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Senior summit

The first-ever Canton Area Senior Summit, featuring informational and health fairs, workshops and assistance programs geared toward senior citizens.

The senior summit, sponsored by state Rep. Phil LaJoy, also includes food, door prizes and informal discussions on senior issues. The senior day takes place at the Summit on the Park - Sept. 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is \$5.

"The event gives seniors direct and immediate access to important information and agencies serving the older population," said LaJoy, R-Canton.

Seating is limited to the first 400 seniors from LaJov's 21st House District. which includes the communities of Canton and Van Buren townships and the city of Belleville.

Registration forms are available through LaJoy's office at (517) 373-2773. Forms also are available at the Canton Area Senior Center, 46000 Summit Parkway; September Days Senior Center, 4545 Tyler, in Van Buren Township; and Columbia Court, 275 W. Columbia Ave., in Belleville.

Ramp closure

The reconstruction of the I-275 northbound ramp at westbound ford Road will

Friends mourn loss of veteran officer

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

Funeral services for Canton Police Officer Gordon Lewis Stevens will be 11 a.m. Monday, July 28, at NorthRidge Church, Ridge and Territorial roads, in

Plymouth Township. Visitation will be today (Sunday, July 27) from noon to 9 p.m. at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton.

Stevens, 52, was killed on Wednesday afternoon when his parked patrol vehicle was struck from behind by a car driven by a 23-year-old Kentucky resident. The crash occurred on Lotz Road just north of Van Born in Canton.

He was the first officer in the 25year history of the department to die in the line of duty.

The driver and two occupants of the other vehicle are in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor,

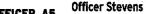
where the driver is under police custody. According to Michigan State Police, who are handling the investigation of the incident, all are in stable condition.

As of Friday afternoon, state police had not completed their investigation. They would not release details or indicate whether charges would be filed.

Stevens, a 25-year-veteran of the department, was a member of the first reserve force that was formed

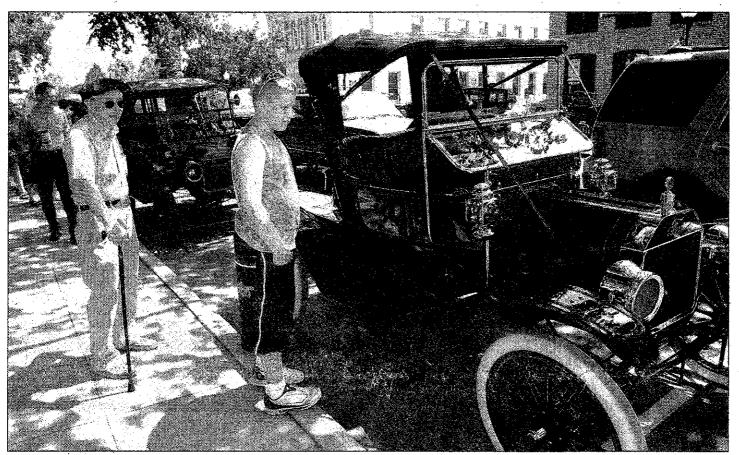
in 1976. For two years the officers patrolled the streets (mostly dirt roads) of Canton from 5-11 p.m. in cars that were used by the public works department in the day-

They all served without pay until a full-time department was established in 1978 after voters approved a millage.





PLEASE SEE OFFICER, A5



Model T tour a popular sight

Logging at best 200 miles per day and traveling at a top speed of 35 miles per hour, a Model T Ford would not be a driver's first choice for getting from point A to point B quickly.

But for Model T owners, it's all about the style, taking your sweet time along less-traveled roads and, of course, curb appeal. All these attributes were evident Friday afternoon in downtown

Plymouth as the antique cars, called "Tin Lizzies" in their day, parked alongside Kellogg Park, attracting crowds of onlookers. Sunny skies and 80-plus degree temperatures helped make for a thriving crowd.

"They're old, they're running and they look good," said Greg Gardner of Plymouth, as he eyed Model Ts parked along Penniman, in front of the Penn Theater.

Gardner was among those coming to

PLEASE SEE MODEL T, A7



continue. The ramp will remain closed until Aug. 6 (weather permitting). Work will be performed during ... the day and an alternate route will be posted.

Flea market

The Canton Historical Society will continue to accept donations for an upcoming flea market at the Bartlett-Travis Barn (525 N. Ridge Road) on the following evenings: 6-8 p.m. July 29; and 6-8 p.m. July 30. Unfortunately they are not accepting clothing. Items will be greatly appreciated and accepted during both two hour donation periods.

💹 Blood drive

The Plymouth post office sponsors a blood drive and bone marrow registry at its Beck Road office 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 5.

Postal officials said they're sponsoring the event because of a "shortage of blood in southeast Michigan and to make marrow transplants available to all."

Potential donors can call to make an appointment, but walk-ins are also wel-

For more information, call Barb Mitchell, (734) 453-6111.

Valvoline Oil partners with Habitat

Valvoline Instant Oil Change and Habitat for Humanity-Detroit are teaming up this summer to build a Habitat for Humanity house in Detroit's Tri-Centennial Village, a 16-block neighborhood located in Core City Neighborhood on Detroit's

near west side. Valvoline Instant Oil Change, located at 44075 Ford Road in Canton, is offering a free car wash Tuesday, July 29 to help raise the remaining \$5,000 needed to sponsor their house at Habitat for Humanity's Detroit's Blitz Build 2003.

During this day-long event, Valvoline Instant Oil Change will be offering free car washes. Valvoline authentic car haulers with a donation of \$20, and Mark Martin murals with a \$50 donation. All of the donations made will go toward the remaining \$5,000 needed.

This has been an excellent

PLEASE SEE VALVOLINE, A5

Township gets nod to set speed limits

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

Blake Abbey and his grandfather Allen Young check out the Model Ts parked along Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed into law Monday a bill giving townships a voice in setting speed limits on local roads.

The bill gives townships an equal say,

along with Michigan State Police and a county road commission or county executive, in determining safe speeds for roads within their jurisdiction.

In the past, cities could establish speed limits on their roads, but townships had no say in the matter.

"I'm really excited about this because it's such an important issue," said State Rep. Phil LaJoy (R-Canton), who introduced the bill shortly after taking office earlier this year. It was the freshman rep-

PLEASE SEE SPEED, A4

Locals cheer presidential message

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

President George W. Bush received a rock star's greeting when he bounded onto the stage. Some 700 people, attired in blue business suits and blue collar uniforms, cheered and waved flags then quickly grew quiet to listen to the presi-

Most were employees of Phillips Service Industries in Livonia, and gathered at Beaver Aerospace & Defense (owned by PSI), in a building which normally houses the machinery to build parts for jets and missiles.

Employees found out about the president's visit a week before the Thursday afternoon event, and the company went

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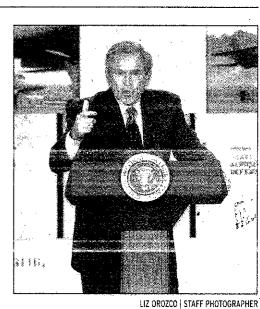
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into nonstop motion, preparing for its distinguished guest.

"We were really busy, but it was worth it. The biggest challenge came a couple of days before the president got here, and the secret service agents came in to work with us," said Stephan Hadley, facility manager for PSI.

"We're not really sure how he chose us when he decided to come to Michigan," said Bob Phillips, PSI vice president. "He was having a fund-raiser here in Dearborn, and wanted to visit a local business to deliver his economic message. We started getting calls from the White House several weeks ago. I think they looked at it as a good opportunity

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A highland fling

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Arts education benefits Salem student

BY LAURA COLVIN STAFF WRITER

It wasn't easy for Jess Page-Carreras to leave everything she knew at Salem High School and enroll in a boarding school hundreds of miles from home, but she knew she had to follow her dream.

It was a dream that formed in childhood and began to come true when Page-Carreras, now 18, heard that she'd won second place for her poetry in the national creative writing competition at Interlochen Arts Academy. The award included \$15,000 in tuition money if she chose to attend the school.

Students at the prestigious Interlochen Academy study music, visual arts, dance, theater arts and creative writing along with college preparatory academics.

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"It was something I was really ready to do," said Page-Carreras. "At Salem I wasn't really getting what I wanted out of my education. My counselor said I was taking too many English classes and that I needed to fulfill the P.E. requirements."

But requirements for gym and health classes, she said, were stifling, and keeping her from what she really wanted to

"Why should I be playing tennis if I'd rather be reading Shakespeare?" she wondered.

At Interlochen, an independent boarding school for grades 9-12 near Traverse City, Page-Carreras spent her senior year just the way she wanted: immersed in English classes, in creative writing, poetry and lit-

It was an experience, she said, like no other.

"I didn't take any math or science classes all year," she said, "All I did is read and write."

Although she was doing what she liked to do, Page-Carreras also felt very challenged by the program, with teachers constantly pushing her to improve and revise her work in a college-

like atmosphere.

After graduating from the academy last spring, Page-Carreras made plans to enroll in the University of Michigan-Dearborn honors program, and hopes to eventually land a job in the world of book publishing. Newspapers and magazines are also future career possibilities, she said, noting that any path she chooses will involve the written word.

"Writing excites me, really,"

she said. "When I write I feel like, wow, I really want people to read this. It makes me feel like I have something to offer."

In her three years at Salem, Page-Carreras was involved in competitive performance poetry through the school's Poetry Slam program, as well as serving as an officer in Writer's Block, the high school writing club.

"Jess is very creative and selfmotivated," said Kathleen Churchill, English teacher at Canton High School. "She's the kind of person who really goes after learning and uses each situation to get the most she can out of it."

Although the scholarship covered \$15,000 in tuition, those funds paid for just over half of Interlochen's \$28,000 annual tuition. It was a stretch for the family, with five other children,

The registration deadline for

Aug. 9-10 has been extended

basketball players of all ages,

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genders and abilities.

Jess Page-Carreras sits on her bed with journals, various publications for which she's written and her diploma from Interlochen Arts Academy.

to come up with the remaining \$13,000.

"Her grandparents helped out, and then we just looked for other ways to make the payments," said Jess' mother Susan Miller. "We wanted her to have the opportunity to do this, to pursue her dreams."

Page-Carreras grew up with a passion for writing, something she may have learned from her

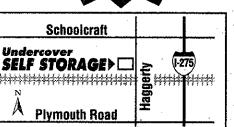
Teams sought for Gus Macker hoops tourney

mom, a former editor and speech writer who taught her children the value of academic abilities.

"I probably let her express her opinion too much," laughs Miller. "I always encouraged her to speak up and express herself, tried to help her experience a lot of different things without pushing too much." lcolvin@ge.hamecomm.net

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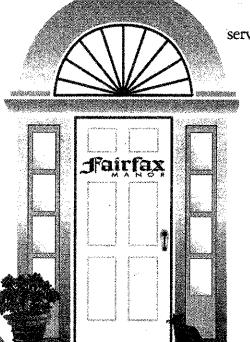
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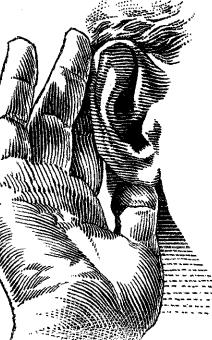
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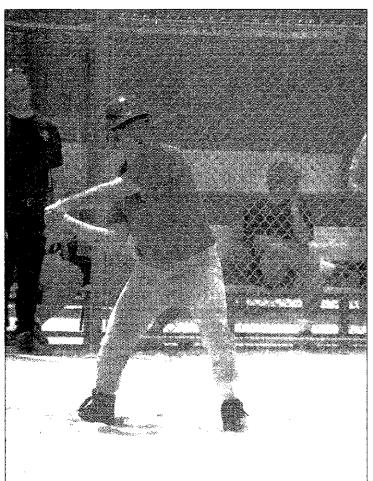
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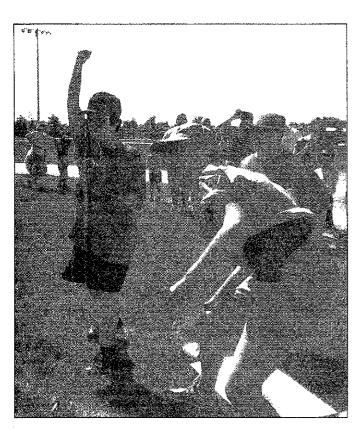


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Bridget Boone practices throwing during a softball skills session.

Special Olympics classic an annual favorite

For the 15th consecutive year Canton has hosted the Summer Sports Classic — the annual Special Olympics State Softball and Golf tournament. This year more than 1,600 athletes, coaches and their families attended the games at the Canton Softball Center on Michigan Ave.

"The tournament originally started out to be the accumulation of end of the year programs for softball," said Tournament co-director Terry Jobbitt. "Then it became the state tournament. There'll be teams from all over the state of Michigan. This is the biggest tournament for

Special Olympics."
The golf tournament was added a few years later and the name was changed to the Summer Sports Classic.

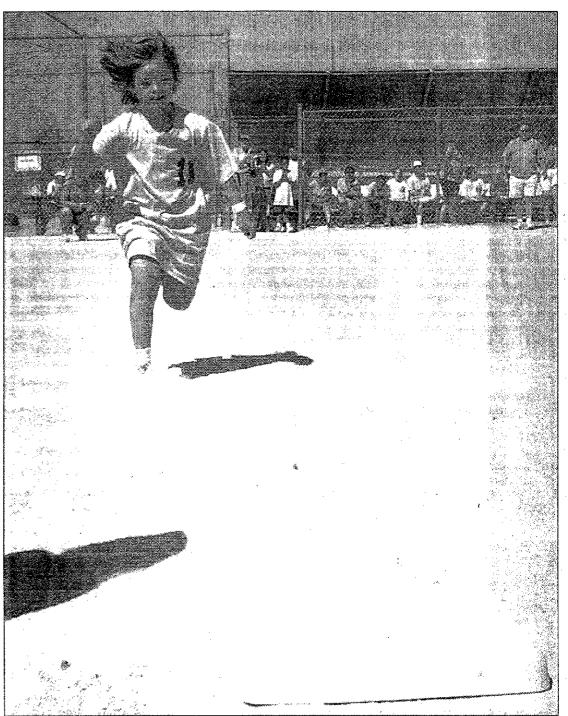
The tournament featured athletes, both male and female, ranging in age from 8 through adult. The event is competitive but a great source of camaraderie for the participants. There are no male or female divisions and no age divisions. It's all based on ability according to Jobbitt.

