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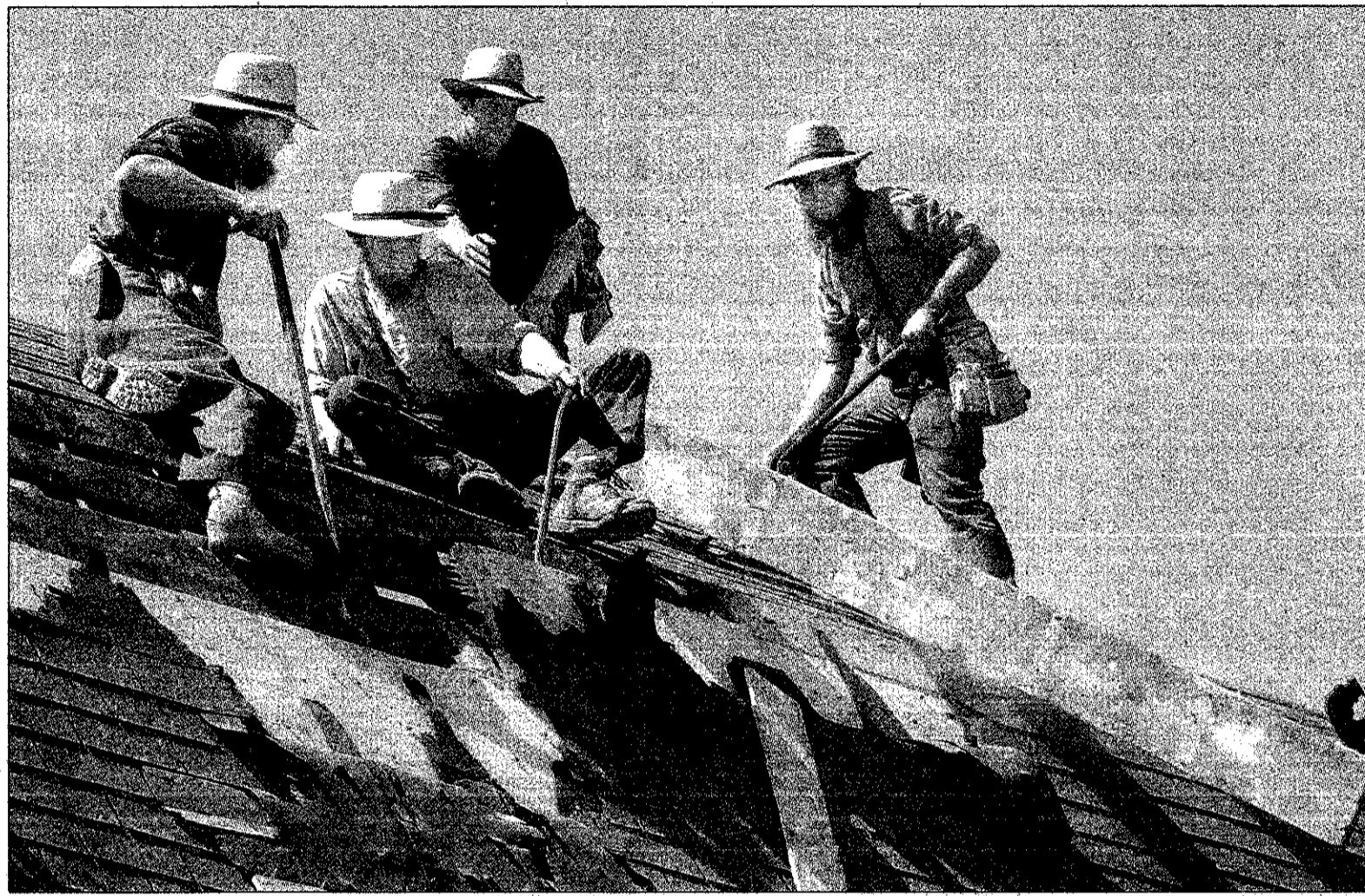
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Amish workmen, who look like they could have been taken straight out of the history books, began taking down the historic Cady barn on Thursday. It will be moved and reassembled in Cherry Hill Village, next to the Travis-Bartlett House. Here, several workers tear off the roof one board at a time. For more photos and the story, please see page A3.

Stepping back in time

Cady barn, Bartlett-Travis house to be core of Canton heritage park

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

One hundred years ago, the Cady family's barn, and William and Martha Travis' farm were situated more than one mile apart. The Cady farm was located just west of where Joy and Canton Center roads are today. And the Travis' farm was off Canton Center and Warren.

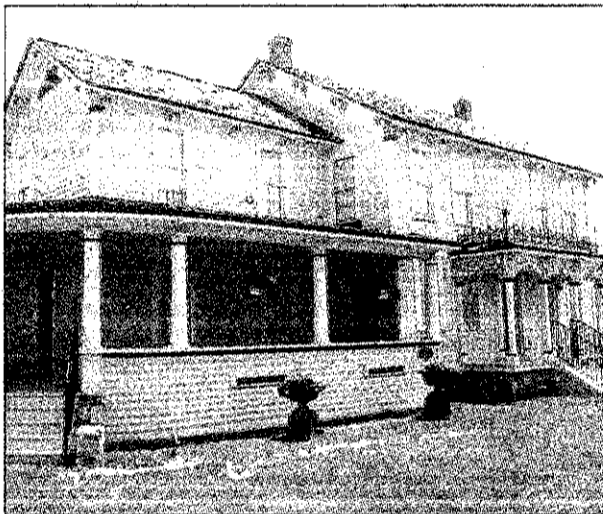
But in just a few weeks, the old barn and the farm house will stand side by

side in Canton's Cherry Hill Village. The barn is being moved from its location on the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park campus to the village location.

"The barn fits in with the historic farm equipment we already have here. It'll bring up the whole area to be a heritage type park," said Brad Sharp, Canton Township parks and facilities maintenance manager.

The barn is being disassembled and

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The township moved the historic Bartlett-Travis house to Cherry Hill Village in 1989. Painstaking attention to details and historic authority were taken during the restoration, which was completed in 2002.

Habitual felon arrested for 7-Eleven robbery

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Canton police were able to track down and arrest a 54-year-old Canton man following a July 4 armed robbery at a local convenience store. The suspect, Leslie Wayne McGinnis, was arraigned on charges of armed robbery, and was charged as a habitual offender, with four prior convictions for charges ranging from robbery and armed robbery to larceny and criminal sexual conduct.

If found guilty of the armed robbery, McGinnis could spend up to life in prison.

According to police reports, McGinnis was arrested at approximately 4 a.m. on July 4. Police received a report that the 7-Eleven at Warren and Morton Taylor roads had just been robbed.

The clerk working at the convenience store had called police and said that someone came into the store and demanded cash from the register. The clerk said the robber said he had a knife in his pocket.

In addition to robbing the store of between \$300 and \$400, police say the suspect also made off with the "Education is Foundation" charity donation box which was on the counter.

"He had on a hooded sweat shirt and a bandana partially covering his face. (The clerk) saw his hands were in his pockets and she believed that the robber was armed," said Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski.

