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'Very lucky'

Toddler who rolled his bike into road faces long recovery

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A 3-year-old Canton boy is facing a long recovery after rolling a four-wheel bike into traffic June 15 in Westland, his father said Thursday.

Hunter Campbell, who was hit on Joy Road east of Middlebelt while visiting a Westland family with his father Steve, remains in critical condition at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

"He has made it through the toughest part," Steve Campbell said. "He's still critical, but he is improving."



Hunter Campbell

Hunter rolled the bike into traffic about 10 p.m. June 15 as his father was about to get him and take him home. Campbell said his son somehow got out of the back yard where he had been playing with other children.

Hunter was struck by a Chevrolet Prizm driven by a 75-year-old Westland woman who, according to Westland police Sgt. Rob Collier, isn't expected to face charges.

"My son has quite a few injuries, but he's very, very lucky that he survived," Campbell said.

Doctors have told Campbell that his son has no major head injuries, although he had lacerations to his liver and his spleen and he had multiple broken bones. He also had abrasions from hitting the road.

"He's still on a ventilator, but

he is opening his eyes," Campbell said Thursday. "When you call his name, he opens his eyes."

Doctors put Hunter on anti-seizure medication, and the boy has been fighting off a case of pneumonia that he developed Monday, the father said.

Campbell, who works on an emergency medical technician transport team for Detroit-based Children's Hospital of Michigan, said his training helped him not to panic as much as another parent might have when the accident occurred.



Hunter remains in critical condition at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

"Still, it was the darkest day of my life, and I don't wish that on anybody ever," he said.

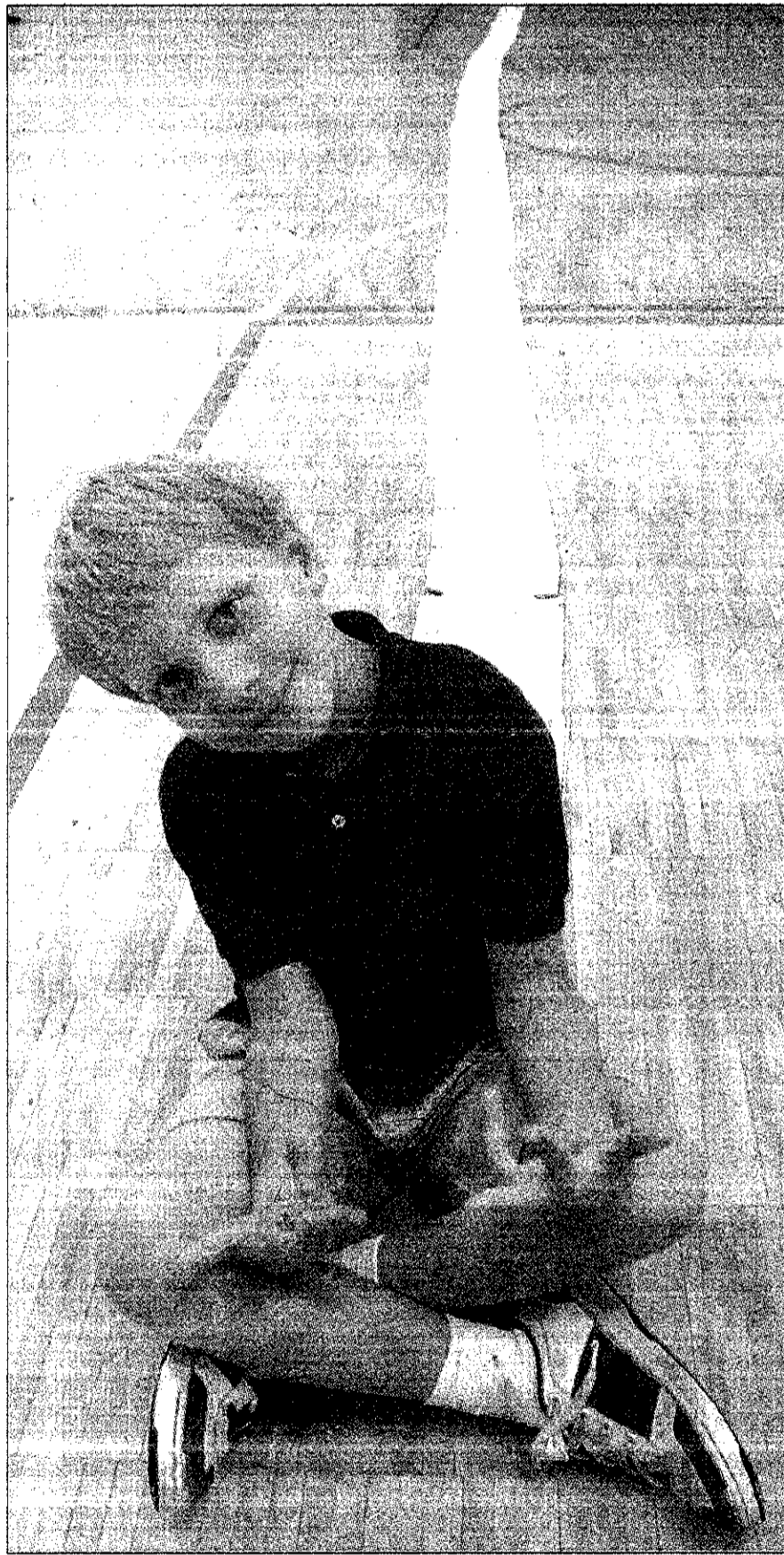
Campbell makes about \$10 an hour, and he said Hunter's medical expenses are mounting rapidly. Another family has established a medical fund for the boy, according to a LaSalle

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Hunter Hall rolls out his number grids, which go up to 10,000 and nearly stretch across the entire length of the Dodson Elementary gym.



Dodson student Hunter Hall sits in front of the long roll of sheets that contain all the numbers he wrote as part of a class math project.

Making sense of numbers

Dodson student takes math project to new level

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

It started as a school project for Hunter Hall — and he wasn't really even all that good at it. But this week, just a few days after school let out and he had completed the first grade, Hunter met a rather unusual goal he'd set for himself — he wrote his numbers, up to 10,000.

He started last year, with the rest of his class at Dodson Elementary School. His teacher, Eric Stamper, asked the students to make a number grid — a page of 100 boxes, in which the students would write numbers in order.

The project is intended to help children build "numbers sense," Stamper said. The students begin to see patterns emerge, and become more comfortable with math concepts.

"I didn't do very well," Hunter said. "I only made it to 300." He was trying to

write neatly, which slowed him down. It wasn't until he and a classmate created a little competition for each other that he really started taking interest in the grid.

Before a school break, one of Hunter's friends (who had written his numbers up to 1,000, compared to Hunter's 300) said that while he was on a plane to Mexico for a family vacation, he was going to write out 20 pages.

"Well, I wound up writing out 20 pages, and he didn't even write a single number," said Hunter, leaning back in his chair to laugh and slap his hand to his forehead.

That competition motivated the boys, who are both active athletes.

Long after most students lost interest in the project, Hunter kept going.

"His principal said he'd never seen a student go over 3,000," said Hunter's

PLEASE SEE NUMBERS, A5

Early retirements could stave off township layoffs

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

After some tense moments and worrying, Canton Township was able to deliver some good news to employees who were facing possible layoff. Eight union employees whose last day would have been at the end of this month were spared from layoff, after 14 more senior township employees chose to take early retirements.

Because of the early retirements, less senior workers were able to move into vacated positions.

The one exception was that of one laid-off worker, a plumbing inspector, who opted for an early retirement, according to Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

Two non-union positions were lost, however. The deputy building official and the neighborhood coordinator positions were eliminated, and there was nowhere to place them, according to Yack. The two employees who filled those positions worked their last day in April.

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Longtime Canton business owner in tax bill dispute with township

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

George Merchant considers Canton his home. It had been the place of his residence and, since 1971, it's been the place of his family business, Mapco. But sometimes staying put isn't all that easy. And Merchant said this is one of those times.

Merchant is preparing to appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal to settle a disagreement over his tax bill at Mapco, a company which makes and distributes precision machinery equipment and

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Coming Thursday
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Plymouth Art in the Park Michigan's second largest art fair, slated for July 7-9, features 400 artists, music and food.



Township board meeting

The Canton Township Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. on June 27. On the agenda are the township's 2005 audit presentation, a 10-year contract with Fellows Creek Management to operate the township's first municipal golf course, and the recognition of 14 early retirements of Canton employees.

The meeting will be on the first floor of the township administrative offices, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Van Buren Schools meeting

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Monday June 26 at the Belleville High School Food Service Center. The hearing will deal with the proposed 2006-2007 budget, including the property tax millage rate proposed to be levied. The hearing will be followed by the board's regular meeting. Items on the agenda include the 2005-2006 final budget resolution, a contract extension for the director of personnel, adoption to the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) for 2006-2007, an elementary boundary update, and an bus use request recommendation. For more information, contact the district at (734) 697-9123.

Red Cross blood drive

Contours Express, located on Sheldon Center Road in Canton, will be co-hosting a blood drive for the American Red Cross from 1-7 p.m. on July 7 at the Contours Express located at 31509 Cherry Hill in

Westland (at Cherry Hill and Merriman, next to Quinzos and H&R Block). The public is urged to participate in event. The Red Cross says it is in need of blood supplies. Please call (734) 326-SLIM to schedule an appointment. Anyone who donates blood will receive a free two week pass good at three Contours Express locations, including the one in Canton.

Student presents at White House

Canton High student Kevin Birou recently presented his award-winning essay, John Adams: Taking a Stand for Justice, at the White House Visitor Center as part of National History Day. Students from across the country wrote essays on the theme "Taking a Stand in History: People, Ideas, Events." Kevin's essay was one of 12 winners. He was encouraged to take part in the contest by his teacher, Carrie Chobanian. For more information about the program, please visit www.nhd.org.

Volunteer ushers needed

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton is looking for people to volunteer as ushers for upcoming events, and will hold four free training dates in August: Monday August 7, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Tuesday August 8, from 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Monday August 28, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.; and Tuesday August 29, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. All training sessions will be at The Village Theater located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. You can register for the date of your choice by calling (734) 394-5460 extension 0.

Corvettes at the Summit

The second annual "Corvettes at the Summit" is scheduled for Saturday, July 15, at Canton's Heritage Park. Presented by Corvette Legends Club and Canton Leisure Services with sponsorship by Les Stanford Chevrolet, the 2006 "Corvettes at the Summit" is expected to draw more than 100 Corvettes of all vintages for a daylong display and car show.

Specially trained judges will evaluate the presentation and condition of the entries. Trophies will be awarded to Corvettes that meet the judging standards.

The show will also feature music, food, a display of special interest Corvettes unique model cars, entertainment and door prizes. It will culminate in a Corvette road tour leaving from Heritage Park at 4 p.m.

Show hours are 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Participant registration starts at 7:30 a.m. and closes at 9:30 a.m. The awards ceremony is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Rain date is Sunday, July 10.

Admission is free for spectators. There is a registration fee for participants.

Design excellence nominations

The deadline to submit nominations for Canton's fourth annual Design Excellence Awards, which promote excellence in landscaping, architectural, and environmental design, is July 15. Judging for the competition will take place July through August and awards will be presented at an appreciation ceremony in October. Categories for the Landscape Design Award include neighborhood entryways, residential homes, commercial retail and office buildings, industrial facilities, and public facilities. The award will be based on quality of design, use of plant materials, year round appeal, and creativity.



'Summer Sounds' pop concert

Orchestra Canton presents the fifth and final concert of the 2005-2006 with "Summer Sounds: A Pops Picnic" at 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 15, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. It is billed as a good, old-fashioned, summertime concert - with air conditioning and without the bugs. The concert will feature ragtime, marches, foxtrots, tangos, and 1920s dance band music, with favorites by Scott Joplin, John Phillip Sousa, Astor Piazzolla, and Kurt Weill. A special presentation of the Richard Rodgers classic "Slaughter on 10th Avenue" will feature the talented duo "At the Two Pianos" of Adam Aceto and Patrick Johnson (pictured), who play popular American music from the 1920s and 30s. Beginning at 7 p.m. patrons can order a box lunch and have a picnic at the Village Theater prior to the concert. The box lunch picnic is \$10 and includes a sandwich, pasta salad, chips and cookies. Tickets for the concert are sold separately and are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors, and \$11 for children. Tickets may be purchased in person at the Summit on the Park, 4600 Summit Parkway, by calling the Summit at (734) 394-5460, or at the Village Theater box office one hour before the performance. For more information about this concert or Orchestra Canton's upcoming 2006-2007 "Classical Canton" Season, please visit www.orchestracanton.org.

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The Design Excellence Awards are sponsored by Canton's Council for Community Excellence. For questions or more information please call (734) 394-5164 or visit www.canton-mi.org.

Theater auditions

The Spotlight Players theater group is holding auditions for Fiddler on the Roof on Monday July 18 and Tuesday July 19 at the Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton (corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge - use stage door at rear). Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. Bring non-returnable photos. For more information, visit www.spotlightplayers.net or call (734) 340-4945.

Canton High class reunion

Plymouth Canton Class of 1981 will hold its 25th reunion on Aug. 26 at Karl's Cabin in Plymouth Township. Organizers are still working on details, but they are planning a casual, low-cost event so as many people as possible will attend.

If you are interested in attending, please send your current contact information, including an e-mail address, if you have one to one of the following committee members: Ann (Genrich) Rockov, arockov@aol.com; Beth (Berberet) Schumacher, BSchumacher@jeromeaustin.com; Bob Mullen, RMullen@plymouthlegalgroup.com; Janet (Secord) Mailot, janetmailot@yahoo.com; Jeri (Tomolak) Craig, rjeshrm1@aol.com; Kallie (Bila) Michels, Kallie@umich.edu; Marilyn (McKendry) Smiatcz, Smiatcz@umich.edu; Robin (Dansby) Hays, robays@comcast.net; Terry (Garrett) Treasure, czh_treasure@yahoo.com. Organizers will contact you again soon with the specifics of the reunion. They would also appreciate it if you could send updated contact information on others.

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Lifestyle program marathon, not sprint

Body by God meant to make changes that last

Jeff and Lisa Abicht were already trying to make some changes in their lives, and those of their five daughters, when they discovered the Body by God program being offered at the Livonia YMCA.

With five young girls in the house, one could have forgiven the Abichts if they'd worried their daughters would balk at the idea of giving up their favorite snacks and foods in favor of a more healthy diet.

But the Garden City couple, spurred on by all five of their girls, has diverged right into the lifestyle enhancement program being run by Livonia chiropractor Dr. C.J. Trupp and, as a result, say they're seeing positive change in their home.

"We've had good success with other things, even though we were using processed foods," Lisa Abicht said. "We've incorporated whole foods in their simplest forms into our eating. We've replaced some of the snacks our kids were eating with healthier ones."

Body by God, as explained by Trupp, isn't a diet plan or a health plan. To Trupp and, he hopes, to the program's initial participants, it's a "change your life" program designed to work on the total person.

Developed by Dr. Ben Lerner, an author and doctor who has served as the team doctor to the U.S. Olympic team, the program follows the "Extreme Makeover God's Way" manual, a 40-day exercise aimed at making changes that allow participants



Instead of peanut butter crackers, 9-year-old Maddie Abicht enjoys an apple for an afternoon snack.

to live a better life.

The Abichts have jumped right in, asking questions at our weekly sessions about the right kinds of food, changing the way they approach after-school time with their children.

And perhaps they needn't have worried about their kids: When an Observer photographer showed up for a photo shoot this week, the girls - ages 2-12 - were rummaging through the refrigerator looking for (are you ready?) fruit.

"The kids have been excellent," Jeff Abicht said. "They're even bringing it up to us, making sure we're eating 'Food by God.'"

They're doing a little better, seemingly, than I am, although I've made changes I never thought were possible before. I've lost 13 pounds and four inches around the middle, and my resting heart rate is around 60.

I'm making subtle changes as a result of the program: I've only stopped at Tim Horton's three times the last four weeks, I'm eating a lot less Wendy's and we noticed last week, for the first time and without really meaning

to, there's no junk food in the house.

It hasn't been easy - dieting never has for a longtime chubby guy - but I'm working on it. And Trupp says that's all you can do.

"It's human to be dropping off the food by God part by this point," Trupp said. "It's only human to think, 'Man, how long have I been doing this?' The trick is not to fall off so far you end up on the other side of healthy."

It uses "food by God" (more natural foods like grains, fruits and veggies) vs. "food by man" (processed foods like my personal favorite, the fabled Wendy's double).

It uses time-management techniques like "putting yellow lines" (similar to those "do not cross" lines on a highway) around parts of your schedule that don't allow anything to interfere with schedule highlights such as, well, taking part in Body by God.

The last couple of weeks we've focused more on those latter parts of the program, talking about exercise and stress management. That's actually the part of the program I'm having a little more luck with. For instance, I've put the solid yellow lines around time to work on a manuscript I've written.

I'm still not putting any of those lines around nutrition, but hey, it's about baby steps.

"You can't just shove it into your schedule," Trupp said. "That just doesn't work."

It's working pretty well for the Abichts.

"It really runs in line with the way we're trying to live our lives anyway," Jeff Abicht said. "It also fits with the way we're trying to raise our kids, nutritionally and spiritually."

Unlike other plans I've tried to follow, I haven't had the urge to give up on this one - yet. Folks like the Abichts have my respect, because they've totally committed to it.

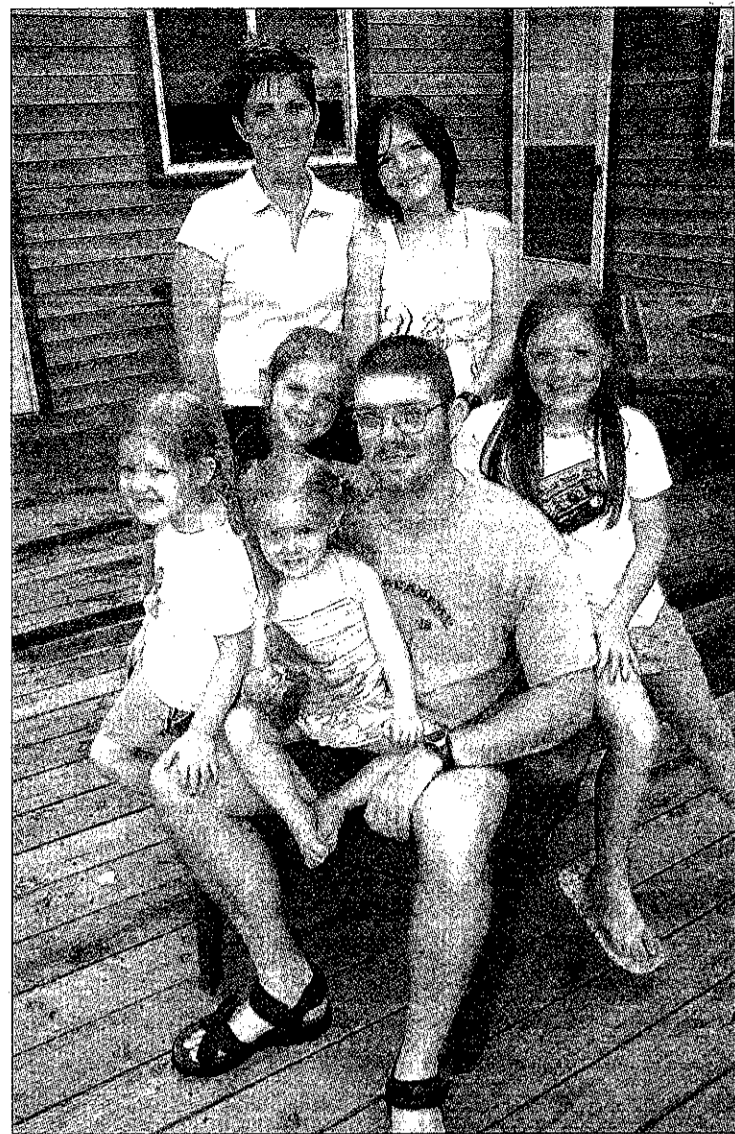
But maybe I've been able to stick to it - more or less - because I've eased myself in. And, according to Trupp, that's OK.

"This was never about perfection," he said. "It's about progress. It doesn't stop when the program ends. It only stops when you quit."



Brad Kadrich

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PHS Class of '56 set for reunions

The Plymouth High School Class of 1956 is busy planning a pair of reunions to mark major milestones.

First up is the 50th reunion for the Class of 1956 itself, set for Saturday, Sept. 9, an event scheduled 1 p.m. to sundown and featuring 1950s music, a pig roast with "all the trimmings" and socializing with old friends.

Classmates are hoping for 100-percent participation, but organizers are looking for some help finding some classmates: Wilma Graham Adair, Joan Burnette Booth, Sharon Irvine Bowen, Elizabeth Gustin Crowe, Joe Davis, Dale DePriest, Donald Dobson, Patricia Dorey, Roberta Paulson Drockie, Marilyn Paul Ehle, Gerald Foreman, Bonnie Woodard French, Donna Frizell, Donald Gillum, Anita Peterson Humphrey, Robert

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Anyone with information about any of these classmates can contact Shirley Andrews Bell via e-mail at ssbell8993@yahoo.com or (248) 446-1266; or Sande Cutler at alisande@umich.edu or (734) 668-4073.

The Class of 1956 is also planning, as it has every five years for many years, an all-class reunion for all faculty, staff and students of Old Plymouth High School (1917-1970). Organizers are hoping

to break attendance records this year.

The reunion takes place noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10 at the Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road.

No reservation is required. There will be a \$5 per-person admission at the door, and the entry tickets can be applied toward food. Drinks of all kinds - including soft drinks - will be available for purchase.

If the weather is good, organizers are suggesting attendees bring lawn chairs, since there is a large backyard at the lodge.

Sign-in lists and flags will make it easier for classmates to find each other.

There will be prizes for oldest class represented, classmate traveling the farthest, largest group from one class, etc.

DISPUTE

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employs 45 workers.

Merchant had, by all standards, done right by his company, his community and his employees, and had made a decent living doing so.

So when Merchant was ready to expand his business, and build a new building just off Michigan Avenue, there was help available to him — from the state as well as the township. One of the forms of help he received was a tax abatement from Canton.

Under the law, the township can abate half of a company's taxes for a period of time, based upon a formula that factors what kind of company it is, how much of an investment the company is making into the business, how many new jobs will be created and how much real and personal property is included in the overall investment.

Mapco qualified for an eight-year abatement on the building and the business' personal property. On a total investment of \$1.7 million, that's not chump change, Merchant said.