"Girls and boys play together and an 8-year-old might be playing along with a 16-year-old," he said.

Events get under way on Friday, July 18, and the golf tourney took place at Pineview Golf Course in Ypsilanti.

The weekend long competitions included a home run derby, softball games, softball skills competition and ice skating at the Arctic Edge.

A dance was held Friday night at Summit on the Park.

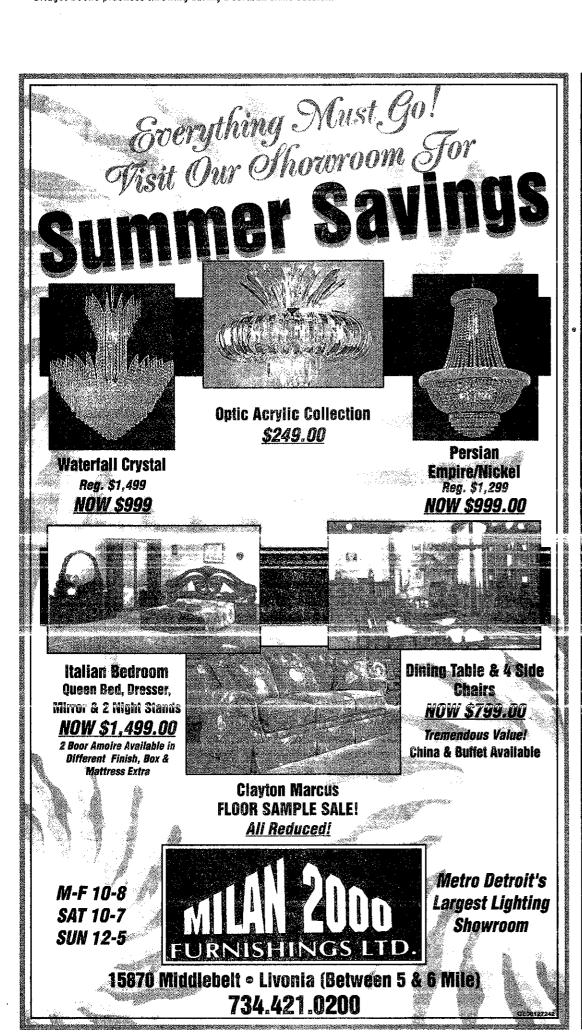


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Brianna Roland, 9 practices base running.



Vicktoria Romanowski (left) ice skates with coach Patty McEwan.





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resentative's first bill, and now becomes his first public act, Public Act 65 of 2003.

"I'm happy that the governor saw the value in it and decided to approve it," he said. "I commend her for that."

Both LaJoy and State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) have been working on getting the speed limit legislation approved after a similar bill, which passed both houses unanimously last year, was vetoed by then-Gov. John Engler. That infuriated township Supervisor Tom Yack, who blasted Engler for what he called his lack of knowledge or concern about local govern-

ment. The issue of local control has been a longtime debate between Canton officials and state government. And LaJoy said this bill is an attempt to address that issue.

"Local officials know best which speed limits are the

safest and most efficient for their area," he said recently.

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And while he said the speed limit bill may not be perfect, it's a part of the local-control issue that "has been long overdue."

"You have to eat an elephant one bite at a time," he said.

On another issue involving the township, LaJoy last week got a line item inserted into the Michigan Department of Transportation appropriations bill that calls for an exit ramp off I-275 onto Warren Road.

That came after local officials and representatives met with MDOT director Gloria Jeff earlier in the year to petition for a Warren Road exit.

After that meeting, a task force consisting of representatives from Canton, MDOT and Wayne County, was supposed to have been set up to study the issue.

But according to LaJoy, MDOT, acting unilaterally, reviewed the matter itself and turned thumbs down on the

LaJoy said he has been

working to reschedule a meeting with MDOT to discuss the

issue further. "We need to make these people understand that it's a big problem," he said. "They don't drive down Ford Road. The people of Canton do. They (MDOT officials) should come join me at 4:30 or 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Or 11 o'clock on a Saturday morning. It's crazy."

LaJoy's proposal is for a single-point interchange at Warren in which traffic would exit from the inside fast lane instead of an outside deceleration lane.

"To do that they don't have to widen I-275," he said. "They might have to reduce the speed limit a bit. It isn't so much what solution we pick. Just pick a solution that works." He said he didn't know if his

line item would make it through the whole process or "But if you don't keep work-

ing on it, nothing will ever happen," he said.

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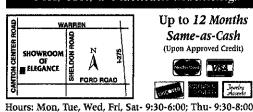
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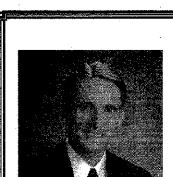
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Dan Antieau, one of those original officers who retired a couple of weeks ago, remembered Stevens as someone who loved his job.

"He showed up every day looking forward to going to work," Antieau said. "He was a class act."

His voice choked and tears welled in his eyes as he remembered his fallen comrade.

"If you wanted something done, you could depend on him to do it," he said. "If somebody needed to be trained, he'd step right in and volunteer. If you needed something followed up on, he would take charge and

get it done." Stevens had just started his 3

p.m. to 3 a.m. shift on . Wednesday when he pulled his patrol car off to the shoulder of Lotz Road to check on a vehicle that appeared to have been abandoned in some tall grass.

He returned to his car to run the information through LEIN (the Law Enforcement Information Network) and while sitting in his vehicle, another car topped a small hill heading south on Lotz and plowed into Stevens' patrol unit.

A passing citizen called Canton police to notify them of the accident.

Stevens was partially thrown from the car, which was extensively damaged. He was taken to Oakwood Hospital-Annapolis in Wayne where he was pronounced dead about an hour after the accident.

A SHOCK

"When you hear about something like this, your first hope is it's not serious," Antieau said. "Then you hope it's not someone you know. When I found out it was Lew it was like someone just kicked me in the gut."

Bob Greenstein, Canton's first police chief and now a semiretired attorney, said he had similar feelings.

"I was in a parking lot at a Canton shopping center talking with another police officer," Greenstein said. "The report came over the radio. We both heard it together. It was like someone hit me with a car."

Greenstein was the township supervisor when the reserve police unit was formed and was also appointed police chief since, as a lawyer, he had some legal experience.

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"He was probably one of the nicest guys I've met in my life," he said. "He was always a gentleman, always kind. I've never met anyone who didn't believe this guy was the ultimate police professional."

Canton Police Capt. Laura Golles, commander of the patrol division to which Stevens was assigned, remembered him as a "great guy with a good sense of humor ... a real easy-going, nice person."

Golles said she had known Stevens for the 23 years she has been with the department.

The patrol division was hard hit by the news, she said. "It had a heavy impact here," she said. "This was our first line

of duty death."

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department on Friday was not one of anger but of disbelief.

"We know what we might expect when we enter a highrisk situation," she said. "But this was a routine thing, nothing out of the ordinary, nothing that could call for high-risk service," she said.

"He was stopping to check a parked vehicle. That's not high

And police chaplain Wayne Byrum, whose years with the department have been spent delivering death messages to families of accident victims or others who have died in incidents investigated by police, said this was the first time he ever had to deliver such a message to an officer's family.

"When I got a call from dispatch about a possible fatal accia police officer, I asked who the officer was and they said 'Lew,"

Byrum recalled. "I said 'Lew Stevens?' How is he? They said it didn't look

good." Byrum had known Stevens and his wife, Karen, for 17 years.

"I was just shaking," he said. "I've known him for years. I've been on runs with him in the car. I was just devastated."

Byrum will officiate at the funeral.

In addition to his wife, Stevens is survived by his father, Gordon E. Stevens of Canton; a sister, Carolyn (Eric) Lehr; a sister-in-law, Katherine (Mark) Tripp; and three nephews and nieces.

The family asks that memorials be in the form of contributions to the Michigan Humane

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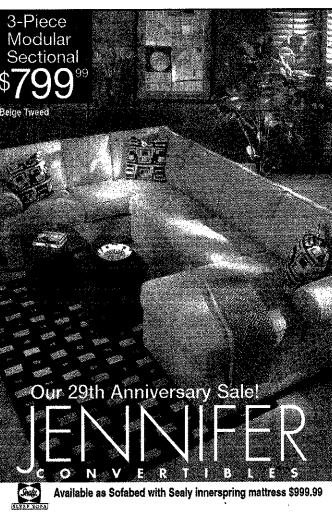
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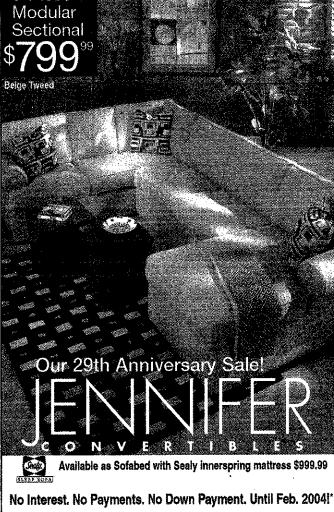
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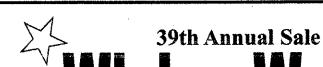
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Bush visited the Livonia industrial district to speak about the economy, and about his proposed \$13 billion in tax

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The event's host business Beaver Aerospace & Defense, owned by PSI, will save \$70,000 on next year's taxes, the President said.

'What that means is there is more money to invest in research and equipment ... Bill Phillips (PSI president) said tax relief will allow him to hire 10 more workers," Bush said, prompting a roar of applause.

The crowd also cheered news about the troops in Iraq.

"As you know, earlier this week two of the favorite henchmen of Saddam Hussein were brought to justice," Bush said, referring to Hussein's sons who were killed in a gunfight Monday.

Bush predicted the end of the economic recession, which he described as the "shallowest recession in America's history."

"I think he really believes what he's saying. It was a great speech," said retired Ford engineer and Northville resident Tom Grobes.

Gini Britton, treasurer for U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R- Livonia, agreed.

"It was great. I like what he had to say and I think what he's proposing is going to stimulate the economy, and get people back to work, just like he said," Britton said.

Hadley had the opportunity to briefly meet the president. "I didn't really know what to

expect, but I thought he was just an extremely personable man," he said.

Tom Mark of Birmingham got tickets to attend the event from his daughter, Lisa, who works for McCotter in

Washington, D.C. "I thought it was an excellent speech, just like a mini State of the Union Address," he said.

"I give him a 'nine," said

Troy resident Robert Currie. Although Beaver Aerospace & Defense has been growing fast, and hiring employees while the rest of the state has been struggling with a 10-year high in unemployment rates, the company's employees felt encouraged by the president's message.

"Sure, the company has been in good shape, but who really feels secure? Nobody," said Lloyd Foy, truck driver for

Beaver. "The thing we really need to do is stick together, and keep the economy going.

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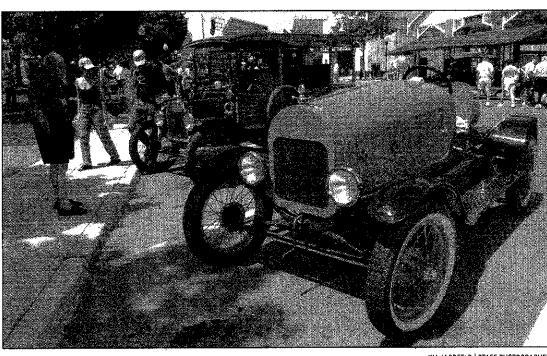
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Visitors to downtown Plymouth check out the Model Ts that gathered Friday afternoon.

MODEL T

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Plymouth just to see the Model Ts. Another self-proclaimed Model T gawker was Bob Kohl

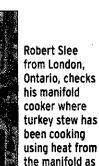
of Canton. "Model Ts are unique in their own way," Bob Kohl said.

Kohl's son, Rob, visiting from Napa Valley, Calif., said he liked seeing the different variations in models.

Nearly 250 Model Ts were expected in downtown Plymouth as part of Model T Ford Club International tour. Members hail from states as far east as North Carolina. Local stops along the Hines Drive cruise included Greenfield Village, Northville and Henry Ford's Dearborn estate.

The Model T was produced between 1908 and 1927 and was touted as a vehicle for the masses because of its affordable cost.

Just as cars are constantly being improved upon now, the



he drove. His

Model T Tudor.

car is a 1927

same was true in the days of the Model T, said Morris Cameron, of Ashland, Va.

Cameron said that his 1920 Model T has demountable tire rims, making tire changing easier than in earlier models.

Another improvement to his car was a water bag dangling from the rear - which he said has multiple uses.

"It's good for if the wife makes too much noise or needs to wash the bugs off her teeth," he said jokingly. Its official use is for cooling the engine if it overheats.

Model Ts are not low-maintenance cars, despite their relatively simple design and uncluttered dashboards. When it rains, wipers need to be operated by hand. All have manual transmission, which means stick shifts.

Simplicity is all part of the appeal, though, said Ken Gibson of Acton, Ontario, which is west of Toronto.

"With no radio in the car it's

real peaceful," said Gibson, who was riding with his wife, Phyllis. A Model T owner from Menahga, Minn., who didn't give his name, said that not

everyone appreciates the car's

simplicity. "I've had (drivers) flip me off and call me names – they don't like being behind them," he said.

But the drivers who like the vintage autos are much more dangerous, he said, as they pass him to eveball his set of wheels sometimes nearly causing accidents.

Beth Stewart, Plymouth Historical Museum director, was helping direct Model T traffic from the corner of Penniman and Main, with a two-way radio

The cars' arrival was delayed, which meant volunteers had to wait a while before helping to usher in the cars.

"We're really thankful we have lots of wonderful volunteers," Stewart said. hneedham@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 459-2700



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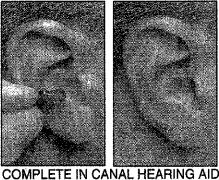
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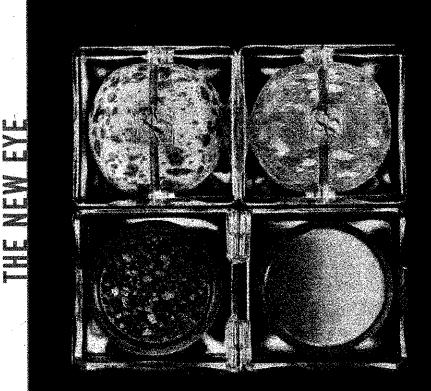
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Gold medalist

Sarah Stobbe of Plymouth recently competed at the AAU Nationals in Knoxville, Tenn., and earned a gold medal in tae kwon do point sparring. Stobbe also earned a bronze medal in forms.

