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Canton will get indoor skate park

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Plymouth resident buys former Dekhockey facility to rebuild as skateboarding and inline skating park

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI STAFF WRITER

Canton's Michigan Avenue sports corridor will get a new neighbor when a skateboard and inline skating park opens in the former Michigan Dekhockey

"It will be designed and run by skaters," said Bradd Rigoni, owner of Simplicity Board Sports in Canton. "It will feature the midwest's largest half-pipe, a ramp that will be 80 feet wide."

Rigoni will serve as manager of Simplicity Sk8 Park, a position he was asked to take by Plymouth resident Dave Rymph, who bought the former 16,000square-foot Dekhockey building been wanting to open a skate

indoor park for skateboarding and inline skating to the corridor. "We're only developing the indoor facility now," Rymph said. His plans include building an outdoor park at the facility in the future.

"He (Rigoni) has a very successful store. It's been there for five years," Rymph said. "I realized that I needed a day manager. My kids shopped at Bradd's store."

Team Pain Enterprises of Florida — that built ramps for ESPN X-Games — will design and build the Canton park. "It will be like sculpture almost," Tito Porrato said. "It will be like a professional golf course designed by professional golfers."

intend to create a high-end park with specialty surfaces, the big ramp and a street course that will offer curves and embankments. Unlimited flow is important in the design, which will allow skateboarders and inline skaters to co-exist at the new facility.

The design team will work with Rigoni to provide for "the needs of skaters and the community," Porrato said.

"Skateboarding is an individual sport. It offers each person an opportunity for his own style. They will learn to use the facility with other skaters.

Canton will be the only community with a privately owned skatepark in the southwestern Wayne County suburbs, said Rymph, who has visited Team

Pain's parks in Kentucky, Lansing

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and Grand Rapids. Supervisor Tom Yack is delighted with plans to build a skate park and to occupy the

vacant Dekhockey building. "Whenever private enterprise provides a service we might have to provide, it's great news. We were ready to plan one for the softball center, but then we got wind of their plans."

While some of Canton's parks have inline skating areas, there is no bona fide skateboarding center for the community's teens and adults who climb aboard. "Everybody wins with this project," Yack said.

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Big sounds

Music Games.

Park hosts Summer

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Getting fit Lifestyle changes work better than diets in shedding excess pounds.

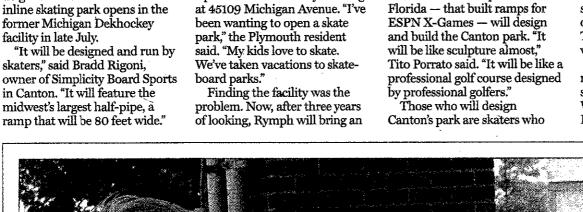
Blue help

The family of the late Brian Darow, a Canton police officer who fell from his roof while decorating for Christmas Dec. 1, 2003, received a new Ford Expedition June 24 through the collective efforts of Ford Motor Company, Boulevard & Trumbull Towing and the Thin Blue Line of Michigan.

Darow's death left his wife, Joan, as the sole supporter of the family. Darow, a 16-year veteran officer was a staunch supporter of the Thin Blue Line of Michigan, which is an organization that assists officers and their families when officers are injured, disabled or killed.

His fellow officers remembered Darrow at 11 a.m. June 23. Darow was known as a family man, an outdoors man, a handyman and big hockey fan.

"All the selfless deeds Brian Darow performed for his fellow law enforcement officers and their families over the years, now favorably returns to his family in their time of need," said Scott Reinacher, president of The Thin Blue Line.





Sweet music

Candy Band front line musicians, Paula Messner, known on stage 'Almond Joy,' Daniela Burckhardt as 'Skittles' and Anita Kelly as 'KitKat' perform at Tuesdays are Terrific in Heritage Park. Each performance is geared for preschool and elementary school children. Candy Band is a musical group of moms who add a rocking twist to favorite kiddle tunes.

Saxophonist engineer hits right note with new CD

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI STAFF WRITER

What does mechanical engineering and a saxophone have in common? The answer is simple: Justin Young of Canton.

"He is so talented." said his dad, Jim. "Everything is so hard in music. I have seen him play a ballad and tears are coming to people's eyes."

And he will say that's not just a father crooning about his son, an engineer with North America Yazaki and a successful saxophonist. Young has played professional saxophone since he was 16. He graduated from University Liggett on a music schol-

"At the beginning, the sax was hard to play. When I first brought it home, I couldn't even remeber the notes," the 23-year-old resident said.

That is history. Today, Young performs in his own band, Justin Young and Friends, as well as in his father's band, Kaleidoscope. He and his family, including mom, Linda (his marketing guru), produced his CD Rendevous, for which he wrote the music. He has already sold some 800 CDs.

"It was fun," Young said, recalling



Justin Young, up and coming saxophone star, plays in his recording studio his family built in the basement.

his first professional gig with Kaleidoscope. "It opened up a new light on playing. I thought, 'Wow, this

Young was hooked. But college was on the horizon. "I always liked playing with Legos and I wanted to be an engineer," he said. "I like designing things."

Right after graduation, Young headed to Yazaki where he is on the design team for the 2007 KA DaimlerChrysler Jeep Liberty's liftgate and headliner. His mom also works for Yazaki, but with the Yazaki Learning Center.

PLEASE SEE SAXOPHONE, A3

Parade organizer wants more parks, slower growth

We are under way with coverage of the 2004 election. Each issue we will highlight one of the 10 Republican and Democratic candidates vying for one of the four, four-year seats on the Canton Township Board of Trustees. The 10 candidates will be on the Aug. 3 primary ballot.

BY JACK GLADDEN



Fred Bolden, a 12year-Canton resident and the father of the resurrected Liberty Fest parade, says if he's elected to the Canton Board

of Trustees in November he'd like to use his voice and concerns to bring forth new ideas to the township government.

An advocate of slower growth, the 49-yearold computer system analyst says he'd like to see some of the land slotted for parks to be used for more specific needs, such as more youth

On the other end of the age spectrum, Bolden says he's like to start working with senior citizens who, he says, are being

"ripped off in several ways." "Anyone who does (repair) work for seniors would have to be registered in our (the township's) database," he said. "And they need better prices for prescriptions drugs.

baseball fields and skateboard parks.

While he acknowledged that's not exactly a township issue, Bolden said it should be possible to do bulk prescription purchases working through the Senior Alliance.

"We could do it," he said. "If you have 3,000 seniors taking a specific type of drug a day, we could do bulk purchasing for them."

He also said he thought township trustees should hold regular meetings with their con-

"I'd like to get the trustees out to schools, maybe once a month, all the trustees at one time to listen to their constituents," he said.

He said for the future of Canton he sees the population stabilizing and becoming more of a bedroom community than a destination loca-"I'd like to grow some better family pro-

grams," he said. "Bigger and better venues for He said he'd like to see some sort of family-

oriented entertainment area somewhere along Michigan Avenue.

PLEASE SEE BOLDEN, A3

Sports, cleaning bear the brunt of P-C school cuts

STAFF WRITER

The layoffs of nearly two dozen employees and an increased payto-participate fee for high school athletes were established for the upcoming school year as the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education adopted a 2004-05 budget Tuesday night in which expenditures are expected to outpace revenues by more than \$7 million.

While trustees agreed to let Superintendent Jim Ryan use fund equity to balance the budget,

the move still comes with a price. The board laid off 20 custodians and a plant engineer at Isbister Elementary as the district goes to a modified cleaning schedule in school buildings, which will save \$420,000.

"It's modified cleaning, not every other day, which means most of the areas that are cleaned every day now will be cleaned," said Ryan. "I don't think the public will notice any change. Let's hope the economy improves and I can recall those positions."

On a 4-3 vote, the board recalled all three high school athletic directors for another year, despite the fact their salaries have come under scrutiny. The board gave Ryan another year to come up with a reorganization plan to reduce the athletic budget, a time frame he plans on using to meet with those involved in sports at the Park.

"I really want to have parent and coach representation from the Park to find out what they do at other districts ... with the key to find out what our own athletic directors do," Ryan said. "I don't think people understand the amount of time they put in and the size of the program."

In order to come up with \$400,000 in cuts from the high school athletic budget, athletic directors will take a 9 percent pay cut, totaling \$23,000.

The largest portion of the cuts will be made up by revenue generated from student athletes, who will be required to pay \$150 for participating in one sport, and another \$80 for the second sport. The administration estimates the pay-to-play schedule will generate \$302,000.

Under the new fee schedule,

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Magic fingers

Blues Traveler keyboardist Ben Wilson honed his talent in his hometown of Ann Arbor.

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Welcome!

Canton Chamber of Commerce **Executive Director** Dianne Cojei and other chamber board members welcomed a new Little Caesars pizza shop on Michigan Avenue at Canton



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SHAREHOLDER

Canton resident Vytautas Kaunelis now has shareholder status at Orchard Hiltz & McCliment Inc. of Livonia.

Kaunelis, PE, is the eDirector of OHM's **Environmental Water** Resources Group. Prior to joining OHM in 2003, he served as chief deputy director with the Wayne County Department of Environmental. Kaunelis received bachelor of science degree in civil eengineering from the University of Michigan in 1975 and a master of science in civil engineering from the University of Michigan in 1984.

OHM is an ENR Top 500 consulting engineering firm based in Livonia, MI with a staff of over 200 engineers and specialized technicians.

JOINED THE FIRM

Orchard Hiltz & McCliment, Inc. (OHM), announced that Brian M. Boals, P.E., has recently joined OHM in its Municipal Engineering group. Boals, a licensed engineer, has 11 years of experience in water distribution, wastewater collection, grading, pavement, drainage, and storm water management. In his position as a Client Representative for OHM, he will serve several municipalities.

Boals holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Michigan Technological University and a master's degree in civil engineering

with a concentration in hydraulics from the University of Michigan. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

"We are excited to add Brian's talents to our Municipal Engineering group. His depth of experience and water management expertise will be a significant value in meeting the goals of our client communities," said Russ Gronevelt, president of OHM.

BIG CONTRACT

RBS Construction of Brighton won a \$7 million contract to build 52 condominiums, Villas at Maple Creek, in Canton. The project will be on the northeast corner of Beck and Geddes roads with construction to begin in July:

RBS will build 13 buildings of ranch condominiums ranging in size from 1,500square-feet to about 2,000 square feet. Developed in a patented quad arrangement, each condo will have a private entry and two-car garage, which gives the appearance of a single-family

Floor plans feature two and three bedrooms or den, cathedral ceilings, gas fireplaces, verandas, sunrooms or private patios and storage.

If you have information or news about your business or employees, send it to Joanne Maliszewski, Canton Observer editor at jmaliszewski@oe.homecomm.net or by fax at (734) 459-4224.

Church has roots in Plymouth, but grows strong in Canton

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI CORRESPONDENT

Forty years ago 33 people got together and decided to start a church on Main Street in Plymouth.

Main Street Baptist Church is no longer on Main Street, or even in Plymouth, for that matter. None of the founding members are even alive.

But, the focus of the church - to praise Jesus Christ-has remained the same all these years.

"I think one of the most important aspects of Main Street is God's love that pours out of the people and into others," said Jan Munday, a church member for nearly 40 years.

"There's a diverse population at Main Street," she said. "There's an acceptance and a love. There's a reaching out to the community within the church body and outside the church body? There have been a lot of other

changes over the years when Main Street Baptist Church was located in the building where the Salvation Army now operates. That was before church members raised \$63,000 to build a new structure in Canton at 8500 North Morton Taylor Road in 1980.

Members moved in the following year, according to Munday, who is preparing a brochure about the history of the church for a celebration that was planned for this weekend, featuring a concert and visits from former pastors and church members who have moved away.

"We really believe the future of Main Street and our community is nothing but up, and we give God all the glory because he's the one who is doing all that," according to the Rev. Jeff Noble, Main Street Baptist Church pastor.

When Noble came to the church five years ago there were 50 members and today there are 200. Noble said he's most happy to report that there have been 62 people baptized in Christ in the last five years

Members like to live out the church motto: "Seeking, Sharing and Serving the Lord," he said. Today, church members are working on a new building project with the hope to add 10,000 square feet to the existing 7,000-

square-foot building.

"We have outgrown our current facilities and we're praying God will prepare peoples' hearts about (the expansion)," Noble said, adding that the church is also debt free after recently pay-

ing off a \$100,000 loan. Some of the church programs include a men's bible study at 7 p.m. Wednesdays; a men and women's bible study Monday evenings and a SAFE (Setting Addicts Free Eternally) ministry that helps people overcome addictions at 7 p.m. Tuesdays. The public is invited to attend all church programs, including SAFE.

"Our current pastor has such a heart for evangelism to share Christ with the world," Munday said. "The most important thing of all is that we truly want God to get the glory, because it's about him and not about anybody else. If the relationship is you and God then everything else falls in place."

Another recently started program at Main Street Baptist is English as a Second Language

"Part of that is helping them use the bible as one of the books of teaching," Noble said.

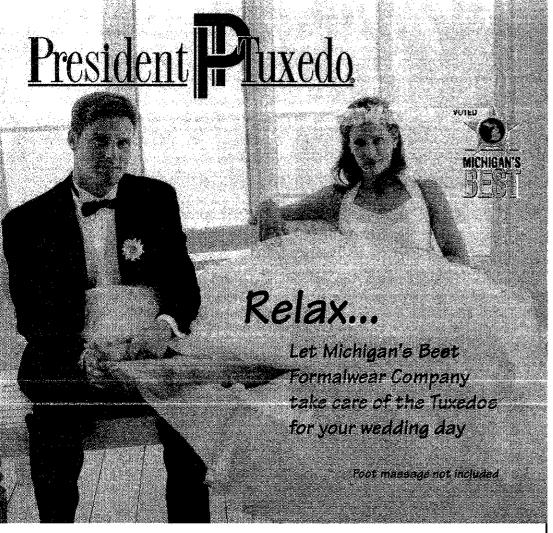
"There have been ups and downs, but God has done tremendous work through the people at Main Street," Noble said. "There's a spirit of unity and love for one another and a desire to see people come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. I find that very exciting."

Supporting missionaries has been a main focus over the years.

"God has brought people in, trained them and sent them out into the world," Mundy said. "And he's brought people to stay there. It's exciting to see how God has blessed and how God has worked through Main Street."

Main Street Baptist Church services are 8:30 a.m. 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays. Bible study is at 9:45 a.m. Sundays.





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Owner Glenna Drennan of Cones N More says her shop is a neighborhood ice cream parlor with patrons who drive and walk there for a treat.

The real thing

Cones N More serves up the comfortable neighborhood parlor

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

It might seem a strange location for a "neighborhood ice cream parlor," but that's exactly the way Glenna Drennan sees it.

She opened Cones N More in the Coventry Commons shopping center at Joy and Morton Taylor last October.

"People from the nearby subdivisions do a lot of walking in the center," she said. "They walk their babies and they walk their dogs. And sometimes they'll stop by for an ice cream cone."

Cones and more features soft serve ice cream and soft serve yogurt – and everything related to such treats.

Drennan said she got the idea to open Cones N More from a friend who owns several ice

cream parlors.
"I got interested in what she did," she said. "She taught me

everything I know."

What sets the store apart from other ice cream places?

"Good ice cream," Drennan said. "You get real fruit in your milk shake. And I make malts with real malt powder from Wisconsin. I don't use malt syrup. That's a milk shake."

While the store has a walkupwindow, there's plenty of indoor seating and she said that sets it apart from some other places.

"Why do you want to buy an ice cream and then sit outside in the heat and eat it," she said.

Here customers can sit in airconditioned comfort beside a full wall mural of a beach scene.

"Upon a Wall came out and spent three nine-hour days painting it," she said. "Customers have come in and said their kids said 'Let's go to that ice cream store by the beach."

But the walk-up window comes in handy, too, for the walkers, especially those walking their pets.

"I have little tiny kiddy cones," Drennan said. "If someone walking his dog comes to the window, I'll make up one of those for the

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dog - providing it's OK with the owner, of course."

One customer who discovered that service told her every time he and his dog enter the center, his pet drags him right to the ice cream store.

One of the store's specialties is "dirty snowballs on a stick." The name was invented by one of her 15-year-old employees who was inspired by the real dirty snow on the parking lot last winter.

While Drennan says the recipe is secret, a sign in the store says they're made with Savino Sorbet dipped in chocolate.

For those watching their sugar intake, she has sugar-free yogurt and always keeps some sugar-free raspberries on hand to mix with it. It's a seasonal business. The

store opens on Valentine's Day and stays open until Thanksgiving. Summer hours are 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday and until 10:30 p.m. Thursday through

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BOLDEN

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"Maybe something like an indoor rainforest," he said. "Michigan Avenue still has enough property to do it."

As for traffic congestion problems, he laughed and shook his head.

"We have to keep pounding on the state and the county to get more exits off I-275," he said. "Why does Livonia have five exits off I-275 and Canton only has one?"

On the issue of cityhood for the township, Bolden said it's not the time.

"It would only increase our taxes and drive out more middle-income families like myself," he said. "It would probably double our current taxes."

He said in campaigning, he is developing a different kind of politics.

"It's one of inclusion, openness, accountability and diversity," he said. "These will be my four cornerstones as I stomp throughout the Canton community."

Bolden said he has been pleased with the current board of trustees.

"But I still feel there is a need for a new voice," he said, "a voice that can offer new ideas from a different perspec-

A lifelong Republican, Bolden is married to Laura, a computer consultant for DaimlerChrysler. They have four children, Thomas, 9, and Danielle, 7, who attend Miller Elementary School, and Matthew, 4, and Jonathan, 2, who attend Red Bell Preschool.

"As a parent with children in T-ball, soccer, dance and Little League," he said, "I see the need to further develop our park services and our general township infrastructure. As I have been going door-to-door collecting signatures, the concerned citizens expressed a need for improvements on Ford Road, additional parks, a bicycle trail and slower growth so the current services can meet future needs without stressing our existing services and roads."

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SAXOPHONE

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It is no accident that Young, as well as his sister, Nicole, are musically minded. It's in his family's genes. His dad is a professional musician and together the family has built a recording studio in the basement. "It was made for Justin because he is so gifted," Jim Young said.

Interestingly, the sax wasn't Young's first instrument choice. Like many little boys, the drums drew his attention. But his dad had a plan. "It was premeditated so they could help themselves get through college," Jim Young said.

In the sixth grade, dad bought the brother and sister each a saxophone. After the initial introduction to the instrument, Young was on his way. "There weren't many saxophone players. It's a rarity sax players who play professionally and play contemporary music," his dad said.

Young started and played the

switched to a soprano sax the type Kenny G plays — and his budding career took off. "It's hard to keep in tune so

alto sax for five years. He then

turnoff," Young said.

As far as his dad is concerned, some people can play the saxophone. His son does that, plus has showmanship.

"It's something about the whole package. It's like Elvis.

for a lot of people, it's a

He had his charisma."
In December 2000, Young expanded his horizons. He had his wisdom teeth out and while at home recuperating, decided to write some music. He composes on a keyboard — not that he's ever had lessons on that instrument — and just kept going.

"I don't write music on the sax because there is no one to accompany me," Young added.

Young tries to write music everyday with the goal of producing more CDs, getting his music on the radio and touring. Yet engineering remains his career, and one that has taught him dedication. "It is important to me as an engineer to improve everyday," he

Recent Liberty Fest guests likely heard Young playing in Heritage Park. If you missed him, you can catch him at the Motor City Casino, Greektown Casino or the MGM Grand. He also performs at corporate events, weddings and community festivals.

To learn more about Young and his music, log on to his Web site at www.justinyoungsax.com

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SCHOOL CUTS

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there won't be any further charge for students who participate in three or more sports. Currently, student athletes pay \$125 to participate in an unlimited number of sports.

Ryan said boosters want to look at the possibility of holding fund-

raisers to raise money for the high school athletic department.

Board Vice President Mark Slavens voted against retaining all three high school athletic directors.

"I think this is one area where we need to make cuts now, and I would like to see more reorganization," said Slavens. "I don't think we should cut all the athletic directors, but I think we could run the athletic department with two. It's not an optimum situation, but we're in tough financial times."

Earlier, the board approved a plan that will institute a \$50 fee to participate for students participating in middle school sports.

The middle school athletic program will be revamped in 2005-06, with softball and swimming to be eliminated from the sixththrough eighth-grade program.

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Here are the concert schedules for the Friday night and Wednesday afternoon concert series in Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

Music in the Park is presented Wednesday afternoons at noon by the Plymouth Community Arts Council. The Music in the Air series is presented Friday evenings by the Downtown Development Authority. Those start at 7 p.m.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

- June 30 Celebration concert, Matt Watroba and special guests Robert Jones
- and Kitty Donohoe ■ July 7 — Josh White Jr.
- July 14 Gemini July 21 Marc Thomas
- & Max the Moose ■ July 28 — Guy Louis and
- Chautauqua Express ■ Aug. 4 — Hometown Kids concert with Phoenix and the Celebration Youth
- Orchestra ■ Aug. 11 — Harpbeat ■ Aug. 18 — Elmo Thumm

The concerts, sponsored by New Liberty Bank, start at noon. For more information on the concerts, call the **Plymouth Community Arts** Council at (734) 416-4278.

MUSIC IN THE AIR

■ July 2 — Red, White,

Bluegrass & Blues: An American Music Celebration, featuring the Cass Avenue Ramblers, followed by Harmonica Shah & Howard Glazer.