Except for one thing — Merchant said he invested \$1.7 million, but the township has valued his property at \$2.4 million. So his tax bill was \$14,000 higher than he thought it would be.

When Merchant got his tax bill in February, he appealed it at a meeting with the township's board of review, a three-person panel assigned with settling exactly this kind of dispute. But the board sided with the township, so Merchant is preparing to appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal in Lansing.

Out of more than 30,000 properties Wayne County Appraisal (a private company subcontracted by Canton to conduct appraisals) appraises every year, about 40 property owners appeal, according to John McLenaghan of Wayne County Appraisal.

The system used to determine property values is provided by the state. The state provides a manual of costs and a table of multipliers that appraisers must use when they're determining the value of a property, McLenaghan said.

"If you determined the value of a property based only on what the property owner said it costs, we'd be relying on them to tell us what it's worth," McLenaghan said.

So even if Merchant paid \$1.7 for the property and the building, it can absolutely be worth more than \$2.4 million, even before the paint on the new walls is dry.

Determining the market value is not a science, but an art, according to Township Supervisor Tom Yack. It's based on a series of tables, with property features and the price of comparable buildings figured into the mix, he added. Without the tables, the potential for miscalculation is too great. If a property is undervalued, the township runs the risk of noncompliance with the law.

"By law, the assessor is to value the property at 50 percent of market value," Yack said, adding that only about 20 percent of the taxes collected are paid to the township. The rest is paid to the county, schools, the library and other millages, and to community colleges.

"The list of where the money is sent goes on and on," Yack said.

But to Merchant, who as a business owner watches every dollar he spends, disputing the tax bill discrepancy is worth it, he said.

"The difference of \$14,000 may not sound big when you think of a \$2 million building," Merchant said. "But when you're in business, you look at every penny, so it is a lot of pennies."

He has hired an attorney to help him prepare the appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal, and he spent \$4,000 on an appraisal of the building.

Despite the dispute, he didn't consider moving out of the area when he built the 30,000-square-foot building last year.

"We've been here forever and all my employees live here," Merchant said, but he added that manufacturing is a tough business and he could use every break possible.

"You hear about the climate in manufacturing all the time, and job losses and everything else. And it's real. That's what the climate is like," Merchant said, adding that he never once considered sending manufacturing operations overseas, nor did he consider leaving the state.

"Michigan has lost thousands of manufacturing jobs. As a business owner, I have to do things better and smarter and watch every penny."

In September of last year, Merchant's abatement application was based on the property costing \$615,123 per acre (on a four-acre parcel), and the cost of improvements totaling \$2,478,945, according to minutes of the Sept. 13 Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting. At that time, the figures were not contested.

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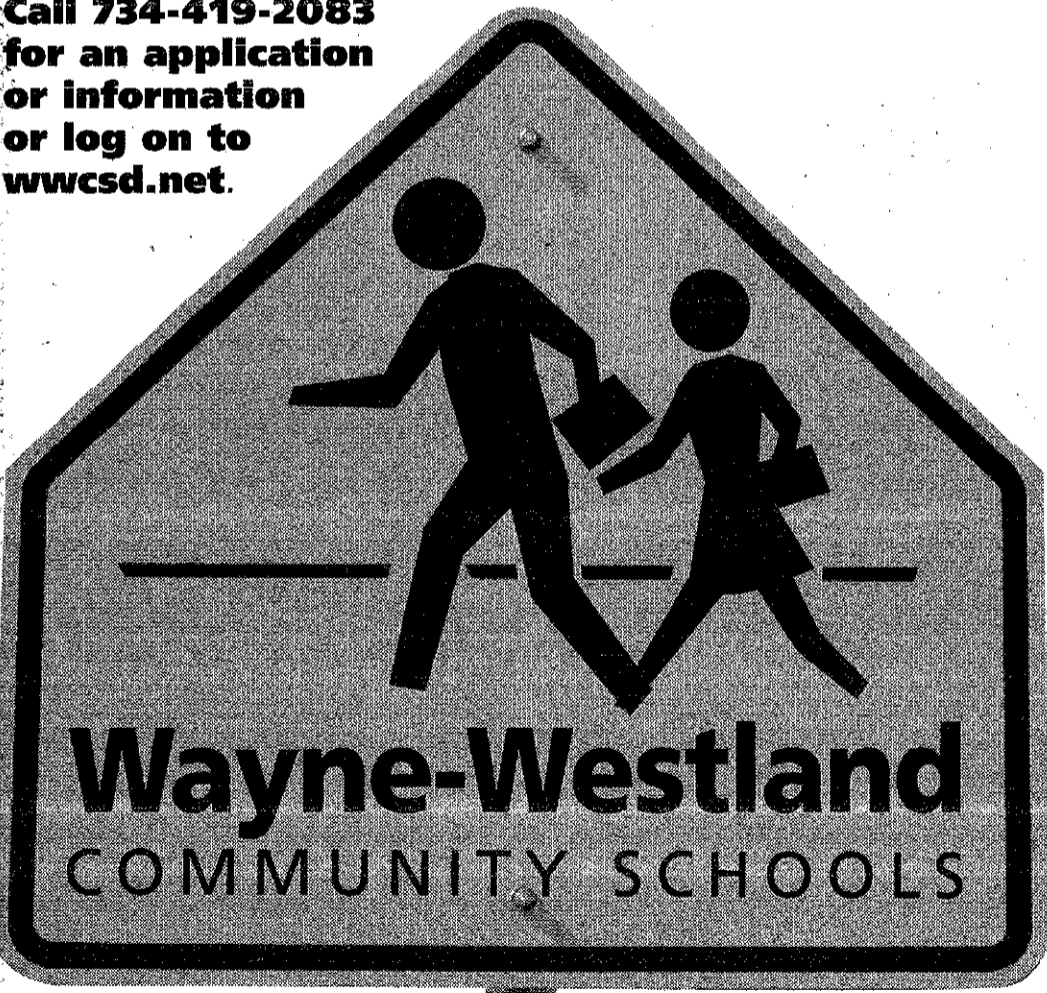
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TOWNSHIP

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"There were some anxious moments, but it worked out (for the union employees)," Yack said. "That was the goal all along, to have few, if any, job losses."

The employees who took early retirements were in nearly every department, but most of those who were facing layoff were either clerical or inspection services workers.

The layoffs in inspection services were the result of a sharp downturn in new hous-

ing construction starts, and the lost revenue from having fewer permits issued.

"Year to date, we're right on the estimate," Yack said. So far this year, there have only been between 240 and 300 building permits issued. In a busy year, the township issued upward of 1,200 in a year.

One of the township employees who will take an early retirement, if the township board approves at its June 27 meeting, is Administrative and Community Services Director Dan Durack. If Durack's early retirement is approved, he will stay until later this year, as the

township searches for a new finance director.

Finance Director Tony Minghine resigned in order to take a position as chief financial officer at the Michigan Municipal League. His last day on the job will be next week, and Durack will lead the finance department until the township finds a replacement.

"We hope to find a replacement by the first of October," Yack said.

The township accepted applications for the finance director position until June 19, and received between 40 and 50 applications,

according to Yack.

"The next step is a paper review of the resumes to be sure that those who've applied meet minimum requirements," Yack said.

Face-to-face interviews will follow, then candidates will be evaluated by written test and another interview.

"Then we will get a profile of each candidate, then one more intensive interview, and hopefully we get one person that stands out from the rest," Yack said.

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DEATHS

Dustin Favian Kaercher
Kaercher, 18, of Livonia, died June 21.

Robert A. Lander
Lander, 78, of Howell, died June 21.

Charlotte E. Spencer McKay
McKay, 89, formerly of Birmingham, died June 18.

Roy N. Nelson
Nelson, 92, formerly of Livonia, died April 26.

Warren William Rysberg
Rysberg, 70, formerly of Plymouth, died June 19.

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NUMBERS

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mother, Michelle Hall. But Hunter did (and the friend who started competing with him wrote nearly 5,000 numbers, Hall added).

Hunter was driven. He'd stay up late at night sometimes to write his numbers. Sometimes he'd spend hours of a busy weekend writing pages of numbers.

"It became like a dream to me," Hunter said.

Until last week, Hunter hadn't unrolled the grid — at least not since he had written his numbers to 6,000 — because it was too hard to roll back up.

But the day after he wrote 10,000, he took the grid to Dodson's gym, and rolled it out on the floor.

The papers, which had been taped together, stretched across nearly the entire length of the gymnasium.

But Hunter isn't going to continue the project, and write another 10,000 numbers.

He shook his head and a laugh erupted from his mouth as he said, "No way. I quit!"

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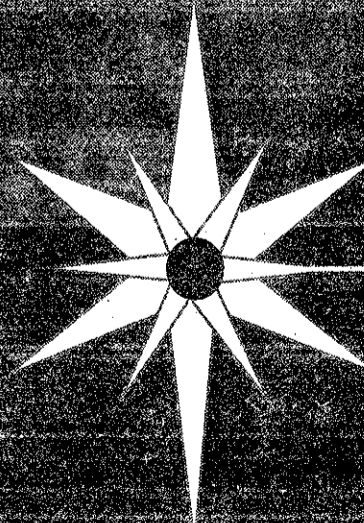
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Long ago summer of 1967 continues to haunt community

In the summer of 1967, I spent three months in Oakwood Hospital.

The previous winter I had been in the hospital for two weeks being treated for a collapsed lung. In July, walking home from the doctor's office after an all-clear checkup, a lung collapsed again.

Throughout that summer, numerous attempts to inflate both lungs failed. Eventually, I had to have major surgery on both lungs.

On July 23, a police raid on a blind pig on 12th Street in Detroit set off a deadly race riot that made similar confrontations in Watts and Newark seem like prologues. The riot left 43 dead, more than 1,000 injured and an estimated \$45 million in property damage. It also accelerated white flight from the city, creating what some have called the most segregated urban area in the United States.

We are living still in the shadow of that event 39 years later. Needless to say, the riot was Topic No. 1 in the hospital and everywhere else in metro Detroit that summer. Rumors flew quickly that somehow the rioting would spread into the suburbs.

I shared my room over that long, sometimes woozy, summer with a wide assortment of mates.

One older man enjoyed listening to the mellow sounds of WJR all day long, while I would have preferred CKLW or WABX (except on Tiger game days). Another was a constant complainer for whom the nurses and long-suffering nurse's aides could never do anything right and for whom the least little ache was a searing pain. (I imagine there was a celebration when he left.)

My favorite roommate was a Dearborn firefighter, injured when he fell from a ladder while joining others from his department in helping to put out the fires in Detroit. He was also subject to some random gunfire from those whose homes he was helping to save.

I would hear the "n" word many times over that summer, but never from the firefighter. He was angry, bewildered but also concerned about what he'd seen in the city before and during the riots.

I admired his cool demeanor, his courage and his ability to separate the terrible situation he had just been through and racial prejudices.

He was a Dearborn firefighter. Dearborn police had a reputation in both the black and white communities at the time for using some strong measures to steer blacks away from the city on Detroit's western border. "Keep Dearborn Clean" was often interpreted to mean keep Dearborn white.

My favorite roommate was a Dearborn firefighter, injured when he fell from a ladder while joining others from his department in helping to put out the fires in Detroit. He was also subject to some random gunfire from those whose homes he was helping to save.

The firefighter defied all those easy generalizations about Dearborn, just as he failed to make easy generalizations about Detroit. His anger was tempered.

When I finally returned to Wayne State University, one of my professors showed his 8mm films of his rooftop view of the fires, looting and confrontations with police and National Guard. He set this angry urban ballet to the fierce music of Nina Simone. He was politically radical, but it was hard to ascertain what point his little movie actually made about the riots, though he did catch a few good shots of some whites making away with televisions and other loot. But they were also clearly outnumbered.

What was most different was that Wayne State's already uptight, racially separated campus was even more uptight and separated. And so was metro Detroit.

On July 27, 2007, Stevie Wonder will headline a commemorative concert at Ford Field, organized by civic leaders and organizations with some hope that people will be LOWD (Love Others Without Discretion). This was the message at recent meeting at the Salvation Army's Southfield office.

Mike Fezzy, president and general manager of the still mellow WJR, told the gathered media and "We've had enough. We've seen enough." He read from a piece his father had written shortly after the riot that described the Detroit metro area as a community divided that needed to take strong measures to come together.

For a brief, illusory moment, the following summer the community did come together over the success of the Detroit Tigers on their way to winning the 1968 World Series. But neither concerts nor winning sports teams can "bring a city together."

We need more people like the firefighter who wanted to channel his anger into something better.

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Hugh Gallagher

Steroid tests shouldn't just be for pro athletes

Personally, I don't care whether Barry Bonds took steroids or not.

But we all should care whether our high school athletes are ingesting steroids, human growth hormones or other performance-enhancing drugs.

And, with few exceptions, that's a story which hasn't been told even in our steroid-soaked sports pages.

Do high school athletes in Michigan — in our local schools — take these illegal muscle-enhancing substances?

We don't know with any certainty. That's because we don't test. No state does.

But New Jersey, to its credit, recently announced plans to start.

The New Jersey plan would test athletes competing in next year's state championship contests. Our own high school athletic association, our scholastic sports conferences and our school boards would do well to take notice — especially as this year's crop of high school athletes complete their own tournament games.

It's a good first step, though it could go a lot further. Already there's been some griping about the program's potential cost.

The New Jersey plan was announced last week but almost immediately overshadowed by revelations that a supply of human growth hormones had been found in a raid at the home of Jason Grimsley, a heretofore obscure major league baseball player.

Reports that Bonds, baseball's record-setting home run hitter, and other big league stars may have also used such substances have also made ongoing headlines throughout the past year or so.

Yet, there's a difference.

Those players are professionals, competing against other professionals. That's not to condone what they did, if they did it.

A steroid-enhanced high school athlete isn't just a danger to himself or herself — though steroid use is dangerous and can be deadly — they are also a danger to the athletes they compete against.

But the issue of steroid abuse among scholastic athletes is far more serious.

For starters, those athletes are generally minors.

More importantly, their bodies are still developing, even as late as high school.

A steroid-enhanced high school athlete isn't just a danger to himself or herself — though steroid use is dangerous and can be deadly — they are also a danger to the athletes they compete against.

It's not just an issue of whether one athlete holds an unfair advantage over another athlete in terms of their ability to score touchdowns and gather scholarships, though that's important.

In contact sports especially, it's an issue of whether one athlete, artificially strong beyond their years, could seriously hurt a fellow athlete who plays by the rules.

Few of our local athletes will ever become professional, or even highly-placed amateur athletes, but thousands of kids play interscholastic sports in this state every year.

If you're a parent, chances are fairly good that your son or daughter either is, has been, or will be among them.

That's why Michigan should adopt its own testing standards.

Our kids need it and, as parents, we should demand it.

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Cable, telephone companies battle over franchising bills

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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Bob McCann, president of Bright House Network's Michigan Division, said his company would welcome competition in the lucrative cable television field if everything was "fair and level." Traditional cable television providers and telecommunications companies, including giants AT&T and Verizon, are locked in a battle over how cable television will be franchised in the future. The telecommunications companies are pushing at the state and federal levels to have franchising removed from local community control. The cable providers, with support in Michigan from the Michigan Municipal League and the Michigan Townships Association, are opposing the changes. A bill was passed July 8 in the U.S. House that would turn franchising over to the Federal Communications Commission. That bill is currently moving its way through the U.S. Senate. In Michigan, the state House is holding hearings on a bill, sponsored by Rep. Jack Hoogendyk (R-Kalamazoo) that would transfer franchising authority to the Secretary of State's office. "Our position is if they want to com-

pete with us, they have to play by the same rules we have to play by. As long as it's level and as long as it's fair, we have no problem," McCann said. Bright House operates cable service in Redford, Livonia, Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi. Michael Marker, a spokesman for AT&T Michigan (formerly SBC), counters that cable companies have enjoyed an unfair advantage. He said when the cable companies began offering telephone service, they weren't required to comply with the same rules as the established companies. "We're a new entrant into the video business and they are saying, 'Whoa, wait a minute.' They are being disingenuous at best," Marker said. "We're interested in bringing out a new product, internet protocol television that's different from cable. It's a big win for consumers." **TELEPHONE SERVICE** McCann said the digital telephone service offered by Bright House is not the same as that offered by AT&T and Verizon. He said the phone companies haven't kept up with technology. "The basic thing I can tell you about digital telephone is that it rings like your

old conventional telephone, it works like your old conventional telephone and it just costs less money," he said. Bright House launched its digital phone service last fall. "We've expanded into a broad band fiber networks and all these things we have been able to do in our industry and as a result of these deployments we came out with something called voice over Internet protocol digital phone. Now we're taking their customers away and they're reacting," McCann said. McCann argues that AT&T or any other cable provider has an opportunity under current local franchise legislation to get quick approval from local governments, but that they have walked away from those opportunities. He said Livonia and other cities are willing to give approval to AT&T. "They have told AT&T, if you want to do business here, here's a CD with our franchise agreement on it, change the name Bright House to AT&T and we'll have it done for you in 30 days. AT&T doesn't want that, they want something else," McCann said. Marker said that what AT&T wants is national franchising or at least statewide franchising so that it doesn't

have to negotiate contracts with each individual community. "Some states have passed this legislation and moved ahead on investment," Marker said. "Similar legislation to that which Michigan is considering has been passed in Texas, Kansas and Indiana. AT&T and Verizon has come out with investments; \$250 million was invested in Indiana." He said Michigan has an opportunity to act before the federal government passes legislation that would override a state plan. **SERVICE CONCERNS** Joe Fivas of the Michigan Municipal League called the state House bill "terrible public policy" and unnecessary. "All cable law is federal law, the Legislature should wait to see what Congress wants to do," he said. "Whatever they do would be pre-empted by federal law." The Municipal League is opposing the House bill because of concerns about cutting service to some rural and urban customers and lack of local input on services provided. He said AT&T's Lightspeed program would serve 90 percent of high-value customers, but only 10 percent of low-value customers,

those using less than \$110 a month in services. "If you live in Livonia, everyone gets the same services, the same upgrades, there's equity," he said. "When Bright House's contract with the city runs out, they could pick and choose who they serve. High-values areas would get better service. Other areas don't get service." Marker said AT&T is committed to providing service to 50 percent of households by 2008. He said the company is also committed to providing service to 5.5 million low-income households. McCann said the state legislation gives an advantage to AT&T by specifically prohibiting cable companies with existing local franchising agreements from switching to state authorization until their current local contracts expire. He said the new state franchised competitor wouldn't be bound by the restrictions on the already existing providers. McCann said he heard a speech recently by Sen. Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) that he wants to have a Senate bill by the end of the year. "If I were a betting man, I would think there will be national legislation," McCann said. "Congress would rather have one law rather than 50 different ones."

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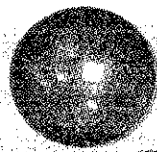
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Different paths, similar destinations

Arnold's college hoop dream alive thanks to perseverance

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Like most successful college basketball recruiting stories, Keiyana Arnold's was filled with letters and visits.

What makes Arnold's story both inspiring and unique is that she was the one sending the letters and making the visits — not the college coaches.

Motivated by a life-long love for basketball and an inner confidence that convinced her that she had more than enough game to play at the next level, Arnold — with guidance from her father, Ken — distributed a recruiting package to several college basketball coaches last year.

The recent Salem graduate tackled the project much like she played defense for the Rocks — with tenacity and passion.

Each package contained a DVD packed with highlights of her playing days at Salem, a resume that listed her hoop accomplishments and a cover letter that explained her life-long desire to compete at the next level.

"I love the game of basketball so much and I have played for so long that I wasn't ready to stop playing on a competitive level yet," explained Arnold. "I knew in my heart that I was good enough to play in college, so my dad and I put together a package and sent it out to some Division 1 and 2 schools."

Arnold followed up the mailings with phone calls and visits to the schools.

POSITIVE RESPONSE

The persistence paid off earlier this year when she was



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Recent Salem graduate Keiyana Arnold earned a roster spot on the defending NCAA Division II champion Grand Valley State women's basketball team after she impressed head coach Dawn Plitzuweit at a two-hour tryout session in April.

PLEASE SEE **ARNOLD, B7**

Sidelines

Goose camps

Goose's All-Star Soccer Camps will be held at Independence Park in Canton Township Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Although close to 100 kids have already registered for the camp, there is still room for more campers.

The camp is run by Droe Callahan, who was recently drafted by the Detroit Ignition, along with former professional and collegiate soccer players. Each day, the camp focuses on a new skill — dribbling, passing, shooting, trapping and team concepts — from the coaching staff. On Friday, there will be a tournament.

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Warner All-State

Livonia Churchill sophomore Shannon Warner, the Division I state girls medalist, made the All-State Super Team, which recognizes the top eight golfers from all three divisions in the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Laura Kueny of Whitehall, the Division III medalist, was named Miss Golf by the Michigan High School Golf Coaches Association.

Warner shot 69-67-136, to win the Division I state title June 2-3 at Michigan State University's Forest Akers (East Course).

Henry Ford signs 2

Henry Ford Community College announced the signing of two area baseball players including Livonia Stevenson outfielder Clayton Pack and Livonia Churchill shortstop Steve Merlo.

Pack, who batted .456 with 22 RBIs, earned All-Western Lakes Association honors.

