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Sheldon Place deadline set Aug.

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

Sheldon Place, the abandoned senior citizen housing center at Ford and Sheldon roads, apparently has been given another temporary reprieve.

Following a dangerous-building hearing earlier this year, hearing officer Joseph Philips issued an order to National Church Residences of Ohio, owners of the building, that the structure either be "demolished or otherwise made safe by Aug. 1, 2004."

The order also said that if a decision is made to demolish the building, a demolition permit must be applied for by July 1. If the decision is to repair the building, that application must also be made by July 1.

Last week, on July 1, the township building department received a letter from Bryan Amann, an attorney representing NCR, requesting "a very short extension of time before Canton Township undertakes any unilateral action."

The requested delay involves the sta-

tus of a civil lawsuit that NCR has filed against DeMaria Construction Co., the contractors who built the building, and various other subcontractors.

In his letter requesting the extension, Amann wrote:

"The trial judge in the civil action has set the trial date for the second week in July, and has denied all requests to adjourn the date. As a result, settlement negotiations have finally reached a very serious and potentially positive level. Either way, whether the case settles or goes to trial, the matter will be resolved

in a matter of days before the end of July."

Amann said that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is also monitoring the case "and is cooperating in the efforts to resolve the litiga-

tion to save the building." Canton Building Official John Weyer

said he viewed the letter "as positive." "The township doesn't have to act

before the Aug. 1 date," he said. The building has been vacant since

PLEASE SEE **DEADLINE**, A5



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Phyllis Wordhouse, a wealth coach, explains her new way of thinking about investments and money.

Quest for financial answers

Wordhouse book continues 'in your face' search

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI STAFF WRITER

"May the truth set you free." That is the last sentence you will read in an introduction by Phyllis Wordhouse before you begin reading her latest book: The 7 Deadly Investor Illusions and 101 Truths about Money & Investing.

"It's a kind of get-in-your-face book," said Wordhouse, the Plymouth resident who has been on the financial scene in the Plymouth-Canton community since the 1980s.

In the 1970s, her husband lost a cache of money in investments. Learning about money became important. It became even more important in the early 1980s, when she was pink-slipped from her job as a special education teacher in Wayne-Westland Schools.

"You study up," Wordhouse said. "I have been on this quest since 1982. How does money work?'

applies to everyone," Graham said. "I will Not only has she spent more than talk about the top 10 20 years helping her clients, but ways to protect yourherself as well, to understand what self and your family." to do and not to do when it comes

After many years as a licensed financial planner, Wordhouse feels she has finally got it figured out. And it's not what she used to think.

If you want a clue to what she is talking about, you need to read the book. It is small — about six inches square, 169 pages including end notes. It is written simply and in

big lettering. "Basically, it's teaching the basics of investing," said Wordhouse, who worked on the book with Mark Matson, the money manager at her firm, Wordhouse Wealth Coaching. Wordhouse is the managing mem-

ber of Wealth Advisers Group. What Wordhouse teaches is not the financial gobbledygook and investing you may have been told by countless financial planners and stock brokers in your lifetime. She takes another route.

"This is all based on efficient, passive strategy, realizing the market has its own cycles," she said.

According to Wordhouse, there are 11 layers — or asset classes — of

risk in the market. "If you are well-diversified

between the 11 classes and have a correlated portfolio, you will do just fine over your life span," she said.

In other words, Wordhouse said, don't believe everything you hear or are told about investing: "The problem is that people have bad information."

Investing isn't just about using your money to make more money. Wordhouse said that investing is about paying fees to financial consultants, planners and brokers.

The problem is that people — on advice of their advisers - are mixing the classes into one mutual fund.

"So at the end of the year, money managers want their bonuses," she said. "They buy in another class so they can get fees. We all pay that, sometimes as much as 10 to 12 percent per year."

That's problem No. 1. Ask yourself how much your mutual funds

The second problem is that money managers are buying the same stock even though they are in

PLEASE SEE BOOK, A8

Incumbent wants to finish projects on tap

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

Trustee John Burdziak, who's seeking his fourth term on Canton's Board of Trustees, says his strong points are experience and his commitment to represent the community.

"I try to listen to people's concerns and resolve their problems," said Burdziak, 68, a Republican who's been on the board since 1990. "I just make it a point to ask resi-



dents what they like and don't like," he said. "If they have a problem or concern I try to put them in contact with the proper person in the township." Asked why he's seeking re-election

to a fourth term, Burdziak said, "I like the job. And there's still some things unfinished that I'd like to see to the end."

Burdziak

Specifically he cited the performing arts theater, new residential developments such as Cherry Hill Village and the redevelopment studies for Ford Road. A retired engineer for Ameritech, Burdziak has been

working with the Downtown Development District on some of the Ford Road studies.

"The DDA was primarily interested in esthetics, initially," he said of the DDA's desire to have the electrical lines along Ford Road put underground.

"The figures from DTE were a little high than we anticipated (about \$12 million), so now we're going back and talk about placing them on the deep right of way and get them off the front of Ford Road."

He said cutting down on the number of curb cuts

along Ford Road, putting up smart lights and the addition of a right-turn-only lane from I-275 to Lilley Road should help ease some of the congestion.

The major issues he sees facing the township in the near future are general road improvement, traffic control and continuation of services.

The average citizen doesn't think much about it," he said, "because there hasn't been any curtailment of any of those services (police, fire, garbage pickup). We're one of the fortunate few townships that still has a fund

Once the growth stops and that fund balance is depleted, then we may see some cuts in personnel or

He said Canton should have at least another four or five years before it has to start considering any cuts. "But depending on the state's revenue sharing poli-

cies, if they cut more than we're currently receiving then that time frame will mature," he said.

On the issue of cityhood for Canton, Burdziak said he saw no reason to go that direction. "I don't really see any advantage to it right now," he

said. "We have our infrastructure in place. We'd receive more revenue sharing as a city but it would also entail control of our roads and we'd wind up buying road

PLEASE SEE BURDZIAK, A5

County's financial woes sink Bridge

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

After receiving a \$25,000 grant last year from Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, Jan Gooding thought the summer Bridge program she runs for at-risk students in the Plymouth-Canton school district was on solid ground.

With the money, Gooding - and her teaching colleague, Rick McCoy — were able to offer more scholarships, reduce tuition costs and provide transportation to students who participated in the 5\/2-week program that helps incoming ninthgraders who haven't done well academically in middle school make a solid transition into high school.

And, with three more years of funding, the program was on better footing than some others which faced cuts because of budget problems facing Plymouth-Canton schools.

However, because of what is being termed "a misunderstanding," the Bridge program will not be getting another \$25,000 this year because of Wayne County's own budget constraints, with future funding doubtful.

"We don't want to appear ungrateful, but the county did tell us we would get the grant for three more years," said Frank Ruggirello, director of community relations for Plymouth-Canton schools. "The

contract was written for one year, but they told us we could count on four."

As a result, modifications in the successful program had to be made at the last minute as school officials found out the program, which costs nearly \$50,000 to run, would lose half its funding. The number of scholarships for the program have been reduced; fewer students are participating, partly because tuition was raised from \$200 to \$450; and transportation money was taken from other at-risk money

that was to be used at the high school level. "We're running a modified program because of the funding," Gooding said.

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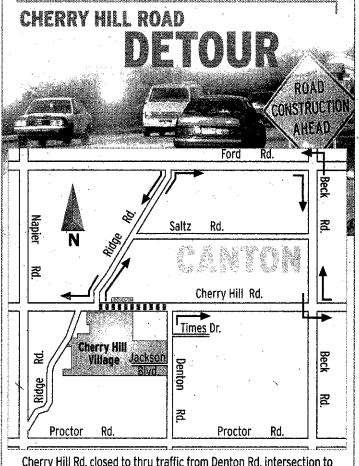
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The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County and the Canton Observer will host a candidate forum for Canton Township Board of Trustees candidates at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 21, at the Summit on the Park.

Ten candidates are seeking election to four seats on the township board. The race is partisan. Candidates include: Republicans Fred Bolden, John Burdziak (incumbent), Todd Caccamo, Jack Hakala, Todd LaJoy, Melissa McLaughlin (incumbent), Vicki Welty and Karl Zarbo (incumbent), and Democrats Godfrey Aguwa and Bill Rice. The Republican candidates will square-off in the Aug. 3 primary election. Voters will choose four candidates to continue into the Nov. 2 general election. The two Democrats also will be on the primary ballot, however, both will continue through the general election because the ballot asks voters to vote for not more than four.



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CAMPUS NEWS

DEAN'S LIST

The following Canton students have been named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Lawrence Technological University for the Spring semester:

Ali Atoui, Andrew Pixley, Anthony Radziszewski, Benjamin Pew, Chad Dattilio, Joshua Horne, Kevin Balkita, Kimberly Parimucha, Laura Walker, Mario Foley, Matthew Trublowski, Nathan Guideau, Richard Raymond, Robert Vander Hoeven, Sean Skinner, Stephen Panoff, Stephen

Dumouchelle, Thomas Kung, Timothy Moore and William Casey.

GRADUATED

Taryn A. Myers, daughter of Douglas and Geraldine Myers of Canton, received a bachelor of arts degree from Kenyon College May 22. She graduated magna cum laude with a major in psychology and earned distinction on her senior exercise.

Myers was inducted into the academic honorary society,

Phi Beta Kappa. Election to membership includes the top scholars in the senior class. She also earned membership in Kenyon's chapter of Sigma Xi, a national scientific research society.

HONOR ROLL

Rebecca A. Rourk of Canton has made the scholastic honor roll for the spring term at Oregon State University. Roard had a grade-point average of 3.5 or

Fall clean up planned for reconstructed Michigan Ave.

Canton's Municipal Services and Public Safety departments will be working together this fall to help clean up Michigan Avenue as the final phase of road reconstruction is completed by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

"We want all commercial properties to be in compliance with Canton's property standard ordinances," said Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas. "Clean, well maintained property has greater value. We believe the general consumer will be more likely to shop in areas that are well maintained."

The Public Safety Department's fire division will work to ensure that Canton's

fire code is being met.

'We will be looking for things like adequate fire extinguishers and alarm systems, making sure exits are marked and building renovations are recorded," said Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher.

"Property standards" encompasses several areas. according to Faas.

At commercial and retail facilities, for example, dumpster and parking areas must be maintained.

A building's general appearance, including property maintenance and landscaping are other key factors, said Faas.

We want to continue to attract high quality retail to our commercial areas," he

Ordinance and fire inspectors will work in tandem in the inspection process. Faas said inspectors will work with property owners falling short of

requirements to bring about compliance. Failure to resolve issues will result in tickets and court

appearances for property own-

Compliance will ultimately benefit everyone, said Faas.

"Better standards will attract better overall developments for the area," he added, noting that Michigan Avenue has great business potential. "It is becoming one of our premium corridors for commercial and industrial development in Canton. We think now is a good time to clean it up."

Report says township's water safe

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

It's safe to drink the water. That was the conclusion of the 2003 Water Quality Report for Canton.

Not that there was ever any question about it.

"It's an annual report that we are required to make," said Carol Quinn, of Canton's Public Works division. "The conclusion of the report is that Canton's drinking water is safe and meets all federal standards and regulations.

In 1998, a federal rule was passed to ensure that consumers of community drinking water supplies receive annual information about the water quality.

This year's report marks the

sixth year that it has been issued for Canton.

The state of Michigan and the Environmental Protection Agency also require testing of the water on a regular basis to ensure its safety.

"Canton has met all the monitoring requirements for 2003," the report states. "This report will be annually updated to keep Canton residents informed of any changes in water quality."

Canton buys water from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, which draws raw water from the Detroit River.

Once it is purchased, the water is moved to five master meter pits in Canton. Weekly water samples are collected at various locations in Canton and then tested. Mains are

flushed and tested for chlorine levels each quarter.

Copies of the report were mailed to residents last week and are available at the township administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

For questions about the report, call Canton Public Works Division at (734) 397-1011, Ext. 101, or the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department at (313) 267-

The following Web sites also have information about water quality:

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The following is the schedule for Canton Leisure

Services July 1-10.

For more information, call the department at (734) 394-5460 or log on to leisure.canton-mi.org

All activities listed below are free and at the Summit on the Park unless otherwise

July 12-16: Summer

camp. Detroit Science Center. Summit on the Park. 1-5th grade. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ■ July 12: For the birds. Adult/child class. Summit on

the Park. Ages 6-16. 6:30-8 p.m. Fee. ■ July 12-15: Youth archery camp. Canton Softball Center. Ages 9-18. 10 a.m. to noon.

■ July 12-16: Once upon an easel camp. Cherry Hill

School. Ages 6-10. 9 a.m. to noon or 1-4 p.m. Fee. ■ July 13: Family archery.

Canton Softball Center. Age 9 and up. 6-8:30 p.m. Fee. ■ July 13: Super easy

smoothies. Summit. Age 16 and up. 6-7:30 p.m. Fee. ■ July 13: Schoolhouse rocks. Cherry Hill School. All

ages. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. ■ July 12-16: Middle School Camp. IMAX Theater/Super Bowl/Laser Tag. Summit. Ages 11-15. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fee.

■ July 13-16: Youth baseball camp. Canton Softball Center. Ages 7-15. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

■ July 12-Aug. 17: Sunset tai chi. Heritage Park, amphitheater. Ages 18 - up.

6:30-8 p.m. Fee.

LEISURELY HAPPENINGS

■ July 14: For the birds. Adult/child class. Summit. Ages 6-16. 6:30-8 p.m. Fee.

July 9: Family campout/movie night, noon-11 p.m. Heritage Park. All ages.

■ July 14: Adult archery. Canton Softball Center. Ages 18-up. 6-8 p.m. Fee.

■ July 15: Concert series -Secrets. Heritage Park. All ages. 7:30-9 p.m. Free.

■ July 15: Senior summer movie. Something's Gotta Give. Summit. Ages 55-up. 1-3 p.m. Free.

■ July 16: Cool nights. Heritage Park. Ages 2-up. 7-9:30 p.m. Free.

■ July 16: Tea at Bartlett-Travis House. Tea & roses. All ages. 7-9 p.m. Fee.

■ July 16-17. Special

Olympics. Canton Softball

Center.

■ July 16-18: Tennis tournament. Griffin & Freedom parks. Ages 7-up. Call for information. ■ July 16-Aug. 13: Cool

nights - Friday's splash park. Heritage Park. 7-9:30 p.m. Free.

To reach Canton Leisure Services facilities, call:

■ Summit on the Park: (734)394-5460.

■ Canton Softball Center: (734) 483-5600.

■ Parks: (734) 397-6848. ■ Banquet and Conference

Center: (734) 394-5480. ■ Pheasant Run Golf Club:

(734) 397-6460.

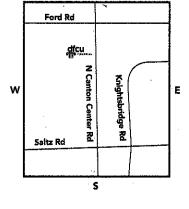
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Brenda Pollack of Needle Graphics Embroidery in Canton places a sweat shirt on her computerized embroidery machine.

One stitch at a time Second career in embroidery biz is fun, not work

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI STAFF WRITER

"A stitch in time saves nine" is a thing of the past as Brenda Pollack watches 15 needles masterfully create lettering and graphics for sweat shirts, caps, tote bags and T-shirts.

"It puts stitches to the graphics," said Pollack, a long-time member of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

Pollack retired from her first career with a family block and supply business and decided she wanted to stay home and spend more time with her only child, Brooke, a 2003 Salem High School graduate.

Before long, she was bored. During conferences he had attended, Pollack's husband, Roger, saw people using commercial embroidery machines. He had long encouraged his wife to check it out.

She did just that. On the Internet. She liked what she saw and bought a machine that also came with training in Florida. Pollack went, learned to use the machine, run the business and provide price quotes.

Today, she is the owner of the successful Needle Graphics Embroidery.

"It was great. They taught me how to use the machine, repair it and digitize."

Before she really sunk herself into the business, however, Pollack had to see how the whole thing would work. She had heard of a woman in Brighton who was running a similar embroidery business. She paid her a visit.

"I saw her shop and decided I could do it." On Jan. 1, she opened her

own business, which she has not yet advertised.

Instead, she just let friends

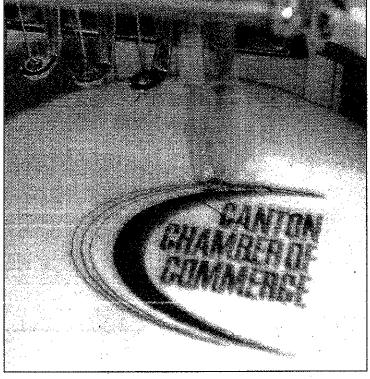
know what she was doing, called them, e-mailed them. She also e-mailed members of the chamber. Voila! She is busy. But there were no favors. Pollack is offering competitive prices and careful workmanship.

"It really has been strictly word of mouth," said Pollack, who has made a work room in her basement for her machine and a computer on which she can digitize logos and graphics.

Pollack recently completed sweat shirts featuring a new maroon-colored logo for the Canton Chamber of Commerce golf outing, as well as shirts for the Salem High School cheer team and a girls soccer team.

She also finished tote bags for a group of women who will travel together on a YaYa Sister cruise. The totes feature each member's name and a palm tree graphic.

The machine, which sits right next to her computer, boasts 15 needles and an equal number of thread spools. She can change the colors, set the size — you name it.



The embroidery machine quickly stitches the Canton Chamber of Commerce



Brenda Pollack shows off the finished product, the sweat shirt boasting the new logo for the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

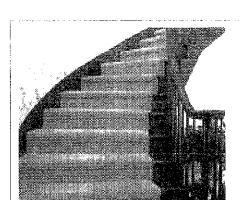
Pollack also works on baby blankets that boast the birth, date and time, as well as weight of the child. She does backpacks, fleeces, golf shirts, polo shirts, stocking caps and sweatshirts.

Primarily, Pollack creates the designs on her computer or has a logo or image sent to her that she can digitize for the embroidery machine. She also sets the colors of the image on her computer.

The irony of Pollack's new business is that she never was one to embroider. But she's having fun. She sets her own hours. She can be home where she can do whatever else she chooses.

"I have a lot more freedom," said Pollack, who next wants to get involved with screen printing. "This is fun. It's not work."

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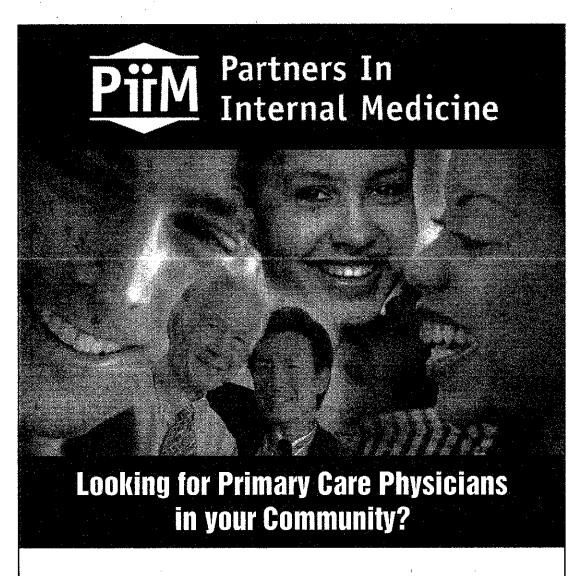
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DEATHS

Rose Mary Bolohan, 72, of Farmington Hills, died June 30.

William G. Graham, 88, of Howell, died June 29.

Sadie Hardy, 104, of Livonia, died June 27.

Virginia K. Krug, of Westland, died June 30.

Marianne Lamay, 70, of Livonia, died June 24. Frank J. Leblang, 84, of Farmington, died July 1.

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

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

Mary A. McAvoy, of Westland, died June 28.

James Persons, 79, of Livonia, died

June 29.
Edward Pringlemeir, 62, of Novi, died June 29.

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Dionisio Rodriguez, 82, of Livonia,
died June 18.
Annie May Rose, of Ontario, Canada,

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John Paul Szydzik Jr., of Peachtree
Ga., died June 30.

died June 27.

Francis W. Taylor, of Westland, died

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Maurice D. Williams, 81, of Farmington Hills, died June 28.