The clerk said the robber left the store on foot, and gave police a description of the man. Police issued a "be on the lookout" report, and just moments later, a Canton police officer spotted a man who matched the clerk's description.

McGinnis was driving in the area of Ford and Sheldon, and police pulled over his car.

"When the officer looked in the car, there was cash and the stolen donation box on the front seat," Pomorski said.

Officers arrested McGinnis. He was arraigned at the 35th District Court in Plymouth by Judge Michael Gerou, who ordered a \$50,000 cash bond. McGinnis's preliminary exam date is scheduled for July 14 at 35th District Court.

McGinnis is on parole. He was released from prison on Sept. 27, 2005, after serving nearly nine years for two armed robbery convictions.

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'Bored' teenage girls suspected in crime spree

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Three teenage girls could be facing criminal charges following an evening of widespread vandalism of cars in the vicinity of Lotz Road.

Police first encountered the girls - two 14-year-olds and one 13-year-old - just before midnight June 30. The girls were in a park near the home where two of them lived, and police talked to them briefly. The girls had some tools with them, and a bottle of rubber cement in a backpack. Police advised them to go home, according to Canton Police Sgt.

Rick Pomorski.

It was the next morning that police began to think the girls may have been up to some trouble, Pomorski said.

"That's when the calls started coming regarding the vandalism," he said.

Car owners in the neighborhood were calling to file complaints about slashed tires, obscene notes glued to their cars and garage doors, and scratches on their cars. In some cases, obscene words were scratched onto the vehicles.

The first call came to the police station early in

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20th hopeful satisfies passion for politics

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER



Hawver

Joe Hawver has always had a passion for politics - he worked on John Dingell's campaign when he was 16 - but never had a yen for political life.

Now, after caving in to years of badgering from his friends, the 27-year-old Plymouth Township resident is jumping into the political arena, campaigning for the House 20th District seat being vacated by the term-limited Rep. John Stewart.

Hawver is one of three Democrats on the Aug. 8 primary ballot.

"I guess I've always been apprehensive about it because of how people talk about politics, and how people start with these great intentions, but

when they get into it they become these corrupt, Jack Abramoff-types," Hawver said. "I do have a passion for this, but I also have a mindfulness about the dark side of all this, and that's the thing that prevented me from getting into it the last couple of years."

He grew up in Wayne and his family lived there until he was 12 before moving to Plymouth. He attended Canton High School before moving to Dearborn, where he finished up at Edsel Ford High School.

BACKGROUND

He got his bachelor's degree in public law from Western

Michigan University and just graduated Wayne State Law School. While there, Hawver worked for more than three years at Growth Works, the Plymouth-based counseling center for troubled teens and was one of three therapists chosen to start a new center in Grosse Pointe.

He left Growth Works in September 2005 to finish school and start studying for the bar exam, which he has taken, but not gotten results yet.

He said the economy is the state's No. 1 issue.

"It's been pretty well-publicized Michigan is in a single-state recession, and I think that's mostly because we don't have a very diverse economy here," Hawver said. "We pretty much depend on the auto industry, and whenever the

auto industry goes into a slump the economy tends to slump."

Hawver said one of the keys is alternative energy, pointing out that whenever the world transitioned to a new energy source, the empire controlling the old one has failed to maintain control.

"If we accept the premise, and I know this is controversial, that the world's energy needs are changing and the global oil supplies are shrinking and that's why prices are so high, I think we have a golden opportunity in this state to transition to whatever energy source the world is going to be using in the 21st century," he said. "I think this is an emergency in this state and in the world. We have to

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Orchestra Canton

Orchestra Canton presents the fifth and final concert of its 2005-2006 season with a pops concert entitled "Summer Sounds: A Pops Picnic" at 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 15, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Step back in time and enjoy acoustic music with a vintage ensemble. Orchestra Canton will perform a concert featuring ragtime, marches, foxtrots, tangos, and 1920s dance band music, with favorites by Scott Joplin, John Phillip Sousa, Astor Piazzolla, and Kurt Weill. A special presentation of the Richard Rodgers classic "Slaughter on 10th Avenue" will feature the duo "At the Two Pianos" of Adam Aceto and Patrick Johnson.

Beginning at 7 p.m. patrons can order a box lunch and have a picnic at the Village Theater prior to the concert. The box lunch picnic is \$10 and includes a sandwich, pasta salad, chips and cookies. Tickets for the concert are sold separately and are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors, and \$11 for children. Tickets may be purchased in person at the Summit on the Park, 4600 Summit Parkway, by phone by calling the Summit at (734) 394-5460. Tickets may also be purchased at the Village Theater box office one hour before the performance.

For more information about this concert or Orchestra Canton's upcoming 2006-2007 "Classical Canton" Season, please visit www.orchestracanton.org.

Firefighters golf outing

The Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation will host its 10th annual Greg Unger Memorial Golf Outing on Tuesday, July 18, at Pheasant Run Golf Course in Canton. The cost is \$110 per person and includes 18 holes of scramble golf with a cart, lunch at the turn, dinner banquet with a door prize, contests, and raffle prizes.

The golf outings were originally started to raise money for

Ice cream social continues to grow

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

There aren't many things better on a hot summers day than enjoying some ice cream surrounded by friends and family. That is the premise behind Canton Leisure Service's annual ice cream social, which will be held 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday July 12 at the historic Cherry Hill School, located at the northwest corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill roads in Cherry Hill Village.

According to Dianne Neihengen, one of the organizers of the event, everyone is welcome to the free event, which is in its fifth year.

"It's an opportunity for families to come together and enjoy on old fashioned event

in a great setting," she said. "It's just a nice time."

Neihengen said the ice cream social has grown considerably since the inaugural event five years ago when about 100 people showed up. Last year, more than 400 people came out, she said.

In addition to free ice cream, the Canton Community Band will perform outside on the lawn, so people are encouraged to bring chairs to enjoy the entertainment. The ice cream will be served inside the school.

No reservations are necessary for the event, which is being held in conjunction with National Parks and Recreation Month.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Debra Bilbrey-Honsewetz and Brad Sharp, both with Canton Leisure Services, discuss the history of the Bartlett-Travis house in Cherry Hill Village.

Greg Unger, then age 17, Unger suffered from cystic fibrosis and needed a double lung transplant. With the help of money raised through the charity foundation, Unger received the necessary transplant and follow-up treatment. Five years ago Unger passed away. Since then the outing has been known as the Greg Unger Memorial Golf Outing.

Over the past 10 years the charity foundation has given close to \$100,000 back to the community. Donations have been made to individuals and families who have suffered the devastating loss of their home and personal belongings due to fire.

The foundation has also made donations to members of the community facing hardship due to a serious illness or injury. And the foundation continues to donate to suffering and/or surviving families of public safety personnel who have suffered a traumatic injury, illness or death.

To register for the outing or to make a donation to the Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation, contact the Canton Fire Department at (734) 398-5462.

Cool nights

Canton Leisure Services will host its Cool Nights program July 14, July 28, and Aug. 11 at the Heritage Park splash park. Families and friends are encouraged to visit the outdoor splash park in Heritage Park with its extended hours from 7-9:30 p.m.