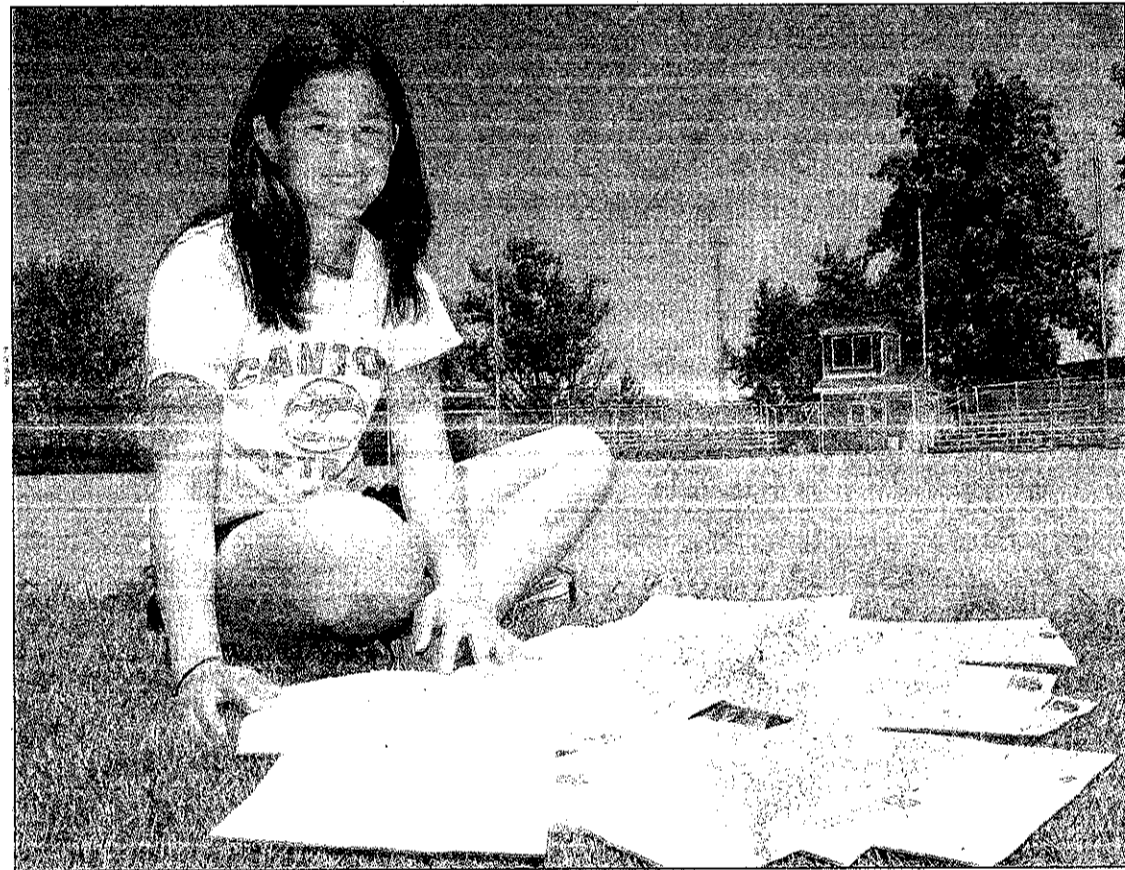
Merlo was an All-Observer first-team selection as a junior and made honorable mention All-Western Lakes as a senior.

Junior golf divots

Livonia's Ryan Alger shot an 82 to fifth fourth in the Boys 15-and-under division at the Top 50 Junior Golf Tour season opener June 17 at Edgewood Country Club.

On the Power Bilt Junior Tournament two-day event June 15-16 at Timber Trace in Pinckney, Livonia's Tommy Lucko shot 77-77-154 to finish 12th. Livonia's Andrea Warzyniec placed eighth in the Girls 16-and-up with an 85-93-178.

On June 20, Livonia's Daniel Bostick, carding an 88, was ninth in the Boys 15-and-up Division at the Meijer Junior Players Tour Event (No. 5) at Riverwood in Mount Pleasant.



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Canton senior-to-be Lauren Delapaz received several informational letters and brochures from prospective collegiate softball programs before verbally committing to Eastern Michigan University in May.

Recruiting experience rewarding for Delapaz

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Over the past two years, Lauren Delapaz has discovered that being a big-time college softball recruit is a lot like riding a 20-story roller coaster at Cedar Point.

Both experiences are always exciting and at times breathtaking — with just enough anxious moments sprinkled in to make things interesting.

And when the twisting and turning and rising and falling finally grind to a halt for the amusement park ride and the recruiting ride, you can smile, let out a sigh of relief and say out loud, "Now that was fun."

Delapaz's recruiting ride unofficially started during the summer following her freshman year at Canton when the smooth-fielding, hot-hitting

shortstop's advanced skills caught the eyes of college coaches at the various camps she attended.

It didn't take long for the coaches to realize what Canton softball coach Jim Arnold already knew.

"I've always said that Lauren was good enough her freshman year in high school to start for some college teams," said Arnold. "Now, looking back, I can say that Lauren is the best overall athlete I've coached at Canton. Her motions are very fluid — both in the field and when she's hitting — and she's a total team player."

NOT ALWAYS EASY

While the recruiting ride is predominantly a fun and flat-

PLEASE SEE **DELAPAZ, B7**

RU's Taylor garners top coach award

See All-Observer Baseball Team, B2.

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Mike Taylor piloted his Redford Union baseball team back onto the map after a couple lean years for the program.

Taylor's Panthers competed at every turn, compiling an impressive 18-7 record (quite a turnaround from its 11-18 mark in 2005) while taking a run at the Mega White league championship.

Because of the strides made by the Panthers, the 25-year-old Taylor earned his selection as Observerland Coach of the Year.

The fourth-year coach started seeing results from the sweat and toil that accompanied back-to-

back losing seasons in 2004 and 2005.

"The thing that helped me as coach," said Taylor, a starting first baseman with the Panthers before graduating in 1999, "was the last two years we were teaching these kids about getting back to basics.

"We were going over things over and over until we were blue in the knuckles. This year, we didn't have to remind them as much."

He said the Panthers didn't worry about the past couple years because they were ably taking care of the present.

Mike Taylor
Redford Union

"They just played baseball and showed a lot of people up this year," he said.

RU's roster featured more quality players this season and greater numbers in general, in part because of the time and devotion poured into the team by the tireless coach. Seniors such as Ryan Meyers, Jon Macek and Adam Eaves finished their prep careers strongly. Yet the Panthers also showed future promise in sophomore Chris Gazley and juniors Toby Matchulat and Tristan Lompra, among others.

"We're not looking at next year as a down year at all," Taylor said. "We're looking to extend the success."

Taylor credited assistant coach Dennis Rogowski for helping get the Panthers turned around.

O&E golf tourney set to tee off

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Golfers should have already dusted off their clubs and should mark Aug. 12 and 13 on their calendars for the annual Men's and Women's Observer & Eccentric Open.

The men's 36-hole medal play will feature 18 holes on Saturday, Aug. 12, at Whispering Willows followed by 18 more on Sunday, Aug. 13, at Fox Creek. The entry fee is \$95 (cart not included). You must have a maximum handicap of 20.

Last year's men's tourney included three different flights — championship (0-7 handicaps), first (8-13) and second (15-and-up).

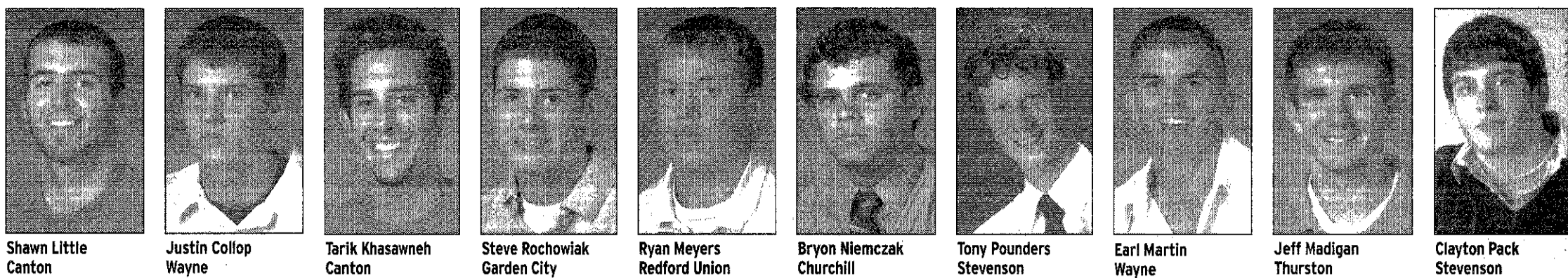
Livonian Jim Omietanski, the 2005 champion, shot 72-

PLEASE SEE **TOURNEY, B3**

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Nice day for a drive

Canton's Andrew Rickerman launches a drive on the fifth tee at Fox Hills during Thursday's Top 50 Junior Golf Tour qualifying round. Rickerman fired an 85, which earned him a berth in Friday's final round at Mystic Creek. He eventually tied for fifth in the 15-and-under division with an 87, seven shots behind winner Joseph Szmazdzinski of Northville. See the story on page B3.



Shawn Little Canton, Justin Collop Wayne, Tarik Khasawneh Canton, Steve Rochowiak Garden City, Ryan Meyers Redford Union, Bryon Niemczak Churchill, Tony Ponders Stevenson, Earl Martin Wayne, Jeff Madigan Thurston, Clayton Pack Stevenson

All-Observer baseball players swing for the fences

FIRST-TEAM

Shawn Little, Sr., Canton: The four-year letter-winner excelled on the mound and at the plate for the 19-12 Chiefs, compiling a 6-3 pitching record and a .451 batting average. The speedy Little ripped a team-high six triples, scored 29 runs and knocked in 22. He earned All-Western Lakes Activities Association first-team honors.

"Shawn was a great leader for us this year," said Canton coach Scott Dickey. "He led our team offensively and was our big bat in the line-up. Shawn had a tremendous senior year, both in baseball and football."

Tarik Khasawneh, Sr., Canton: A three-year starter, Khasawneh hit .421 with 16 runs and 28 RBI while drawing 25 walks. He compiled a .519 slugging percentage and threw out 17-of-19 would-be base-stealers.

"Tarik is one of the best defensive catchers that has ever played at Canton," said Dickey. "He threw out 28-of-33 guys trying to steal last year and 17-of-19 this year. He also picked off several baserunners the past two years, plus he was a great senior leader for this team."

Justin Collop, Sr., P., Wayne: The savvy senior finished 6-4 with a 1.86 earned run average to earn team MVP honors.

In 67 innings pitched, the right-hander struck out 57 batters. He was named All-Western Division in the WLAA.

"Justin had a great season on the mound and at the plate," Wayne coach Frank Garcia said. "He hit .350, which was much higher than expected. And when he played shortstop, he played very well. He made few errors."

The honor student plans to walk-on at the University of Michigan.

Steve Rochowiak, Sr., C., Garden City: Solid and dependable, Rochowiak earned team MVP accolades after hitting .349 and committing just two errors.

An indicator of his value to head coach Steve Herman and the Cougars was not being able to play in the district final against Wayne Memorial (a tough 5-4 defeat) after injuring his hand in a come-from-behind victory over Livonia Franklin in the district semifinal.

Rochowiak, who will play baseball at Adrian College, "led this team by example," Herman said. "He is an extremely hard worker."

The catcher, who sported an on-base percentage of .468 and drove in 13 runs, was named to the all-Mega Red team.

Ryan Meyers, Sr., Inf., Redford Union: In clutch situations, few delivered more regularly than the sturdy Meyers, a third-year starter who did it all. The Panthers' captain led the team in batting average (.505) and RBI (36), played flawless shortstop and earned a 5-2 record as a pitcher.

"He came up as a sophomore and progressed through

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P-Justin Collop, Sr., Wayne
C-Tarik Khasawneh, Sr., Canton
C-Steve Rochowiak, Sr., Garden City
INF-Ryan Meyers, Sr., Redford Union
INF-Bryon Niemczak, Jr., Liv. Churchill
INF-Alex Harvey, Jr., Plymouth
INF-Tony Ponders, Sr., Liv. Stevenson
OF-Earl Martin, Sr., Wayne
OF-Billy Laddy, Sr., Salem
OF-Jeff Madigan, Sr., Red. Thurston
OF-Clayton Pack, Sr., Liv. Stevenson

SECOND TEAM

P-Jake Smith, Sr., Red. Thurston
C-Jon Macek, Sr., Redford Union
C-D.J. Tracy, Sr., Liv. Franklin
INF-Chris Gazley, Soph., Redford Union
INF-Justin Latin, Sr., Canton
INF-Andrew Kaleto, Sr., Wayne
INF-Chris Ake, Jr., Luth. Westland
INF-Rob Laichalk, Sr., Liv. Churchill
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OF-Kyle Gring, Jr., Canton
OF-Luke Knoche, Jr., Liv. Stevenson
OF-Matt Barrera, Jr., Plymouth

COACH OF THE YEAR

Mike Taylor, Redford Union

HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Steve Merlo, Matt Dykja, A.J. Stodulski, Joel Hall; Franklin: Drew Thompson, Andrew Haynie; Stevenson: Ben Schroeder, Chad Casey, Kyle Thom; John Glenn: Nate Lopez, Shawn Dunford, Ryan Sharp, Jake Murawski, Jeff Girgen, Ryan Lopez; Wayne: Clint Cavanaugh, Mike Green; Clarenceville: Scott Trejchek; Lutheran Westland: Derek Fleetman, Ryan Baglow; Huron Valley: Erik Gruenewald; Redford Union: Tristan Lompra, Toby Matchulak, Jan Hoine; Garden City: Josh Hudson, Matt McCloud, Brett Lackey; Redford Thurston: Gregg Giannetti, James Kitzman, Blake Smith; Redford Covenant: Perrin Lake; Plymouth: Bryan Stotz, Ben Kosmiski, Nate McManus; Canton: Chris Woudstra, Jon Puskar, Brad Barath; Salem: Josh Ritter, Brad Way, Sam Ott, Joe Poser; Plymouth Christian: Matt Saagman; Canton Agape: Kyle Miller, Jared Miller.

the years," said RU head coach Mike Taylor. "He improved his strength and became a complete player. I think he'll be a walk-on" at Eastern Michigan University.

Meyers led the Panthers with 36 RBI and 10 doubles and had a .741 slugging percentage. "He could hit to all fields and was an absolute force to be reckoned with when he had a bat in his hands," Taylor added.

For his efforts, Meyers was rewarded with first-team selections to the all-Mega White, all-district and all-region squads.

Bryon Niemczak, Jr., Inf., Liv. Churchill: The junior third baseman and shortstop batted .468 (44-for-94) with 37 runs scored and 35 RBI en route to All-Western Lakes accolades.

Niemczak also doubled six times and tripled three times with a slugging percentage of .596. The switch hitter had a total of 56 bases (.554 percentage) with 16 walks and only three strikeouts. Niemczak was also 10-for-10 on stolen bases.

Defensively, Niemczak had just six errors for a .932 fielding average.

On the mound, Niemczak worked 39.1 innings with a 2-2 record and 4.58 ERA.

"Bryon led us in a bunch of categories," Churchill coach Ron Targosz said. "He always gets the bat on the ball. I thought he was our MVP."

Alex Harvey, Sr., Inf., Plymouth: The senior made a smooth transition defensively from shortstop to second base this season and remained the Wildcats' top hitting threat for the second-consecutive year. Harvey capped his high school career in style on May 30 when he blasted a pair of home runs against Wayne Memorial in the Wildcats' pre-District tournament game. Harvey earned All-WLAA Western Division honors for his contributions to the Wildcats.

Tony Ponders, Sr., Inf., Liv. Stevenson: The senior, bound for Concordia University, made a smooth transition this season from second base to shortstop.

"His defense improved," Stevenson coach Rick Berryman said of the All-Lakes Division pick. "He was our No. 2 hitter who could bunt and put the ball in play."

"He's an all-around player." Ponders batted .375 (36-for-119) with 23 RBI and 22 runs scored. He added one homer and seven doubles. His on-base average was .434.

He led the Spartans with 10 sacrifices, including six bunts.

Earl Martin, Sr., OF, Wayne: The Zebras' lead-off man finished strong during the latter stages of the season, raising his average to .380 after hitting .700 in the postseason as Wayne reached the Division I regional.

Martin displayed speed on the base paths, stealing 21 bases.

"Defensively he was one of the best in our league," Garcia said of the center fielder. "He made a lot of things happen for us."

Bill Laddy, Sr., OF, Salem: The senior was a stabilizing force for the youthful Rocks as he contributed outstanding defense in the outfield, clutch pitching and solid production at the plate. The two-year letter-winner was one of the Rocks' key components in their 2005 surge to the Division I Regional final game against Ann Arbor Pioneer. Laddy's senior-season effort earned him All-WLAA recognition.

Jeff Madigan, Sr., OF, Red. Thurston: Typical of the kind of all-out defensive player Madigan was this season was his diving catch in the regional final against Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

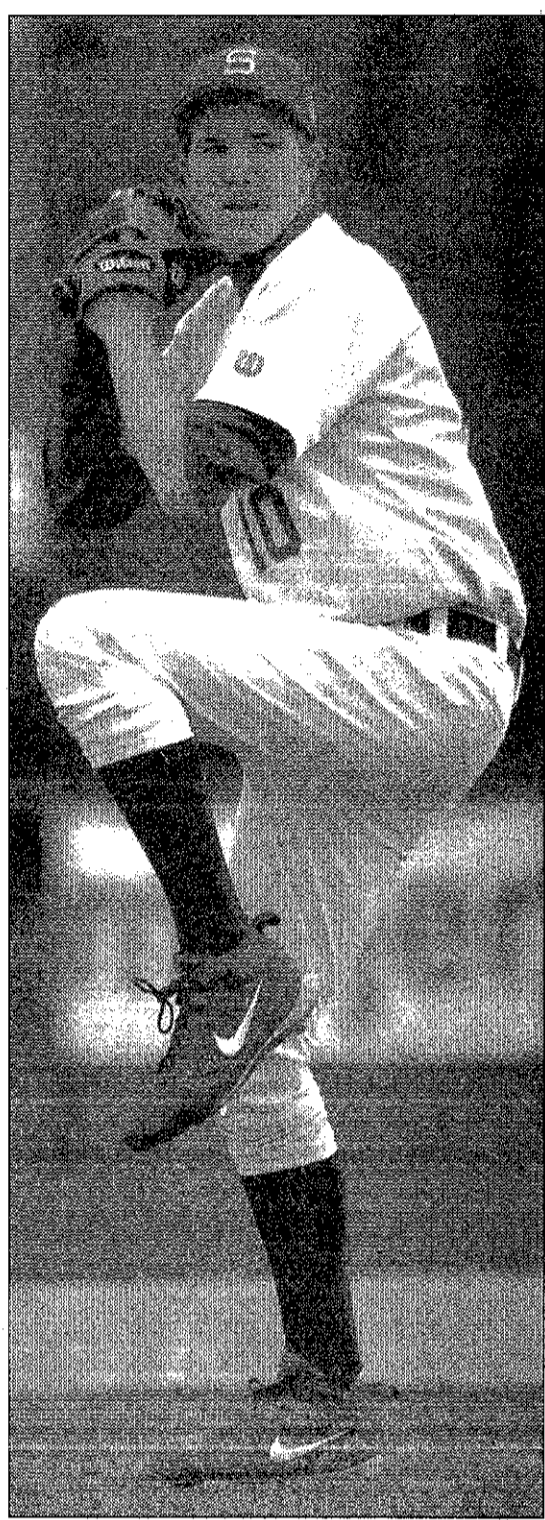
But the third-year starter - the last of three Madigan brothers to play on the Eagles' varsity - also excelled in other aspects of his game. He batted .449, scoring 23 runs and striking out just seven times in 93 at bats.

"He's an excellent team leader who helped in a lot of areas on and off the field," said Thurston head coach Bob Snell.

Madigan was team MVP for the Eagles, which finished 14-10-1 after a 5-9 start and won a second consecutive district title. His on-field performance garnered him an All-District selection while he also excelled in the classroom, earning All-Academic honors.

Clayton Pack, Sr., OF, Liv. Stevenson: The All-Western Lakes selection led the Spartans with a .456 batting average (41-for-90) with three homers and six doubles.

The right fielder, who will play at Henry Ford



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem senior pitcher/outfielder Bill Laddy earned First Team All-Observer recognition this season.

Community College, also scored 21 runs and knocked in 23. His on-base average was .505.

"Over a two-year span he was our best hitter," Berryman said. "He's just a pure hitter. He struck out little and takes the ball the other way. He hits the ball continually."

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Locals fare well at Top 50 Golf tournament

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Fairway-splitting drives outnumbered rough-seeking slices for several local young golfers who participated in Thursday and Friday's Top 50 Junior Tour at Fox Hills Golf Course in Plymouth and the Mystic Creek Golf Club in Milford.

The two-day event drew 101 golfers between the ages of 12 and 18 to the pair of challenging layouts. The top 54 players from Thursday's qualifying round at Fox Hills advanced to Friday's final 18 holes at Mystic Creek. Among the top local performers were Canton's Jeremy Lindlbauer, who tied for third in the boys 15-and-under division; Livonia's Lindsay Mack, who placed third in the girls 15-and-under division; and Andrew Rickerman of Canton and Michael Panek of Livonia, who tied for sixth in the boys 15-and-under standings.

"Most of the players found the 'Lakes' course at Fox Hills to be more difficult than the 'Hills' course on Thursday," said Top 50 Tour director Dan Thomas. "As a result, there were large disparities in scoring between the two nines."

"The Mystic Creek course provided the players with the most challenging experience so far this season. It played nearly 6,700 yards, making it the longest course we've played so far. The course humbled many of the players on Friday."

Playing in nearly ideal conditions — 79 degrees with a slight wind — Northville's Joseph Szmazinski won the 15-and-under title by taming Mystic Creek with an eight-over-par 80. Shani Patel of Bloomfield Hills was the runner-up with an 84, one shot better than Bloomfield's Jeffrey Kohl and Lindlbauer.

Macomb's Brian Fielder matched Szmazinski's 80 to win the boys 16-and-under crown. His score was one stroke better than a trio of 81 shooters: Christopher Graczyk of Clarkston, Brando Raymond of Farmington Hills and Adam Crouch of Ann Arbor. The best local finisher in the 16-and-under division was Livonia's James Jordan, who placed 16th after carding a 102.

Farmington Hills resident Marni Weinstein won the girls 15-and-under division with an impressive 104, which was one shot better than Northville native Kirsten Freisen's



Chris Leib of Canton chips onto the fifth green at Fox Hills Golf Course Thursday afternoon during play in the qualifying round of the Top 50 Junior Golf Tour. Leib's round of 100 failed to qualify for Friday's finals at Mystic Creek Golf Course in Milford.



Ryan Gonzalez of Livonia watches his putt roll toward its target on the eighth hole at Fox Hills Golf Course during qualifying-round play in Thursday's Top 50 Junior Golf Tour event. Gonzalez fired a 91 for the round.

105.

The 16-and-under champion was Washington's Ashley Senopole, who fired a stellar 87, three shots better than Kaitlyn Mardeusz's 90.

The Top 50 Tour's next qualifying event is set for Monday when players travel to Pinckney to tackle the rugged Whispering Pines Golf Club. Top qualifiers will advance to Wednesday's finals at Brighton's Oak Pointe Country Club.

For more information on the Top 50 Junior Golf Tour, visit www.Top50jrTour.com.

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Lindsay Mack of Livonia follows her putt on the second green during play in Thursday's qualifying round of the Top 50 Junior Golf Tour event at Fox Hills in Plymouth Township. Mack's round of 103 qualified her for Friday's finals at Mystic Creek, where her 110 was good enough for second place.

TOURNEY

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72-144, but needed a playoff to subdue Livonia Churchill High standout Tommy Lucko to earn the championship flight title.

