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# **Bills show** higher tab for school elections

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

When a new state law went into effect in January giving municipal clerks the responsibility of running school district elections, Plymouth-Canton Schools officials immediately predicted the cost for a school board election would double, if not quadruple.

It appears they were right. Final tabulations indicate Plymouth-Canton Schools is being billed \$35,280 from seven of the eight governments for services and supplies involved in conducting the June 6 election, which was won by incumbent Tom Wysocki. That compares to the \$16,000 it cost the school district when it conducted its own elections.

Why can't we run our own election ... which we can now see is more cost-effective?" questioned Judy Mardigian, vice president of the Board of Education. "Lansing made the decision, and Lansing needs to evaluate the impact of this law." According to bills sent to

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# Critics of the parks millage quelled

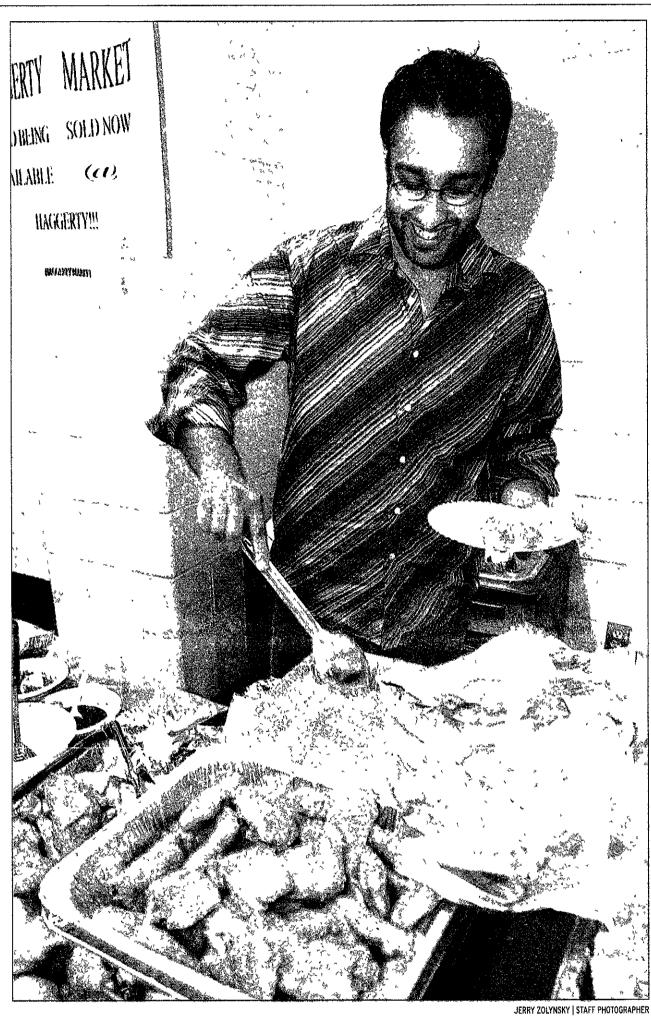
STAFF WRITER

Suburban critics of the Wayne County Parks Millage, including State Rep. Phil LaJoy, are saying they will now lend their support to the measure's renewal, after successful negotiations with county officials last week.

LaJoy, R-Canton, said he would kill his proposed bill in the State House that, if passed into law, would have forced the county to distribute 50 percent of the money raised in each community back to the community for local parks projects. The state lawmaker said he was satisfied county officials had listened to local concerns about the way some of the millage money was being dispersed for local projects.

Alan Helmkamp, the assistant

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Usman Malik of Canton's Haggerty Market serves up some Middle Eastern food last weekend at the Canton Mosque's Summer Festival.

# A 'bazaar' of a good time Festival helps Canton Mosque reach out

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

Last weekend, the Canton Mosque was transformed into a kind of Middle Eastern "bazaar" during its annual summer festival. Vendors from the local Muslim community used the event to shop their wares, which included ethnic clothing, art, jewelry, and food.

Muzammil Ahmed, program coordinator for the mosque, said there was great turnout for the event. which the mosque has been holding

for several years. He said about 1,000 people attended over the course of the event.

Ahmed said the festival has really been an open house of sorts for the Canton Mosque, which is located at Palmer and Lotz roads. The goal, he said, is to bring in new members. Currently, he said the mosque has about a "few hundred families" that regularly attend, but the number only encompasses about one of every four or five Muslims who live in the Canton area.

"We're always open to accepting

new members," he said.

Ahmed said the mosque will likely have another bazaar in the fall, which will be geared for the whole community, not just mosque members and Muslims. It will be part of an effort to reach out and become more visible in the community as a

"We just want people to know we're here, and for them to feel comfortable with Muslim people. We want them to know that we're in the neighborhood, and we're very much like everyone else," he said.

# Township gets a look at designs for 'Ford Parkway'

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Associates from Hamilton Anderson presented their vision of the future Ford Road. It was a stylized, numbered, color-coded vision using modern hues of lime and teal and brick red. But the color Canton's leaders kept seeing was blue - IKEA blue, to be more precise.

With just about a year to prepare before Swedish furniture retailer IKEA opens its doors - and some 2 million shoppers a year head for those doors - the Canton Downtown Development Authority won't have time to implement the plans suggested by consultants at Hamilton Anderson before the store changes the nature of Ford Road

"In 12 months, it's not going to be about Canton. It's going to be about a consumer who has driven



**Hamilton Anderson Associates modified** Canton's logo with colored leaves, which will match the colors of banners that will line Ford Road.

What she's hoping for is that Hamilton Anderson's plan, which includes a series of banners and signs along Ford Road and at the township's gateways, will help

shoppers find their

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Lisa Grasso, DDA member and man-

future IKEA store.

ager of Kohl's department store, just west of the

to get to IKEA," said

way west to Kohl's.

Hamilton Anderson Associates was hired by the DDA to help develop a wayfinding signage system to help motorists navigate Ford Road. The firm was also charged with the task of helping the DDA to develop an identity and community branding strategy. Hamilton Anderson presented the final plan to a joint meeting of the DDA, the planning commission and township board of trustees

Wednesday. What they came up with was a series of seven colored banners featuring a drawing of a leaf and an update of the township's current logo. The tree design in the Canton logo would incorporate the colored leaves from the street banners.

DDA members hope that the series of banners will help Ford Road look less like a sea of unrelated businesses and more like a shopping mall filled with a variety of places to shop, eat and entertain potential visitors.

This kind of thing is done successfully all over the country," said Canton Township Trustee Karl Zarbo. "They do it in shopping malls everywhere. We're just taking the roof

Often, people who travel to shop at a store such as IKEA tend to stay close to the freeway

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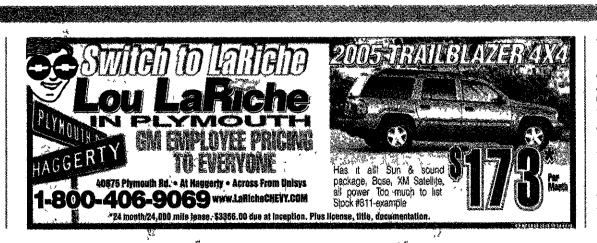
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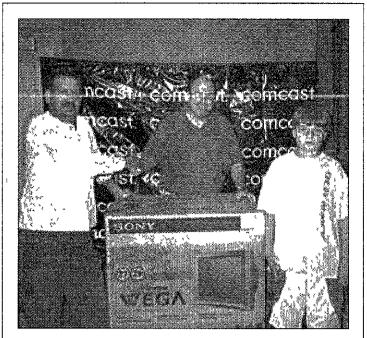
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# A winning set

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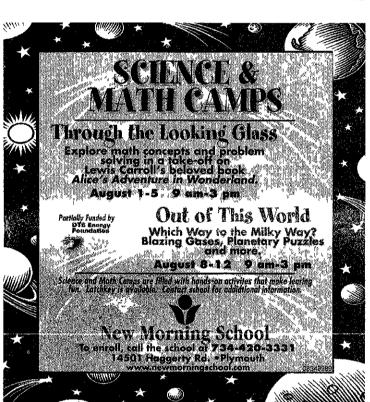
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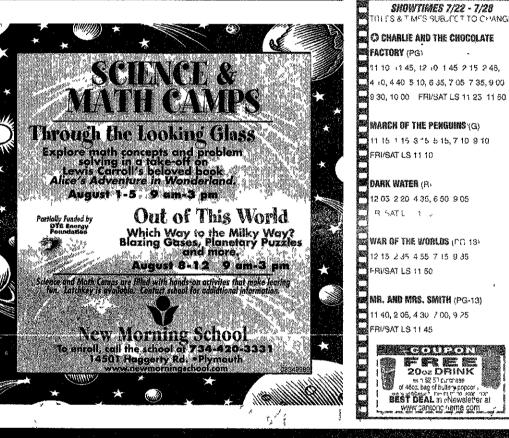
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# CelebrationYO@aol.com. Students to display projects

Discovery Middle School is inviting the public to view the science, math and political projects created by 70 students enrolled in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Summer Academy. The projects will be on display from 10:30-11:30 a.m. July 28 at the school, which is located at 45083 Hanford. For information, call Cheryl Klee at (734) 354-1608.

# Body information

The Saint Joseph Mercy Health Exploration Station is accepting reservations for its Amazing Me summer day camp, an interactive and educational camp, being held 0:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, Aug. 1-5. The cost is \$169 per camper.

The Saint Joseph Mercy Health Exploration Station is located within Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center, 1600 S. Canton Center Road in Canton.

The Amazing Me summer day camp will offer a hands-on learning experience. Each day, participants will explore a different system of the human body through dissections, interactive games and outdoor activ-

To register or for more information, please call (734) 398-

# Canton luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host it's monthly business luncheon on Wednesday, Aug. 3, at the Summit on the Park in Canton. The event will begin with a networking opportunity at 11:30 a.m., immediately followed by lunch at noon.

The guest speaker for the month of August is Captain Dennis Neubacher, traffic reporter for Channel 7 Action News in Detroit. Neubacher pilots the station's New Chopper 7 with Skyvision for WXYZ Channel 7, giving view-

ers updated traffic reports throughout the day. Neubacher's presentation at the Chamber luncheon will include shared stories of his experiences as a pilot and news reporter.

The monthly luncheon is open to the public. Cost for lunch is \$15 per person, which includes salad, buffet style luncheon, dessert, soft drinks, and lunch program. Reservations are necessary by Friday, July 29, and can be

# Chamber at (734) 453-4040. Madonna registration

made by contacting the Canton

Madonna University's office of undergraduate admissions is currently registering new and transfer students with the fall semester approaching. Students can register online, via mail, fax or walk-in.

For online registration, go to www.madonna.edu and find the online registration link. For prospective students, click the 'Guest" button to view courses.

To register by mail or fax, use the registration form on the back of the course schedule book, which can be sent to you by calling (734) 432-5300.

For walk-in registration, staff will be available every Monday through Aug. 29, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., to assist students with financial aid and registration. Academic advisors will also be available to discuss career paths and programs. Transfer students are asked to bring a current copy of their transcripts for immediate transfer credit evaluation.

Fall semester classes begin Sept.6.

# Health lessons

The Doctor's Speaker's Bureau will present a workshop called "Half An Hour to Health" at 6:15 p.m. on July 12 and July 26 at 8524 Canton Center Road in

Canton.

The workshop will offer an informative look at how the human body works and the five aspects of health. Covered in this lecture is a discussion on the most beneficial foods for your health and the most harmful. Learn how low-carb diets may actually be dangerous, and how to sleep correctly, as well as how to eat and drink to reach optimum levels of health.

The guest lecturer on both dates will be Dr. Michael Brackney.

This is a free event. To sign up or for more information, call (734) 455-4444. Light refreshments will be served, but seating is limited, so call to reserve a space.

# Rummage sale

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 is having its annual rummage and bake sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., July 28-30 at its hall, located at 344 Elizabeth (at Ann Arbor Trail) in Plymouth.

Anyone who would like to donate items can deliver them to the hall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., July 26-27. Donations are taxdeductible. All proceeds will be used to benefit veterans. For more information, contact Eunice Taylor at (734) 254-9617.

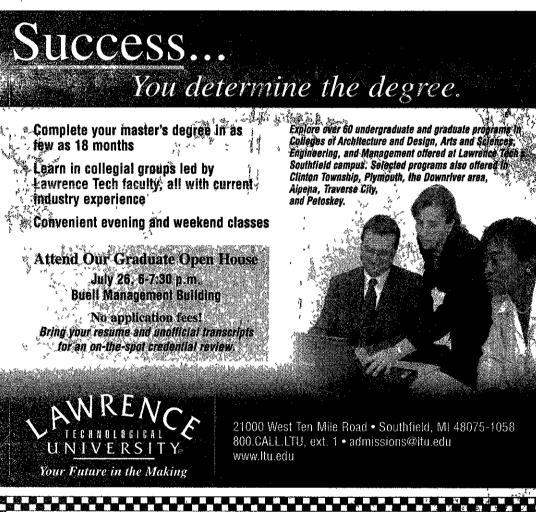
# Plymouth High class reunion

Plymouth High School Class of 1965 will celebrate the 40th class reunion Sept. 10 at Fox Hills Country Club, which is located at 8768 North Territorial Road. Casual Business attire is requested. Tickets are \$55 per person. Registration is required by Aug. 1. There will be a dinner buffet and open bar.

Organizers are looking for classmates. Send registration and checks to: Jeff Hoffman, c/o Chatham, Seland & Lashley, P.A., 940 Centre Circle, Suite: 2005, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714 or e-mail Jeff Hoffman at JLF940@earthlink.net

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# Service station owner guilty of not maintaining property

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

A six-member jury on Friday found a Canton businessman guilty of five ordinance violations on his property.

Robert McCausland, who, along with his brother, Daniel McCausland, owns Mac Auto Service on Lotz Road, was determined to be in violation of township rules against outdoor storage of materials and tools, of not maintaining his property, of storing unlicensed and inoperable cars on the property, and of improper storage of a Dumpster on the property.

Judge Michael Gerou at the 35th District Court in Plymouth sent McCausland to probation, and a sentencing date will be set later, according to Ronald Witthoff, attorney for Canton Township. The violations are misdemeanors with penalties of up to \$500 or 90 days in jail.

"We're very pleased,"
Witthoff said of the jury's
decision. "The township tried
to get voluntary compliance
but unfortunately Mr.
McCausland was unwilling to
do that."

In court, he showed the jury photographs of the property, township records and called as witnesses ordinance officers.

Though an auto service repair facility is certainly allowed to have parked cars on its property, Witthoff said the cars on the McCausland property were not permitted by ordinance.

"The cars that they had outside were not cars that were getting worked on. You cannot just store unlicensed cars on your property. Grass was growing around the

tires, and they'd obviously been there for months," he said.

The five violations were just a portion of the 29 violations on the property, Witthoff said. Township officials will evaluate the remaining violations to determine how to resolve the

"What would be great is if they just consented to take care of the outstanding violations, and everything would be taken care of," said Township Supervisor Tom Yack. "This trial costs the taxpayers a lot of money. Obviously our attorney has to prepare, and there are the costs of the jury trial, and the judge's time, but it's every bit their right to do so."

McCausland's attorney,
Dennis Shrewsbury, had said
on Wednesday, the first day
of the trial, that his client
was being harassed because
the 14-acre parcel is very
valuable and the
McCauslands have refused to

sell it to developers.
Shrewsbury did not return calls to the *Observer*.

Canton Township trustee
Todd Caccamo, who has been
strongly supported by the
McCauslands, said that he
would not comment on
McCausland's guilt or innocence because he doesn't
know all the facts of the case,
but he did say he felt the
brothers had been treated
unfairly.

"I do feel they have been selectively enforced because they are very vocal and very critical of township administration and government," Caccamo said. "That may have something to do with them being singled out."

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# Name change, revamped menu set for Johnson's Family Restaurant

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Since March of last year, just about everything about a Canton landmark has changed. Johnson's Family Restaurant will soon be changing one more thing: Its name.

"I was sort of pulling for Tom's Place, but I guess it's going to be Alex's Family Restaurant," said Tom Pascaris, who with his brother, Alex, manages the familyowned restaurant.

The restaurant, located at Lilley and Ford, has been since 1980 a very visible - and at times very busy - Canton business. But in January 2004, it suddenly closed its doors. Just three months later, the new owners had bought the restaurant and opened at the end of March last year.

"We did a major remodel, and changed the menu," said Tom Pascaris.

Soon, the big sign along Ford Road will be gone, and by Aug. 1, Pascaris hopes the new business sign with the restaurant's new name will be perched over the front door.

erched over the front door. Business has been good

during the last year, but Pascaris said some diners were surprised by the new menu (which added Greek and Italian entrees to its former American fare), and the new look inside the restaurant.

"I'm hoping that the name change will bring in new customers, customers who might be willing to give us a try, especially if they stayed away from Johnson's during the last few months they were open," Pascaris said.

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Tom Pascaris, who along with his brother Alex, are the new owners of Johnson's Family Restaurant. The new owners plan to change the name of the longtime Canton eatery:

# Man pleads guilty in fatal hit-and-run

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

The Superior Township man Canton police charged in the hit-and-run accident

that killed bicyclist James Smith-Clark, 42, on Jan. 24 on Denton Road reached a plea agreement with the Wayne County Prosecutor's

Office on

Wednesday.

According to the terms of the plea deal, Natesan Kannanpilla, 33, pleaded guilty to leaving the scene of an accident resulting in death, while a charge of tampering with evidence was dismissed.

Kannanpilla is scheduled

for sentencing Aug. 23 before Wayne County Circuit Judgė Leonard Townsend in Detroit.

James Smith-Clark was killed when the bicycle he was riding collided with Kannanpilla's Toyota Camry on a snowy Denton Road, just south of Cherry Hill, on the night of Jan. 24. There were no witnesses to the accident, but police investigators found a piece of grill from Kannanpilla's Camry, which they used to crack the

Kannanpilla was arrested March 2, after an exhaustive police search, in which officers worked with a list of 6,000-some Toyota Camrys registered in the area. Police investigators were led to Kannanpilla after they questioned owners of a local body shop that worked on his car. Kannanpilla lives just west of where the accident occurred.

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Members of the Full House Players rehearse 'Annie Get Your Gun,' which will run at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill beginning July 29. The play also features music by Orchestra Canton.

# Full House Players take aim

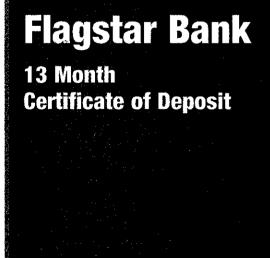
Ovation Productions and Full House Players will present the Broadway musical "Annie Get Your Gun," featuring Orchestra Canton, conducted by Nan Washburn, July 29, 30, 31 and August 5, 6, 7 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Annie Get Your Gun, a mix of comedy and romance, is played out against the backdrop of songs by Irving Berlin. The score includes "There's No Business Like Show Business," "You Can't Get a Man with a Gun," and
"Anything You Can Do (I can do better)."

Tickets are available at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit
Parkway, Canton (734) 394-5460, or on the day of performance at The Village Theater box office. Ticket prices are \$20 for adults, \$18 for students and \$15 for seniors.

Show time are 8 p.m. July 29, 30, and Aug. 5 and 6, and 2 p.m. on July 31 and Aug. 7.





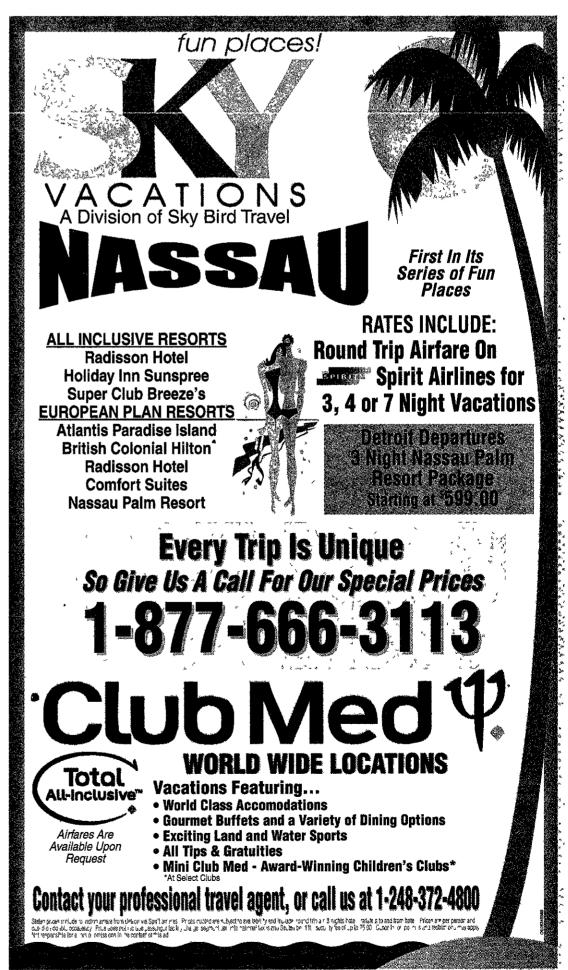
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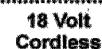
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# Cops to schools: Keep sex offenders away from students

STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington was stunned to see that a township resident listed on the Michigan Sexual Offenders Registry was taking part in an athletic league at Central Middle School.

So Tiderington is asking the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district to do something about it. He recently met with Superintendent James Ryan to discuss the possibility of approaching the district's Board of Education about instituting a policy that would prohibit sexual offenders whose crimes involved children from participating in activities on school property.

