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Safari passes

Twelve area residents have won family passes valued at \$107 to the African Safari Wildlife Park in Port Clinton, Ohio...

The winners are: Nancy Dailide of Canton Township, Anita Evans of Beverly Hills, Linda Grimsby of Livonia, Arlene Kuron of Rochester Hills, John Maliniak of Westland, Sandy Mencer of Birmingham, Debbie Morris, Denise Penny of Livonia, Paul Scott of Westland, Helene Weissberg of Southfield, Steven Yee of Canton and Kim Zamora of Livonia.

Look for the Wild Summer Days advertisement sponsored by Oliver Home Improvement and Apartments/Rooms For Rent inside the paper every Sunday and Thursday and read about the animal park and how you can win a pass that admits up to six people at the park, just 17 miles west of Cedar Point.

Cutest baby

Personalized Nursing LIGHT House sponsors its first Cutest Baby Contest during the Plymouth Fall Festival Sept. 11-13. Winners will be announced Sunday, Sept. 13 at 5 p.m.

Parents should send one 5x7 (or smaller) picture with the required \$10 entry fee by Sept. 1.

Mail entries to Cute Baby, c/o Teresa Smith, 575 S. Main, Ste. 6, Plymouth, MI 48170. Child must be 36 months old or younger.

For more information, call (734) 451-7800.

YMCA camps

The Plymouth Family YMCA is still accepting registrations for its summer day camp held at the First United Methodist church on North Territorial. There are spots available for each of our remaining weeks, Aug. 17-21, Aug. 24-28 and Aug. 31-Sept. 4. Full week or part-time camp is available. It is a great chance to have some fun before the summer ends.



Danielle Allen of Canton and Ben Corona of Plymouth Township, here in front of the Penn Theater in downtown Plymouth, are part of a team of young filmmakers vying to win a national competition.

Goin' Hollywood

Local teens win shot at filmmaking contest

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After shooting a short film about a quiet, bullied high school boy who becomes a superhero, a young movie-making crew including five Canton, Plymouth and Plymouth Township teens will compete to win a nationwide competition.

But they'll need all the support they can get during a seven-day, online voting contest.

The teens shot their film, Zero to Hero, in July at the vacant Parker High School in Howell, after beating out thousands of youngsters who sought an opportunity to work with Chicago-based Fresh Films, the nation's top filmmaking competition for teens.

Fresh Films assembled teen film crews in six U.S. cities, including the Detroit area, and chose youngsters who stood out after going online to fresh-films.com and making a personal sales pitch including essays about their interest in movies.

Fresh Films, using short film scripts from a separate contest, rolled into town in July after assigning Zero to Hero to teen filmmakers Danielle Allen, Kristen Riggs and Eric Schendel of Canton; Ben Corona of Plymouth Township; Joe Wafer of Plymouth; Nicholas Rossano of Detroit; Jesse Gilbert



Members of the Fresh Film-Detroit film crew include (front, from left) Joe Wafer of Plymouth, Ben Corona of Plymouth Township, Kristen Riggs and Danielle Allen of Canton, and (back) Nick Rossano of Detroit, Jesse Gilbert of Shelby Township, Eric Schendel of Canton, Peter Kangas of Iowa City, Iowa, and Garrett Roodbergen of Vicksburg.

FRESH FILMS

- Who: Canton teens Danielle Allen, Kristen Riggs and Eric Schendel, Ben Corona of Plymouth Township and Joe Wafer of Plymouth, among other teen filmmakers
What: Online movie challenge
Where: Vote at fresh-films.com
When: Aug. 27 through Sept. 2
Why: Movie shot by local teens will compete against two other films for an eventual shot at screening at a major film festival.

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Ex-con guilty of attempted murder

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 56-year-old Detroit man was found guilty by a Wayne County jury Friday of assault with intent to commit murder in the severe beating of a woman at her Plymouth Township workplace in May of last year.

Leevester Hathorn, who has a criminal record dating to the early 1970s and was most recently in prison on a breaking-and-entering charge, was also convicted of armed robbery and breaking and entering. The four-day trial in Circuit Court Judge Brian Sullivan's courtroom began Tuesday and was sent to the jury Thursday.

"I'm thrilled. There couldn't have been a better outcome," said Plymouth Township Detective Marcy Linton, the detective in charge of the case. Hathorn also faced two lesser-assault charges, Linton said, but the jury opted for the most serious assault charge. He was convicted as a four-time habitual offender.

The victim, Lisa Mindrick, was at work at Gibbs Technologies on Helm Street on May 24, 2008, a Saturday, when she was beaten by someone who broke into the business. She suffered brain hemorrhaging, a broken vertebra in her neck and blood loss. She was treated at the University of Michigan Hospital and has undergone extensive rehabilitation.

Based on her injuries and pry marks found on a door at Gibbs, police believe a crowbar or similar tool was used in the beating, but no weapon was recovered, Linton said.

Linton, two other township officers and the victim were among the witnesses who testified in the case. Linton said evidence presented included DNA, from either sweat or skin cells, that was found on an office door handle at Gibbs and that matched Hathorn's DNA. That DNA was mixed with DNA from Mindrick's blood, the detective said.

Hathorn was arrested March 18 after a robbery in Woodhaven. He was already incarcerated during last week's trial, having been sentenced to prison July 1 after reaching a plea deal on charges related to the Woodhaven robbery.

Sentencing on Hathorn's latest conviction is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 10. Linton said Mindrick, whom she described as happy with the outcome of the trial, plans to attend the sentencing and make a statement.

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Field finalized for school election

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When he was trying to decide whether to seek a third term on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education, Tom Wysocki had a hard time deciding between work and family issues and the responsibility he felt to the board.

That's why he beat Tuesday's deadline to file for re-election in the November election, Plymouth-Canton's first since deciding to move to a November election cycle.

On Friday, the other priorities in his life won, and Wysocki beat the 4 p.m. deadline to withdraw his name from consideration.

"It was a tough decision," Wysocki said. "There are a lot of other things I'd like to do in my personal life and in the business world. Things are picking up speed ... there are a lot of demands on time."

"I enjoyed being a part of the school board," he added. "I'm proud of the work we did, and being able to serve the community was a privilege."

Wysocki's withdrawal leaves five candidates for three four-year terms on the board. Fellow incumbents Judy Mardigian and Barry Simescu both filed to run. They will be opposed by Larry Martin of Plymouth Township, who has run in the past, and Eric Bacynski and Angela Davis of Plymouth Township, both seeking school board seats for the first time.

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TOM WYSOCKI, outgoing school board member

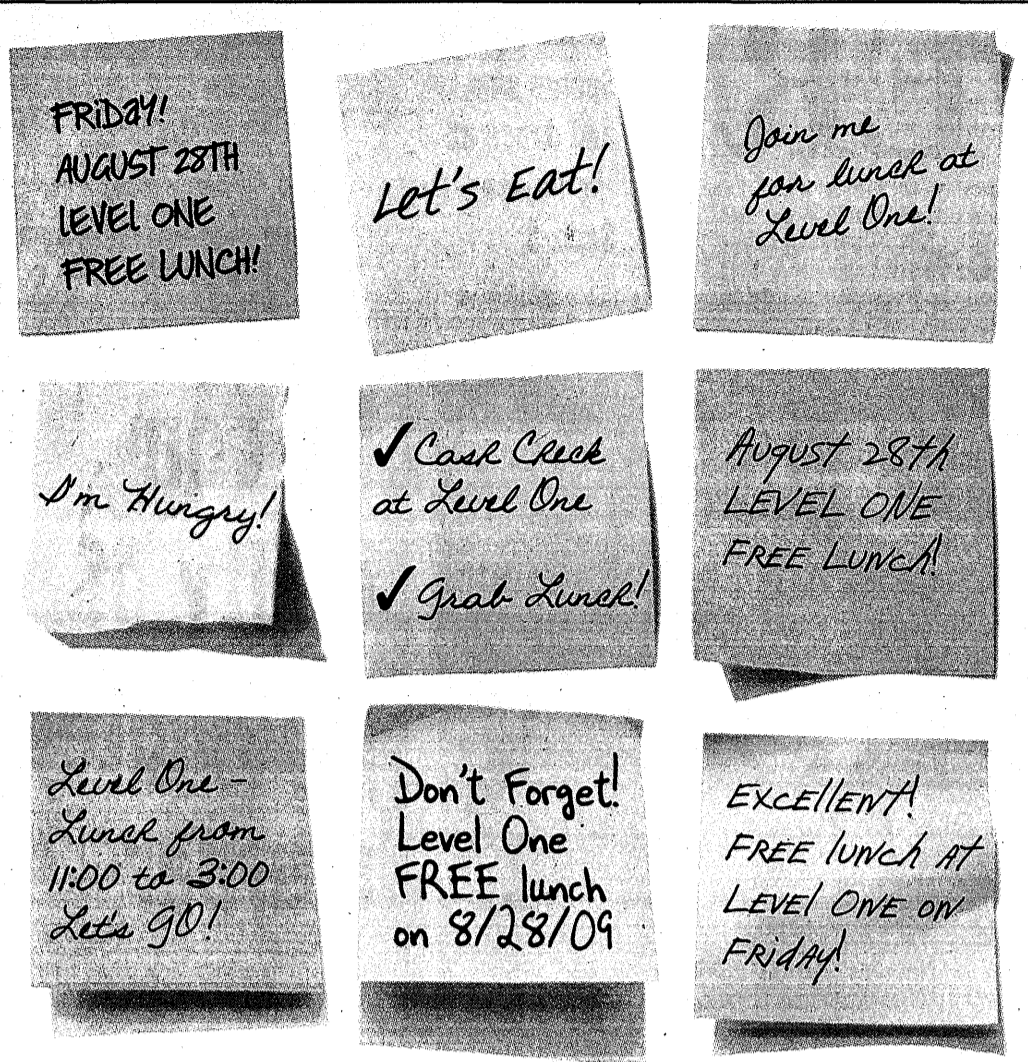
Bacynski does have some election experience: He was elected to the Plymouth District Library board last in November.

Incumbent John Jackson, appointed to the seat vacated by former trustee Mark Slavens when he was appointed a judge, was the only one to file for the remaining two years of that term.

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Heritage Park set for doggone fun

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton is going to the dogs. Well, actually, the dogs are coming to Canton.

Some of them will be prancing around in their finest costumes and possibly riding on parade floats. Others will simply be looking for a friendly owner to take them home.

Welcome to Paws in the Park, a tail-wagging, two-day festival that appears certain to go down in pet history as one doggone good time.

If you see Spot running, it's for a good cause. It'll help the Ann Arbor-based Humane Society of Huron Valley, which serves the Plymouth-Canton area, and it'll also bring in dollars for a Canton dog park planned for Denton Road north of Cherry Hill.

The weekend event is set for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 22-23, on the north end of Heritage Park off Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer. It'll feature entertainment, adoptions,

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education, food and shopping for pet owners and their pets.

"It's a creative, different kind of event that we really haven't had before," Abe Vinitzki, township park and facility supervisor, said.

Advance tickets are \$4 per person and may be bought at Canton's Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway; the Humane Society of Huron Valley's adoption center, 3100 Cherry Hill Road in Ann Arbor; and Pet Supplies Plus, 43665 Ford Road in Canton.

Tickets also may be purchased at the festival entrance for \$5, and children ages 2 and under get in free.

Paws in the Park will happen rain or shine, and dogs must be controlled on a leash by their owners.

To kick off the festival, a one-mile Paw Walk is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Aug. 22 with a \$15 minimum donation to benefit the humane society and the dog park. Owners are invited to

a registration starting at 8 a.m., and they are urged to dress their dogs in costumes and create floats to win prizes from event sponsors, including a year's supply of dog treats from Three Dog Bakery in Plymouth and dog food for a year from Canidae Pet Foods.

Pet owners also may register by logging onto www.pawsintheparkusa.com.

The first 500 people to sign up for the walk will receive an official Paws in the Park bandana and one admission ticket to the main festival.

The Humane Society of Huron Valley, along with other local shelters, will have on-site adoptions both days of the festival from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. "for anyone who's looking to bring a new companion home," said Deb Kern, the humane society's marketing director. Dogs, puppies and likely a few kittens will be available, but probably not adult cats because "they don't travel as well," Kern said.

For more information about Paws in the Park, log on to www.pawsintheparkusa.com.

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TEENS

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of Shelby Township; Garrett Roodbergen of Vicksburg; and Peter Kangas, who came all the way from Iowa City, Iowa.

Sitting in a grassy area of Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth, Allen, 14, and Corona, 17, discussed the film crew's project during an interview arranged by Alana Bardauskis, who handles publicity for Dreaming Tree Films, producers of Fresh Films.

Allen, who will be a freshman this year at Plymouth High School, recalls her reaction when she received a phone call in late June confirming she had been chosen to help make Zero to Hero.

"I screamed," said Allen, who has dreamed of working in the film industry after acting in school plays since early childhood and performing at Canton's Village Theater at Cherry Hill. "It was unbelievable."

Allen had studied media production at Pioneer Middle School, and Corona had taken an advanced video class at Plymouth High, where he will be a senior this year. They

both aspire to work in the film industry, but they hadn't dreamed of getting a chance this early in life.

Fresh Films set up shop at Staybridge Suites in Novi for a seven-day production, but Zero to Hero was actually shot during one long, 12-hour day in July at the Howell school. The teen crew earlier had to grasp movie-making duties such as handling auditions of nearly 200 people, choosing five actors, working the film equipment and arranging for on-set food catering. They worked cameras, sound mixers and boom microphones.

"I could definitely see myself directing motion pictures as a career," Corona said.

The film crew rotated their movie-making responsibilities, and Allen said one of the most difficult jobs included shooting a fast-paced scene as an actor rushed up a stairwell. Small duties, like making sure no one tripped over electrical cords, became a challenge.

"But all of our hard work has finally paid off," Allen said.

The teens haven't yet seen the final film, which will be no longer than 10 minutes. It tells the story of a loner, Arthur, who ultimately uses his tele-

kinetic powers to rescue a classmate, Aubrey, from what Corona described as "this psycho guy."

Now comes the real challenge: Zero to Hero will compete against two other super-hero, Slurpee-sponsored films Aug. 27 through Sept. 2 during a free, unlimited, online voting competition at fresh-films.com. It will be up against films made in Dallas, Texas, and Orlando, Fla., and all the movies will be shown on the Fresh Films site.

"Log on and rock the vote," Corona said, "so we can start putting Detroit on the map to have another film capital."

