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## List shows no school workers with felonies

### District learns 19 employees have records

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials say there are no district employees on an updated list compiled by Michigan State Police, which includes more than 450 Michigan school employees who have been convicted of felonies.

Ray Bihun, the district's executive director of human

resources, said while there were no employees with felonies on the list completed for the Michigan Department of Education, there were approximately 19 people who had misdemeanor convictions in their backgrounds.

"We talked with all those employees affected and confirmed with them the convictions," Bihun said. "We talked to each one of them about the incident to confirm it was real-

ly them on the list. If it wasn't them, we wanted to get a correction of the misinformation to the Michigan State Police.

"We are absolutely confident we don't have anyone employed who was convicted of a felony."

It's the second time state police released information concerning employees with felony records. The first list contained mistakes, including people with the same names as

those convicted, but with different Social Security numbers.

In February the list indicated there were 18 Plymouth-Canton Schools employees who had misdemeanor police records. It was discovered that five no longer worked for the district, and two were incorrect, leaving 11 employees on the list. Bihun said the correct list had the number closer to 19.

The information is part of

the Student Safety Initiative passed by the state Legislature, designed to protect kids from sex offenders in the classroom. The state police cross-checked its database of known criminals with a school employee list from the Department of Education.

According to the law, there is a specific list of misdemeanors that could affect the employment of school workers, such as distribution of marijuana or contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

"We didn't have any of those kinds of things," Bihun said.

"These were all non-disclosure misdemeanors. Some were 20 years old and others were more recent, about four years ago."

Superintendent Jim Ryan said in February some of the misdemeanor infractions included driver's license infractions, speeding tickets, operating a vehicle under the influence of liquor and failure to pay child support.

If the district had employees on the list convicted of felonies, the superintendent and the Board of Education

PLEASE SEE WORKERS, A5



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### Gone but not forgotten

Dale Luebke of Canton, a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 of Plymouth-Canton, places a wreath along side the Vietnam Moving Wall at the Honor and Remember Ceremony in Westland on Thursday. The Moving Wall, a traveling replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington D.C., will be displayed on the east lawn of Westland City Hall through the morning of July 5. It contains the names of more than 58,000 soldiers killed in the Vietnam War. For more about Thursday's tearful ceremony, please see page A3.

## Doctor builds medical facility with health and comfort in mind

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

Even for a guy accustomed to pressure, May 1 was a pretty tense day for Dr. Sarju Shah. That was the day he and three business partners opened their new medical building in Canton.

"It was wild," he said of the final hours before opening the Haggerty Professional Plaza at 2050

Haggerty. The final inspection was scheduled for Friday, April 28, at 1 p.m., and Shah had specific instructions that he was not to begin unloading the truck full of medical equipment and supplies until after he got the sign-off from township instructors. And just like clockwork, inspectors arrived at 12:30. A little after 1 p.m. crews began unloading the trucks, and by the following afternoon, his clinic on the ground floor of the new building was up and running, ready for the 100 patients who visit his office daily.

It was the realization of a dream that started three years ago, when Shah joined a group of physicians at a small clinic near Lilley and Cherry Hill. The three doctors worked together in a much smaller building - 7,500 square feet - and parking was almost always an issue for his patients.

"I had this dream of buying land and building our own," Shah said. "So we did. We bought the land and started from scratch."

The result is a 25,000-square-foot building, which will house 11 tenants, ranging from family practice to a pharmacy to an obstetrician and gynecology office, a full radiological laboratory, an urgent care clinic, and a variety of specialists.

It's unusual for a medical office with such a wide range of services to be owned by private practice physicians, Shah said. Yet, even before he and his partners had bought the land, they had sold or leased, and every office in the building.

There are advantages to owning, Shah said. First was the building itself, which he said is designed for efficient patient flow. The walkways and layout inside the building are intended to be less confusing to patients than some medical buildings can be, he said.

But details also add to patient comfort. The color scheme is warm earthy tones, and is less cold and sterile in feel than some hospital clinics.

PLEASE SEE MEDICINE, A5



Dr. Sarju Shah fulfilled a three-year dream by opening his own medical facility.

## Plymouth-Canton Schools hires arts chief

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

At a time when Plymouth-Canton Schools has had to trim its budgets, the Board of Education on Tuesday night approved the hiring of a Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator who will harmonize the district's K-12 arts programs.

That scenario stands out for Tim Schoenherr, who officially begins his duties July 1.

"I was surprised they were choosing at this particular time to fill the position," Schoenherr



Schoenherr

will be leaving his job as music teacher and co-chair of the West Bloomfield High School Fine Arts Department to take over coordinating the arts for a district that has more than 16,000 students.

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said. "But, what it said to me, is that the district is committed to the arts, and they are doing it during challenging times."

Schoenherr his job as music teacher and co-chair of the West Bloomfield High School Fine Arts Department to take over coordinating the arts for a district that has more than 16,000 students.

"I do have ideas about my

vision and what it will look like," said Schoenherr, who resides in Farmington Hills. "I think it's important for all students to learn the same things in all elementary schools, in all middle schools, to get the same arts education. For some kids, the arts is the only connection they have to school."

The board voted 6-1 in favor of hiring Schoenherr at a salary of \$78,116. Board president Mark Slavens voted against adding an administrative position to the budget.

"Originally I had supported the hiring of an arts coordina-

tor, however with the loss of the bond and the \$2.3 million (reimbursement to the general fund for middle school property purchased in Canton) I made the decision this wasn't the year to make additions to the budget," Slavens said. "I do think we need an arts director, but I just think because of the economic situation right now I will be voting no."

Schoenherr was one of 79 applicants for the position.

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Coming Thursday in Filter

Sammy Hagar brings his summer party to DTE. Read more in the next issue of Filter.

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**Exchange Club award**

Canton resident David Loveland, who is secretary of the Exchange Club of Canton, is this year's recipient of the Michigan Exchange award. He received the award at the 87th annual Michigan district convention in Lansing. Loveland has been a member of the Exchange Club since 1994, and has served the Canton club as secretary the last three years and treasurer for two. In 2004 he received a Merit Award from the Canton club at the district club. He is a past president of the club.

**New Lions president**

Nancy Williams has been elected as the new president of the Canton Lions Club. She will replace Charlie Mott, who has been president of the club for two years. In addition, Gene Hammonds was elected treasurer; Bob Harris as first vice president; Vivien Pierson as second vice president; and Bob Boyer as third vice president.

**Scholarship winners**

Monica Patel, a student from Canton High School, and Plymouth High School student Alexander Harvey were among some 50 top-notch students to win \$1,000 scholarships from the Sam Walton Community Scholarship program. In its 26th year, the Sam Walton Community Scholarship program is providing scholarships to more than 5,700 students nationwide to help pay for college expenses. In order to qualify for a scholarship, a student must be a high school senior, a U.S. citizen

and meet minimum grade point average requirements. An independent panel of judges from Scholarship Program Administrators selects recipients on the basis of financial need, academic record, ACT/SAT test scores, and school and community involvement.

An additional 94 graduating seniors nationwide have been named Wal-Mart Associate Scholarship winners. This \$2,000 award is open to seniors who have been employed by Wal-Mart for one continuous year, have a good academic record and can prove financial need. Wal-Mart is awarding more than \$175,000 in Sam Walton Community scholarships in Michigan. The name of each scholarship winner nationwide can be found under their state and hometown at [www.walmartfoundation.org](http://www.walmartfoundation.org) under "Community Scholarships."

**Rockettes golf outing**

The Salem High Rockettes will be hosting their sixth annual golf outing Saturday Aug. 12, at Salem Hills Golf Club in Northville, with registration beginning at 12:45 p.m. Participants will play 18 holes of golf in a scramble format and get a buffet-style dinner with beer provided. There will also be a \$10,000 hole-in-one contest, closest to the pin contest, first place prizes for men, women and mixed teams, a 50/50 drawing, and a silent auction. The cost of the event is \$100 per golfer. Hole sponsorships are available for \$125 and door prizes are still needed and appreciated. Registration

deadline is July 24. For more information, call Bob Chamberlain at (734) 451-2209 or e-mail him at [rdcham@wideopenwest.com](mailto:rdcham@wideopenwest.com).

**Blood drive**

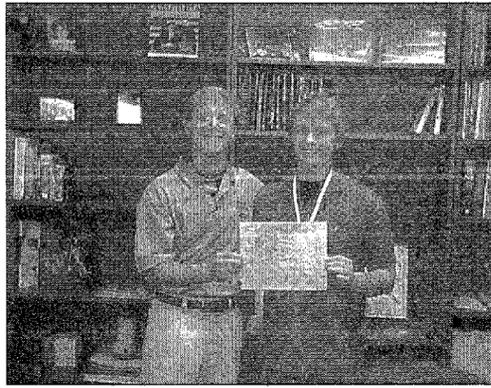
A blood drive and bone marrow registry will be held Sunday, July 16 from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Road, east of Canton Center Road in Canton. The event is co-sponsored by St. Thomas a Becket. Please call Peggy at (734) 397-8495 or Sandy (734) 844-8718 to make an appointment for donating blood. Walk-ins are welcome. There are three options available: donate blood only; donate blood and register for the bone marrow registry; or register for the bone marrow program only. The fee for registering as a potential bone marrow donor is usually \$65. However, due to a grant received for this specific occasion, the tax-deductible fee is only \$25. There is no fee for minorities to register.

**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.

**Volunteer ushers needed**

The Village Theater at



**A French master**

Belleville High student Alex Brown (right), who will be a junior in the fall, is congratulated by Principal Kevin Kelly on winning eighth place in the national Le Grand Concours French Competition, a prestigious annual competition sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French (AATF). Students in grades one-12, in all 50 states and abroad, compete against each other for prizes by taking a written test with scores being ranked against students with similar educational backgrounds. Students enter via their French teacher. 'Alex is an exceptional student,' said Susan Wenzinger, BHS French instructor. 'He contributes so much to the class. His enthusiasm for French really affects the other students in a positive way.' Brown has traveled twice to Europe with the Blue Lake International Exchange Program. He is an active member of the Belleville Community Band and has participated in the Metropolitan Youth Symphony and the University of Michigan Youth Band. Next year, in addition to French, Brown will study German plus advanced coursework in core subject areas. He hopes to graduate from the University of Michigan and begin a career as a surgeon.

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.

**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.spotlight-players.net](http://www.spotlight-players.net) or call (734) 340-4945.

**Camping and a movie**

Canton's Family Campout/Movie Night is scheduled for Friday, July 7, at Heritage Park. For a \$5 per tent fee, families can set up camp around the amphitheater and enjoy a movie at dusk. There will also be many family performers. No advance reservation necessary. This Family Camp Out is always a popular activity and is limited to tents only -- no trailers or mobile homes. Tent set up begins at noon. For more information, call Canton Leisure Services at (734) 394-5460.

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# 'I honor and remember'

The Moving Wall visit 'big deal' for veterans and their families

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Kathy Caza traveled hundreds of miles two years ago to see her brother's name, Rick James Stewart, on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

She wept Thursday as his name came to his hometown of Westland on The Moving Wall, a smaller replica of the memorial brought here through the morning of July 5 for the city's summer festival.

"This is pretty emotional," said Caza, remembering how her brother died in Vietnam on June 27, 1967. He was only 17 years old.

Caza recalled how Stewart, a Livonia Franklin High student, gave to her what couldn't be given to him during war - protection.

"He wouldn't even let me date anybody," she said, managing a smile. "He was so much fun. He had a great sense of humor. All he wanted was to be a Marine."

During a tearful opening ceremony for The Moving Wall's arrival on the east lawn of City Hall, Caza sat with survivors of nine Westland servicemen whose names are among more than 58,000 on the memorial.

## 'OVERWHELMING'

"To be invited to attend this is overwhelming to me," said Caza, who came with 19 family members. "I brought my (six) grandchildren. They've heard about my brother. But to them, he's just a name."

Hundreds of survivors, veterans and their supporters welcomed The Moving Wall to Westland, where visitors can view it 24 hours a day. On Thursday, veterans groups from Westland, Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Garden City and other communities placed wreaths by the wall - wreaths that will be turned over to the Smithsonian Institution in the nation's capital.



Kathy Caza, formerly of Westland, cannot hold back the tears as the name of her brother, Rick James Stewart, was read. He lost his life in Vietnam.

"This wall is a way to bring closure for those families who have not been able to see the names of their loved ones on the wall in Washington," said Joseph Tebor, a Livonia resident who served in military intelligence operations. He dropped Vietnamese-language leaflets over South Vietnam, North Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.

Tebor, post commander of the VFW Bova Post 9885 in Westland, was a first lieutenant when he dropped leaflets trying to convince the enemy to desert their side and help U.S. troops. He retired as a major in 1991.

"This is a big deal for veterans and their families," Tebor, 59, said Thursday, recalling how he lost a high school friend, James Wilkins, in the Vietnam War.

Flags and flowers adorned the east lawn of City Hall along with The Moving Wall during an opening ceremony that had a theme, "I Honor and Remember."

Westland Mayor Sandra Cicirelli called it "a distinct privilege and honor" for Westland to become the 1,021st community to host the

wall. City officials expect tens of thousands of visitors.

## NEVER FORGET

Thursday's ceremony included the raising of the U.S. flag, patriotic songs, a trumpeter playing *Taps* and a bagpiper performing *Amazing Grace*.

John Welchman, commander of the VFW Romanowski Post 6896 in Westland, rang a bell as he read aloud the names of the nine Westland servicemen who died in Vietnam - Caza's brother Stewart, Michael A. Blondin, Edward James Bova, Joseph M. Giusta, Steve Orris III, Dennis G. Prince, Arlie Spencer Jr., Refugio "Tommy" Teran and Joseph F. Willis.

City Clerk Eileen DeHart fought back tears as she pointed out survivors who had special seating for the ceremony. Later, DeHart remembered those who left their hometowns for Vietnam, and she paid tribute to "heroes who said goodbye - never suspecting that goodbye was forever."

As former Westland City Councilman David James sang *God Bless the U.S.A.*, the crowd spontaneously stood up, held hands and swayed. Some had tears in their eyes.

Steve Frazer, a 62-year-old Vietnam veteran and retired Westland police officer, called The Moving Wall's visit "a real honor." He and many others worked on the effort with festival Chairman Kenneth Mehl, a decorated Vietnam veteran.

"I'm proud as a peacock to see this, but it's a little sad, too," Frazer said, adding that he personally knew 27 names on the wall. As Mehl addressed the crowd, he paused as a Huey helicopter - like those used in Vietnam - flew several times over the opening ceremony. Mehl praised those who fought and who arrived in a country far from home, always wondering whether they would see home again.



PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jerry Baker, a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 387 - Westland, places a wreath alongside the Vietnam Moving Wall during the ceremony Thursday.

As the wall proved Thursday, many of them, like Caza's brother Stewart, didn't see home again.

"It's been nearly 40 years since he died," she said. "And it still makes me cry when I think about it."

The Moving Wall is on the east lawn of Westland City Hall, located on Ford Road between Newburgh and Wayne roads. Volunteers will be at the wall 24 hours through the morning of July 5, allowing visitors to view it any time of day or night. Visitors may give names from the wall to the volunteers, who can produce a computer printout detailing the location of names and other pertinent information about the deceased.

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# Leadership Canton seeking participants

Leadership Canton is now accepting applications for the 2007 leadership class. Leadership Canton is an eight-month class from October through May, and is a project designed by the Canton Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Charter Township of Canton. Established in 1994, Leadership Canton's main goal is developing leaders to meet the challenges of the future. It's a program that has been developed to help current and potential leaders broaden their awareness of leadership opportunities in the Canton Community.

Participants will learn a wide range of specific topics aimed at educating them about important topics essential to the community's well being. The class meets once every month at various locations around the community and

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discusses topics like the nature of leadership; community development; business and economic development; health and human services; local, county and state government; education; public safety and the justice system; and challenges of the future.

"We are very excited that the Leadership Canton project continues to be such an important success that promotes community involvement," said Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton Chamber Of Commerce.

"It's a great opportunity for those that are interested in local politics or want to learn how Canton works."

Registration deadline is Aug. 18, and the class costs \$800. Each day-long seminar includes a lunch. For more information visit the chamber's Web site at [www.cantonchamber.com](http://www.cantonchamber.com).

## Annual golf outing

This year's Chamber of Commerce golf classic will take

place on Tuesday, Aug. 8 at Canton's Pheasant Run Golf Club. Reservations are necessary and the deadline is July 18. This event is open to the public, and there are various packages available for purchase.

- **Golf for four package, \$550** -- Includes golf with cart for four, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, beverages on the course, BBQ Buffet Dinner banquet, prizes, gift package and more!
- **Golf for four sponsorship package, \$650** -- Includes Golf for Four Package with a Tee or Green Sponsorship, signage at the course, recognition at the dinner banquet, and a plaque
- **Individual Golf, \$150** -- Includes golf with cart, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, beverages on the course, BBQ buffet dinner banquet, prizes, gift package, and more.
- **Dinner Only, \$35** -- Tee and green sponsorships are available and affordable. If you are interested in purchasing one, call (734) 453-4040. Deadline for sponsorships is July 18, 2006.

# 'Send me a picture'

## Travel clinic nurse doles out shots, collects snapshots of patients' overseas treks

BY JUDITH DONER BERNE  
CORRESPONDENT

Linda Johnson travels thousands of miles each day - vicariously.

As the face of the Travel Health Clinic at Henry Ford Medical Center in West Bloomfield, the registered nurse and Livonia resident spends her work day administering shots and handing out prescriptions and advice to metro Detroit residents headed for foreign shores on business, as missionaries or students, and for fun and sport.

The self-described former hippie, who journeyed to 15 countries during the early '70s using a Eurail pass and staying in youth hostels, now papers the walls and doors of her office with postcards, photographs and souvenirs from clients.

"I want to go to every postcard in this room," Johnson says, waving her arms to denote her cramped office that she hopes will be expanded when the medical center opens as a full-fledged hospital in 2008.

"I tried to get the postcards to stick to the ceiling," says the irrepressible Johnson, who admits to "being born hyperactive. I came out of the womb this way."

That failed, so she began a series of scrapbooks, designated by region, as well as a display case, which greets visitors as they get off the second floor elevator where the clinic is located.

"I've got T-shirts. I've got baseball caps. I've got jewelry and purses. Someone even brought me a two-piece outfit from India."

Her energy appears contagious, as the clinic has gone from part-time to full-time over her 12 years with new clients scheduled for hour-long visits that include a film on travel health and safety. They may take away a packet of materials and prescriptions tailored to their destination as well as a



LAWRENCE MCKEE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Henry Ford Hospital R.N. Linda Johnson has numerous clients that come to her prior to traveling outside the United States to update their passport vaccination certificates - and she has the postcards to prove it.

pricked arm.

Clinic director is Dr. Mark Selitsky, an internist at Henry Ford, who is on medical leave. Although the HFH travel clinic is listed on the Internet, Johnson says most patients are word of mouth. "I do one company guy, then I get the next 20. They say 'Go see Linda, she's a real character.'"

"She's certainly an original individual," says Michael Faw, who has returned to receive his last hepatitis A/B shot after traveling to Tanzania to be married.

"It was a Masai wedding," he tells Johnson. Together they pore over the Africa scrapbook but fail to find a costume similar to what he wore to be married. "Send me a picture," Johnson implores.

"Which arm do you like?" she asks, as she wields the injection needle.

"Yours," responds Faw.

"My travelers just give it back to me," Johnson crows.

"Travelers are fun and interesting people," she says in the moments she has between clients. "We have a lot to talk about."

Evelyn Powell has come from Dearborn Heights, also for a follow-up injection, after two weeks as a missionary in South

Africa.

"She's lively," Powell says, when Johnson leaves the room for a moment. "If you have to get a shot, she's a nice person to get it from."

"Send me a picture," Johnson repeats her mantra to Powell, giving her a business card.

"I don't know if you want one of the AIDS clinic," Powell says.

"Yes, I have a missionary (scrap) book," Johnson assures her, opening it to some of the more compelling photographs she has received.