It's a great way to beat the heat. In addition, a disc jockey will be on hand playing today's popular music and light concessions will be available as well. Each of the Cool Nights will feature a special theme for families to enjoy. The program is free.

Office hours

Wendy Larvick, legislative aide for state Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, will hold office hours on Monday July 17, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Canton Public Library, located at 1200 South Canton Center Road. Local residents can meet with her to discuss state government concerns or issues. Larvick will immediately convey any and all concerns to Rep. LaJoy. No appointment is necessary.

HOUSE

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moved by Amish tradesmen, who will deliver it to the township-owned property at Cherry Hill and Ridge before the end of the month.

But the Bartlett-Travis house has been there waiting for more than 15 years. The township moved it to its current location in 1989. Its restoration began in 1994 and was completed in the autumn of 2002.

Painstaking attention to details and historic authenticity were taken during the restoration. Small sections of original wallpaper were saved during the process, and today an original swatch of it is framed by a cove in the parlor. The wallpaper throughout the house closely matches the style of the original.

A mural painted on the house's landing between upstairs and down is authentic, created in the style that would have been popular when the house was constructed in 1838.

"The rugs and furniture are authentic," said Debra Bilbrey-Honsewetz, Canton recreation facilities manager. "And we now take great care to preserve

the integrity of the house."

Throughout the house, there is period furniture, much of it donated and all of it in glorious condition, and in an upstairs bedroom, volumes of Canton's old tax rolls are stored in stacks along the wall.

"This can be a really intimidating building," Bilbrey-Honsewetz said. "People are respectful of the kind of home it is. I think it is a little scary."

And that is perhaps the most important reason why the house has been underutilized. It was refurbished with the idea that residents would be interested in using the house - women would rent it for teas and bridal showers, and school children would tour the historic home. But that hasn't been happening as much as township officials had hoped.

So the Leisure Services Department began the task of trying to develop programming to bring residents out to the historic property.

"There's a real push for heritage programming here," Bilbrey-Honsewetz said. "We have had some teas and small receptions, but we've also had things like the Village Faire, which will mark its fourth year this August." The Village Faire has drawn

thousands of visitors to the Bartlett-Travis' home site. The township enlisted the help of Tillers International to perform farming and plowing demonstrations, as well as rope making. The event has also offered the Lions Club of Canton a location to host a corn roast, and attractions such as wagon rides and an ice cream social have also been a perfect fit for the August afternoon.

"We've done all kinds of other things out here like the teen camp-out, and ghost story telling at Halloween," Bilbrey-Honsewetz said. "The challenge is to set up programming and find things that appeal to a broad population. And at the same time we hope there's an educational component to it."

The barn will be on the site by the end of this month and by the end of the summer, will be erected in its new location near the house. The barn will be used for display and storage of historical farm equipment, in recognition of Canton's agricultural heritage.

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'Time warp'

In a scene from a time gone by, Amish crews began taking down the Cady barn Thursday

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

There was a time in Canton's history when it was probably common for men with names like Amos and Levi to build and tear down barns. So it was somewhat fitting that a group of Amish men - some named Amos and Levi - were the ones on Thursday to begin taking down the old Cady barn so it can be moved to township property in Cherry Hill Village.

The Amish workers, numbering about a dozen, certainly played their part, looking like a crew straight from the era when Aruna Cady actually built the old gambrel-roofed barn on Joy Road near McClumpha - now the campus of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Not only were their clothing and general appearance reminiscent of centuries gone by, they also didn't take advantage of technologies employed by today's construction crews. Everything was done with brute strength. There were no cranes. Just crowbars, prybars and hammers tearing away at century-old lumber and nails.

The scene was exactly like the kind you would have seen in Canton 150 years ago.

As such, it drew out a few curious onlookers, including David Curtis of the historical society, Charlie Mott of the Lions Club, and township trustee and local history buff Melissa McLaughlin.

And of course, there was Bob Boyer, who arrived early with the Amish crew. It was Boyer, a longtime Canton resident and owner of Boyer's Meat Processing, who stepped forward to not only find the crew, which is moving the barn for considerably cheaper than original estimates the township had, but also is paying for it himself.

Boyer, who once hauled cattle out of the old Cady barn, said he came forward after reading about efforts to save it had failed. He said what really touched him was the work of



Younger crew members load pieces of the barn on trailers, so they can eventually be moved a few miles southwest to the Bartlett-Travis house in Cherry Hill Village.



A crew of Amish workers removes part of the barn's interior structure and carries it out in one piece on Thursday.

some Salem High School students, who formed a project around the barn and even offered a tour to the public.

Boyer also thinks the barn will be perfect for the annual Canton Lions Club corn roast, which takes place the fourth

Sunday of August. McLaughlin, who is a bit of a barn buff, said everything is moving forward with site preparation in Cherry Hill Village, though the site has proven a little wetter than expected. The township board recently voted to spend more than \$30,000 to prepare the site for the barn.

She was really amazed by the scene of the Amish crew taking down the barn, however. It reminded her of another time. She was particularly impressed by the skill of the workmen.

"This is what our grandparents did. This was such a part of their everyday lives, just like it is part of the everyday lives of these workmen. It's really like a time warp watching them," she said.

The hope of some officials is to see the barn restored, so it can complement the Bartlett-Travis House in some kind of heritage park. The township has not committed any funding to that at this point, but, according to Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett, the Canton Community Foundation grant committee will recommend to the foundation's full board to approve spending \$20,000

over two years to help with site preparation and other work.

As for the workers, there is still time to get a peek at their craftsmanship. It is expected to take them another week or two to finish taking down the barn.

The better time to seem them, however, may just be at an undermined event sometime later this summer. At least that's what McLaughlin would like to see. She said it would be great to have the community come out for an old-fashioned barn-raising, just like used to take place in Canton years ago.

"I think it would be great to have it revolve around the Lions Club corn roast somehow," she said.

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The crew uses mostly hand tools for dismantling the barn, including crowbars.



Canton resident Bob Boyer, who not only donated money to move the barn but also found the crew to do it, was on hand Thursday to watch it being taken down.