Joseph Zaiut, 83, of Ocala, Fla., formerly of Detroit, died June 21.

Take chance: Adopt road in Canton

Canton's Council for Community Excellence is teaming with local businessman Bob Boyer to get the community's roads adopted. Wayne County has identified about 40 sections of township roads for the program.

The council, which was created in December 2001 by Canton's Board of Trustees, promotes and acknowledges projects that enhance the quality of life in the community. Canton Neighborhood Coordinator Kris Sanders, who acts as liaison to the council, said the Adopt-A-Road program is one that makes sense

for the volunteer group.

"The council is going to be

working to get homeowners' associations signed up," she added. "Bob has excellent connections in the business community through his years of service in the Chamber of Commerce. Together, we think we can get all of the roads adopted."

Each section of road, which includes major arteries like Canton Center, Cherry Hill, Haggerty and Morton-Taylor, is about a mile in length. In all, 18 of the 40 sections have been adopted thus far.

"We've had two homeowners groups sign up so far," Sanders said. "We're very pleased and hope to get more onboard soon." The program focuses on clean-up of each road section. Sanders said Wayne County sets aside three time periods each year for clean up.

"We're asking that groups pick at least two of those dates each year," she added.

The county supplies safety vests for adoption workers as well as garbage bags. Groups simply complete clean-up activities and then leave garbage bags on-site for the county to pick up. Two clean up periods remain for 2003. The first will be July 21-25 and the second is Sept. 15-19.

For more information on the program or to sign up, please call (734) 394-5165.

Counselor's CPR skills save toddler's life

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Carol Krogman had to learn CPR skills as part of the terms of her employment as a teacher at Montessori Center of Our Lady in Livonia.

On Thursday, she had to use them.

Krogman, a counselor at the day camp conducted by the Plymouth Salvation Army, is being credited with saving the life of a toddler during a field trip to Camp Dearborn in Milford Thursday.
Salvation Army campers were

playing at the beach when Krogman noticed the little girl, whose age is being estimated at 3, face-down in the lake. According to witnesses, the little girl had wandered from a family group enjoying a barbe-

The 22-year-old Krogman dashed to the girl's side, pulling her from the lake and performing CPR on the beach.

"She was floating with her face in the water, as limp as she

could be," said Krogman, the daughter of Ed and Tammy Moyer of Livonia. "I picked her up, took her back to the shore and did the CPR to get her breathing. At first she wasn't, but then she started coughing."

Krogman said it's the first time she's had to use the CPR skills, but she wasn't nervous until it was all over.

"My instincts kind of kicked in, but I wasn't nervous until afterwards," she said. "Afterwards is when I thought, 'Whoa!"

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DEADLINE

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August 2001 when leaks and cracks appeared in the then three-year-old \$4.4 million structure. Residents were removed from the building, which has since been shored up but not repaired.

At a dangerous building hearing more than a year ago, Philips told NCR to fix the building and he would revisit the issue a year later.

On March 23 of this year, another hearing was held. At that hearing, Philips asked for a letter from a structural engineer attesting to the safety of the building. No such letter was ever received.

In issuing the order that the building either be demolished or made safe, Philips wrote:

"It is my opinion that the condition of the building in its current state is unsafe. I draw this conclusion from the fact that you have chosen to vacate the building."

Amann said the pending lawsuit is a kind of stumbling block in the case.

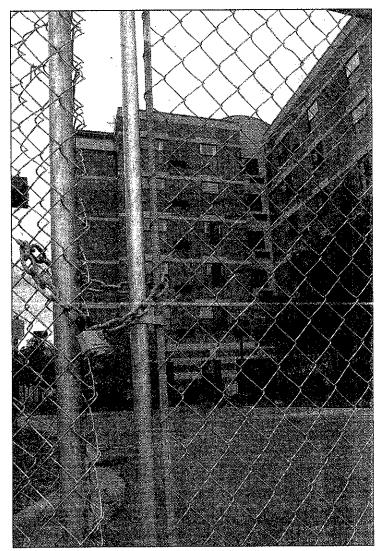
'We're on a tightrope here," he said. "We're trying to work with the township, but we have to be careful about the posture in the litigation."

But he said the progress of the lawsuit could be a positive.

"I think the litigation process has hit critical mass," he said. "This is the single best opportunity to give it a chance. If it doesn't settle and goes to trial, it could take two weeks or even longer. We are a lot closer to knowing which it will be, but we can't affirmatively say

which." Township officials have been concerned about the safety of the building over the past two

Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher



Sheldon Place, the abandoned senior citizen housing center at Ford and Sheldon roads, apparently has been given another temporary reprieve.

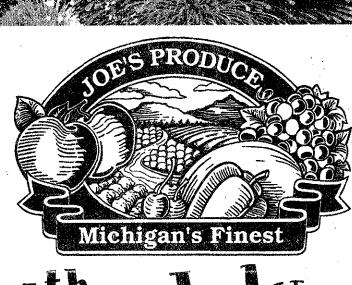
has ordered his crews not to enter the building should there

He said he's afraid water from fire hoses could cause the

building to collapse. A study of the structural integrity of the structure, commissioned by NCR, found, among other things, that the wall heating/cooling units were not installed properly, control joints were improperly constructed and there was deficient mortar joint construction.

The report also noted that the masonry does not have the necessary strength as required by code, vertical reinforcement was not installed properly or was missing, plank floor connections to the outside loadbearing walls were not installed properly and the grouting of concrete masonry units was not consistent to the specifications.

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equipment. Or else we'd have to privatize all that as a tradeoff." His view of Canton in 10 to 15

'We'll probably be built out by then," he said. "Probably we'll

have over 100,000 people. We'll have more upscale commercial development. We'll be a bigger and better community."

In addition to his service on the board of trustees, Burdziak served 10 years on the planning commission and two years on the zoning board of appeals.

He's planning a low-key campaign, relying primarily on personal contact and mailings.

He and his wife, Yvonne, have been married 44 years. They have three grown children and three grandchildren.

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Of 11 businesses, two caught selling to minors

The Canton Police Department's Special Enforcement Unit conducted a tobacco sales check June 23. A total of 11 businesses were checked and two of the businesses sold tobacco products to a minor. Businesses checked included:

Amoco Gas Station, 40401 Michigan Ave. - did not sell Amoco Gas Station, 41345 Michigan Ave. - did not sell Amoco Gas Station, 45495

Michigan Ave. - did not sell Canton Party Store, 43431 Michigan Ave. - did not sell Clark Gas Station, 45230 Michigan Ave. - did not sell

Marathon Gas Station, 1439 Michigan Ave. - did not sell

Oakview Party Store, 42256 Palmer - did not sell Shell Gas Station, 5640 N. Haggerty - did not sell Sunoco Gas Station, 41350 Ford Road - did not sell 7-11 Gas Station, 45460

Shell Gas Station, 40400 Michigan Ave. - sold to a minor The clerks, in the businesses that sold to minors, were tick-

Michigan Ave. - sold to a minor

The Special Enforcement Unit has performed tobacco and alcohol compliance checks at local businesses for the past several years. The unit uses a "zero tolerance" enforcement strategy when dealing with violations of tobacco and alcohol

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BRIDGE

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"We're going to have to evaluate if we can afford transportation in the future."

Nancy Mouradian, head of communications for Ficano's office, said the county would have liked to continue funding for the Bridge program, but the money just wasn't there and no promises were ever made.

"Everybody's budget is experiencing a lot of suppression," she said. "There's been a misunderstanding ... to the best of my knowledge, that promise was never made."

According to Alan Amen, director of community resource development and outreach for Wayne County, the money given Plymouth-Canton was part of funding for a pilot program that had to be dismantled this year because of the lack of funds.

"What they're doing with the Bridge program is good; I saw it and talked with students," Amen said. "We were happy to be a partner with them.

"There's no way we could promise any funding like we gave last summer," he added. "We would like to look at

Plymouth-Canton in the future to engage in some partner-

Last year the Bridge program was able to accommodate 52 students, and looked to target

However, that number reached only 41 before some because of the higher cost.

Excellence Foundation gave a \$2,500 grant to help pay nearly half of the transportation costs.

high school's at-risk funding was used to make up for the loss of the county money, meaning no more funding is available for at-risk programs the remainder of the school

Part of the problem is the school district didn't find out about the mixup until somecounty grant money for the

"We're still looking at where to save this summer to reduce costs," she said. "We're being very frugal with what we spend on supplies this year."

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CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE AUGUST 3, 2004, PRIMARY ELECTION

PLEASE NOTE that Tuesday, July 6, 2004, is the last date to register for the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 3, 2004. Registration for Township electors will be taken at the Office of the Township Clerk, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Building 3, or at any Secretary of State Office. The phone number of the Township Clerk is 354-3224. The office of the Clerk is open from 8:00 a.m., to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. If a resident is unable to register during those hours, a call to the Clerk's Office can set up a convenient time for the resident,

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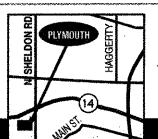
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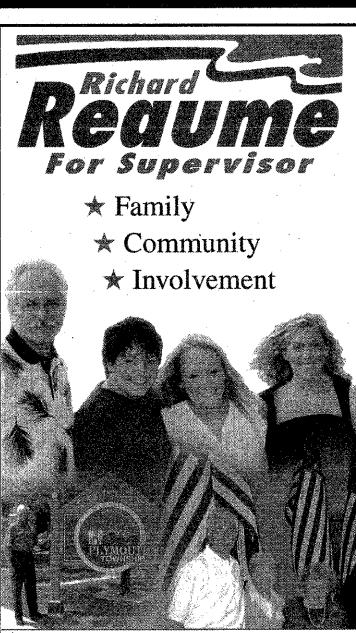
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time in May, with Gooding and McCoy already planning on the June 21-July 29 program.

Crawl for grub

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) 453-4040.



NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN 2004 SUMMER TAXES

Summer taxes are due July 1, 2004 and payable through August 10, 2004 without penalty. Additional information appears on the reverse side of your tax statement. MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CITY OF PLYMOUTH. Payments can be made at City Hall during regular business hours, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Treasurer's office. After hours, payments can be placed in the DROP BOX located on the Church Street lobby of City Hall or use the DROP BOX located next to the book return behind the Library.

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City Treasurer

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> PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN



(734) 453-1234 A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following:

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2004

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

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

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Board of Canvassers Board of Review **Building Board of Appeals** Cemetery Board of Trustees Downtown Development Authority Economic Development Corporation & Zoning Board of Appeals Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

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Housing Commission

Planning Commission

Old Village Development Authority

Tax Abatement Review Committee

The City Commission has established that all appointees shall, at the time of appointment and continuously during their term, possess the following basic qualifications:

1. The appointee cannot be in default to the City. 2. The appointee must be a resident of the City - the City

residency requirement may be waived on boards and commissions, which have service areas extending beyond the City limits. 3. Other qualifications as required by State law, City

Charter, or other Authority. If you would like to serve on any of the above City boards or

commissions, please download an application from our website at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us and return it to: City Clerk, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. You may also contact the City Clerk's Office and we will be happy to mail an application to you.

Additional information regarding any City board or commission will be gladly provided by the City Clerk's Office.

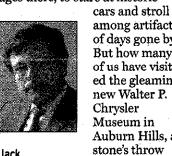
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Chrysler museum is well worth an effort to visit

veryone who knows anything about cars knows about Greenfield Village and the Henry Ford Museum, the vast museum of American and automobile life the automaker created in Dearborn.

Millions have made pilgrimages there, to stare at historic



Lessenberry

among artifacts of days gone by. But how many of us have visited the gleaming new Walter P. Chrysler Museum in Auburn Hills, a stone's throw from the automaker's

American headquarters? How many people even know there is a Chrysler museum, or how to find it? "Not enough," said Barry Dressel, the museum's droll 57-year-old manager. "But that's starting to change." Six years ago, he pulled up stakes and left a museum job in the Caribbean to help design and build the Chrysler museum.

North

"I like to say that I am the only completely sane person ever to move from the Caribbean to Michigan," he quips. That may be debatable, but what is certain is that he has helped build one of the automotive world's lesserknown jewels.

This summer, in fact, the museum, which opened to little fanfare late in 1999, has mounted its most ambitious exhibit yet: "Inspired Chrysler Design: The Art of Driving," which features several dozen absolutely gorgeous automobiles.

They include race cars from the 1920s, many elegant cars built for and owned by the Chrysler family, and a number of

one-of-a-kind concept cars. The exhibit also includes a look at new design concepts being pioneered in forthcoming cars, and a good deal of automotive

art, much of which is for sale.

"We've never done anything like this before, and it is long overdue," Dressel said. Besides the special exhibit, which fills the second floor of the gleaming, 55,000-square-foot building, there are all sorts of attractive exhibits on the history of the company, the family, lots of other interesting cars and engines that only a gearhead could love, and a first-rate gift shop.

If enough people visit, the museum ought to help change the automaker's longtime historic image as that of the automaker who catered to the working stiff; the guy who worked on the line in Hamtramck and bought what

Oh, there were a few "muscle cars" in the '60s, mostly Dodges, and a car called the New Yorker, which was sort of an imitation Cadillac or Lincoln Continental which fooled nobody, but mainly Chrysler was the automaker for the notoriously unstylish and

That was the Chrysler that nearly went out of business in 1979, but which was saved at the last minute by Lee Iacocca's salesmanship and a federal government bailout. Chrysler survived, of course, bounced back and bought Jeep and the other remains of the old American Motors Corp. a few years later.

Eventually it was merged with (sold, really) the German automaker Daimler, which left a few congressmen grumbling and brought a lot of executives named Jurgen and Dieter to suburban Detroit. You won't find a Mercedes in the Chrysler museum, though; "We have made this a museum of DaimlerChrysler's history in North America," Dressel says.

This year, they are hoping for 50,000 visitors. Part of the problem is that the museum is a bit out of the way, 30 miles or so north of downtown Detroit.

No one ever wanders into the Chrysler museum by chance,

though attendance rises during the ultra-elegant Concours d'Elegance, an annual vintage luxury car show at the nearby Meadow Brook Hall. On Thursday evenings this month, the museum is sponsoring a series of smooth jazz concerts, which may also raise aware-

While the museum is easy to find, you have to make a determined effort to get there (take I-75 to exit 78, and follow the signs.) Yet the effort is worth it, even for those who are only mild about car history, in large part because attractive displays interweave the history of our times with the history of Chrysler, which in some ways resembles a familiar pattern in American business: excitement, boom, bust, near-failure, revival, merger and sale.

For hours and more information, check out www.chryslerheritage.com.

Geoffrey Fieger, flamboyant lawver best known as Jack Kevorkian's longtime legal bulldog, was given a new role recently by Gov. Jennifer Granholm. He is now head of the Michigan Film Board, and in that capacity, is doing everything he can to promote Flint native Michael Moore's Fahrenheit 9/11.

Accordingly, he is offering a \$2,500 scholarship for the best essay about the movie written by a high school senior. Entries must be 1,250 words or less; typed, double-spaced, and emailed to info@fiegerlaw.com (not as an attachment) or mailed to Fahrenheit 9/11 Essay Contest; 19390 W. 10 Mile, Southfield MI 48075. This columnist, incidentally, will judge the winner.

Jack Lessenberry is editorial vice president of HomeTown Communications. He can be reached by phone at (248) 901-2561 or by e-mail at jlessenberry@homecomm.net.



Plymouth's Art in the Park offers something for everyone.

From A to Z: Plymouth Art in the Park has it all

ooking to quench your artistic palate? Then look no further! The Plymouth Art in the Park has a plethora of events and activities that the whole family can enjoy. This event has come a long way since 1980, when it started as an art adventure with aspirations of a simple weekend with only 30 local artists. Today the Art in the Park has transformed Kellogg Park into one of the top 200 art shows in the country with more than 400 artists that hail from around the country and around the globe. The stars of this year's event (July 9-11) in the streets surrounding Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth will be offering an array of items including:

A. Angels, acrylic paintings, airbrush tattoos

B. Batik, Barefoot Violinist, bowls, bird houses, birch bark lamps

C. Ceramics, collage, calligraphy, clocks, candles, chairs

D. Dishes, drawings, dresses E. Etchings, entertainment, embossing,

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F. Face painting, flowers, food, furniture **G.** Gourds, gold, glitter, grandfather timepieces H. Hats, hanging chairs, The Human

Statue, herbal items I. Infinity tables, intaglio, iron, intarsia J. Jewelry made of silver, gold, glass, leather, antique buttons, bamboo, stone

and sawdust K. Kellogg Park, kinetic sculpture, kalei-

L. Leather purses, belts, briefcases, wallets, shoes, portfolios

M. Mirrors, mobiles, miniatures, mosaic, music

N. Name plates, Nicaraguan ceramics O. Oil lamps, olive oil soap, oil paintings

P. Photography, potpourri, puzzles, pillows, pot racks

Q Quilts, quotations R. Raku, rugs

S. Signs, shelves, shuttle bus, silhou-

ettes, sculptures, street painting T. Tools turned into garden art, toe

Ŭ. Ukrainian eggs V. Vests, vases W. Wheat weaving, wrought iron,

X. X-tra fun goodies for children Y. Yarn, yard art

watches, water fountains, wine racks

As the popularity of Art in the Park steadily increases, so does its number of

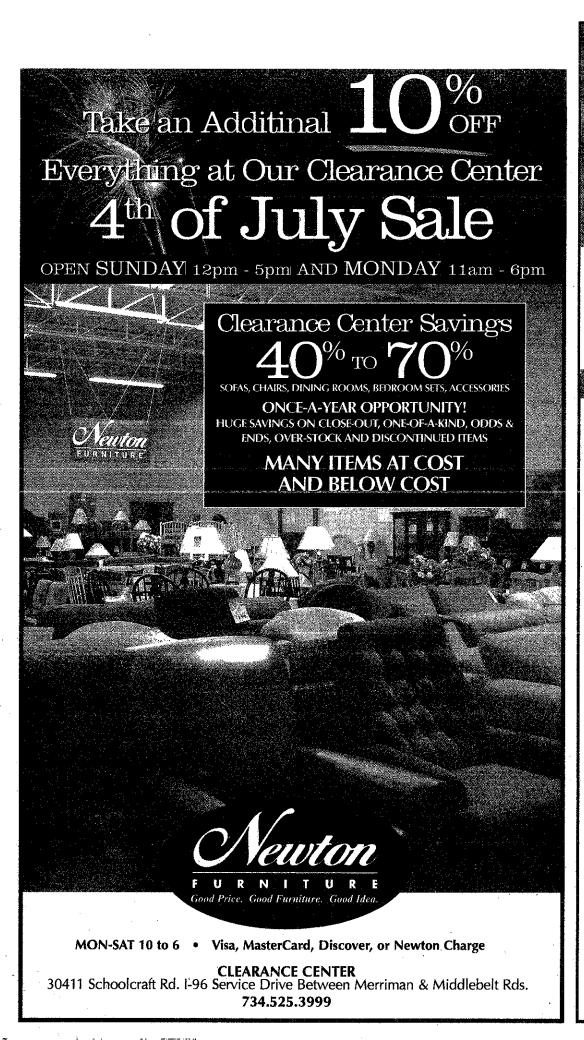
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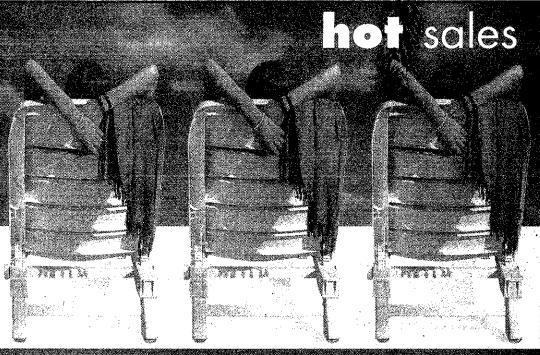
art activities, as well as sponsors, civic and

charitable organizations. These are three days when Kellogg Park will be transformed into the type of atmosphere where memories are made.

We welcome you to join us!

Dianne Quinn of Plymouth is founder and director of Plymouth Art in the Park. Her daughter, Raychel Rork of Canton Township, is a member of the executive team which produces the show.





