help of parents and grandparents to police Internet usage in the household, and if they suspect anything suspicious to give us a call," Evans said. "These aren't just predators who reside locally, it's a nationwide network of people with perversions that drive or fly here to harm our kids."

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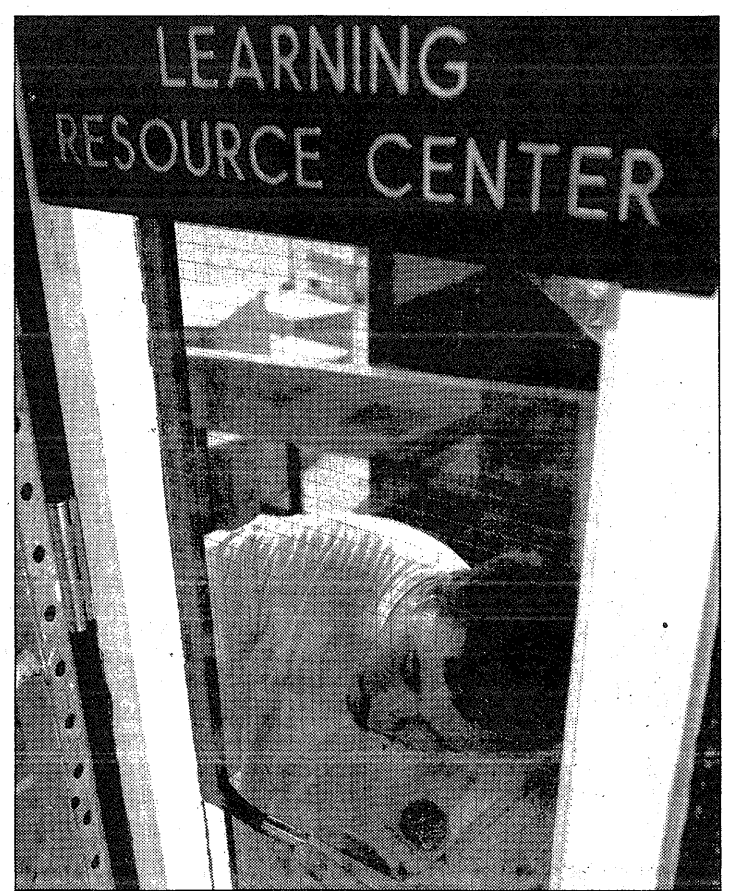
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five-year renovation plan, which is funded by the 2004 bond revenues.

Board of Education trustees have heard the complaint by some district residents the renovations are using funds that could be used pay for educational programs in the classroom.

"The money that our community so graciously approved in the past to improve our schools can't be used, by state law, to operate our schools," said Trustee Steven Sneiderman. "We can pass bonds to improve the buildings, but not for such things as busing, teacher's salaries or buying educational materials."

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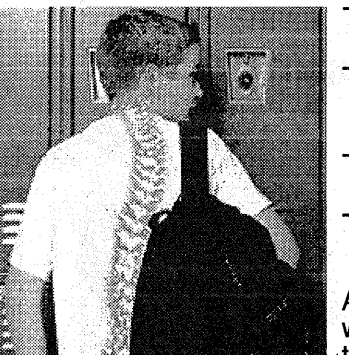


The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that backpack-related injuries resulted in over 6,500 injuries in 2000 alone.

Most backpack injuries are caused by excessive weight distributed unevenly on the back and shoulder. A recent study in Italy found that the average child carries a backpack that would be the equivalent of a 39-pound burden for a 176-pound man or a 29-pound burden for a 132-pound woman. Of those children carrying heavy backpacks to school, 60 percent had experienced back pain as a result. A good indicator of an overweight backpack is to look at your child's posture. If he or she leans or bends forward, the backpack is most likely too heavy. Backpack weight should be no more than 5 to

10 percent of the child's weight. You can calculate the recommended weight simply by taking your child's weight and dividing it by 10.

The American Chiropractic Association (ACA) offers the following suggestions to help in the prevention of backpack related pain:



- Buy a smaller backpack. This way, your child will only carry the necessities
- Distribute the contents evenly. The heaviest items should be close to the body. These items should also be flat to prevent poking or rubbing the back.
- Talk to teachers about sending handouts and workbooks home instead of textbooks.
- Talk to your child about the risks of back and neck strain. Teach them to lift heavy objects properly. Bend at the knees and not with the back.

A second common backpack related pain is associated with the misuse of the shoulder straps. As many as one third of backpack users in the 8 to 12 year old range don't carry their backpacks properly. The majority of children

wear their backpacks slung over one shoulder putting all the weight on one side of the body.

When it comes to straps, parents should remember these tips from the ACA:

- Make sure the straps and back are padded. Unpadded straps can be irritating to the shoulder
- Make sure your child uses both shoulder straps. This distributes the weight evenly and can help in preventing misalignment of the spine and muscle fatigue.
- Use backpacks that have a strap around the hips. This helps with weight distribution.
- Adjust the straps to fit your child. The backpack should be no more than two to four inches below the waist.

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Residents raise concerns about Lilley Road project

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Everything was going fine until Katherine Gothard saw her swimming pool in a picture.

"It was almost like a fluke," she said. "I said, 'Whoa, hello, wait a minute.'"

Gothard, 47, has lived in her Hanford Road home since 1989 and felt compelled to attend a recent meeting to learn about the township's plans to reconstruct a section of Lilley Road.

The project, which is scheduled to begin Monday, will cover a mile-long stretch of Lilley from Ford to Warren. In addition to widening the road, enclosing a storm sewer system and replacing the existing bridge over Willow Creek, creating right-turn lanes on the northeast and southwest corners of Lilley and Hanford could be tacked onto the construction.

The intersection was previ-

ously named one of 34 that the township needed to improve within 10 years by Canton's intersection action committee.

"Since we are doing work in the area, it moved up the list," said Township Engineer Todd J. Zilincik, who added that talks of altering the intersection are premature. "Nothing is set in stone," he said.

The \$1.9 million Lilley Road project is slated to wrap up in mid-November and is designed to lessen traffic congestion, improve the safety of making left turns, fill in sidewalk gaps and improve drainage. More than 15,000 vehicles travel the road everyday, but it will only be open to local traffic during construction.

The state will pay 80 percent of the project's cost while Wayne County will kick in the remaining 20 percent. Zilincik said the township will cover \$40,000 for the sidewalk additions.

Candice Clifton, 29, moved

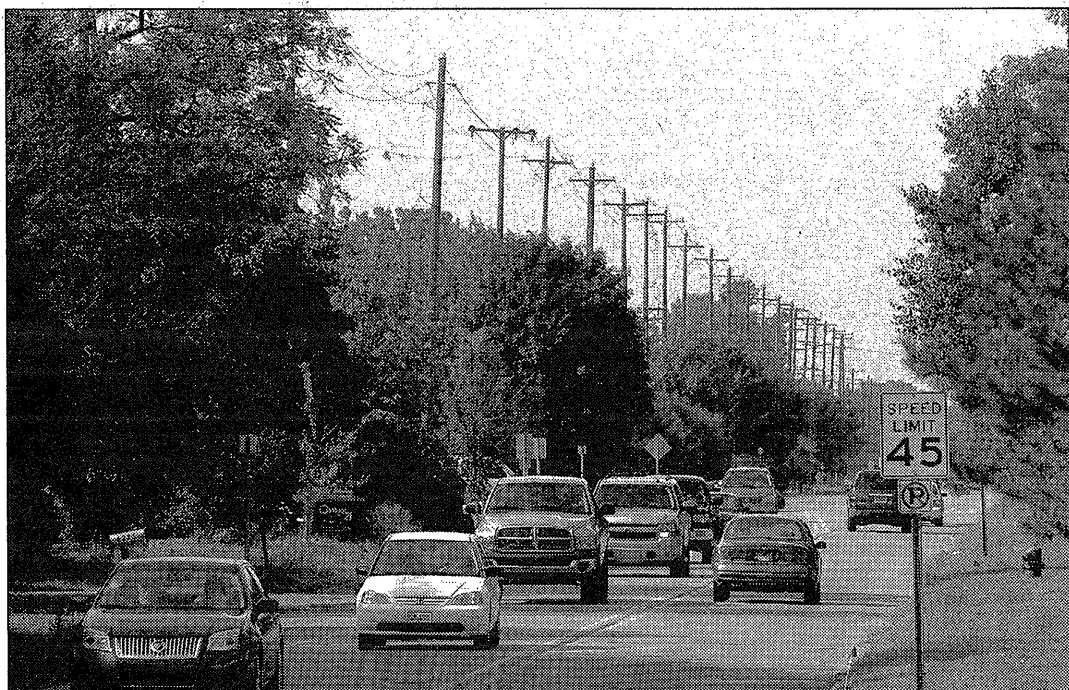
across the street from Gothard four years ago and said her suspicions were raised when she noticed a surveyor outside her home last month.

"I asked what was going on and he told me that he didn't know," she said, adding that her husband later called township offices to inquire about the situation. "They said the work had absolutely nothing to do with Hanford and we breathed a sigh of relief."

Gothard, who raised her concerns at the meeting, said she felt ambushed when she saw an aerial photograph of the area that featured the right-turn lanes on Hanford.

"When were they planning on telling us," she asked angrily.

Hanford Road resident Billie Wright-Ericson received a notice about the informational meeting, but decided to forego it since she had no major concerns about the project. She was unaware of potential plans



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The reconstruction of Lilley Road from Ford Road north to Warren Road will start Monday.

to improve the Lilley/Hanford intersection.

"I wish we would have been told," she said.

Wright-Ericson lives in the first home off of the southwest corner of the intersection and stands to lose the tree that her twin daughters play under. The 3-year-old girls are disabled and mainly play in the front

yard because one of them can't maneuver her wheeled walker in the family's backyard.

"I will not feel comfortable having them out there if cars can get that close to them," she said.

If the intersection project does move forward, Zilincik said officials will meet with the affected homeowners to get

their feedback and opinions.

"It seems like (Gothard) is trying to stop this before it gets out of the gate," he said.

If the talks go smoothly, there's no guarantee the work could happen within the Lilley Road construction time frame, he said.

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Vigil aims to convince U.S. to end Iraq war

Local members of the liberal political action committee MoveOn.org will hold a candlelight vigil to call on Congress to vote to end the war in September.

The local group hopes the vigil, set for 7 p.m. Tuesday in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park, will convince U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, (R-Livonia), to vote to end the war.

"It's time for the Bush Administration to stop looking

through rose-colored glasses and realize that the surge has been a total failure," said Bob Mosher, local MoveOn member. "Rep. McCotter must 'Stand Up in September' and vote to end this religious civil war that can't be won."

Participants in the vigil will read from a "War Toll Calendar" to honor and remember the soldiers that have died in the past year in the war in Iraq.

Vigils like this one are part of national Take A Stand Day, a coordinated day of action to end the war initiated by the Americans Against Escalation in Iraq coalition, including MoveOn.org Political Action, VoteVets.org, the Service Employees International Union, True Majority and others, Mosher said.

A similar vigil a few weeks ago in Kellogg Park drew a sparse crowd.

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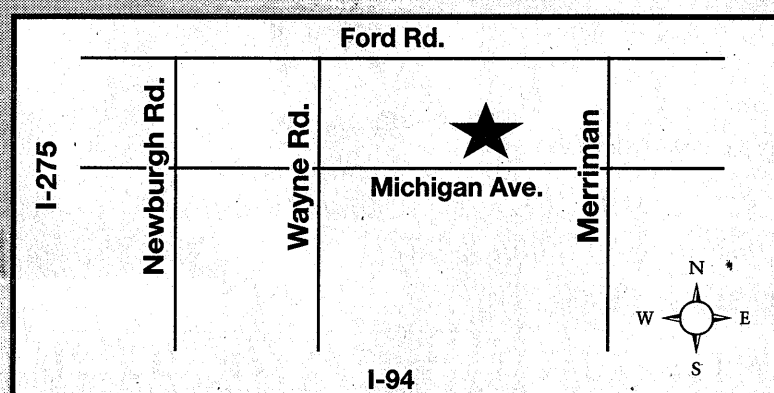
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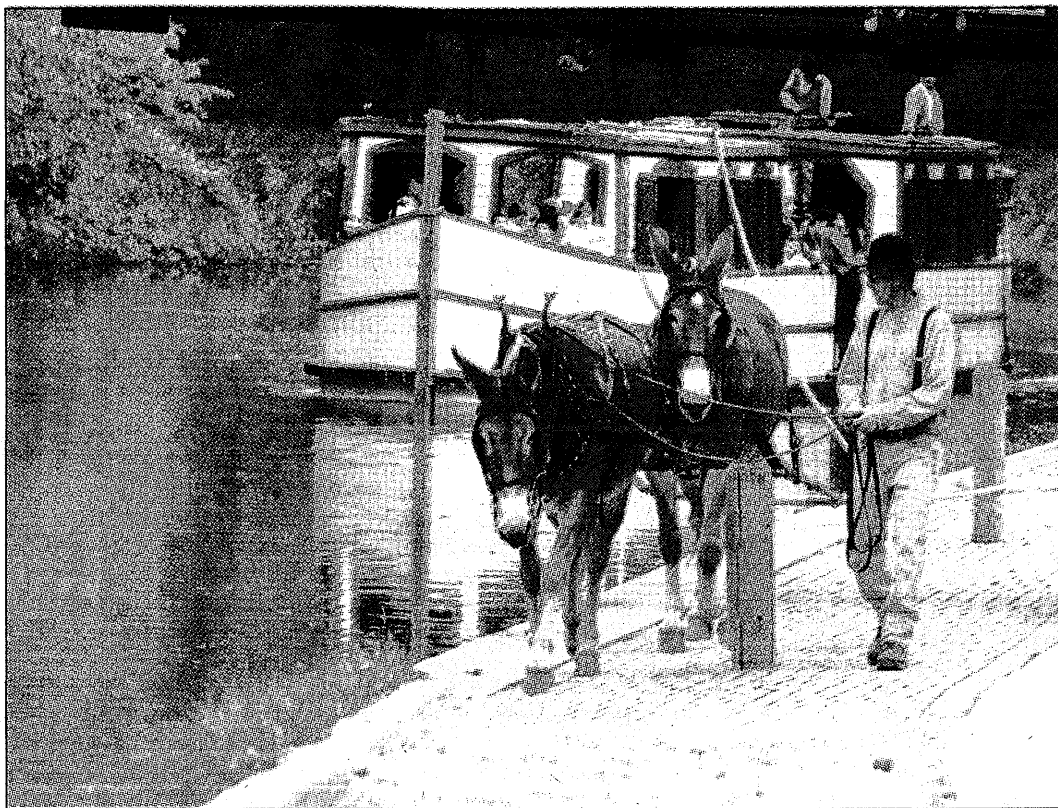
Excursion includes historic canal, train rides

The Royal Oak-based Bluewater Michigan Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society is sponsoring "Canal Boats and Railroad Tour," a one-day excursion Saturday, Sept. 8, to Waterville, Ohio, to see the Ohio canal boat system.

"Most Detroiters are unaware of the extensive Ohio canal boat system, which operated within 60 miles of here from the 1830s until the early 20th Century," said Bluewater Chapter Trip Chairman Jim Bradford.

The Canal Boats and Railroads Tour departs from The Henry Ford Centennial Library at 16301 Michigan Avenue in Dearborn by deluxe motor coach at 9 a.m. for Waterville, Ohio, southwest of Toledo. The Toledo Area MetroParks have restored locks and a section of the 1830s Miami & Erie Canal, which ran from Toledo, Ohio on Lake Erie to Cincinnati on the Ohio River.

Trip highlights include a leisurely one-hour trip up the canal on The Volunteer, an 1830s mule-drawn canal boat replica. Featured are stops at the Isaac Ludwig Mill operating saw and grist mill, an opportunity to shop in the General Store offering collectibles and gifts, a view of the large 19th Century Lock



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The tour then heads to Smitty's for a late 2 p.m. lunch. After lunch, there's a short jaunt to the Nickel Plate Road railroad depot in Waterville for a 90-minute train ride on the Toledo, Lake Erie & Western

Railway's Bluebird passenger train pulled by an 1950s Alco diesel locomotive.

Tickets are \$85.00 per person and must be ordered in advance.

Included are the motor-coach, canal boat ride, lunch at Smitty's, and the train ride. For more information or to order tickets using VISA,

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Writers group holds songwriters seminar

The Detroit Writer's Guild Songwriters Seminar will be 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at the second floor ballroom of the Student Center, Wayne State University.

The seminar for aspiring songwriters will include converting poetry to songs, melodies, rhythms, copyrights, songwriter's contracts, publishing, sampled music and music loops, collaborating, and other legal matters. Learn from professionals in the business such as Eric Morgeson (Studio A), Melvin Moy (Masterpiece Studios) Joel Howton (Musician / Arranger), Stephanie Hammonds

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For more info: visit www.detroitwritersguild.com or call Sharon Floyd, 313-862-9453. The Writer's Guild is a non-profit organization.

Ask about fire safety on your child's college campus

When you start packing your children up for college, consider their fire safety while they are away from home. The 2006-07 academic year was the most fatal one on record, as compiled by Campus

Firewatch, a group dedicated to making colleges and universities across America fire safe.

There have been 20 campus-related fire deaths in the past academic year, and the total of campus-related fire fatalities since January 2000 until present is an astounding 113. These are young men and women who died while away to prepare for their future.

Ask college representatives how many fires have occurred in the past year, and find out if the residence halls are equipped with automatic fire sprinkler systems. There has been nothing more effective in saving lives from fire by having a working automatic fire sprinkler system. Unlike the movies, only the sprinkler head(s) closest to the fire will activate. This will usually control or contain the fire until the fire

department arrives.

Another lifesaving device that is necessary is a smoke alarm. Hopefully your child's college has a fire alarm system. If they do not, purchase a battery-operated smoke alarm for their room. They are simple to mount (or keep on top of a dresser), and easy to maintain. You may need to give your child a call to remind them to change the batteries at least once a year. By having working smoke alarms, the chances that you will die in a fire decrease by half. Make sure you have

working smoke alarms in your home, and test them regularly.

Find out if candles and Halogen lamps are prohibited in the dorm rooms. If they are not, they should be. If they are not prohibited, let your child know how dangerous these items can be. Unattended candles can easily find combustibles in small dorm rooms and Halogen lamps have bulbs that operate at temperatures over 1,000 Degrees Fahrenheit.

Go over the fire alarm procedure with your child before leaving them on their own.

Find the stairs out of the building, and practice using them. Find out where the fire extinguishers are located and make sure your child knows how to use them. Locate the fire alarm system and review how to use the alarm system, as well.

Your child may be leaving home for an extended period while away at college. If you have not discussed the items outlined above, take a few minutes to do so

Tom Kiurski is a Livonia firefighter.



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Road rally
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The Fourth Annual Hope Charity Golf Classic will be held at Travis Pointe Country Club Sept. 17. The event is open to the public and will include lunch, golf, a cocktail hour, dinner, and live auction. Proceeds will benefit Hope Clinic, an interdenominational Christian non-profit organization located in Ypsilanti, was founded in 1982 to provide free medical care to the uninsured. All donations are tax deductible. Non-golfers who wish to take part have the option to attend only the evening events. To sign up or for more information contact Melissa Burkhardt at (734) 484-2989 or e-mail mburkhardt@thehopeclinic.org

Ballet auditions
The Ann Arbor Civic Ballet holds open auditions 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20 at Sylvia Studio of Dance, 3900 Jackson Road, Suite 6, in Ann Arbor. Experienced male and female dancers 12 years of age and older are invited to audition. Women should bring pointe shoes. Call (734) 668-8066 or visit www.annarbortcivicalballet.com for more information.

Gardeners meet
The Gardeners of Northville & Novi meets the second Tuesday of the month September through May at 6:30 p.m. Locations rotate between Novi Civic Center and the Northville Library. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call (248) 231-2334 or visit our Web site www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org

Beating stress
Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, a holistic physician and clinical nutritionist, presents "Beat Stress - Be Happy," a workshop designed to reduce stress, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile in Livonia. Learn what you can do to help increase your ability to handle stress through diet, nutrition, exercise, and lifestyle changes. No charge for this class. Limited seating, reservation required. Phone (734) 756-6904 to make a reservation.

Annual pottery sale
The Ann Arbor Art Center Art

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Fall Harvest Festival
Plans for the Grass Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce's Fall Harvest Festival, which takes place Sept. 15, in this quiet farming community are progressing. Artists, crafters, and businesses will line the village main street, while five farms will be open for tours from the Jackson County Family Farm Fest event. The Michigan's Center for the Photographic Arts Fall Focus Festival will feature the photographic art of 800 children from the area, as well as hayrides, fresh cider and donuts, and horse and buggy rides through the village. Quality live musical entertainment, including "The Shyguys," winners of the Grass Lake Third Annual Battle of the Bands, will play during the entire event in the gazebo/depot park area, and food vendors will be available at the site throughout the day. For more information on this event, visit www.dalefisherphoto.com and view or download a brochure with more information.



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Amy Sun, a Canton resident and eighth grader at East Middle School, has been chosen out of 1,600 campers to play violin in the Blue Lake International Youth Symphony Orchestra. She has played the violin for seven years, and is the concertmaster of the DSO Civic Philharmonic Orchestra and the Plymouth Canton Community School's orchestra. Amy wishes to play the violin professionally in the future. The Blue Lake International Youth Symphony Orchestra is composed of the top high school musicians from around the country, and the orchestra tours the Midwest United States and Europe, where musicians stay with host families while performing in historic concert halls. However, the cost of the program is more than \$5,000 per student. Amy Sun has already raised funds from baby-sitting and tutoring small children, but she needs additional help. To make a donation on her account, contact Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp at (800) 221-3796.

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

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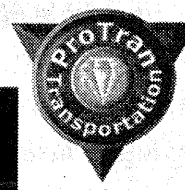
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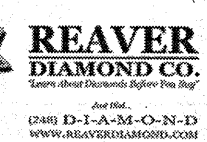
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For the first time, Mannington Mills has added an additional award category,

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Debra Bonde

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Murder suspect says her statements to police should be thrown out

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER



Poole

Carol Poole says she has a good reason why the courts should suppress the statements she made to police after her foster daughter, Allison Newsman, was rushed to the hospital: "I was so out of it." Poole, who has been charged with felony murder, first-degree child abuse and involuntary manslaughter in the death of the 2-year-old child, took the stand Friday during an evidence hearing in Detroit.

"I did not have the presence of mind that day to voice logical thoughts," she said. While admitting to making up three lies of how Allison got the injuries that caused her death in September, Poole, 42, testified that she was unable to think clearly when she spoke with Canton detectives. "My state of mind was do-

what they tell me to do," she said, adding that her only focus was on being with Allison in the hospital. Poole's attorney, Mark Satawa, previously called a forensic psychologist who testified that she had "emotionally and psychologically collapsed" before giving her statement to police. During her testimony Friday, Poole's voice quivered and cracked at moments and she told the court that she was nervous. Allison's paternal grandfather, Kenneth Newman, sighed

sarcastically when Poole said she was suicidal after the toddler's death. "I didn't want to live my life without her," Poole said. Newman's wife, Debbie, wiped away tears when Poole began to talk about Allison's injuries. "She's trying to cover her guilt," she said. "This is all a big act." When Satawa asked why she signed and initialed a form waiving her Miranda rights, Poole answered, "because they told me to." Under cross examination,

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Jerry Dorsey IV attempted to refute Poole's claim that she felt threatened by the police by saying she had been allowed to use her cell phone while in the back of a police cruiser and that she had been free to go home that night. Poole said she offered multiple stories to police because she wanted to end the questioning as soon as possible. "I wasn't thinking," she said. "I wanted to get out of that room." Poole offered four stories

for Allison's injuries including that she had bumped her head in bed, fell from a vanity and fell in a bathtub. The last story she told, which she says is the truth, is that she and Allison were playing "whirlybird" when the child accidentally flew over a second-story balcony. Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Ulysses W. Boykin will hear arguments from Satawa and Dorsey regarding the police statements on Sept. 21.