- July 9 No concert because of Art in the Park.
- July 16 The Warren Commission, featuring vocalist Suzy Marsh, fresh from her Detroit Music Awards nomination as Best Female Jazz Vocalist.
- July 23 Steve King & The Dittilies. Veteran Oldies King provides a great evening of family entertainment.
- July 30 Thornetta Davis for blues and R&B.
- \blacksquare Aug. 6 King Sweat, playing R&B, classic soul and some rock-&-roll.
- Aug. 13 Bobby Lewis & The CrackerJack Band. The final appearance by The CJB at Music in the Air, as the Dean of Detroit Rock & Roll retires this year.
- Aug. 20 Impact 7 revue-style show featuring music from Motown to Earth, Wind & Fire.
- Aug. 27 Pamela Ransford & The Plymouth Guitar Band.
- Sept. 3 September Surprise featuring mystery

The concerts, sponsored by Community Financial, start at 7 p.m.

Arts are alive with trio of creative programs The arts are alive in Canton with several youth programs designed to encourage

children to explore a variety of artistic disciplines. Participants in these programs should bring a sack lunch each day. For more information, call Jennifer Tobin, performing arts coordinator at (734) 394-

■ Art in the Park: 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. June 21-July 2. Grades 7-12 as of fall 2004. Heritage Park. Fee is \$75. This is a summer favorite. For two weeks the Heritage Park south pavilions come alive with the arts. This successful program is designed to give students an opportunity to create art with professional artist mentors. This camp is made possible with the cooperation of the Arts League of Michigan.

■ Ever After Productions Summer Performing Arts Camps: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. July 19-23 or August 9-13. Ages 5 and older. Summit on the Park. Fee is \$125. Kids will sing, act, and dance. A performance and reception will end this creative,

fun-filled week. ■ Summer Camp in the Spotlight: 10

a.m. -3 p.m. July 26-August 6. AGes 9-14. Summit on the Park, Canton. Fee is \$250. Spotlight Players will hold a two-week youth drama camp to give children the opportunity to work on acting techniques. The camp features theater games with a specific teaching purpose and it will end with a staged musical performance of Canterbury Tales.

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NEW PROGRAMS

Pheasant Run, Canton's 27hole golf course is now offering new programs and discounts. Programs include:

- Junior Golf Clinic: 10-11 a.m. or 11 a.m. to noon, July 19-22. Fee.
- Beginning Ladies Golf Clinic: Fee.

For available discounts, call the Pheasant Run Golf Club at (734) 397-6460.

CHERRY HILL INVITATIONAL

When the Village Theater at Cherry Hill opens in September, guests will also be treated to the new Cherry Hill Invitational Fine Arts and Antiques Show Sept. 18 and 19 in Cherry Hill Village.

Artists and antique dealers are wanted and are asked to apply by July 14 to Cherry Hill Invitational, Beechwood Inc. P.O. Box 87382, Canton, 48187.

The show will debut at 10

a.m. and run through 6 p.m. Sept. 18 and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept.

For more information, call Kris Darby at (734) 398-6598.

SOUNDS OF SUMMER

The Thursday Night Concert Series in the Heritage Park amphitheater continues with Trilogy at 7:30 p.m. July 1. All concerts are free. Bring chairs and blankets.

SCHOOLHOUSE ROCKS

The historic Cherry Hill School will rock with free outdoor concerts at 7:30 p.m. July 13 with the Missing Link, an energetic and humorous blend of strings and vocal harmonies.

DINO DAYS

The aquatics center at the Summit on the Park will take you back to the Middle Ages with Medieval Mania 7-9 p.m. Friday, July 9. Guests will participate in a water joust or become royalty by making a crown. Court jesters will teach juggling. Fee is \$4.50 for Summit members, \$5 for residents and \$6.50 for non-residents.

COACH OPENINGS

Plymouth High School has openings for coaches for the 2004-05 school year.

The school needs coaches for boys' freshman soccer and basketball, varsity cross country for boys and girls, and a girls' freshman basketball coach.

Interested applicants should send a resume to Athletic Director Terry Sawchuck, Plymouth High School, 8400 N. Beck Road, Canton, MI 48187. For more information, call (734) 582-5700.

KIWANIS BREAKFASTS

The Kiwanis Club of

Plymouth-Canton Breakfast sponsors a series of pancake breakfasts at the Masonic Temple in downtown Plymouth to raise money to support its projects, and the breakfast Saturday is a special one.

Father's attending Saturday's breakfast get their tickets for \$1 off. Breakfast is served from 8-11 a.m. July 10, Aug. 7 and Sept. 4. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 6-12. Children age 5 and younger served free.

Proceeds from the breakfasts - which include all-you-caneat eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy and coffee, tea or juice — support community activities such as an annual scholarship, sweatsuits for First Step, Bentley Elementary School read-a-thon, church directories for area hotels/motels, Halloween Costumes for hospitalized children, Youth Leadership Canton and Leadership Plymouth.

The Masonic Temple is located at 730 Penniman.

DEATHS

For the Record appears in every edition of the Observer & Eccentric

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's Observer Life section in Passages on page C5.

Elmer John Fick, of Redford

Bloomfield, died June 23. Shirley A. Kudla, 73, of Livonia, died

June 23.

died June 18.

died June 22.

June 22.

Fotene "Fay" Karmanos, of West

Margurerite "Rita" M. McKinney, 84, of Farmington Hills, died June

Jason R. Moricz, 33, of Garden City,

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'A parent's worst nightmare'

Friends find themselves in line of fire at Freedom Festival fireworks show

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

John Thackaberry didn't need to watch the news to hear about the shooting spree during the Freedom Festival Fireworks Wednesday.

He heard about it directly from his son Chris's fiancee, Jane Peterman of Livonia, calling from the back seat of Detroit Police squad car to tell them that Chris's buddy, Bryant Bevan, and his friend, Laurie Foster, were among the nine people wounded.

"It's a parent's worst nightmare," said Thackaberry. "We were in bed when we got the

Bryant and Foster were house

guests at the Thackaberrys making a 12-hour stop while in route to his family home in Pennsylvania. The Thackaberrys and their guests went to dinner, then the young people decided to go downtown.

They were in the wrong place at the wrong time," said Laurie's father, Mike Foster, who with her mother, Meg, flew in from Seattle Thursday morning. "The doctor said it looks like Laurie will make a complete recovery. Hopefully, there will be no lasting effects although she will needa personal escort through the metal detector at airports."

Thursday evening, doctors operated on her shattered left arm, putting into two steel

plates to tie the bones together. She also was shot in the but-

Bryant who was standing to her right was shot four times, first in the foot, then twice in the leg. The fourth shot in his upper buttocks came after he had fallen down.

"I really didn't know what was happening," said Bryant, who graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy with Thackaberry June 2. "I felt the crowd push and heard the shot. I thought it was a firecracker.

We really didn't have a choice as to where to run, and we ended up running down the corridor where the bullets were flying."

Chris was standing to the right of Bryant with Peterman and saw the shooting unfold.

"It seems like there was a group of four, five guys to the left who pushed the guy from the group," Chris said. "The first shot he was leaning back and he kept firing until he hit the ground. He landed on a woman's blanket next to her little kid. He got up and walked

away and left the gun. That's how police got the gun."

Chris watched as the man, believed to be a 32-year-old Detroiter, shot a man in the chest and a woman in the back and watched them fall to the ground. That's when he and Peterman fell to the ground.

"We were inches from Bryant and Laurie," he said. "We fell back and to the right and they were unlucky and moved in the direction of the bullets."

While Chris saw Bryant loaded into an ambulance, he and Peterman weren't sure what had happened to Laurie. Fearing she was lost in the crowd, he searched the area with a Detroit police officer while Peterman waited in the police car. They gave up when the fireworks display was end-

Little did they know that because of the injury to her arm, she was among the first to be sent to Detroit Receiving Hospital.

Chris and Peterman were taken to the fifth floor of

Detroit Police Headquarters, and while there, a emergency room nurse, a staff sergeant in the Air Force, called him to let him know how Bryant and

Laurie were doing.
"I knew more about what was going on at the hospital than the police," said Chris. "I ended up telling them what was going on there."

While the Thackaberrys got their call around 10:30 p.m., it was about 1 a.m. when the vibration of his cell phone woke up Bryant's father, Ron, who was on a business trip.

"They said he had been shot and that he was fine," said Bevan. "But it didn't equate ...

him being fine and being shot." According to Bevan, his son has been known to visit emergency rooms when on vacation. Bryant explained it as putting himself in situations where he's prone to injuries.

"I was actually being good this time," he said.

Bevan came to Detroit while his wife stayed in Pennsylvania where she was picking up several cadets at Dover Air Force

Base in Delaware. They had been on Bryant's track team and were returning from Europe.

Both Chris and Bryant will begin flight training in January, and Bevan doesn't expect it will hurt his son's career even though one bullet was within a half inch of shattering his femur and the other was within a cen-

timeter of his spine. "It's a miracle," he said. "We're fortunate the Lord was looking over and keeping him safe. His injuries are mild in comparison to what could have happened.

"It shouldn't hurt his career, but we'll have a flight surgeon at McGuire Air Force Base (in

New Jersey) take a look at him." On Friday, Bevan and his son headed to Detroit to see Laurie one last time before driving back to Pennsylvania. Before leaving, Chris summed up their feelings about attending other fireworks displays.

"It's not the fireworks I'm

scared of, just the guns," he said. "It can't happen twice, can it?" Bryant added.

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The following is the schedule for Canton Leisure Services June 21-27. For more information, call the department at (734) 394-5460 or log on to leisure.cantonmi.org All activities listed below are free and at the Summit on the Park unless otherwise noted.

- Now-July 4: Oil & Acrylic Workshop, 6:30-9 p.m. All ages.
- Now-Aug. 11: Latin Dance, 6:15-7:45 p.m. Ages 16 and older.
- June 24: Improv Night with 94 EAST, 8-10 p.m. Ages 18 and
- June 24: Introduction to Reflexology, 6-9 p.m. Ages 18 and
- older. Fee. ■ June 24-July 15: Super
- Science, 6:30-8 p.m. Ages 6-10.
- June 24-Aug. 5: Walk Michigan, 5:30-7 p.m. All ages.
- June 25: Schoolhouse Rocks Detroit Brass, 7:30 p.m. Cherry Hill School.

June 25-27: USSSA Boys' Baseball State Tournament at Canton Softball Center. Fee.

- June 25: Dinosaur Days, 7-9 p.m. Family. Aquatic Center. Fee.
- June 26: Let's Get Acquainted Tea, 1-3 p.m. All ages. Bartlett-Travis House. Fee. ■ June 26: Woop-de-do-Hair
- Dos, 10 a.m.-noon. Ages 9-13. Fee. ■ June 26-Aug. 7: Pint-Size Pottery, 11 a.m.-noon. Ages 6-11.
- June 26-Aug. 7: Say Hola to Spanish, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Ages 3-
- June 27: Menopause The Musical, 10:35 a.m.-5:15 p.m. Ages 18 and older. Gem Theater.
- June 28: Lifestyle Weight Management, 7:15-9 p.m. Ages 16 and older. Fee.
- June 28-July 1: Chess Camp, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Ages 6-12. Fee
- June 28-July 2: Summer Camp - Ford Rouge Factory Tour, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Grades 1-5 completed. Fee

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Board praises Crawl for the grub at departing Givens popular chamber event

STAFF WRITER

Elizabeth Givens of Canton Township attended her final school board meeting as a member of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Tuesday night.

After serving two terms and eight years, Givens decided not to seek re-election in the June 14 school board election.

Board members praised Givens for her years of service, including as board president for two years from 2001-03. Board member Mark Slavens

said Givens' greatest accomplishment came during discussions on where to build Plymouth High School.

"There was a real conflict in the community, the school district, within the school buildings, with this board," said

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Slavens, "and Liz, somehow, put together a plan that took the best of both of those ideas ... that was keeping the third school with the other two and allowing movement for the 11th- and 12th-graders, while creating smaller learning communities for the ninth- and 10th-graders.

"That's a legacy that will live a long time in this district and help a lot of children," he said.

"I always felt that you were more confident than any of us in making decisions," said board President Judy Mardigian. "You made an excellent contribution to our district and you will be remembered."

Barry Simescu of Plymouth will take over the seat vacated by Givens at the board's July 6 meeting.

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The popular event is sponsored by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Township. It is designed to highlight area restaurants and to bring people together.

Tickets are \$30 and are now available at the Canton Chamber of Commerce, 5820 Canton Center Road, Suite 110, Canton. The event is open to the public. Tickets are available on first-come, first-serve basis. Guests must be at least 21 years of age. Buses and passenger vans will be available to transport guests to all participating restaurants. When you buy your ticket, you will receive a Grub Crawl t-shirt that is your ticket to the event.

Here's how Grub Crawl works:

start at each restaurant. Guests will arrive at restaurant, park their car, sample free food, enjoy entertainment (if available) purchase drinks (if they wish) and then catch the trolley and be transported to another restaurant. The vans and buses will drop off/pick up guests throughout the evening (they will stop at participating restaurants approximately every 15-20 minutes). At the end of the evening the buses will take patrons back

You're not required to dress up like this grub, but you'll have just as much fun at the 3rd Annual Grub Crawl, July 20. Sponsored by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Township, the event includes a host of restaurants. Tickets are \$30 and available at the chamber, (734)

to restaurant where they started. The last bus will depart at 9:45

Restaurants that will participate include: 4 Friends Restaurant, Ashoka Indian Cuisine, Bailey's Pub & Grille, Carrabba's Italian Grill, Chili's Bar & Grille, Crow's Nest, Damon's, LaShish, Mexican Fiesta II, Palermo's Pizzeria, Roman Forum, Rusty Nail, Shark's Club, T.C. Gator's, T.G.I.

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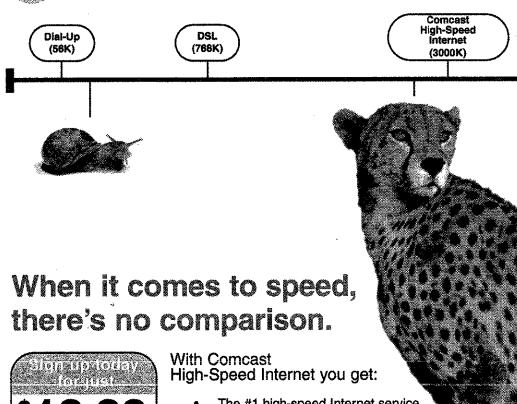
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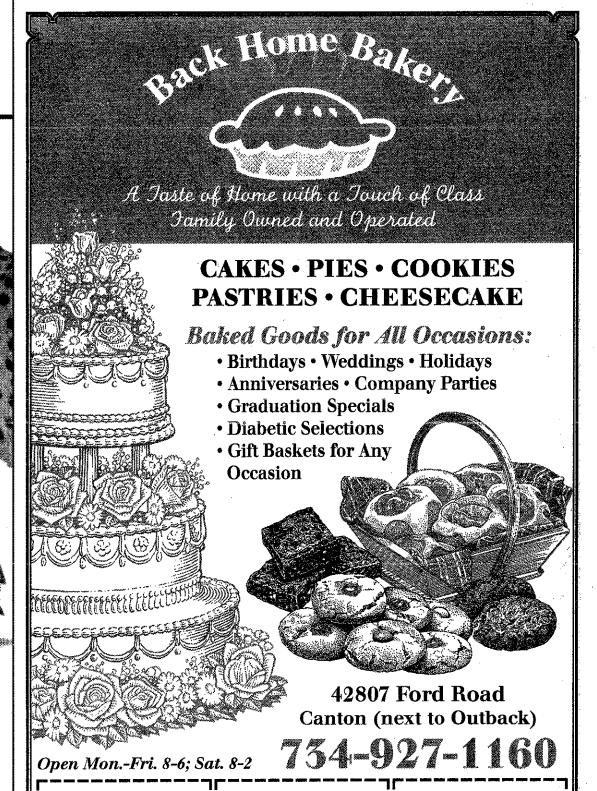
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Dog's best friend?

'Pawfessionals' make life comfy for pets

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI CORRESPONDANT

Karen Lundhild says dog sitting isn't a luxury, but

"I don't think it's pampering at all," said Lundhild, who lives in Canton with her husband, Kevin, and their dog, Lady.

Having Roberta Cubbin come once a day, an average of three times a week, to walk Lady is "just part of good pet care," Lundhild said.

"My dog looks for her on the days when I don't need her," Lundhild said. "My dog misses her and expects me to walk her at the same time Roberta is

In fact, Cubbin has been visiting the Lundhild residence since she started her "pawfessional" pet sitting company in 1998. It's a full-time job for her, as well as her fiancé and business partner, John Chapman.

Lundhild says she especially likes that Cubbin was a veterinarian technician before starting her business, because she comes to the job with a lot of experience working with animals. Cubbin, a Wayne resident, noticed that Lundhild's other dog, Max, had a health problem that the veterinarian missed. That dog died a month later. But Lundhild remains a big fan of Cubbin's.

They met in 1998 when Lundhild worked eight to 12 hours a day and wanted someone to let her

"If you're going to have a dog, you have to take into consideration that it can't be left like a cat," she said. "It needs to be walked and let out of the house."

An added benefit, Lundhild says, is that she enjoys having someone watching her house when she's not there.

"We bring in the mail, water plants, turn on the sprinklers, take out the garbage, alter the blinds and bring in flyers and packages that could be a red flag that they're on vacation," Cubbin said.

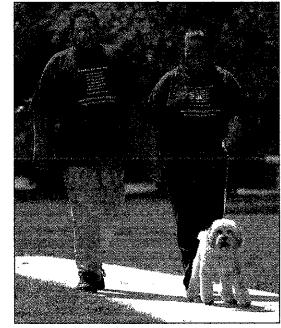
Cubbin started the business when she worked as a vet tech and clients, who were in a bind, had nowhere to leave their pets when they went on vacation.

"When I was growing up I wasn't allowed to have animals and I would go to our neighbor and ask if I could walk their dogs," said Cubbin, who studied to be a teacher at Eastern Michigan University. "They got free service when I was little. Now I get paid to do what I always loved to do."

Lady is among 62 Comfy Creatures clients in Livonia, Westland, Canton, Plymouth, Belleville, Garden City, Wayne and Romulus.

"Some dogs need extra attention or extra care and some clients want to pamper their pets," said Cubbin, explaining that she provides whatever they need, which might include more than one visit in a day. "Most of our customers treat their pets like they're their children.

"A lot of people enjoy the benefits of a pet sitter over going to a kennel, because the animals aren't exposed to other animals where they can pick up upper respi-



John Chapman and Roberta Cubbin of Canton walk Maggie in a nearby park.

ratory problems or fleas," said Cubbin, who comes home to a house full of pets - four cats, a dog, a bunny and two fish. She's insured and bonded.

Clients who have multiple animals find it's usually cheaper to hire a pet sitter than to place them in a kennel, she added.

The cost for a 30-minute visit when clients are out of town is \$14; an overnight stay that lasts a minimum of 12 hours is \$70; a 20-minute visit for a walk, puppy care or to administer medication is \$12. She trims nails for \$12.

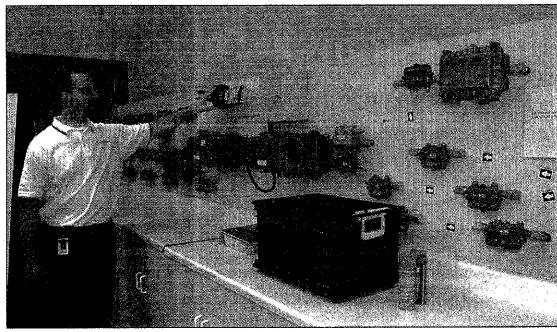
Along with giving pets "potty breaks," Cubbin says, her visits provide entertainment and exercise and she will even provide post-surgery care. They also help clients house train puppies by making mid-day visits to reinforce commands that the owners are trying to teach.

Sometimes clients will call with special needs. For instance, during the power outage last August, some pet owners asked Comfy Creatures to make visits to their homes to comfort their dogs who are frightened during storms.

We have clients who call us up and say, 'Can you close our windows, because it's starting to rain?" Cubbin said. "There are several clients who call and say, 'Will you come, because I'm locked out?' That's a free service."

Keep in mind, too, Cubbin says, it's not only a service for dogs and cats. Cubbin and Chapman have taken care of everything from goats to ferrets, bunnies and a four-foot iguana.

Call Comfy Creatures at (734) 721-3767 or go to www.comfycreatures.com for more information.



Technical Operations Manager Ed Beltowski explains the training board where employees can learn the workings of typical field equipment they will encounter on the job.

Better service, new station

Comcast unveils new \$21 million facility

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

In its spanking-new, \$21 million facility on Concept Drive in Plymouth Township, Comcast - serving Canton Township - offers state-of-theart equipment, plus various amenities for some 625

employees the building houses. Most importantly, according to company officials, the cable giant will now be able to offer higher quality customer service designed to keep up with the times in the fast-changing cable environment.

From its new 103,000square-foot perch, Comcast will be able to offer round-the-clock service from its call center and technical operations center.

"Our customers watch televi-

sion and surf the Internet 24 hours a day, and we want to match our products to that," said Kevin Gardner, Comcast's Detroit West area vice president. "We felt it was important to have Comcast-trained people on hand to help them."