Voters will be able to see online how the films are faring in competition. For now, teen filmmakers are promoting their movie on social networking sites like Facebook and MySpace, and they are arranging a laptop computer voting party for 6-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, at the Oasis Cafe, 33523 Eight Mile Road, in Livonia, Allen said.

The superhero film receiving the most votes will face yet another — and final — voting competition Sept. 10-16, also at fresh-films.com. It will square off against the top vote-

getter among three teen-made comedy films from New York, Los Angeles and Chicago.

"Last year, we had more than three million votes come through," Bardauskis said.

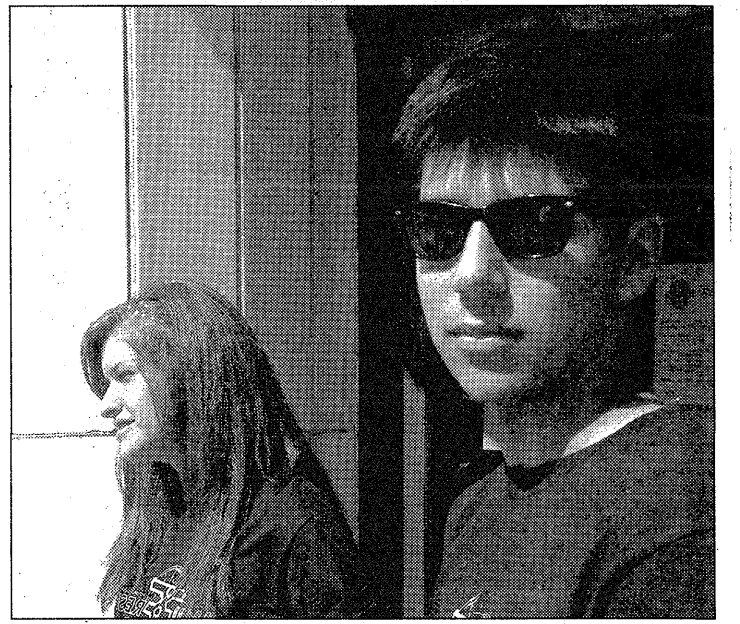
The overall winner will be shown at a yet-to-be-announced, major film festival, she said, and all the movies are eventually expected to debut nationwide on DIRECTV. Moreover, they will be reviewed around voting time on the Fresh Films site by writer-director Adam McKay (Anchorman and Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby) and writer-producer Chris Henchy (Land of the Lost) — two of the creative minds behind the Web site Funny or Die, www.funnyordie.com.

Teens who made the overall winning film will receive film editing software and small, handheld movie cameras, and it's possible they could get to attend their film festival debut.

"We're still exploring that," Bardauskis said.

Regardless, the filmmakers have had an experience they will remember a lifetime.

"It has been amazing," Allen said.



Danielle Allen of Canton and Ben Corona of Plymouth Township would like to make it in the film industry.

Hobby Lobby advertisement featuring various home decor items like frames, furniture, and supplies with 50% off sale.

Mike's Marketplace advertisement featuring fresh meats like chicken legs, sirloin, and pork chops with various prices.

"Around Plymouth" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

Antique appraisals

The Plymouth Historical Museum hosts an antique appraisal clinic with Ernie DuMouchelle of DuMouchelle Art Galleries in Detroit on Wednesday, Aug. 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Items to be appraised include antique furniture, art, and small objects. No jewelry please. Appraisals are by appointment only and time slots are filling up quickly. Oral evaluations will be provided for \$10 per item; written evaluations will be provided for \$15 per item. There is a maximum of four items to be appraised per 15 minute time slot.

Call now for an appointment, (734) 455-8940. The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street, just north of downtown Plymouth.

Masters dance

Metro Dance Company hosts its second annual Masters Dance Intensive Aug. 17-20 at their Plymouth dance studio. The Intensive consists of eight 90-minute dance classes including Latin, Modern, Bollywood, Contemporary, Russian, Irish, Ballet and Breaking/Hip Hop with guest artist Stringz of Hardcore Detroit.

All classes are for advanced level dancers ages 13 - adult. Area teachers, pre-professional and professional dancers are welcome. Prices are \$24 per class or \$179 for the entire four-day Intensive.

Metro Dance Company is located at 541 S Mill in Plymouth, on the corner of Mill (Lilley) and Ann Arbor Trail. Register for classes by calling (734) 207-8970 or e-mail at info@MetroDanceCompany.com

PCA golf outing

A golf outing to benefit Plymouth Christian Academy, a preschool through 12th grade educational organization serving the Plymouth-Canton and surrounding communities, is being held Monday, Aug. 24, at Fox Hills

Golf Club in Plymouth.

The 18 hole scramble tournament on the Golden Fox course will have an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$100 per golfer and includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, prizes, course contests, silent auction and keynote speaker. Sponsorship and advertising opportunities are also available.

Jim Nill, vice president/assistant general manager of the Detroit Red Wings, is the keynote speaker and featured guest for this event. The goal of this golf outing is to establish an exciting day of golf that raises money for a locker room expansion project at PCA.

For more information, contact Julie Dart, PCA Director of Development, via e-mail at JDart@plymouthchristian.org

Junior Miss

Plymouth-Canton Junior Miss is looking for contestants to participate in this years program, which takes place Friday, Nov. 20 at the Cherry Hill Village Theater in Canton. Senior girls who will graduate from high school in 2010, reside in Plymouth or Canton and are interested in participating should go to the www.ajm.org Web site and register as a contestant.

The program is for senior girls who reside in Plymouth or Canton, no matter which high school they attend.

Questions should be directed to Marissa at pcjrmiss@yahoo.com. Officials are also still looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping with the program.

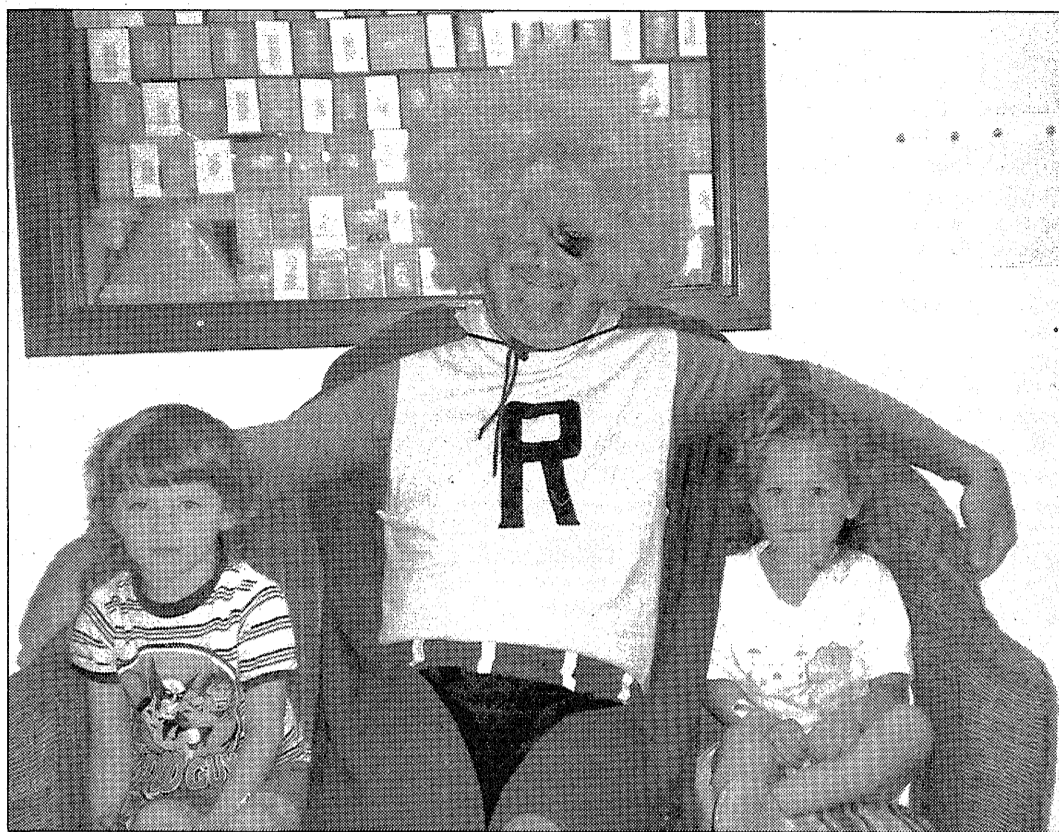
Sweetest Day dance

PLAV Post #166 and VFW Post #6695 will co-host a Sweetest Day Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 17, at the VFW Post located at 1436 Mill in Plymouth.

Tickets, which are tax deductible, are \$10 each and are available at the VFW lounge/club room.

Entertainment will be provided by Benny Spear, of Benny and the Jets (specializing in 50s and 60s music) along with Greg Jaqua (an Elvis impersonator). There will be door prizes offered throughout the evening along with a cash bar.

For more information, call (734)459-6700.



Regie's rainbow

This month the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan brought its Regie's Rainbow Adventure program to Tutor Time Child Care Learning Center in North Canton to teach preschool-aged children about nutrition and exercise. Regie's Rainbow Adventure uses a series of interactive storybooks to teach children to eat fruits and vegetables that are the colors of the rainbow. The program began in spring 2008 and has already reached more than 240 children throughout the state. Teachers in two classrooms at Tutor Time began reading stories featuring Regie the Rainbow Man, a superhero who must get to a healthy food island and who gains strength on his journey by eating healthy food. The six-week program features a different color each week. Children get to try healthy snacks and also learn about manners, sharing and physical activity.

Tiny Tots Preschool

The Salvation Army Tiny Tots Preschool still has openings for classes beginning in September.

There are three classes available: Monday-Wednesday-Friday mornings from 8:45-11:15 a.m. for 4-year-olds; Tuesday-Thursday mornings from 8:45-11 a.m. for 3 year olds; and Tuesday-Thursday afternoons from 11:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. for 3 or 4 year olds.

Tuition is \$130 a month for the Monday-Wednesday-Friday class, and \$95 a month for either Tuesday-Thursday class. There is a one time registration fee of \$35.

For more information, call (734) 453-5464 or view the Salvation Army's Web site at www.misalplymouth.org.

Chiefettes clinic

Youngsters who would like to be a Junior Canton

Chiefette have their chance. The Chiefettes are hosting a Kids' PomPon Clinic for children ages 5-14 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Canton High School gym in the Phase III building.

Cost is \$40 per child and includes a T-shirt and snack. Discounts are available for additional siblings. Parents are invited to come see their daughters perform at noon and all girls attending the clinic will be invited to perform at the Chiefettes annual variety show on Sept. 19.

Registration is from 8:30-9 a.m. the morning of the clinic. Pre-register at www.cantonchiefettes.com before Aug. 27 and receive a \$5 discount. Registration is limited to the first 100 participants.

For more information e-mail PomClinic@cantonchiefettes.com

Scrapbooking fund-raiser

The Salvation Army of Plymouth and Creative Memories consultant Cassie Hull are teaming up to host

an all-day Scrapbooking event to help raise funds for the Salvation Army's Coats for Kids program.

Those interested in scrapbooking can join us for the Sept. 26 event, called Croptoberfest, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at a cost of \$35, which includes 12 hours of scrapbooking, meals, and a goodie bag. There is also a half-day option of six hours for \$20.

For more information, or to register, contact Cassie at the Salvation Army at (734) 453-5464, or by e-mail at cassiekh@gmail.com. Those unable to attend can still help the Coats for Kids program by donating \$15 to help purchase a coat for a child in need. The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main Street in Plymouth.

Fall Fest crafts

The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for the Craft Show, which takes place during the Fall Festival Sept. 11-13. The show will be on Union Street north of Ann Arbor Trail. 10' X 10'

foot spaces will cost \$75 per day or \$200 for the weekend. Jewelry Vendors are juried and must have their applications in by June 30. All other vendors are awarded spots on a first come-basis.

Applications can be downloaded at www.plymouthfall-festival.com or for more information e-mail Colleen Brown at cbrown57@comcast.net or call her at (734) 455-1614.

Business booths

The Fall Festival is accepting a limited number of applications from businesses interested in having a booth at the Fall Festival.

A 10-foot by 10-foot space is \$800 for the weekend. The Fall Festival runs Sept. 11-13. Applications can be downloaded at www.plymouthfall-festival.com or for more information call or e-mail Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614 - cbrown57@comcast.net.

Corriveau coffee

State Rep. Marc Corriveau will be holding a coffee at the Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman on Monday, Aug. 24 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to come and meet Corriveau and have their concerns or issues addressed.

Life screening

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging hosts a Life Line Screening health event to scan for risk of abdominal aortic aneurysm. Life Line Screening uses hospital quality ultrasound technology. The screening will be held Aug. 28 at the Township Friendship Station, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Register for the stroke, vascular disease and heart rhythm package for \$149. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Call to pre-register (888) 653-6441.

Senior Fest picnic

The annual Senior Fest Picnic will once again be held at Waterford Bend Park on Wednesday, Sept. 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the PCCA Office, 201 Main Street, ticket prices are \$7 for PCCA Members and \$9 for guests. Lots of prizes, raffles, chicken lunch and entertainment.