The women's 18-hole medal play will be Saturday, Aug. 12, at Whispering Willows. The entry fee is \$50 (does not include cart). You must have a current U.S.G.A. index to participate.

Livonia's Janina Jacobs, who shot a 79, won the championship flight in a playoff over Susan Macinkowicz of Chesterfield Township.

Dale Cordes of White Lake is the three-time defending men's first flight champion, while Elaine Crawford of Livonia captured the women's first flight in 2005.

Head pro Paul Worley said there are a few subtle changes O&E golfers will encounter at Whispering Willows, most notably the par-4, 373-yard, No. 9 hole.

"It's little more friendly because we lost one of the weeping willows on the left side of the fairway near the creek," Worley said. "It's not as tight for an approach shot. It's definitely made the hole more open."

Whispering Willows' signature hole remains the par-4, 390-yard No. 2.

Fox Creek, meanwhile, has undergone several phases of removing 600 borer-diseased ash trees.

Over 100 new trees have been planted with 60 more scheduled to be staged in sometime this fall on hole numbers 6, 7 and 14, according to Fox Creek pro Tom Welsh.

The greens were recently aerated and are rolling better than ever.

Fox Creek's No. 1 handicap hole remains the par-4, 437-yard (from the blue tees) on No. 1.

But the course's signature hole remains the No. 16, a par-4, 400-yard, as the No. 2 handicap hole.

"It's back by the cemetery, certainly the prettiest, not the toughest, but it's tough enough," Welsh said.

Fox Creek also features a newly renovated restaurant — George Murphy's — located inside the clubhouse. Welsh said it's great place to dine and watch a game where there are several flat-screened TVs.

Both the men's and women's entries close at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5. The men's entries for the O&E Open will be limited to the first 200 golfers.

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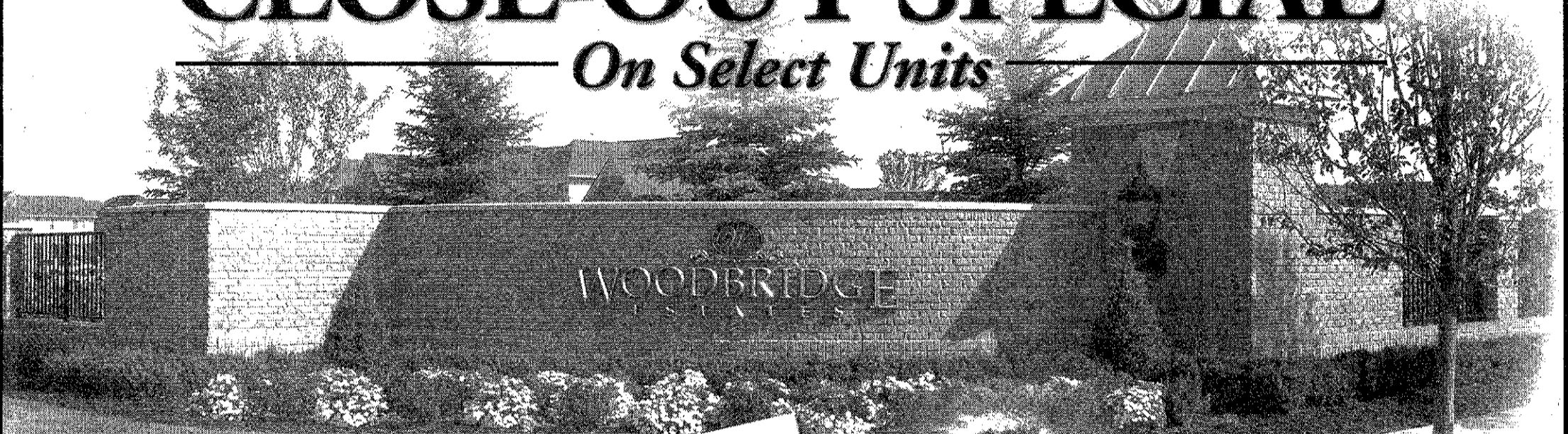
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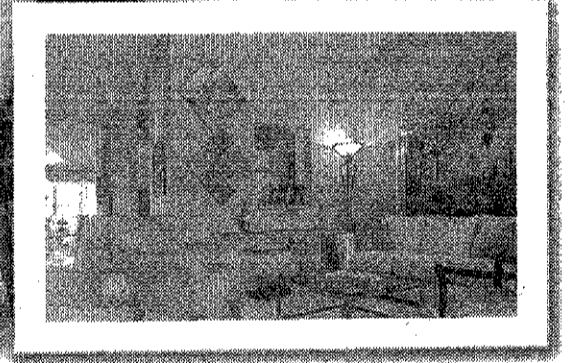
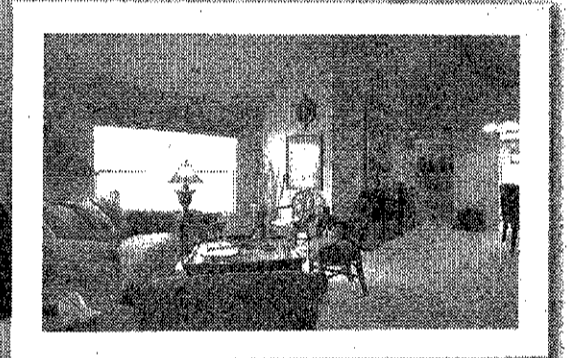
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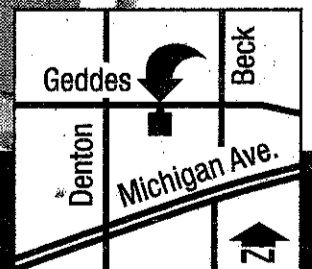
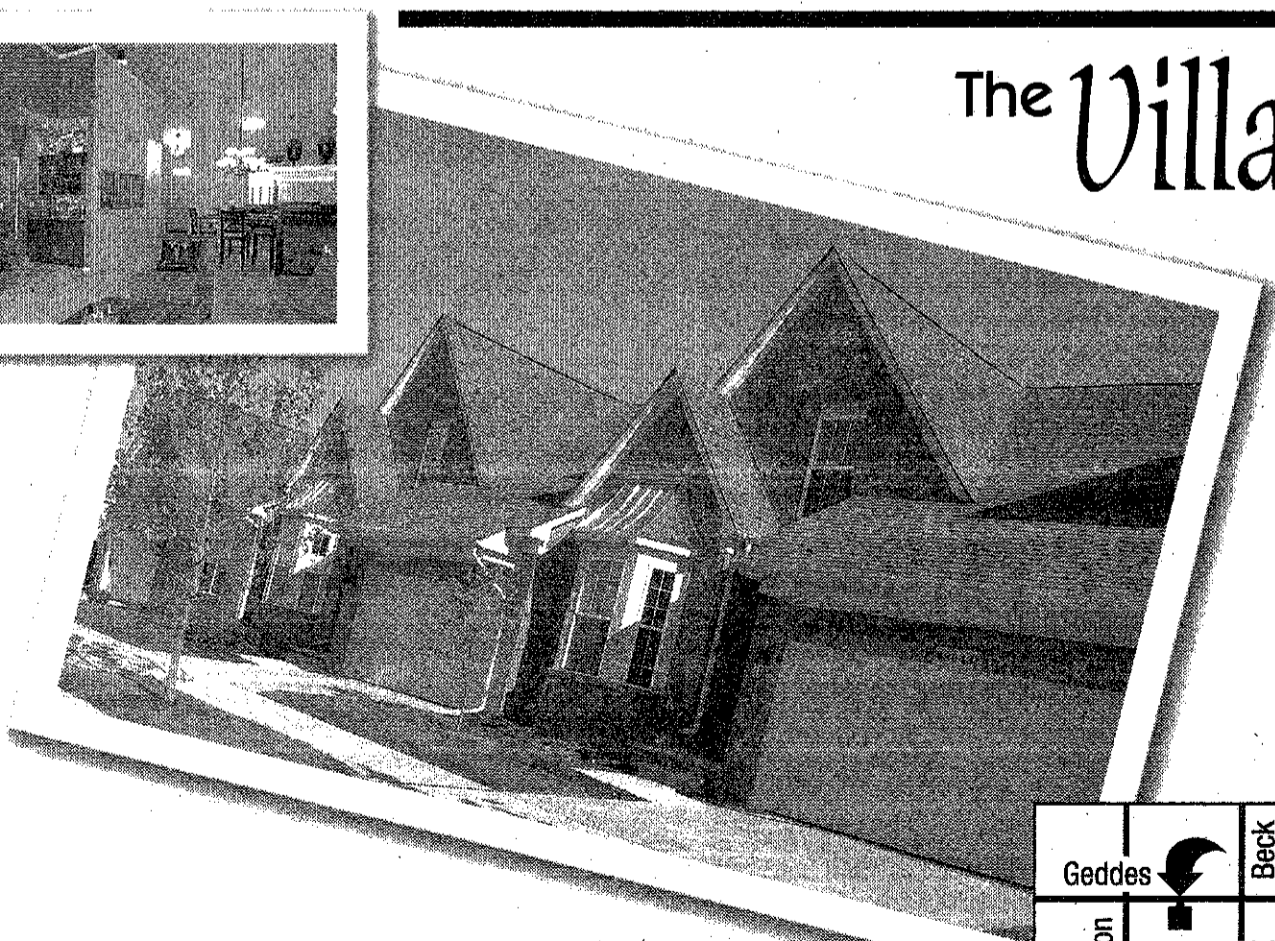
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 Sunday, June 25
 (at Livonia's Bicentennial Park)
 Det. Eagles vs. Park Athletic (2), noon.
 Mich. Rams vs. Mich. Bulls (2), 5 p.m.
 (at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep H.S.)
 Mich. Monarchs vs. Oakland Cubs (2), 1 p.m.
 Wednesday, June 28
 (at Livonia's Ford Field)
 Mich. Rams vs. Oakland Cubs, 5:45 p.m.
 Det. Eagles vs. Mich. Monarchs, 8:15 p.m.
 (at EMU's Oestrike Stadium)
 Park Athletic vs. Mich. Bulls, 6 p.m.
 Friday, June 30
 (at Livonia's Ford Field)
 Park Athletic vs. Oakland Cubs, 5:45 p.m.
 Mich. Rams vs. Mich. Monarchs, 8:15 p.m.
 (at Livonia's Bicentennial Park)
 Det. Eagles vs. Mich. Bulls, 5:45 p.m.
 Saturday, July 1
 (at Livonia's Ford Field)
 Mich. Bulls vs. Mich. Monarchs (2), noon
 Mich. Rams vs. Park Athletic (2), 5 p.m.
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Bowling associations mark changing of the guards

It was the last blast for the old local bowling associations June 15 at DeCarlos Banquet Center in Warren as Tony Lindemann officially retired as the last president of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association.



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The same held true for Myrtha Cooper, outgoing president of the Detroit Women's Bowling Association. The old guard of directors and officers officially wore the full uniform for the last time.

The GDBA navy blue blazers and grey slacks now can be mothballed along with the DWBA beige jackets.

My own blue blazer seemed to have shrunk two sizes anyhow. At least it's acceptable to wear a blazer jacket unbuttoned.

Many honorees were presented with awards for their service and accomplishments on and off the lanes.

John Rosetto and Mike DeRousie shared honors as GDBA Director-of-the-Year. Secretary-of-the-Year presentations were made to Jack



Past presidents of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association Tony Lindemann (left) and Jerry Owczarski of Farmington Hills have passed the torch over to the newly formed Metro Detroit U.S. Bowling Congress.

Dahlstrom of Redford, Peter Moroso and Shirley Kirk.

The Bowlers Achievement Award went to Bernie Czarniecki, while the Meritorious Service Award was given to the GDBA and DWBA staffs - a well deserved honor.

The champions of the men's and women's city tournaments were presented championship jackets in all categories: team, singles, doubles, all-events in both actual and handicap divisions.

Lindemann's squad of Max Salvatore, Jerry Harlan,

Donald LaLonde, Jown Vorpapel captured the Senior Tournament Handicap division crown.

David Ewald reigned as the Masters champ, while Roy Biggs of Canton took the Senior Masters. Biggs also made the All-City Senior team.

The DWBA champions included: Division I - Imperial Ladies (Ellen Scully, captain Jennifer Heyman, Jacquelyn Daris, Mary Kavanaugh and Lori Lesmeister); Division II -

Denise Gunter, Noretta Webb (captain), Terry Anderson,

Jacqueline Heard and Avon Clanton; Division III - Rosemary Curatolo (captain), Kelly Scaliel, Terri Kenney, Erica Cunningham and Michelle Chaney.

Meanwhile, Yvonne Jones captured the Queens.

The Agnes Eckstrom Memorial Award went to Adriene Crockett-Levingston, who was 198 pins over average (for series).

Martha Daniels earned Most Improved, going from 112 to 157, that's up 45 pins in one year.

The first-team All-City men's team included David Ewald, Fred McClain, Jeff Roche, Chuck Morris (Redford) and Tom Tisdall. Second-team honorees were Travis Franz, John Nolen, Mike Busch, Matt Randall and Joe Joswik.

Earning first-team All-City for women: Yvonne Jones, Nicole Idziak-Oaley, Altarmese Webb, Virginia Austin and Crystal Trombley. The second-team consisted of Michelle Ewald, Tamika Bradford, Shannon Rowe, Yvonne Ogburn and Tamika Glenn.

The All-City Senior first-team included: Fred McClain, John Bennett, Roy Biggs, Bob Slayden, Jr., and Richard Schultz. They were followed by second-teamers Ron Forton, Mitch Jabczenski, Mike Lucente, George (Mike) Lee and Dave Eatmon.

All-City selections are based on points, which are earned for high averages, high scores and tournament victories.

This event was the last official function of the GDBA and DWBA.

The new Metro Detroit USBC is now running the show with Libbi Fletcher as its new president. Mark Martin continues in his same capacity as executive director.

During the transition period, bowling continues to be alive and well in greater Detroit.

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ARNOLD

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offered tryouts at Northwood Institute and Grand Valley State University, the defending NCAA Division II champion.

"Most schools we sent the packages to responded with a letter that said something like, 'Thanks for the information on Keiyana, but we're looking for post players right now, or something to that effect,'" said Ken Arnold.

"Keiyana wasn't a highly touted player in high school, so we knew this was a long shot. But she had it in her heart to play basketball beyond high school, so I was going to support her in whatever way I could."

During spring break, Arnold was invited to the final in a series of try-out sessions coordinated by Grand Valley head coach Dawn Piltzuweit. Arnold would have two hours to impress Piltzuweit and keep her life-long dream alive.

"I was nervous at the beginning," Arnold admitted. "But

after a couple times up and down the court, the nerves went away and I just started playing and doing what came naturally."

GOOD NEWS

About an hour into the session, Piltzuweit approached Arnold and informed her that she wanted to meet with the entire family in the coach's office.

"I had no idea what she was going to tell us," Arnold said. "Then when we went into her office, Coach P handed me a package and she told us that they were recruiting me. She then showed us a highlight video of their previous season."

"I was happy, but I was relieved, too."

Arnold was offered a partial scholarship to play at GVSU, which she accepted without hesitation.

"Once I got the opportunity to watch Keiyana play, I saw that she has the ability to do a lot of different things," said Piltzuweit. "We were looking for a player who could defend and handle the point-guard duties and she has the athleti-

cism and skills to fit those needs."

Arnold defeated long odds, Piltzuweit said.

"I receive letters and tapes from players who want to play here on a daily basis," said the fourth-year coach. "On average, I probably get two or three a day, every day. It all adds up and can get overwhelming, but we try to respond to every one we receive."

"But in the four years I've been here, Keiyana is probably just the second player we've signed who we hadn't recruited in person. I told her that I think she has the tools to help us, but she's going to have to work her tail off."

Arnold offered the following advice to high school players who may find themselves in the situation she was in last year.

"It's a long road, but if you really want it you can make it if you keep practicing and work hard," she said. "The most important thing is to stay true to your heart."

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DELAPAZ

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tering trip for high school students, it can also be nerve-racking, confirmed Delapaz, who has verbally committed to Eastern Michigan University.

"There's a lot of pressure because you want to make sure you make the right decision," said Delapaz, who was recruited by several Division I colleges, including Michigan State, Louisville, North Carolina State, Akron and Central Michigan University. "The coaches and players on the team you choose are going to be like members of your family for the next four or five years of your life, so you want to be sure about your choice."

"I learned quickly that it's a money thing too for the schools. Yes, it's softball, but it's also a business decision for the schools because they only have so many scholarships to give out."

Delapaz admitted that before she committed to EMU this past spring, the decision-making process was

'There's a lot of pressure because you want to make sure you make the right decision.'

Lauren Delapaz

affecting her play in an adverse way.

"I was feeling the pressure a little bit and coach Arnold even noticed it," she said. "It was a big relief when I finally made the decision because then I could just focus on playing the game. The day after I made up my mind and decided on Eastern, coach Arnold came up to me and said, 'You've made your decision, haven't you?' He could tell because I was more relaxed."

Delapaz said that the pressure to perform increased for her when a college coach would attend one of Canton's games.

"Naturally, I'd want to do better when I saw a college coach there," she said. "But sometimes that would make me over-compensate and I wouldn't play as well. After a

while, when I saw a coach watching one of my games, I'd tell myself that they were there to watch somebody else and I would try to zone them out."

ADVICE... ONLY IF NEEDED

Delapaz praised her parents for the roles they played during the difficult decision-making process.

"They basically told me that if I had any questions or concerns, I could always go to them," she said. "But at the same time, they didn't want to intervene and influence my decision in any way."

What advice would Delapaz give to someone who is going down the same recruiting road she's traveled the past two years.

"I'd tell them to be patient and not rush into anything right away," she offered. "Keep your options open for as long as you can. Make sure you're happy both socially and sports-wise with the school you're going to choose."

"I took my time and now I couldn't be happier."

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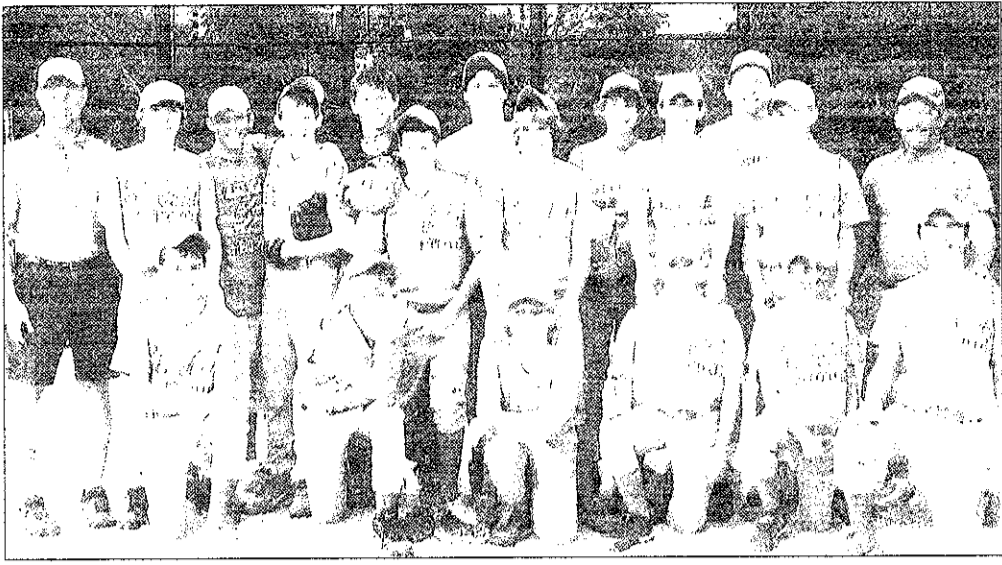
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Almost perfect

The St. John Neumann 7th and 8th grade boys CYO baseball team recently put the wraps on a stellar 9-1 season that didn't end until the team was defeated by St. Paul of Grosse Pointe in the CYO East-West Championship game. Pictured are (bottom row from left) Angelo Lanava, Matt Kelty, Josh Schmidt, Brad Trublowki, Jeff Heuer, Kevin Delapaz, (middle row from left) Mike Falvey, Connor Dresser, Frank Bohanon, Evan Gambino, (back from from left) assistant coach Doug Heuer, Andrew Courter, assistant coach Mike Marek, Mark Marek, Kyle Korte, Matt Przyblyski, assistant coach Dan Trublowki and head coach Walt Marek.



What a ride for Pride!

The PC Pride 10U Stars won last weekend's Pride Softball Classic at McClumpha Park. The tournament is the second-largest in the state of Michigan this summer. The Pride also won a tournament June 10-11 in Commerce Township. Pictured are (front row from left) Elaine Gerou, Lauren Hayes, Megan Johnson, Brianna Giordano, Sarah Wagner, Rosie Krasofsky, Sidney Murphy, (middle row from left) Kelsey McDougall, Kayla Rebain, Jessica Webster, Katlyn Blassic, Abby Brennan, Kelsey Murphy, Elliott Mitchem, (back row from left) assistant coach Sai Giordano, head coach Clint Johnson and assistant coach Dean Wagner.

Ignition's roster takes shape during MISL Expansion Draft

The Detroit Ignition of the Major Indoor Soccer League selected 16 players during Tuesday's 2006 MISL Expansion Draft, which was held via teleconference.

The Ignition, which will play its home games at the Compuware Sports Arena beginning in the fall, selected two goalkeepers and 14 field players, who are from eight different countries. The first-year contingent chose two Michigan natives: Ryan Mack (12th pick) and Druo Callahan (14th pick).

With their first selection, the Ignition tabbed Baltimore Blast goalkeeper Sanaldo, who minded the net in last season's MISL Championship Series, leading Baltimore to the 2005-06 MISL Championship.

Detroit followed up by acquiring the rights to professional indoor soccer veteran forwards Ricardinho (California Cougars), and Hewerton Moreira (Milwaukee Wave) as well as defender Matt Johnson (Chicago Storm) and 2005-06 MISL assist leader Carlos Farias (St. Louis).

"I'm very pleased with the quality of players we were able to acquire through the expansion draft process," Ignition

President Greg Bibb said. "I think our draft results speak volumes about the depth of player talent currently in the Major Indoor Soccer League. I'm excited to begin the process of bringing these individuals to Detroit and welcoming them into the Ignition family. Today's event signifies another major milestone in our march to our inaugural game."

To complete the team's first 10 selections, the Ignition obtained forward Joel Bailey (Baltimore Blast), defender Jonathon Greenfield (Milwaukee Wave), former All-Star and veteran net-minder Jim Larkin (California Cougars), forward Joey Gjersten (St. Louis and Vancouver Whitecaps of the USL First Division), as well as target player Don D'Ambra (Philadelphia Kixx).