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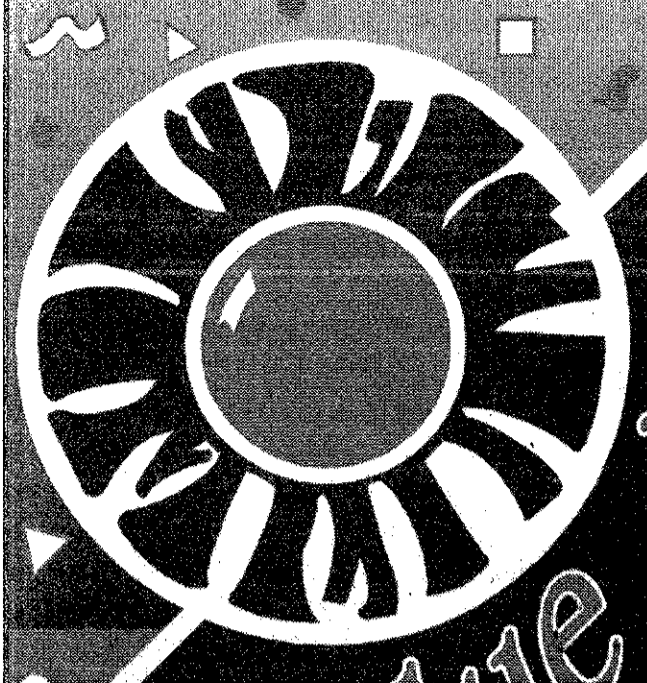
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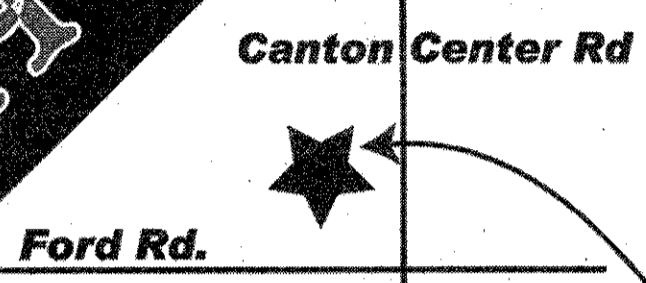
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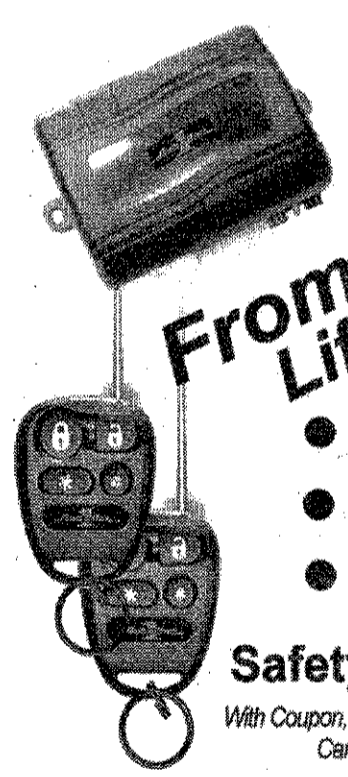
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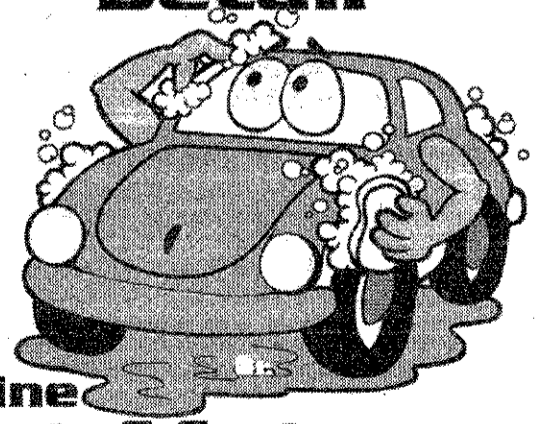
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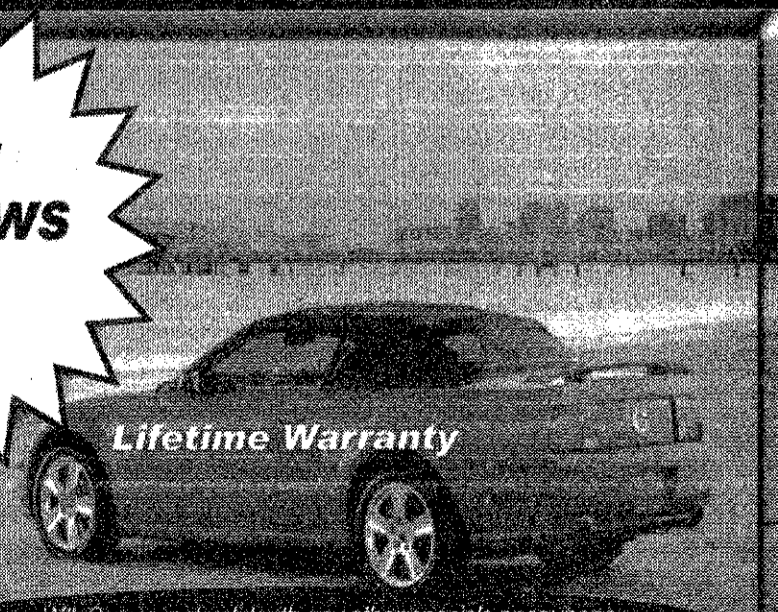


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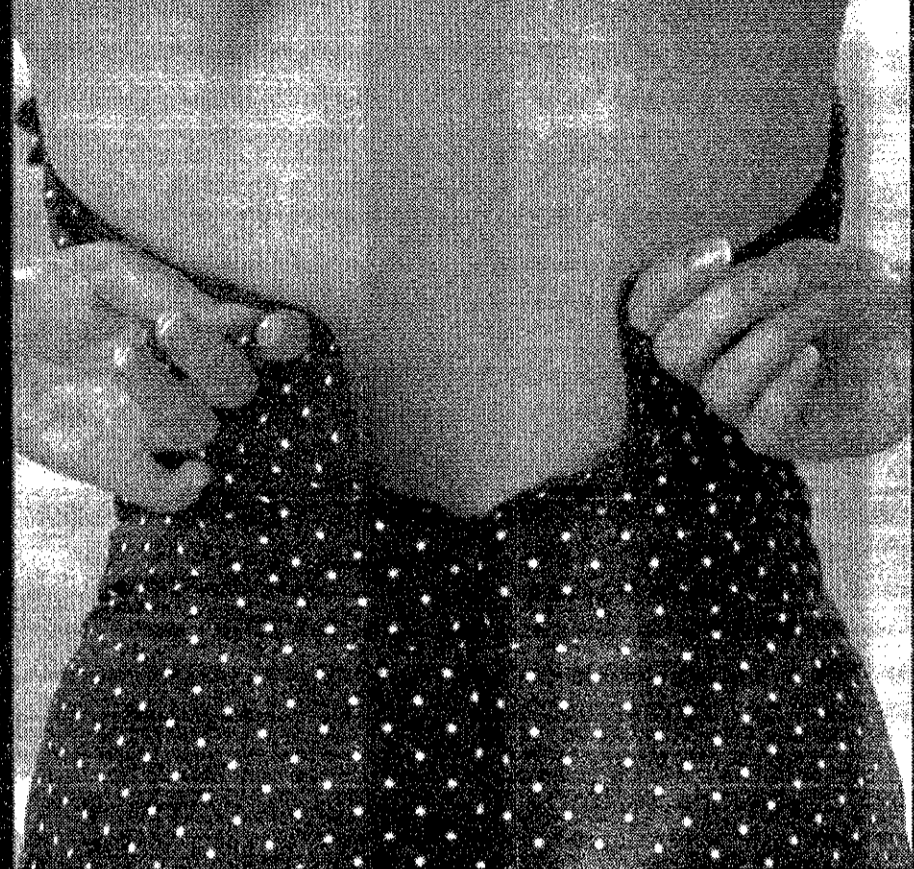
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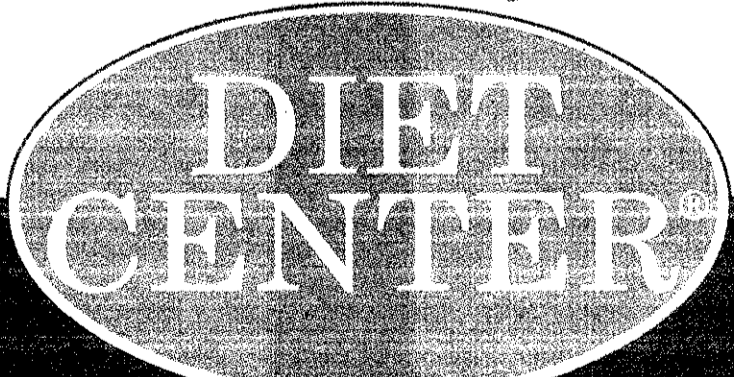
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The 27th annual Plymouth Art in the Park didn't officially open until noon, but by early Friday afternoon Main Street already had large crowds.