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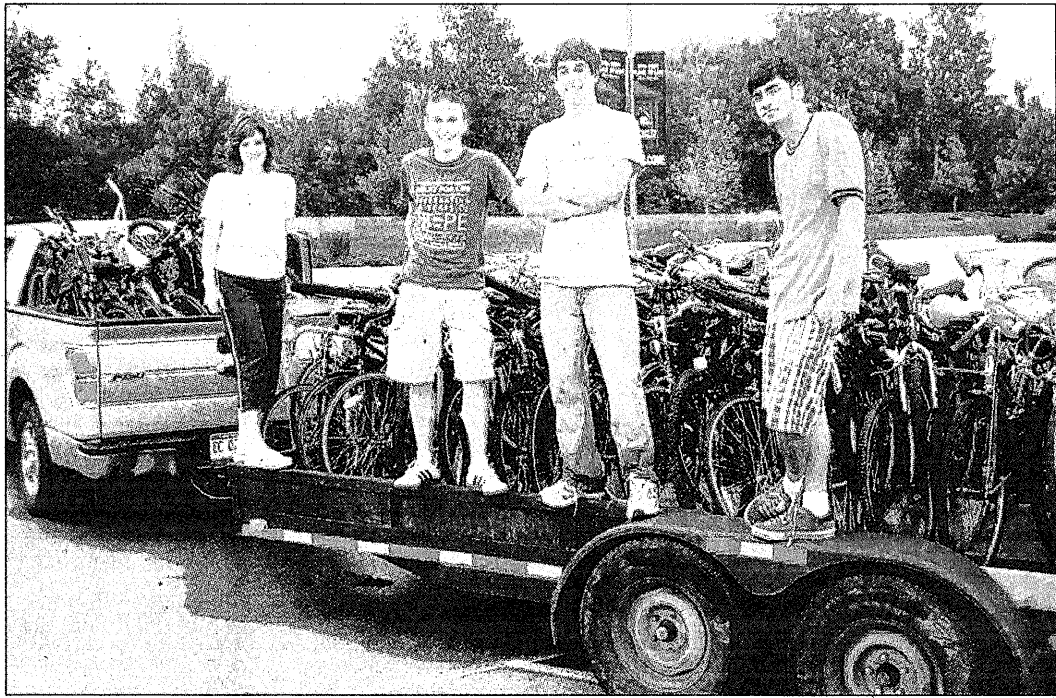
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Boy Scout Matt Montgomery collected more than double the goal in his bicycle drive. Helping out at the collection were (from left) mom Colleen Montgomery, cousin Mark Kennedy, Matthew Montgomery and friend and former Boy Scout Matt Cipolla.

Scout collects 75 bicycles for poor in Central America

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Steady rain didn't stop the donations from pouring in last weekend, when a Plymouth Township Boy Scout collected 75 used bicycles for needy people in two Central American countries.

Matt Montgomery, 17, who arranged the Aug. 8 bike donation event as a step toward his Eagle Scout rank, took in the 75 bikes in just four hours outside Plymouth Township Hall. Matt, his parents, Colleen and Tom Montgomery, and about 10 family members and friends processed the bikes, despite the rain, which Matt and his father then hauled to Pedals For Progress, a nonprofit in High Bridge, N.J.

Matt, who took in more than twice his goal of 35 bikes, said he met a lot of enthusiastic donors.

"There were some people

especially that just liked the cause," he said. Monetary donations, toward shipping costs, were also generous, Matt said, exceeding the suggested \$10 per bike.

"The turnout was really great, to show that people cared," he said.

The bikes are intended for people in Nicaragua and Guatemala who need reliable means of getting to and from work, schools, medical clinics and shopping districts. The Pedals For Progress Web site says the organization has shipped more than 120,000 bicycles to developing countries.

During the collection period, each bike had to be checked to make sure it was in working order, or easily repairable. Each bike had to have its pedals taken off and strapped to it, its seat and handlebars lowered, and its chain sprayed with WD-40. The bikes were

all loaded onto a trailer and a pickup that Matt and his father used to take them to Pedals For Progress.

For the work, Matt enlisted his parents, friends and fellow Scouts.

"I don't think we would've been able to fit another bike into the trailer," he said.

Tom and Matt Montgomery began the roughly 14-hour journey to New Jersey the next day, Aug. 9. "It was a pretty long drive," Matt said. They stayed with relatives before returning home.

Matt, who is about to enter his senior year at Catholic Central High School, said he was inspired to help people in Central America by a service trip he made to Guatemala at age 15.

"That's 75 families' lives that are going to be changed by this," he said.

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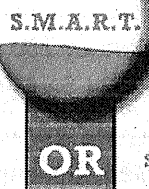
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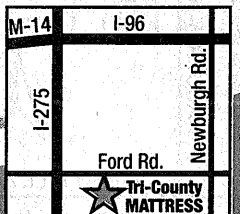
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Boulders, with new owners, to become Plymouth Rock

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Boulders, a restaurant and bar on Ann Arbor Road at Harvey in Plymouth, is scheduled to close for a few days beginning Monday as its new owners remodel and get ready for menu and theme changes.

John Mousalas and Steve Stergiou, who also own Zak's of Plymouth, say they want Boulders, which they intend to rename, to be a family friendly sports bar known for good food. They took over June 1 and want to rename the place the Plymouth Rock Bar and Grill once the Boulders alcohol license is officially transferred.

"I'm looking for it to be a true sports bar," Stergiou said. "Hopefully it'll be the new hot spot in Plymouth."



Patrons should take a last look at the facade of Boulders Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road, because new owners will rename the restaurant once a liquor license issue is resolved.

doing exterior and parking-lot work. Stergiou said Boulders will reopen Friday, temporarily if the remodeling isn't finished, for an album-release concert by The Good Fight, an area independent roots rock band.

Several additional television sets, aimed for the sports crowd, are going to be installed, and Stergiou said he hopes to feature a regular lineup of live musical acts on weekend nights by the middle of next month or early October.

The Boulders menu, which now features a variety of appetizers, a made-to-order pizza, steak, ribs, burgers and Tex-Mex fare, will also change somewhat, when some new selections, like a zucchini eggplant burger, are added to current favorites, said chef Spiro Diakovasilou.

Mousalas said he's aiming to make the restaurant more appealing to families, particularly during the day.

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Canton woman gets probation in stabbing

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A Canton woman accused of stabbing her brother during an argument has been placed on probation for three years after a Wayne County Circuit Court judge convicted her on a charge of felonious assault.

Katina Lynne Martinez, 35, could have faced penalties ranging up to life in prison if she had been found guilty on more serious charges of assault with intent to murder and assault with intent to do great bodily harm.

Martinez already had served some jail time after police arrested her in February amid accusations she used a kitchen knife to stab her 36-year-old brother in the abdomen during a dispute on Buckingham, southeast of Cherry Hill and Lotz on the township's east side.

The victim was rushed to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, where he was initially listed in stable condition before he began a more sustained recovery.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Maria Miller said Martinez was given a three-year probation sentence July 29 by Judge Cynthia Grey Hathaway.

According to the Michigan Department of Corrections, the guilty verdict for felonious assault was returned during a trial heard by the judge rather than a jury.

Martinez also was ordered to receive treatment for substance abuse. She could be returned to jail if she violates any other laws during her probation.

The judge also ordered Martinez not to leave the state without permission; to attend alcohol and drug prevention classes; to report monthly for probation appointments; to take medications as prescribed by a doctor; and to perform community service.

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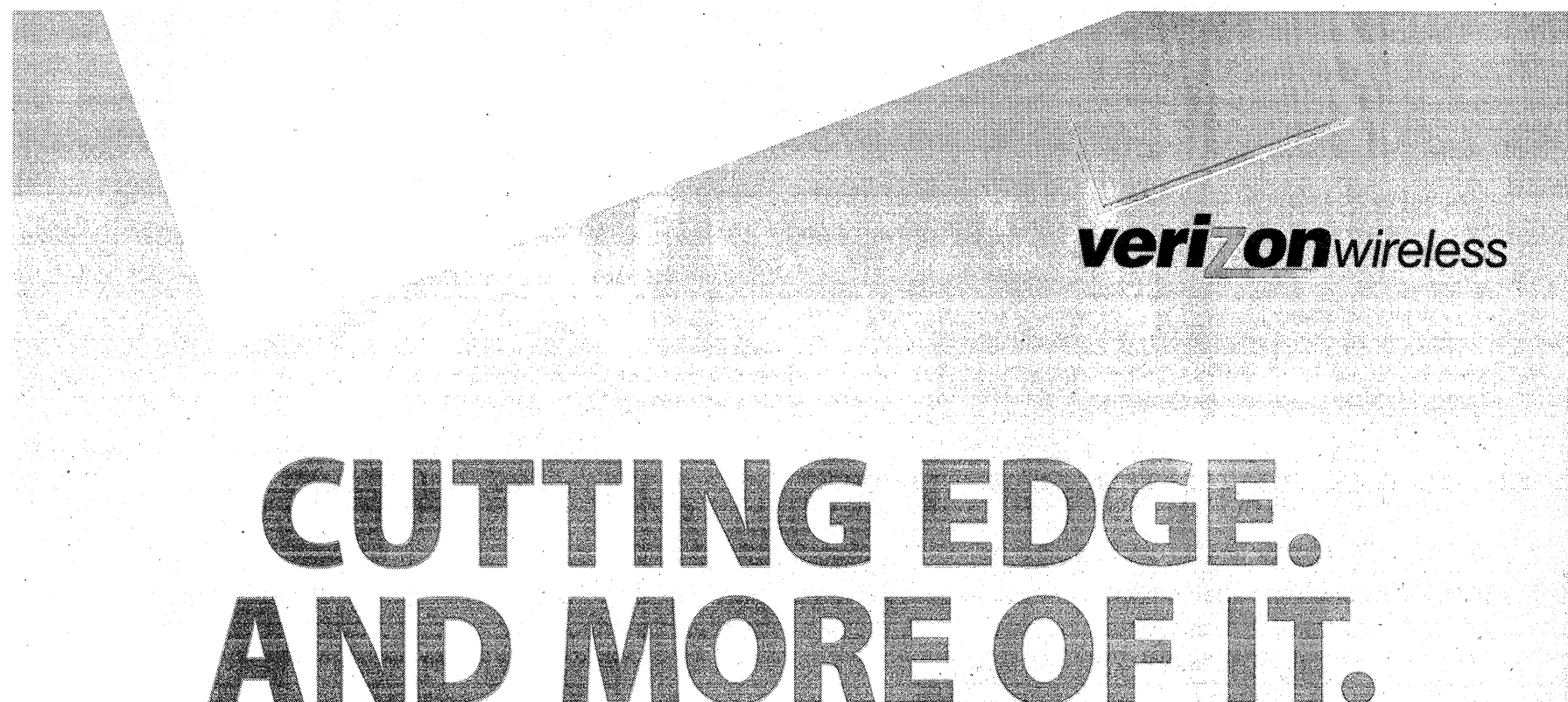
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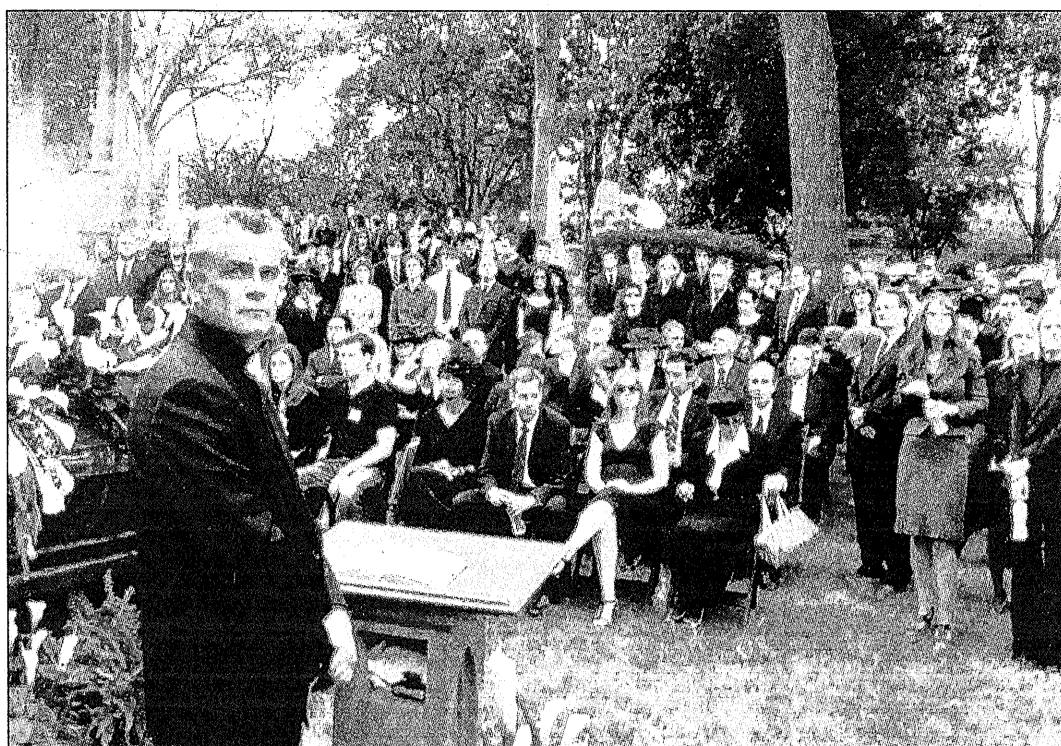
First Step chills at 'The Joe'

Plymouth-based First Step, along with honorary chair Deborah I. Dingell, is inviting families from across metro Detroit to "Chill at the Joe" 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20.

This family-friendly event at Joe Louis Arena will help raise needed funds to support First Step and its mission to help women and families overcome domestic violence and sexual abuse.

"Chill at the Joe" will feature a variety of crafts, games, entertainment, all you can eat "game day fare" as well as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to tour the Red Wing's locker room. Guests can also bring their skates or rent a pair of skates to take a few laps on the ice at Joe Louis Arena and participate in hockey feats of skill.

"This event is exciting... it's a time to celebrate," said Judy Ellis, executive director of First Step. "It's an affordable, fun-filled event for all members of the family, at the same time helping other families to overcome violence. This event will help fill in the gaps in funding created by difficult economic times. I hope to see at least 1,000 people at this event to



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No show

Prince of the Motor City, a pilot TV show for ABC that was to feature Dennis Baranik (foreground) of Plymouth and was filmed in Detroit, has been cancelled. Baranik got a featured role as the Reverend who officiates at the funeral of legendary auto tycoon, William Hamilton III, owner of Hamilton Motor Works, a Detroit-based auto company, who dies mysteriously and leaves the company to his son, Billy, who is a Harvard professor. The show also was to have starred Andie MacDowell, Aidan Quinn, Piper Perabo, Aunjanue Ellis, John Carroll Lynch (Drew Carey Show). The new Michigan tax breaks for the film industry brought this show to Michigan and the extra cast numbered over 200 for the funeral, filmed at historic Elmwood Cemetery in Detroit.

send a message of hope."

"First Step is a crucial safety net for the women and families in our community," said Deborah I. Dingell, honorary chair of Chill at the Joe. "This special event will bring much needed financial support to an organization that works so hard to make every dollar count towards its essential services for victims and their families."

Tickets for the event may be purchased through Theresa Bizoe at (734) 416-1111 or tbizoe@firststep.org for \$30 per adult, \$20 for kids or \$100 per family. Net proceeds from sponsorships, silent auction and ticket sales will be donated to First Step. First Step provides safe shelter, a 24-hour help line, counseling, advocacy, assault response, legal support, children's programs and other essential services designed to support victims of domestic and sexual violence and their families.