Insurance doesn't cover a travel clinic visit, even though the medicine and advice given are to prevent illness and disease. In this age of soaring medical costs, Johnson says, that's the way it has to be.

"There are so many real needs that we need insurance to cover. In general, if you can afford to travel you can pay for your shots," she says.

At the same time, she said, "I feel sorry for my missionaries. They have to raise the money to do what they do. I give them a discount on the visit, but I can't on the shots."

Henry Ford Hospital Travel Clinic is located at 6777 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Clinic hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For information, call (248) 661-7350.

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**WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2006**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**(734) 453-1234**

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following:

**SITE PLAN:**  
SP06-07

Change of Use  
Site Plan for Dental Clinic  
190 Plymouth Road  
Zoned: B-3, General Business  
Applicant: Thorough Bred Properties, LLC

**PUBLIC HEARING:**  
Zoning Ordinance Revision Concerning:  
Residential Neighborhood Compatibility  
Front Attached Garages  
Percentage of Structure Width

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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

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**MEDICINE**

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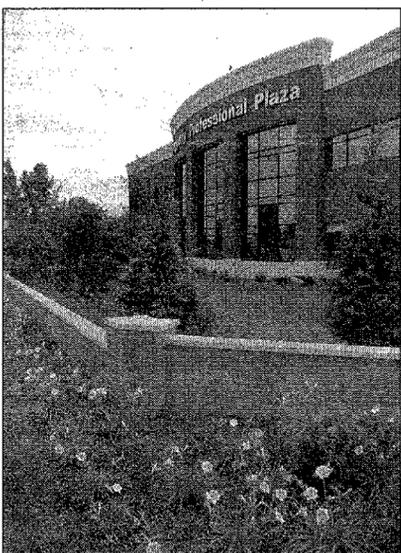
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Dr. Sarju Shah and his partners opened the Haggerty Professional Plaza near Ford Road on May 1. It houses a wide variety of medical services.

**Officials happy with golf deal**  
Company to continue managing Fellows Creek

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

The township's first golf facility is now on a course for the future, as the township board of trustees has agreed on a 10-year agreement between the township and Fellows Creek Management Inc.

"It started off as pretty simple, in terms of extending a contract, and then got side-tracked," said Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

Since 1978 Fellows Creek Management has managed the municipal course's operations. Historically, the township has received lease payments from the company and is in exchange responsible for utilities and major capital improvements and maintenance at Fellows Creek.

"(The contract process) started a couple of years ago when the lease expired," said Leisure Services Director Ann Conklin at the June 27 township board meeting. "The industry was not doing very favorably, and we decided to see what would happen in the 2004 season."

At the same time the golf industry was struggling, Canton was in the process of

re-organizing the operations of Pheasant Run, and Fellows Creek Management Company had performed satisfactorily for every contract with Canton, according to Conklin. The township did not go out for bids, and began negotiations late in 2004 with Fellows Creek Management.

By the end of 2005, negotiations were intense, but earlier this year came to an abrupt halt when a developer offered to buy the course for \$17 million, in order to build a "lifestyle" shopping center.

At the end of March, the township rejected the offer, and committed to keeping Fellows Creek Golf Course intact.

"Then negotiations were resurrected and where we ended up is good for everybody," said Yack.

The township board unanimously approved a 10-year contract with the management company.

Though the contract is much longer than the board usually favors, Fellows Creek Management's long and satisfactory history with the township worked in its favor, according to Trustee Karl Zarbo, who initially opposed

the length of the contract, especially since its much longer than the four-year terms to which the board members are elected.

In exchange for the long contract, the management company has agreed to perform nearly half of more than \$2 million in improvements at the course.

The operator will perform \$910,000 worth of improvements, Fellows Creek Management will also take responsibility for all equipment for maintenance of the course.

As part of the lease agreement, the company will pay \$150,000 per year to the township for the first five years of the contract, and \$200,000 for the second five years. The payments will be adjusted annually for inflation.

The company will pay 60 percent of all greens fees and cart revenues above \$1.25 million per year.

Conklin said the annual value to Canton, over 10 years, is \$319,000 per year, when construction savings are figured into the equation.

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**WORKERS**

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would look at each case to decide if the infraction was serious enough for termination.

Bihun said the district has always fingerprinted administrators and teachers during the hiring process, but now includes all employees as

required by state law.

"The fingerprints aren't just filed with the Michigan State Police, but with the FBI, so we can find criminal records in other states," Bihun said.

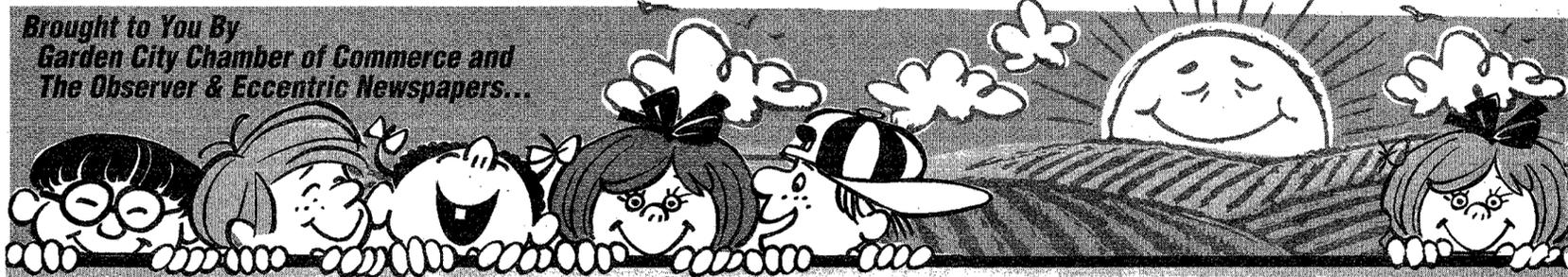
"When we interview, we check all references, and always give the applicant a form to fill out that allows for us to find records and do fingerprinting checks."

"We won't hire anyone that comes back with any kinds of concerns about them."

Bihun said even though fingerprints of prospective employees are sent to the Michigan State Police for background checks, the district performs a second check to make certain no one slips between the cracks.

"We've fingerprinted every new employee since Jan. 1," Bihun said. "We've done well over 100, and so far have done a great job."

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LEGAL NOTICE**

**CLOSE OF REGISTRATION  
FOR THE AUGUST 8, 2006  
PRIMARY ELECTION**

PLEASE NOTE: that July 10, 2006, is the last day to register for the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2006. Registration for Plymouth Township Electors will be taken at the Office of the Clerk, 9955 Haggerty Road, or at any Secretary of State Office. The Clerk's Office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. If a resident is unable to register during regular office hours a call to the Clerk can set up a convenient time for the resident. The Township Clerk's phone number is (734) 354-3224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC  
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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**CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN  
NOTICE OF  
CLOSE OF REGISTRATION  
MONDAY, JULY 10, 2006**

**TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF  
PLYMOUTH - WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN:**

Notice is hereby given that Monday, July 10, 2006 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the Primary election, Tuesday, August 8, 2006.

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the above stated jurisdiction in which you live you may do so at the following location and time listed in this notice.

Qualified electors may also register to vote or change their address in the following manner:

**IN PERSON:**

At your City Clerk's office from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, or at the office of any County Clerk during their normal business hours.

At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the State during their normal business hours.

At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the blind.

**BY MAIL:**

By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting:

Linda Langmesser, CMC, City Clerk  
(734) 459-1234, ext. 234 or 225

201 S. Main Street  
Plymouth, MI 48170

Note: A person who registered to vote by mail is required to vote in person in the City where they live, unless they are at least 60 years of age or handicapped.

LINDA LANGMESSER, CMC, City Clerk

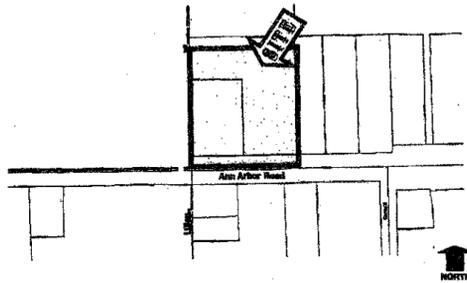
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

**PROPOSED ACTION:** Request Approval of a Special Land Use  
**DATE OF HEARING:** Wednesday, July 19, 2006  
**TIME OF HEARING:** 7:00 P.M.  
**PLACE OF HEARING:** Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting **Special Land Use Approval** for a Temporary Storage of New Automobiles in the Ann Arbor Road Corridor District (ARC), on Tax IDs R-78-060-99-0027-002 & R-78-060-99-0025-000, (property addresses are 42350 Ann Arbor Road and 42370 Ann Arbor Road) pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, Section 14.2-3 (j)  
**Application 1933** Applicant, Charter Township of Plymouth



**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID Nos. R-78-060-99-0027-002; and R-78-060-99-0025-000

The application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N. Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170-4673 or call 734-354-3270 ext. 6. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, MI 48170

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE:** The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone 734-354-3201. TDD users: 800-849-3777 (Michigan Relay Service).

KENDRA BARBERENA, SECRETARY  
PLANNING COMMISSION

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**SPORTS**

**Parade, picnic top 4th**  
Annual family fun highlights holiday

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Bob Shelton has never lived in Plymouth; but he considers it home.

Shelton, a former Livonia resident, graduated in 1948 from the old Plymouth High School (currently Central Middle School), when students from surrounding communities also attended the school.

"Even though I grew up in Livonia, I consider Plymouth my hometown," said Shelton, who now resides in San Antonio. "I always have. I like the small-town atmosphere."

Shelton, 75, likes Plymouth so much that for the second year in a row he and his wife, Ilene, will be visiting his adopted hometown during the first week in July, specifically to attend the Good Morning USA Parade in downtown Plymouth.

"It's what Fourth of July is all about, the Revolutionary soldiers and the drum-and-bugle corps," Shelton said. "It brought tears to my eyes, it's so patriotic. It seems to me small-town America personified."

Stories like Shelton's make Fred Hill smile. For the past 10 years, Hill has organized the earliest Independence Day parade in Michigan — 7:30 a.m. — which is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth.

"The first couple of years was like paddling upstream, trying to make it all happen... financially, logistically, putting a product on the street everyone would be proud of," said Hill, remembering his first parade a decade ago. "It felt like a heavy responsibility."

Hill weathered the challenge, and now has it running like a well-oiled machine.

"The amount of feedback we get is extremely rewarding," Hill said. "People are always very complimentary about the entertainment value, that there are a lot of things that aren't



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band is always a crowd favorite at Plymouth's Fourth of July parade.

seen in other parades."

While for onlookers the parade runs smooth as silk, Hill said everything isn't always as it appears.

"I remember the year we had three skydivers to start the parade," he said. "The wind kicked up and only one landed on Main Street. Where the other two landed, we still don't know. I hope they've found them by now."

One of the most memorable moments, two years ago when a torrential downpour soaked the parade.

"Everybody but one group still marched," said Hill, still seemingly amazed by that. "And the bulk of the spectators stayed. That was a real compliment to the people in the parade and the spectators."

Hill said there are three criteria when it comes to designing each year's parade line-up.

"We serve our sponsors, who we're very grateful to, so we want to give them value for their investment," Hill said.

"We want to serve the people who are in the parade. And we want to serve the spectators, so at the end they will say 'gosh, I'm glad I went to that parade.'"

The Fourth of July will also mark the 10th anniversary of

the Good Old-Fashioned Picnic, which begins shortly after the parade ends at Plymouth Township Park.

"It's called the Good Old-Fashioned Picnic because everything — hot dogs, pop, chips and ice cream — are only a nickel, just like the old days," said Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards, who has put together the event since it began. "It's an opportunity where people can go out and have a great time. It's old-fashioned fun, simple stuff."

The first year, the community picnic drew about 400 people. Edwards estimates last year nearly 3,000 people showed up to eat and enjoy games and contest.

Edwards said the picnic doesn't use township funds, and credits corporate sponsors and volunteers for the longevity of the event.

For the past five years, Tom and Pat Rener of Plymouth Township — along with daughters Katie, 15 and Megan, 14 — spend hours handing out most of the 5,000 hot dogs to those who stand in line and pay their nickels.

"We originally got involved because we wanted to show the girls what it's like to give back

**FUN ON THE FOURTH**

- What: 10th annual Good Morning U.S.A. Parade
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- Where: Downtown Plymouth

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- Where: In front of Central Middle School, corner of Church and Main

- What: Plymouth Township Picnic
- When: 11 a.m.
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to the community," said Pat Rener.

"It's also nice to see our neighbors and friends."

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**Planners set to meet**

The Canton Planning Commission will meet 7 p.m. Monday, July 10, on the first floor of Canton's Administration Building. Items on the agenda include:

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- Geric Beck Road Investments rezoning -- Consider request to rezone. Property is located on the east side of Denton Road and south of Geddes Road.
- J.B. Donaldson rezoning -- Consider request to rezone from LI-R, Light Industrial Research Park to LI-L, Light Industrial. Property is located on the east side of Haggerty Road and south of Palmer Road.

**SITE PLANS**

- Canton Christian Fellowship modification -- Consider request for site plan modification. Property is located on the southwest corner of Joy Road and Ronda Drive.
- MMB Office Building -- Consider request for re-approval of site plan. Property is located south of Joy Road and west of Sheldon Road.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Super Liquor -- Refer review of proposed site plan to staff. Property is located south of Ford Road and east of Haggerty Road.
- McDonald's rebuild -- Refer review of proposed site plan to staff. Property is located north of Ford Road and west of Sheldon Road.
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# The American Dream: Is it slipping away?

"What is at stake is more than our paychecks and benefits. What's at stake is our shared vision of an America that lives up to its promise of freedom, opportunity, dignity and social and economic justice for all. That's our American Dream."

— Ron Gettelfinger, president, United Auto Workers, June 12, 2006

Gettelfinger's comments at the UAW convention in Las Vegas will be a rallying cry for UAW members and their blue-collar working colleagues. It should also serve as a powerful message to everyone.

Michigan and America are clinging to the precipice of life-altering change. This is the time for us to come together in search of a shared vision and common agenda that will preserve a quality, middle-class living for those who have reached that rung of the economic ladder and to lift up those that strive to achieve this status.

There are unprecedented global, disruptive, transformational shifts taking place today. The question, as Gettelfinger articulates, is not how to wish away the collateral damage of globalization, but rather, to exploit it to optimize opportunities for the largest possible proportion of the world's humanity.

Our American Dream must transcend the waters that surround us. We must also focus on lifting up the countless millions who exist on less than \$2 per day and who are grateful for water to drink and a shelter to call home.

We are living in an age of massive turbulence. Today, our reality revolves around instant communication, globalization, technology morphing, off shoring and outsourcing. Ours is a world where ideas and work can and do move around the world instantaneously and effortlessly.

John P. Kotler, author of the book *Leading Change*, offers this advice in his followup book, *The Heart of Change*.

"People change what they do — less because they are given analysis that shifts their thinking, than because they are shown a truth that influences their feeling." He goes on to say, "This is especially so in large-scale organizational change, where you are dealing with new technologies, mergers and acquisitions, restructuring, new strategies, cultural transformation, globalization and e-business."

Our challenge is that we are confronting these changes simultaneously.

As Kotler says, "In an age of turbulence, when you handle this reality well, you win. When you don't, you lose."

It will rest on our leaders to help; not simply by giving information and analysis to shift our thinking, but to show us and model the way that will influence our feelings and help guide our

actions.

A clear test in how this view of change will play out is the 2006 gubernatorial election.

The reality of our anemic economy looms large with 7.2 percent unemployment. The second show of pending layoffs at Ford, GM, Delphi and other manufacturers has yet to fall. We are shedding good, middle-class jobs faster than many of us can shed a few pounds.

Do we look into the rear view mirror and long for the days when Russia, India and China had closed economies, when China was not a member of World Trade Organization, when NAFTA and CAFTA were just letters in the alphabet and when U.S. automakers held a healthier portion of auto market share and Japanese and Korean cars were viewed as junk?

Will our politicians simply blame Washington, rail at unfair trade agreements, complain about low wages in China, whine about the SBT or the fact that the Michigan Legislature is controlled by the Republicans and the governor's office by a Democrat? Complaining about these realities will not produce a job for the 50-year-old who has been laid off or the 20-something looking to begin his or her career.

The candidate or leader that can show the people the truth and help them envision a different and better future and model the way with productive actions and will garner the most votes.

This is the vision Gettelfinger was invoking when he spoke to the men and woman of the UAW. While his speech was directed to his membership, the message should be heard by all of us. Yes, our new reality is hard, painful and extremely disruptive.

We need leaders to acknowledge these truths and help forge a new reality. Our world has changed. Different times require new scripts. As Gettelfinger reminded his members, "40 years ago, at our 1966 (UAW) convention, Walter Reuther said, 'We can't solve the challenges of tomorrow with the tools of today.'"

Who will be the Abraham Lincoln, Winston Churchill, FDR, JFK or Ronald Reagan who will inspire us to preserve a nation, save the world, place a man on the moon and remind us better days lie ahead? Who will bridge the gulf from fear to security, from looking back to looking forward, from despair to hope? The candidate that can help us imagine a better future, will be there with us when we arrive.

We need to pay attention and vote as if the American Dream, which Gettelfinger passionately spoke about, lies in the balance — because it does.

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# Ballot proposal will advance a society based on merit

The Michigan Civil Rights Initiative is a proposal on which the people of Michigan will vote in November. If passed, the MCRI will amend the Michigan Constitution by adding Section 26 to Article I which will prohibit state and local government discrimination or preferential treatment in the areas of public employment, public contracting and/or public education to any individual or group based on race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin.

Our current system is one which gives preferential treatment based on race. If any preference must be given, it should be based on something more viable, such as socio-economic status, which would not neglect the thousands of non-black and non-Hispanic students who grow up with various disadvantages. For example, under our current system of granting college admissions due to racial preferences, the grandchildren of Jesse Jackson (a millionaire who wears \$1,000 dollar suits and flies in a private jet) are given preference over the

poor non-black/non-Hispanic child whose father was killed fighting in Iraq. Similarly, the black/Hispanic student at Brother Rice, Country Day, and Catholic Central is given preference over the non-black/non-Hispanic student at John Glenn, Taylor Truman, and Annapolis High School.

Opponents of the MCRI claim race is only one of many factors taken into account when students apply to colleges. However, if two students have nearly identical credentials but are different races, then race does become the decisive factor regarding whom to admit. A comprehensive admissions policy which includes race as one of many factors is not acceptable because it is still discriminatory in nature. Proponents of racial preferences and racial discrimination attempt to quantify their policies by hiding under the guise of diversity.

While there may be an educational aspect to having a diverse student body, this does not justify racial discrimination. Furthermore, it is lamentable that unity does not receive the solicitude diversity does. Michigan has always been rich in diversity; should not unity instead of diversity be the altruistic goal?

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research into breast cancer or other gender-specific diseases may be affected, domestic violence shelters may be eliminated, and breast cancer screening centers may be eliminated. The truth is that the MCRI only affects public employment, public contracting, and public education. Breast Cancer screening and domestic violence shelters still exist today in California where Proposition 209 passed. They will still exist in Michigan if the MCRI passes.

Opponents of the MCRI have failed to justify their use of racial preferences and racial discrimination. Their rebuke of the MCRI is tantamount to paranoid scare tactics. Contrary to what some opponents of the MCRI claim, the MCRI will not prohibit females and minorities from taking math and science classes nor will it deny blacks/Hispanics any civil rights. If the MCRI is passed it will not "turn back the clock on Title IX." Sadly, many MCRI opponents have also resorted to ad hominem character attacks in addition to their litany of unsubstantiated claims.

Voting "Yes" on the MCRI this fall will advance our society by making it one in which merit and achievement, not the color of a person's skin, are the ultimate indicators of success. This ballot proposal poses a simple question: Will we continue to tolerate racial discrimination or will we choose to live in a more equitable society? By voting "Yes" on the MCRI we can end the bizarre, racist, and antiquated practice of treating people differently because of the color of their skin.

Ben Gurk is a former U.S. Marine who served two tours in Iraq and currently teaches history/social studies at the Tinkham Adult/Alternative Education Center in Westland.