A weekend with the arts (and crafts)

**Annual festival
takes over
downtown streets**

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Susan K. Nestor knows the value of arts and crafts venues like Plymouth's Art in the Park, which took over the streets of downtown Plymouth all weekend.

Nestor, an artist from Farmington who specializes in beads, has built up quite a resumé of satisfied customers in six years at the festival.

It's a level of success first-year artist Samantha Strayer is hoping to achieve.

Both were among the hundreds of crafters from across the country — there was one from San Francisco, another from Georgia — who set up shop for three days to take advantage of the popular festival, now in its 27th year.

These kinds of shows, as Nestor already knew and Strayer discovered this weekend, are important ones for crafters.

"Everyone knows about this show," said Nestor, who owns Susan K. Nestor Studios. "When you're at a show, people always ask where you're going



Artists Carmen Flora of Plymouth and Phillip Delacruz of Carlsbad, Calif., work on a chalk mural at the intersection of Main Street and Penniman Avenue.

to be. When I say Plymouth, everyone says, 'I love that show, I'll be over there.'

"The caliber of this show brings people out," she said, helping one of several customers milling about her booth. "There's a lot of variety. I get to see people who've never bought from me, and I get to see a lot of repeat customers."

Business for Strayer was a little slower, but she was still encouraged by her first experience with the festival. She designs business cards, greeting cards, invitations and the like,

using a variety of colors and decorative supplements.

"I'm hoping for some exposure, hoping it'll generate interest and give me some good feedback on my designs," Strayer said Friday afternoon. "I don't know what people expected. It's been quiet, but I'm hopeful."

She works out of her home in Belleville, and wanted to expand her customer base, so she decided to take part in the festival.

"I'm so excited when I make them," Strayer said of her cards. "When I see the people come up and get excited, too, I love that."

Chris Corcoran gets excited about Art in the Park, as well. By 2 p.m. Friday (the show opened around noon) she and her mother had already sent her dad home with one batch and were loading up for the second round.

Corcoran, who lives in Sterling Heights and makes it to Art in the Park every year, said she had not yet begun to shop.

"We're browsers," she said of her and her mom. "We've been on a roll, and we've still got one street left to go."

Live entertainment continues until 4 p.m. today (Sunday); the festival closes at 5 p.m.

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All stakeholders should have input on mental health changes

The future of the Detroit Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency (DWCCMHA) is one that all of us need to be concerned about because it provides critical services to more than 40,000 people in our community. Along with countless others, Adult Well-Being Services has a vested interest in what happens to DWCCMHA. We are a 53-year-old community-based, nonprofit agency that provides a comprehensive range of services to seniors, people who have developmental disabilities and adults with mental illness.

There are several major issues under discussion: 1) creation of a mental health authority or some other form of governance; 2) implementation of a new service delivery system, and; 3) replacement of the executive director.



Karen Shrock

With respect to governance, the questions of who will run the county's mental health programs and what its structure will look like are being debated at the state and local levels of government. The state Senate has referred the entire community health appropriations bill which includes the DWCCMHA line item to a conference committee. Locally, the DWCCMHA Board and Wayne County Executive disagree on what should be the composition of the board. The Wayne County Commission approved a resolution calling for a 13-member board, all of whom would be appointed by the county executive. However, the state statute that created the agency calls for a 12-member board. It is now up to the Michigan Legislature to decide whether or not there will be a change in the State Mental Health Code and thus the board composition.

Governance is fundamental to operation and viability of a community mental health agency. Before any final decisions are made about the governance structure, we strongly urge our legislators and policy makers to involve the provider and consumer stakeholders in the deliberations. We are important to the success of any new governance entity and we encourage you to enlist our advice and support.

The most recent executive director, Richard Visingardi, is no longer in that position. The county has had many mental health agency directors in eight years. Because of unclear governance, a series of executive directors has had difficulty knowing who their boss is. Until the question of who has authority to hire staff,

This is a critical time for the mental health system in Wayne County. A transition in governance, a transition to a new service delivery system and a transition to a new executive director threaten to destabilize an already stressed system. We need to move forward with great care and with the input of all of the stakeholders. There is tremendous history and expertise in the provider and consumer networks. Let's find a way to use it.

carry out policies and enter into contracts is resolved, the system will continue to be unstable. The executive director needs to know to whom to report and to have real operational authority. Whatever organizational structure evolves must clarify the executive director's reporting line and boundaries of authority.

In addition to the deliberations related to governance and who will be the next executive director, there are plans under way to transition the service delivery network. An RFQ has been issued which plans to reduce the existing five managed-care networks to two. The last transition which occurred just three years ago took more than a year to work out the bugs and caused great stress and confusion for consumers. Let's not create unnecessary turmoil again for people who depend on a seamless delivery of services. We urge that the move to consolidate the service delivery network be suspended until all of the operational and governance issues are resolved.

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Karen Shrock is the executive director of Adult Well-Being Services.

Michigan drifting southward in improving child well-being

The press kit for this year's Kids Count report came with a wheel. You can turn to each state and it gives the state's rank and how it scores on the Kids Count key indicators for child well-being.

Michigan scores a disappointing 27th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Kids Count is a project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation to track the status of children's welfare nationally and state-by-state. The project in Michigan is supported by the Baltimore-based Casey Foundation and the Detroit-based Skillman Foundation, the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Foundation of Michigan and the Michigan Association of United Ways. The Michigan Leagues of Human Services and Michigan's Children gathers the information.



Hugh Gallagher

The figures released this year were gathered in 2003.

Kids Count focuses on 10 areas it defines as critical for child well-being: percent of low-birthweight babies (live births weighing less than 5.5 pounds), infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), child death rate (deaths per 100,000 children ages 1-14), teen death rates (deaths per 100,000 teen ages 15-19), teen birth rate (births per 1,000 female ages 15-19), percent of teens who are high school dropouts (ages 16-19), percent of teens not attending school and not working (ages 16-19), percent of children living in families where no parent has full-time, year-round employment, percent of children in poverty and percent of children in single-parent families.

Michigan's worst ranking is 43rd in infant mortality at 8.5 deaths per 1,000 births, compared to a national average of 6.9. Among African-Americans the infant mortality rate swells to 17.4 deaths per 1,000 births. (The rate is 6.7 for white infants.)