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For more information on the September 12 e-waste collection please call 326-3936.

Baby shower

The Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency's 12th annual community has issued an invitation to parents-to-be to attend a baby shower Thursday, Sept. 24, at Wayne County Community College's downriver campus in Taylor.

The Community Baby Shower is a free event for low-income expectant parents and those with infants up to 3 months of age by Sept. 24, who live in out-Wayne County communities, including Westland, Redford, Canton, Livonia, Plymouth and Garden City.

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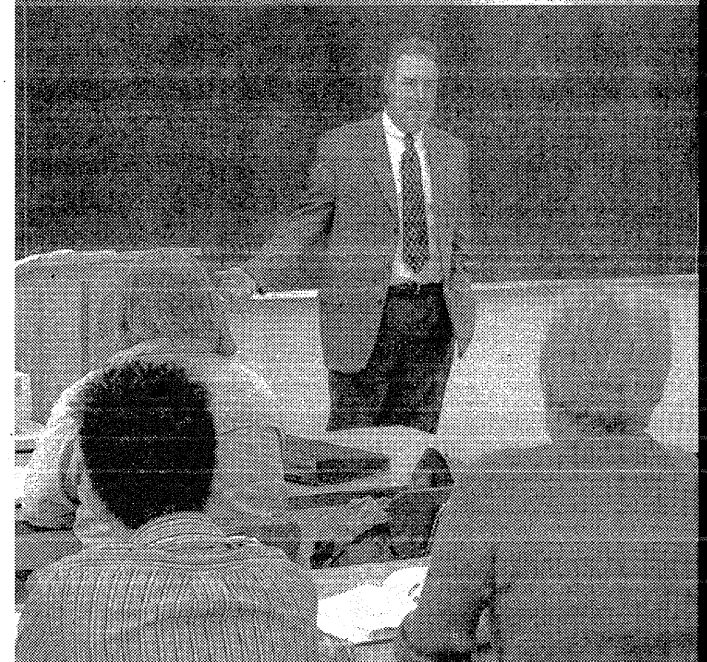
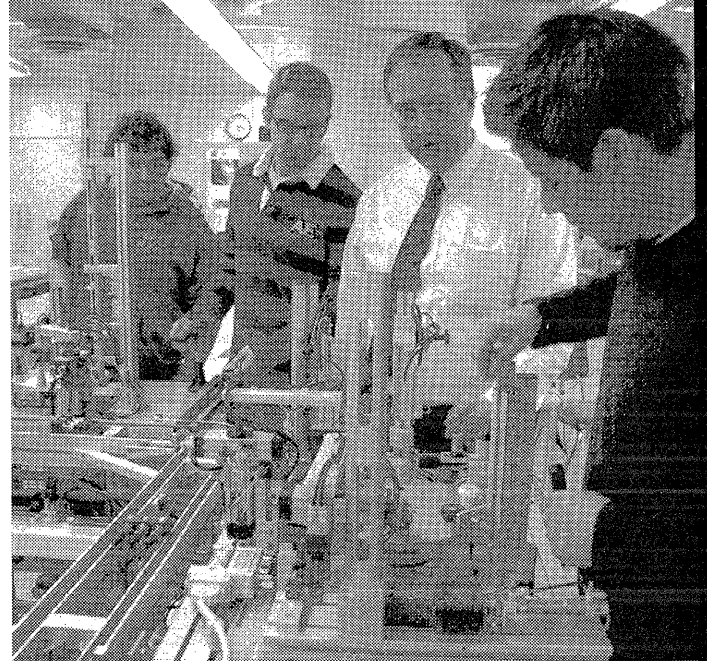
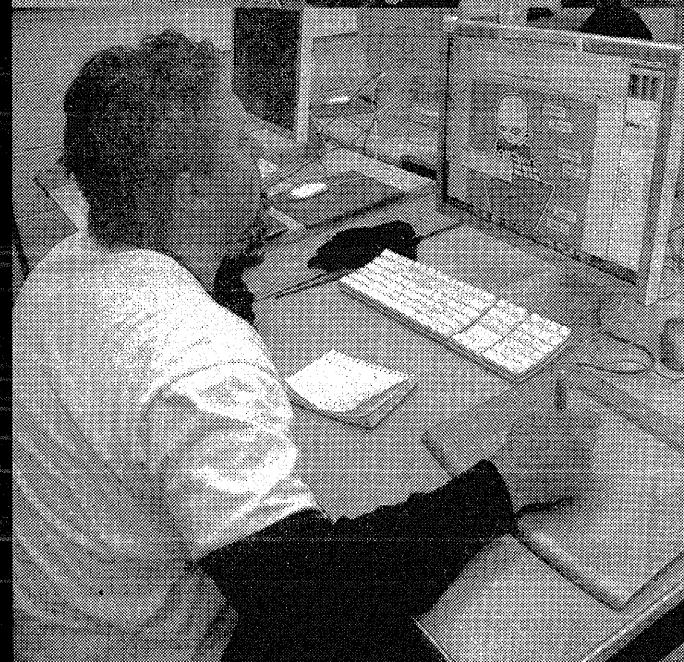
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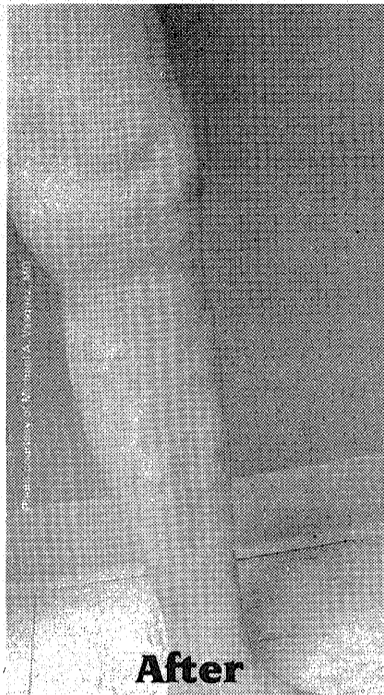
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Davenport's new president seeks input from community

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Pappas

Richard Pappas toured the Livonia campus of Davenport University on Wednesday and met with teachers and staff there, some of the first duties he's completed since taking over as Davenport's president this month.

Pappas comes to Davenport from National-Louis University in Chicago. He said he went to Davenport because it was a "perfectly fitted match" for him. "I'm glad to be back in my home state, and Davenport has a tremendous drive for excellence," Pappas said.

Pappas wanted to meet with faculty and staff in Livonia and at other Davenport campuses to develop a five-year plan. He plans to return in about a month to talk with businesses, technological firms and hospitals to find out what employer demands and needs will be over the next several years.

"Livonia is a new campus, and it is a beautiful campus," Pappas said. "We'd like to sit down with the residents and employers and have input from them."

That input and information will help develop a strategic plan that fits everyone's needs, whether it is a student seeking a career in an employable field

or a company that needs educated workers, he said.

"I think (Davenport in Livonia) is a great fit with the needs of this particular

area," Pappas said. "People want to make a difference in health care and in business. I think we can make a difference."

He also hopes to meet with Conway Jeffries, president of Schoolcraft College, to discuss a possible partnership. He hopes to meet with presidents and officials from every community college in the state, Pappas said. "I've known Conway for 15 years and he's a great leader," he said.

Pappas said he's heard positives about the Livonia campus and that staffers are excited about the new campus. He hopes to meet with business officials and the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, too.

"Quality is a key adjective of what we do," Pappas said. "We talk a lot about our new direction."

Pappas was selected because of his "passion for students and academic quality," said Ken Bovee, chairman of the Davenport University Board of Trustees and member of the search committee. Bovee

further noted that the board based its decision for selecting Pappas on his successful track record in strategic planning, academics, admissions, fundraising, alumni relations and community leadership.

Pappas has 35 years experience in higher education and 20 years as college and university president. Pappas holds a doctorate in higher, adult and continuing education and a master's degree in higher education and business management from the University of Michigan.

Pappas served as president of Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor and president of Harford Community College in Bel Air, Md. He will now oversee Davenport, a private, nonprofit university which has its main campus in Grand Rapids, and offers classes at 14 locations, from Alma to Warren. Enrollment is approximately 11,000.

Davenport specializes in business, technology and health professions. The university boasts that it prepares students for 17 of the top 20 careers on the Michigan Top 50 list.

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The Wayne County Department of Environment is holding a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Saturday, Aug. 22, in the lot behind J.C. Penney at the Westland Shopping Center, Warren Road and Nankin Boulevard, in Westland.

The collection will take place 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is a chance for county resi-

dents to rid their homes of thermometers, garden chemicals, dyes, floor wax, nail polish and other items deemed hazardous.

There is no cost, but proof of residency, such as a driver's license will be required. No materials from commercial or industrial establishments will be accepted.

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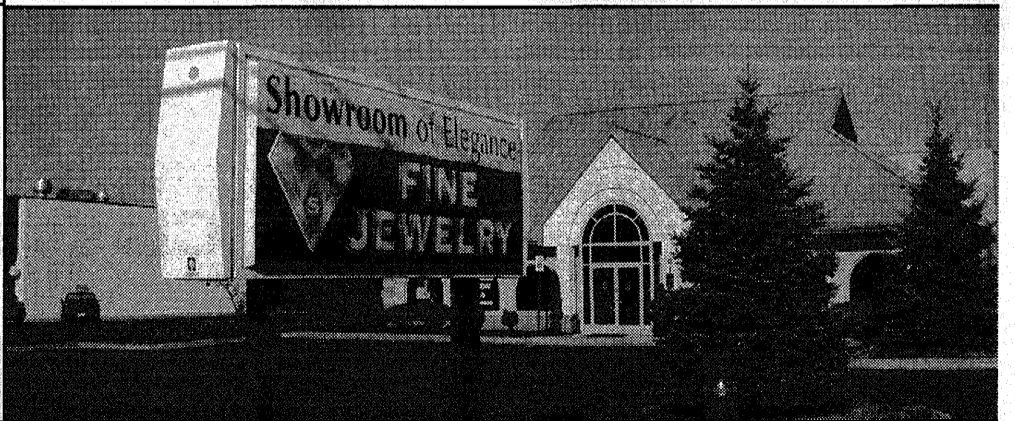
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• **WRITING MY LIFE STORY: A SENIOR WRITING GROUP**, Tuesday, Aug. 18, 4 p.m. - Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Plymouth author, Jane Saylor. No previous writing experience is necessary.

• **JOB SEARCH WORKSHOP**, Tuesday, Aug. 18, 7:30 p.m. - Local Human Resources professional Kimberly Wright will provide help with resume and cover letter creation, interview techniques, internet job searching and more. Register for this free program by calling 734-453-0750, ext. 4.

• **GARDEN GROUP**, Thursday, Aug. 20, 7 p.m. - This group gathers each month (from April - October) on the third Thursday at 7 p.m. Informal discussion covers seasonal gardening concerns, preparing for the next season, questions and answers. No registration is required.

• **NEEDLECRAFTERS MEETING**, Monday, Aug. 24, 7 p.m. - Knitters, quilters, needlepointers are all invited to attend this informal group gathering. Lessons are not provided, but ideas exchanged among attendees. No registration required. Bring your latest project!

• **BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION** - Wednesday, Aug. 26, noon - This month's discussion invites members to read *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch; beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's

Advisory Desk, call Tim Sherman at the Library, 734-453-0750, ext. 206 or e-mail tsherman@plymouthlibrary.org

Youth Programs

• **MONDAY MOVIES**, Monday, Aug. 17, 24, 31 at 2 p.m. - Kids ages 5-12 will enjoy these fun flicks, rated G & PG. Call the Youth service desk at 734-453-0750, ext. 5 for specific titles. No registration required.

• **BABY PLAY**, Monday, Aug. 24, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; repeated Saturday, Aug. 29, 10 a.m. - This fun program is for babies ages 6-24 months. Baby Play is a less formal companion to our Lapsit program. Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interaction with other children.

Teen Program

• **BOOKS & BITES**, Tuesday, Aug. 18, 3 p.m. - Teens are invited to read *Alanna: The First Adventure* - Book One of the Song of the Lioness by Tamora Pierce - pick up a free copy of the book before the 18th and then come by for snacks and discussion.

• **TEEN ADVISORY BOARD**, Wednesday, Aug. 19, 7 p.m. - Are you looking for ways to make your voice heard in the community? Come and help make the Plymouth District Library be what you want it to be. Join the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) and suggest new programs and materials, write book reviews for the web site and just have fun. Free refreshments.

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• **ADVANCED MS WORD**, Thursday, Aug. 20, 10 a.m. - Build on your MS Word knowledge base by learning how to insert bullets, number pages, alphabetize, use tables, insert symbols and more. Basic keyboard skills and MS Word knowledge are prerequisites for this class.

• **INTRO TO BLOGS**, Wednesday, Aug. 26, 7 p.m. - Create and customize your own personal blog in this class using Blogger software. All class participants must have good keyboarding skills and be comfortable searching the Internet.

• **MS EXCEL LEVEL II**, Thursday, Aug. 27, 7 p.m. - For students who have completed the "Make a Budget with Excel Class. Excel II will cover the use of functions, inserting comments, create a chart, learn to insert rows and columns, formatting the spreadsheet and printing the spreadsheet.

• **COMPUTER BASICS II**, Monday, Aug. 31, 7 p.m. - If you have successfully passed Computer Basics, this is the next class for you. hone your skills at clicking and dragging with your mouse. Learn how to save and move files around on your hard drive. Become comfortable using your Start Menu items. You must be able to use the mouse prior to taking this class!

For more information on any library programs, contact Susan Stoney, Plymouth District Library, 734-453-0750, Ext. 242.