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Hacker Golf Scramble tees up Sept. 9 for MS

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
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A family of duffers faced with a loved one's diagnosis of a debilitating disease of the central nervous system is putting the call out, again, to all golfers to pick up their clubs

and play a round for charity. Barring that, they'd at least like people to come out and eat for charity, which is just as good.

The Fifth Annual Hacker Golf Scramble, a benefit golf outing raising money for Multiple Sclerosis outreach and research, is being held again this year starting at 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at Beacon Hill Golf Club, 6011 Majestic Oaks Drive, in Commerce Township.

Scott and Ruth Crichton lived in Redford for 46 years. Years ago, their niece was diagnosed with MS and the family struggled to find some way to help.

"We couldn't really do anything for her personally," Scott Crichton said. "We decided we'd do what we could to raise money to help wipe out the disease. I and a lot of my friends are golfers and an outing was a practical way to raise money and have a good time."

In the four previous years of the fund raiser, the Hacker Scramble has raised more than \$46,000 for MS research. This year, they're hoping to crack the \$60,000 mark.

"We usually get between 110 and 140 golfers," he said. "The vast majority are golfers but there are some people who just

come for the dinner." Tickets to participate in the scramble are \$100 and dinner-only tickets are \$50. In both cases, \$25 of every ticket goes directly for the cause.

The effort is still looking for corporate sponsors as well as participants. A donation of \$200 will get a company logo or business card on an 11-by-17-inch placard at an individual tee and information about the company in a package of information given to every golfer.

The big sponsorship, the business that will give away large prizes to hole-in-one golfers, so far is Shuman Chrysler Jeep in Walled Lake.

"They're giving away car, a trip and a set of golf clubs," said sponsorship Manager Debbie Huet. "Last year they were giving away a Chrysler Crossfire."

National MS Society Michigan Chapter vice president for marketing and development Leslie Kota describes events like the Hacker Scramble as third-party events and vital to the work the chapter does.

"The National MS Society puts on a variety of events like the MS Walks and Bike Tours to raise funds," she said. "Hacker and events like it are

third-party: We don't organize them, other people take on the responsibility of organizing them for us. They're absolutely important, every dollar is helpful towards our mission."

Of course, the National MS Society is working to eradicate the disease, but that's not all they do. Kota said there are an estimated 16,000 people living with the disease in Michigan and each person with the disease represents another seven who are impacted.

The Michigan chapter expects to raise more than \$3 million over 2007 and about \$275,000 of that is expected to come from third-party events like the Hacker Scramble.

The National MS Society has a number of programs and services dedicated to helping families and caregivers of MS patients and events like the Hacker Scramble go a long way toward keeping those programs up and running.

Attendance at the event is limited to the first 144 golfers and 56 dinner guests. To participate in the scramble or to merely have dinner, contact the Crichtons at (248) 684-0020 or e-mail at schricton@comcast.net.

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Shutting down government won't cure the state's ills

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Shut down the government and blame it on the Republicans? Make those patented Granholm five-hankie speeches? Tow the tame media around for some visuals of closed-down parks — maybe with a sobbing little kid outside a chained-shut gate and then make the speech for higher taxes? Heck, it worked for Clinton against Newt Gingrich, so why not? Actually, there are lots of reasons. A shutdown is a stunt and a very risky gamble. It's unnecessary, irresponsible and dangerous.

It's dangerous because a shutdown throws the state's string-and-duct-taped financial condition into a maelstrom of uncertainty. And folks, Michigan's fiscal state is even more dicey than you think. Michigan can't afford any more explosions, and those billion-plus operating deficits are just the tip of the iceberg.

Let's start with the biggest bomb, the same one that's all but blown up the U.S. automakers: legacy costs. Pensions aren't the real problem, it's "OPEB" or "Other Post-Employment Benefits," basically everything but the pension — mainly health care. The state has been paying OPEB costs on a pay-as-you-go basis, which is like covering the minimum on your credit card.

But a new accounting rule is coming into effect called GASB 45, which will require governments to get actuarially determined figures for their OPEB costs and carry them on the books as liabilities. Michigan's unfunded liability for public employees, including teachers, is estimated by Credit Suisse to be \$22.745 billion.

That \$22.745 billion liability compares to total state government assets of \$30.427 billion. That includes the Mackinac Bridge, state parks, Mackinac Island, the Capitol Building, etc. Even more daunting, the new financial guidelines strongly prefer pre-funding of these liabilities, so Michigan has to start putting money aside for this huge obligation, as well as rethinking whether it can continue to promise these benefits to future employees.

But this won't be so easy. At the same time we have to start putting money aside, we

find ourselves with less money in the bank. A recent publication from the non-partisan Citizens' Research Council, "Michigan's Deteriorating Cash Position," explains it all.

Briefly, "From fiscal year-end 2000 through fiscal year-end 20003, Michigan exhausted over \$2.99 billion in its major funds cash reserves (General, School Aid and Budget Stabilization Funds) to support spending in excess of ongoing revenues. As of fiscal year-end 2006 major cash fund balances were negative \$1.3 billion, a net change of more than \$4.2 billion over six years." In other words, instead of balancing spending to income, we blew through over \$4 billion of cash reserves.

This is dire — and damning. It started under Engler, but accelerated under Granholm. We spent more than we took in and ate up our savings, all to stave off making the hard choices, as well as the day of reckoning. Well, that day isn't here, but it's coming fast. This fiscal fecklessness has left our coffers so bare that even if Michigan wanted to save money by converting teachers to a defined contribution plan, we lack the cash to do it.

Not only that, but the drained reserve means we lack a cushion for routine cash-flow situations. The state collects money in the latter part of the fiscal year with property taxes, but has major payouts in the School Aid Fund in August. Michigan could find itself in a cash crunch which it can only cover by borrowing — yet we're currently at our constitutional limit for short-term borrowing. Hence School Aid and General Fund have borrowed from other state funds to meet daily needs and the manageable pool of common cash is lowest since 1992.

Folks, this is not a situation to be solved by pulling higher taxes out of a magician's hat. Michigan needs plain old-fashioned fiscal prudence, and willingness to look at both reality and the bottom line squarely. A final thought from MIRS News: "Since Gov. Jennifer Granholm issued her latest moratorium on new hires, transfers and promotions on March 29, the state Budget Office has granted at least 2,373 exceptions, the state budget office confirmed." That's \$40 million worth! Brave words and bold initiatives only work if you really do them.

A House committee on OPEB obligations is now meeting and seems to be facing the problem unflinchingly. Granholm needs to do the same, and above all avoid the dangerous, reckless political gamble of a government shutdown. Michigan's fiscal house is too shaky to be playing with dynamite.

Chuck Moss (R-Birmingham) represents the state House 40th District.



Chuck Moss

College-bound? Here's a list to make and check twice — and more

Even though Christmas is four holidays away, parents of high school seniors are already making their list and checking it twice. But this list is about getting back to school. Pencils? Check. Assignment book, organizer, or electronic planner with optional music download capability? Check. Pre-faded jeans with factory-installed rips and a waistline that's miles away from your child's waist? A tough call.

List of colleges to consider for life after high school?



Patrick O'Connor

If this last item isn't on your list, you're not alone, and you're not too late, but it's time to get busy. The good news here is this item is easy to achieve. Unlike back-to-school shopping, which involves many stops and lots of snacks, developing a list of colleges to consider only involves two steps and lots of snacks.

For some parents, the biggest challenge in making plans for college is making them with their child, not for their child. Senior year comes at a time when students want to make their own decisions about everything, which is natural. But parents have an interest in their child's college plans, since college plans have a direct impact on their child's future, the relationship parents will have with their adult child, and of course, their household budget, as parents determine the best way to pay for college.

So step one is to buy a pizza. Sitting down over a family snack is a great way to begin the college discussion. Parents start the conversation by saying they want to make sure they're doing everything they can to help their senior without hassling them — so you'll all sit down once a week to discuss college. Parents can find out how college plans are going, and the student doesn't have to worry about getting ambushed with a college question on the way out the door with their friends Friday night. And if the student wants to talk about college some other time, that's a bonus — as long as they avoid ambushes, too.

After about two or three of these weekly family meetings, the second step is the school counselor's office. The counselor is the person who will be processing the paperwork for your child's college applications, so you want to make sure everyone is working off of the same information about the application process, and focusing on your child's interests and needs.

Having an adult in the high school who supports your child's college plans is a tremendous bonus. For many schools, however, counselors are challenged with an enormous number of students to serve; the national average is over

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500 students per counselor, and some counselors have caseloads over 1,000. The key here is to build a good relationship with the counselor, support your child, and respect the counselor's time, all at once. Begin this relationship by calling the counseling office for a 20-minute appointment in early September with the counselor, the parents, and the senior. At the meeting, the parents should ask the following five questions:

■ What should my child focus on as a student this year? "Senior year isn't just about prom and graduation — it's another year for the student to learn more about themselves and the world around them. The counselor may have some ideas on how you child can reach that goal. This is the perfect time to hear them.

■ Can we tell you a little about our child that we think would help you with their college plans? Very few counselors will say "no" when you ask this question, so this is your chance to share your insights into your child's life after high school. Just be sure to keep it to about 3-5 minutes — practice at home before going to the meeting.

■ Does my child have a realistic list of colleges? To be fair to the counselor, have your child drop this list off to the counselor a few days before the meeting.

■ What are the deadlines for submitting applications to you? With so many students to work with, the deadline to get the applications to the counselor is probably earlier than the date the applications are due to the college. Make sure you know these earlier dates, since missing them can cause delays and close options.

■ What's the best way to get in touch with you? Most counselors are either e-mail or phone people, so you want to find out the method that's going to get your questions answered the fastest.

These two simple steps will go along way in building a solid college plan in a way that meets everyone's needs and probably leave time to buy more school supplies to boot!

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Bandit hitting unlocked cars at day care centers

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Canton police are on the lookout for a thief that is stealing purses and other items from unlocked cars at a number of Canton day care centers.

According to Sgt. Rick Pomorski, it is believed the same man has hit at least three day care facilities in the last couple weeks, beginning Aug. 13 at Rosey's Romper Room on Canton Center Road. Child Time, located on Lilley Road, was hit twice -- Aug. 17 and again on Thursday. Wee Care, located on Palmer Road, was hit on Wednesday.

In each case, the bandit

has waited in the parking lot for a parent to pull up and take their child inside. Once they are inside, the thief pulls up next to the car, and steals purses or other items, including a diaper bag. Pomorski said all the cars were left unlocked.

Police were able to get surveillance video from Rosey's Romper Room, which shows a male driving a white or light colored SUV, most likely a Jeep. Pomorski said the video footage isn't the best, but they believe the suspect is a male (either white or a light skinned black) with black hair.

"This guy will spend 15-20 minutes in the parking lot early in the morning,

just waiting for a parent to pull up. In some cases, the cars have even been left running, and this guy takes advantage of it," Pomorski said.

After stealing the purses, the suspect has traveled to local Meijer stores and the BP gas station at Ford and Haggerty to use the victim's credit cards.

In addition to locking their cars, Pomorski said parents should be on the lookout for the bandit, so they can contact police.

"Anyone that sees a suspicious vehicle, likely a Jeep with a lone male in it, they should report it. We would like to get a license plate number," he said.

175 years and counting

Church celebrates its past, rejoices in present

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Nestled in the heart of downtown Wayne is a church with a magnificent claim to fame.

It's the First United Methodist Church of Wayne, and it's celebrating 175 years.

It started in 1832 with only a handful of people.

"They met in people's houses," said longtime church member Keith DeMolay of Westland.

Now it has about 250 members who come from such communities as Wayne, Westland, Garden City, Livonia, Canton, Redford, Romulus and Inkster.

Located at 3 Town Square, in an area tucked between east and west Michigan Avenue, it was first called the Union Church. It has had several building changes and now is housed in what was the old Wayne Bank.

A church has stood on the current site since 1862, and the congregation traces its roots back to 1832, when Andrew Jackson was the country's president.

It was five years before Michigan became a state and 29 years before the Civil War started. It was just 56 years after the Declaration of Independence was written.

Winnifred Story, an 89-year-old great-grandmother, has been attending the church since she was 11 years old. She still has a doll handed down by a grandmother who went to the old Union Church.

"I don't miss church unless I'm sick," Story said, sitting inside a church meeting room with a group of members. "It's a big part of my life, and these are my friends."

The First United Methodist Church got its own building in 1862, and a newer church from 1929 still stands on the site and is mostly used for storage. The current sanctuary, with an incredibly high ceiling that slopes heavenward, was built in 1956.

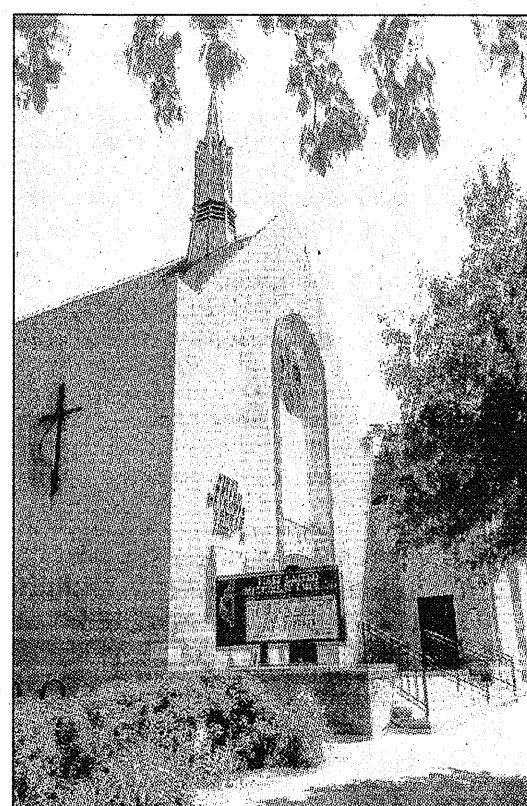
An original bell from the 1929 church has been taken down, but it is proudly displayed on the church grounds.

In one area of the sprawling church complex, members have decorated a wall with old pictures, news articles and other memorabilia celebrating the 175th anniversary. In all, the church has had 67 pastors, including the current Rev. David Stewart.

"This is a wonderful place to worship God," said longtime member Sally Nitzel, 64, who attends with 66-year-old husband Larry.

The church is having a year-long celebration that included a picnic Saturday in Goudy Park in Wayne.

Activities included everything from old-fashioned sack races to face-painting to music by the Praise & Worship Band. Church members



The First United Methodist Church of Wayne's current sanctuary, with its vaulted ceiling, was built in 1956.

also have been sporting their commemorative T-shirts.

The congregation helps the community in numerous ways:

■ Wayne resident Sandy Ofiara, 62, said the church provides emergency food to residents in the Wayne and Westland area.

As she talked about her church, she turned to proudly display these words on the back of her maroon T-shirt: Celebrating the Past, Rejoicing in the Present, Praying for the Future. Serving Christ in Wayne, Michigan, for 175 years, 1832-2007.

■ Westland resident Jan Podgers, 72, said the congregation works with other churches to offer a warming center for the homeless at Full Gospel Temple in Westland. She also said church members at Christmastime fill shoeboxes with presents that are sent to less fortunate people around the world, and they send aid to children in Haiti.

Church members concede that they would like to draw more young people into the fold to ensure that their church survives for many years to come.

"We don't have many young people," DeMolay said, "but we keep praying that everything will be OK."

If the church's history is any indication, it certainly will be.

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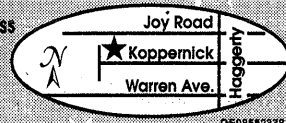
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Lisa Sasaki serves as the chairman of golf outings, volunteers several hours a month to charities, participates in a golf league, plays regularly on a competitive over-30 soccer team and participates on a recreation softball squad. She's also a vice president at Comerica.

Never a dull moment

Volunteering, participating in sports consume Sasaki's 'free' time

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Versatile volunteer

Just call Lisa Sasaki the "anti-couch potato."

Who has time to settle into an easy chair and channel surf when you're serving as the chairman of golf outings, volunteering several hours a month to charities, participating in a golf league, playing regularly on a competitive over-30 soccer team and participating on a recreation softball squad?

Oh, and she's also a vice president at Comerica, a position that requires frequent travel.

How does the 42-year-old Canton resident fit all these activities into her Franklin Planner? With a potent combination of enthusiasm, boundless energy and an enviable passion to help those in need.

"As a volunteer, Lisa is very, very committed to our cause," said Cameron Hosner, the president of Vista Maria, a Dearborn Heights-based charity that assists abused, neglected and poverty-stricken women and children. "She's one of those people who has come in and really made a difference. We're privileged to have her knowledge and support."

"Vista Maria needs to raise around \$600,000 a year just to break even. It's people like Lisa who make it possible."

Sasaki's role is a multi-faceted one at Vista Maria. She has served as a chairperson for the organization's Women-Fore-Women Charity Golf Outing, which recently raised \$13,000 for Vista Maria. Sasaki also donates time as a Vista Marie fund-development advisor and as the treasurer of the Clara B. Ford Charter Academy, which will open soon on a 42-acre spread located near the intersection of Warren and Outer Drive in Dearborn Heights.

"It's cool being able to help make a difference in some of these young girls' lives," said Sasaki, a native of Chicago and graduate of the University of Michigan. "When you talk to some of these girls and you realize the abuse and neglect they've lived through in their short lives, it makes you realize how fortunate most of us are."

"The time I put into Vista Maria is well worth it."

Sports of all sorts

Sasaki admitted her two favorite athletic endeavors are soccer and golf. She's a defender for the Michigan Magic, which competes in the "A" Division of the 42-team Great Lakes Women's Soccer League.

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THE SASAKI FILE

Name: Lisa Sasaki;
Age: 42;
Home: Canton;
Birthplace: Chicago;
College attended: University of Michigan;
Profession: Vice president at Comerica;
Interests: Volunteers several hours a month at Vista Maria, a charitable organization that offers intensive core treatment services to women and children who have been abused and neglected; she also participates in a number of sports, including golf, soccer and softball;
On volunteering at Vista Maria: "When you talk to some of these girls and you realize the abuse and neglect they've lived through in their short lives, it makes you realize how fortunate most of us are."

PREP SOCCER

Pilots can barely fly over Salem kickers

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem's relatively young and inexperienced boys soccer team grew up in a hurry Thursday night against state power Warren DeLaSalle.

Almost too quickly, as far as the Pilots were concerned.

The Rocks battled to the end before falling, 2-1, to the host Pilots. It was the season-opener for both squads.

"Obviously, I wasn't happy with the outcome, but I couldn't have been more pleased with how we played," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "It's beneficial to play outstanding teams like DeLaSalle early in the season because you can learn a lot about your team and what things we need to work on."

McCarthy was complimentary when it came to the play of first-year varsity goalkeeper Sasa Mirkovic.

The sophomore stopped 12 Pilot shots.

"A couple of Sasa's saves were tremendous," said McCarthy.

Trailing 1-0 at the half, Salem drew even 15 minutes into the second half when Garrett Rogers headed in a pin-point pass from Alex Tramel.

"Alex did a great job of getting the ball on the flank quickly before crossing a pass in Garrett's direction," said McCarthy. "Then Garrett just outjumped the defense and headed the ball past their diving keeper."

DeLaSalle scored the game-winner with approximately 20 minutes left.

"We had a few opportunities at the end, but we couldn't finish," said McCarthy.

Salem will square off with cross-campus rival Plymouth Monday at 7 p.m. at the P-CEP varsity soccer field.

W.L. CENTRAL 2, PLYMOUTH 0

On Wednesday in a WLAA cross-over game played on the P-CEP turf stadium, the Vikings posted a shutout in both teams' season debuts.

"It was a disappointing effort," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich. "We played OK late in the first half and midway in the second, but we have to be more consistent."

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Sidelines

Rocks fall

Salem's football team opened its 2007 season with a 29-18 setback at Pinckney Friday night. Details of the game were not available as of Friday night's deadline.

Youth hoop league

Madonna University will stage a Sunday Youth Basketball League beginning Sunday, Sept. 9 through Oct. 28, at the MU Activities Center.

Ages 10-12 will report at 3 p.m. followed by ages 13-15 at 5 p.m. on Sept. 9. Each day will consist of a skill-building session and a league game.

Included in the \$100 cost is league jersey, league games (plus play-offs) and skill building drills.

For more information, call (734) 398-5975 or (734) 432-5591.

Run Like Wind 5K

The ninth annual Run Like the Wind 10-kilometer run and 5K run-walk starts at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 1, at the Nankin Mills Picnic Area in Hines Park in Westland.

All proceeds will go back to the sport of running through support of youth track clubs and the Michigan Running Foundation Scholarship Fund.

Race day fees are \$20 (with shirt) and \$15 (no shirt).

Awards and a special prize will go to the overall and masters (40-and-up) male and female winners. Medals will also be awarded to the top three finishers in each age group.

For more information, call Chuck Block at (517) 702-0226.

Kickball league

Canton Leisure Services will be offering a fall adult kickball league Sept. 10 to Oct. 22. The Monday night league includes doubleheaders that will be played at the Canton Sports Center. Game times will rotate between 6:30-7:30 p.m. and 8:45-9:45 p.m. Team registration is \$250.

There is also a \$10 referee fee per team per game paid at the field. Awards will go to league and playoff champions.

You can register in person at the Summit on the Park; or by calling (734) 483-5600 beginning Aug. 8.

Coaches: Please call

The area's high school coaches are encouraged to call in results of their games to Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright, who can be reached at (734) 953-2108 or at ewright@hometownlife.com.

The deadline for Sunday editions is 11 p.m. Friday; the deadline for Thursday editions is 11 p.m. on Tuesday.

'Hahn'orable mention

Sophomore to lead Plymouth runners

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY PREVIEW



Kelly Hahn

"Kelly is not only a great runner, but she has a fantastic attitude," Kerwin noted. "She's very coachable and does everything she's asked."

Kerwin got her first glimpse of Hahn's talent at last year's Division 1 Regional track meet at the P-CEP stadium.

"I saw her run the two-mile and she ran a great race," said Kerwin. "The thing that impressed me the most was that she was sprinting at the end even though there was no one around her."

A pair of juniors — Beth Heldmeyer and Molly Slavens —

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Sensational second

The Michigan Nationals U12 girls soccer team, which included several Observerland-area players, was runner-up at the U.S. Club Soccer National Cup tournament in Burlington, N.C. earlier this month. The team, which is made up of girls from five southern Michigan soccer clubs, lost in a shootout to Soccerop of Charlotte, N.C., in the championship contest. The team went undefeated at a Regional tournament in Indianapolis, outscoring their foes, 13-0. Pictured (front row from left) are Emily Bush, Megan Buckingham, Caroline Egan, Danielle Glogovsky, Jennifer Thelen, Margaret Metzger, Suzanne Miller, (back row from left) head coach Andy Vanover, Anna Turnbull (Canton Celtic), Tori Norris, Gina Goble (Canton Celtic), Claire McHugh, Jenny Fichera, Rachel Winters (Canton Celtic), Cassidy Ebach, Madi Lewis (Canton Celtic), Leah Hill and assistant coach Sarah Mudry.

RUNNERS

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will give the Wildcats a potent 1-2-3 punch. Heldmeyer was the lone Plymouth runner to qualify for the D1 state meet in 2006 while Slavens has already earned two varsity letters.

"Both Beth and Molly have been among our top runners the previous two years," said Kerwin. "Beth is a very steady, consistent runner. She puts everything she has into everything she does. She has the heart of a lion."

"Molly's been one of our top seven runners the past three years. She's a great leader; she gets all of the girls involved in everything."

Plymouth's top five will be rounded out by seniors Pam Bhullar and Lauren Ahearn, both of whom will serve as captains.

"Pam is a brilliant girl, she's very smart and it shows in her running," said Kerwin. "She's a very hard worker. You ask her to jump and she asks, 'How high?'"

Returning contributors Paula Green and Julie Forrester, both sophomores, are the early-season No. 6 and 7 runners. Seniors Katie Balaze, Annie Bergmans and Laura Hahn — Kelly's older sister — will provide valuable depth to the Wildcats' cause.