"This is the last place I believe a sexual predator should be allowed to be," Tiderington said. "If we can't prohibit (them) from participating in activities next to or along with children, we can't protect our kids."

The particular offender who prompted Tiderington's idea was released from prison in 2004, according to Tiderington. He served time for kidnapping and second-degree criminal sexual conduct involving a 7-year-old girl in Ann Arbor. That followed incidents in Kalamazoo in which he tried to draw two.young girls into his car.

The man is among more than 40 sexual offenders required by law to register with local police departments. Among those are some 20 who are still incarcerated, leaving nearly two dozen sexual offenders registered in the 48170 ZIP code, which covers Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

In the wake of recent tragedies, particularly two young girls killed by convicted sexual offenders in Florida, Tiderington has had officers in his department taking a more proactive approach in keeping tabs on these offenders, particularly those convicted of crimes against chil-

# **DOING MORE**

That's how officers spotted the offender in question playing at Central Middle School.

"I just think we need to do more," Tiderington said. "Parents have the expectation that when they send their kids to a playground, a sexual predator is not going to be participating in an organized sport right alongside them."

Ryan said he was surprised to learn a sexual offender was taking part in anything at one of the district's facilities, admitting perhaps to a little naiveté on the subject.

However, he said he will talk to members of the school board about Tiderington's suggestion, because the safety of the district's children is too important an issue.

'I thought (Tiderington) was really being proactive," Ryan said. "We were sitting there dumbfounded, to be honest. It makes a lot of sense when we're talking about protecting our kids, because it's a new age. Things have changed.

"Parents are counting on this school district to protect their kids, to do the best we can to educate their kids and to give their kids a positive experience," Ryan added.

He said he'll go before the board's policy committee and talk about the idea, and likely will invite Tiderington, as well. The committee's research is likely to include "what policies are out there," Ryan said, and if the board is supportive, "we'll start working with our local police agencies to make sure sexual offenders who commit crimes against children receive notification they shouldn't be on school property."

# CIVIL RIGHTS

It might not be as simple as that, though. There are likely questions of civil rights violations to be addressed. Wendy Wagenheim, a spokeswoman for ACLU Michigan, said there are "questions to be asked"

before such a policy should be considered.

"If there are children in the family of the offender, what would be done about events such as graduations or parentteacher conferences?" Wagenheim said. "We don't disagree that if there are people who are dangerous to the community, the police should be aware of them. (But) there

are questions worth raising." Both Ryan and Tiderington agree, but feel the protection of children should be paramount. While the particular offender of whom Tiderington is concerned has paid his debt to society in terms of jail time, he contends sexual predators are often repeat offenders,

"The recidivism rate among pedophiles is extremely high, Tiderington said. "This offender has paid his debt to society twice now. How many times are we going to let him pay his debt?"

Ryan acknowledged he's concerned with maintaining everyone's civil rights, but said he's got bigger concerns.

I worry about civil rights ramifications, which is why we wouldn't make any quick decisions," Ryan said. "We'll do our research to see what's out there. My number one obligation is to the 18,500 kids who go to our schools.

"I don't believe you just ignore this information," Ryan said. "We're going to move deliberately on this, but we are going to move." The Observer did contact the

Tiderington is concerned, but the man declined to comment. Information on registered sexual offenders living in your area can be

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to avoid getting lost, said DDA member and Trustee Melissa McLaughlin.

"It's not going to help Canton at all if all those consumers just make a left turn onto Ford Road and get back on the freeway," she said.

In addition to the banners, the Canton Chamber of Commerce is developing visitors guides, which will be available at a kiosk in IKEA. The Chamber is also reworking its Web site and developing a marketing plan.

Hamilton Anderson did not make available cost estimates for any of the elements of the plan. And not everyone was pleased with it.

"Very frankly I was very disappointed," said Planning Commissioner Catherine Johnson.

She said she didn't like the leaf design and the directional signs are too busy. Plus, she said that

too much attention was being paid to directing visitors.

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"I think we should cater to our residents," she said.

According to Johnson, residents call businesses to ask for directions. The business owner can then tell the caller that the location is next to another business or at a nearby cross street.

"That's the way normal people find their direction," she said.

However, McLaughlin added that out-of-town shoppers who come to Canton in the millions won't be calling local businesses because they don't even know they're here.

Johnson added that the DDA should wait to implement the plan until a time that they can afford to do all of it, rather than approaching it piecemeal. Right now, there is no estimate when the plan might be implemented. DDA member Tim Ford said there are other projects, including street lights along Ford Road, that need to be completed first.

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Wayne County executive for government relations, met individually with suburban leaders last week, including Livonia Mayor Jack Engebretson, Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume and Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, perhaps the most vocal critic of the mill-

"We have come to an understanding," Yack said after the meeting.

Yack agreed to support a county proposal that creates a new process for the way millage money is distributed. A five-person review committee, which would consist of the director of parks or a designee, a representative of the county executive's office, a representative of the Wayne County commission, the director of public services or a designee and the a representative of the Friends of Wayne County Parks would make recommendations, which would have to be approved by the county commis-

In addition, proposals would be limited to an existing park or related facilities "owned or operated by a governmental unit." Helmkamp said the funds could not be used to create new parks. The proposal sets a maximum of 25 percent of millage funds raised for these community projects.

The process would go into effect Aug. 3, pending commission approval, a day after voters will be asked to renew the 0.25-mill parks tax. The millage raises approximately \$11 million a year for parks

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Rep. Phil LaJoy

improvements and maintenance. County parks also receive funding from the county general fund.

was to encourage dialogue."

Helmkamp said the county has really made an effort to reach out to the local communities on the issue.

"This process is a work in progress. We can revise it if we find it needs tweaking," he said. "We disagreed on some of the details, but we have all agreed on the big picture."

LaJoy said his goal from the beginning was to get county and local officials talking about the process. For the time being, he said he would not go forward with the bill.

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# **ELECTIONS**

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Plymouth-Canton Schools from each of the municipalities within the district, Canton Township billed \$20,839; Plymouth 6,002; Northville Township \$2,126; Salem Township \$427; Washtenaw County \$201; and Superior Township \$143.

Plymouth Township, by law, couldn't charge the school district because it had its own issue - a police/fire millage question - on the ballot. Wayne County billed the

school district \$5,539 for the district's share of the board of canvassers certifying all the elections conducted in the county on June 6, including rental of Cobo Hall and securi-

"There's no win in this one, it's just terrible legislation," said Superintendent Jim Ryan. "But, no one cares because that's always been the response."

In reality, the total cost for **Plymouth-Canton Schools** could have been more than \$70,000. However, half the bill was sent to Schoolcraft College, which had an election to fill a Board of Trustee position.

When school officials first complained about the legislation, State Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, introduced a bill to amend the new state law in an effort to bring election costs in line, allowing school boards to conduct their own elections in the designated months of February, May, August or November. That bill didn't receive support.

If the state legislature doesn't move on the issue, the school district may have to contemplate moving the Board of Education election to November, when municipalities generally hold their own local elections, as well as

# COST OF VOTING

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Here's what it cost to run the June, election in the Plymouth-Canton school district, according to bills sent from each municipality within the district:

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gubernatorial and presidential elections. In those cases, the school district could piggyback on the ballot and not be charged.

It's a change Ryan isn't in favor of, but may be forced to consider.

'It will be a much larger challenge to create an awareness of  $\bar{t}$ he voters to look at us at the bottom of the ballot," Ryan said. "Can I run a special election for a bond issue, now? I don't think so."

If the Board of Education were to decide to move the annual election to November, they would most likely have to extend the board terms another six months to coincide with a new election date.

"My sense is most large districts won't want to elect their board in November, when the fiscal year is almost halfway through," said Mardigian.

State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton Township, said the expanded costs are the byproduct of a better election

"The clerks do elections all the time and are more extensive," said LaJoy. "There are more precincts available and more absentee ballots sent out. It's hard to argue against making elections more accessible and getting more voters to the

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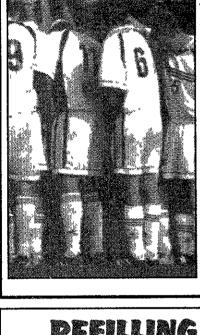
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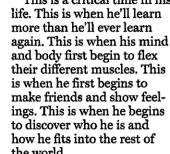
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# long before kindergarten

idan is a sponge. My almost 2-year-old grandson absorbs words and actions. Everything he sees has a name. He's started connecting words to form primitive sentences. He knows how to click on a TV, listen on a cell phone, type on a computer, scoot around in a push car, toss a ball, play with a finger puppet.

He's quick and agile. His parents spend time with him. They read to him. They listen to

music. They take him to shows, festivals, ballgames. This is a critical time in his



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the world. Unfortunately, not all children have Aidan's advantages. They aren't read to, they aren't played with, they aren't exposed to a word for everything. This most crucial time is when they are neglected without the right stimulus, the stimulus that will determine their future.

At a time when measuring educational success has become so essential, we are coming to appreciate how far behind some children are when they first come to a classroom. Education doesn't begin in kindergarten or even in preschool, it begins when a child first opens his eyes and ears to the world around

A new understanding of how children develop has made early childhood education a priority for many in education.

The Michigan In Brief Web site, a helpful nonpartisan discussion of major policy issues sponsored by the Michigan Nonprofit Association and the Council of Michigan Foundations, notes: "Brain research shows that the young children warranting the greatest concern are those who (1) fail to get adequate nutrition; (2) do not receive physical, emotional and intellectual stimulation; and (3) are emotionally or physically neglected or abused. Fortunately, research also demonstrates that children have a remarkable capacity to recover from the devastating effects of early deprivation and maltreatment if a nurturing environment is provided as early as pos-

When MEAP scores roll out every year, it is obvious that some children start with a deficit that only increases with time. Poverty, violence, neglect from an early age make it difficult for even the hardiest of children to compete with children who never face these chal-

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families, more children are attending child care centers. These vary from innovative socially and intellectually stimulating preschools to organized baby-sitting arrange-

Some educators have suggested that we need to look critically at early childhood education as the key to improving all levels of education. In a recent interview, the new state superintendent for public instruction, Michael Flanagan, suggested that maybe we should be taking some resources that now go to secondary education and spend it instead on early childhood education.

It seems wrong-headed at first. High school is the time that students have to buckle down and master the skills that will get them into college. It's the time when they need all those electives that can be expensive.

But Flanagan has a point. Without that crucial first step, many won't be able to compete in high school, many will drop out or slide through the cracks long before they reach the secondary level.

Our already heavily burdened public school systems are reluctant to add early childhood education to their responsibilities. Their budgets are already strapped trying to meet the needs of the K-12 school population.

Still, evidence suggests that any attempts to "fix" our weakest school systems and improve student performance are destined to fail without addressing the needs of the youngest children. Prenatal care for mothers; strong, mandatory parenting classes; licensed, education-centered subsidized day care programs; and some form of early kindergarten are needed to reverse the trend.

In the 1960s, the Johnson administration recognized how important early childhood education was. The Head Start program ranks with landmark civil rights legislation as Johnson's greatest legacy. It is a legacy that looms even larger as we try to quantify the success of our school systems.

We now know that learning must begin long before kindergarten.

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# Education needs to start | Signaling is 'best' option, but certainly not 'favorite'

t's summer, and the livin' is easy. I've also got a few random thoughts rattling around my brain that need to be explored:

Is there anything simpler to execute, but that by not doing shows a greater disdain for those around us, than using a turn signal while driving? I'm sure this falls under the category of the deterioration of courtesy in our society, but I can't even begin to count the number of times each and every day when a car either turns in

front of me or swerves into my lane with nary an attempt by the other driver to signal their intention. The effort required to activate a turn signal is only slightly greater than that required to draw breath, but to some it seems as difficult as moving a mountain - and just as rare.

Bill **Emerick** 

■ Ever since I've wanted to be a journalist - which, for me, is pretty much since I began learning to read – I've been keenly

interested in language and words. Specifically, how some words that have very narrow meanings can become twisted into having unintended definitions. A perfect example is the way many people have come to use "best" and "favorite." Most anyone can immediately recite their

"favorite" whatever – food, song, city, etc. But ask most of those people to name the "best" of that same category and chances are you'll get the same answer - and more times than not, they would be mistaken (or at least misguided).

Ask a football fan around here which is their "favorite" team and odds are it would be the Detroit Lions. But are they the "best"? Not in my lifetime. Perhaps that's not a great illustration, but many folks will go to their grave insisting that their "favorite" (fill in the blank) is also the "best" and no amount of persuading will convince them other-

Another pet peeve of mine is the blurring of the difference between "entertainment" and "information." Each has its place in the world, but when I want to be informed, i.e. learn something useful or important, entertainment is not an essential requirement. Try telling that to the talking heads on the local television newscasts.

■ Every generation finds it necessary to break with previous ones and forge its own identity, however elusive that goal might actually be. In other words, if there is something a parent likes, by definition their children likely won't. But how does one explain the rejection of traditional team sports by most of today's youngsters and the meteoric rise in "extreme" activities like skateboarding, bicycle jumping and freestyle skiing?

When I was a child, we had behind our house an old meadow that at one time was used to grow corn. It was just a vacant field by the time I reached adolescence, but all us neighborhood kids expended considerable time and effort to carve out a usable baseball diamond, complete

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with basepaths and a distant outfield boundary that marked a home run. Every summer, we would drag the (manual) lawnmowers out and lovingly recreate our own sandlot.

When my family moved into our current home six years ago, I was delighted to learn that a small baseball diamond was located at the end of our street. I was sure that my son and his buddies would derive the same pleasure from hours of endless play that my crowd did years before. I was right - to a point.

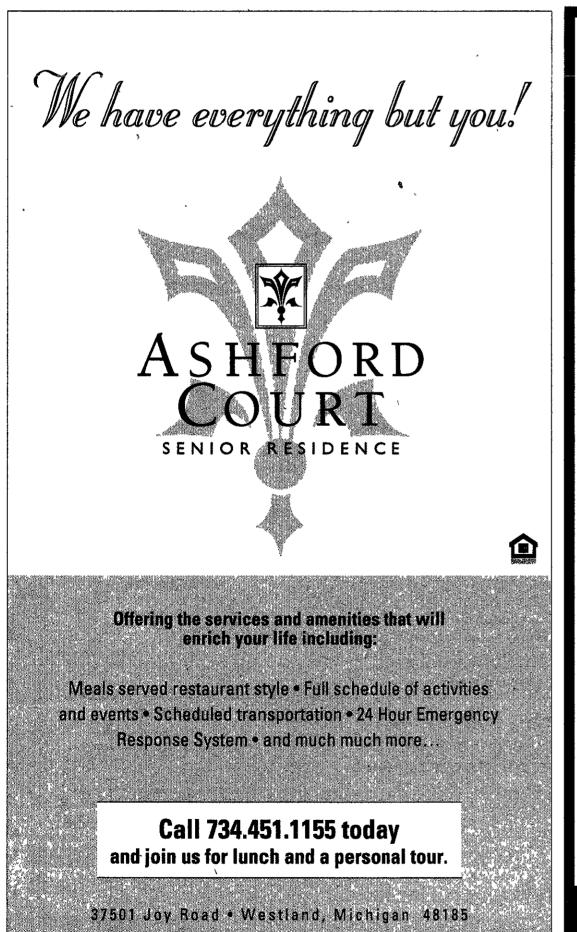
What was once a grass-covered infield has been transformed into a series of earthen ditches and moguls, perfectly suited for BMX-style bike racing. The local kids showed the same initiative in creating their own playground, but in my eyes destroying a beloved symbol in the process. Baseball? "It's slow and boring," according to my son. Sigh.

It's been said Michigan has four seasons: too cold, too rainy, too hot and too windy. This summer is certainly living up to that reputation. But why is it we hear about energy shortages and calls for conservation only when the thermometer inches its way above 90 degrees?

I understand that electric consumption skyrockets when everyone cranks up the air conditioning; doesn't it take just as much energy to fire up the furnace when the temperatures tumble? And since the days are much shorter in the winter, it would seem that lights are on much longer, requiring even more energy than in the summer. But when was the last time you heard a warning about brownouts in February?

Speaking of driving, you can't get there from here - trust me. I grew up Downriver, where most of my family still lives, but now reside in northern Oakland County. Pick a route - any route - between those two points and I'll show you a traffic jam caused by construction. I-75 ... Telegraph Road .. M-39 ... the Lodge Freeway. For all the complaining local officials do about a lack of funding for road projects, I'd hate to see what it might look like if we ever got all the money requested from Washington. As Yogi Berra might say, the roads would be so good, no one would drive anymore.

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# GC alumnae game rekindles school spirit, friendships

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

Call it a family reunion with basketballs instead of picnic baskets, if you

That's OK with 1990 Garden City alumna Michele Tyree and all of the other young women who will return to their alma mater to play a basketball game against the projected 2005 Cougars varsity.

"This is my family, my home," said the 33-year-old Tyree, the oldest alum to take the floor for the 7 p.m. Thursday contest. "My mom says my favorite colors are blue and orange and it's just been a very important part of me."

But there also is a game to play. Tyree and other alums are gearing up for the

Coaching legend Henry looks forward to game.

big night by shooting informal hoops twice a week with current players.

Last week, some of those returning players included 25-

year-old Melissa Bako, a 1998 graduate who was the team's MVP her senior year. She ran up and down the court, knocking down a couple outside jumpers to show her old skills haven't eroded that much.

"I'm here trying to get in shape," said Bako with a big smile.

Asked how being part of the alum team made her feel, she didn't take long to respond.

"Old, but at the same time, it feels great," said Bako, back in Garden City after teaching and coaching two years in southern California. "It's awesome what they do every year. It's something all of us look forward to every single year because that may be the only time you get to see that group of girls."

Of course, once the game is over, Bako will turn her attention to landing a full-time teaching job. She also is planning on attending Madonna University to pursue a master's degree in special education and learning disabilities.

# CONNECTIONS

Even recent graduates share Bako's perspective on coming back.

According to 2004 graduate Terra Russell, who will play women's basketball again this year at Concordia University in Ann Arbor, "It's always good to not forget about the things you've done in the past. It's a great way to see people you haven't seen in a while and keep in touch with them, which is so hard to do nowadays."

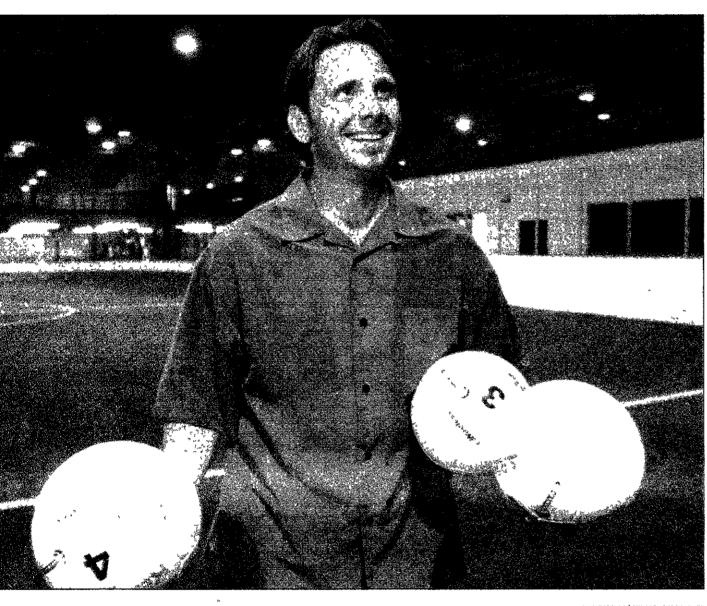
Russell's not that old, just 19. But she also can't believe she is part of the alumnae team.

"It's kind of surreal, it's kind of a mind-blower," she said. "It makes you feel old, especially when we're playing freshmen."

That means coming to the gym and not knowing anybody from her high school career. "It makes you realize you are an alumni."

Several said current players learn

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High Velocity Sports lead owner Bryan "Goose" Finnerty still finds time to hone his high-level soccer skills despite a number of business ventures that keep him busy. The former Detroit Rocker goal-keeper owns a sports facilities consulting firm and is a director for The Sports Leadership Centers of

# Golden 'Goose'

# Finnerty makes mark on soccer scene

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Engulfed in bright, southern California sunshine, Bryan "Goose" Finnerty had a plan as he boarded a Detroit-bound plane in the summer of 1990.

Following a spectacular collegiate soccer career at San Diego State University, the talented goal-keeper was selected by his hometown San Diego Sockers with the first overall pick in that year's Major Indoor Soccer League draft.

Two weeks later, he was abruptly traded to the National Professional Soccer League's Detroit Rockers.

"Before I left for Detroit, I told my family I was going to sign a one-year contract with the Rockers, and then I'd come home and sign with San Diego the following year," recalled Finnerty, who wasn't anxious to part with southern California's year-round warmth, the nearby surf or his family, many of whom resided in the San Diego suburb of Dana Point.

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# Icers set for Prague trip

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

"Czeching" will take on a whole new meaning for four Observerland girls hockey players and one coach when they travel overseas to participate ing an international tournament.

Plymouth-Canton-Salem players Tara Boliard, Kelli Bargowski and Emily Patton will join Livonia Ladywood's Laura Szwed on the 14player Midwestern USA team that will travel to Prague, Czech Republic, on Aug. 7 for a weeklong slate of games.

The team will be led by Farmington Hills Mercy coach Judy Rounsifer.

"It's a very, very good tournament with a lot of talented teams," said Rounsifer. "We'll be playing against the German National Team, the junior team from Canada, and teams from the Czech Republic and Russia.