For Stobbe, a long-time student at the American and Korean Tae Kwon Do Schools in Wayne, it was her first trip to nationals. Her instructor is David Kenealy, a seconddegree black belt.

Tennis champs

Several local youths, including the namesake of the tournament, won themselves medals at the recent fifth annual Jud Kingsbury Memorial Junior open Tennis Tournament. The three-day tournament, held at the Livonia YMCA, featured the grandson of Jud Kingsbury, Ryan, taking top honors in the boys 16-and-under category. He defeated Rochester's Robert Schoenhals 6-1, 2-6, 6-3 in the finals. Other area champions included Ashley Moccia (Livonia) in the girls 18 and under division, Hunter Bielfield (Farmington Hills) in boys 10 and under, Kevin Karoub (Farmington Hills) in boys 12 and under, and Dan Carlson (Farmington Hills) in boys 18 and under.

Several players were runners-up and consolation winners at the tournament as well. They included: Kelsey Judd (Westland) girls 14 and under, Sara Galante (Canton), girls 18 and under, Seif Osman (Farmington Hills), boys 16 and under, and Jason Revdour (Westland/ Re CC) boys 18 and under.

Rams win

The Michigan Lake Area Rams won a tune-up game for the AAABA regionals Wednesday evening.

The Rams used five different pitchers in securing a 6-4 win over Jet Box at Fraser High School. The Rams now stand at 22-11 in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League.

Corey Krug (Redford), Jon Hastings, Mike McCormick, Bobby Lothian and Jeff Niemiec (Catholic Central) combined their pitching efforts for the victory. Hastings picked up the win, while Niemiec recorded a save. Thanks to four runs in the fourth inning, the Rams were able to hold off a couple of late threats from Jet Box.

Mike Pisha slammed a solo home run, and Bryan Marshall hit a two-run double to lead the team's offense. Chris Trott and Brian Campbell each scored a run.

Racing results

Livonia's Mike Jaynes came through with a heat win on Saturday night at Flat Rock Speedway, but couldn't sustain the momentum into the 50-lap Late Model feature and finished 17th overall. Steve Cronenwett (Westland) was 13th in the feature, while Ken Ahlgren (Garden City) was 18th. Justin Schroeder (Canton) was 15th in the 30lap Street Stock feature.

On Sunday at Toledo Speedway, Harold Fair, Jr. (Canton) was 24th in the 100lap Street Stock feature, while Steve Cronenwett, Jr. was fifth in the 20-lap Factory Stock feature.

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Huskies, Lakers advance to MSHL Final

David Rohlfs had a part in all four of his team's goals Thursday, and the Huskies needed it in edging the Spartans 4-3 in a Metro Summer Hockey League playoff semifinal Thursday at Farmington Hills' Suburban Training Center.

The eighth-seeded Huskies advance to the MSHL Championship game against the top-seeded and unbeaten Lakers. That game is at 7 p.m. tonight at Suburban Training Center.

Rohlfs scored the Huskies first three goals, the last coming with 6:20 remain-

MSHL SEMIFINALS

ing in the second period and giving the Huskies a 3-2 lead.

With 11:38 to go in the third, Rohlfs assisted on what proved to be the winning goal, scored by Trent Daavettila. Daavettila also had one assist, while Dwight Helminen and Lars Helminen each contributed two assists.

For the Spartans, seeded 10th entering the 12-team playoffs, Todd Davis, Brad

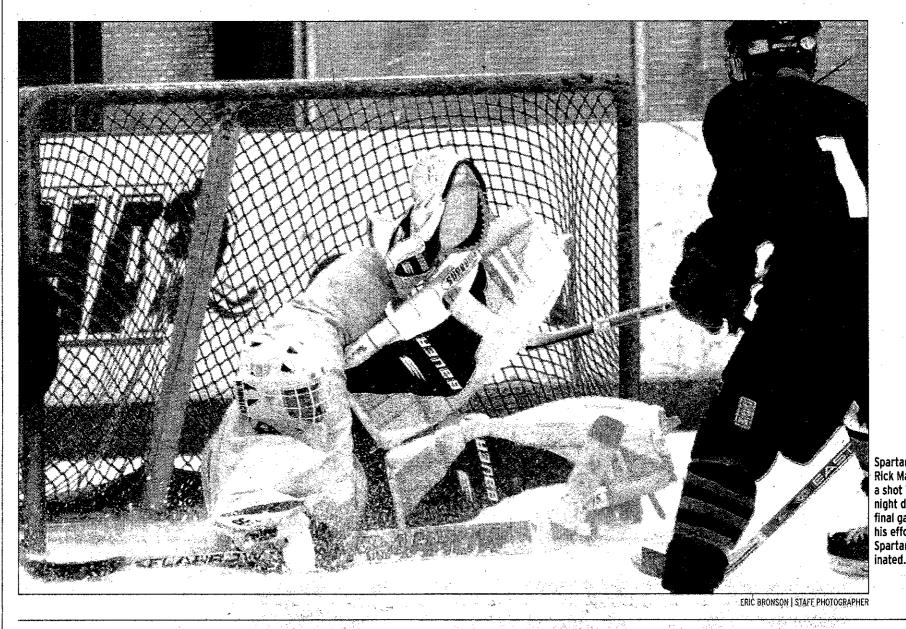
Fraser (West Bloomfield) and Garret Kondratek (Canton) scored goals.

This game, however, belonged to he goalies. The Spartans' Rick Marnon (Canton) was exceptional, but the Huskies' Brent Bocson (Troy) proved to be a bit better.

In Thursday's other MSHL semifinal, the Lakers got three goals and an assist from Bryan Marshall (Livonia) and two goals and two assists from Mike Vigilante in beating the fourth-seeded Warriors 9(Livonia) scored the third of his four goals with 4:22 to play in the second period. But after that it was all Lakers; they outscored the Warriors 6-1 the rest of the way, with Marshall scoring two of the goals and assisting on third.

Matt Frick (Auburn Hills) also had a goal and an assist for the Lakers, with Mike Weber, John Vigilante and Stavros Paskaris each scoring goals. John Maurer

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Spartans goalie Rick Marnon saves a shot Thursday night during a semifinal game despite his efforts the Spartans were elim-

Plymouth girl among best at Motor City

BY BRAD MONASTIERE STAFF WRITER

Ryan Alger edged fellow Livonian Greg Killeen on the first playoff hole to win the boys 13 and under division of the 2003 Motor City Jr. Championship golf tournament at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

Both Alger and Killeen shot an 82 during the competition, finishing well ahead of the rest of the pack.

Livonia golfers dominated the boys 13 and under bracket. Josh Proben (88), David

Muller (89), Dylan Green (91), Daniel MacKinnon (92), and Brian Bint (94) all finished just behind the leaders. Steve Schumacher (96) and Adam Cregar (98), both of Farmington Hills, followed the Livonia group in that division.

Catholic Central High School student Brian King took top honors in the boys 14-15 division with a winning score of 76. He edged Livonia's Dan Barczuk (78),

Colin Fitzgerald (78) and Patrick Alger (79) to win the division. Plymouth's Craig Werner shot an 81 to round out the top 5 finishers.

Kim Haskins of Livonia carded the lowest score in the girls 16-17 division with a 90. She finished six shots ahead of Lauren Mack (Livonia). Maria Palaian of Farmington Hills shot 100, and Danielle Rose Powers of Canton shot a 102 in the division.

Livonia's Ashley Bint finished in second place in the girls 14-15 division with a score of 111. She finished

three shots ahead of Plymouth's Kelsey Reitz and Laura Proven (Farmington Hills) had a round of 115 to take fourth place.

Although Sean Burry (Livonia) finished in the middle of the pack in the boys 13 and under division with a 99, he won a different sort of competition. Burry was the only Observer-area golfer to win a closest-to-the-pin competition. His shot on the seventh hole landed just 6 feet, 8 inches from the cup, the best shot of any boy any age on that hole.



TOM HAWLEY I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Former Detroit Tiger pitcher Dan Petry has coached the Cobras to three-straight victories at the AABC regional tournament in Battle

Cobras on tourney roll

The 18-year-old NFWB Cobras won their first three games in the AABC Connie Mack regional baseball tournament in Battle Creek last week.

They opened with a 7-6 win over the Youngstown (Ohio) Astro Falcons on

NFWB broke a 4-4 tie with three runs in the sixth inning with Kevin Zerbo's two-run double and Evan Rodriguez'

The Cobras had to rally twice to tie the score.

They did so with a pair of two-run singles by Bryan Smith and Brendan Rosenbergh.

Zerbo, Rosenbergh and Mike Monterey had two hits in the game. Mike Kirschenheiter was the winning pitcher, and Dan Lentz earned a save. The Cobras overcame a 4-1 deficit

going into the seventh inning Thursday to defeat Mean Industries of Saginaw in eight innings, 9-6. NFWB's only hit through six innings

was a bunt single by Lentz.

The Cobras scored five runs in the seventh with just one hit - a two-out, two-

BASEBALL

run single by Doug Pickens to tie, 4-4.

They scored two more runs on the play when Mean Industries made two errors that enabled Rodriguez and Pickens to score, also.

Mean Industries scored twice in the bottom of the seventh to send the game to an extra inning.

In the eighth, the Cobras got three runs on a sacrifice fly by Smith and Rosenbergh's two-out, two-run single for a 9-6 lead.

Monterey pitched the seventh inning and got credit for the win.

The Cobras won their third in a row Friday when they mercied West Michigan Elite from Grand Rapids in five innings, 14-5.

Pickens was 3-for-4 with a double, a triple and four RBI; Monterey was 2for-4 and knocked in two runs, and Zerbo was 2-for-3. Lentz was the winning pitcher.

The tournament continued through Sunday.

Local golfer scores points in tour event

David Stevens of Plymouth shot an 82 Thursday at Stonehedge North Golf Course in Augusta, finishing 14th in the boys 15-and-over division in this Meijer Junior Players Tour golf

Stevens scored five tour points on a course measuring 6,310 yards.

JUNIOR TOUR

Rick Knuth of Livonia was the only other Observer-area golfer in this division; he shot an 89.

In the boys 13-14 division, Drew Herron of Livonia shot a 100 and Sean Burry of Livonia had a 104 on a 5,835-yard course.

At last Monday's Meijer Junior Tour event at Quail Ridge in Ada, Ryan Hoeman of Canton shot an 89 in the boys 15-and-over division, finishing three strokes out of the scoring on a 6,475-yard course.

In the boys 13-14 division, however, Jimmie Vicek of Plymouth had an 87 to place 13th and score six tour points on the 6,014-yard course.

The Meijer Tour visits Stonebridge Golf Course in Ann Arbor on Monday and Cascades Golf Course in Jackson on Wednesday.

A narrow miss

Chris Sidor of Redford shot an 80 Thursday in the boys 16-and-over division at the Power-Bilt Junior Tour stop at Thornapple Pointe in Grand Rapids, missing a point-scoring position by two strokes on the 6,750-yard course.

Andy Thackaberry of Canton shot an 84.

At the Power-Bilt Tour event Tuesday at Cherry Creek Golf Club in Shelby Township, Rachel Thomas of

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O&E GOLF TOURNEYS

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers will sponsor two golf tournaments in August.

The Men's Open is a 36-hole medal-play tournament to be held Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 9-10, at Fox Creek and Whispering Willows golf courses in Livonia.

The entry fee is \$95 and does not include cart. The event is flighted and prizes will be awarded.

The Women's Open will take place Sunday, Aug. 10, at Whispering Willows. The entry fee is \$50 and does not include cart. The event is flighted and prizes will be awarded.

All participants must have a USGA handicap. Entries are open to the first 200 golfers; entry deadline is 6 p.m. Aug. 3.

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

SOCCER CAMP

Grace Lutheran Church of Canton is accepting registrations for its seventh annual soccer camp, open to children 5-11 years old. The camp will run from 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 4 to Thursday, Aug. 7 at Grace Lutheran Church, located at 46001 Warren Road,

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west of Canton Center Road. The camp's aim is to help beginning and intermediate players develop proper skills and a knowledge of the game. Cost is \$25, payable at registration, and includes instruction, T-shirt and a soccer ball to take home.

Register by calling (734) 414-7422.

VOLLEYBALL CAMP

The fifth annual Community Volleyball Camp for girls in grades five through eight will be from 5-8 p.m. Aug. 5-7 at St. John Center, located south of Five Mile and east of Sheldon. The camp will be conducted by certified AAU and OLGC volleyball coaches.

Cost is \$75. For more information, call Kim Price at (734) 635-7498.

BOOSTERS MEETING

The next meeting for the Plymouth Wildcat Football Boosters will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5 in Room 401 of Plymouth HS. Parents of all freshmen and sophomore football players are encouraged to attend.

There will be information regarding practices, financial reports and upcoming fundraising events.

COACHING POSITIONS

There are several positions for coaches for the 2003-04 seasons currently available at Plymouth HS.

Included are girls basketball assistant, football assistant, volleyball assistant and boys basketball assistant.

Anyone interested in any of those positions should contact Plymouth athletic director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5702.

GOLF OUTING

The two Plymouth-area high school hockey teams will be hosting a golf outing on Saturday, Aug. 23, at the Hickory Creek Golf Club in Plymouth.

Cost of the event is \$110 per player or \$400 for a foursome and includes green fees and a cart, a steak dinner, on-course beverages and a chance to participate in a silent and live auc-

Check-in for the event is at 7 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8

a.m. The dinner and auction will start at 1 p.m.

There will also be prizes for longest drive and closest to the pin. Anyone who gets a holein-one at the event can also win a two-year lease on a car courtesy of Hines Park.

For more information on the event, contact Deborah Tollison at (734) 981-2802 or Chris Wolfe at (734) 453-8332.

PHS GRID CAMPS

Plymouth High School will host a 4-3 and option football camp July 28-30 at the Plymouth practice fields. The 4-3 will be a defensive camp and the option teaches offensive skills, associated with each of those styles of play.