Comcast unveiled its new home in an invitation-only ceremony recently that included U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter and various other state and local elected officials. The building combines the call center Comcast had on Beck Road and the technical operations services the company previously housed in Livonia.

Combining the operations in its Plymouth Township allows for a "seamless experience" for Comcast's customers, according to Gardner.

We really felt for as seamless an experience as possible for the customer, we needed to be in one building," Gardner said.

Built on a former brownfield site, the Comcast facility incorporates a walking path and a river garden that helps filter a

lot of residue, according to Louise Beller, director of corporate affairs.

"It's very environmentally friendly," she said.

Perhaps the biggest benefit to the new facility, according to Gardner, is training and communication. The call center and the technical operations center are located in such a way that communication between employees is easy and frequent.

That kind of communication allows for customer service employees to keep abreast of the changes in products from cable offers to high-definition TV to the Internet — Comcast offers. The facility also houses "Comcast University," extensive training for employees, supervisors and managers, including initial and developmental training.

"Employees have to have widespread knowledge of the products we offer," Beller said. "It's not just cable anymore."

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TRAINING COMPLETE

Army Pvt. Jeffrey M. Fabry has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training

Plymouth-Canton High School, Canton, Mich.

WEST POINT GRAD

Craig B. Cochran, a lifetime resident of Van Buren Township and 1999 graduate of Belleville High School, will graduate from the United States Military Academy at West Point, May 29, with degrees in economics and system engineering.

Cochran comes from a long line of military men. His great-grandfather Kenneth D. Cochran was a major in the army who served in both World Wars.

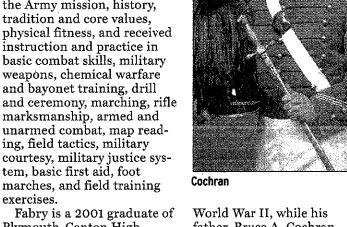
His grandfather Douglas A. Cochran, served as a corporal in the marines and served in

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father, Bruce A, Cochran served in the army 1970-1973.

Acceptance to the academy is most often gained by demonstrating academic excellence and superior physical fitness. However, Craig gained acceptance through his love for, and ability to play, soccer, according to his father.

To meet the academic challenges at the academy, Craig was required to attend the United States Military Academy Prep School at Fort Monmouth, NJ. As a Plebe (freshman) at "The Point," Cochran realized his life long dream of playing NCAA, Div 1A soccer, and earned his varsity letter.

Before his Yearling (sophomore) year, Craig's soccer career ended. A decision regarding his priorities had to be made. He chose to stop playing soccer in order to ensure his successful completion of the academic requirements and graduate from West Point.

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Last week wasn't ordinary for Thaddeus McCotter.

On Wednesday morning, Livonia's 11th District Republican congressman would have had a full slate of committee meetings. On this Wednesday, his only obligation would be at 1 p.m. - a oneminute tribute on the House floor to Ronald Reagan.

"I was a freshman at Catholic Central when he became president. He was the first person I could vote for for president and I did," McCotter said.

The conservative patriarch of the GOP has been a major influence on the self-described conservative lawmaker.

"When Jerry Ford became president, that was cool because you had a guy from Michigan," McCotter said. "After Ford lost to some guy from Georgia, to a lot of people my age, we said we don't have a president anymore. Then as circumstances developed with Carter it became a question of competence to do

When Reagan came in, a lot of my friends were more energized by him than I was. I wasn't particularly interested in politics but felt he'd do better than the guy that was in

McCotter said it got down to a simple equation, what Reagan did worked and things Carter did didn't work.

For McCotter, Reagan had a clear ideological approach to issues. Even as successful as Democrat Bill Clinton was, McCotter said he lacked a clear focus and failed to establish a strong centrist Democratic Party in the way Reagan put a conservative

stamp on the GOP.

NOT ORDINARY TIMES

This unusual week of tributes, solemn corteges, Capitol viewings and a state funeral had one up side for the congressman. He thought he might be able to duck out for a few minutes to see an exhibit of photographs of the Beatles' first U.S. visit at the Smithsonian's American History

A guitarist who occasionally sits in with his brother's band, McCotter has often said his first influences were the legends of rock. In his outer office at Suite 415 of the Cannon House Office Building, the walls are adorned with posters for the Beatles' exhibit. In his office, along with several reproductions of paintings by John Singer Sargent is the framed cover of Bob Dylan's transitional Bringing It All Back Home album.

McCotter has also missed seeing an exhibit on Winston Churchill and the FDR Memorial.

"I don't get to go anywhere," he said.

He's tied to his office, to committee meetings and to an insistent bell that demands his attendance to vote.

He started this day, however, with baseball practice in Alexandria. He plays outfield for the congressional baseball team. In July, the team will play its annual charity game at a minor league field in Maryland.

"(Former Plymouth Congressman) Carl Pursell is actually in the congressional baseball hall of fame. He was a first baseman all those years," McCotter said with obvious admiration.

He said in the past members have even played at the service academies. Last year, they lost by a respectable score of 6-0 in a game at West Point.

The rest of a member's day is unpredictable.

You get a lot of visitors during budget time ... That's when people come in. They want you to sign letters. You can run them pretty steady. We always want to meet with people from the district and then we prioritize,"

McCotter said.

In Washington, McCotter has a five-person staff plus an intern. In Livonia, he has seven people working constituent service. He is budgeted "roughly a million dollars" to cover staff

salaries and office expenses. "If I go over, it comes out of my personal pocket," he said.

McCotter serves on three committees - Budget, International Relations and Small Business.

"In the afternoon, that thing (the bell) will start going off for the House to vote 15 minutes, five minutes. I would have to run over, vote, run back. Keep up with the mail. It's much more physically demanding than I expected," he said.

GETTING HEARD

McCotter pointed to a stack of letters that he will sign. He said he often hears from constituents that he hasn't answered their last letter. They often make the mistake of sending their letters to Washington. All congressional mail is diverted to Cincinnati for screening. Mailing letters to Livonia or e-mailing guarantees a quicker response.

His office is good-sized and comfortably furnished with black leather chairs. In addition to the wall decorations, he has some personal touches, including family photos and a small Irish flag on his desk.

When not working, McCotter lives in a basement apartment in the city. He said some members live in their offices, humorously dubbed Club Fed. A few veteran congressional leaders have second homes. But McCotter is always quick to catch a plane back to Livonia. "I've never been able to sleep

away from home very well." he said.

This week, McCotter will have his wife, Rita, and three children with him in Washington for a few days. He is looking forward to taking son George, 11, on to the House floor. Children aren't allowed on the House floor after they turn 12. Then the family will do some of the more kidfriendly sights - son Timothy is 9, daughter Emilia is 7 - before driving home to Livonia.

Reagan was major influence on McCotter District sets school opener as Aug. 30

School has only been out for two weeks, but students and their parents already know when the school bell will ring for the start of the 2004-05 school year.

Exercising its right under state law, the district has set Monday, Aug. 30, as the first day of school as part of a tentative school calendar.

In a letter sent home to parents, Superintendent Greg Baracy said the district took the step because "no agreement has been reached concerning next year's school calendar" as part of ongoing negotiations with the Wayne-Westland Education Association.

"The district understands that families and employees plan around the school calendar and substantial hardship and inconvenience can result when the calendar is unsettled," Baracy said.

The tentative calendar covers August and September. The first week of school will be Aug. 30-Sept. 3. School will be in session for full days Aug. 30-Sept. 2, and recessed on Sept. 3 and 6 as part of the Labor Day observance.

The district also announced that Wednesday, Sept. 22, will be a half day of school with no instruction in the afternoon.

In the letter, Baracy said state law allows the district to establish the first day of school, however, the remainder of the school calendar must be negotiated with the teachers union. He also stressed that the "calendar is tentative" and subject to those negotiations."

He added that changes to the tentative calendar will be posted on the district's Web site at www.wwcsd.net, its cable TV channel - Channel 19 on Comcast and Channel 14 on WOW and, if need be, by mail.

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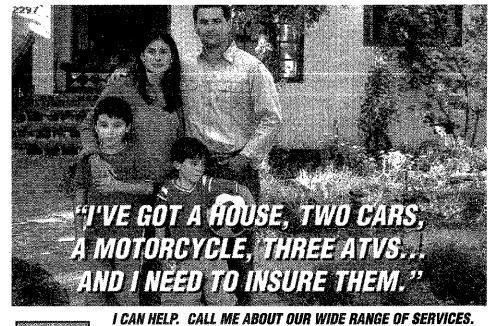
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Study on alternative water supply source makes sense for Oakland

everal communities in Oakland, Macomb and Genesee counties have joined together to study the feasibility of providing an alternative water supply to that offered by the Detroit Water and Sewerage

Department. I wholeheartedly support that effort and have taken a leadership role to help the communities I serve join in this important undertaking.

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John McCulloch

include consideration of alternative water providers in the event that we have another major power outage such as occurred last summer.

We all remember the inconvenience when that power outage caused significant disruption of our water supply facilities. This proposed planning initiative addresses that kind of accident, whether natural or man-made, and it also takes into consideration the more important aspect of an ongoing security assessment effort as part of our homeland security measures.

Macomb and Genesee communities already are in the process of determining the feasibility of building a water treatment plant that could serve the tri-county area. It is exceedingly uncomfortable to think about it, but we must be mindful of the reality that we live in a world where ter-

rorism, whether domestic or foreign, is a fact of life. Recognizing that the majority of communities in Oakland and Macomb counties rely on Detroit for water, there is a widespread potential danger if there is a terrorist attack.

Even if only a small portion of the water supply were compromised in an attack, the confidence in the entire system would be in jeopardy. In other words, a small contamination would have the same psychological impact as total contamination. That's why I endorse a regional approach with several water providers by truly decentralizing the system.

The more partners we have in this equation, the better it is. More and more Oakland County communities are signing up. The idea behind the study is to provide a reasonable measure of reliability and security. If one system goes down or is somehow compromised. there still would be a partnering system to provide backup.

It is evident that my primary concern today is backup reliability and security. For that reason, I believe it is important for Detroit to participate. I envision a situation where these alternative sources could provide backup to Detroit and vice versa.

Admittedly, it will be expensive to develop this program. It's ambitious, but it is a matter of security and public health. Those two factors should override collateral concerns. As I've said before, I don't know of anyone who wants to compromise water quality. This is a bold step, but if we are to complete this journey, it's one we need to take.

John McCulloch is the Oakland County drain commissioner.

Fixing problems with DWSD isn't a task for state's politicians

recent public hearing held in Bloomfield Township by state legislators on the practices of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department

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third and final hearing conducted by the House Select Committee on the DWSD, a committee Taub proposed and chairs. The meeting was attended by less than a handful of area residents, which would seem to indicate that interest in the issue is no longer as strong as Taub and LaJoy had either thought or hoped.

According to Taub, the committee is looking at several aspects of the DWSD, including departmental efficiency and its rate-setting and security policies. But make no mistake, the ever-increasing water rates were the main topic of discussion at the hearing.

It's no secret that over the course of the last couple of years, Detroit has endured the wrath of suburban leaders and residents, who are upset about annual increases in water and sewer rates. And for good reason. A number of investigations have proved the DWSD, which supplies water to 4 million people in 126 communities, has had serious problems, from leaky water pipes to confusing rate-setting policies.

But all of those issues either have been or are currently being addressed by the bipartisan Southeast Michigan Consortium for Water Quality, which is trying to resolve the dispute between Detroit and its disgruntled suburban customers in a non-political format.

The 40-member group of government, business and environmental leaders from both the city and the suburbs. led by federal Judge John Feikens, has made great strides to find common ground, evidenced by Detroit's decision this week to share more financial information with its suburban customers.

When Taub introduced the resolution to form the committee in October, she said it is going to take regional cooperation to fix the DWSD's problems. She also said it's time to quit pointing fingers and find a workable solution. But it seems the very objective of these hearings, and the committee itself, is to point fingers at the inefficiencies of Detroit, which has already been made clearly evident.

Ironically, the three people who testified at the June 7 hearing - Oakland County Drain Commissioner John McCulloch; Wayne Domine, superintendent of the Bloomfield Township water department; and John Schandevel, engineer for the Southeast Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) all suggested that communication between Detroit and the suburbs has greatly improved.

"Detroit has made great strides in the last year in explaining the rates," Domine said.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Taub said the committee will issue a full report of the committee's findings in July, and will recommend legislative changes if they are needed. But it's hard to imagine what the committee might determine that hasn't already

been said. Both Taub and LaJoy are up for re-election, and it doesn't hurt either of their causes to grandstand on this issue. Taking potshots at Detroit is easy and has never hurt the career of a suburban politician.

But fixing the DWSD is a regional problem that must have a regional solution. Politicizing the issue and pointing fingers at Detroit is the surest way to cause further division.

Taub and the state Legislature should get out of the way and let the consortium do its job. If at some point the members of the consortium come back and say they failed, then it will be time for legislative solutions.

Kurt Kuban reports on regional issues for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. He welcomes feedback at (248) 901-2536 or e-mail him at kkuban@oe.homecomm.net

Time to repeal

law is now

This is in response to Richard Miller's opinion about repealing the mandatory helmet law in Michigan.

H.B. 4325 is an adult choice helmet bill similar to Florida's helmet law. Only riders with a minimum of two years experience or who have passed a safety class and who are 21 years of age or older would have a choice of whether to wear a helmet or not.

There are now 31 states where, as an adult, I have the choice of wearing a helmet or not. If what Mr. Miller says is true, why haven't insurance

companies raised their rates in states that have repealed their mandatory helmet laws? Here in Michigan, I have to wear a helmet. Why aren't my insurance rates cheaper than in states where I don't have to wear a helmet?

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation did a study after they repealed their helmet law. They determined that, in fatal motorcycle accidents, 28-29 percent of fatalities were from head injuries. Of them, a slightly higher percentage of the victims were wearing a helmet compared to the victims who were not.

N.H.S.T.A. recently released motorcycle fatality statistics for

2003. There were a little over 3,000 motorcycle fatalities in the U.S. last. A higher percentage of the victims were wearing a helmet compared to those who were not.

Mr. Miller claims that, by repealing the helmet law, Michigan citizens will be burdened with \$140 million in added economic costs. For what? He does not say. The fact is, more states are repealing their helmet laws, because they are finding out this is not true. Mandatory helmet use does not reduce fatalities.

There is no truth to the claim that the public will have to pay more in taxes or insurance for "incapacitating, cata-

strophic injuries that are likely to occur from hitting the pavement at high speed without a helmet or insurance," according to Mr. Miller. In fact, the costs associated with the treatment of motorcyclists injuries account for less than 1/10 of one percent of total U.S. health care costs. (National Center for Health Statistics)

Michigan's economy will actually get a boost from tourism dollars, if the helmet law is changed. The time to change Michigan's mandatory helmet law is long overdue. I urge state legislators to vote yes on H.B. 4325.

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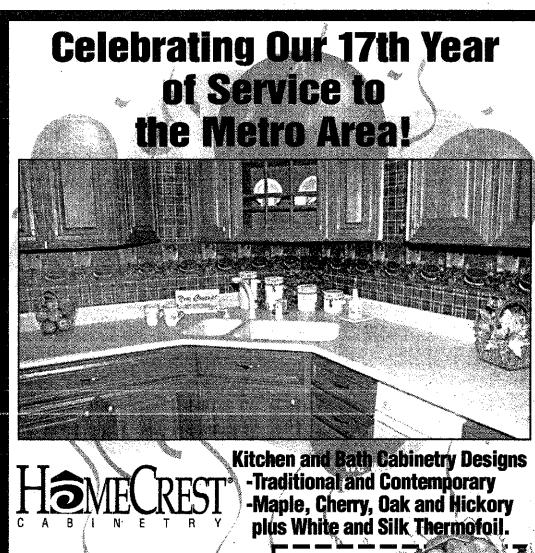


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Ernie Harwell leads walks throughout the state

Walking is booming among boomers. In a national survey by Harris Interactive published in 2003, baby boomers (the survey targeted a group of more than 1,000 adults age 44 to 56) rated walking as the No. 1 form of exercise they plan to pursue when they retire. Can walking be good for all ages? Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network are working to make the answer "yes."

The Michigan Blues are sponsoring a second round of free WalkingWorks fitness walks led by the company's health and fitness advocate, legendary baseball broadcaster Ernie Harwell.

"Walking is good medicine. It's preventive – keeping your joints oiled and your body ready to go," Harwell said.

Harwell will lead walks scheduled for: today in Detroit; Sunday, July 25, in Lansing; Sunday, Aug. 1, in Grand Rapids; Saturday, Oct. 9, in Marquette; and Saturday, Oct. 30, in Frankenmuth.

The Detroit walk will start at 11 a.m. in the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan courtyard at Congress and the I-75 service drive in downtown Detroit. Registration, warm ups, family festivities and a Harwell autograph session begin around 9 a.m.

This year the Detroit walk will end at Comerica Park just prior to pre-game festivities honoring the 1984 Tigers World Series championship team. Walkers pre-registering with the Blues before June 20 will be eligible for a \$10 discount on \$20 tickets to see the Tigers play the Arizona Diamondbacks. The game will have a reunion theme in honor of the 1984 World Series champions.

In the spirit of reunion, several Tiger legends and other sports greats and celebrities will join Harwell for a prewalk pep rally in the Blues courtyard. Confirmed to date are '84 Tigers Tom Brookens, Darrell Evans and Dave Bergman. Also joining in are former Piston and current announcer Rick Mahorn, former Lion Lem Barney, former MSU basketball great Greg Kelser and - to help everyone get moving - Motown legend Martha Reeves.

June is Adopt-a-Cat Month

Throughout the month of June, the Michigan Humane Society celebrates the wonders of our feline friends during Adopt a Cat month. Although cats have surpassed dogs as the most popular pet, the reality is that it is more difficult to find homes for cats than for dogs.

To make finding homes a greater challenge, spring and summer brings an influx of homeless cats and kittens to shelters. The Michigan Humane Society's three shelters typically take in hundreds of cats and kittens each month; however that number can increase to the thousands during the spring and summer months.

National statistics show that only 3 percent of cats brought to shelters find a home. While the Michigan Humane Society cat adoption numbers are considerably better at 30 percent, their goal is to dramatically increase cat adoptions in an effort to find a permanent, loving home for every adoptable cat or kitten at their shelters. Visit a Michigan Humane Society shelter in Detroit (313-872-3400), Rochester Hills (248-852-7420) or Westland (734-721-7300). Or, visit the web site at www.michiganhumane.org and click on "Adopt A Pet" to check out photos and detailed descriptions of many adoptable cats and kittens. Adoptable pet listings are updated daily and include contact information for the appropriate Michigan Humane Society shelter. The web site also provides a map to each shelter and shelter hours under "MHS Info."

The Michigan Humane Society is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to serving the animals since 1877. Additional pre-walk activities will appeal to all ages, from face painting and a visit from Tigers mascot "Paws" for children to massage therapy and Tai Chi for adults. All are free to registered walkers. People can register by phone at (800) 733-BLUE (2583) or online at www.bcbsm.com.

This year, the WalkingWorks program features a partnership among the Blues and other major downtown organizations, such as Compuware and the Federal Executive Board, which helps coordinate activities and pool resources of federal agencies in metropolitan Detroit.

At each WalkingWorks event, Michigan Blues organizers say they hope to not only encourage Michigan residents to make walking a regular habit, but also to raise awareness of the connection between physical activity and optimum

health

A majority of Michigan adults (53 percent) reported in 2002 that they do not meet recommended levels of physical activity (30 minutes a day for five or more days a week). Nearly a quarter of Michigan adults reported that they don't engage in any leisure time physical activity at all.

In the same year, 62 percent of Michigan adults were either overweight or obese. Michigan has the third highest rate of obesity in the nation.

A report released last year showed that the four million Michigan residents who are physically inactive generated costs of nearly \$8.9 billion in 2002, or \$1,175 for each adult. These costs are borne largely by employers – through health insurance premiums and lost productivy – and by the state,

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Plymouth resident Craig Werner, a student at Redford Catholic Central High School, eyes the path of a putt at Friday's Meijer Junior Players Tour played at Salem Hills Golf Course in Northville.

Local golfers find the fairway in junior event

The 174 iunior golfers who participated in Friday's Meijer Junior Players Tour event at Northville's Salem Hills Golf Course did their best to avoid two things that most kids on summer vaca-

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and-14 (years old) division with a 77.

Plymouth resident Patrick Gallagher matched Gerulis's 77, but it was only good enough for a tie for second in the boys 15and-up bracket. Wolverine Lake's Tony Lis edged Gallagher by firing a four-over 76. The 5-year-old

MJPT program is a 26-event circuit that attracts some of the top young golfers in Michigan to many of the state's premier courses. Players are awarded points depending on where they finish in the standings each week. The top point-earners at the end of the year are awarded trophies.

Registered players are eligible to compete in two events in the summer, but can earn additional berths with top-10 finishes.

"The turnout we had at Salem Hills this week was above average," said MJPT commissioner Alger Baker, who said the usual field of players aged 8 to 18 is in the 150 range. "Salem Hills is a ideal site for this kind of event because it is a quality course, but it is very playable for the younger golfers. We try to reserve the more difficult courses for our Power-Built tour, which draws older, more accomplished

PLEASE SEE GOLFERS, B5

Club attracts area's best **swimmers**

The Colony Swim Club's 25meter outdoor pool is much more than just a summer récreational hang-out for its hundreds of mem-

It's also a training facility for many of the elite youth swimmers in the Plymouth-Canton area.

