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Suspected serial robber brought up on charges

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Suspected serial robber Jonathan David Pentz, a 28-year-old Westland resident, was arraigned in 35th District Court Thursday on three counts of armed robbery, and faces the possibility of spending the rest of his life in prison.

Canton police officials believe Pentz is responsible for three armed robberies in Canton, and a total of nine robberies in five western Wayne County communities. In each of the cases, a handgun was used to obtain cash, games or electric devices. The Canton robberies occurred between June 2 and June 18.

Judge Ron Lowe entered a not guilty plea for Pentz, and ordered him held on \$100,000 cash bond on each of the three counts. His preliminary examination was set for July 15. Pentz was then handed over to Westland authorities so he could be arraigned



Pentz

in that community for two robberies of which he is accused. Armed robbery is a felony punishable by up to life imprisonment.

Also on Thursday, Pentz was ordered jailed without bond by Westland District Court Judge Gail McKnight, who arraigned him on two counts of armed robbery, two counts of felony firearms, and two counts of being a felon with a gun. Pentz also faces similar charges in Wayne, Northville and Van Buren Township.

He had been paroled in August 2002 after serving about two years in prison for a third-degree criminal sexual conduct charge out of Oakland County.

Pentz was arrested Monday, after Wayne police officers found him staying with a friend. During the arrest, Wayne officers allegedly found a chrome-plated automatic handgun they believe was used in all the robberies. The Canton, Westland and Wayne police departments had been working together to find Pentz.

According to Canton Detective Sgt. Rick Pomorski, Pentz is accused of robbing a Citgo gas station at Michigan Avenue and Lotz, a Sunoco gas station at Ford and Haggerty, and the Radio Shack at Ford and Sheldon.

Pomorski said the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office will handle the case once Pentz has his preliminary examinations in each of the communities.

"It's all the same county. The only hard part is getting him through the arraignments and preliminary exams. Once he gets downtown, one prosecutor will get all nine cases," he said.



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Play ball!

Four-year-old Alex Nealy of Canton plays a little infield catch at the FanFest. He came with his mother, Susan, and brother Chase, 5. The John Hancock FanFest at the Cobo Conference Center in Detroit is part of the festivities leading up to Tuesday's Major League All-Star game at Comerica Park.

Canton part of regional effort to curb increased car thefts

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

More than 150 Canton residents reported that their cars were stolen last year. But they weren't the only ones to lose money after the thefts. Everyone who owns and insures a vehicle pays, and auto owners in the Detroit area pay more than anywhere else in the country.

But a regional approach to fighting auto theft may be the key to keeping crime rates low. Canton's rates of auto theft are lower than comparable suburban communities, according to Public Safety Director John Santomauro.

"A lot of agencies are very heavy in special services. We have simply chosen to

participate in a consortium. We're in a western Wayne County consortium which includes auto theft, narcotics and a community response team. We dedicate three officers and essentially get back 30 officers at our disposal when something comes up in Canton," he said.

In 2004, there were 153 auto thefts in Canton. The year before there were 171. In 2002, there were 149 car thefts in the township. This year there were 43 as of May 31.

Regionalizing efforts provides efficiency in fighting crime, according to Santomauro.

"Major crimes tend to be regional. The

PLEASE SEE THEFT, A5

Local students safe after London blasts

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When Plymouth Historical Museum Director Beth Stewart heard about the explosions on the bus and subway systems in London, her thoughts quickly turned



Stewart

to her daughter, Sarah, who is among 53 students from Grand Valley State University studying in Great Britain this summer.

"She's on the tube (subway) at least five times a day," said Stewart.

"They go everywhere on that."

When Stewart first heard the news at 5 a.m.

Wednesday, the early information was that it may have been caused by a power surge. But, soon afterward, it became apparent it was more than that.

"I was a little bit restless," said Stewart, after hearing about the terrorist actions. "But, Sarah called at 6 o'clock and gave us more information. It was a scary thing, that's for sure."

Sarah Stewart had become

very familiar with the subway system, writing in a July 3 e-mail that "The tube system can get you anywhere in like 10 minutes."

Stewart and some of her classmates went to see the bus that was blown up by terrorists.

"The city today was pretty shook up by all the events but I think/hope that the police will have everything under control by tomorrow," she wrote. "We probably know as much as you do about the attacks and just hope that things can be resolved, and will pray for the victims in the meantime."

"We went out for a little bit in the afternoon today and the city was pretty calm. The buses were already running again and the underground will be up by tomorrow," she said. "Thank you for your love and concern."

Sarah Stewart's father, State Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, who also represents a portion of Canton, said receiving Sarah's telephone call was the best news he could have received.

"It was a relief," said Stewart. "You get very possessive about your kids."

PLEASE SEE STUDENTS, A5



CAROL MARSHALL

State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, listens to a speaker on the House floor in Lansing recently. LaJoy, who is in his second term, said he enjoys serving because he can make a difference when it comes to the decisions that affect his hometown.

LaJoy doesn't miss a beat Representative earns reputation as hard worker

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

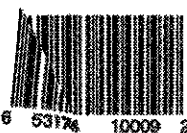
Phil LaJoy didn't get to bask in the sunshine of success too long before the orange light on his black

phone started blinking again. He answered it — it was Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, calling to ask for help getting to the bottom of an asphalt problem on Ford Road near the freeway.

Over the racket of 110 state representatives working and networking and counting votes on the floor of the Michigan State House, LaJoy,

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Art frenzy

A half-million visitors will descend on the Ann Arbor Art Fairs. Check out our guide to taking it all in.



NASCAR car to visit

Canton area residents will have the opportunity to see the No. 38 Great Clips Dodge race car driven by Kasey Kahne and Tyler Walker in the NASCAR Busch Series. The car will be showcased July 12, from 3-6 p.m., at the Great Clips Hair Salon, located at 46018 Michigan Avenue, in the same plaza as The Home Depot.

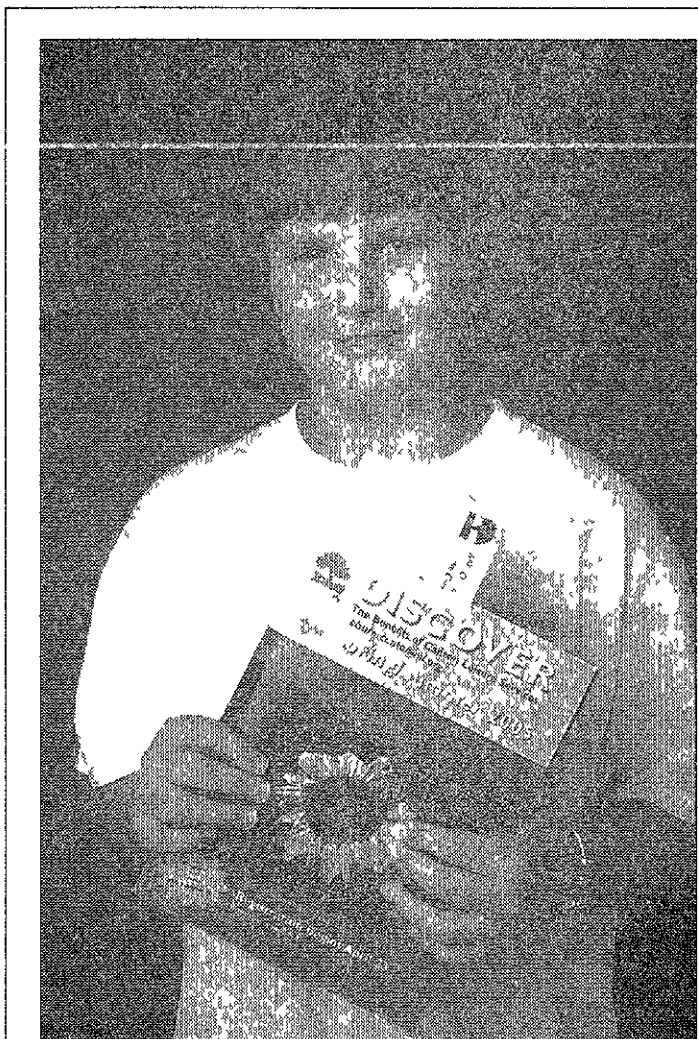
Kahne is entering his fourth season of competition in the NASCAR Busch Series in 2005. Walker will be entering his first year of competition in the NASCAR Busch Series after substituting for Kahne in 2004. Kahne and Walker's Great Clips Dodge stock car has raced at NASCAR tracks across the country, from Daytona to California. The race cars are basically made by hand and cost almost \$100,000 each including the motor.

As part of the promotion, Great Clips will distribute \$2 coupons off haircuts. There will also be Great Clips racing merchandise available for purchase.

Madonna student achievements

Several Canton residents were recognized for outstanding academic achievement during the past term at Madonna University in Livonia. They are as follows:

Sandra Balewski; Christopher Becker; Hayley Bee; Bryan Bennett; Kristina Birch; Stephanie Birch; Paula Brickley; Denis Bridges; Amy Campbell; Cara Ceci; Jennifer Cilia; Sherry Cislis; Elissa Cole; Amanda Dingman; Amanda Ellul; Tammy Vantiem; Allison Firestone; Ryan Gairdner; Julie Garbac; Carrie Garcia; Tina Marie Gelardi; Lauren Green; Kimberly Guilfoyle;



A winning carrier

Canton Observer carrier Derek Harbison, 12, was the winner of a one-year family membership at Summit on the Park, the top prize in the Observer's carrier contest that ran the months of May and June. Derek has been a carrier since January, 2004. His route is located in the area of Ford and Lilley roads. Derek's name was drawn from a group of carriers that had signed up new subscribers.

Laura Guilfoyle, Kimberly Harbin; Daniel Hebel; Janet Hedrick; Karen Henke; Amy Henry; Charles Henry Jr.; Chad Hensley; Rebekah Henze; Todd Horger; Jennifer Jablonski; Kelly Keith; Young-Kyu Kim; Ashleigh Klimek; Christina LaDuke; James Masserant; Sharon Melton;

Tania Moller; Dipal Patel; Lisa Marie Rasmussen; Heather Richardson; Janice Rodrique; Allison Roy; Josette Sanow; Timothy Sherman; Meghan Shinn; Erin Sikes; Courtney Smith; Patrick Sullivan; Heather Tennes; Sarah Tinker; Mark Varney; Carolyn Verla; Alexandru Vlad; Alicia Weldon; and Derek Wright.

In addition, the following students graduated from Madonna at the conclusion of the most recent term:

Cara Ceci; Daniel Fick; Carrie Garcia; Douglas Granowicz; Meghan Shinn; Amanda Suder; Heather Tennes.

Mosque festival

The Canton mosque invites the community to its annual

Summer Festival held on Saturday, July 16th from 1-6 p.m.. Come and enjoy ethnic food, shop for clothing, jewelry, Islamic art work and books. Enjoy games, rides, and more. Henna painting and calligraphy demonstrations will also take place.

The Canton mosque is located at 4044 Palmer Road in Canton. For more information, please contact Shoaab Muqtadir at (248) 797-0572.

Flea market help

The Canton Historical Society is looking for volunteers to help set up for its 6th annual flea market, which will be held Aug. 6. On July 12, 13, 19, and 20, volunteers are needed to sort and price items from 6-8 p.m. at the Bartlett Travis barn, which is located at 525 N. Ridge Road.

The group is also accepting donations at this time for the flea market. They accept anything except clothes.

For more information, contact Kay Hartman-Kuck at (734) 453-9266.

Canton business summit

Canton Township Trustee Todd Caccamo is hosting a summit for local business owners at 7 p.m. on July 25 at Bailey's Pub, located in the Centre Village Mall at the southwest corner of Ford and Canton Center.

Caccamo is looking for input from business owners so he can help government work better for small businesses. Some of the issues he plans to discuss are: Signage ordinances; outdoor displays; property rights; special treatment for big business; and decriminalizing harmless ordinance violations.

Space is limited. To reserve a spot, e-mail Caccamo at tcacamo@aol.com or leave a message at (734) 981-6303.

Freedom Academy

Jonathon A. Guastella of Canton is attending the week-long Michigan Freedom Academy held at Phelps Collins Air National Guard Base near Alpena, which begins today. Jonathon, who is the son of David and Theresa Guastella of Canton, will be entering Detroit Catholic Central High School as a junior this fall.

Michigan Freedom Academy

is an annual gathering of approximately 100 future leaders discussing and learning about freedom. Freedom Academy is sponsored by the Michigan Freedom Foundation, a group of business and military leaders interested in exposing high school-age students to a greater awareness of their obligations and responsibilities inherent to a free and democratic society.

Attendees are high school students entering their junior or senior year this fall. They must have at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average, and be active in student leadership and extracurricular activities. Many attendees are seeking nominations to one of the five military service academies. Delegates will also compete for the Arthur P. Tesner Leadership Award. The winner of this year's award will receive a \$1000 college grant.

School openings

St. Michael Christian School still has openings available for 4-year olds (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) in the afternoon session (12:40-3:10 p.m.) and for 3-year olds (Tuesday and Thursday) in the morning (9:00 - 11:30 a.m.) and afternoon (12:40-3:10 p.m.) sessions. The school also has openings in kindergarten through fifth grade.

Summer office hours are 9 a.m. to noon, Tuesday through Thursday. St. Michael Christian School is located inside of St. Michael Lutheran Church at 7000 Sheldon in Canton. For more information, please call (734) 459-9720.

Library Essay Contest

Has the Canton Public Library made a difference in your life? Write about it and you could win \$100.

The Friends of the Canton Public Library and the Multicultural Initiative Committee are sponsoring a Summer Writing 2005 essay contest, open to all Canton residents entering 3rd through 12th grade. The top two winners in each category will receive a \$100 cash prize and a custom READ poster using their picture.

It's easy to enter. Just pick up an application at the reception desk in the library or submit your essay online at www.cantonpl.org/essay.htm. All submissions must be received by August 12.

There are three different age categories with prizes awarded to the top two essayists in each group. For students entering 3rd - 5th grade, write a one

page essay on the topic "Why I Love the Canton Public Library."

Students entering 6th - 8th grade have a 250 word limit to explain "How the Canton Public Library Has Helped Me in School and in Life."

"How the Canton Public Library Has Helped Me Grow as an Individual" is the theme for students entering 9th - 12th grade, with a 500 word limit.

A judging panel consisting of library staff, Friends of the Canton Public Library board and the Multicultural Initiative Committee will determine the winners in each category. Prizes will be awarded the week of August 20. Entrants must be Canton residents.

The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 South Canton Center Road. For more information, call (734) 397-0999 or ask at the reception desk at the library.

Spotlight auditions

Spotlight Players is holding auditions for *The Sound of Music* on July 18 and July 19 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, which is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton (corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge --- use stage door at rear).

Registration is at 6:30 p.m. Bring a non-returnable photo and resume. For more information, go to www.spotlightplayers.net or call (734) 480-4945.

Jerusalem Marketplace

Come and experience biblical times at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton. Jerusalem Marketplace offers a part of history with shops, Biblical games, becoming a student at the synagogue school, participate in family rituals in one of twelve tribes of Israel and more. This event is for children entering kindergarten through sixth grade. Jerusalem Marketplace runs from Aug. 1-5. Meet at St. Michael Lutheran Church, which is located at 7000 Sheldon Road, each day from 6-8:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$10 per family and \$5 per person. There is a July 15 deadline to sign up. For more information call (734) 459-3333.

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Grub Crawl to roll its way through 17 Canton eateries

BY DEBRA PASCOE
CORRESPONDENT

Dismiss all visions of thick, wormlike larvae. This Grub Crawl has nothing to do with insects or beetles.

In fact, it's all about good food, fun and exploring Canton Township eateries.

The 4th Annual Grub Crawl, co-hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Township, takes participants via bus or passenger van to 17 area restaurants to experience the ambience and sample the specialties of the house.

Scheduled from 6:30 - 10:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 19, tickets for the event are \$30 per person, which includes admission to each participating restaurant, transportation service, and a souvenir Grub Crawl T-Shirt.

Chamber president Dianne Cojei said the event is a response to residents who complained Canton Township doesn't have any good independent restaurants. Knowing better, the chamber got to work four years ago and planned the first Grub Crawl.

"We have a lot of great restaurants and this event lets people know what we have here," she said. "When people came, they had a blast."

Cojei sees the Grub Crawl as a great way to network and affords participants the opportunity to drop their "business face" and have a great time.

"It's the funnest event we have all year," she said, adding several business owners purchase tickets for their staffs and clients.

To keep the event running smoothly, guests are assigned to park their vehicles at one restaurant on the list where they begin their evening. About every 15 minutes, a

bus or passenger van will stop at each location and guests can either catch a ride to another restaurant or stay put.

Cojei said the township is offering its passenger vans and Walton Wood Senior Housing loans its senior buses to event sponsors for the evening. Four additional busses are rented to transport the anticipated 550 participants.

The first year, 10 restaurants participated in the event and Cojei said many more expressed interest, especially after hearing about its success.

This year, the list has grown to include 15 restaurants, Vintner's Cellar Winery and Back Home Bakery.

Cojei said Vintner's will host wine-making classes, and the owners are offering samples of their own wine and hors d'oeuvres prepared by culinary arts students at Schoolcraft College.

Back Home Bakery answered the call from participants asking "where's the dessert?"

Michelle Butler, manager and pastry chef, said the bakery opened just before last year's Grub Crawl and benefited from participants who happened by for dessert. The interest inspired her to encourage the owners to join in this year's event.

"We're not a starting destination, but we're a finale," she said.

Butler is preparing chocolate Bailey's mousse cups, mini Russian tea cakes, mini chocolate cookies and the house specialty - an ABC Cake made with Amaretto, Baileys and Chambord liquors.

John Johnson, manager of the Rusty Nail Lounge, which boasts being the oldest bar in Canton, is one of the Grub Crawl's original partici-

pants. He's looking forward to this year's event.

"We've done very good with the amount of people that come through the door," Johnson said. "There's no way to really tell if business picked up, but I assume that I gained a few more customers."

On the menu this year are mini burgers, corned beef on rye, \$1 drafts and Pink Missiles made from raspberry vodka, cranberry juice, a splash of grapefruit and grenadine for \$2.

Debbie Walker, owner of 4 Friends Restaurant & Bar, added her establishment to the list after hearing about the success of the first event.

"We have had a very good turn-out for the whole night," Walker said "It brought people in from other areas and I'd say we now have some new customers."

This year, 4 Friends Restaurant & Bar is featuring fish bites - the specialty of the house - along with chicken nuggets, beef quesadillas and drink specials.

As for Walker, look for her on the bus. She plans to have some fun while checking out the competition.

The following restaurants are participating in this year's Grub Crawl: Ashoka Indian Cuisine, Bailey's Pub & Grille, La Shish, Palermo's Pizzeria, TGI Friday's, Mexican Fiesta II, Shark Club, Crow's Nest Bar & Grill, Max & Erma's, Vintner's Cellar Winery, Applebee's Neighborhood Bar & Grill, Central City Diner and Back Home Bakery.

Tickets are available at the Canton Chamber of Commerce, 45525 Hanford in Canton, about a mile north of Ford Road and one block west of Canton Center Road. Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted. Credit card phone orders are being taken at (734) 453-4040.

Landmark family restaurant looking to open in Canton

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

First, Antonio and Enrica Rugiero opened Roman Village Cucina Italiana in Dearborn back in 1964. While that restaurant became a sort of institution for southeast Michigan, they opened over the years two more restaurants - Antonio's in Dearborn Heights in 1992 and Antonio's in Farmington Hills in 2000.

If all goes according to plan, there will be an Antonio's in Canton later this year.

"It's a landmark," the Rugiero family's attorney, Steve George, said of Roman Village. But more than that, the restaurateurs have thought of the communities where they do business as family, and are eager to also become part of Canton's family, he said.

The Rugiero family sought approval recently from the Canton Township Board of Trustees for a liquor license for the new restaurant which, if all goes as planned, will be located on Canton Center Road, south of Ford, where the Fazoli's restaurant is now located. The township board

approved the request unanimously, and the Rugieros will now need to take their application to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for approval.

"That really was the first step before we can move forward," George said. He added that his clients have the option to buy the Fazoli's building, and should soon know, after some negotiations with Meijer, if they will exercise that option.

If they do, they hope to open by the holidays this year, but George cautiously added that there are many factors that affect building deadlines, so there is no clear date for the restaurant's opening.

If they proceed, they will nearly double the size of the existing building, increasing its capacity to 8,500 square feet, with 210 seats and a full bar.

"It's a \$2.5 million investment," George said of the expansion.

But it's one the family is eager to make.

"We started looking at Canton a couple of years ago," said Anthony Rugiero, the second-oldest son of Antonio and Enrica. "We liked the growth in

Canton, and we like the ideas of how (township officials) like to see the township run. They have high standards in Canton."

Geographically, Canton also is not far from Dearborn or Farmington Hills, and in a tight-knit family like the Rugiero family (every one of the sons is involved in the family business), being near each other is a top priority.

"A lot of people have written to us over the years," said Rugiero, who started working in the family business by folding pizza boxes when he was just 7 years old. "They wanted us to come open a restaurant in their cities. But we just can't open a restaurant all the way out in Howell or something. It's too far. We feel like we need to be there for the business to be successful, and we just couldn't be there if we had to drive that far all the time."

He reported that his parents still work full work weeks in the restaurants, and often his mother works more hours than anyone in the family.

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Mishap causes gasoline spill at Canton Mobil station

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

A tanker truck delivering gasoline to a local Mobil station spilled roughly 200 gallons of gas Friday morning. Canton Township public works employees worked with an environmental cleanup contractor to prevent the gas from traveling through a storm drain into nearby Tonquish Creek.

According to Canton officials, the spill occurred just before 7:30 a.m. at the Mobil station, located at Haggerty and Joy roads. The spill was caused when a fitting that connected a hose from the tanker truck to the station's underground storage tank came undone.

The Canton Fire Department was the first to arrive on scene, and immediately notified the Michigan Department of Environment (MDEQ), Wayne County HAZMAT, and the Canton Public Works Division.

"The tanker's line became disconnected, and the parking lot grade went right to a storm drain," said Canton Fire Department Capt. Ken Arble. "We've been told by the driver that possibly 200 gallons of gasoline spilled. But to our knowledge that's just a rough estimate."

Fire department officials on the scene didn't feel there was

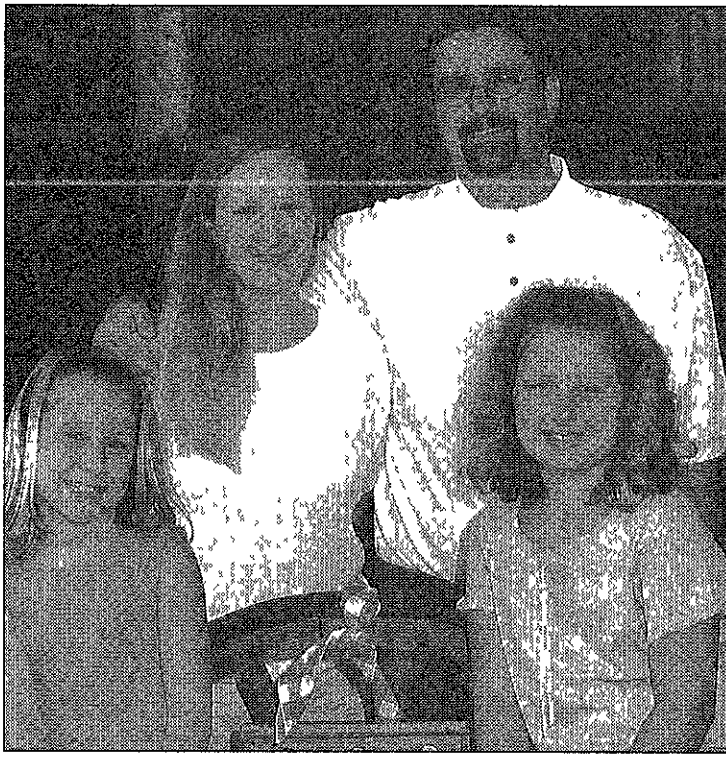
any immediate danger to the surrounding areas, so no roads were shut down. The station was fully operational by 11:30 a.m.

According to Mike Karll, assistant supervisor of the public works division, township workers helped employees of Oscar W. Larson Co., a petroleum and fluid handling equipment contractor based in Clarkston, locate manholes along the storm drain, which helped them prevent the gasoline from making it to Tonquish Creek.

"Once they located the manholes, they were able to put a boom down in the drain. The boom is a fabric that absorbs oil and other substances off the water," Karll said. "They also cleaned out a couple of catch basins."

Karll said the cleanup crew used a "vac truck" to suck the gas out of the storm drain. He said the boom was left in the drain, and will be monitored for a while, especially after rains, which might sweep whatever remains in the drain into the creek.

MDEQ officials familiar with the case could not be reached for comment. According to Karll, the MDEQ has jurisdiction over the case, so it was not known if any kind of charges would be brought up against the tanker driver.