SALEM

The perennially strong Rocks endured a rebuilding year in 2006 as four-year star Hannah Cavicchio (who now runs for Grand Valley State University) was the lone Salem runner to

advance to the D1 state meet. Veteran coach Dave Gerlach is banking on a group of young but unproven harriers to lead the Rocks back toward the road to success.

"I'm positively optimistic," said Gerlach, whose teams were regular participants at the D1 state meet prior to last season. "We were a little down last year and we're definitely going to miss Hannah, but we have a group of first-year runners and some returners who have really impressed me so far. The entire group is stepping up and working hard."

Junior Kelley Determan, last year's No. 2 runner for the Rocks, takes over the No. 1 role.

"Kelley trained extremely hard over the summer because she knew she was scheduled to be our No. 1 this year," said Gerlach. "I think she learned a lot from Hannah last year about what it takes to be successful."

Three first-year runners will fill out the Rocks' top four slots, at least early in the season: junior Linda Ling, sophomore Jordyn Moore and freshman Mackenzie Rogers.

Senior captain Sabrina Burcroff, returning senior Freyal Shah, junior Emma Van Hoof and freshman Kara Booms will also play vital roles for the Rocks this fall. Others battling for varsity points include senior Lauren Olson, Kristen Dondzila and Kortney Marsh.

Gerlach gave a nod to Livonia Churchill and Northville as the teams to beat in the WLAA.

"Plymouth has some very talented runners, too," he added.

The Rocks open their season Aug. 30 at the Lutheran Westland Time Trials at Nankin-Mills. Their first invitational is set for Sept. 9 at Birmingham Brother Rice.

CANTON

First-year coach Eric Pahl inherits a team that is paced by one of the top runners in the WLAA, junior Sarah Thomas, who placed 43rd at the D1 state meet in 2006.

"Sarah is a great leader and a hard worker," said Pahl, who served as an assistant coach at Canton last year. "She ran a 19:02 at the state meet last year and she's looking to break the school record of 18:54 this year. Obviously, based on what she's done in the past, she has a very good shot at it."

Pahl has set high goals for the Thomas-led Chiefs.

"I'd like to win the City Meet, win the division and finish in the top three in the conference and at the Regional," he said.

While Thomas is the Chiefs' top weapon this season, she's far from the only one. Freshman Rachel Rohrbach has shown amazing potential in early-season workouts while seniors Katherine Rymond and Brittany Dempsey will provide talent and leadership.

"Katherine is a good, hard worker and is a very consistent performer," said Pahl.

Other key contributors include junior Katherine Galm and Paula Schubatis; and sophomores Margaret Murphy and Melanie Kulczyk.

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Whalers to rely on youth to repeat as OHL champs

A week before the start of training camps, there's plenty of good cheer around the Ontario Hockey League.

Even though the Plymouth Whalers graduated a core that led them to their second OHL Championship since 1990, there's a talented group of younger players returning along with Whaler pups that should make the 2007-08 season interesting and entertaining.

Training camp kicks off with the Whalers' annual golf outing, which is set for Tuesday at Fox Hills Golf Course in Plymouth.

The Whalers will officially get down to business on Wednesday with off-ice testing. Plymouth hits the ice in scrimmages on Thursday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 3-5 p.m.; and Friday from 9-11 a.m. and 3-5 p.m. The scrimmages are free and open to the public.

Plymouth gets the pre-season started with its traditional Labor Day weekend home-and-home series with Windsor. It will host the Spits on Saturday, Sept. 1 at 4 p.m., at the Compuware Sports Arena before traveling to Windsor on Monday, Sept. 3, for a contest at Windsor Arena.

Following are some Plymouth story lines worth watching as training camp and the season unfolds:

GOALTENDING: With Washington-draft Michal Neuvirth and Nashville-draft Jeremy Smith returning, Plymouth starts the season with arguably the best goaltending depth in the OHL, if not the Canadian Hockey League.

Neuvirth and Smith split the regular season last year, but Neuvirth became Plymouth's lead goaltender in the 2007 playoffs.

Smith and Neuvirth are good friends and Smith took a professional attitude when he sat last spring during the Whalers' championship run.

"Coach (Mike Vellucci) said it's not me, I didn't do anything to get pulled out, it's Michal playing really well," Smith told the Vancouver Province during the 2007 MasterCard Memorial Cup. "You've just got to live with that. It just makes you work harder. I'm ready to go whenever coach gives me the nod. I've got nothing against Michal or anything like that."

Neuvirth has been signed by Washington and was hoping to start his professional career within the Capitals' minor league system. But with veteran goaltenders already in Washington's system at Hershey in the AHL and South Carolina of the ECHL, Neuvirth will start the season with Plymouth.

OVERAGES: In Evan Brophey, Steve Ward and Jared Boll, the Whalers had perhaps their strongest overage class-ever last season.

Vellucci will eventually choose three out of a 1987-birthday group that includes Wes Cunningham, Steve Whitely, Sean O'Connor, Andrew Fournier, Joe McCann and Zack Shepley.

OHL Teams can start the season with more than four overages, have to cut to four by the middle of March and

decide on three by January 10. If you're new to the OHL, you'll see quite a bit of movement among 1987 birthdays around the league, probably right on up to the OHL's Final Trade Deadline on Jan. 10.

YOUNG VETERANS: Third-year veteran Chris Terry (66 points) is the leading scorer returning and AJ Jenks, Vern Cooper and Kaine Geldart will see their share of ice time. Add Joe Gaynor, Steve Lock (just over from Peterborough) and Brett Valliquette to the same list. On defense, Carolina-draft Brett Bellemore will anchor the Whalers defense and fan-favorite Jozef Sladok will get more ice time along with Leo Jenner. A pleasant surprise could be Jordon O'Neill, who moves the puck well.

WHALER PUPS: Plymouth fans will probably enjoy watching Whaler rookies Taylor Carnevale, Chad Rutkowski and RJ Mahalak up front and Josh Bemis and Tom Kane on the blue line. Given the fact that Plymouth is a younger overall group this season, all five (plus more) will see their share of ice time.

THE WEST DIVISION: It's fair to say the West Division is evenly matched, at least to start. Sarnia and Windsor have the most veteran players returning, so there is plenty of optimism in both cities.

Saginaw graduated Patrick McNeill and Tom Pyatt and goaltender Ryan Daniels looks to pick things up. Sault Ste. Marie always works hard and overage goaltender Kyle Gajewski is playing for a pro contract.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Thursday, Aug. 30
John Glenn at Canton, 4:30 p.m.
Plymouth at Salem, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER
Monday, Aug. 27
Canton at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Salem, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 29

Canton at Northville, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Salem, 7 p.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING
Thursday, Aug. 30
Salem at WSU Warrior Relays, 5 p.m.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday, Aug. 30
Canton at Troy Athens Relays, TBA

Salem at Luth. West Time Trials, 4 p.m.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Canton at Troy Athens Relays, TBA
Salem at Luth. West Time Trials, 4 p.m.

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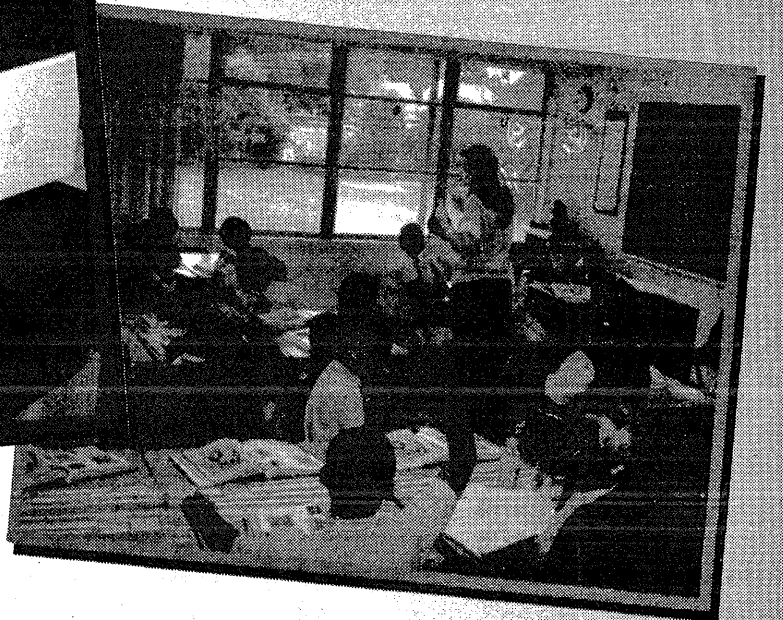
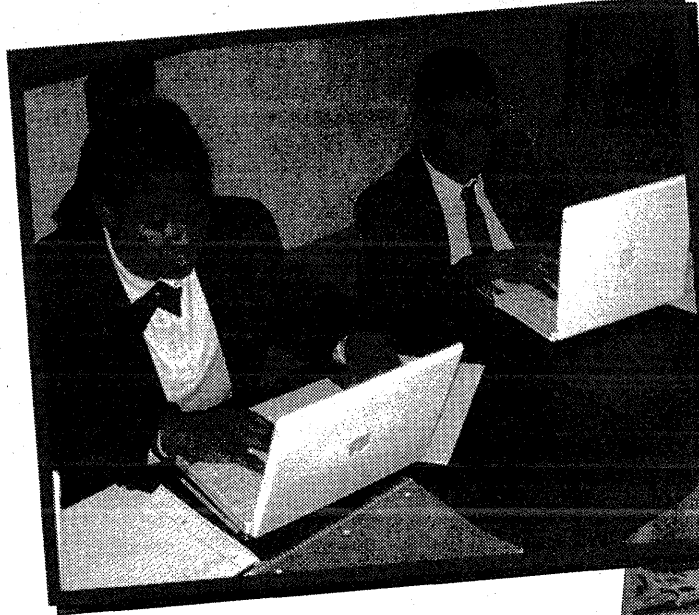
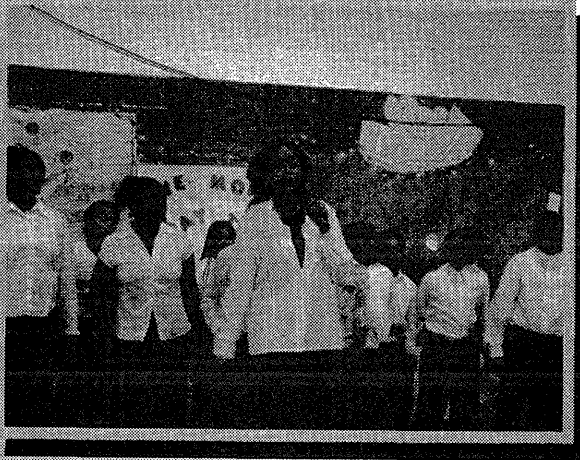
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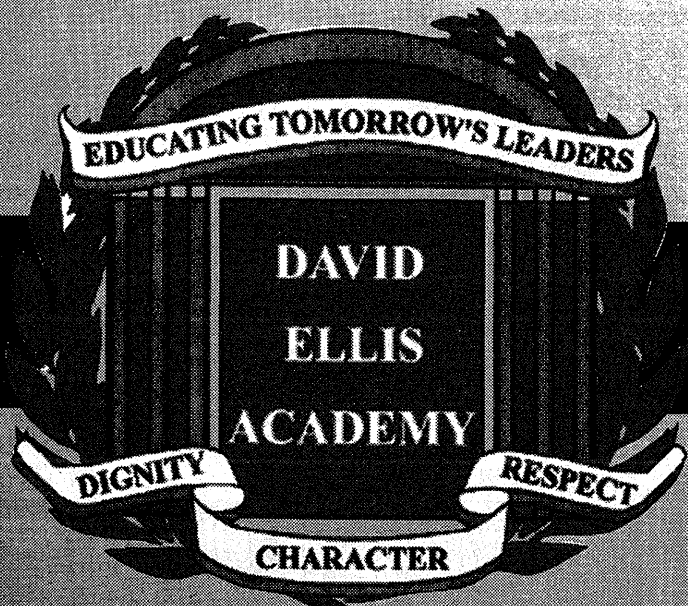
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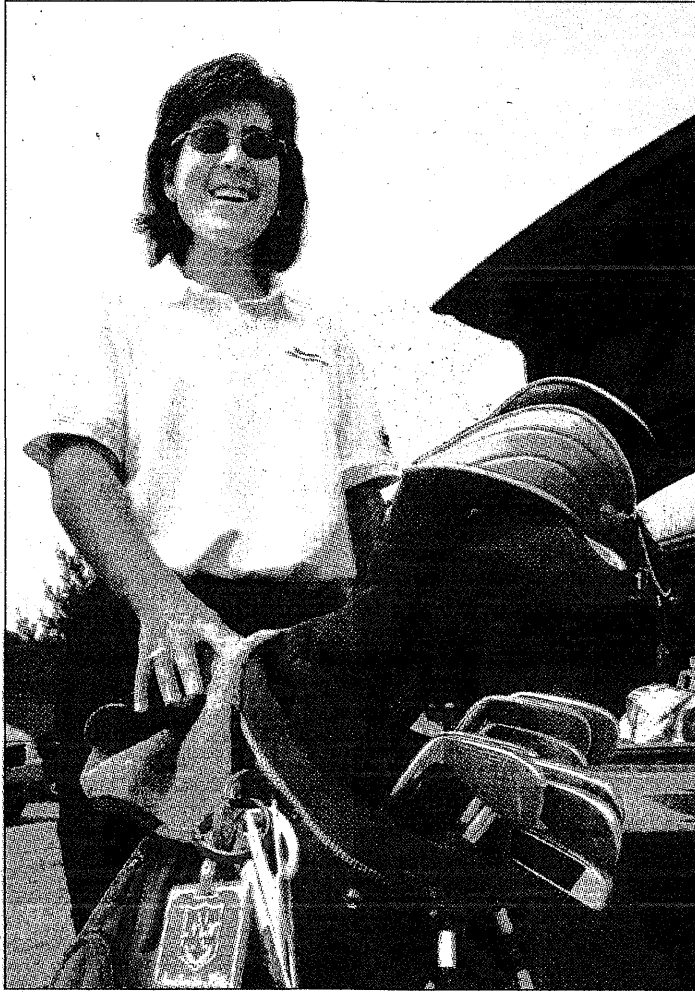
SASAKI
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A 15-handicap golfer, Sasaki runs and participates in the Comerica Golf League, which plays a summer-long, once-a-week schedule at Rackham Golf Course.

"Growing up, there always seemed to be a couple people on every team with bad personalities that disrupted the teams' chemistry, but that's not the case with the soccer team I play on now," she said. "We have a great group of ladies, some of whom played on the first varsity women's soccer team at Michigan State. It's a competitive league, but we have fun too."

Sasaki said sports and volunteering share a common, vital thread.

"The No. 1 thing with both is that you need teamwork to succeed," she said. "It's tough to be successful when you're in it alone."



Lisa Sasaki

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Chiefs on the right course after rough spring season

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton — the girls high school golf team that calls Hilltop home — will be shooting to get closer to the Western Lakes Activities Association mountaintop in 2007.

Veteran head coach Dan Riggs isn't sure where his vastly improved team will finish, but he's pretty sure it will be higher than the Chiefs' near-the-bottom standing this past spring.

"We're head and shoulders above where we were last year," said Riggs, who is starting his 26th year of coaching golf at Canton. "It remains to be seen where we'll end up because our league is so strong, but we should be improved."

Riggs said his sport's switch to the fall has far more pluses than minuses.

"The biggest positive about playing in the fall is that the weather is so much nicer," he said. "I can remember playing matches in April when it was snowing out."

"The only negative is that the courses are more crowded, but if our girls are playing a little too slow and there are people behind us, we let them play through. I love the move to the fall."

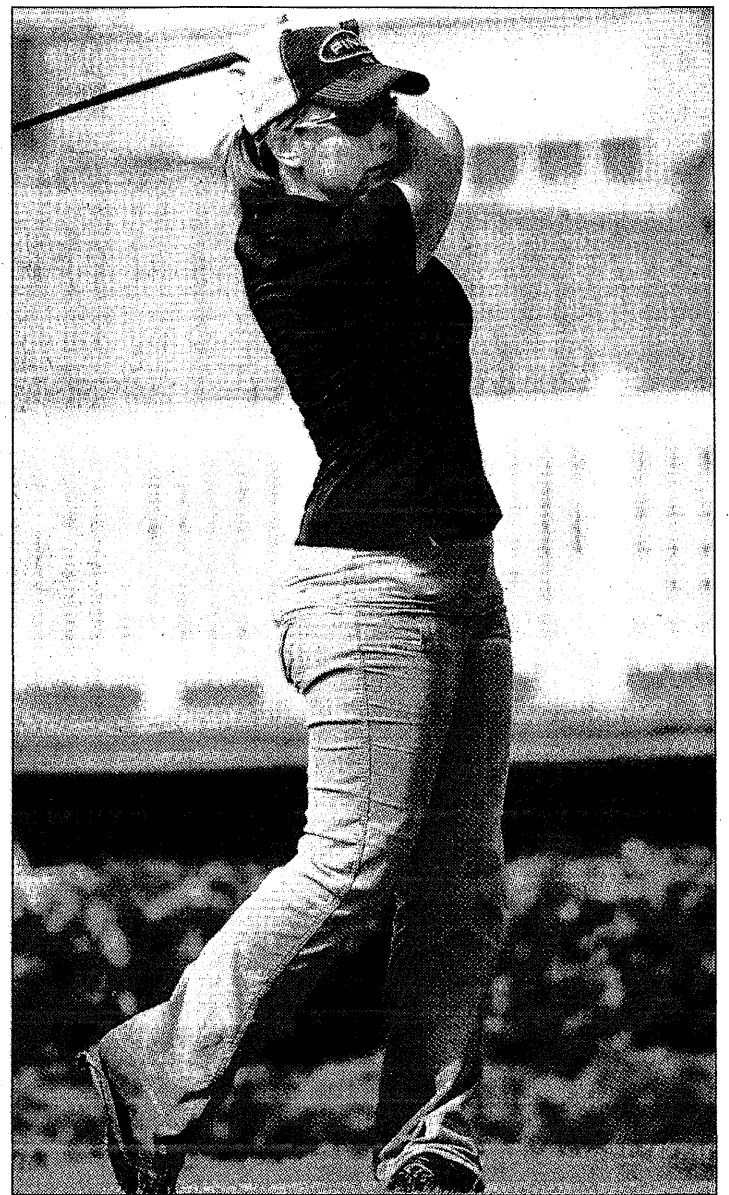
The Chiefs will be led by a quartet of returners: juniors Kara Gregory and Chelsea Osburn, who will be the No. 1 and No. 2 players, respectively; along with senior Amy Provost (No. 3) and junior Alexandra Wee (No. 4).

Other key contributors will include Mary Elizabeth Wintler, sophomore Breanna Hicks, senior Joanna Alexander and junior Michelle Nagy.

The Chiefs will open their season Monday at home against Westland John Glenn. The first tee shot is set for 3 p.m.

PLYMOUTH

The Wildcats will be led by



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Senior Patricia Burns returns to lead the Plymouth golf team this fall.

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senior Patricia Burns, a four-year varsity player. The only other returning varsity player for coach Chris Moore's team is senior Missy Gosbee.

"Missy had her best year last year, and we are hoping that the scores will be even better this year," said Moore.

Other returning players who should get an opportunity to gain some varsity experience are Liz Cizek (sophomore), Maggie Kelly (senior) and Megan Haggerty (sophomore).

Moore is also enthusiastic

about the play of freshmen Chloe Marentic, Christy Pattison and Stephanie Sgambati; and sophomore LeAnn O'Shaughnessy. "Our overall team goal is to improve each week," Moore concluded.

Plymouth will open the season Sept. 7 with a duel meet against cross-campus rival Canton at Hickory Creek Golf Course in Canton.

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The Ignition's 2007-08 regular season will feature 30 contests consisting of 15 home and 15 road dates, beginning with the Nov. 3 contest and ending with an April 5, 2008 game at Baltimore.

All Ignition home games will take place on weekends with nine games on Friday, two on Saturday, and four on Sunday.

A month-by-month breakdown of the club's schedule has the Ignition beginning the season with five contests in November and six in the month of December. In 2008, the club will play six games in January, five in February and six in March. The regular season concludes with a set of back-to-back games in April.

The Ignition competes in four back-to-back matches, the first two of which include an away contest in the first game of the set with a home game to follow. The remaining two series consist of a home outing followed by a road game.

The club faces six of its eight MISL opponents four times each and plays the expansion Orlando Sharks and La Raza de Monterrey three times each during the regular season.

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Crowds gather, tears flow and mobs of people are unable to wrap their minds around what has happened. It's called grief unspeakable and when it happens it seems like the entire world has stood still.

Argentina secured its moment in time when it lost its precious Evita - Eva Peron - during the early 1950s. The 1960s delivered its own overwhelming tragedy with the horrible assassinations of John F. Kennedy, Bobby Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

During this time we were a nation lost in grief.

The world lost Elvis Presley in 1977 and even though I was in my own little world at the time I remember exactly where I was when I heard of John Lennon's passing in 1980.

But, during my adult life I can't remember a time that has so held a nation of people captive like the event that took place Aug. 31, 1997, in the wee hours of the morning. My Chicago hotel room and unplanned vacation did little to shield me from the unbelievable shock. In the early morning hours I awoke to my husband telling me that Lady Di, as Princess Diana was so affectionately called, had been in a car accident on the streets of Paris.

Naturally, I thought it was bad dream, so I dismissed what my husband was saying and turned over to go back to sleep. The 7 a.m. news slapped me back into reality. My mouth must have hung open in disbelief for at least two hours that morning.

During the following days and weeks after Princess Diana's tragic death, in my state of confusion and sorrow I grieved, as did we all. I can't remember a day that tears did not fall from my eyes during some point during the day. I remember my girlfriend telling me she was the same way. There was a deep hole of despair that we could not pull ourselves out of.

I cried for the tragic way Diana's life was taken. And, oh how I cried for those boys, her sons who'd just lost their mother, and how would they ever learn all the things she would never teach them because now she was gone?

Diana had her problems and was called by some lost and confused at times. But I have not met a human being yet who hasn't fallen into that category at one time or another during their life.

After her divorce from Prince Charles, Diana seemed to have spent the remainder of her life looking for love, something she felt was lacking in her marriage. She also seemed to be a ball of contradictions and her love-hate relationship with the press would prove to be her downfall.

However, with all that aside, Diana taught the Royal family as well as the world some needed life lessons. She taught us about the power of human touch and how important it is. Caring and consideration, love and compassion - all things we seemed to be losing a grip on - she put on the world stage for everyone to see.

It has been 10 years since Diana's untimely demise and the one thing I can be sure she taught us all is that no royal crown or any sparkling palace hall, or any bulging bag of cash could ever take the place of love, simply loving one another.

Diana knew it all too well; this lesson should be imbedded in our hearts forever.

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Ducks stand by ready to be adopted and entered in the Detroit Duck Derby which will raise money for Gleaners Food Bank.

Just ducky

Feed a hungry child by adopting a duck

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER



Left to right, Debbie Blanchard, general manager for Merri-Bowl, Phil Goodman of Community Bowling Centers, and Deborah Dillard of Gleaners hold some of the rubber ducks that will be racing to help raise money for Gleaners Food Bank.

The Detroit race takes place as part of Gleaners 14th annual Fall Harvest Family Event, 1-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at Belle Isle in Detroit.

Deborah Dillard looks with trepidation at the dozens of yellow rubber ducks perched on a table at Merri-Bowl Lanes in Livonia. She can only imagine the work it will require to detag 15,000 of the quackers before they can float down a canal next to Belle Isle Casino in the first ever Duck Derby to benefit the children's programs of Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan.

Gleaners is renting the ducks from Cincinnati after that city's race to raise funds for hungry residents.

Every dollar spent to adopt a duck from Gleaners buys three healthy meals for one hungry child.

The Detroit race takes place as part of Gleaners 14th annual Fall Harvest Family Event, 1-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at Belle Isle in Detroit. The adoption fee for ducks is \$5 each, or \$25 for five ducks to swim in the race plus one extra feathered friend with the Gleaners logo that will be mailed to the supporter.

