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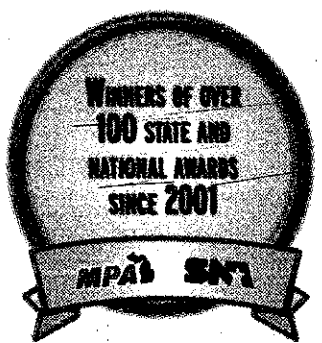
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Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Educational Excellence Foundation received a \$5,000 donation from the Plymouth Community United Way to support EEF's Summer Skills Academy, a three-week program to assist first- and third-graders who are performing below grade level in reading and/or math. This summer's academy was held last month at Eriksson Elementary. Nearly 400 students - 169 in reading and 227 in math - participated in the program. A certified teacher, with one paraprofessional assisting, taught each class. Nine pre-student teachers from Eastern Michigan University and the University of Michigan also supported classroom instruction. Funding for the program was in excess of \$60,000. Additional financial support for the program was provided by a grant from a private donor and proceeds from the annual Hoben/Hoedel golf outing.

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Frank Powelson and some of the 25,000 barrels owned by Canton-based Poco.

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Orange like clockwork

Owner's impact felt during construction season

BY DOUG JOHNSON  
STAFF WRITER

Frank Powelson offers an unusual - but very, very recognizable - product. He is owner and president of Poco Inc., the Canton-based supplier of those ubiquitous orange barrels everyone sees during road construction. "People are always saying 'I see them everywhere.' When I meet people and tell them I own the Poco barricade business, they make the connection," Powelson said. "I get comments all the time and I'm used to it - you know, I'm the guy with the orange barrels." Powelson, who grew up and went to public school in Inkster and is a former Canton resident, has heard the funny comments too, about the orange barrel being the state flower of Michigan ...

"they bloom in bunches every spring." Poco is simply the first two letters of his father's last name and the first two letters of a man named Jack Coler, who came and went in the business within the first six months of its founding. Poco, the biggest construction traffic control company in Michigan, sells and/or leases barrels, arrow trailers, message boards, A-frame barricades and custom signs. The company has about 25,000 of the orange barrels, about 280 arrow trailers and about five dozen message boards. The firm employs 40 to 50 people at its home base on Van Born Road in Canton. Poco does a large business in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. The arrows and message boards are run by solar power as are some of the blinker lights on the barrels.

"No more trips to fuel a gas or diesel engine. No more pollution," he said. "We buy the barrels from two suppliers, 1100 in a truckload," Powelson said. The barrels are sometimes placed on roadways by his people in the middle of the night; the paving contractor typically moves them after that. Powelson took over the business from his dad and is a self-taught executive. The company is in its 38th year of business and things are tougher than ever even with new technology. All his oldest equipment has been recycled out the past ten years and replaced with the latest stuff. "Prices for what we do are as low as they have been in 30 years and costs are up 10 times as much," Powelson said.

PLEASE SEE POCO, A8

Director hired to find funds

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

With experience as both an educator and a fund-raiser, Thomas Sklut believes strongly in students and their education.

"Educating young people has the capacity to change the future," said Sklut, hired this week by the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education as the district's first development director. "I can't think of anything I'd rather sell."

Sklut

As development director, it will be Sklut's job to sell Plymouth-Canton Schools to private donors, corporations and foundations, finding additional dollars to supplement the State of Michigan's foundation grant, which doesn't pay all the bills.

"Many people believe public education just happens, and in the past that may have been the so," said Sklut. "But, how we finance public education hasn't kept up with the demands and the needs." While serving as a Catholic school principal early in his career, Sklut quickly found out the job also entailed being lead fund-raiser. "There was no way you were going to make ends meet on tuition dollars, and when your kids need something, you've got to figure out how you're going to provide it."

Word of Sklut's development success reached Brother Rice High School, where he helped transform \$45,000 in annual giving to \$650,000 before leaving seven years later. After stints at The Henry Ford and as a fund-raising consultant, Sklut saw

PLEASE SEE SKLUT, A8

'Quiet' trustee Burdziak calls service a 'privilege'

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

It wasn't easy for John Burdziak, getting appointed to the Canton Board of Trustees back in 1991. As chairman of the planning commission at the time, he was nominated to fill the position left vacant by John Preniczky, who had moved out of the community. Former trustee Bob Padget was also nominated. With only six members on the board at the time, they deadlocked in a vote over whom to appoint. Then Melissa McLaughlin's name was added to the mix. Again the board deadlocked. After multiple votes ended in a deadlock, trustee Elaine Kirchgatter said she would cast the deciding vote. In the final vote, Kirchgatter nominated Burdziak and the board joined forces,



Burdziak

with all six members voting for him. The next year Burdziak was elected to the board and served three full terms. In the Aug. 3 Republican primary, in his quest for a fourth term, Burdziak, 68, came in fifth in a vote to narrow the field of eight Republican candidates down to four. "I was a little disappointed," he said. "But I'm not bitter at all. I had the privilege of serving 14 years on the board. I might have taken it for granted that my record would count." He was defeated in the Republican primary by incumbents Melissa McLaughlin and Karl Zarbo and newcomers Todd LaJoy and Todd Caccamo. Supervisor Tom Yack said he was disap-

pointed that Burdziak didn't make the cut. "John has been a really good board member over the years," he said. "We were all at Rose's restaurant watching the results on election night. John jumped to fifth place at the last minute." "He just said, 'I had a good run and I'm glad Karl (Zarbo) made it. He's done a lot for the community.'" Burdziak, a retired engineer from Ameritech, has been active in the study of the Ford Road utility issue (putting power lines underground). Known as the "quiet" trustee - he didn't speak out much at board meetings - Yack said Burdziak made contributions in his own way. "In study sessions he was very active," Yack said. "When we needed someone to attend a function, he was always willing to do that. I think John's going to continue to help out wherever he can."

Burdziak, who's been married to Yvonne for 44 years, has three grown children and three grandchildren. He and his wife are preparing to move to a condo in Central Park and he said they're planning a couple of small vacations. "I've been working with First Step and the Goodfellows," he said. "I'll probably do some volunteer work with the seniors." He said he plans to keep in touch with the people he's worked with for the past 12 years. "A majority of the people on that board have been together for 12 years," he said. "We're not only fellow board members, but good friends, all of us. Now I can find out what the rest of the world does on Tuesday nights."

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Voting sometimes requires a leap of faith

BY JENNA KLOECKNER  
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The Rev. Tom Eggebeen of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia recognizes the unavoidable connection between religion and politics. "I don't know of a political issue that's not religious," he said. "And I don't know of a religious doctrine that doesn't have political implications." Many religious leaders agree. However, it's difficult to reconcile certain religious beliefs

with the platform of any one presidential candidate. This year's candidates have opposing views on abortion, capital punishment and same-sex marriage, three divisive political issues with religion implications. Those who are pro-life, because of religion, generally oppose capital punishment. But voting for George W. Bush because he's pro-life means choosing a candidate that supports capital punishment. Yet voting for U.S. Sen. John

Kerry of Massachusetts, the Democratic presidential nominee, contradicts a pro-life stance. Kassem Allie, an administrator at the Islamic Center Of America in Detroit, recognizes the inevitable need to compromise one's religious convictions when voting. "When choosing a candidate, it's about deciding on individual issues and dealing with the fact that we may not accept some issues a candidate supports," he said.



On the other hand, beliefs based on religious values sometimes take a back seat to

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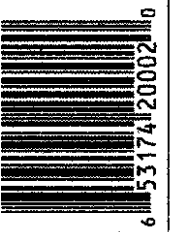
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NEWS BRIEFS

CLARIFICATION

An editorial in Thursday's *Observer* incorrectly stated that Godfrey Aguwa lost the August primary election in his bid for a trustee position. Aguwa, one of only two Democrats vying for trustee, automatically moves on to the November general election ballot.

FOOTBALL MEETING

There will be a mandatory meeting for all Salem High School Football players and parents at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18 in the Salem High School cafeteria. Important information about the football program and booster club activities will be discussed. For information, call Bob Kilgore at (734) 459-6393.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association/PC Pride hosts tryouts for both community travel and premier travel teams. The tryouts take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 21-22, and from 6-8 p.m. Aug. 24 at the Canton Softball complex located on Michigan Ave., west of Canton Center. Tryouts are for players 10-under, 12-under, 14-under and 16-under. Participating in tryouts does not commit players to the season. All levels of play are welcome. For more information, call (734) 981-5989.

WILDCAT GOLF OUTING

A golf outing to benefit the Plymouth High School Wildcat athletic program is set for an 8 a.m. shotgun start Sunday, Sept. 12, at Hickory Creek Golf



Chris Snider of Canton laughs after he finishes his event in the heavy athletics games portion of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit Highland Games last Saturday at Greenmead in Livonia.

Course, located at Napier and Ford Road in Canton. Cost is \$100, which includes 18 holes of golf with cart, a T-shirt, a snack at the turn and a steak dinner following the golf. The outing is a four-person scramble which includes longest drive and closest-to-the-pin contests and a "skins" game.

To register, send a check made payable to Plymouth High School Athletics to Plymouth High School, 8400 North Beck Road, Canton, MI 48187.

WASTE ROUND-UP

Canton's Hazardous Waste Round-up Day is right around the corner and will be held on Saturday, Sept. 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sauk Trail Hills Landfill will help to sponsor the event together with Canton

Township, and the Environmental Quality Company will be packing the materials and transporting them to the appropriate off-site hazardous waste disposal facilities. The event will be held at Canton's DPW building on Sheldon Road just south of Michigan Avenue.

Items accepted include fluorescent light bulbs, oil-based paint, latex paint, paint thinner and paint stripper, primer, turpentine, varnish, furniture polish, household batteries, pool chemicals, photo chemicals, acids, aerosols, cutting oil, glue (solvent based), wood preservatives, propane tanks (from outdoor grills) and small propane cylinders. Also, artists' paint, dry cleaning solvents, fiberglass epoxy, gun cleaning solvents, rat poison, moth balls and lighter fluid are accepted.

Residents may also bring automatic transmission fluid, auto batteries/battery acid, brake fluid, car wax with solvent, diesel fuel, fuel oil, gasoline, kerosene, metal polish with solvent, motor oils, antifreeze and other oils. From the kitchen and bath, items accepted include floor care products, expired medicine, bug sprays, nail polish and drain openers and cleaners.

Items that will not be accepted at Hazardous Waste Round-up include: commercially generated wastes, smoke detectors, radioactive material, explosives, shock-sensitive material, fire extinguishers and tires.

The Salvation Army will not have a truck at this year's Hazardous Waste Round-up Day.

For a detailed flier or other information, visit www.canton-mi.org or call Canton's Public Works Division at 394-5150.

Committee set to review athletics

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The issue of whether Plymouth-Canton Schools is spending too much money on athletic directors for high school sports will be addressed by a 14-member ad hoc committee comprised of parents, coaches and Plymouth-Canton School Board members.

There had been pressure by some members of the Board of Education for Superintendent Jim Ryan to cut one of the athletic director positions to reduce expenditures in the athletic budget, which has already experienced some \$400,000 in spending cuts the past two years.

There have also been concerns by some students, par-

ents and coaches about inconsistencies in athletic programs among the three high schools.

"We're going to have a night where the athletic directors present everything they do, and then we're going to research what other schools do and begin the discussion about how they want athletics led," said Ryan. "What this comes down to is how to give the best service and high school athletic experience to more than 2,000 student athletes, all the coaches involved and all the parents that give us support through the booster programs."

The committee begins its task Sept. 7, and after seven meetings will present its findings to the school board Dec.

14. "We're going to start with

the overall issue of the number of athletic directors and their responsibilities," said Trustee Barry Simescu. "We'll take a big-picture view of that, and then tackle other issues, such as middle school athletics and required weight training."

"We need to get everybody together and get the issues on the table," he said. "Camaraderie is something we're going to strive for."

The three athletic directors — Sue Heinzman at Canton, Tom Willett at Salem and Terry Sawchuk at Plymouth — took 9-percent pay cuts this year to ensure their jobs for another year as Ryan and the committee determine the future of the Park's athletic program.

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'This Old House' brings show, shot for homeowner to Canton

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

Fans of Public Television's popular series *This Old House* will get a chance to meet some of their favorite personalities next month — at the Home Depot on Ford Road in Canton.

Canton is the third stop on the TV series' first national hands-on tour, "Meet This Old House." The tour is in celebration of the program's 25th anniversary.

They'll be at Home Depot all day on Thursday, Sept. 30, conducting various clinics and making presentations on the past 25 years of home improvement,

according to Kate Hathaway, a spokeswoman for the show.

And on Friday, Oct. 1, one Canton homeowner will get a visit from the show's staff to provide guidance on home maintenance problems. That will be featured in the third season of *Ask This Old House*, a spin-off of the original program.

"On *Ask This Old House*, we visit dozens of homeowners to tackle smaller problems than those featured in the main show," Hathaway said.

The particular Canton home to be visited won't be known until a couple of weeks before the crew is in town. Viewers who'd like to receive a house

call can submit questions at www.thisoldhouse.com.

Kevin O'Connor and plumbing and heating expert Richard Trethewey will be on hand during the Canton visit. Trethewey will be the one making the house call.

Hathaway said Canton was chosen as one of six stops on the national tour.

"We identified different markets that are kind of strong," she said. "This is a great way for us to work together."

Other stops on the tour include areas near Los Angeles, Chicago, New York, Boston and Atlanta.

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# Experts don't expect any coattail benefits

BY MATT SCHOCH  
STAFF WRITER

Experts do not expect a rash of "coattail" election results this November despite a stale-mated and highly publicized presidential campaign.

"Coattails don't have the effect anywhere that they used to," said Michigan political analyst Bill Ballenger, editor of *Inside Michigan Politics* newsletter. "Suffice to say, Michigan is not very different than anyone else."

While U.S. Senate races often mirror presidential results, as in 2000 when Debbie Stabenow was elected, House of Representative races are usually not affected by the top of the ticket.

"Even with open seats, there really isn't much turnover," Ballenger said. "Parties really try to protect their seats."

Stabenow defeated Spencer Abraham by less than a 2-percent margin, aided by fellow Democrat Al Gore winning the state's presidential electoral votes by a 51-46 percent margin.

All of Michigan's 15 House

seats are up for election this year, while the next Senate election is not until 2006.

The "coattail effect" occurs when a candidate at the top of the ticket wins, gaining votes for candidates for lesser offices who "ride their coattails" to victory.

The most famous version of coattail politics was in the elections of 1932, Ballenger said.

Franklin Roosevelt defeated Herbert Hoover by an electoral vote margin of 8-to-1. Perhaps just as significant was the fact that his party also took command of Congress, including an unprecedented 96-seat gain in the House of Representatives, paving the way for the ratification of Roosevelt's New Deal initiatives.

However, those kinds of coattail effects are a thing of the past because of House redistricting, said Michigan State University's David Rohde, a political science professor.

"I don't expect House outcomes to be affected by the presidential race," he said.

Parties recognize areas where they have political advantages and do their best to try to protect their seats these days, Ballenger said.

However, overwhelming top ticket victories can filter down to local elections or proposals, HomeTown Communications Network Inc. Chairman Phil Power said.

Power, a Democrat, was ousted in 1998 in his re-election bid for the University of Michigan Board of Regents, despite serving on the board for 11 years. Power was defeated by two board newcomers, fellow Democrat Kathy White and Republican David Brandon, chairman and CEO of Domino's Pizza.

That same election year, Republican candidate John Engler defeated Geoffrey Fieger in a landslide re-election victory for governor, defeating the outspoken lawyer by nearly 25 percent.

"If there's a landslide, often people vote straight Democrat or straight Republican," Power said. "When a landslide comes, lots of things fall down the mountain."

# Many voters choose absentee ballot

BY MATT SCHOCH  
STAFF WRITER

Voters who cannot make it to the polls Nov. 2 can still take part in this fall's election.

All they have to do is get an absentee ballot, available through all city or township clerk offices for those in need.

Anyone who is age 60 or older; unable to vote without assistance at the polls; expects to be out of town on election day; is in jail awaiting arraignment or trial; or unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons is eligible for an absentee ballot. Voters may also qualify if they have been appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of their precinct of residence.

Nor do you have to prove you are unable to make it to the polls.

"People sign the form, so we take them at their word," Birmingham City Clerk Nancy Weiss said. "We don't question it."

Absentee request forms are

available at clerks' offices and most city or township Web sites and are even mailed to seniors and those with a permanent disability. A separate absentee ballot request must be submitted for each election.

The ballots themselves will not arrive at city halls until "about four or five weeks before the election," Weiss said. Then the ballots will be mailed to absent voters.

"We'll have the envelopes and everything prepared and ready to go," Weiss said.

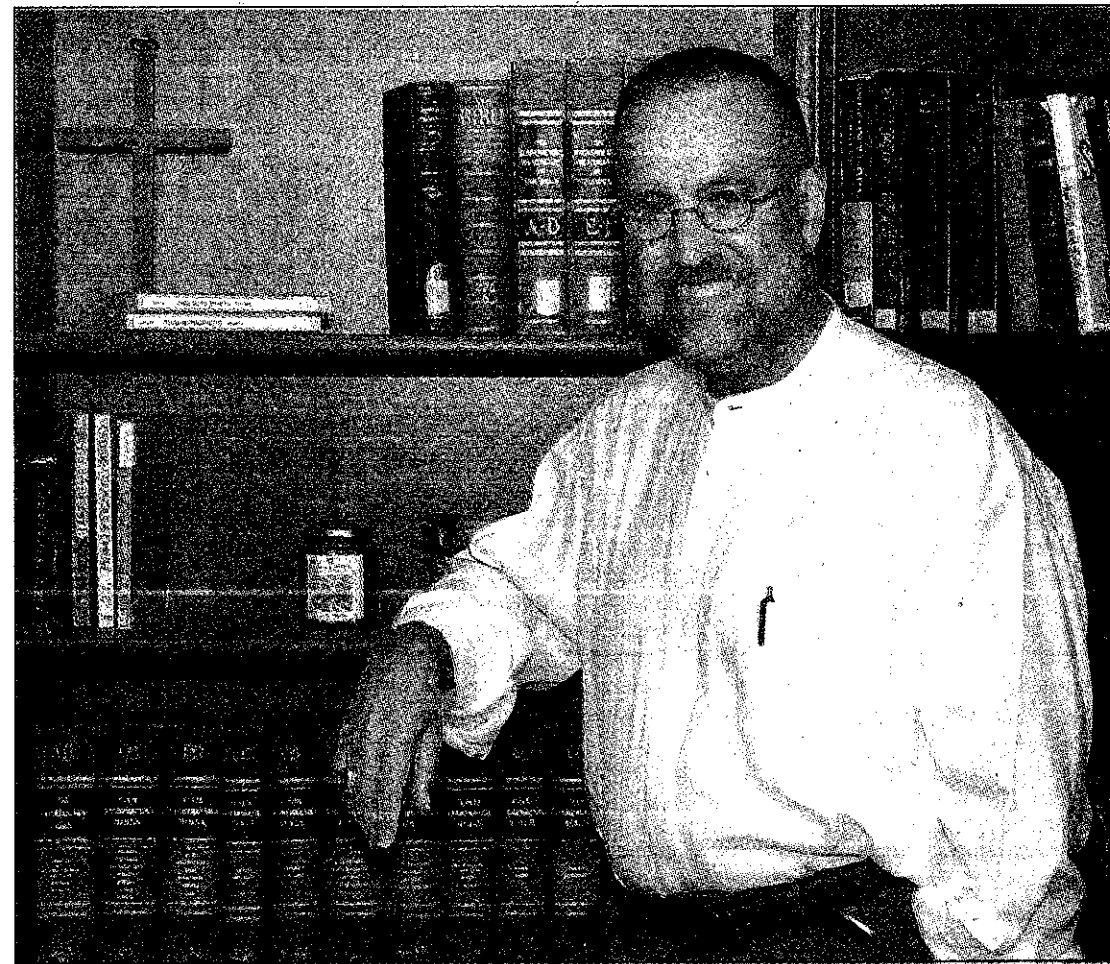
The way absentee ballots are tallied varies by community. Absentee voters are counted at their own precinct in Birmingham and added to the city total. The absentee votes are counted at the same time that regular votes are tabulated.

Most local municipalities require that absentee ballot requests be turned in by the Saturday before the election. In Livonia, requests must be in by 2 p.m. that day, which is Oct. 30 this year.

According to the state's Web site, if an emergency, such as a sudden illness or family death, prevents voters from reaching the polls on election day, they can request an emergency absentee voter ballot. Requests for an emergency ballot must be submitted after the deadline for regular absentee voter ballots has passed, but before 4 p.m. on election day. The emergency must have occurred at a time which made it impossible for the voter to apply for a regular absentee voter ballot.

If the voter is caught outside the U.S., Federal Postcard Applications are available to apply for an absentee voter ballot. The FPCA must be signed under oath unless the voter is serving in the armed forces or Merchant Marines.

All finished ballots must be received by the clerk's office by closing time at all election precincts. Voters must request and receive their absentee ballots from wherever they are registered to vote.



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The Rev. Tom Eggebeen in the study of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

## RELIGION

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other concerns.

Issues relating to cultural identity are extremely important to Muslims, given the war on terrorism.

Allie said Muslims are concerned about issues that affect them directly, such as the Patriot Act, profiling, persecution and the erosion of civil rights.

Those of Jewish faith are concerned about other issues, too.

Rabbi Aaron Bergman, director of Jewish studies at the Jewish Academy of Metropolitan Detroit, said he tries not to link faith to specific issues, but rather with social issues and constitutional rights.

And how about a candidate's character?

"My religion does not affect who I vote for," Bergman said. "I look for a person's moral character and the issues that people care about."

Others agree.

The Rev. Frederick J. Klettner of St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church in Farmington Hills said he wants to know if a candidate is a good leader who's thought things through.

"When judging a candidate, I look at his character, what's in his heart," he said. "But, if a candidate is against a religious view I have, then that might be a red flag."

Eggebeen said a candidate's views on God should not be the decisive factor in choosing that candidate, but rather his or her views on people.