Danielle Bolton, a Canton resident who died last summer in an automobile accident, poses in a photo with her daughters, Kortney (left) and Kayla, and husband, Chris. Bolton's sister is holding a fund-raiser for the girls.

Bowling fund-raiser to help daughters of accident victim

Family members of a Canton woman who was killed last summer in an automobile accident are holding a fund-raiser Saturday for the woman's two young daughters.

Danielle Bolton was killed Aug. 7 in a two-car accident on Lotz and Cherry Hill roads, when the vehicle in which she was a passenger was struck by another car driven by a 16-year-old Garden City resident. Her sister, Marlene Pawczuk of Milan, said the family is holding a benefit on July 16 at Taylor Lanes, which is located at 24800 Eureka Road in Taylor. The date would have been the eve of Bolton's 32nd birthday.

All proceeds from the event will go to the Memorial Fund for the Children of Danielle Bolton, which was created in the aftermath of Bolton's death to help her daughters, Kortney, 10, and Kala, 12, who now live in New Boston with their father.

Pawczuk has no idea how many people may show up or how much money she will raise, but she said she just had to do something to help the girls, who she says have had a difficult time adjusting since their mother's death.

"I really want to make sure they have the opportunity for a college education," Pawczuk said.

Tickets for the fund-raiser are \$20 for adults and \$12 for children ages 4 to 12 (children 3 and under get in free). The ticket is good for three games of bowling, shoe rental, and a buffet lunch. There will be a number of door prizes for both adults and children. Bumper bowling will also be available for the kids.

Registration begins at noon, and bowling begins at 1 p.m. Reservations can be made at <http://www.taylorlanesbowling.com/bolton-benefit.html>.

Pawczuk said the family is still looking for prize donations, and would appreciate any help.

To donate or for more information, contact Pawczuk at (734) 439-0567, or e-mail her at mpawcz@earthlink.net.

WORKER

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who represents Canton, Belleville and Van Buren Township, assured Yack that he had already left a message for the director of the Michigan Department of Transportation and he would have answers about the problem soon.

"I love this job," said LaJoy, who is now serving his second term in the house. Even as he talked on the phone, colleagues stopped by his desk to congratulate him on the passage of House Bill 4148, which was up for vote late last month.

The bill is a human relations and civil service bill, which would consolidate the human relations functions of 18 state departments.

"While we may need individual departments, we do not need 18 HR departments," LaJoy said into the microphone, barely audible over the cacophony of the house floor. "They operate independently of one another," and ultimately cost taxpayers millions of dollars because of their redundancy, he said.

A Democrat opponent of the bill said he would not vote in favor because it was a bill that was virtually identical to the one that had been vetoed.

It passed — 57 votes in favor, 52 no votes — and LaJoy smiled.

The bill was vetoed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm last year, but that doesn't deter LaJoy.

"I'm not giving up on this. It's something I believe in," he said.

Though LaJoy's job is hard to describe, it's easy for him to explain why he does it.

"Serving here, I get the opportunity to make a difference on a bigger scale than I did in Canton," said the longtime member of the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

Much of LaJoy's day is fueled by caffeine, and kept lubricated with diplomacy. He's in the office every day at about 7:30 a.m., going over reports and analyses of bills that he'll have to vote on later in the day. On this par-

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Phil LaJoy

ticular day, he rushed off to a meeting of the Department of Natural Resources: Great Lakes, Land Use and Environment Committee at 9 a.m., which really means about 9:20 a.m.

On other days, he chairs the Transportation Committee, and serves on the Employment Relations, Training and Safety and Energy and Technology committees.

That day, the committee discussed a package of bills on non-native species of fish.

Then came the introduction of House Bill 4803, which would require public schools in Michigan to start after Labor Day.

"I already talked to Superintendent Jim Ryan about this, and he said he doesn't really mind one way or the other, but he likes the school calendar the way it is. But if it can help the economy, he said I should support that," LaJoy said.

The committee passed it on for discussion on the House floor in a 17-2 vote.

"Whether you agree with the idea or not, it really is the right thing to do to let it go on for decision in the House," LaJoy said. "So I voted in favor of doing that."

LaJoy has earned a reputation as a hard-working representative. He's missed just one day on the job, never misses a committee meeting, and never misses a vote. And the one day he missed, he was in Washington D.C. to attend hearings.

"To be honest with you, I wouldn't want to miss a thing," LaJoy said.

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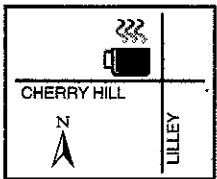
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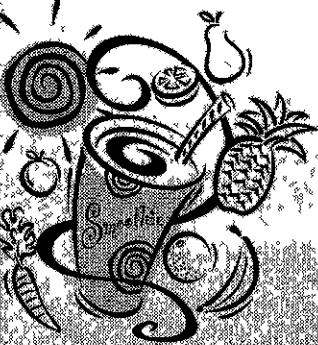


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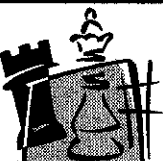
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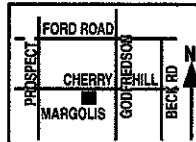
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Washburn, symphony honored for programming choices

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Music Director and Conductor Nan Washburn, is a recipient of the third-place award for Programming of Contemporary Music, offered by the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP) and the American Symphony Orchestra League.

The award was presented recently at the American Symphony Orchestra League's 60th National Conference in Washington, D.C. It's the second time the PSO has been honored, and Washburn's 16th such award.



Toews

"I think one of the things we're really trying to do is not just do some contemporary music to 'do our duty,'" Washburn said. "It's really so much a part of the mission and incorporated into everything we do. We commissioned a new piece, so we're showing our fourth-graders it's OK to be an American composer. Bringing the composers in whenever we have a chance is a big plus for us. We're doing it with our regular programming and building our audience by incorporating new and different."

The Awards for Adventurous Programming, initiated by ASCAP in 1959, recognize American orchestras whose programs demonstrate a strong commitment to the works of contemporary composers. Since the establishment of the awards, ASCAP has presented more than \$500,000 to orchestras of all sizes.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra Conductor Nan Washburn, shown here giving a few pointers to Kim Ervin of Plymouth how to conduct at the symphony's strings camp at The Summit in Canton, and the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra picked up a third-place award for adventurous programming.

"The creation and performance of new works for orchestra is vital to the health of our art form, and we are proud to partner with ASCAP in recognizing at our National Conference orchestras that program the music of our time," said Henry Fogel, president and CEO of the American Symphony Orchestra League. "I commend all of the winning orchestras on their achievements and thank ASCAP for its unwavering support of new music."

The League, a national service organization, is dedicated to symphony orchestras and their music in America.

For more information on the PSO's 60th anniversary "Diamond Jubilee" season, or to purchase tickets, contact the symphony office by phone at (734) 451-2112, by fax at (734) 451-3458, by e-mail at info@plymouthsymphony.org or in person at 470 Forest

Avenue, Suite 18, in downtown Plymouth.

The Plymouth Symphony Society also announced the appointment of Ariel Toews as the conductor of the Celebration Youth Orchestra and assistant conductor of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and Orchestra Canton.

Toews received her master's of music degree from the University of Michigan with a dual emphasis in band and choral conducting and earned her bachelor's of music degree in flute performance from the University of Denver.

She was chosen, in part, using feedback from youngsters who got a chance to interact with both finalists.

"We did a national search, and we're very pleased," Washburn said. "When (Toews) auditioned, the kids actually got to rate the candidates and give feedback. It was very interesting, because

they had a good time with both candidates, and I think they're really thrilled. And she's very excited about coming on board."

During her tenure at Michigan she was guest conductor of the Orpheus Singers, University Choir, Concert and Campus Bands, as well as the famed University of Michigan Symphony Band. She also served on the graduate staff of the Michigan Marching Band and was the director of the University's Residential College Singers.

As a member of the University of Michigan Chamber Choir, Toews has performed Handel's Messiah with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and premiered Susan Botti's Cosmosis, a piece for symphony band, soprano soloist, and women's choir, in Carnegie Hall. She was the winner of the 2002 Denver Young Artists Orchestra Conducting Competition and conducted the ensemble in their final Gala concert of that year.

Other guest conducting appearances include the University of Denver's Lamont Women's Chorus and the Lamont Wind Ensemble. From 1998-1999 she was the assistant conductor of the Colorado Youth Symphony Orchestra. Currently, she is the director of Choirs at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Ypsilanti and the interim band and orchestra director at Churchill High School in Livonia.

Toews begins her appointment in September. Auditions for the Celebration Youth Orchestra will begin Saturday, Sept. 10. In fall 2005 the CYO will have two ensembles, the Celebration Sinfonia for string, wind, brass, and percussion students and the Celebration Strings.

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efficiency we realize is we're approaching crime on a larger scope," he said. "Cost-effectively, you receive as great or greater a service with the expenditure of fewer services."

That efficiency enables the Canton Police Department to keep more officers on the streets. About 85 percent of the department's officers patrol the streets, which is higher than any comparable community in southeast Michigan, according to Santomaro.

County efforts also help to fight auto theft, according to Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans.

Last month, officers and investigators from the sheriff's department and 30 local police agencies throughout the metro region conducted a sweep of known car thieves in Wayne County. During the sweep, some 200 officers rounded up dozens of convicted car thieves. Even more important than the arrests made during the sweep was the amount of intelligence gathered during the debriefings that followed the raids of residences and chop shops, he added.

The sweep was part of a comprehensive new effort to disrupt the local auto theft industry, which caused a recent spike in reported stolen cars in the area. According to the Auto Theft Prevention Authority of Michigan, car thefts in 2004 were up 31 percent in Macomb County, 23 percent in Oakland and 10 percent in Wayne.

Officers made 150 arrests and recovered 33 stolen vehicles, and

Auto thefts reported in 2003:

- Canton 155 (ranked 44 statewide)
- Livonia 271 (ranked 26)
- Westland 531 (ranked 9)
- Redford 453 (ranked 12)

Source: Wayne County Sheriff

executed four search warrants.

"Detroit is 10th in the country for auto theft rates," Evans said. "My rationale has always been that we tend to feel good about ourselves if we don't have increases, as if that's acceptable. They're high, and that's unacceptable."

The high number of auto thefts in the metro area means not only high costs associated with trying to recover the cars and fight auto theft, but it makes a difference every month on residents' car insurance bills.

"Detroit ranks No. 1 in the cost of auto insurance," Evans said. "Obviously, auto theft is not the only factor because collisions also impact the rates. But the only thing that will make a difference is a sustained effort to reduce auto theft."

According to the FBI, the average loss per stolen vehicle in 2003 was \$7,100. Detroit area car owners pay an average of \$5,162 per year for auto insurance, compared to \$4,142 in Philadelphia, \$3,482 in Newark, N.J., \$3,225 in Los Angeles and \$3,127 in New York.

"Until we get auto thefts down by 40 percent, I won't be comfortable. Yes, that's a lot, but it's doable I believe," Evans said.

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sive. I don't want to lose my baby.

"You want your kids to enjoy some of the best years of their lives," he said. "Go to college, spend a summer abroad, enjoy and become acquainted with all the cultures. You don't want them to be wiped out in some subway, that's the most horrible thought in the world."

Mark Schaub, the executive director of the Barbara H. Padnos International Center at Grand Valley State University, said all 53 students were accounted for by 8:45 a.m. Wednesday morning, and parents were notified shortly afterward.

"We're telling parents right

now that everyone is safe, and we're looking at developments in case there needs to be a change in plans," said Schaub. "The faculty advisers have made multiple trips abroad and are very responsible."

"We're prepared to cancel the program if need be," he said. "We've done it before for safety and security concerns."

Sarah Stewart, who left for London on June 29, is due back home July 25.

"Your first instinct is to protect them and have them come right home," admitted Beth Stewart. "But, it might not be the best time to hop on a plane. It might be safer to stay where they are."

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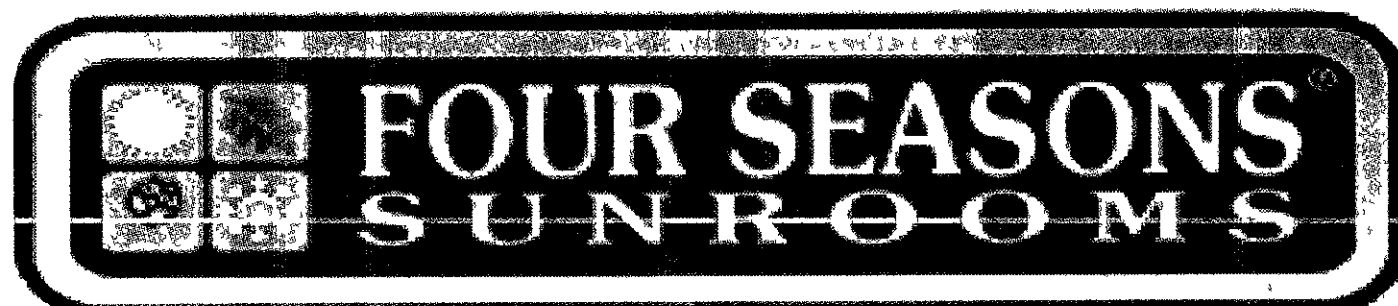
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Children 12 and under are invited to participate in one of the county's most popular events. The county mixes more than 200 tons of topsoil and over 20,000 gallons of water to ensure that the mud is just right. Children will be separated into categories based on age, to participate in "mud limbo" and wheelbarrow races. At the conclusion of the event, Mr. and Miss Mud

will be crowned.

To ensure that parents and children are prepared for the dirt, the county suggests that children wear old clothes and old shoes. Children also need to bring a clean change of clothes. An on-site clean-up area will be provided. Parents are also advised to bring a supply of towels, as there are no showers on site. Plastic bags will be supplied to carry dirty clothes home.

To register groups of more than 15 children, call Kim at (313) 261-9087.

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Holocaust survivor tells his triumphant story

BY STACY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

Weighing no more than 75 pounds, Sam Offen, a Jewish young man from Poland, knew he wouldn't survive the horrors of the concentration camps for many more days.

Skin and bones, hungry, weak and brutally treated, Offen somehow endured the atrocities at the Gusen and Mauthausen death camps in Austria, which was then part of Germany.

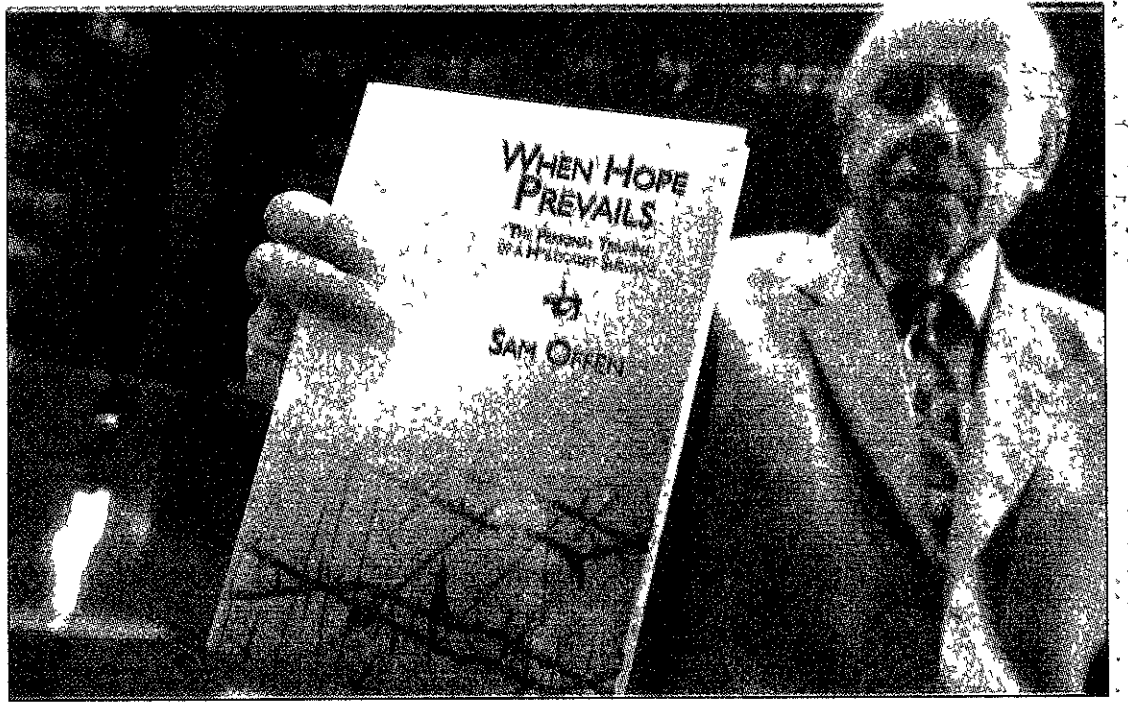
The camp was one of several at which he and his brothers, Nathan and Bernard, were held captive during the Nazi invasion. They were forced to work day and night, hauling large boulders up the steep hills in the "killing quarry" at the Gusen camp. Their nutrition was a meager serving of warm, black liquid in the morning, a bowl of soup in the afternoon and a slice of bread in the evening.

"It was just so brutal," recalls the West Bloomfield resident, who is now 83 years old. "I was just a living skeleton. They did not waste bullets to kill (the prisoners), they just pushed us down to the quarry floor."

Offen was one of six or seven original "prisoners" to survive at Mauthausen.

On May 5, 1945, American Army troops found the camp, not knowing it was a Nazi concentration camp.

Beyond the barbed wire



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Holocaust survivor Sam Offen of West Bloomfield sits near the eternal flame at the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills with a copy of his book, 'When Hope Prevails - The Personal Triumph of a Holocaust Survivor.'

"They liberated us," Offen said. "They were so wonderful to us; so unbelievably wonderful."

Two or three days later, the war officially ended. But not without deep pain and suffering that changed the world.

For Offen, the Holocaust began when he was 18 years old. He was born in a suburb of Krakow, Poland, and was the oldest of four children. On Sept. 6, 1939, the Nazis invaded Krakow and required all citizens to "register." This was done so the Nazis could identify all of the Jews.

"From that day on, life changed completely," Offen said. "Everything stopped suddenly. We never expected the Holocaust to happen."

He first witnessed the cold-blooded murders when Nazi soldiers rounded up the Orthodox Jews in his town and attempted to cut their side locks of hair. One young man was scared and tried to run, but was shot dead by a soldier, Offen said.

"That was my first encounter with the killing and executions," he said.

While held captive, Offen was shipped around from camp to camp, working in salt mines, stone quarries and steel mills. His experience in Jewish "ghettos" — where thousands of Jews were ordered to live in confinement and under curfew in crowded conditions — and

in the concentration camps lasted five years.

Now he has the memories, the occasional nightmare and a tattoo of the letters "K L," which stood for "concentration camp" in German, on his wrist to remind him of the tragedy.

His parents, Jacob Offen and Rochme Gitel Offen, and his sister Miriam Offen, who was just 16 years old, were killed in gas chambers. He lost more than 50 other relatives during the Holocaust. He said it's unusual to be one of three siblings, however, to survive from the same family. His brothers now live in New York and California.

He's not sure how he survived, but it surely had to do with his spirit, his faith and a little luck of "being in the right place at the right time."

"I always was, and still am, a perpetual optimist," Offen said softly, with a faraway look in his eyes. "I always hoped I would survive."

It was that hope that led him to a better life.

Because he and his brothers were liberated by the American Army, they had the desire to rebuild their lives in the United States. Offen came to the U.S. after living in London for five years, awaiting passage to come to America. He arrived on a ship on a Saturday in 1951. Passengers disembarked the

following Monday in the shadow of the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor.

"We just sensed that freedom of America when we saw the Statue of Liberty," he said, smiling.

He moved directly to Michigan, where distant relatives lived. He met his wife Hyla — of 53 years now — and started working as a furrier. He continues to own his own fur business, Furs by Ceresnie & Offen, in downtown Birmingham.

"I've realized the American dream," he said.

Wanting to thank the U.S. soldiers who freed him back in 1945, Offen researched records and, amazingly, found an American GI named Donald Montgomery, who was one of the soldiers who set the prisoners at Mauthausen free. Even more incredible, Montgomery was found living in nearby Auburn Hills. The two reunited in October 1993 and remain friends.

Persuasion from friends and family led Offen to write a book about his life and his journey toward freedom. The 2-year project is a book titled *When Hope Prevails - The Personal Triumph of a Holocaust Survivor*.

He speaks to groups and educates students about the Holocaust and will offer a book signing and presentation at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, at the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills.

Offen sums up his life in a simple phrase, which has become sort of his own slogan.

"I was born free, I lived in hell and now I live in paradise," he said, with a smile.

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'WHEN HOPE PREVAILS'

Sam Offen chronicled his experiences in a book titled, *When Hope Prevails - The Personal Triumph of a Holocaust Survivor*, which was published by First Page Publications in Livonia on May 5, 2005, exactly 60 years after his liberation from the Mauthausen concentration camp. Offen will sign copies of his book and present a talk on his experiences at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, at the Holocaust Memorial Center, 28123 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. A reception will follow Offen's presentation. Copies of the book will be on sale (\$12.95 soft cover or \$18.95 hard cover). All proceeds from the sale of the books will be donated to the Holocaust Memorial Center.

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DARTA decision shouldn't end efforts for better mass transit

Empty buses. In a radio interview shortly after a Michigan Court of Appeals decision disbanded the Detroit Area Regional Transportation Authority, state Rep. Leon Drolet (R-Clinton Township) was jubilant, saying that it was time to stop wasting taxpayers' money on mass transit systems that nobody wants, spending money on "empty buses" that could be spent on more roads!

In Livonia, voters this fall will vote on a tax issue that will decide whether the city remains in the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation. And yet, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson says it wasn't lack of political will or support for mass transit that killed DARTA.

He's right there. A suit was brought by the union representing employees of the Detroit Department of Transportation, fearful that anything resembling a merger of DDOT and SMART would lead to job reductions. The court's decision was that the parties that formed DARTA — Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, Patterson and Macomb County Board of Commissioners Chair Nancy White, with the support of Gov. Jennifer Granholm — had no legal authority to do so without the support of the three county boards.

It wasn't a decision against mass transit, but in favor of open government and proper legal procedures. Patterson says an honest effort was made to create DARTA, which would have provided badly needed coordination between the suburban and city systems and a conduit for state and federal transportation dollars.

Patterson, Ficano and Granholm are all pushing the state Legislature to act.

Still, those who look at mass transit and see only empty buses are feeling gleeful that the end of DARTA will further weaken the region's already anemic mass transit system. Drolet and others argue that people would rather jam along on the freeways in their private cars than ride in a train or on a bus.

The only people who need buses are the old, the disabled and the working poor. Do they vote? It's highly unlikely that they contribute to political campaigns.

The horrific events Thursday in London and last year in Madrid might add to concerns about both the safety and the viability of mass transit in Detroit or any large metropolitan area. But incidents like those, no matter how terrible, are fortunately rare.

In London, Paris, New York, Boston, Washington, San Francisco, Toronto and other cities, the buses and trains are not empty. They are

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full of daily commuters, tourists, students, shoppers and, yes, the old, the disabled and the working poor (who are only able to work because a bus gets them to their jobs). Mass transit is truly the arterial system for the most vibrant cities, essential to healthy downtowns and to broader economic and social opportunities.

It will take a lot of vision to turn things around in metro Detroit.

As Granholm said following the court decision, "A viable, effective public transit system is essential to both the near and long-term social and economic well-being of southeast Michigan."

We know the story too well. We are a racially and economically divided community. Despite honorable attempts to infuse life back into downtown Detroit, it remains a pale image of a big city. There is no central place around which to build a mass transit system. Commuters move in too many different directions. Shopping has been sectionalized into big box stores, strip malls and increasingly dreary traditional closed malls.

We have suburban communities that gloat about their master plans that call for large lots and less density, which only exacerbates the sprawl problem, pushing people farther from the central city, eating up more land, requiring more freeways. They mistake big private yards for open space. Instead, the plans should promote greater density, but more public park land, farm preservation and mass transit.

We are a metro area of 4 million people in search of a city. We are BIG CITY people who have lost a large measure of what urban life at its best is meant to be.

This is a regional problem, a state problem as serious and as essential to our future as the budget crunch and school financing. Now is the time for Brooks Patterson, Bob Ficano, Jennifer Granholm and Kwame Kilpatrick to redouble their efforts to work together and force the Legislature to act.

Now is the time for visionaries to see beyond the empty buses, the deserted city streets, the racial discord and imagine a future city for tomorrow.

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Convention draws Rotarians together for greater good

Getting around Chicago was a bit of a challenge during the June 18-22 Rotary International convention, but it was worth the effort.

A highlight of the event, which celebrated the centennial of Rotary's founding in Chicago by lawyer Paul Harris in 1905, was a Ted Turner speech. The media mogul talked about going to club meetings in Cincinnati as a boy.

"My dad was a Rotarian for many years and he loved Rotary," Turner told an audience of thousands. "I know the Four-Way Test by heart," he added of Rotary's test of things we think, do or say.

Turner described his support of Rotary's ongoing polio eradication efforts, and the larger need to treat people with dignity and respect. His work as a philanthropist has convinced him that giving those who are angry a chance to be heard helps to defuse their anger.