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# Deputy, sheriff warn of Internet predators, fraud

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

The Internet has brought benefits to many lives, but Deputy Ray Johnson of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department sees its downside. "We have to be careful what kind of information we provide on the Internet," Johnson told members and guests Thursday at a Westland Rotary luncheon. He cited the work he and colleagues do in the Internet Crime Unit, founded in 1998. "We're a model for other agencies across the United States," Johnson said during the meeting at the Sgt. S. Romanowski VFW Post. The sheriff's department worked with the Westland Police Department on a recent case involving a local Internet predator who owned a tobacco shop. "Do I look like a 13-year-old girl?" Johnson said, explaining that chat rooms are popular with young people who often share personal information. With instant messaging, predators can isolate victims one-on-one for conversation. "For some reason on the com-

**Sheriff Warren Evans and others in law enforcement attended the Thursday meeting. Evans noted increased deed fraud at the county Register of Deeds office.**

puter, people answer this question on a regular basis," Johnson said of age/sex/location inquiries. He described Internet profiles which include photos. Johnson noted the popularity of MySpace.com, a Web site he believes should be limited to those age 18 and older. Johnson showed Web cams, which have beneficial uses for distant family and business teleconferencing. Unfortunately, some people disrobe on Web cams. He cited the Public Sex Offender Registry of the Michigan State Police, a good tool but not totally accurate. Johnson warned against "phishing" in which spam, popups and junk mail are used online to obtain personal information. "Nobody will ever ask you for your ATM PIN number," he said in displaying a

fraudulent inquiry he received. Mail theft, stolen purses and wallets and discarded trash are other sources of personal information which can lead to identity theft. "People get credit card applications all the time" and discard them, the deputy said. Thieves can grab trash and apply for a bogus card. Johnson recommended reporting theft of your identity to the credit reporting bureaus, Equifax, Experian and Trans Union. "Let them know you've been a victim," Johnson said. Sheriff Warren Evans and others in law enforcement attended the Thursday meeting. Evans noted increased deed fraud at the county Register of Deeds office. "Check to make sure your house still belongs to you," Evans said. "If someone is

messing with your title, let's get on it earlier." Criminals have been filing fraudulent quit claim deeds and obtaining mortgages. Information is available online at waynecounty.com. Evans praised Westland Police Chief Daniel Pfannes and his department, noting sheriff's personnel can extract from computers material the user thought had been erased. The sheriff said there have been nearly 70 Internet cases, and his department is proud of the 100 percent conviction rate. "We know we're only getting the tip of the iceberg." Pfannes was pleased to have the sheriff's department in town. "I thought he did a fantastic job," the chief said of Johnson's presentation, which he said was thorough and easy to understand. "I think it's definitely a generational thing," Pfannes said of parents who grew up without the Internet. Parents monitor stranger danger for kids. "And yet we seem to be not as careful when they're surfing the Internet."

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# Man dies in county jail

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

The Wayne County Sheriff's Department is investigating the death of a 46-year-old Lincoln Park man Thursday in the Dickerson jail facility in Hamtramck. "It was a drunk driving-related violation," department spokesman John Roach said. The man's name wasn't being released Thursday, pending notification of family. According to Roach, an officer discovered the inmate unresponsive in his cell, and staff tried CPR without success. "He was pronounced dead at the scene," Roach said. The county medical examiner's office is involved. Roach said, and the sheriff's department will investigate as a possible homicide, a routine practice. "We're trying to figure out if it's natural causes," he said. The Lincoln Park man was alone in his cell when found shortly before noon Thursday. "As the investigation proceeds, hopefully we'll know more soon," Roach added.



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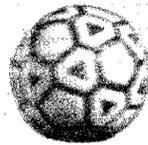
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# SPORTS

## Local soccer fans get a kick out of 'Cup'

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Local interest in the World Cup soccer tournament hasn't taken a detour in the wake of a quick exit by the United States.

That's the unanimous observation of some of the area's most-knowledgeable soccer aficionados, who agree that a large number of metro Detroiters still care about who's going to win what's widely considered the world's

most-popular sporting event. "It seems like the adults are getting into the World Cup this year as much as the kids," said Bryan "Goose" Finnerty, the lead owner of High Velocity Sports in Canton. "Eight years ago when the World Cup came on, the kids would ask their mom or dad if they could watch it, then there would be a little moan before the parent would say, 'Oh, I guess, if you really want to.' This year, from what I've seen, the adults are watching

it more. They're getting together in groups and watching it together. When the kids see this, it's almost like getting permission from their parents to get excited about it." Through Saturday, there were only four teams remaining in the World Cup field, which started with 32 two weeks ago. The United States failed to reach the round of 16 after compiling an 0-2-1 record.

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### WHO'S GOING TO WIN?

Following are the predictions of a few area soccer experts and media representatives who were asked to pick the winner of the 2006 World Cup soccer tournament. The predictions were made prior to Saturday's games:

- High Velocity Sports lead owner Bryan "Goose" Finnerty - Brazil;
- High Velocity Sports general manager Drew Crawford - Brazil;
- Detroit Ignition president Greg Bibb - England;
- Plymouth/Canton sports editor Ed Wright - Italy;
- Livonia/Westland sports editor Brad Emons - Brazil; and
- Farmington sports editor Dan O'Meara - Germany.

## Sidelines

### Ignition tryouts

The Detroit Ignition professional soccer team, which will begin playing games at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township in November, will be holding open team tryouts at Canton's High Velocity Sports facility from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23.

For more information, visit [www.detroitignition.com](http://www.detroitignition.com) or contact Lindsey Gamrod at [Lindsey.gamrod@hantzgroup.com](mailto:Lindsey.gamrod@hantzgroup.com).

The Ignition will open the 2006-07 season at home on Nov. 4.

### Cubs win

The Canton Cubs recently placed first in the Canton Little League's Major Division (11- and 12-year-olds) with an impressive 9-3-1 record. The team consisted of Ryan Sielgler, John Etienne, Justin Thompson, Derek Gielarowski, Craig Solarz, Irene Pool, Michael Pool, Ty McMahan, Joey Etienne, Chris New and Nathan Michalik.

The team was coached by Dave Solarz and Greg Etienne.

### Golf outing

The 2006 Plymouth Wildcat Football Golf Outing will be held Saturday, July 29 at Hickory Creek Golf Course, located at Ford and Napier roads in Canton. The check-in time for the four-person scramble is 1 p.m. with a 2 p.m. shotgun start. The \$10-per-player fee includes a post-outing steak dinner. The cost to attend just the dinner is \$35.

For more information, contact Paul Gilbert at (734) 735-2661.

### X-C conditioning

The Plymouth High School boys cross country team will be holding non-mandatory summer conditioning workouts at both 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. throughout the summer. The team will meet at Plymouth High School near the junior-varsity stadium.

### Hole-in-one

Plymouth resident Scott Lock, 35, aced the 168-yard sixth hole on the Fox Hills' Golden Fox layout on June 18. Lock, who shot a 44 for the round, used a seven iron to record his memorable shot.

### YMCA tennis

The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering tennis lessons with the assistance of a local tennis professional. The two-week sessions, for kids with varying skill levels between the ages of 7 and 14, will run on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays July 10-19, July 24 to Aug. 2 and Aug. 14-23.

For more information, contact the YMCA office at (734) 453-2904.

## In search of Observerland's Best Miniature Golf Holes



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James Hammons and grandson Marlon Johnson, both of Canton, tackle one of the toughest holes at Sportway, a downhill shot from the highest point on the course.



Chad Pounders hits his tee shot on the 18th hole at Ford Rd. Miniature Golf in Garden City on Thursday as (from left) Jacob Erme, Kevin Nisun, Brian Nisun, Mason Wypych and Torin MacGregor look on. The kids were celebrating Kevin Nisun's birthday.

## Mini golf, major fun

### Five-course, five-day journey reveals area's ultimate miniature-golf holes

I thought it would be fun to set out on a week-long trek to find the best 18 miniature golf holes in Observerland. OK, it wasn't quite as awe-inspiring as playing Pebble Beach, Spyglass, Winged Foot and Oakland Hills on four consecutive days, but it was fun.

It was also challenging (too many snowmen on the scorecards), embarrassing (I lost a ball in a McDonald's restaurant parking lot; details below), frustrating (one hole was so difficult, I finally just wrote the word "infinity" under my name on the scorecard), and exhilarating (when my only ace of the week found the bottom of the cup).

Accompanied by my 5-year-old son, Ben, I played five courses (90 holes) in five days. The layouts ranged from '60s retro (Oasis Golf Center in Livonia) to

glow-in-the-dark modern (Glo-Golf in Canton).

The difficulty of the 90 holes ranged from hazard-less, straight-down-the-middle, I-could-ace-this-in-my-sleep easy to even-Phil-Mickelson-would-get-a-12-on-this-insane-hole difficult.

When I explained what I was doing to Cara Gray, an employee at Oasis, she smiled and said, "What a fun job!"

She was right — for the most part. Approximately 20 minutes after I talked to her, my first shot on the 12th hole of her course hopped off the fairway, through a 12-foot-high Cyclone fence and into the adjoining McDonald's parking lot. The shot gave new meaning to the term "drive-thru."

The situation really got embarrassing when I had to shout "Fore!" at a family walking from the fast-food restaurant to their car.

### QUICK THINKING

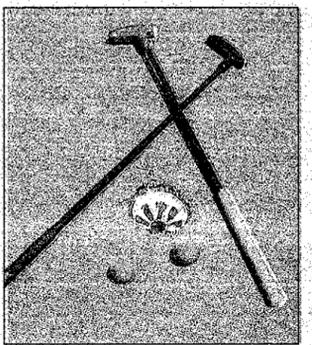
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### WHERE TO PLAY

Following are the five miniature golf courses located in the Observerland vicinity:

- Armstrong's Funland, 8787 Belleville Rd., Van Buren Township (18 holes);
- Ford Rd. Miniature Golf, 29060 Ford Rd., Garden City (18 holes);
- Oasis Golf Center, 39500 5 Mile Rd., Livonia (18 holes plus driving range)
- Sport-Way of Westland, 38520 Ford Rd., Westland (36 holes)
- Glo-Golf, 42130 Ford Rd., Canton (18 holes).



## King's gymnastics moves turn to gold

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Canton gymnast Samantha King had a few jitters while competing at the USAG Eastern National Championships April 21 in Nashville, Tenn.

You never would have known it by her performance.

King, an eighth-grader-to-be at Discovery Middle School, captured gold medals in the Level 9 Junior B Division's all-around and balance beam competitions with scores of 37.325 and 9.525, respectively.

King was competing against 49 other top-notch gymnasts from throughout the United States.

The first-place showings at the Vanderbilt University-hosted compe-

tion were King's first as a Level 9 competitor.

Judging by her scores, they won't be her last.

"I was pretty nervous the whole time," admitted King, who trains at the Westland-based Michigan Academy of Gymnastics. "But I just tried to concentrate and do what my coaches taught me to do."

King, who moved to Canton from Stratford, Ontario, Canada, when she was 6, was introduced to her first set of uneven bars and a balance beam at the age of 3.

"I've always liked gymnastics because it's always challenging," said King, who trains up to 25 hours a week during the summer. "Plus, it lets me get my energy out, and I have a lot of energy."

King is coached by Doug Rowe and Kami Gotchev.

"The coaches are the main reason I chose Michigan Academy of Gymnastics over the other places when I moved here," said King. "They push me to get better, plus they make it fun."

Although she realizes it's a lofty goal, King has her sights set on making the 2012 U.S. Olympic team that will compete in London.

"That's my dream," she said. King also posts high scores in the classroom.

She has studied her way to a 4.0 grade-point average at Discovery with one year of middle school to go.

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Samantha King is flanked by her Michigan Academy of Gymnastics coaches Doug Rowe and Kami Gotchev. King, 13, was the Eastern U.S. Level 9 all-around and balance-beam champion in a national meet held at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., in April.

**CUP**

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"I think the interest was extremely high, especially before the United States got eliminated," said Andrew Crawford, the general manager of High Velocity. "I think some of that had to do with the amount of TV coverage it's been getting. Even now, with the U.S. out of it, we'll have the World Cup games on our TVs during camps and the kids still seem to have an interest in who wins the games."

"If the United States would have advanced further, there would have been an explosion of interest, probably equal to the way it was when the U.S. hosted the World Cup in 1994," said Greg Bibb, the president of the Major Indoor Soccer League's Detroit Ignition, which will open its inaugural season at the Compuware Sports Arena in November.

Bibb said a strong U.S. run through the tournament would have indirectly aided the Ignition and every other professional soccer team playing in this country.

"Any time soccer takes over the world stage and the United States' team is on that stage, it helps all of the professional teams to some degree because the media pays more attention to the sport and the fans follow it more," said Bibb.

All three soccer buffs agreed that youngsters can learn a lot by watching the remaining World Cup matches, which will be broadcast live by ABC and ESPN.

"The biggest things the young players can learn from

watching the World Cup games are the ball movement and the unselfish play by the players," said Crawford. "I would advise youngsters to pick out the player on the field who is playing the position they play and watch what they do. It's a great way to learn."

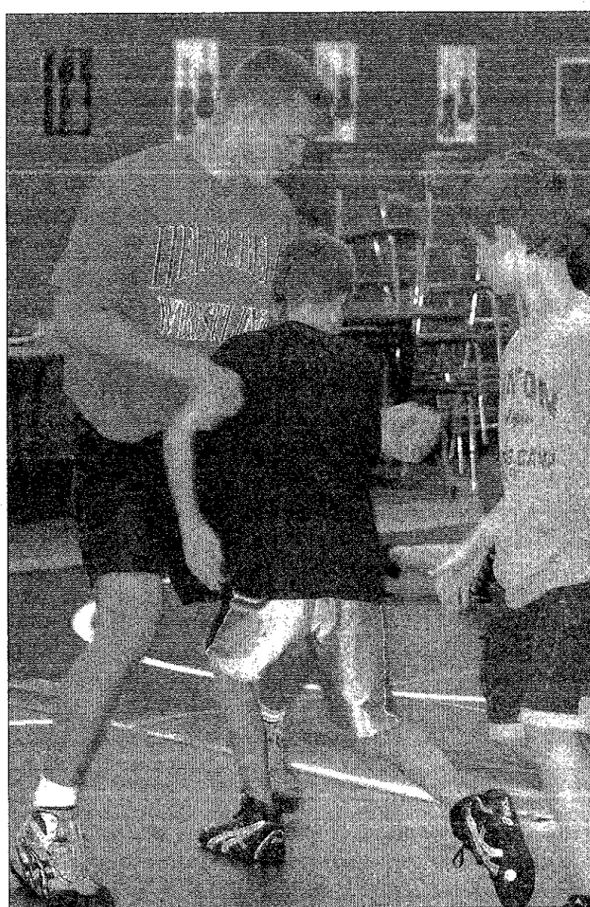
"Any time you have the best of the best coming together at one place and one time to play in a tournament like this, it's a great opportunity for young players to watch and learn," said Bibb. "This doesn't happen very often — once every four years — so the young players should take advantage of the chance they have to watch the best players in the world."

Finnerty said young players can learn valuable lessons by watching things beyond the players' skills.

"You have the best-of-the-best players out there for 90-plus minutes playing for their teams and their countries in some pretty fierce competition," Finnerty said. "But when the games are over — no matter how rough the game got — they get together and shake hands."

"I think it's important that young players realize the sacrifice a lot of these players are making, too, for their team and country. Each player on each World Cup team is a superstar on the teams they play for before and after the World Cup. But they quickly learn what their roles are once the tournament starts and they adjust so that they can help their team win."

"That's an important thing for young kids to see."  
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BRIDGET KONSITZKE

**Mat moves**

A member of the Heidelberg (Ohio) University wrestling team displays a move to a youngster at the Canton Wrestling Camp last week. The camp drew 50 youngsters between the ages of 8 and 18.

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 (at Livonia's Ford Field)  
 Oakland Cubs vs. Det. Eagles, 5:45 p.m.  
 Mich. Monarchs vs. Mich. Bulls, 8:15 p.m.  
**Friday, July 7**  
 (at Livonia's Ford Field)  
 Mich. Bulls vs. Det. Eagles, 5:45 p.m.  
 Oakland Cubs vs. Park Athletic, 8:15 p.m.  
 (at Saline High School)  
 Mich. Monarchs vs. Mich. Rams, 6 p.m.  
**Sunday, July 9**  
 (at Livonia's Ford Field)  
 Det. Eagles vs. Mich. Monarchs (2), noon.

Mich. Rams vs. Oakland Cubs (2), 5 p.m.  
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 Park Athletic vs. Mich. Bulls, 6 p.m.  
**UNITED SOCCER LEAGUES MEN'S PREMIER DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE**  
**Tuesday, July 4**  
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**Saturday, July 8**  
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**W-LEAGUE**  
**Friday, July 7**  
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**Sunday, July 9**  
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The Salem boys soccer team will begin optional summer conditioning sessions soon for all players who plan on playing on one of the Rocks' three teams in the fall.

Sessions will begin 6-8 p.m. July 5 and continue every Monday, Wednesday and Friday through July 21. The workouts will be held in front of Canton High School's Phase III facility.

Players should bring soccer shoes, shin guards and water.

For more information, contact Salem soccer coach Ed McCarthy at (248) 561-2846.

**CANTON X-COUNTRY**

Nonmandatory summer conditioning sessions

have begun for anyone interested in trying out for the Canton boys cross country team in the fall. The team will meet at 8 a.m. on weekday mornings outside Canton High School's Phase III facility.

Training sessions will consist of a warm-up run, stretching, workout run, cool down and more stretching. Runners are encouraged to bring their own water. Contact one of the team's captains: David Catalan at (734) 455-3045, Derek Hoerman at (734) 454-5746 or Aaron McClellan at (734) 981-7438. Interested participants are encouraged to send an e-mail to mcllellan1982@vowway.com with their name, phone number and e-mail address so that they can be kept updated.

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**WHO'S NUMBER ONE?**  
 It all seemed so simple. Just a par four on the 18th hole of the 106th US Open Championship was all Phil Mickelson needed to win his third consecutive major and assume the title of "The best golfer in the world." Even a bogey would guarantee him a playoff with eventual winner Geoff Ogilvy.

What happened next was golf infamy. It was reminiscent of Lefty's tee shot at Oakland Hills in the 2004 Ryder Cup. There he was paired with Tiger Woods and sliced a tee shot so far left that only a fence kept it on the property.

The look on Tiger's face as he watched will forever be in my mind. Tiger had to play that shot from there in the alternate shot format at the Ryder Cup.

The only difference this past Sunday at Winged Foot was there was no Tiger. Woods had missed his first cut at a major since turning professional. Mickelson's tee shot however was a carbon copy.

His drive traveled over the trees and hit a building. A building. And no they did not erect that building in the middle of his backswing.

What ensued was what NBC's Johnny Miller called "maybe the biggest collapse in US Open history." Lefty then hit a tree, a bunker, and the rough once again. It was a double bogey six, hand delivering the championship to Ogilvy, who watched with astonishment from the clubhouse.

Tiger Woods has yet to blow any tournament, let alone a major in such fashion. Let's be honest here. Mickelson just flat out choked. He had a chance to change the way he is perceived as the "second or third best". He may never recover from this.

Until someone proves otherwise, Tiger is still the best.

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**MINI GOLF**

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a ball on a miniature golf course, I quickly walked toward Ben in an effort to snatch his ball and make it look like the 5-year-old was the one who hooked his drive onto the asphalt. But as soon as I got to within grabbing distance, he put a death grip on his ball and flashed a "Don't even think about it!" look at me.

Earlier that week, at Glo-Golf, my ball got wedged under the foot of a triceratops. Now, that's something that doesn't happen every day at Fellows Creek, Hilltop or Pheasant Run.

Yes, there were mishaps along the way, but overall, it was an enjoyable experience.

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My criteria for ranking each hole worked like this: In order to be ranked highly, the hole had to be both fun and challenging. Holes could earn a possible 20 points — or, since we're talking miniature golf here — 20 windmills. Holes were rated on both a "Fun Factor" and a "Difficulty Factor." The scale for both was 1 to 10 windmills, with 10

being the best.