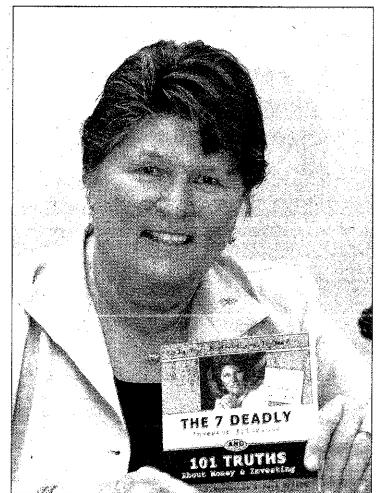
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Phyllis J. Wordhouse and her new book.

New money book is an easy, fun read

The 7 Deadly Investor Illusions and 101 Truths About Money & Investing by Phyllis Wordhouse and Mark Matson is divided into three segments: The Illusions, 101 Truths and The 20 Must-Answer Questions for Creating Lasting Peace of Mind.

The seven illusions are examples of what you might have been told somewhere along your financial life. Ever heard these?

■ Timing the market works: We have experts who can accurately predict market move-

Our research works: If you trust us and buy and sell based on our analysis, you will beat the market.

■ Track record investing works: We have expert money managers who, based on past performance, have a better than average chance of beating the market going forward.

■ Markets don't work: We know what the real price of a stock or bond should be and we can buy mispriced stocks so you can make a big profit.

The book's next section is about truth, addressing Public Enemy Number One: The Media; Never Let Anyone Gamble with Your Money; Emotions, The Wellspring of Investing Folly; as well as Risk is Not Just a Word. Here are a few gems from the section:

■ "Speculating is NOT investing."

■ No one can forecast the future.

■ If your broker really knew what was going to happen, he wouldn't be cold calling you while you're eating dinner.

The book's third section is titled: The 20-Must Answer Questions for Creating Lasting Peace of Mind. Wordhouse says she believes her role as a wealth coach is to help her clients gain greater peace of mind by helping them bring clarity to their goals, to grow in financial and personal understanding and to help experience life more abundantly.

To that end, Wordhouse has some questions she asks her readers:

■ Have you identified your

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'The 7 Deadly Investor Illusions and 101 Truths ABout Money & Investing,' a new book by Phyllis Wordhouse, is an easy read.

personal risk tolerance?

■ Do yoù know how to measure diversification in your portfolio?

When it comes to building your investment portfolio, do you know exactly what you are doing and why?

■ Do you have an investment policy statement? ■ Have you devised a clear-

cut method for measuring the success or failure of your portfolio?

At the end of more questions and the end of the book Wordhouse offers a statement: "When you have achieved the ability to answer yes to all of these questions, you will have mastered and obtained a high level of peace of mind."

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different mutual funds. With one client. Wordhouse discovered that 30 money managers were buying Pepsi and only in two classes of risk.

"They are buying the same thing over and again. That is not cost-effective," Wordhouse

The book and the educational seminars Wordhouse teaches are "all about stopping doing that. Once you understand the truth of investing, your life will be easier. Let the market work for you."

Investing in the 1990s is one of Wordhouse's favorite example. The market itself provided double-digit returns. The average investor, however, only got about 3 percent — because of the fees.

"Every time you move your portfolio, you are losing money," she said.

Wordhouse believes the mar-

ket takes care of itself. The issue is buying properly, meaning that you must buy in at least six to eight asset classes, preferably 11 asset classes.

"Also, consider that people think they are broadly diversified because they have a number of mutual funds," she said. "But multiple money managers are buying the same stock."

Wordhouse wants people to remember that a financial planner is an independent person who needs a stock broker for a relationship with Wall Street to buy and sell. And don't think for a moment that buying on the Internet eases the pain.

"Every time you change your portfolio, you are hurting yourself because of the fees you are paying," she said. "You start the risk all over again."

Wordhouse gave up her licenses to do that and today is a wealth coach, primarily educating others.

"I love to see the awareness. People assume and assumptions hold them back," she said. "This book is how I learned it.

If I could learn it, you can learn

Her belief is that one money fund should contain one assets. In other words, avoid doublepaying for something you already have. "Each money fund has it own level of risk,"

Three years ago, Wordhouse got fed up with the way things are done in the investment and money world.

"I was frustrated with active trading," she said. "In 2000-2002, the market only went down 8.3 percent, but people were losing more than 10 per-

The book comes from what she has learned and figured out since. It is designed to educate - in a fun way.

"This book is an easy read. You can read it in two hours," Wordhouse said. "People are busy. People might have only time to read one page. This is not overwhelming.

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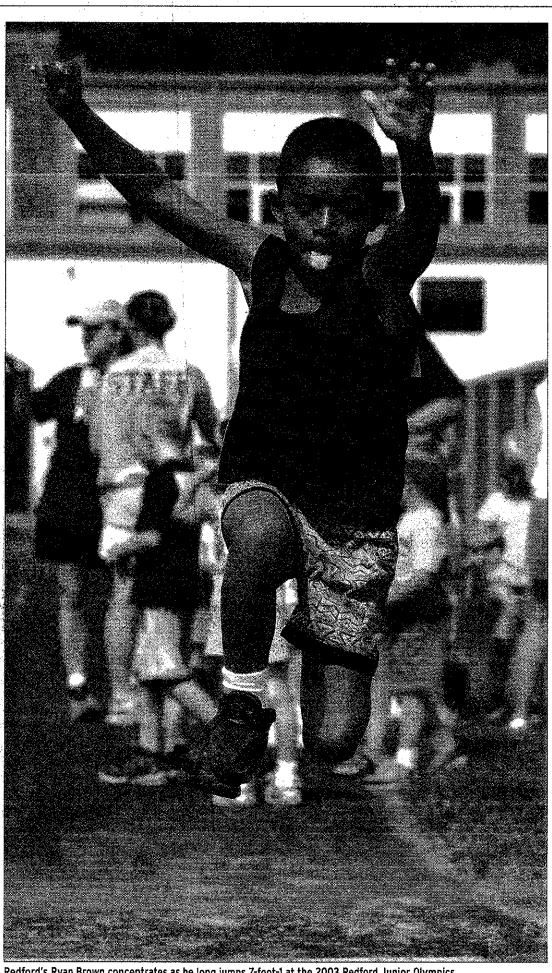


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Redford's Ryan Brown concentrates as he long jumps 7-foot-1 at the 2003 Redford Junior Olympics.

Redford gears up for Junior Olympics

BY PAUL BEAUDRY

Heather Miller didn't need anyone to remind her she had been working at the Redford Township Junior Olympics for a long time.

She had an extra moment of self-awareness last summer when a former participant in the township's annual track festival showed up with her own daughter.

"I immediately recognized her," said Miller, the Parks and Recreation supervisor who's been working the event for 15 years.

"A lot of parents who bring their kids to our summer programs have brought their kids to this. But this was the first time I watched someone come up through the program bring their own child."

In the 45 previous versions of the Junior Olympics, there have been plenty of opportunities for that to happen.

What doesn't happen in the event is rain. Or usually doesn't. The event - open to every child 12 and under - is one big track meet, featuring running, throwing and jumping, all split into different age groups.

This year's incarnation will be held Wednesday, at Hilbert Junior High - at the corner of Puritan and Kinloch - and begins at 9 a.m. with registration, while events start at 10 a.m.

And there are three key things to remember. The first is that the event has never been rained out as long as Miller's been a part of it (which is good since it won't be made up). The second is that it is free. The third is that it's free to all children - it doesn't matter if they are from Redford, Livonia, Canton, Southfield, Farmington or Detroit.

"We've been pushing this in all of our summer programs, but we're hoping for stronger numbers than last year," said Miller. "Miscommunication might have hurt us last year, but we always get great weather.

"We get kids from all over western Wayne and Oakland County and most of the kids get some kind of ribbon. We award them to the first six places, but we try to run heats so everyone can get one. It's a fun event for the kids."

Salem grad **Roth takes** 2nd Open title

STAFF WRITER

When it comes to taming a "Bear," sometimes it's better to be armed with an abundance of experience rather than an infinite supply of youthful

That was the lesson Plymouth native Jeff Roth taught the field in the Michigan Open Golf Championship held Monday through Thursday at the famed "Bear" course at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa in Acme. Roth, 46, outlasted several younger, lessexperienced competitors and some fellow veterans as well - to win his second Open championship with a 12under-par total of 276. He didn't have a bogey in the final round and only made two in the last 45 holes.

Grandville's Eric Jorgensen finished in a second-place tie at nine-under after leading Roth by a stroke heading into Thursday's final round.

Burton's Mike Austin also finished nine-under, one shot ahead of Scott Hebert.

"The field in this year's tournament was so much younger and talented than it was just 10 years ago," said Roth, who captured his first Open title in 1998. "I get excited when I get to play against these young guys. Heck, some of them are half my age."

Roth, now a resident of Flushing and the head professional at West Bloomfield's Knollwood Country Club, said his confidence grew following an impressive par save late in the final round.

"I hit my drive into a fairway bunker on 14," said Roth, a 1975 Plymouth Salem graduate. "I was approximately 112 yards out and hit a wedge to within about 15 feet. When I made that putt and saved par, I had a feeling I was going to

Former Livonia Stevenson standout Stephen Polanski,

PLEASE SEE GOLF, B5

Ladywood's Bob Lulek named area's top coach

Records can be deceiving, just ask eight-year Livonia Ladywood softball coach Bob Lulek.

The Blazers finished 22-17 es were to Division I state champion Harper Woods Regina.

When the Division II state tournament started, Ladywood got on a roll, winning its own district and then going on

Lulek

to garner its firstever regional crown in school history before being knocked out in the quarterfinals by twotime defending state champion Chelsea, 1-0. "We had great senior leader-

ship and a nice group of kids," said Lulek, who was named Observer Coach of the Year. "What I liked about them is the way they hung together. It was one of the most unified teams I've coached. They never complained and once they got through the Catholic League playoffs, they really started to play well."

Defense and pitching were

the keys to Ladywood's state tourney run.

And the future looks bright for the Blazers.

"We had two good young pitchers in Lauren Taylor (a freshman) and Kaitlyn Huddas (a sophomore)," said Lulek, who was coming off a 12-19 season in 2003. "We should have had more support for them. We've got to figure out a way to score more runs next year."

Lulek, 55, is a retired carpenter from Walbridge-Alldinger Construction Co. He played football and baseball at Detroit Benedictine High and went on to play club football at Oakland Community College before getting into coaching.

The Commerce Township resident spent two years as an assistant at Westland John Glenn before moving over to coach the freshman team at Ladywood, where he is ably assisted by his son Bob, along with former Blazer players Stephanie Salinas and Patti Kolinski. He also coaches the Blazer ninth-graders in the Incredible Girls Fastpitch Softball League during the

See All-Area girls softball on page B2.

Zachary Ziulkowski, 10, of Livonia, placed second in the Pepsi Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit and Run Team Championship, June 26, at Detroit's Comerica Park.

Ziulkowski qualified by placing first in his age division in local competition held at Livonia's Ford Field before becoming the allaround champion, June 5, at the Dearborn Heights Sectional.

The National finals will be held next week during 2004 All-Star Game week in Houston, Tex.

Wrestling champs Canton High School

wrestlers Corey Phillips and Konrad Konsitzke performed well at the AAU **Grand Nationals Wrestling** Meet held June 22-24 at the Taylor Sportsplex in Taylor.

Phillips, competing at 135 pounds, won the overall national title after placing second in the Greco-Roman division, first in free-style and first in folk-

Konsitzke, competing in the 171-pound division, finished second in free-style and second in folk-style. The tournament attracted many of the top high school wrestlers from Michigan, Florida, New Mexico, Nebraska and Connecticut.

Soccer camp

The Challenger British Soccer Camp will return to the area from July 26-30 at Bell Creek Park in Redford.

The camp offers programs for players from 6-18 at various levels of ability. For more information on this camp, please call Nancy Jackett at (313) 534-5687 or visit www.challengersports.com

Coaches sought

Carden City High School is looking for a freshman football coach for the upcoming season. For more information, please call athletic director Bob Dropp at (734) 762-8363.

Plymouth High School is looking for boys. and girls cross country coaches as well as assistant football coaches at all levels.

Call athletic director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700 or send a resume to him at Plymouth High School, 8400 N. Beck Road. Canton, MI, 48187.

Registration

The Garden City Soccer Club is still accepting registration for certain age groups for the fall season.

They are U5-8 boys and girls, U10 and U13 boys and Uti girls. All age groups are based on a birth date of Aug. 1. The late fee will be waived for those groups.

To register, visit www.gardencitysoccer.co m and download a registration form. Make a check payable to GCSC for the amount indicated on the form, and mail it to GCSC, PO Box 544, Garden City, MI, 48136. New players must have a photocopy of their birth certificate.

For details, please visit the Web site or call (734) 458-9734, ext. 1.

Ockerman leaves MSU hoops for Sacramento St.

BY PAUL BEAUDRY STAFF WRITER

When Justin Ockerman graduated from Garden City, his plan was to play in the major leagues as a pitcher.

He gave that dream up last fall and started on a new dream - playing college basketball. Ockerman still has that dream he's just going to chase it on a new

mattress. The 6-9 forward, who played in 15 games for Michigan State University during the 2003-04 season, confirmed this week that he's transfering to Sacramento State University (CSU-Sacramento).

"I'd like to say more or less that it's about getting out there and being seen more," said Ockerman, who

scored six points and eight rebounds in 34 minutes. "I've got a lot of family out here and I'll be close to them; and I was born in California, too."

Ockerman will have three seasons of eligibility left with the Hornets, although there is some discrepancy as to whether he has to sit out the season because of his walk-on status at MSU. He had no need for a scholarship, since the Seattle Mariners are paying his tuition as part of his signing bonus from his 2001 contract. Ockerman spent three seasons in the Mariners' system as a pitcher, with a 2-6 record and 51 strikeouts in 71 innings. He missed the 2002 season with an elbow injury.



After spending just one season at Michigan State, Garden City's Justin Ockerman is PLEASE SEE OCKERMAN, B5 transferring to Sacramento State.

Kesler lifts Whalers past the Spartans

Livonia native Ryan Kesler, who played briefly for the National Hockey League's Vancouver Canucks during the 2003-04 season, torched the Spartans' defense for four goals and an assist as the Whalers posted a 10-6 win on Wednesday night in Michigan Summer Hockey League play.

SUMMER HOCKEY

Aaron Jakubowski (Livonia Churchill) also had a strong game, tallying one goal and four assists. Westland's Chris Conner netted two

Canton native Jeremy Majszak scored two goals and added an assist for the Spartans. Chris Williams (Livenia) had a goal and two assists. Brian Markowicz and Brad Smith got

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Molly Conlon Canton



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Kelly Elmore Garden City

Molly Conlon, P. Canton: The junior

was literally unhittable for most of the

season, throwing two perfect games -

one in a Division 1 Regional contest -

and five no-hitters. Conlon earned Honorable Mention All-State, All-Region,

All-District and All-Western Lakes

Activities Association recognition

thanks to her 20-5-1 record and 0.66

earned run average. In 191 innings, she

struck out 235 batters and yielded just

dedicated individual," said Canton

coach Jim Arnold. "She doesn't show a

lot of emotion, but she has incredible

poise out on the mound. She knew what

she had to do this season and she knew

Kelly Elmore, P, Garden City: Elmore

threw a few games in her sophomore

season and was prepared to be the

starter last year until all-Observer

pitcher Nikki Zabkiewicz transferred in.

but she stayed with it last year and

worked hard," said coach Barry

Patterson. "This year, we reaped the

Elmore wasn't an overpowering

pitcher, but one who relied on location.

She wound up with a 18-4 record in

leading the Cougars to the regional

final, had eight shutouts, two no-hitters

and a perfect game. In 133 innings, she

struck out just 75 batters, but walked

just 10, had only two wild pitches, gave

when our defense struggled," said

Patterson of his all-Mega Red selection.

sophomore earned first-team All-

Observer honors for the second

straight year after hitting .429 with 42

hits, including 11 doubles, seven triples

The All-Western Lakes selection

struck out only three times all year. She

had an on-base average of .500 and a

"Roya pressed a little bit at the plate

early in the year, but once she settled

745 slugging percentage.

and two homers go along with 29 RBI.

Roya St. Clair, C, Liv. Stevenson: The

"Without her, we were a .500 team."

"The only games she struggled was

up 26 runs and 18 of them earned.

rewards of hard work."

"It could have been disheartening,

she had a great defense behind her."

"Molly is a very hard worker and a



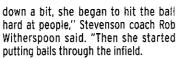
Roya St. Clair Liv. Stevenson



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"She made significant progress on the defensive side of the ball. She worked extremely hard to improve her defensive skills to go along with her already strong arm.'

Heather Richardson, C, Canton: The Chiefs' captain and third hitter in their line-up, Richardson enjoyed a productive senior season, hitting .381 with seven doubles, two triples and 22 RBI. Defensively, the All-WLAA performer committed just one error while picking up 15 assists and 17 put-outs.

"Heather had a great season, both offensively and defensively for us this year," Arnold said. "She called every pitch (Canton pitcher) Molly (Conlon) threw this year. Even when Heather didn't catch, she called the pitches from the dugout. She knew exactly what kind of pitches the other teams' hitters liked to hit, and she called the games accordingly.

Stephanie Day, C, Liv. Ladywood: A four-year starter, the senior helped spark the Blazers' Division I quarterfi-

Although she hit just .229 in the Catholic League's tough Central Division, Day was adept on the on the defensive side of the ball.

She picked off a total of 29 runners at either first or third (not stealing), including 11 in the Royal Oak Tournament when the Blazers finished runner-up to eventual Division I state champion and Central Division nemesis Harper Woods Regina.

"She's the best catcher since I've been at Ladywood," said eighth-year coach Bob Lulek. "She's better than anybody I've ever coached. She has an excellent arm and makes good contact at the plate. Stephanie hit the ball at people all year and it's unfortunate because she hits it so hard. She was also a very good bunter."

Day, an All-Catholic Academic pick, will play next season for Madonna



Heather Richardson Stephanie Day



Brittni Adams Redford Union



Lauren Delapaz

Canton

Terra Russell **Garden City**

ALL-OBSERVER SOFTBALL TEAM

FIRST TEAM

P-Molly Conton, Jr., Canton P-Kelly Elmore, Sr., Garden City C-Roya St. Clair, Soph., Liv. Stevenson C-Heather Richardson, Sr., Canton C-Stephanie Day, Sr., Liv, Ladywood INF-Lauren Delapaz, Fr., Canton INF-Sara Wagaman, Jr., Liv. Franklin INF-Ali Proodian, Jr., Salem INF-Lindsay Ritz, Sr., Garden City INF-Caitlyn Sidor, Soph., Liv. Churchill OF-Brittni Adams, Soph., Redford Union OF-Terra Russell, Sr., Garden City

SECOND TEAM

P-Kelli Szczepanski, Sr., Salem P-Bridget Long, Soph., Liv. Churchill P-Amanda Morrill, Sr., Liv. Franklin P-Lauren Taylor, Fr., Liv. Ladywood INF-Linzee Smith, Sr., Garden City INF-Rachel Wade, Soph., Canton INF-Whitney Kubera, Soph., Clarenceville INF-Devin Ross, Jr., John Glenn INF-Cortney Edwards, Sr., Salem INF-Kelly Burgess, Jr., Red. Thurston OF-Stephanie Rees, Soph., John Glenn OF-Jess Blaesser, Sr., Liv. Ladywood AL-Amanda Saagman, Sr., Ply. Christian AL-Lauren Greer, Sr., Huron Valley Luth.

COACH OF THE YEAR Bob Lulek, Livonia Ladywood HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Brynn Kerr, Shannon Cleck; Franklin: Ashley Bonsall, Emily Garbutt, Beth Mosier, Jenny Mosier, Katie Meyer; Stevenson: Amanda Alpert, Jessica Pepp; John Glenn: Rebecca Oros, Amanda Fullerton, Dana Baran; Wayne: Kelly Harris; Ladywood: Kaitlyn Huddas, Erin Hulett, Amanda McClellan, Rachel Jachym, Jill Schulz; Clarenceville: Emily Collins, Marissa Martin, Brooke Kaufman; Lutheran Westland: Becky Haller, Samantha Matyas; Huron Valley Lutheran: Becky Schultz, Amanda Gruenewald, Keri Koch; Redford Union: Cortney Rosen, Helene Lloyd; Thurston: Stephanie Farkas, Jessica Widmayer, Katrina Klonowski; Garden City: Jessica Rayburn; St. Katharine: Amelia Answorth, Shayna LaFreniere: Canton: Kelly Baker, Brittany Scero; Plymouth Christian Academy: Sarah Shumaker, Lindsay Pew.