"There is no straight line between believing in God and good politics," Eggebeen said. "Believing in God does not lead to a good political system."

Surely the dilemma causes others to throw up their hands.

The Rev. Neil Cowling of Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church in Westland is not enthusiastic

**'There is no straight line between believing in God and good politics. Believing in God does not lead to a good political system.'**

Rev. Tom Eggebeen  
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

about Bush or Kerry. He said he almost feels like flipping a coin.

However, he doesn't appear worried about which candidate gets elected.

"People gather together for an hour on Sunday for church and don't worry about what's going to happen to the world during that period of time," he said. "They know it will be OK because they trust in God."

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# Physician selected to fill Schoolcraft board vacancy

BY DAN WEST  
STAFF WRITER

Northville Dr. Phillip Cascade will replace the late-Richard DeVries on the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees.

Cascade was appointed to the board for a 10-month term. The board selected the veteran physician after meeting 16 candidates for 20-minute interviews Monday and Tuesday. He told the board he plans to run for election to the seat next June when voters will determine who will serve the remaining four years of DeVries' term, which was an important attribute sought board members, said Mary Breen, a Livonia resident who chairs the Schoolcraft board.

"In my 21 years on the board, we've never had a medical doctor on our board," Breen said. "It was hard because there

were so many good people, but Dr. Cascade had a strong academic background and has had a number of articles published."

Cascade works as a physician at University of Michigan Hospitals, campus professor at U-M and professional consultant. In his 38-year career, Cascade also practiced at Detroit's Sinai Hospital and Ann Arbor's VA Medical Center and taught at Wayne State University.

Cascade will be sworn-in and officially join the seven-member board Aug. 25.

The selection process concludes a painful six-week process for the Livonia college's board that started June 8 when DeVries, a retired Livonia Public Schools teacher and 11-year college board member, was found stabbed to death in his condominium.

In a written confession

publicized in a July 15 court hearing, Jamaal Coney, a 21-year-old Ecorse man, admitted to killing DeVries. Coney is awaiting trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on murder, felony murder and armed robbery charges. If convicted of first-degree murder, he will spend the rest of his life in jail without any chance of parole.

"In our first couple meetings since it happened, we kept his portrait up in the board room, but we felt it was best to take it down for the interviews," said Breen, DeVries' long-time friend and colleague. "This appointment brings some closure for us."

To recognize DeVries' years of service to Schoolcraft, the college placed a memorial stone next to the college's bell tower.

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# Day care center celebrates with anniversary party

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

When Jill and Reid Scott and their daughter Danielle opened a day care center on Canton Center Road, they wanted it to be a home away from home for the children in their care.

Now The Children's Hour, located in the Canton Ford Crossing complex north of Ford Road, is getting ready to celebrate its first anniversary with an open house for the public.

"We're family owned and operated," Jill Scott said this week. "We think of the kids as an extended part of our family."

Actually the celebration, set for 3-7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, is just an extension of a regular activity at the center.

"We have a family event every month," Scott said. "This will be our family event for August."

The event will feature a Moon Walk, balloons, a "train ride" for the kids, food, snow cones and other activi-

ties.

The center is licensed for 110 children ages 6 months to 12 years. Sixty children are enrolled at the moment and the open house is tied into the fall enrollment program.

Parents who sign their children up before the end of August will be given half off the registration fee.

The extended family concept is integral to Scott's philosophy in operating the center.

She's the mother of four children herself, none of whom were in day care.

"I didn't believe in it then," she said. "But it's a necessary thing for some kids. Many parents just don't have the time or the resources. Most parents have to work. They can't spend time with their kids. They pretty much see them on weekends."

Scott says The Children's Hour is not just a baby-sitting service.

"We take the extra step," she said. "They learn to say please and thank you."

They put a lot of emphasis on teaching proper behavior

and helping children become socialized.

"Most parents have no clue as to how to deal with things like biting or temper tantrums," she said. "Those are things that kids do and our staff knows how to deal with that."

Scott and her staff take a unique approach in working with the younger children.

"We teach infants and toddlers sign language," she said. "It's a modified version of American Sign Language. Children 8 to 10 months old are able to communicate using signs."

An added benefit to that, she said, is that communicating with sign language helps children start talking earlier.

"They realize they can communicate through signs," she said. "Then they realize they can communicate through speech."

People interested in learning more about the center can call Scott at (734) 459-9920.

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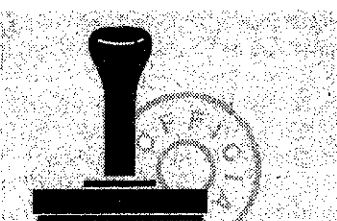
**B**  
Manuela Baamonde, of Westland, died Aug. 10.  
Betty W. Blom, of Livonia, died Aug. 8.

**C**  
Robert Allan Cobb, 91, of Marshall, died Aug. 11.  
William Loomis Cogsdill, 91, died Aug. 10.

**E**  
Raymond W. Evans, 79, of Garden City, died Aug. 11.

**G**  
John W. German, 87, of Redford, died July 22.

**H**  
Jean Marie Holcomb, 67, of Bloomfield Hills, died Aug. 7.  
David F. Holmes, 87, of Livonia, died Aug. 12.  
Marcella A. Homer, 55, of Inkster, died Aug. 9.



For the Record appears in every edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's Observer Life section in Passages on page C5.

**I**  
Allen R. Ingles, 77, formerly of Birmingham, died June 24.  
Jeanne C. Ingles (Dasef), formerly of Birmingham, died June 18.

**J**  
James (Michael) Johnston, 53, of Livonia.

**K**  
Thomas A. Kundinger, 78, of Bloomfield Hills, died Aug. 11.

**L**  
Chester C. Lipa, 81, of Elkhart, Ind., formerly of Detroit, died Aug. 6.

**M**  
Catherine Isabelle (Guay) Martin, 49, of Oakland Township, died Aug. 7.  
Firi N. Miller, of Westland, died Aug. 9.

**P**  
Peggy Moskal, 86, of Farmington Hills, died Aug. 11.

**O**  
Roger G. Olson, 48, died Aug. 6.

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George W. Raymond, 90, of Farmington Hills, died Aug. 12.

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Patrick H. "Harry" Wernette, 92, of Farmington Hills died Aug. 9.

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# Pooches on parade

## Charity dog walk is Sept. 18

BY DOUG JOHNSON  
STAFF WRITER

Hit the trail with your dog on Saturday, Sept. 18, at the second-annual Tails and Trails charity dog walk sponsored by the Plymouth/Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club.

The event, which began last year as a part of the Canton Liberty Fest, has been upgraded and given its own date this year.

Kiwanis club members Carol Heminger and Ginnie Hauk said the event will help their club as well as the rescue dogs used by the Michigan Technical Rescue Operations Team. The team is made up of trained dogs and their handlers - cops, firemen and emergency workers - who respond to natural disasters, collapsed buildings and tunnels, or for missing person searches.

"We wanted a longer event than last year's," Heminger

said. "We had a wonderful response last year, and people did call and ask 'What happened to the dog walk?' after the Liberty Fest."

The walk will be held at the amphitheater at Heritage Park behind the Canton library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road. The events begin with registration at 10 a.m. and the walk starts about 11:30.

"We are hoping to pack the place. Last year we had about 100 dogs and this year we hope for 200 or more," Ginnie Hauk said.

Heminger said they know there are more than 9,700 dogs in Canton Township and about 2,000 in Plymouth Township, with another 200 in the City of Plymouth based on dog licenses.

In addition to the walk there will be MTRT rescue demonstrations, vendors, food concessions and prizes for the most patriotic dog, best

dressed dog, best look-a-like dog, longest tail dog and best trick by a dog.

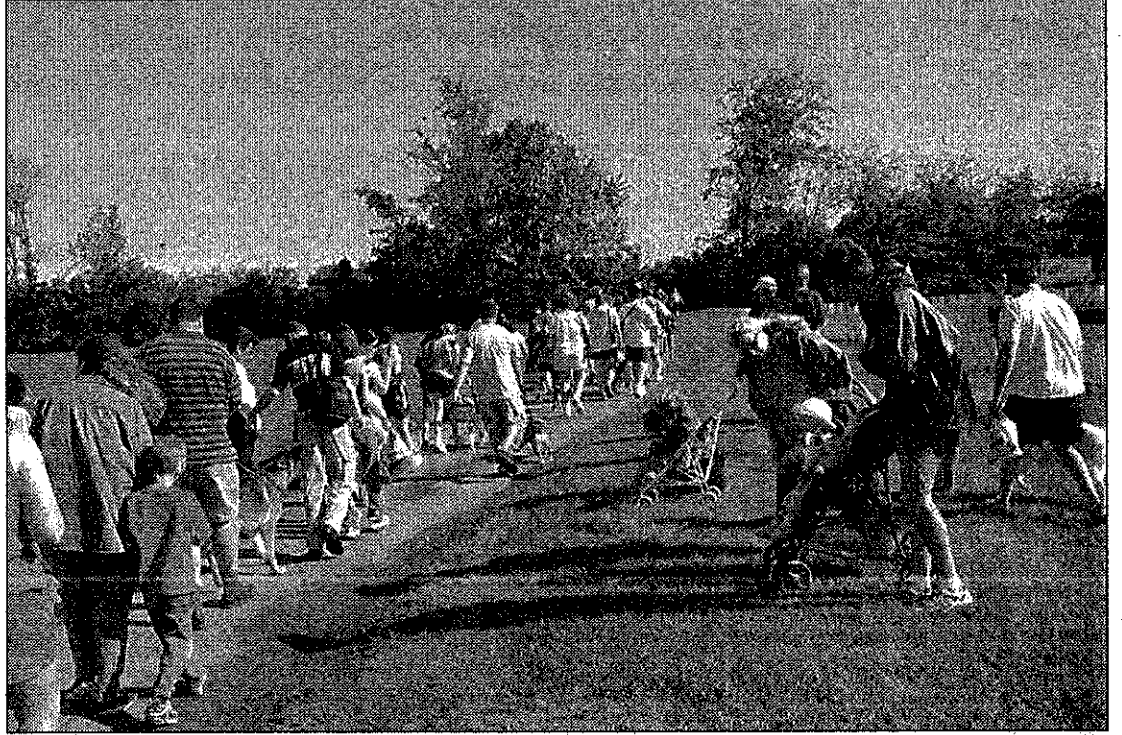
The event will be great for kids, Hauk said. The rescue dog demonstrations will involve kids from the audience. The demos are set to start about 10:30 a.m. and will run for an hour.

Cost to participate in the event is \$15 per dog before Sept. 7 and \$20 after. Any number of people may accompany their family dog during the walk. The first 200 registrants will receive a goody bag full of treats for the dog.

Handicapped persons are welcome with their dogs and they can just sit and watch - they don't necessarily have to walk.

"You don't even need a dog to participate. Just come and watch the event for family fun," Hauk said. "Bring a human friend."

Registration forms are avail-



Organizers hope to draw at least 200 dogs to the second-annual Tails and Trails doggie fund-raiser.

able at Pet Supplies Plus on Ford Road, Arbor Pointe Veterinary Clinic on Ford Road, Parkway Veterinary Clinic on Lilley Road in Canton, the Plymouth Township clerk's office, Canton library, Plymouth library and at both the Plymouth and Canton Big Boy restaurants.

The forms allow for pledges to be gathered for the event; all pledge money will go to the rescue dogs.

Vendors will show pet products at tables. There are still some tables available for businesses Heminger said. The pet safety seminar will teach owners how to take a dog's pulse,

do CPR, help dogs in heat stress.

Vets from Arbor Pointe will be there to help with registration and to offer advice.

All dog owners must show proof of rabies vaccination at the time of check-in. For more information call Heminger at (734) 451-3500.



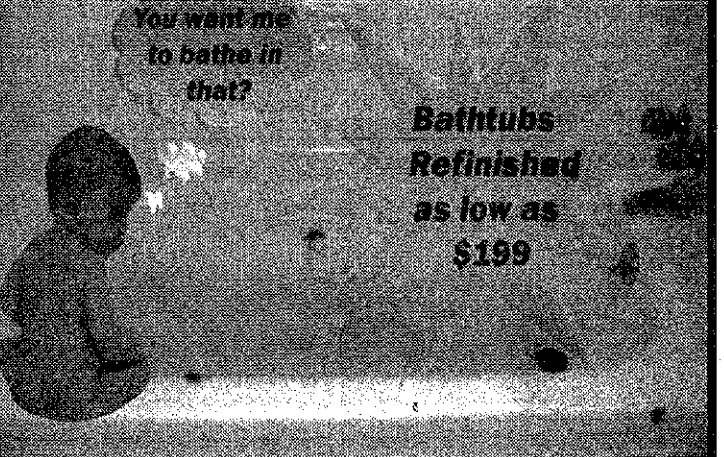
At the Tails and Trails event in Canton, prizes will be handed out for the most patriotic dog, best dressed dog, best look-a-like dog, longest tail dog and best trick by a dog.



With thousands of dogs in the Plymouth and Canton area, Tails and Trails organizers figure to draw a big crowd for the Sept. 18 event.

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## Golfers turn out for chamber golf outing

About 220 golfers turned out for the Canton Chamber of Commerce's annual golf outing last Tuesday at Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton.

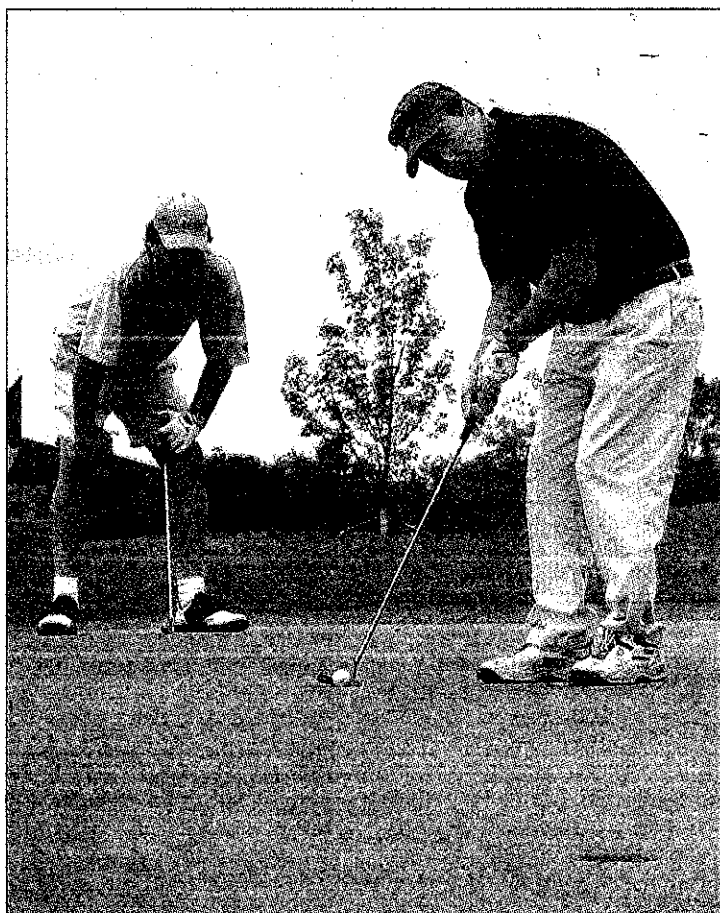
The outing featured a \$50,000 Shoot Out contest, where six lucky contestants were able to try a 165-yard Hole-In-One shot at \$50,000. The contest sponsored by Approved Mortgages.

Major sponsors of the fund-raising event were Blackwell Ford Inc., Dick Scott Automotive Group, Jack Demmer Ford Inc. and Yazaki North America Inc.

Men's team winners were CSI Collision of Westland. Team members were Todd Blevins, Ben Shunkwiler, Mike Horn and Kim Shunkwiler.

Women's team winners were the Canton Public Library. Team members were Karin Fisch, Marcia Barker, Rebecca Havenstein-Coughlin and Shari Farmer.

Co-ed team winners, sponsored by Bovitz, CPA (not all members work there) were Rob Bovitz, Renee Merckx, Bud Bailey and Eddie Kulezki.

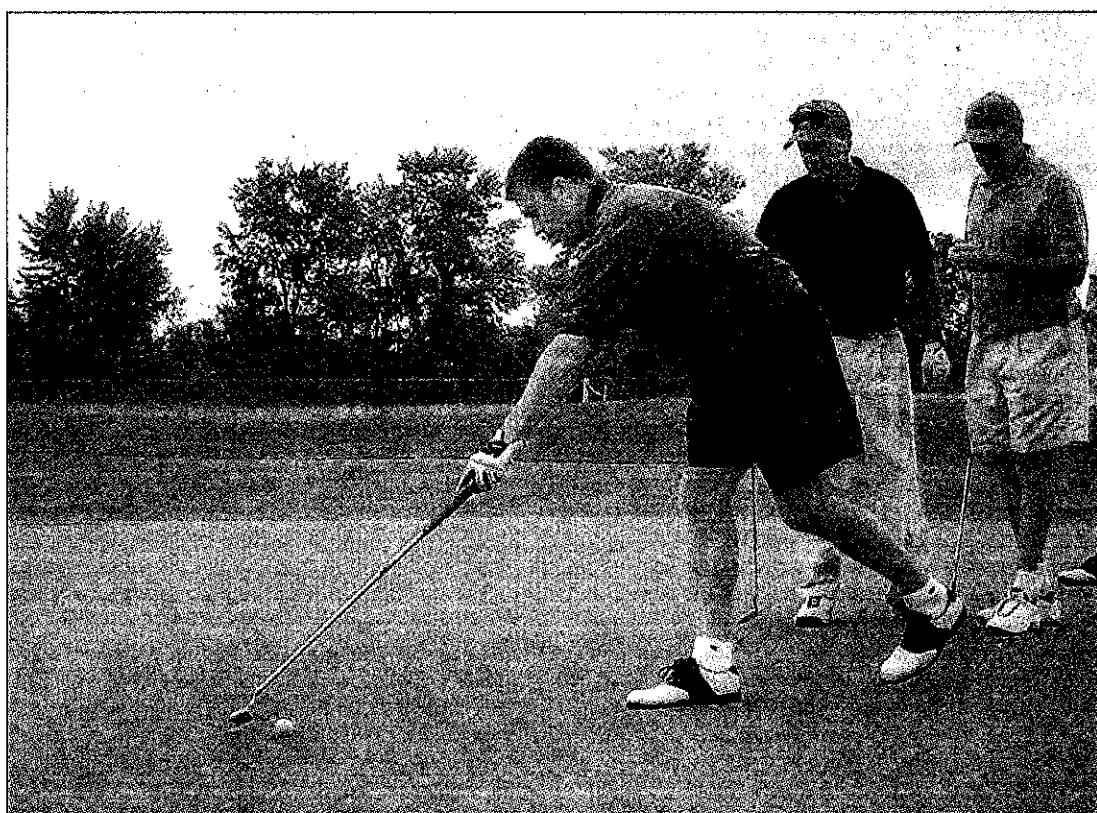


David Miller sinks his putt as Jim Brudzinski looks on during the chamber of commerce golf outing.



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Dan Lyczak enjoys a hot dog from the comfort of a golf cart, with Jade Smith looking hungrily on, during the golf outing.



Doug Durham (left) David Miller, Ken Ziroll and Jim Brudzinski play in the outing.



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## Zoo director satisfied he made right call on elephants

Whatever their politics and whatever their views of what's happening in the state and the nation, just about everyone in Michigan in recent years has been happy about one thing: the Detroit Zoo.

That is, until the director, Ron Kagan, announced a startling decision this spring. This fall, he will send away the zoo's two Asian elephants, Wanda and Winky, because he feels it is not fair to keep them in captivity.

And they won't be replaced as long as he has anything to say about it, which means the zoo, which has had at least one elephant ever since the place opened in 1928, will have them no more.



Jack Lessenberry

That has prompted the first major controversy surrounding the zoo since Kagan arrived at the end of 1992 and inaugurated sort of a renaissance at the facility, which really isn't in Detroit at all, but suburban Royal Oak.

Since then, the zoo, which by the 1980s had become a bit run-down and scandal-ridden, has again been recognized as one of the best zoos in the country.

Anyone who hasn't been there in a decade is bound to be blown away by the vast range of new exhibits and improvements.

They include the Arctic Ring of Life, which simulates a natural polar environment; a stunning Wildlife Interpretative Gallery, a vast exhibit that shows great apes in something close to their natural habitat; and, for frog and salamander lovers, the National Amphibian Conservation Center.

Attendance has soared, and the zoo has won favorable national attention in everything from industry journals to The Discovery Channel and Animal Planet. Virtually all of this was largely due to Kagan, 52, a wry and self-effacing man who has a doctorate in zoology, is fascinated by the science of management and is delighted to talk about anything at the zoo except himself.

Lately, however, he has been talking a lot about elephants, which traditionally have been among the most popular animals at any zoo. "Our mission is celebrating and saving wildlife, and educating people about them," he said.

"But there is an ethical dimension. Anyone in charge of an animal has a responsibility to give that animal the best quality of life possible, and we just can't reasonably do that adequately here."

The zoo would need to set aside 20 acres and put a heated dome over half it, "which would cost maybe \$50 million, which would be just crazy to contemplate."

Currently, the zoo's two elephants live in an enclosure that is just over an acre. That's higher than industry standards, but far less than they really need. Winky, 51, and Wanda, 45, suffer from arthritis and foot problems from being confined in such a small space; elephants in the wild often roam for miles every day. "Besides, they don't belong in cold climates, anymore than you can responsibly maintain polar bears in the deep South."

So before winter, they will be resettled in a vast wildlife refuge in either Tennessee or California, depending on input from the American Zoological Society. Instead, the zoo will use the former elephant area to show rhinoceroses.

That decision was denounced in a *Detroit News* editorial, which said the zoo should keep the elephants, which after all, "don't have to worry about lions biting them on the backside." One reader wrote in and suggested the zoo director be sent "to roam in California or Tennessee instead."