The five courses I played were: Armstrong's Funland in Van Buren Township, Glo-Golf, Sport-Way in Westland, Ford Road Miniature Golf in Garden City and Oasis. They were all in great shape and challenging in their own way.

Here are my final rankings. The 18th-best hole is listed first with the best hole bringing up the rear.

**THE TOP 18**

**No. 18** — The 5th hole at Armstrong's Funland: Amazingly, this was the only hole of the 90 I played that had a windmill. Everybody knows you can't have a "Best 18" miniature golf hole list without a windmill hole. **FUN FACTOR:** 6.0 windmills; **DIFFICULTY FACTOR:** 2.5 windmills; **TOTAL:** 8.5 windmills.

**No. 17** — 9th hole at Glo-Golf: In order to reach the tee, you have to step through the mouth of a huge shark. In order to reach the hole, you have to hit the ball squarely through a smaller shark's jaws. It must have been designed by that great miniature golf course architect, Peter Benchley. **FUN:** 6.0; **DIFFICULTY:** 3.0; **TOTAL:** 9.0.

**No. 16** — 3rd hole at Glo-

Golf: This may be the coolest-looking hole of the 90 I played. The only thing keeping it from appearing lower on the list is that it's not real challenging. The tee shot goes up a 10-foot ramp and into a huge pyramid. The ball then disappears briefly before falling onto a lower level to the left. **FUN:** 8.5; **DIFFICULTY:** 1.0; **TOTAL:** 9.5.

**No. 15** — 10th hole at Glo-Golf: Very similar to the pyramid hole, but on this one the tee shot disappears into a 20-foot high volcano before re-appearing on the other side. **FUN:** 7.5; **DIFFICULTY:** 2.5; **TOTAL:** 10.0.

**No. 14** — 5th hole at Ford Road Miniature Golf: Players have to hit their drive over a two-foot-high mound then onto a ramp that leads to a narrow ledge 20 feet away. The hole is situated on the ledge, making it difficult to reach. Comparable to the island-green hole at the Tournament Players Championship. **FUN:** 4.0; **DIFFICULTY:** 6.5; **TOTAL:** 10.5.

**No. 13** — 8th hole at Sport-Way: Be advised to barely tap your first shot on this curving, downhill, dog-leg left or it will sail past the hole faster than Randy Moss running a fly pattern past the Lions' free safety. **FUN:** 5.0; **DIFFICULTY:** 6.0; **TOTAL:** 11.0.

**No. 12** — 8th hole at Oasis: Shaped like a hairpin, this hole is un-aceable. If you get a hole-in-one on this one, send me the video and I'll personally buy you a lifetime supply of miniature golf pencils. **FUN:** 3.5; **DIFFICULTY:** 8.0; **TOTAL:** 11.5.

**No. 11** — 4th hole at Oasis: A hook comes in handy on this one-of-a-kind hole that requires a 360-degree shot around a rocket. **FUN:** 7.0; **DIFFICULTY:** 5.0; **TOTAL:** 12.0.

**No. 10** — 1st hole at Armstrong's: A 20-something-pound, four-foot-high weight attached to a string hangs within a half-inch from the top of the hole. When the player is ready to hit, his or her partner swings the weight back and forth over the hole. If the player mis-times his shot, the weight hits the ball and sends it sailing onto a runway at Willow Run Airport two miles away. Props to whoever thought of this hole. **FUN:** 6.5;

**DIFFICULTY:** 6.0; **TOTAL:** 12.5.

**MAKING THE TURN...**

**No. 9** — 12th hole at Oasis: This is the hole I lost my ball on in the McDonald's parking lot. Enough said. **FUN:** 4.0; **DIFFICULTY:** 9.0; **TOTAL:** 13.0.

**No. 8** — 16th hole at Armstrong's: This was — by far — the most difficult hole I played. If Tiger Woods plays this hole, I guarantee you he launches his putter into the adjoining mobile-home park within 30 seconds of his tee shot. Since I have more composure than Tiger, it took 45 seconds before my putter took flight (just kidding!). The hole is located on top of an ant hill. You have to play it to believe it. **FUN:** 4.0; **DIFFICULTY:** 10.0; **TOTAL:** 14.0.

**No. 7** — 14th hole at Sport-Way: If you hit your tee shot too far left on this straight downhill hole, it hits a rock and is directed into a fast-moving stream before coming out of a pipe 20 feet downhill and onto the green. It's the only time I've enjoyed hitting a golf ball into water. **FUN:** 8.5; **DIFFICULTY:** 6.0; **TOTAL:** 14.5.

**No. 6** — 6th hole at Ford Road Miniature Golf: This one is called the "Big Dipper" and for good reason. Use your imagination. **FUN:** 7.0; **DIFFICULTY:** 9.0; **TOTAL:** 16.0.

**No. 5** — 14th hole at Ford Road Miniature Golf: This one is much like the ant hill hole at Armstrong's only it has a larger cup. You won't ace it, but you won't get a 12 either. **FUN:** 8.0; **DIFFICULTY:** 8.5; **TOTAL:** 16.5.

**No. 4** — 16th hole at Glo-Golf: As a pair of pterodactyls circle overhead, this spacious hole requires you to maneuver around a large, snake-infested tree and find the cup, which is on an elevated green close to 30 feet away. Farring this hole is more difficult than trying to spell pterodactyls. **FUN:** 9.0; **DIFFICULTY:** 8.0; **TOTAL:** 17.0.

**No. 3** — 6th hole at Sport-Way: You hit your tee shot from inside a castle down to the hole that is situated 30 feet below. If you hit it too hard, your ball goes into "Black Bart's Brink," which is almost as bad as a McDonald's parking lot. **FUN:** 9.0; **DIFFICULTY:** 8.5; **TOTAL:** 17.5.

**No. 2** — 18th hole at



The fourth hole at the Oasis Golf Center course takes players for a 360-degree trip around a rocket.

Armstrong's: There's something about the "put-the-ball-in-the-clown's-nose-and-you-win-a-free-game" hole that gets everybody's adrenaline flowing. **FUN:** 8.5; **DIFFICULTY:** 9.5; **TOTAL:** 18.0.

*Drum roll please...*

**No. 1** — 18th hole at Ford Road Miniature Golf: Again, a hole in one wins a free game. The only catch is, you have to hit it up a steep, 15-foot ramp that gets narrower as it gets higher. Win a free game on this one and you've earned it. **FUN:** 4.5; **DIFFICULTY:** 10.0; **TOTAL:** 14.5.

18.5. Good luck with your miniature golfing this summer.

Remember: Hit it straight and hit it far.

On second thought, just hit it straight.

Oh, one more thing: If you stop by the McDonald's on 5 Mile just east of Haggerty and you see a blue golf ball laying near the drive-thru order window, could you please return it to the Oasis clubhouse for me? Thanks.

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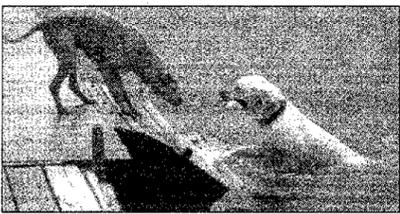
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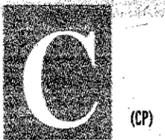
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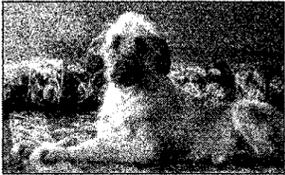
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Clancy Callahan is pictured during his first night with his new owners at the Super 8 Motel in Claremore, Okla. He slept in the back seat of the car for most of the 1200 mile trip from Gainesville, Texas to Michigan.

## Raising a companion animal can be costly

Raising a puppy can be costly. The rolls of eaten toilet paper are minimal compared to the money I spent to drive 2,400 miles to Texas and back for a puppy from the same blood line as Shamrock, our Irish Wolfhound who died in November. My sister, Gwen, and I tried to adopt one of the lovable gentle giants by calling Irish Wolfhound rescue organizations around the country, but none were available so I purchased Clancy because we knew no one else would make sure he received the necessary dental care necessary for an overbite.



Linda Chomin

One of my co-workers shook his head in disbelief when I told him we went to Texas for a new puppy, saying he would have warned me about the trials ahead. This comes from a man who just spent \$1,000 on veterinary bills to save Sam, a rescued flat-coated retriever mix from a mysterious autoimmune disorder.

So far, Clancy's bills for treatment from Dr. Ben Colmery, the doggy dentist at Dixboro Dental and Medical Center, have totaled about the same amount, but eliminated the problem caused by his two lower canines cutting into the roof of his mouth. There's nothing worse than a cranky Irish Wolfhound puppy with a sore mouth.

That brings us back to the eaten toilet paper. We think the pain is what causes him to put everything in his mouth. He really hasn't done too much damage except to his teeth. Clancy loves to chew on rocks so it was back to the dentist for a \$224 Clancy-proof restoration to protect the canines that were shortened.

None of the dental work, including the pulpectomy, has stopped Clancy from eating his food or stealing my kale plants before I could plant them in the garden. Of course, he loves Dick Van Patten's Organic Natural Balance dog food at \$25 for a 12 and 1/2 pound bag, and the organic ground turkey, rice and broccoli meal that I cook for him every night. My sister and I want to do everything possible to ensure he lives a long life, and that costs money.

Of course, the toys and grooming add up as well as his constant need for larger collars. Clancy is growing fast. At nine months, he weighs more than 115 pounds and doesn't realize his size. Since my sister and I already knew it was important to learn the right way to control a big dog, the three of us went to obedience school. Clancy graduated but I guess my sister and I still need more training. In the next couple of weeks we'll sign up for advanced classes.

I'm not complaining about the money or time I've invested in Clancy. Every morning he wakes me up because he wants some loving. Several tummy rubs and good boys later he's ready to start his day, and I

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After picking out a patriotic Fourth of July bandanna for Casper, 15 months, at the Farmington Hills Pet Supplies 'Plus' store, employee Debra Jackman (left) and his puppy sitter, Kaitlyn Shariak, introduce him to new toys.

## They're golden

### Booming pet business ranges from day care to sports gear

BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

On the Fourth of July, Suzy Fucini's dog Casper will wear a patriotic red, white and blue bandana. When she and her husband go out on their boat, she'll make sure the 15-month-old Bolognese wears his own special life jacket.

Dressing up Fido and Fluffy is one of the growing trends in today's pet market. It's part of a larger trend in which people are giving their beloved pets the same kinds of things they would give each other.

Fucini knows a lot about that. Not only she is a pet owner, but she works in public relations for Pet Supplies 'Plus,' a Farmington Hills-based chain.

"Pets are being viewed as more part of the family," says Fucini, of West Bloomfield. "They're included on



Kaitlyn Shariak of Waterford and Casper of West Bloomfield shop for toys.

vacations and holiday get-togethers, at picnics and parties. They have their own travel gear." She credits some of the change in the way pets are treated to today's smaller families.

"There are more childless couples than a couple of generations ago, and couples having babies later," Fucini said. "There are more empty nesters."

For them, and for singles delaying families while they establish

a career, "The pet takes the place of a child."

It all contributes to a pet retail and service industry, which she says "has been growing at an astronomical rate."

American Pet Products Manufacturers Association statistics say that pet spending has more than doubled since 1994, to an estimated \$38.4 billion in 2006.

APPMA's 2005-06 national pet owners

survey shows pet ownership is at its highest level, with 63 percent of all U.S. households owning a pet, or more than 69 million households. The numbers show that Americans own 73 million dogs, 90 million cats, 139 million freshwater fish, 9 million saltwater fish, 16 million birds, 18 million small animals and 11 million reptiles.

More households own dogs, however: 43.5 million compared to 37.7 million owning cats.

"The steady increase in pet ownership confirms that a growing number of us are realizing pets truly enhance our lives," said Bob Vetere, managing director of APPMA. "Pets not only provide unconditional love and affection, research now shows they also provide significant health benefits."

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## CANINE CRAZY - PART II

This is the second in a two-part series on the popularity of pets, with dogs leading the way. Today's section looks at how the pet business is booming, from premium retail items to individual services and pampering.

### FEATURED PRODUCT



A fluffy customer tries out the mattress on this mahogany-finish dog bed at Art Van Furniture.

## A dog's dream bed

Art Van is making its first foray into the pet world with beyond-cute miniature beds for dogs.

"We only really just launched them a couple weeks ago and they are selling well," said Bruce Macdonald, creative director for the furniture store.

The dog beds are in the same styles as the ones for humans, he said. The collection has head- and foot-boards that mirror their owner's beds. The beds are 36-inches wide by 30-inches long and come in four styles and finishes: Oak, mahogany, cognac and pine. They can be bought with or without a mattress imprinted with bones and paws. The 5-inch foam mattress is encased in a removable cover for easy care. The cost: \$249.

"It's an emotional tie" that leads to the purchase as much as a decor one, Macdonald said of the beds. He said these days, pets are considered part of the family and owners want them to have the same amenities as other family members.

As Art Van caters to the "heart and home," it's a perfect fit, he said.

The company has 29 Michigan locations. In the Observer & Eccentric coverage area, they are in Livonia, Southfield and Westland.

## How do I love thee? With doggy parties, special chow, clothes



Nancy Redilla's late dog, Casey, celebrated her birthday with hat, bib, cake and treats. Redilla also has parties for her current dog, Max.

Good dog ownership runs the gamut.

It generally includes giving the dog a good diet, regular vet visits, daily exercise and loving attention.

But some dog owners go above and beyond for their pets by saying "I love you" in some unusual ways. Meet a few:

### BIRTHDAY DOGS

Turkey and garlic cake with mashed potato frosting, homemade fire hydrant-shaped treats, water bowls and party hats.

Nancy Redilla of Troy knows exactly what it takes to make her dog, Max, feel special on his birthday.

"It's just a love of animals," Nancy said of why she and husband, Bob, throw parties for their dog and their friends' dogs. "You know how you get a crazy idea and you just get going?"

It all started when Redilla offered to bake a cake and treats for the pet blessing at her church, Unity of

Rochester, about five years ago.

"As soon as we found out there were people there who are animal lovers — look out!" she said.

She threw her first party for their dog, Casey, who has since died. Redilla baked food for both pets and owners, bought hats and decorative plates and tablecloths.

"Just about anybody that had a dog that I knew came. They all came — 16, 17 dogs maybe. Some people had two dogs. One person had three," Nancy said.

"And they were pretty quiet, too. They didn't fight or anything," Bob added. "They were more interested in eating that cake."

After playing, the dogs settle down or snooze. There's no pin-the-tail on the kitty cat, or other party games, although guests sometimes bring gifts for the birthday dog.

In winter, the parties move indoors from the Redilla's spacious backyard to their modest-sized house.

"When it turns gray outside, we

have lasagna and they have their treats and we can all enjoy each other's company," Nancy said.

### HOME COOKIN'

Haley, a 7-year-old Australian shepherd, loves her duck jerky. She wouldn't miss a homemade duck and potato dinner. And she'll eat a home-baked cookie treat just about anytime.

Haley lives with Mike Dolkowski and his wife in Troy. The couple own a business in Canton Township, have two grown children who no longer live at home, and two furry children, Haley and Shelby, a 13-year-old papillon.

Dolkowski started making dog food from scratch when he discovered that Haley had developed allergies to pre-packaged fare.

"I took her to the allergist and we spent \$1,500 giving her tests," he said.

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**CONCERT SCHEDULE**

**MUSIC IN THE AIR**

Here's the schedule for the Music in the Air concert series, sponsored by the Downtown Development Authority; concerts are 7 p.m. Fridays in Kellogg Park:

- July 7 - No show due to Art in the Park
- July 14 - TBD
- July 21 - Those Delta Rhythm Kings, swing, jazz and blues
- July 28 - Westrin and Mowry, acoustic rock and pop
- Aug. 4 - Retrospect Band, modern hits, new to the lineup
- Aug. 11 - Rodeo Drive, modern country and radio hits, new to the lineup
- Aug. 18 - Fifty Amp Fuse (formerly the Crackerjack Band)
- Aug. 25 - Steve King and the Dittlies
- Sept. 1 - Lady Sunshine and the X Band

**MUSIC IN THE PARK**

Here's the schedule for the Music in the Park concert series for kids, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council, New Liberty Bank and McCully Educational Resource Center; concerts are noon Wednesdays in Kellogg Park:

- July 5 - Jeremy Kittle
- July 12 - Josh White Jr.
- July 19 - Jan Krist
- July 26 - Hometown Kids Concert featuring Phoenix, PCAC's Plymouth Uptown Players and more
- Aug. 2 - elmoThumm
- Aug. 9 - Gemini
- Aug. 16 - Guy Louis, Chautauqua Express
- Aug. 23 - Matt Watroba

**AROUND TOWN**

**Grub crawl**

The Northville Chamber presents the second-annual Northville Grub Crawl 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 25. Join 300 hungry patrons as they make their way through some of the best restaurants in the Northville area. Twelve restaurants are offering free samples of appetizers and signature items along with cash bar specials for our "Crawlers". Participating restaurants are Bahama Breeze, Bonfire Bistro & Brewery, Brann's Steakhouse & Grill, Deadwood Bar and Grill, Edward's Café and Caterer, Five Restaurant, Genitti's, George's Senate Restaurant, Little Italy Ristorante, MacKinnon's, Poole's Tavern, and Uno Chicago Grill. Highlights: Free event T-shirt, free shuttle transportation courtesy of Independence Village of Plymouth, grand prize drawing for Char-Broil Barbeque Grill courtesy of The Home Depot. Tickets are \$35 (must be 21 or over) and can be purchased at Gardenviews, Good Time Party Store or the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

**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](http://www.stewardshipnetwork.org)

**Camping lessons**

Northville Community Foundation sponsors "The Fine Art of Camping," 2-3 p.m. Saturday, July 8, presented by Gender Mountain Sports. Gender Mountain's camping pro will demonstrate the basics of camping, such as pitching a tent and choosing a sleeping bag. Admissin is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-11; children under 3 admitted free. For more information, call (248) 374-0200.

**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



**Pageant hopeful**

**Eighteen-year-old AmiAnn Bobo of Plymouth Township is Michigan's representative in the American Junior Miss competition - a college-bound scholarship program for high school girls - after winning the Michigan Junior Miss title in March.**

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](http://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 partici-

pants 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.

**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](http://www.arborhospice.org), email [laren@arborhospice.org](mailto:laren@arborhospice.org), or call 734-662-5999, extension 120. Registration can also be done through the Michigan Tournament of Charities website, [www.mtocgolf.org](http://www.mtocgolf.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.

**Literacy Council tutors**

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

**Grief support**

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a

parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit [www.newhopecenter.net](http://www.newhopecenter.net).

**CLUBS**

**Rotary A.M.**

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Mark Hammar, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 455-6620.

**MOPS meet**

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May, for moms and their children, newborn-kindergarten, at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information, call Crystal Johnson, (734) 459-1861.

**Mosaic**

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on child and family issues, has small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at (734) 207-0658 or [resha@juno.com](mailto:resha@juno.com)

**Moms Club**

Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth, Canton and Westland offers a variety of activities for stay-at-home moms and their children. For more details, call Birthe at (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248)231-6120.

**DAR**

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

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

**American Legion**

Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 meets at the 100 E. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information.

**Women's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth**  
Meets every second Monday of each month from September through June. Persons interested in joining may contact club president Linda Coughlin at (734) 459-7478.

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



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He began searching for a food that contained adequate protein, but no wheat, soybean or corn.

"It was difficult. We said, let's just make our own. We tried fish, chicken and duck. The duck worked for her," he said.

Dolkowski adds vitamins to his mix of duck and potatoes. He often grinds the duck and dries the mixture, adding water when he's ready to serve it. He makes duck jerky as a treat and bakes his own dog cookies.

"Probably every other weekend I spend Saturday morning baking," he said.

Dolkowski said Shelby benefits from eating the same food as Haley. The pair spend their days together at Camp Bow Wow, a doggy day-care center in Troy.

**A DOG WITH EVERYTHING**

Truffles may be the best-dressed, most chauffeured, well-equipped bichon frise in all of metro Detroit.