"I'm excited for the girls because this is such a great opportunity for them. I had the opportunity to travel to Finland and Sweden to play hockey when I was younger, so I know what a fantastic experience it will be for them."

Along with the four Observerland players, the squad will consist of six players from defending state champion Cranbrook Kingswood, two players from University Liggett and one from Grosse Pointe North. One of the Kingswood players, Tarasai Karega, was voted "Miss Hockey" following the 2004-05 season.

The team will hold a series of practices prior to taking off on its nine-hour flight to Prague on Saturday, Aug. 6.

# Icers set for | Quick transition for parks and recreation

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

Bigger and brighter offices now house the Redford Parks and Recreation Department, which moved earlier this month to new digs.

But interim parks and recreation director Mike Curle promises residents will have access to the same programs and facilities for everything from softball to yoga.

"It was hard moving 30 years of stuff over here in a timely manner," said Curle. "But we wanted a continuance of service and we have that."

The department seamlessly moved from the Redford Ice Arena across Beech Daly to the nearby Redford Community Center over the weekend of

July 9-10.

Employees – full-timers Curle, recreation supervisor Scott Gray and secretary Lee Cox – packed up the old office on Friday, July 8, and opened up at the

community center on Monday, July 11.

"Yes, it was a smooth transition," Curle said.

said.

Convenience for program participants is one of the benefits of the new location.

"It's going to be easier for people to come over and pay their fees instead of going over to the arena," explained Curle, a nine-year employee of the department.

Among programs taking place inside Redford Community Center are cheerleading, karate, fitness classes, step aerobics, yoga and kickboxing.

As for the ice arena, it is now being operated by a private company, Family Entertainment.

According to Curle, relatively little will change under new management.

"A proposal to run it the same way, as a community rink" was recently approved by the township board, Curle said. Youth hockey and figure skating programs are expected to continue at the arena.

The new office is located at 12121 Hemingway at Capitol, west of Beech Daly and between Plymouth-Schoolcraft roads. The telephone number is (313) 387-2650.

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# Youngster keeps 'chin up,' breaks 40-year-old record at fitness meet

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

Leave it to a four-foot-tall kid to shatter a 40-year-old record. That's what 8-year-old Matthew Freed of Livonia accomplished at Thursday's 48th Annual Detroit Metropolitan Youth Fitness Meet held at the Lower Huron Metropark near Belleville.

Matthew completed 24 chinups, two more than the longstanding record. His total also earned him a victory in the Class C classification (ages 9-10). He competed in Class C because he turns nine before the end of the year.

"You just do as much as you can until you get tired and can't do any more," said Matthew, who is entering fourth grade at Adams Elementary School in Livonia. "It (record) hasn't sunk in yet, but I



His ability to do chinups is enabling Matthew Freed of Livonia to break records and earn awards.

# **Adult softball**

Registration for Redford Parks and Recreation's fall softball program is ongoing at the community center, 12121 Hemingway, west of Beech Daly off of Capitol

Returning teams can sign up through July 29, while new teams can do so from 8:30 a.m.
Monday, Aug. 1, through 4:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5. Fees are \$325 per team, along with a \$12 fee for umpires to be paid by each team before each game.

Sign-ups will be firstcome, first-served. Leagues will begin play.

the week of Aug. 29 and rosters must be submitted before the first game.

Meanwhile, the parks and recreation office maintains a list of individual players seeking

players.
For more information, call (313) 387-2650

teams and teams seeking

# 'Cats golf outing

A four-person scramble golf outing to benefit the Plymouth High School athletic program will be held Sunday, Sept. 18, at Hickory Creek Golf Course in Canton.

The outing will begin with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Registration will be held from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. for those golfers

who did not pre-register.
The cost of the outing is \$100, which pays for 18 holes of golf with a cart, a T-shirt, snack at the turn and a steak dinner following golf. There will also be longest-drive, closest-to-the-pin and skins competitions. For more information, contact Terry Sawchuk at

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

# Holes-in-one

The following Observerland golfers carded holes-in-one recently:

Anson, 40, of Plymouth, aced the 50-yard eighth hole on the Fox Hills Golf-Course's Strategic Fox layout. Anson, who used a pitching wedge for her memorable shot, fired a nine-hole round of 28.

Daley, of Livonia, aced his tee shot on the third hole of the Fox Hills Golden Fox layout. Daley used a seven iron.

**GOOSE** 

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couldn't be happier."

**LASTING LEGACY** 

over the past decade during his

stint as the coaching director

for the Canton Soccer Club.

Finnerty's unwavering

the sport have helped him

establish a presence in the Canton youth soccer commu-

nity that is unrivaled.

enthusiasm and knowledge of

Goose has really been an

inspiration for all the kids who

have gone through it since he's been involved," said CSC

are in the club now or who

President John Staub. "For

example, as I talked to Goose

at our club's picnic (Thursday night), I can't tell you how

many kids came up to him and

said, 'Hey, Goose,' or 'How's it

going, Goose?' Some of the

kids were pretty young, so I

Goose's background, but they

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future was hazy when he

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communicate with them. More

than anything, Goose has done

a tremendous job of taking our

club to the next level year after

Finnerty's competitive soccer

walked on to SDSU's team as a

freshman in the fall of 1986.

The 18-year-old net-minder

couldn't have been any lower

on the powerful Aztecs' depth

charts during his first season.

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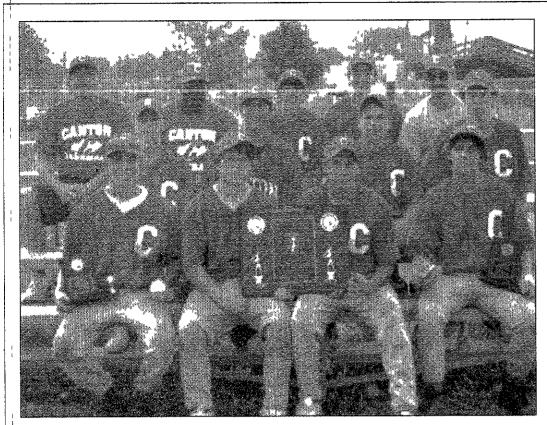
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# Chiefs earn state title

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The Canton Chiefs 16-and-under baseball team captured the Baseball Players Association's Michigan state championship July 16-17 in Allen Park. The Chiefs downed Grand Blanc, 7-3, and Milan, 9-2, in the preliminary rounds before ousting Ann Arbor, 10-5, in the semi-final game and Allen Park, 2-1, in the title match-up. The first-place showing earned Canton a berth in the 2005 BPA World Series, which is set for July 27-31 in Lake Orion, Pictured are (bottom row, I-r) Corey Lewis, Henry George, Keith Campbell, Jon Puskar, (middle row, I-r) Ryan Neu, Ben Yaughn, Erik Wright, Will Tidwell, (back row I-r) Chris Tidwell, Head Coach John Wright, Chris Woudstra, Mike Madias and Mike Neu.

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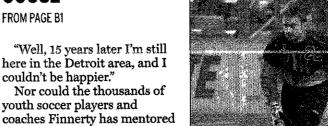
Team registrations for the

The entry fee of \$330 plus a forfeit/referee scheduling fee of \$270 per team is due at the

## **RU SEEKS COACHES**

The Redford Union High School athletic department is seeking qualified candidates for various coaching positions for

Interested candidates should contact RU athletic director Brett Steele, at (313) 242-4270.



Bryan 'Goose' Finnerty is pictured during his playing days with the **National Professional Soccer** League's Detroit Rockers. Finnerty played a major role in the Rockers' 1992 NPSL championship.

Finnerty's fortunes at SDSU ascended with the velocity of one of his goal kicks during his sophomore season. The starting goalie from the previous year had graduated, which elevated him to third-string sta-

"Then a few games into the season, the first-string goalie broke his leg, which put him out for the season and moved me up to No. 2," Finnerty said. "About an hour before the next game was about to start, our new No. 1 goalie came down with a bad case of stage fright, so I got to start. We ended up winning eight games in a row, so I became the starting goalie."

With Finnerty serving as the last line of defense, the Aztecs advanced to the NCAA title game before falling to Clemson, 2-0. Along the way, his nickname was hatched. "In soccer, shutouts are

referred to as 'goose eggs,' Finnerty explained. "After I had a string of shutouts that year, a sports writer for the San Diego Tribune referred to me in one of his articles as Brian 'Goose Eggs' Finnerty. Well, my teammates saw that and shortened it to Goose."



# **NEW FIELD, SAME SUCCESS**

Following 11 productive seasons with the Rockers and one with the NPSL's New York franchise, Finnerty hung up his uniform and put on his business suit in 2000, the year he and a group of fellow investors developed the plan for High Velocity Sports, a 110,000square-foot indoor sports facility on Michigan Avenue in Canton that officially opened in December 2001.

Last year, more than 600,000 people visited HVS, which is equipped with three large soccer fields, two minisoccer fields and a full-sized roller-hockey surface.

'When I walk in here every day, I get the same feeling I used to get when I walked through the tunnel and onto the field during my playing days," said Finnerty, the facility's lead owner. "This place and the people in it energize me."

## **MULTI-FACETED**

Finnerty has proven to be as flexible in the business world as he was in front of the net. In addition to his HVS duties, he is the president of Sports Facilities Advisory, a consulting firm that assists communities that are developing indoor sports arenas like HVS. He is also a director for The Sports Leadership Centers of America, which helps members of corporations and athletic squads improve their leadership and team skills.

While his business pursuits are impressive, the roles Finnerty cherishes more than any others are that of husband to his wife, Denise, and father of his 4-year-old twin boys, Joshua and Owen.

"I think a lot of people assume that I'm going to coach my boys in sports when they get older," Finnerty said. "I'll do whatever I think is best for them, but I'm not so sure it wouldn't be such a bad idea to just sit on the sidelines and be their biggest cheerleader."

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Garden City Parks and Rec league is slated to begin July 25. Games will be played from mid-September into April on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays at the Garden City Civic Arena.

time of registration.

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# Rams derail Coach's **Corner in LCBL thriller**

Tension, drama, heroics — Wednesday night's Livonia Collegiate Baseball League showdown between the Michigan Rams and Coach's Corner

When the dust had settled, the Rams walked away with a 3-2 victory that wasn't decided until the ninth inning when Evan Rodriguez knocked home Sam Palace with a bases-loaded single. Rodriguez's clutch hit came after the winners had stranded 14 runners over the previous eight-plus frames.

The victory improved the Rams' record to 21-8 while Coach's Corner slipped to 19-7-1.

Dan Lentz earned the win after working three innings of relief. Lentz struck out two and yielded one run. Rams starting pitcher Steve

Antoniotti was solid in the six innings he worked, giving up just three hits and no earned runs while striking out eight. Jeff Richard suffered the mound loss for Coach's Corner.

Rodriguez and Nate Recknagel both ripped a pair of safeties to pace the Rams' nine-hit attack. Matt Nickels tripled and scored on Scott Cain's single in the fifth. Matt Cunningham contributed an RBI double in the fourth.

Coach's Corner's was led at the plate by Taylor Traub (3-for-4), Charlie MacKinnon (pinch-hit RBI single) and Mike Krause, who was 1-for-3 with a run scored.

The Rams led 2-0 after five innings, however, Coach's Corner battled back with single runs in the sixth and seventh innings.

# Bucks one win from playoffs

The Michigan Bucks continued marching toward a playoff berth Friday night, easily defeating the Toledo Slayers 5-O at Hurley Field in Berkley.

Leading the way for the Bucks (10-4-1, 31 points) was forward Mkhokheli Dube, who scored four goals - three in the second half to break the game wide open.

The Bucks' seventh consecutive win put Michigan one point ahead of the Indiana

Invaders (10-5-0, 30 points) for the second, and final, playoff spot for the Great Lakes Division of the Premier Development League, with one game remaining.

The Bucks traveled to Toledo to wrap-up the regular season last night. If the Bucks again defeated the Slayers, they will

reach the playoffs. "I was pleased with how we came out in the second half after a poor first and it was

good to see Mkhokheli have a breakout game," said Bucks coach Paul Snape. "Seven in a row feels good, but it won't mean a thing if we don't take care of business tomorrow."

Also scoring for the Bucks was midfielder Ryan McMahen while forward Chris Edwards tallied three assists.

Sharing the shutout were goalkeepers Jeff Wiese and Josh Slaughter, who played the final 22 minutes.

# RECORD

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know it's special." Matthew said doing chinups

is "fun, it makes me stronger." Contestants have to rely on upper-body strength and proper form to do the chinups. Matthew's mom, Joan Freed, noted that swinging on the bar or kicking legs to gain momen-

tum is not allowed. "He's pretty coordinated and he enjoys athletics," she said. "He's small and he has an older brother (Robert, 13) and he

tries to keep up with him." Robert also had a big day at the fitness meet, which drew about 700 boys and girls (ages 7-14) from 18 communities. He

won his age group in the standing long jump with a mark of 7-4.

In order to qualify for the meet, Matthew did 23 chinups on July 7 at Rotary Park to win the Livonia City Meet. In 2004, he won the Class D competition (ages 7-8) by completing 18 of them.

According to his dad, retired physical education teacher Harvey Freed, Matthew practices chinups whenever he can at home - both in the garage and in the doorway of his bed-

"When he practices he does 12, 14 or 16," Harvey Freed said. "But when he goes to these meets the adrenaline starts running. He told me he wanted to break the record."

Both of Matthew's parents were understandably thrilled about the record.

"I'm really proud of him," Joan Freed said. "I can't even believe it's my kid."

The Metropolitan Youth Fitness event is sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care network and a number of metro area parks and recreation organizations.

It promotes the mission of the President's Council on Physical Fitness, encouraging public and private agencies to launch special programs on an annual basis and encouraging participation in athletics.

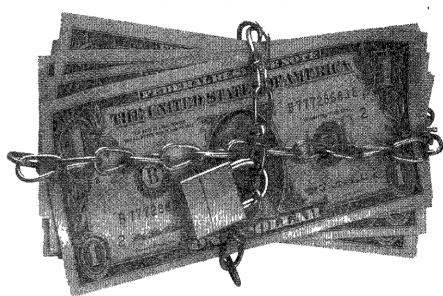
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# T-Birds soar in Clio

The TSI 12U Thunderbirds girls fast-pitch softball team placed second July 16-17 at the 3rd Annual Clio Classic and NSA/Schutt Scholarship Super NIT. With the runner-up showing, the T-Birds earned a berth in the NSA Super World Series in East Peoria, III. Aug. 19-21. The T-Birds' Julia Salata was the recipient of the Schutt Scholarship. Pictured are: Alyssa Boucher, Amanda Druckenmiller, Olivia Richvalsky, Samantha Partain, Brianna Berberet, Shelbie Wilson, Anna Larner, Julia Salata, Lauren Leskovitz, Gina Sykes, and Jesse Larner. Tryouts for the 2006 TSI Thunderbirds will be held Saturday, Aug. 20, at the Canton Softball Center. For more information, e-mail: playfastpitch@webtv.net.

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someone, 40-60, who loves

jazz, concerts, movies, dinners,

**SEARCHING FOR YOU** 

Sexy, attractive SBPF, 34, 5'2",

160lbs, Aries, seeks honest, outgoing SBM, 38-52, for friend-

ship, quality time, and possibly

YOUNG THINKER

SWF, 74, 5'4", N/S, gray/blue, looking for SWM, 74-80, N/S,

who enjoys music, traveling, life.

more. 57615717

weekend getaways. ☎208051

possible LTR. 2217475

**☎**401088

relationship. \$718979

Side area, Call me. 2729122

Christian values. 2729909

brunch, and conversation.

replies only. 25652360

ıt offers. 2726398

**27**731472

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ests. 77649333

# **WOMEN SEEKING MEN**

SINGLE FEMALE IN... search of her first and last. Single, attractive African-American female, 39, in search of a marriage-minded man who is ready to take that next level.

Race is definitely unimportant.

SEEKS PROFESSIONAL MALE SWPF, 5'7", long brown hair, looking for an educated man, 35-55, who likes politics, read-

ing and going to movies \$29129 YOU MIGHT BETHE ONE

SBF, 44, N/S, looking for an honest guy SWM, 35-44, N/S, 6'-HPTW, who likes walks, movies, simple things. 2742085 WHERE ARE YOU?

Single female, 43, 5'10", slim build, has long hair and pretty eyes, finds the music of Stevie Ray Vaughn to be quiet sensu-ous, seeks SWM, 45-55, smoker, for LTR. 25742381

SEARCHING FOR A MAN... 40-50, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 44-year-old who's bright, spunand pretty. Please Jewish men inquire. 2962317

RESCUE ME SBF, 41, 5'5", average build, enjoys church, family, shopping, much more. Looking for SBM, 43-47, professionally employed, N/S, who knows how to treat a

woman. 22408635 **SOULMATE SEARCH** Slim, attractive, 57-yr-old JF looking for her soulmate, any sin-

cere, successful JM, between the ages of 54-64, please respond. \$589875 CALL ME

Attractive, charming ex-business woman, 60, loves movies, plays, concerts, dining, dancing, traveling, financially comfortable, gourmet. 2743556 #

KIND HEART Full-figured SF, 55, enjoys dancing and all types of music, likes working with animals, seeks good-natured single man, 44-60. \$\overline{\pi}\$742466

WHY NOT CALL? Employed SAF, 49, 5'3", 110lbs, mother, likes outdoor sports, park walks, movies and more. Seeking easygoing, child friendly fun-loving man to share life and it's simple pleas-

ures. 27690621 WITTY IN WAYNE Italian SWF, 41, 5'3", 150lbs, dark/dark, N/S, seeks WM, 45-

70, N/S, for friendship, maybe more. 2734502 TALKING BY CANDLELIGHT

SBF, 35, 4'11", marriage-minded, smoker, currently going to school for fashion design, loves weekend getaways, seeks single gentleman, 35-50, for LTR. \$\frac{1}{2721153}\$

NOT INTO TV Very active SWF, 46, smoker, loves leisurely drives, sports. Seeking WM, 45-54, smoker, for friendship, possible romance.

**5**723204 **GOOD MAN WANTED** Attractive SBF, marriage-minded, 5' 6", average build, 40, Capricorn, N/S, seeks BM, 40-

51, N/S, to enjoy life and more. BEAUTIFUL MIND WANTED

Beautiful, full-figured SBF, 35, enjoys comedy and romance, bowling, walks in the park Seeking tall, dark, handsome SBM, 33-50. 2481293

**VERY CARING** AE, 45, 5'3", 110lbs, attractive. active, very independent, loving, down-to-earth, health-consci ous, vegetárian, enjoys movies, fine dining, and traveling. See-king W/AM, 40-50, H/W proportionate 2609537

LET ME GET TO KNOW YOU SBF, 27, 5'3", N/S, works in customer service, likes opera, reading, baking, art museums, seeks man, 25-32, N/S, with same interests, for LTR. 27662460

**QUALITY TIME** SWF, 48, 5', 115lbs, petite, dark/dark, N/S, seeks easygoing WPM, 45-50, N/S, who enjoys dining in/out, movies, travel, concerts, plays, and ball games.

HOPE IT'S YOU SBPF, 38, independent, 5'5", average build, H/W propionate, fun-loving, genuine and attractive, would like to get to know someone with similar qualities and interests. 25692383

**GOOD LOOKER** Positive, caring, easygoing SB PF, 53 (looks younger), N/S, not into bars, enjoys jazz, old-

Seeking special, secure man, 48-60, N/S, for laughter, good times and LTR. 2725001 **BLONDE BOMBSHELL** SJF, 64, gorgeous, passionate, tall, slim, caring, humorous and humble, seeks tall, slim, kind well-established gentle-man 65+, gray hair A+. Lu-ggage is fine but, please no baggage. \$\mathbf{x}731152\$

LOOKING FOR AN EQUAL YOKE Christian SBPF, 36, 5'8", N/S, ISO drug-free SBCM, financially secure, who respects women, to enjoy the simple and finer things

in life. Enjoy travel, dance, exercise, play. \$\overline{\alpha}\$506589 RECENTLY DIVORCED MOM SWF, 43, N/S, would like to meet an outgoing, friendly, non-smoking man, 35-53, who likes outdoors, bicycling, walking, family. ☎115795

STARTING OVER Employed, widowed grandmother, 56, loves old-school music playing cards, concerts, and park walks. Searching for a similar man, 48-62. \$\infty\$648146

PRECIOUS ONE SWF, very pretty, a young 39, medium dark/green, works in nedical field, seeks attractive SWM, outgoing, honest, caring, sensitive and creative, for best friend, more. 2230588

MR. RIGHT Are you a tall, big, handsome man, that could be my Mr. Right, for a SWF, 5'8", attractive, loving and fun, let's share life together.