He also touched on the Cold War era and fears of a growing nuclear arsenal, praising the United Nations for its help during the Cold War. The environment is also a concern of Turner's.

He urged Rotarians to consider their next goal, now that polio eradication is near, citing poverty and lack of access to education and quality health care as concerns. One in four adults isn't literate, he noted, and government spending in such areas as education is a drop in the bucket compared to military spending — or the deficit.

Turner wasn't the only speaker during the five-day convention, with outgoing RI President Glenn Estess also taking the podium. He described the convention as "the biggest family reunion in the world" and urged those present to "work together to make Rotary's future even brighter than its past."

Estess outlined a number of projects, such as a small clinic in India which has grown into a modern hospital. He noted how Rotarians worldwide responded immediately following the devastating Dec. 26 tsunami.

This was my first RI convention and I'm glad my husband and I took the time to attend. The workshops and plenary sessions were rewarding, but even more so was the opportunity to meet people from all around the world.

Whether it was chatting with a gentleman from Pakistan on the "el" about an eye care project under way there, or visiting with a couple from Australia during a dinner at the Field Museum, it was wonderful to have such an international flair.

I admired the women from African nations and from India in their colorful clothing, and

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wondered how they managed to pack such attire. I marveled at the visitors who traveled such a distance to meet fellow Rotarians.

Social activities made the convention fun, too, including a trek out to Rockford, Ill., to the home of Dick and Grace Leighton. We were joined by Ed and Alice Hegel of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and the evening together passed all too quickly.

A number of the Saskatoon Rotarians and family members had made the journey to be in Chicago, as had people from all corners of the world. We even ran into Bill Cameron, from the Livonia club and his wife, Olga, despite the vastness of McCormick Place and the thousands registered for the convention.

It was inspiring to see the flags of Rotary nations, pretty much all the world, presented during the opening session. Greetings from Chicago Mayor Richard Daley and world political leaders added to the day.

I learned that women now make up 12 percent of Rotary's members worldwide, some 140,000 out of 1.2 million. That's a definite improvement considering the organization was all-male not too many years ago.

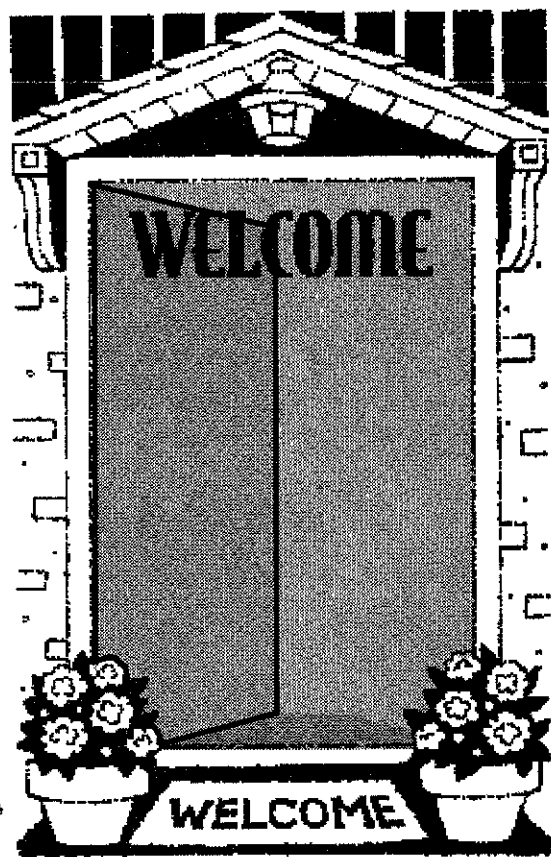
The Tuesday of the convention found us at the Chicago Athletic Association, home to the original Rotary club, which meets there for lunch each Tuesday. Speaker Cliff Dochterman, who served as RI president in 1992-93, gave a moving address, both funny and thoughtful. Members of that club went all out to make us feel welcome.

Next year's international convention is in Denmark and Sweden, so it's unlikely we'll make that trip. Even so, I'm glad I went this year and will keep the memories and all I've learned from newfound friends close to my heart.

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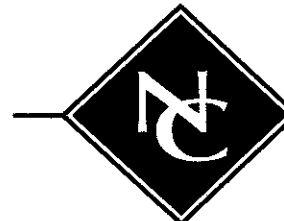
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DARTA could be back on track, with help

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

The agreement creating the Detroit Area Regional Transit Authority may have been struck down by the Michigan Court of Appeals, but regional authorities are optimistic the plan could be back up and running with the right help from Lansing.

The court struck down the agreement creating DARTA earlier this week, saying it cannot be enforced because of a lawsuit filed by maintenance unions at the Detroit Department of Transportation.

While DARTA is dead for the time being, operations at DDOT and the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation will go on as they have with no changes in operation or service.

Whatever went on in the courts, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson wanted it made clear that no one could say the bus plan died from lack of interest. Aside from Patterson, Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and Macomb County



Patterson



Ficano

Board of Governors Chairwoman Nancy White put together the arrangement after a similar effort was killed by former Gov. John Engler.

"The suburbs are not against regional transportation," Patterson said. "That case went to court because a union sued DARTA. I will not accept any blame for the system not coming together."

Neither can the blame go anywhere else around the region. He said politicians in all three Metro Detroit counties and the mayor worked together to put a regional transportation system into place for all the right reasons. That said, the effort is not over.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said the plan is vital to the region's economic health.

"Every major urban area has a mass transit plan," he

said. "This can be done legislatively. We're asking that the legislature remedy the technicalities and allow the plan to proceed. It could happen this session."

Ficano said DARTA was weeks away from hiring an executive director and federal money has already been secured to get the system off the ground.

"We have to show the rest of the country we're serious about this," he said.

"Everyone is on the same page here, rarely do you get the regional leadership together like this."

Gov. Jennifer Granholm called on state lawmakers to put partisan and geographical differences aside to pass legislation to enable local leaders to establish a regional transportation system in southeast Michigan.

"A viable, effective public transit system is essential to both the near and long term social and economic well-being of southeast Michigan," Granholm said. "The overall economic vitality of the region is at stake. We are an interconnected community, and we must be able to connect to one another with ease."

Patterson said the decision was "a blow."

"It is not the end," he said. "We're going to get together and reintroduce something."

He said there would be meetings between the original players before going to Lansing to drum up legislative support. While there is still interest in a public transportation authority, that does not mean results are coming soon.

Patterson said it would take at least six months even if things moved ahead as fast as they possibly could. What he doesn't want is an arrangement that doesn't work for the county.

"I fear (the next proposal) will be watered down when it goes back to the legislature, something with wage concessions for the unions," Patterson said. "Why would we want an interdependent system if there isn't some savings? We're not going to subsidize DDOT for \$85 million."

The irony, he said, would be plain for everyone to see if the introduction of union-friendly language were to cause Oakland County to pull out of an agreement it forwarded to Lansing.

London transit attacks draw condemnation

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus G. McCotter, R-Livonia, who is a member of the International Relations subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats, Thursday issued a statement condemning the terrorist attacks in London:

"Our hearts and prayers are

with the people of England, and the most important thing we, as Americans, can do is to stand ready to assist them in any capacity they request. Like the fuhrer before him, Bin Laden is terrorizing and testing the indomitable spirit of the

British people, and like his pernicious precursor before him, this tyrant too will fail and fall into an ignoble grave. On our own part we need to steel our resolve to win the war on terror. We must always remember the conundrum of these tragic

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Local physician addresses World Sports Congress

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth physician David H. Janda's sports injury prevention crusade has gone global.

Janda, an orthopedic surgeon and director of the Institute for Preventative Sports Medicine, served as one of the keynote speakers at last month's inaugural World Congress of Sports, which was held in Oslo, Norway. Janda was one of five presenters who enlightened the more than 500 attendees from 36 countries



Dr. David Janda

on the power of prevention in sports.

Among the topics Janda addressed was how sports injuries lead to obesity, which in turn increases the cost of

health care around the world.

"In many cases, when people hobble off the athletic fields with injuries, they hobble over to their couch or their computers,

and their activity level is never the same again," said Janda.

"One study showed that people who suffer back pain gain an average of 30 pounds over the course of the following year because they're not as active as they were before they were injured. The bottom line is: Reducing injuries can reduce obesity."

Janda, who has appeared on *Oprah*, *Good Morning America* and *HBO's Real Sports*, also educated the audience on steps that can be taken to prevent serious

baseball and softball injuries.

"Seventy-one percent of baseball and softball injuries are sliding-related," Janda said, referring to a study conducted by the IPSM. "Ninety-six percent of the sliding injuries that occur can be prevented if communities would use break-away bases on their fields instead of the stationary bases."

Despite the daunting statistics regarding stationary bases, Janda said a recent survey revealed that only 15 percent of fields are equipped with break-

away bases.

"Even though the break-away bases are safer, unfortunately there are a number of reasons why people don't think they're such a good idea," Janda said. "One of the reasons is tradition. People grew up playing with stationary bases, so they don't want to change. A lot of people also think it makes the games last too long when break-away bases are used. However, studies show it takes 15 seconds to replace the

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Sidelines

Charity scramble

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team in Training golf scramble will be held Saturday, Aug. 6, at Hickory Creek Golf Course, which is located on 3625 Napier Rd. in Superior Township.

Proceeds from the event, which will begin with an 8 a.m. shotgun start, will go toward the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's mission to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and to improve the quality of life of the patients and their families.

For the \$100 entry fee, golfers will receive 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch at the turn, dinner following the round, awards and opportunities to win prizes in a silent auction and raffle.

Companies that would like to sponsor a hole for \$100 will receive a sign at one of the holes that includes their logo and company name.

For additional information, contact Janell S. Feller at (734) 748-3893.

The entry deadline is Wednesday, July 20.

HVS day leagues

Canton's High Velocity Sports will be offering daytime sports leagues for third- and afternoon-shift workers beginning Sept. 6. Among the sports available will be flag football, hockey (roller and floor) and dodge ball. The team fee is \$500 for an eight-game schedule.

Individuals without a team will be placed on house teams. The fee for individuals is \$65.

The leagues will run from Sept. 6-Oct. 31. Teams may make scheduling requests, including days of the week and times, but requests are not guaranteed. The deadline for registration is Aug. 31.

"We've been toying with the idea of daytime leagues for some time now," said Bryan "Goose" Finnerty, leading owner of HVS. "It just makes sense since the building isn't being used to capacity during the day and so many people work third and afternoon shifts. We are excited to see the leagues take off."

To register a team or for more information, call (734) HV-SPORT or visit www.hvsports.com.

Hockey schools

Compware Sports Arena and the Plymouth Whalers will be offering a series of hockey schools this summer.

Among the offerings will be a power-skating school July 18-22; a checking school July 18-22; a mite school July 25-29; an all-day hockey school Aug. 1-5 and a beginner hockey skills/mini-mite school Aug. 8-15.

Each session is limited to 32 players and the instructor-to-player ratio for each one is 8:1.

Instructors include Whalers Assistant General Manager and Associate Coach Todd Watson, along with various players and staff.

For more information, call (734) 453-6400 or visit www.compware-hockey.com.



Josh Robertson of Plymouth navigates along a rail at Simplicity Sk8 Park Thursday afternoon. The 22-year-old has been skateboarding for close to 10 years.

Half-pipe heaven

Canton facility offers skateboarders all the challenges, thrills they can handle

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Josh Robertson navigated the 10-foot-high half-pipe Thursday afternoon like a surfer riding a massive wave off the coast of southern California.

Only Robertson's feet were planted on a skateboard — not a surfboard — and the 360's and backflips he executed flawlessly were unfolding in a 16,000-square-foot building in south Canton, not on a wave in the south Pacific.

Displaying the balance of a tight-rope walker, the 22-year-old Plymouth resident maneuvered up and down the huge U-shaped wooden obstacle with ease and grace — something he couldn't have done prior to last summer when Simplicity Sk8 Park was erected in the former Michigan

Dekhoe facility on Michigan Ave.

Robertson is one of hundreds of skateboarding enthusiasts who now call Simplicity their home away from home — at least for a couple hours a day.

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The facility is filled with a myriad of challenging bank ramps, half-pipes, quarter-pipes and fly boxes that have replaced parking lots and residential streets as proving grounds for the area's skateboarding aficionados.

"Before this place was built, I had to pay two \$110 tickets because skateboarding is illegal now in public parking lots and pretty much everywhere else," Robertson explained. "I was definitely happy to see Simplicity

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Canton resident Brian Kuznetz jumps over an obstacle while skateboarding Thursday afternoon at Simplicity Sk8 Park in Canton. Kuznetz is one of the youngest — and most talented — regulars who attend Simplicity.

Batbusters earn trip to World Series

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The 14U Michigan Batbusters girls fast-pitch softball team is headed to the "Magic Kingdom" in August thanks to a magical performance two weeks ago.

The Batbusters, whose roster includes seven girls who reside in Plymouth or Canton, qualified for the inaugural USSSA Fast-Pitch 14U Elite 12 World Series at Disney's Wide World of Sports by finishing first in the Mizuno Freedom Festival Super Elite NIT World Series qualifier, which was held in Sterling Heights June 25-26.

The Batbusters, who are ranked No. 1 in Michigan and eighth in the United States in their age group, are one of only 12 teams invited to play in the prestigious national tournament Aug. 5-9.

The Batbusters outscored their opponents, 31-2, in the qualifying tournament. They defeated the Birmingham Jaguars, 12-1, in the championship contest to improve their overall record to 32-6.



The 14U Michigan Batbusters are headed to Orlando, Fla. Aug. 5-9 to compete in the USSSA Fast-Pitch 14U Elite 12 World Series. Pictured (front row l-r) are Mary Rounsifer, Heather Weidenhamer, Abby Weber, Kyla Suchy, (second row l-r) Erin Rhodes, Alyssa Abramowski, Leah Bostwick, Amy Bondy, (third row l-r) Sarah Rounsifer, Gina Giordano, Ariel Rohn, Sarah Wright, (back row l-r) Tim Rounsifer, Joe Rhodes, Ross Suchy, Rich Rohn, Brett Haewski and Chris Weber.

Teams from California, Texas, Colorado and Florida will be among those joining the Batbusters in Orlando. The Batbusters are the lone team from Michigan to qualify for the tournament.

The Batbusters compete in several weekend tournaments throughout the summer and hold practices during the week, said coach Rich Rohn.

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Canton to host Special Olympics softball tourney

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Over 1,200 Special Olympics athletes from across Michigan will converge on the Canton Sports Center Friday and Saturday for the annual Michigan Summer Sports Classic.

The athletes, who range in age from 8 to 80, will compete in several softball-related competitions, including a home run derby and a team competition.

"We have 1,224 athletes signed up to compete with some coming from as far away as the Upper Peninsula," said Annie Galgoczi, the Special Olympics Michigan (SOMI) volunteer coordinator. "The members of the committee who plan the event are all from Wayne County, and they do a great job coordinating the umpires, arranging the schedules and setting up the fields."

"The Canton Sports Center is an excellent site for the event because of all the fields they offer — and we fill them all up. To qualify to play in Canton, the teams were required to play a certain number of games in advance. All of the teams are then placed in divisions and the top three teams in each division are presented with awards."

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Towering Oaks

The Canton Oaks '94 Premier U11 soccer team earned first-place honors at the 2005 Canton Cup, which was held Memorial Day weekend in Canton. The Oaks survived two overtimes and a shoot-out in the championship game. In December, the Oaks won the "Christmas Cup" tournament and the national indoor regional competition in January at High Velocity Sports. The team consists of: Nathan Bergeson, Christian Bryant, Bobby Budlong, Scott Chatfield, Austin Covert, Brandon Duschl, Robby Galanty, Rene Mejia, Steven Murphy, Jake Pascarella, Bob Ren, Ethan Walsh and Tyler Winningham. The team is coached by Bill Joker, Bob Pascarella and Kevin Winningham.

CC grad Tomey is chasing his dream

BY RYAN DOHERTY
CORRESPONDENT

For six months out of the year Anthony Tomey chases his dream.

For the remaining six months he helps his parents manage one of their three Jimmy John restaurants in Novi.

Since he was old enough to swing a waffle bat, Tomey has been in search of the bright lights and more importantly, the big leagues.

Tomey's constant pursuit of his life-long goal, now has him closer than ever before to stepping onto that Major League mound in front of a Major League crowd.

Tomey's baseball career goes a little something like this.

He played high school ball at Redford Catholic Central where he won the state championship in 1999.

He was drafted by the Cleveland Indians in the 22nd round in '99, but didn't sign with them because he had a scholarship to play at Eastern Michigan University.

Tomey graduated from EMU and was drafted by the Detroit Tigers in the 30th round of the 2003 draft.

The 23 year-old hard-throwing closer is currently enjoying his second full season with the Class A affiliate of the Tigers, the West Michigan Whitecaps of the Midwest League.

Fortunately for Tomey, the Whitecaps are based out of Grand Rapids, so he only has to drive an hour and a half to see his family.

"I can go see my friends and my girlfriend, and I never have to worry about being able to see my parents," said the Farmington Hills native. "It's awesome because I am the only player in the organization that's



Anthony Tomey's job is to put out the fire for the West Michigan Whitecaps, a Class A Detroit Tigers' farm club affiliate.

from the Detroit area."

All of the players on the Whitecaps are placed in a house with a local host family who helps to make their transition smooth. Tomey's host family happens to be his cousins who reside in Grand Rapids.

For some of Tomey's teammates, being able to go home is out of the question because they hail from the Dominican Republic or Venezuela.

That's just part of minor league baseball, according to Tomey.

He tells people it's not as bad as people think, and that it's a great lifestyle. Although the financial side of the minor leagues was new to him.

"I didn't realize how much of a business it is," Tomey said. "A lot

of the time decisions are based on how much money they've invested in you, rather than how much talent you have."

Finances also play a key role when the team travels on the road.

He described their recent road trip to Dayton, Ohio.

"We got to the parking lot around 7:30 in the morning and we pack all of our equipment and everyone has their own chore that they are responsible for," Tomey explained.

Chores can range from cleaning up the team bus to doing the team's laundry, which was Tomey's responsibility while they were in Dayton.

Next, they hop on the bus for a five-and-a-half hour jaunt to Dayton, where they check into their hotel and receive their food money.

Twenty (\$20) dollars a day is what they have to spend on food and beverages.

"It's not a lot of money, so we definitely eat a lot of fast food, but we try to eat better whenever we can," Tomey said.

The Whitecaps arrive at the park around 3:30 pm and begin batting practice and other pregame functions. The games usually start around 7 pm and they are over between 10 and 10:30 pm.

"After the game it's back to the hotel and then we do it all over again until the series is over and we drive home," Tomey said.

The minor league scheduling is very tough to say the least. The Whitecaps hurler only has ten days off throughout the 140-game season.

"It's a grueling schedule and we don't get paid a lot, so you definitely have to earn your way," he said.

But for Tomey and many other minor league players, they all want the payoff.

"The promise of it all like the money and the fame is unbelievable if you can make it to the big leagues," he said, "and that's what this is all about."

Tomey may be on his way. He recently was selected to the Midwest League's 2005 All-Star team and pitched one inning, recording one strikeout. He currently has a 2.38 ERA, and boasts five saves.

"I love the pressure of coming into the game when it's on the line," Tomey said. "I worked so hard to get to this point, and it's slowly starting to pay off."

Meanwhile, Tomey has some interesting superstitions he follows on game day.

"I always eat a huge salad and peanut butter and jelly sandwich before every game," he said.

He's always the last player out of the locker room.

"A lot of us have weird things that we do," Tomey said. "So, hopefully it will bring us good luck down the road."

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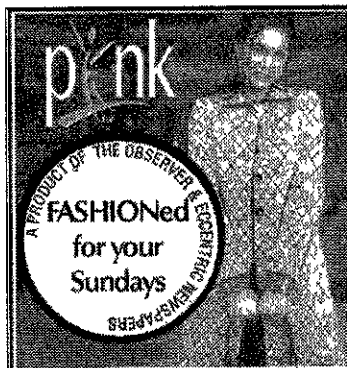
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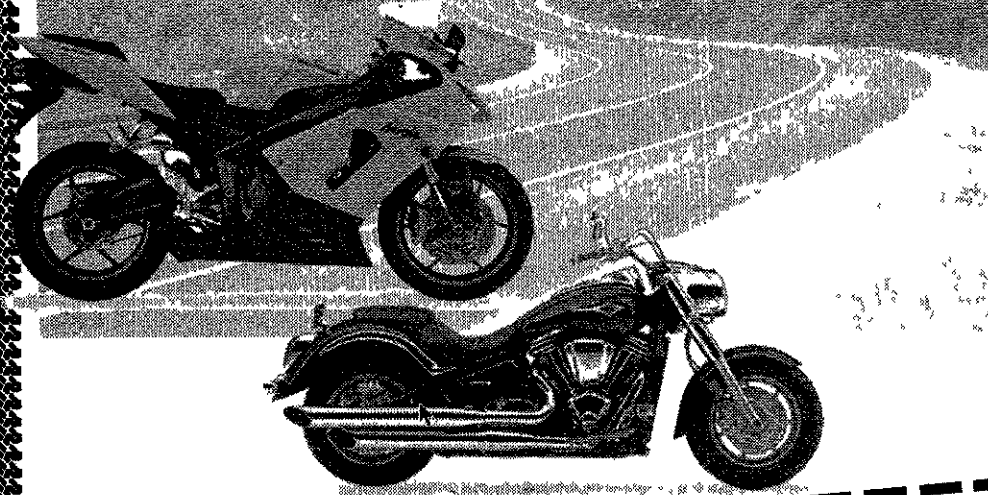
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Turkey hunt satisfying for Nastases

BY BRAD MONS
STAFF WRITER

They say a picture tells a thousand words.

But for Stacey Nastase and her father Sam, there's also a story to tell as well when it comes to their late April turkey hunting experience near Gladwin.

On Father's Day, Sam Nastase was surprised when his daughter presented him with a framed photo showing each of them, smiling and standing together, proudly holding their prized toms.

"Oh My Gosh, Dad, Oh My Gosh!" is how Stacey titles her one-page letter, a description of the entire hunt, to her long-time hunting mentor.

Stacey, now employed as a sales representative for Sanofi-Aventis pharmaceuticals, has enjoyed many sporting moments in her life dating back to her days when she played on back-to-back state championship soccer teams (1997 and 1998) at Livonia Stevenson High School (where she was captain her senior year).

She went on to play four years at Kalamazoo College earning All-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association and NCAA Division III All-Region honors four straight seasons. (She is only one of three athletes in Kalamazoo College sports history to gain All-MIAA and All-Region all four years.)

But finally getting a turkey, after a couple of frustrating years, ranks right up there.

"I was bragging to everybody because it was my first one," Stacey said. "I tell people it's like scoring the last goal in a shootout, and it's the game-winning shot."

When it comes to the outdoors, Sam and Stacey's father-daughter relationship is unique.

"She's been out there with me since she was 5 years old," said Sam, who works for the Dearborn Public Schools and Henry Ford Community College. "She started with B-B guns shooting at pop cans. And she's a darn good shot. We have a cabin and own 80 acres of land northeast of Clare. She's been deer hunting with me since she was 16, along with rabbit and turkey hunting."

"When she was young we'd (and his wife Kathy) take her fishing to Lake Erie. We've always taken her along."

No Barbie dolls for this young girl.

"It's been a way of life," Stacey said. "Being the only child and my dad being an outdoorsman . . . I've enjoyed sitting in the woods since I was a little girl. It's just one of the coolest things, people just don't understand. My mom fishes, but she doesn't hunt. She gets really nervous when I'm out there (hunting)."

Before the age of 25, Stacey had taken five deer, all bucks. But bagging a turkey proved to be a challenge like no other.

"My first hunt, I learned a valuable lesson - they have



Sam and Stacey Nastase proudly display their turkeys shot during a hunting trip to the Gladwin area.

really good eyesight," Stacey writes in her letter to Sam. "They can see 270 degrees around their heads . . . to be exact. I had barely looked down to take off my safety and then, she saw me. That's all it took, one small move of my head. Away she went, and thus, away he went. They never came back."

"The second hunt, we watched them fight, mate, and unfortunately, get away after a near miss. Third time's a charm, right?"

The two walked to the edge of the rye field, set up decoys and moved into their blind, but found no luck as darkness set.

The two walked along the Nastase property line and are at it all the following day, coming up empty once again before returning for night at the cabin.

Sam goes out on his own in the morning as Stacey sleeps in during the third day before the two return back to the rye field wearing their camouflage.

Once in the blind that afternoon, Stacey nudges her dad after hearing "a gobble."

The two play the waiting game for nearly three hours waiting to see if the female comes to the male.

And then Stacey's story comes to life once again.

"They are fanning and strutting their stuff," she recalls. "One does a little dance at the beginning of the path to the rye field. In the middle of the action, I move to the ground toward the path. We expect they will come in this direction and we are almost right."