But zoo officials were astounded that the vast majority of responses supported the decision. "We normally think 200 letters or e-mails on an issue is big. We have gotten more than 2,000 on the elephants - 90 percent of them supporting the decision to give them a better life," Kagan said.

Some old-timers, such as Beatrice Scalise of Plymouth, reminisced about the days when kids could come to the zoo and ride on an elephant, then added, "I have more respect for animals nowadays, so I say let them go free."

People will have a final few months to say goodbye. Kagan, who lives in a house on the zoo grounds, says he isn't at all surprised if there are some hard feelings. Nor does he expect all zoos to follow his lead.

"We've been told all our lives that it is OK to have elephants in captivity," he said. "You can't expect people to suddenly understand overnight."

Yet he has faith that in a world in which sensitivity to the rights and needs of animals is growing, Detroiters will "get it" and continue to support the zoo. "We have to be creative in how we promote nature in ways that go beyond the traditional," he says. "That's the challenge."

Not necessarily a good dream: Next Saturday's annual Dream Cruise, in which people fill Woodward Avenue with ancient vehicles, is a mixed blessing for Kagan. On one hand, he loves cars. On the other, it effectively blocks the zoo entrance, and can cost the park as much as \$50,000 in lost revenue.

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## Communists, socialists, liberals, oh, my, what does it all mean?

We have a regular contributor to our *Observer* letters section. He has a distinctly conservative point of view. His letters have drawn stinging dissent and enthusiastic support.

As managing editor, that gets my interest and tells me that people are reading him whether they agree or not, which is always a good thing for a newspaper.

Some have suggested that we give this writer too much space for what they see as right-wing rants. Others take the Voltaire approach of defending the writer while deploring his ideas. Still others embrace our correspondent as a visionary. Obviously, he strikes a nerve and generates controversy, which is what a letters section is all about.

We welcome dissent. We want a rich variety of opinions. We watch for libel and expect civility, but allow for a certain amount of political vitriol as long as it doesn't overstep those boundaries.

Our correspondent fancies himself an expert on economics, government and history and considers most everyone else woefully ignorant on all those subjects. For the most part, he is an apologist for the current Republican Party.

Unfortunately, for someone who consider himself well-read, he constantly links communists, socialists and liberals into what he sees as a philosophical cesspool or, to mix metaphors, three lanes on the same road to Armageddon. Whatever your views of modern "liberal" politicians, the correspondent is just wrong.

Communism is specifically a political and economic philosophy first stated by Karl Marx. Marx and Fredrich Engels founded the Communist Party in the mid-1800s. They wouldn't have recognized Stalinist Russia or Maoist China as good models for their system, but clearly Marx was no fan of 19th century democracies.

Socialism is a general term for many different approaches to creating social equity, relying in different ways on government ownership of some economic engines. The majority of socialist parties are deeply rooted in democracy and have been at odds with communists since the beginning. Many major political parties in the rest of the world are socialist and are either the party in power or the major opposition party. But even the conservative parties would not think of overthrowing many socialist innovations.

The terms liberal and conservative are relative terms and their meaning in American politics changes with circumstances. The founders of this country were liberals and radicals and regarded as such by the British king and his conservative supporters. Once the country became a nation, political factions formed. All sides saw themselves as

bastions of liberal democracy.

Slavery was the major political issue before the Civil War. On that issue abolitionists were the far left, Republicans were the moderates, Democrats and secessionists were the conservatives defending the status quo.

After the civil war, we begin to see the emergence of modern liberalism in the face of government corruption that allowed a few to prosper at the expense of the many. In the south and plains states, populism began to demand relief from tight money. In the cities, progressives began to demand economic and political reform. Republicans like Theodore Roosevelt and Robert LaFollette saw social programs and anti-trust measures as a way of preserving social order and justice. They were a minority within their party, which had become the party of business interests.

As the party of the south and the cities, the Democratic Party became the liberal party, taking up the cause of reform and the idea that expanding economic opportunity also expanded political freedom. The elements of the modern Democratic Party were already in place by the time of the Great Depression and election of Franklin Roosevelt.

What would the world be without liberalism and the reforms it championed?

The middle class would still be a small minority of the population in a South American-style country with a few extremely rich and the majority extremely poor.

Children as young as 7 might still be working in the mines and textile mills. Workers might still be working 12 hour days, six days a week and unable to organize into unions to negotiate on equal footing with company owners and managers.

African Americans wouldn't have the vote in large parts of the country; they wouldn't be allowed to use the same facilities, they wouldn't have an opportunity to go to a university and there wouldn't be an African-American secretary of state, national security adviser or Supreme Court justice.

There wouldn't be public education and most people wouldn't have access to private education. Very few would be able to afford college because there would be no college grant or loan programs.

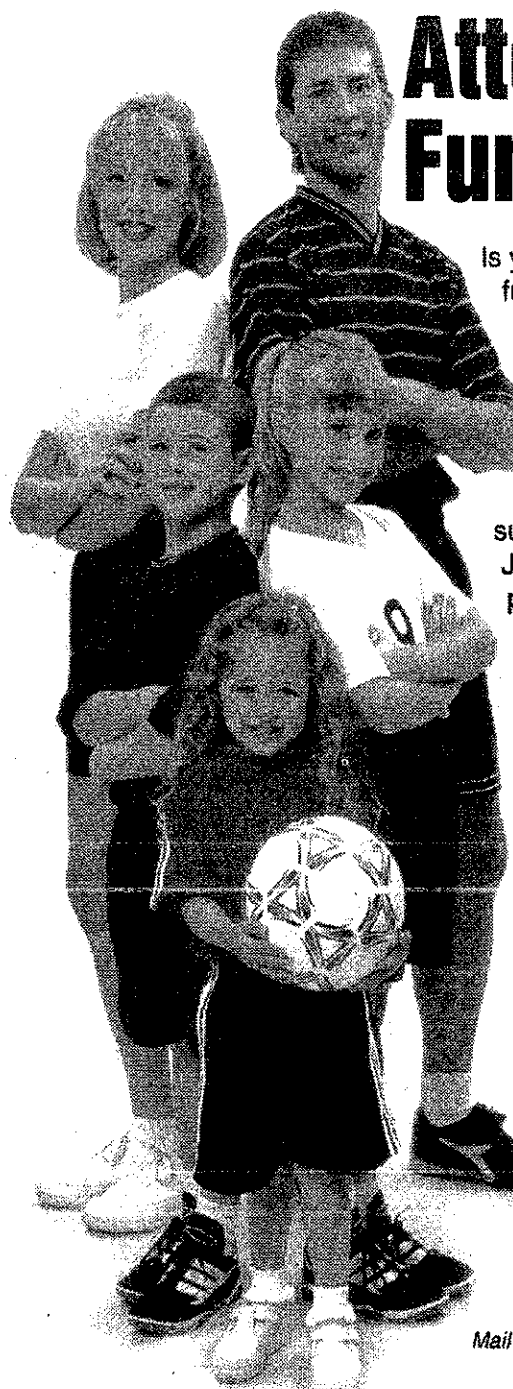
There would be no minimum wage, no Social Security, no Medicare. Women wouldn't have the vote or control over their own finances.

We wouldn't be a world leader, because conservative isolationists would have pulled us from the world stage and made us more vulnerable to attack, not less.

Of course, many modern "conservatives" have long since adopted these ideas as their own.

I guess most of us are liberals at heart.

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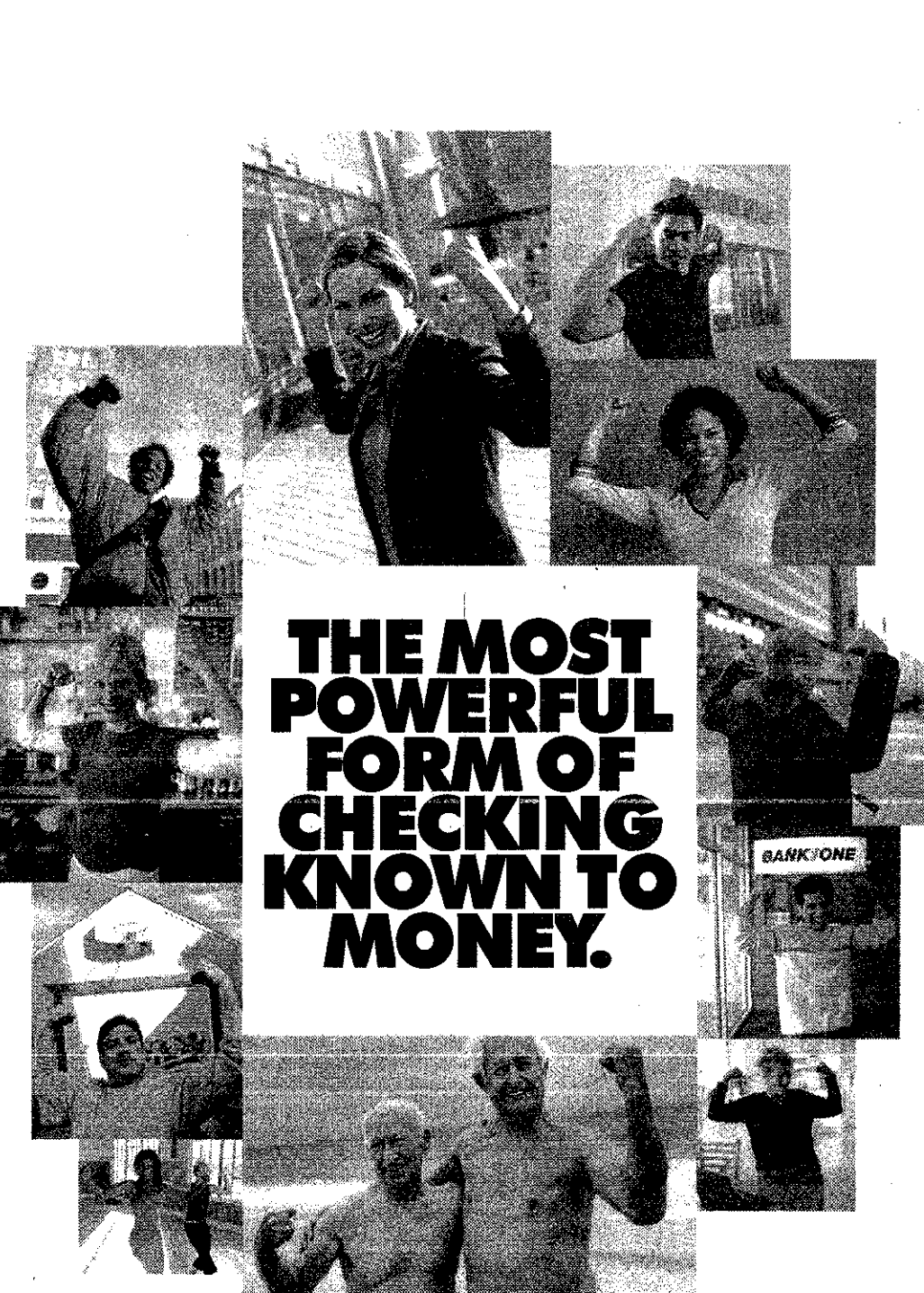
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Frank Powelson, owner of Canton-based POCO, says when people find out he owns the business, they make the connection between him and those orange construction barrels.

**POCO**

FROM PAGE A1

What has kept the company busy is Michigan roads, which "are some of the worst in the country," Powelson said. "The state is doing a lot of catching up."

Drivers are tough on POCO's equipment.

They whiz by it and they often hit the barricades or signs. Recently a semi truck hit one of his arrow trailers at 65 miles an hour.

"Through theft or damage I guess we lose about 2,000 to 4,000 barrels a year," Powelson said. "There are more accidents on the roads than ever. It's the way folks drive - one hand on a cell phone, a doughnut in the other."

They usually need all winter to fix the damage, he said.

When he's not supplying the road construction business with barricades he enjoys his home on a lake in the Irish Hills/Brooklyn area.

His company keeps about 4,000 barrels at the Michigan Speedway in Brooklyn.

He makes the one-hour drive back and forth simply because he and his family love the country life. He also restores vintage cars and vintage motorcycles.

Friends often call him for "best way to get there" directions all the time.

"I try to help them with the best routes through any construction I am aware of. But I get caught in construction traffic sometimes, too. I see my own barricades often enough."

**SKLUT**

FROM PAGE A1

Plymouth-Canton came calling. "I think the growth here can parallel that," said Sklut. "I certainly hope so, and expect so."

"People have a natural desire to support things that are good in their community," he said. "Plymouth-Canton has needs that aren't being filled in other ways. I get to be the bridge to bring them together, and that's exciting."

Sklut warns of getting too excited, initially, about finding large amounts of money because it takes awhile to develop relationships before finally asking for the check.

"We want to have the opportunity for someone who can give a \$10 check to get involved, and we also want to identify those who have the capacity to give a \$100,000 check to be involved, too," Sklut said.

"We also want to generate and create a relationship with people who have graduated from our schools," he said. "They're leaders and have a natural affinity to know what's going on in their school. We want to keep them connected here."

Board member Judy Mardigian said the district has been discussing a development director for nearly a decade.

"I'm very excited about finally getting the position filled," said Mardigian. "I think there's money out there, and we certainly need it to help support quality programs for our students."

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**ONSTAGE**

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

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

**MUSIC IN THE PARK**

■ Aug. 18 — Elmo Thumm  
The concert, sponsored by New Liberty Bank, starts at noon. For more information on the

concerts, call the Plymouth Community Arts Council at (734) 416-4278.

**MUSIC IN THE AIR**

■ Aug. 20 — Impact 7 revue-style show featuring music from Motown to Earth, Wind & Fire.

■ Aug. 27 — Pamela Ransford & The Plymouth Guitar Band.

■ Sept. 3 — September Surprise featuring mystery guests.

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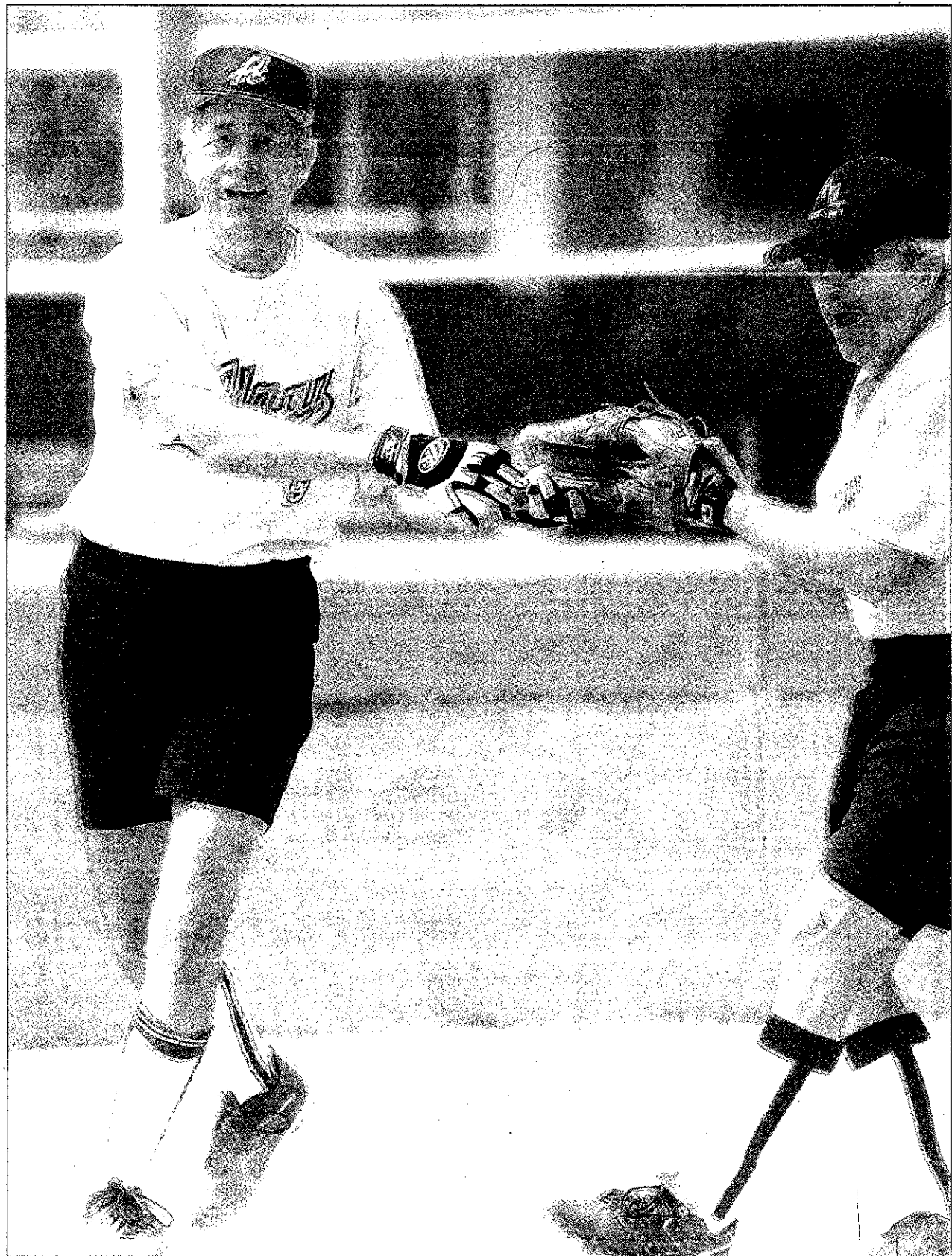
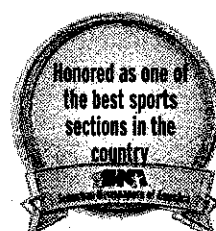
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Canton Seniors base-runner Marcel Loosbrock (left) jokingly tried to pry the ball out of the mitt of Livonia American Legion Post 396 second baseman Joe Mirlicca during the fifth inning of Wednesday's 65-and-over softball game at the Canton Softball Center. Seconds earlier, Mirlicca had tagged out Loosbrock.

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## Seniors' moments

### 65-and-older league offers solid softball

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

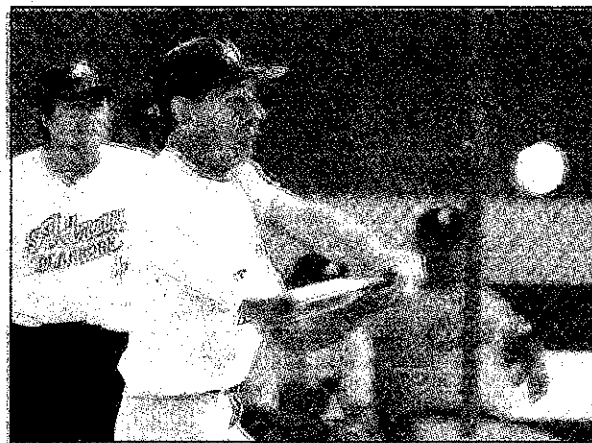
Several valuable life lessons could be learned from observing Wednesday morning's 65-and-over men's softball game between the Canton Seniors and Livonia American Legion Post 396.

Lesson #1: Respect your elders. As 76-year-old Canton lead-off hitter Jack Morgan stepped to the plate on field #9 of the Canton Softball Center, the Livonia outfielder's gradually moved in several steps toward the infield, showing little respect for the hitting ability of the oldest player in that morning's game.

The silver-haired slugger promptly drilled the first pitch into the left-center field gap for a stand-up double, earning joyful shouts of, "He burned them! Jack burned them!" from his fired-up teammates.

Based on the smiles and laughter that ensued from the first pitch of Wednesday's game until the final out two hours later, Lesson #2 would be: Softball is a sport for all ages.

PLEASE SEE SENIORS, B2



Canton Seniors batter Wayne Wheelock ripped a base hit in Wednesday's game against Livonia American Legion Post 396.

## Sidelines

### Hockey fund-raiser

The three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park hockey teams will be hosting a golf outing Aug. 28 at Hickory Creek Golf Club.

The event will serve as a fund-raiser for the Canton, Salem and Plymouth hockey squads.

The registration fee is \$110 per player (or \$400 for a foursome).

The fee covers greens fees, a golf cart, a steak dinner, a snack at the turn, and prizes for best team score, longest drive and closest-to-the-pin.

Hickory Creek is located at the intersection of Napier and Ford roads in Canton.

Registration begins at 7 a.m. followed by an 8 a.m. shotgun start.

A dinner/auction will commence at 1 p.m.

A four-person scramble format will be used.

For more information, contact Deborah Tollison at (734) 981-2802; Chris Wolfe at (734) 453-8332; or Doug McCabe at (734) 354-0415.

### Youth basketball

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Community Education Department will be hosting a new youth basketball league beginning this fall.

The league will consist of leagues for boys and girls in grades 3-12.

The season will include practices, games and a post-season tournament for grades 5 and up.

Teams will consist of up to 10 players, all of whom will receive a jersey.

The CEEL will hold registration from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Aug. 24 at Gallimore Elementary; Sept. 14 at Hulsing Elementary; and Sept. 16 at Field Elementary.

Registration fees are \$85 for grades 3-4 and \$95 for grades 5-12. There is an additional \$10 fee for non-residents.

Teams will be selected at an evaluation day, except for players in grades 3-4, who will be randomly assigned to teams.

Seasons for different age groups will vary. Starting dates will be distributed at registration.

For more information, call (734) 641-7459.

### Rock grid meeting

There will be a mandatory meeting for all Salem High School football players and their parents at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Salem cafeteria.

Important information about the football program and booster club activities will be discussed.

For more information, call Bob Kilgore at (734) 459-6393.

### Clarification

A photo of a Plymouth High School football player that appeared on page B1 of Thursday's *Observer* had an incorrect name listed. The player's name is Josh LeDuc.

## Flag football leagues set for Canton

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

With little contact and no pads, flag football may seem like "Football Lite" to serious gridiron fans.

But those who regularly play the flag version would testify that the game is just as filling as its more physical cousin.

Beginning this fall, Canton Leisure Services will be offering four-on-four flag football leagues for individuals who have experienced the thrills of playing the fast-paced sport and for novices who are looking for another recreation alternative.