Duck Adoption forms are available at Merri-Bowl, Super Bowl in Canton and the

14 other Community Bowling Centers including Troy Lanes, Classic Lanes in Rochester Hills and Plum Hollow Lanes in Southfield through today or by calling Dillard, Gleaners development director, at (313) 923-3535, ext. 260, or sending an e-mail to ddillard@gcfb.org. The centers just finished their Strike Out Hunger campaign to collect canned goods for Gleaners.

"We thought it was important to bring in food and raise money," said Phil Goodman, community relations director for Community Bowling Centers.

It's Dillard's goal "to have everybody in the state of Michigan adopt a duck to cure hunger." Proceeds go to the children's food programs, which provide lunches for children during the summer and all year long. Gleaners is celebrating its 30th anniversary of feeding hungry people this year by working with more than 400 social service partners including churches, food pantries, the Salvation Army and Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

The Duck Derby is actually a licensed raffle. According to Gleaners, each duck will be marked with a number which relates to the number on each raffle ticket/adoption paper.

Please see **DUCKS, C3**

Dream a little dream

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

By day, Lisa Norton works on a variety of projects to promote Angela Hospice's end-of-life services, but when the sun goes down, just about anything goes as the 26-year-old Livonia violinist takes to the stage with el boxeo.

Creativity is key to Norton's life, whether she's writing a press release about the Livonia nonprofit's Oct. 13 fund-raiser to help patients and their families, or sewing jellyfish costumes for friends who dance in the band's show.

"We play mostly instrumental," said Norton, who interned at Angela Hospice while earning a degree in English and fine arts at Madonna University. "We originally had keyboards, but have gone through dif-

ferent configurations. At the end of 2003, we played our first show - just the three of us - and realized we'd found our niche."

Norton began playing viola in fifth grade in Livonia Public Schools, but didn't switch to violin until starting the band in 2001. Although she enjoyed painting during her college days, music and sewing have become a big part of her life. Norton, her brother and a couple of friends have been talking about starting a T-shirt business since she silk-screened images onto clothing for the band known for its unique music and show. One of the most creative moments on stage is when Norton wears tap shoes to solo on a ceramic tile left over from her bathroom floor.

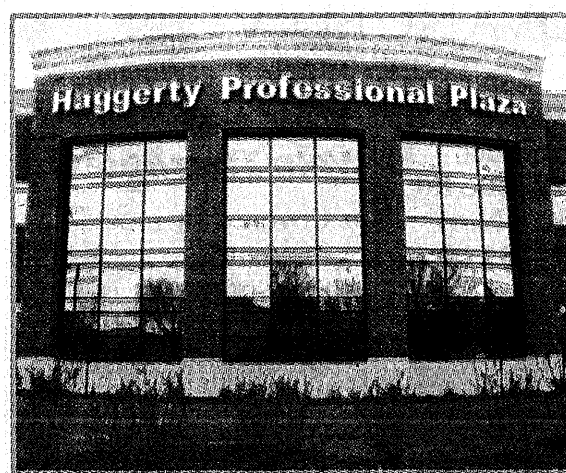
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Creativity is key to band mates



Lisa Norton, Danny Sperry and Zach North at the Saginaw County Fair. Lisa said she especially had fun playing the venue where the ferris wheels in the background were lit up and fireworks were going off.



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Del Signorees invite community to share evening of memories

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

John and Lina Del Signore never dreamed that closing their Livonia restaurant would leave such a void in the community. One year later they continue to hear about how much customers miss Fonte D'Amore which the Livonia couple owned for nearly 40 years.

On Friday, Sept. 7, the Del Signorees rekindle the warmth and atmosphere of the traditional Italian restaurant while serving up delicious food at their Laurel Manor Banquet Center, 39000 Schoolcraft in Livonia. The Fond Memory Evening - Memories of Fonte D'Amore begins at 6 p.m. with cocktails and a Deluxe Open Bar. At 7 p.m. guests can once again enjoy the specialties of Fonte's menu at strolling food stations. Tickets are \$40 and must be reserved by Wednesday, Sept. 5, by calling (734) 462-0770.

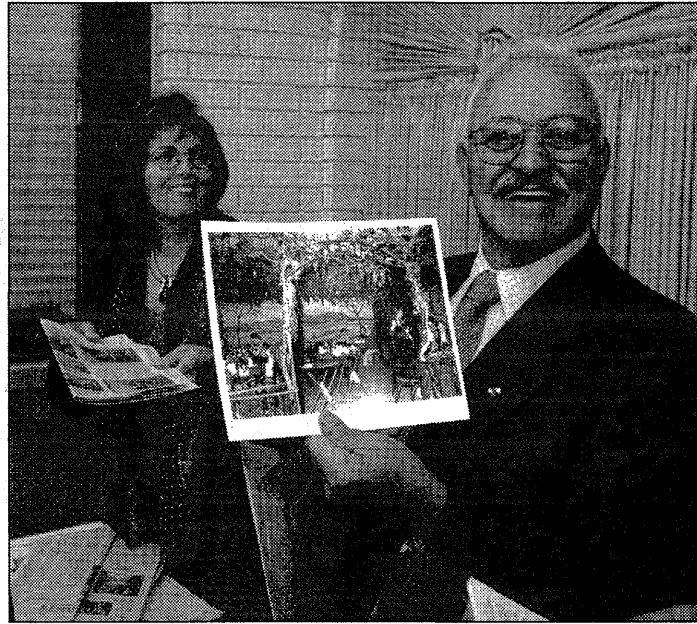
"When we sold Fonte last year Betty Jean Awrey, one of the legendary customers, said we have to have an annual celebration," said John Del

Signore. "There are so many memories. We have to do something. We're going to do the same thing we did at Fonte, the same menu. We had been there since 1968. We had plenty regular customers."

Even though Bob and Betty Jean Awrey sold their Livonia bakery two years, they continued to eat at Fonte until it closed Aug. 12, 2006. Over the years Awrey had volunteered with organizations such as the Livonia Symphony Orchestra and knew she could always count on the Del Signorees' support. Angela Hospice, the Karmanos Cancer Institute and St. Mary Mercy Hospital were recipients of the couple's generosity.

"They participated in everything for the community. They've been a big supporter of this community and the community has supported them. It was just a place to meet and greet. It was a happening place," said Betty Jean Awrey.

Fonte D'Amore served authentic traditional Italian food which came from the old country until son Luciano Del Signore updated the menu in the late 1980s. The restaurant



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John and Lina Del Signore have boxes and boxes full of photos, newspaper clippings and other memorabilia from Fonte D'Amore, the restaurant they closed last year after nearly four decades in business. John Del Signore holds a photo from earlier days, when dried grapevines decorated the dining room.

was named after the couple's hometown which means Fountain of Love. John and Lina came to America shortly after being married in Fonte D'Amore some 49 years ago. Luciano grew up in the restaur-

ant business and now runs Bacco Ristorante in Southfield.

"It was more of an old world Italian restaurant when it started in the 60s," said Luciano Del Signore. "I renovated it to make it more updat-

ed, modern Italian. We had upscale waiters and probably had the most important wine list in the area.

"I think the party is a nice idea. People will have an opportunity to see each other. If you were a client that dined every Friday night, there were probably 40 other people who did the same."

Livonia businessman Bill Phillips is looking forward to the Sept. 7 event. He became a regular customer back in 1974 after opening one of his businesses in the area.

"I was looking for a place to have lunch and went quite often. Lunch turned into dinner and family events," said Bill Phillips, owner of Phillips Service Industries. "The food was excellent Italian food.

Service was always very, very good. We got acquainted with staff over the years and John and Lina and the family. It's not unusual for us to go to their home or them to come to ours. We've seen the kids grow. It's been a good relationship. They're very good close friends. John and I used to go hunting and fishing together and bring it back and cook it."

The Del Signorees have been good friends of Mary Lou Andrew and her late husband Dan from the beginning of the restaurant. Dan served on the city of Livonia's Planning Commission.

"Our family was there for First Communion, Confirmations, graduations, after weddings and funerals. Everything that was important in our life was there," said Mary Lou Andrew who's lived in Livonia 39 years. Andrew is planning to attend the Sept. 7 event with her daughter Ann King and her husband Steve. "The food was excellent. They prepared Dover sole at your table and it was just perfect. I want to say I'm fond of the family but the food was delicious."

Lina misses the customers as much as they miss her and John. "I cried for three weeks," said Lina Del Signore. "I never dreamed in my life that customers would come up and say can you sign this menu, can you take a picture with us. We have a case of memories from customers, notes and photos."

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Kids wanted for scary workshops, spooky show

Motor City Youth Theatre presents Scary Workshops resulting in an Awesome Spooky show Oct. 12-14, at Grantland Street Playhouse, 27555 Grantland, Livonia.

Students in all grades through 12th are welcome. No experience necessary. Workshops begin Sept. 9, and continue to Oct. 11.

Students in grades K-12 will be placed according to age, skills and interest.

Each MCYT Scary Workshop will include five weeks of classes (seven sessions) and will be included in the final performance. The cost is \$40 per five-week class.

Classes will be held Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30, and Oct. 7 at the times listed. Additional rehearsal sessions will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, and 6 p.m. Thursday,

Oct. 11.

For more information, visit www.mcyt.org.

Scary Stories runs 1-2 p.m. Students will improve their acting skills while rehearsing and performing scary dialogues, plays or skits such as The Great Pumpkin, Macbeth's Witches, Goosebumps stories, and The Tell Tale heart.

Creepy Improv follows 2:05-3:05 p.m. during which time students improve their speaking, acting and movement skills through scary and funny theatre games. Open to beginners and experienced actors.

Spooky Songs is scheduled 3:10-4:10 p.m. when students will improve their individual and choral skills while they learn, rehearse, and perform spooky songs such as The Addams Family and Monster Mash.

Spooky dances rounds out the offerings 4:15-5:15 p.m. Students will improve their group and/or individual spooky dance skills with songs such as Thriller and Monster Mash.

Motor City Youth Theatre is also looking for terrific dancers, singers and actors for its fall production of CATS which takes place 6 p.m. Sept. 9-10. All grades through High School. Exceptions may be made for Grizzabella and Old Deuteronomy.

Grantland Street Players is looking for adult actors, singers and dancers for its fall production of Silk Swords - The Whisperers, a supernatural, psychological thriller being performed 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 3-4

All auditions, rehearsals and performances will be held at Grantland Street Playhouse.

Area college to hold auditions for Mockingbird

Henry Ford Community College will hold auditions for its fall production of Harper Lee's To Kill a Mockingbird 7-9 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Aug. 28-29, in the Adray Auditorium of the Mackenzie Fine Arts Bldg. of the Dearborn campus at 5101 Evergreen Road.

The production, directed by Judith Fletcher, runs from Friday, Nov. 23 to Sunday, Dec. 2, and includes 5 matinee performances for middle

and high school students.

Since the play is a college Theatre Division production, course enrollment is required.

Bring resume and photo (desired, not required). Attend either or both evenings. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script.

For more information, call the director at (313) 845-9772 or send e-mail to ariadne-diva@aol.com.

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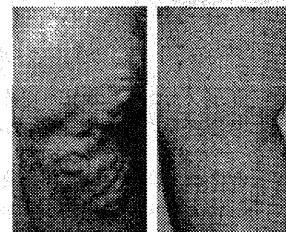
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Before AFTER

BAND

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driven rock band. The group doesn't even have a lead guitar, only Norton on electrified violin, her brother Zach on bass and former Churchill High schoolmate Danny Sperry on drums.

Originally, the band was started with friends Jenny Gumina and Lars Hedelin, a Swedish exchange student. Gumina left in 2003, as did Hedelin, who designed the cover for el boxeo's *Awake & Dreaming* CD released in 2006.

Today, Gumina works with Norton at Angela Hospice processing donations. Norton says she enjoys her day job because she feels she's helping people.

Founded in 1985, Angela Hospice served 1,359 patients last year, from young children to seniors.

"The band is a natural with all of us being friends and all of us being interested in music," Norton said. "We realize we're not really a commercial sound, but it would be great to do commercial soundtracks. Most of it for us is just having fun. We'd like to be able to tour."

Last summer, el boxeo traveled west for 3½ weeks to play

in clubs, bars, art galleries and house shows in Texas, California and Washington state.

"In rural areas where there's not a lot of venues, people book shows in their house. It might be in a house, but they have shows every week," Norton said. "We're like a party band. There's so much energy that my favorite place to play is house shows. There's so much energy in smaller venues. (Financially) we usually break even on tour. You stay with people you meet. You're getting to see the whole country through a van window. It's the complete absence of stress to just go and play music. It's an amazing lifestyle."

Zach Norton and Sperry enjoy touring so much they took off this summer to play with Child Bite after performing at the Blind Pig in Ann Arbor and Elbow Room in Ypsilanti in late June with el boxeo.

Both Wayne State University students return Monday from engagements in Boston, New York City, Philadelphia, Georgia and Tennessee. While Zach, the group's 24-year-old bass player, enjoys the rowdier punk music of Child Bite, el boxeo's post-rock can sound like country or heavy metal.

Zach originally came up with the band's name after seeing a poster about the sport of boxing in his Spanish classroom. He says the two bands "satisfy different creative needs."

"I thought it was nice, but it's sort of an annoying band name because you have to tell people how to spell and pronounce it," said Zach Norton, who's majoring in public relations and would eventually like to work in "the nonprofit sector like his big sis" or in journalism. Norton has been involved with the Wayne State newspaper *The South End* and believes "newspapers are a vital institution in the world today and serve an important purpose."

In the meantime, Zach and the rest of el boxeo plan to spend the month of September writing songs for their new CD with Suburban Sprawl Music, an independent record label and musical collective started in 1999 in Livonia.

"We don't have any lofty goals," Zach said. "It would be nice to have the band together and keep making cool music, keep making interesting but still accessible music."

Lisa Norton says many of their creative ideas come from Sperry, who's studying graphic design and print making at



Lisa Norton (left), Danny Sperry and Zach Norton perform at the Saginaw County Fair Aug. 3.

Wayne State. The 23-year-old Detroit drummer plans to eventually earn a master's degree in fine arts.

"I've always really been into music. I started playing bass guitar, then saved up and bought a drum set and that clicked. I've been playing drums since seventh grade," Sperry said. "I usually describe el boxeo's music as high-energy instrumental music. It's the

instrumentation that sets us apart. I'm not sure of many other bands that consist of drums, bass and violin."

Lisa Norton says onstage she has to laugh to herself.

"It's kind of this chaos to me and somehow it all works," she said.

el boxeo's *Awake & Dreaming* CD is available in independent records stores, at their shows and the Web site

www.suburbansprawlmusic.com.

"One side the music is awake, the other dreaming," Norton said. "The awake side is bare-bone and alive like on our shows. Dreaming is where we got to experiment more. On the Web site, we have people in Japan order our CD. That goes with the dream part of it."

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DUCKS

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Winners will be determined when each duck is caught in a chute at the finish line. If circumstances prevent the duck race, the winner will be drawn in a traditional raffle at the event. Supporters have an opportunity to win \$5,000 if their duck crosses the finish line first. Second prize is \$1,500. Third prize is a \$1,000 shopping spree at Somerset Collection in Troy.

Prior to the race, one in every 3,333 ducks will be selected and

their number kept in a secure envelope. After the ducks cross the finish line, race officials will determine whether the duck is one of the preselected million-dollar winning ducks. If not, the million-dollar prize will not be awarded.

The race begins at 2:30 p.m.

"We need sponsors for prize money," Dillard said. "Chrysler has donated \$30,000. Florine Mark of Weight Watchers is one of our supporters. We still need volunteers to detag the ducks. After the race, we need volunteers to scoop them out. We have to account for each duck."

Anyone interested in volunteering at the event or selling ducks through their work place, service

club, store or school, should contact Dillard, who is hoping individuals and families will support Gleaners as well by attending the Fall Harvest Event on Sept. 15.

"We'll have lots of activities and games for the kids," Dillard said. "The fest includes hot dogs, ribs, chicken. It's a family event."

For more information about Gleaners, the Sept. 15 event, or Celebrity Duck Auction 6-9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10, at Tavern on 13 in Southfield, visit www.gcfb.org. National and local celebrities such as Dustin Hoffman, Chris Hansen of NBC News/*Dateline* and the legendary Eartha Kitt have decorated Derby Ducks, which will go

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Ticket Costs are: \$20 for adults, \$10 for children under 12 years, \$18 for senior citizens, and \$75 for a party of four. All tickets **MUST** be purchased in advance (limited seating available) and are available at the Garden City Chamber of Commerce.

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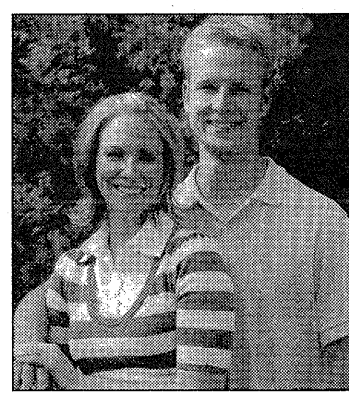


Raetz-Maurer Jessica Lynn Raetz and Jeremy Allen Maurer were united in marriage on June 9, 2007, by Rev. Dr. Mark Jensen at North Congregational Church in Farmington Hills. The bride is the daughter of Thomas and Leslie Raetz of Livonia. She graduated from Livonia Stevenson High School and Central Michigan University, and is employed as an advertising senior account executive with Moroch Partners in Novi. The groom is the son of James and Emily Maurer of Birch Run, Mich. He gradu-

ated from Frankenmuth High School and Central Michigan University, and is a sales senior account executive at General Electric in Troy. The bride was attended by Maid of Honor Melissa Raetz, and Erin Schlappi and Cherice Watts. The groom was attended by Best Man Kevin Rosinski, and Michael Gregory and Matthew Kosal. A reception was held at the Detroit Yacht Club on Belle Isle. 200 people attended. The couple honeymooned in St. Lucia. They are making their home in West Bloomfield.

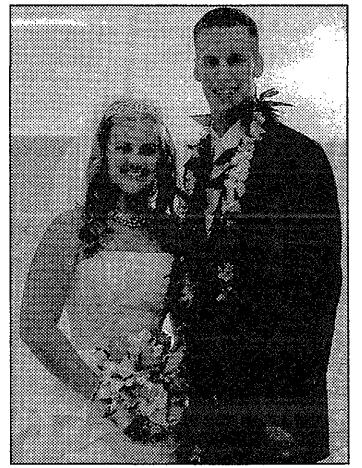
ENGAGEMENTS

Sullivan-Kiefer Patrick and Ellen Sullivan of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Ellen Jean Sullivan, to Zachary Kiefer of Hazel Park. The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 2001 graduate of Western Michigan University with a degree in occupational therapy. She is employed by Excel Rehabilitation in Waterford. The prospective groom is the son of Kenneth and Denise Kiefer of Lake Orion. He is a 1996 graduate of Lake Orion High School and a 2000 graduate of Allegheny College in Pennsylvania. He received a master's degree from



Michigan State University in Environmental Engineering in 2003. He is employed at NTH Consultants of Detroit. An October, 2007, wedding is planned for Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church in Detroit.

WEDDINGS



Brown-Hardin Erin Nicole Brown and David Matthew Hardin were married July 14, 2007, in Hawaii. The bride is the daughter of Richard and Katherine Brown of Livonia. She is a 1999 graduate of Franklin High School and a 2004 graduate of College for Creative Studies. She is employed as a production designer at Click Media in California. The groom is the son of Wendy Hardin of St. Clair Shores and Bill and Pam Hardin of Canton. He is a 2000 graduate of Grosse Pointe North and a 2004 graduate of College for Creative Studies. He is a senior animator at Sony Pictures in California. The bride was attended by maids of honor, twin sister Erica Brown and older sister Katie Brown, and attendants, friend Leslie Mason and groom's sister Jenny Hardin. The groom was attended by bestman, brother Steve Hardin and attendants Justin Bott, Avedis Ekmejian, Garrett Kelley, George Kokos and Jason Parant. The Rev. Rosemary Hill officiated. A reception was held at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club. The couple honeymooned on a cruise around the Hawaiian Islands. They are making their home in California.

Home repair expert builds following

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN STAFF WRITER

With a flick of the switch, Heidi Baker promises to spice up your romance.

All it takes is the installation of a dimmer switch in the bedroom — a project the average Jane could probably do in less than 15 minutes.

"Mood lighting is a must to creating a romantic bedroom, so a dimmer switch is critical," said Baker, author of Be Jane's Guide to Home Empowerment.

The do-it-yourself home improvement author offers tips for a variety of projects, from changing toilet seats to adding new counter tops. Her book is aimed at women, especially young singles, who are about to enter the home market.

She'll share some of her remodeling tips, along with personal tales about life in the toolbox, during a book-signing appearance at the Baldwin Public Library, 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30. The library is located at 300 W. Merrill Street and the presentation is free to the public.

Baker, 38, grew up in Birmingham and was attending Groves High School when



Authors Heidi Baker, left, and Eden Jarrin wrote a do-it-yourself home improvement book for women.

her family moved to California. She began learning about home improvements after purchasing an 1,800 square-foot condominium in Los Angeles.

"Like most people, I was house rich and cash poor," she said. "The condo needed changes and I didn't have money to make the improvements, so step-by-step I learned on my own."

It wasn't easy. Baker said most of the hardware store clerks called her "sweetheart"

and tried talking her into hiring a professional when it came to remodeling projects. She ignored the advice and kept plugging along.

By the time she finished, friends were already asking her for advice on everyday home improvement projects.

"Most people feel silly when you ask someone at a store to explain the difference between a pair of pliers and a wrench," she said. "We wanted to create a book that would take those gorgeous pictures you'd see in a magazine and then show you how you can transform a room into one of those pictures."

The book breaks a house up into five separate rooms:

- A cookable kitchen.
■ A family room for families.
■ A romantic bedroom.
■ A spa-licious bathroom.
■ A dining room for special occasions.

Baker co-authored the book with Edén Jarrin, a close friend who shares her gung-ho attitude toward new kitchen cabinets. The two also run a Web site called bejane.com and produce an online television show.

They certainly found a niche to cultivate. Baker said mortgage lending companies like

Jacobs-Messina

Vincent Messina and Christine Jacobs will be married Dec. 22, 2007, at St. Johns Center in Plymouth, Michigan.

Vince is the son of Frank and Marlene Messina of Monroe. He is a 1987 Graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1992 Graduate of Western Michigan University. Vince is the President of Messina Concrete, Inc.

Christine is the daughter of Diane Carriero and Richard & Gail Urchyk. She is a 1989 graduate of Lapeer East High School and a 1993 graduate of the University of Michigan. Chris is a real estate investor.

The couple, along with Chris'



daughter, Avery, will make their home in Plymouth after a honeymoon in Hawaii.

Lance-Larson

Michael and Cheryl Lance of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Alissa Lance of David Aaron Larson of Redford, son of Patricia Krantz and Paul Larson.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as a kindergarten teacher.

The future groom is a graduate of Redford Thurston High School and Henry Ford Community College. He is employed by MAHLE Powertrain.

An Oct. 27, 2007, wed-



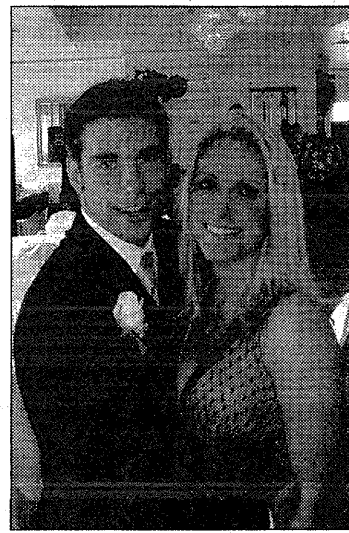
ding is planned for St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in New Boston followed by a reception at Warren Valley Golf and Banquet Center. The couple will honeymoon in Hawaii.