"When the hens proceed straight instead of left, I am forced to rotate a good 90 degrees. I do not want to be seen like before. I learned that lesson the hard way. I slowly turn to the left as I frantically whisper to dad, 'do something.' I am worried they are not going to come within my

range.

"I know at 40 yards I have a deadly pattern, but I don't want to shoot any farther. At this point in time they are just outside my range. To this day, I'm still not sure why, but one of the toms made a fatal mistake. He starts to move toward us. He is puffed out like a balloon. I put my sight on him. A voice inside my head says, 'to aim a little low,' and so I do, and now my dad is with me. It's just like we practice. My finger trembles as I squeeze the trigger. BOOM! He drops to the ground while the other scatter. I got him. I am shaking like never before and breathing deep, deep breaths. I just keep saying, 'Oh my gosh, dad, oh my gosh.'"

The hunt, however, doesn't quite end as Sam makes a perfect shot as the other tom comes back pecking and squawking.

Thirty seconds - two shots - two kills.

The two high-five and hug. There are smiles and laughter as Stacey runs out to see her prize. But, of course, Sam has the last word.

"Well," he says, "mine's a little bigger."

"Yeah," Stacey says, "yours is a little bigger."

They both laughed.

So what's next for father and daughter?

"Dad would like to go bear hunting out west," Stacey said.

But for now, the May 1 turkey remains the talk of the Nastase household.

"I will never forget this hunt," Stacey said in the letter. "Not because we shot two beautiful turkeys, but because of the feeling I shared with my dad. The memory I have is one I will continue to share, but never truly do justice. Patience is, in fact, a virtue. If you don't wait, if you don't try again, and again, and again, you'll never know what might happen."

SALEM WRESTLING

The Salem wrestling team and the Chippewa Wrestling Club will be hosting a camp July 11-15. The camp will be geared toward incoming freshmen and kids in grades 5-8. The fifth- through eighth-graders who participate in the camp will have an opportunity to be a part of the Chippewa Wrestling Club.

Contact Mike Goethe at (734) 416-1754.

'CAT GRID MEETING

The next meeting of the Plymouth Wildcat Football Boosters will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, in Room 401 of Plymouth High School. All parents of current and incoming freshmen players are encouraged to attend.

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ROLLER HOCKEY

High Velocity Sports has added several roller-hockey camps to its summer schedule:

- A "Shoot-to-Score" camp will be from 9 a.m. to noon July 18-22; and from noon to 3 p.m. Aug. 8-12;
- A power-skating/stick-handling camp will be from noon to 3 p.m. July 25-29; and
- A passing/positioning camp will be from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 1-5.

Other hockey-related camps at High Velocity Sports include floor hockey on Aug. 15-19 and a learn-to-skate July 11-15 and Aug. 22-26. Both camps will run from 9 a.m. to noon.

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The softball action kicks off Friday at 12:30 p.m. with a home run derby. Actual games will begin at 3:30 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. The softball competition resumes Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and runs throughout the day.

A softball skills competition is scheduled for Friday at 4 p.m. with the event's opening ceremonies set for 7 p.m.

A golf skills competition will be held at Ypsilanti's Pine View Golf Course in conjunction with the softball event.

The Summer Sports Classic is one of eight featured events the SOMI coordinates each year. It also holds soccer, hockey, basketball, and winter sports competitions for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. The athletes train and compete year-round in 23 different sports.

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break-away base once it's been moved – but it takes at least 15 minutes to carry someone off the field after they've been injured."

Janda also stressed the importance of having automatic external defibrillators at every sporting venue.

"The No. 1 cause of deaths in sports-related activities is when a ball, hockey puck or some other object impacts a player's chest," Janda said. "If this impact occurs at the exact phase of the heart cycle, it sends the heart into shock and makes it beat wildly, which can lead to death. While CPR may prolong survival, the only way to restore a normal heart rhythm is by shocking the heart. The only way to do this is with either a thump to the chest or with an automatic external defibrillator."

Two weeks after Janda talked about this subject on *Oprah* in 2001, a suburban Chicago woman saved a 13-year-old baseball player's life by calling 9-1-1 after he collapsed after getting hit in the chest by a baseball.

"While two trained physicians gave the boy CPR, she called 9-1-1 because she knew the police officers in her community carried AEDs," Janda said. "The police officers arrived a short time later and shocked the boy's heart, which saved him. When the lady was interviewed following the incident she said she learned about the AED by seeing it on TV. The only show that had highlighted the AED was the *Oprah Winfrey* show."

All three of Janda's presentations were greeted warmly by the attendees, who included health care professionals, public health officials and government officials from around the world.

"Following my presentations, several people approached me and told me they were moved by the information I presented," Janda said. "John Anderson, the head of Australia's sports injury prevention program, told me that he thought my presentation ignited a fire under every person in the room."

"One of the most important messages I delivered was that we must get this information out to the public. We are empowered with great knowledge regarding prevention, but if 99 percent of the public don't know about it, what good is it?"

10 STEPS TO SAFER SPORTS

The Institute for Preventive Sports Medicine recommends that communities do the following things to prevent serious injuries to young athletes:

1. Install automatic external defibrillators.
2. Certification for coaches in age-appropriate training concepts. Such training is provided in Michigan by Michigan State University and nationally through the Orlando, Fla.-based national Alliance for Youth Sports.
3. Install safety baseball bases.
4. Add padded goal posts to soccer and football fields.
5. Require pre-participation physicals.
6. Heading drills in soccer should be done with lightweight balls, not standard soccer balls.
7. Mandatory CPR training for coaches.
8. Establish a hydration policy for athletes.
9. Install softer playground surfaces.
10. Pools must have fences at least 4-foot high and locking gates.

SKATEBOARDING

FROM PAGE B1

open. It gives skateboarders a chance to do what we like to do without getting into trouble."

Robertson is not alone when it comes to praising the 16,000-square-foot facility, which formerly housed Michigan Dekhockey.

"So far, so good," Simplicity Sk8 Park owner Bradd Rigoni said, when asked how the facility's first year unfolded. "It's been a lot of fun. We'll get up to 160 skateboarders in here a day. And once our outdoor ramps are ready later this year, that number will go up quite a bit."

'X' MARKED THE SPOT

Rigoni, 27, said the sport has become more popular among America's youth since ESPN started televising the X-Games 11 summers ago. Along with skateboarding, the X-games feature non-mainstream sports like motocross and wakeboarding.

"It seems like since ESPN started televising the X-Games, skateboarding is more accepted than it used to be," said Rigoni, a former Salem homecoming king who jumped on his first skateboard at the age of 7. "To some people, skateboarders were looked on as trouble-makers who were just hanging out. Now, thanks partly to the exposure it has gotten from TV, there is more acceptance."

NOT EASY AS 1-2-3

Westland resident Jimmy Doyle, 16, said becoming an accomplished skateboarder is more difficult than it may appear.

"You have to have talent and style," said Doyle. "I had to practice every day for about six months before I was good at any of the tricks. Now I can do 360's with my eyes closed."

Robertson said one of the most appealing qualities of skateboarding is the freedom it offers.

"I like it because you don't have to be a part of a team to skateboard," said Robertson, who practices at least one hour a day. "You can go out and do whatever you want to do, especially now that we have a place to go."



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Westland's Jimmy Doyle, 16, displays his balancing ability Thursday after at Canton's Simplicity Sk8park.

SOMETIMES IT HURTS

Unfortunately for its participants, skateboarding can turn into a contact sport real quick – like when the skateboarders

make a wrong move and come in contact with the unyielding wooden apparatuses they perform their tricks on.

"There are injuries – an occasional broken wrist or finger – but not as many as you think there would be," Rigoni said. "We make everyone under 18 wear a helmet in here, just to be safe."

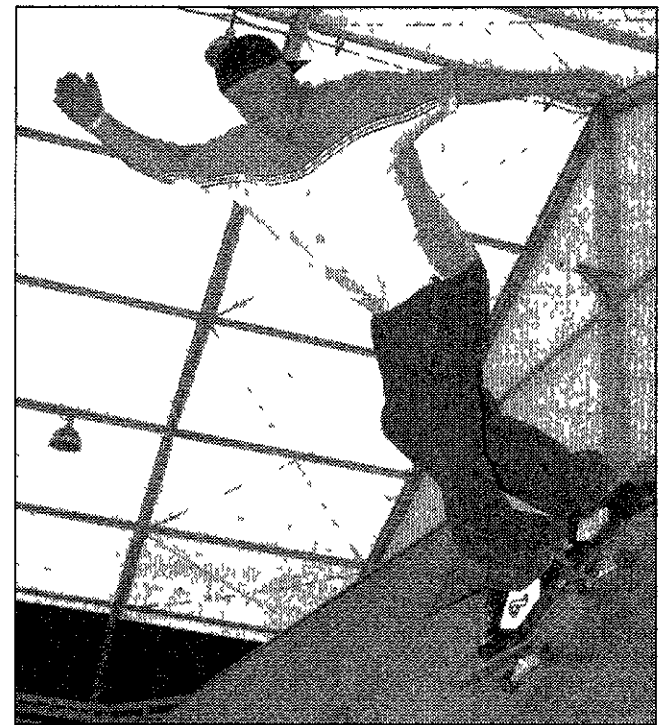
"One time last year I fell, hit my head and got knocked out for a little while," Doyle said. "But other than that, I've been pretty lucky."

The Super Bowl of competitions for area skateboarders is set for the last weekend in October at Simplicity Sk8park, when southeastern Michigan's finest will match skills in a two-day contest.

"Last year we had over 100 people enter and we gave away over \$1,000 in prizes, with the top prize being \$500 cash. We divide all of the entrants into divisions based on ability, not age, because we have some 10-year-olds who are better than some 20-year-olds."

Simplicity Sk8 Park is open daily from noon to 11 p.m. The cost is \$5 for two hours of boarding. For more information on the facility, visit its Web site at www.simplicitysk8park.com.

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Canton resident Matt Riggle, 27, successfully slides down the 10-foot-high half-pipe at Simplicity Sk8land Thursday afternoon.



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New bowling movie could be instant classic

First came "Greedy," a 1994 movie starring Michael J. Fox as a professional bowler in a story about a very wealthy man, played by an aging Kirk Douglas, with all of his inheritors hovering about waiting for him to expire.

He only trusted his nephew, played by Fox, the 63rd best pro bowler in the country, to make things right. It was a cute story, but really not necessarily about bowling.

Fox could have been a golfer or ping pong player for that matter.

Later on came "Kingpin," starring Woody Harrelson, along with Randy Quaid, who was a great bowler, but rather a hayseed when it came to everything else.

It was not very complimentary for the real bowling scene.

This flick was hyped up in advance, but was no better than "The Big Lebowski," starring Lloyd Bridges. I was almost as good as the X-rated "Bowling Babes from Buffalo."

And then there was Michael Moore's "Bowling for Columbine," but it wasn't even about bowling.

Now we have something to take a great deal of pride in being a bowler.

You may have already heard or read about "A League of Ordinary Gentlemen."

It opened this week at the Landmark Main Art Theater in Royal Oak and some of the media were invited to Wednesday's advance screening.

The "Natural" and "Field of Dreams" were baseball classics, but this documentary could be in the same category as the best portrayal yet about the Pro Bowlers Tour. It chronicles the actual pros' trials and tribulations, as well as all the glory.

A good portion of the footage was filmed in the Detroit area.

It is definitely worth seeing. And even if you are not a bowler, you will still enjoy this one, I guarantee it.

■ Industry news item: Bowling equipment manufacturers AMF and Qubica have formed a new partnership as of June 14.

The two companies have signed an agreement to form a 50-50 joint venture with the deal expected to be finalized within 45 to 60 days.

They will be able to start selling each other's products immediately.

QubicaAMF Worldwide will employ over 600 people with headquarters in Virginia and European headquarters in Bologna, Italy.

Qubica is best known for its innovative scoring systems, while AMF has revolutionized the bowling industry a number of times beginning with the invention and mass production of the automatic pinspotter in 1946.

AMF also created the first automated scoring system nearly 30 years ago and has added their HPL synthetic lanes in recent times.

AMF Bowling Centers are not a part of the joint venture and will continue to operate as an independent company.

According to the National Sporting Goods Association and the Bowling and Billiards Institute of America, bowling is the top participatory sport in the U.S.

There are over 12,000 bowling centers worldwide, and more than 70 million bowl at least once per year in this country alone.

Additional information about QubicaAMF Worldwide is available on the web at www.qubicaamf.com.

■ Correction from last week: It was inaccurately stated they Kerry Schmansky of Westland bowled in the Michigan Junior Majors. The correct term is Michigan Junior Masters.

Sorry about that, I hope it didn't confuse anyone other than myself.

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Members of the Vardar III '89 under-16 boys soccer team include (front row, from left): Brent McIntosh, Luis Pacheco, Mitch Howell; (middle row, from left): team manager Kathy Taylor, Nosa Iyoha, Bobby Merritt, Tim Taylor, Jonathan Evans, James Getzen; (back row, from left) assistant coach Morris Lupenec, Matt Walker, Kenny Simon, Nick Dreshaj, Chris Pruitt, Colin Givens, Justin Meram, head coach Mike Lupenec and assistant Jamie Huff.

Vardar III '89 soccer team Disney-bound

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

The Vardar III '89 boys soccer team, featuring several players with Observer-Eccentric area ties, are headed to the U.S. Youth Soccer National Championships, July 26-31, at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex.

On June 29, Vardar III qualified by winning the Region II title in Sioux Falls, S.D. with a 1-0 win over the Chicago (Ill.) as Kenny Simon (Brighton) tallied the game-winning goal in the 74th minute.

In the semifinals, Vardar III defeated the Arsenal Bluejays (Neb.), 2-1, on penalty kicks after defeating the Michigan Wolves, 3-1, and tying the Madison (Wis.) '56ers, 1-1, in preliminary round action.

Area players from Vardar III, coached by Mike Lupenec, include: Bobby Merritt, Livonia Stevenson High; Chris Pruitt and Brian Hale, Canton/Catholic Central; Brad Randolph and Tim Taylor, North Farmington; Ricky Eriksen,

Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day; Colin Givens, Troy; Luis Pacheco, Rochester; Hamid Tejan, West Bloomfield; and Brent McIntosh, Rochester Hills Stoney Creek.

Other members include Nick Dreshaj, Mount Clemens Chippewa Valley; Jonathan Evans, Woodhaven; James Getzen, Pinckney; Nosa Iyoha, Ann Arbor; Justin Meram, Utica Eisenhower; goalkeeper Matt Walker, Grand Blanc; and Simon.

Three other Michigan teams emerged as Region II winners including Vardar III (Under-17 Boys), Michigan Hawks (Under-16 Girls) and Vardar III (Under-13 Girls).

The Vardar III Under-17 Boys defeated the Chicago (Ill.) Sockers, 1-0, on penalty kicks, while the Vardar Under-13 Girls blanked the CIS Knocks (Ill.), 5-0.

Danielle Toney's goal in the 108th minute as the Michigan Hawks the Under-16 Girls championship with a 3-2 overtime win over Eclipse Select (Ill.). Emily Esbrook scored the other two Hawks' goals in the 70th and 83rd minutes.

Boll makes Whalers tougher team

The Plymouth Whalers announced the signing of 19-year-old center Jared Boll, who the Ontario Hockey League team acquired last week from the Kingston Frontenacs for a fifth round pick in the 2006 OHL draft.

"We're excited about having Jared on board," said Mike Vellucci, the Whalers president, general manager and head coach. "We think he'll bring scoring, grit and toughness to the rink."

Boll was equally thrilled about becoming a Whaler.

"I've heard nothing but good things about the Whalers," said Boll, who resides in Crystal Lake, Ill., a suburb of Chicago. "I'm excited to get started and become part of things, especially since Plymouth acquired my rights. I had a few options, but the OHL seems to suit my game."

By signing Boll, the Whalers' "Chicago Connection" gets stronger. Current Whalers Gino Pisellini and Mike Letizia also come from the Chicago area, as do 2005 draft

choices Kyle Jendra and Vincent Loverde. Boll and Pisellini were teammates in 2002 with Team Illinois midgets.

Although Boll was drafted by Kingston in the sixth round (101st overall) of the 2002 OHL draft, he played the last two seasons for the Lincoln Stars of the United States Hockey League.

Boll recorded 23 goals and 24 assists while compiling a league-high 294 penalty minutes in 59 games last year. His efforts earned him a spot on the USHL All-Star team. Boll is currently ranked 212th by the National Hockey League Central Scouting Bureau among North American skaters.

"Penalty minutes are a part of the game," said Boll, who is known for his physical style of play. "I have no problem getting in your face. I have to play physical to be effective."

Boll will report to Plymouth's training camp Aug. 30 with the rest of the team. The Whalers' first pre-season game is set for Saturday, Sept. 3, at 2 p.m., against Windsor.

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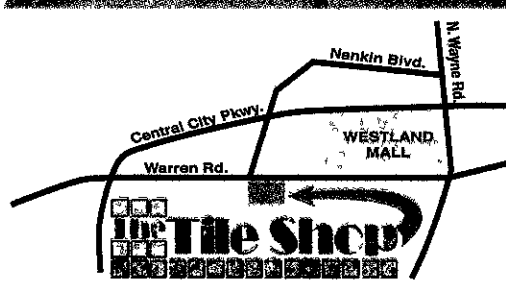
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Nine stars, nine trees

Alex Nelson, 18, Canton High School graduate, will attend Michigan Tech this fall to study Computer Engineering. Alex skillfully juggled schoolwork, extracurricular activities (Robotics Club), community service and knee surgery.

He attended Boys' State (as his grandfather did). He designed and renovated the Youth Room at First Presbyterian Church, along with a crew of eighth graders, constructing furniture, a coffee bar and painting a 4-foot by 9-foot mural.

Years of hard work and dedicated effort paid off when Alex achieved Eagle Scout ranking. He and his family celebrated this achievement at the Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony in May.

"I like people and enjoy scouting," Alex said. "Hard work paid off. Community service is a good thing, the right thing to do. Eagle Scout just happened along the way. Now I look back in amazement and think, 'I did that. Wow!'"

For 19 years, John Spencer has worked for Canton Township, currently the Budget and Water Bill Manager. John, a pre-baby boomer, born during World War II, learned about service from his father, who expected to serve his country as, "a right of passage."

When President Kennedy asked Americans to help others, "My fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country," John answered by serving in the Army from 1965-67.

"Military service helped me be responsible, self-disciplined and work with a team," John said. "It's important to support the troops. Reservists are pulled out of their normal lives, away from jobs and families. We have to welcome soldiers when they come home."

Like Alex, John juggles work and community service. He maintains the Veterans' Memorial in Canton and on Memorial Day, places flags in cemeteries.

In his inaugural address, John Kennedy said, "We dare not forget today that we are the heirs of that first revolution. Let the word go forth from this time and place, to friend and foe alike, that the torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans - born in this century, tempered by war, disciplined by a hard and bitter peace, proud of our ancient heritage, and unwilling to witness or permit the slow undoing of those human rights to which this nation has always been committed, and to which we are committed today at home and around the world."

How do we know when the torch has been passed? Maybe it happens at an Eagle Scout ceremony or when a Veteran places a flag on a soldier's grave.

Veteran John Spencer says, "We're all in this life together. We need to pay honor to those who protect us. Freedom isn't free."

Near the front door of Central Middle School, protected by a hedge, there is a knee-high stone monument with nine stars, engraved with nine names: "Myron H. Beals, Chas. Burch, Chas. Chappell, Scott D. Cortrite, Walter E. Gordon, Vernon B. Henderson, David Oliver, Harry J. Rattenbury, J. Edward Tighe.

"This monument erected by Ex-Servicemen's Club to mark the site of nine trees which were planted in 1919 in memory of the Plymouth boys who died in their country's service during 1917-1918." Dedicated Memorial Day, May 30, 1940.

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Illustrator Kimberly Shaw-Peterson, left, and authors Shannon Trost, middle, and Lisa Lewandowski sit amongst the Darcy Daisy display at the Coffee Bean in Plymouth.

Floral connection

New book uses flowers to explain complicated disorder

BY BRAD KADRACH
STAFF WRITER

Shannon Trost has a friend whose mother suffers from bipolar disorder, and the friend was always asking for advice on how to talk to her children about what their grandmother goes through.

So, being a good friend, Trost, a Farmington Hills resident who owns a bachelor's degree in psychology from Eastern Michigan University, tried to help. But when she went looking for material that could help, but she couldn't find anything.

It's a void Trost and Lisa Lewandowski, a friend with a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Bowling Green University, set out to fill.

And Darcy Daisy was born. Darcy is the title character in *Darcy Daisy and the Firefly Festival*, the first effort from co-authors Trost and Lewandowski. Darcy and other garden characters help children understand the impact of the disorder in a way that's educational and entertaining.

"(Bipolar) is becoming more and more prevalent in society, and kids are hearing about it all the time," said Trost, who has two children, 8-year-old Seton and Peyton, 4, with husband Karl. "Flowers are something children can identify with. You can do it with color, something that isn't dark and frightening. We wanted something kids could identify with, without having to be a human character."

Trost and Lewandowski met in

1992 while teaching a summer program for inner-city students hoping to be incoming freshmen at EMU. Trost, originally from South Lyon, went on to get her bachelor's degree in psychology, with a minor in sociology. Lewandowski earned a bachelor's and a master's in psychology at EMU before moving on to Bowling Green.

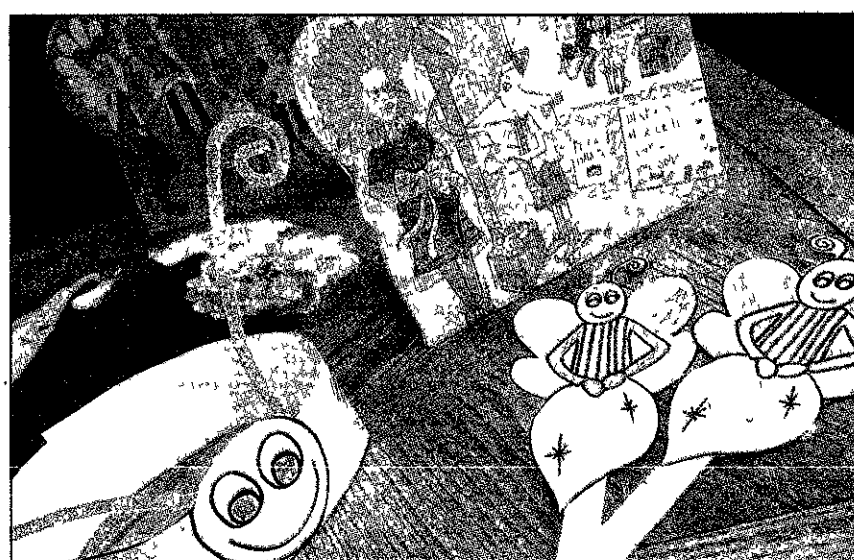
The friends worked on the book for three years, trying to find ways to explain a very complicated issue in a very simple form, while at the same time making it entertaining, rather than frightening.

"Based on my clinical work with patients and hearing how disruptive bipolar can be, we felt it was time something was written in a language children can understand," Lewandowski said. "We also wanted to reduce the stigma of mental illness in general."

Once the women decided the characters would be flowers, they did research to match flowers with certain personalities. For instance, they discovered that bugleweeds can be a destructive force in gardens. So they made the gossipy flowers in Darcy's garden bugleweeds.

"We tried to literally visualize the garden as a community," Lewandowski said. "We felt it would give our illustrator more freedom. Storybooks for children are as much about the pictures as they are about the story."

Enter Kimberly Shaw-Peterson of Plymouth, whom the authors hired to illustrate Darcy. Shaw-Peterson, a Livonia native who graduated from Churchill High



Authors decided to make the characters in their book flowers because "flowers are something children can identify with."

School in 1992 and studied art history at Schoolcraft College, was recommended to the authors by a mutual friend.

Shaw-Peterson put on a display of paintings she'd done at the Plymouth Coffee Bean last October. Robert Hall of Heide's Flowers, where Shaw-Peterson worked. Hall recommended Shaw-Peterson to Trost and Lewandowski.

Shaw-Peterson got a copy of the Darcy manuscript and did some sketches.

"It was a very big deal for me, I was very excited," said Shaw-Peterson, who has an 18-month-old daughter, Ella, with husband Scott. "I really liked the idea of the characters being in a flower garden. It's like a whole other village."

Shaw-Peterson did the sketches, and the authors — who considered a few other illustrators — made what they now feel was a no-brain-

er decision: they hired Shaw-Peterson. "When we saw Kim's sketches, she blew us away," Trost said. "She tuned right into our vision of the characters. There were very few changes to her original sketches. She just brought it to life."

Once that happened, the women needed a publisher. They'd read about First Page Publications, the Livonia publishing house, in the local newspaper. After trying — without success — to sell the book through agents, the women approached First Page.

Now the book is available for \$9.95 through the publisher at www.firstpagepublications.com or on amazon.com

"We've had overwhelmingly positive response," Lewandowski said, "especially from family members who have someone who's bipolar."