"We will be offering a youth program and an adult program this fall," said Ann-Marie Carravallah, director of Canton Leisure Services. "Unlike regular football, you don't have to have a lot of size and strength to excel at flag football. Plus, since it's four-on-four, every player on the team has a chance to touch the ball on every play."

Carravallah and her staff will be converting several outfields at the Canton Softball Center to football fields this fall so that the league can be played outdoors.

Registration for youth camps and leagues begins Sept. 8 at the Summit on the Park. Camps for elementary school-aged kids will be held Mondays beginning Sept. 13 for six weeks. The fee for Canton residents is \$80; non-residents will need to pay \$104 to participate.

Each camp session offers 45 minutes of instruction and a 45-minute game. An awards ceremony and a pass, punt and kick contest will be held the final week of the season.

Youth leagues will be organized for kids in grades 6th through 8th. Games will be played on Monday nights from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more information, contact Canton

## Talented underclassmen to lead Wildcats

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

No seniors? No problem.

That is the attitude of the Plymouth High School boys' golf team as it prepares for just its second varsity season. The school opened in 2002, so there are only juniors, sophomores and freshmen on the roster.

First-year coach Chris Moore is taking the helm of a team that is returning four experienced players from 2003, when the Wildcats played a varsity schedule with ninth- and 10th-graders.

"We're still somewhat inexperienced, but we have a good core of players who can hit the ball a long way and accurately," said Moore, who has coached the Plymouth girls golf team for the past two seasons. "By the end of the season, we're hoping to be competing for the conference title."

Sophomore Jimmie Vleck should anchor the Wildcats' 16-player roster this year. Vleck gained valuable experience as the team's top player last year despite his freshman status.

Other returning contributors from last season are sophomores Matt Talbot and

### GOLF PREVIEW

Jeff Selasky, and junior Nick Tagge.

Juniors Ryan Hoeman and Alex Hsieh will give the Wildcats much-needed depth, Moore said.

"And we have a sophomore, Ben Kosmalski, who has the potential to help us out this year," Moore added.

The Wildcats, who play their home meets at Hickory Creek Golf Course, open the dual-meet portion of their schedule Sept. 8 against Livonia Churchill.

### Salem

Unfortunately for the Salem golf team, replacing standout graduating seniors isn't as easy as replacing divots.

The Rocks will sorely miss four-year contributors Patrick Shaw, Aaron Cheesman, Andy Thackaberry and Chris French, all of whom have graduated on to greener fairways.

They led Salem to the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division in 2003.

Senior Mike Cassidy will be the first in line to try to pick up the slack left by the

departed players. A four-year member of the team, Cassidy filled the fourth or fifth spot in the lineup last season.

"Mike has looked good in practice so far," Wilson said. "I'm confident that he will help fill the void left by our graduating seniors."

Wilson is also depending on returning letter-winner Chris Treadwell, a senior, to deliver steady play at the top of the Rocks' lineup.

Freshman Joel Cheesman, Aaron's younger brother, should also contribute along with transfer student Michael Houston, who attended Southfield High School last year.

Wilson also has high hopes for senior Dave Porter, juniors Jeremy Henderson and Matt Smith, and freshman Tyler Gelanarski.

The Rocks, who play their home meets at Northville Hills Golf Course, will play in a one-day, 36-hole event Monday at the Forest Akers East and West courses in East Lansing. They will open their dual-meet schedule Friday against Grosse Ile.

PLEASE SEE GOLF, B3

## Plymouth, Salem open seasons at invite

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Two local boys golf teams teed up their 2004 seasons Friday when they participated in the Farmington Invitational at Brighton's Huron Meadows Golf Course.

Plymouth (317) finished ninth while Salem (323) turned in a 12th-place showing in the 16-team field.

Troy won the event with a 317 total. The Colts were followed by second-place Rochester Stoney Creek (310) and third-place Walled Lake Central (312).

The Wildcats were led by sophomore Jimmie Vleck, whose even-par 72 placed him third overall, just two strokes behind the invitational's medalist.

Matt Talbot (80), Jeff Selasky (81) and Nick Taggie (84) also scored for Plymouth.

"I was extremely happy with our performance," said Plymouth coach Chris Moore. "There were a lot of talented teams at the invitational."

Salem was paced by Joel Cheesman's 77, Mike Houston (79), Mike Cassidy (83) and Jeremy Henderson (84) also scored for the Rocks.



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Salem's Mike Cassidy admires his tee shot on the fifth hole of the Farmington Invitational Friday. Cassidy fired a round of 83.

**SENIORS**

FROM PAGE B1

**LIVE FOR TODAY**

"Everybody who's still playing at our age is competitive and wants to win, but the main reason we're out here is to have a good time," said Livonia right fielder Jerry Holden, 66. "After all, at our age, there's no guarantee there's going to be a tomorrow, so you'd better enjoy today."

Both teams - along with a second Livonia team and a squad based in Westland - are members of the Suburban 65-and-over Softball League. Each team plays a 28-game regular-season schedule, which is followed by a two-game tournament.

"Everybody who comes out gets to play at least half the game," explained Canton player/manager Len Rosiewicz, 65. "I'm not the most talented player out there, but I want to get dirty just like everybody else. I want to have to wash my uniform when I get home."

As Rosiewicz spoke, a bang-bang play unfolded at the plate. The umpire ruled that the Livonia player touched home plate before the ball arrived.

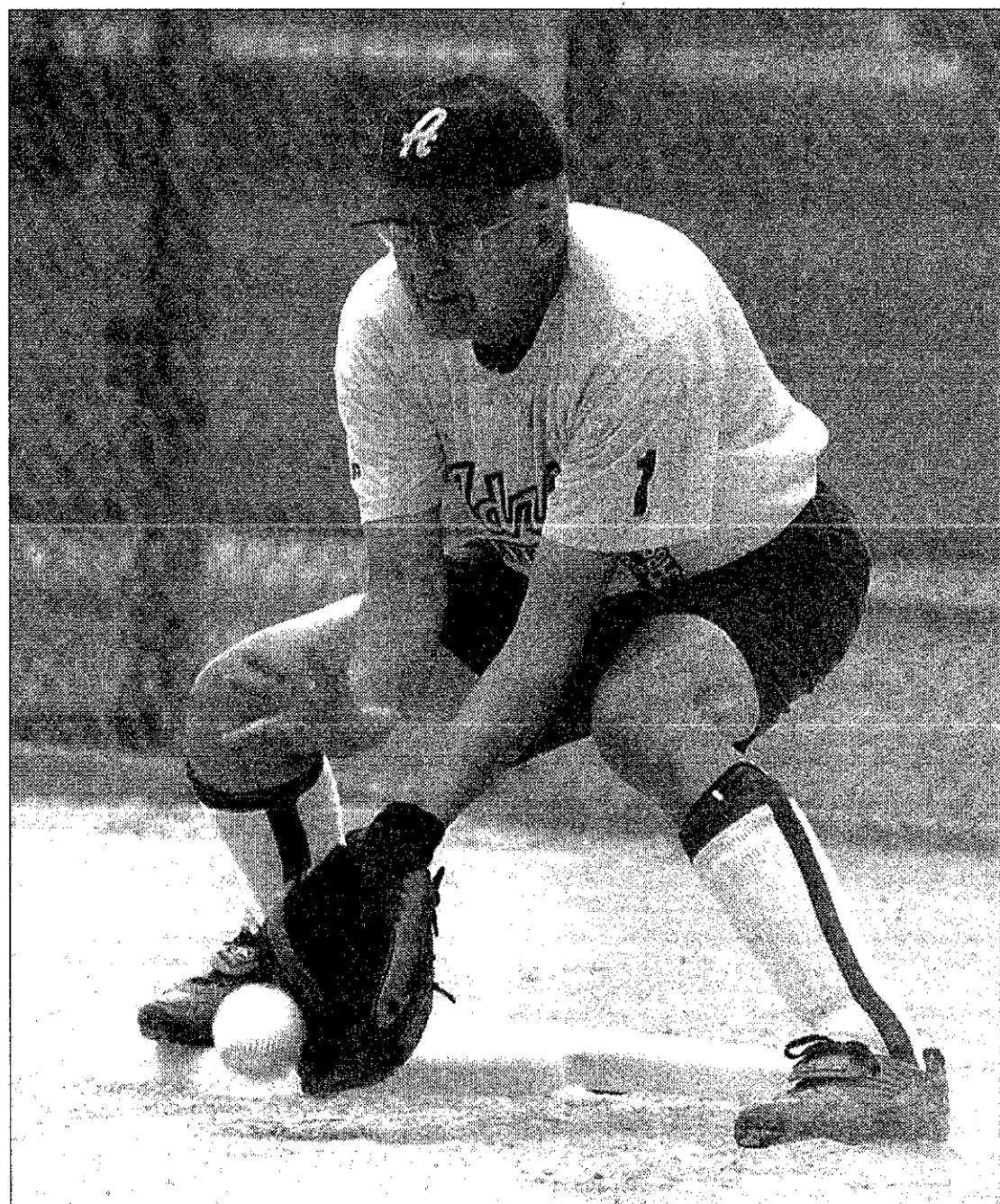
"No! We got him! He was out!" protested 71-year-old Canton third baseman Mike Allen, jogging toward the umpire.

"Aww, calm down and take your blood-pressure pill, Mike," someone yelled from the Canton dugout, eliciting a huge smile from Allen.

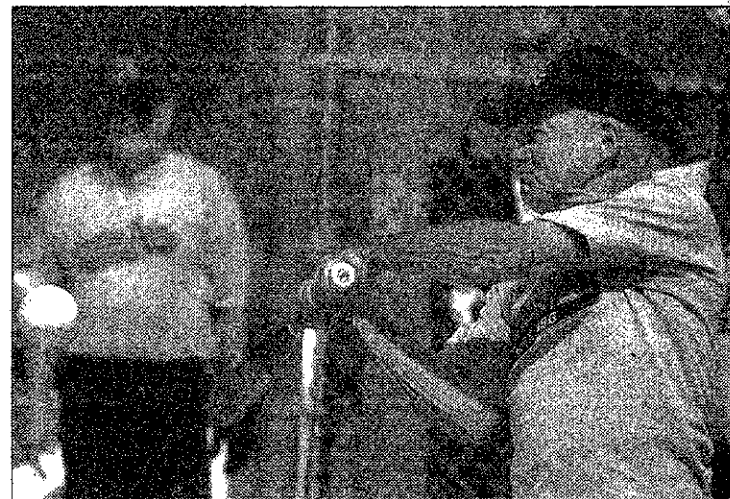
**HURTS SO GOOD**

The fun does not come without some physical sacrifice, admitted 67-year-old Canton outfielder Wayne Wheelock, a nine-year veteran of the senior league.

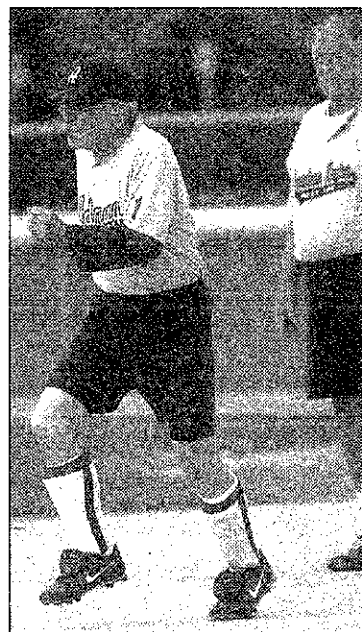
"You don't see any serious injuries, but we get a lot of little aches and pains," Wheelock said, smiling. "When I was younger, I'd be sore for a few days in April when the season started, but then I'd be fine. Now, I'm sore after every game."



Canton Seniors first baseman Len Rosiewicz tries to scoop a low throw out of the dirt.



Livonia's Jerry Holden displayed his keen hand-eye coordination during an at-bat in Wednesday's game.



Canton's Jack Morgan, 76, coasts into second base after connecting on a stand-up double to lead off the game. Livonia first baseman Frank Feneck looked on.

"You should hear us on the bench in between innings. One guy's talking about how his back hurts while another's complaining about his knee. The good part, though, is that we can compare home remedies about how to get rid of the soreness."

Lesson #3: No pain, no gain. Seconds after Livonia first baseman Frank Feneck, 71, led off the top of the fifth inning by lacing a double into the gap in right-center field, American Legion Post 396 manager Bill Schneider called on 68-year-

old Cecil Fernandez to pinch-run.

"I'm faster than you!" a grinning Feneck protested, arms raised, as Fernandez sprinted toward second base to take Feneck's place.

**THIRST FOR COMPETITION**

After playing baseball as a youngster, Feneck regenerated his softball career in the spring of 2000, seven months after he retired as the Detroit Tigers' head groundskeeper. Shoulder problems that hinder his ability

to throw limit Feneck to first-base duties on defense.

"I play two games a week in the 65-and-over league, two games a week in the 70-and-over league and I golf on Saturdays," revealed Feneck, who worked at keeping the Tiger Stadium field pristine for 35 years. "The only thing that keeps me going is my hot-tub. I sit in that for about a half hour every night I have a game."

"The most frustrating thing for me when I play softball is that I'm not as quick as I used

to be. There will be a ground ball hit to me, I'll put my mitt down and the next thing I know the ball is gone, rolling into right field. It's still fun, though."

Lesson #4: The first things to go are the reflexes.

**DOWN TO THE WIRE**

It was the top of the 9th inning and Canton led, 8-7. Livonia had runners on first and second with no outs when 66-year-old Mo Feneck - Frank's younger brother -

knocked a single into right field.

The Canton right fielder fired the ball into cut-off man Marcel Loosbrock, who spun and threw a strike to catcher Charlie Jestice, nailing the Livonia runner by a half-step and preserving the one-run lead.

After the next batter popped out, the tension mounted as Holden stepped to the plate. He worked the count to 3-2, then connected solidly with the next pitch, sending the ball on a towering arch toward center field.

As players from both teams held their collective breath, 69-year-old Canton center fielder Jerry Beigler raced to his right, reached out and snared the ball in his outstretched mitt.

Game over. Both teams then formed single-file lines and exchanged handshakes and complimentary remarks. They also agreed to meet for a post-game meal at the Burger King down the street.

As 66-year-old Canton second baseman Lee Jernigan walked off the field and toward the parking lot, he looked to the future, not the season that had just ended.

"I'd like to play at least another 10 years," Jernigan said. "It all depends on my health."

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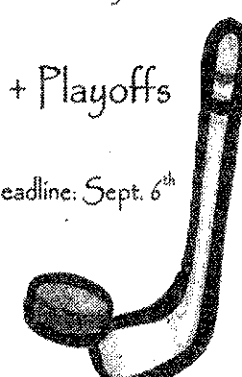
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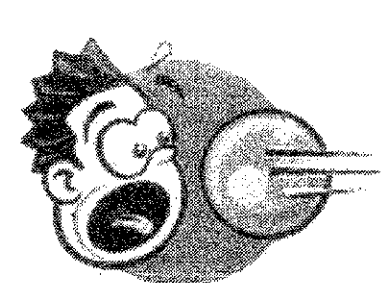
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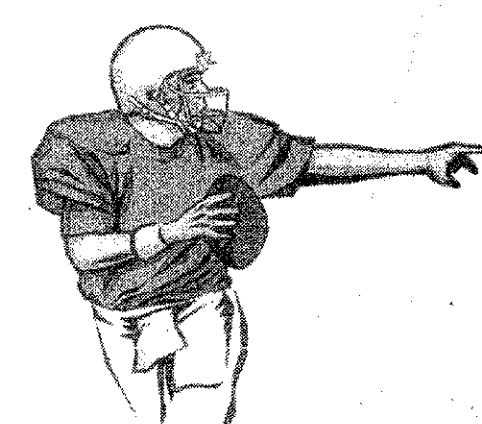
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# Clarenceville's Shaw impresses at Penn State

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

**Last fall, as Penn State floundered to a 3-8 bowl-less season, Tim Shaw found himself in football purgatory, sitting on the sidelines as a red-shirt sophomore while learning another position and occasionally playing scout-team offense.**

ferent teams told him that he was a running back and that he wanted a chance there, we honored that commitment . . . and who could blame him?" Vanderlinden said. "I always thought he had a better future at linebacker, but we also bit the bullet, too.

"He played special teams his first year, but only problem is that his time was going to be limited because we had a guy, Larry Johnson (a Heisman Trophy finalist, who rushed for 2,000 yards. I think he realized at that point his best future was at linebacker."

Shaw said Wednesday's opening day of non-contact drills "went well."

"Our team really just has to keep working and improve itself because we've got a lot to prove," Shaw said. "We're excited to start the season and get this team back to winning."

How quickly Shaw adapts to the nuances of his new position will ultimately determine his playing time. But nobody in Happy Valley will question his work ethic, desire or speed.

"I'm sure last year was frustrating for him," Vanderlinden said. "But he has a chance to be special. He's a great young man, he's so respected.

"Learning coverages and acquiring the instincts to play are my biggest concerns, but he has sensational ability. Nobody is faster in college or the pros because you're going to have to have him blocked from a lot of angles. If he has a nose for the ball, the natural instincts, the intangibles, then he'll be able to separate him-

self because he's such a worker and a leader."

Shedding mammoth Big Ten offensive blockers, knowing when to plug the gaps and use his leverage, will determine Shaw's future at linebacker.

"I think I'm a half-step faster, here and there," said Shaw, who clocked a blistering 4.37 last spring in the 40-yard dash. "I need to convert my straight-on speed by playing faster to side-to-side. Sometimes, it's more mental than physical. The more I play though, the more I feel comfortable. Each day I just have to keep learning."

Shaw said may also see action again on special teams, including punt return. But there's no looking back to the glory days of being a star high school running back.

During the fall of 2003, Shaw switched back-and-forth on the scout teams as a running back and linebacker. The week of the Iowa game, he did a better impersonation of Hawkeye tailback Fred Russell. One rumor had head coach Joe Paterno exploring the idea of making Shaw a running back for the 2004 season.

Not true, according to Vanderlinden.

"He was the scout team running back for a couple of weeks and he did it very well," the assistant coach said. "He did a great job. He was hard to tackle. He was a load. The defensive players were glad to have him back with them."

Shaw spent most of the summer working out and taking 10 credit hours in State College.

The Management major owned a 3.26 grade-point average through the spring semester and is a potential Academic All-Big Ten candidate.

"Tim had a great spring and a great summer, I'm very hopeful he can become one of our mainstays at linebacker and I'm sure he's anxious to get going," Vanderlinden said.

Although Shaw is taking nothing for granted, he feels his time has come.

"God-willing, I'm going to start if things continue to go the way they have," he said.

And certainly Linebacker U. needs him.

## GOLF

FROM PAGE B1

### Canton

A lack of experience won't be an issue this season for the Chiefs, who return three tournament-tested seniors to the lineup.

And the returners aren't just experienced, they're talented.

"We have a good nucleus of returning players," said coach Tom Alles, who is entering his 11th year as the team's mentor. "They all contributed quite a bit for us last year."

The three leaders are Dominic Gallo, Dustin Tropper and Bryan Wioncek. All three had nine-hole stroke averages that ranged from 42.3 to 42.9 last year.

"Dominic was our best player at tryouts," Alles said. "But they're all solid golfers."

Juniors Brandon Eggesfield and Patrick Gallagher have also impressed Alles early on.

"I look for these two to step up and help us out this year," he said.

Alles, whose team finished second in the WLAA's Western Division last season, predicted last-year's division winner will be strong again this year.

"Northville is the defending champion and they're always strong," he said. "Walled Lake Western should also have a pretty good team and I have a hunch Livonia Churchill is going to be good as they have a lot of good young players."

### Plymouth Christian Academy

PCA coach Kurt Johnston has good feelings regarding this year's team - and for good reason.

The Eagles are stocked with a solid blend of steady seniors and up-and-coming underclassmen.

"I'm real excited about the upcoming year," Johnston said. "I have five experienced seniors and some youngsters who have a lot of potential."

Last year's co-captains - seniors Jordan Brown and Jesse Predhomme - return to lead the Eagles. Brown's knowledge of the Eagles' home course - Hickory Creek Golf Course - is second to none considering he worked at the course this summer.

Johnston is also expecting big things from his other three seniors: his son, Jordan Johnston; Adam Patello; and Nathan Bixler, who also excels for the school's soccer team.

Two juniors - Keith Baruta and Kyle Gross - and two sophomores - Derek Elenbaas and Aaron Lorincz - will push the seniors.

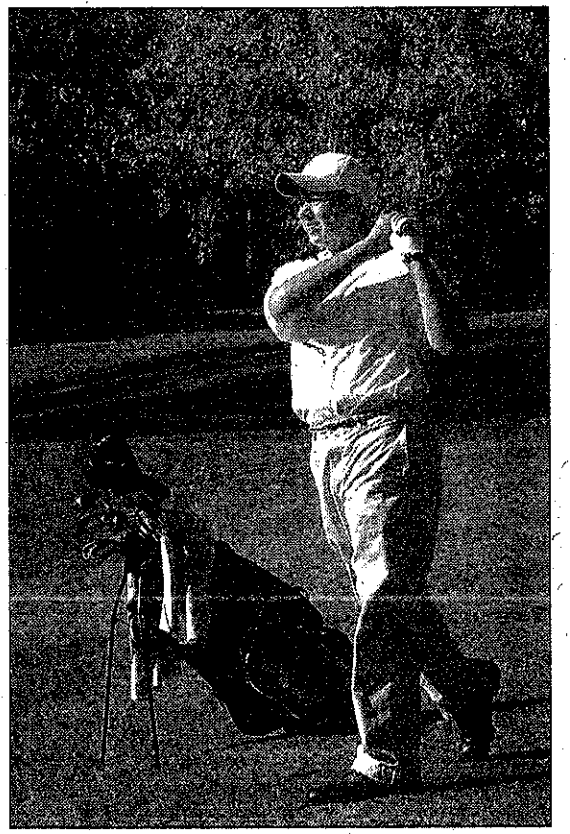
"I also have two freshmen, Ross Gerulis and Mitchell Gerich, who are shooting in the low-40s.

The Eagles finished 6-4 last year, a mark Johnston is confident the 2004 team can surpass.