Fedrigio-Chevalier

Laura Fedrigio and Gregory Chevalier will be married Oct. 12, 2007, at the Callaway Gardens in Atlanta, Ga.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Larry Fedrigio of Novi and Denise Fedrigio of Livonia. She is a 1995 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. She was an undergraduate at the University of Michigan and attended graduate school at Central Michigan University. She is employed in marketing for the Atlanta Silverbacks of the Professional Soccer Association.

The prospective groom was born in Troy, Mich., and grew up in New York. He is a graduate of the University of Albany.



He is a former professional soccer player and is currently a personal trainer.

Ott-Davis

Brian Ott and Robin Marie Davis were wed May 19, 2007, at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Church with the Rev. Philip Racco.

The bride is the daughter of Rob and Mary Davis of Oakwood Village, Ohio. She has a bachelor's degree from Ursuline College in Cleveland and a master's degree from Cleveland State University. She is employed by Adoption Network in Cleveland.

The groom is the son of Mark and Janet Ott of Canton. He is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. He is employed by PsyMax Solutions in Cleveland.

The bride was attended by Kelly Davis, maid of honor and sister-in-law; bridesmaids, Brittany Williams, Diane Mallin, Nicole Monastero, Anuradha Bhama and Laura Ott. Katie Kessler was the flower girl.

The groom was attended by Ravi Chekka, best man and groomsmen, William Stewart, Jason Law, Brian Kubit, Adam Russell and Richard Davis.

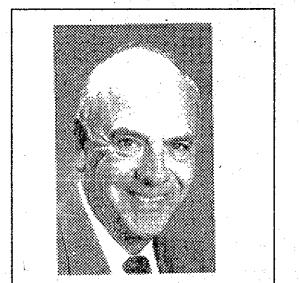
A reception was held at the Cleveland Zoo Primate and Aquatics Building. The couple will honeymoon at Walt Disney World. They will make their home in Mayfield Hts., Ohio.

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TIMOTHY O. BRENNAN

Age 83. Passed away at his home in Livonia on August 23, 2007. Tim will be greatly missed by his beloved wife of 57 years, Donna, his five daughters, Kathleen Schoenrock, Mary Brennan, Maureen Cvach, Laura Jahn and Theresa Wallis, their spouses and his thirteen grandchildren. A World War II Veteran, Tim obtained degrees from the University of Detroit and Wayne State University. He worked as a teacher and administrator for the Detroit Public Schools, and later as an Assistant Professor of Economics at Madonna University. He was an avid athlete and played golf and softball into his eighties. Visitation Saturday 5-9 pm and Sunday 1-9pm at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Funeral Mass Monday, August 27, 2007, 10:30 am (instate 10am) at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit or a charity of your choice. Please sign Tim's online guest book at: www.rgrharris.com

RAMEY BURGESS

Age 75. Died August 23, 2007. Burial Romulus Cemetery. Uht Funeral Home, Westland

CLAIRE R. HASKE

Died August 17, 2007 at the age of 93. She was born in Detroit, Michigan January 21, 1914, the daughter of Joseph and Philomena Permen. The Miller Family Park in Plymouth Township was made possible by the donation of land in 1998 by Claire in loving memory of Peter, Adele and Keith Miller. Pete called her the proverbial care-giver. She retired as a L.P.N. at Clinton Memorial Hospital in St. Johns. After she retired, Plymouth was her home away from home as she traveled from St. Johns to Plymouth in good and bad weather to care for Pete and Adele in their final illnesses. She also fulfilled a promise she made to Adele to help Pete with the raspberries-a promise that she kept for 14 years. Long-time Plymouth area residents will remember the raspberry stand on Ann Arbor Trail that was operated until Peter's death in 1996. The donation of the raspberry land for the park was another promise fulfilled to Pete and Adele. The park was dedicated in July 2001. At the dedication of the park, Claire's daughter Judy spoke on behalf of the family in saying my sisters and I are very proud of our mother for her strong devotion to our aunt and uncle during their illnesses and for her donation of the property for the park. Thanks mom for teaching us to have heart and for the importance of a giving spirit. Claire is survived by three daughters, Gail (James) Nutter of Perry, Susan (Michael) Greiter of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada and Judith (James) Judd of Shawano, WI, five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Herman, and five brothers and sisters, including Adele Miller Arrangements by the Osgood Funeral Home, St. Johns

MILTON GERALD KITCHEN

Age 75, died August 21, 2007 at home or complications of Parkinson's disease. He was born September 4, 1931 to Charles and Agnes Kitchen in Detroit, MI. Milt was a success in the work place and the home. He was President and Treasurer of DM Kitchen Building Company which he founded with his late brother Donald in 1964. Of all his numerous accomplishments Milt was most proud of his family. He is survived by his wife Janet and five daughters: Susan Van Dyck (James), Karen Kitchen Chauncey (James), Susan Byrum (Lee), Kim Kitchen Peary (Rick) and Linda Thurber (Cleveland); 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Milt is also survived by his sister Lois Joyce. He is predeceased by his brothers Donald C. Kitchen and Maurice E. Kitchen. Milt graduated from Redford High School in 1949. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1951-1955. He was a Trustee at Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church and a member of the Economic Club of Detroit. Milt was also a member of the Association of General Contractors of America and the Construction Association of Michigan. A memorial service will be held Monday, August 27, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. at Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills, MI. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Michigan Parkinson's Foundation, Kirk in the Hills or Angela Hospice.

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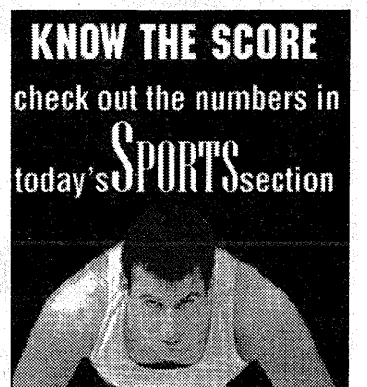


Westerburs celebrate 60th anniversary

Melvin and Irene (Kevelighan) Westerbur of Canton, Mich. were married on Aug. 15, 1947, in Detroit. They have since lived and worked in the Metro Detroit area.

They raised three children: Joyce (Tony) Davis, Ted (Pat) Westerbur, Nancy (Tom) Palmer.

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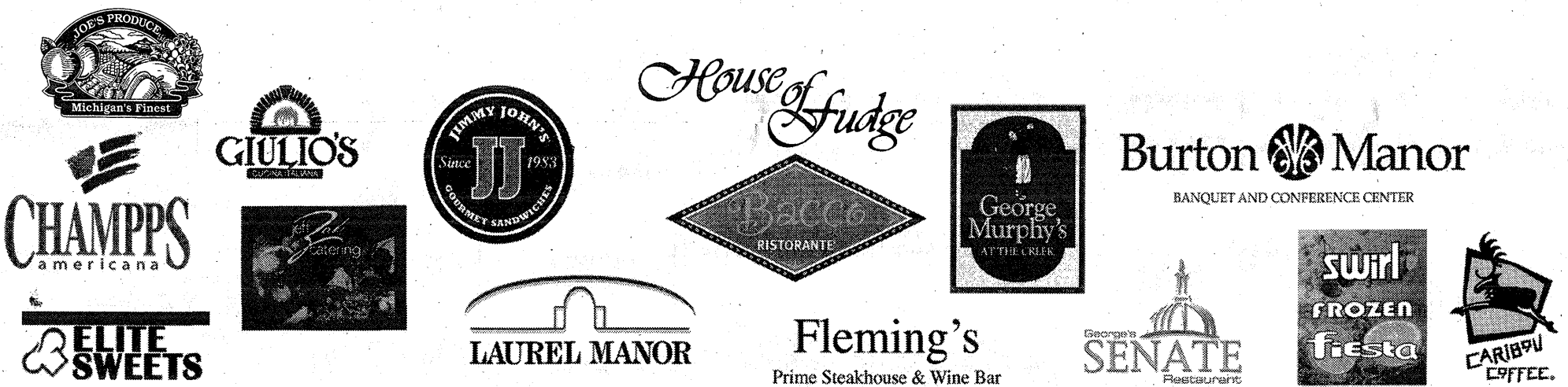


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Fun to the core

Art & Apples brings family activities, fine art and tasty apple desserts to Rochester

BY SHARON DARGAY
STAFF WRITER

If you're intent on showing your work at this year's Art & Apples festival in downtown Rochester, forego the paint and clay, metal and glass.

Try creating in MacIntosh. Or Winesap, with overtones of Granny Smith. You might win a handmade pie plate for your culinary artistry.

"It's our first annual pie bake-off. This is open to everyone," said Karen Cuthbertson, festival director and events coordinator at Paint Creek Center for the Arts, the organization that benefits from the annual post-Labor Day fair.

"The idea came about because we wanted to incorporate apples into this year's festival, more than had been done in the past. We didn't want to conflict with people selling pies, but we wanted to give people an opportunity to show their own pies."

With approximately 265 artists juried into the annual event, held in Rochester Municipal Park, Art & Apples has always been heavy on painting, sculpture, metal, jewelry, ceramics, baskets, drawing, fibers, glass and other fine art creations.

This year, with the festival's inaugural bake-off, visitors will

be reminded that Michigan's second largest art fair is about apples, too.

"We haven't received too many applications yet. We're hoping we will get more before the deadline of Aug. 29," Cuthbertson said. "We do have a few rules. Apples can be the only major fruit involved in the making of the pie."

Judges will consider presentation, taste and quality when selecting the top three winners. Entrants will bake their pies at home and drop them off in time for 10 a.m., judging on Saturday, Sept. 8, the second day of the three-day event. Applications are available from www.artandapples.com. The entry fee is \$10.

"We hope to have at least 15 pies. We hope our pie bakers will stick around for the judging," Cuthbertson noted.

The bake-off is just one of several new attractions at the festival this year, which runs from 4-7:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 7, 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 8 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 9.

PICKLES AND RIBS

Ski's, a new vendor this year, will serve up deep-fried pickles, Oreos cookies and traditional Polish foods. Brett's BBQ, another new addition to the food court, will keep the Jamaican jerk chicken and baby-back ribs flowing.

"We have fabulous favorites coming back," Cuthbertson added. "Millers Big Red is a favorite and the Rochester Junior Women do an apple blossom that is incredible. It's nice because you can find something to snack on or a meal to take home for dinner."

The festival "kids zone" with its take-home art projects is expanded this year and organizers have added an "activity zone" geared to older children.

"We wanted to do something interactive for families that come here but need a break from the artwork," Cuthbertson said. "We'll have a rock climbing wall available all weekend. South Street Skate Park will be there offering anyone an opportunity to decorate their deck — that's what they call the board in a skate board."

The Henry Ford's interactive Rouge Factory Tour will be on hand and M-Chip child ID program will be available on Saturday.

JC Drum and Music Center of Rochester will give everyone a chance to try their hand at drumming from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 8. The JC Drum Circle is among the entertainment that's new to the festival. "We have a few new groups. I was trying to do something different this year," said Chris Dunstan, festival entertainment coordinator.

She included The Novel Citizen, an "indie rock band" on the main stage schedule, which generally features folk music, local high school bands and dance studios. The group will perform at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 9. Dunstan also moved some musical acts into the children's art area this year.

Zippity2Dads, new to Art & Apples, will perform from 1-1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8, and again from 1-3 p.m., on Sunday, Sept. 9, in the children's area.



Youngsters work on take-home projects at Art & Apples.

ART & APPLES FESTIVAL

What: Fine art booths, entertainment, food, kids activities

When: 4-7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9

Where: Rochester Municipal Park, located north of University and west of Main in downtown Rochester

Shuttle: Cost is \$3 per adult round trip for service to and from Rochester High School, located at University and Livernois, in Rochester Hills. Shuttles run from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday

Web site: www.artandapples.com

Ladies, the Beatles. Tight harmonies, acoustical stuff," Ryskamp said. "Now we're playing concerts as well as being educational."

Zippity2Dads describe themselves as "Closer to the Beatles than Barney."

"We're not annoying to parents. We're for everybody," Ryskamp said.

Cuthbertson suggests that visitors set aside several hours to see everything at Art & Apples this year.

"We try to have a variety of things for everyone. A family could easily spend the whole day," she said. "With over 250 artist booths this year, they'll definitely have their work cut out seeing all of it."

For entertainment schedules, vendor menus, list of artist and parking shuttle schedule, visit www.artandapples.com.

schools focuses on the pillars of character, including respect, caring and trust. It's also the subject of their 2006 CD, *Thumbs up for Character*. Their 2007 CD, *Having Fun in Zanzibar*, includes family-friendly songs they've performed at festivals, including the National Cherry Festival in Traverse City.

"Some of our influences are the Everly Brothers, Barenaked

FAMILY-FRIENDLY

Shawn Ryskamp of Oxford, one half of the singing duo, which also includes Tagg Smith of Waterford, said Zippity2Dads performs both educational concerts at elementary schools, as well family shows at festivals.

"Our wives are both teachers and Tagg and I have been performing for a number of years together. We thought we might as well put something together for the schools."

Their most popular show for

Get on the ball. Read today's **SPORTS** coverage!

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, September 6, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following item:

Z 07 -14	986 Harding	Non-Use Variance Requested Side Yard Setback, Detached Garage Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant: Richard Blomberg
Z 07 -15	625 Sunset	Non-Use Variance Requested Side Yard Setback, 2nd Story Addition Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant: David Donaldson

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator
201 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

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PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2007 7:00 PM (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following:

SITE PLAN APPROVAL:

SP 07-06 V.F.W. Post 6695
1426 S. Mill
Proposed Storage Building
Zoned: ARC, Ann Arbor Road Corridor
Applicant: John Harmala, AIA

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SPECIAL USE AND SITE PLAN APPROVAL:

SP 07-07 Change of Use from Residential to Office
820 Starkweather
Zoned: MU, Mixed Use
Applicant: Adanac Contracting, LLC

CHANGE OF USE AND SITE PLAN APPROVAL:

SP 07-08 Change of Use from Office to Restaurant
744 Wing
Zoned: B-2, Central Business
Applicant: Paul DePalma

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SPECIAL USE AND SITE PLAN APPROVAL:

SP 07-09 Proposed Addition of Office
873 N. Mill
Zoned: MU, Mixed Use
Applicant: Tim Mizerowski

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-5260

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CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 1150 S. CANTON CENTER RD. CANTON, MI 48188

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction August 28, 2007 at 10:00 AM. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY	VIN#
1991	MERCURY	TOPAZ	4-DR	1MEPM36X1MK633155
1994	CHEVY	CAVALIER	4-DR	1G1JC544XR7287852
1992	FORD	TAURUS	4-DR	1FACP52U6N102383
1990	CHEVY	LUMINA	4-DR	2G1WL54T1L9313645
1988	CHEVY	1500	PU	1GCF24K0JE17150
1991	CHEVY	CAVALIER	4-DR	1G1JC54G5M7260576
1994	CHEVY	GEO PRISM	4-DR	1Y1SK5262S2065296
1994	OLDS	S/W	S/W	1GHBT13W9R0705918
1987	FORD	ESCORT	4-DR	1FAPP2G9XHT170735
1995	CHEVY	VAN	S/W	1GBEG25K1SF157967
1991	DODGE	VAN	S/W	2B4GK55R3MR196182

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STOW & GO SELF STORAGE AUCTION NOTICE

Pursuant to state law, Notice is hereby given that a public auction will be held at **STOW & GO SELF STORAGE, 41999 ANN ARBOR ROAD, PLYMOUTH, MI** on **SEPTEMBER 14th at 10:00 a.m.**, on past due tenants listed below. The entire contents of the following units will be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder on each individual unit. **CASH ONLY! DESCRIPTION IS BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITEMS, MAY OR MAY NOT CONTAIN MORE OR LESS ITEMS.**

UNIT #214 - PAUL AUTH P.O. BOX 65, HAZEL PARK, MI 48030

Furniture, 2 armoires, desk, lamps, stereo, bookshelves, china hutch, table, chairs, speakers, dolly, rocking chair, boxes, other household items, other misc. items

UNIT #339 - JAMES ALTER OF N.W.C. INC., P.O. BOX 512, DEARBORN HEIGHTS, MI 48127

Briefcase, Fax, Bags of clothes, approx. 28 boxes, and misc. items

UNIT #528 - DANIELLE MOCERI OF 8459 HURON RIVER DR, DEXTER, MI 48130

Couch, love seat, table/chairs, end tables, dresser, china hutch, cabinet, vacuum, candles, hangers, boxes, other misc. items.

UNIT #706 - ONALEE SULEWSKI OF 1450 W. ANN ARBOR #24, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170

Mixer, toys, Halloween items, boxes, clothes, books, and other misc. items.

SALE DATE IS SEPTEMBER 14, 2007 AT 10:00 A.M.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA SEPTEMBER 13, 2007

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, September 13, 2007 at 7:00 PM**. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON, MI 48188. The following agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Cathy Johnson, Vicki Welty and Steven Johnson.

Acceptance of Agenda

- Joe VanEsley, 44675 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187, for vacant property located on the east side of Morton Taylor Road between Palmer and Cherry Hill Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 2.00, Section 2.24.A, variance of 18ft from the required 25ft minimum wetland setback for a future home site and a variance of 20ft from the required 25ft minimum wetland setback to accommodate a driveway area to the home site.
Zone R-5
Parcel 091 99 0001 717
(Planning)
- Joe VanEsley, 44675 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187, for vacant property located on the east side of Morton Taylor Road between Palmer and Cherry Hill Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 2.00, Section 2.24.A, variance of 15ft from the minimum 25ft wetland setback to accommodate a future home site.
Zone R-5
Parcel 091 99 0001 718
(Planning)
- Joe VanEsley, 44675 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187, for vacant property located on the east side of Morton Taylor Road between Palmer and Cherry Hill Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 2.00, Section 2.24.A, variance of 5 ft from the 25 ft wetland setback for a future home site and a variance to allow a 20 ft wide driveway through the wetland setback area.
Zone R-5
Parcel 091 99 0001 719
(Planning)
- Patti Franz, 23544 Hoover, Warren, MI 48089, for commercial property located at 45490 Michigan Ave. (7-11/Citgo), north side of Michigan Ave. between S. Canton Center and Geddes Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance Article 6A.00, Section 6A.15, sign variance.
Zone C-3
Parcel 129 99 0002 710
(Building)
- Bryan L. Amann, 355 North Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48187, for residential property located on the north side of Cherry Hill Road between Beck and Canton Center Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26.00, Section 26.02.b, variance of lot width to depth ratio.
Zone R-3
Parcels 063 99 0032 000
063 99 0036 000 (Part of)
(Planning)
- Enterprise Leasing Co. of Detroit, 29301 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills, MI 48334, for commercial property located at 44625 Michigan Ave., south side of Michigan Ave. between Sheldon and Canton Center Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 3.00, Section 3.03, substitution of an existing non-conforming use with a more restrictive use (used car sales to car rental).
Zone C-1
Parcel 134 01 0027 301
(Planning)

Approval of the August 23, 2007 Minutes

All written comments need to be submitted to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, prior to 5:00 PM on the date of the hearing.

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REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48170. Please include the date of the reunion, one contact person, and a telephone number.

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.

Bishop Borgess
Class of 1977

A 30-year reunion Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007, at George Murphy's, Livonia. 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.

Dearborn Fordson

Class of 1969

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

St. Mary of Redford

All classes

St. Mary of Redford School Alumni "All Class Sock Hop" (Reunion) will be held Saturday, Oct. 6; 4 p.m. Mass, 6 p.m. Reunion. For further information, please contact: Dave DiPonio at ddiponio@wadetrin.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.

Detroit Chadsey

Class of 1957

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 Cody

Class of 1957

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.wayne.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 Junquist 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

Class of 1947

A 60th reunion luncheon 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, at Vladimir's, 28125 Grand River, Farmington Hills. For information, contact Dave Vaughan at (248)380-6939 or Reta (Ansell) Steinhaus at (248)851-4682.

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 Lakeland Banquet Center. Contact Lucille at (734) 427-0579.

Class of 1952

Seeking alumni for a 55th reunion Oct. 21 at the American Polish Century Club. For more information, call (586)468-

2259 or (586)286-3352.

Class of 1957

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.

Detroit Girls Catholic Central

Class of 1967

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 chuckandevan@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 of 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 Redford High School

Class of 1954

Friday, Oct. 19, 2007, at Embassy Suite, Livonia. \$40 per person. Classes of 1953 and 1955 are invited. For more information, www.redfordhighschool-reunion.com or Doug King at (248)478-3621 or dking000@ameritech.net.

Detroit Western

Classes of 30s-50s

Sept. 21, 2007, at Dearborn Hills Golf Club. \$25. Call Simon Hachigian at (313)565-4997.

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 Southwestern

Class of 1957

A 50-year reunion 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.

Farmington High School

Class of 1977

Looking for classmates to plan 30th reunion. Call Elaine (Stewart) Conn at (248)-476-4821 or shakaconn129@yahoo.com.

Garden City High School

Class of 1957

A 50-year reunion, 6 p.m. to midnight, Sept. 29, 2007, at the Amvet Hall, 1217 Merriman Road, Westland. For information contact, Chet Troczynski at (734)426-4558 or Bertha Wodarski at (734)421-4140.

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 Sheryl (Pietryka) Catton at (734) 367-0898.

Class of 1989

Need classmates to register online with names, addresses and email addresses to Paula at gch-1989reunion@hotmail.com and check out web site at www.myspace.com/gch20threunion. 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.

Garden City West

Class of 1977

A 30-year reunion 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22. For more information, call Diane Payne at (734)525-0995 or Ann Collins at (248)360-0632 or check

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 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.
John Glenn High School
Class of 1967
 Holds their 40 Year Reunion 6:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Sept. 22, at Embassy Suites, 19525 Victor Parkway, Livonia. Cost is \$66.50 per person. For more information, visit www.classmates.com or contact Nancy Smith, Class President, at NLee007@aol.com.
Lamphere High School

Class of 1977
 A 30-year reunion 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at Cranks Banquet Center, 27900 Hoover Road, Warren. Contact Michelle (Van Sice) McCullough at mam43@comcast.net or Julie (Johnson) Szuminski at (586)403-3792 for information on registration.
Livonia Franklin
Class of 1969
 A reunion is in the pre-planning stages for 2007. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kaynini@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.
Livonia Bentley High School
Class of 1967
 The Livonia Bentley High School Class of 1967 gathers for its 40th reunion on Saturday Oct. 27, 2007, at the Radisson Hotel, Laurel Park in Livonia. Alumni can update their address by calling Sharon at 734-261-3264; e-mailing to celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com or visiting ctrinc.divincinet.com.
Livonia Stevenson High School
Class of 1987
 The Class of 1987 at Stevenson High

School meets for its 20th reunion on Saturday, October 20, 2007, at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. Alumni can update their address by calling Sharon at 734-261-3264; e-mailing to celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com or visiting ctrinc.divincinet.com.
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@yahoo.com. Representatives from graduating classes of '80, '82, '88 and '89 are sought.

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Tim from Sterling Heights e-mails asking for help decreasing his chances of developing dementia.