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Mesmerizing Harry Potter casts spell on readers

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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July 16 promises to be a magical day at The Books Connection in Livonia. Since sales doubled for the release of the last Harry Potter book about the orphan's fifth year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, owner Kathleen Mahinske expects just as many customers to purchase *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*. The Livonia resident began taking reservations for copies back in early January.

While Borders, Waldenbooks and Barnes & Noble book stores are cele-

brating with midnight parties that begin on July 15, Mahinske is offering customers the chance to win a copy of the book by J.K. Rowling. With each \$25 purchase they will be entered into a drawing. But take heart, if you don't win Mahinske is offering 30 percent off sales of the book.

"They don't really stop asking between books," said Mahinske who sells new and used books at the store where a Harry Potter display board is counting down the days to July 16. "It's not just kids, it's moms and dads



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Stephanie Cyburt, 12, of Livonia, (left to right) Ben Anderson, 11, of Livonia, Nick Anderson, 13, of Livonia, Lisa Dishew, 14, of Redford, and Moriah Gonzalez, 13, of Detroit sit in The Books Connection with a few copies of past Harry Potter books as they await the arrival of *Harry Potter and The Half-Blood Prince*.

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History workshop

Westland resident Lee E. Cagle, eighth-grade language arts and social studies teacher at The Henry Ford, attended a five-day National Endowment for the Humanities-sponsored 'Landmarks of History Workshop for School Teachers' this summer offered by Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn. Fifty-four educators attended from 21 states. High school teachers and other K-12 educators are attending the workshop, entitled 'The Rouge Plant, Henry Ford, and Manufacturing History, 1917-2004.' The workshop focused on the impact of Henry Ford in American history and the importance of the Ford Rouge plant. Cagle talks with award-winning author Kevin Boyle, right, and historical presenter at The Henry Ford and retired educator Shirley R. Ruschke. Boyle is the author of 'Arc of Justice,' which won the National Book Award for non-fiction in 2004 and was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award.

BIRTHS



Rick and Jennifer Riordan of Northville announce the birth of their son, **Jack Richard**, on May 16, 2005, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Jack joins big sister, Samantha, 2 years old. His grandparents are Jerry and Nancy Smith of Canton, Trina Riordan of Farmington Hills, and Dick and Corinne Riordan of Commerce Township.



Star Struck

(July 10 - July 13)
By Dennis Fairchild

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

This is potentially a good week before the Sun sign-shift for money and business matters, as you have the energy and ambition to make things happen, Ram. But there is also a danger that you could be a bit reckless and end up worse off than when you started. Everything in moderation now, even excess!

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

With Saturn changing signs a week from now and churning up your emotions, you are bound to feel a bit confused and cranky. However, the first step seems to be to tweak your finances and at least give a new format a fair trial, Bull. Breathe deeply, think deeply.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

You know what it is you want to be doing, so why do you hesitate, Twin? If you're waiting for some kind of signal, you might wait forever, so summon up your courage and do what feels right. Don't wait for permission, kiddo! Now's the time to get movin' before your ruling planet Mercury goes retro.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

For quite some time now, your personal life appears to have been overshadowed by some kind of upset on the home-front. Now, however, you can give loved ones fair warning that it would be foolish to push you an inch further or expect anything more than they are entitled to receive.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

All the joys of life really do relate to love, work, health, and money. And this week's planetary activity only signifies that the moment has come to call a halt emotionally and financially in other words, redefine your role and think more about your own long-term happiness.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

Someone once observed that conscience can be likened to a guest whose visit never ends, and you certainly seem to believe that you have blotted your diary, Virgo. However, your best bet now is to distance yourself from those which churn up your emotions or impose too

many restrictions.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

With the Moon in your sign next week, it's time to slow down and count your blessings. Lately, you've been moving so fast that you may have overlooked just how lucky you are to have people around you who can always be counted on to look out for your interests. Let 'em know, Balancer!

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

If something you hear through the grapevine can be turned to your advantage, you mustn't hesitate to use it before Saturn changes signs next Saturday. You may not have been supposed to hear it, but that's irrelevant. Since the info is public, you own it as much as anyone else!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Current planetary activity says that any changes or disturbances either at work or home are for the best, Archer. For although emotions are much too close to the surface at the moment, you are about to experience rare feelings of satisfaction, contentment, and security.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

Seldom have you been under such pressure and put to the test personally, emotionally and professionally, Cap. However, if you continue to deny and stick to your principles, you may discover that what others expect is of no further use to you anymore, kiddo.

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

You can be as headstrong and stubborn as the next person, but maybe you have been forced to take a stand over financial or family matters recently? However, the time has come to settle your differences and stop dwelling on "what was" and start dancin' to a better tune, Kid.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

Believe it or not, the good times are about to get better! The Sun's final week in your element will boost your confidence to such an extent that, for once, you won't be scared to take the kind of risks that make things happen. Fish. You have little to lose, but loads to gain!

Dennis Fairchild is a local astrologer and author of several books on divination. For information about personal consultations, phone (248) 546-6912 or e-mail DenFairchild@aol.com.

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FICTION

1. "The Historian," Elizabeth Kostova
2. "4th of July," James Patterson
3. "A Long Way Down," Nick Hornby
4. "Mermaid Chair," Sue Monk Kidd
5. "Rage," Jonathan Kellerman

NON-FICTION

1. "1776," David McCullough

2. "The World is Flat," Thomas L. Friedman
3. "Freakonomics," Steven D. Levitt
4. "Blink," Michael Gladwell
5. "Coach," Michael Lewis

PARENTS' CHOICE

NEW CHILDREN'S FICTION BOOKS

1. "Shredderman, Secret Identity," Wendelin Van Drienen
2. "Broken Song," Kathryn Lasky
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4. "Wach Little Bird That Sings," Deborah Wiles
5. "Gentle's Holler," Kerry Madden

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David and Rebecca are planning a July wedding at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia with a reception at Waldenwoods. They plan a honeymoon cruise to Mexico and will be making their new home in Hilliard, Ohio.



Christopher and Shelly are planning an October wedding at Sacred Heart Chapel on the campus of Marygrove College in Detroit. They plan a honeymoon trip to Hawaii and will be making their new home in Cary, N.C.



Wolfgang and Michelle are planning a July wedding at West Side United Methodist Church in Ann Arbor with a reception at Fox Hills. They plan a honeymoon trip to Northern Michigan and are making their new home in Milford.

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Crafters needed

Crafters needed for the 19th-annual Delta Kappa Gamma-West Middle School juried show Saturday, Oct. 15. The show will run from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call Jan at 734-844-1707 or e-mail to theways@comcast.net.

Yacht cruise

Set sail aboard the 138-foot Ovation yacht for a private afternoon cruise and help support Madonna University students. The Presidential Ovation Yacht Cruise is on Sunday, Aug. 7, from 4-7 p.m. and features "Illusions" by magician Steve Douglas and wine tasting. The event is sponsored by Joseph Primo, a long-time benefactor and a member of the Madonna University DeSales Lifetime Giving Society. Boarding time is 3:30 p.m. at the Jefferson Beach Marina on the Nautical Mile located in St. Clair Shores. Cost per person is \$150. Proceeds benefit the Madonna University scholarship fund and educational projects. Tickets must be purchased by Friday, July 15. Online registration is available at www.madonna.edu or by calling Rose Kachnowski at (734) 432-5421.

Pressure points

A local authority will appear at the Carl Sandburg Library in Livonia for a free workshop at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 20. The workshop will focus on teaching how to find and treat pressure points for headaches, back pain, sinuses, neck pain, carpal tunnel, PMS, low energy and joint pain. To register, call (248) 426-0201. Seating is limited.

Northville Garden Club

The Northville Garden Club's annual garden walk takes place 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday July 13. Five gardens in Northville will be featured, from pristine to expansive to quaint countryside. Tickets in advance are \$10 and can be purchased after June 13 from Gardenviews, 202 W. Main in Northville. For more information, call Kate Daniel, (734) 591-0360.

Madonna golf

Madonna University hosts its 10th-annual Golden Classic Scholarship Golf Outing Friday, Sept. 16 at the Links of Novi, 50395 Ten Mile Rd. The outing's schedule of events: 10 a.m., a free Golf Clinic (featuring PGA Pros Bob Percy, Nick Kouba and Gary Whitener), 11:30 a.m., Lunch, 12:15 p.m., Shotgun Start (best ball, scramble format); 5 p.m., Cocktail Hour with a Live Auction (featuring a vacation to the Providenciales Island in the Turks and Caicos Islands, British West Indies; fine jewel-

ry; dinners; and more); 6:15 p.m., Dinner with Awards and a Silent Auction. The event offers a variety of prizes including three hole-in-one cars; trips; a Rolex watch; premium gift giveaways; and other awards. Also, a scholarship raffle drawing will have a cash prize of \$3,000, a seven-day Charlevoix vacation, a sapphire and diamond ring and an overnight stay in the Presidential Suite at Embassy Suites in Livonia. "Early Birdie" registration received before Aug. 1 enters players into a drawing for golf for four at the Tournament Players Club (TPC) and golf at Wabek Country Club. A foursome is \$700 and individual players are \$175. After Aug. 1, the cost for golf and dinner for a foursome is \$800; for individual players, golf and dinner is \$200. Dinner alone is \$50 per person. Sponsorship opportunities are available, ranging from \$150 to \$15,000. For more information, call Rose Kachnowski at (734) 432-5421.

Claude Pepper awards

The Senior Advisory Council for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network has extended the nomination deadline for its 15th annual Claude Pepper Awards honoring outstanding senior citizen advocates to Saturday, July 30. The awards will be presented Sept. 9 to two individuals whose professional or volunteer efforts have made significant contributions to improving the lives of Michigan seniors, particularly those whose access to health care services may be hindered by physical, mental, financial or geographical limitations. Winners will receive a check for \$1,000 to be given to their respective nonprofit organizations. The Claude Pepper Award is named for the late U.S. senator from Florida, a lifelong activist for the nation's elderly. Nomination forms are available online at http://www.cbbsm.com/home/social_mission/community_recognition_awards.shtml. Completed forms should be sent to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Claude Pepper Awards, Mail Code 0250, 600 E. Lafayette Blvd., Detroit, MI 48226. Envelopes must be postmarked by July 30.

Golf outing

Project Compassion Ministries, Inc., a not-for-profit organization enriching the quality of life for Nursing Home Residents, holds its 18th-annual golf benefit Monday, Aug. 8, with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start at Fox Hills, 8768 N. Territorial in Plymouth. Registration fee for golf, cart & hot luncheon is \$125, with an early bird rate of \$115 for registrations received by July 8. Students may register for \$75 and



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luncheon only registration is \$30. There will be a putting contest and a silent auction of theater passes, golf packages, etc. PCM is also seeking hole sponsors (\$200), donations of gifts, funds and additional auction items for this event. For a brochure or for more information, call the Project Compassion Ministries' office at (313) 897-7470 or (800) 626-9622.

Braveheart Center

BraveHeart Grief Center announced its summer grief support groups for the Northville area. All support groups are open to all members in the community who have suffered the loss of someone close to them. Advance registration is encouraged although not required. The Adults Loss Support Group meets 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays through July 26 at the

Braveheart Grief Center, 126 Main Centre in Northville. Call Jeri Craig or Sandy Van Koeveering, (248) 449-8232 to register.

Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, Livingston and western Wayne counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting, patient transport/patient outings, errand running, grief support and clerical services. Contact Ann Christensen, volunteer coordinator, for more information on winter training classes at (888) 973-1145.

Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age

appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call our office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhopecenter.net.

CLUBS

Rotary A.M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Tim Phillips, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., via e-mail at tim@phillipshq.com or call (734) 451-8267.

Mosaic

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. We present speakers on child & family issues, have small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Childcare is provided. We meet at Plymouth Baptist Church (42021 Ann Arbor Trail) on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at 734-207-0658 or resha@juno.com.

Moms Club

Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth offers a variety of activities. For more details, call Birthe (734) 458-8143 or Martina (734) 464-0481.

DAR

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter-Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August. A group with ancestors who fought in American Revolution. Members participate in community work involving veteran's hospitals, schools and community service. Call 734-420-2775 for further information.

German/American Club of Plymouth

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

CLASS REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48170. Please include the date of the reunion, one contact person, and a telephone number.

REUNIONS

Avondale

Class of 1965
Avondale High School will have its 40-year reunion on Sept. 10, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. aboard the Clinton Friendship Boat in Mt. Clemens. Cost is \$55/person. Dinner, dancing and a 4-hour cruise. For more information contact (248) 334-7021 or email mikeardean@msn.com.

Berkley High School

Class of 1965
A 40-year reunion will be Sept. 17, 2005, at the Berkley American Legion Hall. For more information, contact Sharon (Reemsnyder) Reich (248) 557-3182 or sayreich@aol.com.

Birmingham High School

Class of 1955
A 50-year reunion will be Sept. 22-23, 2005, at the Radisson Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield Hills. Contact Nancy Yarnell Schutte at (248) 646-0235 or nys1937@comcast.net.

Bishop Borgess

Class of 1985
A 20-year reunion is planned for Friday, Nov. 25, 2005, at the Novi Sheraton. For details contact Dean Lundberg at (734) 718-2720 or dlundberg@comcast.net.

Cherry Hill High School

All Classes
July 30-31 at Cherry Hill High School, at the football field behind the school. Pre-registration \$15/person. At the gate \$20/person. Mail pre-registration (checks payable to CHHS Alumni Association) with your name, year of graduation and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Debbie Troyer-Stone, 1412 W. River Park Dr., Inkster, MI 48141. dball824@aol.com.

Clarenceville

Classes 1944-1957
The Clarenceville Gala Reunion No. 4 will be 6 p.m. on Oct. 1, 2005, at the Holiday Inn, 17123 N. Laurel Park Dr., Livonia. For more information call Russ Robitaille at (517) 655-3183 or email robiee@aol.com.

Class of 1975

A 30-year reunion is in the planning stages. Contact Bob Sheets (248) 437-9131, BKS1957@aol.com; Cori Cann (Barach) (248) 960-8910, canlady441@comcast.net; Tim Preville (248) 478-0212, ltpreville@hotmail.com; or Barb Resetar (Hill) (248) 478-2004, babs357@sbcglobal.net.

Class of 1985

A 20-year reunion is planned for Sept. 10, 2005. Contact Carrie Summers (Tripsansky) at (248) 478-5261.

Clawson High School

Class of 1955
A 50-year reunion is being planned. For more information, call Barbara or Warner at (248) 435-4351 or e-mail wiseppi@wideopenwest.com.
Class of 1975
A 30-year reunion is planned for July 9, 2005, at San Marino Club in Troy. A family picnic will be Sunday, July 10, at the Clawson City Park Pavilion at 1 p.m. Bring your own picnic. For more information, visit www.clawson1975.com or contact Bev Serre-Raine at (248) 689-3381 or e-mail beyraine@comcast.net.

Cody High School

Class of 1965-1966
A reunion is planned for Sept. 17, 2005, at the Italian-American Banquet Hall in Livonia. Cost is \$75/person, which includes dinner, open bar, dancing and memory book. 1965 graduates contact Ed Kempisty, (810) 629-1542, Tom Mellos, (313) 884-5469, or www.geocities.com/codycomets65. If you are a 1966 graduate, contact Greg Dobson, (248) 437-4649 or jmackie95@yahoo.com.

Cooley High School

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A 55-year reunion is planned on the weekend of Sept. 23-25, 2005. For information call Don Riehl at (734) 421-3150.
Class of 1955
A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 17, 2005. For more information, contact Penny Mertz Howley at (248) 553-2195.

Crestwood High School

Class of 1975
A 30-year reunion is planned for July 9, 2005. Contact Sandychs75@aol.com or call (248) 551-6978.

Denby High School

Class of 1965
A 40-year reunion is planned for Oct. 22, 2005. For more information, call Nancy (Horn) Catalogna at (248) 332-7438 or e-mail: tdbytheC@msn.com.
Class of 1955
An early fall reunion is planned for graduates of Denby High School-Detroit. ASAP (248) 349-6354.

Class of 1956

Jan., June & Summer School 1956 is seeking graduates for 50th year Golden Jubilee Reunion, in the fall of 2006. Contact Doreen (McClennan) Weber at dajweb@juno.com or Jerry Love at (586) 739-3840.

Detroit Mackenzie

Classes January/June 1945
A 60-year reunion is planned for June 18, 2005. Other 40's also welcome. Contact Richard Saxby at (313) 837-0641.

Detroit Redford

Class of 1955
A 50-year reunion is planned for the January and June classes for Sept. 22-23, 2005, at the Double Tree Hotel in Novi. For more information, contact Carolyn Roberts Hartwig, 27851 Cranleigh, Farmington Hills 48336 or RHS1955Reunion@aol.com.

Detroit Southwestern

Class of 1955
A 50-year reunion will be Oct. 15, 2005, at the Greentown Casino in Detroit. Tickets are \$50. For more information call (810) 227-7167.

Edsel Ford

Class of 1970
Dearborn Edsel Ford High School is planning a 35-year reunion Saturday, July 16, 2005, at Park Place in Dearborn. Contact Patti Taylor at (313) 268-5877 after 5 p.m. or e-mail msredhead1952@comcast.net.

Farmington High School

Class of 1975
A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, July 16, 2005, at Courtyard by Marriott, 31525 West 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. This will be a dinner banquet. Class of 1975 Planner weblink: <http://www.aspenreunion.com/fhs.htm> I or FHS Alumni: <http://www.fhsfalconalumni.us/>

Fordson

Class of 1952
Dearborn Fordson High School is planning a 53-year reunion at Park Place in Dearborn on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2005. Other weekend activities also planned. Contact (313) 562-4378 or orloffal@aol.com or mmsmyth@juno.com.

Class of 1960

Class of 1960 plus all other grads will have a reunion Sept. 17, 2005. Contact Ed Braun at (248) 960-3671 (anytime) or Nunzio Pipitone at (313) 565-4322.

Garden City High School

The Garden City West High School classes of 1974, 1975 and 1976 are holding a joint reunion Sept. 3 at Roma's of Garden City. Class of 1974 graduates should call (734) 422-4899 or e-mail GCWestReunion@aol.com. For the class of 1975, call (248) 476-6234 or e-mail dmurrayworley@yahoo.com. And 1976 graduates should call (734) 844-3860 or karenagrace@yahoo.com.

Class of 1985

A 20-year reunion is planned for 6 p.m. to midnight Oct. 1 at Roma's in Garden City. For tickets and more information, contact Sherry (Taylor) Mifsud at SherylN1967@aol.com or call (734) 612-4193.

Garden City Schools

The Garden City Schools Alumni Reunion 2005 is scheduled for Sept. 23-25 with a schedule of activities including visits to the Garden City Historical Museum, a tour of Garden City High School, a euchre tournament to raise money for the alumni scholarship fund and a dinner dance at the Ypsilanti Marriott at Eagle Crest.

For more information, contact Donna Bennett Ponte at (734) 427-0535 or e-mail at odponte@wowway.com.

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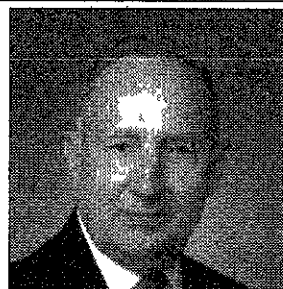
July 5, 2005, age 83 of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Norman Dear mother of Donald (Pamela), James (Bobbi), Paul (Lori and Marys (Peter) Hasnik. Grandmother of 10. Great grandmother of 8. Family did receive friends at the Lutheran Home, 28910 Plymouth Rd., Livonia, Friday from 2-9 PM. Family requests memorials to the Lutheran Home, Livonia. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhfuteralhome.com.

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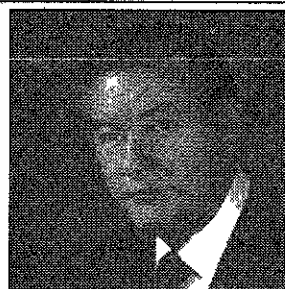
July 6, 2005, age 78 of Westland. Beloved husband of Yvette. Dear father of Cynthia (Michael) Dornbush, Denise (Robert) Marable, and Michael (Loretta) Garren) Straub. Brother of Katherine Brock. Grandfather of Brian Marable, Jeanette Blasius, Jessica Dornbush, Matthew Dornbush and Michael Straub. Mass of the Resurrection was held at St. Thomas A. Becket Church, Canton, with Rev. Patrick Casey officiating. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhfuteralhome.com.

JACK P. WILSON

Age 94 of Brighton, formerly of Redford Michigan and Lakeland Florida passed away on Thursday, July 7th in Brighton Michigan following an extended illness. He was born March 17, 1911 in Buffalo, New York, the son of Edwin and Jennie Wilson. On October 30, 1935 he was married to Annie Wilson in Detroit and together they lived in Redford, Michigan then in Lakeland, Florida until Mrs. Wilson passed away on January 15, 1998. Mr. Wilson then moved to Farmington Hills, MI. in 1999, and then to Brighton, MI. in 2004 to be closer to his family. Mr. Wilson had been employed with the Kelsey Hayes Corporation in Milford, then at the Brighton plant as a plant manager until his retirement in 1973. Surviving are 1 daughter, Sue (Tom) Pound of Brighton, 2 grandsons, Doug (Rense) Palmer of Southfield, MI. and Jack (Linda) Palmer of Troy MI. and great grandchildren Robert, Ryan, Melanie and Michael. Private family services and cremains interment will be held later at Grand Lawn cemetery in Detroit. Memorial contributions are requested to the American Cancer Society in Jack's name. The family was served by the Keehn Funeral Home in Brighton, MI.

STUART (Stu) R. ADAMS
NAP, LCDR, USNR

LCDR Stuart (Stu) R. Adams, 87, died June 25 in Pensacola, FL. LCDR Adams was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Virginia Hosner Adams. He was born the second son of Ross G. Adams and Elizabeth Adams, both deceased, in Southfield Township, Birmingham, MI, on May 9, 1918. He enlisted in the Navy 23 November 1940, advancing to aviation mechanics mate, second class. He entered Naval Aviation Pilot (NAP) training in October 1942, graduating as Naval Aviation Pilot, First Class in July 1943, and was assigned duty in the Pacific Theater. He received a reserve commission in the Naval Reserve at the end of World War II and returned home to Birmingham, Michigan. He returned to active duty in May 1952 and remained on active duty until retirement in June 1970. During active duty he completed over 10,000 hours as pilot in command. His aircraft ratings were commercial single and multi-engine, land and sea, instrument and helicopters. Stu and Ginny moved to Pensacola, FL in 1962. He was very active in the many military and civilian organizations in the local area and enjoyed them all very much. His daughter and son-in-law, Anna Mary and Ron Zimmerman of Pensacola survive him. Two grandsons and 4 great-grandchildren. David and Tammy Zimmerman, children Megan and Matthew of Pensacola and Chris and Cassandra Zimmerman, children Olivia and Nate of Leesburg, VA. A sister and brother-in-law, Anna Mary and James Deneau, niece Pamela Deneau, a nephew Ross Deneau, his wife Pamela and son Jason. Sister-in-law Erika Hosner, niece and her husband, Claire and Stuart Doyle, their sons, Matthew and Stuart; niece and her husband Carol and Lance Ference and their children Nicholas and Natalie and a nephew, Carl Hosner and his wife Lisa and their daughters Lauren and Taylor, all of the Birmingham, Michigan. His dog and best friend, Winston. Also survives him. Stu was a good old buddy and pal and a true gentleman. He will be greatly missed by all of his family and friends. Memorial services will be held Tuesday July 12, 10 am, Franklin Community Church, Franklin Michigan. In lieu of flowers, the family requests those memorial donations are made in his name to the National Museum of Naval Aviation, Pensacola, FL.



CHARLES CHYNOWETH

86, formerly of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, died Monday, July 4, 2005 in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. Born in Houghton, Michigan. Graduated from Adrian, Michigan High School and Kettering University. Charles served in the United States Navy during World War II as a Lieutenant. He was employed by the General Motors Corp. for 47 years, retiring as assistant general sales manager of Cadillac in 1984. Charles was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, Bhm. Lodge, A.F. & A.M., and Scottish Rite. Charles is survived by his wife, Irene; daughters Bonnie of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, and Barbara of Houston, Texas; son, Charles N. and grandsons, Christopher and Cooper of West Palm Beach, Florida. In lieu of flowers, please give to the Memorial Fund at The Salvation Army.



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Help teen lose weight by setting a good example

A couple of weeks ago, eight – count them – eight of my grandchildren and their three mothers came for a visit. I have thought a lot about this column because I do not wish to sound autocratic or blaming about a growing health problem we are experiencing today among adolescents.

Yet, I know the answer to the weight control is families who lead by example. All of these mothers religiously exercise and all control family food eating behavior and steer their adolescents toward sports. Two teens in the crowd are on rowing teams, both of these boys play many sports; one girl rides horseback and is an Irish dancer. One teen plays soccer. She also rode her bike from Atlanta to Santa Barbara last summer!

More than 15 percent of children between the ages of 6 and 19 are overweight. Studies indicate that overweight and obese adolescents have up to an 80 percent chance of becoming overweight and obese adults, especially if one or more parent has the same condition.