### Redford Catholic Central

There's a whole lot of change coming to Redford Catholic Central's golf team.

Whether it is good change or bad change



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Redford Catholic Central's Adam Hogue figures to play a key role in the Shamrocks' fortunes this year.

won't be known until the middle of October. But it's a change that CC coach Bill Hayes can deal with.

"We're a little inexperienced, but we'll be competitive," said Hayes. "We've got seven or eight guys who are close to the same scores so it will be difficult to choose. But our biggest weakness is in experience."

But there's competitive for most teams, and there's competitive for CC. The Shamrocks not only won the Catholic League last season, but took a six-stroke win over Saline for the Division 1 state title. So competitive for Hayes is pretty darn good for most everyone else.

While losing three members of the state title team, the Shamrocks still have plenty of talent back thanks to four juniors - Adam Hogue and Dave Denyer who saw a lot of time last year and Brian King and Colin Fitzgerald who will see a lot more this year.

The rest of the starting group could be a mix. Langan and Matt Rutkowski are senior captains, while Hayes will also find room for promising freshman Mike Murray and sophomore Ben Ryan - both of whom played very well at tryouts and over the summer.

Juniors Adam Grady, Adam Dubois and Ron Bonatz will also lead the rest of the mix.

"Leadership is the thing that will be difficult for us to replace," said Hayes. "We'll be a factor in the Catholic League and defending the state title could be difficult. But how far we can go in the state will determine how they come along, experience-wise."

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Shaw

Linebacker U. has another convert. Livonia Clarenceville's Tim Shaw, who broke Michigan career prep records for rushing yards (7,611) and touchdowns (131), now finds himself in the middle of Penn State's defense for the 2004 season.

As a true freshman, the 6-foot-1, 235-pound Shaw was in the lineup primarily on special teams. He also was on the field for 101 snaps, getting 15 touches (14 rushes for 59 yards and one pass catch for 19) in 2002.

Last fall, as Penn State floundered to a 3-8 bowl-less season, Shaw found himself in football purgatory, sitting on the sidelines as a red-shirt sophomore while learning another position and occasionally playing scout-team offense.

And who could blame Shaw for feeling somewhat detached for the first time in his football career.

"I learned a lot about life in general, I was able to grow up and mature," Shaw said. "It was a situation of you're not where you want to be. It was tough, but at the time I just had to accept it. It was a struggle just to go hard and practice when you know you're not going to be there on the weekend. But in the end you say to yourself, 'It will all work out for the better.'"

During spring ball, Shaw made his presence known, moving to outside linebacker before spending final few days of practice as a middle linebacker. The Jim O'Hara Award winner, named as the spring's most improved defensive player, now finds himself challenging BranDon Snow and Pat Beddics for the starting middle position. Livonia native and former University of Maryland head coach Ron Vanderlinden, currently Penn State's line-backers coach, gave some hints that Shaw could contribute much sooner than later.

"We're glad to have him because I always recruited him as a linebacker, but once dif-

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Al Harrison

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You may also call me directly at the phone number listed below.

Some people are always looking for new twists and novel ideas for the sport of bowling. They are changing lane conditions, Baker system scoring, Scotch doubles, etc. How do you like this for another new format: Exercise Bowling.

It would incorporate certain exercises into the game and would not alter the format, except that between turns the bowlers would perform certain physical fitness routines, such as lifting the ball straight up overhead five times while waiting your turn to bowl.

They could also do a leg-stretch, a one-armed neck flexor, deep knee bend and more.

This would shut up those

who claim that bowling is not real exercise.

What will it do for bowling? It will bring people out of the gyms and onto the lanes. Silly or not, it's my idea and I think it has great possibilities.

Let me tell you about my son Donald, the bowler-tennis player, windsurfer, ping pong expert and all-around good guy, handsome like me. He came back home last week from San Francisco for a few days just to visit and have some fun together, like going bowling.

Since Country Lanes is only three minutes away from my home, we went there. When he was growing up, I was his coach and mentor, now he is my coach and mentor which lets him analyze my delivery and make the appropriate corrections.

Thanks, Donald, you were a big help. By the way, he had eleven strikes in a row, and I couldn't beat that.

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

## Canton golfers vie for 'City Golf' trophy

Troy's Sky McBeth soared once again, capturing his fourth straight City Golf Championship, Aug. 7-8, at Gateway Golf Club in Romulus.

The 10th annual event, hosted by the City of Wayne Parks and Recreation Department, featured open championship and flight titles for participants in Westland, Canton and Wayne, as well as drawing competitors from Garden City, Romulus, Belleville and other surrounding communities.

McBeth, who finished with rounds of 72-79-151, to win the Bill Hawley-Tom Mooradian Trophy.

He held off runner-up Bill Armstrong of Commerce Township, who shot 81-74-155.

Keith Kiesznowski regained his Wayne Division title by shooting 77-86-163, edging Robert Clark, who shot 78-87-165, to garner the Lenny

Anderson Trophy. It was Kiesznowski's sixth Wayne title in seven years.

Chris Tompkins placed third overall and won the Westland Division with an 82-75-157. Bob Selberg captured the Canton Division with scores of 72-86-158.

Bill Armstrong was the overall Senior Division winner with an 81-74-155, while Sandy Felan took her second Women's Division championship flight with a 78-85-163.

The highlight of the tournament came on Sunday (Aug. 8) when Canton's Woody Breish aced the par-3, 155-yard No. 5 hole, recording his first hole-in-one.

2004 CITY CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS  
Aug. 7-8 at Gateway G.C. (Romulus)

OPEN DIVISION  
Championship flight: 1. Sky McBeth, 74-70-144; 2. Peter Bedder, 76-86-161; 3. Jon Barber, 78-83-162.

First flight: 1. Bill Armstrong, 81-74-155; 2. Greg Gilha, 81-79-160; 3. Charles Cors, 81-83-164.

Second flight: 1. Robert Bedder, 86-78-164; 2. Rudy Rosas, 92-78-170; 3. Mike Stanoff, 89-103-192.

### SENIOR DIVISION

Medalist: Bill Armstrong, 81-74-155; runner-up: Earl Kent, 81-79-160; third place: Rick Stoner, 85-81-166.

### WOMEN'S DIVISION

Medalist: Sandy Felan, 78-85-163; runner-up: Michelle Crimboli; third: Virginia King.

### WESTLAND DIVISION

Championship flight: 1. Chris Tompkins, 82-75-157; 2. Earl Kent, 81-79-160; 3. Mike Tolson, 84-78-161.

First flight: 1. Roger Hayes, 94-90-184; 2. Bob Porter, 97-88-185; 3. Tim Phillips, 90-99-189.

### WAYNE DIVISION

Championship flight: 1. Keith Kiesznowski, 77-86-163; 2. Robert Clark, 78-87-165; 3. Charles Roland, 82-96-178.

First flight: 1. Rick Stoner, 85-81-166; 2. (tie) Charles Cline, 84-87-171; Bill Hawley, 86-85-171.  
Second flight: 1. Ken Lamb, 90-90-180; 2. (tie) Doug Tompkins, 90-93-183; Ivan Jimenez, 93-90-183.

### CANTON DIVISION

Medalist: Bob Selberg, 72-86-158; runner-up: Ken Eck, 79-80-159; third: Eric Spencer, 80-82-162.

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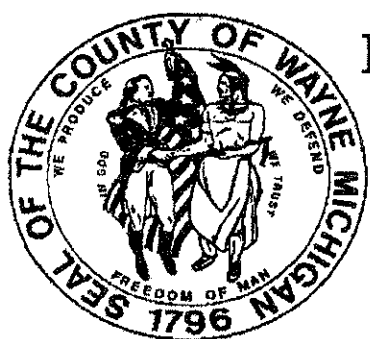
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# Rams silenced by Johnstown, 3-0

Pitcher Steve Slatcoff loomed large Friday night in a battle of unbeatens in the All-American Amateur Baseball Association 20-and-under tournament at Point Stadium in Johnstown, Pa.

Slatcoff, a 6-foot-5 right-hander from Shippensburg State (Pa.) gave up just two hits in nine innings as the host Johnnies blanked the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League champion Michigan Rams, 3-0.

Catcher Matt Cunningham had the only two hits for the Rams, a third-inning single and a lead-off singled in the ninth (erased on a 4-6-3 double play).

Johnstown tallied all three of its runs in the sixth inning on RBI singles by Scott Goss and Jordan Rehar, followed by a suicide squeeze bunt by Rob Bartlebaugh.

Losing pitcher Dan Dobberowsky allowed two earned runs on six hits in 5.2 innings. Matt Dillard held Johnstown in check the rest of the way, allowing no runs on two hits in 2.1 innings.

On Saturday in the double-elimination wooden bat tourney, Johnstown (4-0) met New Orleans (4-1), while the Rams

(3-1) took on Baltimore (3-1). Those results will appear in Thursday's Observer.

## Rams upset champs

It was a total team effort Wednesday as the Rams, who played error-free, upended defending AAABA champion Baltimore, 4-2, to go 3-0 in tournament play.

Adam Schulz delivered the key hit, a single to right-center scoring Ryan Heath and Dan Dobberowsky.

The Rams got a run in the first when Livonia Stevenson High graduate Brian Campbell celebrated his 21st birthday by with an RBI double to left-center to score John Hester, who had walked. Schulz was 2-for-4 with three RBI, while Dobberowsky and Evan Rodriguez each added two hits and an RBI.

Another Stevenson grad, Gary Zielke from Wayne State, got the pitching win. He worked the first five innings, scattering nine hits and two walks while allowing one run. Scott Schlaff got the save, going the final four innings, allowing three runs on three hits. He walked two and struck out two.

## BRAVES TRYOUTS

The Plymouth-Canton Braves will be holding open tryouts for their 2005 12-and-under travel baseball team on Aug. 28 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The tryouts will be held at Pioneer Middle School, which is located on Ann Arbor Rd. in Plymouth, between Sheldon and Beck roads.

For more information, call (734) 340-3435 or (734) 416-3317.

## PC PRIDE TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the Plymouth-Canton Pride girls softball teams will be held at the Canton Softball Center on Aug. 21 and 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and on Aug. 24 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Players interested in trying out need to attend just one of the tryout sessions.

The pride will have 10U, 12U, 14U and 16U. For more information, contact Rich Rohn at (734) 981-5989; or Dan Bressler at (734) 927-9757.

## WOLVES TRYOUTS

The Michigan Wolves 13-and-under travel baseball team will be holding tryouts for the 2005 season in late August and early September.

The Wolves will play 50-60 games, including league play and up to 10 tournaments both in and out of state. Players must turn 13 after Aug. 1, 2004.

For more information, call Tim Broughton at (734) 645-9033.

## WILDCAT GOLF OUTING

A golf outing to benefit the Plymouth High School athletic department will be held Sunday, Sept. 19, at Hickory

Creek Golf Course, located at the intersection of Ford and Napier roads. The event, a four-person scramble, will kick off with an 8 a.m. shotgun start.

For \$100, participants will receive 18 holes of golf with a cart, a T-shirt, snack at the turn and a steak dinner following golf.

There will be longest-drive, closest-to-the-pin and skins competitions available to the golfers.

For more information, contact Plymouth athletic director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700.

## GOLF INFO

Crystal Mountain Golf School is now offering lessons for all levels of golf talent at Fox Hills Golf Course in Plymouth. For more information, log on at www.foxhills.com or call (734) 453-7272.

## COACHES WANTED

Plymouth High School currently has coaching openings for the following athletic teams: girls cross country and girls/boys diving.

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

## WATER EXERCISE, CHALLENGE

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

Community Center Aquatics pool.

The River Challenge class is a 50-minute class. Webbed water gloves will be provided; however, you must wear your own water shoes to each class.

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

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

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

## VOLLEYBALL CAMP

The fifth annual Community Volleyball Camp will be held Tuesday through Thursday at the St. John's Golf Center on Five Mile Rd., east of Sheldon. The camp runs from 5-7 p.m. each day and is for girls in fifth through eighth grades. The camp is also run by certified AAU and CYO volleyball coaches and has a \$75 fee.

For more information, please call Kim Price at (734) 635-7498.

## PLAYERS WANTED

Waza FC is looking for players for an U10 and U13 girls soccer team.

For more information, call Colleen Debolski at (248) 477-1252 or e-mail wazaclubmanager@hotmail.com.

## JOHN GLENN REUNION

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

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

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

For more information, e-mail Mark Jennings at mjennings@twimi.rr.com.

## MU X-COUNTRY

Madonna University will offer cross country as a varsity sport for men and women, beginning with the 2005-06 school year.

The programs will begin play and compete for championships in both the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics in that season.

The sport will bring the number of varsity programs the school offers to 11.

No coach has been named yet and the school will begin its search for one immediately.

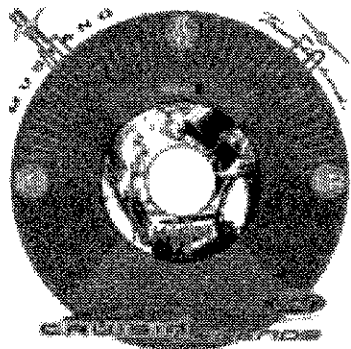
Athletic director Bryan Rizzo is beginning the search for a head coach for both teams. Resumes and cover letters can be sent to his attention at 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI, 48150.

## STEVENSON GRID REUNION

Livonia Stevenson High School plans to stage a 40-year football all-player reunion, Friday, Sept. 10, during its game against Livonia Churchill.

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Debra Madonna

## Umpires say 'baseball is a game'

At the end of a baseball game, it's traditional for both teams to walk back onto the field one last time and shake hands. Umpires Mike Goethe and Dave Jacek often wait on home plate to congratulate the kids.

After the ceremonial high-fives, players retire to their side and grab a snack. Kids and adults on the winning team pat each other on the back and re-live the game-winning play. After a big game, everyone may go out for ice cream.

The other team consoles each other and commiserates about missed opportunities. After a tough loss, the coach takes the players aside for a conference, huddled just far enough away so parents can't hear the conversation or see their kids' faces.

By day Dave Jacek, 49, is a designer for Ford Motor Co. In his free time, he's on the ballfield participating in a sport he knows and loves. He's always played baseball or softball and he's been an umpire for eight years.

Dave said, "You can't be right all the time. It's tough when you make a questionable call that seems to affect a big game. Umpires are human and make mistakes, but if you give an honest effort, people will give you the benefit of the doubt."

Dave welcomes feedback from players and coaches, but it's especially satisfying "when someone from a losing

Occasionally there are situations when a coach, player or fan loses control.

team tells me I called a good game."

Mike Goethe, 19, played baseball for 13 years. Now a wrestler, he's majoring in business at West Virginia University. Mike often referees games with his dad, Dave Goethe. Mike thinks one of the perks of being an umpire is "to watch kids grow and mature."

He likes dealing with kids and coaches. But occasionally there are situations when a coach, player or fan loses control and he has to remind them about respectful behavior.

Dave and Mike know the rules, but they also love baseball. They do what they can to put kids at ease. While they have to remain impartial, they're still baseball fans.

"All kids have slumps and it's tough to watch a pitcher struggle," Dave said. "But it's great when a kid makes a catch they didn't expect or when a team works together to make an exciting play."

Coaches and parent-fans would be wise to listen to these two umpires: "Set a good example. Be enthusiastic. Don't throw the bat. Don't swear. Be fair. Cheer all kids. Baseball is a game."

The next time someone takes you out to a ball game, by all means, root for the home team. But before the umpires head home, thank them for "calling a good game." Win or lose, give them a snack, maybe some peanuts or Crackerjacks. And never argue with the umpire.

In 1941, Ted Williams' batting average was .406 and Joe DiMaggio was the MVP, with a 56-game hitting streak. Despite the odds, all kids hope they'll get a hit each time they bat and catch every ball that comes their way.

Mike Goethe and Dave Jacek are right, "baseball is fun." Debra Madonna is a Plymouth Township resident and regular contributor to the *Observer*. She can be reached via e-mail at [clarion@storytellerdesign.com](mailto:clarion@storytellerdesign.com).

# Observer LIFE

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## Seeking the Chance of a Lifetime

### Plymouth dancer finds a school to pursue her dream

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Kelly Girskis left behind her family, her school and her friends last week for Florida.

And the 14-year-old Girskis was happy to do it.

Girskis, a student at Bunny Sanford's School of Dance in Livonia, is in Boca Raton, Fla., now, preparing to start school at Spanish River Community High School, while also preparing to take the next step in her life's dream: dancing.

After spending her mornings at Spanish River, Girskis, who started dancing when she was 3, will be taking classes at the prestigious Harid Conservatory in Florida.

After spending her summers at various dance academies looking for the right fit, Girskis believes she's found it.

"I'm very excited," she said. "The moment I got there I knew it was the place I wanted to be. The dance is amazing. The students who have graduated there have all gone on to prestigious schools."

Harid isn't all that easy to get into. Among admission criteria are a "physique possessing the various attributes generally considered requisite for professional accomplishment in ballet," a reasonable level and quality of training and a significant level of talent.

No problem there. Girskis has performed "Clara" in the Nutcracker Ballet with the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company and the Metro Shores Ballet Company. She's performed "Jardin Anime"



Kelly Girskis said she's 'very independent' about leaving behind family and friends to pursue her career.

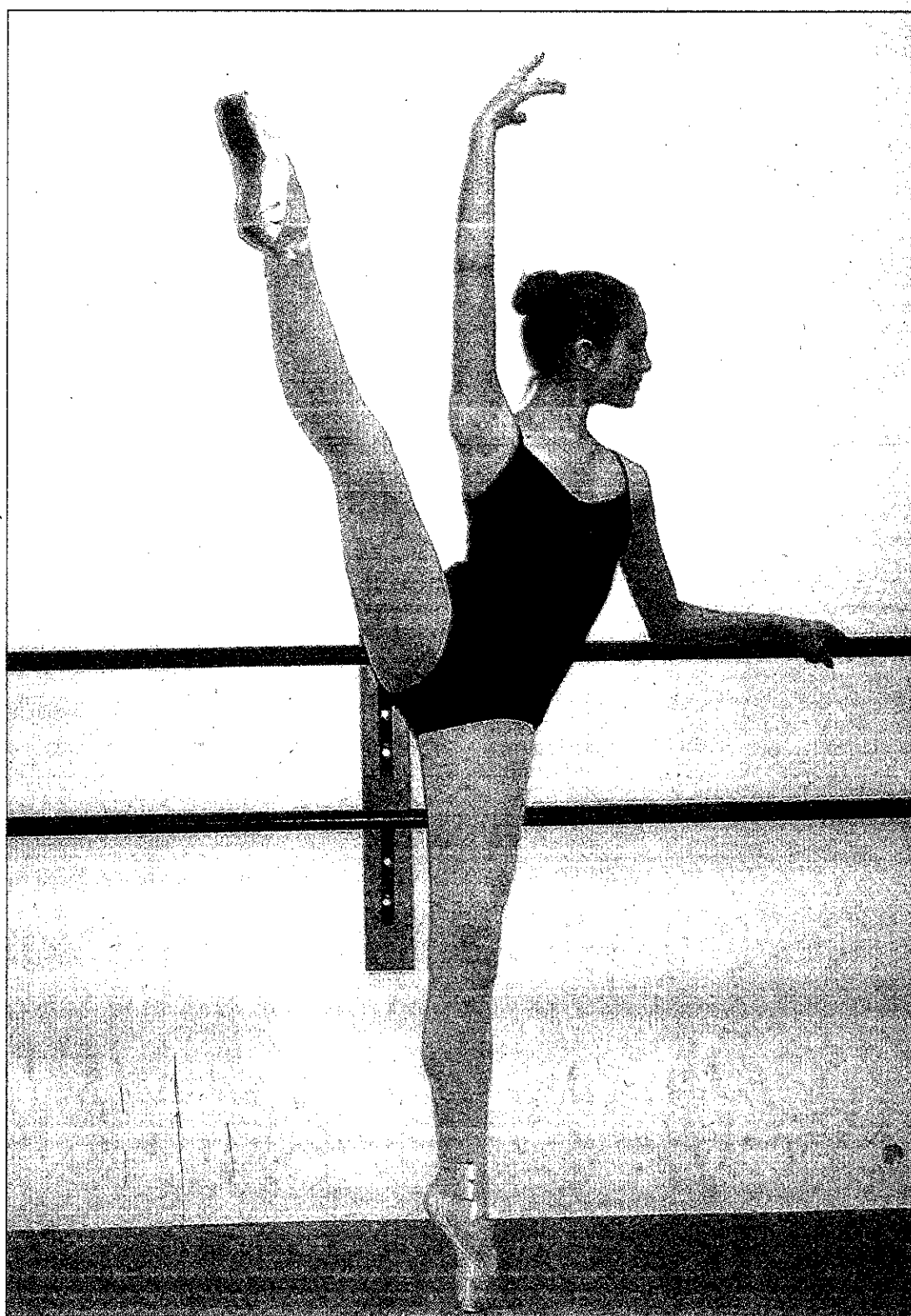
with the American Ballet Theatre at the Detroit Opera House and she attended a two-week program at the Brooklyn Ballet Theatre in Johnson, Vt.

"Kelly has been self-motivated since the day she walked into the studio we knew she had that something special," said Angie Chadwick-Hahn, one of Kelly's teachers at Bunny Sanford's School of Dance. She took it upon herself to take extra classes and private lessons.

"To make it into a major ballet company, that's the step she needs to take," Chadwick-Hahn added. "There are hundreds of dance companies in the United States, but this step hopefully will get her into a major company."

Girskis has been a ballet student for 11 years, a pointe student for four years, a tap student for nine years, a jazz student for eight years and a modern dance student for a year.

"It's her passion," said her mom, Denise.



Kelly Girskis of Plymouth is attending the Harid Conservatory in Boca Raton, Fla., pursuing her dream of a dance career.

How dedicated is Girskis to dance? Her weekly dance schedule includes an average of 20 classes per week.

"It's challenging," Kelly said. "There's always something to work for. It helps you express yourself."

For a 14-year-old, she's very certain about what she wants to do with her life. When she's done expressing herself in Florida, she wants to head to the Big Apple — and a professional dance career.