Michigan's sluggish and shifting economy accounts for a 29 percent increase in child poverty. Perhaps the economy is also responsible for Michigan's biggest turnaround, a 30 percent change in the teen dropout rate, dropping from 10 percent in 2000 to 7 percent in 2003. And Michigan ranks a respectable 10th in teen death rate, dropping from 64 to 55 deaths per 100,000 youth between 2000 and 2003. The national average was 66. Auto accidents account for more than a third of all teen deaths.

The teen birth rate has also declined by 15 percent in the period covered. Like all statistics, these can be read a variety of ways. The Casey Foundation and the local groups that participate in these surveys see positive signs for adolescents and disturbing signs for infants and younger children. They advocate for more governmental involvement in address-

ing these issues. They make special note of the disparity between African-Americans and the white majority. "This disparity in infant mortality rates is driven by differences in access to health care, good jobs, safe housing and transportation services," said Michele Corey, director of Community Advocacy at Michigan's Children in the release.

When going around the handy Kids Count wheel, Michigan seems to be going South in its concern for children. The low-tax, low-wages South and Southwest is often seen as a model by some legislators. But it's a poor model for anything but winter weather.

Follow the magic wheel to Mississippi which finishes 50th in overall ranking. Former President Clinton used to joke that he thanked God for Mississippi because it always finished behind Arkansas in these kind of measurements when he was governor. Louisiana is 49th, New Mexico 48th, South Carolina 47th, Tennessee 46th, Arkansas 45th, Georgia 44th, Alabama 43rd, Kentucky 42nd, North Carolina 41st.

At the top is New Hampshire followed by Vermont, Connecticut, Minnesota, Iowa, Utah, New Jersey, Nebraska, North Dakota and Massachusetts.

That top group is a mix of northern and western states with liberal and conservative voting patterns.

One key difference between the bottom and top is racial and ethnic makeup of the states and long patterns of neglect toward minorities.

Our state legislators certainly need to do what is reasonable to attract business to Michigan. But they also need to address the problems surveyed in the Casey study. Drifting further south will only make matters worse. Some companies may well come for those handsome tax cuts and lack of regulation. But others might just wonder why a state with all this potential neglects its most vulnerable residents.

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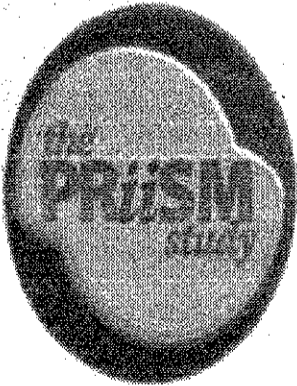
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Red Cross offers advice for summer weather

The Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross, along with Chris Edwards, the weather Whysguy, are continuing in their efforts to help people prepare for weather-related emergencies by providing tips on summer safety to residents throughout Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Edwards, a career meteorologist, said, "It is vital that we make the public aware of the severity summer weather can bring, especially with regard to protecting yourself from the unexpected. From thunderstorms to tornados, our community needs to be alert and informed on summer safety."

His weatherWhysguy science enrichment program informs school-age children on the fundamentals of weather.

The summer season brings much warmer weather as well as increased outside activity. However, it also brings the potential for very severe weather conditions, including heat waves, thunderstorms, flooding and tornados.

The following are Red Cross summer safety tips:

- Heat wave safety tips:**
- Slow down by avoiding strenuous activity or doing less of it.
 - Stay indoors as much as possible. If air conditioning is unavailable, go to the lowest floor of the house, out of the sunshine.
 - Take regular breaks when engaged in physical activity on warm days.
 - Dress for the heat. Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing.
 - Drink water as much as possible.
 - Eat smaller meals and eat more often, avoiding foods high in protein.
 - Avoid using salt tablets unless directed to do so by a physician.
- Thunderstorm tips:**
- When a storm approaches, find shelter in a building or car. Keep all windows closed.
 - If caught outside, find shelter immediately. If no shelter is available, take cover under shorter trees.
 - After a storm passes, listen to the radio for information and instructions.

- If someone is struck by lightning, call 9-1-1 or your local Emergency Medical Services number immediately.
- Flood safety tips:**
- A flood Watch means a flood is possible in your area.
 - A flood Warning means flooding is already occurring or will occur soon in your area.
 - Assemble a disaster supplies kit containing essential medications, canned foods and a manual can opener, bottled water, flashlights, a battery-powered radio with extra batteries, cash, emergency contact numbers and other emergency items as needed.
 - When a flood Watch is issued, move furniture and valuables to higher floors in your home and fill your car's gas tank.
 - When a flood Warning is issued, listen to local radio and TV stations for information and advice. If told to evacuate, do so as soon as possible.
- Tornado safety tips:**
- Prepare a home tornado plan by choosing a place in the home where all family members can gather in case of a tornado.

- Assemble a disaster supplies kit containing similar items as in the flood disaster kit.
 - Stay tuned for storm warnings on radio and television and know what tornado Watches and tornado Warnings are.
 - A tornado Watch means that a tornado is possible in your area.
 - A tornado Warning means that a tornado has been sighted or is headed for your area.
 - When a tornado Watch is issued, listen to local TV and radio stations and be alert for changing weather conditions.
 - When a tornado Warning is issued, head for a safe place immediately.
 - After the tornado passes, watch for fallen power lines, listen to radio for instructions, use a flashlight for home inspection and do not use candles.
- For more information on these and other summer safety tips offered by the American Red Cross, Southeastern Michigan Chapter, visit www.semredcross.org or call (313) 833-2664.

Get some detergent: Annual Mud Day July 11

The annual Wayne County Mud Day will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 11, at Hines Park Nankin Mills Picnic Area, on Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland.

Children, ages 12 and younger, are invited to participate in one of Wayne County's most popular events. The county mixes more than 200 tons of topsoil and 20,000 gallons of water to ensure that the mud is just right and muddy time is had by all. Youngsters will be separated into categories based on age to participate in Mud Limbo and the wheelbarrow races. At the conclusion of the event Mr. and Miss Mud will be crowned.

To ensure that parents and children are prepared for this day of dirt, it is suggested that parents make sure that children are wearing old clothes and shoes. Children also need to bring a clean change of clothes. An on-site clean-up area will be provided. Parents are also advised to bring a supply of towels, as there are not showers on site. Plastic bags will be provided to ensure that all dirty clothes are properly contained for the trip home.

To register groups more than 15 children, call Kim at (734) 261-9087.

For more information on this or any Wayne County Parks event, call (734) 261-1990.

AAA sponsors walkathon to buy child safety seats

On July 15, several hundred metro area walkers will provide donations to benefit low-income families in Michigan who are in need of child safety seats.

The 3rd Annual AAA Strollerthon, a 3K walk for child passenger safety, starts at 9 a.m. at the Detroit Zoo. This year there is an added incentive: Eligible participants can enter a drawing to win one of seven grand prizes - iPod(r) video/music players that can hold 7,500 songs, plus \$100 in downloads in the form of a gift certificate.

Drawing entries will be made available in the programming area at the grassy knoll inside the zoo.