STILL LOOKING Attractive tall SBF, 48, N/S, business woman. Enjoys fishing, boating, movies, long walks. Seeking 35+ w/same interest, N/S. 2525043

HAPPY, HEALTHY... adventurous, athletic SWF, 39, 5'2", smoker, mother of 2, seeks adventurous, energetic WM, 35-46, with a good sense of humor. **☎**542710

WHERE ARE YOU? Looking for a emotionally and financially stable man, who is SBF, 45, 5'3", 135lbs, dark kind, generous, honest, commucomplexion, mother/grandmonicative, for friendship first, possible marriage. Me: SWCF, 5'5", brown/blue, good person, gentle lady. 2779434 tic nights, jazz, blues. Seeking

CUTE AND CLASS SBF, mid-50s, seeks attractive gentleman, 50+, with similar interests. I love jogging, walks, concerts, quiet eve

nings. 2574342 **GREAT COMPANION** 65, looks 55, 5'2", unique, bright, w/many talents and interests. I'm well-traveled. very attractive, health-conscious. How about you? Seeking non-smoking counterpart, 62-70. 2633527

FORMER MODEL SWF, 50, 5'6", slender, intelligence, creativity, passion for music and dancing. Seeks partner 38-50, who is attractive and fit, to share this interests and

more. 25600106 SUCCESSFUL Very attractive, well-built SWF, 105lbs. blonde/green, educated, intelligent, funny, downto-earth, romantic, honest, seeks similar attractive male,

39-44, for LTR. Age/race open. **27**716883 WILDFLOWER SWF, 63, 5' 6", average build, Aries, N/S, enjoys dancing, dining out, seeks WM, 58-75, N/S, with a sense of humor, for

friendship, possible romance. **2720594** LONESOME Senior WF, retired, 5'4", active, honest, healthy. Need the attention of a WM, 65-75, enjoys everything, easy to please. So

hurry up and call me! 25449585 MUST LOVE ANIMALS WF, 53, 5'4", blonde/blue, full-figured, likes travel, fine dining, hows, plays, animals, children, SBCF, 31, 5'7", 160lbs, enjoys concerts, movies, dining, quiet times and more. Seeking SCM, picnics, boating, swimming, cooking, reading, fishing, slow dancing. Seeking good, kindhearted man, 50-62, with in-

tegrity and morals. ☎601692 RETIRED BUT ACTIVE SWF,62, 5'4", N/S, independent, happy, good-humored, free-spirited, enjoys playing cards, travel, boating, vacationing, walks, music, dining, more. ISO socia-ble SWM, 55-67, who's active and has a great sense of humor.

FIND ME Attractive, DWF, 50, loving and sincere seeks same in non-smoking SWM, 45+, for dating and relating. Let's talk! **☎**655541

HAS ZEST FOR LIFE Youthful blonde, 60, 5'2", with family values, shapely, medium build, professional, N/S, light drinker, enjoys travel, theater, dining out and much more. Seeking well-groomed, financially secure gentleman, 55-68, similar characteristics. 2697194

**HAPPY & SECURE** 

things. 2640046

ter. 27480718

**27**742655

LIFE'S A CABARET

share life, romance, and laugh-

PICK A WINNER

LOOKING FOR A GIRL

woman, 20-32. Possible LTR.

**WILLING TO SHARE** 

DCF, 68, 5'2", long dark brown/ brown, N/S, N/D, with positive works in heating and cooling, attitude, enjoys leisurely drives, movies, and dining out. Seeking man, 58-75, for LTR. \$2669606

ATHLETIC, ATTRACTIVE... sexy SWF, 27, 5'6", Libra, N/S, graphic designer, seeks man, 26-37, N/S, who enjoys life, for friendship, maybe more. \$667756

LOVE & COMMUNICATION... are the best things. Very passionate and romantic SWF. 59, 5'6", medium build, redhead, N/S, seeks down-to-earth WM, 50-65, not into games. 27669032

LOOKING FOR MY FRIEND SWF, 51; 5'4", light brown/blue, N/S, N/D, N/Drugs, with grown children and grandchildren, loves flea markets, garage sales, and church. Seeking WM, 49-60, smoker ok. \$\overline{100}\tag{669889}\$ school music, and fun times.

**LETS GET AWAY** SBF, 27, 5' 7", slim build, Taurus, smoker, enjoys reading, writing, and shopping seeks man, 24-32, just as a friend. \$\overline{a}\$673171 SEXY

REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS DWF, 54, 142lbs, 5'6", enjoys blues, animals, gardening, ho-meowner, no kids. Seeking SM, 5"10"+, N/S, social drinker for LTR. 25548938

58 YEARS OLD ENTREPRENEUR Pretty SWF, successful, kind, compassionate, lots of fun look-ing for her knight and shining armor, any caucasian, sincere, successful, spiritual, 55-80. **5**592074

> **ENJOYS** THE SIMPLE THINGS

Attractive DBF, early 60s, feels much younger, N/S, loves music and dancing, stays physically active, would like to hear from friendly, honest man, 56-68, N/S. 25672174

**ACTIVE, ATTRACTIVE, TRIM** Affectionate, youthful, kind, intelligent JPF, good SOH, loves theater, music, dancing, good movies, books, travel, dining, grandchildren. Seeking similar attributes in tall, attractive, secure, educated, Jewish "Ment-sch", 68-75. Oakland county.

CAN U MAKE ME LAUGH? Spontaneous SWF, 61, 5'4", average build, happy, independent, humorous, enjoys boating, cards, music, dining, walks, trav-el, golf. Seeking good-humored SM, w/similar interests, for companionship. 2962703

I LISTEN WITH MY HEART Attractive DWF, late 40s, Cancer, N/S, seeks special, no games WM, 45+, N/S, for caring, quality committed relationship. Let's create sparks and ship. Let's create sparks and watch them fly. \$\overline{\pi} 639272

**GREEN-EYED LADY** Slim SW mom, 30, 5'7", 110lbs, loves outdoor activities like fishing and hunting. Seeking a man who has the same, or similar interests. 2976510

**GET TO KNOW ME** Easygoing, sensitive SWF, 31, enjoys dining out, romance, laughter, the outdoors, traveling, honesty and more. Seeking sensitive, śweet, trustworthy SWM, 30-45, for friendship, maybe more. 2206863

**SLIM AND PETITE** Easygoing, active DWF, retired, ISO fun male, 60+, who likes bridge, tennis, reading, hiking, animals, kids, popcorn, willing to don a tuxedo now and then. **5**271793

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR? could be it! Attractive SWF. 50, 5', 105lbs, willing to try just about anything with the right person! Seeking SBM, 32-50, for special relationship.

LET'S BE HAPPY TOGETHER Pretty, stender Ukrainian lady, 54, Catholic, 10 years in the U.S. Seeking caring relationship

with warm-hearted, independent man who enjoys family, theater, travel. 22512135 THICK AND HEALTHY SBF, 30, 5'5", 240lbs, N/S, N/D, no kids, employed. Seeking

nice-looking SM, 20-35, w/no kids, N/S, for friendship, possibly more. 2534802 HOMEBODY

SBF, 63, 5'8", 155lbs, retired (but does work part-time), very honest and caring, Scorpio, N/S, seeks BM, 58-65, honest and caring. 2553674

LOOKING!!! SWF, smart, fun, easy to be with, success, attractive, petite, looking for a soulmate; SWM, N/S, 55-67, S.Oakland area. **27**738822

# MEN SEEKING WOMEN ITALIAN SEEKS SBF

Italian SWM, 35, dark/dark, fit, athletic, enjoys dining, dancing, movies, jazz. Seeking attractive SBF for LTR. 2688959 **OPEN TO** 

**ALMOST ANYTHING** Optimistic, outgoing SWM, 46, enjoys most activities, yet open to new ideas and adventures, seeks spirited, spontaneous SWF, age open. \$\infty\$547524

LOOKING FOR SINCERITY SWM, 46, 5'7", marriage-mind-ed, N/S, seeks SWF, 25-55, N/S, who loves to talk and get to know new people. ☎728595 THE QUIET STORM

SBM, 33, 5'9", 175lbs, N/S, works out on a regular basis, seeks single woman, 22-35, N/S. **COULD WE MEET?** and have fun while getting

acquainted? Good-natured, good-looking SWM wants to meet interesting SWF, 30s-40s. 2764071

Ready to meet great new people?

works in heating and cooling, likes to workout in the morning, connect. This gentle, optimistic SWM could make you really doesn't like to sit around, seeks SBF, 25-50, who likes trying new

LIFE IS GREAT... we need a mate! Let's tempt fate, call for a date! Poetically challenged SWM, 45, seeks lively SWF with good sense of humor. 25673860 and height open , who is outgo-ing, honest, and seeking friend-ship leading to LTR. \$2837750 **BORED AND RESTLESS** 

Classy, romantic, intelligent SWM, 50, well-traveled, with good taste, seeks a special, caring, friendly lady, 36-55. Let's **2**891601 MORE THAN A DATE!

Your heart's desire, SWM, 45, SWM, 50, attractive, healthy-looking, youthful, light-hearted, enjoys doing fun things and LTR. 2355547 HAPPY DAD

going to interesting places. Seeking lady to spend time with. \$\mathbf{T}730508\$ Single father of three, 37, loves family, outdoors, biking, barbecues, cooking and more. Loo-king for a lovely WF, 30-45, to SWM, 25, smoker, black/brown, likes hip-hop, R&B, and rock music, wants to meet single share happiness and life with. **☎**715711

ing, the outdoors, camping, movies, dining out, more. Would like to meet a WF, 38-48, who SWM, 47, 5'11", smoker, muscular build, carpenter, enjoys likes to have fun. 2715842 woodworking, art, music, spen-ding time outdoors, seeks SWF, ATHLETIC & OUTGOING 35-55, who is mature, not into

games. 25681688 building, loves comedy and my-stery movies. Seeking woman, 25-50, N/S, for friendship, possi-MAN WITH PIZZAZ.. Sincere, affectionate SWM, 40s, clear mind, fit body, enjoys artsy, ble romance. 2719915 cultural events, outdoor activ ties, seeking witty, pretty SWF, 35-55, for friendship and possible relationship. 2517123

PATIENTLY WAITING SBM, 37, 185lbs, 5'8", no kids, never married. Seeking caring, attractive SF, no kids, neve married, for great relationship. **127**10917

HARDWORKING WM, 45, 5'7", 150lbs, blond/ blue, two daughters not at home, likes biking, camping, walks, the zoo, outdoors and more. Seeking WF, 38-47, for dating. **27**730494

SEEKS BROWN-EYED GIRL Good-looking, friendly SWM, 41, 5'11", 180lbs, no children, N/S, easygoing, enjoys movies, music, travel, dining. Seeking very attractive, pretty SH/A/WF, 28-39, friendship, possible relationship. \$\frac{1}{2}760359

**HAPPY GO LUCKY** Dance, flirt and have fun with me! SWM, 40s, seeks friendship with a good-natured, fun-to-be with SWF, 35-50. 2283848

**ANTIQUES LOVER** BM, 57, 6'1", H/W proportionate, brown eyes, beautiful smile, communicative, engineer, loves vegetable and flower gardening. Seeking woman, 40-63. **25**628249

**ONE-WOMAN MAN** SWM, 50ish, 5'10", 165ibs, brown/brown, employed, homeowner, no children, looking for attractive woman, 35-50, to life-long relationship. **☎**663251 KIND & EASYGOING...

gentleman. SWM, 42, 6', 195lbs, auburn hair/beard, affectionate and considerate, enjoys cooking, gardening, music, fishing, nature, cats. Seeking good-natured woman, 35-65, race open, who loves romance and affection. \$\oldsymbol{\pi}\$693485 ALL ABOUT ME SWM, 70, 5'8", 145lbs, employed, N/S, social drinker, seeks SW/AF, 61-68, N/S, I•like

to work outside, travel inside the country. 2739963 **GENTLE & SINCERE** Compassionate, masculine

GWM, 51, seeks gentle, sincere compassionate masculine, Italian, Middle-Eastern or Hispanic GM, 35-60, Hairy A for fun, friendship, possible LTR. 2729085 AN EASYGOING GUY

Attractive, fun, financially secure SWM, 47, N/S seeks WF, 35-50, who enjoys being romantic, dining out, movies, and the outdoors, friendship, possible LTR **2**862812 SOME ONE LIKE YOU

Sincere, sensible .SWM, 40s, gentleman, down-to-earth, mild -mannered, quite attractive. seeks fun-loving, roma SWF, age open. 2472867

**ANYONE OUT THERE?** DWM, 35, father, clean, self-employed, professional, dog trainer, enjoys sports, family time, the outdoors, boating. Looking to meet easygoing, fun, loving, light-hearted SF to enjoy casual dates, talks, possibly more. **77**732985

SM, 22, 5'4", 196lbs, clean-cut, brown eyes, caramel complexion, not into games, honest, fun-loving, enjoys playing basketball, video games, movies, friends/family. Seeking special lady I can treat like a queen. **☎**736791

LET'S TALK

WHY NOT CALL??? Your sweetheart is waiting! Good-looking, all-purpose SWM, 49, has a plan if he's your man, so why not call??? 23358502

LET'S TRY IT OUT Just call this friendly, social, easygoing SWM, 40s, humorous, optimist, seeks kind, sociable lady for casual dating. Age open. 2513284 I'LL HELP YOU...

finding true love. Cynical, yet hopeful SWM, 43, seeks attentive WF, for caring relationship. **25**568641

I PREFER KINDHEARTED.. with a lady's touch. SWM, 45, seeks good friend and true partner. Looks and age not that important. I just want someone real! 5783752

**ROMÂNCE AND YOU..** over due? if you are a SWF, 40-55, decent-looking, and somewhat romantic, then we might

happy. **5**799032 LOOKING FOR SOULMATE SBPM, 36, 5'6", Leo, N/S, seeks, attractive SW/HF,age

This blind date can be very interesting. Call me. A good guy! SWM, 40s, seeks SWF.

positive outlook, neat, clean, seeks SWF, friend, lover, companion, for dating and possible

SIMILAR INTERESTS? WM, 6', 172lbs, likes golf, bowl-

SWM, 41, 5'9", N/S, steak lover, into weight training and body

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC SWM, 46, 6'2", 209lbs, brown/ blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, workout, new activities, seeks friendly SF,

age/location open. 2531308 ARE YOU ACTIVE? Athletic-built BM, 5'11", 180lbs, health-conscious, ballroom dancer, singer, artist, and a fitness instructor, seeks equally health-conscious SH/AF, 35-45, N/S, N/D, who likes to work out. **2**958015

FOR A BEST FRIEND SWPM, 44, 5'7", dark hair, moustache, father of one, loves children, outdoors. Seeking SWF, 35-46, to enjoy life together. I want to know your inner soul. I'll treat you right. **2**266345

LOOKING

MR UNLIMITED POTENTIAL Classy, Straight-forward SWM, 39, with creative energies and good tastes, seeks warm, sin-cere, feminine SWF for possible romantic future. 2548766 WELL, HELLO

SM, very young-looking 50, 5'7", 180lbs, medium build, employed, self-reliant, D/D-free easygoing and easy to get along with, enjoys biking and cooking. Seeking S/DWF, 40-55, 200-350lbs. 2597126

TRY ANYTHING ONCE Outgoing, spontaneous SWM, 50, 6'3", N/S, likes island get-aways, seeks SAF, 45-60, N/S, for LTR 25632686 **SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED** 

SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. **5**692418 ROMANTIC BUT REALISTIC

Youthful, easygoing SWM, 46, likes movies, concerts, boating. Seeking attractive SWF 40s 50s, with a lively spirit, good sense of humor, friendly, positive outlook. 2642092 **CUTE & CUDDLY** 

Nice SWM, 50s, with wisdom, wit and warmth, can be fun, charming, helpful and who knows what else, would like to meet a nice lady and see what develops. 22478746 I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I'M...

looking for. SWM, 62, smoker, seeks a respectful and respectable WF, 58-62, close to 300lbs, who loves Jesus Christ, God, and the Holy Spirit. **27**734503

**GENTLE AND SENTIMENTAL** Easygoing, agreeable, cute SWM, 40s, eager to please, willing to try new things, seeks fairly attractive and friendly SWF, for dating and relating. **2**210772

NO SINGLE MOTHERS SWM, 46, 5'8", 205lbs, soft brown hair, blue eyes, loves old cars, and a girl that melts in my arms. No drugs, booze, kids. **22114917** 

TALL DARK AND SEXY SWM, 30s looking, brown eyes brunette, 6'1", 180lbs, physically fit. ISO female for concerts, any events and possible LTR. You: 25-40, race unimportant, H/W proportionate. 25679780

**NEEDS A FRESH START** 

SWM, 39, looking for SF, 26-46, to start over with: someone who likes concerts, sports, beaches, going out or staying home. \$\frac{1}{2}\$679744 THINK YOU'RE A MATCH?

SWM, 20, small build, likes playing guitar, looking for a mature girl, 18-21, who likes to have a good time. 2720321

**TOTALLY ADVENTUROUS** SBM, 27, 5'8", average build, smoker, seeks woman, 25-30, smoker, to share good conversation, maybe meet and go on a date. 2722585

**ISO FRIEND & CONFIDANT** Youthful 72-year-old SWM, college-degreed, non-smoker, seeking a nice woman. Join me for dining, dancing, movies, walking, classical music, travel, and baseball games at Comerica Park this summer. 2962358

WORTH THE WAIT SWM, 53, Sagittarius, N/S, enjoys sports, car racing, seeks WF, 45-55, N/S, for LTR. 2726641

**SEEKING MUSIC LOVER** Good-looking SM, 47, 5'8", 146lbs, college graduate, outgoing, easygoing, seeks slim, attractive SF, who enjoys out-door concerts, movies, dining

out, art, theater, symphony, long walks, and romance. 2331159 **JUST PLAIN TALK** A strong shoulder to lean onl Nice-looking SWM, 43, kind, considerate, romantic, seeks feminine lady friend. \$733275

JUST SAY WHEN... Willing to go anywhere in the tri-county area. SWM, 44, articulate, friendly and gentle. Enjoys art, nature, dancing and romancing. Seeks sincere lady com-

panion. \$604683 STARTING ANEW WITH... just me and you! Sociable, gen-tiemanly SWM, 40, likes to go to Interesting places. Seeking nice female companion, LTR ok, no marriage right now. \$2660062

I REALLY BELIEVE... Do you believe in love at first sight? Interesting SWM, easy to talk to, active, adventurous, seeks pleasant, playful SWF, 35-50. \$\overline{\pi}686509\$

**FATHER OF ONE IN LIVONIA** Handsome, fit, fun, honest secure SWM, 40, 6'1", 190lbs w/daughter age 11, enjoys reading, blking, running, family activities! Seeking positive, fit SWF for great relationship!

JUMP START YOUR LOVE Realistic, respectful SWM, 45 believes in destiny and chemistry. Seeks a special SWF sweetheart. 2878507

BE MY SWEETHEART? SWM, 49, fit, healthy, nice-looking, with good attitude, seeks charming, cheerful SWF, 39for dating and relating. **27**956021

LETS TRY THIS OUT Nice SWM, 40s, energetic, accommodating, easy to talk to, seeks a great lady for friendship and love. 2258398

ROMANCE AND REALITY

Handsome gent, SWM, 40s one-of-a-kind, lots of great interests, willing to share them. See-king special lady in my life to adore. 2283228 **GENTLE AND CUTE** Active and attractive SWM, 58 good-natured, friendly gen

enjoys outdoors, dancing, casi-

nos, estate sales, etc. Seeking sincere, romantic, friendly lady. **23**41899 JUST SOMEONE TO.. make your day better. Meet me with ease and confidence. Hu-

morous, nice-looking gent, 40s, seeks nice SWF girlfriend. **2**609661 **BRINGING US TOGETHER** Why go it alone? If you're a decent, friendly lady, I'm a nicelooking, upscale SWM, 40s,

looking to connect, \$\pi 534514 NICE GUY SWM, 66, 5'6", 150lbs, manufacturers' representative, Libra, N/S, works out, enjoys movies restaurants, and summer festivals. Seeking SWF, 50-65, N/S.

**77**708126 **NEW DREAM TEAM?** ume bright, enthusiastic, optimistic, yet realistic SWM, who is looking for a nice gal 40s or 50s

**2**550046

A SPECIAL GUY DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. #269646

TIRED OF BEING ALONE

WM, 50, 5'11", 150lbs, short dark/dark, moustache, grown daughter, looking for a woman to become friends with and enjoy time with. 7719225 LOOKING FOR SOUL MATE SWM, 54, 6'2", shoulder-length

brown hair, enjoys outdoors, camping, fishing. Seeking SWF,

happy, good sense of humor with similar interests, for possible LTR. 25619803 **JOIN ME** SM, 59, 6'3", 260lbs, engineer, likes the outdoors, square dancing, camping, nature walks. Seeking easygoing, active, spontaneous, fun-loving lady, 5'6"+, proportionate, N/S, to enjoy trav-

, talks, dates, friendship, fun, LTR? 25634440 **VERY INTERESTING** Well-maintained SWM, 56, who enjoys keeping in touch with current events, heart-to-heart talks and silly conversations. Let's meet over coffee and see

STRAIGHT UP, LOW-KEY

Easygoing, cute SWM, 40s, not

what develops. 2259844

into loud noise and big crowds, enjoys art, wine tastings, chariseeks similar-minded lady for friendship, maybe more **5**548455 MIDDLE-AGED MELLOW Cpen-minded, fairly articulate

somewhat intelligent SWM, 51, enjoys talks and walks, pets, reading, etc. Seeking SWF companion. \$\frac{114862}{2}\$ **GREET AND MEET** SWM, 50, looks young, fit, active, enjoys fishing, picnics, water sports. Seeking easygoing friendly, light-hearted SWF, age

open. 7241526 **EASY ON THE EYES** Well-maintained SWM, 56, enjoys keeping in touch with current events, heart to heart talks silly conversations. Let's meet over coffee and see what devel

ops. 27470377 **CUTE AND CUDDLY** Nice SWM, 50s, with wisdom, wit and warmth, can be fun, charming, helpful and who knows what else, would like to meet a nice lady and see what

develops. 27694538

SINGLES LINGO: A-Asian B-African American/Black C-Christian D-Divorced F-Female H-Hispanic J-Jewish M-Male N/S-Non-smoker N/D-Non Drinker N/Drugs P-Professional S-Single W-White LTR-Long Term Relationship

# **SPIRIT**

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about the ongoing friendship that grows out of being part of the Garden City girls basketball team. Two alums who graduated in 2003, 19-year-old Alesha Ockerman and 20-yearold Leah Woloszyk, remain the best of friends today even though they attend Wayne State and Michigan State, respectively.