"I have my eyes set on New

York," Kelly said. "That's where you go if you want to make it."

Until then, she's leaving behind her mom, her father, Mike, and her 16-year-old sister, Katie, a junior at Salem High School.

But the prospect of leaving the family, and her friends, leaves the 14-year-old Girskis undaunted.

"I'll keep in touch with everyone by computer," she said. "I'm very independent. I've been going away the past

four or five summers to different schools, and I hadn't found one until this summer that I liked."

It's not that easy for mom and dad, who are supporting their daughter's desires.

"It's a chance of a lifetime," Denise Girskis said. "I want her to go, because when she's dancing, she's happy. Sometimes you only get one chance at that."

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## Christian radio stations provide a spiritual boost

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
CORRESPONDENT

Terrorists attacks and other national crises usually cause a surge of listeners tuning into Christian radio stations, but loyal listeners look for spiritual boosts regularly.

"Christian radio provides an outreach that goes beyond the four church walls," said Harold Sullivan, host of WLQV-AM *Victory 1500 Magazine*, which airs nightly at 10 p.m. The station is located in Livonia.

"Some people come off the street to churches, because of what they hear on the radio," Sullivan said. "People listen to these programs because the messages touch a chord. They want to get in touch with what they need from a spiritual perspective."

Another station, Michigan Catholic Radio WCAR-AM (1090), focuses on messages from a Catholic perspective. Offices are in Garden City, but host James Kruse does his broadcast from the Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak. He renovated a secluded broadcasting room in the church balcony, which is hidden behind a picture of a saint and was used by the Rev. Charles Coughlin, who had 40 million listeners worldwide in the 1930s.

Kruse's show — 7-10 a.m. Monday through Friday — includes an 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Two years ago, Kruse started

a prayer request program each Wednesday and has received 10,000 calls and e-mails from people seeking blessings and sending messages of thanksgiving.

One "very hesitant" woman called, Kruse said, explaining that her elementary school daughter was coming home from school most days crying, because the children on the playground were bullying her. The mother asked listeners to pray for her daughter.

"We did and two or three days later I got a letter saying that day her daughter came home glowing," said Kruse, who is also the station's executive director. "That, unexplained, children on the playground stopped calling her names and played with her."

Similar inspirational encounters happen at WLQV, which is Christian-oriented but doesn't attach itself to one denomination.

A man called and told a story about his son, who was killed by a drunken driver. During that conversation, someone else called and said she witnessed the accident and prayed with that man's son while he was dying on the road. The parents said they had never spoken to this woman before and were overjoyed to hear their son didn't die alone.

"There was a spiritual connection," Sullivan said. "There wasn't a dry eye in the studio."

The station broadcasts syndicated programs "from the Jesus-only perspective and we have a lot of programs as it relates to Bible-believing Jews," Sullivan said, adding that another program takes listeners, during a five-year period, through the entire Bible.

The caller line lit up after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

"It brings a sense of urgency in times of trouble," Sullivan said. "During 9/11 there was a surge of listeners, because people wanted to get in touch with their spiritual self. People were concerned we were in the end of time. There are people who have stuck by us as a result of tuning in during those troubled times."

The WLQV audience is predominantly 25- to 54-year-olds and mostly female. Many callers say they're concerned about loved ones — children who have "gone astray and people who are considering suicide, because they've tried drugs, alcohol and relationships and they're in a dark point in their life," Sullivan said. "And they've never tried Jesus. What is my spiritual connection? I have concerns about the after life suddenly."

Many people try to read the Bible on their own, he said, but they don't understand the messages.

"Or, there's terminology that goes over your head," he said.



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John Kruse at Shrine of the Little Flower radio station.

"The teaching ministry gives the listener a rudimentary understanding of the Bible."

Other people who call are facing troubled times, like losing their homes and jobs. Sullivan prays with them on-air.

"I'm not a minister, but I'm a believer of God," he said. "Our programming touches the lives of individuals and we believe we provide programming that helps change lives."

A standing joke at the station is that at the end of the world a message will be broadcasting over the airwaves from WLQV that talks about Christ and what people who are left

behind should do. Of course, there won't be anyone to talk to at WLQV.

"We say this jokingly, but we really want to be true to the gospel of Jesus Christ," he said.

The average age of WLQV listeners is 35. They listen to the local shows as well as syndicated programs, like Kate McVeigh, Joyce Meyer and Southwest radio church.

Meanwhile, Michigan Catholic Radio, with stations in Garden City and Owosso, at WOAT-AM (1080), has a written blessing from Pope John Paul II and received a personal visit and blessing from Detroit's archbishop Cardinal Adam Maida.

"Our station is dedicated and consecrated to proclaiming God's mercy," Kruse said. "Christ took a just punishment for our sins so we could be forgiven and could experience his mercy. There are so many people who are damaged whether through divorce, abortions, broken families, lost jobs, drug use and pornography. Our station is dedicated to letting people know that God is mercy and all it takes is for us to turn to him in trust."

Listeners range from 4 to 94, Kruse said.

"Our listeners are Catholic and that word in Greek is universal," Kruse said, adding that people of many religions have said they listen.

"Our very first donor was Jewish," he added.

## Confront flirting boyfriend about his behavior

**Q. I am dating a man in his mid-50s. I am not comfortable with how he talks to, and about, other women. I have heard him tell other women that they are very beautiful, yet he tells me that he is not a flirt. What is your opinion?**



**The Love Doctor**

Terri Orbuch

A. One of the issues that many couples talk to me about is flirting - when one partner is interested in getting the attention of someone else. It can be particularly uncomfortable when one partner does it in the presence of the other partner. In your situation, I encourage you and your partner to talk to each other about two issues. First, is it acceptable to flirt with others when you are in a relationship, and second, does it matter if your partner is with you or not when these behaviors occur?

I also recommend that you be clear and direct with him about how his behaviors make you feel. Don't attack him, and be sure to use "I" rather than "you" language. Also, do not discuss the topic when you are hungry or tired. You might also want to tell him that when individuals are in a relationship and they flirt with another person, these behaviors can send the wrong message. These behaviors can suggest the person is not satisfied with his present partner. When one partner flirts excessively and doesn't respond to the other partner's feelings of discomfort and anger, it can indicate that something is going on in the

relationship that needs to be addressed.

On the other hand, remember that flirting doesn't necessarily make a person "easy." There also is a difference between being slightly attracted to someone and thinking constantly about having an affair or actually doing it. Flirting might just mean that you are open to new people. For some individuals, this is a part of their personality or how they have learned to interact with others.

Still other individuals flirt because it gives them the attention they need to boost their self-esteem, since they are insecure about their own looks or appearance. You also want to think about whether your reaction to his behavior might stem from your own lack of confidence and self-esteem. Do you feel secure and happy in this relationship? Has commitment been an issue in your relationship over time?

To discover whether you flirt when you are in a relationship, take the following Love Doctor Flirting Quiz. Respond to each statement True or False.

1. You are at a party with your partner. Your partner is talking to someone else. You're chatting with the best-looking person you have seen in a while. You tell this person they are very good-looking.
2. You are with your partner at a restaurant. The server is attractive so you begin to smile more, crack jokes, and tell your funniest stories to him or her.
3. You and a co-worker have been exchanging e-mail messages late at night for the past month. These messages are not work-related.
4. You're minding your own business with your partner at a coffeehouse, when you notice someone checking you out. You instantly begin carrying yourself differently so he or she will continue to notice you.

Give yourself 1 point for each true response. Add up your points to the four statements. Scores range from 0-4. The greater the score, the more your actions could be labeled as flirting.

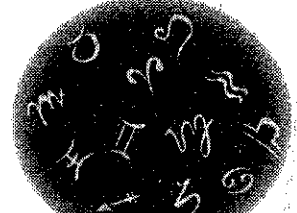
To submit a question, e-mail The LOVE Doctor on her Web site at [www.detroit-loved.com](http://www.detroit-loved.com).

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(August 15 - August 18)  
By Dennis Fairchild



### ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Forget the fights and feuds and fussiness that's been going on around you now and only focus on real and meaningful things that are tryin' to say something to you. Don't push so hard now, kiddo; relax or retreat! What is meant to happen will happen. Be patient a little longer.

### TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Last-minute changes are likely to bubble and boil and get troublesome early week, but they're changes that, in the long run, will end up working in your favor so don't fight! This could be one of those rare occasions when something that appears to be negative turns out to be positive.

### GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Someone you either work or talk with is proposing certain changes before the end of summer, and if you're smart, you'll cheerfully cooperate. Twin's planets currently indicate that you have nothing to fear. In fact, they'll make life easier and more profitable for you.

### CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Yes-indeedy, Crab-born are scoot in sideways rather than plowing straight ahead right now. -This is an astro-okay thing, so don't fret... just "think" before you act and you'll be on the stellar safe side. Don't try to resist the change. The best you can do is sloooow down.

### LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Now, with your birth-sign time here, you'll be in top form as the week unfolds. Your ability to see patterns that others have missed will give you a huge advantage over your rivals and advance into and keep you in the fast lane. This is YOUR Dream Cruise time!

### VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

It's time for Virgo-born to get tough! Thank goodness that you're easygoing, but it's not so good that you seem to be lacking a sense of self-awareness and -protection lately. That may well change this week if someone you trust deceives you. You're on the right track - just don't be in such a hurry.

### LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

At some stage in the days ahead, you're going to have to decide whether or not to forgive someone who has let you down. The choice is yours to make, but don't let the situation drag on or go unresolved. Your astro-aim should be to empty your anxiety closet now.

### SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Your main concern is to overcome resentment - either on the home front or at work. Not an easy task, but current planetary activity signifies that a new format for the future must be agreed upon. The fine line between fantasy and reality is a bit blurry now.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

The Sun in your fire-element is on terrific terms with your ruler Jupiter, the planet of surprise and opportunity, this week, so if you're thinking of doing something out of the ordinary: Now is the time! The stock value alone will be worth it... for however long "it" lasts.

### CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

If you want to get ahead right now, even tho Mercury is retrograde you're going to have to learn to see people as allies rather than rivals. Watch your back by all means, but don't become so preoccupied that you miss all the wonderful folks who are trying to attract your attention!

### AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

You opened up your uncensored mouth or put your foot in it - again! Be careful whom you antagonize because you're likely, without thought, to give rivals the upper hand. No matter how many battles you've won lately, the only way you'll win is if you get along with everyone now.

### PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

For a few months now, it appears that you're too attached to something or somebody, and that you have an excessive fear of losing "it." What happens during this New Moon weekend will teach you that the best way to hold on to what you value most is to handle it gently.

Dennis Fairchild is the Birmingham astrologer-author of several books on divination. For information about a live personal intuitive-astrological consultation and classes, phone (248) 646-3555.

## Brides-To-Be will present area workshops

Brides-To-Be holds a workshop for brides - and grooms - from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, at the Troy Hilton, 5550 Crooks Road at I-75 in Troy.

The "atelier" is a hands on interactive approach featuring makeovers, touchups, pampering for him and her, blow-outs, bridal style advice, head-

piece and jewelry trends, weight loss tips, onsite tanning, food, flowers and favors, decorating ideas, bridal styles, entertainment, and free engagement photos to show off the results. There will also be a bridal fashion show. Over 200 fashion and bridal exhibitors will be there. Four lucky brides will win

an all inclusive Caribbean honeymoon.

Advance tickets are \$7, \$8 at the door. Call (586)228-2700 for reservations.

Brides-to-Be will also hold shows at the Royal Park Hotel, 308 E. University, Rochester at noon Sunday, Oct. 24 and noon Sunday, Feb. 27, 2005.

### 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](http://plymouthlibrary.org) or by calling (734) 453-0750.

#### FICTION

1. "The Bourne Legacy," Eric Van Lustbader
2. "The DaVinci Code," Dan Brown
3. "Garden of Beasts," Jeffery Deaver
4. "Skinny Dip," Carl Hiassen
5. "R is for Ricochet," Sue Grafton

#### NON-FICTION

1. "My Life," Bill Clinton
2. "Shadow Divers," Robert Kurson
3. "Running on Empty," Peter G. Peterson
4. "Eats, Shoots and Leaves," Lynn Truss
5. "Imperial Hubris," Anonymous

#### PARENTS' CHOICE

#### NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

1. "Anna's Book," Barbara Baker
2. "The Birthday Doll," Jane Cutler
3. "Have You Seen Chester?" Andrew Murray
4. "Lettice, the Flying Rabbit," Mandy Stanley
5. "Dilly Duckling," Claire Freedman

## Comedy and love affairs mix in show

Mix two greedy fathers, two lost daughters, two lazy sons, two scheming servants, three love affairs, and you'll find yourself in "The Adventures of Scapino!" at Henry Ford Community College.

The college presents the comedy through Aug. 29 in Adray Auditorium of the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center on the main campus, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn.

Showtimes are 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$8 adults, \$5 for high school students. Seating is limited. For reservations, call (313) 845-6475. The show is recommended for families with children age middle school age and up.

In modern translation and adaptation by the show's director and scene designer, Gerry Dzuibinski of Southfield, this fast-paced verbal and physical comedy by Moliere keeps the laughter rolling as what starts

Moliere wrote the original 'Adventures of Scapino!' in 1671 as a sophisticated farce that combined elements of commedia del'arte with deeper characterization.

out simple becomes another opportunity for fun.

Kori Bielaniec of Livonia plays a cop and a business-woman and also is the dance captain and in charge of make-up design. Jen Maiseloff of West Bloomfield is chief scenic artist.

"Scapino" is a great combination of all of the elements we love in plays, one of which being physical and verbal com-

edy, and the audience will love how it moves through the different levels of comedy as the story goes on, said Dzuibinski. "This is Moliere's richest comedy, and there are interesting characters, and the story is easy for today's audiences to relate to."

Moliere wrote the original "Adventures of Scapino!" in 1671 as a sophisticated farce that combined elements of commedia del'arte with deeper characterization.

The story follows two sons who fall in love with two independent women, a business-woman and an orphan who is unsure of her parentage, and they are not the women their fathers want them to marry, which creates never ending conflicts and confusion.

"I think the audience will enjoy the modern approach to this classic tale," said Rick Goward, associate dean of the Fine Arts and Fitness Division.

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## WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

## Napolitano-Makins

Susan Napolitano and the late David Napolitano of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Susan, to Timothy David Makins of Plymouth.

Amy is a graduate of Michigan State University.

She is employed at the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

Her fiancé, Timothy, is the son of Tim and Carol Makins of Plymouth.

He is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He is



employed at First Centennial Title.

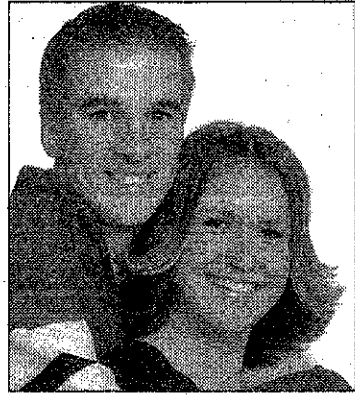
Amy and Tim are planning a September wedding at Light House Pointe, St. Ignace.

## Skelton-Daigneau

Jennifer Ann Skelton and David Philip Daigneau are announcing their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mike and Julie Skelton of Belleville. She is a 2001 graduate of Belleville High School and currently attends Eastern Michigan University. She's scheduled to graduate in May 2005.

The prospective groom is the son of Martha and Philip Daigneau of Canton. He is a 2002 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and also attends Eastern Michigan University. He is scheduled to



graduate in 2006.

The couple plans to be married May 28, 2005 at the Belleville First United Methodist Church.

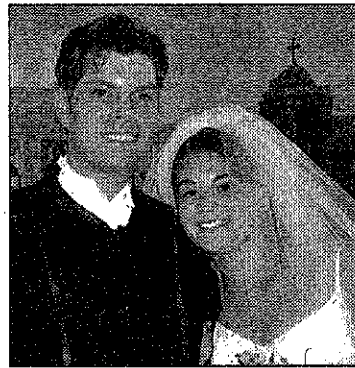
## Marinos-Thompson

Chris and Frances Marinos of Plymouth announce the marriage of their daughter, Alexis, to Derek Thompson, the son of Allan and Suzanne Thompson of Pinckney.

The bride and groom are graduates of Plymouth Salem High School and Western Michigan University. She is currently a kindergarten teacher in Coldspring, Texas. The groom received his master's degree in philosophy at Texas A&M University. He is pursuing his doctorate in logic and is a teaching assistant at Texas A&M.

The couple was married July 3, 2004 at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Ann Arbor. A reception followed at the Polo Fields Golf and Country Club.

The Koumbaro was Guss Pappas, the bride's Godfather. The Best Man was U.S. Army



Specialist Darin Thompson, brother of the groom. Also standing up for the couple were the bride's sisters, Nicole Rosati and Jaime Mesner and Jacob Thompson, nephew of the groom.

Flower girl was Elizabeth Bell, cousin of the groom, and ushers included Mark Brown, cousin of the groom, and brothers-in-law of the bride Carlo Rosati and Tom Mesner. The couple will make their home in the Houston area.

## Friends to gather for summer concerts

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Classical music and opera lovers are in for a feast for the ears this week as Friends of the Opera of Michigan and the Livonia Symphony Orchestra play separate summer concerts.

On Wednesday, Aug. 18, grab the blankets and family then head over to Bell Creek Park for an evening of colorful opera arias and Broadway tunes.

The following night, Thursday, Aug. 19, enjoy Broadway, light classical and patriotic tunes indoors with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra at the Community Center.

The Friends of the Opera of Michigan will present a Musical Summer Evening in the Park beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, in the Bell Creek Recreation Area at Five Mile and Inkster roads in Redford.

Featured vocalists are soprano Karin White, mezzo soprano Kristin Lisa Waluka, baritone Quinto Milito and tenor Shawn McDonald, who will also accompany on piano.

The evening program includes selections from *La Traviata*, *La Boheme*, *Rigoletto*, *The Marriage of Figaro* and *Carmen*, as well as popular Broadway musicals.

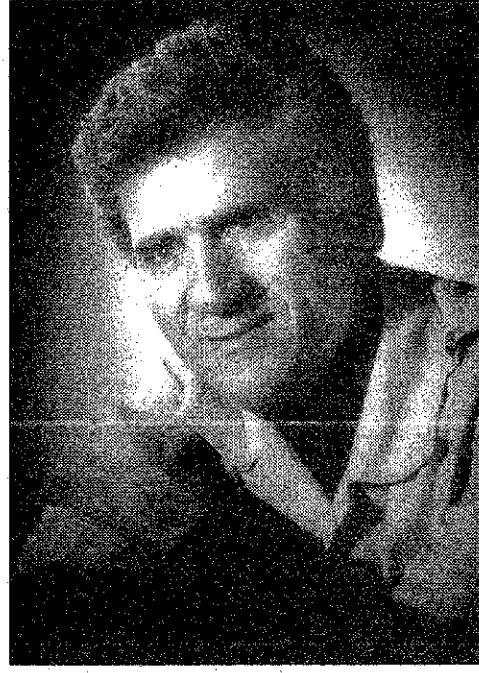
The concert is free. For more information, call Friends of the Opera at (313) 582-0997.

"We used to do concerts in Port Huron outdoors every other year," said Quinto Milito, F.O.T.O. artistic director. "I always love to sing outdoors in summer. It creates a different atmosphere. It's more romantic. We're doing operatic arias and Broadway selections like *Some Enchanted Evening*, *Summertime*. That's why I chose this type of music."

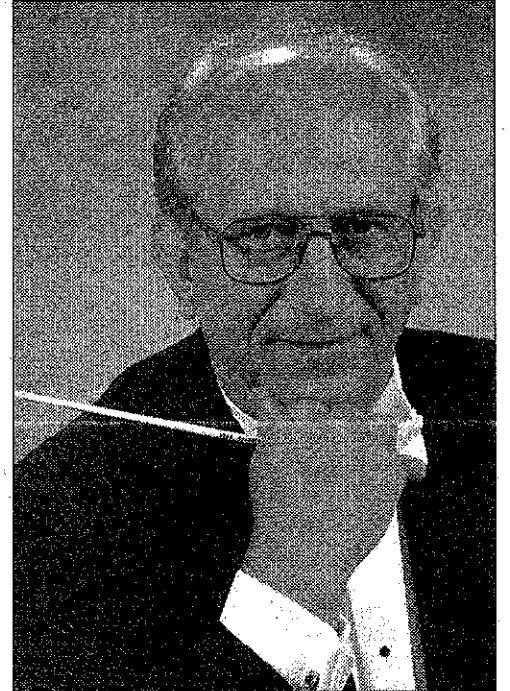
## LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Music Under the Stars is the name of the series, but the Livonia Symphony Orchestra will be bringing its program inside after several years of rainy weather.

The only element that won't change is the variety of music being performed 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Livonia



Baritone Quinto Milito is one of the performers singing opera arias and Broadway tunes during a musical evening in Bell Creek Park Wednesday, Aug. 18.



Volodymyr Shesiuik leads the Livonia Symphony Orchestra in concert Thursday evening Aug. 19 at the Livonia Community Center.

Community Center at Five Mile and Hubbard.

"The concert unites orchestra and audience, because on a concert like this you feel like you're close to the audience," said conductor Volodymyr Shesiuik of Garden City. "We're trying to bring pleasure to people, a smile in the eyes. The program is like a menu in a restaurant, a little bit of everything for different tastes."

Assistant Carl Karoub conducts selections from *South Pacific* and *Les Miserables* sung by guest artist Robert Dills.

Strauss' *Tales from Vienna Woods*, patriotic tunes *America the Beautiful* and *Stars and Stripes*, *Jazz Pizzicato* by Leroy Anderson, selections from movies such as *The Lion King* and University of Michigan and Michigan State University fight songs round out the program.

"It's pops and classics and beyond," said Karoub, principal horn. "There'll be a salute to the armed forces, and *Orange Blossom Special* for country and western

fans. We've never done anything like that before.

"We enjoy this concert a lot. It's one of my favorites. We always get a big audience. The seniors are there an hour and a half before it starts."

For those who have never heard the LSO before, the free concert is a chance to hear the orchestra before the season begins Oct. 30.