The Ignition's final six selections consisted of midfielder Ze Roberto who most recently competed in the MISL for the Kixx in 2004-05, former Indiana University midfielder standout Mack (Philadelphia Kixx), All-Star midfielder Novica "Novi" Marojevic (Chicago Storm), Callahan (St. Louis), midfielder Kyt Selaïdopoulos (Milwaukee

Wave), and midfielder Carlos Garcia (Baltimore Blast).

"I feel very positive about our draft results," Ignition Head Coach Mark Pulisic stated. "We drafted on talent first and by positional need second, and I think we accomplished our goals in both areas. I am eager to see how this draft translates once we take the field for training camp in October."

In order to prepare for the draft, the Ignition received designation lists from each of the MISL member clubs on June 6. Team lists designated a maximum of nine players as "protected" for that team's roster (maximum of one goalkeeper) for the 2006-07 MISL season.

The six current MISL teams were eligible to lose a maximum of three players during the 2006 Expansion Draft. Once a player was selected from a team, that team was then able to return one unprotected player to its protected designation list.

In order to ensure the validity of the designation lists, a "trade moratorium" was imposed by the league office 14 days prior to the expansion draft. The moratorium ended immediately following the conclusion of the expansion draft.

Michigan Vardar Bucks humbled, 3-0

The Michigan Vardar Bucks suffered their worst defeat of the season and were held scoreless for the first time this year when they lost to the Indiana Invaders in South Bend, 3-0, in a Premier Development League men's soccer game.

After nine regular season games, the Bucks sit in second place with a record of 5-2-2 (17 points), while the Invaders closed the gap on the final playoff spot by upping their record to 5-3-1

(16 points).

Both teams have seven regular season games left to hunt down the first place Chicago Fire Premier (7-1, 21 points).

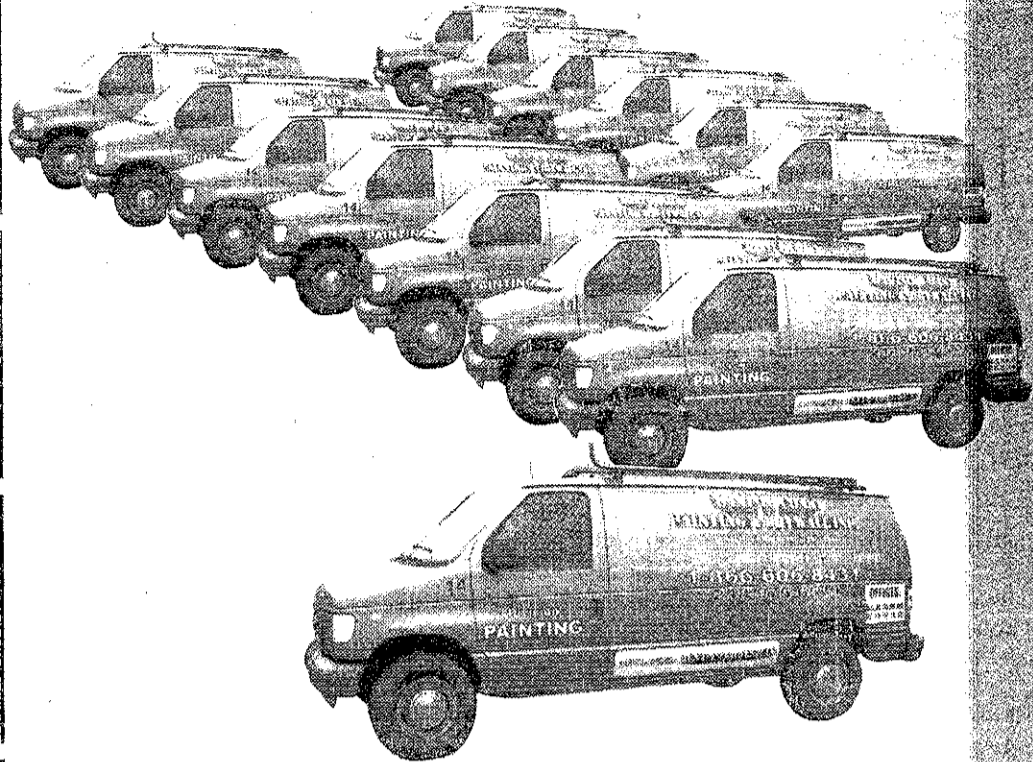
Indiana's Kenny Anaba scored a nice goal on a header from a corner kick in the first half. The Invaders went on to add an early second half goal and a late insurance goal in the 88th minute.

The Bucks will be off until next Wednesday when they resume play in the Open Cup against the D-2 Cincinnati

Kings. Game time is 7:30 p.m. at Rochester Stoney Creek H.S.

"Perhaps we got a little caught up in looking ahead to next week, because we sure weren't in this game, mentally or physically," Bucks coach Dan Fitzgerald said. "I hope the boys learned a good lesson tonight - every one of our games count in the standings and we just let Indiana back in the playoff race. Give them credit, as they were prepared and deserved the victory."

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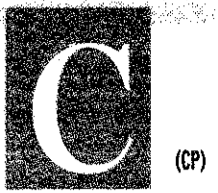
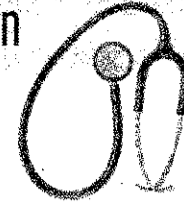
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BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Cheyenne chased a cat up a tree last week. While the act might not seem unusual for most dogs, it made her owner Barbara Chlopan smile. Cheyenne is a 14-year old black Labrador who early on suffered with knee problems then later with an arthritic condition caused by aging. Since receiving her first acupuncture treatment in October 2003 from Dr. Heidi Mier, a doctor of veterinary medicine, Cheyenne appears to have less stiffness and pain. She runs eagerly to greet Mier

who is entering Chlopan's Plymouth home.

Cheyenne receives acupuncture, a treatment that uses needles to stimulate specific points in the body, every couple of weeks. It is part of traditional Chinese veterinary medicine which combines herbs and nutrition with acupuncture. Chlopan, who has undergone acupuncture herself, is always open to alternative and complementary therapies for herself and Cheyenne. Unlike humans, animals are not subject to the placebo effect. Either a therapy works or it doesn't.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dr. Heidi Mier talks about acupuncture as Cheyenne receives a treatment in the Plymouth home of her owner Barbara Chlopan.



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Dr. Joyce Obradovich and Stanley demonstrate the use of a CT scan at the Animal Cancer & Imaging Center in Canton.

Veterinary medicine mirrors advances in human health care

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Kyle Kerstetter sees a bright future for companion animals. Veterinary diagnostics and treatments mirror the many advances in human health care. A surgeon at Michigan Veterinary Specialists in Southfield, Kerstetter is performing total elbow replacements with new instrumentation which is available at only six facilities in the country.

When Kerstetter was a student at Ohio State University in the early 1990s, one of his mentors, a leading veterinarian surgeon, used to say arthroscopy (joint surgery) was just a passing fad. Today, pet owners can choose from spe-

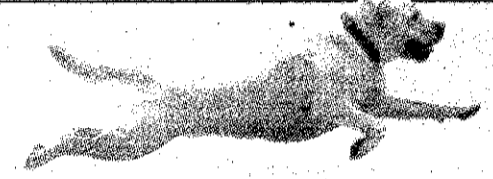
cialized veterinary care at facilities across the area, including MVS, where surgeons are doing cartilage transplants in dogs with severe arthritis and limb sparing procedures on those with osteosarcoma (bone cancer).

"Things have changed so much," Kerstetter said. "For me, the surgical procedures weren't available. It surprises even us the advances that are made. A lot of things going on in human medicine will make their way to veterinary medicine. Cartilage transplants in dogs with severe arthritis is closer to becoming a common orthopedic procedure. We already do kidney transplants. Some of the medications coming along will make it an even more viable option. "With cancer research, we think our

patients will live longer and have better quality of life. Chemotherapeutics have become safer, less expensive and in the realm of more people's budgets."

MVS spent \$10 million to open a new 38,000-square-foot facility in Southfield, where veterinarians offer state-of-the-art emergency and specialty care for animals 24 hours a day, seven days week in cardiology, oncology, dermatology, internal medicine, ophthalmology, surgery and neurology. With the latest in CT scans, MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) and linear accelerator radiation equipment, veterinarians are able to diagnose and treat a variety of diseases.

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CANINE CRAZY - PART I

This is the first of a two-part series on the growing popularity of dogs as pets. Today we look at how health care for dogs has improved - and how dogs are good for human health. Next week, we take a look at the pet business and how some lucky dogs receive over-the-top pampering.

Companion animals deserve the very best health care

Shamrock died so quickly Nov. 15, it left my sister Gwen and I wondering if as responsible pet owners we had missed something that could have extended his life a couple of years.

Just days before, our Irish wolfhound had been running along the shores of Lake Huron and even jumped a culvert to see Patty our neighbor. Then that Tuesday, my sister called to say he'd collapsed in the living room. I had just been home for lunch and he was fine. We didn't know he had a cancerous mass in his spleen that had burst and he was bleeding to death.

Cancer is still a killer. Although there have been many advances in veterinary medicine since our first Irish wolfhound, Chopin, died of osteosarcoma in 1989, certain strains of the disease are swift and deadly. We took comfort in knowing we had done everything we

Linda
Chomin

could, first rushing Shamrock to Dr. Kevin Roose in Plymouth with the help of my co-worker, Observer photographer Bill Bresler, and then to Dr. William Brown, a cardiologist at the Animal Emergency Center in Novi. Several months before that, we had made the most important decision of all - to try acupuncture for the arthritis which was making it difficult for Shamrock to get up off of the floor. Every couple of weeks, Dr. Heidi Mier, a doctor of veterinary medicine, would come to our home to give Shamrock the treatments that eased his pain so that he could enjoy not only playing on the beach, but our walks around Newburgh

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Shamrock loved walking around the ponds in Heritage Park in Canton.

LIBRARY PICKS

Every week, the Plymouth District Library staff provides the Observer with their list of Best Sellers based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons. The books are available by placing a request with the library at (734) 453-0750 or on-line at www.plymouthlibrary.org

FICTION

1. "The Husband," Dean Koontz
2. "Beach Road," James Patterson
3. "At Risk," Patricia Cornwell
4. "The Rapture," Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins
5. "Book of the Dead," Douglas J. Preston

NON-FICTION

1. "Godless," Ann Coulter
2. "Dispatches from the Edge," Anderson Cooper
3. "Wisdom of Our Fathers," Tim Russert
4. "Marley and Me," John Grogan
5. "Mayflower," Nathaniel Philbrick

PARENTS' CHOICE

NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

1. "Big Chickens," Leslie Helakoski
2. "Giddy Up Cowgirl," Jarrett Krosoczka
3. "Keep Climbing Girls," Beah Richards
4. "Shelly," Margie Palatini
5. "Hellow Twins," Charlotte Voake



Top dealer

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AROUND TOWN

Fibromyalgia workshop

A local authority will be at the Carl Sandburg Library for a free workshop 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 28, to discuss what can be causing headaches, which he said is "often misdiagnosed and misunderstood." To register, call (248) 426-0201. Seating is limited.

Ark concert

Jan Krist, along with percussionist Alan Finkbeiner and guest guitarist Jim Bizer will be performing at The Ark, 316 N. Main in Ann Arbor, on Thursday, June 29. The show begins at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12.

Northville parade

The Northville Community Foundation hosts Northville's Independence Day Parade 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 4 in downtown Northville. Parade organizers welcome Scout groups, neighborhood groups, church groups, car clubs, clowns, classic and vintage cars. Anyone wishing to get into Northville's parade can call (248) 374-0200 to register. Cut-off is June 30.

Stewardship network

The Stewardship Network's Invasive Plant Control Certificate Workshop Series allows whomever takes all three workshops and completes 10 hours of volunteer invasives removal to receive the Stewardship Network's "Invasive Plant Control Certificate." You may also take any of these workshops individually. Anyone interested in learning more about invasive plants - their origin, their impact, best control practices and anyone who cares about our natural areas and wants to learn more will find these workshops valuable - should take the workshops: Saturday, July 15, Workshop 1, Invasive Plant Identification, Island Lake State

Recreation Area field component. workshop may begin indoors at Kensington Metropark, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 19, Workshop 2, Site Assessment, Brighton State Recreation Area, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 9, Workshop 3, Hands-on Invasive Plant Control Techniques, Brighton State Recreation Area, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For additional information visit www.stewardshipnetwork.org

Movies in the park

Wayne County Parks and Recreation announced the schedule of movies for its popular Movies in the Park series, sponsored in cooperation with Dearborn Heights, Inkster, Northville, Redford, Trenton, Livonia and Westland Parks and Recreation departments. The schedule: Friday, July 14, "Looney Tunes: Back in Action," Inkster Park in Inkster; Friday, July 28, "Madagascar," Bell Creek Park in Redford; Friday, Aug. 11, "March of the Penguins," Canfield Community Center in Dearborn Heights; Friday, Aug. 18, "Racing Stripes," in Elizabeth Park in Trenton. For more information, call (734) 261-1990.

Healthy skin

"More Than Skin Deep," a program about healthy skin, will be presented 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 18, at the Holiday Inn on Plymouth Road at U.S. 23 in Ann Arbor. According to speaker Cindy Klement, "the health of the skin is a reflection of the health of our internal organs and overall nutrition. When you know the real secrets to natural beauty you can improve the health and appearance of your skin and improve your overall health in the process." Pre-registration is suggested, to ensure a seat and a handout. Cost is \$10. Contact the speaker, Cindy Klement, at (734) 975-2444 or go to www.cindyklement.com

Genealogical societies

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets July 6, with speaker Guenter Loepertz discussing "Records to Trace Your Ancestors in Connecticut." The meeting takes place at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 Grand River in Howell, with a help session at 6 p.m. The public is invited. For more information, call Margaret Bowland, program chair, (810) 227-7745.

Healthy living

St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers a class called "Healthy Solutions for Living," 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays beginning Aug. 1 at the St. Mary Mercy Community Outreach Department, Marian Professional Building, Suite 412. The program is designed to help participants lose up to four pounds per week and teach how to keep it off. For more information, or to register, call (734) 655-1783.

Northville garden walk

The Country Garden Club of Northville is inviting everyone to attend their annual garden walk, featuring five gardens in Northville, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 12. After seeing the flowers, visitors are invited to stop by Mill Race Village, where Cady Inn will be transformed into "The Potting Shed" where complimentary home-made sweets and lemonade will be served. Tickets in advance (\$10) are available and may be purchased after June 12 from Gardenviews, 202 W. Main in Northville. For more information, call (734) 591-0360.

Summer school

Summer courses are back in season at the Ann Arbor Art Center, offering favorites such as Drawing Fundamentals, Foundations, Painting 101, Basic and Continuing Watercolor, Exploring Watermedia and three levels

of Ceramics. Semester dates run through July 10-Aug. 31 and discounts will be given for early registration by June 26. This summer the Art Center adds five new offerings in the celebration of art appreciation, ceramics, knitting and wine. Not only are these creative journeys, they are adventures in enlightenment. Debbie Kawsy, will share her art historical knowledge in a new class entitled He Said/She Said: Great Artistic Couples, which explores famous artistic couples like Pablo Picasso and Dora Maar, Edgar Degas and Mary Cassatt, for the shocking behind-the-scenes stories, their relationships, and the production of their most iconic works. Session 1 is Wednesday, July 12 from 7-9 p.m. and Session 2 is Wednesday, July 19, from 7-9 p.m. Kawsy will also instruct two sessions of Art and Scandal. This lecture series will focus on the exciting, yet tumultuous lives of painters and sculptors including Edouard Manet, Vincent Van Gogh, and Camille Claudel whose passion in both their personal relationships and their works of art quickly led to obsession, hatred, and tragedy. Session 1 is Wednesday, July 26, from 7-9 p.m. and Session 2 is Wednesday, Aug. 2, from 7-9 p.m. Simone Jenkins of Morgan & York will offer Artful Tasting: Bubbles and Cheese, a four-week class pairing cheeses and sparkling wines from around the world. The class runs Thursday nights at 6:30-8:30 p.m. from July 13-Aug. 3. Everyone has gone crazy for crocheting, and in the six-week Wearable Works of Art: Knit and Crochet for Pre-Teens and Adult, beginners can learn the basic stitches, materials and construction techniques for creating small projects and then expand to make their own. Wearable Works is taught by Kristen Ham on

Tuesday nights 6:30-8:30pm from July 11-Aug. 15 or Thursday mornings, 9:30-11:30 a.m. July 13-Aug. 17. The Ann Arbor Art Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to engaging the community in the education, exhibition, and exploration of the visual arts. For more information, explore www.annarborartcenter.org, visit the Ann Arbor Art Center at 117 W. Liberty Street in downtown Ann Arbor or contact Janet Torno at (734) 994-8004, Ext. 114.

Charity golf

A summer days worth of fun never helped so many, which is just what golfers at the fourth-annual Michigan Tournament of Charities will do when they play at Fox Hills Golf and Country Club in Plymouth Aug. 28. Registration and breakfast begin at 9 a.m., with the 18-hole shotgun start at 10:30 a.m. Arbor Hospice & Home Care joins Open Door Ministry, Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, For the Kids Foundation, Joy of Jesus, Band of Angels, Children's Therapy Fund and Promise Village: Home for Children in benefiting from the generosity of MTOC and participants of the golf tournament. This distinguished golf tournament concludes with a banquet and live and silent auctions. Everyone is encouraged to join the evening festivities, which kicks off

at 4 p.m. To register for this event, please contact Arbor Hospice & Home Care at www.arborhospice.org, email laren@arborhospice.org, or call 734-662-5999, extension 120. Registration can also be done through the Michigan Tournament of Charities website, www.mtcogolf.org and indicate supporting Arbor Hospice & Home Care.

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. Spring volunteer training is approaching. For more information contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones at (888) 973-1145.

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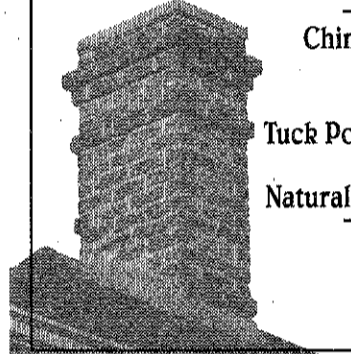
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Your allergies and your pet

Sensible solutions to lessen the sneezing

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Kristy Salyers doesn't mind receiving allergy shots, one in each arm, every three weeks if it means she can keep her cats. According to The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), allergies are one of the most common reasons people turn their pets into shelters.

Animals provide companionship, but when their presence causes itchy eyes, a scratchy throat, sneezing, a runny nose, coughing and asthma attacks, pet owners like Salyers would rather take oral medication and receive immunotherapy than lose the companionship provided by an animal.

Salyers began taking shots in 2002, along with a daily dose of an antihistamine/decongestant. She's been living with cats nine years and noticed every time she added another stray, the itching eyes, scratchy throat and sneezing from her allergies worsened.

"I used not to be able to pet my cats," said Salyers, who directs visitors to her Plymouth apartment by saying look for the cats in the window. "Now my cats don't bother me at all anymore. I can even rub my eyes after touching my cats and there's no sneezing."

"I think it's worth it to go through the shots rather than just trying to take a Benadryl or medication. I recommend people who are thinking about getting animals to get tested (for allergies) beforehand, especially families with children."

Allergy testing on children may not be the answer for parents thinking about adopting an animal. Dr. David Seaman says a child may not have sensitivity in the beginning, but may develop if they haven't been exposed to an animal before. Other studies show that if a child lives with a pet early in life, they may be protected from developing allergies. Until research can determine the best course of action, Seaman is recommending that patients with allergies who choose to keep their pets ban them from the bedroom and couch.

Many more tips can be found in the new brochure, *Your Allergies and Your Pet*, published by The Humane Society of the United States (www.hsus.org/allergybrochure).

"Cats tend to be more on furniture and the bed," said Seaman, the senior physician at Canton Asthma & Allergy with locations in Canton, Farmington Hills and Brighton. "A study done years ago in Boston showed the greatest amount of cat dander was found on the couch and bed, so let's keep the cat but keep them



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Kristy Salyers lives with four cats despite her allergies.

out of the bed and off the couch."

Even if Seaman was allergic to his dog Sam, he would still keep him, he quips. Turning him into a shelter would not be an option since his wife would give Seaman up if he got rid of the dog because of allergies.

Like Seaman, most of his patients are not willing to lose their best friend because they're suffering with a few minor symptoms. However, a parent of a child with asthma should consider surrendering a dog or cat to a shelter if the allergies are life-threatening.

So what is an owner with pet allergies to do if their symptoms are tolerable and they don't want to give up their animals? Nancy

Peterson doubts if she would give up her three cats. As a staff member at HSUS in Washington, D.C., Peterson deals with issues surrounding responsible pet ownership. After seeing the statistics on the large number of owners relinquishing their pets to shelters because of allergies, she decided it was time to create a brochure on how to help people live with their pets and their symptoms. In addition to the HSUS brochure, she recommends reading Shirlee Kalstone's book, *Allergic to Pets: The Breakthrough Guide to Living with the Animals You Love*, released in January.

"Having bad allergies to my pets would be one of the worst things that could happen to me," Peterson said. "I'm sure I would try everything possible. I don't suggest putting the pet outside. Exposing them to outdoor allergens that you will then be in contact with can make your symptoms worse and be traumatic for the pet who's always lived inside and is deprived of your companionship."

Peterson says that before a person attributes their symptoms to a pet, they should visit an allergist for testing.

"It's important to realize that people who have allergies to pets usually have other allergies. It's important to minimize all of the allergen producing things in the environment," Peterson said. "Start with the bedroom being an allergy-free zone because you spend so much time in the bedroom."

"Be tested by an allergist to confirm the things that you are allergic to and hopefully if symptoms are mild to moderate and you're willing to make some modifications, your allergist will work with you. There have been studies that show even when an allergist suggested they get rid of the pets, they didn't. Having pets does enhance our lives, physically and emotionally."

Regular cleaning of the home is key to living with an animal, whether they cause an allergic reaction or not. The HSUS brochure suggests vacuuming daily to remove shedding hair and to wear a dust mask. Use furnace filters that trap pet dander and a high-efficient particulate air filter on the vacuum.

Wash hands after touching animals to prevent their dander and saliva from causing problems if you should touch your eyes. Bathing the animal can be helpful as well.