"You play better if you are close with your teammates," Ockerman said. "I was always close to my teammates so we always had good chemistry. And I still have a really good relationship with the coach (Barry Patterson)."

Woloszyk said she has a great time at last year's alumni game.

"It was fun to play against people I played with," she said. 'It was fun, it's nice to go back to the high school. And you get to touch base with the older alums."

# **MAKING TIME**

Two former players who couldn't take time out of their busy schedules – a problem that Tyree said is a bigger challenge as adult life unfolds – to take part in the gym session wouldn't miss the game for anything.

"The main reason I keep going back," said 1990 graduate Lynn (Gowen) Rydzik, is "in life, there's not a lot of things that stay the same, everything changes."

Going back to see old friends and coaches is a rare opportunity she tries to cash in on. But Rydzik also is looking forward to again seeing girls she coached at Garden City in more-recent times.

"It's nice to catch up with them and find out what's going on in their lives as they are  $\cdot$ changing and growing from the young girls in high school to the adults and beautiful young women that they are now," she said.

Sherry (Harper) Long, a 1992 graduate who played softball at Eastern Michigan and now lives in Livonia, has managed to attend every alum

game since she left high school. "I enjoyed the program when I was playing," Long said. "I enjoyed the coaches, had a



One of Garden City's alumnae players expected to suit up Thursday night is 2005 graduate Alisha June (right), shown in action from last season.

good rapport with them and I like to show the (current) team" about keeping school spirit alive.

# IT'S COMPETITIVE

But Long also knows it's not just about looking back. It's about a basketball game.

"It's a challenge when you only shoot the ball once a year," she said with a laugh.

Long noted that, in her first years after high school, graduates from the 1980s would populate the alum squad. But in recent years, there has been quite a turnover. "The last couple years the younger graduates are starting to come back and that helps us out, the older alumni,"

And what about the game

itself? "Normally, it's very competitive, depending on which alumni show up," said current varsity girls basketball coach Patterson. "We've had years where the alumni won big,

He said the alums are more competitive than the varsity.

"When they get out there, they don't want to embarrass themselves," he said. "They like to represent themselves accordingly."

Tyree, meanwhile, said the alums are ready to do just that when tip-off time arrives. "I get e-mails from some who say 'Oh, yeah, I'm ready to win!"

# **Oh, Henry!**

Coaching legend looks forward to looking back

STAFF WRITER

Marshall Henry is in the Michigan Coaches Hall of Fame for a distinguished career at the helm of Garden City High School's varsity girls basketball team.

But, believe it or not, he points with similar pride at something else he had a lot to do with: establishing the annual game featuring the Cougars alums and current varsity squad. Henry, coach at Garden City from 1984 through 2000, launched the annual contest in the summer of 1989 and he'll be back at his old stomping grounds 7 p.m. Thursday for the 2005 showdown.

Players from the early 1990s such as Michele Tyree, Sherry (Harper) Long and Lynn (Gowen) Rydzik - will join more-recent graduates for what usually is a pretty spirited affair against the players who are projected to play for coach Barry Patterson in the 2005 Mega Conference season.

"It's kind of a reunion game," said Henry, who now enjoys retirement with his wife near

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Big Rapids, Michigan, "And they (alums) get the chance to show the current varsity what they've got. Usually, the games are fairly contested."

When Henry started the annual game, it was at a summer team camp at Manistee (Mich.) as a way to jumpstart the upcoming season and provide graduates the opportunity to come back and renew acquaintances while promoting the tradition of the Garden City girls cage program to younger players.

Things really haven't changed all that much since then as far as the game is con-

"We'll play some basketball and kibitz about the old times and check in with how they're doing now," Henry noted. "It's not just a game."

Henry was inducted into the Michigan Coaches Hall of Fame in 2004. Among achievements at Garden City was a trip to the state regional finals in 1994, four Northwest Suburban League championships and four state district titles.

All of those triumphs obviously are a big part of his legacy. But so is the fact most of his teams were comprised of "student-athletes" who excelled in the classroom. The Marshall Henry Senior Student-Athlete Award is presented to the team's top student; last season it went to Alisha June.

"Our intent all along is to use athletics to physically and

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mentally get tough and apply that to the classroom, and that it will spill off into college and job situations," Henry said.

His emphasis on girls doing well off the basketball floor is not forgotten by his former players, such as 1998 graduate Melissa Bako.

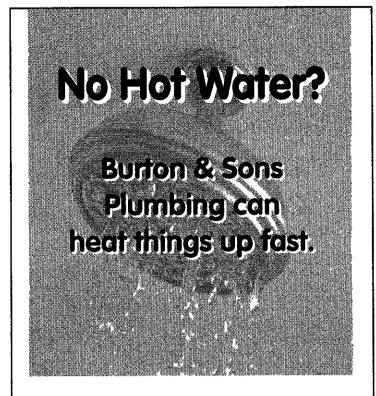
"He was always willing to help you out in the classroom, in life, in basketball," Bako said. "He'd go the extra mile for any of his players."

And next week, he'll travel hundreds of miles from north-

ern Michigan, just to come back and say helfo once again.

"Marshall's a great guy," said Tyree, who teaches and coaches JV girls basketball at Garden City. "This is his fifth year out and he still comes down for our alumni game, a couple games during the season and our postseason banquet. He still has an investment in this program and always will."

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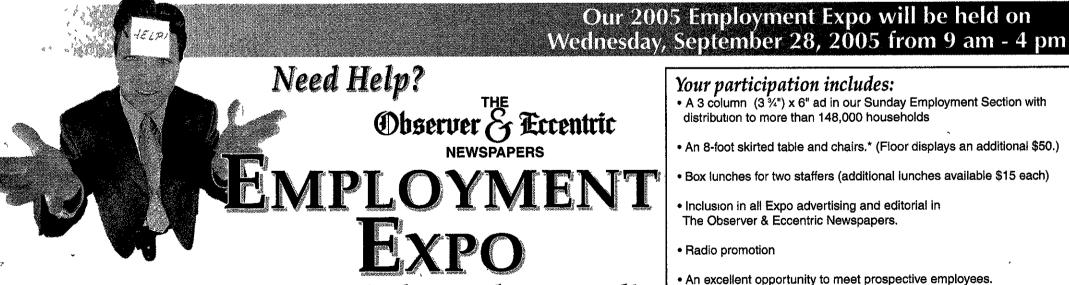
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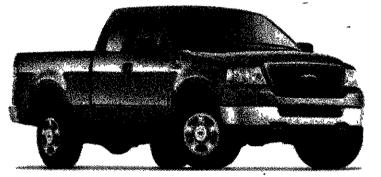
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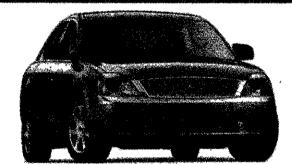
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# Change is part of every life

wow often I hear from clients, or parishioners, the comment that goes "I don't like change."

In some ways we are used to the way things are in our lives. We may not like life the way it is, but it is predictable, familiar, and in some measure we know the drill.

When there is a job change, a move, a cut in pay, a new car or a trip, a tragic or even expected death, a serious injury, the move of a child from one grade level in school to another, a marriage, a new house, all of these things are changes.

And each of these shares one aspect in common: with each change, no matter what kind, small or large, predictable or surprise there is an element of "saying goodbye." Something will never be exactly the same again.

Now there are really many changes which do not make a conscious impact. Many things happen and they are expected. Many things occur and the adjustments which come along with the change may not be any big deal. But each of these new things makes an impact on us. And these impacts are about saying goodbye. It is the same dynamics as adjusting to a loss or a death. One author writes about transitions.

Transitions are a process of life. When an ending comes it may be confused with finality. But when something is finished it is the key to a new beginning. Goodbyes are hard. Change brings up all kinds of feelings. The excitement and anticipation of the new is usually preceded by the cleaning up, the cleaning out, or at least the moving

aside. When you move from one place to another think of all of the details to which you have to attend. But the part that is usually the most difficult is saying goodbye, actually acknowledging the end of what has been. It is in that process you face what the importance of the thing that is ending was, the impact it made on you, and what you have to do to move on. Because, there is hope, there are new possibilities down the road.

What I am suggesting is a little more complicated than simply adopting a positive attitude. While that is one important ingredient in the process of change and transition another is also the need to appreciate, whether positive or negative, what part of your life is coming to an end. Two examples: when a loved one dies. There is the need to take care of the estate, move properties and possessions around and the actual coming to terms yourself with the absence of that person in your life.

Respecting our thoughts and beliefs about faith, the physical presence of that person is no more. It is a time to say goodbye. Goodbyes bring up all of the feelings of what kind of relationship this has been. Your future is before you. When you acknowledge that loss, that death, and have reflected and dealt with whom that person has been for you, you have the freedom, often with the recognition of how that person felt about you, to continue your life in wonderful ways.

When you retire, and this and the kind of death I am describing are predictable changes, even though you know it is coming there is still a new life and lifestyle to adjust to.

Yes, there is change. It is woven into the fabric of life. Face it, accept it, and allow yourself to move into it.

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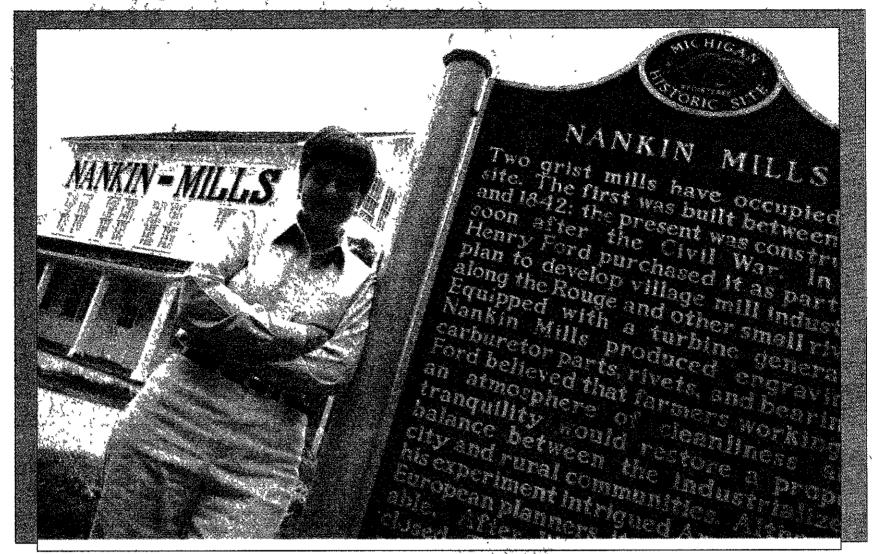


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Laura Ashlee stands alongside the Historical Marker at Nankin Mills in Westland. Ashlee edited the book Traveling Through Time - a Guide to Michigan's Historical Markers.

TRAVELING

# lesson

# Book tells story of historical markers in state

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Laura Rose Ashlee grew up tobogganing at Cass Benton and skating on Wilcox Lake, so the historical markers in Hines Park especially captured her imagination when editing the second edition of a book including sites such as Nankin Mills in Westland.

Traveling Through Time — A Guide to Michigan's Historical Markers brings together nearly 1,500 mini-histories in the handy reference published by University of Michigan

In the 1800s, Nankin Mills ground wheat into flour, but it's probably best known for housing one of the village industries Henry Ford developed after purchasing it in 1918. The Wavne County Road Commission acquired the mill in 1956 and converted it into a nature and interpretive center where turtles live in the lobby.

"There aren't very many mills left and it's buffered by its location in Hines Park so it still has a rural feel," said Ashlee, who was intrigued with old buildings even as a child growing up in Plymouth. Her interest never dwindled from the time she attended Plymouth Salem High School to graduating from Michigan State University with a master's degree in American

"The Wilcox and Baker houses, I would look at them and my imagination would go crazy wondering who lived there," said Ashlee, who now lives in Okemos with her husband, Dean

Anderson, an archaeologist. "I always loved history."

In fact, it's difficult for Ashlee to choose a favorite site from the book. As a historian with the State Historic Preservation Office and coordinator of the marker program, she has authored more than 500 markers since editing the first version of the book in 1991.

At the top of her list is the Sutherland House in Plymouth. The pre-fabricated bungalow was constructed by Lewis Manufacturing Co. of Bay City in 1921. When the first historical marker was dedicated in 1955 at Michigan State in honor of the university's centennial, the designations focused on settlements, geology, geography, native peoples, historic events, military conflicts and a few buildings. Over the years the program has grown to spotlight not only sites at least 50 years old, as originally required, but prominent Michiganians as well as lesser-known people, such as William Sutherland, who helped build the towns.

"It's such a modest house you would never know it was important or deserving of a marker. There's a lot of history we take for granted," said Ashlee, 43. "Mr. Sutherland was responsible for platting Sunshine Acres, the subdivision where I grew up, west of Main. Back then Ann Arbor Road was called Golden and the house was built from a kit. Without a marker, you might drive by and not think too much about

Visitors to Nankin Mills rarely walk by without reading the two-sided historical marker dedicated in 1967, according to Carol Clements, naturalist for the interpretive center

located inside Wayne County Parks offices. "I'm impressed with the number of markers

PLEASE SEE MARKERS, C5

# GUIDE LEADS TRAVELERS THROUGH TIME

best known for its BB guns.

Marker hunters know what fun it can be to spend an afternoon tracking down history. Here are a few of the highlights in the Observer communities from Traveling Through Time - A Guide to Michigan's Historical Markers. Published by the University of Michigan Press, the book was released June 1.

Baker House (233 S. Main). Italianate-style house built in 1875 by Henry W. Baker, who helped found the Daisy Manufacturing Co.,

Plymouth (Ann Arbor Road and Main Street). The village was settled in 1825 and became a city in 1932.

Cherry Hill School (50440 Cherry Hill Road at Ridge). In 1876, this Italianate school house

replaced a log school built in 1836. Henry Ford, who operated a small factory in Cherry Hill, paid for an addition to the building and the salary for a second teacher. It became part of Ford's Greenfield Village school system where students benefited from art, music and dance curricula.

Cherry Hill United Methodist Church (321 Ridge Road, one block south of Cherry Hill). In 1848, members raised \$600 to build their first church. The present red brick Gothic-style church was completed in 1882.

Clarenceville School District originated as the Fractional School District No. 5 in 1837 and served the children of the present-day Livonia, Farmington Hills and Redford. The village of Clarenceville was the last stagecoach stop on the Lansing to Detroit plank road. The Louis Schmidt Auditorium at Clarenceville High School (20144 Middlebelt) was home to a jazz series (1969-82) featuring legends such as Woo'dy Herman, Stan Kenton and Gene Krupa.

Joshua Simmons Farm at Greenmead Historical Park on the southwest corner of Eight Mile and Newburgh. Simmons was among the township's earliest white settlers. He built a log shanty for a home in 1826. In 1841, he constructed a Greek Revival-style home named Meadow Brook. It is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

**Newburgh Cemetery** (Ann Arbor Trail, east of Newburgh). The burial place of veterans from the Revolutionary and Civil wars.

Redford Township District No. 5 School (18499 REDICIRO Beech Daly). Three schools have stood on this property since around 1842. The present structure, built some-

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# Couple devotes time to garden of memories

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Toshi Ishioka says she's not a gardener but you'd never know it by looking at the flowers in the Memorial Garden at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia.

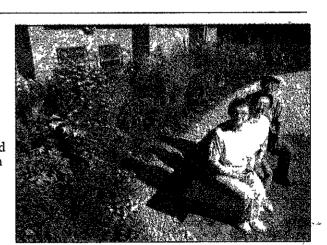
Ishioka and her husband, George, spend at least four days a week weeding, planting, mowing grass, trimming bushes, and caring for the grounds. Then they go home to tend their backyard garden in Livonia where Asian pears, Fuji apples, peaches, and raspberries grow, Earlier this year, the Ishiokas started 12 varieties of tomatoes from seed, eventually transplanting 90 plants outdoors. In a couple of weeks when the tomatoes ripen, the couple will bring their homegrown produce to the Farmer's

Market which is held after worship at church on Sundays.

George, 86, and Toshi, 85, enjoy working outdoors together. Married 58 years, they met shortly after leaving the West Coast in 1943. Originally from Washington state, they both had been interred in a relocation center out west but never knew each other until arriving in Detroit. They've lived in Livonia since 1982.

"I'm not a gardener. I don't know what all the flowers are.  $\bar{I}$  just like to watch it grow," said Toshi Ishioka. "If it looks like weeds we pull them." But not always.

"Sometimes I let the weeds grow," said George. "Weed flowers are beautiful too."



Mary Mull (left), Toshi and George Ishioka pose in the Memorial Garden at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia. The three, along with Mull's husband, Jack, have spent hun-PLEASE SEE GARDEN, C5 dreds of hours caring for the grounds.

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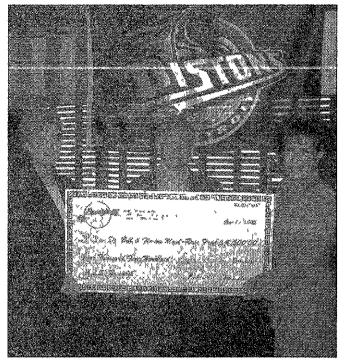








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Robert Jacobs, president of Buddy's Pizza, presented Florine Mark (right) with a \$4.500 check earlier this month for The Dr. Bill and Florine Mark-Ross Fund for ALS Research. Mariam Noland, president of the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan, helps with the check. The fund was established in August 2003 after Dr. Ross, who practiced medicine in Plymouth, was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also called Lou Gehrig's disease. Dr. Ross died of complications from the disease in August 2004. The 'Sometimes You Just Need Some Buddy's' charity campaign, highlights everyday heroes/folks and local celebrities in different photo story lines. Each of the nine metro Detroit Buddy's locations offered 'Florine Mark Collection' pizzas (specialty pizzas) and a percentage of those pizza sold is donated to her charity. Mark is the president and chairman of the board of the Weight Watcher's Group, Inc. Buddy's Pizza supports many programs and charities throughout the metro area. The familyowned company is a longtime supporter of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit. Since 1977, Buddy's has donated more than \$1.2 Million to the Capuchins.

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# Star (July 24 - July 27)

# ARIES (March 21-April 20)

The Sun in your element is supposed to make you footloose and fancyfree- so what's happening? Someone brought you down to earth with a bang over money- that's what! It's time to reevaluate your finances and not spend above your means, Rambo. Trim the budget, and your calories.

# TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Now don't get paranoid, but this week it might be best to maintain a dignified silence, even if others are saying things about you that are simply untrue. If you let yourself get drawn into a mudslinging match, you'll look as bad as they do, Bull!

# GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Before you agree to disagree with what someone tells you this week, make an effort to find out the facts yourself. That might sound obvious, but you have a tendency to reach conclusions based on how you're feeling at the time. Don't be suspicious, but keep your eyes and ears open, Twin!

# CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Mercury retro now makes it easy for you to overreact to the opinions of colleagues and loved ones as August approaches. To prevent minor irritations from turning into future confrontations you are advised to speak your mind now rather than later, MoonKid.

# **LEO** (July 24-Aug 23)

It's happy birthday-time, Lion! However, as someone may be being economical with the truth and with financial demands increasing, you should be careful not to upset those whose support you need, financially or spiritually. Stand up for your beliefs and others will believe you.

# **VIRGO** (Aug 24-Sept 23)

Mercury retrograde urges you to break with routine and embark upon something different or exciting this week. The world is full of people, places and ideas that seem to have eluded you until now. There are times when innovation must replace habitand this is one of those moments.



# **LIBRA** (Sept 24-Oct 23)

Some people seem to delight in making a big issue of things that are really guite trivial, and there will be times this week when you're tempted to forcefully point out their (and, some ofyour) bad habits. Force, facing reality and sobriety may be the only answers now, Balancer.

# SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Don't waste time on household chores or family dramas or the kind of everyday things that aren't that fun, Scorp. The most important thing this week is that you make time for social activities. Leave the domestic chores and stuff for later: They will still be there.

# **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Even a hardworking, peace-loving Archer must realize that the only way to stop others from undermining your confidence is to hit back with everything you've got. The approaching Mars-shift echoes the immortal words of Mark Twain: "Thunder is good, thunder is impressive; but it is the lightning that does the work."

# CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21) Before you throw good money after bad, consider what you are trying to

achieve, SeaGoat. With Venus in your element now warns that the time is long past when you could spend your way out of hassles. What is needed is not a fresh injection of cash, but a fresh injection of ideas and friendship.