AAA employees, members and the public will walk along a marked 3K route inside the Detroit Zoo. The donations will be directed to charity partner Michigan SAFE KIDS and used to purchase and distribute child safety seats. Charitable contributions will also be accepted from those who wish to donate funds without active participation, although registration is required to obtain zoo entry.

"There is a great need for this public service," said Linda M. Woolwine, president and COO of AAA Michigan. "We're grateful for the many contributions made by our program and media partners to help provide more safety and security to those who need it most."

State law mandates that children up to the age of 4 must be



Walkers will raise money to provide car safety seats for those who can't afford them.

properly restrained in a child safety seat no matter where they are seated in the vehicle, but for many Michigan families this important safety precaution is financially out of reach.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, nearly 200,000 families in Michigan live below the poverty level. These low-

income families have a lower usage rate of child passenger restraint systems, in part because they lack access to affordable child safety seats. The ultimate cost is death and injury rates many times higher than for the general population.

A 1998 study commissioned by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) stated that Hispanic children, ages 5 to 12, are 72 percent more likely to be killed in a crash than non-Hispanic children. African-American children in the same age range have a motor vehicle occupant death rate that is nearly three times that of white children.

In addition to the question of affordability, the proper installation and use of child safety seats - including booster seats for older children - continues to be a challenge. A 2002 study

of booster seat use in six states found:

- 37 percent of children aged 4-8 were using booster seats,
 - 46 percent were inappropriately using adult seat belts, and
 - 17 percent were riding completely unrestrained.
- For this reason, the 2006 AAA Strollerthon will also help build awareness of the important differences between child safety seats and booster seats, and the appropriate use of those seats. To participate in this year's AAA Strollerthon or to donate to this worthwhile cause, please visit: www.aaa.com/safety.
- Corporate sponsors for the 2006 AAA Strollerthon include: Michigan SAFE KIDS, Hertz, Sodexo, Dasani, Channel 955, 100.3 WNIC, MIX 92.3 and WJBK - Fox 2 Detroit.

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King takes aim in U.S. Public Links Tournament

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Mike King will tell you he's far from sitting atop the throne of his golf career.

But after earning a spot in this week's USGA Amateur Public Links Tournament in Bremerton, Wash., the Livonia

native won't be excused for taking a few bows.

The Saginaw Valley State junior begins stroke play Monday and



Mike King

Tuesday at the 7,100-yard, par-72 Gold Mountain Golf Club, located an hour west of Seattle.

He is among five Michigan players in the field of 156, which features some of the top amateur golfers in the world. It's the same men's tournament where Michelle Wie competed and drew national media atten-

tion last year.

"It's definitely right up there," said King of his latest accomplishment. "Winning the state title (at Detroit Catholic Central High in 2003) as a senior would obviously be right up there, too."

The 20-year-old King, a 2004 CC grad, earned a spot in

the U.S. National Publinx by firing rounds of 70-71 for a 36-hole total of 141 during a regional qualifying event held June 12-13 at the Orchards Golf Course in Washington Township.

"It was hitting a lot of fair-

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The annual Men's and Women's Observer & Eccentric Open golf tournament will be Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 12-13, at Whispering Willows and Fox Creek golf courses in Livonia.

The men's event is 36-hole medal play at Whispering Willows (Aug. 12) and Fox Creek (Aug. 13). The fee is \$95 (cart not included). You must have a maximum of handicap of 20.

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

Entries close at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5. It will be limited to the first 200 golfers. Call (248) 476-4493.

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John Kecskes, 66, of Plymouth, used a sand wedge to ace the 91-yard, No. 8 hole, June 30, at the Fox Hills' Strategic Fox. He shot a round of 42.

Bill Coulter, 63, of Howell, used a pitching wedge to ace the 75-yard, No. 7 hole, June 20, at Fox Hills' Strategic Fox. He shot a round of 38.

MU golf tryouts

Tryouts for the Madonna University men's and women's golf teams will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13, at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia. Scholarships are available.

You must pre-register for the nine-hole round. (Driving range will be available.) Call MU golf coach Scott Marzolino at (734) 432-5670; or e-mail smarzolino@madonna.edu.

Chiefs grid meeting

The next meeting of the Canton Chiefs Football Booster Club is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, at the Box Bar, located at Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street, in Plymouth.

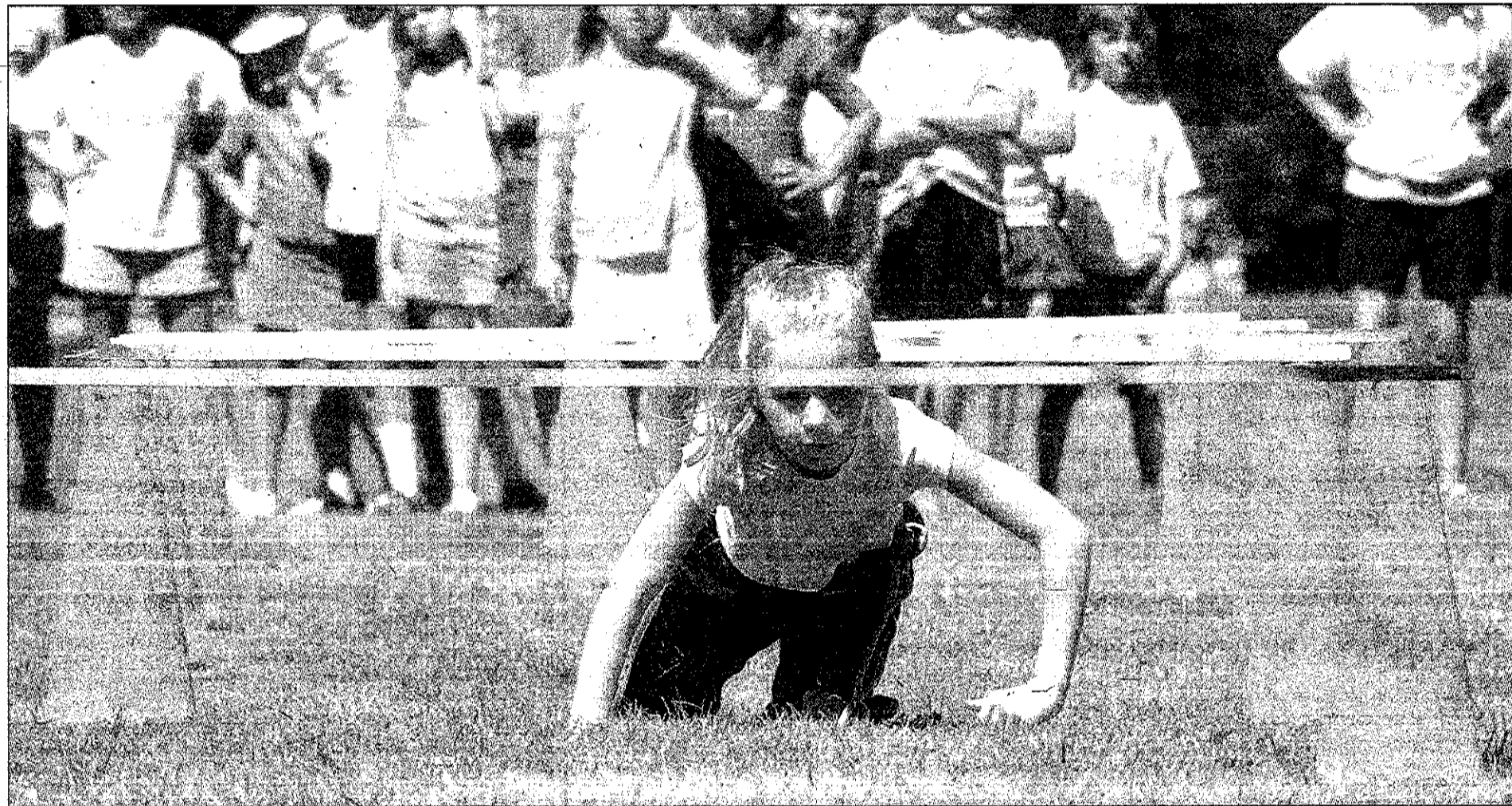
Please join us if your son is a current Canton Chief football player, or an incoming freshman.