"Shots do work," said Seaman, who's treated patients with allergies and asthma since 1978 in Canton. "We were taught years ago they didn't work, but extracts we have for cats now are much more potent, because we know what's in the saliva. My advice is if they're having symptoms relating to animals to seek attention first. If the allergies are caused by pets and if the medical problems are interfering with their life, if they have a child with chronic ear or sinus infections, or they're adults with persistent asthma and often in the emergency room, then they need to make a decision about what to do about their pets and allergies."

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Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Good diet, staying fit help colon

Brad from Waterford has been warned about colon cancer and e-mails for natural prevention tips. Brad, here are some easy rules you can live by. First, be sure to cut back on your red meat intake. Studies show that taking in less than six ounces a day can cut colon cancer risk by one-third over time. One delicious alternative is fish, and plenty of it! The same study shows that three ounces of fish a day can also help cut your colon cancer risk. Cruciferous vegetables are also a must! Chow down on broccoli, brussels sprouts, and cauliflower. They're all packed with natural anti-carcinogens. Get plenty of Vitamin D as well, because 1,200 milligrams a day can cut the recurrence of polyps by up to 19 percent and polyps are a key sign of trouble when it comes to colon cancer. Also be sure to stay fit because that always helps men live longer and lead healthier lives.



Paul from Midland e-mails for nutritional tips on cutting the risk of stroke. Paul, in this case five is definitely your lucky number! Research now shows that eating five portions of fruits and vegetables a day can cut your stroke risk by up to 26 percent. Study participants getting 3-5 servings a day were 11 percent less likely to suffer from a stroke. The findings are important because most people in developed countries only eat three or fewer servings of vegetables a day. The key to the five-a-day rule might be potassium. Fruit is loaded with it and potassium has been found to be great at helping control high blood pressure which is a key predictor to stroke risk. The game of life is a little like a game of cards - five of a kind is a very good hand!

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 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.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

JUNE

Divorce support

An overview of the process of divorce with Connie Kelley, attorney with Powers, Chapman, DeAgostino, Meyers, & Mills 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 27; an attorney from the firm Woll & Woll will be available 5-7 p.m. the third Monday of each month (anyone interested may sign in beginning at 4:30 p.m. that day), a certified financial planner from Center for Financial Planning is available 5-7 p.m. (sign in begins 4:30 p.m.) on first Monday of each month, at Women's Resource Center in Room 225 of McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

Wellness workshop

6:15 p.m. Tuesday, June 27 and July 18, lecture by Dr. Michael Brackney, D.C., at Brackney Chiropractic, 8524 Canton Center Road. Call (734) 455-4444.

Sharing & Caring

Topic is resiliency, with Donna Rockwell, Psy.D., adjunct faculty, Center for Humanistic Studies Graduate School, 7 p.m. Thursday, June 29, in the first floor classroom at the Beaumont Cancer Center, 3577 W. 13 Mile, Royal Oak. Sharing & Caring offers educational and support programs for breast cancer survivors, their family and friends. Call (248) 551-8585 for more information.

Hospice volunteers

Avalon Hospice, a nonprofit Medicare certified hospice program in Oakland

County, needs volunteers, training in your area is available evening and daytime. Each of five training sessions lasts 2-3 hours and can be conducted one-on-one with our trainer to meet the demands of your schedule. For more information, call Brian at (248) 320-0106.

Better bones program

11 a.m. Friday, June 30, at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh Road, south of Ford. Learn about risk factors for osteoporosis, bone screenings begin at 9 a.m. Westland residents interested in scheduling a screening should inquire at the Friendship Center.

Water aerobics classes

For moms and senior citizens, sponsored by Health Alliance Plan (HAP), continue through August noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, at Sheldon Pool, 3123 Van Court, Livonia, and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, at the Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen. No charge for registration information, call (313) 664-8420.

TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets 7 p.m. every Thursday, at St. Thomas A' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh in is from 6:15 p.m. to 6:55 p.m. We are a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information, call Mary at (734) 394-1328.

Use common sense handling fireworks

The bright colors and booming sounds of fireworks can be fun for children and adults, but this annual summer ritual is an accident waiting to happen if simple safety rules are ignored, says Dr. Maggie Brandt, a trauma surgeon at Henry Ford Hospital.

An estimated 9,300 people were treated in emergency departments for fireworks-related injuries in 2003, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. About 45 percent of people injured from fireworks are children ages 14 and younger.

Brandt says most fireworks-related injuries involve the hands and fingers, and more than half of the injuries are burns. Eyes are injured 21 percent of the time, while the head and face are harmed 18 percent of the time.

"Ideally, we prefer for people to attend professional fireworks displays put on by their community than hosting their own private show," said Brandt.

"Most accidents happen because adults have been drinking or because children are left unsupervised. The tragedy is that all of these injuries can be prevented if people follow some simple guidelines."

Brandt recommends following these common sense safety tips:

- Never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks, even sparklers. Sparklers burn at a high temperature - 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Always wear safety glasses or goggles when lighting fireworks, a habit few people follow.
- Be sure other people are out of range before lighting fireworks.
- Light fireworks outdoors in a clear area, away from the house, dry leaves or grass and flammable materials.
- Keep a bucket of water nearby for emergencies. Pour water on fireworks that don't go out.

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Psoriatic arthritis can present with only one swollen joint. The joint may be a knee, a finger, or a toe. The swelling in the finger or toe may cover the whole digit. In the foot, physicians refer to it as a sausage digit. In rheumatoid arthritis the toes are spared, but the ball of the foot becomes tender. In psoriatic arthritis the toe becomes painful and the ball of the foot is spared.

Psoriatic arthritis involves tendons where they anchor into bone. In nearly all other arthritis conditions ankle involvement refers to the ankle joint itself, but psoriatic arthritis acts differently. It may cause the tendons around the ankle to swell and cause pain in the sides of the foot. Or, swelling occurs in the top of the hand, not in the wrist joint, but over the tendons that cross the wrist.

The distinctive pattern of psoriatic arthritis indicates to a physician that what he is seeing is not rheumatoid arthritis, or gout, but psoriatic arthritis, even when the skin features are not present.

Making the correct diagnosis is important, as treatment for psoriatic arthritis is specific for that condition.

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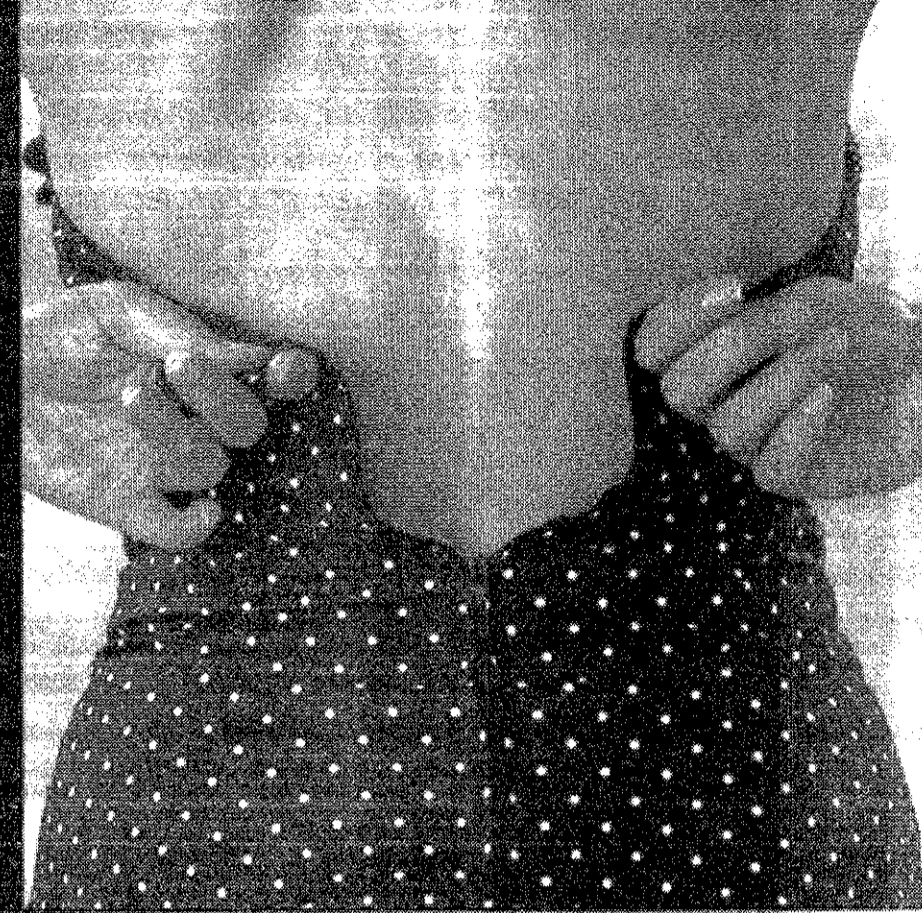
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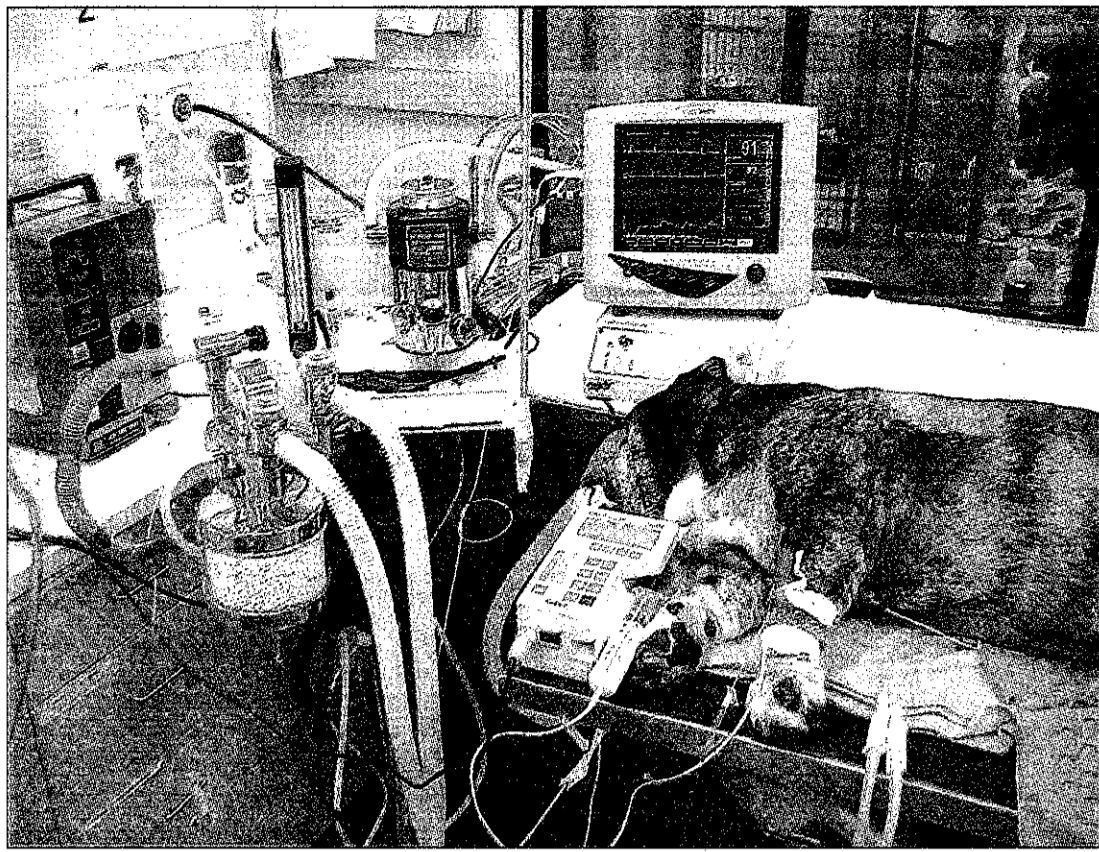
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A dog awaits surgery at the Oakland Veterinary Referral Service in Bloomfield Hills.

MEDICINE

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"We're a teaching facility with an active internship and residency programs," said Kerstetter, a partner at MVS (www.michvet.com) and owner of two Labradors. "It keeps us on the leading edge of veterinary medicine and surgery."

"We do research in conjunction with veterinary teaching hospitals such as Michigan State. Throughout the hospital, we're putting lenses in cataract patients to help them see better. To increase quantity of life cannot be our goal. We have to increase quality and quantity."

Dr. Joyce Obradovich has spent nearly 20 years helping dogs and cats as a veterinarian oncologist. Her Animal Cancer and Imaging Centers in Canton and Rochester Hills (www.veterinarycancer.com) offer advanced imaging and radiation and chemotherapy treatment.

Obradovich completed her residency at Colorado State University, where she trained with Dr. Steven Withrow, a vet who perfected a technique on canines to save limbs from bone cancer. It is now used to save the limbs of children and adults.

"Twenty years ago, there wasn't the availability of a lot of treatments," Obradovich said. "Cancer today is the leading national cause of death in pets, but at least 50 percent are curable."

As with humans, early detection is key to curing cancer. Obradovich cautions owners to check their animals regularly for lumps and bumps and not wait to seek the help of a veterinarian if they find anything.

"They should look for unexplained weight loss, a sore that doesn't heal, change in behavior, a visual indication such as a mass under the skin," she said. "You might think it's a fatty tumor, but make sure everything is tested."

Obradovich sees about 20 to 30 patients a day with cancer. As with humans, the causes and risk factors vary.



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"Twenty years ago there wasn't the availability of a lot of treatments," says Dr. Joyce Obradovich, veterinarian oncologist, whose Animal Cancer and Imaging Centers in Canton and Rochester Hills offer advanced imaging, radiation and chemotherapy treatments.

"I see a fair amount of bone cancer in the large and giant breed dogs," Obradovich said. "Certain breeds have risk factors. Studies have shown that dogs who live in homes of smokers have a higher incidence of lung cancer. Genetics and environmental factors can put an animal at risk for cancer."

According to Obradovich, the incidence of cancer in cats is about the same as humans, but doubled in dogs. Fifty percent of dogs over age 10 will die of cancer, 25 percent under age 10.

Last year, 175 animals attended Obradovich's Cancer Survivors Picnic at Stony Creek Metropark, giving her reason for hope.

Every year brings advances in diagnostics and treatments at the Oakland Veterinary Referral Service (www.ovrs.com) in Bloomfield Hills. The facility offers the expertise of nearly 20 specialists in behavioral medicine, cardiology, dermatology, oncology, neurology, allergy and 24-hour critical care for emergencies. Surgeons perform total

hip replacement, limb sparing procedures for cancerous bones and cataract removal.

"We're always a little bit behind what they're doing in human surgery, but a lot of research they do for people they do on research dogs and we can use it almost directly," said Dr. Saundra Hewitt, who specializes in surgery. "These days, the big push is minimally invasive, but we do have a limitation. For arthroscopy, we can't fit a human scope into a Chihuahua, but can do regular-sized dogs. For heart surgery, we used to have to spread the ribs and now can use the scope. We've gone to digital radiography and can take a Chihuahua and magnify the bones."

Dr. Ann Mattise, a dermatology and allergy practitioner, provides options for animals with excessive itching and scratching, licking and biting of the feet, hives, rubbing the face and cats who groom excessively and get skin rashes. Frequently, the first step is skin testing the animal for allergies. Some dogs are even allergic to fleas and their owners, but most suffer from allergens produced by pollens, house dust (mites) and molds. According to Mattise about 75 percent of cats, and just like humans their allergies are increasing in frequency for unknown reasons.

"There are a variety of options. For animals whose problems are brief usually in summer, there are oral medications such as antihistamines borrowed from the human medical field, steroids, topical baths," said Mattise, who practices at Oakland Veterinary Referral Service. "It's a relatively recent specialty, so we're just learning about it. Originally we thought cortisone was a great fix, then realized the side effects it can have."

"The American College of Veterinary Dermatology and American Academy of Veterinary Dermatology fund research every year to understand how to control the signs."

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CHINESE

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"There's definitely a difference after a treatment," said Chlopan. "The last few days I could tell she was painful. I give her homeopathic injections and she doesn't need them as often after acupuncture. With acupuncture and herbs I've seen definite improvements."

"When Heidi began giving Cheyenne acupuncture she was having a bladder infection and an arthritic condition in her hind end. In Chinese philosophy they see that as all connected."

Mier begins examining Cheyenne and checking her arterial pulses. Traditional western veterinary medicine uses blood tests and radiographs (x-rays) to diagnose conditions while practitioners of traditional Chinese veterinary medicine examine points located in the body.

"The great advantage is Heidi examines her every time," said Chlopan who's undergone acupuncture treatments herself. "She found a lump over the holidays and even though it was benign she can monitor her well for serious problems. What's different about Chinese medicine is that she spends a lot more time."

Mier begins placing the needles in Cheyenne's back. The black lab's eyes don't flinch. It's almost as if she knows that relief is soon to come. On this particular visit, Mier uses electroacupuncture which is especially effective for chronic painful problems because it increases stimulation to the nervous system.

More than 2000 years ago, the Chinese discovered acupoints that western science has since identified as dense areas of nerve endings. Ancient Chinese veterinarians believed that health depends on Qi (chee), a life force or vital energy that flows throughout the body and maintains a balance of Yin and Yang. When the flow is interrupted, disease may occur.

"With acupuncture there's a local effect and after effects beyond," said Mier.

More than 2000 years ago, the Chinese discovered acupoints that western science has since identified as dense areas of nerve endings.

"Acupuncture is typically very relaxing. When needles are placed this triggers a release of endorphins."

"The Chinese didn't know about endorphins but believed disease was caused by blockages in energy flow. Acupuncture moves energy through a blockage so there is always balance in the body. Initially Cheyenne had urinary incontinence with the infection. Now she's doing really good."

Half an hour later, Cheyenne is almost asleep as Mier removes the needles. Aqu-acupuncture injections of vitamin B-12 and homeopathic anti-inflammatories extend the pain-relieving effects of the treatment.

The road to wellness is ongoing for Cheyenne. Mier's housecalls helped detect a paralysis of the vocal chords over the holidays. Chlopan quips about Cheyenne having nine lives like a cat. This time she thought it was the end for her loving pet. Mier sent Cheyenne to Oakland Veterinary Referral Services in Southfield for surgery. Mier uses the best of traditional Chinese and western veterinary medicine to treat her patients.

Based in Plymouth, Mier's integrative medicine practice concentrates on eastern medicine but incorporates traditional western diagnostics and therapy when appropriate. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin veterinary school, she interned at Cornell University in small animal medicine and surgery. Mier decided to study acupuncture after western medicine failed to relieve the pain from a chronic lower back condition but three to four acupuncture treatments resolved the problem. She went on to receive

certification in acupuncture at the Chi Institute of Chinese Medicine in Florida where she's been studying herbs as well. In addition to musculoskeletal problems such as arthritis and hip dysplasia, acupuncture can be used to treat gastrointestinal disorders and neurological conditions like epilepsy.

CASE-BY-CASE BASIS

"When I began studying Chinese medicine it changed the way I look at things. You don't just put a Band-aid on everything, you look for the cause," said Mier. "I'm always looking for why something happened. You do treat symptoms but to prevent problems. You might have 10 animals with arthritis and you treat them differently. There are temperature preferences. You look at the color of tongue, if it's red or pale, hot or cool. Some herbs are warming, some cooling. Some have arthritis and hurt more in cold weather. Chinese herbs are different from Western herbs. Some formulas have been around thousands of years, contemporary formulas only a couple hundred years."

Nutritional therapy is part of the looking at the entire animal as well. Chlopan feeds Cheyenne cooling foods such as turkey instead of chicken which is considered hot. To that diet she adds beet, sweet potato and banana. Everything must be rolled into one-inch balls to prevent choking.

"You always look at diet initially. It's part of Chinese medicine," said Mier. "And you look for change. Cheyenne changed over the years. Things change and she may not need a herbal anymore. It's individualized. You treat them as an individual."

Dr. Heidi Mier practices independently out of the Dixboro Dental and Medical Center. Contact her by e-mail at dirmier@charter.net, or leave a message on voice mail at (734) 673-5642. E-mail is preferred with details about the animal's problem.

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COMPANIONS

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Lake several times a week, even in winter.

Today's pet owners can choose from the best of traditional western and eastern veterinary medicine to keep their companions healthy and happy. When your best friend is ill, you're willing to try anything within reason to make him or her feel better. However, the decisions you make in regards to their health care should be thoroughly researched and weighed.

In 1989, when Chopin was diagnosed with bone cancer, we took him to a holistic veter-

inarian in Royal Oak — not to save him, but to make him as comfortable as possible until he died a couple of months later. Animal ownership is a responsibility. By reading Dr. Richard Pitcairn's book on *Natural Health for Dogs and Cats*, I learned about the importance of feeding a healthy diet and giving him supplements like vitamin C to strengthen his immune system. Shamrock's last several months, he dined on ground turkey, rice and broccoli that I cooked nightly to allow his body to function optimally. That final day, Dr. Brown couldn't believe he was 10 years old because giant breeds

don't usually live that long. Many people's dogs or cats are their favorite companions because they have so much fun together. Dogs especially never judge and give unconditional love. I could have the most stressful day and open the door at the end of it to be greeted by Shamrock, who was so happy to see me and gave me an excuse to take a few minutes to be silly and play, and call him my little buttercup.