The club, located one-quarter mile west of Plymouth High School off Beck Road, is the home of a competitive swim team that competes in the Summer Independent Swim League along with three clubs from Livonia and one from Northville.

"There are 182 members on the swim team between the ages of five and 18," said Robin Maslyk, the club's parent liaison. "In the summer, the kids practice about two hours a day and we have two meets a week. Each swimmer can swim in up to three events in a meet and the meets are divided into age groups."

Maslyk said both the boys' and girls' results are combined at the end of the meets when the final score is accumulated.

"The events available vary depending on the age groups of the kids," she said. "Some of the younger age groups swim shorter distances than the older ones. With as many kids as we have competing on our team, it's hard to let them all swim in more than three events. Meets last about two to two-and-ahalf hours as it is.

"The league is pretty competitive. There are two teams that usually battle it out for first place every year, but you never know what can happen." The team is coached by Kathy

Sonnanstine, who is the parent of a Colony Swim Club team member. "We're lucky to have Kathy as a

coach," Maslyk said. "She volunteers a lot of her time and does a great job."

'Challenge Special kids thrilled with

Sometimes the simplest things in life bring the greatest rewards.

Like when 11-year-old Connor Jablonowski of Garden City quit kicking the soccer ball with all his might to the opposite end of the soccer field and started passing it with purpose to his team-

A casual observer would not have been impressed by the basic maneuver. However, Connor's mom, Darlene, felt a sense of pride for her autistic son that words could not measure.

Connor's rapid improvement on the soccer field was honed on one of the mini-soccer fields located on the upper level of Canton's High Velocity

Sports facility. Connor, a student at Garden City's Burger School, is a participant in HVS's Soccer Challenge program, which gives physically and mentally challenged youngsters a chance to compete in soccer instead of watching the game from the sidelines.

"During the first week of the program, Connor would just walk up to the ball and kick it as far as he could," Darlene Jablonowski explained. "Now, after eight weeks, he's actually passing the ball and interacting with his teammates. He loves it, too. We have the schedule on the refrigerator and he'll remind me when it's time to play."

While Connor's enhanced

soccer moves are impressive, Darlene Jablonowski has gotten more satisfaction from another skill Connor has mastered while participating in the program.

"He's socializing with the other kids, which is something he had a hard time doing before," she said. "He'll go up and show another player his watch, things like that. This program has done a lot for him."

HVS's Drew Crawford said the program was the idea of his fellow employee, Tracy Thelen, who is the mother of a special-needs child.

"A lot of times, there isn't a lot offered for kids with disabilities," Crawford said. "So Tracy came up with the idea of

the Soccer Challenge so that these kids could get an opportunity to do something fun and athletic. It's been great so far. It's basically a clinic for the kids. They learn how to dribble, pass, shoot and work

The trainer for the eightweek program is Amy Gizicki, a member of the Salem girls soccer team.

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itive feedback from the par-

According to Darlene Jablonowski, Gizicki has used a perfect blend of patience and expertise to teach the kids

soccer fundamentals. "Amy has been absolutely great with the kids," she said.

PLEASE SEE CHALLENGE, B3

Coach turns soccer team around quickly

A year ago, Thurston's girls soccer team struggled to score — to put it politely.

The Eagles had a 1-13-1 record and were shut out in more games than they had total goals for the

A combination of moving down to the Mega Blue and Jason Brater becoming the new head coach paid immediate dividends. The Eagles went 11-7-1 overall and had an 11-0-1 record in the league. As a reward, Brater - a 31-year-old history teacher at the school - was named the Observerland coach of the year.

"We used a more aggressive style than we previously had," said Brater, a Cornell grad who had taken the 2003 season off from coaching, but had been a junior varsity and varsity assistant coach prior to that.

"The additions of Cindy Wyler and Bernadette Fisher helped

(with 37 goals and 28 assists). But the credit has to go all the way around. The girls were more like a team this year. Rather than each girl trying to score, the offense was trying to score. They would give up shots to pass for a better shot. They were unselfish all the way around."

As for the players on the Observerland girls soccer team, it's no surprise that it was dominated by teams from the Western Lakes Activities Association since the league had five schools ranked in the state's top 10 for much of the year.

Livonia Stevenson leads the way with three members on the team, while Salem, Canton and Livonia Ladywood have two each.

Redford Union, Garden City and Livonia Franklin have one member each. To see who they are, please turn

to page B2.

Salem's Marissa Sarkesian and Canton's Katie Esper battle for the ball during a game earlier this year. Sarkesian earned All-Area firstteam honors while Esper merited honorable mention recognition. For the complete All-Area team, see page B2.

Double winners

Livonia-based Waza Flo won the Western Suburban Soccer League's under-10 boys Select Division One title June 12 with seven wins and two ties. The next day the team won the Gold Division of the Novi Jaguar Invitational, beating the Michigan Wolves in double overtime with a penalty-kick shootout.

The tournament took place Memorial Day weekend, but the under-10 boys final had to be rescheduled because of rain.

The team members are Franco Fenech, Livonia; Jake Finkbiner, Farmington; Matt Trumbore, Novi; Casey Hagen, Plymouth Township; Adriel Neely, Farmington Hills; Joe Stephan, Plymouth; Logan Tigani, Livonia; Jeff Thomas, Livonia; Connor Furgason, Plymouth; Cameron Roberts, Redford; Christopher Clark, Farmington; and coach Dan Diac, Novi.

All-Star selection

Plymouth resident Laura Stewart has been named to a collegiate All-Star team that will play the Women's Olympic Softball team Friday at University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind.

The scheduled doubleheader is part of the preparation for the Women's Olympic team, which will participate in the Summer Olympics this August in Athens, Greece.

Stewart was selected as a pitcher against the Olympic team after having a record-breaking vear at Western Michigan Úniversity.

During this past sea-

son, Stewart set the single-season record for strikeouts (236) and wins (23) at WMU, and is ranked among the MAC leaders in nearly every pitching category. Stewart was also named: to the Academic All-Mid-American Conference First Team.

Grid tryouts

The Detroit Downriver Diesels' minor league football team will hold open tryouts at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 6.

The tryouts will be held at the Taylor Sportsplex, 13333 Telegraph Road in Taylor. The tryouts are open to those 18 and older and the fee is \$10 per person.

For more information, please call (313) 294-0890 or visit www.detroitdownriverdiesels.com.

Rock workouts

The Salem boys soccer team will hold optional conditioning workouts from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. beginning July 7 on the fields in front of the Phase III building adjacent to the high schools.

The workouts will continue every Monday, Wednesday and Friday until July 23.

Official tryouts for the team will begin Aug. 9. For more information, contact Salem coach Ed McCarthy at (248) 561-2846.

Melissa Dobbyn Liv. Stevenson



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Stefanie Stephens **Redford Union**



Holly Walker Garden City



Jamie Radley Liv. Stevenson



Andrea Johnson Canton



Marissa Sarkesian Salem



Lia Williamson Liv. Stevenson



Jordan Falcusan Salem



Sue Christenson Liv. Ladywood

Renee Farrell, Jr. Def., Liv. Franklin: The

As the leader of the defense at center-

"Renee anchored our backfield with con-

back, the Alf-Western Lakes selection helped

the Patriots limit 17 of their 19 opponents to

fidence," Franklin coach Jen Barker said.

"She is a smart player who reads the game

well and helps dictate play offensively and

defensively. One of her goals came off a 60-

yard dribble. She assisted on many quals on

either corner kicks or service from the back

defense and she helps to keep everyone

organized, and helps out blocking shots. She

uses her speed well to chase down forwards

or loose balls. She does a great job of limiting the other team's chances of getting

"Renee is a key component to our

junior started and played in 18 of 19 games

for 10-8-1 Franklin, scoring three goals.

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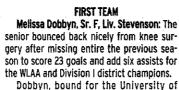
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well as first-team All-State in Division I, All-Region, All-District and All-Western Lakes. "Melissa's the best player in the state as far as I'm concerned." said Stevenson coach Chris Pinta of his team MVP. "She was always the most marked player on our team and the most marked player in the state. Heads were turning every time she runs and

hits the ball. She can do it all and she's the best player I've ever coached, boys or girls." Stefanie Stephens, Jr. F, Redford Union: There was no mystery in the Panthers' offense this season - Stephens was going to shoot the ball. And when she did, more

often than not, she scored. Stephens set a school record with 32 goals and added seven assists on the season in leading RU to a 10-7-1 overall mark and a second-place finish in the Mega White.

"Everyone knows we're going to her on every play and it makes no difference," said RU coach John Jazwinski of his all-Mega White player, "She's as good as I've seen against a quadruple team, and she sees that a lot. She's a target player.

Holly Walker, Jr. F. Garden City: Walker was the mainstay of the Cougars' offense averaging 77 minutes in her 18 games. But -she also scored 17 goals, had nine assists and was GC's first threat on offense.

"She probably should have had more assists, but we couldn't finish," said GC coach Bill Torni. "She has a good first touch, is a nice passer and very quick. She's a very

Walker, just a junior, was a first-team Mega Red selection.

Jamie Radley, Jr. F, Liv. Stevenson: The junior made third-team All-State in Division I along with reaping All-WLAA honors. She finished the year with 11 goals and nine assists.

"Jamie is the hardest worker I've ever seen," Pinta said, "She's extremely coachable and she's a student of the game. She always looking to get better, and she does game-by-game.

"We look to have her lead us next year." Andrea Johnson, Jr. F, Canton: The junior earned Ali-Division, All-Western Lakes, All-Regional and second-team All-State (Division 1) honors. She tallied a team-high 20 goals and four assists, leading the Chiefs to a 14-3-3 record.

"Andrea is a solid player who could play any position on the field, even keeper," said Canton coach Don Smith. "In most of our games she was the best player on the field. She has great field sense and can kick

ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS SOCCER TEAM

F-Melissa Dobbyn, Sr., Liv. Stevenson F-Stefanie Stephens, Jr., RU F-Holly Walker, Jr., Garden City F-Jamie Radley, Jr., Liv. Stevenson F-Andrea Johnson, Jr., Canton MF-Marissa Sarkesian, Sr., Salem MF-Lia Williamson, Jr., Liv. Stevenson D-Jordan Falcusan, Sr., Salem D-Sue Christenson, Sr., Liv. Ladywood D-Renee Farrell, Jr., Liv. Franklin D-Christine Williams Sr. Liv Ladywood GK-Brittany Cervi, Jr., Canton

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COACH OF THE YEAR Jason Brater, Redford Thurston HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Danielle Sollars, Stephanie Thom, Kellie Green; Franklin: Vanita Shukla, Shannon Powers, Carly Muncy, Jessica Austin; Stevenson: Lauren Brodie, Wendy Hoots, Andrea Muscat, Kelly Valdivia, Maureen Jackson, Caitlin Boyak, Dina Allie; Ladywood: Sandy Swish, Lauren Hess, Patti Hoeg, Mallory Brake; John Glenn: Kim Allen, Melissa Fredrick, Megan Johnson, Jessika Williams; Wayne: Jackie Dest; Erica Grysban, Jennifer Hardy, Ashley Britton, Becky Diehi; Lutheran Westland: Samantha Wiemer, Megan Bahr, Amanda Poole, Andrea Guse, Magon Jones; Garden City: Becky Carr; Redford Union: Jessica Petriches, Kelley Roberts, Amelia Richardson; Redford Thurston: Cindy Wyler, Tara Novak; Canton: Katie Esper, Megan Romer, Lisa Ealy, Katie Mills; Salem: Jennifer Murray, Genna Foster, Ashley Stoychoff; Plymouth: Courtney Pickard, Chelsey Quinlan; Plymouth Christian: Abby Lorion.

equally well with both feet."

Marissa Sarkesian, Sr. MF. Salem: The senior was voted All-Western Lakes, All-District, All-Regional and first-team All-State (Division 1). She scored 10 goals and dished out 18 assists, leading the Rocks to a 11-6-1

"Marissa is an extremely talented player who gets every member of the team involved when she's out there," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "She is very fast, very athletic and does a great job of being in the right position at the right time on the field."

Lia Williamson, Jr. MF, Liv. Stevenson: The junior made second-team All-State (Division I) as well as All-Western Lakes. She finished the year with 10 goals and five

"Lia is doing all her scoring from the midfield, which is pretty impressive," Pinta said. "She can finish, she's a leader, very

good with the ball and is a smart player. "Aside from (Melissa) Dobbyn, she's the smartest player on our team."

Jordan Falcusan, Sr. Def., Salem: The senior enjoyed a "dream" season that culminated in enough post-season hardware to fill a decent-sized trophy case. The Rocks' defensive catalyst racked up 16 goals and four

assists on her way to making the All-Division "Dream Team." All-Western Lakes. All-District and first-team All-State. "Jordan's biggest strength is her work

ethic," Salem coach Joe Nora said. "She outhustled everyone else on the field, plus, obviously, she has great skills. Her hard work amplified her skill level and made her a special player."

Sue Christenson, Sr. Def., Liv. Ladywood: The senior defender garnered first-team All-Observer honors for the second straight year while earning first-team Division II All-State accolades as well as All-Catholic League honors.

Christenson finished with three goals and six assists this season. She had 17 goals and 17 assists in her career.

"Sue has been a key player and the core of our defense the last four years," said Ladywood coach Jill Logsdon of the secondyear captain. "We had a young defense, but Sue and Christine (Williams) helped mold them into a powerful force.

"One amazing thing about Sue is her ability to generate offense from the sweeper position. She truly start our offensive attacks with her great vision. "We'll miss her presence on the field next

Christine Williams, Sr. Def., Liv. Ladywood: The senior defender started all four years for the Blazers and this season served as the team's stopper en route to All-Catholic League and Alf-District (Division II)

As a junior, Williams made All-Catholic, All-District and was honorable mention All-

State. She had one goal and two assists this season while marking the opponent's top Williams, who carries a 3.5 grade-point

average, also made the Division II Academic All-State team. She is headed to play this fall at the University of Findlay (Ohio).

"Christine has also been a key defensive player for us the last four years." Logsdon said. "Because I force her to play a very defensive role for us, she does not obtain many stats, but she is definitely a dominant player on our team,

"She is very strong in the air and plays with great intensity and passion. She has been an exceptional role model for her teammates and will be greatly missed." Brittany Cervi, Jr. GK, Canton: After play-

ing sparingly last year, Cervi established herself early this year and finished with 10 shutouts and a 14-3-3 record. She earned All-Conference and All-District recognition after allowing just 11 goals in 20 games.

"Brittany is not a big girl, but she is very tenacious and quick to the ball," said Canton coach Don Smith. "Early in the season, she wanted to come off the line a little too soon. but she was a fast learner as her record shows. For her to perform like she did this year after only playing in a couple of games last year was great."



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Inaugural Hershey's track and field event draws 80

Canton Township Leisure Services hosted its inaugural Hershey Track-and-Field event on June 22 at Plymouth High School. Over 80 boys and girls between the ages of nine and 14 participated in the competition, which was free for local residents.

"We were very pleased with the turnout," said Canton Township Leisure Services spokesperson Ann-Marie Carravallah. "We spread the word through the other camps and programs we put together, and I thought the number of participants we drew was very good for the first year."

Athletes were eligible to compete in a maximum of three events. The track events included the 50-, 100-, 200- and 400-meter dashes. The field events included the softball throw and the standing long jump.

Listed below are the results for this year's competition.

INAUGURAL CANTON LEISURE SERVICES HERSHEY'S TRACK-AND-FIELD RESULTS June 22, 2004, Plymouth High School 50-METER DASH

BOYS 9 & 10: 1, William Askew; 2. Devin McMillian; 3. Michael Akleh.

100-METER DASH

BOYS 9 & 10: 1. Mosea Miles; 2. Devin McMillian; 3. Rodger Macarthur. GIRLS 9 & 10:1. Jessica Rice; 2. Karah McKinney; 3. Alexandria Felts. BOYS 11 & 12: 1. Justin Robinson; 2. Steven Robinson; 3. Mitchell

GIRLS 11 & 12: 1, Jamie Fobar; 2. Marguerite Wooley; 3. Tracey Fu. BOYS 13 & 14: 1. Tyree Scott; 2. Sohii Sheth. 200-METER DASH

BOYS 9 & 10: 1. William Askew; 2. Mosea Miles; 3. Ryan Fobar. GIRLS 9 & 10: 1. Rachael Hille, 2. Jessica Rice; 3. Alexandria Felts. BOYS 11 & 12: 1. Andrew Kne; 2. Mitchell Vaughn; 3. Justin Robinson. GIRLS 11 & 12: 1. Jamie Fobar; 2. Kathy Belikov; 3. Tracey Fu. BOYS 13 & 14: 1. Tyree Scott; 2. Sohil Sheth.

SOFTBALL THROW BOYS 9 & 10: 1. Devin McMillian; 2. William Askew; 3. Daniel Derossa. GIRLS 9 & 10: 1. Andrea Jubionski: 2. Lenora Jordan.

BOYS 11 & 12: 1. Justin Choma; 2. Andrew Fontaine; 3. Justin

GIRLS 11 & 12: 1. Margaruite Wooley; 2. Tracey Fu. STANDING LONG JUMP

BOYS 9 & 10: 1. Mosea Miles; 2. Daniel Derossa; 3. Joel Hartom. GIRLS 9 & 10: 1. Karah McKinney; 2. Alexandria Felts; 3. Rachael Hille. BOYS 11 & 12: 1. Andrew Fontaine; 2. Jay Thanedar; 3. Ashwin K. GIRLS 11 & 12: 1. Erica Piccirilla.

400-METER RUN BOYS 11 & 12: 1. Justin Choma; 2. Andrew Fontaine; 3. Andrew Kne. GIRLS 11 & 12: 1. Kathy Belikov.

CHALLENGE

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"She knows the sport well and realizes that it takes time for these kids to learn."

"The most satisfying thing about it so far is seeing how much the kids have improved," Gizicki said. "We work on basic drills for half the practice then

play a game the second half. The improvement I've seen in the kids over the past eight weeks has been amazing."

The program is designed for kids from 6 to 14 years old. They meet for a one-hour practice once a week for eight weeks. The registration fee is

"Because it's new, there aren't as many participants as we

hope there will be in the future," Crawford said.
"Hopefully, the word will get out there about how beneficial the program is for the kids, and it will continue to grow"

it will continue to grow." The second eight-week session begins today and runs

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The Dovle Baseball School will return to Plymouth Christian Academy for two sessions this summer, from July 5-9 and July 12-16. Baseball and softball players between six and 16 years old will be instructed in hitting, throwing and fielding from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day during the five-day

Doyle Baseball, now in its 23rd year, conducts satellite schools all over the country and in Canada.

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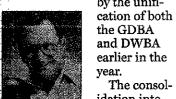
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Merger of associations good for bowling After sluggish start,

new format has been installed for the Greater Detroit Bowling Association and the Detroit Women's Bowling Association following its annual awards dinner and installation of officers and directors for 2004-2005 held June 17 at the **DeCarlos Banquet Center in** Warren.

Since the merger of men's and women's organizations were voted and passed on in May, it was already preceded by the unifi-



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The consolidation into one office was keep up the administrative duties and keep the costs down at the same time for the

men and

women who work so diligently behind the scenes.

So guess what?

It's really working in Detroit and should carry over at to national level starting Jan. 1.

The program turned out a little longer than expected as

both the men and women official appointees, along with awards honorees, were all presented together at one large

As he has done for the past 11 years, Judge David Szymanski swore in all of the newly elected and appointed officials.

Immediate past GDBA president Kenneth Swan handed over the gavel to incoming president Jerry Owczarski of South Lyon.

Among the highest honorees each year are the King and Queen of Detroit bowling. Those awards were presented by DWBA President Myrtha Cooper to Altramese (Mickey) Webb, who recorded a 225.6 composite average for the 2003-04 season; and by Swan of the GDBA to Mark Moore, the new captain of the All-City first-team and champion of the 2004 GDBA Masters tournament.

Moore also captured the singles title with an 804 series in the GDBA City event. He was also a member of the Lang's Wangs team which captured first in the same tourney.

Since the trend is away from hardware (trophies) to apparel like embroidered jackets, Moore won't have to buy a jacket for the next 50 years.

John Bennett received his

championship jacket for winning the 2003-04 GDBA Senior Masters Championship, while the Bowler's

Achievement Award was presented to Frank Gavie (nephew of John P. Gavie).

Ernie Segura, Jr. (or was it really the actor Nicholas Cage?) presented the Meritorious Service Award to Henry Mistele, owner of Mayflower and Beech Lanes.

Henry has served as master of ceremonies at the John P. Gavie Memorial Tournament in every recent event.

The DWBA women installed Libbi Fletcher as first vicepresident. New directors for 2004 and beyond include Ann Block, Lisa Henkel and Anita Maiorana.

The DWBA City Tournament champions include: Division I. Fab Five. total pinfall 3,608; Division II, I'm Not Drunk Enough, 3,740; Division III, Logicalis and Clique Ladies (tie), 3,807 each.