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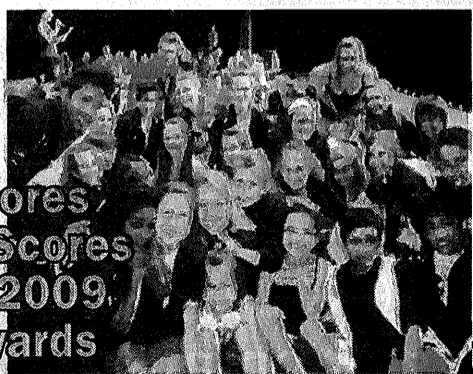
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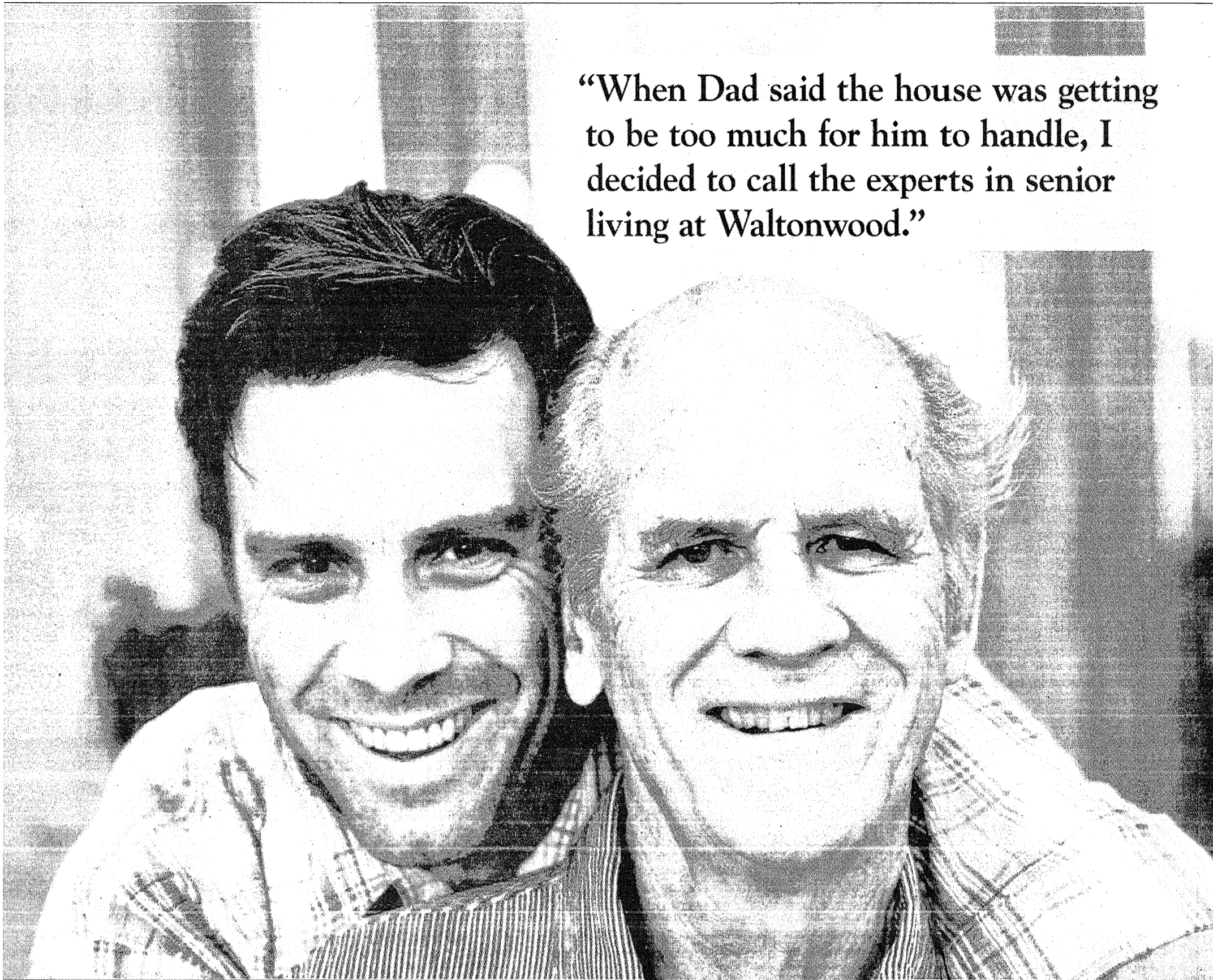
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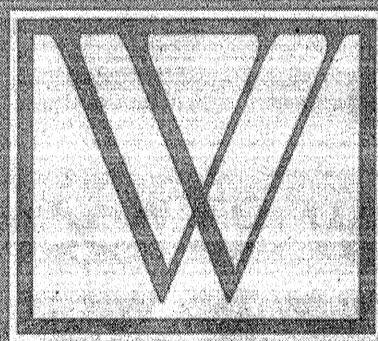


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First look impresses

Well, Auntie Em, I guess I'm not in Redford or Garden City any more. One recent visit to the sprawling Plymouth-Canton Educational Park provided enough evidence of that for yours truly, the new sports editor for the *Plymouth* and *Canton Observers*.

Here I was going from Point A to Point B to Point C Tuesday to get the inside scoop on first-week football practices for all three of the district's varsity grid squads. Yes, all of those teams were hard at work despite some Louisiana-like heat and humidity.

But what else did I see on campus but a junior varsity stadium!

Not a patch of green grass adorned with a bench or two, mind you, but a Turf Field venue complete with actual bleachers for fans, friends and family members to watch the future varsity Chiefs, Rocks and Wildcats.

For the past five years covering teams in Redford and Garden City for the *Observer*, never did I see such a place. Don't get me wrong. Folks in those communities also strongly back their student-athletes to the best of their ability. They really care.

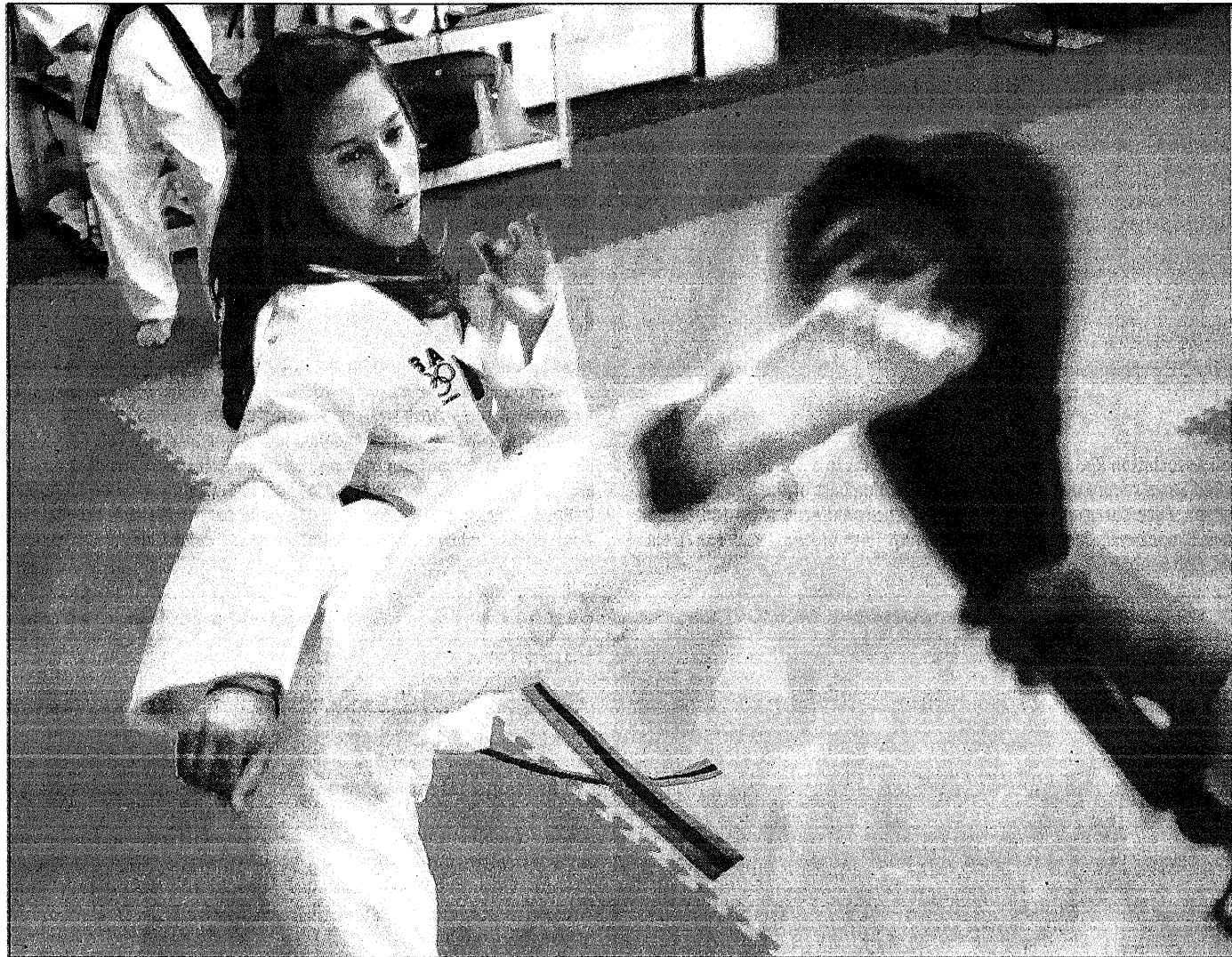
But I quickly found out that in Plymouth and Canton, athletics get the big-time treatment and the boys and girls who live there have unique opportunities to experience.

FULL PLATE

It looks like they know it, because all three high schools enjoy large student participation in a bevy of sports. I will have to actually cover gymnastics, a sport in none of the schools I recently covered.

I can't wait to finally go to a lacrosse match and as much as I am not crazy about winter,

Please see **SMITH, B2**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Amanda Kertesz practices her routine during a recent training session at Midwest Tae Kwon Do. She is preparing to test for a black belt this fall.

Getting her kicks

Tae kwon do transforms Plymouth teen from shy to sensational

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Amanda Kertesz's transformation from "girlie-girl" to flat-out competitor? To paraphrase a pop culture slogan, it's been as easy as ... T-K-D.

The 16-year-old Plymouth girl and soon-to-be senior at Canton High School no longer does ballet or hip-hop dance routines.

These days, she is a rising star based out of Midwest Tae Kwon Do on Main Street in Plymouth. In July, she came home with two gold medals from the USA Tae Kwon Do Junior Olympics & U.S. National Championships held in Austin, Texas.

"It was very thrilling, exciting and nerve-racking all at the same time," said Kertesz, who claimed the gold in sparring and forms.

Her nervous system soon will feel it

again, however, when she begins the process of going for her black belt. First up will be a review board in September, which is a closed audition of sorts in front of masters and judges. The final test will be during October.

IT'S ALL GOOD

"You're showing off your stuff, they're challenging you physically and mentally and seeing what you can do," the usually low-key Kertesz said during a recent interview at Midwest. "Then you have the second test in October that's open to the public.

"That's where you break boards and break cement and all that good stuff."

The good stuff is a little different than what her parents (Lisa and Michael Kertesz) once thought would be on her resume.

ABOUT AMANDA

Who: Amanda Kertesz, 16, entering her senior year at Canton High School.

What: She won gold medals in sparring and forms at the recent USA Tae Kwon Do Junior Olympics & U.S. National Championships held in Austin, Texas.

Next: Kertesz will soon test for her first-degree black belt.

Home base: She trains out of Midwest Tae Kwon Do in Plymouth, under the tutelage of masters Russell Gale and Tanya Panizzo. Seven of the organization's nine team members competed in Texas last month.

Family help: Younger sister Anna, now 9, was the catalyst to get Amanda into tae kwon do. Anna also trains at Midwest. Parents Lisa and Michael Kertesz also are part of a strong support system.

Please see **KICKS, B3**



Sharp Sharks

Congratulations go out to the U9 Girls Superior champion Sharks soccer team, who won the Spring 2009 title. Kneeling (from left) are Kaitlyn Harries, Kristen Wiseman, Amanda Lopez, Devann Anderson, Alex DeRuvo and Lauren Bowling. In the back row are (from left) Serena Wang, Sidney Breach, Mary Ross, Lindsey Burger and Anna Havener. Coaches are Bill Lopez and Tony DeRuvo.

Whalers brace for busy camp

The Plymouth Whalers start their 20th season in the Ontario Hockey League with their annual training camp, Aug. 26-29 at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

Several special events will augment the camp itself, including the first-ever Whalers' Alumni Game set for 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, also at Compuware.

Whalers alumni currently committed to playing in the game include Pat Peake (1990-93), Chris Terry (2005-09), John Vigilante (2002-06), Steve Ward (2004-07), Andrew Fournier (2003-08), Tom Sestito (2004-07), Damian Surma (1998-2002), Dan Pawlaczky (1993-97), Shaun Fisher (1997-2000), Bill McCauley (1992-95), David Liffiton (2001-04), Zack Shepley (2003-08), Kris Purdy (1997-2000), Scott

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Holsinger (1997-99), Jamie Lalonde (1997-2000), Duane Harmer (1993-95), Jeff Mitchell (1992-95) and James Ramsay (1998-2001).

More alumni are expected to be added to the roster.

The game is the caper to a busy week. The 2009-10 training camp begins with off-ice testing Wednesday, Aug. 26, followed by scrimmages 9-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. both Thursday and Friday, Aug. 27-28.

The scrimmages are open to the public and media. Rosters will be provided the days of the scrimmage.

Please see **WHALERS, B3**

SIDELINES

Balconi tournament

The Annual Gary Balconi Soccer Tournament is set for Saturday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Hosting the tourney this year is Plymouth.

Matches (60 minutes each) will begin at 10 a.m. at PCEP's soccer facility spearheaded by Balconi, a long-time athletic administrator in the district.

Teams on the docket include Plymouth, Salem, Canton, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, University of Detroit-Jesuit, Midland Dow, Dexter and Walled Lake Northern.

Hole-in-one-club

Canton resident Barb Kaczmarek Sunday scored her first hole-in-one, acing the 72-yard No. 16 hole at Black Bear Golf Club in Vanderbilt. Kaczmarek, 48, used a 9-iron for her feat, which helped her finish with a round of 93 for the day.

Cool happenings

Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena continues to be a busy place even during the summer.

Drop-in hockey sessions take place 4:30-5:50 p.m. weekdays and 10-11:50 a.m. Sundays through Aug. 30.

There also are open skating sessions (noon to 2:15 p.m. weekdays; 11 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. Saturdays) and "Sticks and Pucks" (2:30-4:20 p.m. weekdays; 12:30-2:20 p.m. Saturdays), also until the end of this month.

For more information, contact the Open Skate Line (734) 455-6620 or go to www.ci.plymouth.mi.us for up-to-date changes if any.

O&E golf postponed

The *Observer & Eccentric* Women's Golf Open at Livonia's Whispering Willows was suspended shortly after it began because of rain and lightning. That tournament has been rescheduled for Saturday, Aug. 22, according to Whispering Willows golf pro Paul Worley.