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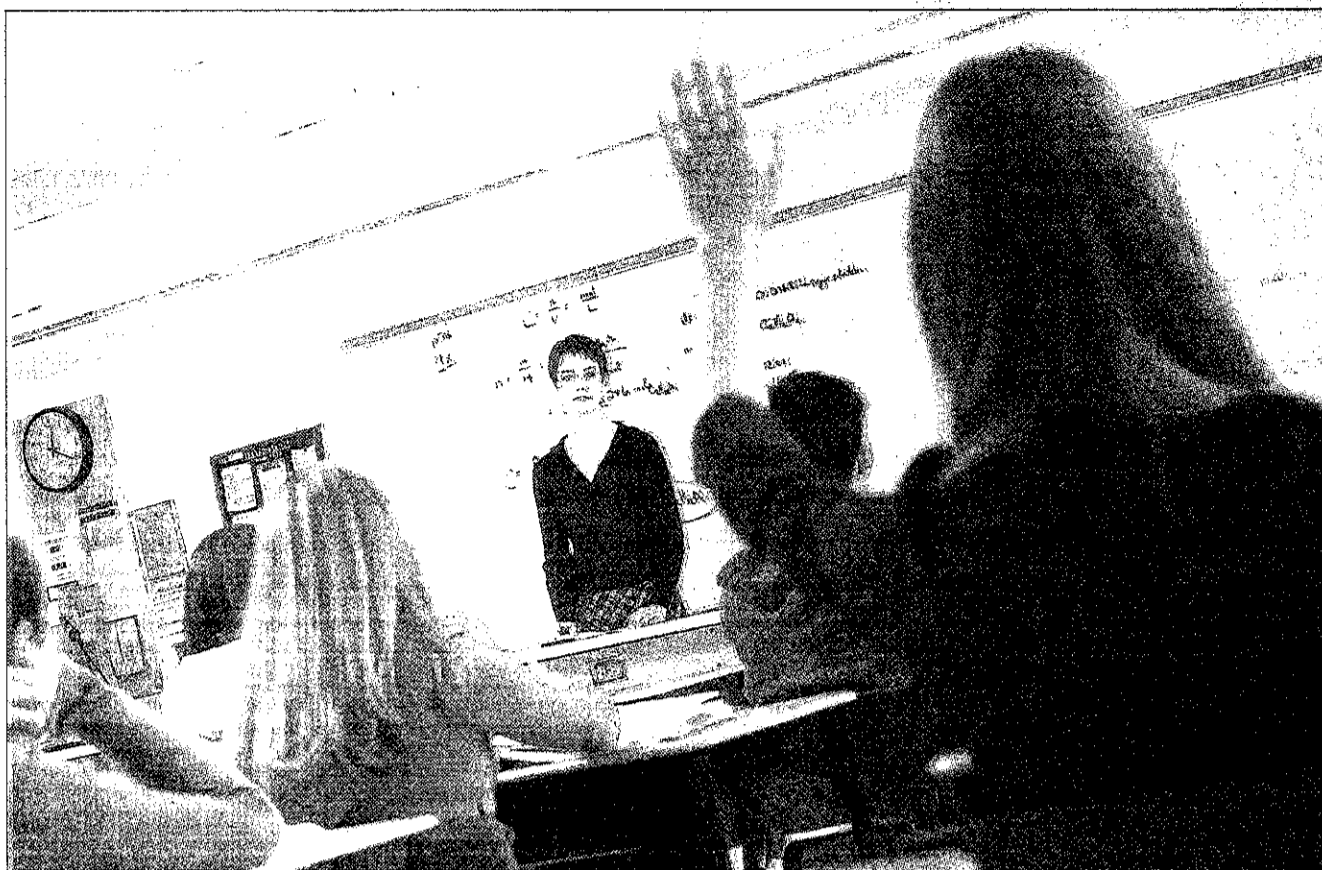
R.I. school district launches high-tech recruiting system

(PRWEB) — Recruiting teachers is now more efficient and cost-effective for the Middletown Public Schools, one of the first districts in Rhode Island to adopt a new online technology that centralizes the management of the hiring process.

Districts are always looking for ways to improve organization by using technology to enhance efficiency. The new recruiting system is called SchoolSpring (www.schoolspring.com), a Web-based educational recruiting service that started in Vermont in 2001 and is used by nearly every school district in that state. School districts in Rhode Island are recognizing the advantages of this new technology and are signing up.

Rosemarie K. Kraeger, superintendent of schools for the district, explains why she is eager to use the new online teacher recruiting system. "We are always looking for ways to improve our organization by using technology to enhance our efficiency," Kraeger said. "Efficiency translates into dollars saved and with budgets being as tight as they are, we are always looking for ways to save money. The SchoolSpring system saves manpower, advertising costs and more."

SchoolSpring will allow the Middletown School District to reach a broader range of teachers with more diverse backgrounds. "We used to only reach local educators and sometimes teachers in the Boston area with



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expensive newspaper advertising. Now, we can cast a much bigger net looking for teachers with SchoolSpring," Kraeger said. Currently, SchoolSpring has over 40,000 educator members worldwide

with more joining every day. SchoolSpring not only allows teacher candidates to apply more easily to the school district jobs, it lets the district more effectively communicate with candidates.

"SchoolSpring provides better communication and recruitment management," Kraeger said. "Applicants can easily apply to more than one job and we can personalize our responses for every step of the application process.

The system e-mails applicants when we have received their application, again when we are reviewing it, and we can even schedule interviews all online."

Another benefit is the "electronic paper trail" that SchoolSpring provides. All recruitment activities are recorded in the system, allowing the district to easily provide data for accountability.

Middletown Public Schools should see substantial savings in advertising costs from previous years. SchoolSpring is planning to launch a cooperative advertising program in Rhode Island allowing schools to advertise their open positions together in one newspaper ad. This program has proven very effective in the Vermont newspapers, where SchoolSpring has been running the co-op advertising program for nearly five years.

Already, two more school districts in Rhode Island, Bristol Warren Regional School District and Portsmouth School District, have joined SchoolSpring.

Kraeger sees SchoolSpring as a great technology, but also a lesson for her students.

"This is an exciting program with substantial benefits," she said. "Using new technology like SchoolSpring reflects our current goal to bring the organization up a notch so that we can maximize the district's resources through the enhancement of technology."

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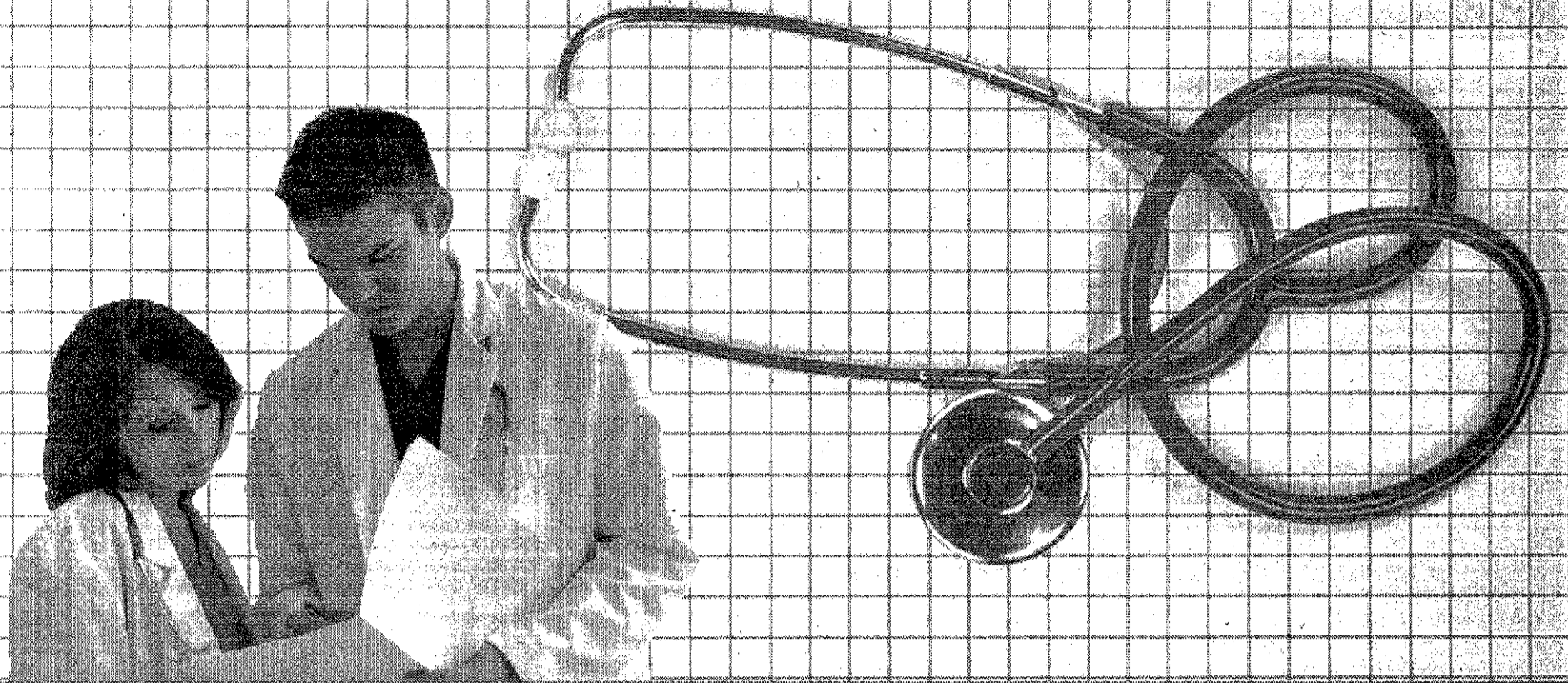
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Make the garage an extension of your home

(NewsUSA) — Today's homeowners expect the garage to be more than a vehicle shelter and stopover for seasonal equipment and family castoffs. The standard 18 foot by 24 foot, two-car garage can add 432 square feet of usable real estate to a home's layout.

Families on the go want extra space for do-it-yourself projects, easy access to car-care supplies and recreational gear — and even a play area for children. Older homeowners need handy storage facilities for belongings accumulated over the years, especially if they have downsized.

Racor Inc., a company that specializes in home-storage solutions, offers the following tips for freeing up valuable garage space:

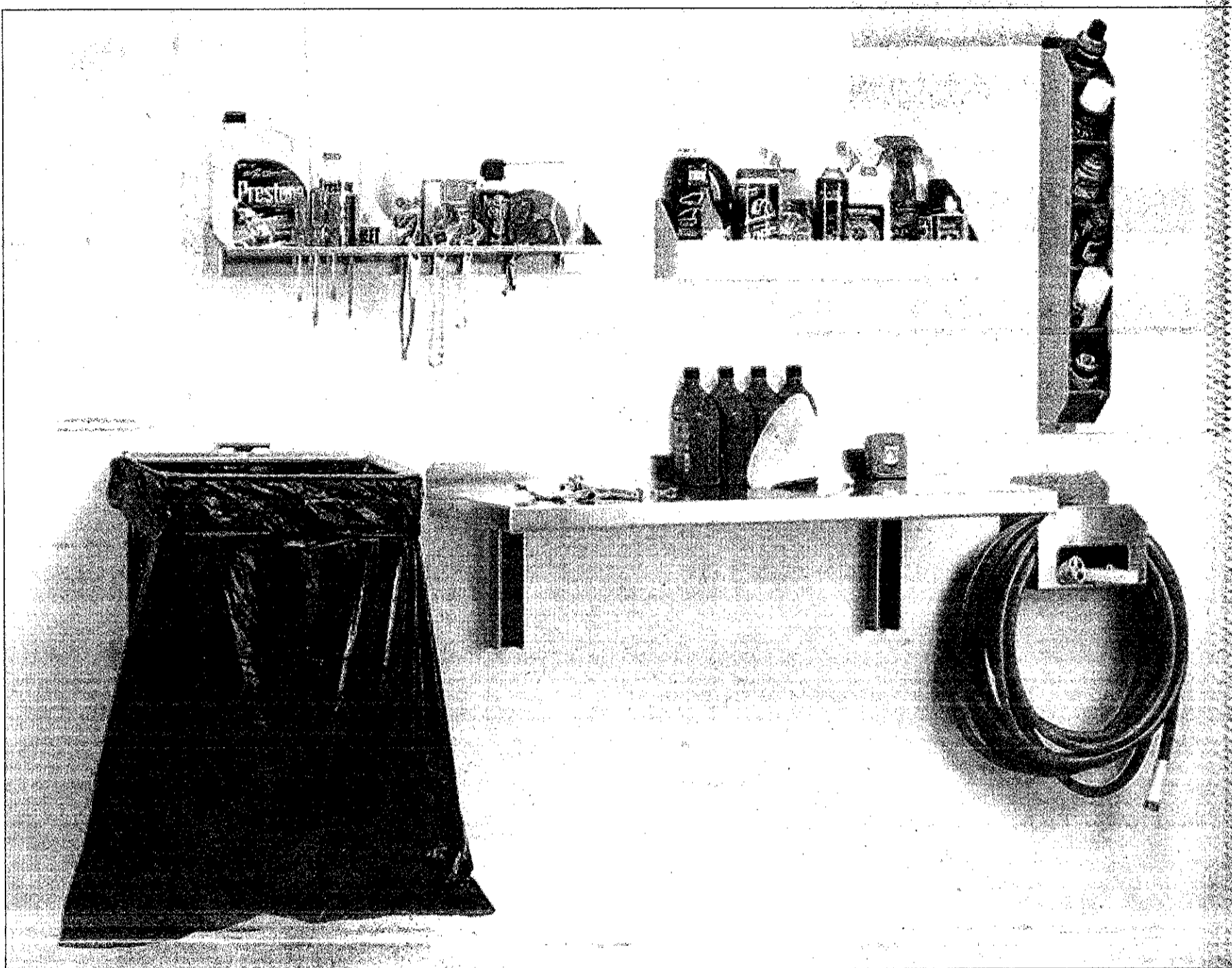
- Make a plan for the garage, just as you would for the kitchen or any other room in the house. Draw a floor plan to help visualize how different arrangements would fit your family's needs.

- Sort your belongings and make a list of items you need to store. Then discard, donate or sell the things that have outlived their usefulness.

- Install stylish as well as functional cabinetry, shelving and accessories in the garage to serve as extensions of the home's storage options and family's lifestyle.

- Clear away floor space by stowing gear overhead or on the walls. A new rail-mount bike lift, for instance, suspends bikes safely from the ceiling, and a pulley system makes them easy to lower when needed.

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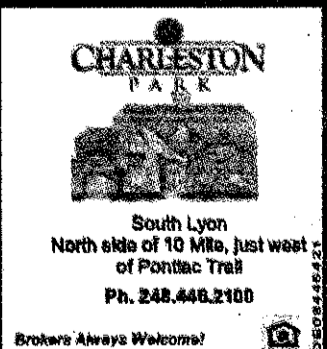


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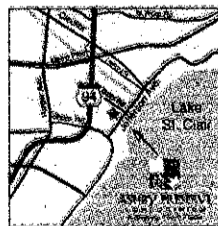
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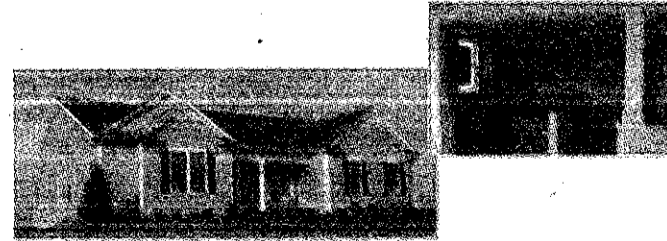


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■ When appliances are left in the home, ask yourself why. It could be that the sellers don't have room for it in their new



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house. It may be also be that they want to upgrade to newer appliances. Another possibility is that the appliances may not

be in good working order. ■ Measure your furniture. You want to be reasonably sure that your couch set will fit into your new family room and that your bed fits into your new bedroom. Otherwise you may find yourself having to buy new furniture.

■ Check to see if the sellers can throw in a home warranty. A home warranty usually insures that if the appliances

don't work or possible structural problems occur within a year it will be fixed at little or no cost to you. Not all sellers offer home warranties. I am not suggesting that you shouldn't buy a house because it doesn't include a home warranty, however, it should be something to consider.

■ The location within the subdivision. It may be great to be far deep in a sub as far as

privacy goes. However, what happens when you need to buy some eggs or butter. How far will you have to travel? It may be that the extra time to get to a grocery store may be well worth the quietness of the area. It's important to think of the trade-off.

■ The wiring of the house. Is the house wired for cable or digital TV? Does it have a DSL connection? Things have gone

pretty high tech. If you are taking advantage of the technology you may want to look at what is available in the home and what would be the cost to insert the extra wiring if needed.

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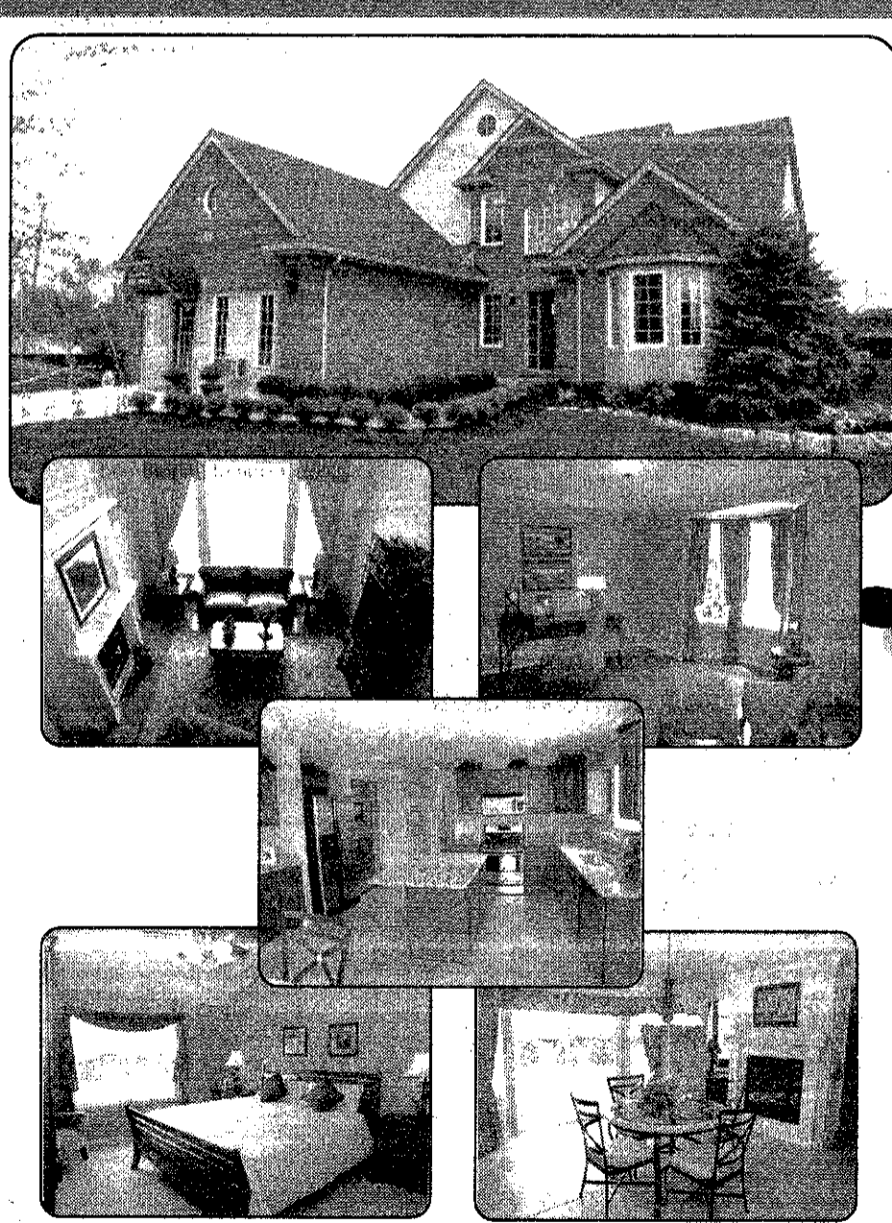
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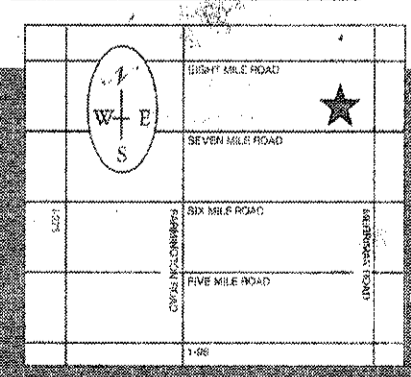
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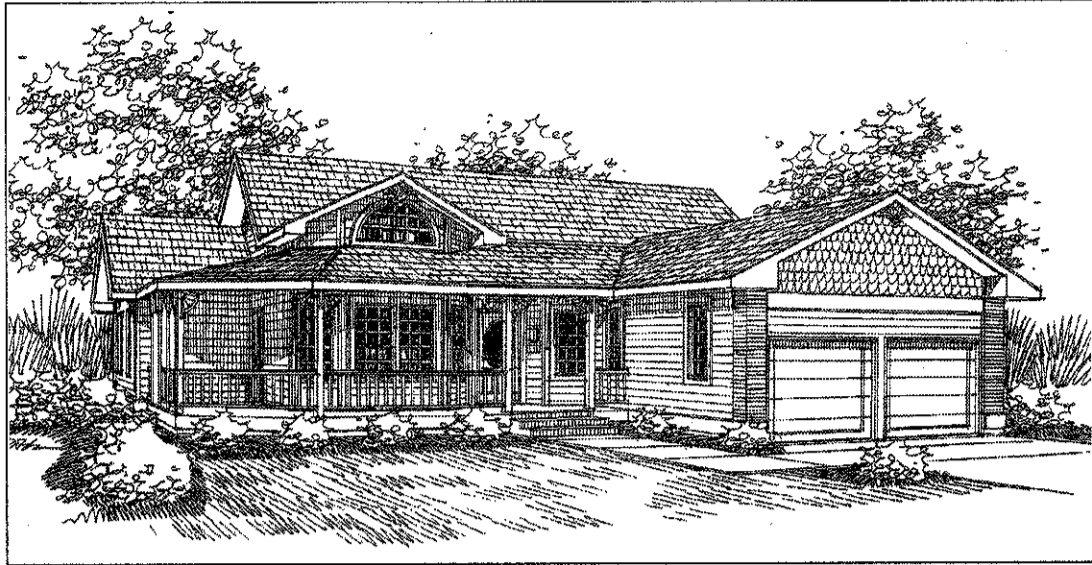
A large country kitchen is at the heart of the handsome 2,125 square foot Sensational (335-042). The abundance of features here will assure your success when entertaining guests or preparing savory meals for the family.