Karoub says the future of the orchestra is in doubt unless supporters turn out for the Chip in for the Arts golf outing Sept. 1 and dinner fund-raiser Nov. 19 at Laurel Manor.

"We're still badly in need of public support," Karoub said. "They can become an orchestra chair sponsor for a \$500 donation to the orchestra or sponsor the concert master and have their name listed below theirs in the program."

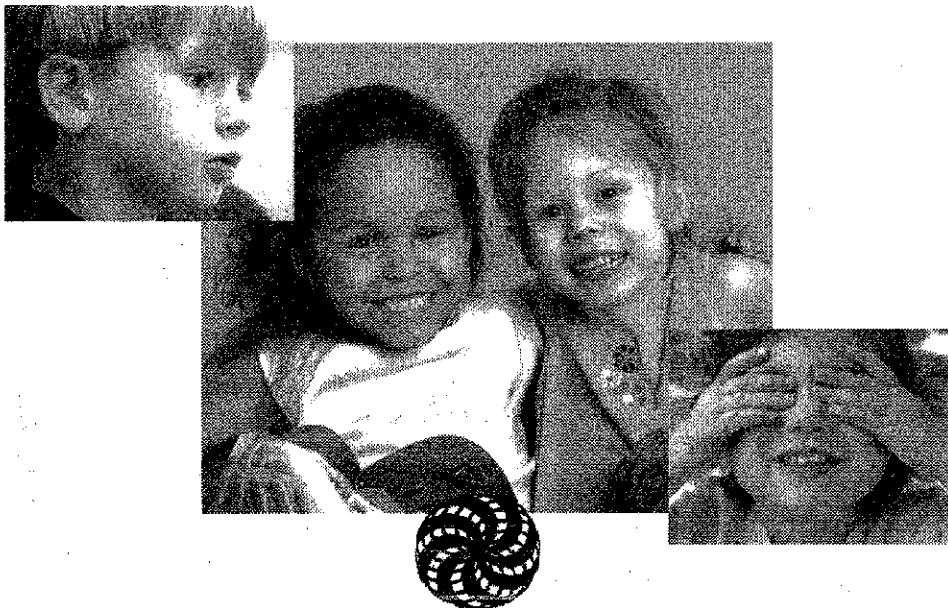
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I'm sure you can think of people in your lives who go above and beyond the call of duty every day. It might be the cashier who greets you warmly every time you're at the grocery store, a mailman who takes special care to make sure your package isn't damaged, or a teacher who spends extra time after school tutoring your child.

To me, they're great examples for all of us.

If we approach each day with excitement and eagerness, I think we're more likely to have a positive outlook and see the good in life and in each other. And, in my book, that's one of the best ways to take care of your health before it's longgggg gone!

**Ernie Harwell**, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns titled *Life After Baseball*, is available at local bookstores or by calling (800) 245-5082.

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## Eye on learning

### Focusing on your child's vision

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Taking your child for an eye exam is a good way to begin not only the school year, but life. Vision problems can hinder a child academically.

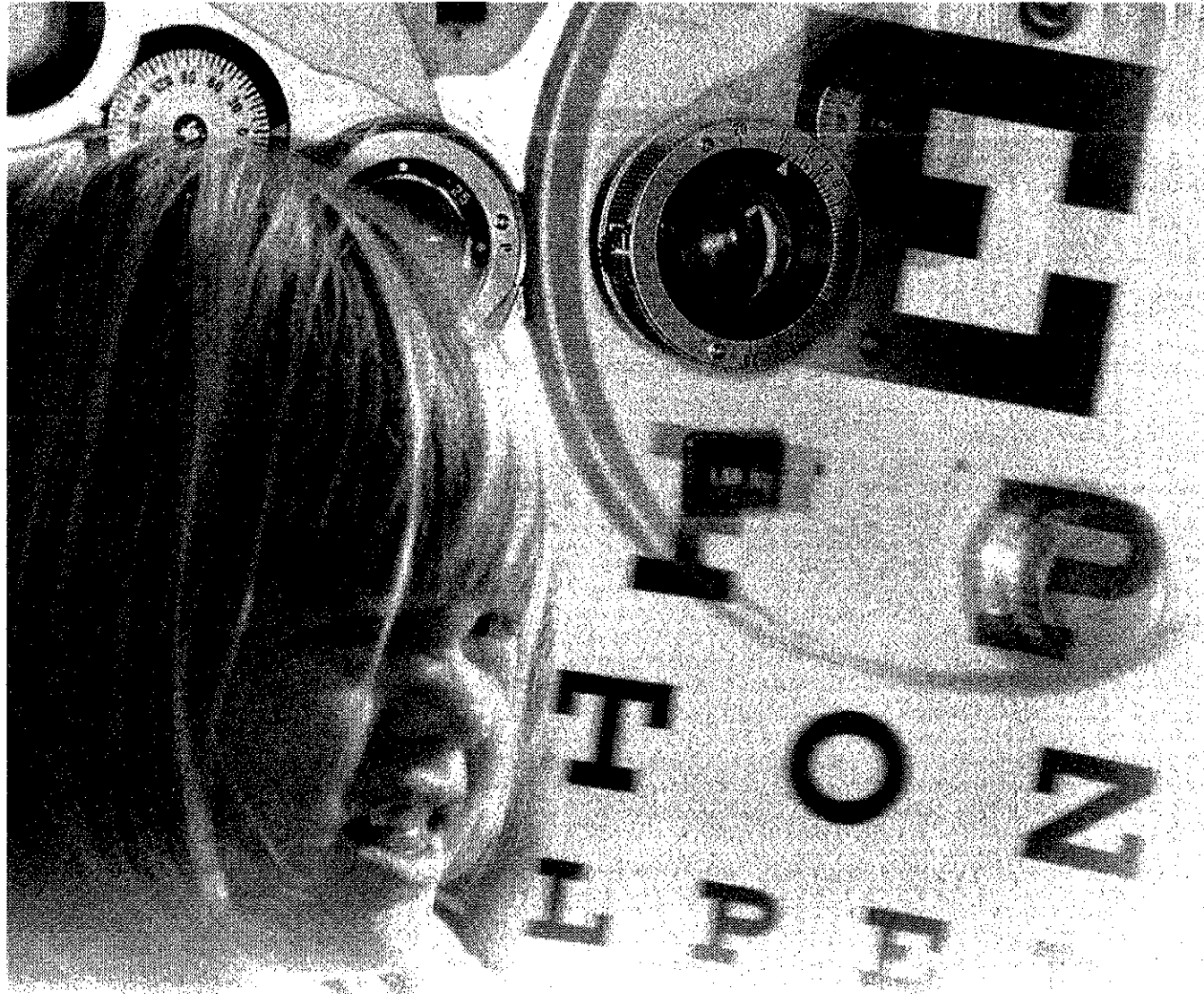
The American Academy of Ophthalmology recommends screening by a trained ophthalmologist or pediatrician at birth to three months, six months to one year, three years, five years, and every year or two after to detect conditions which can slow the learning process if left untreated.

Dr. Kevin Trapp isn't taking any chances with his 9-month-old daughter who has already had her first eye exam. According to the American Optometric Association, she's an exception. Of the 26 percent of population under 18 in the 2000 U.S. Census, only about 31 percent of those have had a comprehensive eye exam in the last year.

"I think it is important," said Trapp, an optometrist with Michigan Eyecare Institute in Southfield, Livonia and Dearborn. "Screening doesn't catch everything every time. They need to check the health of the eyes anytime the parent feels there's a problem even if they're not sure. Some kids might have a strong need for glasses. Often times they have headaches or avoid doing close work or reading. They're not performing as they should, lagging in reading and writing."

Children with risks factors such as premature birth, developmental delays, crossed or turned eyes, family history of eye disease or injury need to be examined more frequently.

"One of the things you're trying to prevent is amblyopia or lazy eye," said Trapp, of Livonia. "For someone who can't see well out of one eye and won't



be able to even with the proper glasses, it's a process to learn how to see. By age 9 or 10 you can't do much with the amblyopia. Basically the brain has to learn to see with the eye. Strabismus is when one eye is turned out or in. They tend not to use that eye."

If a child's eyes cross or turn in or out, parents should see their pediatri-

cian or family practice physician who more than likely will refer them to an ophthalmologist like Dr. Stephen Kaufman. Parents should always be alert to any problems a child is having with their eyes.

Kaufman took his youngest to a pediatric ophthalmologist when he became suspicious of a photograph. The Bloomfield Village M.D. tells par-

ents to look out for red eyes or tearing as they can be symptomatic of an eye problem.

"He had a white reflection in a photo which can be a sign of tumor in back of an eye, or they can have one red and one white eye. It's very rare but it should be checked," said Kaufman, an ophthalmolo-

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## Thank You!

Several celebrities participated the day of the Golf Classic, including legendary U of M football coach Bo Schembechler, who once again served as Honorary Chair, as well as Hockey Great Ted Lindsay, who returned as Chair Emeritus. In addition, each of the 50 foursomes was joined by a PGA Professional for an exciting day of golf.

Special recognition and gratitude must be given to the four lead sponsors of this year's Golf Classic. This year's event marks the fourth consecutive year that Johnson Controls served as the \$25,000 presenting Platinum Sponsor. Dick Lewiston of Lewiston-Smith Realty has generously supported the Golf Classic since it began seven years ago and once again served as a \$25,000 Platinum Sponsor. Dick Scott Automotive Group also continued to support the Golf Classic, this year by sponsoring the raffle to win a brand new vehicle. A new sponsor this year, Michigan Heart, PC, served as a \$15,000 Graphite Sponsor. Together, their gifts inspired others in the community to become involved in this year's Golf Classic and support a vital Hospital project.

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System recognizes and commends those organizations and individuals who gave their support for this year's Golf Classic. Thank you for your continued support and partnership with St. Joseph Mercy Hospital to improve health care programs and services.

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## Tips help keep eyes healthy

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Kevin Trapp has a few pet peeves about parents who fail to take care of their children's eyes. All too frequently he sees children who've broken or lost glasses but haven't received replacements.

"If a child has been prescribed glasses, they were prescribed them for a reason," said Trapp, an optometrist with Michigan Eyecare Institute in Southfield, Livonia and Dearborn.

"Whether they've broken or lost them, or they grow out of them, they're not replaced in a timely fashion. For those who do have glasses they need a frame that fits your face and your head is growing, not to mention the prescription changing."

There are several steps parents can take to keep their child's eyes healthy whether they're involved with academics or athletics. Encourage your child to wear protective eye-wear when playing sports such as baseball, basketball, soccer and hockey.

If your child wears prescription glasses, ophthalmologists and optometrists recommend shatter-resistant lenses. Trapp is a proponent of polycarbonate lens for all kids under age 18.

"This is the time when sports kick off," said Trapp. "Basketball and other sports cause a huge number of

injuries."

Dr. Stephen Kaufman especially worries about his 7- and 10-year-old sons sustaining eye injuries. As an ophthalmologist with Henry Ford Health System in Troy, he sees children with severe trauma.

"If kids are active in sports go to a glasses shop to keep kids from getting poked in the eye or hit with a ball," said Kaufman. "They need shatter-resistant lenses so it doesn't fracture and enter the eye."

For kids who spend long hours in front of a computer eye experts suggest taking breaks to avoid redness or dryness of the eyes.

"Most of it is a strain issue," said Dr. Martin Levin, an optometrist from West Bloomfield with an office in Northville. "My biggest pet peeve is spending too much time on the computer. Parents come to me wanting glasses so kids can sit at the computer longer."

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gist at Henry Ford Health System in Troy.

"When parents interact with kids they should look to see if eyes don't look clear. Ask your physician about any concerns. A child may not be reaching for objects the way kids would or interacting with his or her environment visually, not reaching for a toy held in front."

"One of the most common problem I see is when kids use a computer for a long time or reading, it can cause dryness."

Both of Dr. Martin Levin's children were myopic (nearsighted), a fact he learned after a comprehensive eye exam. Experts disagree on whether a screening is sufficient to detect visual problems that could have serious consequences.

"The common notion is that if a child can see that everything is OK with their vision," said Levin, an optometrist from West Bloomfield with an office in Northville.

"Screening will only pick up myopia (nearsightedness). It doesn't pick up strabismus and lazy eye. Lazy eye can cause reading problems. You need to work harder so you're reading much slower. Pediatricians generally only focus on one eye, cover one eye and then the other. If vision was all just seeing it would be easy to pick up but there are so many factors that go into it. Many times when children have problems in school people don't realize it's related to vision, not a learning disability. One of the hardest things a parent has to do is rule out factors for a learning disability."

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## AUGUST

### Aspirin and heart disease

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the U.S. for men and women. Each year, more than five million Americans are treated for coronary artery disease. However, findings have reported that aspirin may lower a woman's risk of heart disease by 25 percent when taken one to six times a week. To learn about what role aspirin has in the prevention and the treatment of heart disease, attend a free seminar 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at the Genesys Conference and Banquet Center across from Genesys Regional Medical Center-Health Park on Holly Road, just west of I-75 in Grand Blanc (exit 108). For more information on the Genesys heart talk and to reserve your seat, call (800) 882-2012. The evening's activities also will include free cholesterol and blood screenings from 4-6 p.m.

### Blood drive

The American Red Cross holds a blood drive 2-7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 16, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, two blocks south of Ford, Garden City. To schedule an appointment, call Pam at (734) 844-7099.

### Immunization clinic

To help busy parents get their children immunized before school starts, Oakland County Health Division extends its hours for clinics 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Aug. 18-19, at 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac; 27725 Greenfield, Southfield; and 1010 E. West Maple, Walled Lake.

### Osteoarthritis seminar

A class for people of any age who want to remain active and pain-free into their senior years 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18. Dr. Nicole Whitehead focuses on what contributes to arthritis, nutrition for healthy joints, and how to prevent arthritis, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. No charge. To register, call (248) 426-0201. Seating limited.

### Red Cross blood drive

Held 2-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23, at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, between Grand River and Freedom, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 474-0584.

### Divorce support

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College offers a free Divorce Support Group with attorney Susan Elkoury presenting an overview of the process of filing for divorce and what to expect 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, in Room 225 of the McDowell Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. The group provides a forum for discussion, receiving and sharing of information for those contemplating, in the process of or having difficulty adjusting to divorce. For more information, call the WRC at (734) 462-

4443.

### Parenting Classes

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is offering parenting classes called "Parenting with Love and Logic" 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, (Preteens and Teenagers), at 36475 Five Mile in Livonia. Please use the Five Mile Road entrance. For directions or additional information, visit [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org). "Parenting with Love and Logic" is a common-sense approach, teaching parents skills that cultivate confidence and good decision-making in children by offering them choices, empathy, and respect while adults avoid anger, threats, warnings, or lectures. There is a fee, and registration is required. Call the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1100 for more information, or to register.

### Hospice volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to help provide services to terminally ill patients, their caregivers and families. St. John Hospice provides services in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, and St. Clair counties. Volunteers can choose from a variety of functions that include offering companionship by providing respite relief for caregivers, making supportive telephone calls, running errands, and providing other services that are needed by patients, caregivers, and families. In addition, volunteers are needed to provide administrative support in the Farmington Hills office.

Training to become part of the Hospice team will be provided to all volunteers. Scheduling will be at the convenience of the volunteer. For more information, contact Pamela DiSanto or Katie Landa at (800) 248-2298.

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Group Exercise for Multiple Sclerosis meets every Friday at the Livonia YMCA on Stark Road. Group swim from 6-7 p.m. Support group meeting 7-8 p.m. For more information, contact Carolyn Davis at (734) 459-9715 or Mike Hickey at (734) 522-0036.

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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. These surgeries are offered at Oakwood Heritage Hospital in Taylor.

## UPCOMING

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The St. Mary Mercy Hospital Senior Health Connection program offers adults age 55 and over special programs and discounts, including free lecture series, AARP Safe Driving Program, free blood pressure screenings, Westland Mall and Laurel Park Place Walkers Clubs, discounts on health education classes, women's programs, and more. Simply call to register for an event, identify yourself as a senior and enjoy the benefits.

### Safe Driving Program

St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the American Association of Retired Persons offer the two-day AARP Safe Driving Program 5:30-9:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 13-14, in Classroom 2 of the hospital. 36475

Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Please use south entrance off Levan Road. There is a \$10 fee. Make checks payable to AARP. To register, call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650 (out-of-area callers only). For directions or additional information, visit [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org). Attendance at both sessions is required.

The AARP Safe Driving Program is the nation's first and largest classroom driver improvement course specially designed for motorists age 50 and older. The course helps drivers refine existing skills and develop safe, defensive driving techniques. AARP members and nonmembers alike may take the course. There are no tests. Upon successfully completing the course, graduates of this program may be eligible to receive a state-mandated multiyear discount on their auto insurance premiums.

### Palliative care seminar

The University of Michigan Health System and Saint Joseph Mercy Health System will host "Palliative Care: Revitalizing the Spirit of Health Care" Friday, Sept. 17. The event begins at 7:30 a.m. in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Auditorium in Ann Arbor.

This daylong program is designed to strengthen and enhance the public's and health care professional's knowledge about palliative care options and the skills necessary to provide quality care for patients at the end of their lives.

The featured event speakers are Dr. John Lantos, a professor of pediatrics and medicine, chief of General Pediatrics, co-director of the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program, and associate director of the MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics at the University of Chicago; and Thomas Lynch, a poet and essayist from Milford, who was named Michigan Author of the Year by the Michigan Library Association in 2001. Speakers will also include physicians, nurses, social workers and unit hosts from the U-M Health System and St. Joe's.

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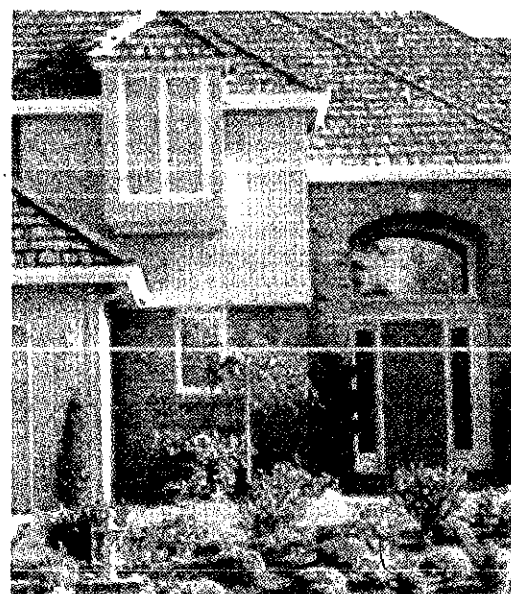
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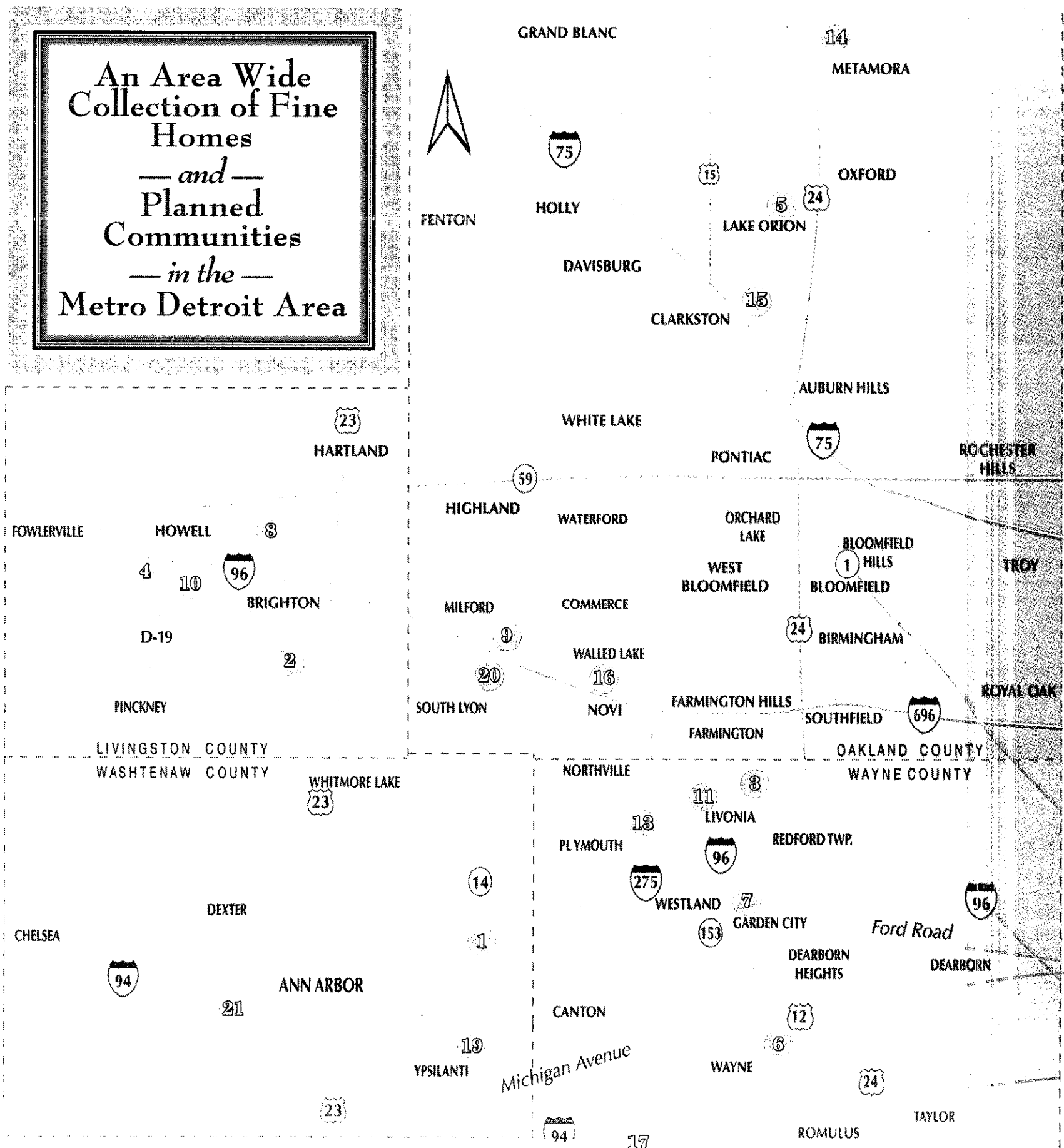


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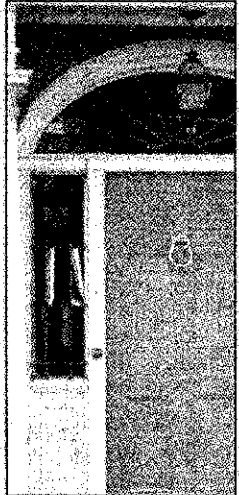
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# Plymouth condo developer takes a team approach

## One-stop shopping awaits

Talon Development Group has assembled a team of professionals to offer buyers of its new Plymouth Village condominiums a convenient and pleasant buying experience. Rock Financial is providing onsite mortgage assistance and Real Estate One is providing onsite real estate expertise. The Welcome Center is open 1-5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday; 6-8 p.m. Thursday, and closed on Mondays. For more information, call (734) 459-4112, or visit [www.plymouthvillage.net](http://www.plymouthvillage.net).