"He's my first-born and only child. Even Truffles' vet said he's too much of a prince to be around another dog," said owner Patty Livernois, of West Bloomfield.

A closet full of clothing, two strollers, a wagon, backpack and car seat, indoor bathroom, customized doggy dinner table designed to ease neck strain and a specialized diet would make any dog feel a bit like royalty.

But Livernois says she has a good reason to pamper her pet. "He's allergic to about 90 percent of life," she said, explaining that his immune system was weakened, the result of too-close breeding.

She feeds him a vegan diet, consisting of "people grade" food and chooses homeopathic and holistic medical treatment. She worked with a chemist for months, developing a skin-soothing shampoo that she tested on herself before using it on Truffles.

"He's always dressed and that started because of his allergies," Livernois said.

Livernois began altering baby clothes and dressing him in outfits when he was 1 year old, a technique that prevented him from chewing on itchy skin.

"His business suit is my favorite," she said, noting that he has "jammies" and more casual looks as well.

Truffles occasionally strolls outdoors in shoes, called Gooby Boots.

But most of his romping is limited to inside their condo, where his paws won't touch dirty sidewalks or chemically-sprayed lawns. He even relieves himself indoors on potty-training pads placed over tiled flooring, behind a privacy screen.

"He's the reason I'm single," Livernois said, with a laugh, explaining that he has the run of



CAPTURED EXPRESSIONS

Patty Livernois, the co-owner of The Uppity Puppy in Royal Oak, and her dog, Truffles. The Bichon Frise has his own closet full of clothing in their West Bloomfield condo.

the condo. "He loves it that I pay the mortgage."

**DOG ON THE GO**

Susie X and her vegetarian, 9 1/2-year-old poodle, Baby, do everything and go everywhere together.

And that's why the Birmingham resident requested anonymity for this piece.

"In non-restaurant situations, I do carry her in my arms. Most retailers actually look forward to seeing her and know her by name," she said.

When she goes "under cover" Baby travels in large purses that her owner has converted to carriers with color-matching mesh screen from an awning supply company. It's her "ticket to the world."

Susie said togetherness saved Baby's life. The poodle began having seizures at age 1. When they worsened six years later, Susie was there to rush Baby to the vet.

"My friends all knew from the very beginning that I fully intended to bring Baby with me everywhere. I have taken her to every coffee shop, country club, charity event, black-tie affair, restaurant, hotel, wedding, funeral, party, bar, hospital, flea market, theater, movie, audition ... and not to be forgotten, dates that I've been on."

Baby "knows the game" and sleeps quietly in her bag when her owner needs absolute silence, although recently while in a high-end restaurant, she "did a 'jack-in-the-box' style pop up from her bag."

"Thankfully, the manager laughed and proclaimed, 'I never saw that!'"

**COMPANION**

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get up happy. At lunch time and after work, we repeat the routine. For years people have asked me why I'm always in such a good mood. I tell them, "if you lived with a wolfhound puppy you would be smiling too."

It's the silly things they do.

Shamrock used to turn on the hall light by flicking the wall switch with his tail. At first we didn't realize he was shutting off the light as we were going up and down the stairs. My sister and I accused each other of being inconsiderate until we figured out the culprit was our big, gray shaggy dog.

In the years to come Clancy will distinguish himself with different antics. And hopefully

by next year I can plant kale in my garden. The attraction to eat everything green should have worn off by then, but you can never tell. It took Shamrock three years to mature.

Linda Ann Chomin is the health and community life reporter for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She can be reached at (734) 953-2145 or lchomin@hometownlife.com.

**Pets love summer too but safety precautions needed**

According to a recent survey conducted by the Pet Supplies "Plus" chain, 67.5 percent of pet owners say summer is their pets favorite season.

A highlight is the Fourth of July. According to the 275 pet owners who took the survey, 40.6 percent of pet owners will dress their pet with a patriotic bandana for the Fourth of July and 37.9 percent will involve their pet in Fourth of July celebrations.

On the down side, 60.4 percent of pets are frightened by fireworks.

Pet Supplies "Plus" offers some summer safety tips for pets:

1. If pet owners plan on taking their pets to see a fire-work display make sure that the dog is on a leash at all times. The loud bangs and colors may disorient even a calm dog.

2. If a pet has to be outside for a long period of time make sure they have access to shade.

3. Whenever possible walk dogs on a grassy area rather than on hot pavements. Hot pavements can burn pads of a dog's feet in no time.

4. Never leave your dog in a parked car. This is the number one cause of heatstroke. On an 80-degree summer day,

the inside of a car can reach far above 120 degrees within minutes.

5. The most important thing to remember is to make sure that your dog has plenty of fresh water. A ceramic or clay bowl is ideal to keep water cooler for longer periods of time during the hot days of summer. Place ice cubes in the bowl to keep it cold longer.

6. Always supervise a dog while they are swimming; they get tired just like humans. Always rinse off your dog with fresh water after swimming. Water has bacteria and parasites that can cause a dog to become severely ill.

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It comes in smoked, cheddar and bacon flavors.



Meanwhile Lassie Natural Way launched in May.

The products contain high-quality lamb or chicken meal and no animal byproducts, artificial flavors, colors, preservatives or sweeteners.

To tout the merits of the high-quality fare, Lassie is taking her own veterinarian, Dr. Jeff Werber, who

developed the food, on a road trip. She'll be in the Detroit area July 19 and July 20 at Meijer and

Lassie believes in an all-natural way of eating.

Spartan stores to be determined, where she will also host pet adoption events.

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REUNIONS

**Bishop Borgess High School**  
**Class of 1976**

A 30-year reunion 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, Fifth Avenue Ballroom and Billiards (second floor), 25750 Novi Road in Novi. You must reserve a spot in advance, contact reunion committee at bb76reunion@yahoo.com for ticket information and details.

**Clarenceville High School**  
**Class of 1956**

A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 29-Oct. 1. Sept. 29 - football game and party; Sept. 30 - banquet at Vladimirs of Farmington, \$45/person, open bar; Oct. 1 - breakfast at Leon's in Livonia. For more information call Sharon Byrnes Hawk at (248) 529-3016.

**Farmington Harrison High School**  
**Class of 1986**

A 20-year reunion is planned for July 29 at the Northville Hills Golf Club. Contact the website www.hhs1986.com for details. Registration is required. Deadline in July 7.

**Class of 1966**

A 40-year reunion is planned for Saturday, July 29, 2006, at the Sheraton Detroit-Novi, 21111 Haggerty Road (I-275 at Eight Mile Road) Novi. To register send check for \$75 per person to Ferndale High School 1966 Class Reunion, C/O Joan Rockett Horner, 951 W. Oakridge, Ferndale 48220

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**Class of 1969**

Planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nisun (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kaynini@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ klivingston@nu-core.com.

**Garden City West**  
**Class of 1981**

A 25th class reunion is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 4 at Summit on the Parkway in Canton. For more information, please email to: gcwestclassof1981@yahoo.com

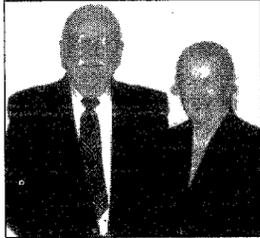


**Maycock-Banfield**

Phyllis and Russ Maycock of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracie Marie Maycock of Garden City, to John Leslie Banfield, son of Arlene and Steve Crampton of Fowlerville.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Salem High School. The prospective groom is a 1998 graduate of Fowlerville High School.

A Sept. 16, 2006 wedding is planned in Plymouth.



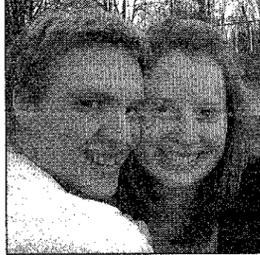
**Miller 60th anniversary**

Donald and Avis (nee Curfman) Miller of Las Vegas, Nevada, formerly of Livonia, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary July 20.

The couple were married in Pittsburg, Kansas on July 20, 1946.

Mr. Miller is a General Motors retiree. Mrs. Miller is a homemaker. They have five children - Nancy (Rick) Dery of Holly, Dennis Miller of Hartland, Steve Miller of Las Vegas, Leonard Miller of Dearborn, and Al (Cyndi) Miller of Howell - along with 15 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren.

The Millers are former members of Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville and still have many friends in Livonia. They are enjoying their retirement in Las Vegas, and plan to celebrate their 60th anniversary with family.



**Olson-Van Proyen**

Stephen and Janet Olson of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Catherine Lydia, to Aaron William Van Proyen, son of William and Bonnie Van Proyen of Canton.

Aaron is a 2004 graduate of Canton High School. Catherine is a 2004 graduate of Salem High School. Both are students at Calvin College in Grand Rapids.

Aaron proposed to Catherine March 10, 2006 along the shore of Reeds Lake in East Grand Rapids. They plan to marry in Summer 2007 in Grand Rapids.



**Segal-DeMoines**

Nadine Suzanne DeMoines and Jeremy Gordon Segal were married Feb. 24, in a private ceremony in The Chapel at VFW Post 3941 in Livonia. Rev. Donald Blasingame officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Sherry DeMoines of Madison Heights. She graduated from Avondale High School in Auburn Hills in 2001. She works as a dental assistant at Professional Endodontics.

The groom is the son of Gordon and Carol Segal of Livonia. He graduated from Stevenson High School in Livonia in 2001. He works as a sales associate at Belle Tire.

Attendees were Theresa Ayers (maid of honor) and Jarrett Wilbanks (best man). They will honeymoon in Florida in July. They are residing in Livonia.

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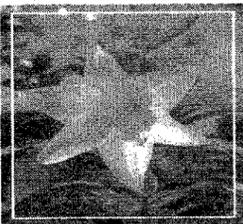
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**MR. PAUL H. BINNS**

Age 81, died Wednesday June 28, 2006. He was born in Muskegon on December 19, 1924. On April 1, 1950 he married the former Margaret Kline in Three Rivers, Michigan. Mr. Binns was a 1942 graduate of Whitehall High School. He earned his Bachelors in Science Degree from Western Michigan University in 1950 and his Masters in Science from the University of Michigan. Mr. Binns was a school teacher in the Birmingham and Royal Oak Public School Districts, teaching 5th and 6th grades, until his retirement in 1987. Paul received the Teacher of the Year Award from the Birmingham Public Schools. He served his country in the US Army Air Corps, teaching aerial gunnery, during WW II. Paul was a member of the Northville United Methodist Church and the Oceana Eagles Club. He was also a volunteer at the New Morning School of Plymouth, MI, where his granddaughters attended school. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Margaret of Mears; their children, Lizbeth Binns of Novi, MI and John Binns of Sevierville, TN; 3 grandchildren, Robert Plane, Alicia and Angela Binns; 2 great grandchildren, Emma and Evan Plane; 1 sister, Gerrie (Ted) VanderBol of Mason, MI. He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 sisters and 3 brothers. A Memorial Service for Mr. Binns will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be given to the Northville United Methodist Church.

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**SUSAN MARIE**  
**DESMARAIS**

Of Farmington. Age 48, June 22, 2006. Beloved daughter of Willa and the late Ernest. Dear sister of Cheryl, Ernest and Raul. Susan was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Farmington and was courageous and determined in the face of many obstacles. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Farmington, 33112 Grand River Avenue, Farmington, MI 48336. A memorial service will be planned for later this week. For service time and place, please contact Thayer-Rock Funeral Home downtown Farmington (248-474-4131)  
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**MARK GLOWACKI**

Age 52, June 27, 2006. Beloved father of Josh & Leah. Loving brother of David (Carol) Glowacki. Dearest brother-in-law of Carol Glowacki. Proud uncle of Steven. Beloved son of Corinne and the late Stanley. Predeceased by brother, Greg. Interment White Chapel Cemetery. Family suggests memorials to: American Heart Association. Arrangements by E.J. Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc., 22642 Ryan Road, Warren.

**DOUGLAS W. LOBB**

Passed peacefully in Ann Arbor, Michigan on June 27, 2006. He was Born August 12, 1936 in Royal Oak, Michigan. Doug is survived by his loving wife Babz (Barbara) Henkel-Lobb, his mother Helen Curro and sister Karen Belling of Royal Oak, as well as three nieces and nephews and two grandnieces who live nearby. A celebration of life will be held on July 1, 2006 for family and close friends at Doug's house.



**NORBERT J.**  
**FLECKENSTIEN**

"Sonny" to close family, "Fleck" by most, age 82 of Westland passed away peacefully June 22, 2006. He was preceded in death by only 25 days by his wife of 57 years, Shirley. Survivors include two daughters, Susan Jo and Barbara Ann (John Vaughn) both of Canton, three grandchildren Maxwell, Jackson, and Mitchell, and two sisters, Carla (Jack Mills) and Ann, both from Virginia. He was also preceded in death by another sister, Teddy from Union Lake. Fleck was born on July 9, 1923 in Muskegon, Michigan to Norbert and Elsa (Meeske) Fleckenstein and raised entirely in the area. Norbert's family heritage has a link to the historical Fleckenstein Castle in Germany and he is the grandson of Muskegon patriarch Gustav Meeske. His family ran many businesses in the Muskegon area including a brewery, tannery, and banking. The only Fleckenstein business to survive the depression was the tannery, which Norbert help run during his teenage years. He was a multiple sport letterman for the Big Reds of Muskegon High School from 1939 - 42 playing football, basketball, wrestling, and track. He qualified for the state finals in shotput his junior year and was elected captain of the football team his senior year during the fall 1941 season. Upon graduation in 1942, Fleck was recruited by and joined the Michigan State (University) College football team. Norbert left the college prior to the football season beginning his freshmen year to join the war efforts. He served in the Army Air Force earning the rank of sergeant as a lead flight mechanic for the 398th bomb group of the 8th Air Force working on the famous B-17 Flying Fortress. Norbert was stationed in Nuthampstead, England and earned battle stars for Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, and Air Offensive Europe. After VE day and returning home on the Queen Mary, he was shipped off to be trained on B-29's but the war ended prior to completion. Norbert returned to college, attending Western Michigan (University) Teaching College where he earned a varsity letter playing football for the Broncos. Fleck began a long career in the financial loan industry with Seaboard Finance in Muskegon. During the 1950's Fleck played semi-professional football in the Lions' organization while continuing his finance career. After many company mergers and acquisitions, he eventually retired from Chrysler Financial in 1988. During his retirement years, he tinkered with VCR and other electronics repair work and continued to follow Muskegon football, but his primary focus was helping to raise his three grandsons. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. Please share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family to Norbert at griffinfuneralhome.com. Care and services have been entrusted to L.J. Griffin Funeral Home 734-981-1700. Contributions can be made to Angela Hospice of Livonia in the name of Norbert Fleckenstein.

**MADELINE E. MILLROSS**

Age 99, of South Lyon, formerly of Plymouth, died June 30, 2006. Madeline was very loved by her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Survivors include her loving children, Janet (Jack) Renwick of South Lyon, and David (Kathleen) Millross of Traverse City; her dear daughter-in-law Clara Millross of AZ; her adoring grandchildren Steven (Sue) Renwick of South Lyon, Pamela Haggerty of New Hudson; Carrie (Don) Sattler of Traverse City, Julie (Kurt) Katt of Traverse City, Amy (Nate) Alger of Kingsley, and Sara Millross of Traverse City; and eight beloved great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard E. Millross, son Leonard C. Millross, her parents, and three sisters. A graveside service will be held Wednesday, July 5, 2006 at 11:30 a.m. at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Rev. David Brown of Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church will officiate the service. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to American Cancer Society, 18505 W. 12 Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48076. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon.



**SCOTT SMITH**

Age 47, a 26 year resident of Oakland Twp., passed away on Tuesday, June 27, 2006, at his home. Scott currently worked for the Rochester School System in maintenance and had been there 22 years. Scott is survived by his wife Suzy of Oakland Twp., children Samantha and Scott, both at home, and his mother, Joyce Kleehammer. Siblings surviving include Terry (Linda) Smith of Florida, Jay (Sharon) Smith of Oakland Twp., Beth Kleehammer of Rochester, MI., Tom (Ann) Kleehammer, and Jerry (Karalee) Kleehammer. Funeral services were held Friday at Sts. John & Paul Catholic Church, Washington, MI., with Fr. David Buersmeyer officiating. Arrangements by the Henry M. Malburg Funeral Home, Romeo. Donations to their children's college scholarship fund would be appreciated.

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Canine friends meet at one of three ramps on the dock in Lake Sixteen in the Orion Oaks Bark Park in Orion Township.

Dogs romp, socialize, play at bark parks

Karen Gorman tells her clients that "a tired dog is a good dog."

"So many people give their dogs up to shelters. If their dogs just had regular exercise, they'd go home and sleep at night."

Gorman, a dog trainer, keeps her E-Z Dog Park in Howell open 24-7, 365 days a year, giving owners every opportunity to let their dogs run, romp and wear themselves out on her 8-acre canine playground.

"The difference between me and other dog parks in Michigan is that I'm private. I charge \$7 a visit or \$30 a month. I've got a separate area for small dogs. I don't allow children in. And there are some dogs and people I don't let in."

She checks out each dog to make sure they're suitable for dog park play. And play is just what she says dogs need.

"Let the dog have fun. That's the idea of a dog park," she said.

Although customers must watch their dogs and clean up after them, Gorman suggests they also "relax" and socialize with other adults while allowing their dogs to have fun together.

"I've got seating, a pavilion. Some people come here for five or six hours. I get people from all over the metro area. On Friday nights we have happy hour. We cook hot dogs, order pizza. We always like to see if the pizza man will walk into the bark park," she said. "They usually do, but we have these visions of him walking in and the dogs ending up with all the pizza."

E-Z Dog Park and Training Center is located at 230 Noyllyn Drive in Howell. Take I-96 west, exit at 145 (Grand River), and turn right. In less than a mile, turn right onto Hacker. Go 3.3 miles to the facility. (810) 229-7353.

A few other fenced parks:  
■ Birmingham — Free and open to the public, the park is fenced and located at Springdale Golf Course. From Woodward Avenue, make a right on Strathmore, a block north of Big Beaver, and follow it to its dead end at Springdale



Erica Weaver of Lake Orion (left), Tina Caldwell of Auburn Hills and Jill Williams of Orion Township watch from the dock as dogs play in the canines-only lake at Orion Oaks Bark Park in Orion Township.



Cooling off in Lake Sixteen in Orion Township.

Park. (248) 644-1807.

■ Clinton Township — Annual cost is \$20 annually for non-residents and \$10 for residents. Locked and located at 40700 Romeo Plank Road at the Clinton Township Civic Center. Dog owners receive a park pass card when they register and pay. (248) 542-7322.

■ Warren — The 350-foot by 150-foot Ann Fracassa Memorial Dog Park has waste bags and receptacles, water, benches, toys and two doggy pools. \$20 annually non-residents; \$10 residents. Located at the end of Pauline, just south of 12 Mile, between Mound and Van Dyke. Owners get a code to unlock the gate after paying and registering. (586) 751-0168.