All players of all skill levels are welcome to attend. Cost of the camp is \$40 and includes a T-shirt. Sessions run each day from 6:30-7 p.m.

Contact Plymouth HS football coach Jay Blaylock at (734) 582-5696 for more information.

GOLF OUTING

The Plymouth-Canton Thunderbird Softball Organization will host their second annual scrambles golf outing on Saturday, Aug. 16 at the Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Course.

Cost of the event is \$100 per person or \$380 for a foursome, which includes greens fees and a cart, unlimited driving range use, buffet dinner, lunch at the turn, door prizes and the chance to win a 2003 Chevrolet with a hole-in-one.

Check-in for the event is at 7

a.m. with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Dinner will start at 1 p.m.

For more information on the event, contact Mike Burnard at (734) 844-3528 or visit the Thunderbird web site at: http://thunderbirdsoftball.tripod.com/Parents/golfouting.ht

FALL SOFTBALL

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will sponsor men's slow-pitch and women's slow-pitch softball leagues this fall, with all games at Plymouth's Massey Field.

Registration for returning teams begins July 28; new teams may start registering Aug. 4 until the league is full. The season will tentatively begin the week of Aug. 25.

For more information, call the Plymouth Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620, Ext. 302, or go to the Web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

GOLF OUTING

The date for the Plymouth HS Golf Outing is Saturday, Aug. 2. The outing will begin with registration at 12:30 p.m. at Hickory Creek Golf Course, located at Napier and Ford roads; play begins with a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

The format is a four-person scramble, with 18 holes of golf followed by a steak dinner and presentations. Cost is \$120 (\$60 for dinner only).

Side attractions include 50/50 longest drive contest (\$10 per golfer), 50/50 closest to the pin (\$10 per golfer), and 50/50 skins game (\$20 per

team). Fees for games must be paid at registration.

Checks should be made payable to PHS Athletics and mailed to: PHS Athletic Dept. (attn: Kurt Britnell), 8400 Beck Road, Canton, MI, 48187. Spots are limited. Mail your check by July 19.

CITY GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

The City Golf Championship Golf Tournament is scheduled for Aug. 2-3 at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton.

Cost is \$85 per player and includes two days of 18 holes of golf, cart and awards.

The tournament is open to men and women from Canton, Westland, Garden City, Wayne, Romulus, Inkster and Van Buren Township.

Golfers living outside these cities may sign up in the Open Division.

Registration deadline is July 27. For more information, call Wayne Parks and Recreation at (734) 721-7400.

LEARN-TO-SKATE

The Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association Mini-Mite instructional program is enrolling new players.

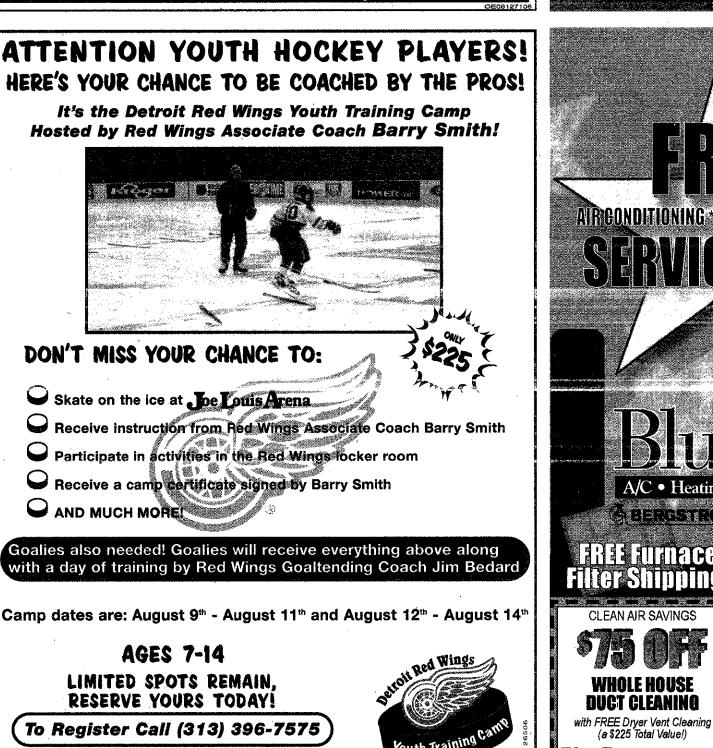
This learn-to-skate hockey program is geared toward

beginning players. It emphasizes skill development with instruction by experienced USA Hockey-certified coaches.

The program runs from September through March. Registration forms are available at the Plymouth Cultural Center or on line at www.pchockey.org.









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Longtime bowling professionals opening their own pro shop

aturday, Aug. 9, 2003. This is the date for the grand opening of the new pro shop at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills. The sign

says "Aleta Sill's Bowling

World." It is now under the new ownership and operation of Michelle

Aleta Sill and Mullen. There will be many fine door prizes given out that day, including some bowling balls

and lots of other good stuff. They have been open for a few days now, but this will be a celebration of sorts, the fulfillment of a lifelong dream to someday be able to have a shop of their own.

Ten Pin

Harrison

Alley

Most readers are familiar with Aleta Sill, a member of National Bowling halls of fame. She earned her place in bowling history by becoming the first woman pro bowler to surpass \$1 million in career earnings.

This feat is made more incredible by the fact that throughout the early years of her 19-year pro career, the ladies' prize money was about enough to buy dinner and a fresh hair-do.

Michelle Mullen has had a successful run on the pro tour as well, with four national titles to her credit. She had been living in Chicago, but having teamed up with Aleta in doing "Digital Coach" lessons, she moved right into our area and now resides in Dearborn.

Michelle is a "Gold Level" USA Bowling coach, one of only a small group at this level in the world. She was also named "Midwest Bowler of the Decade" (1990s) by the Professional Women's Bowling Association.

Another factor that they bring to the table is their longrunning contact with some of the ball manufacturers. They both have exceptional working knowledge of the design and dynamics of most balls.

Lisa Bishop came out of the youth ranks only yesterday (so it seems) and developed as a consistent winner on the ladies pro tour. Lisa has been a winner at all levels, including Dan Ottman's Michigan Junior Majors Association (MJMA), where she was a dominant force during her teen years at that stage of development. Lisa learned the trade while working for Lew Ivancik in his

Aleta also worked with bowling "guru" Mark Robey at Westland Bowl. Robey operates the "Bowler's Aid" pro shops at Westland Bowl and Skore Lanes. We bowlers are fortunate to have a choice of so many fine pro shop operators in our area, and it will prove out that there is a place for all of them as they are all so talented and knowledgeable in doing what they do best.

The three women of the new

pro shop will join the ranks of such established and highly skilled ball fitters in our cities such as: Ryan Wilson, of Pro-Am in Livonia; Mike Samardzija of K&S in Farmington; Mary and Mark Mohacsi of the Right

Approach at Merri Bowl in Livonia; Tom and Evan Relich of Strike Force at Oak Lanes in Westland; Wil Soukas of The Pro Shoppe at Drakeshire Lanes in Farmington Hills; Bill Zacheranik of Z&Z Pro Shop at Mayflower Lanes in Redford; David Mahaz of David's Right Line Pro Shop at Cloverlanes in Livonia; David Sill at Novi Bowl in Novi; Randy Pierce at K&S Pro Shop at Super Bowl in Canton; Howie Gerenraich of Pro-Am II in Airway Lanes in Waterford; Ray Kreuter at Langan's All Star Lanes in Walled Lake; Todd Stuart at Cherry Hill Lanes in Dearborn Heights; Lew Ivancik at Taylor Lanes in Taylor; Frank Pietras at Pine Tree Bowl in Dearborn

Heights; Bud Mulholland of

Bud's Pro Shop on Highland

Road in Waterford; Fred

Bauss, Jeff Suma and Kerry Kreft of S&B Pro Shop located in Bowl One Lanes in Troy.

The pro shops are much more than just a place to buy a bowling ball and shoes. A ball is still an unfinished product until it goes under the drill press of an expert. They will advise you on how to best play the various lanes, help you with some good information that will most likely help improve your game, sometimes even going so far as to recommend some new equipment or to just rejuvenate the balls you now have.

Every bowler should get to know the pro shop operators in your favorite bowling center or your neighborhood. We have seen all three, Aleta, Michelle and Lisa, on TV with the ladies pro tour raising their trophies in victory. Now we wish them good luck in their new venture.

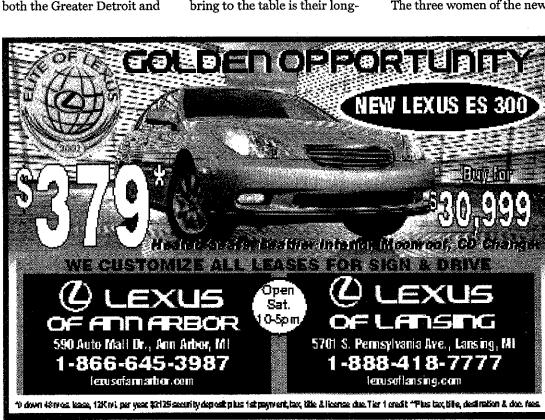
The final results are now in for the 2003 WIBC National Championship Tournament just completed at Reno, Nev. It ran from mid-April to last week at the

National Bowling Stadium. The Livonia Trophy team, which was holding at the fifth spot by a narrow margin was shot down in flames, winding up ninth in the "Classic Team"

event. Bishop fared much better as she was able cling to her runner-up spot in Classic allevents with 2,045 pins. She was only three pins from the leader and a scant two pins from dropping into a threeway tie for third place. Lisa can now have another plaque for the walls in the new pro shop

at Country Lanes. Scott Matusicky was the big gunner at Woodland Lanes in Livonia with a 300 game on July 1 in the Tuesday Summer Trio league and then was able to keep throwing strikes and carry-over the following Tuesday with a 299 on July 8, earning two award scores in the space of two weeks.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839.







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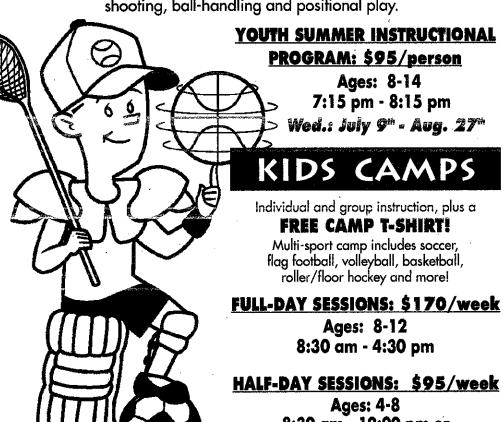






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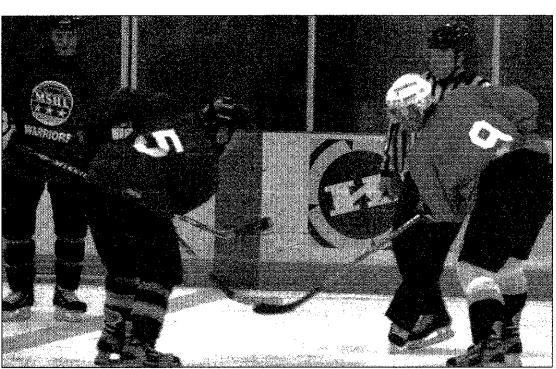
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The Lakers remained unbeaten heading into tonight's MSHL championship game with a 9-6 win over the Warriors.

FINAL

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(Plymouth) contributed three assists and Matt Fortier (Livonia) had two

The Warriors' Moul also had an assist to go with his four goals. Jason Bloomingburg (Canton) had a goal and four assists and Adam Krug (Livonia) got a goal and three assists.

Lanny Jardine (Bloomfield Hills) and Matt Howard were in goal for the Lakers, with Stephen Yu (Garden City) and Chris Bahash in the net for the

Huskies 8, Bulldogs 3: No. 2 is out.

Strong goaltending from Brandon Tucker combined with a good start and a solid finish to propel the eighth-seeded Huskies past the second-seeded

Bulldogs in an MSHL quarterfinal game Wednesday at the Suburban Training Center,

Dwight Helminen led the Huskies, scoring two goals in the first period and assisting on two others in the second. Lars Helminen and David Rohlfs contributed a goal and two assists apiece, and Josh Daavettila, Kurt Kivisto and Trent Daavettila each had a goal and an assist. Bill Kiilunen also scored a goal. Both Wes Blevens and Ryan Kesler had a goal and an assist. Brandon Scero had a goal. Brad Smith was in goal for the Bulldogs.

Lakers 17, Wolverines 3: John Vigilante, a standout with the Plymouth Whalers, scored four goals and assisted on three others to lead the top-seeded Lakers past the seventh-seeded

Wolverines in an MSHL quar-

terfinal Wednesday at Suburban Training Center. A seven-goal second period was more than enough to lift the Lakers, who expanded a 3-1 lead after one

period to 10-3 after two. Bryan Marshall added four goals and two assists for the Lakers, with Mike Vigilante getting two goals and four assists, Eric Dolesh collecting three goals and an assist, Stavros Paskaris scoring three goals, Mike Weber netting one, and

dishing out three assists. Charlie Henderson and Christopher Barczuk each had a goal and an assist for the Wolverines, with Dave Wyzgowski scoring a goal.

both Yuri Zwick and Scot Curtin

Lanny Jardine and Matt Howard were superb in goal for the Lakers. Bernie McDonnell and Joseph Rutherford were in goal for the Wolves.





TOUR

FROM PAGE B1

Livonia scored a 92 to place 11th and score eight points in the girls 16-and-over division on a 5,968-yard course.

In the boys 16-and-over division, Aaron Newman of Farmington Hills was one stroke out of the point scoring with an 80 on a course of 6,684 yards. Patrick Shaw of Plymouth was one stroke further back with an 81.

Other Observer-area scorers were David Koch of Farmington Hills, 84; Andrew Lulek of Canton, 86; and Adam Dwyer of Plymouth, 88.

In the boys 11-15 division, Brian King of Livonia shot an 83 to finish 15th and score four tour points on the 6,316-yard course. Austin Kronig of Plymouth was 17th with an 83, scoring two points. Patrick Alger of Livonia had a 93.

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OUTDOORS CALENDAR

ACTIVITIES

FISH BUDDIES FISHING CLUB

The Fish Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester. Meetings are open to all anglers, boaters and non-boaters. Call Harold Leider at (248) 656-0556 for more information.

SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION

The Oakland County Sportfishing Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at the Drayton Plains Nature Center, 2125 Denby, Drayton Plains. Call (248) 693-4389 or visit the club's web site at http://go.to/ocsa for more informa-

DOWNRIVER BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain (14100 Pardee Road) in Taylor. For more information, call Ron Fodor at (734) 676-2863 or send an e-mail to river-

rat122@home.com. METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Livonia senior center located on the southeast corner of Farmington and Five Mile. Call Henry Nabors at (248) 258-5502 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven

and Eight Mile roads. Visit www.mffc.org on the Internet for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call Mark Boggs at (734) 464-6155 or e-mail somefore@aol.com.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more informa-

CLINTON RIVER BASS 'N RATS

The recently organized Clinton River Bass 'n Rats meets the first Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Gander Mountain Lodge. Call (810) 247-9900 for direction and additional information. The club is an affiliated chapter of the B.A.S.S. National Federation.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, (800) 477-7756; Indian Springs, (800) 477-3192; Kensington, (800) 477-3178: Hudson Mills, (800) 477-3191.



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

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, August 7, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan, to consider the following items:

Z 03-12 1137 Beech

Non-Use Variance Requested From Yard Setback

Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential Applicant: Thomas Robert

Non-Use Variance Requested Z 03-13 425 Ann Side Yard Setback for 2nd Story Addition

Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential Applicant: Stella Contracting, Inc.

Z 03-14 197 Amelia Non-Use Variance Requested Front Yard Setback

Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential Applicant: John Connors

Z 03-15 1050 Hartsough Non-Use Variance Requested Front Yard Setback

Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential Applicant: Debbie & Brian Woodworth

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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

> Carol Stone, ADA Coordinator 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

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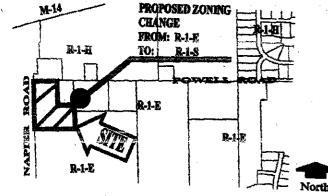
Wednesday, August 20, 2003 7:00 P.M. Plymouth Township Hall, 42350

AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF

R-1-E, Single Family Residential

Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone parcel R78-046-99-0003 from R-1-E, Single Family Residential District to R-1-S, Single Family Residential District. Application 1799/0603



AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 141 Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne, Michigan

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R78-046-99-0003-000.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the zoning map of the Township, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or call 734-453-8131, ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, MI 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the subject property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83.

KENDRA BARBERENA, Secretary Planning Commission

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

UPDATE MHSAA RECORDS

The Michigan High School Athletics Association is trying to update its all-time records for all of its sanctioned sports. The MHSAA is calling on reporters, newspapers, coaches, athletic directors or anyone affiliated with high school sports to pass on this information the MHSAA.

Send the MHSAA press clippings, or any other published information about all-area, allconference, season and career statistics. You can send this information by mail (preferred option) to 1661 Ramblewood, East Lansing, Mi. 48823-7392. You can also reach them by fax at (517) 332- 4071.

BICYCLE TOUR

Applications are available for the 33rd annual Dick Allen Lansing-to-Mackinaw bicycle tour, which begins either Wednesday, Aug. 27 or Thursday, Aug. 28 through Sunday, Aug. 31 at the Mackinaw Bridge.

Over 1,600 riders participated in the 2002 tour.

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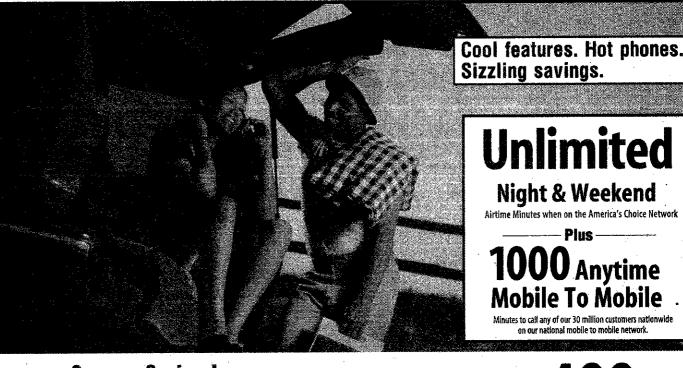
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FINALS

Vigilante and Stavros Paskaris each scoring goals. John Maurer (Plymouth)

contributed three assists and Matt Fortier (Livonia) had The Warriors' Moul also

had an assist to go with his four goals. Jason Bloomingburg (Canton) had a goal and four assists and Adam Krug (Livonia) got a goal and three assists.

Lanny Jardine (Bloomfield

Hills) and Matt Howard were in goal for the Lakers, with Stephen Yu (Garden City) and Chris Bahash in the net for the Warriors.

Huskies 8, Bulldogs 3:

No. 2 is out.

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Strong goaltending from Brandon Tucker combined with a good start and a solid finish to propel the eighthseeded Huskies past the second-seeded Bulldogs in an MSHL quarterfinal game Wednesday at the Suburban Training Center.

goal.

John Vigilante, a standout

with the Plymouth Whalers,

on three others to lead the

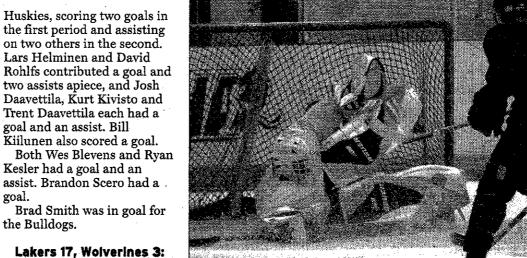
top-seeded Lakers past the

an MSHL quarterfinal

scored four goals and assisted

seventh-seeded Wolverines in

Dwight Helminen led the



ERIC BRONSON | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Spartans goalie Rick Marnon saves a shot Thursday night during the MSHL semifinals.

Wednesday at Suburban Training Center.

A seven-goal second period was more than enough to lift

the Lakers, who expanded a 3-1 lead after one period to 10-3 after two.

Bryan Marshall added four goals and two assists for the Lakers, with Mike Vigilante getting two goals and four assists, Eric Dolesh collecting three goals and an assist, Stavros Paskaris scoring three goals, Mike Weber netting one, and both Yuri Zwick and Scot Curtin dishing out three assists.

Charlie Henderson and Christopher Barczuk each had a goal and an assist for the Wolverines, with Dave Wyzgowski scoring a goal.

Lanny Jardine and Matt Howard were superb in goal for the Lakers. Bernie McDonnell and Joseph Rutherford were in goal for the Wolves.

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Cathy Standish

Time for the never-ending birthday

hen my college roommate, old friend and former partner in crime came into town, my "Neverending Birthday" began. She visited in mid-July, the time falling just right for my early August birthday.

At lunch, talking with my friend, it was if we hopped into a time machine and traveled to 1976. It didn't matter that nearly 30 years had gone by, it didn't matter that she was a little grayer, it didn't matter that I was a little more matronly.

It didn't matter that she had married in 1978, left for Colorado, moving again to California, and again to Arizona, where she has finally settled. It didn't matter that five children and two grandchildren had been born between the two of us, and it didn't matter that her life had taken one direction and mine had taken another.

No matter the circumstances of life, she was still my dear friend. Inside still the same. As we lunched we laughed about the same things that made us laugh years before. Moms and men and this "chick" named Sara. Even 30 years later, some things never change.

In college days, we ate macaroni and cheese, Doritos and ice cream. As we ordered, the only thing that seemed somewhat changed was that our palates had taken on a sophistication not developed at 19.

We ordered our pizza with lettuce instead of pepperoni.

After lunch, dropping her off at her brother's place, I wondered when I would see her again. You see, we are a strange mixture of phobias. She, afraid to drive on the freeways, and me, phobic about flying.

Doesn't make travel easy for either of us.

Phase two of "The Neverending Birthday" kicks off soon. Meeting my mom for dinner for a child swap, it has been hinted that my birthday presents may arrive

with her.
Gifts aren't a pivotal element of celebrating "The Never-ending Birthday." It is the lunches, the dinners, or the breakfast get-togethers that make "The Never-ending Birthday" a success and in keeping with the spirit of

the season.

Phase three of "The Neverending Birthday" will start the beginning of August. It is then that the calls start to come in earnest. Friends wanting to meet, for a lunch in September, a dinner in October, I even have a breakfast scheduled for late Neverbler.

late November.

Not as expert at "The
Never-ending Birthday" as
my daughter, who stretches
her March birthday celebrations well into the month of
June, I am still accomplished
at keeping my special day
going for more than several

With each passing year, I cherish each and every moment of my "Never-ending Birthdays."

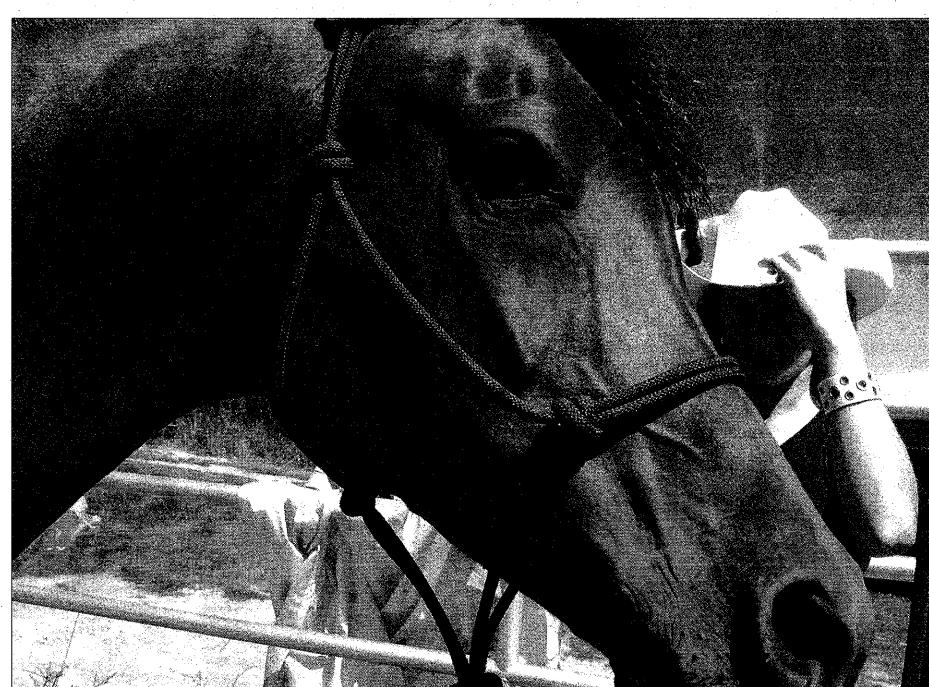
months after August.

It happened somewhere in my "30-somethings." The birthdays stopped being about the party. The celebrations ceased to be loud and raucous events of wine and song. Birthdays became quieter, becoming simply moments, times spent enjoying friends and family. Getting together for lunches and dinners and the occasional breakfast.

Times you didn't want to end. Never-ending birthday

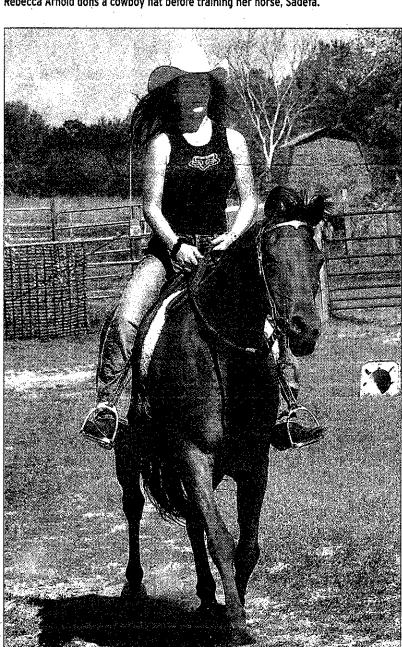
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Rebecca Arnold dons a cowboy hat before training her horse, Sadefa.

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Rebecca Arnold rides her horse, Sadefa, around the practice area. Arnold began riding horses at the age of 10.

Career grooming

Canton teenager sets goals to be a horse trainer

BY LAURA COLVIN

ebecca Arnold and Sadefa share a special kind of friendship, a bond that forms only when care, trust, dedication and mutual respect are in abundant supply.

The attachment between the 16-year-old Canton teen and the 12-year-old Arabian mare began three years ago, when Rebecca's passion for horses earned her an invitation to join the parade team at Harmony Acres farm

"When we're out and about and we meet very enthusiastic young people that are smitten with horses we often ask them to join us," said Nancy Harm, who owns Harmony Acres Parading Arabians along with her husband, George. "And I mean smitten, because some kids like (horses) but they don't realize the work involved."

The couple was showing the horses in costume and demonstrating parade training techniques at the 2000 North American Horse Spectacular when they met then 13-year-old Arnold.

For two years, Arnold participated in parades as a Harmony Acres banner-carrier, then an escort – the person who prevents children from running up to pet the horses.

"For us it was an answer to prayers because Rebecca wanted to be around horses and I was paying \$25 an hour for riding lessons," said Rebecca's mom, Jenee Arnold.

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Besides, Rebecca was getting to the point in her lessons when she needed a horse of her own. With the cost of ownership, boarding, veterinary and other expenses, it just wasn't something the family, with three other children, could afford at the time.

So in exchange for helping out with the horses at Harmony Acres, Rebecca was able to ride at the farm. But the honor and privilege of serving as a parade rider had to be earned

earned. And earn she did.

For the comparatively short time spent participating in the parades, Rebecca worked countless hours back on the farm, learning to care for the needs of the horses, learning parade training techniques, learning everything there was to know. Most importantly, perhaps, she learned to understand and connect with the horses.

"She's been in some of the biggest parades this year," said Harm. "And that's a good indication that I have confidence in her ability to ride. Some of those parades are a lot more challenging than others."

PARADE READY

Some of the farm's six horses have appeared in more than 300 parades in

PLEASE SEE CAREER, C3

Fund-raising event provides day of hope

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

A year ago, 2-year-old Christian Conrad had enclosed himself in a world all his own, a space where playing constituted staring at his own image in a mirror and where communication even with his own mother was impossible.

Twelve months later, Christian now plays on his own, can dress himself and can even answer a series of simple questions

To the outside observer, it may seem like a small thing that Christian, 3, recognizes his own "sissy" and knows that a cow goes "moo."