Is your adolescent overweight? Although you may think that your teen is overweight or even obese, only a doctor should make that determination (calculating your child's body mass index, or BMI, can be a good indicator).

Not only are overweight and obese adolescents at risk for serious health conditions like type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol – all once considered exclusively adult issues – they're also prone to low self-esteem that stems from being teased, bullied or rejected by peers. Overweight teens are more likely than average-weight children to develop unhealthy dieting habits and eating disorders, such as anorexia nervosa and bulimia, and they may be more prone to depression, as well as substance abuse.

Being overweight or obese can be associated with medical conditions that affect an adolescent's present and future health:

- trouble with bones and joints
- shortness of breath that

makes exercise, sports, or any physical activity more difficult and may aggravate the symptoms or increase the chances of developing asthma

■ restless or disordered sleep patterns

■ tendency to mature earlier (overweight teens may be taller and more sexually mature than their peers; overweight girls may enter puberty earlier, have irregular menstrual cycles, excessive body hair growth, and may experience potential fertility problems in adulthood)

■ the presence of risk factors such as hypertension, lipid problems, insulin resistance, and type 2 diabetes, which can lead to the early development of cardiovascular disease

■ liver problems

■ depression

What causes obesity?

If someone becomes overweight or obese, genetic factors, lifestyle habits, or both



Teens in 2005

Alice McCarthy

may be involved.

Much of what teens eat is quick and easy – from fat-laden fast food to microwave and prepackaged meals. Portion sizes, in the home and out, have drastically increased.

Once many kids get home from school, virtually all of their free time before dinner, doing homework, and getting ready for bed is spent in front of one screen or another!

Genes help determine how our body stores and burns fat. Genes and habits can be passed down from one generation to the next, multiple members of a family may

struggle with weight.

The key to keeping kids at a healthy weight is taking a whole-family approach. Make eating and exercise a family affair. Have your teens help you plan healthy meals and go grocery shopping.

Teens like fast-food joints, but try to steer them toward healthier choices like grilled chicken sandwiches, salads, and smaller sizes. Encourage them to join a school sports team, or alternative sport like skateboarding, inline skating, or mountain biking. Don't force any one sport – help your children find what they enjoy and then support them in their efforts.

Cut down on TV, computer, and video game time, and discourage eating while watching. Try to include five servings of fruits and vegetables a day in their diet, plan healthy snacks, and encourage your adolescent to eat a nutritionally balanced breakfast.

Let your teens know you love them – no matter what their weight – and that you want to help them be happy and healthy.

With thanks to: Sandra Hassink, M.D., Kids Health Alice R. McCarthy, Ph.D., is a national consultant in the areas of parent involvement in schools, curriculum writing in health, and health publications. Listed in several *Who's Who*, she is the author of a widely used text and parenting book, *Healthy Teens: Facing the Challenges of Young Lives*. Write to her in care of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

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Jazz festival dedicates tunes to one of their own

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

One hour after Dennis Tini's cousin died of brain and lung cancer on Feb. 18 he was playing piano for a Wayne State University concert to benefit tsunami relief. Larry Nozero would have wanted it that way. The well-known saxophonist performed for many a fund-raiser during the more than 40 years he led his group.

On Sunday, July 17, Tini and 200 musicians, who shared stages with Nozero, dedicate the Michigan Jazz Festival to the memory of the man who played with legends such as Ella Fitzgerald, Dizzy Gillespie and Stan Kenton.

Nozero, who died at age 61, performed for all of the festivals since the first one at the Botsford Inn 11 years ago. This year local musicians, including five big bands, play everything from straight ahead jazz to music with a Brazilian beat noon to 10:30 p.m. at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. For more information, call (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454. For a complete schedule visit <http://MichiganJazzFestival.homestead.com>.

Among the performers on six stages are Johnny Trudell, Tom Saunders, Hot Club of Detroit, Los Gatos, Brazil & Beyond, the World's Oldest Sax Section, Paint Creek Jazz Band, and Matt Michaels and Barbara Ware of Southfield.

For the first time the Schoolcraft College Jazz Band plays under the direction of Russ Miller from noon to 1:30 p.m. on the Cohen/Steinway Stage in the DiPonio Room. University of Michigan student Amy Bormet plays a tribute to Nat King Cole with her trio 1:30-2:30 p.m. in Henry's Cafeteria.

The Dennis Tini Trio with bassist Jeff Halsey and Dave Taylor, drums, perform 6:15-7:15 p.m. on the Woodbridge/Moro Stage in Lower Waterman.

"Our mothers were sisters and we played together for 50 years since we were kids," said Tini who co-founded the Wayne State University jazz studies program. The Farmington Hills resident has taught at Wayne for 31 years



Matt Michaels (left), Dan Jordan and Jerry McKenzie perform standards Sunday, July 17, at the Michigan Jazz Festival.

and is presently chairman of the music department and director of choral activities. "Larry and I used to live together, composed together and had a band called Time in the 1970s. We're dedicating some of the music we wrote and played together."

Tini plans to also play some of the originals from his new CD, *Eyes of Youth*, featuring Nozero, Chris Collins,

George Benson, and Tini's wife, April, and brother Ray. Tini wrote much of it while living in Switzerland. He's been performing in the Montreux Jazz Festival there since the late 1970s. In fall he plans to take an administrative leave. He has invitations to play in South Africa, Argentina and Europe.

"Larry's going to be there with us, one of the positive energies there," said



Dennis Tini and his trio dedicate a set of songs to his cousin, Larry Nozero, who died on Feb. 18.

Tini. "We want to create something unique that day, hopefully a fitting dedication to Larry."

Thirty minutes after playing the last note as a trio Tini and Halsey take their turn playing the Steinway Jazz Cafe. The lesson in jazz appreciation features six pianists including Bess Bonnier, Bob Seeley, Alma Smith, Terry Lower, Tini, and Matt Michaels.

"We're going to talk about improvisational and creative aspects of playing in a duo setting," said Tini. "Duo playing is the most intimate playing there is in all genres. It will show how we listen to each other, feed off of each other, how we mutually develop an approach to a particular piece of music in a very dynamic way."

Michaels on the other hand will focus on a pianist's individual skills and fusing classical music with jazz from 4:45-5:45 p.m. Prior to that he'll be playing with his trio, bassist Dan Jordan (Troy) and drummer Jerry McKenzie (Farmington Hills), from 3:15-4:15 p.m. in Lower Waterman. Michaels, a Southfield resident, retired in May from the university where he co-founded the jazz studies program with Tini. He returns in fall to teach part time. Michaels has been playing jazz for more than 50 years. On Wednesday he performs at Baker's

Keyboards in Detroit, on Saturday at the Kerrytown Concert House in Ann Arbor.

"I want to talk about how classical compositional techniques can be implemented in jazz. You can be playing *Autumn Leaves* in styles of Bach, Chopin or Mozart," said Michaels. "What's special about the cafe is it highlights what the pianists do. When you hear a piano play with a group you really don't expose the pianist's skills. They're essentially an accompanist. The cafe shows off their individual skills."

Midge Ellis is not only excited to have pianists back for a third year in the cafe, but new musicians as well on stages in the VisTaTech center and outdoors in the big red tent.

"We have so many new musicians because they want to play the festival and sent tapes to Johnny Trudell and Tom Saunders," said Ellis, a Livonia resident who serves on the festival committee.

"Although this isn't the first year for the Masters of Music Big Band with Ron Kischuk, they'll play standards that true jazz fans want to hear, like those who enjoy Schubert and Beethoven but like to hear another take on it."

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and grandparents calling and asking when it's going to come out."

Chris Firman, 28, came in to pre-pay for the book the "very first second" he knew it would be available. His favorite is number four in the series, Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire; his favorite character, Albus Dumbledore who "acts the part of the wise old wizard from Merlin's times."

"I have all the books, all the DVDs of the movies," said Firman, a cook at Baker's Square in Livonia. "I liked Dungeons and Dragons when I was younger."

Age rules at Cornelia Spicer's home in Redford. At 70 she's first on the list for the two copies she ordered. No one touches her book. The second copy goes to her 36-year-old son who will read the book and pass it on to his 12-year-old son.

"We have a race," said Spicer who taught junior high until opening Come Little Children Center in Canton, a Catholic preschool and day-care, 18 1/2 years ago. When the latch-key children there want to watch a DVD they invariably choose Harry Potter. "These are wonderful life lessons. It's all about having a heart for others. The wizard stuff is, oh my goodness, the best possible approach that there is to talk about the many differences in the world, that not everyone is alike. It stimulates the love for reading in children."

Stephanie Cyburt, 12 of Livonia, has read the five Potter books seven times but she'll have to stand in line behind her mother Cheryl when the new one is released.

"I'm getting it first because I pay for the books," said Cheryl Cyburt. "We have the collector's series. The covers are torn, the pages ripped. Even my 76-year-old mother reads them."

Stephanie enjoys the books because she can relate to all of the homework Harry and his friend Hermione have at Hogwarts.

"The fourth or fifth is my favorite because they're the

'There's a certain mystique to it. It's very captivating like *Gone With the Wind*.'

Sandra Gould
Canton children's librarian

longest with more than 800 pages," said Stephanie, a student at Buchanan Elementary. "I love to read. I'm always reading, I can't stand it when people say they don't like to read. I'm reading the fifth Harry Potter book again."

Canton children's librarian Sandra Gould has ordered a total of 50 copies to make sure there's enough for children of all ages to read.

"There's a certain mystique to it," said Gould. "It's very captivating like *Gone With the Wind*. I thought it was one of the best books I read, so many allusions and digressions older readers understand. Once you start it you have to see how it finishes."

At the Livonia Civic Center Library, patrons, including children, have already been asking about Harry Potter events so Children's Librarian Elizabeth Kobe has assembled a folder. One of her favorite Web sites for a list of festivals and Quidditch tournaments is www.potterparties.com.

"There's the Harry Potter Fest in Ohio for two days where buildings are being changed into magical places (www.blueheronbookstore.com) and there's a gigantic event in Illinois expecting 10,000 people. I think it's so popular because it's the battle of good versus evil, and having to make decisions like Dumbledore who asks 'is it easy or is it right?' Fifth to eighth graders are starting to make decisions about the kind of person they'd like to be and find it helpful."

Assistant manager Felicia Hernandez is already answering the phone at Waldenbooks and More in Livonia as the place where you can reserve the new Harry Potter book. The Livonia Waldenbooks is one of several locations planning



The new Harry Potter book, Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince.

activities surrounding the release. Midnight Magic parties begin the evening of Friday, July 15, and continue through 12:01 a.m. July 16 at Borders Express at Westland, Briarwood and Twelve Oaks malls, Somerset and Laurel Park Place as well as at Borders Stores in Farmington Hills, Birmingham, Rochester Hills and Novi. The parties are free and open to everyone.

Customers who pre-reserve the book, special collector's edition, or audio CD or cassette receive 40 percent off, 30 percent for those who don't.

"We're going to have stations set up throughout the store for face painting and mask making, trivia contests, coloring activities, and fun Harry Potter treats," said Beth Bingham who manages PR for the Borders Group which owns Waldenbooks. Bingham grew up in Livonia. "We did parties for the last couple of releases. This year we compiled all the ideas. Scholastics, the publisher, is also helpful in coming up with activities."

Gail Hammil just pur-

chased megaphones to yell out numbers for Harry Potter bingo. The Rochester resident never imagined she'd be planning parties around a book's release.

"If you just get one kid to read a book it's wonderful," said Hammil, district marketing manager for the Borders Group. "How exciting to have a big event like this around a book not a celebrity or music group."

This is the third party Patti Stoner's arranged for Barnes & Noble at Six Mile and Haggerty in Northville. She's getting into the spirit by dressing up as Professor McGonagall.

"We'll be making wands and potions," said Stoner, community relations manager. "You can play outsmart the wizard with magic stones. We'll have someone dressed as a wizard and many of the customers come in costume. There will be magicians and prizes for guessing the number of magic jelly beans in the jar."

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Granholtm launches sex ed program

Gov. Jennifer Granholm Wednesday unveiled a pilot program designed to offer parents a resource for talking with their middle school-age children about abstinence and sexuality issues.

The "Talk Often, Talk Early" pilot is part of the Granholm Administration's Blueprint for Preventing Unintended Pregnancies that includes two other initiatives: increased access to family planning services for low income women and contraceptive equity for men and women.

"Parents should be the primary sex educators of their children, and we want to lead the way by giving them the tools they need to talk frankly about issues involving abstinence and sexuality," Granholm said. "When armed with information and the tools they need to communicate effectively, parents can be instrumental in providing critical messages to their children that can help them abstain from sexual intercourse. By doing so, they can help them avoid early and unintended pregnancy as well

as the threat of HIV and sexually transmitted diseases."

The Michigan Parent Teacher Student Association has been instrumental in the creation of the pilot program, which will be shared with parents in school district-sponsored meetings this fall.

The Michigan Department of Community Health has submitted a request to obtain federal approval for a waiver to expand eligibility for family planning services for low-income families. The waiver would ensure access to family planning services by expanding Medicaid eligibility to low-income women without insurance coverage.

Granholm said men and women should have access to the full range of contraceptive options. Sens. Beverly Hammerstrom, R-Temperance, and Martha Scott, D-Highland Park, have introduced Senate Bills 431 and 432 that, if passed, would require insurers who provide prescription drug coverage to include all U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved contraceptives.

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Dances

MSP dances from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Top 40 DJ, cash bar, hors d'oeuvres (8-9:30 p.m.) and door prizes. Admission \$5/members, \$9/non-members, unless otherwise noted. Attire is dressy casual (no jeans or tennis shoes) unless otherwise noted.

Friday, July 15 - Sheraton Hotel in Novi 2111 Haggerty Road, North of 8 Mile. 8 Mile at I-275, exit 167. Directions only (248) 349-4000

Weekend Trips

Camping July 15-17 at Traverse City State Park "On Lake Michigan" .. which

is a short drive from Sleeping Bear Dunes, several golf courses and two miles from downtown Traverse City. The cost of \$51 include three days, two nights at the camp grounds and food to prepare four meals (two breakfasts, lunch and dinner). Pack your tent or camper - campgrounds include modern facilities and electricity. State Park motor vehicle permit required. RSVP by sending a \$51non-refundable deposit to Metropolitan Single Professionals (MSP), P.O. Box 2022, Farmington Hills 48333-2022

Camping Aug. 19-21 at Lake Michigan Sand Dunes Silver Lake State Park on Lake Michigan. Campgrounds include modern camping facilities with electricity. State Park motor vehicle permit required. Cost of \$51 includes three days, two nights at the camp grounds and food to prepare four meals (two breakfasts, lunch and dinner). Pack your tent or camper and RSVP by sending \$51 non-refundable deposit to Metropolitan Single Professionals (MSP), P.O. Box 2022, Farmington Hills 48333-2022.

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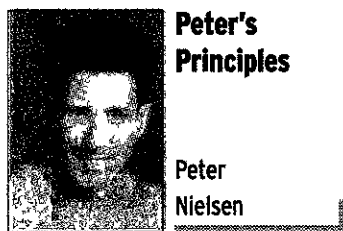
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Cutting fat helps build killer abs

Dean from Garden Heights wants to know the secrets to getting the killer abs he's been after for years. Dean, the fact is that you can do crunches until you're blue in the face, but until you get rid of the fat on top, you're still going to have a gut! The only real way to develop cut abs is to blend diet and exercise so that you reduce fat over your entire body. In terms of diet, try cutting back on starchy foods, especially at night. They trigger the release of insulin, which will increase the storage of body fat. You should also exercise at night and before breakfast to force your body to use stored fat as fuel. Lifting weights will boost muscle mass and your metabolism. Eating several small meals a day helps as well because it takes energy to digest food. After working these tips, then work your abs! These are tips for getting the results you've been after that just can't miss!

Christopher from Canton wants some information about how dads talk with their daughters about weight gain. Chris, recent research shows a good place for dads to start when giving health advice to their daughters might be to look in the mirror! The study shows that a father's fat level is a better predictor of his daughter's weight problem than the mother's weight or even metabolism. The study looked at a group of girls over a three-year period. The girls who gained the most weight during the study also had the heaviest dads. Thirty to 40 percent of obesity is genetic. Sixty to 70 percent is due to lack of exercise and overeating! So, dads, take your daughters hiking or walking, but be sure to lead by example! If you have a health or fitness question, e-mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com. Catch Peter daily on WDIV-TV (Channel 4) and WWJ-AM (950) Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

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Marathon milestones

Local runner completes 50 marathons - a great way to keep fit

BY JENNIFER KENNEDY
CORRESPONDENT

At first, he thought people competing in running races were crazy, now he is one of them. Ken Sovo, who lives in Canton and works as a desktop PC support technician in Livonia, used to only play sports like ice hockey and softball but decided to give running a try to help keep in shape.

In 1981, he ran his first 10-kilometer (10K) running race with a friend, and was hooked. In 1982, he ran his first marathon - 26.2 miles. The 10K race turned into 23 years of running and Sovo just completed a milestone race - his 50th marathon.

"After my first marathon, I was tired and sore, but 15 minutes later I decided I wanted to run another one, to run better and beat my time," said Sovo, 48, whose best marathon time was 2:59:08, at the *Detroit Free Press* Marathon a few years back. That is just under three hours to complete the race, and maintaining a seven-minute pace per mile.

ACCOMPLISHMENT

His recently achieved 50th marathon was the Flying Pig Marathon in Cincinnati, Ohio, on May 1. Sovo has run all seven marathons, since its inception in 1998. Funny thing is, it was known that Cincinnati would only host a marathon "when pigs fly," hence, the name "Flying Pig" was awarded to the



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Ken Sovo of Canton stretches out next to his new personalized license plate.

event. Sovo is proud to have competed all seven years, as well as competing in the Boston marathon seven times and most memorably, the *Detroit Free Press* marathon, which he has competed in 23 years in a row.

"This year will be my 24th year running the *Detroit Free Press* Marathon," said Sovo. "Detroit was my very first marathon."

Not only is Sovo competing in the Detroit marathon on Oct. 23, but he will run the Washington, D.C., Marine Corps marathon just a week after on Oct. 30 with a friend who is an FBI agent.

"I have been running the *Free Press* Marathon for so long, I already planned it, and when my friend asked me to run the Marine Corps, I said

OK," added Sovo.

FAMILY SUPPORT

Sovo will make the Washington, D.C., trip a family vacation with his wife, Karen, and stepchildren, Grant and Danielle. "Karen goes to most of my races and is a great supporter. It helps to have someone support you like that," he said. His son, Matthew, has also traveled or run with him in previous events.

He has completed marathons in other cities such as Cleveland, Columbus and Dayton. And he will probably expand that list in the coming years.

When asked how he feels about finishing this milestone marathon, he responded, "My goal was to complete

50 marathons by the time I was 50 years old," said Sovo. "Now my goal is to complete 75 marathons by the time I am 75. Fortunately, he has not endured an injury yet."

Why does he run marathons? "It is very satisfying to meet or beat the goal you strive for," he said. "It also keeps me in shape." Sovo still plays hockey and softball.

Ken Sovo's training program consists of three to four months of running about 40-45 miles per week. He runs four to six miles on what are called "short days," and saves the longer runs of 16-20 miles for the weekends.

What advice does he give to some-

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Visiting Nurse Association, Kroger offer vaccination

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan and the Kroger Company, are teaming up to administer the life-saving meningitis vaccination. The \$115 shot is available noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 26, at 65 S. Livernois, Rochester, and 4-6 p.m. at 37550 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills; 4-6 p.m. Thursday, July 28, at 30935 Five Mile, Livonia; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 30, at 1905 Canton Center Road,

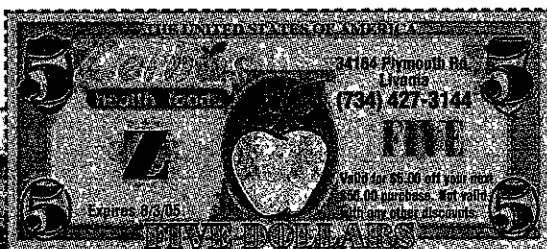
Canton; noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2, 44525 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, and noon to 2 p.m. Thursday Aug. 4, at 4805 Haggerty, West Bloomfield. The vaccinations are also available by appointment 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday, at VNA of Southeast Michigan at 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600, Oak Park. To learn more or schedule an appointment, visit www.vna.org or call (248) 967-8755.

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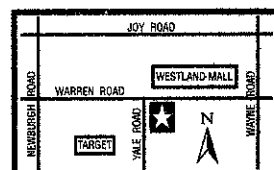
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Summer celebrations can spark blues instead of fun

Depression is a major public health problem that affects up to six million American men and 12 million American women annually. It can occur at any time of the year, and it can affect all ages and ethnic groups. "We tend to associate depression with the winter months, but depression can strike at any time," said Altona Rone, president of Community Network Services (CNS), a private, nonprofit community-based agency servicing Oakland County. "Sunshine and warm temperatures are not enough to ward off depression for those who have difficulty coping with life-changing events."

CNS and other mental health groups believe that families ought to be aware of good mental health practices and warning signs that may indicate that you or a loved one is in need of treatment at all times of the year.

"We all become so caught up in trying to manage stress that we often-times don't realize that we or those close to us are not coping as well as we think," said Rone. "Even some of life's joys can bring about depression in some individuals."

Graduation from high school or college can be a time of great celebration or a time of anxiety and stress. For those graduating without a clear idea of the future, money for college, or a job after college, graduation can be depressing.

Planning a wedding can be a lot of fun and stressful, and for some, a

time of worry. Budgets don't always match dreams, which can be a source of concern for couples. Making that big step can be exciting for many but frightening for others.

Elderly family members who have limited mobility and infrequent contact with family members may see summer months, which are key vacation and reunion times, as a reminder of all the things they cannot do or miss doing. It can be a lonely time for those who have nothing to look forward to but looking out of a window and watching life continue without them.

Spring and summer are also times for renewal and change. For some who are not satisfied with their physical appearance or who feel stuck in a

job that is going nowhere or a relationship that has gone sour, self-criticism can be brutal and may cause them to withdraw from social interaction.

Layoffs and job loss are stressful for those who lose their jobs and for those who keep them. If you find yourself suddenly without an income, talk to someone you trust about your worries. If you are among the ones who remain on the job, discuss any fears you might have that you may be next or concerns about the stress of additional work with someone.

If you have thoughts of death, dying, or suicide, you should see your physician immediately to determine if there is a physical problem that needs attention and to plan an appropriate

course of treatment. If you can't take that first step, ask a family member or friend to make the call for you.

"If you or someone you know is going through a life changing event, don't assume that you are able to cope," said Rone. "Talk to them or encourage them to talk to someone they trust."

For more information about available services and support groups, contact CNS at (248) 668-3410.

Community Network Services was incorporated in April 2002 to provide a continuum of services to people with serious mental health illnesses. It was formerly known as The Mercy Network—West and Central—St. Joseph Mercy.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

JULY

Reconnect with Food

A yoga, discussion and spiritual support program led by Beverly Price, a registered dietitian and yoga teacher, for individuals interested in exploring issues related to food, body image and emotions. Whether you are Jewish or of any other affiliation, we invite you to experience your spirituality with us as you practice yoga and connect with other like-minded individuals 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, July 13, 20, 27, and Aug. 3, 10, and 17, at Congregation Beth Shalom. Cost is \$136. Pre-registration required. Bring a mat and dress comfortably. For more information, call (248) 390-4150 or visit www.bevprice.com

Red Cross blood drive

2-8 p.m. Monday, July 11, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Call Carolyn Liebau at (734) 455-5395 to make an appointment or just drop in.

Free screenings

Vision and hearing screening by the Wayne County Health Department (children ages 3-18) 8:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday, July 12, and 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18, at the Pearson Educational Center, 19990 Beech Daly, between Grand River and 8 Mile, Redford. For more information, call (734) 727-7135 or (734) 727-7136

Divorce support

Group discussion facilitated by

Cynthia Koppin. Attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come, first served basis, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, in Room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443

Meningitis vaccinations

University of Michigan Health System's Michigan Visiting Nurses is teaming up with Kroger to offer meningitis vaccination clinics for high school and college students 2-6 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, at 2641 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor; 2-6 p.m. Wednesday, July 13, at 2010 Whittaker Road, Ypsilanti; 3-6 p.m. Friday, July 15, 400 South Maple, Ann Arbor; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday July 16, 2641 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor; and 2-6 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, 9968 East Grand River, Brighton. No appointment necessary at the Kroger store clinics. If you can't make it to one of the Kroger locations to be immunized, MVN also is offering meningitis vaccinations by appointment at its Ann Arbor office. Appointments in the Ann Arbor office can be scheduled by calling (734) 677-0020. Meningitis (Menactra®) immunizations cost \$115, payable by cash, check or charge (Visa or MasterCard). A proof of vaccination record and receipt of payment are provided at time of immunization. Students younger than 18 must attend the clinic

with a parent or guardian and all patients must be older than 12. For more disease and vaccination information, visit www.umvn.org.