Among the doubles winners: Division I, Norma Maynard and Lesley Houghtaling 1,552; Division II, Colleen Glombowski and Crystal Winbigler, 1,634; Division III, Jennifer and Suzanne Bator,

Crowned singles champions: Division I, Jamie Consiglio, 523 plus 321-844; Division II,

Becky Smith, 642 plus 191-833; Division III, Felicia Dickerson, 746 plus 137-883.

All-events champs included: Division I (handicap), Colleen Glombowski, 2,401 and actual 1,705; Division II (handicap), Valerie Misch, 2,395 with 1,903 actual; Division III (handicap), Felicia Dickerson, 1,985 plus 411 plus; 2,396; Actual, Lisa Bishop, 2,226.

Jenice Perich earned the Agnes Eckstrom Memorial Award based on series overaverage score as she rolled games of 216-278-232 for 726 series, which was 201 pins over her 175 average.

Michelle Ewald was the Queens winner, while Most Improved went to Kimberly Crowell, who jumped 42 pins from 150 to 192.

Helen Seaman was also honored as Secretary of the Year. All of the above was preceded by a fine family style meal, which they always do for

bowlers. The sport makes one arm much longer than usual, so it's easier to reach for the extra helping of chicken or roast beef, or whatever else is served.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839 or E-mail at tenpinalley@sbcglobal.net.

Rams unbeaten in 10

Manager Rick Berryman certainly had concerns, but wasn't in the panic mode when his Michigan Lake Area Rams got off to a 1-4 start in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League.

Since then, the Rams are unbeaten in their last 10 games, sitting in second place with 21 points, while battling the Longhorns for the direct seed into the All-American Amateur Baseball Association Tournament in August in Johnstown, Pa.

Berryman didn't anticipate that two outfielders he had signed prior to the summer, Madonna University's Preston Picard and Oakland University's Brad Noel, wouldn't be available because of personal family matters.

Michigan State pitcher Dan Noble also had to have reconstructed arm surgery following his last outing of the year in the Big Ten Tournament. And yet another outfielder, Adam Schulz of Wayne State, was also injured, but has since returned to the lineup.

We had some guys hurt early and we were a little weak," said Berryman, whose team improved to 10-4-1 in the LCBL following a 7-3 victory Friday over Eagles at Ford Field. "We lost some close games. We had to regroup and get some players."

Berryman got a boost when he landed former Michigan Prep Mr. Baseball Nick Thurman of Warren Mott, who spent his freshman year playing football at Bowling Green State University.

The 6-3, 225-pound Thurman plans to transfer from BG and play baseball, according to Berryman.

"He's strong . . . what a player," the Rams manager said. "He was a huge pickup for us and has been a valuable asset. He'll also pitch."

Four teams in the LCBL are 20-and-under, while the other four, including league-leading Michigan Bulls, are 22-andunder. The other postseason berth at stake is the National

their last 10 games, sitting in second place with 21 points.

The Rams are unbeaten in

Amateur Baseball Federation (College Division)

Tournament in Toledo, Ohio. "The games this year have been closer, there's been a real competitive balance," Berryman said. "We have a lot of kids playing. There's a lot of parity."

Livonia Stevenson High grad Gary Zielke pitched five strong innings of relief of Thurman, the starter, to get the win over the Eagles. He allowed just two runs on three hits and two walks.

Zielke also went 3-4 at the plate and scored a pair of runs. Ryan Heath and Kyle Fedorka (Madonna) added two hits apiece, while Thurman contributed a tworun, ground-rule double. Stevenson's Brian Campbell (Central Michigan) also knocked in a run.

In Wednesday's 1-0 win over the Panthers, Thurman went 2-for-3 with a run scored. The Rams, who had a total of six hits, got an RBI triple from Ben Darga, scoring Thurman with the game-winning run.

Other hits were collected by Jon Wiesman (Wayne State), who had a double; Dan Dobberowsky and Campbell.

Redford's Corey Krug, who played high school baseball at Southfield Christian and now throws for Hillsdale College, tossed a four-hitter in the vic-

He faced just 23 batters, allowing no runs and no walks in seven innings.

"As the players got to know each other better we've been pitching well and have gotten some timely hitting," said Berryman, the former Redford Union High coach and now MU assistant.

UM-Dearborn joins Wolverine-Hoosier

The Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference announced Tuesday that the University of Michigan-Dearborn has joined the league as an associate member effective July 1. UM-D will compete in men's and women's basketball, and volleyball starting with the 2004-05 season.

"UM-Dearborn has competed against WHAC members for a number of years and is a great geographical fit for the WHAC," said WHAC Commissioner Dr. T. Alan Twietmeyer. "Our current member institutions are excited to have the Wolves as a conference member and look forward to what they can bring to the WHAC."

UM-Dearborn Athletics Director Peggy Foss also expressed excitement on behalf of the university.

"The University of Michigan-Dearborn Department of Recreation and Athletics is pleased to be a member of the Wolverine-

Hoosier Athletic Conference," said Foss. "It gives our athletes an opportunity to establish school rivalries, play in front of larger crowds and develop a sense of belonging. The WHAC is known for its academic and athletic integrity, which is important to the UM-Dearborn athletics program."

UM-Dearborn is an NAIA member institution, but was not affiliated with any conference before accepting an invitation to the WHAC. Foss added that UM-D hopes to make additions to the number of sports it currently offers over a five-year period in hopes of becoming a full member of the WHAC in the future.

The WHAC took the first of two substantial hits in 2003 when Tri-State University announced it was leaving the conference in a bid to become an NCAA institution. Spring Arbor was the second

school to announce its intentions to leave the WHAC, joining another NAIA conference (MCC) following the 2003-04 sea-

With the addition of UM-D, the WHAC will be able to keep its automatic NAIA bid status in volleyball and men's and women's basketball. Dr. Twietmeyer reiterated that the WHAC continues to strive for additional members to help in areas where the number of conference teams in a given sport has fallen to a less-thandesired level.

"We continue to explore options to add NAIA member institutions that are not part of a conference currently as well as look into associate membership in certain sports," he added. "We are pleased that our current institutions are also making plans to add sports, helping the WHAC to continue its growth."



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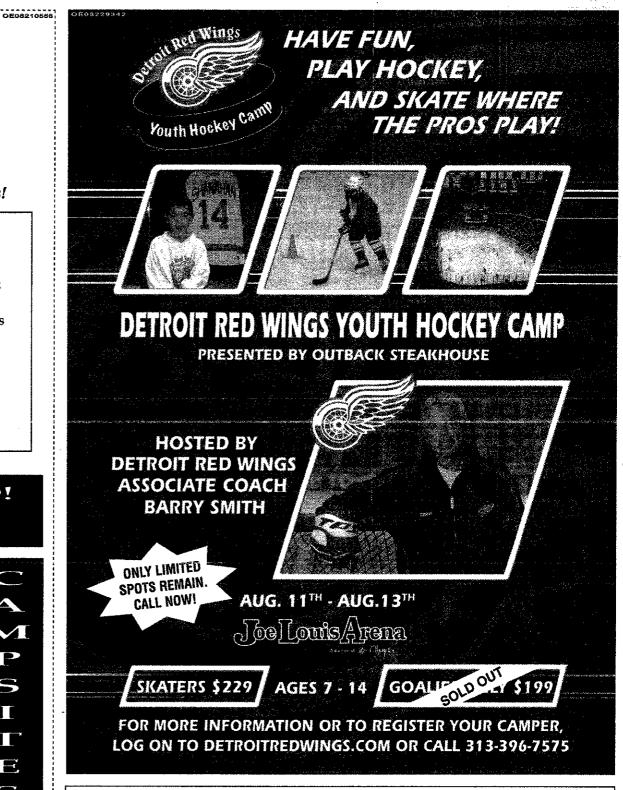
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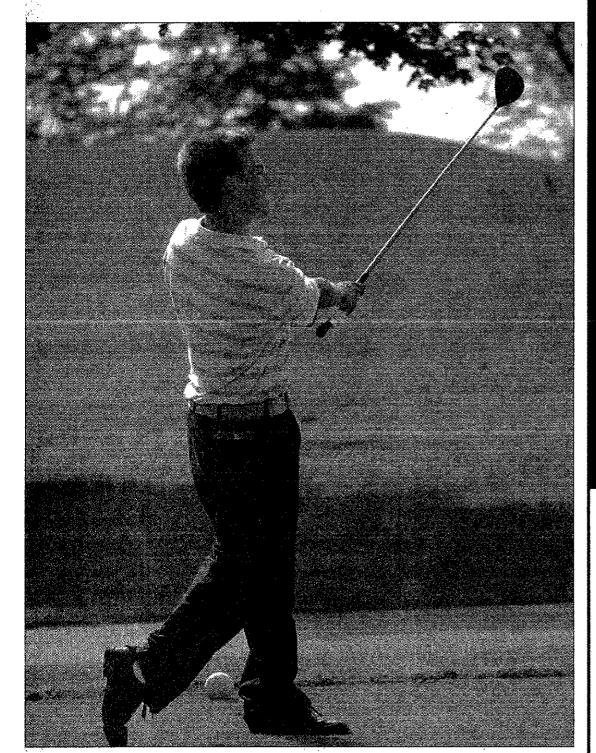


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Plymouth resident Nicholas Foster, a student at Redford Catholic Central High School, watches his drive sail down the middle of the first fairway Friday during the Meijer Junior Players Tour at Salem Hills Golf Course.

GOLFERS

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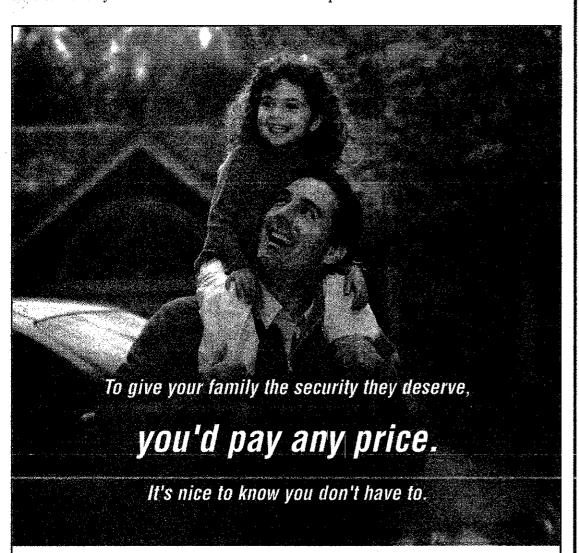
golfers." A pair of Plymouth residents - Nick Taggie and Nicholas Foster - turned in respectable rounds of 82 to finish in a tie for 13th in the 15-and-up division. Canton's Ryan Hoeman

and Plymouth's Craig Werner both fired 87's and Livonia's Drew Herron carded an 88.

In the girls 15-and-up division, Grand Blanc's Sarah Gerbig almost lapped the field with her 77, which was 15 strokes better than the runnerup, Justine Benford of Linden. Livonia Stevenson golfer Chrissy McHenry shot a 96, which earned her fifth place.

Livonia's Ryan Alger gave Gerulis a run for his money in the 13-and-14 age group, shooting a 78 to finish in a three-way tie for second.

Plymouth's Brendan Muir was the highest Observerlandarea finisher in the 10-to-12 bracket. He finished seventh with an 88, 15 shots behind medalist Billy Teer of Grand Blanc.



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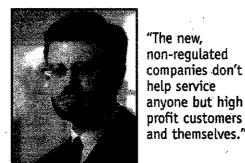
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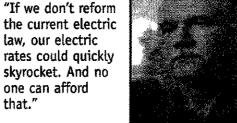


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PLYMOUTH VOLLEYBALL

The Plymouth Volleyball Camp for grades 6-10 will be from 1:30-4:30 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, July 26-28, at the high school.

For more information, call Kelly McCausland at (734) 454-0704 or e-mail bigju016@yahoo.com.

WILDCAT GOLF OUTING

The Plymouth Wildcat football golf outing is scheduled for July 31 at Hickory Creek Golf Course, located at Napier and Ford roads.

Registration is from noon until the 1 p.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$100 per golfer, \$50 for dinner only.

There will also be games and drawings.

Money and entry information may be sent to: PHS Football Golf Outing, 47450

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Tryouts for Madonna University's men's and women's golf teams will be at noon on July 26 and at 10 a.m. on Aug. 6 at Whispering Willows, located at Eight Mile and Newburgh in Livonia. Scholarships are still avail-

able for both teams. For further information, call coach Bill Durham at (734) 564-5267 or contact via e-mail at billdurham@pga.com. Crystal Mountain Golf

School is now offering lessons for all levels of golf talent at Fox Hills Golf Course near Plymouth.

For more information, log on at www.foxhills.com or call (734) 453-7272.

SOCCER SIGNUP

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will be taking fall youth soccer registration from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday throughout the month of June at the Recreation office, located at 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

All first-time registrations require a birth certificate. The fee for those competing in under-six through under-eight divisions is \$60 for city of Plymouth residents and \$85 for non-residents. For undernine and older divisions, the cost is \$65 for city of Plymouth residents and \$95 for non-resi-

For further information, call the Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620, or check its Web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

COACHES WANTED

Plymouth HS currently has openings for the following coaching positions: boys freshmen soccer coach and girls freshmen basketball coach.

Anyone interested in those positions should contact Plymouth athletic director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700 or stop at the Plymouth athletic department, located at 8400 N. Beck Road in Canton to pick up an application.

WATER EXERCISE, CHALLENGE

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will hold its River Challenge classes at 6 p.m. Wednesdays and 8 a.m. Saturdays, along with its Deep Water Exercise classes 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Fridays at the **Community Center Aquatics**

The River Challenge class is a 50-minute class. (Webbed water gloves provided. You must wear your own water shoes to each class.)

The Deep Water Exercise class will provide effective resistance to strengthen and tone the upper and lower body, as well as an abdomen workout to achieve greater flexibility. It is also therapy for sports injuries.

Swim ability is not necessary. Water jogging belts are available, or you can bring your own. You must wear your own water shoes to each class.

For more information, or to register, call (734) 466-2925 or visit www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

GLENN FOOTBALL REUNION

Westland John Glenn will stage a football reunion for all former players and coaches, Friday-Saturday, Oct. 1-2.

A schedule of events includes meeting at halftime for the football homecoming game (Oct. 1), as well as an informal dinner (Oct. 2) at the Wayne-Ford Civic League Hall.

The cost for the weekend is \$20 per player (includes awards, hall rental, refreshments, and picture CD of the reunion).

For more information, email Mark Jennings at mjennings@twimi.rr.com.

STEVENSON GRID REUNION

Livonia Stevenson High School plans to stage a 40-year football all-player reunion, Friday, Sept. 10, during its game against Livonia Churchill. Call coach Tim Gabel at (734) 744-2660 or e mail tgabel@livonia.k12.mi.us You can also visit http://shs.freewebspace.com.

LIVONIA GOLF PRACTICE

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation is offering golf practice from 9 a.m. to noon each Wednesday at the Community Recreation Center, located at Hubbard and Five Mile roads.

An annual pass or daily fee is required in addition to the \$6 bucket fee. For more information, call (734) 466-2900.

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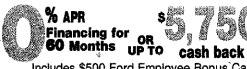


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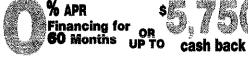




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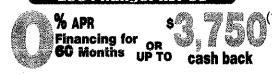
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Deb Madonna

Tanger kids have spirit

raduation from the IPSEP Program at Tanger Center doesn't look any different than graduation from other preschool graduation celebrations.

Wearing graduation caps and big smiles, the children marched into the auditorium to the tune of *Tomorrow's a New Day*. They walked in with confidence that matched the theme for the day, "I think I can, I think I can ... I know I can."

IPSEP is the Infant-Preschool Special Education Program in the Plymouth-Canton school district. The program is open to children from birth to 6 years of age.

Tanger's staff consists of teachers, speech and language therapists, occupational and physical therapists, a nurse, psychologist, social workers, and parapros Jennifer Anderson, Norma Beauchamp, Donna Brzuch, Teri Dillon, Lori Franzen, Tracee Harris-Kloian, Mary Kay Herr, Lisa McBride, Susan Niekirk, Janice Niemenski, Lori Place, Carmen Placinta, Patty Shiffer, Loren Schwartzenfeld, Francie Smillie, Kathy Smith. Julie Woodhams and Corrine Yergenson.

It was obvious the staff rehearsed the songs as many times as the children. No one missed a word or hand gesture as they sang I've Been Working on the Railroad, Magic Sticks and The Three Little Pigs Blues.

For the finale, the IPSEP staff handed out diplomas. As the children's names were called, they waved to mom and dad, as proud families took pictures and videos.

No graduation would be complete without extended family. These little ones were lucky enough to have their adopted "grandmas and grandpas" in attendance. The seniors citizens are from Plymouth Inn. The children sang "kinnamarink" and dedicated the song to their special musts

cial guests.
Parents and the IPSEP
staff put on a great graduation party. They have also
worked with parents, preparing for the next step in the
children's education.

If the children are lucky enough to have teachers and therapists like the ones they've had at Tanger Center, who believe in them, stand by them, and maybe sing a song or two, school will be a remarkable and fantastic experience.

What do the small graduates, the class of 2004, want for themselves? They want to play with friends and the chance to do everything.

That's where parents come into the picture. Their job is to hold all the doors open so their children will have the opportunity, and to cheer for them every step of the way.

MEDICAL CAREER

Caleb James of Taylor, a sophomore at Plymouth Christian Academy, recently enrolled in the National Youth Leadership forum on Medicine, which takes place in Washington, D.C., July 18-27. Caleb joins 350 high school students from around the country who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership potential and an interest in a career in medicine.

The forum will introduce Caleb to concepts in public health, medical ethics, research and general practice. Caleb is class chaplain at PCA, where he has lettered in soccer, cross country and track, and has played junior varsity basketball. He has maintained a 3.89 grade point average.

He participated with the 2003 Plymouth Canton robotics team, where he received the creativity award.

Deb Madonna is a Plymouth Township resident and a regular contributor to the *Observer*. If you have an item you'd like to contribute to Around Town, she can be reached at clarion@storytellerdesign.com.



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The beat of different drums

Corps bangs out an evening of entertainment

BY DIANE HANSON CORRESPONDENT

The snares' crisp cadence and the blast of the brass sliced through the cool summer evening Tuesday as eight top-notch drum corps from the U.S. and Canada competed in Drum Corps International's Summer Music Games 2004 at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park stadium in Canton.

Some 3,000 people packed the bleachers at the Park to be dazzled by dynamic drill, a myriad of musical selections from classics to jazz to show tunes and outstanding choreography and dance.

"It gives me goose bumps already!" said Bloomfield Hills resident Cherie Foronato as the drum cadences reverberated across the Park in warmups before the show began.

"Drum corps is in my blood," said the 1974 graduate of Regina High School in Harper Woods. "I was on a state championship drill team in high school, sponsored by the VFW. We were state champs for 12 years and I coached the team after I graduated.

"Just hearing the drums today brings back a lot of memories. When I saw the article in the paper, I just had to come."

Foronato brought her sister, who was also on the Regina team, her mother and her daughter, a high school sophomore. "I wanted my daughter to see what I was part of in high school," she said

EVOLVING

The drum corps of today are a far cry from those some 80 years ago when the concept materialized. The early corps were comprised of World War I vets primarily for marching in parades and promoting patriotism. The corps evolved through the years and became increasingly complex, creative and competitive in the 1960s and '70s. Drum Corps International was established in 1972 for youth ages 14 to 22.

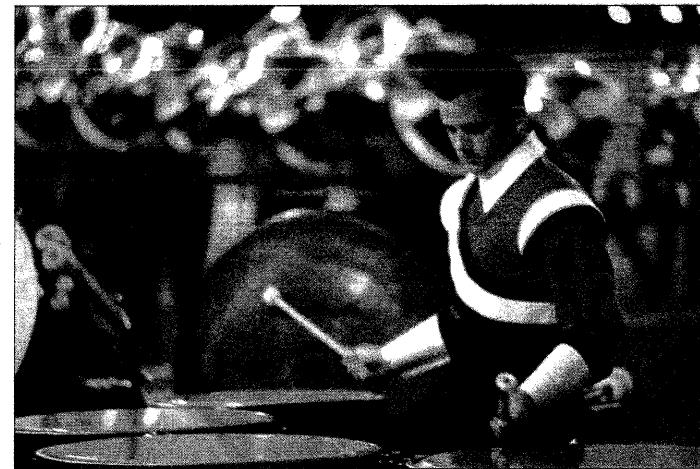
"Although being a band director and being at P-CEP is what I love, drum corps was my first love," said Marc Whitlock, director of bands at the Park. This is the 25th summer Whitlock has been associated with the activity in some capacity. He now serves as a music consultant for the Santa Clara Vanguard and the Carolina Crown.

"DCI asked us if we would take over this show because the facility in Portage where it had previously been held was under construction," said Whitlock. "I really wanted to expose our kids to the next level of activity in the marching arts. But it was the band parents that actually made this project come to life – from serving the food to security to ticket sales."

John Jackson, president of the P-CEP Music Boosters, sponsors of the event, couldn't agree more. "We have a group that is nothing short of phenomenal," he said. "This is an absolute total team effort and there were a lot of secret heroes that really helped to make this a reality."

Past booster president Gerry Olexsey

Past booster president Gerry Olexsey concurred. "Normally something of this magnitude takes six to eight months to plan," he said. "We pulled this off in about two months due to the fantastic teamwork." He said those on the team included the school district,



The Cavaliers from Rosemont, III., were in town for the Drum Corps International's Summer Music Games 2004 at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park stadium in Canton.