To Monique Conrad, however, it is a very big deal. In fact, it's everything.

"When we first started (therapy), the only thing he could do was self-stimulate; he liked to look at himself in the mirror," said Conrad, a Farmington Hills resident. "Now, he stacks blocks. He does puzzles. He comes when you call him."

Conrad and her husband, David, attribute Christian's solid progress to Applied Behavioral Analysis, the intense therapy he's been doing. ABA is a structured teaching program where lessons to be taught are broken down into their simplest elements.

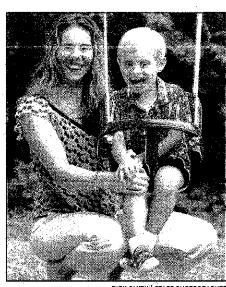
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However, it's expensive. Last year, Monique Conrad's best friend, Michelle Brown, helped organize the first Christian Conrad Faith Benefit, not only to help fund the expensive treatment for Christian, but also to raise awareness about autism. The benefit raised more than \$20,000.

This year, Conrad and Brown hope to do even better, particularly in terms of raising awareness. The second benefit, scheduled Saturday, Aug. 9, at the Wilcox Picnic Pavilion in Hines Park in Plymouth, seeks to not only raise money, but to bring awareness to the community about autism and provide fellowship and support for and from other parents. Ten percent of the proceeds will go to interventions for the Medical Interventions for Autism through Pathways Medical Advocates, according to Conrad.

"There are wonderful therapies for autism ... it's a tremendous commitment, and not everyone can do it," said Conrad. "One of the things we're hoping for the benefit is to teach other parents how to do it. For the child, there's so

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Monique Conrad says her son, Christian, is making progress in his fight against autism.



Patrick-Tharp

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Mr. and Mrs. George Patrick of Sylvania, Ga., are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Teresa Marie Patrick, to Donald Edward Tharp II, son of Mary Tharp of Canton and Donald Tharp of Middletown, Ohio.

Teresa is a graduate of the University of Georgia with her master's degree. She is currently employed as a systems analyst at Exopack in Savannah, Ga.

Donald is a graduate of John Glen High School in Westland and is currently self-employed as owner of Don's Painting Service in Savannah, Ga. A July 26, 2003 wedding was planned at Ferguson Avenue Baptist Church in Savannah, Ga.



Zalewski-Young

Verna Zalewski of Cement City and Gary Zalewski of Portage Lake are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Alexis Zalewski, to Christopher Thomas Young, son of Thomas and Carol Young of Plymouth.

Heather is a spring 2003 graduate of the University of Michigan.

Christopher is a spring 2002 graduate of the University of Michigan. He is currently employed as a professional basketball player in Antwerp, Belgium.

A July 18, 2003, wedding is planned at Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor.



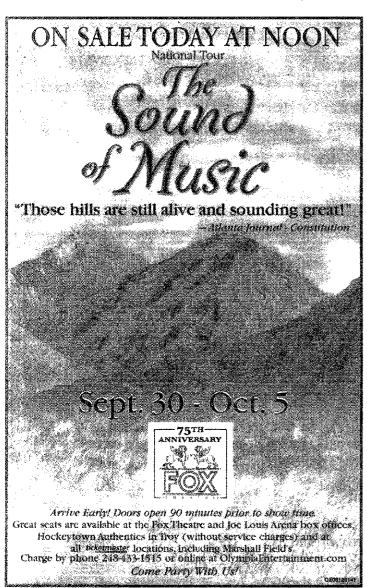
Brock-Hart

MaryLou and John Brock are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Christine Marie Brock, to Scott Ryan Hart, son of Linda and

Leo Hart of Plymouth. Christine is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and holds a master's degree in social work. She is currently employed as a school social worker for Westwood

Community School District. Scott is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and is currently employed as a plumber with Horton's Plumbing.

A Sept. 20, 2003, wedding is planned at St. Michael's Church.





Danny and Pat Hawes of Plymouth are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Beth Ann Hawes of Canton, to Darren Wayne Stokes, son of Jack and Lorraine Stokes of White Lake. Beth has a bachelor's degree in dental hygiene from the University of Detroit Mercy and is employed by Willow Creek

Hawes-Stokes

Dental in Canton. Darren has his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Oakland University and is currently employed by General Dynamics in Sterling Heights. A September 2003 wedding is planned.



Sharland-Welchko

Kathy and Randy Sharland are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Marie Sharland, to Shaun Michael Welchko, son of Susan and John Welchko of St. Clair Shores.

Kelly is a 1996 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and the University of Michigan School of Engineering. She is currently employed by Ford Motor Company.
Shaun is a 1996 graduate of

Lakeshore High School and Wayne State University in computer science. He is currently employed at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford Estate in Grosse Pointe Shores.

A Sept. 19, 2003 wedding is planned at Redeemer Lutheran Church in St. Clair Shores.

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Riders must have the ability to keep the horse calm in what is usually a chaotic and noisy environment. Horses can startle at unexpected occurrences such as jet fly-overs, cheering crowds and large balloons.

A rider who's not confident with the horse's ability to remain calm might also get nervous in such a situation.

"Chances are you'd tense up in your legs and in your reins and your horse would think 'Oh, my gosh, if my rider's frightened maybe I should get out of here," said Harm. "That's why I like my riders to have a lot of experience with the horses."

In her three years interacting with the horses at Harmony Acres, Rebecca has gained a great deal of experience and

Although she participates in the care of all six horses, she's formed a particularly strong bond with Sadefa, the horse she's ridden is 10 recent parades.

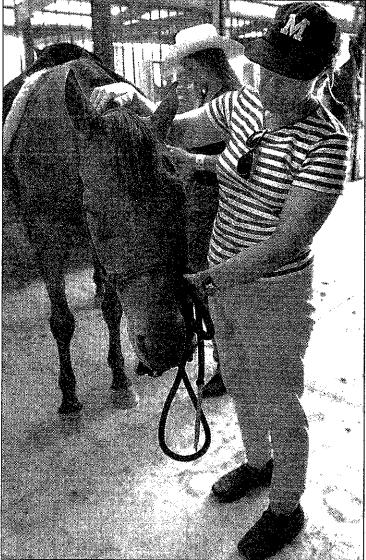
"The horses have to understand that you're in charge," Rebecca said. "If the horse thinks it's the leader it is going to do whatever it pleases."

With lots and lots of gentle training the folks at Harmony Acres believe in mild techniques like reinforcement and praise - Sadefa knows who's in charge and is clearly comfortable with Rebecca.

In addition to the normal hours of training, riding and grooming every week, Rebecca also comes out and spends nearly a whole day helping to get the horses ready the day before a parade.

Horses are bathed, groomed and made to look their paradegoing best. Even their hoofs get a coat of polish.

"The Arabians really stick out to me," said Rebecca, who's trained with many different breeds of horses. "They just have



LIZ OROZCO | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Horse owner Nancy Harm keeps Sadefa calm as Arnold puts a saddle on her back.

this majesty about them that says 'I'm beautiful, look at me."

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

Home-schooled until she reached eighth grade, Rebecca now attends Washtenaw Technical Middle College, a charter high school within

Washtenaw Community College. At the age of 18 she'll receive both her high school diploma and her associate's degree.

After that, she's just not sure. "I'm only 16," she said. "I have lots of time to decide." For now, she's happy doing the things teenagers do. Rebecca loves to dance, hang out with her friends and read and has what she calls "a whole library" of books that have contributed to her knowledge of horses.

But, like everything else in life, some things can only be learned from experience.

"There's stuff about horses you can't learn from books," she said, "like how to listen to them or to know what they're

thinking."
And, she said, the training is a good all around exercise for her, as well as the horse.

The training uses your mind as much as your body," she said. "You have to think about what the horse is thinking and think about how you could maybe make the horse understand better."

So her love of horses that began to develop when she was around 8 years old continues to grow stronger as she grows up. Someday, when she's able to make the financial and time commitment necessary, Rebecca hopes to own her own

It's a big responsibility, but she'll be ready.

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much hope there we should be

ashamed not to embrace it." The commitment is a major one, in both time and expense. Christian gets several hours of therapy a day, much of it from his mother and father, more from people the Conrads must

Insurance doesn't cover ABA, according to Conrad, because too many doctors still think of it as a mental disorder. Therefore, most insurances will only cover medication prescribed by what Conrad feels is wrongthinking doctors. She said last year's statistics show autism affects one in every 166 boys, and the medical community, she says, often misdiagnoses it.

But to families like the Conrads, it's well worth the time. Christian, whose autism the Conrads believe was caused by an adverse reaction to his first vaccination shots, couldn't communicate at all a year ago. Now, according to his mother, his vocabulary spans some 200 words, some of which he can put into short sentences: "Fix the train," "Push me, please," and "Tickle me."

PROGRESS

It's the kind of progress Conrad believes is made possible by ABA, even though many doctors don't believe in it. That's why she's hoping to change some minds with the fund-raiser. Those who attend will learn autism awareness, nutritional, vaccine and other cutting-edge information, and the role of holistic medicine.

There will be a moon bounce

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Three-and-a-half-year-old autistic child Christian Conrad swings in his back yard on a new playset his dad built.

for the kids, a free barbecue lunch, clowns and face painting and raffles, prizes and sports memorabilia.

Among the speakers: Eric Moore, pastor at Canton Community Church; Dr. John Hicks of Pathways Medical Advocates; Betsy Prohaska, diet counselor and author for Pathways; and Gina Truesdell-Todd of Behavior Building Blocks, P.C.

Those attending will also get a firsthand look at the progress Christian has made, and the hope his case holds for others.

"It's been so wonderful to see his progress, and if someone

gave \$5 (last year), they were a part of that," Monique Conrad said. "(The fund-raiser) is a day for hope, and fellowship, for people to come together in their journey. We praise God for Christian and his autism, because they've taught us what's really important."

The second annual Christian Conrad Faith Benefit is scheduled 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, at the Wilcox Picnic Pavilion in Hines Park in Plymouth. The pavilion is located on: Hines Drive east of Northville Road. For more information, e-mail conrads4@msn.com or call (248) 848-0157.

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moments of times spent talking, chatting, remembering. Never-ending moments recapturing the time of your birth, moments to spread throughout the year, moments you will hold in your heart, moments of the birthday that never ends.

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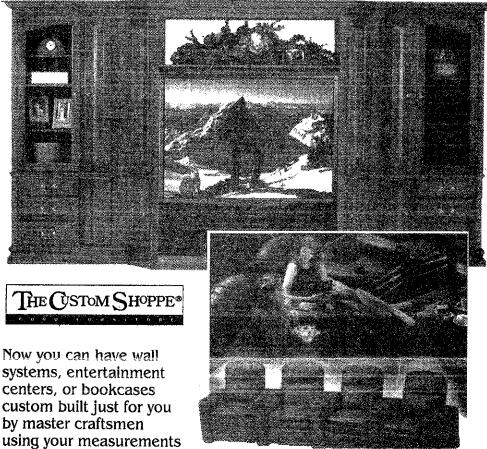
On that date next July, I will find every ounce of my courage. I will climb upon an airplane and let it fly me to Arizona.

When I get there, I hope my friend will find every ounce of her courage. She will merge

onto the freeway and from that airport in Arizona, she will pick me up. We will go, we will lunch and chat and laugh and remember. From that moment in time it will all begin again.

Cathy Standish, still celebrating her never-ending birthday, is a Plymouth resident and regular contributor to the Observer. She can be reached via e-mail at Cate1956@aol.com.

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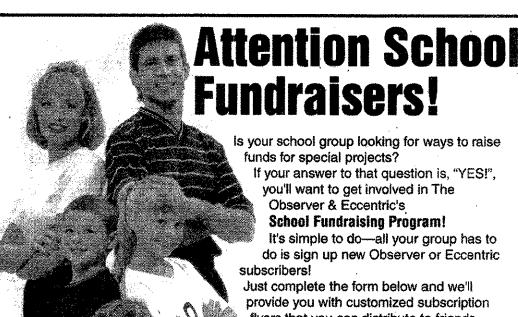
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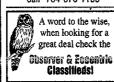
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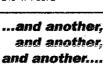
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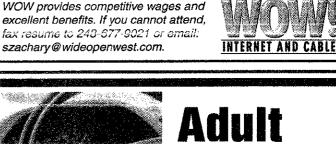
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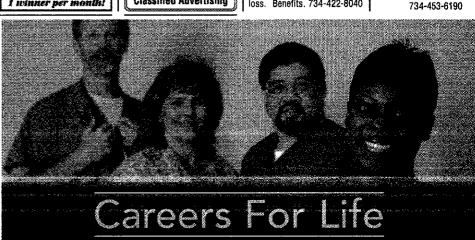
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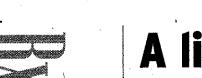
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A little dose of sunshine makes for healthy bones

BY SANDY BAUMANN CORRESPONDENT

Did you know you can enhance the health of your bones and teeth simply by being outside in summer sunshine? According to Dr. H.F. DeLuca of the Department of Biochemistry at University of Wisconsin in Healing with Vitamins, 10 minutes of sun on the hands and face each day helps your body manufacture your daily allotment of vitamin D, which is needed for the health of bones, teeth, and more.

You need to go outdoors in sunlight because window glass in homes and cars filters out the sun rays needed to make vitamin D. Moreover, in northern climates like Michigan, little vitamin D is made in winter, so summer sun is necessary to store this vitamin in fat

The need for vitamin D increases with age.

cells to use in winter. To avoid the risk of skin cancer and yet make vitamin D, you can safely expose your skin to the sun without sunscreen before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m. Wearing a sunscreen of SPF8 prevents about 95 percent of vitamin D synthesis. Dr. David Williams, in his Alternatives newsletter, recommends "at least 30 minutes of direct sun exposure three times weekly (without sunscreen, long sleeve shirts, hats, etc.)."

The need for vitamin D increases with age. The RDA for adults is 200 IU; it increases to 400 IU for persons age 50 plus and to 600 IU for those age 70 plus. The findings that many people are deficient in vitamin D is supported by 1998 research reported in New Encyclopedia Vitamins, Minerals, Supplements and Herbs, which showed that 57 percent of 290 newly admitted patients in a Boston hospital were deficient in vitamin D.