Diabetes Support Group

Hosts a discussion on a "Improving Communication with your Doctor" 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 13, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Please use Main Entrance on Five Mile. Call (734) 655-8961. The speaker is Ginger Ramsay, RN, MSN, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. The Diabetes Support Group presents a new topic on the second Wednesday of each month for adults with diabetes and family members. There is no charge, and pre-registration is not required.

Asthma education

Garden City Hospital presents Measures to Control and Environmental Triggers on 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 13, and Actions for Managing Your Asthma on Aug. 10, in the lower level classrooms at the hospital, 6245 Inkster Road. Fee is \$7 per class. For information about classes, call (734) 458-3481. To register, call (734) 458-4330.

Isha yoga program

July 13-19 in Westland, conducted by Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev, 6:15-9:30 p.m. weekdays, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road,

Westland. Fee is \$275, a \$50 non-refundable deposit will confirm enrollment). Call (248) 478-4786, (313) 882-5683 or (810) 346-8914 or send e-mail to detroit@ishafoundation.org. For more information, visit www.ishayoga.org.

Fibromyalgia workshop

Dr. Kramer reveals what can cause fibromyalgia, which is often misdiagnosed and misunderstood 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 13, at the Carl Sandburg Library in Livonia. To register, call (248) 426-0201.

Sharing & Caring

Breast cancer education and support program presents What's New in Prosthetics 7-9 p.m. Thursday, July 14, in the first floor conference room in the Beaumont Cancer Center, 3577 West 13 Mile, Royal Oak. To learn more, call (248) 551-8585.

Tigers game

The Detroit Tigers are teaming up in a fund-raising event with the University of Michigan Health System's C.S. Mott Children's Hospital 7:05 p.m. Thursday, July 14, at Comerica Park in Detroit when the Tigers face the Kansas City Royals. A portion of the proceeds from each ticket go to build a new children's and women's hospital. Children's Hospital of Detroit will also sell tickets to benefit their facility. Tickets are \$20, with \$10 of every ticket sold through Mott going toward the "Champions for Children" campaign

Mott will sell tickets through end of June. Call (734) 936-9318 or order at www.med.umich.edu/secure/mott/comERICA.htm. To learn about Mott and its campaign to build a new hospital, visit www.med.umich.edu/mott

Baby Care Basics

7 p.m. Monday, July 18, at Providence at Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$20 per couple. Call (248) 888-444-7325. If you're concerned about how to adapt life with a baby, this class provides practical information about bathing, feeding, safety, health care and more

Pressure points workshop

Learn how to find and treat pressure points for headaches, back pain, sinusitis, neck pain, carpal tunnel, PMS, low energy, and joint pain at a free workshop 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, at Carl Sandburg Library in Livonia. To register, call (248) 426-0201. Limited seating.

Weight management

Seminar noon Thursday, July 21, at the Heritage of Southfield, an independent and assisted living community, 25800 West 11 Mile. Registered dietitian Muriel Wagner will offer free nutritional advice and education to help assist with nutritional plans for healthy weight loss and body awareness. Certified Tai Chi instructor follows complimentary lunch with a lecture on weight management. To RSVP or for more information, call Tracy

Bishop at (248) 727-2006.

Art sale

The beautification committee at St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital is sponsoring an art print sale 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, July 21, and 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Friday, July 22, in the community rooms of the hospital. The sale features framed art prints, gifts and home décor and most of the prints will be offered at 30-70 percent off the retail price. All merchandise for sale is from The Gallery, but excludes student art. Proceeds are earmarked to benefit the committee's Student Art Project. For information about the Student Art Project or the beautification committee, call Linda Smith at (517) 545-6296.

Golf classic

To benefit the Myasthenia Gravis Association Friday, July 22, at the Links of Novi, 50395 10 Mile. Cost is \$185 per golfer and includes 18 holes of golf, lunch, dinner and prizes. To register, call (248) 423-9700 or send e-mail to mgadetroit@sbcglobal.net. Golf hole sponsorships available.

Adults loss support group

Open to any adult who has experienced the loss of a loved one 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays through July 26, at BraveHeart Grief Center, 126 Main Centre, Northville. No charge although donations are always appreciated. To register, call Jeri Craig or Sandy Van Koeveering at (248) 449-8232.

RUNNER

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one interested in running? He says start slow and work your way up to running longer. "Teaming up with running buddies also helps ... and get a support base (of family or friends)," said Sova.

The biggest question for many is how long should a training program be and how many times per week should one run? The answer varies for each individual person and is dependent upon goals and current level of conditioning, however, there are some general guidelines, says certified athletic trainer and physical therapist Dana Roslinski, DPT, ATC, CSCS, from Medsport, the University of Michigan Sports Medicine Clinic, Ann Arbor.

TRAINING ADVICE

According to Roslinski, also a certified strength and conditioning specialist, it is recommended that you don't consider training for a marathon until you have been running

for six months consistently, at least three or four days and averaging a minimum of 20-25 miles per week. While it is possible to begin marathon training at lower weekly mileage levels, it could also increase the chance of an over-use injury, she says. Her suggestions are:

- Try to run five to six days per week
- Run no more than three to six miles for your "shorter days" of running
- Include one or two long runs, perhaps one during the middle of the week, and the other on the weekend
- Gradually increase the overall weekly distance until three to four weeks before the marathon, working up to the mid-20s in mileage for your longest run, then taper your running distance the last few weeks
- Include one day of faster running or interval training at the track


Standard running programs for marathons are three to four months in length, so if you are conditioned enough currently, and interested in running a

marathon in the fall months, now is the time to start training. Proper nutrition and hydration are important to include in your training also. For a training program suitable for you, consult a personal trainer or fitness professional experienced in running programs.

To learn of running races in the area, log onto www.run-michigan.com, or look up "running races" or "marathon training" on the Internet to locate more information. As Ken Sova can attest, whether it is a few miles, or a marathon, running is a great way to stay fit.

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ANOTHER KIND OF KNEE PAIN - FIBULAR BURSITIS

Readers of this column know by now, how keen I am on pointing out that joint pain is not always joint pain. This column provides another example, this time in the knee

In the past I discussed anserine bursitis which can mimic knee arthritis. In anserine bursitis, tendinitis arises in one or more of three muscles that come together on the inside of lower leg just below the knee

There is another bursitis that occurs just below the outside part of the knee. This problem, fibular bursitis, occurs at the point where the lateral slip of the biceps femoris muscle inserts into the fibula.


If you experience fibular bursitis, you may believe you have some how injured your knee. Instead, you twisted the leg possibly in an unsuspected way, giving rise to strain at the biceps tendori and its bursa

When you present to your doctor he must first identify where the "knee" pain really is. What happens is that on examining your knee he will find that the joint is free of swelling or inflammation. Then he will check the anserine bursa by firm palpation, and finally the fibular bursa. If you have fibular bursitis, palpation at the bursa will reproduce the pain you feel

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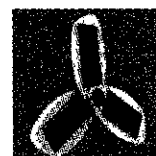
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Cranbrook hosts seriously stylish party

By Wendy White PINK Editor

If you're the type who likes to get all dolled up for see-and-be-seen events, Serious Moonlight is no joke. Celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, the charity gala has established itself as one of Metro Detroit's best parties. It's held outdoors on the grounds of Cranbrook — complete with a moonlit dance floor, and open access to the art museum where guests can browse the latest exhibits.

We caught up with Pamela Gerber, this year's Chair of Entertainment, to find out what else is in store at this year's soirée.



Pamela Gerber, a steering committee member for Serious Moonlight, wore a sparkly butterfly pin to last year's party to reflect the Brazilian theme.

What is the theme this year?

It's "Out of this World," and it's designed by Deborah Silver of Detroit Garden Works. The setting is going to be all white — it's about the white moonlight — with white fabrics, white candles that float in the pools and paper lanterns that hang from the trees. Last year's Brazilian theme had all these colors, and it's a nice break to go to something focused and very clean and just romantic — white fabrics in the night.

What performers can we expect?

This year's featured band is the Mega '80s. We're very excited to have them. For the patron party we have martial artists — in keeping with the white fabric theme — who will do Aikido and Iaido, a style of martial arts that uses swords. They'll be performing along the triton pool. There will also be a Chinese solo dancer wearing all white and dancing with a white disc like the moon.

We heard you will also have models?

The models will perform throughout the party

grounds wearing "out of this world" fashions, all white fabrics with white headpieces. Antonino's Salon in Birmingham provided the models and did the headpieces. Antonino owner Anthony Marsalese arranged for the costumes to be designed by Monika Essen, who owns Etoque Design Studio in Detroit.

What makes Serious Moonlight different than the other charity events in town?

When you come to Serious Moonlight there's always

10TH ANNUAL SERIOUS MOONLIGHT

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Where: The grounds of Cranbrook Art Museum

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a twist. Expect the unexpected. We always try to bring out-of-the-ordinary performances together to create something unusual. The setting is also unique because we have the party outside among the statues and fountains.

What about the silent auction?

Knoll is signature sponsor of the auction and they will have several pieces of furniture up for bid. There will also be quite a selection of mid-century design furniture pieces. The auction mainly features works by Cranbrook alumni. In the past there has been some clothing created by alumni, and some gift certificates to local salons and spas. Juliene Carroll will be auctioning gift certificates for her Birmingham store Jujo Carroll. She's a real good supporter of Serious Moonlight.

What are you going to wear?

I'm wearing leopard and flowers, kind of Roberto Cavalli, and fun shoes.

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Suggestions: Use a clarifying shampoo to dissolve any build up, apply a leave-in conditioner, apply frizz fighting serum-Don't apply too much on the root of your hair-You don't want your hair to look oily, you're looking for a smooth and shiny look.

Hot tips to beat the heat: When it comes to achieving good hair on bad hair days, George Nikollaj's tactic is "Don't fight it." Going with hair's natural texture is the best strategy. "Work with your hair-don't work against it."

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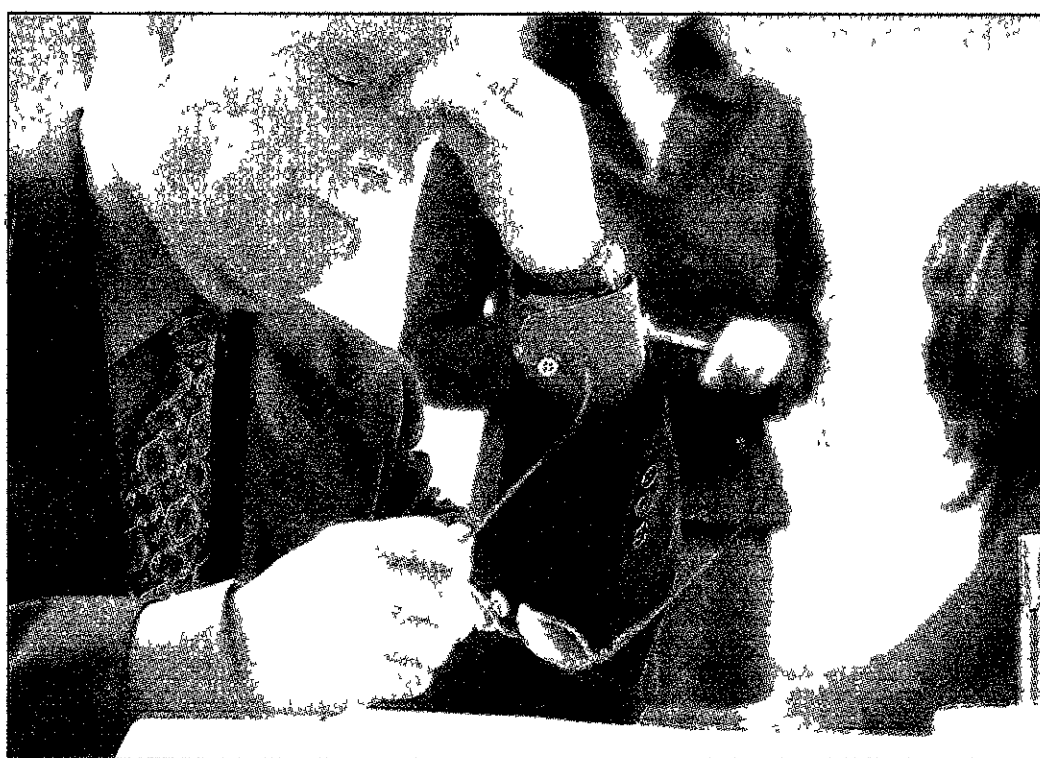
(NUI) — Are inadequate communication with co-workers, lack of control and even too much work stirring up feelings that you just can't take it anymore? If so, you may be experiencing work-related stress.

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Because extreme stress can take a toll on many parts of your body, this state of mental tension and pressure can leave you with various degrees of health effects — from uncomfortable conditions, like heartburn, to chronic illnesses, such as diabetes. In turn, many stressed-out workers have found that Mother Nature holds the key to stress-relief.

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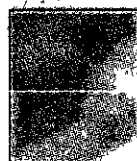
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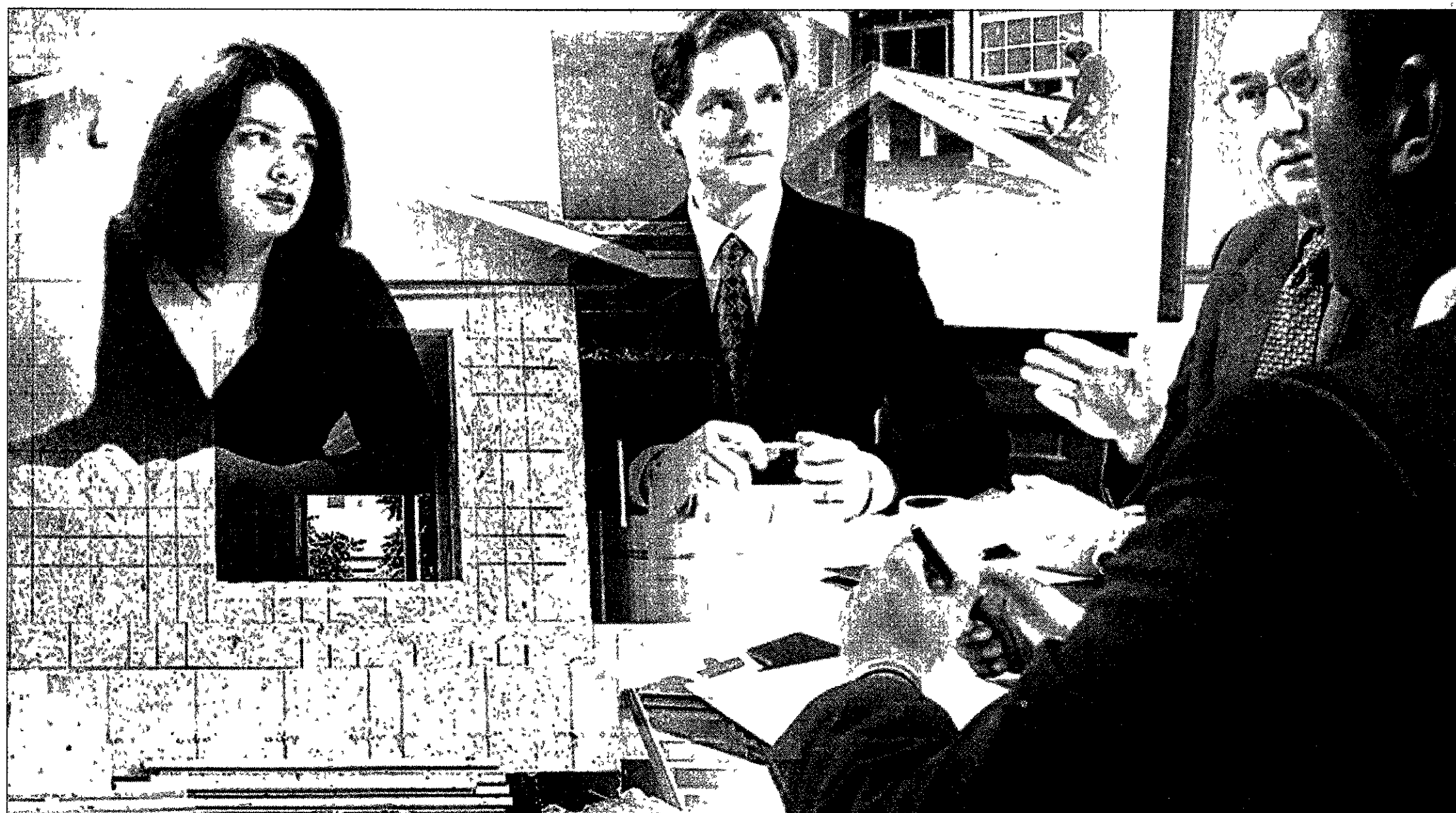
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(NUI) - Home buyers don't always know what to expect when they move in to a neighborhood governed by a community association, and that lack of understanding can generate confusion, frustration and turmoil.

But there's help. A free brochure developed by Community Associations Institute (CAI) gives potential home buyers a better sense of

association-governed communities. The brochure explains the benefits and obligations of living in such a community and addresses such topics as governance, rules, assessments and homeowner expectations.

"Most people are very satisfied living in community associations, but issues can and do arise," said Tom Skiba, chief executive officer of CAI. "There are many benefits, and various attractions and

amenities depending on the community, but there are also obligations and rules. The more you know, the more likely you'll enjoy your new home and community."

Community associations typically deliver services that were once the exclusive province of local governments, including trash pickup, street lighting and snow removal.

More than 50 million

Americans live in communities governed by associations, including condominiums, cooperatives and homeowners' associations. About 274,000 such communities exist in the U.S. today, up from 10,000 in 1970.

Community associations aim to provide safe, well-maintained living environments, preserve the nature of communities and protect property values.

Residents must comply with guidelines set forth in governing documents, which typically address architectural guidelines — for additions, decks and paint colors, for instance — and rules governing issues such as noise, pets and parking.

CAI's brochure, titled "Community Matters - What You Should Know Before You Buy," highlights questions that

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■ How much are assessments and how much can they increase?

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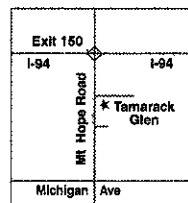
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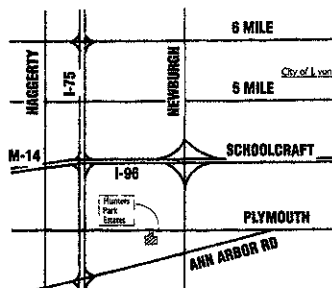


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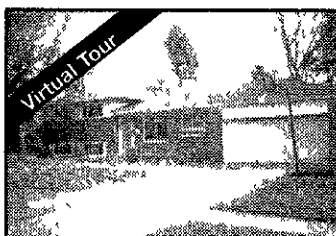
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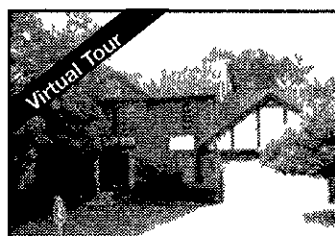
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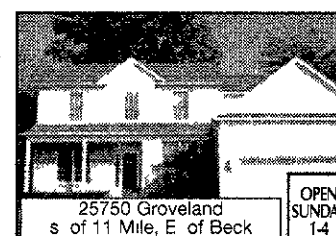
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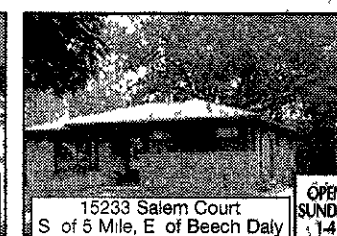
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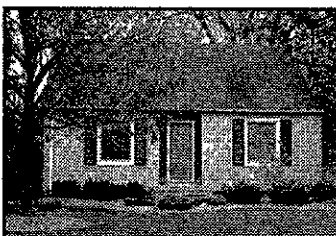
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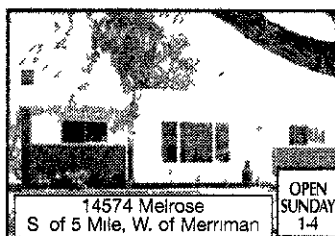
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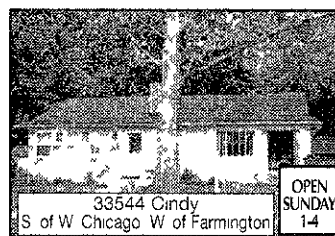
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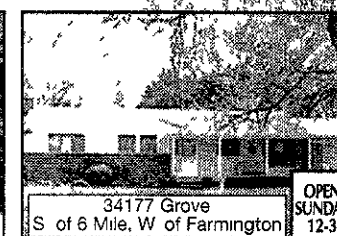
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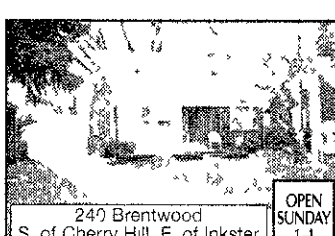
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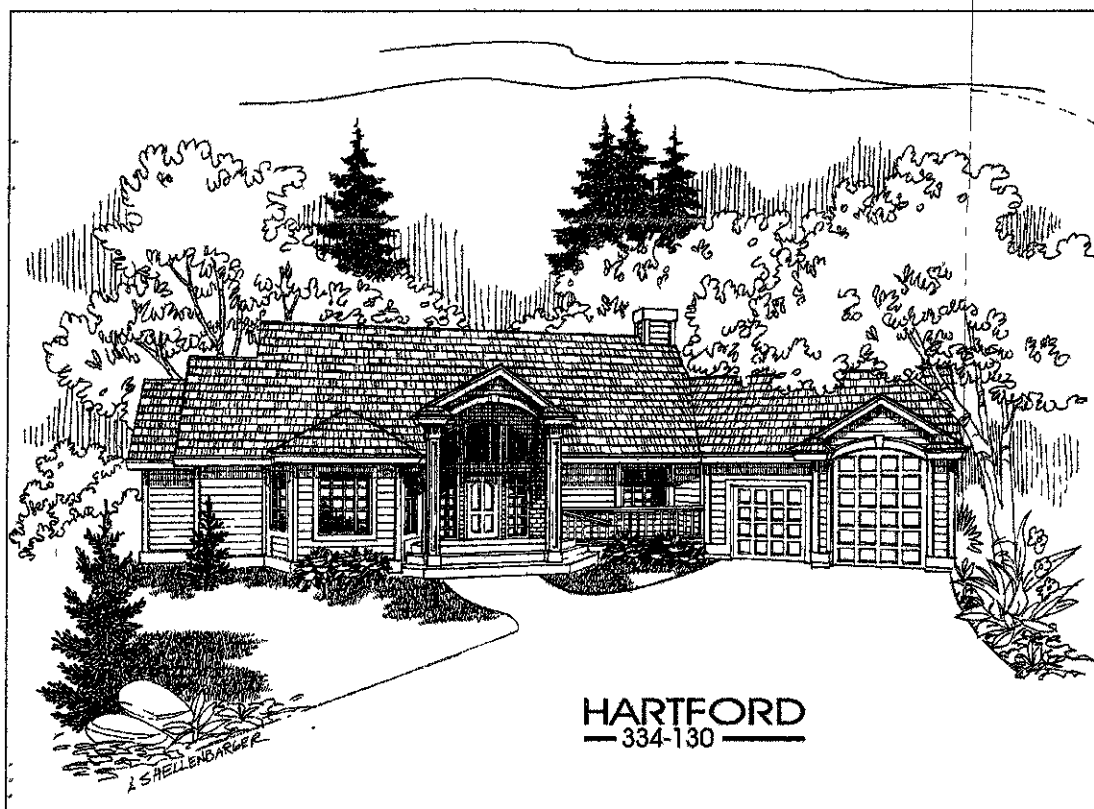


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The survey, and the samples listed below, compare the cost of the remodeling job, the resale value of the job, and the percent of cost recouped. Obviously, the higher the percentage, the more valuable the improvement when it comes time to sell.

■ Minor kitchen remodel: \$15,273, \$14,195, 92.9 percent

■ Siding replacement: \$6,946, \$6,445, 92.8 percent

■ Deck addition: \$6,917, \$6,000, 86.7 percent

■ Bathroom addition, upscale: \$41,587,



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■ Bathroom addition, mid-range: \$21,087, \$18,226, 86.4 percent

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■ Window replacement, upscale: \$15,383, \$12,875, 83.7 percent

■ Roofing replacement: \$11,376, \$9,197, 80.8 percent

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■ Master suite, upscale: \$134,364, \$104,200, 77.6 percent

■ Basement remodel: \$47,888, \$36,457, 76.1 percent

■ Sunroom addition: \$31,063, \$22,002, 70.8 percent

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This plan will also work well for empty nesters with grown children returning often to visit. The top floor can be sealed off when not in use.

The covered front porch frames an attractive brick and glass entryway. With a barrel vault, open to the second floor, light streams in to enhance the spacious feeling.

To the left of the entry, a vaulted swing room can serve as a small den, library or sewing room. Optional doors provide privacy, or leave them off for a more open effect.