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### WOMEN SEEKING MEN

**SCHOOL BUS**  
SF, 5'4", 189lbs, light-brown complexion, average build, Capricorn, seeks man, level-headed, goal-oriented, for friendship, possible romance. ☎9866357

**LOOKING FOR ME?**  
SWF, 5'6", 130lbs, 64, great SOH, N/S, enjoys life, dining, dancing, holding hands, music, boating, quiet times, etc. Seeking a SW/HM, N/S, sincere and humorous. ☎901378

**NIGHT TIME DATA ENTRY**  
SWF, 72, 5'6", full-figured, gray-brown/blue, Sagittarius, N/S, enjoys movies, puzzles, seeks WM, 65-75, N/S, active, romantic, passionate, for LTR. ☎988424

**LET'S TALK SOMETIME**  
SWF, 38, mother, enjoys Harleys, rock-n-roll, good talks, classic cars, sports, amusement parks, casinos, meeting new people. Seeking outgoing, sweet, fun man w/spontaneous streak to share new adventures with. ☎962910

**LET'S HANG OUT...**  
Loving, caring, easygoing SF, 37, not a homebody but do enjoy a quiet evening with the right person. ISO special SM, 35-50, for friendship first, possible LTR. ☎815673

**SEARCHING FOR YOU**  
SBF, 36, attractive, trust-worthy, down to earth, likes walks, movies, dinners, park, music, seeks BM, 36-70, for friendship, possible romance. ☎990369

**ENJOY SOME FUN**  
SWF, 48, Virgo, N/S, enjoys dining out, dancing, seeks WM, 49-57, N/S, outgoing, for friendship, possible romance. ☎975683

**JERSEY TRANSPLANT**  
SWF, 50, slender, blonde, Virgo, N/S, enjoys foreign travel, wine tasting, and working out. Seeking WM, 40-53, N/S, for LTR. ☎885454

**ONE GOOD WOMAN**  
BBW, SWF, attractive, compassionate, down-to-earth. Enjoys movies, comedies, long walks, romantic evenings and more. Seeking employed SM, 38-55, to do and share things together. Must like pets. ☎947175

**TAKE ME GOLFING**  
Tidy SWF, 60, enjoys fine dining, traveling. Seeking golfer, best friend, confidante, 58-70, widower a plus. Honesty, trust, a must to make a relationship work. ☎976914

**SINGLE PROFESSIONAL WOMAN**  
SWFP, 45, 5'9", average build, educated, Capricorn, N/S, loves golf, reading, gardening, dining out, movies, seeks SWPM, 38-55, N/S, similar interests, for LTR. ☎983176

**LET'S ENJOY LIFE**  
Female, 51, 138lbs, seeks independent, respectful male, 45-52, D/D free, who likes outdoors, walks, movies, for LTR. ☎987475

**LOOKING FOR ME?**  
Affectionate, sincere SWF, 63, 5'2", dark hair and eyes, employed part-time, enjoys travel, movies, dining out, more. ISO tall, active, open-minded, lovable man to share a little fun, possible romance. ☎959193

**SWEETHEART**  
Sweet, attractive SWF, 21, petite, blonde/blue, loves sports, music, travel. Seeking fun, intelligent SWM, 22-28, with traditional values, and SOH. Charm and manners a must. ☎985224

**QUEEN SIZE**  
SWF, 44, attractive, full-figured, Capricorn, N/S, active, seeks man, 40-65, for friendship, possible romance. ☎980919

**BEAUTIFUL INSIDE/OUT**  
Warm-hearted, sincere, nice-looking SBF, 39, 5', 130lbs, optimistic, healthy, secure, enjoys concerts, park walks, dancing, boating, bowling, dining. Seeking romantic, light-hearted, compatible man, race open, child-friendly, to share life with. ☎979954

**GREAT COMPANION**  
SF, 65, looks 55, 5'2", unique, bright, w/many talents and interests. I'm well-traveled, very attractive, health-conscious. How about you? Seeking non-smoking counterpart, 62-70. ☎633527

**FORMER MODEL**  
SWF, 50, 5'6", slender, intelligence, creativity, passion for music and dancing. Seeks partner 38-50, who is attractive and fit, to share his interests and more. ☎800106

**STOP HERE**  
Professional, attractive SBF, 57, 5'5", warm, sincere, high morals and principles. Enjoys cooking, outdoors, camping, music. Seeking BM, 49-60, N/S, with same qualities, for LTR. ☎965529

**ISO GOOD FRIEND?**  
Possible relationship? Read on. SWF, 47, N/S, enjoys cooking, dining out, art museums, plays, reading, and traveling. Seeking honest WM, 42-57, N/S. ☎857253

**SEEKING COMPANION**  
SWF, 42, queen-sized, outgoing, enjoys walks, music, life, open to new ideas. Looking for SM who wants to do things together. Must be employed and like pets. ☎909140

**FRIENDS FIRST**  
SBF, 37, 5'6", black/brown, easygoing, Aries, N/S, enjoys bike riding, long walks, travel, and cooking. Seeking WM, 30-50, N/S, for fun. ☎933970

**WHERE ARE YOU?**  
Very attractive, sexy SBF, 35, 5'2", medium build, enjoys dining out, reading, gardening, dining out, jazz, plays. ISO SBM, 40-52, commitment-minded and sincere, for LTR. ☎950732

**HI THERE!**  
Loving, easygoing, sweet SF, 19, 5'5", long brown/blue, mom, looking for an easygoing, child-friendly SM, who can love me for me. ☎976786

**FAMILY-ORIENTED**  
Beautiful, shapely SBF, 34, 5'4", likes reading, long walks, working out, movies, plays, concerts, spontaneous trips, traveling, seeks patient, understanding BM, 34-46, N/S, with similar interests. ☎971687

**MUST BE HONEST**  
SWF, 45, 5'4", 125lbs, blonde/blue, Cancer, N/S, likes outdoor activities, rollerblading, festivals, biking, seeks WM, 37-47, honest, same interests, for LTR. ☎979514

**LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL**  
Attractive SWF, 50s, 5'7", 125lbs, loves all life, animals, arts, family, nature, spirituality. Masters helping professional. Seeking big-hearted, financially/emotionally secure, intelligent DPM, 48-68, for fun, friendship, depth, etc. ☎892242

**DIE HARD ROMANTIC**  
Classy SBF, hoping to meet mature SBM, 45-60. I'm a very passionate, affectionate, loving person, who enjoys a variety of activities. If you're seeking your soulmate, why not try me? ☎985794

**COULD YOU BE MR. RIGHT?**  
Are you a big, tall, handsome man? DWF, 47, very attractive, loving, fun, seeks SWM to share life together. ☎443339

**SOULMATE SEARCH**  
Slim, attractive, 57-yr-old JF looking for her soulmate, any sincere, successful JM, between the ages of 54-64, please respond. ☎589875

**LOVING LEO**  
Widowed WPF, 53, 5'9", brown/brown, N/S, nursing home activities coordinator, enjoys boating, swimming, and Michigan State football games. Seeking WM, 50-62, with similar interests. ☎759316

**ASIAN MAN WANTED**  
Pretty, blue-eyed blonde, 55, plus-sized, warm and bright, seeks intelligent, handsome man for dating. Troy area. ☎827007

**SOMEONE SPECIAL**  
Fun-loving, attractive SWF, 70, 5'5", 135lbs, blonde, retired, N/S, seeks well-groomed WM, 65-72, N/S, to share life, romance, and possible relationship. ☎891247

**A GOOD FRIEND**  
SWF, 57, full-figured, 5'4", likes movies, dancing, good company. Seeking a nice guy to enjoy a friends first relationship. ☎916193

**ARE YOU THE ONE?**  
SF, 25, 5'7", shoulder-length medium blonde hair, bright green eyes, outgoing, fun, loves fitness, outdoors, boating, cycling, camping, concerts, auto racing. Seeking active, fit, caring man who appreciates the same. ☎953694

**FABOLOUS FIT FUN**  
Petite, 50s, young at heart, female, looking for one good guy, with SOH. Enjoys biking, water, working out, and life. ☎970277

**LOOKING 4 GENTLEMAN**  
Attractive, professional, educated WF, 55, 6'2", slim, N/S. Interest include movies, concerts, comedy clubs, jazz, dancing, dining out, family ties. Seeking WM, 48-55, HWP, for lasting, loving LTR. ☎973365

**WILL IT BE YOU?**  
Widowed female, 61, likes dining out, seeks very nice, kind, caring, affectionate gentleman, 58-68, for friendship, companionship, and more. ☎977399

**RECENTLY DIVORCED**  
SWF, 27, 5'5", 105lbs, Leo, N/S, LD, enjoy outdoor activities, karaoke, seeks WM, 29-37, career-minded, outgoing, possible LTR. ☎976279

**NEW ADVENTURES**  
SF, 33, 5'6", 130lbs, mother, sociable, sincere, open-minded, into extreme sports. Looking to meet cool, fun-loving, honest, energetic SM, who knows how to be respectful and have a good time. ☎979338

**WHY NOT CALL**  
Very attractive SWF, 62, 5'2", blonde/blue, loves animals, seeks handsome WM, 55-70, for companionship, maybe more. ☎987124

**59 YEARS OLD ENTREPRENEUR**  
Pretty, charming SWF, successful, kind, compassionate, lots of fun, looking for her knight in shining armor. Any sincere, caucasian gentlemen, 55-80, please respond. Hopefully we'll be each others soul mates. ☎592074

**REFINED AND FULL OF LIFE**  
Very attractive blonde, fit, energetic and happy, professionally employed, very youthful 60s, 5'3", trim and shapely, enjoys dining, travel, dancing, theater, family and friends. Seeking honest, handsome, fit 55+, college grad, N/S, with youthful passion for life. Serious replies only. ☎652360

**LET'S ENJOY LIFE**  
SWF, 57, N/S, seeks intelligent, kind-hearted, young-at-heart WM, 57-68, N/S, who enjoys traveling, camping, boating (Great Lakes or ocean), music book stores, and laughter. ☎759907

**SHALL WE DANCE?**  
I am a SBF, 58, 5'3", 170lbs, attractive, intelligent, creative, articulate, seeks SWM, 57-73, who is kind-hearted, articulate, who enjoys dancing, walking, traveling, movies, dining out. ☎812098

**PETITE & SEXY...**  
SBF, sensitive, affectionate, loving, 51, looks 35, 5'1", 105lbs, NS. Seeking healthy SBM, 5'10"-6'1", to work out with. ☎912553

**NATURAL BBW**  
SBF, 32, 5'5", 240lbs, N/S, N/D, N/kids, employed. Seeking a SM, 18-60, who is open-minded, N/S, N/kids and can appreciate a strong woman. ☎924352

**ALL OF ME**  
SWF, 50, 5'10", big beautiful woman, 300+ pounds, easygoing, N/S, light drinker, enjoys nights out or in. ISO loving, happy, commitment-minded man to share a happy, lasting, loving relationship. ☎969547

**A GOOD FRIEND**  
SWF, 50, N/S, looking for SWM, 50-55, who loves movies, dining out, long walks. Must be employed. ☎969547

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

**CANADIAN**  
Male, 35, 5'11", 186lbs, built, tattoos, enjoys music, dancing, singing, cooking, camping, fishing, animals, seeks female, 18-50, who knows what she wants. ☎989793

**OUTDOORSY KINDA GUY**  
DWM, 64, 5'11", 190lbs, self-employed, N/S, socially drinker, great SOH. I am looking for the right lady to spend time with, get to know and maybe develop a lasting relationship. ☎891796

**YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED**  
SBM, 6', HWP, handsome, confident, Engineer, N/S, likes concerts, plays, travel, dining, seeking SF, 33-54, attractive, passionate, loving, affectionate, possible romance. ☎984967

**TRY THIS ONE**  
SWM, 21, 190lbs, bald head, blue eyes, seeks woman, 18-40, for friendship, possibly more. ☎987875

**MAYBE US?**  
Warm-hearted, honest SM, 37, 5'11", 200lbs, sandy brown hair, hazel eyes, N/S, father, employed, ISO a special lady with similar qualities and interests. I enjoy outdoor activities, animals, simple fun. ☎981530

**POSITIVE GUY**  
Happy outgoing SBM, 48, likes boating, traveling, music, fishing, seeks woman, 35-48, with similar interests, for friendship, and more. ☎988829

**HOPE YOU CALL**  
Educated SWM, 64, likes outdoors, biking, festivals, seeks athletic WF, 50-66, with similar interests, for companionship, friendship, and more. ☎987912

**MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC**  
SWM, 46, 6'2", 209lbs, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, workout, new activities, seeks friendly SF, age/location open. ☎531308

**SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED**  
SBM, 46, looking for that special person for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. ☎692418

**SECURE**  
WM, 58, tall, slim, good-looking, would like to meet a nice, sweet, kind woman to go out with and see what happens from there. ☎828139

**HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU**  
Independent, self-sufficient DWM, 45, sturdy build, carpenter, sociable, affectionate likes boating, walks, drives, cycling, cooking. Seeking a special lady to share the good things in life. ☎855207

**CALL ME AND SEE**  
DWM, 45, 5'9", 140lbs, father, N/S, N/D, employed, honest and fun, likes music, movies, bowling, family/friends, more. Looking for SWF with similar interests and qualities. ☎950678

**WORTH A CALL**  
SWM, 48, 6', 175lbs, N/S, homeowner, auto worker, easygoing, honest, secure, enjoys hunting, the outdoors. Seeking honest, secure, attractive slim/fit woman, 30-50, N/S, D/D-free. ☎956910

**FANTASY/REALITY?**  
SBM, 50, 5'8", med-build, N/S, fun-loving personality, teach dancing, likes jazz/blues, quiet times, traveling. Seeking passionate SF, 20-50, slim-to-med build, race open, kids ok, for sharing time with and romance. ☎946417

**LOOKING TO SETTLE DOWN**  
SWM, 28, 5'11", 150 lbs, slim build, brown/hazel, Capricorn, smoker, seeks woman, 18-40, for friendship, possible romance. ☎984360

**FIT THE DESCRIPTION**  
SBM, 50, 6' 2", 200 lbs, light-skinned, home body, Capricorn, smoker, likes concerts, cooking, seeks WF, 25-45, smoker, lady-like, independent, trustworthy, possible romance. ☎984764

**SHARE THE FUN**  
SBM, 34, 6'3", 285lbs, likes having fun, going to the movies, seeks tall woman, 23-45, for friendship, and more. ☎985508

**CALL ME**  
Male, 27, 300lbs, enjoys fishing, walking, dining out, parks, movies, seeks woman, 18-38, for LTR. ☎985897

**NOT LIKE ALL THE REST**  
SWPM, 5'8", brown/blue, fit, enjoys biking, jogging, being outdoors, music, movies, reading, concerts, good conversation, being with friends and family. Seeking emotionally available SWPF, 28-44, who is passionate about life. ☎611391

**LONELY TO LOVE**  
SHM, 47, 5'4", 220lbs, Taurus, N/S, honest, hard-working, marriage-minded, loves fishing, skating, seeks H/W/F, 35-55, N/S, 5'2"-5'5", possible LTR, maybe more. ☎986620

**NO DRAMA HERE**  
SWM, 41, 6'2", 230lbs, with daughter (17), occasional smoker, loves grilled-cooked dishes, camping, and listening to Rush. Seeking WF, 33-45, smoker, for LTR. ☎941236

**FUN IN THE SUN**  
SWM, 34, 5'9", 150lbs, enjoys working out, seeks WM, 30-55, physically fit, for friendship, and more. ☎987458

**HARD MAN TO FIND**  
Fit, affectionate SM, 5'10", 180lbs. Seeking attractive female, 35-55. Enjoys outdoor activities, movies, cooking, camping. Looking for same qualities, and interests, for LTR. Sharon, please call back. ☎972650

**NICE GUY**  
SWM, 66, 5'6", 150lbs, manufacturer's representative, Libra, N/S, works out, enjoys movies, restaurants, and summer festivals. Seeking SWF, 50-65, N/S. Shirley, please call back. ☎708126

**JOIN ME?**  
Honest, secure SWM, 73, 5'9", 200lbs, N/S, homeowner, enjoys karaoke, oldies music, dancing, keeping active, meeting new people. ISO sociable, sweet, sincere lady to share the special moments in life. ☎982461

**SIMPLE REQUEST**  
WM, 59, 5'8", 170lbs, dark/blue, looking for an attractive woman to go out and have a good time with. Age open. ☎833911

**LONELY & READY**  
SWM, 49, Italian, heart of gold, Virgo, N/S, seeks WF, 45-55, with a nice build, ready for LTR. Serious replies only. ☎860305

**TRUE GENTLEMAN**  
SBM, 52, 5'8", 185lbs, looking for a medium to full-figured SBF, 46-54. Someone who is worldly, nice, loves to laugh and just enjoying life to the fullest. ☎912726

**LET'S BUILD**  
Fun-loving SBM, 47, seeks BF, 32-54, N/S, financially stable, likes romantic evenings. ☎982744

**LET'S TALK**  
SBM, 58, 5'10", medium brown complexion, brown eyes, mustache, medium build, 190lbs, enjoys fishing, movies, music, sports, dining, cooking, travel. Seeking A loving lady for friendship and more. ☎952241

**LIFE IS BEST SHARED**  
SM, 53, tall, 230lbs, muscular, brown hair, enjoys weekend getaways, snuggling, quiet romantic times, motorcycling, simple fun. Seeking SF, 25-55, slender, sweet and sociable to share the special times. ☎955106

**HIT ME UP**  
SBM, 26, seeking SBF, 20-29. Must like going to movies, reality t.v., church, and having fun. ☎967301

**TURNER SEEKS FONDA**  
Brash, outspoken, attractive, educated, trim, salt and pepper businessman, 54, NW suburbs, seeks liberal lady, whose interests include art, architecture, classical, jazz, good conversation, 46-56. ☎970990

**SWEET GUY**  
Good-looking SWM, 52, 6'1", 197lbs, college graduate, financially secure, homeowner, bodybuilder, seeks petite SWF, 35-50, sexy, attractive, to enjoy dining out, movies, for serious relationship, maybe marriage. ☎255073

**TAKE A CHANCE**  
Attractive SWPM, 56, sensitive, easygoing, a good listener, good-humored and fun, enjoys travel, sports, music, good food, see. Seeking romance with shapely, like-minded SBF, someone to share/explore life with. ☎761586

**SHARE GOOD TIMES**  
SBM, 26, 6', 162lbs, slim build, brown complexion, likes movies, long walks, Jesus, cooking, seeks SB/HF, 25-28, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. ☎980453

**HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU**  
Affectionate DWM, 64, brown hair, N/S, D/D-free, enjoys craft shows, flea markets, movies, dining, camping; The Red Wings. ISO a special lady, 48-59, to share friendship, dates, possible LTR. ☎920969

**WHY NOT CALL**  
SWM, 33, brown/green, 5'11", 160lbs, electrician by trade, good-humored, likes day trips, bowling, playing pool, movies, more. Looking for like-minded, fit, active, good-humored girl with zest for life. ☎964027

**POSITIVE PERSONALITY**  
Attractive, romantic engineer, Asian American male, light complexion, 54, 5'8", 148lbs, fit, financially secure, caring, fun-loving, seeks W/H/A/F, 40-55, for friendship maybe more. ☎514300

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**MUSCULAR GUY**  
SWM, 46, 6'2", 209lbs, brown/blue, college grad, enjoys working, reading, travel, dancing, sports. Seeking outgoing SF with similar interests, for friendship and more. ☎431926

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

**WANTED...**  
single full-figured WF, 45-65, who believes in Jesus Christ, sought by DWM, 62, 5'10", 175lbs, clean-shaven, brown/brown, N/D, for LTR. ☎954253

**LET'S BE FREE TOGETHER**  
SBM, 6', 220lbs, physically fit, retired, well-educated. I would like to meet a single female 52-62, who is understanding, loving and caring, for a LTR. ☎869189

**ECONOMICALLY VIABLE**  
SWPM, 54, 5'11", 170 lbs, trim, Aquarius, N/S, likes music, art, golf, landscapes, architecture seeks WPF, 44-60, attractive, fit, active, financially secure, intelligent, possible LTR. ☎984220

**LET'S GO PLACES/HAVE FUN**  
SWM, 48, 6'1", 212lbs, N/S, romantic, enjoys the outdoors, enjoys life. Seeking SWF, 40-54, N/S, who likes to have fun, go places, and enjoys life. ☎781471

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# Long-term care

## Everything you need to know about living in a nursing home

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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Lynn Dickinson's first reaction to learning that Xenia Vosen owned three nursing homes was "that's gross," but then her family was faced with seeking a long-term care facility for her mother-in-law. Until that time, Dickinson had never set foot in a nursing home. Her chance meeting with Vosen was about to change her negative opinion.

Dickinson met Vosen, who holds a doctorate in social gerontology, while attending a conference on an unrelated topic in Florida in January 2004. Vosen began telling her positive stories about the nursing homes she operated in Germany. The emotional issues surrounding the decision to place a parent or loved one in a nursing home are similar in Germany where nursing homes bear the same stigma as in the U.S. Before long the two were working together on *Living Well in a Nursing Home: Everything You and Your Folks Need To Know*. The book was published about one month ago by Hunter House.