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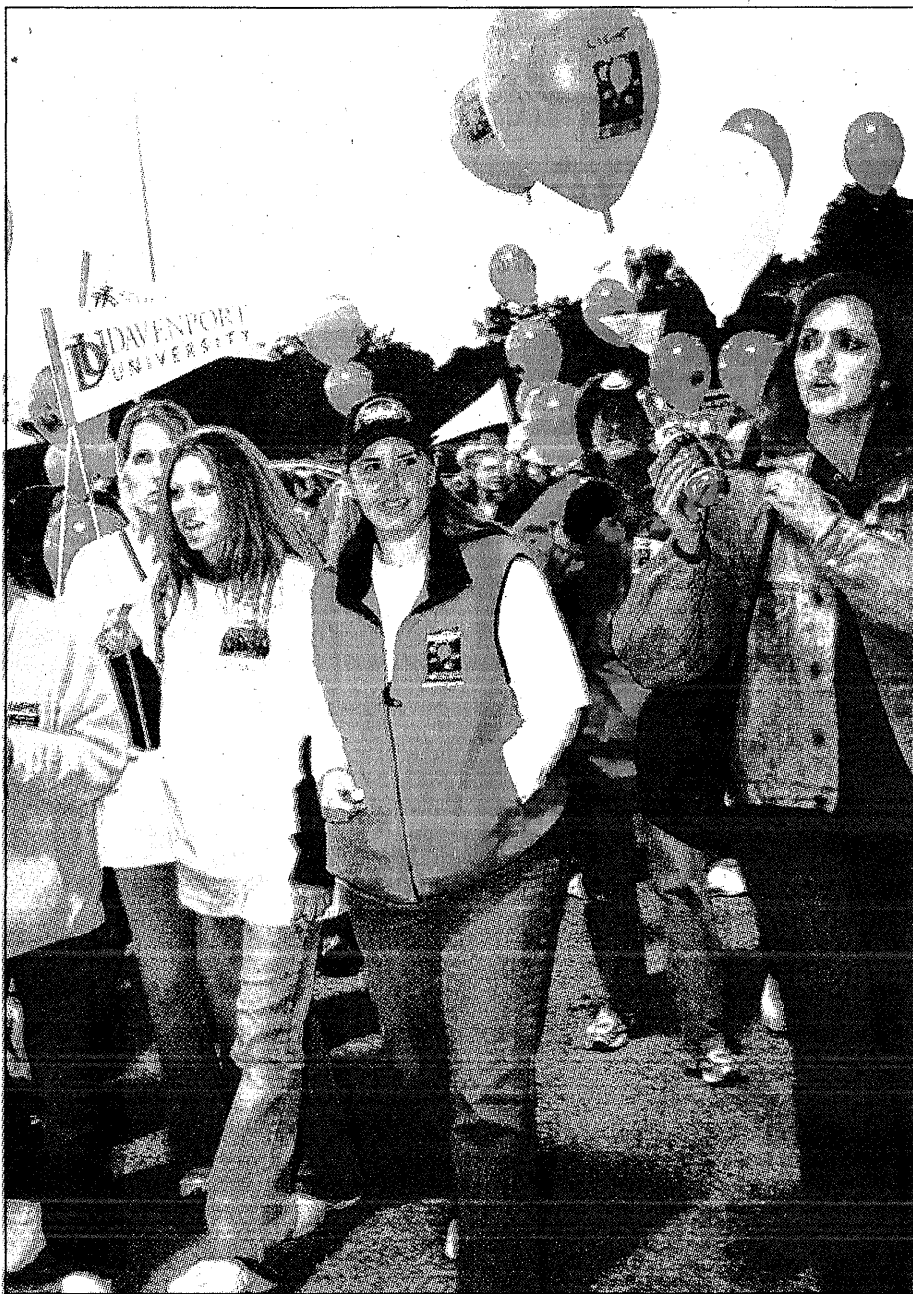
Studies found arthritis patients saw a greater reduction in pain when they combine exercise, diet, heat and cold therapy, acupuncture or glucosamine and chondroitin with current pain therapy. But before you start any complementary treatment, discuss it with your doctor to make sure it will help rather than hinder your arthritis management plan.

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.

Light the night

Walkers take steps to cure blood cancers

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER



Last year 1,200 supporters took steps to raise funds for blood cancer research and patient services for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Jeff Rysenga is still trying to deal with the fact there is no curative treatment for the leukemia doctors diagnosed three years ago after he felt a lump on his neck. "It was hard for me to understand, telling me I have cancer and not to do anything about it," said Jeff Rysenga who shares a Berkley home with wife Ann and three children. "The doctors said because there is no cure we want to save the treatment for when you need it. I didn't have night sweats or elevated white cell counts. I was feeling fine. They put me on watch and wait. The problem I had I couldn't just move on. I needed some way of releasing energy around that issue. I called the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and got some information that was helpful in getting used to this diagnosis."

Not long after being told he has chronic lymphocytic leukemia Rysenga reached out to the nonprofit and became involved in Light the Night Walks. This year he's chairing the Metro Detroit Walk Friday, Sept. 28, at Memorial Park in Royal Oak, one of seven statewide walks to raise money for blood cancer research and improve the quality of life for patients and their families. For more information or to register, call (800) 456-5413 or visit www.lightthenight.org/mi.

After a brief program beginning at 6:45 p.m., walkers leave the park carrying lighted balloons - white for survivors, red for supporters, or gold in memory of a loved one who lost their battle with blood cancer.

"What's really neat about it is we try to make the actual walk itself almost a party atmosphere with great food. We have entertainment. It's just fun. The reason we do that is the hard work of raising money is over - the Tupperware parties or selling candy bars at work or their kids going around the neighborhood with coffee cans," said Rysenga, 46, who works in product development for OnStar by General Motors. OnStar chose the Society as the focus of its charitable work this year.

"We do kind of a three mile stroll carrying those balloons starting just after dusk. To see all those people walking

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Fund-raisers help continue research

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Ryan Gliesman thought his fatigue was due to the stress of working as a mortgage banker until he "felt a hard object in his stomach". The 29-year old Farmington Hills man would soon discover his enlarged spleen was a symptom of the leukemia diagnosed by doctors in January.

Today, he's back at his desk at Quicken Loans in Livonia thanks to Gleevec, a medication he takes once a day to combat the chronic myelogenous leukemia. Gleevec is among a new generation of drugs that target specific proteins which cause cancer cells to grow and multiply. A bone biopsy revealed Gliesman carried the Philadelphia chromosome that produces an abnormal protein which tells the bone marrow to keep making abnormal white blood cells. Gleevec blocks the signal.

"It's the first cancer drug that's a target therapy. Chemo kills both good and bad. This targets the one condition. I

kind of put my faith in modern medicine. I don't ask as many questions as people might. I'm keeping a positive attitude. The only cure is having a bone marrow transplant and there's a high fatality rate with that and they usually only do it if a necessity," said Ryan Gliesman who isn't sitting around waiting for his condition to worsen.

On Oct. 5, more than 30 friends, family members and co-workers will join him for the Light the Night Walk in Gallup Park in Ann Arbor.

"I was very fortunate to have support from all my family and friends," said Gliesman. "As soon as I got diagnosed my girlfriend found out about the walk and had a fund-raiser. A corn toss game raised \$1,500 at her parents' home. It's kind of like horseshoes. We got some of the local businesses to contribute."

If you're interested in fund-raising for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, visit www.lighththenight.org/mi or call (800) 456-5413.

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with the balloons, it's kind of an emotional thing."

In 1949 when the Society was founded the survival rate for acute lymphocytic leukemia (ALL), the most prevalent childhood form, was 4 percent compared to 85 to 86 percent today.

"The Society's mission is to cure blood cancer and improve the quality of life for patients and families," said Peggy Pattison, deputy executive director of the Michigan Chapter. "We spend about \$60 million a year on research across the world. We have researchers everywhere trying to find a cure. We take the best research and do what we can to support who can make leaps and bounds to finding a cure."

Pattison is proud of the progress made in treating blood cancers. Since the 1960s, the five-year survival rates have more than doubled. That's important when every 10 minutes someone dies of blood cancer.

"I think it's important to understand our further progress is dependent on everyone. Support from each of the communities allows us to continue to move forward. Public awareness is important as well to understand what blood cancers are. There's a little bit of a misperception. Some people believe leukemia is just a blood disorder and it's a cancer, to understand Hodgkin's and Non-Hodgkin's are blood cancers, and we're here to help with all forms of blood cancer." The Society offers a variety of services to assist in dealing with blood cancer.

Education programs for patients and medical professionals make the latest information available. Society staff is waiting to talk to patients from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday about treatment, clinical trials and how

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PEGGY PATTISON, deputy executive director of the Michigan Chapter

to cope. First Connection connects newly diagnosed patients to a peer volunteer. Teleconferences and Web casts with medical professionals take place more than 25 times a year on topics of interest to patients and caregivers free of charge. Support groups establish communication between blood cancer patients. The Society's financial aid programs provide up to \$500 for any expense to do with treatment, including transportation to and from centers, and certain medications. While this particular program is not on a needs basis, the new co-pay assistance for premiums and prescriptions is based on an individual's financial situation.

Laura Dodd, as director of special events for the Michigan Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, is working to raise \$300,000 from the walk for research, and educational and financial programs. Last year about 1,200 people participated.

"This year we're hoping for 1,500 to 1,800. People can even walk up the night of, but if they become involved earlier we can raise more money," said Laura Dodd. "We give them all the supplies to do fund raising parties at their house with silent auctions. One woman when it came time to shave her head had a party called Shave to Save and charged people \$25 to shave their heads as well. There's all kinds of interesting ways to raise money, not just a knocking on doors sort of thing."

For more information about blood cancers, visit www.lls.org.

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Benefit today

4-8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, at the Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia, to raise money for medical bills for Alex Chimpouras, a Clawson woman fighting ovarian cancer. Tickets are \$10 and include hot dogs and chips. Tickets for pop and beer can be purchased and there will be a full bar. For more information, call Patty Schneider at (734) 266-2476 or Peggy Grainer at (248) 442-7571 or e-mail to pschneider25@aol.com.

Treating arthritis naturally

7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27, with Dr. William Karl, D.C., at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 33000 Civic Center Drive on south side of Five Mile, between Farmington and Merriman. Find out which foods help, which hurt. No charge. Seating limited. For reservation, call (734) 425-8588.

Divorce support group

7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28, an attorney from The Law Firm of Victoria discusses divorce issues such as child support, custody, property settlement, pensions, spousal support, post-judgment issues, the firm specializes in family law for women only, in the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. For information, call (734) 462-4443.

Sharing & Caring event

Screening Breast MRI: How to determine high-risk status with Whitney Ducaigne of the Cancer Genetics Program, William Beaumont Hospital, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30, in the hospital's Cancer Center First Floor Classroom, 13 Mile and Woodward, Royal Oak. Sharing & caring offers educational and support programs for breast cancer survivors, their family and friends. Call (248) 551-8585 for information.

UPCOMING

Celebrate Life

A 5k run/walk Saturday, Sept. 15, to raise money St. Mary Mercy Hospital cancer patients who are uninsured or underinsured, begins at 9 a.m. (7-8:30 a.m. registration) on hospital grounds, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Runners/walkers who register on or before Sept. 7 will be guaranteed a race T-shirt. For those registering after Sept. 7, T-shirts will be provided until supply is gone. Volunteers needed on race day. Call Carlos Junca at (734) 655-1402 to volunteer or for more information. Register online to participate in the race at www.stmarymercy.org and click on Celebrate Life.

Prostate screening

And educational sessions offered 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Charach Cancer Treatment Center at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. No charge. Participants will learn warning signs, receive a diagnostic test and collect pertinent information on prostate cancer. All men over age 50 who do not have a history of prostate cancer and have not had a Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) blood test and/or digital rectal exam within the past year are eligible and encouraged to participate. This program is for men who have not been screened or whose previous tests have shown no abnormalities. Men who have attended a screening in the past and had a positive test result should follow up with a physician. Each participant of the annual program receives a blood test and digital exam by a urologist who will look for abnormalities in the prostate. Registration required. Call (888) 362-2500 by Wednesday, Sept. 5. Appointments limited so early registration is encouraged.

Liver walk/5K run

To take strides to fight liver disease Saturday, Sept. 8 (9 a.m. registration begins, walk steps off 10 a.m.) at Stony Creek Metropark, Shelby Township. 100-percent of proceeds from walk go towards fighting liver disease in Michigan. For information or to register, call (888) MY-LIVER (695-4837) or

visit www.liverfoundation.org/chapters/michigan.

Walk'n Roll benefit

Sunday, Sept. 9, at Kensington Metropark in Millford and Stony Creek Metropark, Shelby Township. 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.alsomichigan.org.

Dawn Farm fund-raiser

1-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at Dawn Farm, 6633 Stony Creek Road, Ypsilanti. Jamboree includes pony rides, moon bounce, farm animals to pet, entertainment for the family and tours of the 74-acre working farm. Live and silent auction. Admission is free. Funds raised through the auctions help Dawn Farm to provide care for recovering addicts and alcoholics who have no financial resources. For more information, call (734) 485-8725 or visit www.dawnfarm.org.

CHADD meeting

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit Disorder meets Monday, Sept. 10 at Way Elementary School on W. Long Lake Road, just east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. Registration begins at 7 p.m. with the program running 7:30-9 p.m. The Parent Group will have Janet Rosen PhD, an Educational Specialist giving Tips and Strategies for your AD/HD Child to be Successful in School. The Adult Group will have Philip Parker MD, psychiatrist, speaking on Medication Treatment for Adults with AD/HD: Back to the Future. Meetings free to members, \$5 donation per non-member family. For information visit www.chadd.net/527 or call (248) 988-6716.

Educational classes

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill 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 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 web site at www.ami.oakland.org.

Diabetes presentation

Take care of your feet and they will last a lifetime presentation 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan Road, Livonia. Please use Main Entrance on Five Mile. For more information, call (734) 655-8961. The speaker is St. Mary Mercy Hospital podiatrist, Peter Galea, DPM. This is a St. Mary Mercy Hospital Diabetes Support Group presentation, however all are welcome. A new topic is presented on the second Wednesday of each month for adults with diabetes and family members at no charge. Pre-registration not required.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Treating thyroid disorders naturally

7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, with Dr. William Karl, D.C., at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 33000 Civic Center Drive on south side of Five Mile, between Farmington and Merriman. No charge. Seating limited. For reservation, call (734) 425-8588.

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 Seminar 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Call (734) 655-2693 or 1-877-Why-Weight to register for free Seminar.

Breather's club

A support group for persons afflicted with lung disease meets at noon on the third Wednesday of each month at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Pre-registration not required for the free program. For details, call (248) 937-3314.

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.

Salt and your health

Are you tired of depriving yourself of salt, learn why unrefined salt is a healthy food and should be part of everyone's diet 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21, with Dr. William Karl, D.C., at Zerbo's Health Food Store, 34164 Plymouth Road, east of Stark, Livonia. No charge. Seating limited. For reservation, call (734) 425-8588.

Kadima benefit

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the Max M. Fisher Music Center in Detroit. Features the music of Joshua Nelson and the Koshel 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. A certified diabetes educator will speak about diet, exercise, medications, stress, the importance of glucose testing and A1C 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.

Women's cancer walk

The National Arab American Medical Association (NAAMA) is partnering with Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute for the Fourth Annual Walk for Women's Cancer Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Detroit Zoo. Gates open 8 a.m., walk begins 9 a.m. Funds raised will help continue current programs for those affected by women's cancers as well as help to develop new support and education programs offered by Karmanos throughout the year. For details or to register, call 1-800-KARMANOS and ask for Patient and Family Support Services.

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 discounts also available. To see samples 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.

New parents support group

Meets at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. For details, call (248) 858-7766.

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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Alcoholics Anonymous and the Al-Anon (for family and friends) groups meet 10 a.m. every Sunday, at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. For information, call (248) 706-1020. No pre-registration required.

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UPDATE ON FIBROMYALGIA

The pain in fibromyalgia has proved vexing not only to patients, but to their physicians. At present, the greatest advance in the treatment of fibromyalgia is not how to treat its pain but learning where the pain originates. Research indicates that fibromyalgic pain starts in a pain center in the mid brain, an area of the spinal cord just above the cerebellum.

This pain center has its own characteristic receptors and chemical stimulators. For that reason medications such as Prozac and Paxil, and a number of tranquilizers used to treat fibromyalgia have not worked well. These medication act on brain centers higher in the brain that are constituted differently and exhibit different responses to drugs than the mid brain pain center.

At this time no medication specifically acts to reduce the pain sensitivity of the mid brain pain center in patients with fibromyalgia. Finding a drug that will raise the mid brain pain threshold is the focus of energetic pharmaceutical research. Likely within 2-3 years an effective drug will come forward.

Until that time, the best therapy for fibromyalgia is daily exercise, ideally done early in the morning. Early exercise creates endorphins, chemicals that act as the body's own pain medication.

These endorphins are excellent but last only 24 hours. Until a patient with fibromyalgia needs to exercise daily and consider exercise a medication. Thus a good drug therapy appears, exercise is the treatment of choice for fibromyalgia.

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AARP's Driver Safety course comes to Canton

Lois Ann Beerbaum presents the AARP Driver Safety Program 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 24-25, in Room D of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center Road.

To register, call the Canton Senior Center at (734) 394-5485.

Participants will learn about new traffic laws, rules of the road, and defensive driving techniques in this 8-hour course.

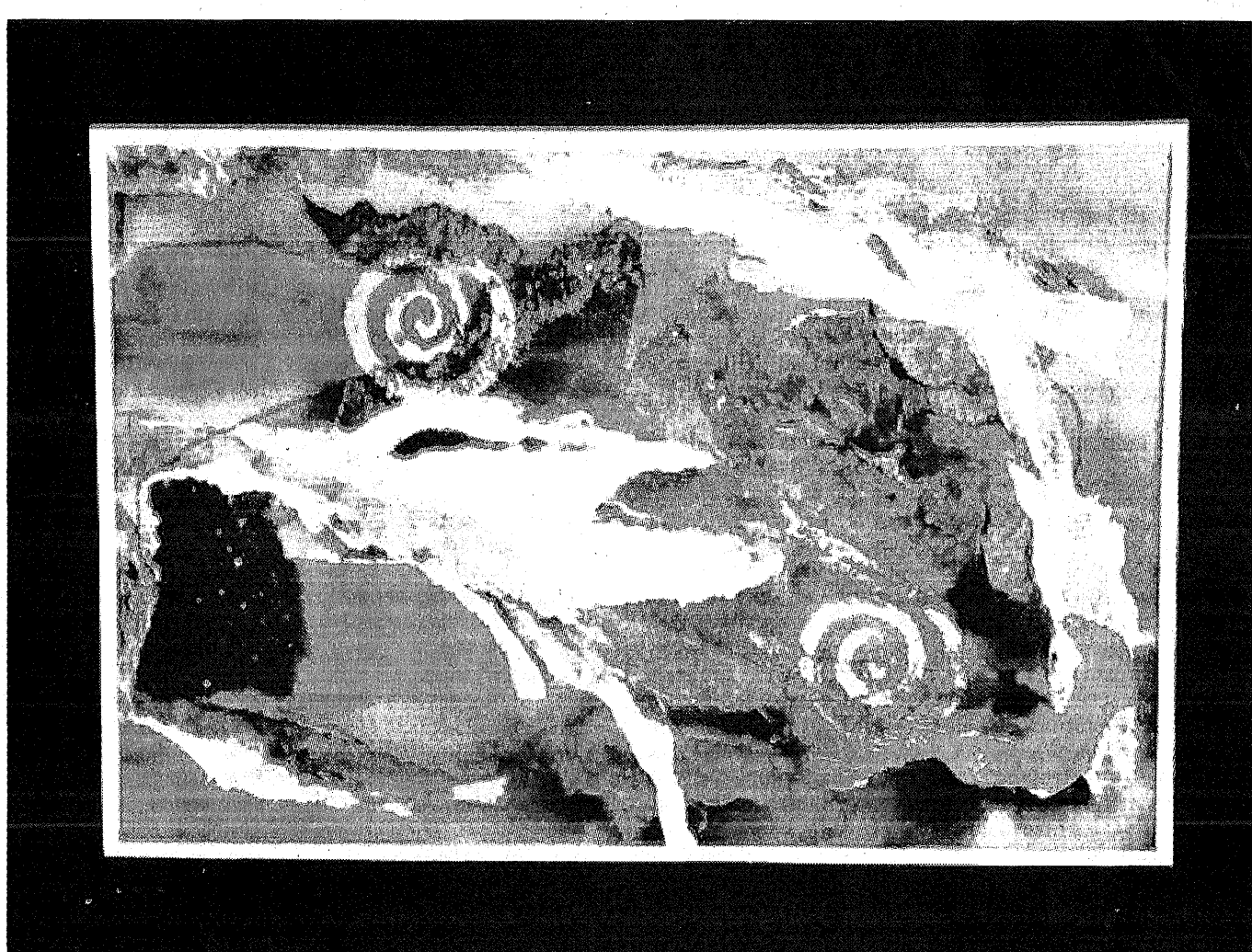
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Persons with disabilities are encouraged to request, in advance, any special arrangements they may need to participate in the AARP Driver Safety Program.

Please contact the course instructor or the manager of the facility where the course is to be held at least two to three weeks prior to the course.



Artists Club show

More than two dozen members of the Livonia Artists Club show their work Sept. 4-28, at Livonia City Hall on Five Mile, east of Farmington road. Pictured here is Stormy Weather, an abstract watercolor by Yvette Goldberg of Livonia. The exhibit features a variety of media including watercolors, oils, photography, and acrylics.

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Luncheon to support advancement of women's medicine

Florine Mark, president and CEO of The WW (Weight Watchers) Group, Inc., will host Michigan's most popular celebratory event - the 8th Annual Remarkable Women Luncheon noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at the Ritz Carlton, 300 Town Center Drive in Dearborn.

The charity luncheon will recognize and honor Remarkable Women from across Metro Detroit while raising funds to support research and the advancement of

women's medicine at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, Beaumont Women's Heart Center and U-M Cardiovascular Center.

Women representing all areas of business and from diverse walks of life will attend the luncheon. Guest speakers include Linda Kaplan Thaler, New York advertising guru and best-selling author of "Power of Nice," Glinda Bridgforth, financial expert, author and featured guest on Oprah's 'Debt Diet,' and Mireille

Guilano, accomplished international author of "French Women Don't Get Fat" and "French Women For All Seasons," who has been featured on Oprah, The Today Show, NBC's Dateline, CNN, etc. Several local media personalities, such as Sherry Margolis with Fox 2 News will also participate in this event.

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Good money management can send you back to school

BY JULIE BROWN
 STAFF WRITER

It's a tough gig.

You're trying to save money so you can get back to school. Back to school so you can train for a career, not just another job.

But you're on a tight budget already. In fact, it seems like you're squeezing your nickels so tight the buffalo are screaming. After all, you're only spending your money on essentials like food, clothing, housing and transportation.

Where's the extra money going to come from? Well, there may be leaks in your budget — and those leaks can be in some surprising places.

The soda you pick up each day, the fast food you have for lunch a couple of times a week, for example, can set you back \$60 or more a month. Ouch!

Sure, you need food, but fast food, that's an expensive want. It's easy to confuse wants with needs, but learning the difference can be key to gaining a brighter future.

Capt. Malinda O'Neil, corps commander with her husband for the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, sees that needs/wants issue often, "especially the people who at the end of the week say, 'Man, I don't know

where my money went.'" O'Neil herself found she was spending a lot on coffee at Starbucks, and was able to cut down on that.

She finds people at all income levels may not pay attention to little things. "So they buy a Pepsi for \$1.25" at a convenience store. A larger number of pop cans would be cheaper at grocery store, however, she noted, "or do you really need Pepsi?"

O'Neil was talking about budgeting with a woman who will carry bottles of water and an apple in a cooler when she's out and about, so she doesn't have to stop and buy expensive items. "That I thought was a good money-saver. So I think planning really helps save a lot," O'Neil said.

A lot of Salvation Army clients go to Rent-A-Center for furniture. They end up paying over a long time, and by the time an item's paid for it may need replacement. She recommends finding a thrift store or garage sale and buying there, and adds some new retailers have good deals even on new purchases.

"I think the biggest thing for all incomes is planning," she said, and avoiding impulse purchases. "Most times you can plan ahead." Salvation Army centers are often available to help with financial planning.

The Salvation Army has teamed up with the National Endowment for Financial Education to help their clients handle money wisely. In a publication put together on "Adult Financial Mentoring," the two organizations summarize information to help people become financially self-sufficient and move away from public assistance.

One key suggestion is to keep a spending diary for a few weeks. By jotting down every purchase and the amount — no matter how small — you may be surprised at how much money you spend on unnecessary things. Purchases like pop and chips may not seem like much individually, but can quickly add up.

The publication identifies parts of a spending plan: identify income, list expenses, compare income and expenses, and make changes.

To identify income, determine how much money comes in each month. Pay stubs, bank deposit records and other records of income will help.

To list expenses, determine how much money is spent each month. List all expenses, and don't forget to include the items from the spending diary.

You can then add up the income and expense lists, and compare the two. If there's not enough money to



pay all expenses, it's time to make some financial decisions.