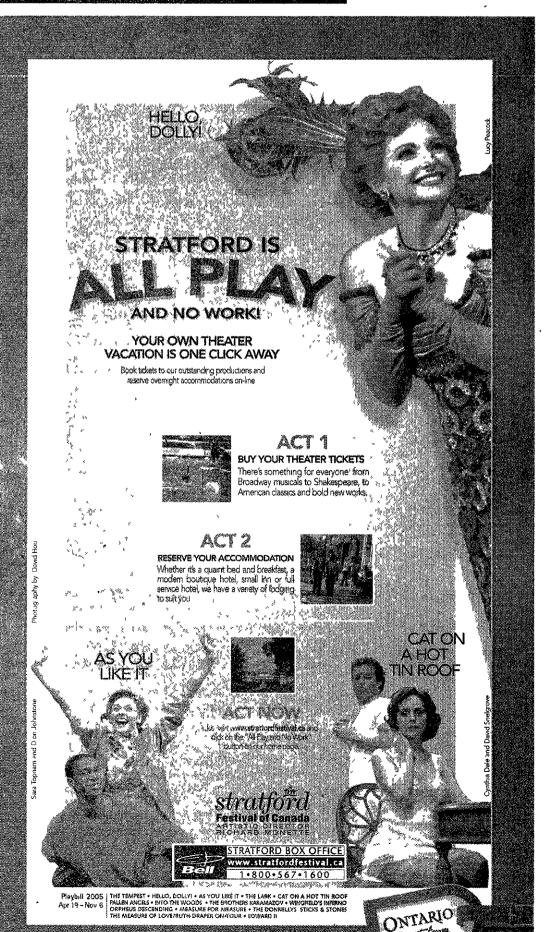
# **AQUARIUS** (Jan 22-Feb 19)

Blame it on Mars shifting signs, but no doubt you're convinced that your way of thinking is right, but do you really have to be so overbearing about it. WaterBearer? No matter how brilliant your ideas may be, you still need to sell them to those who can support you and make them a reality.

# PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

You seem to be torn between work and friendship and can't make up your mind which is more important to you. According to the planets, you must focus on moolah, even if it means having to turn down social invitations and opportunities to run away. Think dollars and cents-sense now, Fish!

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# **FICTION**

- 1. "Eleven on Top," Janet Evanovich
- 2. "The Historian," Elizabeth Kostova

4. "Miracle," Danielle Steel

- 3. "Da Vinci Code," Dan Brown
- 5. "Always Time to Die." Elizabeth Lowell

# **NON-FICTION**

- 1. "1776," David McCullough 2. "The World is Flat,"
- Thomas L. Friedman 3. "Freakonomics," Steven D.
- Levitt 4. "Blink," Michael Gladwell 5. "100 People Who Are
- Screwing Up America," Bernard Goldberg

# PARENTS' CHOICE

## **NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS**

- 1. "Very Tricky, Alfie Atkins," Gunilla Bergstrom
- 2. "Who Loves Me?" Patricia MacLachlan 3. "Three Feet Amail,"
- Michael Rosen
- 4. "Misery Moo," Jeanne Willis
- 5. "Punk Farm," Jarrett Krosoczka



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# **ENGAGEMENTS**

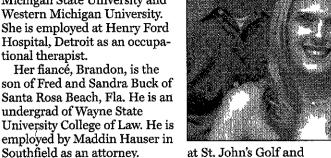
## Mollick-Buck

Richard and Joyce Mollick of Northville, formerly of Plymouth, announce the engagement of their daughter. Michelle, to Brandon Buck of Northville.

Michelle is an undergrad of Michigan State University and Western Michigan University. She is employed at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit as an occupa-

Her fiancé, Brandon, is the son of Fred and Sandra Buck of Santa Rosa Beach, Fla. He is an undergrad of Wayne State University College of Law. He is employed by Maddin Hauser in

Brandon and Michelle are planning an October wedding



Conference Center in Plymouth.

# Wizner-Rogissart

Gloria and Rick Sahlhoff, of St. Joseph, and the late David Wizner, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lee Wizner, of Farmington Hills, to Christopher Matthew Rogissart.

Jennifer is a graduate of Lakeshore High School and Siena Heights University. She is employed with Brogan and Partners.

Her fiancé, Christopher, is the son of Peter and Vicki Rogissart of Canton. He is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. He is employed with Methodist Children's Home Society.

# Peterman-Thackaberry

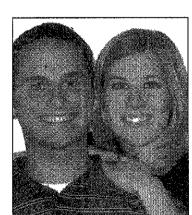
William and Debra Peterman of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Beverly Jane, to Christopher Michael Thackaberry.

Jane is a 2000 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 2005 graduate of University of Detroit Mercy with degrees in math and mechanical engineering.

Her fiancé, Chris, is the son of John and Sharon Thackaberry of Garden City. He is a 2000 graduate of Garden City High School and a 2004 graduate of the United



planning an April 2006 wedding on the beach in Key West, Florida.



States Air Force Academy. He is currently in pilot training at Moody Air Force Base in Valdosta, Ga.

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w/ MONTROSE DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA BIG BAD VOODOO DADDY MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL 6

**ALAN JACKSON** w/ SARA EVANS AND THE WRIGHTS DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE 7

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DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CLASSICAL MYSTERY TOUR: A TRIBUTE TO THE BEATLES MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

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CLAY AIKEN MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

JAMES TAYLOR AND BAND DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE 13

KRONK BOXING THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS 13

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# august continued

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THE MORE DRAMA TOUR 18 FEATURING MEMBERS OF YES DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

O.A.R. w/ PEPPER AND THE SOUTHLAND MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL 18

STEVE MILLER BAND W/ IAN HUNTER AND THE RANT BAND DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE 19

HILARY DUFF w/ TEDDY GEIGER DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE *20* 

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BRIAN WILSON MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

**WILLIE NELSON** 21 DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

**LAUGH-A-PALOOZA COMEDY FESTIVAL** 21 MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

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# VIRGINIA MCCORMICK BAILEY

Age 92, of Paducah, KY, formerly of Plymouth, MI. Passed away July 14, 2005. Virginia was a member of the 1st Methodist Church in Plymouth, MI. She was homemaker, volunteer for Plymouth Historical Society and a shop clerk at Early American in Plymouth, MI. She also volunteered as an usher at the Fox Theater in Plymouth and was a member of the Broadway United Methodist Church Water Aerobic. Survivors include one sister, Cola Carloss of Paducah; niece, Barbara McCormick Weiser of Collinsville, IL; nephew Jerry Mccormick of Mesa, AZ and several great-nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Wilburn Hail Bailey, parents Carver and Allie Draper McCormick and one sister and brother. Service was held Saturday, July 23, 2005 at 11am at Milner and Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Rev. Dan Leslie officiating. Visitation Hour Saturday, July 23rd after 10am at the funeral home. Burial will take place Saturday, July 30th, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth, MI. Expressions of Sympathy can be made to Broadway United Methodist Church, Brooks Recreational Pool/Water Aerobic, 701 Broadway, Paducah, KY 42001

## KAREN MARIE BROGAN

Karen passed into the Light at 1:00 pm on July 12, 2005 at Frances Georgeson Hospice House of Naples, Florida. Her husband of 35 years John Brogan, son, John Michael, and daughters Julie Ann and Kathryn Elizabeth were present to accompany her. She is also survived by her older brother, John Kenneth Huber, who lives with his wife, Josephine, in Delaware. Karen was born on October 21, 1948 to John and Wanda Veronica Huber in Philadelphia and became an accomplished dancer and dance instructor. She married John on June 27, 1970 and the couple raised their family in Hamburg, New York, Dana Point, California and Livonia, Michigan. After John's retirement from Ford Motor Company, the couple moved to Naples to ring in the first day of the new millennium. During five and a half years in Naples, Karen enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, inspiring others through her creative mind, caring heart, and vibrant spirit. She worked at Master Designer Florist, making floral arrangements for homes, offices, hotels, restaurants and celebrations all over Naples. She truly loved her work and contact with the community around her. Raising awareness about ovarian cancer was essential to Karen, which is virtually curable if detected at an early stage. In three years of liv-ing with ovarian cancer, Karen followed numerous treatments which prolonged her life, shared in Care OV cer survivors, participated in community functions for cancer survivors, and continued to spread love and light with her family and friends. For more information about ovarian cancer, contact the Ovarian Cancer Alliance of Florida-Gulf Coast at (239) 455-0554. Donations "In memory of Karen Brogan" may be sent to OCAF-Gulf Coast at 5835 Cloudstone Court. Naples, FL 34119. These donations will be dedicated to publication and dissemination of Ovarian Cancer News, a seasonal awareness raising newsletter, with the goal of increasing circulation to include women's clinics and various health care providers around south Florida. "Ovarian cancer whispers, so listen... Karen lives in our hearts.

# LARRY N. COURTNEY

Age 67, passed away Monday, July 18, 2005 in Ann Arbor. Cremation has taken place. Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Heart Association. Larry was married October 12, 1990 to his lovely wife Barbara, he was a proud member of the United States Air Force for 17 years until retiring. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; 3 sons, Eric (Maia) Andreasson, Randy Andreasson and Kenton (Raquel) Andreasson; 4 grandchildren, Ashara Geordi, Maverick and McKean Andreasson; and many beloved nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents. Michael and Della Ruth Courtney; 3 brothers, Earl, Russell and Bob Courtney; 2 sisters, Zelda Whitfield and Lois Cressey.

# PATRICIA B, HERTER

Age 82, passed away on July 12 in Deerfield Beach, Fla. Born March 22 1923, in Plymouth, Mich., to William Otto Braidel and Florence Greenlaw Braidel, she graduated from Plymouth High School in 1940. After attending Albion College, she married her sweetheart, James Lester "Les" Herter in August 1941. After his death in 1973, she moved to Corona del Mar, Calif. In 1987, she moved to Deerfield Beach. Patricia was a homemaker and part-time Realtor. She enjoyed antiquing, playing bridge, ballroom dancing and golf. She is survived by children J. Michael Herter (Joyce) of Cape Coral, Fla.; John Craig Herter (Leslie Green) of Calgary, Alberta, Canada; Janis Herter Alverson (Bill) of Pleasanton, Calif.; Jeffrey Mark Herter of Crescent City, Calif.; sisters Sharon Neal Hatami of Walnut Creek, Calif., and F. Susan Neal Harrison (John) of Sacramento, Calif.; 12 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, 6 nieces and nephews, and loving companion James Orchison. In addition to her husband. Patricia was preceded in death by son James L. Herter, Jr., sister Elisabeth Curtner, and grandson Aaron Leslie Herter. Burial will be at Plymouth's Riverside Cemetery, with a memorial service at a later date. Donations in Patricia's name may be made to her favorite charity, Shriner's Burn Center.

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In Loving Memory ERNIE DURIEUX



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In life we loved you dearly in death we love you still in our hearts you hold a place that no one else can fill.

Each day we miss you more and so often we still cry If love could have saved you, you never would have died.

It broke our hearts to lose you but you didn't go alone. For a part of us went with you the day God took you home.

A beautiful man passed away on July 24, 2004. You will always be in our hearts. Your Wife & Family



**MARYANN LYON** 

July 18, 2005 after a 2 year battle with cancer. Age 68 of Bloomfield Hills and Naples, FL. Beloved wife and best friend of Wayne B. Lyon for 44 years. Loving mother of Karyn J. Glover (Don), Craig W. Lyon (Wendy) and Blair B. Lyon (Mandie). Adored grandmother of Austin, Grant and Allison Glover, Madelyn, Jocelyn and Nicholas Lyon and Cameron Lyon. Dear sister of Sandra Becker and Nancy Reich (Ron). Also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and a multitude of friends. Maryann was a loving wife, caring parent and an involved grandparent. With a beautiful smile and a great sense of humor, she lived a life guided by common sense and grace - a real lady She received a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Miami and a master's degree in education from MacMurray College. She was involved with many organizations and volunteered in various capacities. Her interests included gardening, house design, antiquing, bridge and golf. She will be sorely and sadly missed by her extended family and many friends. In accordance with her expressed wishes, her life will be celebrated at a memorial service Sunday, Aug. 28th 4:00pm at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, followed by a reception at Orchard Lake Country Club. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to the Village Women's Club Foundation, 190 E. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304 or The American Cancer Society, 18505 W. Twelve Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48076. Arrangements by A. J Desmond & Sons (248)549-0500.

View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

## RAYMOND L. NASLUND Formerly of Plymouth/

ivonia residing for 25 years before moving to Venice, lorida, died Thursday, July 14, 2005. He was 82. He was born May 26, 1923 in Marquette, Michigan. He served in the US Army's 10th Mountain Division in WWII and was decorated with the Bronze Star. He received his BA in business from Ferris State University and his MA in accounting from Central Michigan University. He taught at Schoolcraft College in Livonia for 25 years and received the distinction of Professor Emeritus for outstanding service. He was active in Michigan's Republican party and in the Association of the 10th Mountain Division Survivors include a daughter, Shellie Naslund Wood, 3 grandchildren, 5 nieces and one nephew. Services: A memorial service will be held on August 20 at 3:00 p.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Plymouth MI.

# ARTHUR C. OLFS

Born November 23, 1923 in Detroit, MI. Passed away June 23, 2005 in Ocala, FL. Father of Christine (James) eismer, Bloomfield Hills and Nancy Kirk of Louisville, KY. Brother of Nancy O. Sielaff of Bloomfield Hills. Grandfather of Robin and Andy (Kim) Leismer and Page Kirk. Great grandfather of Caitlin Schrank. Uncle o Carolyn Sielaff Gross and Carl F. Sielaff III. Arthur was a Lt.j.g. in the Naval Air Corp in W.W.II. He was an avid golfer, playing in the Detroit District Events in the 1950's and 1960's. He was limited in play when Parkinson's Disease took over. "Olfs was his name, Golf was his game."

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# RICHARD PERRY

Of Bloomfield Twp., July 19, 2005, age 84. Beloved husband of Winifred for 59 years. Loving Father of Richard (Kathy), Lee (Donna), and Reid (Jennifer). Cherished Grandfather of 8. Richard was a fencing coach for 70 years. He was NCAA Fencing Coach of the Year in 1971 and led U of D to an NCAA Championship in 1972. He also loved sailing on Lake Erie. Memorial Service Tuesday, July 26, 2005, 10 a.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, 26880 LaMuera, Farmington Hills. Memorial Contributions may be made to the UDM - Richard J. Perry Olympic Sports Gallery c/o UDM Athletic Dept. Interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Downtown Farmington



BRUCE W. ROBINSON Age 79, June 9, 2005, for-

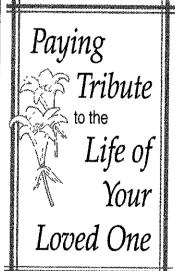
merly of Farmington Hills, MI. Loving father of Bruce (Lori) Anne (Butch) and Pat (Tim). Proud grandfather of Tom, Kelley, Bailey and Melissa. As a WWII veteran who served as a Marine on Iwo Jima, Bruce was part of the "greatest generation." Cremation services were performed by Memorial Alternatives of Grand Rapids, MI. A Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, July 27 at 12 noon at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI. Memorials in Bruce's memory may be made to Grand Rapids Home of Veterans, 3000 Monroe Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49505

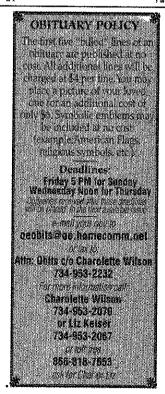
# ROBERT PAUL STEVENS

"Steve", died peacefully at home on July 20, 2005. Age 81. Beloved husband of Patricia Duke Stevens. Loving father of Linda Fisher, (Ken Bird), Diana Gadwill (Michael) and Pauline Stevens. Stepfather of Patrick White (Amy). Dear grandfather of Carolyn, John, Christopher, Andrew, Jeffery, Michael and Christian, and great-grandfather of five. Brother of Louise Karn. Services and Inurnment with military honors will take place at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorial tributes Hospice of Michigan. For information call A. J. Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500.

# **CHARLES W. WIGGINS**

Age 87, July 20, 2005. Husband of Jane for 65 years. Father of Katherine (Fred) Leigh, John (Karen) Wiggins and the late Carol Peck. Predeceased by three brothers and two sisters. Survived by seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Funeral service was held Saturday, July 23rd at 11:00 a.m. at Wm R. Hamilton Co., Birmingham, MI. Tributes may be made to Leukemia Society of America, Michigan Chapter or Charity of Choice.







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# **Calling all Parrotheads**

Members of the musical group Air Margaritaville, a Jimmy Buffet tribute band, played their island sounds at Heritage Park as part of the township's Thursday Concerts in the Park series. The weekly concerts start at 7:30 and run through Aug. 4.

# **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

# **AROUND TOWN**

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

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. Volunteer training begins Aug. 16. Contact Ann Christensen, volunteer coordinator, for more information on winter training classes at (888) 973-1145. Host families needed

Learn about a foreign culture without leaving home. Host families are needed for high school students arriving in Michigan from all parts of the world. Your family can be the key to giving an American experience to an outstanding young person who is very excited about coming to the United States, If you would like more infor-

mation or have any questions, call

Linda Leedy at (248) 349-5599. Cruise-car show

Wayne County Parks hosts the first Hines Park Cruise and Car Show, with more than 100 cars on display along with vendor booths and a concession stand. The event takes place starting at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 27 in the field next to the Nankın Mills Center ın Westland. To register a car, call Joseph Langa, (313) 533-6397. Registration fee is \$12. For more information call (734) 261-1990. Summer day camp

Children can explore the great outdoors at the "Summer Explorer Day Camp" hosted by the YWCA of Western Wayne County from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday through Aug. 19 at Central Park/Bailey Center in Westland, 36651 Ford Road. Children ages 6-15 are welcome. Activities include swimming, scavenger hunts, science experiments, movies, arts and crafts, pizza parties, field trips and a talent show. Applications for camp are available at the YWCA of Western Wayne County office, 26279 Michigan Avenue. For more information, call (313) 561-4110.

Fibromyalgia workshop

A local authority will conduct a free workshop on the causes of fibromyalgia at the Carl Sandburg Library at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 10. To register for the free workshop, call (248) 426-0201.

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-point workshop

A local authority conducts a workshop on pressure-point therapy at the Carl Sandburg Library at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17. Learn how to find and treat the pressure points for headaches, back pain, sinuses, neck pain, carpal tunnel, PMS, low energy and joint pain. To register for the free workshop, call (248) 426-0201.

Madonna golf

Madonna University hosts its 10thannual 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 Percey, 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 jewelry, 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 sevenday 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 Wabeek 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. Call Rose Kachnowski at (734) 432-5421.

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 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.

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 smallgroup 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 informa-

American Legion

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

Woman's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

Meets every second Monday of each month from September to June, excluding January. Persons interested in joining, contact club president, Judy Krieman at (734) 459-1027.

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club Looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects. This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street. The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (734) 981-7259 for further info.

Mothers & More The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth. Call (866) 841-9140, Ext. 4329, or visit Web site mothersandmore63@onebox.com

**Got Game?** Yep, got scores, too.





The ashes of about four dozen former members rest in the Memorial Garden at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church.

# **GARDEN**

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When George finds too many irises have spread in his home garden, he digs them up and plants them at St. Matthew's. Another member recently contributed a butterfly bush. And so it

Mary Mull, 75, remembers when the gardens weren't as full of shasta daisies, marigolds, lavender, lilies, heliopsis, coreopsis, California poppy, ferns, hosta, and evergreen shrubs. Back in 1981 when the Rev. David Strong designed the Memorial Garden as a final resting place for the ashes of former members, the plants and bushes were young and much smaller. Jack, Muli's husband, did all of the weeding while she watered. That was long before there was a sprinkling system.

"For 19 years Jack did it almost by himself," said Mary Mull, 75. A Livonia resident since 1957, Jack, now 80, continues to volunteer as a player's assistant at Idyl Wild Golf Course in Livonia but has cut down the size of their home garden which includes raspberries, grapes, potatoes, and a few peanuts planted by the squirrels. "We had a lot more weeding to do," said Mull.

"This has the look of a wonderful garden." The Ishiokas began helping Jack tend the gardens in 1995 and eventually took over the evolutionary space where mulch chips have been replaced with stone. It doesn't quite require the muscle used to construct the garden in 1981. Then more than 50 people moved 20 tons of rock, wood chips, peat, and soil into the area

shrubs and more than 1,000 bulbs. In spring, tulips and daffodils color the gardens with splashes of yellow. Later, a rainbow of

before planting two trailer loads of flowers,



A variety of perennials and annuals color the garden where former members are memorialized.

flowers follow one after the other through fall. "Some people come and sit here when they want to remember their loved ones," said Toshi Ishioka.

"If a wife is interred," added George, "they want to be here too."

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FROM PAGE 1

in this area," Clements said. "I notice people stopping and looking. I take the Girl Scouts to Newburgh Cemetery for a program to do rubbings for a history badge."

No matter where the marker is located in the state, it is easily recognizable by the seal featuring a wolverine. Cast from aluminum with gold leaf lettering, the markers cost from \$1,700 to \$3,100 depending on whether information is on one side or

The marker at Newburgh Cemetery in Livonia dates back to 1964, but the history to 1832. It is the resting place of veterans from the Civil and Revolutionary wars.

"People hold bake and jam sales to raise money for the markers," Ashlee said. "Some have a map or etched photo plate. In Detroit, some are in French, Polish at St. Mary of Czestochowa Church in Huron County, some bilingual like the Andrew Blackbird House in **Harbor Springs** (Odawa/Ottawa). The Grand

Rapids School for the Blind has a Braille panel."

One of the most unusual sites for a marker was at the bottom of Lake Huron off Lexington at a shipwreck site. Unfortunately, the cast aluminum couldn't survive under 50 feet of water and broke. While it attracted mainly scuba divers, markers for the Honeymoon House Henry Ford built in Garden City in the late 1800s and Recreation Park, the site of the first major league baseball game in Detroit in 1881, have become points of interest for hunters.