### COPIING WITH GUILT

Check lists and quizzes help determine which option is right for the elderly person and their family. Dickinson's mother-in-law had Alzheimer's and no longer knew where she was anymore so she needed 24-hour-a-day care.



Lynn Dickinson

Dickinson started to tour nursing homes to find "a good one." She says, the biggest mistake people make when deciding on long-term care is going with their first instinct to bring mom or dad home to live with them. In the book, she goes into the feelings of guilt about the decision to place a loved one in a nursing home.

"The first instinct is it's always bad to go to a home. The book helps to evaluate whether or not home care is right for you, why a nursing home might not be such a bad option in certain cases," said Dickinson, who grew up in

Redford and now lives in Santa Monica, Calif. She holds a master's degree in spiritual psychology and a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University. "We talk about emotions that will come up. This can tear apart a family. Often the families seem more troubled than the loved one."

Throughout the book, Dickinson and Vosen describe elderly people living in difficult circumstances. The names have been changed, but the suffering of one 82-year-old woman who lived in a third-floor walk-up apartment in Dickinson's building was real.

"Every now and then I saw a face looking down at the kids playing," said Dickinson, 46. "It's really hard for people to participate in community when they can't get out. They're isolated in their homes."

After a friend encouraged the woman to move into a nursing home, she not only received the medical care needed but now has a boyfriend and participates in the facility's activities. She is happier and no longer isolated.

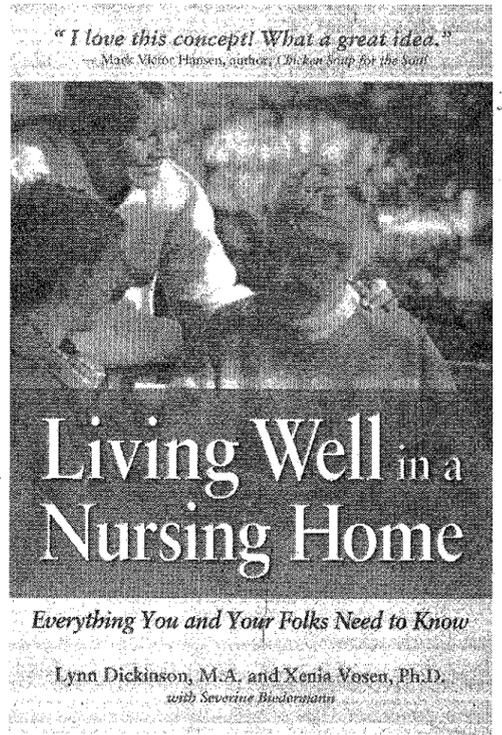
### NOT AN EASY CALL

It is difficult to know when a loved one needs help with everyday living. As long as a parent is mentally capable, it's always his or her choice to stay in their home or move. If they're not mentally able, their family can use the guide in the book to decide what's right for everyone involved. When Dickinson's mother-in-law needed five full-time caregivers around the clock and she was sitting in her own living room asking to go home, the family knew it was time to look for a long-term care facility.

Depending on an elderly person's health, the options include retirement communities, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, and rehabilitation centers if there is hope for recovery after suffering a stroke or heart attack.

"We dropped Clyde's mother off at night. She was coming from Missouri and woke up in California. We worried she would wake up in a strange environment and we weren't there, but we need not have. When we walked in the next morning she was in the middle of the room hitting a balloon back and forth with the other residents," said Dickinson.

"It's knowing what your parent or loved one needs. We're not saying all nursing homes are great. Nursing home reform is something we need to get to that needs help to improve and can improve through voluntary means with pet therapy, gardening



Lynn Dickinson and Xenia Vosen wrote this book to make the decision of moving a loved one to a nursing home easier.

then they'll be there when we need them. We wouldn't think of not going to plant a flower at a parent's home, but hesitate when it's at a nursing home."

Communication with staff is even more important to obtain the proper care for a loved one. The second part of the book deals with life and problems in a facility. If a loved one is complaining of cramps, he or she might tell family but not the staff. Dickinson covers when and how to approach staff for help and how to tell if a resident is being neglected. The nursing home where her mother-in-law lives was recently sold so the family is watching to see what changes, good or bad, new ownership will bring.

"The most important thing is to know that they have options. The book is an educate campaign to let people know. I've now even thought about my own self in that position since writing the book," said Dickinson. "More than 50 percent of the diseases of aging are lifestyle-related. I've started eating healthier, working out regularly. It got me thinking about my body. When people died in older days they used to spend 1 percent of their lives incapacitated or infirm. Now they spend at least 10 percent of their lives infirm or incapacitated."

*Living Well in a Nursing Home: Everything You and Your Folks Need To Know* is available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com), and major bookstores such as Barnes & Noble.

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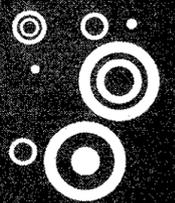


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**JULY**

**Blood drive**

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday July 6, the Red Cross will be hosting their annual post holiday blood drive for the Farmington Hills Freeway Park businesses and residents, at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, behind Cook Imports. To schedule an appointment, call (517) 545-7712 or (877) 505-9437.

**Divorce support**

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions on a first-come, first-served basis; 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.

**Blood drive**

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 16, at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. Call (734) 464-1222, Ext. 309.

**Health camps**

The Amazing Me camp focusing on health and the human body for second-, third- and fourth-grade students 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 10-14, and Aug. 7-11, at the Saint Joseph Mercy Health Exploration Station, 1600 S. Canton Center Road, Canton. Cost is \$169. Call (734) 398-7518. At an asthma camp, participants will learn about what asthma really is, review personal triggers, medications, risk factors and self-management while participating in interactive games and hands-on projects (for second- through fifth-grade students with asthma) 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 14-18. Cost is \$175. Call (734) 398-7518. Camps are all located in the Health Exploration Station, an interac-

tive health education center, where kids can see real germs grow, crawl through a giant intestinal tract, and learn about body systems.

**Stress reduction workshop**

6:15 p.m. Tuesday, July 11 and 25, lecture by Dr. Michael Brackney, D.C., at Brackney Chiropractic, 8524 Canton Center Road. Call (734) 455-4444.

**Hormone workshop**

Balancing hormones naturally for women of all ages with guest lecture by Dr. Carol Fischer, D.C., 7 p.m. Monday, July 17, at the Livonia Civic Center Library on Five Mile, between Farmington and Merriman. No charge. Seating limited. Call (734) 425-8588.

**Wellness workshop**

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

**Jingle in July run**

Summer version of Jingle Bell Run/Walk to benefit the Arthritis Foundation Saturday, July 22, run/walk along the trails of Orion Oaks Park and through the streets of Always Christmas/Canterbury Village, in Lake Orion. Children 10 years old and under can register for the Melted Snowman Shuffle for \$10. Cost is \$30, \$25 until July 12. For more information or to register, call (248) 649-2891, Ext. 232, or visit www.jingleinJuly.kintera.org.

**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 two-three 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.

**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 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information, call Mary at (734) 394-1328.

**ONGOING**

**Northland Pacers Walk Around the World**

Endorsed by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports, in conjunction with Providence Hospital began June 2, with free non-competitive walking and fitness program, at Northland Center, Southfield. Each registered walker receives a passport to record their progress, and a T-shirt. Walkers turn in their mileage logs each week. The mall then updates a world map that show the progress Pacers are making in their journey. It takes 24,901.55 miles to circle the globe. One lap through the center is equivalent to one mile. For more information, call (248) 569-6272 or visit www.shopatnorthland.com. The Northland Pacers walking program was begun in 1985.

**Baby Signs workshop**

The Parent Workshop is designed for parents-to-be and parents of babies from birth to 24 months, and caretakers. Parents learn everything they need to know to about incorporating signing into everyday life. The Sign, Say & Play class is a six-week program for parents and babies ages 6-24 months to learn and practice simple signs in a fun, musical and play environment, series began May 12. Both programs are appropriate for special needs children and their parents. Preregistration required. Programs taught by Ruth HaberkornHalm, speech and language pathologist and certified Baby Signs instructor at The Kaufman's Children Center, West Bloomfield. Call (248) 737-3430 or send e-mail to rhh4962@aol.com.

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In osteoarthritis of the shoulder the cartilage of the shoulder joint wears away. At present no medication exists to replace that cartilage. There is no proof that glucosamine or any similar substance can replace worn shoulder cartilage. While the non-steroidal drugs like ibuprofen and aspirin can relieve shoulder pain, these medications cannot stop the underlying irritation that cause the pain.

Shoulder replacement is possible. However, in older persons, the group most likely to experience shoulder osteoarthritis, the rehabilitation needed to restore movement, is often difficult to impossible. One possibility of a failed shoulder operation is not being able to drive a car. For a person living in Southeastern Michigan, the risk of that loss often cause a rethinking of an operation.

Other treatment includes physical therapy or joint injection. Physical therapy may suffice, but if it does not, joint injection with cortisone is an option. Some physicians inject shoulder joints with a form of hyaluronic acid, but injections with steroids is the procedure of proven benefit.

Success with steroid or hyaluronic acid injections depends on an accurate injection. The injection must reach the shoulder joint if it is to be effective, but getting there can be difficult. The medical community is working on ways of guiding the injection needle to assure that accuracy. In the meanwhile, it may be necessary to repeat the injection before determining if the procedure is effective or not.

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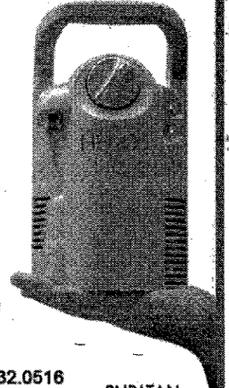
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**Cranberry juice reduces risk for urinary tract infections**



**Peter's Principles**

Peter Nielsen

**Sharon from Macomb Township e-mails asking if there's any truth to the rumor that cranberry juice can help with a urinary tract infection.**

Shelly, the latest research gives new credence to that old rumor. At some point in their lives, 60 percent of women will suffer a urinary tract infection - most of them after the age of 55.

Researchers recently gave a group of 150 women, with a history of urinary infections, a daily dose of cranberry juice, a dose of good bacteria, or nothing at all. After six months, the cranberry juice drinkers were only half as like-

ly to suffer a recurrence of infection. Scientists believe a substance in the juice may prevent bacteria from sticking to the walls of the urinary tract.

To get proper amounts of pure juice, you'll have to drink 6 ounces of the unsweetened cranberry cocktail per day. That's the kind of cranberry juice you'll usually find on store shelves near you. Enjoy!

**Jaclyn from Battle Creek e-mails asking what foods she can eat to help protect her eyesight.**

Jill, new research is coming into focus that will help answer that important question. Scientists now say that antioxidants found in green leafy vegetables, such as spinach and collard greens, can help prevent cataracts. Lab experiments show that the antioxidants Lutein and Zeaxanthin will protect the eyes from ultraviolet light. UV light has been found to be one of the

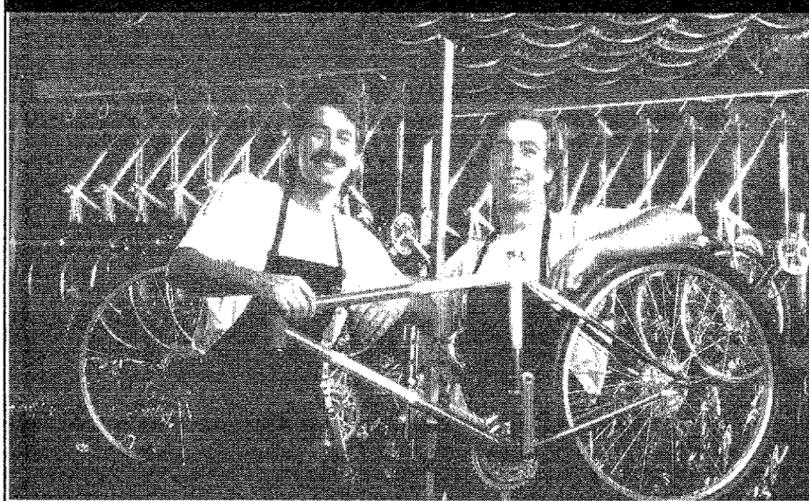
prime causes of cataracts.

These two antioxidants were found to be 10 times more powerful than Vitamin E when it comes to eye protection, even though scientists have been saying for years that Vitamin E was one of the best natural sources of eye protection. The research is especially important since 20 million Americans will develop some kind of cataract or other eye problem.

It turns out when mom told you to eat your spinach she was right on the money!

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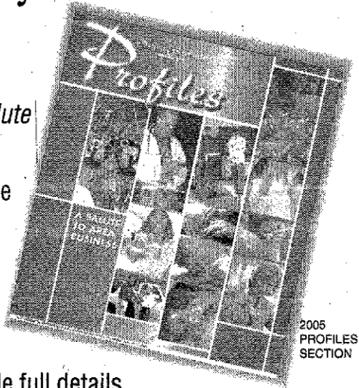
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**PET**

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Pet Supplies "Plus" has grown to meet the demand. It started with one store in Redford in 1988, as a pioneer in bringing supermarket-style merchandising to the field. It's now a franchise chain with more than 200 stores in 20 states.

**PET PRODUCTS, SERVICES**

As the industry grows, never before seen products and services are appearing on the market. A sample of trends and offerings follows:

**GOING TO THE DOGS**

Big-name companies are adding pet product lines. A new example: Nathan's hot dog treats. Known as a premium hot dog for people, the dog treats are premium too, using "human grade" ingredients.

Scott Samet of Petbrandz.com, which offers the product, says, "I think people are just more aware that it's probably better for their pet to give them higher quality items."

Fucini of Pet Supplies "Plus" says another trend, as with people, is supplementing food with medicinal ingredients.

"A big trend is treating

arthritis and joint conditions, because as the average age of pets is increasing with better care it is leading to more senior conditions like arthritis," she said.

"Also, pets are not being kept outside and it's creating overweight animals. So there are lots of foods on the market that are weight control type products."

**GOOD DOG**

Vladae Roytapel is a Troy-based dog trainer and co-owner of Alternative Canine Training, which offers home-based training and approaches behavior problems from the dog's point of view. He also writes a column for the Eccentric, and is the "Dog Wizard" for local television's Fox 2. Roytapel started his business here four years ago.

"It's a tremendous market," he said. "When we started we charged \$60-65 a lesson. Now, it's \$120-130 a lesson. Even

though the economy has slowed down dramatically, we still have a waiting list."

"In the U.S., dogs are like kids," said Roytapel, who previously resided in the Soviet Union and Europe. But he added he has trainer friends in India and China who report the same tendencies. "Before the dog would live outside, now they take it inside, treat it like a child."

Like children, however, they need to learn obedience. So much of his business is helping people understand how to get the best behavior out of their beloved pets, just as a canine parent would.

Roytapel is now going to franchise his business.

**HOME ALONE NO MORE**

One of the most recent doggy day care centers to open is the Canine Campus in Farmington Hills, providing dog day care, boarding, grooming and training. And now

your dog can go to camp, too. Camp Bow Wow in Troy, part of a national franchise company, provides "premier doggy day and overnight camps" with live "camper cams" for families to see their dog while they're away, certified camp counselors, campfire treats, indoor and outdoor play areas and overnight cabins.

**MUST LOVE DOGS**

For the single looking for a partner who "must love dogs," Canine to Five, a doggy day care in Detroit, hosts Hot Dogs, a monthly singles social at which dogs and dog lovers can meet — although dogs get the bonus of a play-space.

**THE BEST MEDICINE**

Medical advancements in pet care include canine dialysis, brain surgery, hip replacements, cancer treatment and cataract surgery.

Michigan Veterinary

Specialists recently opened a new 38,000-square-foot hospital in Southfield. Educational offerings include a free Pet CPR/First Aid class showing how to address common emergencies and a demonstration of "mouth to snout" CPR.

Holistic medicine is also available for pets, such as acupuncture and massage. Pet insurance is also gaining in popularity.

One might wonder: What do the pets think about it all? For instance, what does Casper think of wearing a lifejacket?

"They're your best friend and they're going to trust you and think whatever you do is normal," Fucini said.

As for her, she loves pets and loves the business.

"It's a happy business. The people in the industry are happy people."

"Of course, it's for the money," Roytapel said, "but also for the love of animals."

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## Solid resume key to job hunting

(PRWEB) — The standard is that if a career professional truly wants to get a leg up on the competition, the equivalent of one week's pay should be invested to have a certified professional review skills and experience, and then craft an effective resume package that will guarantee that next move up the corporate ladder. So, what happens to the promising graduate that just spent the last six or seven years in school pursuing a dream, and doesn't have a weeks pay to spend on the perfect resume? Enter GradResumes.com who truly stands behind their company slogan, "Our Focus Is Your Future."

The average cost to have an entry or graduate level resume package written by an industry certified resume writer is \$236. These are services provided by reputable companies that are experts in their fields. A typical student earns \$7 an hour and works an average of 13 hours a week part time. A professional resume service equates to more than three weeks pay for the average student. GradResumes.com

is offering students a complete resume package for just \$84. The affordability is based on the company's desire to help brand new graduates, who finished school in 2006 and are having trouble launching their post-graduate careers.

GradResumes.com has completed thousands of resumes for graduates and students. Not having work history on an entry-level resume does not have to be a detriment. Analyzing transferable skills, academic achievements, community involvement and internships, the company uses its proprietary graduate "Steps System" to clearly demonstrate the long-term value a graduate can offer employers — and assist clients to quickly and easily find the right job.

The owner of GradResumes.com, Tracey Drake, said: "I believe in the importance of educating new graduates regarding the importance of launching a career, and the value of their education and transferable skills to potential employers. We are excited to make professional resume writing

services more accessible financially to even more graduates and students by offering a affordable services on all graduate packages."

GradResumes.com graduate resume writing service is one of the most inexpensive specialty services available online and packages offered are extremely comprehensive. Every client resume package delivered includes a resume in three formats, a customized cover letter, a customized followup letter and a Web published html version so employers can find applicants online.

The company does not stop at providing just a resume package. Each client also receives a free 50-page eBook, researched and written by the company, which extensively covers all aspects of a job search from what to wear and how to prepare for a telephone interview, to practicing responses to tough interview questions and researching a potential employer.

For additional information about resume writing for students and graduates, visit [www.GradResumes.com](http://www.GradResumes.com).



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## 'Me first' not so for counselors

(NAPSI) — Despite today's "me first" society, there are still college graduates who want to make a difference.

"We can tell if a counselor job applicant has a passion about our work," said Malia Kekahuna, who hires counselors for Eckerd Youth Alternatives (EYA), a leading provider of services for troubled youths. "They want to have an impact on these kids. They change society one child at a time."

EYA has several outdoor programs in eight states and is constantly looking for counselors with various majors. The programs integrate group and individual therapy, adventure, communication skills and a fully accredited educational component.

Counselors have few expenses, so many save money while enjoying an outdoor lifestyle. Skills like patience and problem solving apply easily to any career.

"The rewards are immense," Kekahuna said. "A connection with a child may last a lifetime."

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Please submit resume with salary requirements (referencing Job Code EA0612) to:

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## You can do it: Tips to raise home's resale value

### Curb appeal counts in selling

(NewsUSA) — You've decided to move, but the housing market is more competitive than ever. To get an edge on your competition, it's important to make your home as appealing as possible so that you can sell it quickly and at its maximum value.

Home improvement experts provide the following tips to increase the resale value of your home:

■ **Give it curb appeal.** A home's exterior is one of the most important selling points. During the warmer seasons, have colorful flowers and potted plants adorn your yard and entryways. Repaint your front door and replace welcome mats that appear worn or dirty. Also, have the grass cut and trim bushes and shrubs regularly.

■ **Improve or replace siding.** If the outside of your home is looking a bit dull, re-siding can be a dramatic and cost-effective way to improve its appearance. Companies now offer siding that replicates the beauty of real cedar, brick and stone yet requires less maintenance. If you are not looking to replace the siding on your entire home, choose certain areas for accent siding.

■ **Remove the clutter.** Excess furniture can make a room seem smaller. Rearrange or remove furniture to give your home a feeling of openness.