The large master suite is situ-

ated for maximum privacy. A skylight brightens the sleeping area and a huge walk-in closet provides plenty of space for your wardrobe. A separate vanity sits just outside the private bathroom. The covered back deck, ideal for a hot tub, can be easily accessed.

The walk-through kitchen is great for a family on the go. A central cooktop and eating bar lets you prepare and serve food with a minimum of bother. The skylit nook brightens any meal. Other kitchen features include pantry, double ovens and raised dishwasher.

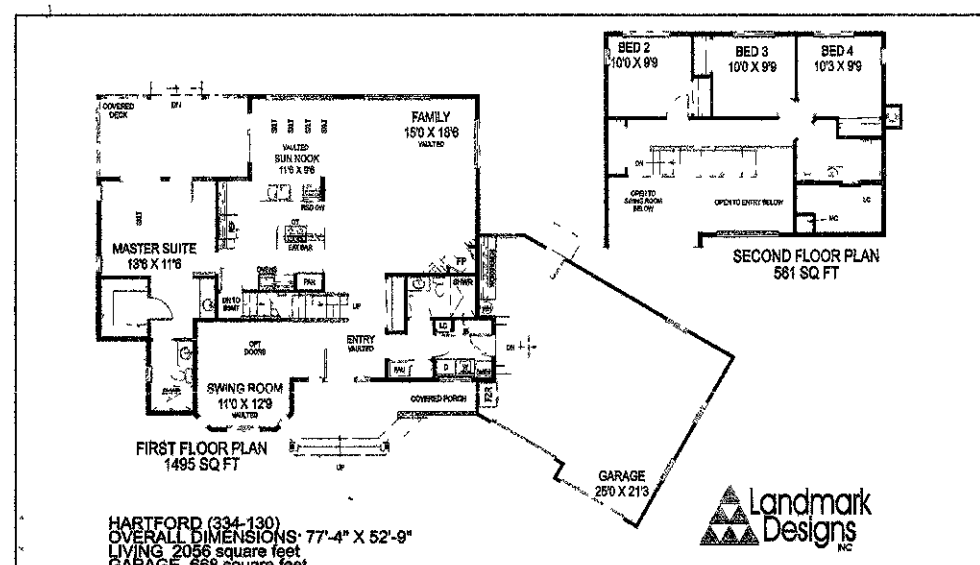
The large, vaulted family room is the hub of this home. Here family and friends can bask in the warmth of the corner fireplace while watching television or discussing the events of the day. The first floor also includes another full bath and a utility room with

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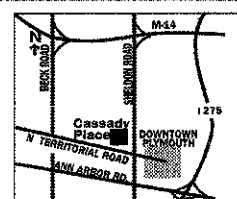
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- Basement

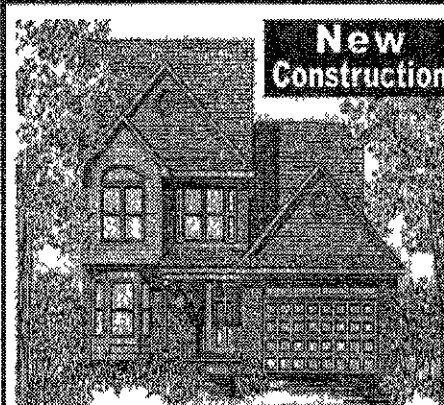
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(B40KEN) 248-626-8800 \$534,900



BLOOMFIELD HILLS Done To Perfection
Five BR, 2 1/2 BA, renovated Colonial. Approx. 3/4 acre lake, beach & lot. Granite stainless oak cherry & hardwood floors. French doors deck first floor laundry possible in-law suite & master BR with Jacuzzi. Basement with wet bar & sauna.

(B85HAM) 248-642-8100 \$474,900



CANTON Custom Built Home In 2005
New construction on approx 1 acre lot offers 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 4 car garage & full walk-out basement. Foyer opens to formal dining room & library. Living room with fireplace master suite with jetted tub & granite in kitchen.

(B50ROL) 734-455-5600 \$1,080,000



BLOOMFIELD Extensively Rebuilt In 2004
European stone home with 5 bedrooms. Lower level in-law suite. Impeccable setting with stream and trees. Beautiful kitchen. One-of-a-kind tile design. Top-of-the-line appliances. First floor master suite.

(B05LAH) 248-524-1600 \$3,190,000



COMMERCE Lake Sherwood Lakefront
Gorgeous 2 story Colonial has the most beautiful view of Lake Sherwood. Two furnaces upstairs laundry extra garage, lower level with great room, second kitchen and full bath. Sun room. This is a must see home.

(B16DRI) 248-363-1200 \$859,900



WEST BLOOMFIELD Pine Lakefront
Nestled on almost 1 acre deep tree lot with Monet inspired back yard retreat. Lush gardens pond. Estate-size great room with fireplace. Formal living room & dining room with coed ceilings. Gourmet's custom kitchen. Hardwood floors.

(B68ORC) 248-626-8800 \$899,900



BLOOMFIELD HILLS Outstanding
Four bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home with newer dream kitchen. Spacious master bedroom suite, guest suite and walk-out lower level. Two fireplaces. Newer driveway. Central air & fantastic location.

(B57WES) 248-642-8100 \$467,000



PLYMOUTH Beautiful Country Home
Five bedroom, 4 bath 19th century Colonial on approximately 2.9 acres. Great master bedroom, hardwood floors, country kitchen and formal dining room. Pond deck and gazebo. A must see!

(B66HOM) 734-455-5600 \$519,900



OXFORD Approximately 10 Acres
Four bedroom, 4 1/2 bath, 2001-built home. Hardwood & ceramic floors throughout. Two story foyer, great room with gas fireplace, maple kitchen with stainless steel appliances. Master bedroom with fireplace, Jacuzzi tub & shower. Onon schools.

(B01IND) 248-524-1600 \$729,500



COMMERCE Pine Cove Villas
Corner lot with spectacular elegance. First floor master suite with extensive use of marble throughout. Large home of super quality. Lake privileges on Lower Strata, tennis courts too. Walked lake schools, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. 3 car garage.

(B85RAN) 248-363-1200 \$849,604



FARMINGTON HILLS Ranch With Walk-Out
Backing to nature preserve. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, great room, library rooms in lower level kitchen & hot tub. Cathedral ceiling great room, master bedroom with bath/Jacuzzi. Recent carpeting, newer furniture. CA, double oven. 05. Spacious deck.

(B10VAL) 248-626-8800 \$429,000



BINGHAM FARMS Over One Acre
Beautiful landscaped yard on private wooded lane with Bingham schools. Three bedroom, 2 bath. Ranch with plenty of room to expand. Open floor plan & great curb appeal. A must see.

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NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP Elegance At Its Best
Enter into a gallery foyer to a music conservatory. Luxurious master suite, executive kitchen with volume ceilings, crown molding & granite throughout. Hardwood floors. 3 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths. Fabulous custom lower level with walk-out.

(B04CLA) 734-455-5600 \$1,097,500



OAKLAND TOWNSHIP One Of A Kind
Custom built 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA home. Dramatic 2 story marble foyer, first floor master BR with walk-in closet & marble BA. Media room with bar & FP. Hickory & ceramic kitchen. GR with 2-way FP to DR. Three car side-turned garage.

(B25ADA) 248-524-1600 \$488,000



COMMERCE Quality - Lake Sherwood
Gorgeous contemporary 5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 2 fireplaces. First floor master suite with Jacuzzi tub & separate shower. Finished lower level full bath, wet bar & kitchenette. Three-car garage. City water/sewer. Huron Valley schools.

(B01COM) 248-363-1200 \$829,900



WEST BLOOMFIELD Sitting On A Hill
Views of Walnut Lake. Two story foyer, circle stairs, marble & ceramic, dining room, butler's pantry, kitchen & breakfast room with walk-out. FP to FR, first floor master BR. Walk-out with FP kitchen, sauna, patio door hot tub. Decks & balconies.

(B96WAB) 248-626-8800 \$1,575,000



BEVERLY HILLS Gorgeous
Four bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home, updated kitchen with Corian counters, hardwood floors & newer appliances. Foyer with vaulted ceilings, curved staircase & newer baths. Finished basement large lot & newer roof windows & furnace.

(B01WIL) 248-642-8100 \$425,900



CANTON Privacy & Premium Site
Price of ownership shows throughout this 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath classic Colonial. Family-sized kitchen, family room with fireplace, dining room, den & first floor laundry. Extra high ceilings & daylight windows. Ready for the finishing touch.

(B76FLU) 734-455-5600 \$489,900



LAKE ORION Lake Frontage
Panoramic views from all sports private lake. Vast open plan, dream kitchen, fourth bedroom in lower level, finished walk-out, hardwood floors, ceramic baths, cathedral ceilings and first floor laundry.

(B42KEA) 248-652-8000 \$729,000



WEST BLOOMFIELD Stunning
Soft contemporary, modern lot. Landscaped, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, master suite with walk-in closets, jet tub, separate shower, extensive use of granite. Kitchen & butler's pantry. 10 ceiling, crown moldings, fireplace. 3 car attached garage.

(B97QUE) 248-363-1200 \$599,900



ORCHARD LAKE Exceptional Design
Heavenly views & frontage at sports Upper Strata. Lake. Remodeled in '96 with quality & amenities beyond compare. Media room with own granite kitchen, master bedroom suite heated floor & marble tub. Chef's kitchen & much more.

(B37LAP) 248-642-8100 \$3,100,000



NORTHVILLE Ranch On Secluded Lot
Fabulous Ranch with finished walk-out, just minutes from downtown. Five bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths with great room, family room, rec room, 2 fireplaces, cathedral ceilings, sky lights & gorgeous master bath. Professionally landscaped.

(B51FEN) 248-349-5600 \$575,000



COMMERCE Better Than New!
Brick & shaker backs to colonial! Hardwood floors in foyer, dining room & kitchen. Great room fireplace, library. French doors, maple kitchen cabinets, Corian tops & island. Hearth room master with jet tub & separate shower, Trex deck.

(B58CHE) 734-455-5600 \$424,900



ROCHESTER Sai-Mar Former Model
Cul-de-sac location for this fine custom built 4 bedroom home on premium elevation. Daylight basement loaded with upgrades. Pro-landscaped, elegant interior, finished bonus room, hardwood floors, dual stairs, moldings & light package.

(B71SPA) 248-652-8000 \$719,000



COMMERCE TOWNSHIP A Rare Find
Premium acres 10+ on all sports Lake Sherwood. Pro-landscaped, private setting & sandy beach. Three bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths. Walk-out has been updated throughout. Not a driveway, come & see this magical home. It can all be yours.

(B60OAK) 248-363-1200 \$595,000



BIRMINGHAM In-Town Home
New '05-built great Condo-alternative. Mahogany front door, Brazilian cherry floors & kitchen with maple & granite. Sun room, granite baths, master suite with walk-in closet & balcony. Heated floor & marble tub. 2 car garage & warranty.

(B50LIN) 248-642-8100 \$759,900



WEST BLOOMFIELD Fabulous Walk-Out
Bring your fuzziest buyer to this elegant Colonial. Maple kitchen cabinets, granite in all baths. Two story family room with wood-paneled walls. Newer deck & brick pavers. Three car garage. Grand master suite. Freshly painted.

(B01PEM) 248-349-5600 \$680,000



PLYMOUTH This Is The One!
Located in highly sought-after Woodlore sub. Tucked away on a serene setting with 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, great room with soaring ceilings, fireplace, hardwood floors, overlooking treed lot. Three car attached garage & part-finished basement.

(B96WEL) 734-455-5600 \$585,000



OAKLAND TOWNSHIP Custom Built
Stunning home in secluded sub. Many features including arched entryway, hardwood floors, gourmet kitchen with granite, cherry cabinets, crown moldings and wainscot. French doors and walk-out basement.

(B47WOO) 248-652-8000 \$719,000



COMMERCE Lubin/Tringali Design
Over 1 acre in the woods. Floating stair case, extensive use of ceramic throughout, 10 foot ceilings with dentel/crown molding & 6 foot doors. Floor to ceiling wall windows offers views of wooded 1+ acre setting with reflecting pond.

(B55WAT) 248-363-1200 \$568,000



BIRMINGHAM Remodeled In 2001
Uniquely beautiful 3 bedroom, 3 bath home with pro-landscaped yard and Kor pond. Transformed into a showplace. Maple cabinets, built-in appliances in kitchen and filled with top-of-the-line amenities.

(B17HOL) 248-642-8100 \$595,000



NOVI Fresh & Bright Exceptional Home
Four bedroom, 3 1/2 bath Colonial on approx. 1 acre with pond. First floor laundry with washer/dryer. Custom light fixtures. Fireplace with Italian marble. Finished walk-out with pro-work out room. Pressed concrete patio & deck. Northville schools.

(B81DEE) 248-349-5600 \$679,900



ROCHESTER HILLS Gorgeous
Executive estate on approximately 1 wooded acre with a small winding stream. Beautiful home with 2 staircases. Bridge over great room, pro-finished basement with walk-out to brick paver patio. Bountiful amenities.

(B78SCE) 248-524-1600 \$799,900



LAKE ORION Located On An Island
Prime all sports lakefront with drivable bridge, water on three sides. Wrap-around porches, boat house with hoist. Open floor plan, studio size sky lights, stone fireplace, hardwood floors and finished walk-out.

(B04LON) 248-652-8000 \$639,900



WEST BLOOMFIELD Spectacular Showcase
No houses spared in this Condo. Wooded views, kitchen with granite counters & stainless appliances. Custom wood mantles with granite. Master bath with jetted tub & euro glass door shower. Oak and cap staircase. Daylight lower level.

(B57CRA) 248-626-8800 \$460,000



BIRMINGHAM Fabulously Restored
Five bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Cape Cod with first floor master bedroom suite, newer kitchen with stainless steel appliances & natural fireplace. Spacious lot with patio & professional landscaping with circular drive.

(B91LIN) 248-642-8100 \$574,800



SOUTH LYON Classic Custom Cape Cod
Two-story cherry cabinets, granite counters, upgraded trim & molding throughout. Two story great room with large stone-faced fireplace & custom mantle. Four car garage insulated & finished. Park-like yard with mature trees. 27 hole golf course.

(B60POL) 248-349-5600 \$694,900



HUNTINGTON WOODS Fantastic Home
Charming and updated, hardwood floors, crown moldings, wood trim and 2 bay windows. Updates include Corian counters, baths, copper plumbing, paint, custom blinds and more. Paver walk-ways & private yard.

(B16SAL) 248-524-1600 \$550,000



OXFORD One Of A Kind
Very private lakefront home located on approximately 2 1/2 acres. Property can be split. Major updates done in the '90s including kitchen. Features include 3 bedrooms and baths, full finished basement and wrap-around decking.

(B99TAN) 248-652-8000 \$509,000



ORCHARD LAKE Perfectly Private
Great for entertaining. Contemporary in woods overlooks ravine open floor plan with vaulted ceilings. First floor master bedroom, his & her walk-in closets, trayed ceiling. Kitchen with island, Jenn-Air gas cook top & ovens, hardwood floor.

(B06DEE) 248-626-8800 \$760,000



BIRMINGHAM Craftsman-Style
Beautiful in-town Bungalow filled with nooks and crannies. Two full baths, master bedroom suite with walk-in closet and many updates loaded with charm. Gorgeous gardens in front and rear yards. One of a kind!

(B56WAL) 248-642-8100 \$499,800



WEST BLOOMFIELD Designer Perfect!
House Beautiful on a wooded cul-de-sac! Maple cabinets, granite & hardwood in this cook's-delight kitchen. Grand master suite with glamour bath, Jack & Jill guest suite, private back yard and 3 car garage.

(B43CHE) 248-349-5600 \$710,000



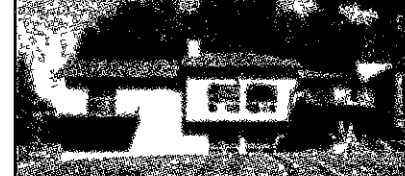
TROY All The Updates In Place
An almost new home. Finished basement with wet bar and laundry. Premium lot with in-ground Gunite pool, paver patio and hot tub. Hardwood floors, in foyer and kitchen. Professionally landscaped. Appliances included.

(B47ASH) 248-524-1600 \$499,500



ROCHESTER HILLS Beautiful
Private home on the river first and second floor masters, huge family room with vaulted ceiling, fireplace & wet bar. Finished walk-out, huge kitchen with island, den with Judges' paneling and built-in book cases.

(B48RIV) 248-652-8000 \$499,900



WEST BLOOMFIELD On Cass Lake
Beautiful 4 bedroom Ranch with all the extras & fabulous view of Cass Lake all sports lake. A must see. Great for entertaining, entry level has open floor plan. 3 car garage, cathedral ceilings & sky lights. West Bloomfield schools.

(B99ISL) 248-626-8800 \$699,900



BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP Very Clean
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(B72BEA) 248-642-8100 \$488,500



NORTHVILLE Executive Retreat
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ROCHESTER Executive Colonial
Impressive with all the bells & whistles. Four bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 3 car garage & deck overlooking pond. Master bedroom with 2-way fireplace & Jacuzzi. Soaring ceiling in foyer & great room. Kitchen with ceramic & granite. Walk-out basement.

(B71TUL) 248-524-1600 \$559,000



ORION TOWNSHIP On A Cul-De-Sac
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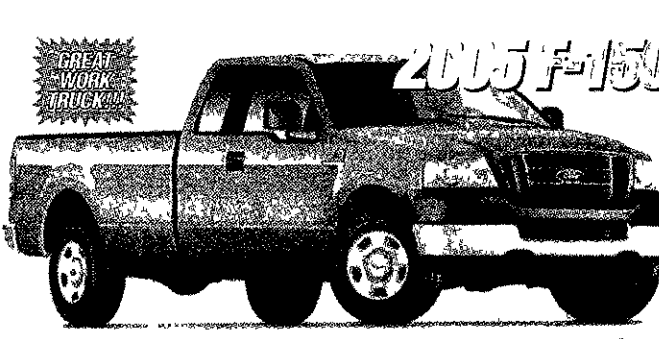
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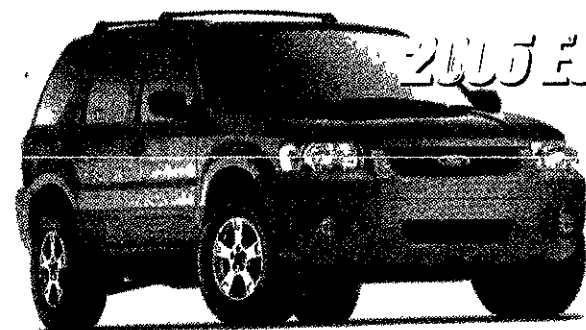
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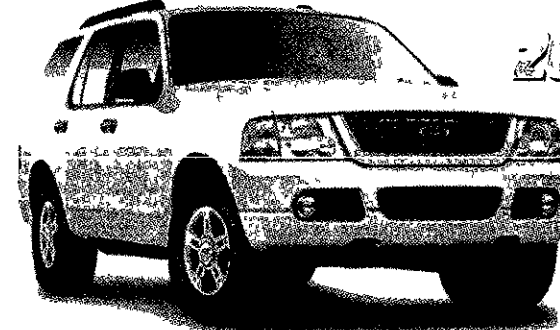
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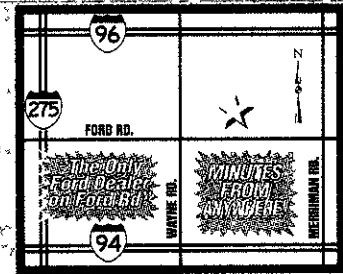
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By Dave Menard
Avanti NewsFeatures

It wasn't that long ago that buying a Hyundai was something you usually did only if you couldn't afford a Honda or a Toyota. The first generation offerings from the Korean carmaker featured bland styling and middling performance; in fact, the most exciting feature of those early Hyundai cars was the warranty they came with - 10 years/100,000 miles on the powertrain, the longest in the industry. But it takes more than a warranty to get customers to buy - it takes vehicles that people want to buy, and Hyundai is starting to make some real progress in that area.

Exhibit "A" could be the 2006 Sonata GLS, the mid-level trim line for that model. All-new for 2006, the Sonata is Hyundai's latest effort to compete in the mid-size segment with Toyota Camry and Honda Accord. In fact, the Sonata is longer, wider and has more interior room than both, and the U.S. government classifies the Sonata as a "large car," although it certainly doesn't look like one in your driveway. The new Sonata is a bit more stylish than previous versions. It has a dual headlight configuration that reminds me of a small Mercedes. The Sonata has a concave hood dome, body side moldings, 16" alloy wheels, and dual chrome-tipped exhaust. It's a nice package.

Inside, the Sonata is comfortable, roomy and has a nice set of included standard features. The seats give good support, but the standard seats are cloth and manually operated; leather seats are not available on the GLS, and power seats are available as an option. The wider body of the Sonata allows for more interior room, and there is plenty of leg, hip and shoulder room. The Sonata is also a couple of inches longer than its competition, and that allows more trunk room, too - 16.3 cu. ft. Instrumentation is complete, with a tachometer, digital clock, trip computer, range-to-empty gauge and coolant temperature gauge all included. Power windows, heated mirrors, remote keyless entry, cruise control, adjustable steering column, air conditioning, and electric rear window defogger are all standard.

The Sonata GLS comes with an AM/FM/CD/MP3 player with six speakers and steering wheel-mounted audio controls. It delivers good, though not exceptional, sound. The six-disc CD changer is available only with the top-of-the-line LX.

Hyundai has given the Sonata GLS a 2.4-liter all-aluminum inline four cylinder engine. Don't bother - get the optional 3.3-liter V6. It'll give you 75 more horses (237 total) under the hood and still gets a decent 20/30 mpg. It's mated with a five-speed automatic transmission which features an overdrive lock-up torque converter. Acceleration is decent, but unremarkable, but the engine is fairly quiet at highway speeds.

The Sonata GLS handles pretty well with its four-wheel independent suspension. The front suspension features double wishbone technology with coil springs, twin tube gas-filled hydraulic shocks, and anti-roll bar. The five-link rear suspension features a trailing link, two longitudinal links, coil springs, twin tube gas filled hydraulic shocks and anti-roll bar. It's a nice ride, particularly at highway speeds, where the



Vehicle: 2006 Hyundai Sonata GLS (V6) Type: Large car.
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cabin is quiet and comfortable. Power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering is standard, as are anti-lock brakes.

You'd expect a family-type sedan to have safety in mind, and the Sonata GLS does. It comes with dual front airbags (like every car), seat mounted side-impact airbags, side curtain airbags and active head restraints for front seat occupant.

Where the Sonata GLS really shines is the number of features you get for the money. The 2006 Hyundai Sonata GLS starts at a little under \$21,000 for the V6, and there isn't really much you need to add. A power sunroof, power driver's seat and garage door opener are really about the only options, assuming you take the V6.

The Sonata GLS really deserves a look, if you're one of those Accord/Camry buyers. And yes, that 10 year/100,000 warranty is still a part of the package. It's nice to see Hyundai making some cars you might actually want to keep that long. Write Anne Fracassa at avanti1054@aol.com.

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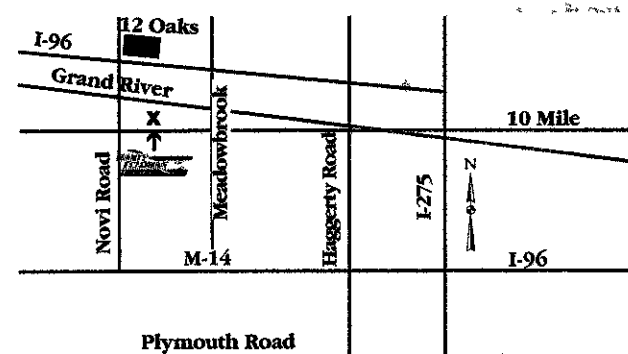


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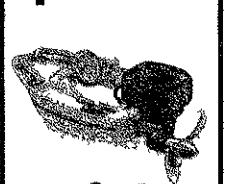
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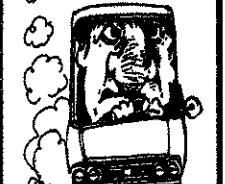
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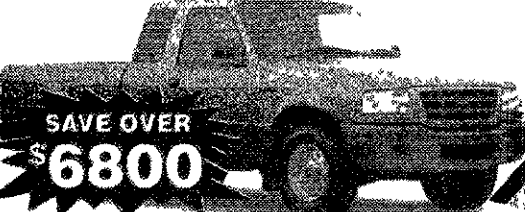
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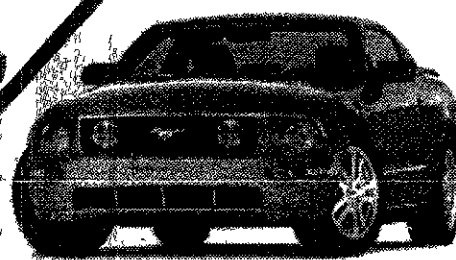
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