"We call them marker hunters," Ashlee said. "There are people who collect markers. They photograph every one they can find. People like to use the book. I don't know if it's the hunt or if they're fascinated by Michigan history."

It's the history buffs who are usually interested in finding out about placing a historical mark-

er in their community. Ashlee has spoken to Questor groups and historical societies throughout the state about the program. Eligibility is determined by historic significance. The Michigan Historical Commission has final approval of who receives a marker and the wording. Applicants must provide historic documentation from the time events occurred. Once placed, a marker can be taken back if changes are made to the site. For more information about the application process, visit the Web site at www.michigan.gov/shpo.

"The marker program can do a lot for communities," Ashlee said. "People look to New England or Europe and think they're really historic, but take their own history for granted. They have history in their own backyard. This is precious and should be protected. We need to keep these tangible links to our history."

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# GUIDE

time between 1916 and 1921, was planned to "observe the hygienic needs and the conveniences of schoolroom administration." It features a belfry and simple decorative brickwork.

Chief

Tonquish Burial Site (34850 Fountain Boulevard). The chief of a band of Potawatomi Indians was killed in a clash with pioneers after the death of a white man in 1819.

Nankin Mills (33175 Ann Arbor Trail). The first mill was built on this site between 1835 and 1842. The present building was constructed soon after the Civil War.

Henry **GARDEN CITY** Honeymoon House (29835

Beechwood). Ford built the house himself in the late 1800.

A Nankin Pioneer (Warren Road and Sunset Drive). This is the northwest quarter of Section 11 in Nankin Township that Marcus Swift bought from the U.S. government in 1825. In 1827, Compiled by Linda Ann Chomin from Traveling Through Time – A Guide to Michigan's Historical Markers.

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE **ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 02, 2005**

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the Charter Township of Plymouth, on Tuesday, August 02, 2005, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., at which time the following will be voted on:

WAYNE COUNTY PROPOSITION P PARKS MILLAGE RENEWAL

To renew the millage authorized in 2000, shall Wayne County continue to levy this millage at the estimated 2005 rollback rate of .2459 (about 25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for five more years (2006 through 2010) to continue to improve and operate several parks and related facilities, including major improvements to Hines Park, Elizabeth Park, Chandler Park and Fort Wayne on the condition that, for any year for which this increased levy would be imposed, Wayne County must budget from other sources an amount equal to its 1995-96 fiscal year appropriation for Parks? This renewal is projected to generate \$11,879,207 in 2006

NO

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PROPOSAL

Shall the previous voted 2.00 mill increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes within the Charter Township of Plymouth, which has been reduced by the required Headlee Amendment rollback to 1.6348 mils, be renewed at 1.6348 mills (\$1.6348 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for the period 2006 through 2015, inclusive, and the funds thereby derived to be used for police and fire services for the Charter Township of Plymouth, thereby raising in the first year \$3,094,013. This is a renewal of the police and fire millage presently being levied.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PROPOSAL POLICE AND FIRE MILLAGE INCREASE

Shall the tax limitation on general ad valorem taxes within the Charter Township of Plymouth imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution be increased for said Township by 0.5631 mills (0.5631 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for the period of 2006 through 2015, inclusive, and the funds thereby derived to be used for Police and Fire Services for the Charter Township of Plymouth, thereby raising in the first year \$1,065,720.

STATEMENT REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964 Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	voted <u>Increase</u>	Effective
County of Wayne	August 8, 2000	1 mill	2005 thru 2009
Wayne County Educational Service Agency	August 6, 1974 November 8, 1988 August 6, 2002	1 mill 1 mill 1.5 mills	2005 Indefinitely 2005 Indefinitely 2005 Indefinitely
Wayne County Jail	August 6, 2002	1 mill	2005 thru 2010
Wayne County Parks	August 8, 2000	0.25  mills	2005
Schoolcraft Community College	March 1, 1986	0.5 mill	Unlimited
Plymouth Township	November 1, 2001 November 1, 1985	1 mill 2 mills	2021 2005
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools (Wayne & Washtenaw Counties)	June, 1995	18 mills	2005 (non homest)

All polling locations in the Township of Plymouth are accessible to the elderly and the handicapped.

Polling locations are as follows: Precinct 1

Farrand School Precinct 2 Friendship Station Township Clerk's Office (this election only) Precinct 3 Precinct 4 Township Clerk's Office West Middle School (this election only) Precinct 5 Precinct 6 West Middle School Precinct 7 Living Word Church St. Kenneth's Catholic Church Precinct 8 Precinct 9 Church of the Nazarene Precinct 10 Fiegel School First Baptist Church Precinct 11 Precinct 12 Pioneer Middle School Precincts 13 & 16 Risen Christ Lutheran Church

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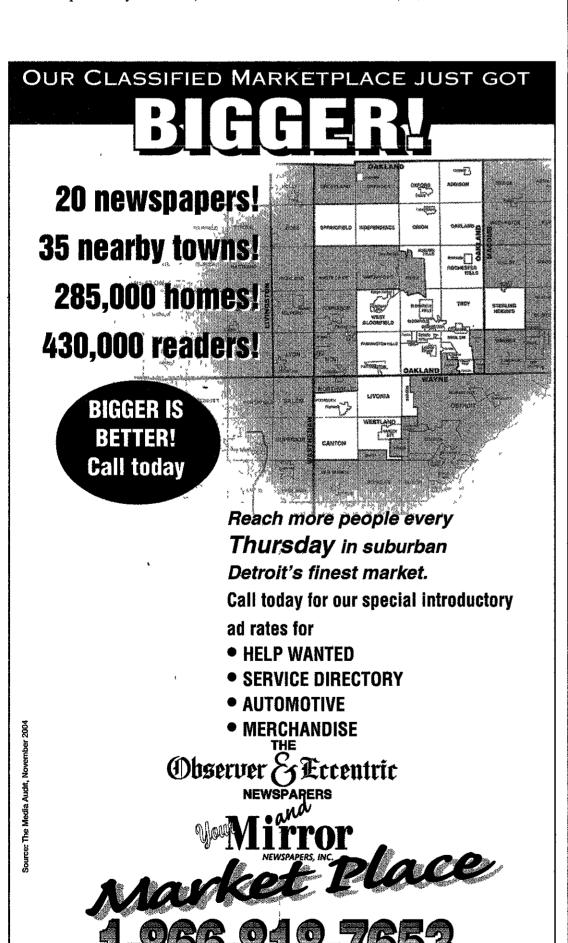
Applications for absentee ballots for Plymouth Township registered voters may be obtained at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Building #3, Plymouth, MI. 48170. Phone number 354-3224. Absentee ballots will be delivered to qualified absentee voters in person at the Clerk's Office from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., on Saturday, July 30. On Monday, August 1, qualified voters shall receive their ballots, and vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m.

> Marilyn Massengill, CMC Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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# Cholesterol can be cut

Mike from Sterling Heights is looking for a natural way to lower his blood cholesterol. Mike, you're sure to find the results of a new study out of Canada very easy to swallow. The study finds that simple almonds can dramatically help reduce high cholesterol. The researchers found that people eating approximately I ounce of almonds per day lowered their LDL level (bad cholesterol) by 4 percent and 2 ounces per day lowered it by as much as 9 percent. At the same time, they received an added benefit - their HDL level (good cholesterol) also shot up. Many other studies help support these findings by showing similar effects with other types of nuts. And, it makes perfect sense because most nuts are rich in cholesterol busting saturated fats. But, the trick is to eat nuts in place of other foods in your diet. Almonds, for example, can equal 165 calories per ounce, so be careful to know when to say enough is enough. Talk to a nutritionist to find the trail mix that's right for you.

Forty-seven year old Louanne from Keego Harbor has osteoarthritis and wants to know what exercises she can do to help her severe pain. Louanne, unfortunately 40 million Americans who suffer from osteoarthritis don't exercise because of pain and stiffness in their joints. But, what they don't realize is that exercise is actually the best medicine! Researchers have found that Tai Chi, the gentlest form of martial arts training, offers excellent range of motion to people with this condition. It has been shown that 10 minutes or longer of aerobic activity, such as walking, swimming or cycling, can definitely help reduce pain and improve a person's range of motion (avoid bouncing or high impact

It really is important to exercise on a daily basis. Just take it slowly and carefully. Remember, your health and well being is a long-term project. If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered, e-mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com. Catch Peter daily on WDIV-NBC 4 & WWJ News Radio 950. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

# TOXIC CLEANING

Products may be a health hazard

BY HEATHER ASHARE CORRESPONDENT

WARNING: Seek medical attention immediately if this product is swallowed or comes in direct contact with skin or eyes. Read the back of any cleaning product and you will see a similar cautionary label.

According to the Christian Science Monitor (Jan. 23, 1990), a surprising number of our conventional household cleaning products contain hazardous chemicals. Yet, we have become so accustomed to these warnings that we often neglect to realize that the effects of all our scrubbing and scouring may be doing us more harm than good.

Edward Dawkins, the department head at SQS Inc., a recycling and environmental management company that handles the waste management services for Oakland County municipalities, said that some of the most commonly used corrosives and toxics found in household cleaning products are chlorine bleach, ammonia, phenols and cresol. He strongly suggests reading the product's active ingredient list to determine its level of

Both ammonia and bleach con-tainstumes that are highly irritating to the eyes and respiratory tract and may cause skin or lung burns if used in high concentrations. Mixing them together creates chioramine gas, a toxic substance that can be lethal. The class of chemicals known as phenols is most commonly found in disinfectants and deodorizers. Phenols are highly corrosive, flammable and toxic acids that can cause vomiting and circulatory collapse if ingested even in a small amount. Cresols are colorless solids or liquids that are

also found in disinfectants. Absorption of cresol liquids through the skin can cause intense burning and paralysis of the affected area. The chemical attacks the central nervous and respiratory systems as well as the liver, kidneys, skin and eyes.

Suzanne White, medical director of Children's Hospital of Michigan, cites that "household cleaning

toxics that children come into con-According to the EPA, there are tact with that result in an emerfour basic components needed to thoroughly understand a chemical gency to the Poison Control Center." If chemicals are brought exposure: How was contact made into the house, White strongly recwith the chemical? For instance, ommends storing them up high as was the toxin exposed to the skin, opposed to under the kitchen sink inhaled or swallowed? How long for easy access and out of your did the exposure last? How much child's sight to prevent exposure of the chemical made contact with accidents. She further emphasizes the affected area? For example, that the best prevention starts by was it just a spray or half the con-

> A customer relations representative from The Procter & Gamble Co., which manufactures and sells numerous household brand cleaning products, said that each product which contains a hazardous chemical carries product text and a picture warning label cautioning consumers of its potential dangers. Also, Procter & Gamble attests to

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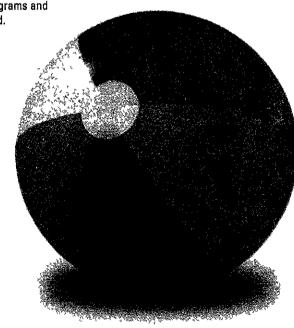
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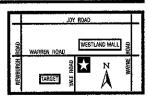
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# Red Cross: Slow down when temperature soars

With the 90-degree temperatures and humidity this summer, the American Réd Cross-Southeastern Michigan Chapter is recommending that residents take precautions to remain safe and healthy. Here are some summer safety tips:

📰 Slow down. Avoid strenuous activity. If you must do strenuous activity, do it during the coolest part of the day, which is usually in the morning between 4 a.m. and 7 a.m.

Stay indoors as much as possible. If air conditioning is not available, stay on the lowest floor, out of the sunshine. Try to go to a public building with air conditioning each day for several hours such as a mall. Remember, electric fans do not cool the air, but they do help sweat evaporate, which cools your body.

■ Take regular breaks when engaged in physical activity on warm days. Take time out to

find a cool place. If you recognize that you or someone else is showing the signals of a heat-related illness, stop activity and find a cool place. Remember, have fun, but stay

■ Dress for the heat. Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing. Light colors will reflect away some of the sun's energy. It is also a good idea to wear hats or to use an umbrel-

Drink water. Carry water or juice with you and drink continuously even if you do not feel thirsty. Avoid alcohol and caffeine, which dehydrate the body.

■ Eat small meals and eat more often. Avoid foods that are high in protein, which increase metabolic heat.

■ Avoid using salt tablets unless directed to do so by a physician.

ed by the Federal Drug Administration on all of their products.

As an alternative to manufactured cleaners, Michael Peters, president of General Organic Services, a Detroitarea organic cleaning service, estimates that 90 percent of household cleaning can be done naturally by using a mixture of vinegar, fresh lemons and water. For tough jobs like bathrooms and kitchens, Peters suggests using a solution of 60 percent vinegar and 40 percent water. For easier jobs, simply combine equal parts water to equal parts vinegar. Adding the juice of a lemon for extra fragrance will dissolve any lingering smell of vinegar.

Since the Environmental **Protection Agency estimates** that any given household contains 25 pounds of toxic cleaning supplies, the agency recommends using household clean- " ers that are free of common toxins as well as fragrances. Trader Joes', Whole Foods Markets and Mia Mahalo carry complete lines of chemical free non-toxic and hypoallergenic cleaning products.

# **MEDICAL DATEBOOK**

## JULY

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 Koevering at (248) 449-8232.

Meningitis shots

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 August 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 Boad, Ste. 600, 🖘 Oak Park To learn more about bacterıal meninditis or şchildule an appoint ment, visit www vna.org or call (248) 967-8755. 汽物 🤭 🔑

Sharing & Caring

Breast cancer education and support program presents the Effects of Breast Cancer on Relationships, Intimacy and Sexuality with Dr. David Decker, M.D. 6p.m. Thursday, July 28, in the first floor conference room in the William Beaumont Hospital Auditorium, on West 13 Mile, west of Woodward, Royal Oak. Reservations required, call (248) 633-7377. A \$10 registration donation and portion of the proceeds from the boutique sales benefit Sharing & Caring To learn more, call (248) 551-8585.

## Camp Midicha

Registration has started for the American Diabetes Association's Camp Midicha 2005. The camp is the only residential summer camp designed for, and dedicated to, children and teenagers with diabetes. Campers attend one of three oneweek sessions: July 31 to Aug. 5; Aug. 7-12: and Aug. 14-19. Each session will be held at the YMCA's Camp Copneconic in Fenton. Along with swimming, archery, kayaking and sports, campers enjoy horseback riding, a ropes course, and arts and crafts. All costs for camp include lodging, meals, snacks, activities and medical supplies like insulin, syringes, lancets, meters and strips. The ADA also is seeking volunteers and youth counselors for Camp Midicha. For information, call (888) DIABETES or visit www.diabetes.org

Meningitis vaccinations University of Michigan Health 🥗 System's Michigan Visiting Nurses is offering menindifis vaccinations by appointment at its Ann Arbor office. Appointments 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 vacci-₂√måfion record and receipt of payment are provided. Students younger than 18 must attend the clinic with a parent or guardian and all patients must be older than 12. For more, visit www.umvn org.

# **UPCOMING**

**HCP Initial Certification** 

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4, at Providence at Mission Health Medical Center - Livonia, 37595 Seven Mile. Cost is \$65, includes textbook, Call (248) 888-444-7325. Course includes

information on adult and pediatric CPR rescuer scenarios, FBAQ, use of AED, special resuscitation and other cardiopulmonary emergencies.

## **Childbirth Education**

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6 and 13, at Providence at Mission Health Medical Center - Livonia, 37595 Seven Mile. Cost is \$65, call (248) 888-444-7325. Weekend series designed to prepare the pregnant woman and her support person for the birth experience. A tour of the birthing area is included.

**Hospice volunteers** Saint Joseph Mercy Hospice is calling for volunteers to offer support with direct care, office assistance, bereavement services, special events and other services provided by hospice. If you're interested in sharing your time with others, please sign up to volunteer. 18 hours of training is required and the sessions are Aug. 8, 10, 11 and Aug. 15, 17, 18 from 6-9 p.m. To volunteer or inquire about additional \*opportunities, call (734) 327-3409.

Michigan Polio Network

Hosts an education conference Aug. 19-20, at the best Western Midway Hotel, 7711 Saginaw Highway, Lansing Features internationally recognized authority on post-polio syndrome Dr Fredrick Maynard as keynote speaker Cost is \$30, \$10 for caregiver, and includes Friday-Saturday programs and lunch on Saturday. Pre-registration required. Call (313) 885-7855 or (989) 739-4065.

Therapy choir

Of Broe Rehabilitation Services Inc. located in Farmington Hills announces opening membership to volunteers from community. The choir is comprised of men and women recovering from traumatic brain injuries. They have given more than 100 free shows in our communities

and were nominated for The Outstanding Achievement Award in Performing Arts by the Farmington Area Arts Council, Volunteers with or without disabilities are welcome as singers or helpers. A good singing ability is not required. On Aug. 28, the choir performs at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral for Cardinal Adam Maida in an 11 a.m. Mass for people with disabilities. The event is free and open to the public. Call (248) 474-BROE for details.

The ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine. A safe and effective way to rid body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions. Classes at Livonia Unity, 28660 Five Mile. Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday, Qigong meditation 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Oigong 7-8:30 p.m. Call (810) 813-4073.

# ONGOING

Eating disorder support

Meetings for those with anorexia, bulimia, compulsive and binge eaters. 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays at William Beaumont Hospital, 3601 W 13 Mile, west of Woodward, use East entrance, take central elevators to 10th floor classrooms A & B, and 7-8:30 p m Wednesdays, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster, between Ford and Warren, use main entrance, take elevators down to the auditorium on the

Family and friends support is on second Wednesday of each month, parent only support is on the fourth Wednesday, same time and place as the Monday night closed group listed above. For more information call (734) 324-3089

# **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

The Environmental Protection Agency: www.epa.gov. The National Library of Medicine: www.nlm.nih.gov SQS Inc: www.sqsenvironmental.com or call (734) 459-3800 Poison Control Center of Children's Hospital of Michigan: dmcpcc@dmc.org or call (800) 222-1222

Procter & Gamble: www.pg.com or call (800) 543-7270 General Organic Services: www.generalorganic.com or call (248) 910-3351

Trader Joe's Grocery Stores: www.traderjoes.com or call (248) 582-9002

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Persons with Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis may experience knee swelling with pain and fluid in both knees, a distinguishing feature of rheumatoid arthritis is the involvement of swelling in both hands during a flare. In individuals over age 60 sudden onset of bilateral shoulder pain is the tip-off that they are experiencing the start of polymyalgia rheumatica When you hurt in one joint keep watch on the others. Two or even more joints involved ofter

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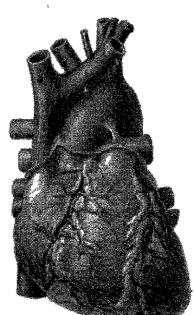
All study-related medical exams, laboratory tests, and study medication are provided to qualified patients at no cost.

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For more information, please contact:

Mike - Senior Research Coordinator Michigan Institute of Medicine 38525 Eight Mile Rd. Livonia, MI 48152 (734)542-5512 research@drkeithpierce.com







# Researchers say, watching sex on TV a predictor of teen sexual activity

esearchers from the Rand Corp. and from the University of California, Santa Barbara, recently conducted a national longitudinal survey of 1,792 adolescents, 12 to 17 years of age.

At the beginning of the study and in the one-year follow-up interviews, participants reported their TV viewing habits and sexual experience and responded to measures of more than a dozen factors known to be associated with adolescent sexual initiation. TV viewing data were combined with the results of a



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Teens in 2005

Alice McCarthy

derive measures of exposure to sexual content. depictions of sexual risks or safety, and depictions of sexual behavior (versus talk about sex but no behavior).

content to

Analysis indicated that adolescents

who viewed more sexual content were more likely to initi-

ate intercourse and progress to more advanced noncoital sexual activities during the subsequent year. Young people in the 90th percentile of TV sex viewing had a predicted probability of intercourse initiation that was approximately double that of youths in the 10th percentile. Exposure to TV that included only talk about sex was associated with the same risks as exposure to TV that depicted sexual behavior. Approximately two-thirds of TV programs contain sexual content. The researchers concluded

that watching sex on TV predicts and may hasten adolescent sexual initiation. Reducing the amount of sexual content in entertainment programming, reducing adolescent exposure to this content,

or increasing references to and

consequences of sexual activity could appreciably delay the initiation of sexual activities. Alternatively, parents may be able to reduce the effects of sexual content by watching  ${\bf T}{\bf V}$ with their teenaged children and discussing their own beliefs about sex and the behaviors portrayed.

(see Pediatrics, vol. 114, Sept. 2004, p. 280-289)

Your columnist's view is that continued vigilance regarding TV viewing, family-viewing discussions, and writing letters to producers may help.

# **GRAND THEFT AUTO**

Steve Lohr writes in the July 11, 2005, New York Times that "Action video games are renowned for serving up simulated gore and violence, but an intriguing mystery surfaced last week in which politics, business and simulated sex

feature prominently as well." He explains that with a code written by a Dutch techie some

scenes from Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas become sexually explicit. By last week Leland Yee, a

California Assemblyman whom we have previously referenced in this column, chided the Entertainment Software Rating Board for failing to rate Grand Theft Auto as a game for adults only. Mr. Yee was quoted as saying, "This particular game has been known to include extremely heinous acts of violence and now it has been uncovered that the game also includes explicit sexual scenes that are inappropriate for our children."