Kiwanis Kavaliers from Kitchener, Ontario, Canada were a favorite part of the performance.

The hometown Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps entertained the crowd with an opening exhibition performance, followed by the competitive lineup.

the Community Education Office, businesses and Plymouth Assistant Principal Julie Kaminski, a former

member of the P-CEP Marching Band. The eight competing corps were housed at the middle and high schools in the district and at the Summit.

Both Jackson and Olexsey also had high praise for the maintenance staff they said often went well beyond their

assigned duties.

The event turned out to be a profitable moneymaker for the band boosters as well, supplying needed funds for instruments, instructors and staff, said Jackson. "With the school budget crunches, we need to do all we can to help out financially."

The Cavaliers from Rosemont, Ill., named world champions for the last three out of four years, provided a free clinic for middle and high school musicians Tuesday afternoon before the games began.

The hometown Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps entertained the crowd with an opening exhibition performance, followed by the competitive lineup. Awards were presented by John Jackson and Canton Supervisor Tom Yack. First and second place in Division III went to Marion Glory Cadets, Ohio, and Lake Erie Regiment,

Pennsylvania, respectively.

Division I top spots went to Capital Regiment, Ohio, bronze; Madison Scouts, Wisconsin, silver; and The Cavaliers, Illinois, gold. The Cavaliers wowed the audience with a fast-paced 11-minute 007 repertoire eliciting an explosive standing ovation. They entertained several hundred appreciative fans after the closing ceremonies with an encore musical performance.

Rounding out the competition were Southwind, Kentucky, fourth; Kiwanis Kavaliers, Ontario, fifth; and Pioneer, Wisconsin, sixth.

SUMMER FUN

The Canton competition was one of the first stops for many of the corps.

"We are just beginning our summer," said Jeff Fiedler, director of The Cavaliers. The 135-member group practices 12 hours a day during the month of pre-tour preparations before beginning a 35-shows, 82-day tour that begins Memorial Day and ends August

Fiedler was pleased with the new P-CEP venue for the competition, "We've been treated great and the facilities are tremendous," he said. "Of course I have a soft spot in my heart for Plymouth." Fiedler was an instructor for the P-CEP Marching Band from 1988 to 1991 during the time of the back-to-back national championships in 1990-91.

And for those who didn't make this year's show, things are looking good for a return performance in 2005.

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"While this is certainly a good fundraiser, it also brings the world of drum corps to Canton and it exposes our kids to the next level of marching performance," said Whitlock. "It is a shining example of the pursuit of excellence and dedication in reaching a goal."



The Marion Glory Cadets came up from Marion, Ohio, to perform Tuesday.



A host of volunteers presented the hundreds of participants at the DCI Summer Music Games with gourmet cookies as a gift from the P-CEP Music Boosters.



Star Struck

(June 27-June 30) By Dennis Fairchild

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ARIES (March 21-April 20)

At some stage this week you'll come to the conclusion that it's time to make more of Your talents. You don't have to change careers or do anything drastic, at least not yet. But you do have to give serious thought to your future concerning the Almighty Buck and stress.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Your confidence is likely to take a tiny hosedive as the week unfolds, but it'll be short-lived. Ride it out and don't get discouraged. This is one of those times when negative events are likely to have positive results. Think peaceful thoughts and respect yourself.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Over the next few days while Venus shifts cosmic gears, you'd be wise to listen caretully to friends and colleagues because they may spot things that you cannot. You don't always know best, so you better be ready to admit that fact. Remember that success and excess aren't the same thing.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

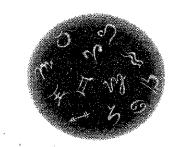
The time has come to draw the line on the past and let go of the very things you have been trying to hold on to. With the Sun in your sign, this week's astro-aspects are all about making a fresh start. Drag yourself away from your troubles and refuse to waste your time on self-pity.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

A powerful aspect between Mercury entering your sun-sign is meant to remind you that we are only as healthy as we are able to trust- and unless you start trusting those you have to deal with on a daily basis, then you will always be on the defensive. Value cooperation rather than conflict.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

What has been worrying you the most these past few weeks will affect you the least, so put it out of your mind and, with luck, you'll forget it for good. A more carefree phase is about to begin, so cheer up and look on the bright side. Sometimes you need to let the pressure build for a while until a breakthrough becomes possible.



LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

The emphasis is on the domestic area of your chart, and though you may be the kind of Libra who prefers to avoid family showdowns, you really have no choice this week. Say what has to be said and listen to what others say. Then act on what you learn.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Someone you haven't always seen eye-toeye with will offer a hand of friendship this week, and if you're wise, you'll accept it. The planets suggest there is no trickery involved; your former foe really does want to make up. Be bigger than life now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

You may experience a crisis of confidence this week when the orb of communication Mercury enters your element. Don't let it worry you if you seem to be the only one who doesn't know what's going on. According to the planets, that's to your advantage, Archer!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)

You are apparently reluctant to reveal your true feelings to someone influential. Not doing so may be the easy solution, but not necessarily the right one. There are ways of expressing your feelings, and once you've learned that, there are significant benefits to be had.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)

It's love that makes the world go 'round, not money, status or possessions. Something will happen this week that reminds you what life is really about, and it'll amaze you that you had somehow forgotten. Make it your mission to wake up those who are still asleep.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)



A change of scenery will do you good, so if fate points you in a new direction this week, don't be afraid to march into the unknown and let your hair down. If you're going to take risks, now is the time when they are most likely to pay off. Ooh laa-laa,

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Relationship talk is aphrodisiac to women

Q. Why don't men listen to what you are saying and how you are feeling? When I try to get my husband to talk about our relationship or my personal feelings, he just shuts down and leaves the room. Can you help me?

Couples differ in what they talk about with each other. And it is no surprise that men and women differ in how much they want to talk about the relationship with their partner. Studies show that relationship talk is important to women, but not to men. Relationship talk is any discussion with your partner that focuses on the state or fate of your relationship.

There is evidence from my long-term study on marriage that the more time wives spend with their husbands and disclose personal feelings, talk about the relationship and tell their spouse what they need out of the relationship, the happier wives are in their marriage. This was not true for husbands. Husbands engage in relationship talk at the beginning of a relationship because they feel it is necessary to get to know their partner, but once they become a "couple," this talk has negative implications for the relationship. Findings show that the more time husbands report they engage in relationship talk with their wives, the less happy they are in their marriage and the greater likelihood of divorce. Studies find that relationship talk is therapeutic to women. Women find this very reinforcing for what they want



risk.

Love **Doctor**

Terri L. Orbuch, Ph.D.

in their relationship. Relationship talk builds intimacy and closeness for women. But when wives engage in relationship talk, husbands often interpret this as nagging or that their relationship is in trouble. Most importantly, husbands believe that they did something wrong. This interpretation causes the man to withdraw from communication altogether. Thus, relationship talk may have different meanings for men and women, which inevitably puts that couple at

perception of relationship talk is that you are bringing up a problem they need to fix. So don't forget that if you want to discuss your relationship, try to bring up the topic in a nonthreatening manner. Men need to keep in mind that women like to talk about the relationship even when things are going well and there are no problems. Men should also remember that relationship talk is like an aphrodisiac for women; it builds intimacy and closeness and without it,

For women, it is important to

remember that men's

Find out how often you and

themselves from their partner

women may distance

and the relationship.

your partner discuss your relationship by taking the following Love Doctor Quiz. Respond to each statement using a scale from 1-4 where, 1=never, 2=rarely, 3=sometimes, and 4=often.

In the past month how often did you:

1. Reveal very intimate things about yourself or your personal feelings.

2. Talk about the quality of the relationship; for example, how good it is, how satisfying it is, or how to improve it. 3. Tell your partner what you want or need from the

relationship. 4. Spend time discussing and trying to work out problems between the two of you.

Add up your points across the 4 questions. Scores Range from 4-16. The higher the score, the more you talk about your relationship with your partner.

To submit a question, e-mail The Love Doctor on her Web site at www.detroitlovedr.com. Her column appears every two weeks in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Terri L. Orbuch, Ph.D., is a psychologist, sociologist, author, Oakland University professor, and research scientist at the University of Michigan. Listen to the Love Doctor on 100.3 WNIC FM every Tuesday morning between 7 and 7:30 a.m. To buy a copy of the Love Doctor's new book, "Love Lesson #1: Relationship Realities," go to www.detroitlovedr.com (\$5.95 + shipping).

Celebrations recognize anniversaries

St. Hilary Church of Redford and Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit in Livonia have cause to celebrate. Each is recognizing milestone anniversaries in the next few weeks with a variety of activities.

Festivities to honor St. Hilary's 50th anniversary begin at an 11 a.m. Mass followed by a noon Home-Coming Picnic with food, music, baseball game, magician, and moonwalk on Sunday, June 27, at 23901 Elmira. For more information, call (313) 533-1560 or visit the Web site at home.twmi.rr.com/hilarvredford/index/html. All current and former parishioners, grade school alumni, all current and

former staff, neighbors and friends are invited. Episcopal Church of the

Holy Spirit holds its celebration on the same Sunday.

In 1966 a piece of property was purchased and in 1968 a group of people were united to form Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit. But it wasn't until 1980 that a church would be built at 9083 Newburgh Road.

Since that inception so much has happened and yet remained the same. Priests came and went. Families were lost and found. The church liturgy was changed to make it church hymns became more contemporary. Community

Outreach which was the backbone of the church is still going strong and surprisingly enough there are still people out there that need help. Church fellowship has expanded to the point where there is something for everybody, children and adults, old and young.
So it is with gladness of heart

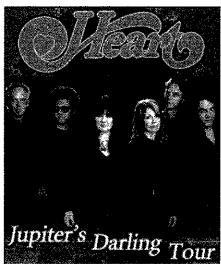
that they celebrate 35 years at an anniversary party 9:30 a.m. Sunday, June 27. The service will be followed by a picnic. For old members see the changes that have occurred and for potentially new members, come see what the church tion, visit the Web site at www.holyspirit.livonia.org.

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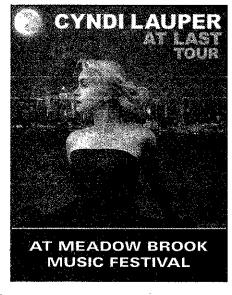
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IT'S EASY! To enter, log on to www.palacenet.com/observer with your name, mailing address and daytime phone number. Ten winners, chosen at random, will each win a pair of lawn tickets to see Pat Benatar on Tuesday, July 20, Heart on Monday, August 16 and Cyndi Lauper on Sunday, August 22. All entries must be received by 12 midnight on Thursday, July 8. Winners will be notified on Friday, July 9 by e-mail. Employees and the immediate family members of Palace Sports & Entertainment and The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers

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LIBRARY PICKS

Every week the Plymouth District Library staff provides the Observer with their list of best sellers, based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons.

The books are available by placing a request with the library on the Web at plymouthlibrary.org or by calling (734) 453-

FICTION

- 1. "Song of Susannah," Stephen King
- 2. "The DaVinci Code," Dan Brown 3. "The Rule of Four," Ian Caldwell and Dustin
- Thomason 4. "The Five People You Meet in Heaven,"
- Mitch Albom
- 5. "Angels & Demons," Dan Brown

NON-FICTION

- 1. "Dress Your Family in Corduroy and
- Denim," David Sedaris 2. "Eats, Shoots and Leaves," Lynn Truss
- 3. "Big Russ and Me," Tim Russert
- 4. "Plan of Attack," Bob Woodward 5. "Battle Ready," Tom Clancy with Tim Zinni

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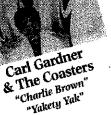
- 1. "Duck, Duck, Goose!" Karen Beaumont
- 2. "Please Say Please," Margery Cuyler
- 3. "Mouse in the House," John Hassett
- 4. "Little Fish," Sanne Te Loo 5. "Inside Mouse, Outside Mouse," Lindsay
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Butterfield-Retherford

Thomas and Christine Butterfield of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Julia Butterfield, to Daniel Retherford of South Lyon, the son of Stephen and Jeanie

Retherford of Plymouth. The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Canton High School and attended Bauder College in Atlanta, Ga. She's a manager at I Do, Too! Bridal in Plymouth.

The prospective groom is a 1993 graduate of Detroit Catholic High School in Redford and attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He's a service manager for Krug Lincoln-Mercury in Howell.

A July 23, 2004, wedding is planned at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton.



Bryn Graskewicz

Bob and Jen Graskewicz of Commerce, Mich., announce the birth of their daughter, Bryn Jillian Graskewicz, born at 7:29 a.m. April 6, 2004.

Bryn came into the world weighing 6 pounds, 8 ounces and measuring 18 inches long.

Proud grandparents are David and Irene Whitmore of Plymouth and Tim and Juanita

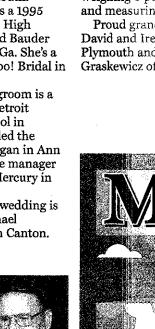
Hospital celebrates cancer survivors

More than 200 cancer survivors and their families attended a special "Celebrate Life" gathering at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia on Sunday, June 6. Livonia Mayor Jack Engebretson wel-

comed guests with opening comments, Omar Majid, M.D., director of radiation oncology gave an update of Cancer Services at St. Mary Mercy, and JoAnne Purtan, Channel 7 "Healthy Living" news reporter was the event's key speaker.

Guests enjoyed a reception with refreshments and music by pianist and St. Mary Mercy Hospital staff member, Tom Zeoli, of Novi. A tree planting ceremony took place in the hospital's front yard to celebrate life and growth. The tree was donat-







Clarks' golden Wilbert and Corrine (Schiffe)

Clark of Canton celebrate their 50th anniversary June 28, 2004. The couple was married June 28, 1954 at First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth.

Wilbert was born in then-Ypsilanti, while Corrine was born and raised in Plymouth. The couple resides in the same place where Wilbert was born. Wilbert was in the U.S. Army, stationed in Brownsville, Texas, when they got married. Corrine worked at the Burroughs plant.

They celebrated the golden occasion with a barbecue at the home of their daughter, Carol Barringer, with brother Terry Clark of Ft. Wayne, Ind., and five grandchildren — Kelly, Greg, Brent, Grant and Mike in attendance.



Maul-Matthews

Richard and Laurie Matthews of St. Joseph announce the engagement of their daughter, Brittany M. Matthews, to Kevin W. Maul of Plymouth, the son of Bill and Ruth Maul. The bride-to-be earned a

bachelor's degree in commercial recreation and facilities management from Central Michigan University in 2001. She's a senior sales manager for Marriott International.

The prospective groom earned a bachelor's degree in hospitality business from Michigan State University in 1996. He's currently employed by Trans Inns Management of Farmington Hills as the director of revenue management.

A Nov. 6, 2004, wedding is planned at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville.



First Page Publishing company opens new chapter

oe Aller dreamed about eventually retiring from the world of finance to peddle the half dozen books he planned to write. He's glad the opportunity arose sooner than later to leave his job although he won't be relaxing anytime soon.

In October, Aller purchased Proctor Publications in Ann Arbor, a company with 20 years in the business, after the owners decided to retire. Shortly thereafter, he renamed it First Page Publications and moved the entire operation to Livonia. At age 40, he's leaving the consulting business behind to help fledgling writers like himself publish their work.

On Saturday, June 26, Aller is inviting everyone to share his new venture when he launches a dozen books by authors from Westland, Farmington, West Bloomfield, Southfield, Bloomfield Hills and throughout metro Detroit at an open house 1-5 p.m.

Aller is putting his master's degree in business to work by adding a marketing component to the publishing company. Aller self-published his first book, Carly's Closet, written for his 7-year-old daughter. The single father of one is working on the second book in a series.

FINDING A NICHE

"I found there were a lot of other people like me, frustrated, who wrote query letters and had rejected submissions," Aller said. "Commercial publishers go for the big names like Madonna. You might have really good writing, but don't have the name. We do all the marketing. We don't take a project unless we can market it. In the beginning, I talked with all the authors and asked them what was your experience, good and bad. I hired four marketing people whose sole job is to come up with events to sell the books."

First though, Aller has to believe in a book. New First



Area authors recently gathered for a pre-launch party.

Page titles include a children's book on peanut allergies, another by a member of the Eighth Air Force Bomber Group who outlives all his peers, the aviation history of Henry and Edsel Ford, and a book on cancer and hospice by Ron Gries (Bloomfield Hills).

"What I look for is if it's a unique topic," Aller said. "Karen Dean's Let's Go Series to locations such as Mackinac is easy to market. We have motivational-type books written by people who've experienced crisis. I'm excited about Shelly Lazarus' Hockeytown Hero now in its second printing, the only authorized biography of Steve Yzerman, and The Winter Spirit by Gina Joseph about a little girl who finds Santa's journal with all his secrets about how he does it all in one night.

"Ken Rogers' (Southfield)

book, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, was written a while ago, but appropriate now about a retired policeman from a small town - how he struggled with stress after shooting someone."

Diane Dignan tackles the subject of women hitting the glass ceiling on the climb up the corporate ladder in The Boys $C\bar{l}ub$. The 42-year-old Farmington Hills resident originally became inspired to write during her student days in Livonia Public Schools. Today, she's an employee benefits consultant for McGraw Wentworth in Troy.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

"We're working on layout and final editing now with Sarah Hart, who has done a fabulous job making suggestions and comments that will be helpful," Dignan said. "When you're working on it, there are things you don't always see. This is something I wanted to do my whole life, but never had confidence to move forward. Knowing there's someone out there who believes in you makes a big difference."

Carrie Arnold tried the traditional publishing route, but soon grew frustrated. Arnold, who grew up in West Bloomfield and now lives in Ann Arbor, wrote Running on

Empty. At age 24, she's about to publish the story of her journey to becoming a recovered anorexic. Her eating disorder began at around age 12, went into remission for a while then returned around age 20. At that time, she had to drop out of school and was hospitalized

"I sent out queries to agents in

New York, but didn't have the skills and got frustrated," said Arnold, a student at the University of Michigan School of Public Health. Arnold is now serving an internship with the Oakland County Health Department. "It's not a step down to self-publish. I've taken classes on traditional publishing where I learned it soon becomes whoever's book that's working on it. With self-publishing, it's very much your book no matter who works on it."

Arnold wrote the book because she couldn't find one on the shelves to carry her through recovery. In addition to revealing the process in written word, she's developed an extensive bibliography for the book, and a Web site.

"You get a lot of mixed feeling in recovery," Arnold said. "A lot of times I thought I was going crazy. You have such irra-

tional thoughts. You're being pulled to throw up this salad with fat-free dressing that's the only thing you've eaten all day. You feel like you're the only one going through this. I recorded my thoughts in stacks of journals, but it was helpful for me in recovery to speak with other people who'd been there. They were the greatest inspiration

FUN MEMORIES

On a lighter note, Betty Walton writes about her 18 years as a sorority mother at U-M in her first book, They Called Me the W. Written under her pen name W.B. Devine, Walton says, "It's humorous in the telling, but not in the living." The Westland resident averaged four hours sleep a night.

"The house mother now called director lives with the girls 24/7 nine months during the year with 62 women in the house, and a staff of 10. Sometimes it was like running a small hotel, making the menu, cleaning the house," Walton said. "You're a guardian, nurse and mother mostly during the night. There's always something going on with fraternity boys because where you have beautiful girls, you have crazy boys."

Scenarios with naked boys seemed to happen almost every year, so Walton had to change some of the names but all of it is true.

"It's nonfiction but it reads like fiction," Walton said. "Over the years, I had a lot of individuals who were dear to my heart and others who were bad, drank too much. I knew what happens when boys are allowed to visit at 4 p.m. on weekends in girls' rooms. Years ago, they were only allowed to drop them off at the end door."

First Page Publications is at 12103 Merriman Road, between Schoolcraft and Plymouth in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 525-1900.



Series provide fun for the family

Grab the blankets, lawn chairs and kids. Summer is finally here and it's time to enjoy a variety of entertainment at free events in the parks.

Local sponsors have lined up big band, Dixieland, jazz, Irish, orchestra music, magicians and movies. (See sidebar for schedule).

MUSIC UNDER THE STARS

"We try to program a variety for the older generation as well as family and children although they all seem to attend all of the concerts," said Lois Mize, co-chairperson of Music Under the Stars, sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission in conjunction with Livonia Parks and Recreation. The series opens 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 1, with 60's pop music by Deb Davis & The Retrosonics at

Civic Center Park.

Old favorites such as the Livonia Symphony Orchestra perform along with new talent, among them The Saline Fiddlers and their mix of American folk fiddle, bluegrass, western swing, and Celtic music. Last year the arts commission put an announcement in the Observer Newspapers to search for performers. They received enough responses to fill out the schedules for this year and last, but Mize says they're always looking to freshen up the series. Call Debbie Dufour in Livonia's Community

Resource, (734) 466-2536, if interested.

"It's part of our mission," said arts commissioner Mize, "to expose the arts to the community."

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The Westland Cultural Society began doing that 19 years ago when it presented the first Summer Concert Series. Sponsored by Westland City Council in cooperation with Westland Parks & Recreation Department, this year's offerings include everything from Dixieland to country/western and Motown 6 p.m. Sundays in the performance pavilion behind the Westland Public Library. Tonight, Pam & Scott play easy listening music.