Others persons who are susceptible to this deficiency include alcoholics, those taking anti-convulsant drugs (like Dilantin), persons with kidney or liver disease, and those whose circumstances don't expose them to much sunlight, including office workers, persons in nursing homes and institutions, and homebound elder-

Those with darker skin who live in northern climates are especially at risk for vitamin D deficiency. The July 2002 issue of American Journal of Clinical Nutrition detailed a study on the vitamin D status of non-pregnant American women ages 15 to 49. Of the 1,546 African-American women, 42 percent were deficient in vitamin D, compared to only 4.2 percent of the 1,425 white women. This deficiency may explain the increased risk for breast and prostate cancer among African-Americans. A National Cancer Institute survey found between a 10 to 27 percent reduction in deaths

from breast, prostate, and ovarian cancers among persons who live in areas of the U.S. that have the most sun and therefore the most chance to make vitamin D.

VITAMIN D AND CANCER

Epidemiologists Cedric and Frank Garland noted in the 1999 Annals of the New York Academy of Science that the geographic pattern of colon cancer mimics that for rickets, which is a disease resulting from vitamin D deficiency. According to their paper, the risk for colon cancer increases in areas that have low winter sunlight due to northern location, pollution, and

extensive winter cloud cover. A Swedish study showed that persons with the highest vitamin D intake were nearly half as likely to get colon and rectal cancers as of Boston University Medical Center and a leading those who had the lowest intake. Dr. Michael Holick, researcher on the health effects of vitamin D, says, " think now that being able to maintain adequate vitamin D levels may be important for decreasing your risk of getting prostate cancer, breast cancer and colon can-

The body needs vitamin D to incorporate calcium into bones and teeth. PDR for Nutritional Supplements indicates that low levels of vitamin D are associated with increased bone fracture and osteoarthritis. They report that low blood serum levels of vitamin D have been linked to faster progression of arthritis of the knee. Dr. David Brownstein, a West Bloomfield physician, writes in his book Overcoming Arthritis, "I have found very low levels of vitamin D in patients with arthritis. Vitamin D levels should be checked regularly."

REDUCED RISK

percent."

Dr. Michael Holick

asserts that

at least 40

Professor Terry Diamond at St. George Hospital in Sydney, Australia, says, "We know from studies, published studies, that if you correct the vitamin D deficiency in a high risk population group, you can reduce the risk of

hip fractures by 25 to 40

percent of American patients in the northeast United States who suffered hip fractures have vitamin D deficiencies. He also conducted a study with senior citizens in Maine. He showed that these seniors lost 3-4 percent of bone mass in their hips and spines in the fall and winter, some of which they regained in spring and

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Dr. Holick did research with a group of normal women ages 22 to 66 who had mild high blood pressure of unknown origin. They were treated to full-body UV-B light, while the control group received full-body UV-A light. Those who received the UV-B light (comparable to sunlight) increased vitamin D levels 40 times that of the control group and dropped 8 mmHg in blood pressure, essentially returning to normal levels. After this study, Dr. Holick suggests walking 15 to 20 minutes daily in spring, summer, and fall to normalize your blood pressure, increase aerobic capacity, and improve vitamin D.

From this research, you can see that your mother was right when she said, "Go outside and play!"

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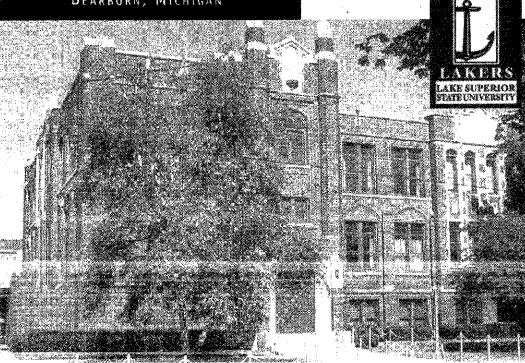
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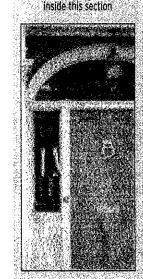


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Carefree living, choices at Gateway Village of Novi

It's all about choices and value for price at Gateway Village of Novi.

Attached condominiums - raised ranches and townhomes - in what has become known as a new urban lifestyle are under construction at the northwest corner of Grand River and Meadowbrook in that city.

One hundred eighty-four residences will be built, eight to 16 per building.

Additionally, three retail buildings to which developers hope to attract businesses like a coffee shop, dry cleaners and hair salon, will be part of the community. Also, there are several acres of open green space and a wetlands.

Prices start at \$209,900. "We're really excited about this project," said Pierre Nona, vice president of

'They're in the infancy stages of a downtown (Novi) area - shopping, entertainment, restaurants, bars. To succeed, they need residents."

Pierre Nona Triangle Development

Triangle Development. "Mixed-use is exciting. We're trying to sell a lifestyle. We left a lot of open space.

"A big part of this is location," Nona added. "They're in the infancy stages of a downtown (Novi) area - shopping, entertainment, restaurants, bars. To succeed, they need residents. Not residents with a house on a half acre, but lots of residents and a variety of residents."

Both the ranch and the townhome plans have construction alternatives so that purchasers can pretty much design their own units.

"Visitors are impressed all around openness, flow, what's included, what we're creating here, the community," said Suzanne Sutton, sales representative. "A lot of people are impressed with the quality they see.

"There's a floor plan ... they can tailor to their needs," she added.

Another big selling point, Nona said, is the Five Star energy package that includes higher efficient furnace, water heater, air conditioner, insulation and



Attached condominiums, raised ranches and townhomes at Gateway Village of Novi have construction alternatives so that purchasers can pretty much design their own units.

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"Not only is it cost savings, but social good comes as well," Nona said.

Gateway Village has easy freeway access to I-275 and I-96 and popular destination points like Twelve Oaks, Novi Expo Center, Kensington Metropark and Proud Lake State Recreation Area.

"Novi is a great area," Nona said.

The standard ranch plan, 1,612 square feet, includes a recreation room and full bath at garage level, two bedrooms and a full bath one level up. Base price is \$209,900.

A bedroom can be substituted for the rec room at ground level for \$1,000 and a master suite with its own bath plus a half bath can be substituted on the first floor for \$3,500.

The standard townhome, 1,974 square

feet, includes two bedrooms and a bath on the main living floor, a recreation room and full bath on the top floor for

Substitutions also are possible on the townhome. Upstairs, two bedrooms and loft can replace the rec room for \$1,000 or a master suite with glamour bath for \$3,500.

On the main floor, the two-bed/onebath configuration can be replaced with a master suite including its own bath, plus a half bath for a \$3,500 premium.

All end units carry a \$9,000 premium. Both the townhome and ranch feature a great room, dining area and kitchen with a counter that can be used as a breakfast bar.

All residences include at base price single-car garage, air conditioning, fireplace, bay window, refrigerator, range

and dishwasher in the kitchen, wood flooring in the foyer, vinyl in the kitchen/nook, ceramic in the baths and carpeting throughout the rest of the home, and extra wide stairs.

Landscaping also is included. Brick and vinyl siding are primary exterior materials.

"There's no landscaping or outside maintenance for people to worry about," Nona said.

"Care-free living," Sutton added. Gateway Village is serviced by city water, sewers and sidewalks. It's within the Novi public school boundaries.

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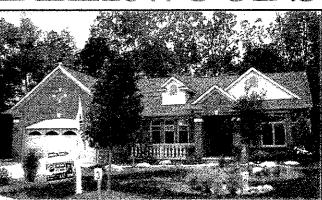
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College landlords hit for multiple tenants in homes

BY ADRIENNE NETTLES THE TUSCALOOSA NEWS

A house is a house. Or is it? It's a question facing city leaders who are tackling case-by-case compliance with a city ordinance that bans more than three unrelated people from living in a house zoned as a single-family residence.

The most recent challenge of the ordinance involves local businessman and landlord Phillip Weaver and property he owns on Riverside Drive.

Neighborhood activists say Weaver knowingly violated the city ordinance by allowing seven or more students to live at two of his rental properties on Riverside. Weaver says he's being unfairly singled out.

A group of neighborhood associations have filed suit in Tuscaloosa County Circuit Court challenging the city's interpretation and enforcement of the ordinance and urging the city to prevent more than three unrelated people from living in single-family

City leaders are aware that the prime violators of the ordinance are students; most attend the University of Alabama and live in or near the city's historic districts.

The city adopted the ordinance in October 1972. It states that it's illegal for any person, firm or corporation owning rental property to allow a dwelling to be used in violation of the ordinance.

City Attorney Bob Ennis said enforcing the ordinance in older areas of the city is problematic. "It's very difficult to factually determine how many people are living in a home. It's a fact-driven inquiry."

In May, neighborhood activist

Virginia Powell requested that the city department of Community Planning and Development investigate students' alleged illegal occupancy of two homes on Riverside Drive, which abuts UA's campus and her Sherwood Drive home.

The homes, which are owned by Weaver, are at 1312 Riverside Drive and 1207 Riverside Drive. The twostory duplex-style homes were built during the early 1900s and feature kitchens on both levels and outside entrances on each floor.

Weaver presented evidence to the planning department showing the structures have been used as rental property since the mid-1950s.

City Planning Director and Zoning Officer Bill Snowden said evidence meant Weaver's homes were exempt from the ordinance, which affects only homes built after its adoption.

"Under the law, we had to determine whether the houses were legal non-conforming to the unit dwelling," Snowden said. "We determined it was a legal nonconforming use based on what Weaver submitted and a staff investigation."

Powell and other neighbors in the historic districts around the UA campus last month appealed Snowden's decision to the Tuscaloosa Zoning Board of Adjustment, but not enough board members sided with the neighbors to override Snowden.

Recently, a lawyer on behalf of residents in the Caplewood, Riverside and Sherwood neighborhoods filed suit, seeking to block Snowden's rul-

Weaver, owner of Weaver Rentals, said he would deal with the court challenge as it moves forward.

He said he feels neighborhood

activists, including Powell, are singling him out as a student landlord.

"I really don't appreciate it," he said. "The city made its ruling, and it's been upheld twice. There's a lot of people in town that rent way more properties than me."

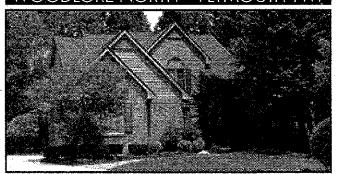
Weaver said student tenants often inquire through him about their rights in case they're approached by a zoning or police officer about the number of tenants in a house.

'We've had students ask us about this, and I've informed them thev have a right to privacy, but that they have to comply with the laws."

Weaver said that while Riverside Drive is being targeted, in some of the adjacent neighborhoods, many of the property owners rent out either the upper or basement levels of their homes and may have several unrelated people living in the houses.

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Psychic medium has plans for old farm

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After a century and more as a simple home to sheep and dairy cows, this old hilltop farm is crossing over to the other side: it's the future site of a spiritual healing center for Rosemary Altea, a British medium who calls herself "the voice of the spirit world."

Altea inherited the 560-acre property from Llewella Day, a third-generation farmer who lived there until her death in January 2001.

It's an unlikely gift for Altea, a polished and fashionable author and public speaker who now spends much of her time in southern Vermont and who has no yearning to raise cows, horses or sheep.

She says she told Day not to leave her the farm.

"I refused this property at least a dozen times," said Altea on a recent tour of the large, decrepit, brick farmhouse. "It really is a millstone around my neck. I'm a really busy person and the last thing I need is to keep tripping up here every five minutes.

But leave it to her Day did, and now Altea's making the best of it, with plans for a healing center there that both people and animals could visit, free of charge, for help with what ails them.

Altea and her followers will be something new for Ira, population 460, a former farming town set in the steep hills a few miles southwest of Rutland.

Altea is a Leicester, England, native, raised as a Baptist, who says she knew early on she had unusual abilities.

"I've been strange ever since I can remember," she said. "I have seen faces and heard voices. People from the spirit world would drop in and visit."

At first she doubted her sanity. Later, when she was in her 30s, newly divorced with a young daughter, a mentor showed her she had the gift of communicating with people who have died - and of "acting as a channel for God's healing grace," she said.

Soon after, she published her first book, The Eagle and the Rose, which made it to The New York Times best seller list. She's since published other books about her work.

Apart from healing, Altea does private consultations for people who want to communicate with someone who died. She's comfortable with the skepticism that can come along

"You've got to admit it's interesting," she said after doing an on-the-spot consultation for a visitor.

She believes Day herself is watching her as she makes plans for the farm.

"I know that when I die, my daughter's going to get visits from me on a regular daily basis," she said with a smile.

Altea believes that there is life after death, and that living creatures are spiritual beings who come to Earth to learn. As such, apart from her many written works, she also offers lectures and seminars to show, others how to enhance their own healing abilities.

And she heals - literally - by the laying on of hands.

"Healing will often take away the fear, even if it doesn't take away the tumor," she said. Book sales, an extensive Web

site, and the paid lectures enable Altea to put in her time at the unpaid healing. She visits people at their homes and in hospitals, and they travel to see her. As soon as one of the two houses on the Ira estate is fixed up, those travelers will be meeting her there, she said.

Healing is how Altea met Day: Mutual friends suggested Altea visit Day, who had canhad read many of Altea's books. The two became close.

"We were total opposites," Altea said. "She was an old Vermont farmer who wore dungarees, a string around her waist, and a cap. She was extremely opinionated; she was straightforward."

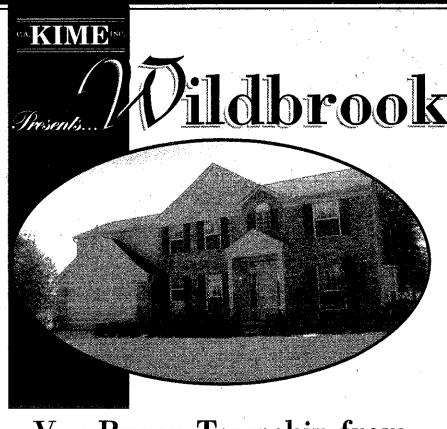
But they had some fundamental things in common.

"She had a total and absolute belief in God, and so do I," said

Day was a University of Vermont graduate who never married or had children and who lived at the farm all her life - the last 38 years of it alone. She had originally willed the farm to a brother and some friends and business associates, but she revised her will twice before her death to leave it all to Altea, according to court records.