Options for making changes include eliminating expenditures. That's where the spending diary comes in handy. Are there items that aren't necessary and could be eliminated? Working additional hours is another change, although it may not necessarily solve the underlying problem that caused the debt in the first

place.

A couple of suggestions include cutting optional phone services such as call waiting, call forwarding, and three-way conference capabilities. Rent-to-own purchases are the most expensive way to buy anything, the "Adult Financial Mentoring" publication notes, and fast food is expensive food.



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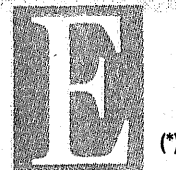
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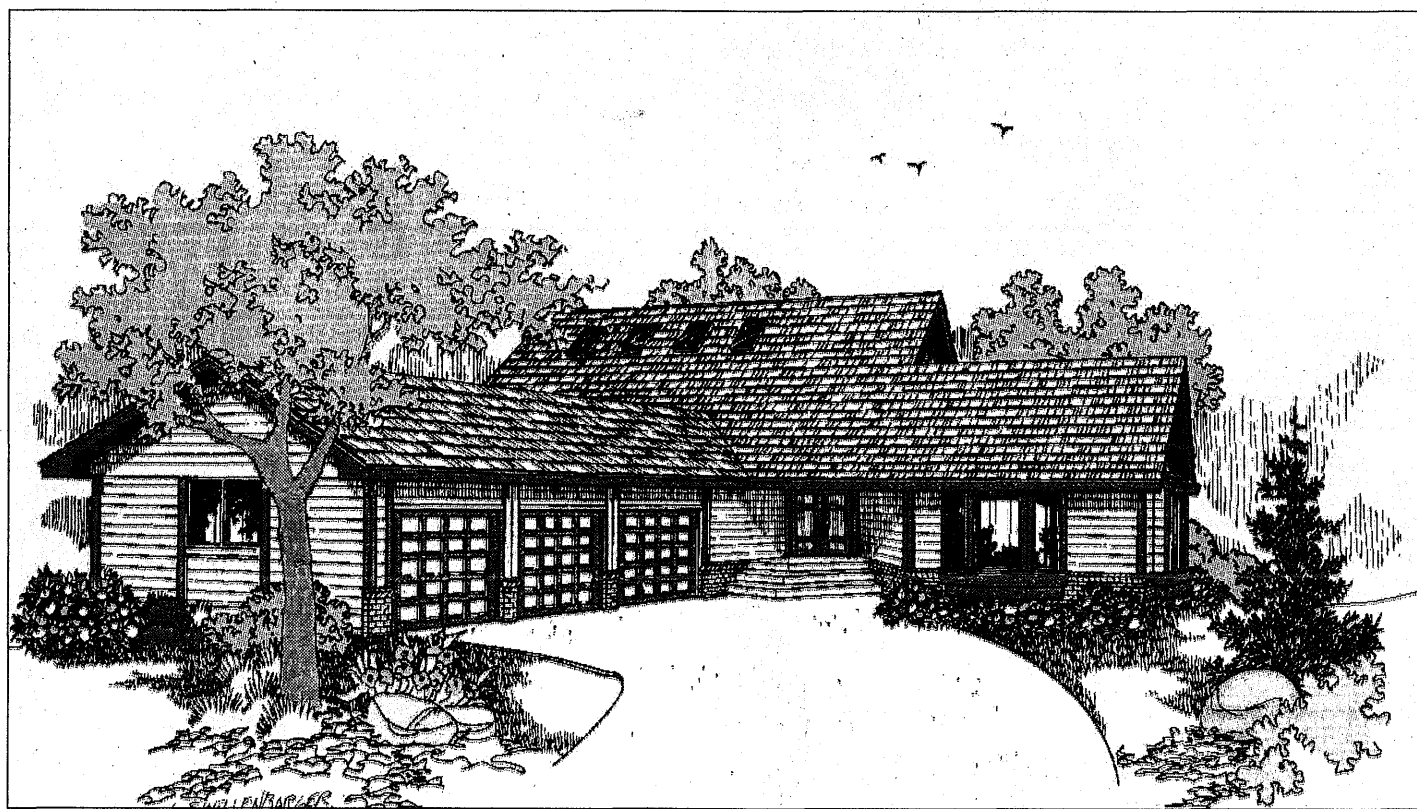


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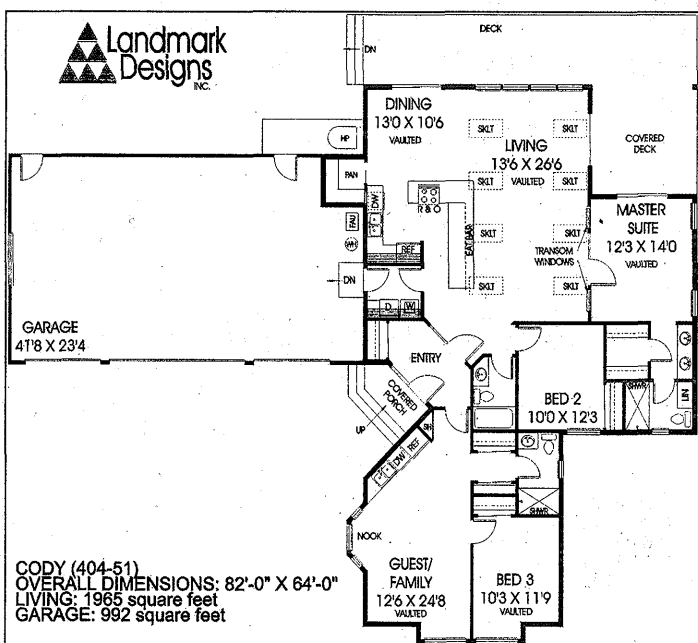


Natural sunlight bathes Cody from windows, skylights

The Cody (404-51), with 1,993 square feet, meets the needs of a growing family with ease. There are numerous windows and skylights. The natural sunlight was designed into this large home to dispel winter's gloom.

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The utility room is off the entry way to the left. It has a plant shelf on the wall. Next to the utility room is the kitchen. It has an "L"-shaped counter with an eating area. There is a large pantry for the storage of those extras needed in the kitchen. The dining room and living



room form one large room that surrounds the kitchen area. They are both vaulted and very

light and open. These two rooms contain numerous skylights. There is a deck off the dining

room area, and a covered deck off the living room that also is off the master bedroom.

The vaulted master bedroom has a large walk-in closet, individual sinks, a bathroom with a shower and the linen closet. The sinks and the closet are separated from the main bathroom by a door. Access to the covered deck enlarges this bedroom and gives the feel of the outdoor.

For a study plan of the Cody (404-51), send \$15 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Rd. E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424 or call (800) 562-1151. Be sure to specify plan name and number. Compact disks, with search functions are free of charge, to help you search our portfolio for your dream home (\$5 shipping and handling will apply). Save 15 percent on construction plans using the code (LOE48) online, mailing, or calling (800) 562-1151.

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More BIA

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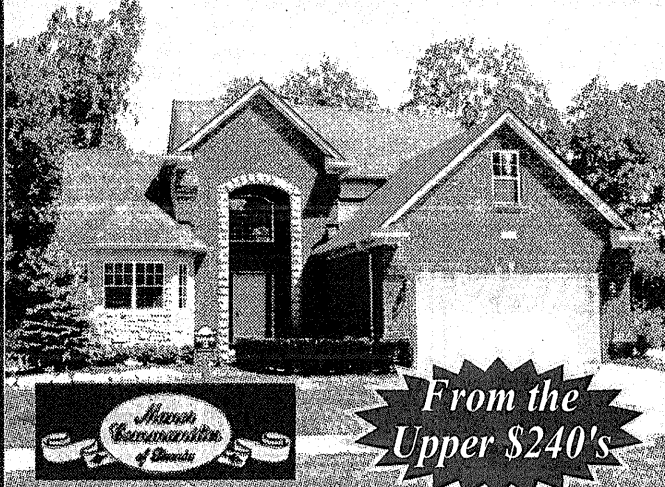
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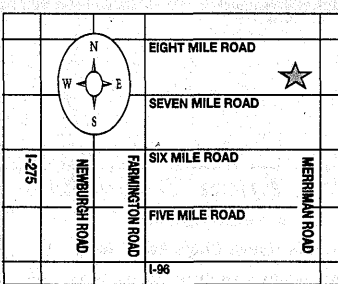
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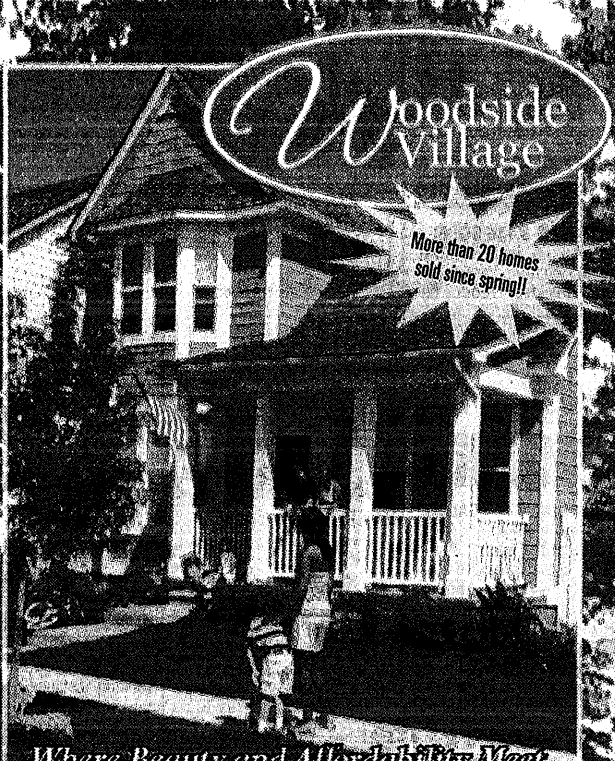


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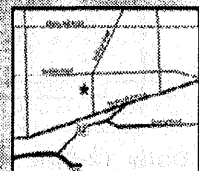
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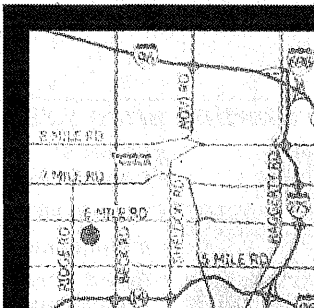
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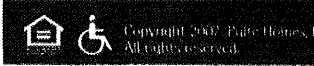
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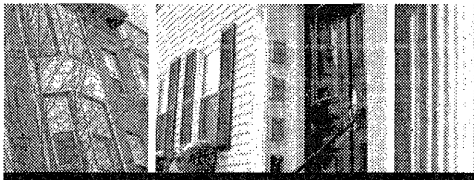
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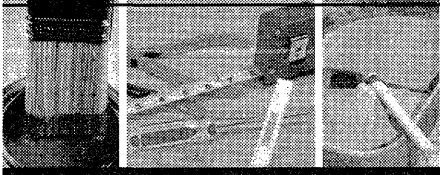
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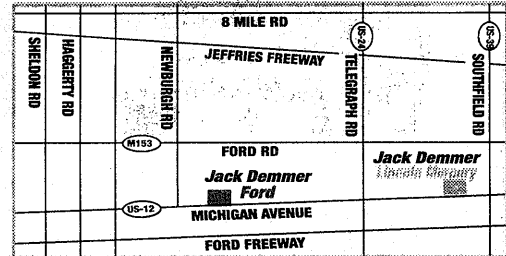
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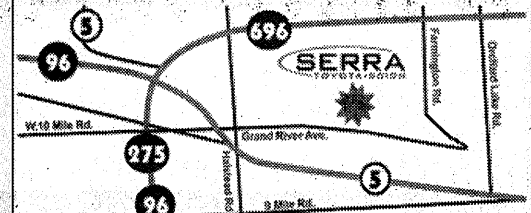
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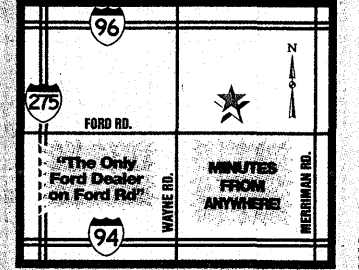
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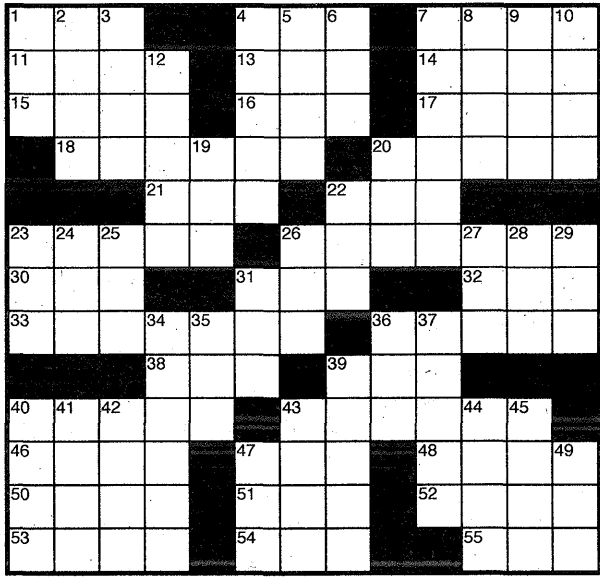
CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- Pull hard
 - Luxury resort
 - Calcium source
 - Sevareid of the news
 - Yes, in Tokyo
 - Length times width
 - Roy Rogers' wife
 - Eliminate
 - Art studio, maybe
 - More frilly
 - Spotted pony
 - Gross!
 - Tayback or Damone
 - Hot dog topping
 - More gung-ho
 - Wiedersehen
 - Large vase
 - Famous cathedral town
 - Springtime activity
- DOWN**
- Koppel or Danson
 - River in Asia
 - monster
 - "Beauty and the Beast" remake
 - Poker holding
 - Relief
 - Ill will
 - Common metal
 - Bugged out

Answer to Previous Puzzle

MAP CAD MEAN
B A B E C U E U R S A
A J A R I S M C A K E
L O T U S T U C K S
E R E O V E R T U M A
I R A N A R I D
H A M L E T C O R E R S
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- Green Hornet's valet
- DeMille of epics
- Here, in Le Havre
- Greedy sort
- Roomy vehicle
- Knows how
- Tint
- Conditions
- Joule fraction
- Step on the gas
- Yale grad
- Deli bread
- Et, for Hans
- Bagatelle
- Atom fragment
- Pierre's word
- Comples
- Grind one's teeth
- Giftwrap purchases
- Asian mountains
- Blurted out
- Where Keokuk is
- Orderly
- Knight's wife
- Badminton stroke
- Tyrannosaurus

SUDOKU

5	6							9
		8			5		6	
4	2	9			1		8	3
	5		1	4	9	6	2	8
1			7		8	9		5
	8			3	2			1
8	3		2	5				
	1		8		4		7	6
		4	3					

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SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

- | | | |
|---------|----------|-----------|
| PANDA | PERCH | PORCUPINE |
| PARROT | PHEASANT | POSSUM |
| PELICAN | PIG | PUFFIN |
| PENGUIN | PLATYPUS | PYTHON |

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

E P O S S U M R P T
P O R C U P I N E Y
H L P O P I G I N U
E K J A Y T A P G F
A P P N T O P D U P
S A E O A R X M I U
A B R H L R N P N F
N V C T P A N D A F
T P H Y A P S P D I
E R P P E L I C A N

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

SUDOKU

2	5	8	7	1	3	4	6	9
9	7	3	4	6	8	5	2	1
6	1	4	1	9	2	7	5	8
1	1	7	7	2	5	9	8	6
5	6	6	8	9	7	2	1	4
8	2	9	6	7	1	3	5	7
8	2	9	6	7	1	3	5	7
8	2	9	6	7	1	3	5	7
4	9	1	5	8	6	7	2	3
7	2	9	7	1	3	5	8	6

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

SEEK AND FIND

ACROSS: 1. PANDA, 2. PERCH, 3. PORCUPINE, 4. PARROT, 5. PHEASANT, 6. POSSUM, 7. PELICAN, 8. PIG, 9. PUFFIN, 10. PENGUIN, 11. PLATYPUS, 12. PYTHON

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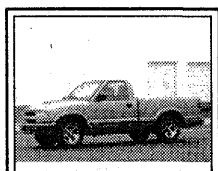
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2007 Dodge Magnum R/T: the first 'muscle wagon'

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**By Dave Menard
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When was the last time you heard someone get excited about the prospect of buying a station wagon? For years, the station wagon was the ultimate fuddy-duddy symbol of America; who could forget the wood-paneled wagons with the third-row seat that faced out the back?

My family had one and it was decidedly un-hip (sorry, Dad). Families needing passenger and/or cargo room now opt for SUVs. That's OK, but most SUVs can't give you the ride and handling that a car can give you.

Now, though, the station wagon is back. Dodge has put some style and muscle into the station wagon and the result is the Magnum.

The Magnum comes in four versions: the SE rear wheel drive, the SXT all-wheel drive, the R/T RWD and the R/T AWD. Our test car is the Magnum R/T RWD with the optional Road/Track Performance Group, and it's what I would call a "muscle wagon."

You can see its muscle when you look at it. Similar to the Charger sedan, the Magnum features a long hood, a tough-looking grille and a wide stance. The R/T comes with fog lamps, performance exhaust, liftgate floodlamps and 18-inch wheels.

Adding the optional Road/Track Performance Group (\$2950) will add 20-inch aluminum chrome-clad wheels and performance tires (plus some other stuff we'll get to in a bit). A roof rack is optional, as is a sunroof. It's a good-looking package.

The Magnum gets its performance muscle from the standard 5.7-liter HEMI V8 engine, rated at 340 horsepower and 390 lb-ft. of torque. That's plenty of power to get moving quickly and passing smoothly, and gas mileage is a respectable (for a V8) 17/25 mpg.

The Magnum takes regular unleaded gas, although Dodge recommends you use mid-grade (89 octane) instead. It's mated with a five-speed automatic Auto-Stick transmission. It moves through the gears nicely when left on its own, but you can shift it yourself, if you like.

On the road, the Magnum R/T handles well and is fun to drive. The optional Road/Track Performance Group has a lot to do with that; it features a performance exhaust system and an upgraded steering and suspension system.

The suspension system is an independent SLA with high upper "A" arm, gas-charged shocks and stabilizer bar up front and in the rear it's a five-link independent system with coil springs, gas-charged shocks and isolated suspension cradle. The upgraded system adds self-leveling shocks and a link-type stabilizer bar. It gives you good road feedback



Dodge has put some style and muscle into the Station Wagon and the results is the Magnum.

without a punishing ride, which is nice for long trips. The Magnum corners nicely and is easy to maneuver and park with the power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering. The Electronic Stability Program is standard.

Four-wheel anti-lock brakes with brake assist are standard on the R/T and they work very well.

Inside, the Magnum gives you a performance-car feel. It's nicely laid out with everything within easy reach of the driver, and power-adjustable pedals are standard.

The Road/Track Performance Group Package gets you leather-trimmed seats with suede inserts and they're comfortable and provide good support. The center console provides a space for your cell phone. The Electronic Group option (\$630) gets you an instrument panel display screen, vehicle information center, security alarm, steering wheel mounted audio controls and a garage door opener.

There's plenty of leg- and headroom in the Magnum, and the power seats are easy to adjust. The advantage to buying a wagon, as opposed to a sedan, becomes clear when you open the liftgate. There's plenty of room for cargo and the 60/40 split rear seats fold down to add even more cargo space. A rear cargo organizer is optional (\$160).

The Magnum R/T comes with a nice set of standard features: Air-conditioning, power locks and windows, rear window defroster and rear window washer/wiper, cruise control and keyless entry. The Road/Track Performance Group adds dual-zone automatic air, heated seats and automatic headlamps.

The standard audio system is an AM/FM/CD system with six Boston Acoustics speakers and a 276-watt digital amplifier. An integrated GPS navigation system (\$1895) is

optional, as are a rear seat DVD entertainment system (\$1150) and a Bluetooth hands-free communications system (\$360). Sirius satellite radio with a one-year subscription is included with the Magnum R/T.

The Magnum R/T comes with an advanced multi-stage airbag system and a tire-pressure monitor; if you opt for the Road/Track Performance Group you get the Protection Group included. That will give you supplemental front and rear side curtain airbags and self-sealing tires. The Protection Group costs \$440 as a stand-alone option. With the optional towing package, the Magnum can tow up to 3,800 pounds.

The 2007 Dodge Magnum R/T RWD starts at a little over \$31,000. Add the Road/Track Performance Group, GPS navigation system, rear cargo organizer, Bluetooth hands-free communication system and the Electronics Convenience Group and you're at a little over \$38,000. For that dough you get a station wagon that looks, drives and handles like a family car, but is practical enough for you to use as the family car.

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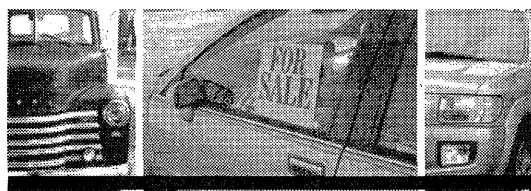
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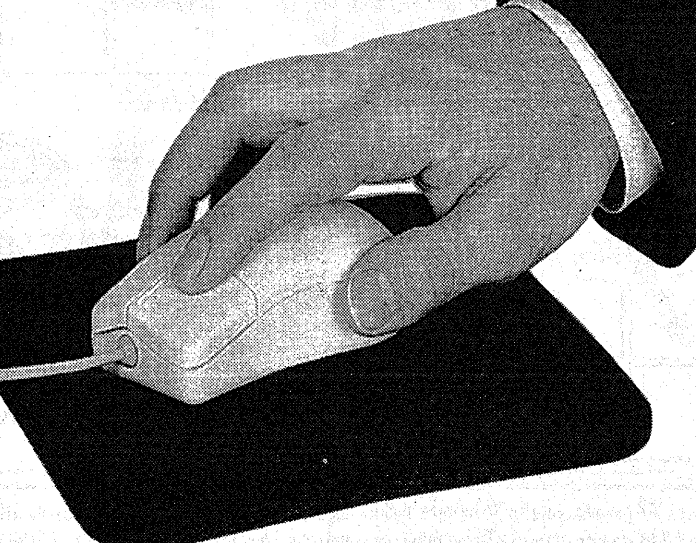
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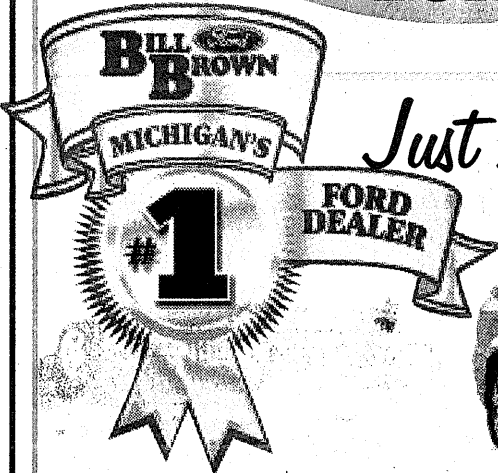
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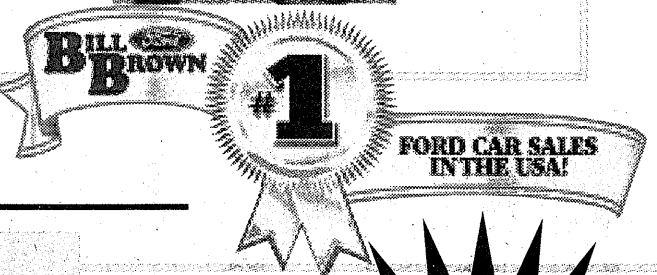
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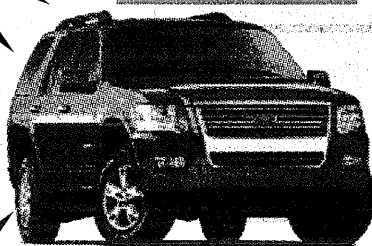
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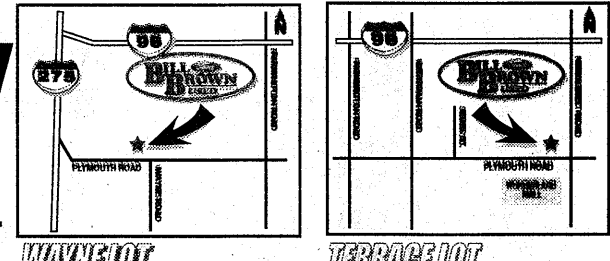
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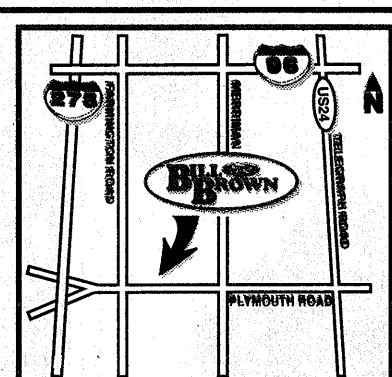


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Women still suffer pay gap

Women who work full time still get paid less than their male counterparts, according to new research by the American Association of University Women Educational Foundation.