"We always have a good turnout," said Ernie Johnson, the cultural society member who schedules performers. "We had 30 or 40 people line dancing to the Western concert this year in addition to those in the audience."

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

The Redford Civic Symphony should set toes a tapping with a variety of marches, standards and patriotic music when it opens the 17th annual Concerts in the Parks presented by Redford Parks & Recreation Department 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, in Capitol Park. In addition to the nine

FREE SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT IN THE PARKS

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Presented by Redford Township Parks & Recreation 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays in Capitol Park. west of Beech Daly, north of Plymouth Road, For information, call (313) 387-2650 or visit

- the Web site at www.redfordtwp.com. June 29 - Redford Civic Symphony, orches-
- July 6 Phil Gramm, big band.
- July 13 Big Daddy Lackowski, variety. . July 20 - Dr. Dixie & the Good Time Band, Dixieland.
- July 27 Terrie Lea & the Wild Mustangs,
- country western. • Aug. 3 - Peter Quinn, Irish.
- Aug. 10 Central Park West, jazz. • Aug. 17 - Sun Messengers, classic rock.
- Aug. 24 The Missing Links, big band. Redford Township also holds a concert and summer movie nights in conjunction with Wayne County Parks. Movies begin at dusk. • Aug. 11 - Bobby Lewis & the Cracker Jacks, 7
- and Inkster roads • Friday, July 30 - "George of the Jungle," Bell Creek Park

p.m. Wednesday at Bell Creek Park, Five Mile

• Saturday, Aug. 21 - "Cheaper by the Dozen," Capitol Park, in conjunction with Commission on Children's Issues.

Dates are subject to change depending on weather conditions. In case of rain, the movie will be rescheduled.

MUSIC UNDER THE STARS

Presented by Livonia Parks and Recreation and Livonia Arts Commission 7:30 p.m. Thursday, at alternating locations - Civic



Center Park, 5 Mile and Farmington Road: **Greenmead Historical** Village, Eight Mile and Newburgh; Wilson Barn. Middlebelt and West Chicago, and the Livonia Community Center, Five Mile and Hubbard. For information, call (734).

- 466-2540. • July 1 - Deb Davis & The Restrosonics, 60's pop music at Civic Center Park
- July 8 Stardust Swing Band, 30's & 40's original big band charts at Civic Center Park • July 15 - Kevin Tee & the Firebirds, 50's &
- . July 22 Saline Fiddlers, folk, bluegrass and American fiddler at Greenmead.
- July 29 Gary Pillow, country at Wilson

60's classic rock at Greenmead.

- Aug. 5 elmoTHUMM, family and children's program at Wilson Barn
- Aug. 12 Company of Strangers, bluegrass and folk rock at Livonia Community Center • Aug. 19 – Livonia Symphony Orchestra, pops and classics inside the Livonia Community

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Presented by Westland Cultural Society 6 p.m. Sundays, at Westland Library Performance Pavilion behind Westland Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford, between Wayne and Newburgh. In case of rain, concerts will be held inside the Bailey Recreation Center whenever feasible. Call (734) 722-7620 or (734) 522-3918 to

- confirm. • June 27 - Pam & Scott, easy listening
- July 11 Roy Cobb & the Coachmen, blue grass. • July 18 – Birmingham Straw Hat
- Band, Dixieland, polkas and marches July 25 - Novi Concert Band,
- variety
- Aug. 1 Waco Country Band with Dean Stacy, country west-
- Aug. 8 Tommy James
- Orchestra, big band • Aug. 15 - Tyrone Hamilton, rhythm and blues. All Star Band, light rock
- Aug. 22 Trilogy, Motown, dowop and classic rock

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• June 30 - Gordon the Magician • July 7 - The Spoon

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Man, comedy • July 14 - Yo-Master Zeemo, championship yo-yo-tricks, spinning tops and audience participation

• July 21 - 0.J. Anderson, children's comedy

concert series featuring big band, jazz, Irish, country/western, and classic rock, the department in conjunction with Wayne County Parks will sponsor movie nights and an additional concert.

"A lot of spectators or listeners are seniors," said Mike Curle, director of park maintenance. Curle schedules the bands beginning in January. "We brought a lot of people back from last year, but we have two new bands, Terrie Lea & the Wild Mustangs country and western, and Central Park West jazz band, and I'm real excited about the

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who we had for the first time last year.

"The concerts are something we like to do for the township. It's a really nice time. People really love it. Rain or shine they're out there. I'll be there for all of them. It's nice that you can sit outside and enjoy some nice music."

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'They're family interactive programs for kids of all ages," said Amelia Oliverio, chamber executive director. "It's a way of the businesses giving back to the community."

Among businesses sponsoring the series are New Concept Kitchen & Bath, Orin Jewelers, Primary Care Specialists, Hershey Shoes, Marshall Field's of Westland, Kurth Insurance Agency, McDonald's of Garden City, and the Gold Tones D.J. Entertainment.

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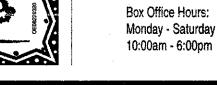














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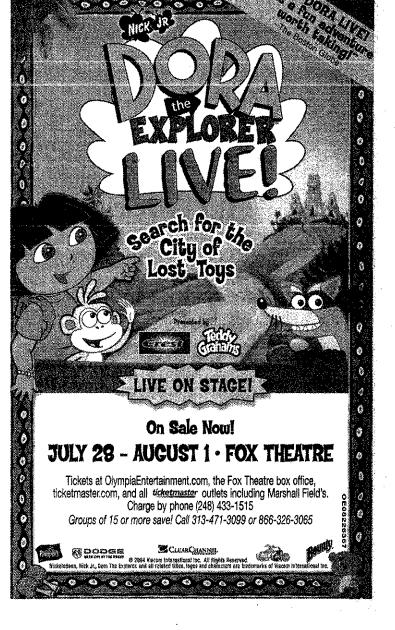
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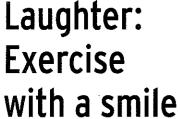
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aughter has long been called "the best medicine." So I've always thought it ironic that it's also regarded as "contagious." But have you ever thought of laughter as exercise? In fact, laughter is aerobic exercise because it increases your heart rate by working body muscles. Like all aerobic exercise, laughter helps strengthen the heart and lungs, increasing their ability to use oxygen.

Numerous studies have shown that laughter also stimulates the brain, the nervous system, the hormonal system and the muscular system, all while helping to reduce blood pressure and allergy symptoms, strengthening the immune system and reducing stress.

A few minutes of hearty laughter can burn calories equivalent to several minutes on a rowing machine or exercise bike. Laughing gives the diaphragm, abdominal and facial muscles a complete workout. Some people even include their back, leg and arm muscles in a good laugh.

Now, I'm sure this doesn't mean that laughing can take the place of working out. But it does mean that the next time a hectic schedule or illness prevents you from exercising, the best thing you can do is have a good laugh.

One more thing: If folks laugh at you when you tell them that laughing is exercise, be sure to laugh right along with them, because like any other exercise, the benefits come in direct proportion to how often you do it.

And please remember to take care of your health before it's lonngggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns titled Life After Baseball, is available at local bookstores or by calling (800) 245-



Getting fit

Diets fail, lifestyle changes go the distance -

Ronaele Bowman is a low carb success story but not because she follows Atkins, South Beach or another trendy diet. Last year, the Livonia resident decided it was time to start making healthy choices after her cholesterol hit 350. Initially, she went on Atkins and dropped her numbers 150 points in six weeks.

Bowman knew by this point though that diets weren't the answer. She'd battled weight problems for all but the first five of her 61 years. Since age 12 she's tried every weight loss program, hypnosis, doctor-prescribed amphetamines, but none of them worked long term.

"Because I regarded it as a diet, I put weight back on," said Bowman. "Now I regard it not as a diet but as a lifestyle. It's not extreme. I don't live on bacon and eggs and cheese. I watch fat intake and the carbs. I eat chicken and fish, steak once in a while but it's not the mainstay. I eat a lot of salads with chicken on them for protein, and a lot of vegetables. No cookies, ice cream, cereals. If I do, it's low carb, no sugar, no white flour."

KEY TO LOSING WEIGHT

Dr. Peter McCullough says leaving simple carbohydrates behind is key to weight loss. As medical director of Beaumont Hospital's Weight Control Center, he doesn't recommend diets such as Atkins to patients although he admits "that type of approach does have a clear impact on body

"What is the key component in these diets? Is it the protein? No, it has to do with the restrictions of car-



bohydrates. Three things put weight on - sugar, simple carbohydrates, cookies, crackers, breads, saturated fat, primarily in the form of animal fat, also alcohol. Can you get fat from protein or complex carbohydrates like apples or carrots, or eating fish? I doubt it," said McCullough. "Yes they work but primarily because they restrict. Atkins had one right concept to restrict carbohydrates. The mistake is to restrict complex carbohydrates like fruits and vegetables."

There's no doubt obesity can lead to diseases such as diabetes and heart disease but is the cure as risky? McCullough believes the diets can be dangerous and apparently he's not

alone. On Wednesday, June 22, the Partnership for Essential Nutrition (www.essentialnutrition.org) warned the public about health risks associated with low carb diets. "The diets are unhealthy because it

allows unlimited fat," said McCullough, a cardiologist. "Saturated fat leads to cardiovascular disease and we are overloading the body with protein. For patients with early chronic kidney disease, it's too much of a load for the kidneys and it's having the patients go into kidney failure.

"Atkins is a relatively unbalanced diet. Patients get ketosis, an abnormality that develops in the blood

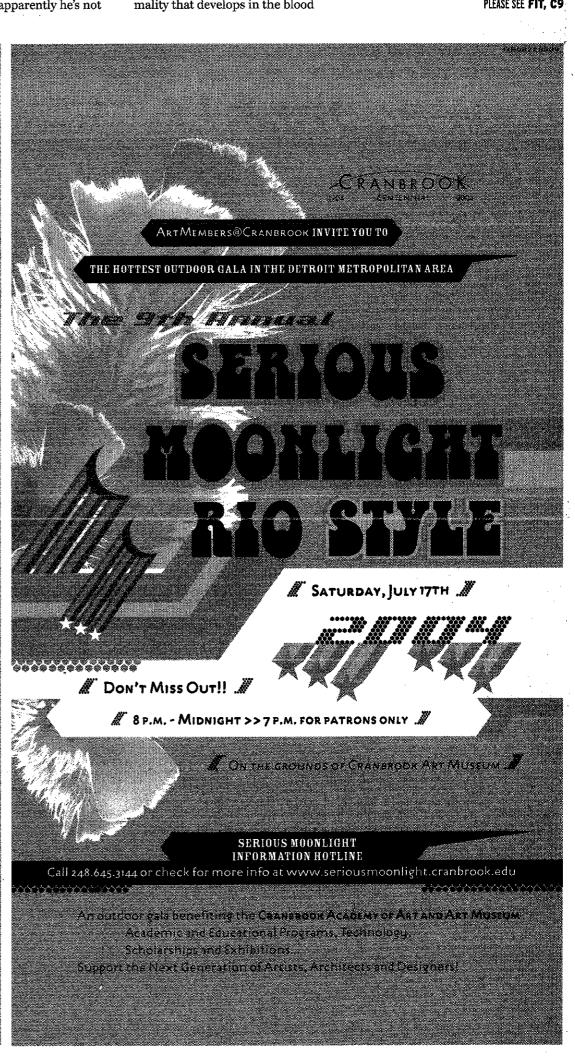
stream and occurs in about 60 percent of patients on Atkins. The worry is if someone has underlying heart disease they can get very ill. In one case a 17-year-old girl who went on Atkins died from cardiac arrest. It highlights some real potential concern."

McCullough suggests everyone could be healthier and thinner simply by eating fish, beans and nuts for protein, animal proteins like nonfat yogurt, fresh fruits and vegetables.

"A typical diet still needs 45 to 55percent of calories derived from carbohydrates from fruits and vegeta-

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Are high-protein, low-carb diets good?

It concerns Darlene Zimmerman when a patient thinks he or she can lose 10 pounds in the first week or two by going on a high protein, low carb diet. As a registered dietitian for the Heart Smart program at Henry Ford Heart and Vascular Institute, Zimmerman keeps up-todate on the latest research on nutrition. To date, there are no long-term studies on low carb diets according to an article published in the Journal of the American Medical Association in April

"There are no long-term studies to show whether it's safe or not," said Zimmerman, who teaches a nutrition class for cardiac rehab patients at Henry Ford Health System in Livonia. "One study keeps being referred to in JAMA that looked at literature on high protein diets to date. They evaluated 107 articles and made conclusions, are these safe, effective? Carbohydrate intake didn't matter. The people who lost the most weight took in fewer calories and stayed on their diet plan for a longer time.

"No study evaluated low carb diets in people over 53 years of age, and low carb diets were not studied in people with hypertension, diabetes or high cholesterol levels so we don't know what happens to them. Researchers concluded there is not enough evidence to recommend for or against low carb diets."

What worries Zimmerman is that some of the diets eliminate whole food groups and with them vitamins and minerals not found in other sources. Fruits and vegetables provide essential nutrients for a healthy body and mind.

"I'm concerned about missing nutrients and foods, whole grains (including whole grain breads and cereals), low fat dairy, fruits, vegetables which have been linked to reducing the risk of heart disease and cancer. These are important foods to have daily," said Zimmerman.

"Some good has come out of this. People are reading labels, looking at fiber content but it's this whole issue of lifestyle, stop smoking, start being active every day and eat a variety of food. That's what works. We're not addressing portion size. Portion size matters. In the '80s it was the fat-free craze. We thought if we eat everything fat-free we're not going to gain weight. If we eat low carb to excess and think that, we will gain weight. We forget the basics of a calorie is a

Eat too many calories and excess pounds begin adding up. The solution, however, is not

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Darlene Zimmerman registered dietitian

to go on the latest diet. Beverly Price advises clients to look inside themselves for answers. One of the ways to do that is through yoga. From 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, July 29, she presents a one-night yoga experience at Center for Yoga in West Bloomfield to give people a taste of how to eat mindfully, dump the diets and lose weight once and for all. For more information, visit the Web site www.BevPrice.com.

"Food is a small part of the process when trying to lose weight," said Price. "I teach people mindful awareness, to pay attention to sensory qualities of food, enjoying it for what it is. I teach breathing, techniques to get through tough situations that trigger overeating, how to integrate self-care techniques like yoga and meditation into daily living. I'm not necessarily putting them in contorted positions but using breathing and posture that can help delay impulse control, recognize hunger and fullness, and to avoid using food or starvation to mask emotions."

Price believes yoga is safer than following a high protein diet.

In the past I've had clients with high blood pressure, kidney problems and just overall not feeling good as a result of following the most popular diets," said Price, who like Zimmerman recommends eating a balance of complex carbohydrates, whole grains, fruit and vegetables, protein and fats.

"On a high protein and fat diet along with limited carbs our body produces ketones that are really not healthy for some of our major organs, especially kidney. The other reason I think it's dangerous is we do know the Atkins diet has been known to lower cholesterol in some individuals, but a low blood cholesterol does not necessarily make you immune from heart disease. Another danger psychologically is that you're still in the diet mentality. It does not solve the underlying problem."

bles or patients end up with bad breath, an unhealthy body chemistry and constipation," said McCullough. "And they should eliminate or reduce sugar, saturated fats and simple carbohydrates."

McCullough also recommends reading the book Eat, *Drink and Be Healthy* by Walter Willet, a medical doctor and professor at Harvard Medical School.

ENERGY BALANCE

"The core component is healthy choices. Eating healthy is only half of the equation. The other half has to do with energy balance, how many calories you put out per day with your effort. It's portion control and energy balance. It's like driving a car. You want your eating and exercise habits to be very safe. You don't drive

200 miles an hour."

McCullough practices what he preaches. At a recent breakfast meeting, he chose yogurt and fruit over bacon dripping with grease.

"I never ever eat burgers and fries just like I wouldn't cross over the yellow lines on the highway," said McCullough. "I don't think there's a lot of room for cheating. You don't cheat in your marriage or on taxes, and I'm not sure it's good to cheat on what you eat."

Bowman doesn't think it's cheating to enjoy a cookie every now and then as long as it's low carb. Her and husband Hugh opened the Low Carb Depot in Livonia last December with a variety of dressings, shakes, tortilla wraps, breads, cereals, cheesecakes, muffins, and cookies.

"It's a lifestyle change. That was my fault, always thinking it was temporary," said Bowman, director of Westland Youth Assistance. "I walk or bike every morning. That's very important as is drinking water which is key to any healthy lifestyle. I get pretty upset when people say low carb is not a healthy diet. I feel the best I have in my life.

"The worse thing we eat is sugar. So many products we eat are filled with sugar. The pop is leading to tooth decay and early diabetes. Following low carb is really about restricting the sugar and white flours. I don't eat gobs of protein. My husband has strawberries in his shake in the morning, and we eat a lot of cantaloupe and papaya."

McCullough's concern is dieters choosing low-carb products in response to a weight problem. For years the medical community has said to get the fat out of our diet," said McCullough. "10 to 15 years ago that led to low fat products and people who thought we can't get fat from eating all this low fat bread, but they have

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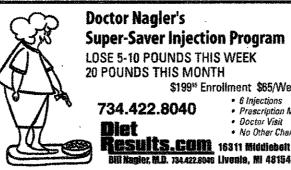
and osteoarthritis can wear away the cartilage of the joint. The effect of either inflammation or wear and tear is to cause the elbow joint to lose its ability to extend and rotate. Gout rarely effects the elbow joint itself, but can cause pain and swelling around the elbow particularly at the

It is important for your doctor to make a correct diagnosis of the reason for your elbow pain. Each of the conditions noted above has distinct treatment. Elbow pain is not a minor nulsance, rather, for your doctor it can become a difficult problem.

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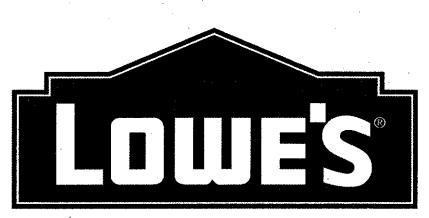
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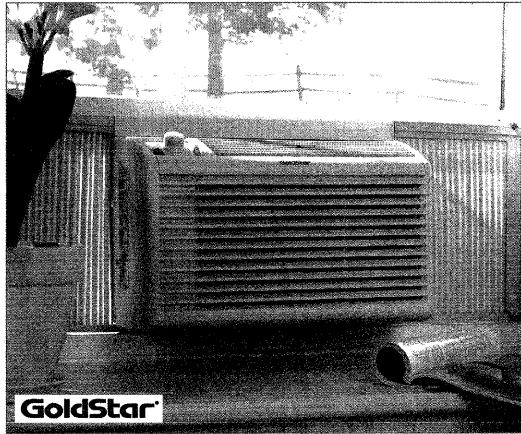
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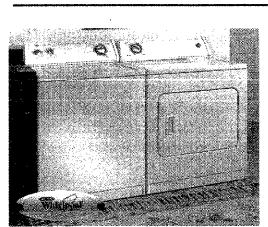
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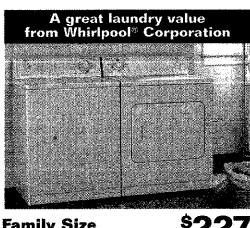
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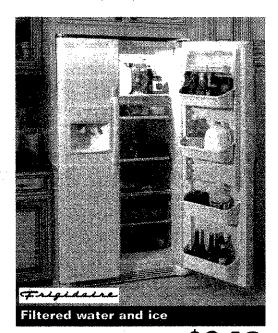


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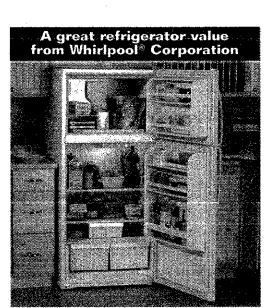


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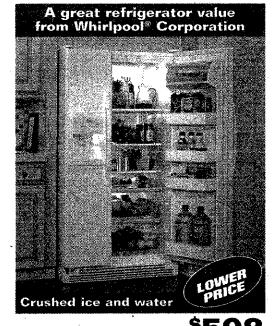


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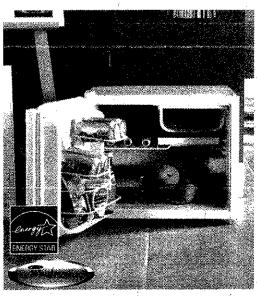


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GET ORGANIZED

- Dig into your piles. Don't despair over an unruly mess of paper piles. Devote a small amount of time to sifting through them daily. This makes the job more manageable, and if you stick to it, you will reach the end in no time.
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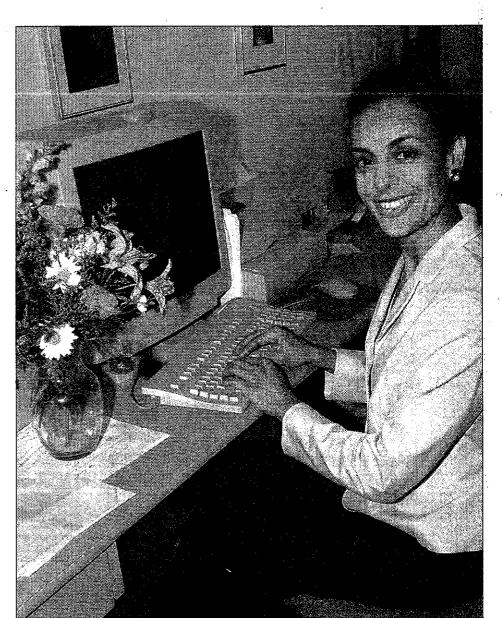
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rent files in a deep desk drawer or a filing cabinet within reach of your desk. Store items you use periodically in a less accessible location. Try color-coding files for better organization. On the electronic front, give computer documents logical names so you'll recall them faster.