The developer of the code responded with: "At the end of the day, Grand Theft Auto is not a game for young children and is rated accordingly. The

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hidden graphic images," he added, "are not something it is possible to accidentally stumble across" in the course of

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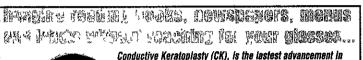
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through employment. While employment certainly delivers many of the benefits the 50-plus population seeks, it is not without challenges. Mature workers face a host of decisions when considering employment prospects. Before beginning a job search, those interested in work during their retirement years should conduct a brief personal assessment to determine exactly what it is they need and want from a work experience. By clarifying the kind of work experience desired, a mature worker greatly increases the odds of finding the right job. Following are some important areas to consider and questions to ask before applying for jobs and interviewing:

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# How to land the job of your life

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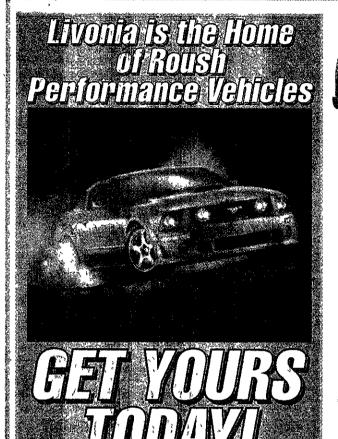
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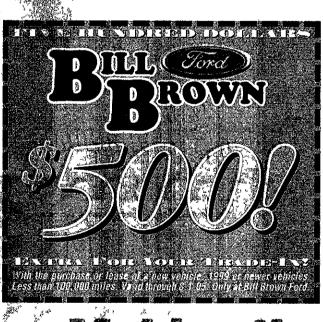
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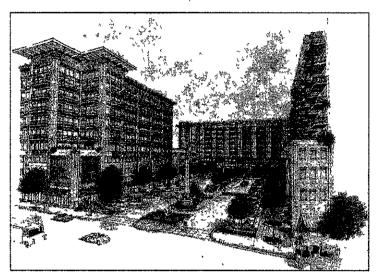
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The purging and packing have already begun in the Rochester home of David and Alice Case. But it will be another year before the emptynesters can move into their two-bedroom, two-bath condo in the Main North Lofts in downtown Royal Oak.

In the meantime, reservations for Main North Terraces, the second of the four-phase Main North project designed by Victor Saroki and Associates of Birmingham and developed by Joseph Freed Homes of Chicago, Ill., will be taken during an open house continuing through 6 p.m. Sunday.

When completed, the project will encompass one square block on the northeast corner of 11 Mile Road and Main Street.

The floor plans for the one-, two- and three-bedroom units vary slightly and each feature concrete floors, extended ceil-



The MainNorth condo development is the latest in a mini-boom of new housing in downtown Royal Oak.

ing heights, balconies or rooftop terraces, walk-in closets, baths with ceramic tile floors, gourmet kitchens with granite counters and maple mission-style cabinetry. A fitness center and climate-controlled parking are also avail-

able to owners.

Targeted toward young professionals and empty-nesters, the lofts range in size from 800 to 2,400 square feet and are priced from the mid-\$200,000s

to the mid-\$800,000s. Mark Farlow, principal archi-

tect and longtime Royal Oak resident, said the focus on the design was a reflection of life in an urban environment. He accomplished that task by creating interiors with walls that don't rise to the ceilings and door-less bedrooms, allowing light from the balcony and glass walls to infuse the space.

"When we looked at Main North, we saw the end product," he said. "Our vision was to create a neighborhood within the downtown central business district where people can work, dine, shop and live. They can park their cars and enjoy the (adjacent city) park in an urban environment.

"The energy is anything but quiet, it's vital and a slice of downtown living."

Ed Connell, vice president of development for Joseph Freed and Associates, said the last parcel of property for the proiect that will boast 400 condos, 100,000 square feet of retail and 200,000 square feet of

office space was secured in January. Owners of the Main Theater have 18 years left on their current lease and are debating whether to stay at their current location or relocate within the project.

Hollywood Video, Mama Fu's, an Asian fusion fast food restaurant, Doc Green's salad and sandwich shop and Plum Market, a gourmet grocery, have already committed to the space. Connell said plans are in the works to add a "higher end, white tablecloth" restaurant into the plan.

Land surveyor John Sutherland, 35, of Troy, is looking forward to living in a community reminiscent of the one he left behind in Toronto.

What I miss about Toronto is that downtown where you can walk almost anywhere," he said. "This project seems to

have that same feel." Sutherland said he looked at several developments before he chose his two-bedroom, twobath condo in Main North Lofts. "This one really caught my eye," he said. "It was bigger and better than anything else going up," adding he was impressed half the units were sold before ground was even broken last year.

David Case, president of Fox Portrait Studios, said he chose the new complex for its central location to his stores in Oakland and Macomb counties and looks forward to There's no shoveling and no

lawn to cut," he said. The Main North sales office is located at 201 E. 11 Mile in Royal Oak. For more informat tion, call (248) 336-1700.

# Low cost improvements will help sell your house

I am selling my house. What low cost improvements can I do to make my house more appealing to

It's critical for buyers to get a good first impression when seeing your house. Put yourself in the buyers' shoes. Ask yourself what would impress you or turn you off about a house.

You don't necessarily have to spend mega bucks making your house more presentable. Here are some tips on how to make improvements without spending a lot of

Start with the outside. The first area that buyers will see is your front lawn. Make sure your lawn is mowed. Check that your hedges are trimmed.

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Put plants and flowers in your front lawn to make it more appealing. Create great curb appeal.

Make sure the front and screen door are in good shape. Usually the front door is the first thing buyers will see of your house. You don't want it to look dirty or creek when it's opened.

Get rid of clutter. Little makes a worse impression on buyers than clutter. Put things

away or better yet if you don't' need the stuff throw it away.

■ Ask yourself if your rooms have too much furniture. If they do, your rooms will look smaller. Take out excess furniture and store it.

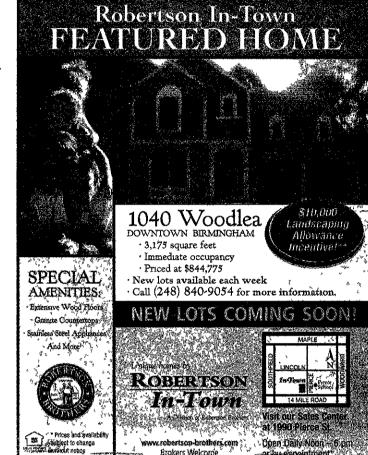
Check that your carpets look like that they are in good shape. Consider having them shampooed. At the very least make sure that they are routinely vacuumed, especially before a showing.

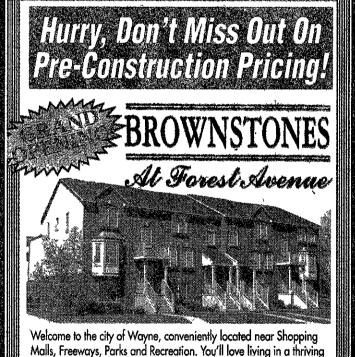
■ Do your walls need painting? True, painting can be a pain in the neck, but it could also lead to you getting much more money for your house. If you were the buyer would the state of the wall paint make; ou hesitate buying your house? If you do

repaint, it may be wise to use neutral colors.

Some sellers don't keep their house in good shape and in exchange have a lower asking price than they normally would have. This is understandable. However, it could end up costing thousands of dollars. A few low cost improvements could end up going a long way.

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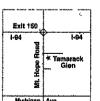
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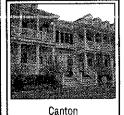
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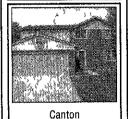
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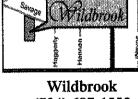
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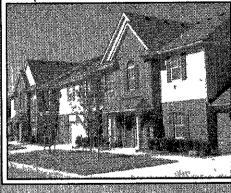
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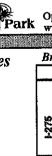


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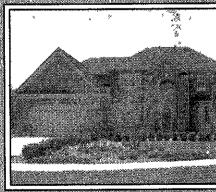
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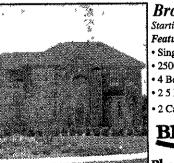
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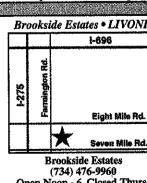


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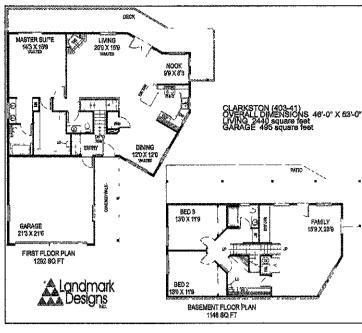
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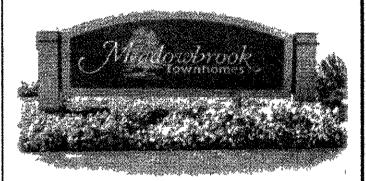
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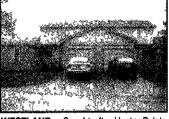
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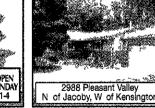
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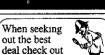
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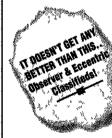
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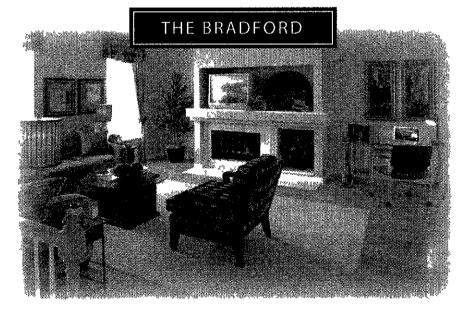
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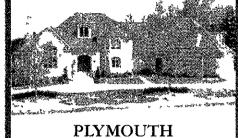
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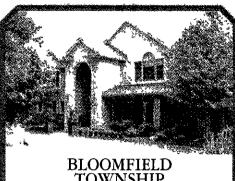


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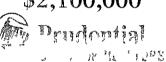
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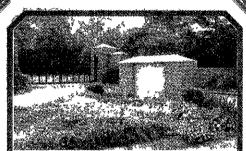
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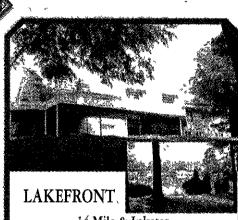
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Moving Sales

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Baby & Children Herns (7150

BUNK BEDS TRUNDLE STYLE, with ladder & desk Good condition \$250 734-453-4943 or 734-516-5452

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changing table, \$175, Like new oak rocking chair, \$50, leather highchair, \$25, 734-730-3736 KETTLER TRICYCLE W/ push bar, like new \$75 Pair youth bed, side rails, like new w/ night lights \$20, (248) 852-8443

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7160 Household Goods Household Goods

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(734) 347-7938 Queen SET w/chest of drawers, \$425 Twin hide-a-bed chair, \$150\_2 teen desks, \$30/ea Sofa \$299 Wing back recliner, \$150 Twin bed, \$65 Chest of drawers, \$65 734-414-5832

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Household Goods

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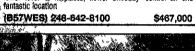
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3 BR, 2 5 BA detached condo on priv wooded cui de sac Open
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BLOOMFIELD TWP Very clean
4 bedroom 2 1 bath colonial wineutral decor thruout Huge
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first floor laundry. Never furnace AC 3 car garage and
baautifully maintained exterior Birmingham Schools (B72BEA) 248-642-8100 \$488,500



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Jane 1 BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP Exquisite Attention to detail and luxurious updates abound in this beautiful 1.5 story ranch. Prime location at end of cul de sac ensures privacy white sitting poolside. 4 bedrooms. 4 baths

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New construction homes located in the heart of Royal Oak
Open floor plan, hardwood floors, quality kitchen with pantry
& granite 2 story family room, master bedroom suite, WIC's
basement and attached garage Completion Fall 2005 (B24DET) 248-642-8100 \$599,900



OAKLAND Gorgeous
4 bedroom 3 1 bath colonial kitchen wygrante & built-ins library & great room wydesigner fireplace Friished lower level walkout w/media area 2nd kitchen and more Beautiful in ground pool on private road w/only 3 house (B97SNE) 248-642-8100 \$648,500



Beautiful 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath colonial Granite 42' maple cabinets custom hardwood finished basement with bed bath kitchen & wooded cul-de-sac lot 3 car garage Great lot with plenty of room to play
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Look no further than this Builders own home Beautiful cherry
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terrace, lower walk-out w/patio & custom draperies (B05BEL) 248-349-5600 \$1,599,000

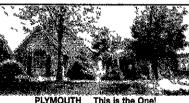


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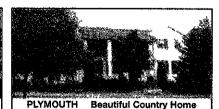
Brick & shaker premium elevation backs to commons! Hrdwd
firs in foyer DR, & kit, GR w/gas 2 way frige. French drs to lib
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Outstanding replica of turn of the 20th century original Bloomfield Hills farmhouse Master BR suits added in 1900's w/skylight gas log fireplace & Palladium windows overlooking backyard gardens & pool 3 car garage w/office upstairs (B43ADA) 248-524-1600 \$865,000



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Three bedroom 35 bath Calle Cod with scenic views of Loon
Lake Family room library skylights Pella windows wet bar
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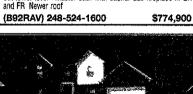


TROY Spacious Four Bedroom
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COMMERCE TWP Spectacular Location
On all sports main lake cul-de-sac with inground pool, 3 car
attached garage patio, deck tilk bar, boat hoist, finished walkout lower level Master bath with sauna. Gas fireplace in GR
and FR Newer roof



TROY An Almost New Home
With all the updates in place Finished basement with wet bar
and lav Premium lot with in ground Gunite pool, pavered
patio and hot tub Hardwood floors in foyer and kitchen
Professionally landscaped Appliances included (B47ASH) 248-524-1600



\$499,500

SHELBY TWP Beautiful
Spacious colonial has it ail Four bedrooms, 3.5 baths dual staircases butter's pantry 9' ceillings, four bay windows and three car garage Wood floors in foyer, dinling room, kitchen and lav Wooded cul-de-sac lot (B00WOO) 248-524-1600 \$569,900



OAKLAND Over Three Acres
Stone and cedar shake Cape Cod nestied in a natural setting
First floor master suite gourmet kitchen, bonus room 4
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OAKLAND Carrollton Hills



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Awasome is the best way to describe this stunning home and setting Lovingly constructed w/more custom items than can be listed 18 foot ceiling, 8 ft solid wood doors windows galore finished walk out basement (B70LOW) 248-652-8000 \$1,499,000



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With grante Jenn are cook-top and white cabinets Extensive hardwood flooring four spacious bedrooms and four bathroom library family room fireplace,e finished basement and 3 car garage

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Inviting custom full brick 3 bedroom 2 bath ranch in
desirable Delis of Bloomfield Private wooded and beautifully
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Spectacular elegance All brick home 1st floor master suite, extensive use of marble thruout Very large home with superb quality lake privileges & park on Lower Straits Tennis courts too 3 bedrooms 2.5 baths. See this one first (B85RAN) 248-363-1200 \$849,604



ROYAL OAK Gorgeous Colonial
This 4 bedroom 2.5 bath home is luxurious thruout Formal living & dining room Family room with fireplace Spacious master Open kitchen, 3 car garage Beautiful lot with deck pond & gardens

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WEST BLOOMFIELD Stunning
Soft contemporary in West Bloomfield Premium ict plush
landscaping 4 BD 2 5 BA, mstr suite wWIC'S jet tub separate
shower, extensive use of grante. Custom kitchen features butiers pantry, 10' ceiling, crown moldings, frplc 3 car attached gar (B97QUE) 248-363-1200 \$599,900



COMMERCE Retreat over 1 acre
Back in the woods Flowing floor plan w/floating star case,
extensive use of ceramic T/O 10 ft ceillings, w/dental/crown
molding & 8 ft doors Floor to ceiting wall of windows offers
views of wooded 1+ acre setting w/refecting pond \$549,999



COMMERCE Pond & Acreage Setting
Custom 5 BR, 4 BA home w/breathtaking backyard view Well
set up for handicap needs optional 1st floor master w/cath
celling, fripic & bath Finished walkout w/2nd kitchen, BR, den
& bath Quick access I-96 & mail Walled Lake Schools (B83CLA) 248-363-1200 \$524,900



KEEGO HARBOR Lake Front
On Cass Lake Great home on all sports lake Great location
Breathtaking views 5 bedrooms, 2 baths, house is ready to
move into or make this your dream home

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BLOOMFIELD Exceptional 4 Bedroom Colonial Birmingham schools very nice open floor plan, Delightful kitchen which opens to Fr Great foyer which leads to roomy LR and DR Mistr ste is very large. Many updates 22 BAS Fin bsmt w/half- BA & full kit. Large driveway. Great brick drivwy

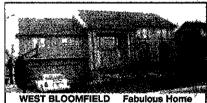


WEST BLOOMFIELD Beautifully Maintained Custom contemporary - 3 BR, 35 BA, featuring open floor plan 1st floor mistr, GR/dramatic vaulted ceilings, large kit, finished lower level/wet bar fireplace, workout rm, full BA & lots of storage Warm neutral color t/o Upper Sts Lk priv (B78ROL) 248-626-8800 \$449,900



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WEST BLOOMFIELD Fabulous Home
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with walk-in closet and master beth, Nicely linished basement with 2nd kitchen. West Bloomfield schools \$629,000 (B59VIL) 248-626-8800



BLOOMFIELD HILLS Stunning-Exquisite
Executive level condo facing golf course Exclusive redesign.
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BAs, 2 LAVS fin bsmt Extensive landscaping, 2-car garage
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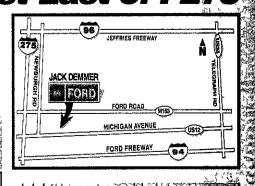
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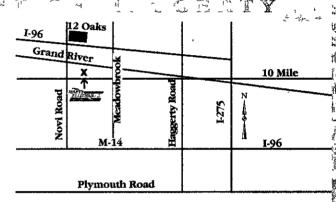


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The S-class of Mercedes-Benz offerings include the S55. S430, S500 and the S600 this year, making the choices very distinct and luxury appointments very, very different. The 430, of course is the more affordable model.

Under the hood you'll find a 4.3-liter V8 and produces 275 horsepower, more than enough to get you where you have to go in a hurry. Acceleration onto a quick-moving freeway is a breeze in this vehicle, as is taking off from a light or passing and maneuvering in heavy traffic.

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The S-class is also equipped with a seven-speed automatic transmission system (five-speed automatic

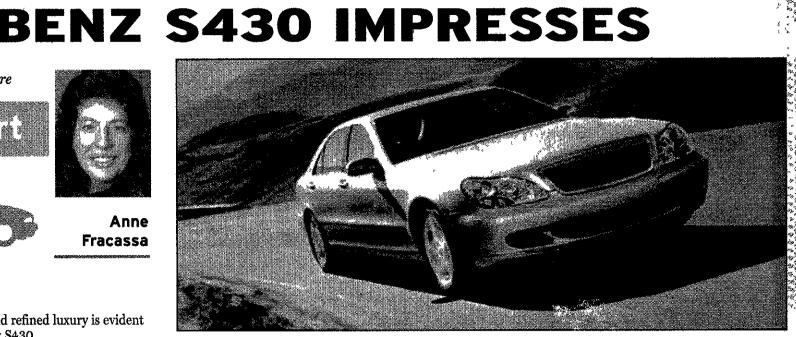
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The gears on this transmission are not chosen in order, as most transmissions. Instead, it picks the gear most suitable for that driving condition. For example, if you depress your brake quickly to ramp down, the transmission may skip gears. It can switch from seventh gear to fifth, or even from sixth to second, depending on the situation. That translates into better fuel economy and a reduction in noise.

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This, of course, is done through the vehicle's GPS satellite tracking system. It will even tell the response center the vehicle's model and color to speed response time. The system can also be activated by pressing the "SOS" button located on the overhead console.

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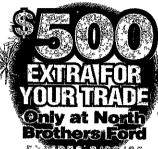
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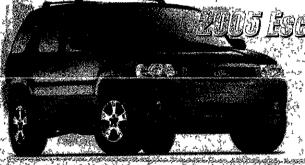


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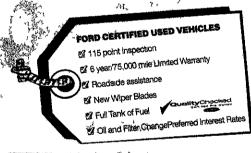
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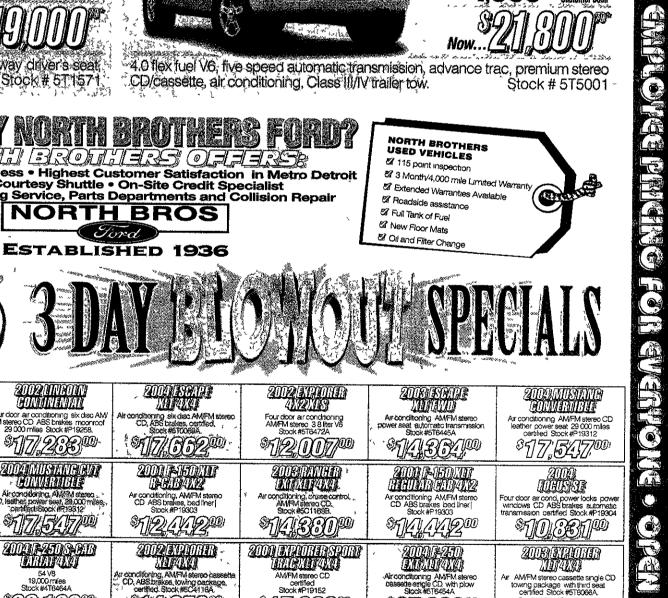
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