Lauren Delapaz, Inf., Canton: It's not often a freshman starts at shortstop and bats clean-up for a good Division 1 team like the Chiefs, but Delapaz did

both this season - and she did it well. Delapaz hit a team-high .459 with seven doubles, six triples and 28 RBI. The ninth-grader committed just three



Sara Wagaman Liv. Franklin



Alison Proodian Salem



Lindsay Ritz **Garden City**

errors on defense while recording 57 assists and 42 put-outs.

"In my opinion, Lauren could have played Division I college softball this' year - she was that good," Arnold raved. "It is unbelievable how athletic 'and fundamentally' sound she is, especially when you consider she was only in the ninth grade."

Sara Wagaman, Inf., Liv. Franklin: The junior shortstop batted .438 (39 for 89) with five doubles, four triples and one homer. She scored a total of 27 runs and had 18 RBI en route to All-Western Lakes honors.

"What stood out this year about Sara was her aggressiveness," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said. "She made plays and mentally was a competitor at the plate. She plays tough and she plays hard."

Ali Proodian, Inf., Salem: The junior third baseman was voted All-WLAA, All-District and All-Regional after hitting .368 with five doubles and 12 RBI for Salem. Named the Rocks' offensive MVP, Proodian had a .463 on-base percentage and nit .450 in league games.

"The amazing thing is that she did so well this year even though she played with a pulled muscle the entire season," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "She's a phenomenal athlete and person, and she was our top power hitter this year. She's also had a great year on defensively, too."

Lindsay Ritz, Inf., Garden City: Ritz earned all-State honors for the secondstraight season for a good reason. She hit .395 with a .512 on-base percentage and a .570 slugging percentage after a slow start.

"We lost a lot of games due to weather and she started slow," said Patterson. "But she had a strong second half. She scored 26 runs and has a solid RBI (19) to at-bat (76) ratio. She's probably my best player." Ritz, also an all-Mega Red selection

for the second-straight year, had 30 hits with four doubles and two triples. The third baseman will play next year at Eastern Michigan.

Caitlyn Sidor, Inf., Liv. Churchill: The

sophomore first baseman was Churchill's top offensive player, hitting .454 (35 for 77) on her way to Division I honorable mention All-State, All-District and Ali-Western Division honors in the WLAA.

Sidor had four doubles, two triples, a homer and 22 RBI. She also scored 13 runs. Her on-base percentage was .584 and she made just four errors in 208 chances, including 202 putouts and six assists for a .981 fielding average.

Sidor was also named Churchill's

"Cat played unbelievable defense." Churchili coach Carrie Korican said. "She has a long arm span and shorthops balls out of the dirt. She's a strong hitter who has power."

Brittni Adams, OF, Redford Union: As a team, the Panthers struggled during the season. But Adams was a solid bright spot, hitting .452 (39-for-86), scoring 32 runs, posting a .711 on-base average and walking 20 times.

"She hit leadoff and made things happen for us," said RU coach Brian Sloma of his all-district and all-Mega White selection. "She did the job against weaker and stronger teams. Teams would change their defense to try and stop her, but she's so fast, they couldn't. She's still drop bunts, slap the ball and when she needed too, she'd rip the ball.

"She's definitely one of the best players in our league."

Terra Russell, OF, Garden City: A knee injury sidelined Russell for a lot of the 2003 season, but she came back in 2004 with a vengeance. Russell hit .444, scored 26 runs, had 28 hits, five doubles, two triples, a homer and 21 RBI. Russell also had a .762 slugging percentage and a .570 on-base average through the districts.

"She really came into her own this year," said Patterson. "She's a threeyear player and of all the girls we had, she's the one who leads through example. She has a great attitude and hustle. It's great to see her get the recognition and rewards that she hasn't got because of lack of at-bats or games."

COACHING OPENINGS

Plymouth High School is searching for head coaches for the following athletic teams: boys freshmen soccer, diving coach for the boys and girls swim teams, boys freshmen basketball, boys varsity cross country, girls varsity cross country and girls freshmen basketball.

To apply for one of these positions, send a resume to:

Plymouth High School - Terry Sawchuk, Athletic Director. 8400 N. Beck Road, Canton, MI 48187.

For more information, call (734) 582-5700.

■ Livonia Churchill High School has two coaching vacancies: boys swimming and diving head coach and girls swimming and diving assistant coach.

Those interested should fax credentials to: Marc Hage, Athletic Director, Churchill High School, at (734) 744-2824

Redford Union High School is looking for qualified. coaches for the following sports in the 2004-05 school year: Boys junior varsity soccer, assistant football and girls junior varsity basketball.

For more information, please call athletic director

■ Thurston High School is looking for a junior varsity cheerleading coach. Candidates must have previous coaching experience.

Brett Steele at (313) 242-4270.

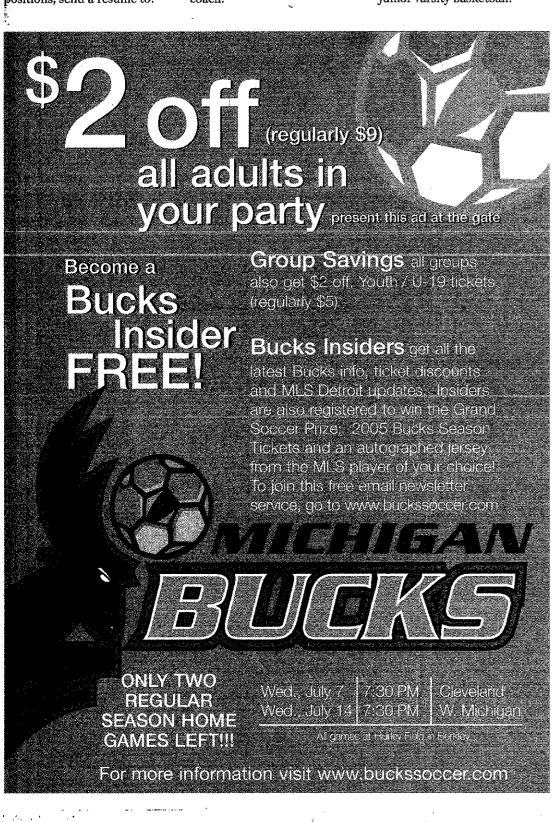
For more information, please call athletic director Al Chambo at (734) 535-4000, Ext. 1166.

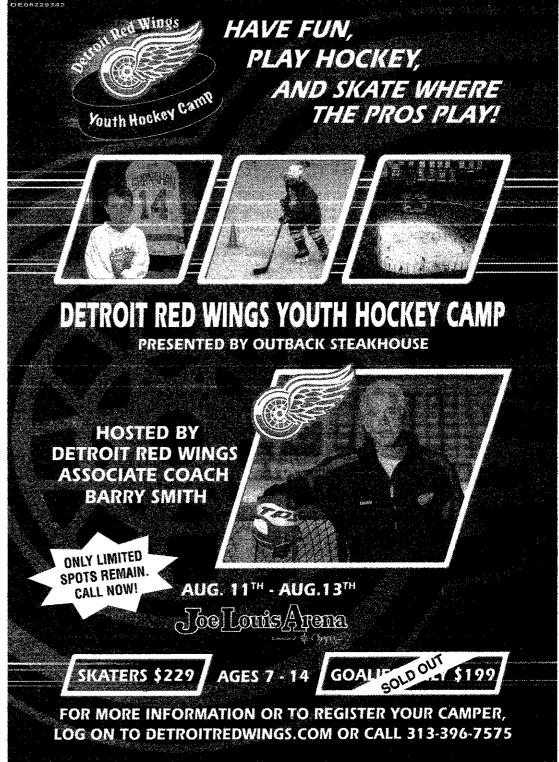
Mercy High School needs a varsity basketball coach, a hockey coach, a figure skating coach and a varsity swim coach. Anyone interested in the position should call the athletic office at (248) 476-2836.

■ Livonia Ladywood has openings for a girls junior varsity golf coach, girls varsity and junior varsity tennis coaches, and a girls' shot put and discus

coach for this spring. Interested candidates can fax their resumes to Ladywood High School at (734) 591-

■ Troy High and Troy Athens high schools are in need of girls water polo coaches. Interested candidates are asked to contact Troy director of athletics Jim Feldkamp at (248) 823-5093.





about Mary at age 71

t the age of 71, many folks would opt for the old rocking chair and watch the world go by. But there's something about Livonian Mary Mohacsi, whose name has graced these pages many times over the

Already in the national and local halls of fame, she has added another laurel to her many bowling accomplishments. She rolled another 300 game on June 20, the final day of the Michigan State Women's Tournament doubles event at Westgate Bowl in Grand Rapids.

It was the fourth perfect game of her career.

Even though she had "been there and done

that," it was a very exciting moment.

"I was just so excited at the 300 game as every strike was a solid pocket hit, none of those weird strikes; they were all right in there," Mohacsi said.

It also aroused my curiosity as to whether or not she set or tied

any existing records for being the oldest woman bowler to score a sanctioned 300 game. I called the one man who

would know the answer, Mike Miller, at the American Bowling Congress main office in Greendale, Wis.

He told me there was a woman who had registered a perfecto at age 79 and had previously accomplished this feat at 71 and again at 77.

There were several other 71year-old women with a 300 to their credit, so basically, Mary is in a tie for third eldest among the women who have had a sanctioned 300.

Taking a closer look, she may have been the oldest to do it in a tournament setting.

Mary is highly regarded by bowlers who have been around her pro shop at Merri Bowl



Alley

Harrison

serves the bowlers in this area with bowling equipment and coaching. Her son, Mark, has taken over the pro shop while Mary has been running their second shop at Bonanza Lanes in Warren.

Mary has also devoted a part of herself to the sport, serving in several capacities, including a seat on the Greater Detroit Hall

of Fame selection committee. I had written about Mary on

April 3, 1995, in these pages 'I was just so when she had accomplished excited at the the feat of winning the 300 game as Golden Girls tourney at the

every strike Showboat Hotel in Las was a solid pocket hit, none Vegas. It was a of those weird strikes; they scratch competition, the only were all right in there." tournament in

Mary Mohacsi

been named the Detroit area's Queen of Bowling a record 10 times and has represented the USA in international competition, garnering several gold medals along the way.

ages 50 and

over. She has

■ Now that July is already here, let's think about getting ready for next month's John P. Gavie Memorial tournament.

It's one of the highlights of the bowling season and marks the beginning or kickoff of the new season. More about that in coming issues as we get closer to that date.

There will be plenty of entry forms on the counter at most bowling centers. A bit of good advice is to get your entry in early so as not to get shut out.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be

There's something Rams winning streak moves to 14

The hottest baseball team this side of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays?

Try the Michigan Lake Area Rams, who head into the Fourth of July break in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League unbeaten in their last 14 games following a 6-1 triumph Wednesday over the Storm at Livonia's Ford Field.

The 20-and-under Rams scored two runs each in the first, third and fifth innings to improve their LCBL mark to

LCBL BASEBALL

The loss drops the Storm to

Former Michigan Prep Mr. Baseball Nick Thurman led the Rams' seven-hit attack going 2-for-2, including a triple, with three RBI and three runs score. He also walked and had a stolen base.

John McCracken added a hit and three RBI, while Jon Weisman and Livonia Stevenson grad Brian

Campbell (Central Michigan University) each doubled.

Derek Bonds and Mike Curtis each went 2-for-3 for the Storm.

Kevin Kadrofelca knocked in their only run.

Rams starting pitcher Dan Dobberowsky went the first five innings to pick up the victory. He faced just 20 batters, allowing no runs on four hits and three walks.

The University of Detroit right-hander struck out four before giving way to Madonna University's Kyle Fedorka, who gave up one run on threehits. over the final two innings.

Losing pitcher Brad Hinkle gave up four runs on three hits and three walks over three

Reliever Jeff Richardson gave up two runs on four hits and three walks over the final three innings. Richardson struck out four.

The Rams return to wood bat action in the LCBL at 8:153 p.m. Wednesday vs. the Longhorns at Ford Field.

LIVONIA COLLEGIATE **BASEBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, July 7: Bulls vs. Panthers, 5:45 p.m. at Livonia's Ford Field; Storm vs. Blackwolf, 5:45 p.m. at Livonia's Bicentennial Park; Thunder vs. Eagles, 6 p.m. at Lacasse Park (Tecumseh, Ontario); Michigan Lake Area Rams vs. Longhorns, 8:15 p.m. at Ford

Friday, July 9: Rams vs. Thunder, 5:45

p.m. at Ford Field; Eagles vs. Bulls, 5:45 p.m. at Bicentennial Park; Panthers vs. Biackwolf, 6 p.m. at EMU's Oestrike Stadium (Ypsilanti);

Longhorns vs. Storm, 8:15 p.m. at Ford Field. Saturday, July 10 (all double-headers): Storm vs. Thunder, noon at Ford Field: Panthers vs. Eagles, noon at EMU's Oestrike Stadium: Biackwolf vs. Thunder, noon at Madison Heights Bishop Foley H.S.

Sunday, July 11 (double-header): Bulls vs.

Rams, noon at Ford Field

PREMIER DEVELOPMENT MEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE Sunday, July 4 Michigan Bucks vs. Indiana Blast at Lawrence (Ind.) Soccer Park, 6:35 p.m.

Friday, July 9 Michigan Bucks vs. Fort Wayne Fever at Hefner Stadium (Ind.), 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 11 Bucks vs. Cleveland Internationals at Byers Field (Ohio), 6 p.m. WOMEN'S SOCCER W-LEAGUE Friday, June 9

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Michigan Department of

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today reminded hunters the

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is Dec. 7-14 on public and pri-

vate lands in several northern

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be considered after the

ment of the elk herd.

hunting period in January will

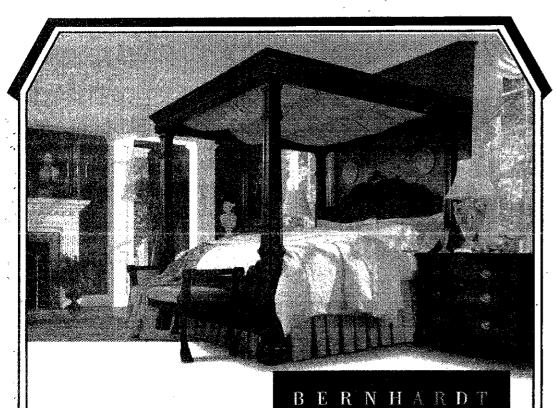
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"Nature has so much to offer, the learning process should never end," said Douglas Finley, chief of the DNR Office of Education and Outreach. "The Explorer Program is educational and fun. Participants are learning whether they realize it or not, and it's a lot easier when the information is taught in a fun way."

This summer, Explorer Program locations in the Upper Peninsula include



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Baraga, Brimley, Indian Lake, McLain, Palms Book, Van Riper and Wells.

Northern Lower Peninsula parks include Burt Lake, Clear Lake, Harrisville, Hoeft, Interlochen, Petoskey, Rifle River, S. Higgins Lake, Tawas Point, Wilderness and Young. Southern Lower Peninsula locations include Algonac, Brighton, Fort Custer, Hayes, Holland, Holly, Ionia, Lakeport, Mears, Metamora-Hadley, Muskegon, Pinckney, Pontiac Lake, Port Crescent, Proud Lake, Silver Lake, Sleeper, Sleepy Hollow, Sterling, Van Buren, Warren Dunes and Yankee Springs.

Families arriving at parks where the Explorer Programs are offered will find a daily program schedule posted near the park office, restrooms or campground host's camping site.

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(www.michigan.gov/dnr), at customer service kiosks, or at any authorized license agent. There is a \$4 nonrefundable application fee.

Applicants may call (517)
373-3904 prior to July 15 for
assistance with elk applications.
Drawing results will be available Aug. 16 on the DNR web
site. See the 2004 Michigan Elk
Hunting Guide for details on
the application process.

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

FISH BUDDIES FISHING CLUB

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

ACTIVITIES

SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION

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

http://go.to/ocsa for more information. **DOWNRIVER BASS ASSOCIATION**

The Downriver Bass Association, a nontournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain (14100 Pardee Road) in Taylor. For more information, call Ron Fodor at (734) 676-2863 or send an e-mail to riverrat122@home.com.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Livonia senior center located on the southeast corner of

Farmington and Five Mile, Call Henry Nabors at (248) 258-5502. MICHIGAN FLY FISHING The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia

Clarenceville Middle School, located on

Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Visit www.mffc.org on the Internet for more information.

TOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets
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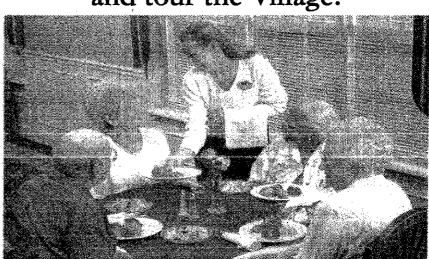
Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road.
Meetings are open to boaters and nonboaters and the club is open to new
members. Visitors are welcome to the
family club. For more information, call
Mark Boggs at (734) 464-6155 or e-mail
fourseasonsfishingclub@yahoo.com.
HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

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

CLINTON RIVER BASS 'N RATS

The recently organized Clinton River
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23, opened with a shaky 74, but came on strong the final three rounds to finish sixth with a five-under 283.

"I've been hitting the ball well lately," said Polanski, a two-time runner-up in the event. "I missed some short putts and hit a couple of awkward drives, otherwise I could have finished nine under. I left a lot of shots out there. It was not my best week, but it was

Besides Roth and Polanski, Wayne native Craig Piscopink, an amateur, was the only other Observerland-area

golfer to make the cut in the 151-player field.

After starting out with respectable rounds of 76 and 75. Piscopink felt the wrath of the "Bear" in the final two rounds, finishing with an 82 and 80 for a 25-over total of

Area players who missed the cut included Plymouth's Tristan Lester (73-81), Western Golf and Country Club's Mark Johnson (73-82), Redford Thurston graduate Nikos Markellos (77-78) and Western head pro Kevin LaFramboise (75-82).

Roth's golf game has been hitting on all cylinders lately. Last week, he qualified for the National PGA Championship, set for Aug. 12-15 at the

Whistling Straits Golf Club in Kohler, Wis.

"I have heard from some other golfers that Whistling Straits is the kind of course that fits my game," Roth said. "If it's playing fast that week, I think I could do real well."

Roth said he has set his goals high heading into his fifth major championship.

"At this point in my career, just making the cut wouldn't be satisfying to me," Roth admitted. "My goal is to finish in the top 25, and the way I have been playing lately, I think that is a realistic possi-

bility." After Roth's latest victory, there are at least 150 other golfers - and one "Bear" - who would no doubt agree.

William Wood shared time in goal for the Redhawks.

Buckeyes 16, Wildcats 9: The Buckeyes found the net seven times in the first period on the way to an easy victory. with four goals and two assists. Chad Kolarik finished with three goals and three assists while Bill Loupee recorded five points (two goals and three

Livonia's Justin Stadler spearheaded the Wildcats' attack with four goals and an assist. Canton's Brandon Scero also had an impressive game with one goal and four helpers.

CAMPS/CLINICS

BASEBALL

■ The Doyle 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 school.

Doyle Baseball, now in its 23rd year, conducts satellite schools all over the country and in Canada. More than 500,000 players have received instruction at the school, including several pro players.

Tuition is \$115. To register call PCA's Sandy Murray at (734) 459-3505, ext. 117 until

July 10. After that, call PCA baseball coach Don Shumaker

at (734) 416-0513. ■ The Bernie Carbo Premier Baseball School will be holding individual, small group and team skill sessions in velocity improvement, power hitting

and fielding. Former minor league all-star and Eastern Michigan University standout Mark Rutherford will assist in the

instruction. For more information, call Gordie Rutherford at (734) 421-4928.