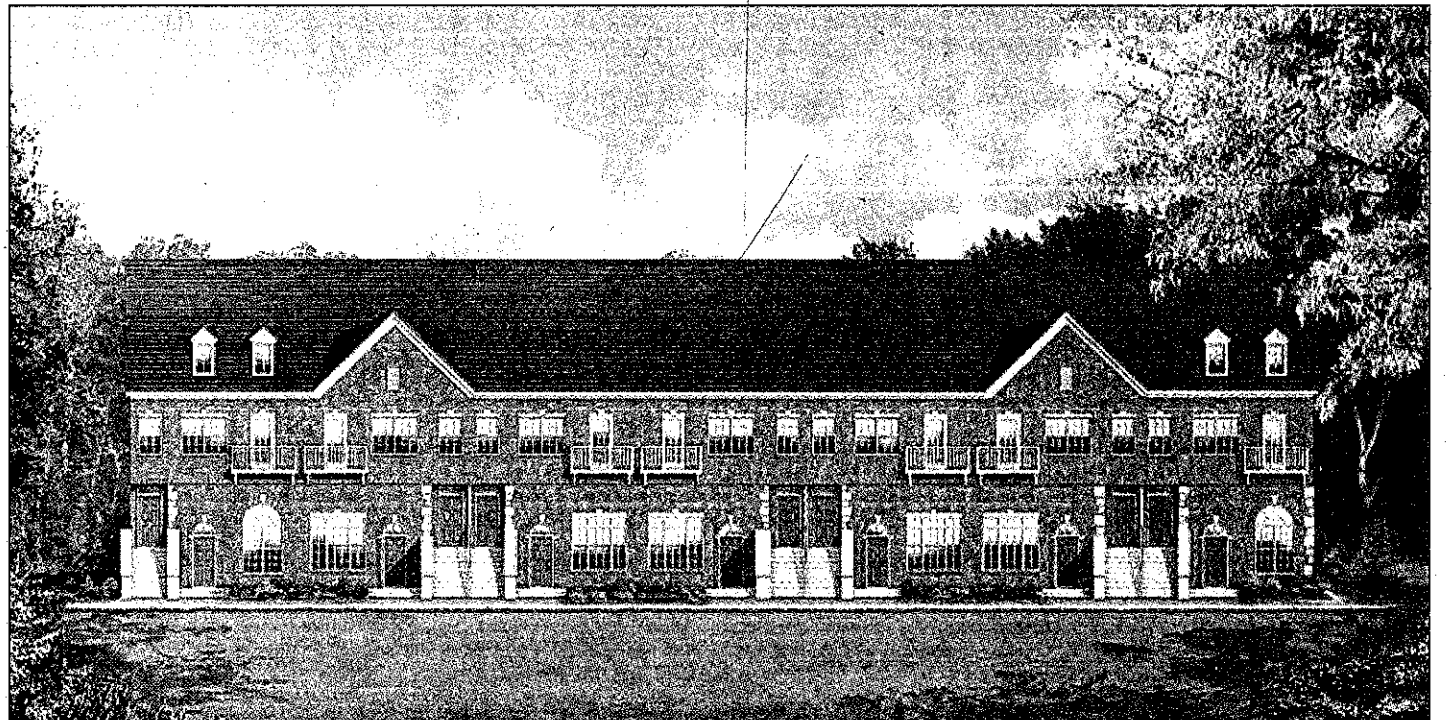
Plymouth Village, which is currently under construction, is in Plymouth Township. Models will be open for touring in September. Plymouth Village is nine blocks from downtown Plymouth on Ann Arbor Road between Main Street and Sheldon Road.

The project features red-brick exteriors with decks and balconies and a choice of two floor plans - The Arbor and The Barberry. The Arbor provides 1,328 square feet of living space, including a master suite and a lower level with a recreation room. The two-story Barberry has 1,579 square feet including a master suite and family room. The units have one-car attached garages. Prices begin in the \$190's.

### HELP FOR BUSY PEOPLE

"By bringing Rock Financial and Real Estate One representatives to the site of Plymouth Village condominiums, we hope to create a very positive and convenient buying experience," said Michael Polsinelli, president of Talon Development Group. "We know how busy people are today, and we hope to make the whole buying experience a pleasant one. We look forward to a successful and rewarding relationship with Rock Financial and Real Estate One in our future residential developments, the more immediate ones being in Pleasant Ridge and Northville Township."

"We want to help make the purchase of a Plymouth Village condominium as simple and easy as possible," said David



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worksheet, home inspection information, and mortgage basics.

■ Rock Financial's Online Mortgage Tools - found online at the Rock Financial Web site, consumers have access to a variety of useful articles and mortgage calculators that will help them determine what type of home they can afford, their approximate monthly mortgage payment, and how they can avoid private mortgage insurance, for example.

■ Rock Financial's Smart ARM - with this home financing program, homebuyers get the flexibility of an adjustable rate mortgage and the security of a fixed rate program. People can lock in a low initial rate and get a very favorable lifetime cap too.

"Real Estate One has gathered a team of enthusiastic professional Realtors to serve visitors at Plymouth Village," said John Berkaw, coordinator of Real Estate One's Talon relationship. "Our group is well-versed in every detail of the development, including its floor plans and wide range of upgrade options as well as the many amenities of the Plymouth area. Plymouth Village will certainly enhance the Ann Arbor Road corridor, and we're excited to be a part of it."

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The company's portfolio has included more than 1,700 apartments, 750 single-family homes, two and three million square-foot of retail, office and high-tech research developments.

Hall, vice president at Rock Financial. "We'll get the mortgage process started for buyers during their initial visit to Plymouth Village, sort of one-stop shopping so they don't have to take additional time to schedule another appointment to apply for a mortgage."

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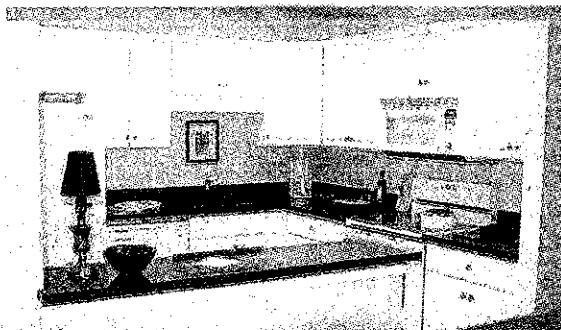
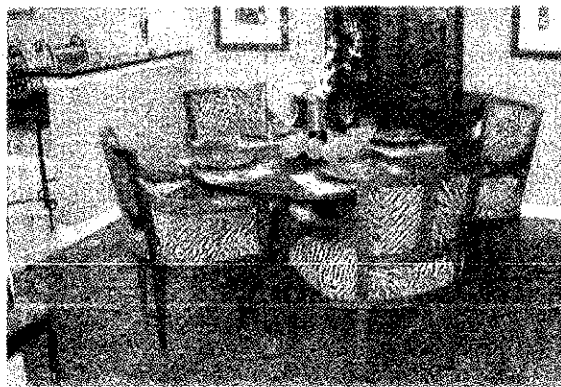
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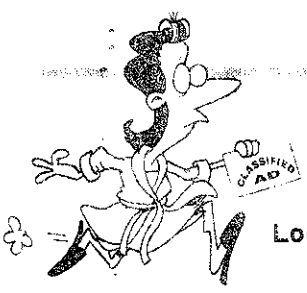
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# Make your home more comfortable through wise energy use

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Here are a few tips to help you plan how to conserve energy and save money.

## KEEP THE COLD OUT

Consumers can take easy, inexpensive steps to reduce household energy

consumption and minimize energy loss. Reducing air leaks could cut as much as 10 percent from an average household's monthly energy bill.

For example, consumers can:  
 ■ Seal leaks around doors, windows and other openings such as pipes or ducts with caulk or weather stripping.

The most common places where air escapes in homes are floors, walls, ceilings, ducts, fireplace, plumbing penetrations, doors, windows, fans and vents, electric outlets.

## USE ENERGY WISELY

**Change or clean furnace filters once a month during the heating season. Furnaces use less energy if they 'breathe' more easily.**

Set thermostats between 65 and 70°F during the winter, and at 58 degrees when away from the house for more than a few hours.

Turn down thermostats automatically without sacrificing comfort by installing an automatic setback or programmable thermostat.

Cut annual heating bills by as much as 10 percent per year by turning your thermostat back 10 percent to 15 percent for eight hours per day.

Change or clean furnace filters once a month during the heating season. Furnaces consume less energy if they "breathe" more easily. Use receipt of your natural gas bill as a reminder.

For the long term, you can check to see if your attic and basement have

the recommended levels of insulation. Also, check the heating system and replace old and outdated appliances with high-efficiency natural gas models. In addition, install storm or thermal windows and doors or double-paned glass. A less expensive alternative is plastic sheeting, which can be temporarily fastened over doors and windows to prevent drafts and retain heat.

For more information, visit the American Gas Association Web site at [www.aga.org](http://www.aga.org).

## Cleaning tips for using dishwasher

PRNewswire - With a shortage of time to clean, everyone needs shortcuts to make their home clean and sanitized. Using a dishwasher for more than dishes can make cleaning a breeze.

"Since the water in a dishwasher is usually above 130 degrees, items get sanitized. This makes for simpler cleaning and gives you peace of mind," said Amy Olson, spokeswoman for The Maids Home Services. "Make sure items are dishwasher safe and items are placed securely on the racks away from the heat source."

Here are some alternative uses for your dishwasher from The Maids Home Services.

■ Teethers, pacifiers and some small toys for infants and toddlers can be washed and sterilized in your dishwasher. Simply place the items securely on the top rack, turn off "heat dry," and run the dish load as usual.

■ To get a baseball cap clean, put it in the dishwasher on the top rack. While still wet, stretch it and reshape the bill, and put it over a pan or bowl to air dry.

■ Dried soap and shampoo on shower caddies and soap dishes disappear after running them through the dishwasher.

■ Disinfect and clean your toothbrush and toothbrush holders in the dishwasher. Especially after battling illness, you will know these items are sanitized.

■ Each time you run a dish cycle, throw in your kitchen sponges and secure them on the top rack. The heat of the water will help kill the mold, bacteria and germs.

■ When doing top-to-bottom cleaning, put your glass light fixtures in the dishwasher to get rid of the dust and bugs instead of washing by hand.

■ If you use a Downy(R) Ball or if your washing machine has a detachable fabric softener or bleach dispenser, add these items to your dishwasher load to help easily remove scum and grime.

For more information, visit [www.maids.com](http://www.maids.com).

## Get rid of clutter, make the most of your space

(NAPSI) - All too many of us have been victims of clutter - when no amount of cleaning or organizing can help that inevitable mess from reappearing. Before you throw in the towel, learn to develop an organizing system that suits your lifestyle and eliminate clutter for good.

According to Julie Morgenstern, author of *New York Times* best seller *Organizing from the Inside Out*, "Organizing from the outside in fails time after time because it doesn't take into account how you think, relate to the world, pace yourself or like to operate - the total picture of yourself that your organizing system should ultimately reflect."

Organizing a whole house at once can

be a daunting task. Instead, try organizing only one room at a time. According to Morgenstern, the bathroom is a great place to practice your organizing skills because it is generally the smallest room and does not require much effort to get it under control. Since you use your bathroom every day, you will benefit from your organization efforts daily - giving you the momentum to move onto other rooms of the house.

Here are some tips from Morgenstern on how to organize your bathroom:

Toss out anything that is old or you don't use, such as expired medicines, half-used bottles, rusty nail clippers or tweezers and old toothbrushes.

Consider putting medicines in the linen closet, not the medicine chest. Reserve the medicine chest for items you use every day, such as grooming products.

Keep all related products together. For example, store your blow-dryer and other hair styling products in a caddy mounted on the wall or a cabinet door. This gives you easy access to supplies and helps avoid last-minute frantic searches.

Assign a place for each person's belongings. For example, hang a hook for each person outside of the shower/tub area for his or her current towel and supplies.

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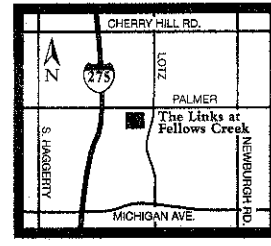
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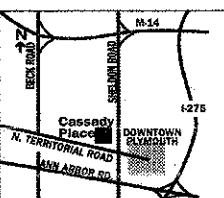
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Double doors open into a foyer, which faces the coffered living room. To the left of the front doors is the "L" shaped kitchen. A curved island containing a vegetable sink, cook top, and an eating bar is in the center while around the wall are the built-in ovens, refrigerator, dishwasher, and dual sinks with a large garden window over. A large walk-in pantry is across from the island.

Adjacent to the kitchen is a large nook with a coffered ceiling. The bayed windows bathe the room in sunlight, ideal for those early morning breakfasts or coffee klatches. Convenient to the garage as well as the family area is a full bath with a shower. Stairs down to the unfinished basement of 3,036 square feet are across the hall.

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The family room, dining room, living room and the office also all have coffered ceilings. The family room, as well as the dining room, has French doors opening onto the elongated deck

in the rear. In the rear corner of the family room is a wood stove with a wood box opening onto a platform for the stairs for easy loading.

Separating the living room from the dining room and the entry are beautiful archways. These provide a definition of space while giving the impression of openness. A gas fireplace surrounded by windows is on the rear wall of the living room.

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# Make your move easy, stress-free

PRNewswire - An average of 43 million Americans relocate each year, with most households packing up and moving between May and August.

Donna Kozik and Tara Maras, authors of the household moving manual, *29 Days To A Smooth Move*, emphasize that preparation, organization, and prioritization are the keys to eliminating the stressful events surrounding a household move.

The authors outline the major tasks and finer points associated with moving from selling and buying a home, to disconnecting and reconnecting utilities and the benefits of using one-stop-shopping for telecommunications services.

"Yes, you have a lot to do, but now is not the time for panic," said Kozik. "Take the time to make a plan and then take advantage of ways to save time."

Kozik and Maras provide common sense tips about preparing for a move, whether cross-town or cross-country, and making it seamless and less stressful:

Getting started - prepare the house for new occupants, condense goods, pack possessions, ready the children, gather paperwork, estimates, change of address forms, etc.

Do a little every day - create a list and prioritize tasks. Use

available time wisely and determine what must be done during business hours, what can wait until weekends and what can be completed closer to the move. Stay organized with an electronic calendar to schedule reminders of vital tasks and appointments.

House hunt in the morning after rush hour and before lunch hour. Not knowing when the "perfect house" will be spotted - or how fast it'll go off the market - carry a mobile phone with picture capabilities to snap photos of houses of interest and share them instantly with Realtors or family members.

Don't let the details get you down - If renting a truck and doing it yourself, cut overall loading time by selecting a vehicle with a loading ramp similar to those used by the expert movers. When it's time to get utilities connected at the new locale, combine as many services as possible to eliminate multiple calls and wait times.

"Moving brings momentum to your life and can lead you to all kinds of invigorating changes," said Maras. "Create your strategy, work your plan, and soon you'll be celebrating a successful move."

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# Landscape to keep your home safe

PRNewswire - Protection One, one of the largest providers of monitored security services in the nation, suggests these landscaping and home improvement tips for increasing curb appeal and home security:

To reduce the chance of easy entry into your home, plant thorny bushes below first-floor windows and cut tree limbs away from second-story windows. Remove objects that might assist a would-be burglar in accessing your home, such as ladders stored near a garage or trash cans that could be used as a makeshift ladder to enter a window or scale a fence.

To prevent intruders from hiding behind shrubs around your home, trim bushes to expose branch structure.

To illuminate vulnerable or isolated exterior entrances, install motion lights; and to make it easier for emergency personnel to locate your home in an emergency, install easy-to-read and illuminated address numbers in a visible place on the front of your house.

Protection One also suggests following these tips for securing your home year-round:

Always be aware of usual and unusual activities in your

neighborhood and immediately report suspicious behavior.

Secure all windows and doors that are accessible from the outside, including those upstairs.

Never leave a spare key hidden outside. Burglars know all the best places.

Install peepholes so you can screen your visitors.

Ask to see identification from service and delivery people before letting them into your home.

Install deadbolt locks on all exterior entrances.

Make sure smoke detectors are working and up-to-code or consider adding a monitored smoke or heat detector.

Post emergency phone numbers by the telephone, including your cellular phone or pager numbers, for your children or baby-sitter to use when you are not at home. Make sure visitors staying at your home also know your address and where emergency numbers are located.

For additional tips and a free "Guide to Keeping Your Family and Home Safe and Secure," contact a Protection One branch near you. For a list of locations, visit [www.protectionone.com/](http://www.protectionone.com/) and click on the Get Local link or call (800) GET-HELP.

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## 2005 S-Type: Go Jag!


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*Anne Fracassa has the week off. This week's column is written by Dave Menard, an auto critic for Avanti NewsFeatures who tests his cars in Orlando, Fla. Anne will return next week.*

ORLANDO, Fla. - There's just something about a Jag. Something that makes your heart race and your hands itch to grab the wheel.

The 2005 S-Type Jaguar is no exception. Whether it's the snappy acceleration, the smooth ride, the great looks or the sticker price on the window (snob appeal, right?), there's something for almost everybody to like about the S-Type Jaguar.

We'll start outside. Jaguar has made some changes to the S-Type and the result is a cleaner, leaner look.

The four-door S-Type now has an aluminum hood, which lightens the car and gives the hood a more defined shape. The fit lines are tighter, the bumper inserts are less bulky than the '04 model and the grille is lower and broader.

The upper surface of the trunk has been revised to reduce rear lift and the trunk finisher is wider. It's a sharper look and helps improve the car's performance at the same time.

But most of the fun of owning a Jaguar comes from the driving experience and it starts under the hood.

The S-Type's 4.2-liter V-8 (you can also get a 3.0 V-6 or a 4.2 supercharged V-8) is rated at 295 hp at 6000 rpm and 303 lb.-ft. of torque (the supercharged V-8 gives you 80 more horses), and can go 0-60 in 6.2 seconds. It's mated with a six-speed automatic transmission that lets you control those horses when you need to, but gives you the quick acceleration you want when you want it.

Shifting is smooth and quick.

The S-Type's body shell and suspension are carryovers and give the car its wonderful handling and road feel.



**2005 Jaguar S-Type, Vehicle class: Midsize, Power: Equipped with V-6 or V-8 engine, Where built: United Kingdom, Mileage: 18 city / 28 highway (premium fuel required), Base price: \$51,330**

The front suspension features independent forged aluminum control arms, spring over shock/spring damper assembly and a 32mm anti-roll bar. In the rear, it's a double wishbone design, featuring a coil spring coaxial with damper, spring over shock spring/damper assemble and 18mm anti-roll bar.

For the technologically challenged, let's just say the ride is excellent at cruising speeds while still allowing enough road feel to make things interesting.

Dynamic Stability Control is standard. Cornering control is excellent, thanks to the variable-ratio power steering, and traction control. The brakes are excellent, as the S-Type comes with ABS anti-lock disc brakes featuring the Electronic Stability Braking System.

Inside, the Jaguar S-Type is as cool as you'd expect, and full of the standard features a car of this class should have.

The leather-trimmed power seats are comfortable and afford good driving position, particularly if you opt for the optional 16-way power driver's seat and the 12-way power passenger's seat.

The seats in back are 60/40 fold down seats to provide extra storage space.

Speaking of space, there is plenty to go around - leg, hip shoulder and headroom are all plentiful in the S-Type.

The instrument layout is new for 2005 and features round

chronograph dials and two message centers, allowing the clock, odometer, trip and warning information to be displayed at all times. The interior uses wood veneer, although a wood-free option is available.

The Jaguar S-Type comes with the items you'd expect -- dual automatic climate control, power windows, integrated garage door opener, heated rear window, and moonroof. There are a few option packages available for heated seats, and different interior finishes, but most everything you'll want is probably standard.

That includes the audio system. It's a beauty - an Alpine 320-watt system, with AM/FM/CD player, with a trunk mounted six-disc changer, integrated amplifier, and subwoofer. A DVD-based navigation system is optional, as is an integrated telephone system.

The 2005 Jaguar S-Type starts at about \$51,000. Add the package that gives you heated seats, premium trim and carpet, 17-inch alloy wheels, and a few other odds and ends, and you're looking at about \$55K.

Of course, if you're looking at Jaguar, money probably isn't your biggest issue. If you have the bucks to go Jag, you ought to take a good look at the 2005 S-Type.

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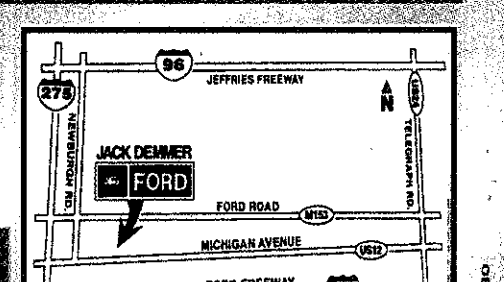
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