■ Keep often-used items within reach. Items you use frequently should be kept on your desk. This includes pens, a calendar, a message pad and any other items that are part of your daily routine. Store a tape dispenser, a stapler, a calculator, paper, etc. in a desk drawer so they are accessible, but are not cluttering your surface space.

Create an efficient desk setup. Position your desk so that you can see people who approach the door. Place your computer monitor directly in front of you to discourage interruptions by family members. Make sure the phone, fax and printer are all within reach so you don't waste time getting up and down. Ensure that your desk chair is comfortable and fits your space.

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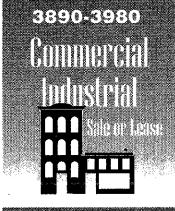








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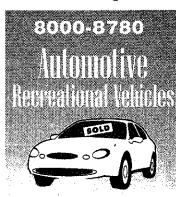


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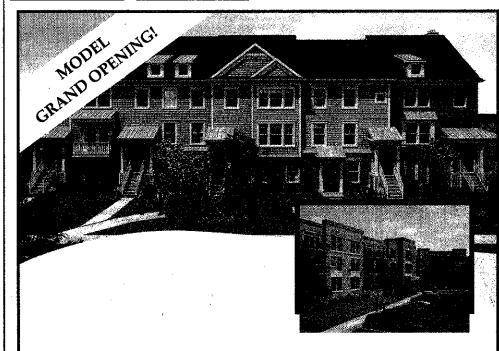
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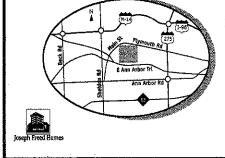






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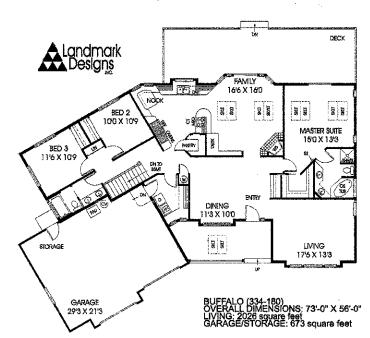
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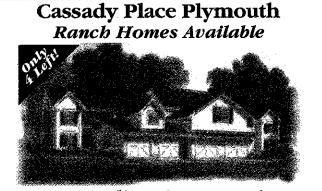
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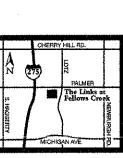
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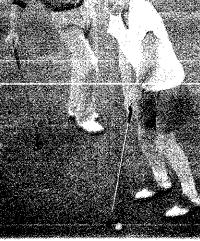


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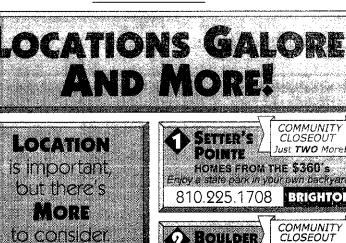


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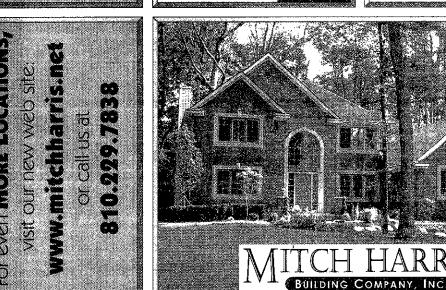
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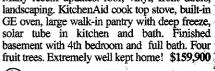


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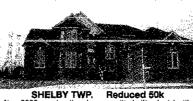
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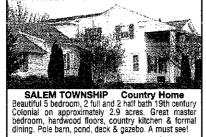
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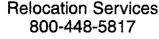
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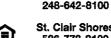




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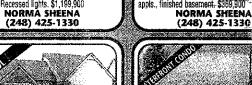
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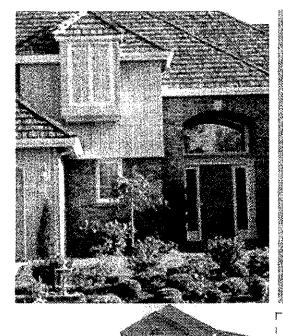
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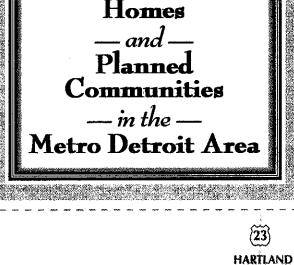
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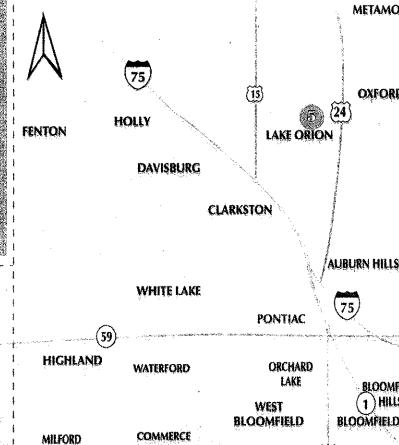
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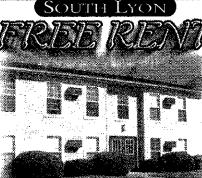
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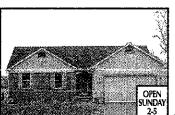


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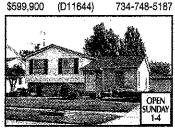
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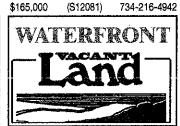
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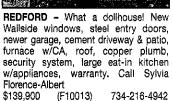




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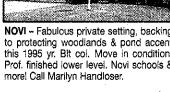












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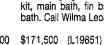
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The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, the federal agency which researches workrelated illness and injury, defines job stress as the harmful physical and emotional responses that occur when the requirements of a job do not match the capabilities, resources or needs of the worker. The consequences of such workplace stress are serious. Studies have found that work stress increases the risk of cardiovascular disease, psychological disorders and other health problems. Signs of job stress vary from person to person, according to the duration of stressors and intensity of the stress, but some symptoms are:

- * insomnia
- * loss of mental concentration
- * absenteeism
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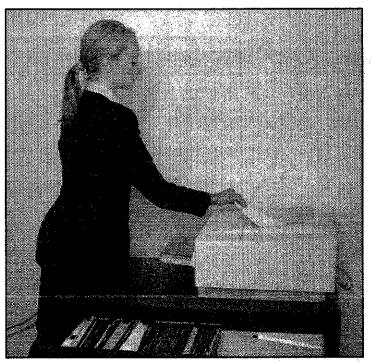
Such stresses are caused by an array of workplace factors, but some common ones are:

- * iob insecurity
- * adjusting to workplace culture
- * mental, physical or sexual harassment

It's important for the sake of your health to try to reduce workplace stress. Here's how.

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- * It's hard to focus at work when you can barely keep your eyes open, so try to get at least seven or eight hours of sleep a night. Don't have the time? Build more rest into your life by a) going to bed 10 to 15 minutes earlier and b) maintaining a consistent sleep schedule, even during vacations and on weekends.
- * Start the day off right with a healthy and energizing breakfast. If you are short on time, pack a vogurt, fruit or other foods, and munch at your
- * It may be hard to schedule exercise into your day, but it's a proven stress reliever. Participate in some form of exercise to give yourself an extra burst of energy. Try activities like yoga, aerobics or working out at a gym.
- * Don't smoke, drink or abuse other substances to reduce stress. They will only make things worse.
- * Relax in a way that works for you. Pick up the phone and call a friend. Turn on some soothing music. By making time for pleasurable activities, you can help your stress levels subside.
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Workplace stress can be a serious threat to your health. Manage Workplace Stress

- * Give yourself a break from work. Try to take that full half hour or hour for lunch. If you really can't, small breaks can do wonders. Go for a short walk around the office or outside.
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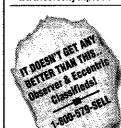
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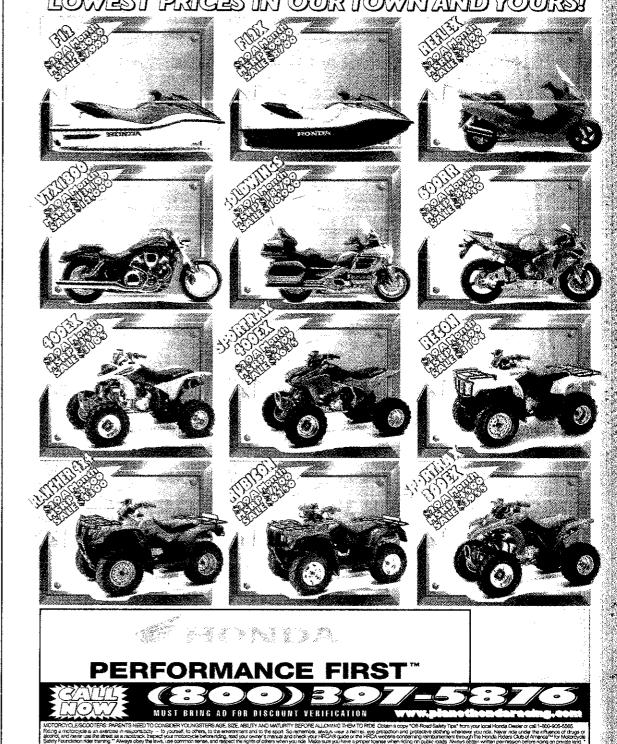
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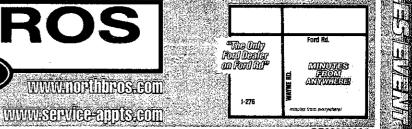
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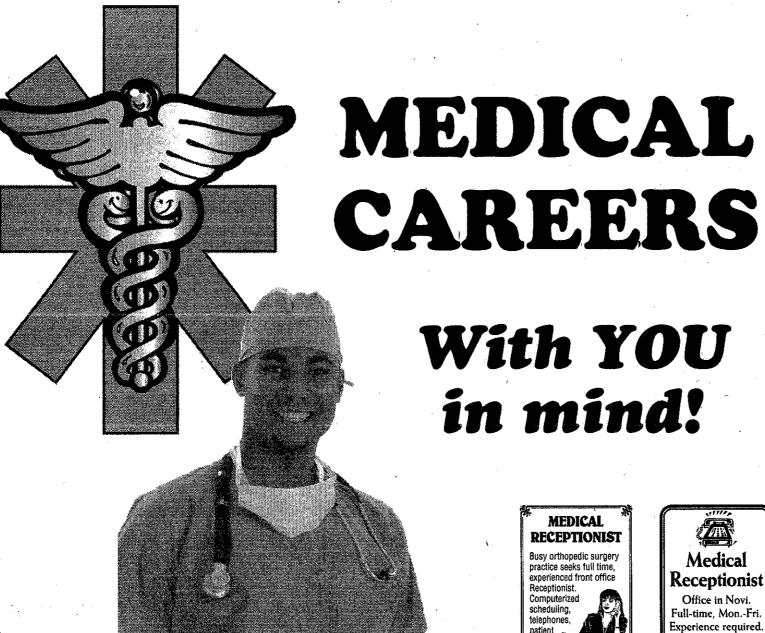
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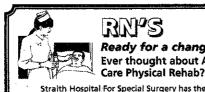
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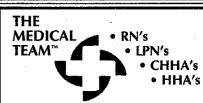


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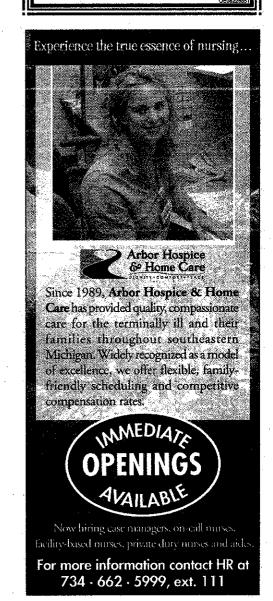
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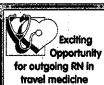
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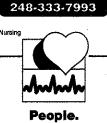
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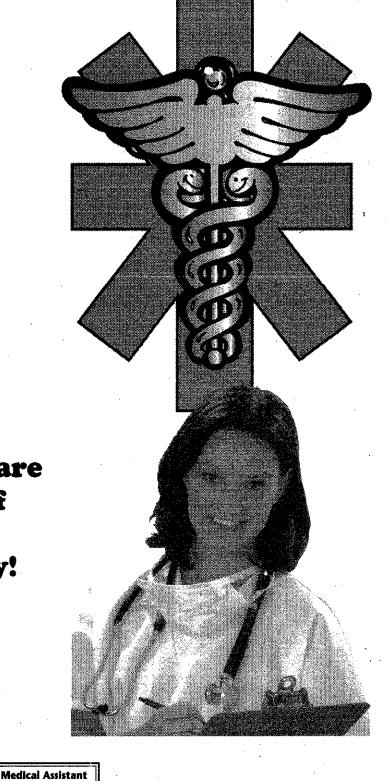
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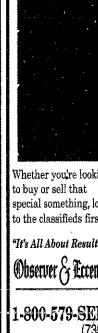
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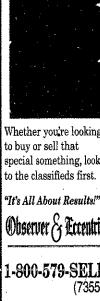
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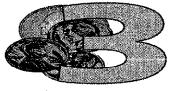
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I am a SWM, 61, pilot who enjoys
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weather, flying, travel, etc. I would
like to meet a SF, 48-58, in the

White Lake area. All cails returned Ad#:481076

SWM, 52, with brown hair and a nutache. Enjoys dining out, the outdoors, etc. Looking for a SWF, 40-53, who is looking for a long-

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CUNNECT! Outgoing, SNAM, 42, business owner, smoker, social drinker. Seeks a slim SBF, preferably with no children and no hang ups. Ad#:741741

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SWM, 54, 5'9", 180 ibs., with long brown hair. He enjoys rock & roll, movies, and much more. Seeks a pretty, SAF, 30-40, who knows how to treat a man, and wants a long-term relationship, leading to marriage. Ad#:741211 **UP FOR ADVENTURE**

29, swm, blonde/green, 180. Hike weight lifting, running, outdoor to be by my side.

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TRUE ROMANCE SWM, 35, 5'11", 185 lbs., brown hair. Enjoys dining, shopping, sports, nature walks, seeking a SWF, 29-40, who is honest and romantic. Ad#:734894 LETS MEET

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26, SWM, 5'9, 186lbs, black hair hazel eyes, good job, looking for someone to talk to and get to know, and who is attractive. get out a whole lot, as I work a lot thought i'd try this.

GOOD TIMES AHEAD SWM, 50, 5'8, 170, brown hair, blue eyes, seeks, someone with a sense of humor, outgoing, positive outlook on life, single female, 34-

Honest, SBF, 49, 5'9", 180 lbs. mous relationship, weight/height proportionate. Ad#:557006

OUTGOING LADY FOR ME 45, 6', 200 lbs., SWM. I like the outdoors, movies, bowling a lot of different things. I am looking for a

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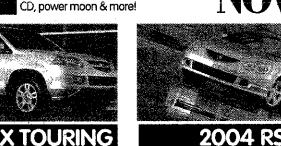
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You look at the exterior of the 2004 Chevrolet Aveo and you swear it's too small for anyone over four feet tall to fit inside -either the front or back seats. And cargo space in the rear shoot, it's got to be totally non-existent. Looks like there's about a foot of space, maybe less, from the outside.

Well, looks can be deceiving.

I've finding that out more and more with every small subcompact that I've driven lately. What looks ultra small is very, very surprising on the inside and in the cargo area. How can they put that much room in a car that small, for Pete's sake?

I know, I know, the 'ol move the tires out farther and stretch as much as you can out of that sheet metal.

It's been done with the 2004 Chevrolet Aveo, and done well, too. This entry-level vehicle is a breath of fresh air and full of value for the money you'll pay.

Sounds like I've been touting small cars and their wonderful features lately. Well, with gas prices the way they are lately although they are dropping just a tad -- sounds like a good way to spend your hard-earned bucks. You'll get anywhere between 26 mpg in the city to 36 mpg on the highway, depending on the transmission you choose. Not bad.

I still don't like small cars because of the safety you'll sacrifice -I'm talking about the chance of getting creamed by a huge SUV or a larger, full-size vehicle, but it's a risk you've got to take some-

There are two Aveos to choose from, a four-door sedan and a five-door. These subcompacts will seat five adults and are available in three different trim levels, depending on your pocketbook: Special Value, Base and LS.

Powered by a 1.6-liter dual overhead cam four-cylinder engine affording you 103 horsepower, the Aveo is peppy enough for a small vehicle like this. It's available with a four-speed automatic that features a hold control -- allowing you to stay in the appropriate gear on slippery roads or hills.

I drove the five-speed manual. It was difficult to shift, took its time getting up to snuff and the feature that you have to lift up a level on the shift knob to get it into reverse was more than a pain in the reverse. Annoying, to say the least. Maddening to say the

The Aveo was styled and created in Giorgetto Giugiaro's well-



2004 Chevrolet Aveo. Vehicle class: Subcompact. Power: 1.6-liter dual overhead cam 4-cylinder. Mileage: 26 mpg city/36 mph highway. Where built: Bupyong, Korea. Base price: \$9,995.

known Italdesign studio in Turin, Italy. The styling of the Aveo is more than pleasing to the eye, lending itself to invisible lines, rounded corners that flow into just about infinity and a high roofline that gives it the appearance that it's a little larger than it

The front treatment, with its wrap-around headlamps, turn signal lamps, front air dam that sports the familiar bow tie and rear air intake makes a bold statement, looking like it has command of the road. Fenders on the side are flared for added sportiness.

The interior of the Aveo isn't tight, and can accommodate four -- not five -- adults comfortably. I'm talking about taking a few people out for a night on the town, with full regalia including coats and purses and umbrellas. It would be tight for five.

You have to know, however, that the Aveo has the roomiest interior of any vehicle in its class, which is a plus. There's also a higher H-point (head-to-toe) ratio than others in its class as well.

There are features on the Aveo that you won't find in most subcompact vehicles in this price range -- all of which allow more comfort than you would expect. There's a standard tilt steering wheel, seats with recline, seat height and headrest height adjustment and a 60/40 split folding rear bench seat with built-in headrests that also feature grocery bag hooks.

The interior instrumentation is easy to read and understand and is very basic. You'll find a tach, speedometer, odometer, trip odometer, fuel gauge and coolant temperature gauge. There's a center storage tray, ashtray, 12-volt outlet and clock in the center

Some of the creature comforts you'll find in the Aveo include Am/FM stereo, tinted glass, intermittent wipers, rear defogger, remote fuel coor and trunk release, day/night rearview mirror, vanity mirrors up front, and dual front cupholders that don't I have a bone to pick on the trunk release. Okay, there's a trunk

release on the interior of the vehicle, located just left of the driver's seat. There's also a remote keyless entry that allows you to lock and unlock the doors. But you've got to use the key to open the trunk from the outside of the vehicle. There isn't even a latent if it's unlocked Yav's face of the vehicle. if it's unlocked. You're forced to put the key in the keyhole to open the trunk. Mighty inconvenient, I'd say. I didn't have any issues with the ride and handling of the Aveo.

It whipped around corners and took bumpy roads and highway uncomfortable in the Aveo — but I never took it on a longer trip than 45 minutes or so I don't account. than 45 minutes or so. I don't see a problem with a long trip, but? I never took it on one, so I can't comment.

I loved the styling, I loved the interior room and I loved the fact. that this subcompact is a great entry-level vehicle that's perfect for the college-bound kid or even a high school sophomore get ting his/her first car. Great on mileage, great on economy. What more do you want?

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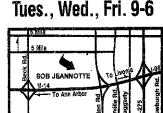
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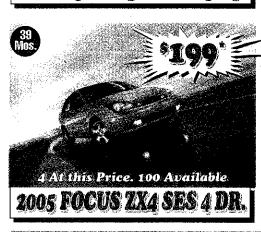
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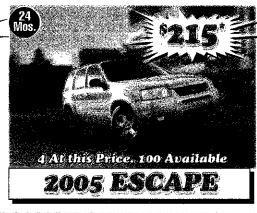


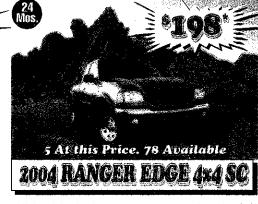












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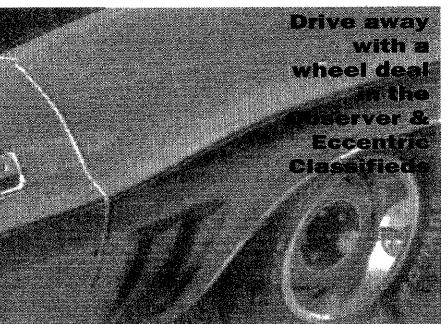
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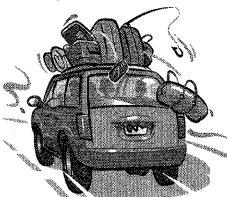
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