BASKETBALL

■ The 10th annual Jeff Suspeck Memorial Basketball Camp will be from 9 a.m. until

4 p.m. Saturday, July 17, at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, located between Six and Seven Mile

roads in Livonia. The free camp is open to

boys and girls ages 9-14. The camp is sponsored by the Jeff Suspeck Foundation, which was founded in memory of the former Dearborn Divine Child High and Orchard Lake St. Mary's College standout, who passed away in 1994.

Open registration begins at 8:30 a.m. the day of the camp at the Schoolcraft College gymnasium. Lunch will be provided courtesy of White Castle Systems, Inc.

To preregister, call (248) 478-0662 or e-mail jsuspeckcamp@hotmail.com.

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the win in goal, while Stephen Yu (Garden City) took the loss. Huskies 10, Broncos 6: Trent

Daavettila gave the Broncos fits, scoring three times to go along with two assists. Kurt Kivisto and Todd Pietila added two goals each for the winners on Thursday. Joseph Rutherford and Rob Wagener split time in goal for the Huskies.

The Broncos received strong efforts from Plymouth's Brett John (Redford CC) with three goals and one assist and Adam Abrahamson, who had one goal and two assists. Stephen

Madej (Garden City) and Dan Dobrowski (Livonia) shared time in goal to take the loss.

Buildogs 9, Redhawks 6: Westland native Brandon Mishowski scored twice and assisted on another goal leading the Bulldogs to victory on Wednesday. The Bulldogs led 5-4 after two periods and iced the game with four goals in the third.

Todd Bentley (Livonia) racked up four points (one goal and three assists) for the Redhawks, who also received goals from Brenden Thomas and Jack McCov.

Ryan Rathbun and Sean Varriale split time in goal for the Bulldogs, with Rathbun getting an assist. Bernie McDonnell (Livonia) and

Brandon Marineau led the way assists) for the winners.

Brian Linley (Plymouth) and Shaun Stewart split time in the net for the Buckeyes for the win, while Paul Soli took the loss.

OCKERMAN

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Although Ockerman wouldn't admit it, the numbers game at Michigan State might have played a major part of his decision to transfer. The Spartans currently have 6-10 all-Big Ten center Paul Davis, the mainstay of their inside game, as well as 6-10 sophomore Drew Naymick and 6-8 sophomore Delco Rowley.

In addition, MSU signed three big players in 6-10 Nigerian center Idong Ibok, 6-10 center Goran Sutton out of Lansing and 6-8 forward Marquise Gray from Flint.

"It's tough to leave the state and one of the top five programs in the country," Ockerman said.

"Coach (Tom) Izzo is one of the best guys around and I can't complain. But I want to play more and get noticed. My goal here is to try and get in the NBA and do it whatever way I can."

Sacramento State, a member of the Big Sky Conference, was 13-15 last year under coach Jerome Jenkins.

He won't be the only area player on the team as 6-6 senior forward Emir Medunjanin from North Farmington and Schoolcraft College also plays for the Hornets.

"I heard that before coach Jenkins was here this wasn't the most competitive program," Ockerman said. "But last year they were (in the top half) of the Big Sky and they have a few guys on the NBA's 'must-see' list."

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GOLF OUTING

A benefit golf outing will be held for the Burger Center for Autism in Garden City.

The outing at Hickory Creek Golf Course in Superior Township has a double shotgun start – at 7:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. - on Saturday, Aug. 14. The cost of the outing is \$100 and includes golf with cart, lunch at the turn, a full dinner, and other prizes. Hole sponsorships are available.

For more information, call Sharon Lundie or Becky Viola at (734) 762-8420.

CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Toledo Speedway will hold its first Classic Car Show on Sunday, July 25.

The event is an open run for individuals as well as car clubs. The highlight of the event held rain or shine – will be a cruise around the 1/2 mile

paved oval track. Registration and set-up begins at 7 a.m., while the show runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pre-registration is \$10 ber car.

The first 200 entrants will

get a goodie bag, while the first 400 will receive dash plaques and a T-shirt.

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Other activities will include a 50/50 charity raffle, car club choice awards and a banner contest, Top 10 awards, Best '50's car, a swap meet, a flea market and more.

Admission is \$2 per person with concession stands available. No outside coolers, bottles, cans or grills will be permitted.

Entries are available at the track or by calling Larry Jacobs at (419) 476-4557, Rick Saam at (419) 353-1938 or Duane Golden at (419) 833-7841.

For more information, call the track at (419) 727-1100 or visit the Web site at www.arcaracing.com.

PLYMOUTH BOOSTERS TO MEET

The next meeting for the Plymouth Wildcat Football Boosters will be held Tuesday, July 13, at 7 p.m. in room 401 of Plymouth High

All parents of current and incoming freshmen athletes are encouraged to attend this meeting.

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.

CHURCHILL POM WORKSHOP

The Livonia Churchill varsity pom pon squad will host a workshop for girls ages 7-14 from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Aug. 14, at the high school gymnasium.

Participants will learn basic pom pon moves and a routine which will be performed for parents and fans during half-

time of a Churchill varsity boys soccer game.

Included in the \$35 cost is a T-shirt, music CD, drink and snack. For more information, call Julie McDonald at (734) 427-1198.

HOCKEY CONDITIONING

The Garden City Squirt A (95s) are holding several summer conditioning skates at the Garden City Ice Arena.

The skates are open to all 95 and 96 travel-caliber players and goaltenders are welcome. They will last about one hour for each session. The skates are 8 p.m. on July 6 and 5:30 p.m. on July 13, 20 and 23. For more information, please call Ken Young at (734) 427-6159.

MU OPEN TRYOUTS

Madonna University has scheduled tryouts for three sports for the 2004-05 season.

Tryouts for the MU men's and women's golf teams will be at noon Monday, July 26; and 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 6 at Whispering Willows Golf Course, located at Eight Mile and Newburgh roads in

Livonia. Scholarships are available for both MU golf programs, which are entering their second year competition in the WHAC and NAIA

For more information, call head coach Bill-Durham at (734) 564-5267 or he can be reached via e-mail at billdurham@pga.com.

GREATEST ATHLETE

Michigan's greatest athlete will be officially crowned July 24 following a rigorous competition at the Total Sports Complex in Wixom.

The state's best athletes are

invited to compete in a series of 10 events: bench press, chin-ups, 10-pound medicine ball toss, standing long jump, pro agility shuffle, 40-yard dash, 300-yard shuttle run, obstacle course, 50-yard car push and two-mile cross country run.

which means competitors must be well-rounded athletes. Last year's men's winner was former University of Michigan running back Chris Roth, who edged out Andrew Phelka by less than a point.

Each event is scored evenly,

The competition has grown to include divisions for those under 17-years old, masters (over 40) and open, as well as men's and women's competition.

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Tigers '84 celebration shows hope

ohn Jakesy of Dearborn has fond memories of the 1984 Detroit Tigers.

"It brings back wonderful memories of a spectacular team that brought a lot of pride and respect to our town," he said of last Sunday's celebration of the 20th year since the Tigers won the World Series.

Jakcsy, a member of Lake Pointe Bible Church in Plymouth Township, was among the 32,751 baseball fans at the June 27 celebration at Comerica Park. The Tigers ended the game against the Arizona Diamondbacks in style, with Carlos Pena hitting a grand slam for a 9-5 Tigers victory.

Prior to the game, a ceremony marked the accomplishments of the '84 team. The Hart Plaza fireworks shootings still dominated the news, but didn't keep a number of fans, urban and suburban, from finding their way to Comerica.

"It's good to emphasize the positive things our community has going for it and has achieved," said Jakcsy, who isn't at all concerned about coming into Detroit, where he works for Blue Cross Blue Shield.

As for the Tigers, he thinks a World Series win is possible in 2009. Many at Sunday's ceremony were optimistic about the team's improvement over last year with the acquisition of catcher Pudge Rodriguez and other key players.

Much of the afternoon was devoted to memories.

"This was a team that absolutely turned this city on in the summer of 1984," said Tigers broadcaster Dan Dickerson, emcee for the ceremony.

Tigers executive Willie Horton, who played on the 1968 World Series team, said, "Detroit has always been a town of hard workers." The Tigers have set an example of how baseball should be played, he said.

Tigers president Dave Dombrowski noted the Tigers' 35-5 start in that 1984 season. The club showed grit and determination through the efforts of such players as Trammell, Lance Parrish, Lou Whittaker

and Jack Morris, he said. "It gives us a true goal to reach what these guys have achieved," Dombrowski said.

Legendary broadcaster Ernie Harwell noted the team was among the greats in baseball history. Beating the Kansas City Royals in the American League playoffs and then the San Diego Padres in five games was marvelous, Harwell remembered. He cited such 1984 classics as the wave at Tiger Stadium, Dancing in the Streets by Martha and the Vandellas and the "Bless You, Boys" slogan.

Earlier in the day, Harwell got things moving with a fitness walk sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield, for which he is a spokesman on health. The Blues sponsored the anniversary celebration.

"We had a wonderful coaching staff put together by Sparky Anderson," Harwell said.

Darrell Evans, a team member, remembered how the team learned from its mistakes. Trammell, series MVP, gave credit to Anderson.

"It was a special year from day one," said Trammell. "It didn't get any better than that."

Trammell promised continued improvement, and seems to be headed in the right direction. As for the larger problems facing Detroit and the region, those won't be remedied overnight.

Still, as I watched the festivities (and remembered my attendance at a World Series game at Michigan and Trumbull in 1984), I felt hope. If people from all walks of life can come together to mark victory for a team, as was done recently for the Detroit Pistons, then maybe we live together in harmony at all times.

As for another World Series win, we can always dream.

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Book makes Civil War a local story

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

ichard Bak begins his new book A
Distant Thunder: Michigan Distant Thunder: Michigan in the Civil War (Huron River Press) with William Tecumseh Sherman addressing the first graduating cadets at the Michigan Military Academy (now the site of Orchard Lake St. Mary's) in 1879.

It was before these callow young men that the battle hardened and weary general spoke his most famous words.

"I am tired and sick of war. Its glory is all moonshine. It is only those who have never fired a shot nor heard the shrieks and groans of the wounded who cry aloud for blood, more vengeance, more desolation. War is hell.'

Often war is a distant hell, remembered as time goes by for romantic dedication and heroic deeds. But the Civil War that tore apart this country was the deadliest of American conflicts, leaving more than 600,000 dead, including 15,000 from

Those distant battles are brought to life by Bak through the stories of soldiers from Canton, Livonia, Redford, Plymouth, Farmington and numerous other Michigan communities in a lavishly illustrated popular history.

Bak makes no claim to being a Civil War scholar, but he makes good use of available sources to give a nicely detailed account of Michigan before, during and after the war.

"I was always mildly interested in the Civil War," Bak said. "I found myself wondering who the last Civil War veteran from Michigan was. I looked into bookstores and libraries and became curious about Michigan's role in the Civil War."

SO MUCH MATERIAL

The Dearborn writer has done a couple of Civil War books, companion volumes for the Turner Network films The Day Lincoln Was Shot and The Hunley. But he is better known for his baseball books on Ty Cobb, Turkey Stearnes and Tiger Stadium.

He is a resourceful researcher who has combed the Burton Historical Collection at the Detroit Public Library, the Bentley Library at the University of Michigan, the State Archives and other sources throughout the state.

"There is so much material out there in libraries and museums," he said. "So many Civil War veterans left diaries and memoirs."

Bak provides readers with an extensive bibliography of more detailed histories and



In 1891 The Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Civil War veterans, staged the country's biggest parade in Detroit when tens of thousands of veterans marched as part of the GAR's 25th National

a resource guide to collections and organizations devoted to Civil War history, including skirmishers and re-enactors.

The diaries and memoirs he has mined connect us to those who once walked our towns and found themselves thrust into history. They wrote of their anger, frustration, weariness and pride.

Bak quotes John Ryder, a farmer from Livonia: "I have got just sick of war ... this soldiering is a big thing, but I can't see it."

Michigan sent 90,000 soldiers to the war. The arrival of Michigan troops early in the war made Lincoln exclaim, "Thank God for Michigan."

A Distant Thunder is illustrated with · photographs, drawings, paintings, maps and handbills. Bak surveys the history of the war from the days of the underground railroad and the founding of the Republican Party (in Jackson) to the final days of the Grand Army of the Republic, the powerful organization of Union veterans. He writes of deadly battles, draft riots,

boredom and loneliness. Lucius "Lute" Shattuck, 26, of Plymouth, wrote in a letter now in the Plymouth Historical Museum of a quiet Sunday at a campsite in Virginia: "I often think of the Plymouth Brass Band and wonder if they still sustain themselves and how they progress."

In July 1863, Shattuck and the rest of the Michigan 24th Infantry would fight at Gettysburg. Shattuck fought bravely and was wounded twice before dying.

MICHIGAN PROSPERED

Yet, for most of Michigan, the war was a distant event.

"Unlike Pennsylvania and Ohio, which had battles, Michigan was untouched by the war," Bak said. "Michigan prospered. People continued to migrate from the east during the war. Hops and tobacco were cultivated because supply lines from the South were cut off. Michigan supplied horses and mules to the Union Army and was the major supplier of pack animals?

Michigan also supplied the largest number of cavalry soldiers, including Michigan's most famous Civil War soldier, George Armstrong Custer.

"He was a great combat soldier. It was amazing what he did in the war," Bak said. 'He was only 23 when he was made a brevet general. He never lost a battle."

Bak said many Michigan soldiers marched to war in the early years to defend the Union not on a crusade and were unhappy with the change in the war's direction. But the state also had a large number of abolitionists who helped runaway slaves escape to Canada as part of

the Underground Railroad. There were a larger number of abolitionists in Michigan compared to other states because of the influx from New England and New York. The opening of the Erie Canal brought many people from the

east to Michigan," Bak said. Bak said the Civil War has a strong grip on people, many of whom had ancestors who fought or died in the war. Skirmishers, who use period arms, and re-enactors recre-

ate the battles and campsites of the war. "One thing I noticed about the Civil War, you can visit the battlegrounds. You can't go to Normandy as easily as you can go to

Gettysburg," Bak said. One story Bak tells is that of Emile Mettetal of Redford, who went to war with the 24th Infantry in 1862, fought at Fredricksburg and Wilderness, was held prisoner in the South and died at war's end

in a ship explosion on the way home. Twenty-five years after his death, his mother Angelique Mettetal remembered him in a long sentimental poem that captures the lingering pain of the war: "Yes, there he sleeps our darling boy/Who fought our flag to save/But why these tears since now he fills/A martyred patriot's grave./A father's locks are turning gray/A mother's voice is dumb/The sisters smiles have flown away/While I bedeck his tomb."

Bak said he is working on another Civil War book, on Michigan's role at Gettysburg.

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BURTON HISTORICAL COLLECTION

The 2nd Michigan Infantry Regiment in formation at Fort Wayne in Detroit in June, 1861.

Share your relationship rules with your partner

Q: I tell my wife that I would like to spend more time with the guys. She knows this is important to me, but she gets upset anyway. Why is that, and what can I do about it?

A: There are rules to everything and relationships are no exception. Relationship rules are the expectations that you have for how a good relationship should work. These rules vary from one person to another and often change depending on what is happening around you. If your partner doesn't know your relationship rules, they can't meet those expectations and you may become very frustrated or angry. Your wife may hold the belief that happy couples should share leisure time together. So when you have time off, she assumes that you will spend time with her or your family. She may feel very strongly about this rule. In contrast, you most likely feel that in a happy relationship, it is important for each spouse to have his/her own hobbies, interests and friends. This is your important relationship rule. The two of you differ in your relationship rules about leisure time. This difference is not a problem, but communication with each other is the key. It is important that you identify a list of your relationship rules or expectations. Then you need to share these rules with your

spouse and make sure she

understands that these rules



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The Love **Doctor**

Terri L. Orbuch

are important to how you think your relationship should work. Ask her also to clarify the relationship rules that are important to her. After you have shared your expectations with each other, be sure to appreciate your differences and build on your similarities. I encourage couples to have these joint discussions at least once a year. This is necessary because your rules may change depending on what is happening around you. For example, if you are feeling particularly insecure at work one month, you may need more affirmation and less criticism from your partner at home. On the other hand, if you are feeling secure and confident at work, you may be more able to handle criticism from your partner at home. Find out about your relationship rules by taking the following Love Doctor Quiz. How important do you think these statements are to a good relationship, using a scale from 1-4, where 4=very important, 3=fairly important, 2=not too important, 1=not important at

1. If you are fighting, cool off before you say something you will regret. 2. Be ready and willing to compromise when you disagree.

3. Leisure time should be spent together. 4. Each should have an equal say about all important

matters. 5. Listen carefully to one another's point of view. 6. Try not to be critical of your

spouse. 7. You have to feel that your partner would never hurt or

deceive you. 8. Partners should keep some of their money separate

In addition, you should identify which of the above rules is most important for your relationship. Share with your partner the statements vou rated as "4" (verv important), and the rule you identified as most important for your relationship. Then, have your partner do the same.

To submit a question, e-mail The Love Doctor on her Web site at www.detroitlovedr.com.

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By Dennis Fairchild

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Iry not to get so involved with your own needs, inbitions and pursuits that you completely ignore omeone whose suggestions are well worth taking into account. Powerful aspects affecting your ruler Mars may tempt you to reject outside advice. Don't

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

It could be you against the world this week, but it doesn't have to be that way, Bull-born. No matter show annoyed you might be that others won't heed your advice, there's no reason to cause a stir or pout. Let them make their own mistakes, kiddo.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

There are times when your overactive imagination can do more harm than good. Stimulating astroaspects involving your ruler Mercury may encourage you to read more into a situation than really exists. Think twice, and then again. You have been fore-

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Asserting yourself isn't at the top of your list of everyday things-to-do. However, your strength of character will be put to a test over the next few days, and you'll come through with flying colors. Anyone who thinks you can be coerced into giving what you don't want to give is in for a rude awak-

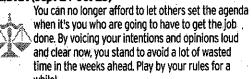
LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Your mind seems to wander a lot more these days and, at times, you give the impression that you're n a world of your own. No doubt it's nicer than the real world, but don't drift off so far that you lose contact completely. Don't turn friends into enemies now, you're more emotional than the

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

Even though it's holiday-time, you could hardly pick a better time for coming to grips with a money or career matter, and would be wise to take the bull by the horns. Even if a colleague or loved one tries to dissuade you, do what you know needs to be done.





There are too many pressures on you to conform to other people's notions of how you should think and behave. It's time to make it clear that you are perfectly content to follow your own path. Since they need you more than you need them, they'll have to

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

At the moment, what you want matters more than what you need; a new look at an old ambition could help you more than you think. Ignore the advice of those who lack your imagination and insight. It's your idea- now make it work!

There will be times this week when you miss the point completely and wonder what's going on, but don't let it worry you, because you're not the only one who's confused. The current planetary lineup guarantees that you'll quickly find your feet again. Then you can walk purposefully.

The more happy-go-lucky you are as the work week begins, the more you must be on guard, especially when dealing with money. Don't assume that a business deal is going to work out for you or your partner. The planets

> You have far more control over your present stuff and Juff and circumstances than you realize and much to gain from a new attitude or approach. The Moon in your sign Mon-Wednesday will steer you straight. Remain true to your principles and beliefs, Fish.

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Clarks celebrate

Wilbert and Corrine (Schifle) Clark of Canton celebrated their 60th anniversary June 28, 2004. The couple was married June 28, 1944 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.

Puninske

Puninske of Livonia recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a cruise to Alaska on the Diamond Princess. They were married in 1954 at Gesu Church in Detroit. They have lived in the Livonia area for 44 years. Robert retired from DuPont

Robert and Pat (Dean)

Flooring three years ago. Pat is currently a Realtor with Century 21 Row in Livonia. They enjoy traveling and belong to The Livonia Travel Club. They try to get to Mexico every year and other destinations. Robert and Pat also eniov music and belong to several Michigan Blues Societies.