Last call

The Motor City Pirates U-13 KVBSA independent travel baseball team will be having open tryouts from 10 a.m. to noon Sunday at their home field, UAW Local 735, located at 48055 Michigan Ave., Canton. For more information, contact Head Coach Angelo Lanava at alanava@wowway.com or (734) 395-3355.

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Wolverine Sports & Conservation Club will hold its golf outing Sunday, Aug. 23, at Fox Creek Golf Course in Livonia. Cost is \$85 for individual golfers and \$325 per foursome.

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Hot Sox

The 14U Greater Canton Baseball & Softball Association Red Sox won the playoffs thanks to a 3-2 victory over the 14U Tigers in the finals. The win gave the Red Sox a record of 13-2-1 for the season. Members of the Red Sox include: (front row, from left) Kyle Bauer, Ryan Watson, Pete Carravallah, Alex Zoltowski, Lucas Albrecht, Mike Noe; (middle row, from left) Mark Zdan, Josh Penn, Travis Skopczyski, Dante Toppi, Dom Murphy, Tyler Brooks; (back row, from left) coaches Pat Watson, Greg Skopczyski, Rob Brooks.



Champion SeaWolves

What an unbelievable finish for the 2009 SeaWolves of the Livonia Baseball and Softball Association. Not only did they dominate the playoffs with 12-3 championship berth victory against Waterford No. 1 they continued their awesome hitting attack by beating Waterford No. 2 by a 12-2 count on Aug. 1 at Ford Field in front of a large and supportive crowd to capture the Oakland/Wayne Intercity Colt Central Division Championship. Starting pitcher Josh Dehethre was the difference maker, keeping Waterford batters at bay. Calling a superb game was catcher Adam Michael. Key hits were registered by Angelo Cavagnini and Ben Anderson while Dan Blacker, Kyle Curtis, Troy Bodtke, Dallas Centers and Steve Siemieiak all made contributions at the plate and in the field. The team is managed by Mark Bodtke, assisted by coaches Ray Buttigieg and Ralph Call.



12U Storm victorious

The 12U Canton Storm recently went 5-0 to capture the South Farmington Blues All-Star Classic. The Storm includes: (front row) Pete Carravallah; (second row, from left) Ryan Watson, Alex Zoltowski, Mike Vernon, Mike Noe; (third row, from left) Josh Penn, Kyle Bauer, Dom Murphy, Dante Toppi, Tyler Brooks; (back row, from left) coaches Pat Watson, Mike Noe.

Cold offense stops Rams in tourney

Michigan Rams manager Rick Berryman can empathize with the Tigers' Jim Leyland. The Rams' offense was anemic for the second straight day as the New Orleans (La.) Boosters eliminated the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League representative, 3-2, at the 20-and-under All-American Amateur Baseball Association Tournament held Wednesday at Roxbury Park in Johnstown, Pa. "We couldn't get the big hit to get in a run," said Berryman, whose team col-

lected just four hits and lost a day earlier in the double-elimination tourney to Martella's Pharmacy of Johnstown, 2-1. "We had excellent pitching and defense. That wasn't the issue. We played flawless in the infield and the outfield, but did not hit." Northville High's Steve Anderson (Grand Valley State), a tournament pick-up by the Rams from LCBL Blue Knights, belted a solo homer in the third inning to knot the count at 1-all. The Rams then went ahead

2-1 in the fourth on back-to-back doubles by Jake Rhodes and Kyle Vesey. Rams starting pitcher Matt Broder (Michigan) gave up one run on three hits and two walks before being replaced by reliever Tom Whiting in the seventh. Whiting, who was charged with the loss, then gave up the go-ahead two-run double as New Orleans remained alive in the 16-team tournament. The Rams, the LCBL runner-up, finished their summer sandlot schedule at 24-15 overall.

SMITH
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I am pumped to again report about high school hockey. Prep hockey from where I came from disappeared due to budget cuts and changing demographics following 2007-08. Drop the puck already. Then there are all the youth soccer, baseball and football

teams who keep winning tournaments. There are countless adult softball teams and children just learning how to field and run the bases in the fine Plymouth YMCA T-ball and youth baseball program. I am sure there is a lot more out there and I look to get plenty of it into the pages of the *Plymouth* and *Canton Observers* as well as online at www.hometownlife.com.

Please feel free to e-mail or call me with suggestions for features and to inform me about your teams. With your help, my aim is to present a well-rounded picture of Plymouth-Canton sports that you can be proud to hold up and take a look at. Tim Smith is sports editor of the Plymouth-Canton Observers. He can be reached at (313) 222-2637 or via e-mail at tsmith@hometownlife.com.

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KICKS
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"Yeah, it's almost like a role reversal," said Lisa Kertesz, a regular at Midwest, where daughters Amanda and 9-year-old Anna compete. "Now I've got my dancer who I thought I'd be seeing at dance recitals, But instead, I'm in the stands."

"God, I never thought I'd be a mom in the stands screaming, 'Kick her butt!'"

Even Amanda has to deal with double-takes from friends now and again.

"They're like, 'No way, I can't believe you do that,'" she said with a grin. "Because they just can't see me as that kind of person."

It's true, but still kind of hard to believe. That's because when Kertesz is not delivering crunching kicks to the torso of her sparring partners during training sessions at Midwest under the watch of Masters Russell Gale (a sixth-degree black belt) and Tanya Panizzo (a fifth-degree black belt), she is still as soft-spoken and humble as can be.

STEPPING UP

Those lessons, plus how to be more assertive and inquisitive, are why Lisa Kertesz really is thrilled her teen daughter is immersed in tae kwon do. "I attribute it to these particular masters," Lisa said. "They've really taught her how to step up. They've taught her not to be part of the crowd. They've taught her to be different."

"And you know, for the longest time she didn't tell people she was in tae kwon do. Never would tell people and I always wondered. Now in the past year (since starting at Midwest), she definitely doesn't have a problem telling people. And a majority of them are impressed, they can't believe she does what she does."

And to be honest, Amanda Kertesz might not be amassing awards and accolades without some prodding from her younger sister.

According to mom, it was actually Anna who was the first person in the family to get a jump start on the sport. "Anna is our tomboy and a very outgoing personality," Lisa said. "And Amanda credits her for getting her into something she normally wouldn't have done, like tae kwon do."

Amanda concurred about how her sister, only 6 at the time, sparked her own interest in 2006.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Midwest Tae Kwon Do in Plymouth is helping train some outstanding athletes, including several team members who competed at the recent Junior Olympics in Texas. Standing are (from left): Billy Jackson, Ann Arbor; Marshall Gaines, Milan; Steven Thompson, Westland and Amanda Kertesz, Canton. Kneeling are (from left): Grant Slomkowski, Northville; Caleigh Lin, Plymouth; Samuel Gaines, Milan.

"I just went to her class and started watching her and started helping out in the gym," she said. "She wanted to kick with me. I was a little iffy on it because I was a 'girlie-girl,' you know."

She laughed when she said that, but the joke's on her competition now as opponents learned recently at the Junior Nationals.

MASTERFUL STUDENT

"She had to compete in a really large division with a bunch of other girls," Panizzo said. "She was flawless the entire time. She made one small error that she corrected the next round and she was able to pull it off and win the gold."

Panizzo also gave high marks to Kertesz in sparring. "As far as the free sparring, she was strong," Panizzo said. "She hit it hard and she was really underestimated. I think a lot of it was because she's very graceful and I think people assume she might not be as tough, but she is."

Kertesz now wants to return to the Junior Nationals in 2010 for what would be a third consecutive time. In 2008, she garnered a silver medal in forms and a bronze in sparring.

And if she does go back, Panizzo wonders out loud just how good Kertesz can be after another year of training and encouragement from everybody at Midwest.

"Does Amanda have a limit?"

None of them have a limit in what they can do," the instructor said. "I believe anybody can do anything. They just have to believe in themselves, they have to believe in those trying to help them and the program in which they have subscribed themselves to."

"And they have to have a good support system and I think she has all those things."

HOME COOKING

Don't forget about the Plymouth and Canton communities when it comes to that support.

Lisa Kertesz orchestrated a spaghetti dinner at the Plymouth Cultural Center to raise funds for the recent Texas trip and many local businesses also chipped in. The money helped send seven of Midwest's nine team members to Texas.

And with that venture came plenty of positive payback.

"It's amazing where she's been and where she's come from and where she's at," Lisa said. "It just amazes me. Every time she goes out there and fights, there's just this glow in her eye."

Go ahead and ask the masters about that. Chances are pretty good they'll glow about that, too.

For more information about Midwest Tae Kwon Do in Plymouth, go to www.midwesttaekwondo.com or call (734) 459-4183.

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He's got sights on 2012 Olympics

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Midwest Tae Kwon Do in Plymouth could be grooming a future Olympian.

Westland John Glenn's Steven Thompson certainly is on the right track toward that lofty goal, earning a gold medal at the recent USA Tae Kwon Do Junior Olympics & U.S. National Championships in Austin, Tex. and qualifying for Saturday's national team trial.

If the 16-year-old Westland native is victorious at the Colorado Springs, Col. "fight off" at welterweight (129-to-137 pounds) he will earn a berth on the USA National Junior Team.

"I think I'm surprising people," Thompson said. "A lot of people didn't think I could make it as far as I am now, like going to teams."

One of his trademarks is dogged determination, so no matter what happens in Colorado, Thompson won't be

deterred. "I would just come back here, start training more and wait around for next year," he explained.

And making the USA National Junior Team is just the next of the string of ambitious goals Thompson is planning to reach.

"After making junior team, (goals are to) win internationally, travel around the world and play for USA and then go for the 2012 Olympics (in Chicago)," he said.

About the last goal in that list, he smiled and said it was do-able. "I think so. I always try to set myself at the highest I can go."

Thompson, whose parents are Lori and Daniel Thompson, said his tae kwon do success (he came home from Texas with a gold medal in sparring in the 18-32 age bracket) is helping him grow as a complete person.

"It's making me concentrate more in school and it's making me more athletic to do other

sports," said Thompson, who also played varsity soccer at John Glenn. "The agility in tae kwon do is like the same thing on the soccer field."

"... I've grown in school, too. I got better grades since I started tae kwon do and I've met new people during tournaments and built friendships with them."

According to one of the masters at Midwest Tae Kwon Do, fifth-degree black belt Tanya Panizzo, there's no telling what Thompson might be able to accomplish.

One of the main reasons for Panizzo's optimism is Thompson's absolute passion for the sport, which gets its three-pronged name from "foot," "fist" and "the way." "It started when I was six, I always loved fighting," Thompson stressed. "It's just adrenaline and energy flowing through your body. It's like you just can't wait to get out there and fight."

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WHALERS
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LOOKING FOR 19

The Whalers then will open the preseason at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, in Brighton against Saginaw at the Kensington Valley Ice House.

Proceeds of the game will support the Kensington Valley Hockey Association. Tickets for the game are currently being sold at Brighton Ford, 8240 Grand River Ave., just north of I-96, in Brighton. For more information, call Brighton Ford at (800) 836-8206.

Training camp concludes

with Sunday's alumni game; tickets for the event are free. Following the contest, fans are invited to re-connect with Whalers alumni in a reception at CJ's Brewery at 5 p.m.

As for the upcoming season, Plymouth (37-26-5-0 last year) comes into a new year with the longest current streak of making the playoffs in the OHL — 18 straight seasons.

With a younger group of players maturing into veterans, the Whalers are expected to be in the middle of the Western Conference playoff race again in 2009-10.

Leading players include goaltender Matt Hackett (a Minnesota Wild draft choice), defenseman Michal Jordan

(Carolina), Leo Jenner, Josh Bemis and Beau Schmitz and veterans forwards AJ Jenks (Florida), Ryan Hayes, Joe Gaynor and Jamie Devane (Toronto), as well as center Tyler Seguin, a potential first-round pick in next summer's National Hockey League Entry Draft.

Plymouth opens the season Thursday, Sept. 17, in Windsor against the OHL-champion Spitfires with the home opener set for 7:05 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, against the Oshawa Generals.

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Madonna spikers look to maintain elite status

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It could be a new-look Madonna University women's volleyball team this fall, but the results never get old for the Crusaders, who will be gunning for their 11th-NAIA National Tournament appearance under Hall of Fame coach Jerry Abraham.

Abraham, entering his 23rd year, must replace first-team All-America Lubovj Tihomirova, who averages 4.08 kills per game, and second-team All-America Whitney Fuelling (463 kills), along with front-row specialist Stephanie Parslow - all whom graduated.

"We lost three quality seniors - offensively who were dominant kind of players that were all tremendous leaders and volleyball athletes," said Abraham, who is coming off a 35-7 season and 12th straight Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference title. "So our recruiting efforts this year were to get more firepower specifically in the outside and middle hitting positions."

"Overall we're new in a lot of spots. We're returning experience in key areas, but yet we have a lot of new players that have to fit in. That's why this preseason is more important

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than the last few years. But I'm confident that once we mold into a team, it could be a team that is fast and athletic. The chemistry is extremely good and I'm excited about the season."

Mary McGinnis, a 5-foot-11 senior outside hitter from Fraser who ranked second behind the 6-2 Tihomirova in total kills (474) will take on the leadership role along with fourth-year starting setter Inta Grinvalds, a 5-10 senior from Portage Central.

Abraham said both are legitimate All-America candidates.

The other senior returnee is 5-8 defensive specialist Abby Long (LaPorte, Ind.), a three-year starter who is coming off knee surgery.

"Obviously we'll count on our seniors," Abraham said. "If Abby is healthy, she'll pick up where she left off. Inta's the floor general, the leader who is able to put it antenna-to-antenna. She's a top level setter, one of the better setters in the country."

"Mary will be a captain. She had a great spring. We'll rely on her as a left-side hitter who we expect put up numbers on a consistent basis."

McGinnis, meanwhile, is ready to

assume the mantle.

"Coach (Abraham) wants me to be more vocal," McGinnis said. "Usually I try to lead by example. I've been a leader, but haven't had the seniority. I'm excited to take on the role."

Grinvalds, MU's all-time leading setter, averaged 10.83 assists per game in 2008.

"We're going to miss Lubovj, but we have some good girls coming in," said Grinvalds, who is majoring in nursing. "She was a key player, but we can make due with the girls coming in. Over the years with played the same style. But with a new assistant coach (Tera Woodruff) after three years it could be a factor as far as changing the style."

Also returning is Karie Altman, a 6-foot sophomore middle hitter from Allen Park Cabrini (175 kills); Megan Fricke, a 5-9 sophomore outside hitter from Wyandotte Roosevelt (111 kills); and Amanda Koszela, a 5-7 defensive specialist from Dearborn High.