■ **Address any imperfections** that can be easily fixed. Look at carpets for stains; walls and ceilings for paint scuffs or marks; floors for chips or cracks; and any other noticeable flaws. Replace fixtures and hardware to improve the appearance of the kitchen and bath-



Making your home look more attractive will boost its curb appeal, making it easier to sell.

rooms.

■ **Brighten it up.** Lighting is essential because it can portray a certain mood and accentuate fea-

tures of a room. Open the blinds and drapes to let as much natural light in as possible, and consider installing accent lighting.

■ **Make it sparkle.** Your home should be thoroughly clean and tidy to ensure potential homebuyers see it at its best. Burn candles or scented

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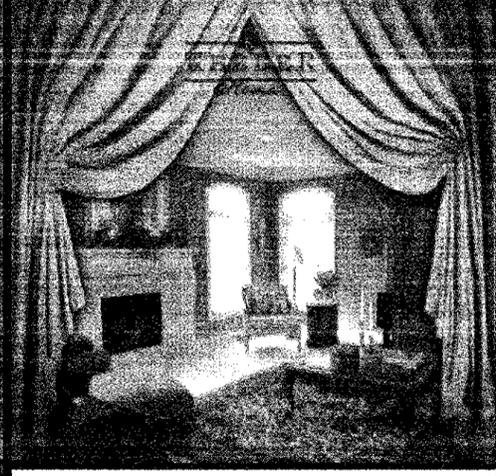


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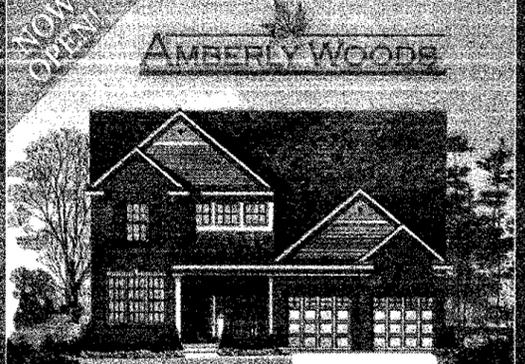
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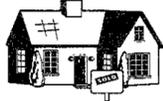
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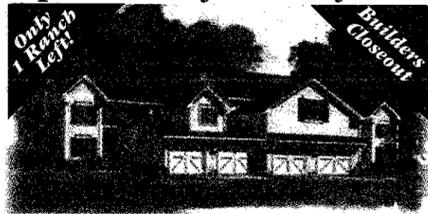
There will be free a Homebuyer's Seminar 11 to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 8, at Century 21 Today, one block west of Beech Daly at 26000 Five Mile in Redford. There will be door prizes and giveaways. Speakers include: real estate attorney, title company, mortgage lender, home inspector, certified public accountant and others. Attendees will get answers to these questions: Why do buyers receive free buyer agency representation and why do they need it? What is the difference between a private inspection and a required municipal inspection? How much home can I afford and how do I protect my credit score while shopping for a loan? How can buying a home actually save me money? How do I get seller concessions to cover my costs? For details, contact Mel Haggood at (313) 538-2000 or e-mail pisanhart@aol.com.

**Homebuyer class**

A free Homebuyer's Class will be 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, at Fidelity National Title at Six Mile and I-275. It is put on by Rosemary Firestone of RE/MAX 100 and Michael Firestone of Golden Mortgage. There will be a home inspector present. Attendees are both first-time buyers and experienced buyers. The class will cover why it is important to be pre-approved and what that entails; what kinds of mortgages are available and to whom; how to avoid a "lemon" and have the house inspected professionally; have a buyer's agent working only for you - not the seller; how to get seller's concessions to help cover your costs; how to decide on a good offering price; what are all the papers involved in writing an offer. Call for reservations (24 hours) at (734) 420-9600 or e-mail at: info@rffirestone-team.com.

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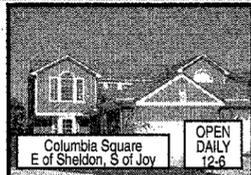
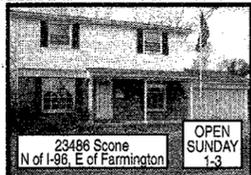
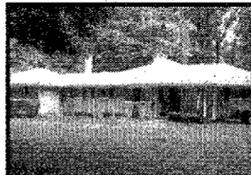
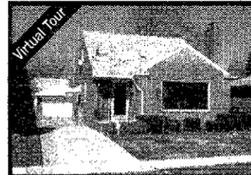
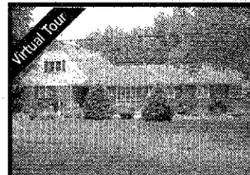
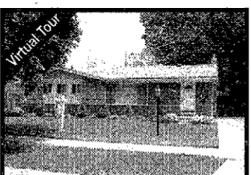
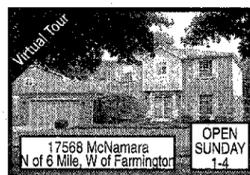
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Tuesday/Thursday, July 11, 13, 18 and 20, at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail.  
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# Time to sell: What you need to do when holding an open house

**What are some basic rules I should know regarding having an open house?**

An open house is a great opportunity to expose your house to the neighborhood. Here are some general things to keep in mind when holding one open:

- The house should be immaculate. This is your chance to present your house to the public. I have seen buyers get turned off about a house because of dust. Although, the house after it's sold can be cleaned it creates a bad feeling if the house is perceived by buyers to be dirty.

- **Just** about all the lights should be on. There is a different feeling walking through a house that is dark, rather than one that is lit up. The dark house creates a gloomy feeling. You are selling your house. It needs to be as presentable as possible.

- You should not be there. You want buyers to feel comfortable walking through the



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house and checking out closets. It makes most buyers uncomfortable to closely look inside a house if the owners are there. If they don't carefully examine the house there is less of a chance they will write an offer on it. Generally the more time they spend in the house, the greater likelihood that they are interested in buying it.

The best thing you can do is stay away. Go visit relatives, see a movie, do some shopping, etc. It's the job of your Realtor to sell the house during the open house.

■ All the people whom visit your house should sign in on the guest register. This is a security precaution. Complete

strangers are coming into your house. There should be a way to monitor who the visitors are.

■ Often there are nosy neighbors who will visit your house because they are well, nosy. It is still good for the sales process for them to come and see your house. They may have friends or relatives who are interested in moving in next to them.

If they see the inside of your house, assuming they like what they are seeing, there is more of a chance that they will sell the house for you. The more people who see your house the better. Also, nosy neighbors talk a lot more to others than non-nosy types, so they may be your best salespeople.

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The entry has a covered porch with a transom overhead. Inside to the right side is a closet, while the stairs for the unfinished basement is on the left.

Straight ahead is the large great room with a fireplace covering nearly half of the back wall. Windows with transoms overhead decorate the balance of the area. In a front corner is a bookshelf, ideal for having a favorite book ready to read at a moment's notice.

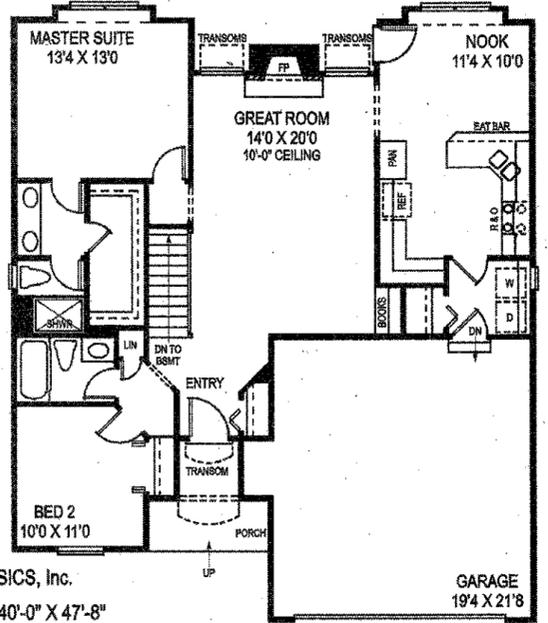
To the right of the great room is a large nook. This eating area is enhanced with large windows bathing the room in light. For convenience, a door to the back yard has been inserted at the rear of the nook. The kitchen for the Kirby Farm is "C" shaped with

The master suite has a large walk-in closet with twin sinks directly across the walkway. This is ideal for getting ready for work in the mornings. There is an oversized shower conveniently located beside the closet.

Entry into this suite passes through an arched doorway, and over the basement stairwell.

Kirby Farm has the openness of a traditional old farmhouse and could easily be expanded.

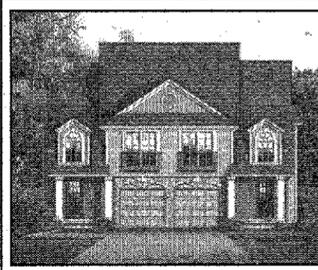
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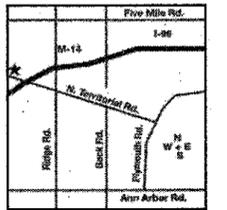
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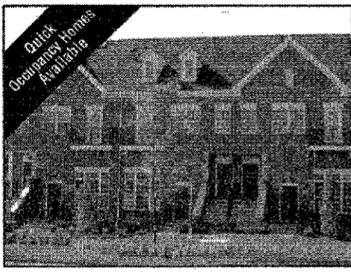
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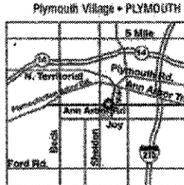
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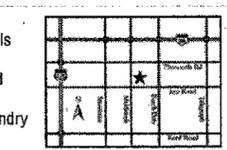
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# Sunday PUZZLE CORNER

Challenging fun for ALL ages

## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

### ACROSS

- 1 Mine bear
- 5 Friendly advice
- 8 South African people
- 12 Try to influence
- 13 Fish roe
- 14 Gossip tidbit
- 15 "Ha!"
- 16 Enter data
- 17 Half-moon tide
- 18 "Bad, Bad — Brown"
- 20 Wine category
- 22 Removes, as a hat
- 24 Unlatch
- 27 Heavy sound
- 30 Floral offering
- 32 Pillow cover
- 33 Evergreen
- 34 Decays
- 35 Castle wall
- 37 Crude metals
- 38 Blow away
- 39 Sky-high
- 41 Boxing's greatest
- 42 Different
- 46 Kind of lens

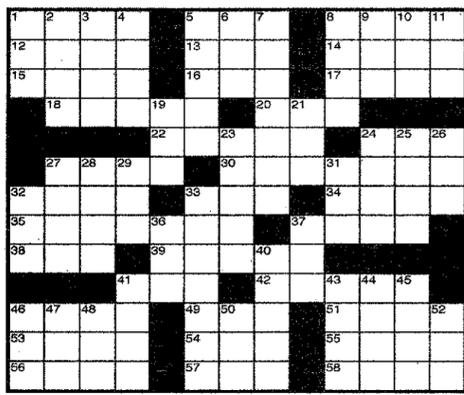
### DOWN

- 1 Tavern
- 2 Face-to-face exam
- 3 Give a wolfish look
- 4 Whodunit suspect
- 5 Ginza locale
- 6 — been robbed!
- 7 Forks over (2 wds.)
- 8 Nonrust coating
- 9 Sporty truck
- 10 Actress
- 11 Thompson
- 19 Unmatched

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

DEN SEEDS ROW  
RCA ATRIA APE  
YODEL SORBETS  
ENID RIO  
GIRDERS ISMS  
NV SNACK LEAP  
OIL TWANG ACE  
MEAD SMEAR AL  
ESPY PARASOL  
NOH DRIP  
BALEFUL EDICT  
MAO FRONT TAO  
WHO SLAMS SPI

- 21 Mountain curve
- 23 Corn-chip name
- 24 Reed instrument
- 25 Stock options
- 26 Newspaper execs
- 27 Take out of the freezer
- 28 Mad Hatter guest
- 29 Thurman of the screen
- 31 Slip up
- 32 Luxury resort
- 33 Many pets
- 36 Buddy
- 37 New York Giants hero
- 40 The "I" in fistop
- 41 Town near Des Moines
- 43 Scurries along
- 44 Como — used?
- 45 Bogie role
- 46 Use a remote
- 47 Osaka sash
- 48 Corrida cry
- 50 Car grill cover
- 52 That vessel



## SUDOKU

			4					9
5	3	8						1
		4		7				6
			7	2	6			
		7	1			9		
8		3	4					
2		3		5				6
				3				
		5					7	8

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Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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## SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

- ARCHERY
- BASEBALL
- FENCING
- JUDO
- KAYAKING
- ROWING
- SHOOTING
- TENNIS
- WRESTLING

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

A R O W I N G R C H  
T E N N I D N X Y B  
G R T E N N I S R A  
J Y G S H O K H O S  
U R N H E R A O W E  
D E I O T Y Y O I B  
D H C O U I A T M A  
O C N P I O K I G L  
W R E S T L I N G L  
S A F J U D O G S H

### CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

8	7	8	1	9	2	9	7	6
2	6	9	7	8	1	7	9	
7	9	1	7	9	6	8	8	2
7	1	9	6	7	8	2	8	2
8	2	6	9	8	1	7	9	7
9	8	7	9	2	7	6	1	8
9	8	2	7	9	7	6	1	8
1	7	7	2	6	9	8	9	9
6	9	8	8	1	7	9	2	7

### CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

2	V	E	I	N	D	O	G	S	H		
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D	E	I	O	T	Y	Y	O	I	B		
1	A	G	2	H	O	K	H	O	2		
G	V	E	I	N	D	O	G	S	H		
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V	B	O	M	I	O	B	C	H			

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## Upgraded Benz E350 Rates Right Up There As A Favorite Car Of All Time

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### CAReport



By Dave Menard  
Avanti NewsFeatures

People that know what I do ask me the question all the time. What car do you really like best? It's a hard question to answer. There are a lot of different vehicles I like for a lot of different reasons. Somewhere in my top five, though, has got to be the 2006 Mercedes-Benz E350 sedan.

It's a new model, replacing the not-too-shabby E320, and it's nice to look at and fun to drive. The E350, which also comes in a wagon configuration, is what I call a personal sedan—not so large as to lose all road feel and be difficult to maneuver, and not so small that its ride is uncomfortable and its space too tight. It just feels like a part of you when you drive it.

You can tell it's a Mercedes right away. It's got the distinctive front fascia of a Mercedes, larger outside headlamps with smaller inside lamps and the classic Mercedes hood ornament. The lines are sharp and clean. Although there wasn't one on the test car, you can get an AMG Sport package for the E350 that includes an ANG-design sculpted front air dam and rear apron, dual polished chrome exhaust tips and 18-inch wheels with performance tires. Even without the sport package, though, the E350 looks nice.

The E350 is powered by a 3.5-liter V-6, featuring four valves per cylinder, double-overhead camshafts and variable valve timing for both intake and exhaust valves. The engine is rated at 268 horsepower, which is an increase of 20 percent over the 3.2-liter engine it replaces, and 258 lb.-ft. of torque.

The good news is that six cylinders are enough to give you a nice shot of power off the line (0-60 in 6.5 seconds) and more-than-adequate passing power, and it's rated at 19 mpg city and 27 on the highway. The bad news is that it takes premium fuel.

It's mated to a very smooth transmission. It's a seven-speed automatic with touch shift. You can do the shifting yourself, if you care to, but I never felt the need. With seven gears to choose from, the shift points always seemed to be properly spaced and, at times, almost unnoticeable.

Where the E350 really shines, though, is in how it handles. It seems to almost anticipate the road ahead and quickly compensates for twists and turns. It corners very well—you almost look forward to them.



2006 Mercedes-Benz E350 (sedan). Vehicle class: Midsize car. Power: 3.5-liter V-6 engine. Where built: Sindelfingen, Germany. Mileage: 19 city / 27 highway. Base price: \$50,050. Price as tested: \$54,465.

The suspension is a four-wheel independent system, with coil springs up front and a five-link system with gas shocks and stabilizer bar in the rear. The ride is smooth and quiet without losing road feel. There is an optional air suspension system available, which uses sensors to monitor road conditions to select suspension settings.

Power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering, electronic stability program and traction control are standard, and the power-assisted four-wheel ABS brakes are excellent.

Inside, Mercedes has given the E350 a nice combination of sportiness and luxury. The standard 10-way power-adjustable leather seats (which can be heated as part of an option package) provide great support, and it's easy to find a good driving position.

The cockpit features woodgrain inserts and a center console that also woodgrain. The console opens to reveal two cupholders and a storage area (there's also a small storage bin that slides out of the passenger's side of the dash).

The instrument panel is well laid-out and features a computer message center in the middle. While I'm old school enough to prefer an analog fuel gauge, the vertical bar gauge is fine.

There's plenty of leg room, even for tall drivers. Hip and shoulder room are not a problem, either. The trunk area is roomy and you can drop the rear seats down for even more cargo space.

The E350 comes with automatic climate control, power tilt steering wheel, power windows, cruise control, and an integrated garage door opener. A sunroof is

optional.

The standard audio system on the E350 is an AM/FM/weatherband/CD system with nine speakers and surround sound. As impressive as it is, you can opt for an even more impressive harmon-kardon LOGIC7 system, with seven-channel digital surround sound, 12 speakers and 420 watts of total power.

You can also add a DVD-based navigation system. It's not as intuitive as some others I've seen, but it provides an attractive display and will do the job for which it's intended.

The E350 comes with adaptive dual-stage front airbags; in less severe crashes only the first stage of the air bag will deploy, while both stages will deploy in more serious crashes. Side airbags are also included and the E350 has a rollover sensor that will deploy the side airbags in the case of an imminent rollover. Also included are active front head restraints. In the event of a rear collision, the head restraints move forward to support the head and help reduce whiplash injuries.

As much as you might love the E350, it does come at a price. It starts at about \$50,000. Add the sunroof, navigation system, heated seats and rear sunshade (it's all part of a package) and you're up around \$54,500. And this doesn't include the AMG sport package. Not cheap—but you get a lot of car for your money.

At the beginning of this story I said I really liked the E350. I never said I could afford it.

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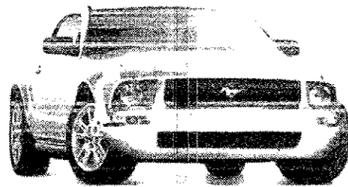
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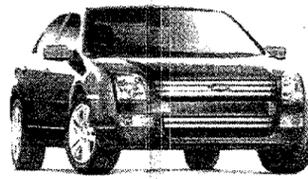
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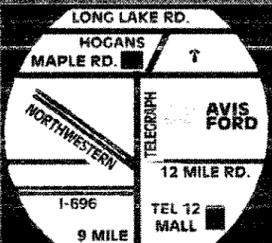
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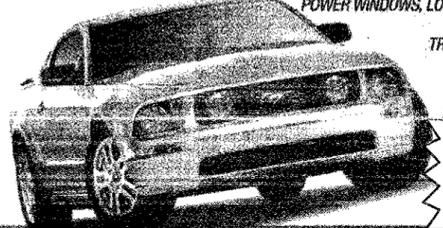
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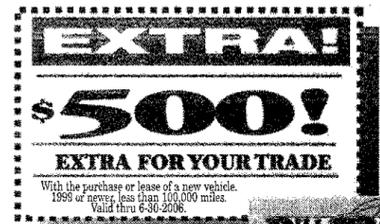
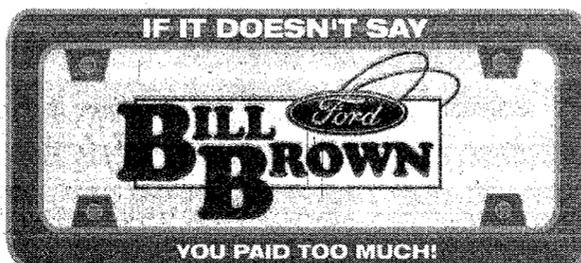
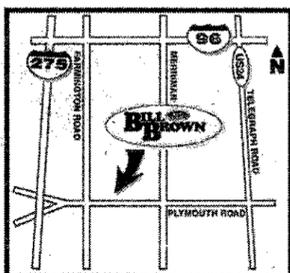
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