Robert and Pat have three children, Bob (deceased in 1996), Michael and Mark; and seven grandchildren.

RUMP ROAST



Sanborn-LaRoy Robert and Marianne Sanborn announce the engagement of their daughter, Robin Anne Sanborn, to David Michael LaRoy, the son of Gary

and Susan LaRoy of Fenton. The bride-to-be earned a degree in communications and public relations from Michigan State University in 2002. She currently works at Renaissance Montessori Center in Troy and is attending Oakland University

pursuing an elementary teacher

certification. The prospective groom earned a degree in mechanical engineering from Michigan State University in 2000. He works at General Dynamics Land Systems in Sterling Heights.

A July 24, 2004 wedding is planned at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Ypsilanti.

Cooper-Gardner

James and Sharon Cooper of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Lainie Katherine Cooper, to Jason Edward Gardner, the son of Jim and Kathy Gardner of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Canton High School and earned an associate's degree in computer graphics from Schoolcraft College.

The prospective groom is a 1998 graduate of Canton High School and owns Colorful Ideas Painting in Canton.

An August 2004 wedding is planned at Resurrection Catholic Church, with Father Richard Perfetto officiating. A reception is planned at the Hellenic Cultural Center.

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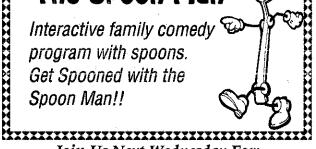
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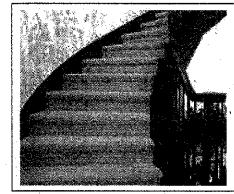
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Artist inspired by people with disabilities

A recent trip to Washington, D.C. left Judy Buresh inspired not by the workings of government, but the determination of people with disabilities.

As a participant in the International VSA arts Festival and Education Conference, the Garden City ceramist attended a gala event featuring singers, dancers and actors with disabilities at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. VSA arts is a nonprofit organization founded by Jean Kennedy Smith to provide programs for people with disabilities to enjoy and participate in music, dance, theater, and the visual

Buresh was one of two ceramics artists selected to participate in the festival, a four day extravaganza which is held every five years. A master potter and ceramic artist-in residence at Providence Center for the Healing Arts in Novi, Buresh was chosen because she is a cancer survivor, artist and teacher. Her works were on exhibit at the Washburn Gallery and Union Station through June as part of the fes-

"One of the most exciting parts was attending opening ceremonies at the Kennedy Center," said Buresh. "There

'It made me appreciate how fortunate we all are. I'm not in a wheelchair. To see the care severely disabled people need is pretty eye-opening.'

Judy Buresh Garden City ceramist

was music, theater, dance by people with a disability. They were the cream of the crop. There was a saxophone player who was unbelievable. These were people who are profes-

While Buresh enjoyed the performances and day trips to museums in the city, she was there to learn as much as she could to help further her work with cancer patients at the Center for Healing Arts located in the Assarian Canter Center. The Healing Arts program provides a variety of offerings that promote emotional, mental and spiritual well-being for cancer patients and their families as well as the public.

Buresh and her patient students are currently designing nine mosaics out of clay, glass and mirror to be installed in all of the chemotherapy ports and gowned radiation areas at the Assarian Cancer Center.

"In workshops I learned how to bring the arts into therapeutic settings, how to get people involved with music who don't read music," said Buresh who's involved with the ceramics and music programs at the Healing Arts Center.

"It made me appreciate how fortunate we all are. I'm not in a wheelchair. To see the care severely disabled people need is pretty eye-opening. Everybody needs to work with cancer patients or someone to get a perspective that you've got a good life."

Buresh is doing her part not only by working with cancer patients at the Healing Arts Center, but donating 30 percent of sales from her work to the center. Visitors to the center can choose from a variety of bowls, bottles, jars, and floral vases priced from \$10 to \$500. A master glaze chemist, Buresh regularly experiments with metallic oxides to achieve rich colors and textures.

For more information or to purchase work, call (248) 465-



Garden City Judy Buresh was one of two ceramic artists selected to attend the International VSA arts Festival and Education Conference in Washington, D.C. The other artist was from Australia. She is pictured here throwing a pot in the ceramics studio at Providence Center for the Healing Arts where she is artist-in-residence.

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-

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- 1. "The DaVinci Code," Dan Brown
- 2. "Song of Susannah," Stephen King
- 3. "The Rule of Four," Ian Caldwell and Dustin Thomason
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- 1. "Big Russ and Me," Tim Russert 2. "Dress Your Family in Corduroy and
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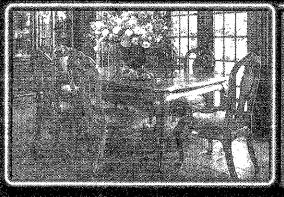
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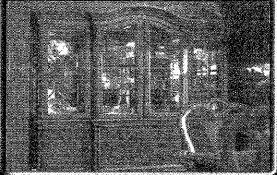
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Care and protection of mom, dad will highlight discussion

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BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI STAFF WRITER

Do you know how to protect your elderly parents' money? Do you know the difference between being a guardian and a conservator? Have you made plans for when your parents can no longer live alone? Do you have a power of attorney or advanced directives for your parents?

one of these questions is "no" or "I don't know," you've got to start thinking, investigating and developing answers. To help, Katy Graham, managing attorney of Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services Elder Law Center, will speak about how "How to Protect Yourself, Your

If your answer to even

Assets and Your Family," 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 14 at the Summit on the Park banquet center, 46000 Summit Parkway.

"This is for seniors and those caring for seniors. It really applies to everyone," Graham said. "I will talk about the top 10 ways to protect yourself and your family."

Graham, who is not affiliated with any financial planners or financial companies, will also discuss resources that are available to families with elderly parents. She will talk about patient advocacy, as well as how to protect personal information.

"It's important especially with the rise in incidents of identity theft," Graham said. "I will talk about being wary of telemarketers."

Graham will also cover available services to ensure elderly safety, as well as elder and caregiver abuse. She will discuss alternative living arrangements for elderly parents, and the importance of wills, powers of attorney and advanced directives.

"I will talk about trusts they are not necessarily the best for all of us," Graham

She will also discuss alternatives to probate court following the death of a parent.

To pre-register for the program call the Canton Senior Center at (734) 394-

imaliszewski@oe.homecomm.net (734) 459-2700, Ext. 13

Love of horses opens up new opportunity for Hills woman Some of Lisa Machala's coworkers at

General Motors gave her a double take when she announced she was taking an early leave to start a new home business.

Machala, who worked most of her career in the stressful world of sales and marketing, turned her lifelong love of horses into a new business as president and owner of Michigan Equine Therapy.

"It's a viable career path for me," the longtime Farmington Hills resident said. She added her love of animals fits right in to massaging horses, helping them compete and relax.

"Horses are athletes," she said of why horses need professional massage. "They carry a lot of weight."

Thus, massaging a horse's powerful muscles leads to a happier animal and a better performer, she said. Equine sports is growing in popularity

and so is the state's horse population. Machala said there are 12,000 horse farms in the state. "Some people looked at me funny when I

told them what I was going to do, but my family is really supportive," she said. "Some of my colleagues were surprised." She noted her husband Paul is in full sup-

Machala said her skills in management led to her being comfortable about starting her own business. She attended an intense certification program on equine massage therapy in Virginia before opening shop.

She is also working on a degree in psychology of trainers through Schoolcraft College.

She said she will travel to anyplace in southeast Michigan.

A horse bred for competitions is a major investment by its owner, so keeping the horse happy and healthy is important.

"It's an addition to normal veterinarian



Machala uses various massage techniques to help the animals, which carry a great deal of weight.

care," she said of her massage treatments. "It's something I really enjoy."

For now, word-of-mouth is helping build her clientele and she is also handing out pamphlets to people who attend horse shows in the area.

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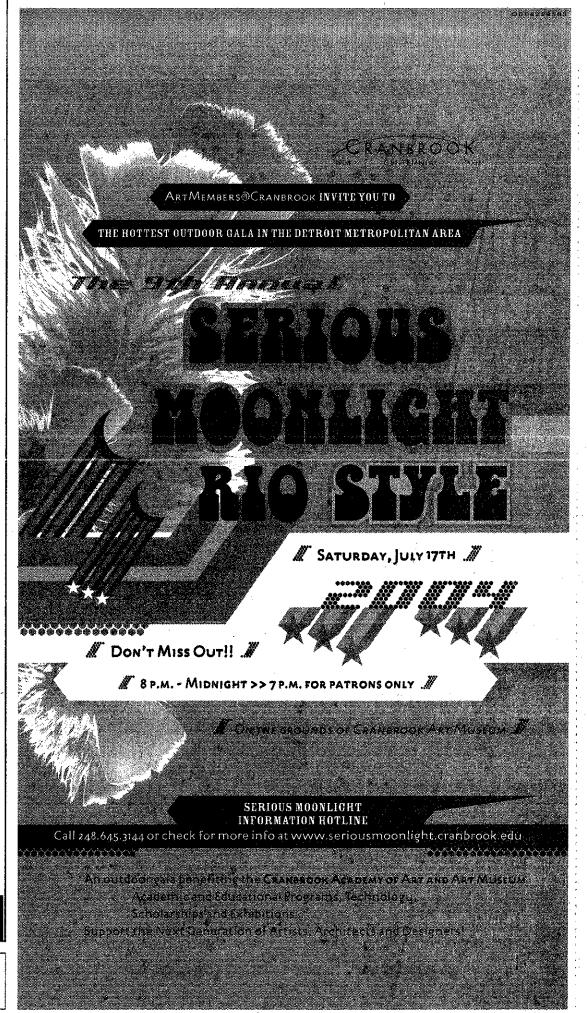
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AROUND TOWN

Klwanis 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. The breakfasts will be 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 can-eat 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-athon, 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.

Vacation Bible School Lake Pointe Bible Church presents SonGames Vacation Bible School July 12th -16th from 6:20-8:30 p.m. There is no cost to participate. For further information call Sherri Parson at 734-454-1891.

Vietnam vets recognized

Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day takes place Saturday, July 17 at the historic Yankee Air Museum hangar (Willow Run Airport, Belleville) from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free admission for Vietnam aviation veterans. See one of the largest collections of Vietnam-era aircraft, "sit under the wings" and swap stories. There's also a 6-10 p.m. evening program, \$15. Includes mess

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The Ann Arbor Cage Bird Club presents the 19th-annual Bird Expo from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1 at Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson, Ann Arbor. Admission is \$3 for adults; children under 12 free. Speakers include Vickie Barlow, "Choosing a Parrot Species," and Leah Matejka, director of PEAC, "Better Bird Care and Behavior Problems." The event features birds, playstands, toys, T-shirts and raffles. For more information contact show chairs Melanie, melaniecunningham2000@yahoo.com or (734) 662-4582, or Mary at mdw0123@aol.com or (734) 326-0720.

Alzheimer's Walk The Alzheimer's Association's 2004 Memory Walk for Alzheimer's Disease takes place at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 at the Detroit Zoo. Some 2,500 people are expected to participate in the annual walk-a-thon to raise funds and promote the progress surrounding Alzheimer's. To register or make a donation, contact the Alzheimer's Association at ALZGMC.org or call (248) 351-0280.

Red Cross heroes The American Red Cross is looking for nominees for its 2004 Red Cross Heroes. The 2004 honorees will be recognized at the Red Cross Everyday Heroes luncheon Nov. 17 at the Marriott Renaissance Center's Columbus ballroom. Anyone may nominate a Red Cross Hero. Nominees must live in or have performed the heroic act in Wayne, Oakland or Macomb counties between Aug. 1, 2003 and July 31,

2004. Those chosen must be available for video/photography in advance of the ceremony. Nominations may be submitted online at www.semredcross.org or by calling (313) 494-3490. Deadline is

Aug. 11.

Mud Day 2004 Mud Day returns to Wayne County at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 6. Children ages 12 and under are invited to take part in one of the county's most popular events. County officials mix more than 200 tons of topsoil and over 20,000 gallons of water. Youngsters will be separated into categories based on age to participate in "Mud Limbo," and the wheel-barrow races. The Hines Park-Nankin Mills Picnic Area is located on Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. For more information, call (734) 261-1990.

Red Cross classes The American Red Cross offers a variety of health and safety classes throughout the month of July at the Livonia Community Service Center, 36650 Five Mile. Classes include first aid. various CPR courses, child/infant CPR, babysitter training and nurse assistant training. To register, visit the Web at www.semredcross.org or

Carpal tunnel seminar Dr. Nicole Whitehead appears at 7:30 p.m. July 14 at the Plymouth Cultural Center for a free seminar focusing on how proper structure, nutrition and exercise can help avoid carpal tunnel syndrome. To register, call (248) 426-0201. Seating is limited; early reservations are suggested.

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Madonna golf Madonna University in Livonia holds its ninth-annual Golden Classic Scholarship Golf Outing on Friday, Sept. 17 at the Links of Novi. Tickets are \$175 per person or \$700 for a foursome if purchased before Aug. 1, and includes golf, welcoming gifts, lunch, dinner prizes and more. Sponsorships are available. For information or to reserve a spot, call (734) 432-5421.

Crafters needed

Crafters are needed for Delta Kappa Gamma-West Middle School's 18thannual juried show Saturday, Oct. 23. The show runs 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, E-mail theways@comcast.net or call Jan, (734) 844-1707, for details.

Hawgs for Hearts

St. Mary Mercy Hospital sponsors a "Hawgs for Hearts" motorcycle poker run to benefit its cardiology services Sunday, July 25. Registration is from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. the day of the event at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 5 Mile in Livonia. The ride to Hell, Mich., and back starts at 1 p.m. and ends at 6 p.m. There will be five poker card drawings along the way, with food, awards, entertainment and motorcy-

cle yendor booths. Sponsorships are available. Fee for the run is \$10 per rider, \$5 per passenger. Call (734) 655-2980 for more information.

Garden walk

The Gardens of Northville sponsor the 11th-annual Garden Walk from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, July 14, Six gardens in Northville will be featured. Tickets will be available in advance only after June 14 from Gardenviews, 202 W. Main in Northville. No tickets will be sold the day of the walk. For more information, call Kate Daniel, (734) 591-0360.

Entertainment books

The Plymouth Symphony League is selling 2005 Entertainment books to suport the symphony's 2004-05 concert season. Buyers will receive a free 2004 Entertainment Book now and their 2005 book in late August. Buyers can pick the books up at the symphony office, located next to the Cozy Cafe in downtown Plymouth, by calling the symphony office, (734) 451-2112 or calling Mary Thomas, (734) 453-3016. The books cost \$20.

Crafters wanted Organizers of the annual Northville Sidewalk Sale are looking for crafters and food vendors for the annual event, scheduled for 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7.

Craft booths are available for \$40 per booth; food booths cost \$100. Booths are eight-foot spaces.

For more information, call Sally or Toni Genitti, (248) 349-0522.

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Ann Arbor, is looking for caring, dedi--cated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, Livingston and Monroe counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting. patient transport/patient outings,

errand running and clerical services. Call Ann Christensen, volunteer coordinator, (734) 973-1145, for more informa-

Fish Fry

The Plymouth VFW is again featuring Friday Night Fish Fry for only \$7 from 5-7 p.m. Also, Sunday brunch is available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. the third Sunday of the month. The post is at 1426 S. Mill St.

Foster Care

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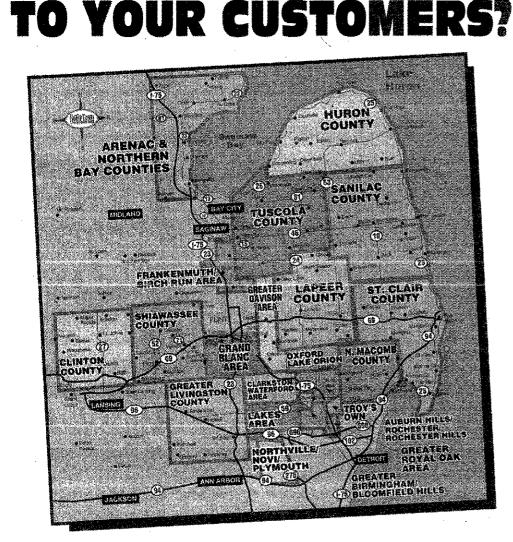
German/American Club of Plymouth Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth. Call Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857 for further information.

American Legion

Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information.

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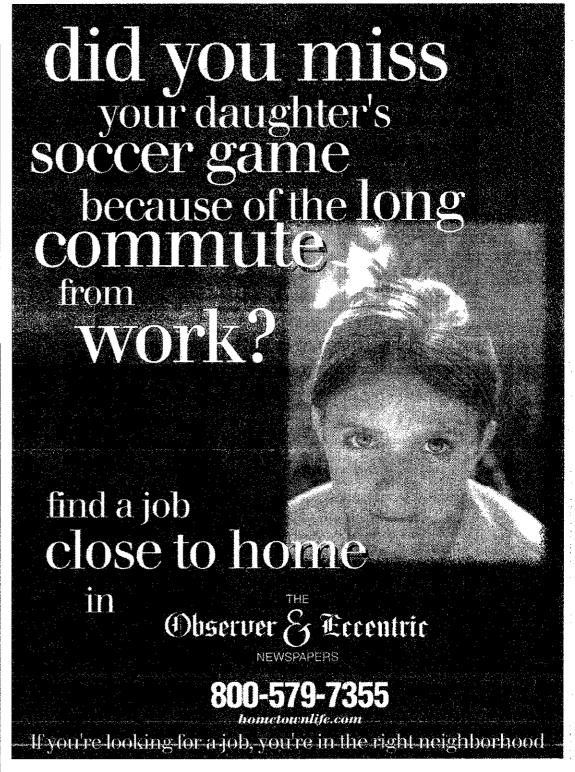
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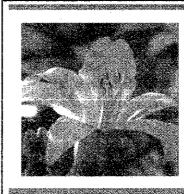
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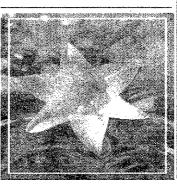
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THOMAS J. TALARCZYK Age 56, passed away July 1,

2004. He was born November 30, 1947 in Detroit and had been a resident of Canton since 1972. Formerly an electrician at Rouge Steel in Dearborn, he had earned an Associate's Degree from Henry Ford Community College and was in the U.S. Navy from 1966-1970. He was an avid hunter, fisherman and golfer Survivors include his wife of 24 years, Mary Talarczyk; children, John Talarczyk, Adrienne Talarczyk and Katie Talarczyk; and brother, Gary Talarczyk. Visitation will be Sunday and Monday, July 4 and 5, from 2-4pm and 6-9pm at McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel, 851 Canton Center Rd, Canton. Funeral mass will be held Tuesday, July 6, at 10am at St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Interment at South Lyon Cemetery Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

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I'm thankful that it was a habit I didn't need, and I quit cold turkey. Of course, I know quitting is not as easy for many smokers because smoking is very addictive. But it's very encouraging that so many people have quit smoking – or never started.

For instance, when I came to the big leagues in 1948, 23 or 24 players on every 25-man roster smoked tobacco, chewed it or both. Nowadays, the average major league team might have one or two players who smoke. And most players have learned that tobacco chewing can be even harder to quit, because the nicotine gets into your system faster.

So when young people ask me about smoking, I tell them it's far easier and healthier - to never start than it will be to quit. For smokers who ask for advice on how to quit, I pass along a novel technique another former smoker once shared with me. He told me that every time he got the urge to smoke, he thought of all the cigarettes he had not smoked since quitting. Each day, the number is greater, and provides greater motivation and pride in having quit.

Using his formula, I'm spending 2004 enjoying the 185,000 cigarettes I did not smoke, since quitting half a century ago.

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

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) 245-5082.

Natural alternatives

Experts offer options for relieving menopausal symptoms

> **BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN** STAFF WRITER

Black cohosh, Vitamin E, dong quai, soy, red clover, wild vam. Women's heads are swimming from advertisements for natural alternatives to hormone therapy after a second trial was suspended in February by the National Institutes of Health. The estrogen-alone study showed an increase in risk of stroke. A NIH estrogen-plus-progestin study was stopped in 2002 because the risk for breast cancer, coronary heart disease, stroke, and blood clots increased.