"She (Koszela) will be our starting libero, she's a great defensive player with a lot of speed," Abraham said. "Karie (Altman) will be a go-to player, a big part of the offense. She's very strong with a whip for an arm. She attacks from the slide dominantly."

Other returnees include three

players with Observerland ties - Liz Dempsey, a 5-8 junior hitter from Livonia Franklin; Marie Martin, a 6-1 middle hitter from Canton; Anna Gatt, a 5-7 defensive specialist from Livonia Churchill.

"Martin has really developed," Abraham said. "It took a season for her to develop. And I thought both Dempsey and Fricke had great springs."

Grinvalds' back-up will be freshman recruit Evia Prieditis, a 5-9 setter from Milford. And adding depth to the front row is 6-1 sophomore Katie Czarnecki (LANse Creuse North), a 6-1 sophomore transfer from Macomb Community College.

"She's a lefty who will provide a big block and a big hit," Abraham said of Czarnecki. "Prieditis already is familiar with our system. She's played it for three years."

The trump cards, however, just arrived Sunday night from Riga, Latvia, just in time for Monday's opening day of conditioning and practice.

Abraham has added two freshmen in a pair of 6-footers named Anastasia - Baranovskaja and Sheremetjeva - both whom hope to follow in the footsteps of former MU All-Americans Tihomirova and

Natalja Timina.

"They're very talented kids, both high level players from the club team that Lubovj and Natalja came from - that's the connection," Abraham said. "They both come in with high honors. They can play front and back row. They can play all over the place."

Abraham has also added a new and old assistant coach with the departure of Ed Tolentino to Georgia Tech. Back in the fold is Tim DeBeliso, who spent 11 seasons on the bench, and former MU standout Tera Woodruff. They join longtime Abraham assistant Brian McClain.

"With the two new Latvian players we may be smaller and quicker," Woodruff said. "We have a good core with Mary (McGinnis) and Inta (Grinvalds). We may not necessarily have the power we've had, but we have the quickness."

The new-look Crusaders, however, plan to keep on winning for Abraham, who ranks second among NAIA coaches in total wins (881).

"When we walk out on the court we may not look as intimidating," McGinnis said. "We'll be a lot different, but we'll be really aggressive and I think we'll have a successful year."

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Schoolcraft spikers look for repeat performance

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Entering his third season in charge of the women's volleyball program at Schoolcraft College, head coach Rich Lamb knows this year's squad will be hard-pressed to match, or better, the accomplishments of the 2008 contingent.

"We certainly had a good year," Lamb said of the last season's unit which posted a conference-leading 15-1 ledger, strung together 18 consecutive

victories, and finished with a 31-9 mark overall. "It was quite rewarding."

"But we go into every season with the goal of being league champs, and continuing on in the national tournament. We started that season with a good base of sophomores and we're looking to do the same this year also."

A handful of returnees, including four starters, has Lamb believing the '09 Ocelots can be every bit as dominating both offensively and defensively.

Lamb's optimism begins with Jordan Kerr (Livonia Churchill), a second-team All-MCCAA Eastern Conference selection in 2008, whose overall talents position her as the team's libero.

"She's all-everything out there for us," Lamb said. "She's our back-row specialist, but we'll position her everywhere out on the court and it will be up to the other team to find out just where she is."

Jennifer Brunink and Emily Bronkema return as powerful

middle hitters and Brittany Denter, with a year of experience under her belt, should prove to be one of the league's top setters.

"It will be nice to have an experienced setter," Lamb said. "Last year she (Denter) kind of learned on the fly thinking and making decisions."

The fifth returnee is Kirstin Kirk, who was limited in her playing time last season after suffering a knee injury.

The ability of freshmen to

step in and make an immediate impact is crucial to any community college in maintaining a successful program.

Katie Vellucci (Livonia Stevenson) is one such freshman and Lamb believes her contributions, along with that of outside hitters Katrina Johnson, Sam Gilbreth and Kayla Creech, will be critical in the Ocelots' attempt to defend the Eastern Conference crown in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

The race for the top spot in the Eastern Conference promises to be a heated one as Lamb believes the off-season recruiting turned in by Oakland CC, St. Clair CC and Macomb CC makes it difficult to select a clear-cut favorite.

"I just hope we're in the mix at the end," he said.

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Dog days

Canines step out in style at Canton event

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Dinah Braun of Canton will don a handmade clown outfit next Saturday and do her best to look the cutest as she struts her stuff in a half-mile walk through Heritage Park in her community.

A lot will be at stake for the 3-year-old entrant. If she wins the "best costume" contest at the park, she'll get a year's supply of treats.

But she'll face some stiff competition from other contestants, like 4 1/2-year-old Abby Slattery of Novi who will portray "Toto" while her mom, Megan Slattery, walks the route in gingham dress and ruby slippers as Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz.

Win or lose, both the Braun and Slattery families say the fun — and fund-raising for the Humane Society of Huron

Valley (HSHV) — is what counts the most.

"I always tell Abby, 'It's for the cause,'" said Slattery, a big supporter of HSHV.

She and her Cairn Terrier, (full name Abby Girl Pelino Slattery) and the Braun family — Kurt and Shawn, with kids Matthew, 11, and Alyssa, 13, and Dinah, their Border Collie/Retriever mix — will be among those participating in the Paw Walk August 22 during the first annual Paws in the Park, a two-day activity-packed event for canines and their families.

"There are so many family-friendly events as well as dog events," Slattery noted. "This event is a must for dog pet people — beautiful setting, great causes and dogs dogs dogs." Dinah-saurs Team" members, the Brauns, look forward to the variety of events, as well as the costume contest during

the Paw Walk.

Alyssa is eager to see how much money the Paw Walk raises for HSHV.

Her mom, Shawn, noted that there are "a lot of great things to do and see all for a great cause."

MONEY, AWARENESS

Actually, two organizations will benefit. Money from event ticket sales will go toward efforts to create a dog park in Canton. The Paw Walk will generate dollars for HSHV.

But Deb Kern, HSHV marketing director, and Terri O'Brien, founder of Plymouth's Green Street Fair and a Paws in the Park organizer, both say awareness is equally important.

"The Humane Society of Huron Valley is the Humane Society of choice for Plymouth and Canton. A lot of people don't know that," O'Brien said, explaining that dogs lost in those two communities are taken to the HSHV shelter, located in Ann Arbor.

Kern said HSHV serves all of Washtenaw County, in addition to Canton and Plymouth. The Michigan Humane Society, which maintains a shelter in Westland, is a separate entity.



A dog leaps off the dock during an Ultimate Air Dogs show.

"We try let people know that. If their animals get away from them they need to file a lost report with us," she said. "We have contracts with Plymouth and Canton."

"People think the Michigan Humane Society covers all of Michigan, and that's not the case."

In addition to raising money and awareness, Kern said Paws in the Park will help HSHV place pets in new homes through the adoption fair planned for both days.

The shelter cares for approximately 10,000 animals a year, including cats, dogs, rabbits,

hamsters, guinea pigs and birds and maintains a cruelty investigation team.

A new, larger facility is under construction and scheduled to open in the fall.

NO VACANCY

"We really need the space. Right now we have room for 110 cats and 70 dogs. We're full. We also have 150 foster families that work with us," Kern said.

The new building will increase cat lodging by 60 percent and the dog kennel by 20

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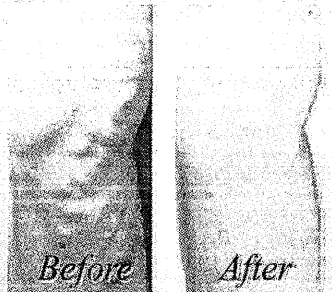
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CANINES

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percent.
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 Kern stressed that applicants must meet adoption requirements.
 "We do the same screening for everyone. It takes about 45 minutes to go through the process."
 She said Paws in the Park visitors who plan to adopt an animal next weekend will go through that same screening process on site.
 For more on HSHV visit www.hshv.org. Or call (734) 662-4365.



See dogs like this member of the Purina Incredible Dog Team demonstrate athletic feats during Paws in the Park, in Canton.

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Paw Walk: Fund-raiser for the Humane Society of Huron Valley, with registration starting at 8 a.m. Saturday. People and pets walk the half-mile course any time from 9-10:30 a.m. Participants are encouraged to dress up their dogs and create a "float." Best float wins a year supply of Canidae dog food. Best costume wins a year supply of treats from Three Dog Bakery. Any walker or team that raises at least \$75 will receive a free dog bandana. \$15 per dog entry fee. Sign up for the walk and receive one free admis-

sion to Paws in the Park. A portion of entry fees will benefit the Humane Society of Huron Valley. Sign up online at <http://hshv.convio.net/pawwalk>. Download a pledge form from www.pawsintheparkusa.com. Click on Paw Walk
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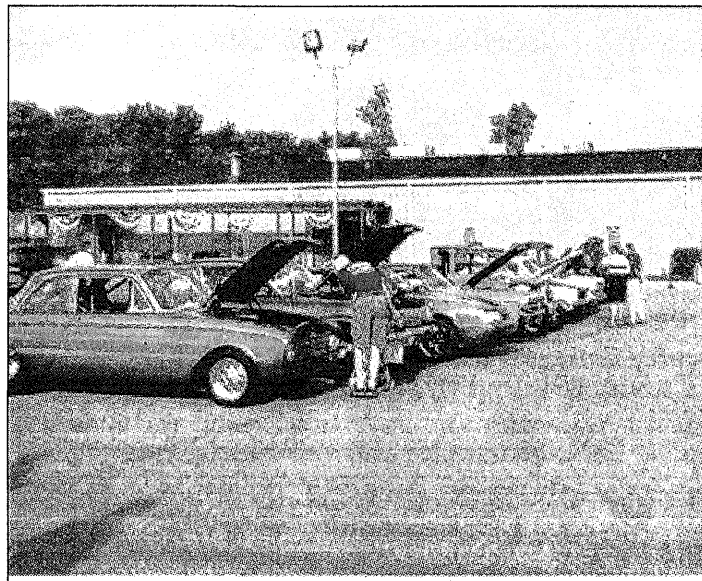
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Car shows hosted by vets are Woodward alternative



Cars are the stars at the American Legion Post 32 shows, which also feature good food and oldies music.

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Not all the classic cars were on Woodward Avenue Thursday night. A show sponsored by the American Legion Post 32 in Livonia brought in '59 Chevy Corvette owner Paul Lemieux and other car-lovers.

"I've been wanting to come here," said Livonia resident Lemieux, standing by his white Corvette. His wife had a hair appointment Thursday, so it worked out; he attended regularly in the past, and decided to come back.

"It's my first car ever owned and I've had it since '67," he said of the Corvette. "I'll never get rid of it."

His brother bought the car in 1960 and Lemieux got it later. "What I do is the

upkeep." This winter, it'll go "under the knife" for a chassis restoration with the body off.

His wife doesn't ride in it all that much, "not a hair muss day, you might say." There's no room for the dog, but he still likes to drive it.

The Thursday evening car shows at the Legion post on Newburgh north of Joy give Lemieux a chance to see other cars. He used to be in a Corvette club, but now those club members have newer cars.

Lemieux didn't try the Woodward Dream Cruise Thursday, as he worried about his car overheating. He planned to go Friday and Saturday morning.

Lemieux, who sees classic cars on Hines Drive, said his nephew will probably get the car when he's 80 or 85 and

can't push the clutch. "He probably wants this one when I go."

Keeping things running smoothly at the registration table was Doreen Linderman of Belleville, Legion Ladies Auxiliary president. The shows run 5 p.m. generally until dusk from May through the last Thursday in September.

"I've worked the car show the last several years," said Linderman, adding it's been about 10 years since shows began. "Tonight it's kind of light because of the Woodward Dream Cruise," she said.

They've had 120-130 cars and 60-70 motorcycles on a good night. Cars don't have to be of a certain year or model, and there's no judging other than a weekly appreciation plaque.

The Legion, Ladies Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion put on the shows. They're helped by the American Legion Riders, veterans who ride motorcycles.

Car owners come from Howell, Ann Arbor, Monroe, "all around, all over," she said. "They're all great cars." She and her husband don't own a classic car but enjoy helping out.

Dorothy Koi of Plymouth Township, a veteran, was also staffing the registration table. She served in the Army Air Corps during World War II (1944) and is a past commander of the post.

"They're beautiful cars, but I don't have time to go around and look at them," Koi said.

Top 40 hits from the 1950s and 1960s played Thursday as car owners and onlookers visited. Food's served both from the kitchen and an outdoor grill, with the only charge for food. Admission to the show is free, as is parking.

John Bresnahan of Plymouth Township owns a '67 Ford Mustang, but it needs a fuel pump so he couldn't bring it. He's a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6695 on Mill in Plymouth as well as the Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528.

"This is a good show here, real nice people," Bresnahan said. His veterans groups also put on shows at the post in Plymouth, usually 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays. Music and food for sale are also featured, and show admission is free.

Bresnahan said the veterans groups support many community service projects, including those for hospitalized veterans, using show proceeds. He hopes to bring his car back soon.

"One of these days," he said. "It's my work in progress."

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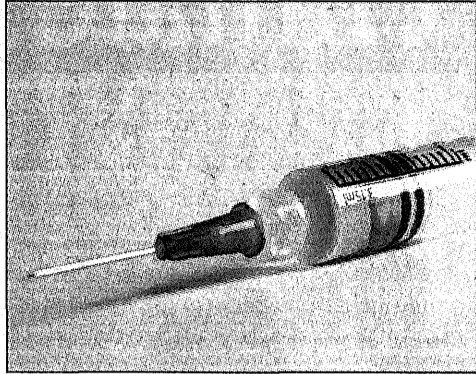
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Health department creates Twitter page with current info

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) has launched a page on the social networking site, Twitter.

The MDCH Twitter page is designed to relay up-to-the-minute health information to the public in the form of "Tweets," which are messages of up to 140 characters. The MDCH messages will include helpful links, timely updates and important information.

Anyone who is a member of Twitter can join the MDCH Twitter page as a "follower" at www.twitter.com/MiHealth. Those who do not have a Twitter account can still view the MDCH Twitter page, but need to join Twitter to interact with others on the page. Followers can send their own Tweets to the

department with questions, comments or concerns.

Tweets can be accessed through e-mail, a personal Twitter account and phones that have Internet access.