Those relatives and others contested the will, but it was upheld by a Rutland County Probate Court judge this year. Neighbors on the hilly road seem unfazed by the change in the farm's fortunes.

"Everybody's kind of just sitting back to watch and see what happens," said John Farrell, an Ira dairy farmer who was friends with the Days.



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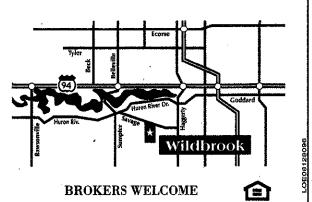
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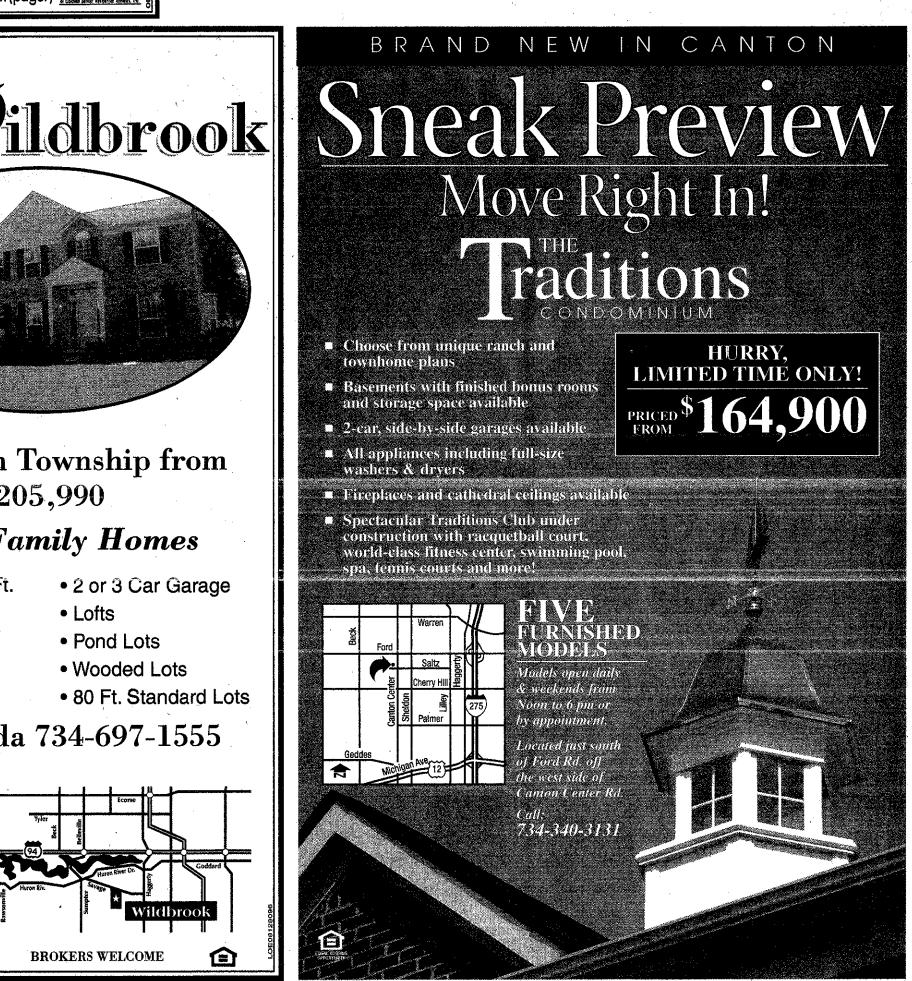
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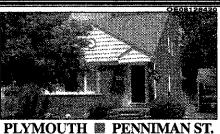
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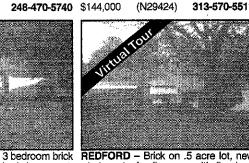
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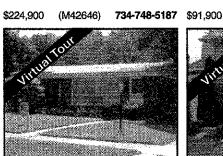
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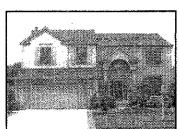
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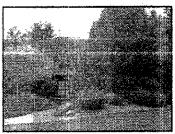
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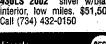
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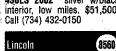
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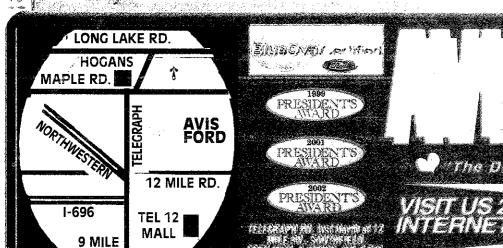
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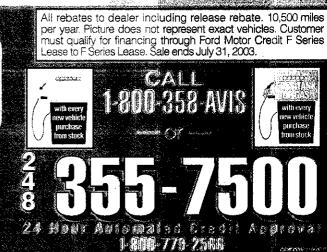
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Adjacent to the dining room is bedroom three, which also has a ceiling fan. Down the hall past the shop is the utility room. It has the forced air unit and water heater in a closet as well as a linen closet opposite. The utility room has a sink, the washer/dryer, and a long folding counter.

In the left rear corner is bedroom two which could also be a guest room. It has a large walkin closet and its own private bathroom with a shower. Adjacent to this private bath is another bath convenient for use by the rest of the household. It has a single sink and shower.

In the center rear is the family room/nook/kitchen. There is a walk-in pantry at the corner of the kitchen, which runs down one wall and has a separate island with a raised dishwasher, sink, counter and eating bar. The breakfast nook is at the end of the room.

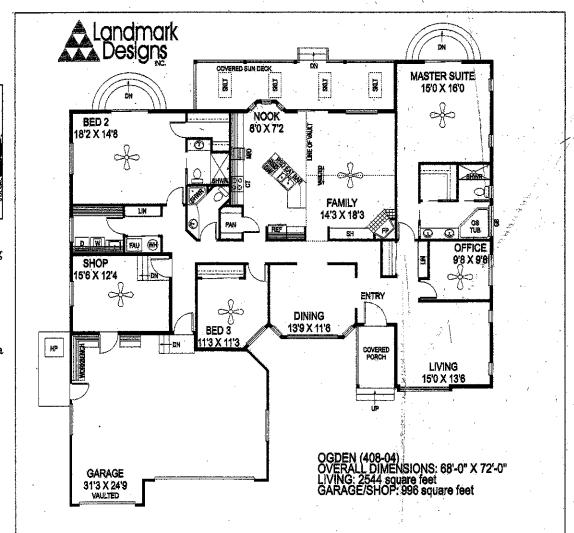
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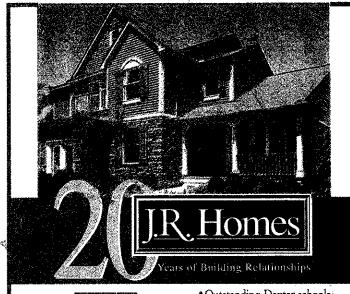
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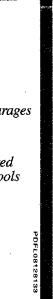
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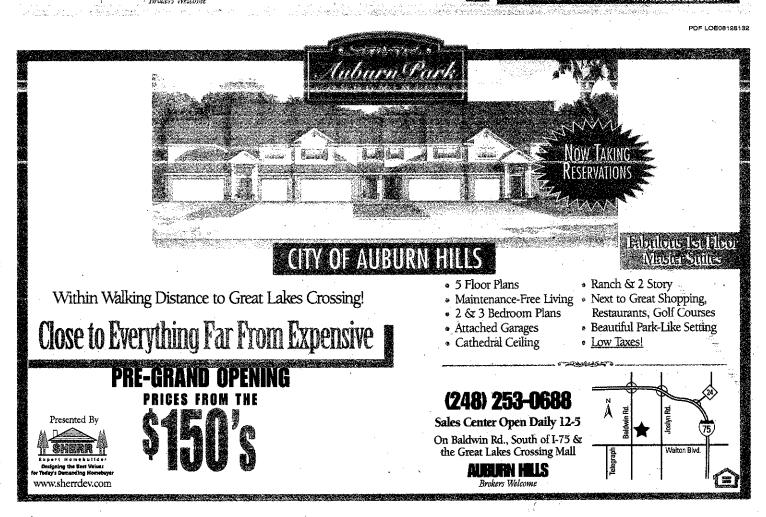
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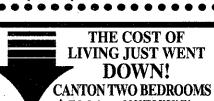
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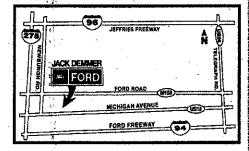
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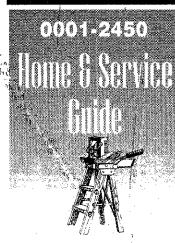
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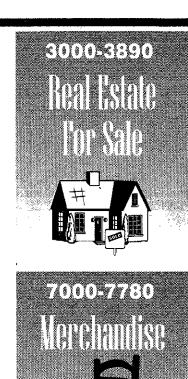


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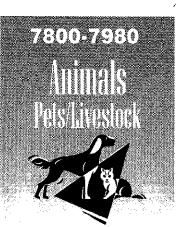


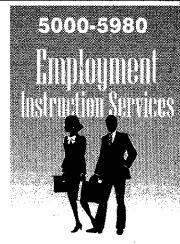


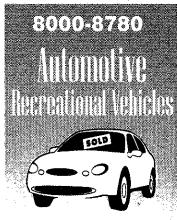












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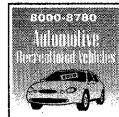
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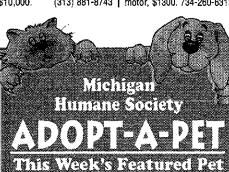
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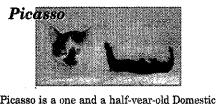
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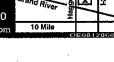
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You wanna have some major fun in a sports car?
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Honest. Zoom, zoom.

Î drove the Mazda 6 to northern Michigan and although I fought more than four and a half hours.

although I fought more than four and a half hours of heavy traffic, it was still a blast to drive. Powered by a 3.0-liter V6 that nets 220-horsepower is pure fun. This engine is on the Mazda 6s, by the way.

There's another model trim - the Mazda 6i. It's powered by a 160-horsepower 2.3-liter four-cylinder engine that Mazda promises to be just as spirited.

The vehicle driven this week was the Mazda 6s. This is truly a sports car. It's a small car on the outside - you have to realize that, but it's comfortable enough to take a short trip in. It's roomy on the inside, however. Small car with a lot of room doesn't sound right, does it? But it is.

That's the joy of this mid-size sports sedan. And the mileage just can't be beat. The other thing that really surprised me was the wonderful ride. Traveling up I-75 in northern Oakland County is really a challenge because of the "thump-thump" bumps every 200 or so feet .

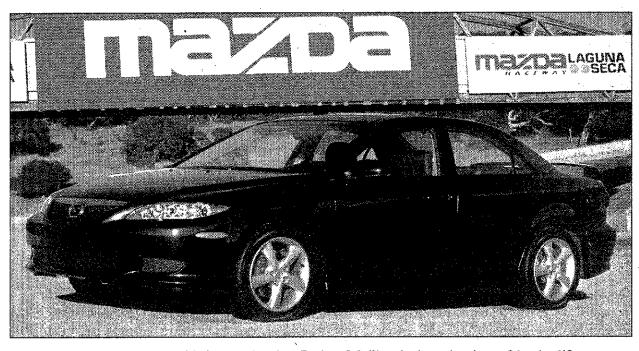
The Mazda 6 took the road well and didn't really bother me with excessive noise on the bumpy portions. Handling characteristics are better than the average bear as well, because it really can maneuver well.

I loved the fact that it's a four-door sedan, as well. That makes it a little larger than the average sports car and a lot more comfortable as well. It's small on the outside, but surprisingly roomy on the inside.

The test car was a really cool color that's starting to show up on many manufacturers' vehicles - bright, bright yellow. As a matter of fact, Mazda calls its yellow "speed yellow."

Yea. Don't speed in this little number. You can be seen from about three miles away. maybe more.

The styling of the exterior of the Mazda 6 is really neat. It's got flowing sheet metal that breathes sports car,



2003 Mazda 6. Vehicle type: Mid-size sport sedan. Engine: 3.0-liter dual overhead cam 24-valve V8. Mileage: 19 mpg city/27 mpg highway. Where built: Flat Rock, MI. Price as tested: \$25,345.

sports car, sports car. It's aggressive-looking and at the same time has softer lines that would appeal to the female crowd. The grille sports the "winged M" that's become the new symbol of the Mazda's line of vehicles.

On the Mazda 6 driven this week was a sport package that included 17-inch five-spoke cast aluminum wheels, fog lamps, a front air dam, rear spoiler and dual exhaust. both models have stainless steel exhaust tips, which further lend its sports car look and feel.

The interior is supposed to seat five adults, but the rear seat is too cramped for three grown-ups. Two kids back there or two adults would be more comfortable.

The instrumentation, much like that of an aircraft, have red lights and a nighttime glow that's really cool. The speedometer and tach are large enough to see from the back seat. The rest of the instrumentation is easy to use and easy to understand.

The leather-wrapped steering wheel has controls for the stereo and for the cruise control. There's even a mute button for the stereo on the steering wheel, which really comes in handy. All those controls are also lit for nighttime driving.

The Mazda 6 driven was outfitted with a five-speed manual transmission. It was annoying during heavy traffic, but once on the straight-away, it performed well and was actually a better experience than driving an automatic. The performance was worth the annoyance.

I mentioned the mileage issue. You'll get 20 mpg in the city with the manual and 19 mpg with the four-speed automatic. Anti-lock brakes and traction control are

The rear seat is a 60/40 split that folds down and provides even more room for cargo. The rear cargo area is substantial for a small car even with the seat up.

standard on Mazda 6s and as an option on the 6i.

The Mazda 6 is designed for anyone who spends a lot of time in their vehicle. There are dual map lights, overhead storage for sunglasses, dual front door pockets can hold a half-liter of pop, pockets in the front seat backs, center console with two cupholders and the capability to hold a ton of CDs and a 12-volt outlet.

Remote keyless entry is also standard and interior opera lighting fades gradually after you're safely in the vehicle. The key fob also has the option of opening the trunk and another button for a panic alarm. There are interior releases for the hood, gas tank door and trunk lid. The power windows slide all the way down with a push of a button.

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