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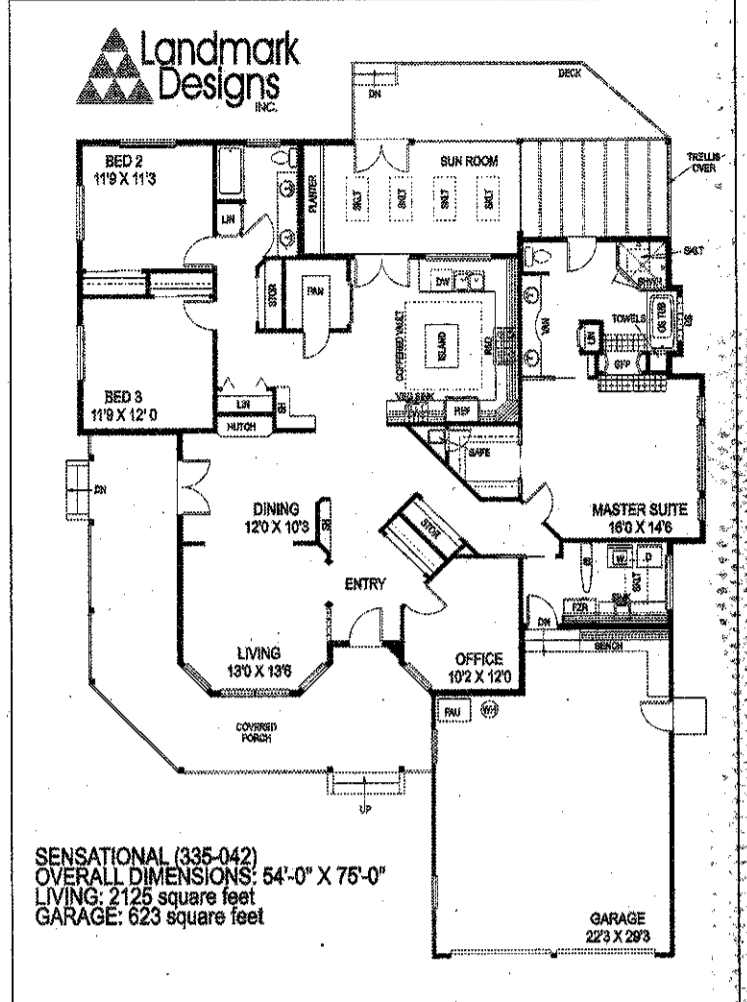
The two secondary bedrooms are located at the left rear of the Sensational. Nearly equal in size, they share a full bathroom equipped with twin basins. On the opposite side of the home, the isolated master suite has all the amenities you would expect in a much larger design.

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■ When appliances are left in the home, ask yourself why. It could be that the sellers don't have room for it in their new house. It may be also that



Ask the Realtor

Michael Aldouby

they want to upgrade to newer appliances. Another possibility is that the appliances may not be in good working order.

■ Measure your furniture.

You want to be reasonably sure that your couch set will fit into your new family room and that your bed fits into your new bedroom. Otherwise you may find yourself having to buy new furniture.

■ Check to see if the sellers can throw in a home warranty. A home warranty usually insures that if the appliances don't work or possible structural problems occur within a year it will be fixed at little or

no cost to you. Not all sellers offer home warranties. I am not suggesting that you shouldn't buy a house because it doesn't include a home warranty, however, it should be something to consider.

■ The location within the subdivision. It may be great to be far deep in a sub as far as privacy goes. However, what happens when you need to buy some eggs or butter. How far will you have to travel? It may

be that the extra time to get to a grocery store may be well worth the quietness of the area. It's important to think of the trade-off.

■ The wiring of the house. Is the house wired for cable or digital TV? Does it have a DSL connection? Things have gone pretty high tech. If you are taking advantage of the technology you may want to look at what is available in the home and what would be the cost to insert the

extra wiring if needed. ■ Examine what traffic is like during rush hour. In some areas traffic is much more congested than other areas. If you have a long drive to work this may be important to you.

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Henry Ford Community College in cooperation with the Oakland Builders Institute will offer a builder's pre-license class to help you pass the Michigan state builder's examination. The 16-hour seminar will be 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, July 11, 13, 18 and 20, at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail.

The course is for those who want to subcontract construction of their own homes, real estate investors and

developers and building tradespeople who want to work legally in Michigan. Cost is \$189 for residents plus \$20 for textbook and sample questions, \$208 for nonresidents plus \$20 for textbook and questions. Pre-registration with payment is required by Friday, July 7, to Henry Ford Community College. To register, call (313) 317-1500.

Building Industry Association

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will present:

■ Its Macomb County Golf Spectacular 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 12, at Cherry Creek Golf Club, 52000 Cherry Creek Drive (24 Mile and Van Dyke), Shelby Township. Fees, including 18 holes of golf (spikeless course), cart, lunch, refreshments, dinner and golf competitions are \$145 for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan

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■ A development site tour of Partridge Creek in Clinton Township 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2. The tour begins at Burton Katzman, 30100 Telegraph, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Bingham Farms. Parking is available on the south side, adjacent to the boundary of Bingham Office Park and Fitness USA. The community will feature 360 single family homes, 40 models and already constructed homes, 600 condo units, senior housing and a 600,000-square-foot lifestyle center. The community is developed by Taubman Group and Trinity Land Development. Registration fees, including lunch, are \$40 for BIA members and \$60 for nonmember building industry professionals. For

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■ A Certified Graduate Builder Series seminar on "Introduction to Business Management" 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. It will be taught by Chuck Breidenstein of Builders Professional Services. The seminar introduces builders and remodelers who are interested in improving their bottom line to systematic planning processes used by industry experts. It focuses on basic management tools such as developing a business plan and implementing control procedures to monitor efficiency and profitability. Fees are \$140 for Remodelers Council members and \$160 for BIA members and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

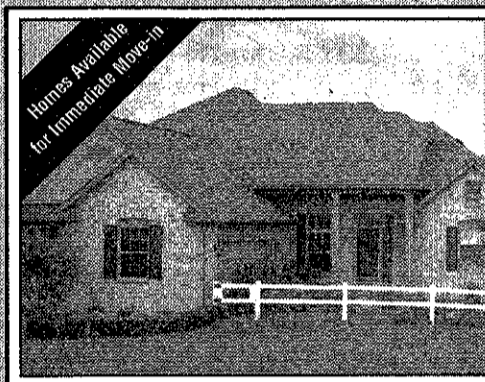
■ Apartment Association of Michigan will sponsor a technology seminar, "Electronic Rent Collection,"

8:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Kirk McNeil and Greg Fish of Biznet Internet Solutions will demonstrate the benefits of an e-payment program. Fees, including continental breakfast, are \$10 for AAM or BIA members, \$20 for nonmembers and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1004.

■ BIA's Sales & Marketing Council is sponsoring a real estate continuing education seminar presented by Lori Chumura of Middleton Training. It will be 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. The course meets the state-mandated six-hour requirement for continuing education. Fees are \$60 for SMC members, \$75 for BIA members and \$90 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

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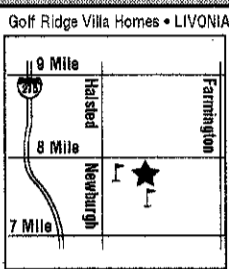


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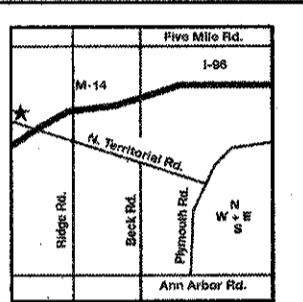


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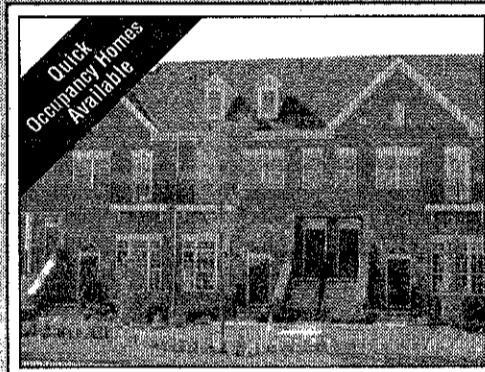
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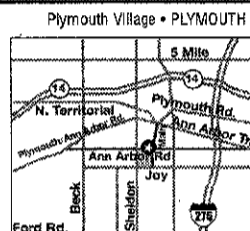
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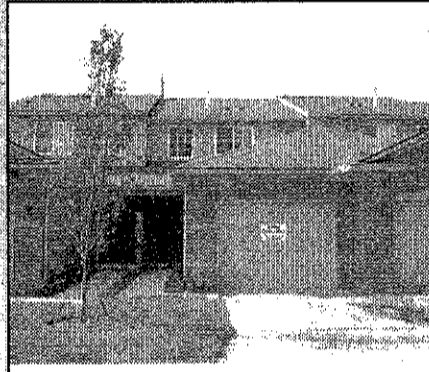
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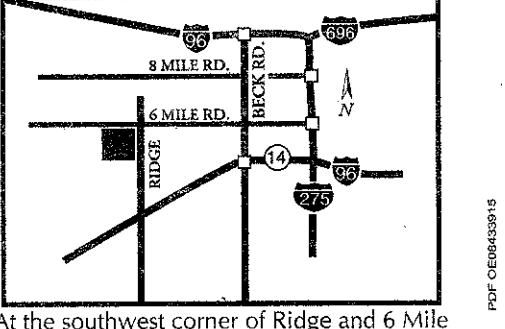
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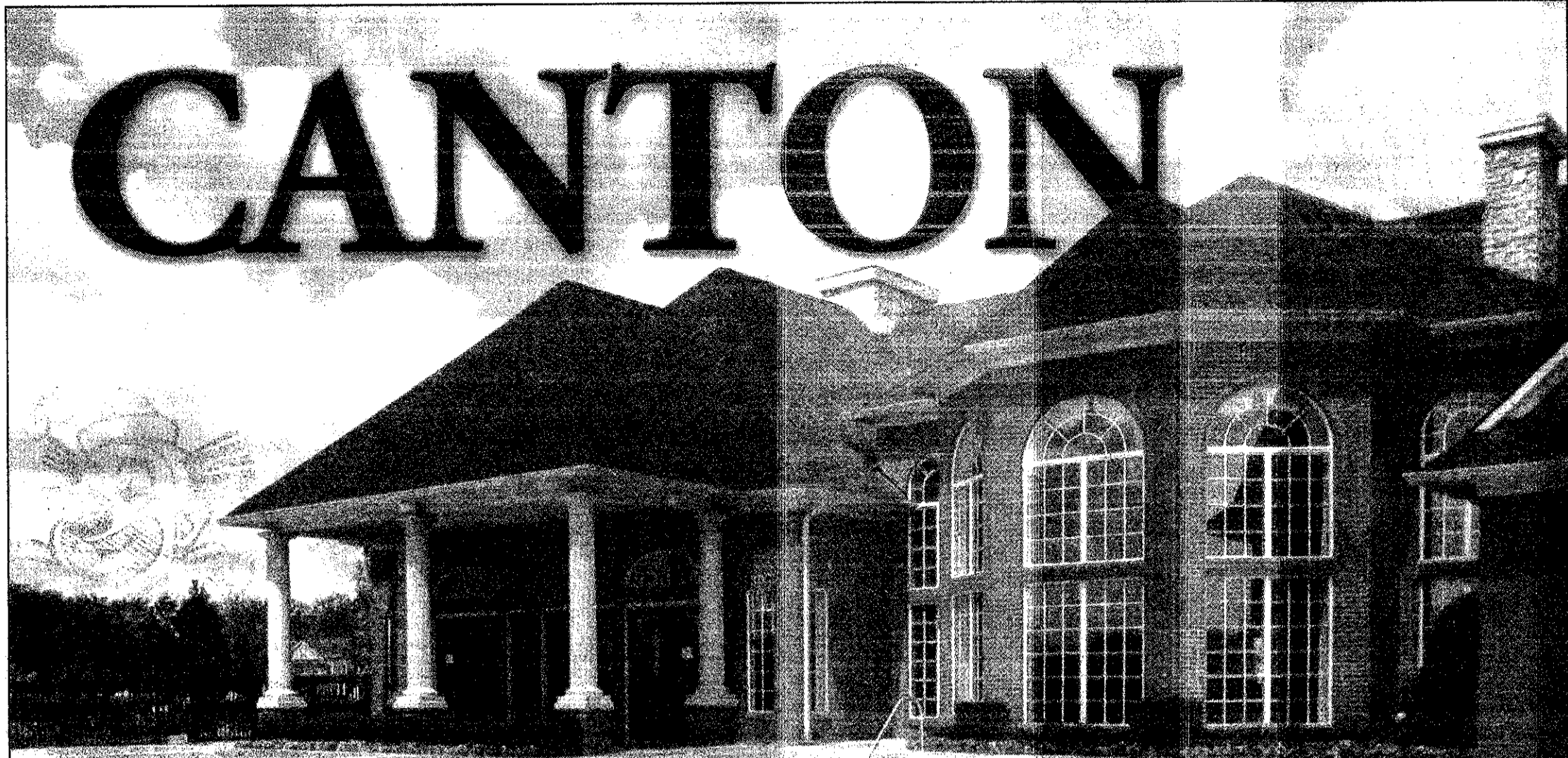
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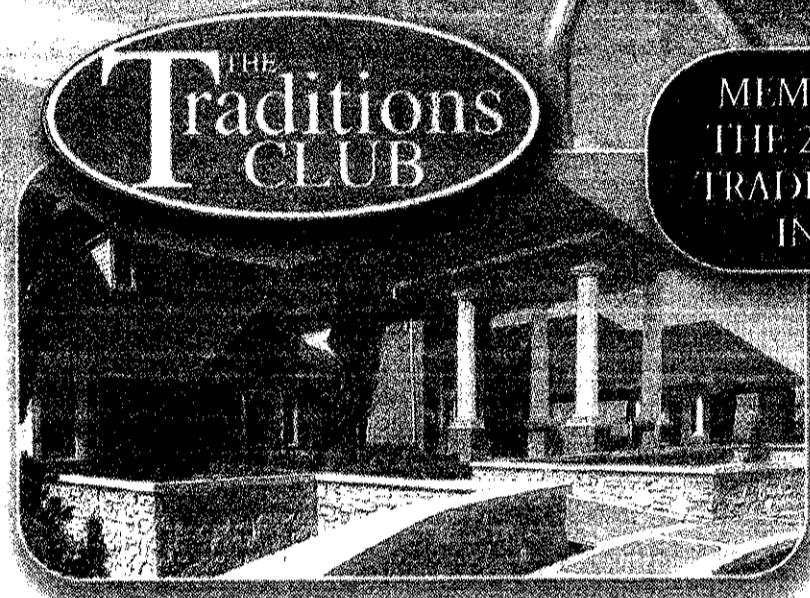
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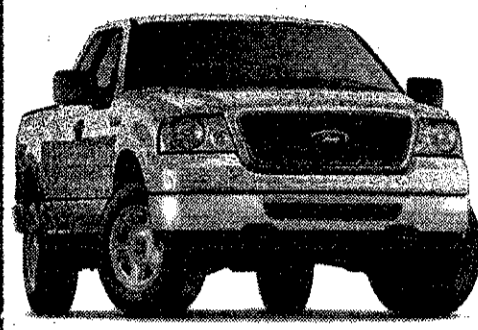
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\$0 Due At Signing

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ZERO DOWN \$207⁷² per mo
\$578.18 Due At Signing

\$1000 DOWN \$165¹⁵ per mo
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24 City MPG 32 Hwy MPG

2006 FUSION SE FWD

Stock #63307

2.3L I4 engine, 5-speed automatic transmission, P205/60R16 all season tires, SE sport package, AM/FM/MP3 6 CDX player w/clock, aluminum wheels 16x6.5, fog lamps.

Was \$19,800

NOW \$14,523⁰⁰

24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL

Sign & Drive \$189⁰⁰ per mo
\$0 Due At Signing

ZERO DOWN \$173⁰⁰ per mo
\$372.37 Due At Signing

\$1000 DOWN \$131⁰⁵ per mo
\$1386.91 Due At Signing



26 City MPG 32 Hwy MPG

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Stock #62628

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NOW \$14,119⁰⁰

24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL

Sign & Drive \$175⁵⁴ per mo
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ZERO DOWN \$161⁰⁰ per mo
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Stock #62415

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Was \$25,335

NOW \$19,375⁰⁰

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Sign & Drive \$245⁵⁶ per mo
\$0 Due At Signing

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Stock #61321

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Was \$23,660

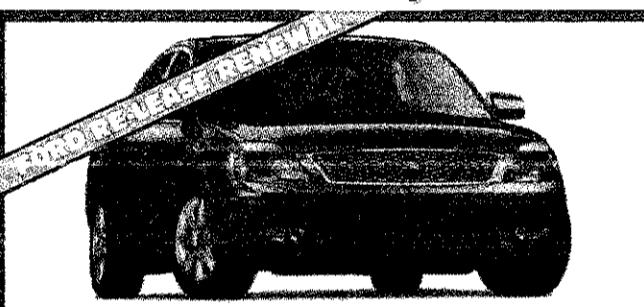
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24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL

Sign & Drive \$287⁹⁷ per mo
\$0 Due At Signing

ZERO DOWN \$269⁵³ per mo
\$428.70 Due At Signing

\$1000 DOWN \$225⁵⁵ per mo
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Stock #62732

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Was \$25,980

NOW \$18,745⁰⁰

24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL

Sign & Drive \$247⁴⁴ per mo
\$0 Due At Signing

ZERO DOWN \$228⁰⁰ per mo
\$459.74 Due At Signing

\$1000 DOWN \$185²⁰ per mo
\$1474.41 Due At Signing



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Stock #70007

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24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL

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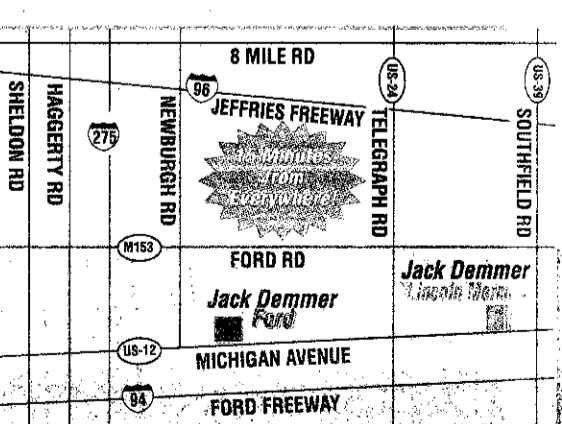
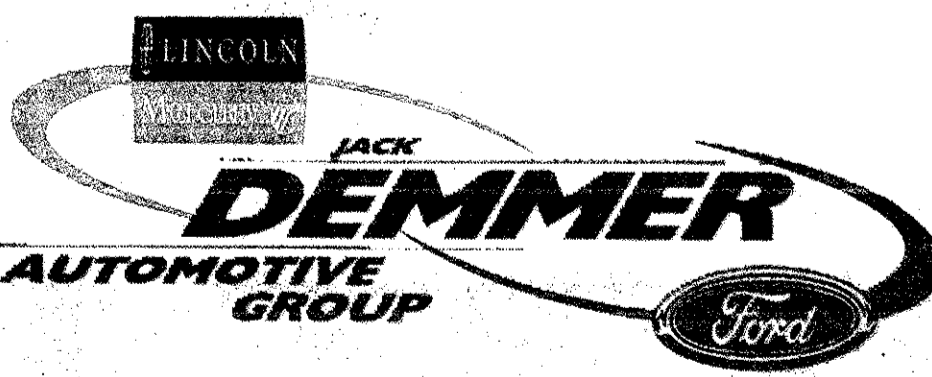
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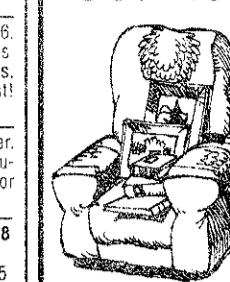
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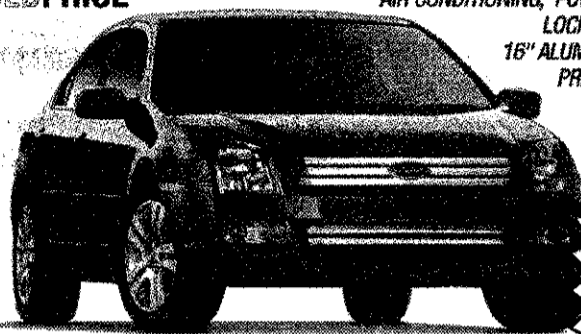
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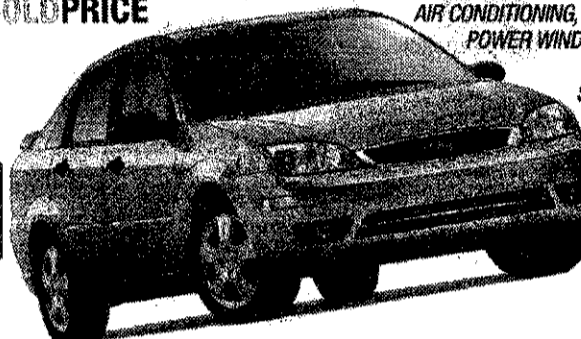
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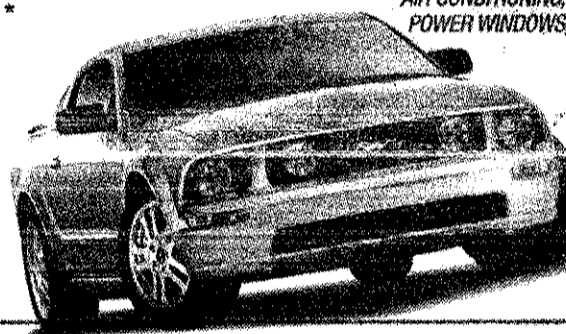
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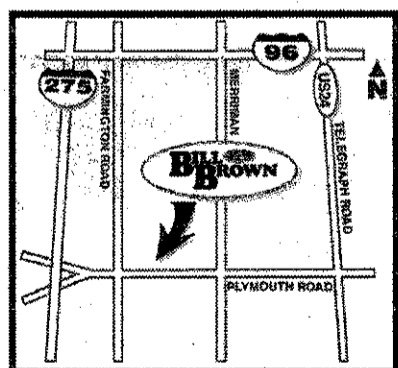
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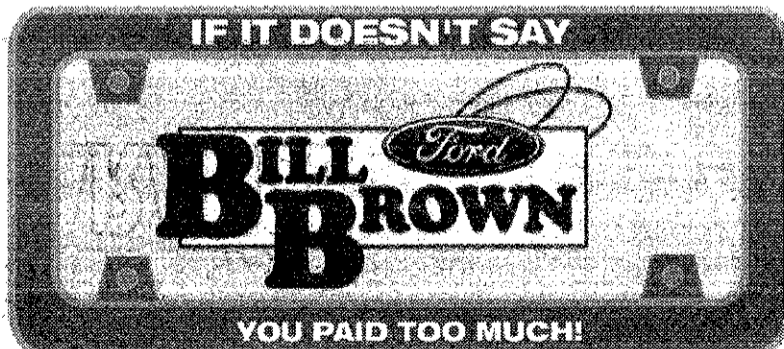
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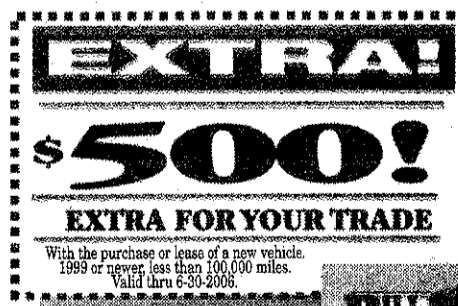
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