Social media and networks are the newest innovation in communication among people all over the world and no network is growing as rapidly as Twitter. With its ease of use, ability to convey a wealth of information in concise messages, and its availability to nearly every citizen, MDCH hopes to utilize all that Twitter has to offer the department and its followers.

To view or sign up for the MDCH Twitter page, visit www.twitter.com/MiHealth.

Study offers help for overweight kids

Beaumont Hospitals' Weight Control Center and the Oakland University School of Health Sciences are teaming up for a study that will help overweight children. Participants will be enrolled in the award-winning Beaumont Healthy Kids Weight Management Program at no charge.

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AUG. 24-30

2.1-mile walk
The Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan holds its "Walkin' on the Wild Side" fund-raiser, Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Detroit Zoo. Registration (with breakfast) begins at 7:45 a.m.; the 2.1 mile walk kicks off at 9 a.m. There will be entertainment, prizes, and fun for all ages. Walkers may stay and enjoy the zoo after the event. A minimum donation of \$10 is required for entry. There is no admission charge for children under 2. To form a team online or donate to a team, go to <http://www.active.com/donate/wildwalk> or contact Dawn at (800) 482-3041.

AUG. 31 TO SEPT. 6

Look good, feel better
2-4 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 2, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. Free service teaches female cancer patients beauty techniques to help them get well and restore their appearance and self-image during chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Volunteer beauty professionals lead small groups, usually consisting of six to 10 women, through practical, hands-on beauty techniques. Women learn about makeup, skincare, nail care and options related to hair loss such as wigs, turbans and scarves. Each participant receives a free kit of name-brand cosmetics for use during and after the workshop. Reservations are required. Call (800) ACS-2345 to reserve a spot.

Screening
Clarenceville United Methodist Church will host Life Line Screening, with appointments beginning at 9 a.m., Sept. 1, at 20300 Middlebelt,

Livonia. Screenings identify potential cardiovascular conditions such as blocked arteries and irregular heart rhythm, abdominal aortic aneurysms, and hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease. A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is also offered. Packages start at \$139. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. For information or to schedule an appointment, call (877) 237-1287 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required.

SEPT. 7-13

ALS workshop
ALS of Michigan offers a workshop for families, caregivers and health care aides on "Eye Control Communication Solutions," 6:30-8 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 13, at its offices, 24359 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Southfield. Kelly Petri, Joel Allchin and Karen Campbell will talk about the DynaVox Vmax Speech Generating Device and other communication solutions for individuals with ALS. RSVP or get more information from Lisa Bardach at (800) 882-5764, Ext. 227.

Canoe to Care
DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital will hold its seventh Canoe To Care day of outdoor family fun from 3 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12 at Heavner's Canoe Rental in the Proud Lake Recreation Area, 3500 Wixom Road in Commerce. This annual event includes canoeing, a picnic supper, and a special drawing for a free canoe or kayak. Proceeds will be used for cancer support programs at the hospital's Charach Cancer Treatment Center. Cost is \$30 per canoe and includes a picnic and canoe rental for two adults or teens. Children 12 and under free. (248) 937-5077.

AUG. 14-20

Roundabouts
St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers a free educational seminar called "The Ins and Outs of Roundabouts" 1-3 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 17, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. Denis White, AARP Safe Driving Instructor will speak. (734) 655-1593

ONGOING

Fitness classes

Exercise classes for men and women continue through April at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Jeanie Weaver is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training experience. The sessions infuse Pilates, functional strength training, balance work, flexibility and motivational techniques in a 90-day fitness plan. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957. E-mail jeanieweaver@charter.net.

Overeaters Anonymous
Meet 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia; and 7 p.m. Sundays at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom 1. Call (313) 387-9797. Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively is welcome. For more Greater Detroit Overeaters Anonymous information call (248) 559-7722 or visit www.ooa.org.

Breast cancer support group
Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Livonia. Call (734) 655-1100, or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Caregivers support group
St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for information. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

Wayne metro caregiver support
Are you a caregiver of an aging parent, spouse or relative? Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to loved ones. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m.-noon, at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Ave., Westland. Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile. The morning group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the second Thursday of the month; the evening group meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Adult care may also be available. Call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, Ext. 233.

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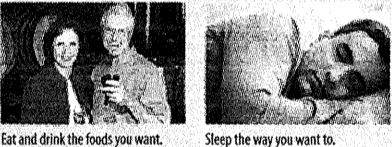
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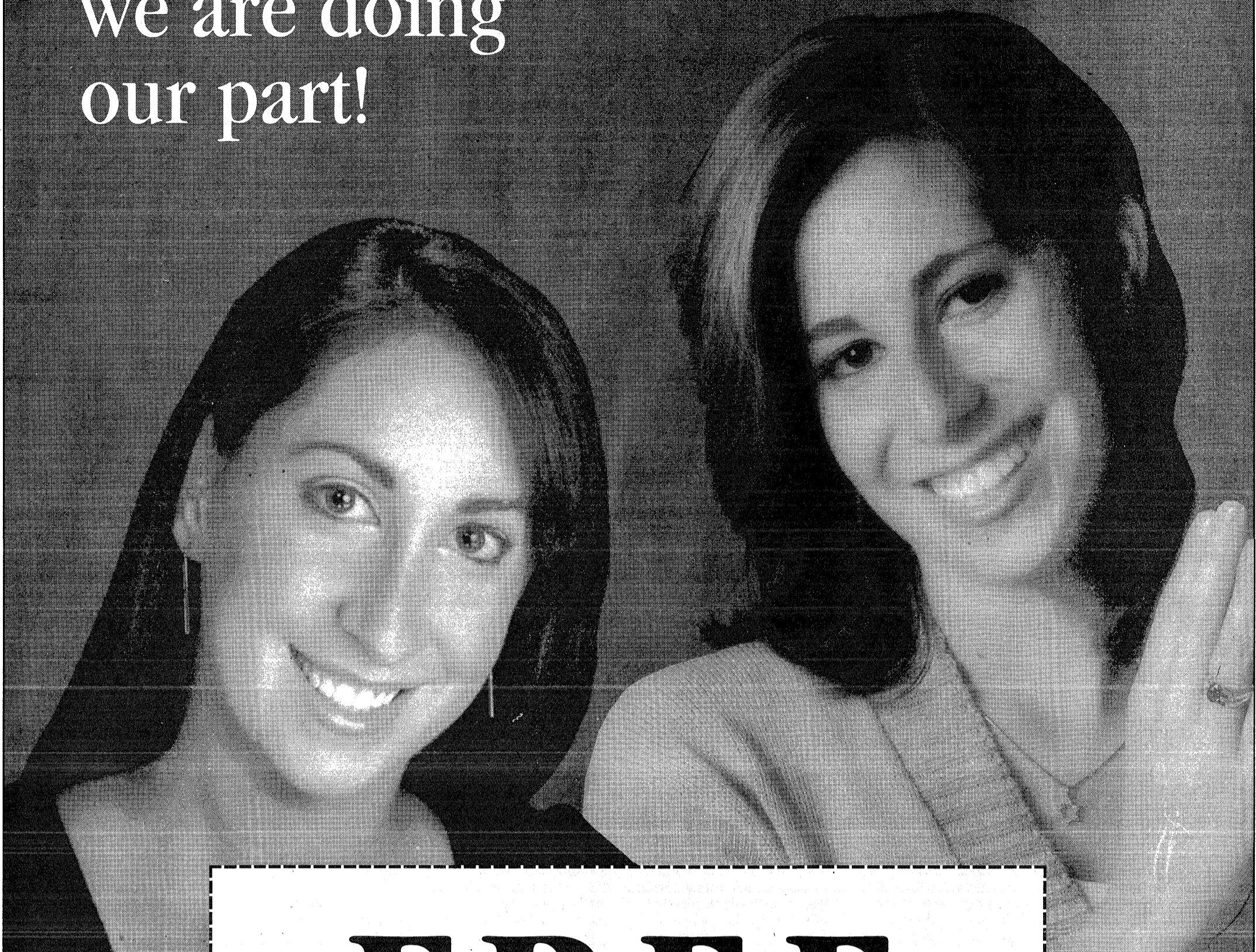
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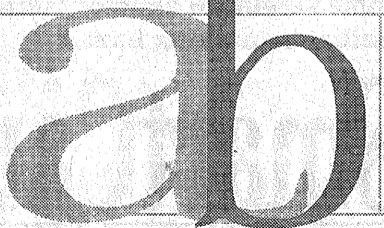
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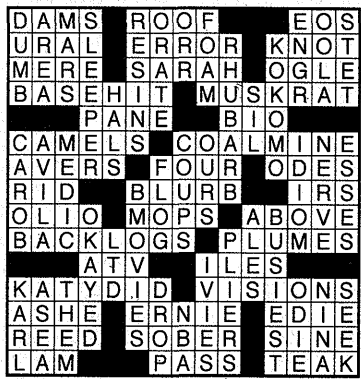
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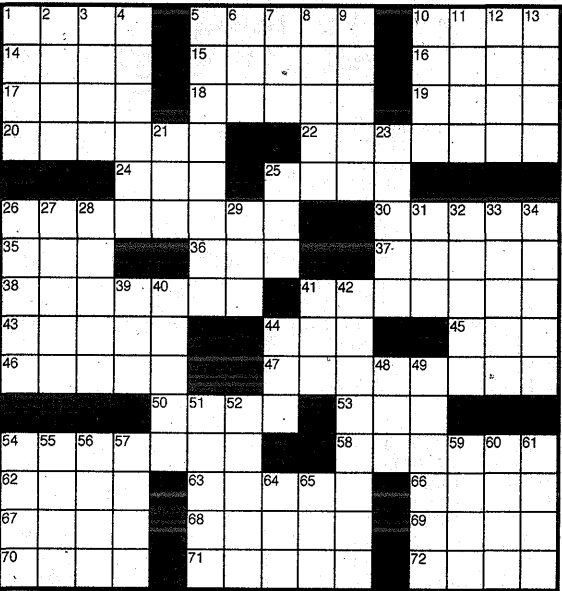
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 - 16 Trout habitat
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 - 19 Lot size, often
 - 20 Outback maker
 - 22 Piece of cake! (2 wds.)
 - 24 Our sun
 - 25 Grassy shoulder
 - 26 Silliest
 - 30 Bakery lure
 - 35 Dixie st.
 - 36 Item in a poker pot
 - 37 Citrus trees
 - 38 Pulls a muscle
 - 41 Cream puffs
 - 43 Strong devotion
 - 44 Contented sigh
 - 45 Pedro's aunt
 - 46 Eric Clapton tune
 - 47 Ludicrous imitation
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 - 10 Crowbar end
 - 11 Shoestring
 - 12 Creole veggie
 - 13 Mosquito repellent
 - 21 King, to monsieur
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 - 25 252 calories
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 - 28 Running late
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 - 31 Narrow inlet
 - 32 Excludes
 - 33 Kind of raise
 - 34 Mineral analysis

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- 39 E-mail provider
 - 40 In a foul mood
 - 41 Corn serving
 - 42 Parlor game
 - 44 -- disadvantage
 - 48 Winery feature
 - 49 Gazing at
 - 51 Piece of prose
 - 52 Lorelei's river
 - 54 Deli breads
 - 55 Chalet feature
 - 56 Unwanted guest
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 - 64 Put down, slangily
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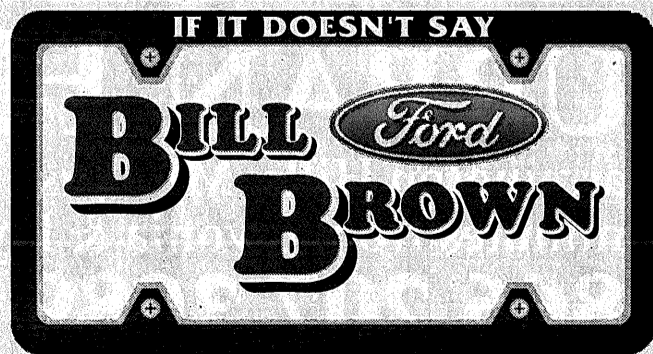
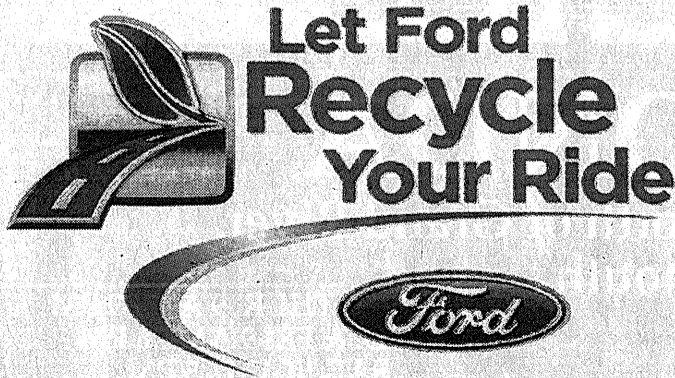
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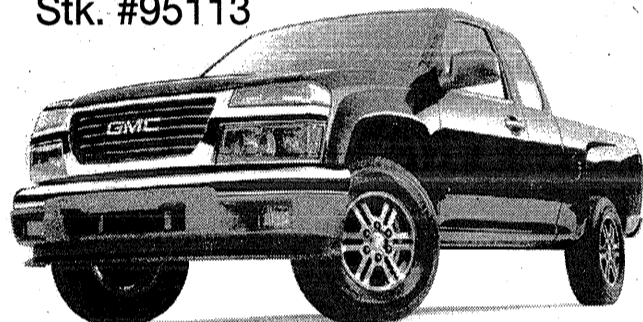
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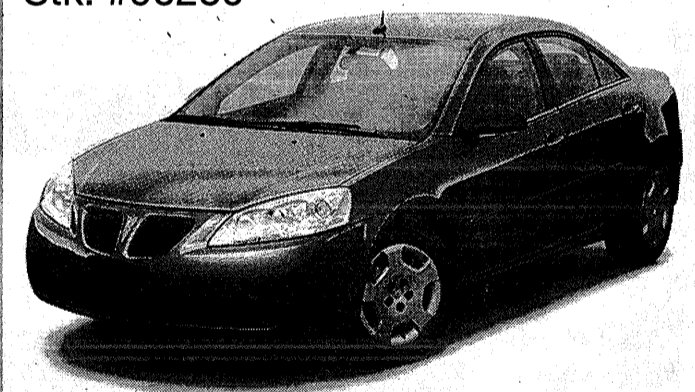
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