Dr. David Brownstein stopped prescribing hormone therapy 10 years ago when research evidence began mounting on potential harm. His patients come to the Center for Holistic Medicine in West Bloomfield looking for alternatives to relieve hot flashes, fatigue and other menopausal symptoms.

"I tell them to get their hormonal system balanced. Change their diets; get refined sugar and carbohydrates out of their diets. Eat whole foods," said Brownstein, a doctor in family practice. "Make sure they get the

appropriate vitamins and minerals. The biggest thing is getting their diet cleaned up, drink enough water. It helps to balance the hormonal system. If need be to use natural hormones - natural progesterone, testosterone and estrogen. I try to individualize the therapies. Exercise is a help to everything, walking. Getting the lymph system moving allows people to detox their bodies."

HOLISTIC MEDICINE

Brownstein occasionally recommends black cohosh and dong quai. A conventionally trained doctor, he began studying natural therapies 10 years ago. On Sept. 11, he'll give a lecture on holistic medicine at the Sheraton Hotel, Novi. For more information, visit www.drbrown-

"I grew up in Livonia and wasn't interested in any of this. My dad had a 25-year history of angina, bypasses. He was pretty much dying," said Brownstein. "I had a chiropractor give me a book on natural therapies. He tried them and they worked."

Dr. Michael Seidman has seen hot flashes eliminated or reduced in women taking a combination of herbs he formulated from dong quai, red clover, soy isoflavones, wild yam, and chasteberry for Body Language Vitamin Company (www.bodylangvitamin.com). Seidman regularly recommends it to patients at Henry Ford Health System's Center for Complementary and Integrative Medicine in Novi where he is director. The center treats women in menopause with a combination of traditional Chinese herbs, acupuncture, holistic medicine, and nutri-

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tion. Like Brownstein, Seidman believes diet plays a major role. He suggests increasing soy intake and phytoestrogens in whole grains, fruits, vegetables, flax seed, millet, rye, and legumes, and avoiding processed and high fat foods."There's so much evidence already out there that it makes sense to try some of these alternatives," said Seidman, an ear, nose and throat surgeon for Henry Ford Health System. He's currently researching the effects of a red wine extract on aging. "I've seen outstanding results. The average physician is going to say there is no evidence of its effectiveness, until there is to tread carefully. Natural alterna-

tives are lower doses and safer and effective in many cases."

SAFETY

Safety and efficacy of herbs remains to be determined. Dr. Phil Stella and researchers at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital are working with Mayo Clinic and the North Central Treatment Group to find a remedy for hot flashes. They recently finished a study on black cohosh but won't have results until fall.

"There's so much money spent on complementary therapy, these things

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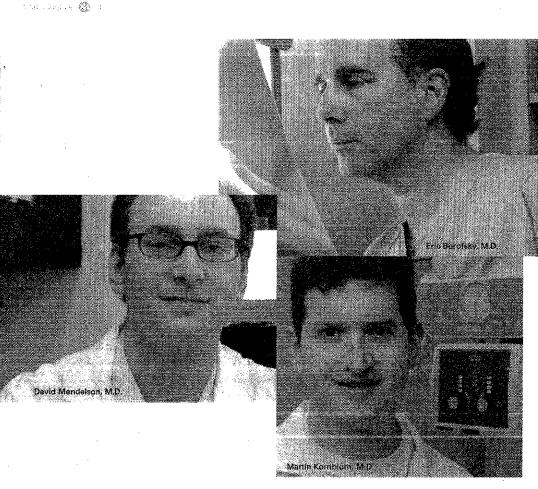
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Managing menopausal symptoms not impossible

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Judith Fedchenko often has women ask her about the safety and efficacy of natural alternatives during lectures on managing menopause at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Before a woman decides to treat hot flashes and night sweats with herbal supplements Fedchenko says to do your homework. She recommends the Review of Natural Products, a book published by Facts & Comparisons, or the book or Internet version of Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database (www.naturaldatabase.com). The Database includes sections on safety, effectiveness, adverse reactions, interactions, normal dosage and administration.

"Black cohosh and soy are the only two I would consider," said Fedchenko, a pharmacist at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. "Remifemin has been studied the most. It's a German product. People have been using variations on this since the 1940s, for up to six months. It takes about one month on a regular basis to show how effective it's going to

"If someone's going to choose a natural product use something that's standardized rather than buy the roots and make tea out of it. You don't know what kind of conditions it's grown under. Potency varies from lot number to lot number. We have no controls that say what's in the bottle is in the bottle."

Keep a record or diary of your hot flashes to track when and what triggers them. Sugar, starches, caffeine including soda, alcohol, spicy foods, not drinks or warm clothes may be triggers.

If a woman is concerned about contents, she can have it analyzed by National Sanitation Foundation in Ann Arbor, ConsumerLab.com or look for the United States Pharmacopoeia Convention (USP) seal.

Fedchenko warns if you're allergic to aspirin or have liver problems, black cohosh could cause problems. One study showed the herb was thought to cause liver failure. Soy might be a healthier choice. For hot flashes women need about 60 grams of soy protein a day or 10 servings. A plus is soy does limit cholesterol and improve bone density.

Dong quai is used as a part of menopause type formulas in China but never alone. In the U.S. it is used alone and there are no studies to show it's effective. It does contain

ingredients related to the blood thinner coumadin which decreases blood clotting. It also makes people more sun sensitive.

Wild yam by itself is ineffective, says Fedchenko. The active chemicals are pre-cursors to hormones but the human body is not able to convert the hormones.

Fedchenko strongly recommends taking Vitamin D and calcium for bone strength, 1200 mg. a day of calcium carbonate, calcium citrate, oyster shell, or Tums with a meal.

A brochure from the Women's Health Center at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital on managing menopausal symptoms, suggests to help ease or limit hot flashes try exercising. Hot flashes are probably caused by a combination of factors including hormonal changes and drops in endogenous oploids (natural substances like morphine released by the central nervous system). Exercise is known to increase the body's oploid levels and reduce hot flashes. Regular moderate aerobic exercises such as walking, jogging, bicycling and swimming increases your heart rate and breathing. Flexibility and joint mobility can be improved with activities such as light weight training and yoga.

Keep a record or diary of your hot flashes to track when and what triggers them. Sugar, starches, caffeine including soda, alcohol, spicy foods, hot drinks or warm clothes may be triggers. But don't jump to

conclusions. You may have spicy foods two days in a row when you also have hot flashes, but they may not be related. So watch for recurring pat-

When possible avoid stressful or highly emotional situations. If stressed try relaxation techniques such as meditation, yoga, massage, biofeedback, visualization, or a leisurely bath. Try deep, slow abdominal breathing when a hot flash

To help reduce hot flashes, night sweats, fatigue and mood swings avoid sugar, starch and carbohydrates. Increase intake of soy milk, tofu, soybeans, tempeh, and other soy products. Soy contains isoflavones that act as a weak estrogen. This may help ease some of the symptoms and side effects.

There is evidence that the use of whole grains in your diet can help relieve menopausal symptoms. Whole grains are capable of stabilizing blood sugar thereby reducing fatigue and mood swings. They also contain many nutrients that can help with healthy hormonal balance and regulation of estrogen levels. Examples of whole grains include whole wheat bread, crackers and cereal; whole wheat pastas, brown rice, wild rice, millet, flax seed, oatmeal, popcorn, quinoa, and bulgar.

Vitamin C is a powerful antioxidant needed to maintain skin tone and strength, help decrease symptoms of

fatigue and prevent heart disease. Many health care providers also suggest taking a multivitamin that contains a vitamin B complex. This may improve mood changes, anxiety, stress, and fatigue.

In addition to symptoms, menopause increases a woman's chances of developing osteoporosis and heart disease. To help prevent osteoporosis stop smoking and increase magnesium intake. Smoking lowers bone mass and increases fracture rates, at least in part, by increasing the metabolism of sex hormones. Magnesium is needed for bone growth and proper calcium absorption. The daily recommended dose is 320 to 500 mg. Good food sources are whole grain. breads and cereals, green leafy vegetables, fish and

To help prevent heart disease keep an eye on your weight. Women have an increased risk of developing high blood pressure if they are 20 pounds or more overweight. Three major risk factors for heart attack - high blood cholesterol, high blood pressure and excess body weight, can be reduced by eating a diet low in saturated fat, trans fat and cholesterol, and high in fruits, vegetables and whole grains. Reduce fat intake to 30 to 50 grams a day.

For information about perimenopause and menopause educational seminars and support groups, call (734) 712-5400 or (800) 231-2211.

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need to be tested," said Stella, director of the cancer program at St. Joseph's in Ann Arbor. "Reports from Germany, the Mayo Clinic, suggested black cohosh might be effective for hot flashes so we did the trial. Vitamin E we did a study that showed a slight benefit, a 39 percent reduction."

Dr. Dan McMurtrie calls results from the Women's Health Initiative study a boulder on the scale tipping towards alternatives. He offers a variety of approaches to patients at the Menopausal Clinic in the Women's Health Center at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.Some of McMurtrie's patients get relief from black cohosh, some don't. Red clover is another option but there's not as much evidence that it works. Others find relief with soy isoflavones.

Depending on symptoms they can make lifestyle changes, avoiding triggers like hot drinks, alcohol, heat and cold extremes. Caffeine enhances flushing," said McMurtrie, chairman of the OB/GYN department and director of the Menopausal Clinic at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. "As for nonprescription remedies sold over the counter there are only two that have some efficacy. There are many studies with conflicting results on black cohosh with the most evidence to support effect, but it's unknown about long term

Dr. Yuvelle Eaton-McFarland gives patients at Integrated Health Associates in Canton a choice that includes hormone therapy. Conventional medicine's current recommendation is to use the lowest dose for the shortest time needed, and not to use as a preventative for heart disease but only to treat severe menopausal symptoms.

"Some women go with black cohosh or soy. We don't know about these. They're not studied as in depth but if it works for them. I don't know of any studies that increase the risks," said Eaton-McFarland, an obstetrician-gynecologist at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

"For all women I recommend annual checkups, eating healthy, exercising 20 to 30 minutes three days a weeks, and nave every moment."

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JULY Women and Heart Disease

A presentation by Farouk Salahi, M.D. and dietitian Margaret Strehl 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, at Crittenton

Hospital, Rochester. Comedy for a Cause

Benefit for Chronic Illness Coalition 8 p.m. Thursday, July 8, at Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia, 36071 Plymouth Road. Features comic impressionist J.R. Remick and John Evans. Tickets are \$15 each or \$26 for two. Receive 25 percent off the cost of your meal with reservations or half off pizza during the show. You must be 21. To reserve your tickets, call (248) 788-6965.

Michigan Tremor Support Group Dr. Kelly Lyons, a leading researcher in

essential tremor and Parkinson's dis ease, shares the latest information about current international research projects at a meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, July 8, at Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake Road, east of Drake, West Bloomfield, For more information, call (248) 683-4138 or visit www.tremor-

support.com. Strength & Conditioning Series

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per session if you register by the Wednesday before a session begins. On-site registration is \$180 per session. Each sport must have a minimum of five participants per session. A current physical and waiver is required to participate in the program. For more information or to register, call (734) 246-8125. Designed to assist in the development of your strength, speed, agility and power as it relates to the sport of your choice, the staff of athletic trainers and certified strength and conditioning specialists will lead you through sport specific drills and tasks to improve skills that can be used during the athletic season. Sports available include football, soccer, baseball, softball, tennis, basketball, hockey, and volleyball.

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p.m. For more information and reser-

vations, call (800) 882-2012. Meningitis vaccines

Many schools and pediatricians recommend meningitis vaccines for college bound students who will be living in dorms or group settings. Oakwood Healthcare System is offering the vaccine at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital,

doctor's dining room at 33155 Annapolis Road, Wayne, 3-7 p.m., Tuesday, July 13. The cost is \$75. A parent or quardian must accompany students under 18. Clinics are on a walk-in basis, no appointment necessary. Call (313) 586-5492.

Carpal Tunnel seminar

Dr. Nicole Whitehead focuses on how proper structure, nutrition and exercise can help manages carpal tunnel syndrome naturally 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 14, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. To register call (248) 426-0201. Seating limit-

Diabetes Support Group

Hosts a discussion "What is Diabetes?" 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 14, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 rive MHe at Levan, Livonia. The speaker is Dr. Deborah Brigell, an endocrinologist at the hospital. No charge or pre-registration required. Please use main entrance on Five Mile. The Diabetes Support Groups presents a new topic on the second Wednesday of the month for adults with diabetes and their famifies. For more information, call (734) 655-8961 or visit

www.stmarymercy.org. Fibromyalgia workshop

Dr. Kramer will give a free workshop on the truth behind what can be causing fibromyalgia which is often misdiagnosed and misunderstood 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 14, at the Carl Sandburg Library in Livonia. Kramer is a member of the nonprofit National Wellness Foundation. To register, call

(248) 426-0201. Seating is limited. **Blood** drive

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, July 22, at Art Van Furniture, 29905 Seven Mile, Livonia, Call (248) 478-8870.

Hawgs for Hearts A Motorcycle Poker Run to benefit St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Cardiology Services will take place on Sunday, July 25. The ride to Hell, Michigan, and back begins at 1 p.m. and ends at 6 p.m. There will be five Poker card Draws along the way, along with food, awards, entertainment and motorcycle vendor booths. Registration is event day from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. For directions or

additional information, visit the Web site at www.stmarymercy.org. Sponsorsnips are available and cur rently being accepted. All sponsors and in-kind donors will receive recognition. Fee for the Motorcycle Poker Run is \$10 per rider and \$5 per passenger. All street-legal motorcycles and enthusiasts welcome. For sponsorship details or more information,



call (734) 655-2980. Whole foods evening

A lecture for people with food allergies, intolerances, or celiac disease by registered dietitian Beverly Price 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, at the Whole Foods Market, 7350 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. For more information, (248) 390-4150. Volunteers sought

Oakwood Healthcare System is seeking patients to participate in a study which utilizes computer-guided navigation for hip replacement surgery. If you are suffering from hip pain, and would like to be considered for enrollment in this study, please call 866-4NEWHIP. Surgeries are offered at Oakwood Heritage Hospital, Taylor. Low carb support group

meets (115-6:45 p.m. wednesdays, at Low Carb Depot, 32622 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. No charge. For information, call (248) 476-3064.

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This test is not perfect. At times it shows mild blockage when you are experiencing great pains, and in other instances, the pictures of the stenosis make it look severe when you are mainly uncomfortable. As always, clinical evaluation of how you are doing takes precedence over imaging and laboratory results.

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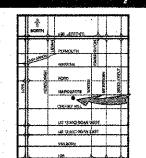
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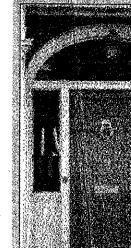
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Villas of Riverside brings nature to door

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Pack the dishes, put on your walking shoes and grab your fishing gear. You're moving to Holly.

Pick a new house from among 58 town homes being built in The Villas of Riverside. It's Pulte Homes' first town home community in southeastern Michigan, according to a company spokesperson.

Set in what the company describes as "hundreds of acres of parkland," Riverside is laced with sidewalks and walking trails.

The fish? They're waiting for you in the Shiawassee River and you can just amble from your front door down to the water's edge. The river also is ideal for light boating, according to Jim Bagley, president of Pulte Homes Michigan Division.

Bagley said this development is part of a larger community planned to have about 800 homes, split to the north and south of Grange Hall Road.

"The contemporary design and affordable pricing," he said, is attracting a wide range of potential residents ranging from young families to older adults. "And there's convenient access to both I-75 and U.S. 23 for easy commuting," he



This rendering depicts what the front elevation of the two-story units looks like at The Villas of Riverside, but does not show all of the door front included in the final product.

BUYER'S GUIDE

What: The Villas of Riverside town home community is in Holly on the south side of Grange Hall between Fish Lake Road and Saginaw Street (also known as North Holly Road). There are ranch and two-story plans ranging from 1,160 to 1,630

Cost: Prices, according to a Pulte spokesperson, range from about \$149,990 to about \$169,990 depending on the specifications of each model, such as the number of bedrooms, bathrooms and added features. Features: All homes have two-car garages. Open designs with vaulted ceilings are

Schools: The community is served by the Holly school district.

Model hours: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Call the sales office at (248) 634-1054 for more information.



A vaulted ceiling is one of the features of the upper level ranch unit that's available at The Villas of Riverside.

Beat neat of high cooling costs during the warm summer months

CORRESPONDENT

(NAPSI) - When it gets hot outside, Americans love it cool very cool ~ inside.

A recent national survey found that the average home thermostat setting during daytime hours on the hottest days of the year is 73 degrees. The survey - commissioned by Emerson, a leading provider of energy-efficient HVAC technologies used by major air conditioning manufacturers – found that the average nighttime setting is 72 degrees. This contrasts with energy efficiency experts who suggest setting the thermostats at 78 degrees when people are home.

Keeping cool carries a cost. So how can you take the heat out of rising utility bills without sacrificing indoor com-

KEEP BILLS IN CHECK

Here are three easy ways to keep your utility bills in check while keeping cool:

■ Don't touch that dial. Nearly 20 percent of homeowners are manually adjusting their thermostat at home two, three, or more times a day, according to the Emerson survey. In many cases, multiple members of the household are in control of the thermo-

All those fingers fiddling with thermostat settings costs money. It's time to install and use a programmable thermostat. You can program these gadgets to automatically

adjust your home's temperature when you're sleeping or away - and out your energy bill an where from 10 to 30 perce:t.

The best thermostats maintain a precise temperature and come with a preset program that's easy to customize and won't lose your settings after a power outage.

Tip: If you can't remember how to set your programmable thermostat, visit the manufacturer's Web site on the Internet. For example, the operating manuals for Emerson's White-Rodgers brand of thermostats are posted on their Web site at

www.white-rodgers.com. ■ Look for high SEER ratings. More than three-fourths of homeowners with central air conditioning in the

Emerson survey didn't recognize the term "SEER rating." In fact, some people mistakenly associated it with "cooking intensity," "weather condition," or "fortune telling."

SEER is the acronym for Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio, the federally mandated rating system for energy efficiency of air conditioners. The current minimum is 10 SEER, but after January 2006 all new systems sold in the United States must be at least 13 SEER.

If you are buying a central air conditioner, select the highest SEER-rated system you can afford. Your HVAC contractor should fully explain the features and efficiency ratings for the air conditioning systems being recommended in your budget range.

Tip: For the best energy efficiency, reliability, and lowest operating sound, make sure your air conditioner uses a scroll compressor.

■ Make routine maintenance a priority. More than a third of homeowners say they have not had their central air conditioner inspected or serviced by a professional contractor in the past year and do not expect to this spring or sum-

There are a number of routine maintenance tasks that homeowners can do on their own, such as regularly changing disposable air filters (or cleaning electronic air cleaners) on the indoor blower unit; keeping debris away from the outdoor unit; and hosing off the condenser fins on the outdoor unit.

But just like regular tuneups for your car, it really pays to have a contractor inspect and service your air conditioning and furnace system annually to make sure it is operating at peak performance.

Tip: Be sure your contractor is licensed, well-trained, and experienced. Look for firms whose employees are certified by the North American Technician Excellence (NATE) training program.

Dean Johnson is host of Hometime, the do-it-vourself home-improvement television series that's currently aired by 325 public television stations across the country. For more information on Dean and Hometime, visit www.hometime.com. For more information on climate technology products from Emerson, visit www.gotoemerson.com.

Don't be floored by hardwood

(NAPSI) - According to the National Wood Flooring Association, 90 percent of real estate agents surveyed said that houses with wood flooring sell faster and for higher prices than houses without wood floors.

When you think about cleaning floors, traditional products such as oil soaps, vinegar and water and household cleaners come to mind. On a hardwood floor, however, these products can spell disas-

"These so-called traditional floor cleaning products can cause extensive damage to a hardwood floor," said Kirk Francis, product manager for BonaKemi USA Inc., world leader in hardwood floor finishing and maintenance prod-

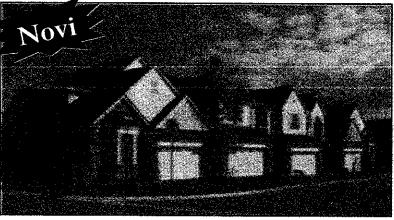
Never wet-mop a hardwood floor, as excessive water causes wood to expand, damaging or warping the boards, and don't use a household dust treatment as this can make the

floor slick and dull the finish.