The research shows that one year after college graduation, women earn 80 percent of what their male counterparts earn. Ten years after graduation, women fall further behind, earning only 69 percent of what men earn.

Even after controlling for hours, occupation, parenthood and other factors known to affect earnings, the research indicates that one-quarter of the pay gap remains unexplained and

is likely due to discrimination.

The research also shows that 10 years after graduation, college-educated men working full time have more authority in the workplace than do their female counterparts.

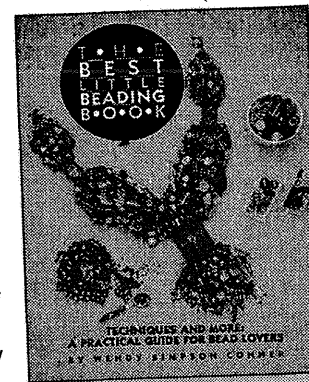
Men are more likely to be involved in hiring and firing, supervising others and setting pay. This is despite the fact that women outperform men in school — earning slightly higher GPAs than men in every college major, including science and mathematics.

In the United States, Michigan ranks 35th in pay equity. For more information, visit www.aauw.org.

PINKlist

BEAD-DAZZLING SHOW

Wendy Simpson Connor, author of *The Best Little Beading Book*, will offer free workshops during the International Gem & Jewelry Show, Aug. 31 through Sept. 2 at the Rock Financial Showplace, Novi. Exhibitors from across the country will fill the center with colorful displays of beads, beading accessories, and a large variety of loose stones and beads for jewelry makers and hobbyists. Visitors will receive special "show only" pricing from select vendors. Simpson Connor, celebrity bead expert and author of numerous books on beading, will demonstrate techniques for jewelry-makers. Now in its 41st year, the International Gem and Jewelry Show will be open noon to 6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$7 per person at the door, children 16 and under free with an adult. Visit www.intergem.com.



CATTLE BARON'S BALL

Pull on those cowboy boots for the 5th Annual Cattle Baron's Ball. The American Cancer Society's high-stepping event is charging back to the Michigan State Fairgrounds on Saturday, Sept. 15, for a down-home good time. The everpopular Western-themed soiree will feature live entertainment by The Oak Ridge



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REMARKABLE WOMEN

Weight Watchers will host its 8th Annual Remarkable Women Live luncheon noon-2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20 at the Ritz-Carlton Dearborn. Doors open at 11:15 a.m., giving remarkable guests a chance to visit vendor booths. Special guests include Linda Kaplan Thalet, author of "Power of Nice"; Glinda Bridgforth, author of "Girl, Make your Money Straight!"; and Mireille Guiliano, author of "French Women Don't Get Fat: The Secrets of Eating With Pleasure." Plus, local-media personalities will join Florine for a coffee-table discussion a la "The View." Tickets, \$60, \$55 for Weight Watchers members, benefit Beaumont Ministrelli's Women's Heart Center, Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute and the U-M Cardiovascular Center. Visit www.florineonline.com.

BAG BORROW OR STEAL

Did you ever think your obsession with designer handbags could land you a job? Online retailer Bag Borrow or Steal (bagborroworsteal.com) has expanded its "America's Ultimate Bagaholic Contest," a search for the country's most handbag-obsessed woman. Due to overwhelming response, the submission deadline is Sept. 4. One grand-prize winner will be selected to receive her dream job as Bag Borrow or Steal's chief bagofficer. She will be the first to carry and critique six of the fall's hottest must-have bags; document her experience in her own dedicated blog on the Bag Borrow or Steal Web site, and receive free handbag rentals for a year. Visit www.bagborroworsteal.com/bagaholic to enter.



Fendi 'Selleria' Messenger Bag is among must-have couture purses on loan at www.bagborroworsteal.com.

Back to School Style

CANTON — You don't have to spend fortune to go back to school in style. Plato's Closet is a great place to shop for recently used clothing that reflects the hottest brands and latest trends. Paul Wells of Plato's Closet of Canton shares what's hip for the halls this fall:

● **Denim, Denim and more Denim:** This season the skinny leg, the wide leg and everything in between are all the rage. There is a fit for every body out there. When it comes to color, dark denim has the upper hand because it's easier to dress up or down.

● **Sweet as Sugar:** Tops for gals are light as air and sweet as sugar with added embellishments of lace, ruffles, bows and appliqué. Perfect with denim or dressy with pants, these styles tend to be loose and flowing.

● **Say it Loud:** At a loss for words? Let your T-shirt do the talking. From rocker tees to vintage patterns, the tee is an easy staple that must be tucked in everyone's dresser drawers.

● **The Itsy-Bitsy Dress:** The little mod dress of spring will carry right into fall. Warm it up with bright tights and pumps or slouchy boots. Preppy jumpers, reminiscent of your little sister's school uniform, also will make their way off the runways. Pair with a fitted long sleeve to evoke the ultimate "goody two shoes."

● **Flat Out Comfortable:** From bright colors and patent to patterns and bows, ballet flats are sure to tickle your tootsies. The sneaker is returning to the scene as well. Brands like Nike, Converse and Keds are collaborating with famous designers to create a luxurious look, while maintaining the major comfort factor.

Plato's Closet of Canton, 44720 Ford Road, buys and sells brands like Abercrombie & Fitch, Hollister, Express, and American Eagle, and targets teens and twenty-somethings. Call (734) 459-5029 or visit www.platoscloset.com.



Bold prints, belts, flat shoes and the color amber are in for teens this fall. All clothing from T.J. Maxx.

For back to school, at right, she is on trend in a houndstooth jumper, knit turtleneck and leggings, red patent leather handbag and ballet flats. He plays it cool in layered shirts tucked into belted wide leg jeans. All clothing from T.J. Maxx.

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pinkletter

Dear PINK,

As the winner of the PINK Mommy Boot Camp Challenge, I wanted to send out a thank you to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, PINK Editor Wensdy, PINK Mommy Columnist Wendie DeLano and Jennifer Gray for such a wonderful opportunity. I already felt like a winner just for being chosen to receive six weeks of Jennifer Gray's bootcamp for free. Well, it worked. Everyone on the team lost weight, body fat and inches. We all worked very hard by kickboxing, running and following a healthy diet.

Another added bonus was meeting the other mommies. We all understood the challenges involved with being a parent, working and trying to shed those baby pounds.

It was quite a surprise to me when my name was announced as the winner. Now I get to look forward to spending \$1,000 at Macy's and a photo shoot with the Observer. Again, thank you for the opportunity and motivation to continue weight loss; one pound at a time.

Sincerely,
Michele Parzuchowski

ON THE COVER

Michele Parzuchowski of Livonia was the winner of our PINK Mommy Boot Camp Challenge, sponsored by Jennifer Gray's Body Beautiful Boot Camps and Macy's. Parzuchowski shows off her new figure in a black ruffle Cynthia cocktail dress (\$285) accented by a Kate Spade leopard clutch (\$135), BCBG ruby red shoes, and a ruby red bangle by Indeed (\$20). All clothing and accessories from Macy's Somerset. Styling by Cyd Stone, Macy's By Appointment, Somerset. Makeup by Amanda Ayers for MAC, Macy's Somerset. Hair by Melissa Morehead for Premier Salon at Macy's Somerset.



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Reader selected as top 'picker'!

Congrats to Amanda Pier — the top winner of our 3rd Annual Reader PINK Picks contest. This fabulous 30-year-old lives in Redford with her hubby, Matthew, and works at the Senior Alliance in Wayne, helping seniors maintain independence in their homes. With three older sisters, Pier got a head start on style. She likes to mix high- and low-end fashions, splurging on expensive perfume and handbags, but searching out deals on shoes and clothes. Even her pet chihuahua is fashionable — Mya is known to wear a pink coat and collar on neighborhood walks. Pier said she will have no problem spending her \$500 gift card at Westland Shopping Center, since she's there almost every day, working out at Femme Fitness. She plans to troll Macy's for a luxury handbag and scarf — Fall's must-have accessory. Here are Amanda's winning picks:



Amanda Pier

Face It!
 Skindinavia Makeup Finishing Spray

Mane It!
 Head scarves

Smell It!
 Juicy Couture Fragrance

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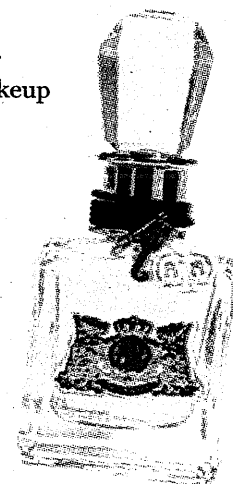
Read It!
 The Rest of Her Life by Laura Moriarty

Drink It!
 Special K K2O Protein Water

Eat It!
 Southwest Grilled Chicken Salad at McDonald's

Use It!
 Avon Instant Pedicure Strips

Do It!
 Cook dinner — instead of dining out



Wear It!
 A signature watch

DON'T Wear It!
 Floral prints

Tote It!
 Betseyville “Flippin’ Out” large hobo by Betsey Johnson

Kick It!
 “Ana” heels by Apt. 9 at Kohl's

Accessorize It!
 Glam oversized sunglasses



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PINK Picks contest winners Jennifer Boris, left, and grand prize winner Amanda Pier, right, stand with Westland Shopping Center marketing manager Denise Mills as they accept their prizes.

PINK PICKS 4 WINNING ENTRIES

Sifting through a small mountain of submissions, the judges of our third annual Reader PINK Picks contest have spoken. The most stylish suggestions earned four PINK readers a shopping spree at Westland Shopping Center. The winners: Our grand prize recipient of a \$500 gift card, Amanda Pier of Redford. The three worthy runners-up — each earning \$100 gift cards: Jennifer Boris of Westland; Karen Viado of Canton; and Chelsea Von Mach of Birmingham.



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PINK Mommy Camp Wra

BY WENDIE DELANO
PINK MOMMY COLUMNIST

If you've been following PINK, you know that yours truly recently initiated a six-week PINK Mommy Boot Camp Challenge. Me, PINK Editor Wensdy Von Buskirk, and five PINK readers — who had children in the past two years — spent six weeks in Jennifer Gray's Body Beautiful Boot Camp, trying to lose our baby weight.

Well, the results are in.

Congratulations to our PINK Mommy Boot Camp winner — Michele Parzuchowski of Livonia!

As if her beautiful body isn't prize enough, Michele won a \$1,000 gift card from Macy's to buy Fall fashions for her new figure!

BOOT CAMP RECAP

It was a tight race, because all of our boot campers worked hard to reach their weight loss goals. The results were measured by total pounds and body fat percentage lost during our six week challenge. Michele lost 10 pounds and 3.3 percent of total body fat. Our runner-up, Tamika Whitmore, lost 1.5 more pounds than Michele, but 2.2 percent less body fat. Once the numbers were crunched against the total ratio of pounds and body fat lost in proportion to where we started, Michele came out ahead in both categories.

Michele has been a model bootcamper since the beginning, following the diet and exercise program to a tee, and acting as a cheerleader to the rest of the group.

Her co-workers were so inspired by her enthusiasm, a few of them started fitness or diet programs of their own.

"We used to have candy and other sweets in our break room, and they were replaced with fruit and healthy snacks" Michele said. "They said if I could do it, they could do it too."

OFF TO MACY'S

I was with Michele when she met with Cyd Stone, a Macy's by Appointment Personal Shopper, to pick out three complete looks for her PINK photo shoot. Working with Michele's new measurements and notes about her personal style, Cyd helped Michele find clothing to flatter her figure.

Even though she would love to own all of the clothes Cyd picked out, Michele had a hard time breaking the \$1,000 gift card she won!

"I have been getting lots of advice on how to spend it, so I'm not sure if I should wait for great sales or buy expensive items I wouldn't normally treat myself to," Michele said.

Cyd will be there to help her find Fall fashions when she's ready to spend the money, but Michele still wants to lose a little more weight — and claims she isn't cheating!

PINK MOMMY CONFESSION

So, you are probably wondering how I did, right? Well, I lost 4.3 lbs. and .6 percent of my body fat. I didn't reach my goal, but I'm smaller than I was six weeks ago. I feel better and my clothes are looser. I was a little disappointed with my results once I saw that the other boot campers lost much more than I did. I wondered what I could have done differently. I tried to stick to the diet as best I could, but allowed myself to cheat if I thought I had some calories to spare for the day.

I made it to two boot camp workouts a week, but had a hard time fitting in a third, which may have been critical to others' success.

I could complain, as I did to myself many times, that the workouts were too hard for me. Maybe they were. I could say that I was truthful on my food log when I had a chocolate chip cookie, and no one called me on it to tell me how that could hurt my end result.

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Après Kickboxing, Michele is ready to conquer anything wearing
the Juicy Couture Lenore suit (jacket, 3370; skirt, 3215) and teal blouse (3223)
STYLING BY ATTILIO CHIANG

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PINK mommy

BEYOND BOOT CAMP

There are pros and cons to every diet and fitness program. Each will have things that appeal to different people. What I learned by doing this boot camp is that it is up to a fitness instructor or a dietician to make me lose it's up to me. They can guide me, but I am the only one I have to take what they teach me and do the work to

boot camp ended, I signed up for a yoga/pilates class at a gym center. I had been a member there for two years but I had no membership at all. How many of you have done the same thing? I eat in a child care room and my daughter loves playing while I use the track there to run (I have learned to love it) on the treadmill to do boot camp, so I can continue my cardio. I refuse to give up because I didn't reach my weight loss goal, and I will keep my current fitness routine for me.

Special thanks to Macy's for donating a fabulous grand prize - a \$1,000 gift card and seven spots in her boot camp for our PINK Mommy group.

Surrounded by pink Everlast boxing gloves and an iPod Nano, Boot Camp Winner Michele Parzuchowski looks ready for a workout while sporting Juicy Couture.



BOOT CAMP RESULTS

Here's how much each member of Team PINK lost after six weeks of diet and exercise:

Winner Michele Parzuchowski, Livonia: 10.9 pounds and 3.2 percent body fat

Runner-Up Tamika Whitmore, Madison Heights: 12.2 pounds and 1 percent body fat

Autumn Moricz, Redford: 6.4 pounds and 2.2 percent body fat

Jill Nowak, Livonia: 10.6 pounds and 1.2 percent body fat

Jenifer Schrader, Bloomfield Hills: 5.7 pounds and 1.6 percent body fat

PINK Staff (not eligible to win):

Wendie DeLano, Livonia: 4.3 pounds and .6 percent body fat

Wensdy Von Buskirk, Northville: 13.2 pounds

and 5.3 percent body fat

Congratulations Team PINK!

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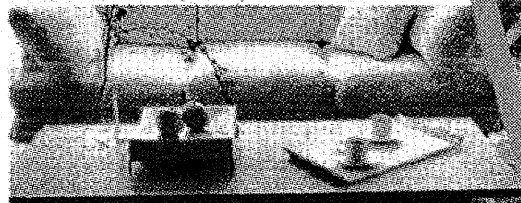
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Team PINK, on their last day at camp, (from left) Wensdy Von Buskirk, Michele Parzuchowski, Jenifer Schrader, Jill King, Autumn Moricz, Wendie DeLano and Tamika Whitmore at Franklin Athletic Club, Southfield.

Boot Camp Report Card

Congrats to all of PINK's mommy boot campers. Everyone was a loser — and therefore a winner! Here are some insights on each of the moms and their camp experience. The camp takes the motivation of a group to help each mom achieve their specific goal.



**body
 by jenn**

TAMIKA

"I have a very sedentary job so the physical activity that Boot Camp brings is a welcomed change. I hope that we are all able to motivate each other and keep each other on track," Tamika said, before camp began. She was totally focused on her end goal. She extended her support network beyond the class and had a team of people cheering her on at work. Hopefully she will incorporate what she learned and make long-term lifestyle changes.

JILL

Sometimes we need to take baby steps before we can run. Setting realistic goals was key for Jill who indicated, "Without exercise, I can pack on the pounds and with a baby I find it very hard to exercise, so my baby weight is still there." Jill had a lot of weight to lose and some genetics working against her. Some moms could have felt overwhelmed, but as a collegiate athlete she had developed the patience to set realistic goals. Her competitive training and drive helped her achieve each of her smaller goals.

MICHELE

Michele, like many moms who put everyone else first, was finding it hard to find the time for exercise. "I work three very long days a week," she said. "I start at 6:45 a.m. and work until 5 p.m., and I am tired once I get home." Michele knows that time for exercise is not found, but it is made. By signing up and committing to the camp, the workout became non-negotiable. She had to put herself first with this camp, but it paid off for everyone in her life.

AUTUMN

Autumn knew that exercise literally would change the way she felt. As camp started she said, "I am really focusing on looking and feeling better". But it was her mental preparation for camp that really paid off.

All boot campers must start camp "ready." Everything is spelled out in advance when you join, so you know what is expected of you to achieve your health and fitness goals.

The camp then provides the tools to succeed.

JEN

There is no substitute for discipline. Jen was meticulous about keeping her food logs and was always on time and ready to go. A former equestrian, Jen had said, "I never worked out because riding always kept me in shape, but when I stopped so did all of my athletic activity and I started packing on the pounds." A Boot Camp was just what this mom needed, so much so that Jen actually signed up for another session. By extending her camp to 12 weeks, she will get even more guidance and will achieve whatever goals she sets.

In general all the moms experienced greater energy and lost both inches and pounds. While there is no effective way to spot reduce, all the mummies lost in the stomach area, one as much as six inches.

Jennifer Gray leads Body Beautiful Boot Camps. Reach her at (248) 761-2321 or visit www.bodybyjenn.com.

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Sleep Inn, located at 2100 W. Wackerly Street, is a basic hotel offering one night in a jacuzzi suite with a fireplace, champagne, gift basket with chocolates, bubble bath, candles and two champagne flutes for \$124. Or go even lower in price and for \$74 get a basic room plus one pizza from the local pizzeria.

Call (888) 837-1010, or visit www.choice-hotels.com/hotel/mi034

EVEN CLOSER TO HOME

There's 626 acres of rolling hills, trees and lakes at Camp Dearborn.

It's family-oriented, owned by the City of Dearborn.

Located in Milford, 35 miles northwest of Dearborn City Hall, there's a campsite with a half-mile beach, paddle boat rentals, picnic sites, mini golf and camping. No pets are permitted.

The Henry Ford package includes tickets to The Henry Ford and campsites with full hook-up. Tents or rustic cabins are also available, such as \$68 for one night for two people; or \$108 for a one-night, four-person family package. With it, you can tour the Henry Ford Estate to learn about the private



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life of the automotive pioneer and see Mr. Ford's personal garage and cars. Camp Dearborn is located at 1700 General Motors Road in Milford. Call (313) 943-2076 or visit www.campdearborn.com.

NATURE LOVERS

For \$175 for two nights for two people through Oct. 15, you can stay in a rustic cabin, canoe for hours through the Seney National Wildlife Refuge and use mountain bikes the entire second day. This trip is great for wildlife photographers.

Visit the eastern end of the UP on an eco-trip that's 90 minutes northwest of the Mackinac Bridge on the Lake Superior coastal town of Grand Marais, north of Germfask on Highway M-77. Call Northland Outfitters at (906) 586-9801 or (800) 808-3386, or visit www.northoutfitters.com or www.greatwaters.net

WOMEN'S HARVEST KAYAK CAMPOUT

It's \$145 per night, and groups of 10 can come.

From Sept. 6-8, take an all-women camping and kayak trip among the crystal waters of Les Cheneaux Islands.

The Les Cheneaux Islands Resort Area is located in Michigan's Eastern Upper Peninsula, 30 miles northeast of the Mackinac Bridge.

Camp overnight, enjoy a campfire dinner and breakfast that's served. Trip includes kayaks, guide and meals for two nights and three days.

Contact Woods & Water Ecotours at 138 Pickford Avenue, Hessel, Mich., call (906) 484-4157, or visit www.woodswaterecotours.com.

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By Christina Kallery

Prettify your feet with DIY pedicure

Oh-so-bare summer footwear transforms the weekly pedicure from pampering treat into must-have treatment. But if you're low on cash, fancified feet can get too pricey. Luckily, it's easy to pretty up your toes on the cheap.

1. Run a shallow bath or pour warm water into a pan. Add your foot-softening treatment of choice.
2. Clip or file nails into your fave shape, whether square or rounded — just keep it consistent.
3. Soak feet for a few moments, then rub heels and other rough areas with a pumice stone, file or foot rasp to remove rough skin.
4. Apply cuticle remover, if needed. To shape edges of toenail, apply gentle pressure with a cuticle pusher.
5. Apply a rich, hydrating lotion to seal in moisture and soften skin.
6. Apply a clear basecoat to toenails. Follow with the color of your choice, making sure to apply in even strokes. Nix mistakes with a pointed swab dipped in polish remover.

7. For added chip-resistance, finish with a topcoat.

8. Relax and stay put until toes are completely dry. (Note: This would be a fabulous time to treat yourself to a facial mask!)

BLUSH RECOMMENDS:

●Essie Nail Polish in Watermelon — A juicy, hot pink shade that's perfect for summer. Available at Beauty First.

●Dr. Scholls® For Her Dual-Action Swedish File — This double-sided file buffs away rough spots in a flash. Available at drugstores.

● Bliss Softening Sock Salve — Infused with eucalyptus oil to leave feet soft and smooth. For an extra moisturizing treatment, top with socks and wear to bed. Available at Sephora.



For summery toes, try Essie Nail Polish in Watermelon.

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Naeem Kahn put the elegance in this year's Concours d'Elegance

On Thursday, Aug. 2, Lufthansa and Saks Fifth Avenue sponsored a runway show to set the stage for this year's Concours d'Elegance at Meadow Brook Hall. Fashionistas took over the historic grounds to scope out the Fall and Winter 2007 collection as envisioned by designer Naeem Kahn. From plunging necklines to empire waistlines, sparkling details to all-over shimmer, here are some of the spectacular highlights.

PHOTOS BY LEN KATZ



Judging by Naeem Kahn's designs for the Concours d'Elegance fashion show, black is the new black this fall.



This 20's inspired design makes shimmying down the runway look effortless.



Strappy heels and a plunging neckline accent this silver dress.



This season cocktail dresses will be textured, short and sweet.



Aubergine never looked so regal as when it pairs a high-collared cropped brocade jacket with a slim satin gown.

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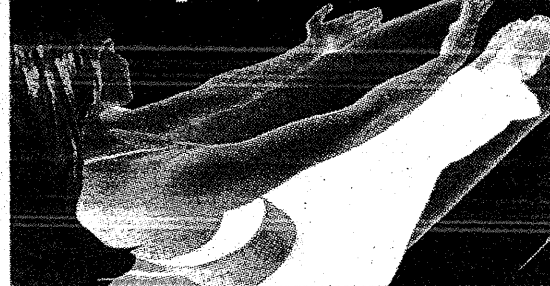
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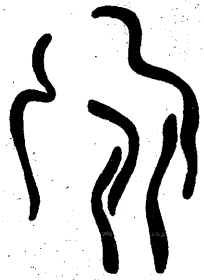
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