Francis says proper maintenance will ensure the longlasting beauty of a hardwood floor. A product to consider is the Bona MicroPlus™ Floor Care System, which includes a MicroPlus mophead, a cleaning pad and 32 oz. of the "Environmental Choice" nontoxic Hardwood Floor Cleaner. Francis also recommends:

- Use protective walk-off mats at exterior doors to keep sand and grit off the floor.
- Install proper floor protectors on furniture and clean them regularly.
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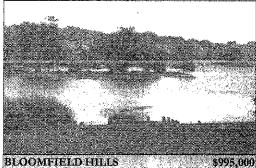
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Fabulous Templeton built traditional home w/ frontage to Lower Long Lake. Decorated w/ tom built with no detail overlooked. Fantastic for Brazilian cherry floors, crown moldings, vaulted tures a Frank Lloyd Wright inspired ranch. Possibilicustom oval library w/gold leaf ceiling and Euro- ties for development. Sound investment. pean chandeliers. 1st floor master. 248-644-6300 EB15PO-23131277



What can we say this home is fabulous! One of the largest in "The Hills," features include beautiful millwork, hardwood flooring, double staircases, pantry in the kitchen and a wrap-around decking.



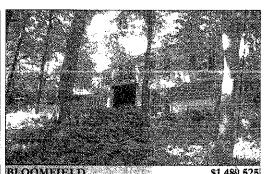
Gilbert Lake frontage with a great location. Over an acre on two lots with one vacant and the other fea-

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Value and quality combined to create an exceptional opportunity. New construction including the foundation. Craftsmanship evidenced throughout, Cherry hardwood floors, crown moldings. Fabulous master.

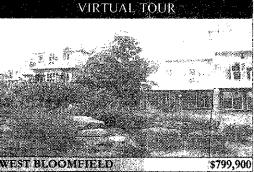
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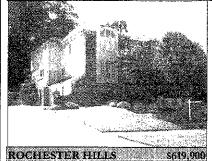
Charm, charm on almost a full acre lot. Gorgeous grounds up on the hill' Updated kitchen & baths. Formal dining with bay window. Fireplace in living room with French door to Nantucket 23x12 room. Must see!!

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Outstanding Pine Lake front condo with boathouse, dock, & boat slip. Over 4,000 sq. ft. Volume ceilings, wood floors, 2 decks with views of lake. Fin walkout lower level. West Bloomfield Schools.



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Oak Rivers finest. Features include oak den, tile kitchen, hardwood foyer, crown molding & upgraded elevation. Huge master suite, 3 scape and walks and yard. Troy schools. EB74SU-24076395



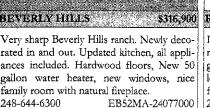
Beautiful home in desirable sub. Newly finished walkout basement. Impeccably maintained & features two story great room; 4-bedrooms; 3.5 bathrooms; large kitchen; formal dinning room; first floor laundry. Residents enjoy an extensive commons area. EB75BI-24065175



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Lovely home w/beautiful décor. Large gourmet kitchen, master suite w/walk-in closet, great room w/fireplace. Finished walkout lower level w/bedroom, bath, full kitchen, family room area & cedar closet.

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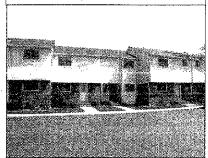
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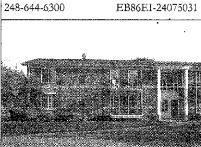
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Charming home with splittable lot in N.W. Pontiac. Home features, living room w/ coved ceiling, wet plaster, family room w/ fp, newer roof in '02, HWH '01 & newer windows. Hdwd flrs in bdrms & foyer. EB05ST-24041399



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Southern colonial look makes Hollister seem truly opulent

Sometimes looks are deceiving. The Hollister appears from the facade to be a huge two-story home. Instead it is a narrow home with 1,575 square feet of living area on two floors as well as an unfinished storage (bonus) area of 353 square feet and an optional unfinished basement of 787 square feet. The southern colonial look makes this home seem opulent.

Passing through the two columns on the covered porch one enters into the large family room with a coat closet and stairs to the second floor and to the basement on the right. Two big windows bathe the room with sunlight. The fireplace on the rear wall will supply warmth in

The "L" shaped kitchen runs from the center of the main floor to the rear wall. It has a walkin pantry in the middle of the cabinets and a built-in desk at the end. There is a window over the double sink and one over the desk. Patio doors open off the nook onto a deck in the

The washer and dryer, a large sink and cabinets are in a utility room on the rear corner. A half bath is a across from the utility room. Between the two rooms is a door that opens into the two-car garage.



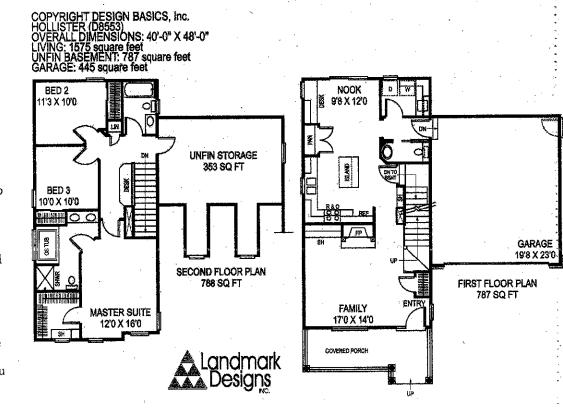
Upstairs are three bedrooms. Bedrooms two and three each have a wall closet. There is a full bath adjacent to the rooms with a

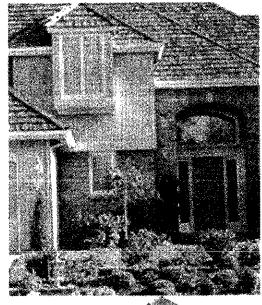
tub and single sink. Just beyond the bathroom is a door to an unfinished 353 square foot storage area. This space could be renovated for additional bedrooms or a play area. There's also a linen closet and built-in desk in hall area.

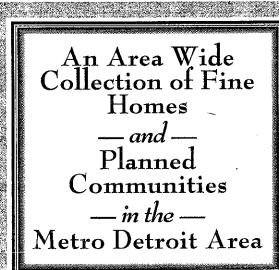
The master suite has three windows with a walk-in closet on the left front corner. The master bath has "his and her" sinks, an oversized tub, and large shower. It is very open and easily accessed.

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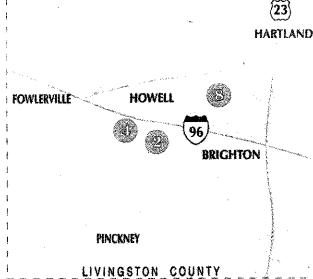








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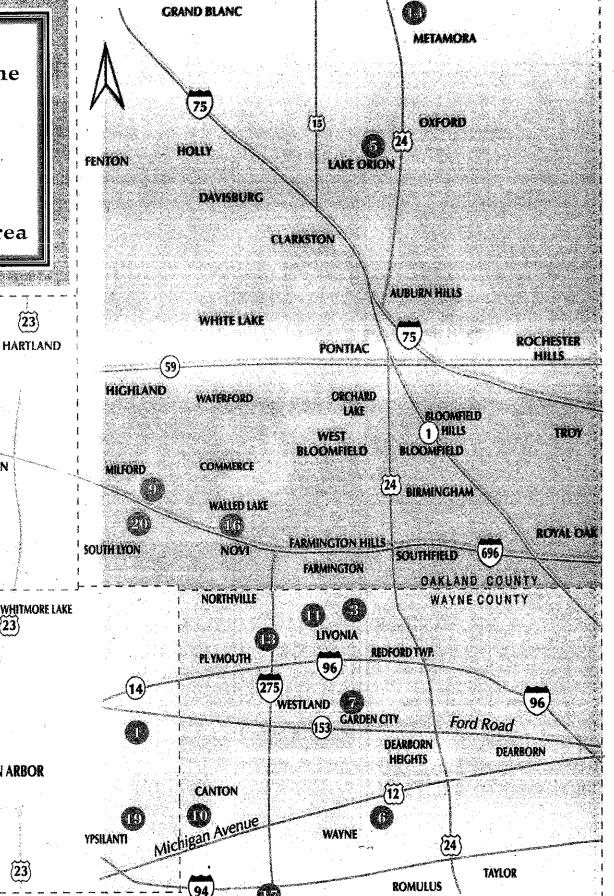
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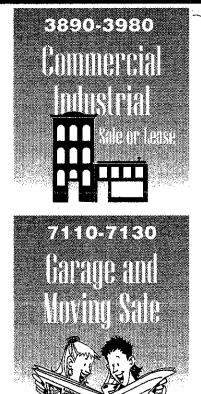




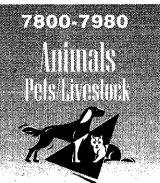




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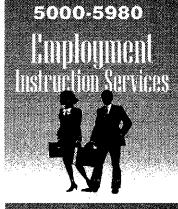
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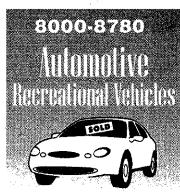
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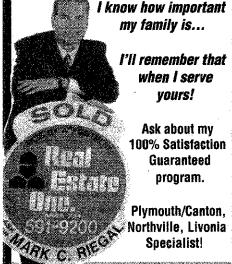
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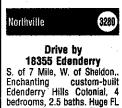
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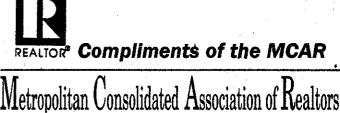
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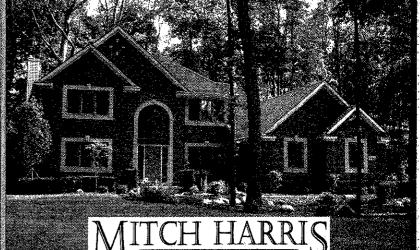
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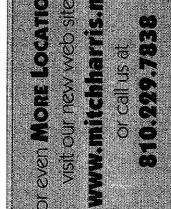
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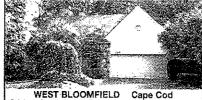
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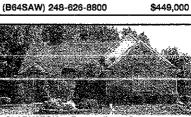
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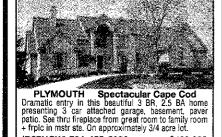
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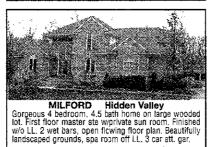
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WORKING ON "THE NET"

Hammocks can create the perfect green workspace, giving the phrase "working on the net," an entirely new meaning. With the wireless age of computers, working from any location, even the outdoors, is possible. If you are not connected, a notepad and pencil can bring forth ideas like never before with the right inspiration in a backyard setting.

Thoughts to consider when putting your green office together:

1. Location, location - To provide the greatest comfort and eliminate any glare on your computer screen, place your office hammock in the shade between two trees. Hammock hanging hooks, which are provided with most hammocks, should be installed approximately 5 feet above the ground for optimum hanging location.

hammock accessories are available such as a stand to TheHammockCompany.com, "These hammocks offer provide the correct installation or a canopy to create soak resistance as well as the full-size bed and multiple For more information, contact: www.thehammocksource.com; shade. "Accessories are essential in creating the most color selection options."

Rudd, creative director for The HammockSource, quiet built in? Create a "green office." What could be manufacturer of Hatteras Hammocks® and The Original Pawleys Island Rope Hammock®. "Green work spaces are no different," Rudd adds. "With the addition of the hammock stand, canopy, side table or even a pillow, greater work can be accomplished as well as relaxation." A cell phone also can be close at hand in this outdoor office with the use of a caddy.

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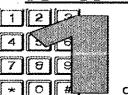
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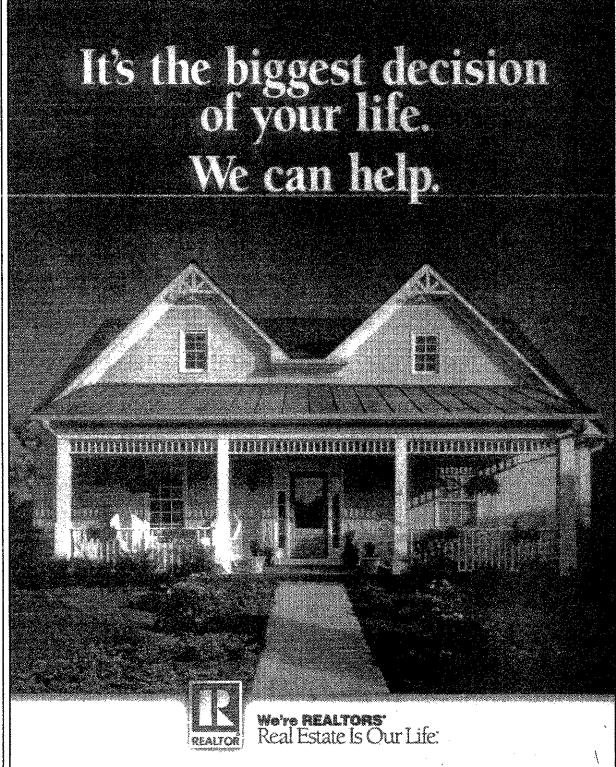


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2004 Pontiac Vibe. Vehicle class: Special purpose vehicle. Power: 1.8-liter in-line 4-cylinder. Mileage: 26 mpg city/32 mph highway.

By Anne Fracassa Avanti NewsFeatures

I was apprehensive as all get out to take the new Pontiac Vibe on a long trip to the upper peninsula of Michigan. You see, my girls are both figure skaters -- pretty good ones, I might add (parent's right to brag a little) -- and we had to get to the Traverse City Cherry Classic.

Anne

Fracassa

It was even more of a treat because the girls would be skating at Centre Ice, the same ice surfaces that the Red Wings skate on during their training camp at Traverse City during September. Not that they've never been on Red Wing ice -Rebecca and Francesca skated at The Joe a few years ago Never saw ice surfaces (at both rinks) so smooth and looking like glass. No imperfections anywhere. Beautiful.

Anyway, from the Detroit suburbs all the way to Traverse City is quite a haul in a compact sport utility. I didn't worry so much about the interior passenger room, even though we had to take our dogs, Stevie Y and Shanny, with us up there. I was more worried about the cargo room in the back.

Two skating suitcases, three duffel bags with our clothes, two travel carriers for the dogs, suit bags for their competition dresses, makeup cases for both kids (of course, they couldn't share one), a cooler for refreshments and energy food and my

It all fit. And I could still see out of the rear window. No worries about cargo room, that's for sure. Behind that second row of seats, there is exactly 19.3 cubic feet of cargo volume to accommodate you. As you can see, it was enough. Could've even fitted more, if we were forced to.

Now, if you happen to need more, the second row of seats will fold down nicely and allow you a whopping 54.1 cubic feet of space. Fold that passenger seat down up in front, and you'll get a flat worktable and space to put something in the Vibe that's up to 8 feet long.

Pretty versatile, I think.

And that's the whole premise behind the 2004 Pontiac Vibe. Versatility in a small sport utility. Actually, the Vibe is one of those kind-of crossover vehicles, you know the sports car, sport hatch or mini SUV all rolled into one. There are a few things that are new about the Vibe this year, and they include a new color, the availability of XM satellite radio, 17-inch allseason tires and a supercharger.

Let's get to what's under the hood, first. There are two distinct engines for you to choose from, the 1.8-liter inline four-

cylinder, which is the base model and will give you 130 horsepower. The plus behind this engine is the mileage you'll see --29 mpg in the city and 36 mpg on the highway. It's mated to a five-speed manual as standard equipment, but can be equipped with a four-speed automatic. All-wheel-drive is, of course, only available with the automatic transmission.

2004 Pontiac Vibe lets you pack your family and go

The other engine, outfitted primarily on the GT model, is also a 1.8-liter power plant, but can get you up from zero-to-60 mph in about eight seconds. Power is provided with a system that includes modified heads and the availability of the after-market SPO supercharger. It's installed at the dealership and is fully warranted for the same time as a normal Vibe. It will get you more than a 35 percent increase in horsepower. and torque. Performance will surprise you.

Let's jump inside and see what the interior has to offer. Everything is tilted and geared toward the driver and boy-ohboy is it compact as all get out. Comfortable for the driver because of its individual attention facing him or her, but mighty distracting for any passenger. Can't even scream at someone about going to fast or too slow because the passenger can't see any of the gauges. Takes all the fun out of driving with your spouse, to say the least.

There's a DVD-based navigation system on top of the center stack, exactly where it should be, and is easy to use and understand, for the most part. I had to take out the manual for the more sophisticated options, but most of it is self-

Also in the center stack is the heating and cooling controls and under that you'll find two 12-volt power outlets and two cupholders, a storage bin, a smaller lower bin and a cell phone holder and coin holder.

One of the two 12-volt power outlets is located in the storage bin, which can allow you to charge a cell phone without it

A feature I really appreciated and loved and would be happy to see on every vehicle in the future is the a 115-volt standard power outlet with a wall-type plug. It's located on the front console of the center stack and allows you to plug anything in from an electric shaver to a laptop computer. So very conven-

All of us have that extra adapter for our various equipment or the power converter we've found necessary to stick in the car for necessities like a DVD player or air compressor, but to have that plug, right there for my personal use, was really, really cool. Bravo, Pontiac. Safety features are all there, all geared toward crash avoid-

ance and crash protection for the occupants of the Vibe. You'll find seat-mounted side airbags, all-wheel-drive, anti-lock brakes, safety cage, crumple zones, adjustable anchors on the seat belts, remote keyless entry, child safety door locks, and OnStar safety and security system.

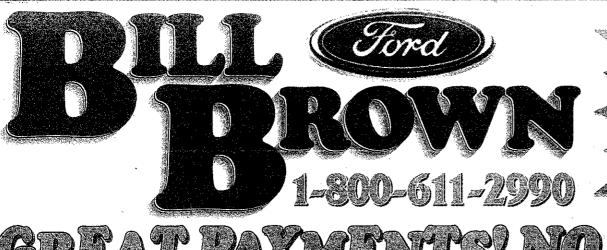
We enjoyed our long trip up north to Traverse in the Vibe. It served us well in cargo room and interior comfort, even with two dogs to deal with in the rear seat as well.

And the Cherry Classic treated my girls well, too -- they carried home four medals from the United States Figure Skatingsanctioned event. Good week; even better weekend.

If you're interested in a small car with a strong heart and a lot of room for all your stuff, take a look at the Vibe. I think you'll be surprised.

Write Anne Fracassa at avanti1054@aol.com.

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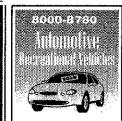
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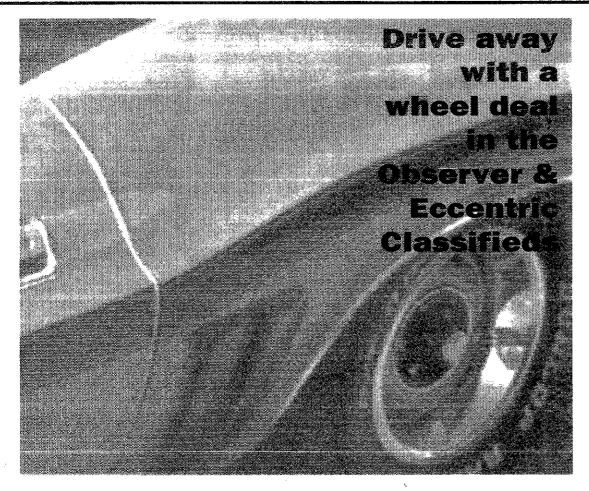




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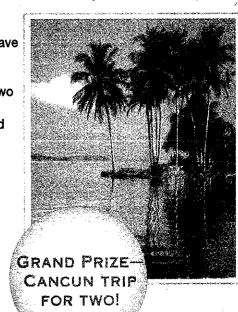
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