2nd Chance 5K

The fifth annual Second Chance at Life 5-kilometer race, a family fun and fitness event promoting organ donation sponsored by the University of Michigan Transplant Center, will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, at the Nankin Mills Pavilion in Hines Park, located at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland.

Registration starts at 7:45 a.m. The cost for the 5K race is \$18 (if registered online by 11:59 p.m. Pacific time, Aug. 10).

If you don't choose the 5K, you can do either a 2-mile walk, 4-mile inline skate or 10-mile bicycle event, which starts at 10:15 a.m. A hot dog lunch (if registered) follows from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Family festivities include clowns, music and moonwalk. Visit runmichigan.com.



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Eight-year-old Lauren Larson makes her way through the obstacle course with a time of 28.7 seconds during Thursday's Livonia Youth Fitness Meet held at Rotary Park.

Triple play at Fitness Meet

Sisters bring home 4 medals from Livonia event

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Whoppi Goldberg would have been proud of this Sister Act.

Winning gold medals is certainly becoming a habit for the McKinley sisters, who hauled in four Thursday morning at Rotary Park during the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation's Youth Fitness Meet.

Jessica, a student who plays volleyball at Emerson Middle School, captured the Class A (ages 13-14) agility course run.

Meanwhile, younger sister Tasha took

the standing long jump in Class C (ages 9-10) and will defend her Metropolitan Youth Fitness Meet title Thursday, July 20 at Kensington Metropark.

Tasha's twin, Sheila, garnered firsts in both the agility course run and chinning. Both will be fifth-graders this fall at Cooper Upper Elementary School.

"They've been doing it for three years and they just love it," said mother Carol, who was on hand to support her daughters. "This is the first year they've all won gold medals. They're very active, and they keep their grades up."

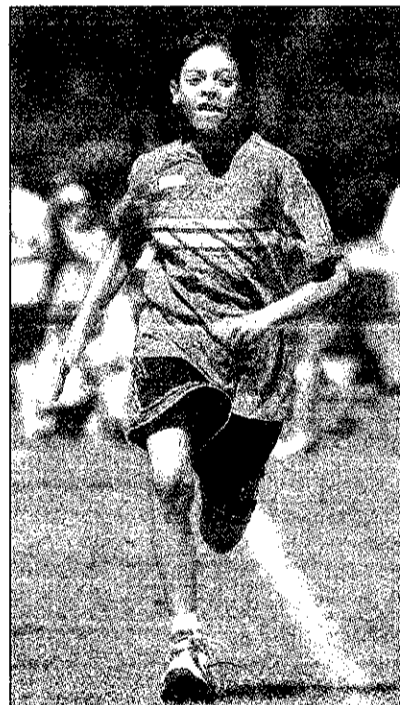
It was nearly a McKinley family affair

as older brother Brian, a student at Franklin High School, was on hand taking digital photos.

"My husband (Mark) had to work," Carol said. "He definitely would have been there if he had gotten (the day) off."

The Livonia Youth Fitness Meet featured several events in four different age classifications - 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14 - including softball throw, chinning, standing and running long jump, dashes and agility course.

Complete meet results will appear in Thursday's Observer.



Twelve-year-old Matthew Mangulabnai sprints his way towards the finish line during the finals of the 60-yard dash Thursday.

Livonia youth tackles WAM 300-miler

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

The scales are definitely tipping in Garrett DesChenes' favor these days.

The 11-year-old wanted to play football last fall for the Falcons Unit in the Livonia Junior Athletic League, but there was one problem - he was over the 145-pound weight restriction limit.

The fifth-grader from Livonia's Hoover Elementary, however, wasn't about to be forced to the sidelines and decided to change gears.

He started training regularly on his Marin bike, a road and mountain crossover, in preparation for the 19th annual Wish-A-Mile 300-mile Bicycle Tour, July 27-30, which benefits the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

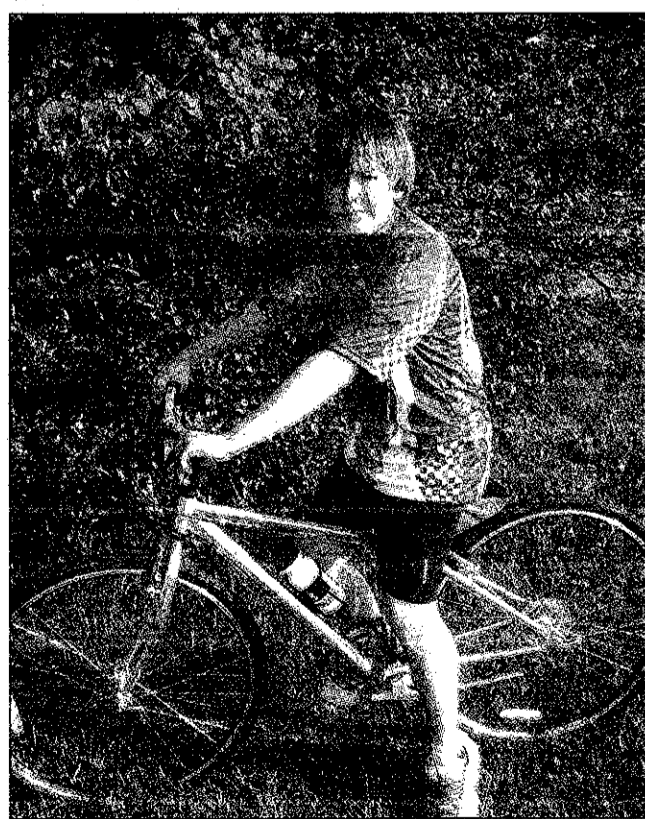
DesChenes will be one of the youngest riders on the WAM, which begins with

an 124-mile trek from Traverse City to Big Rapids, another 104 miles from Big Rapids to St. Johns, before finishing the final day with an 84-miler into the Chelsea Fairgrounds.

Young Garrett is one of 50 members of Team WOW (Wishes on Wheels), sponsored by the Compuware Corp. and the Foresters, a financial services company where his father Gary is managing director.

Garrett began his training in earnest by riding a recumbent bike in his basement. Each day he rides seven miles in the morning and three more later in afternoon. On weekends he circles through a series of routes in his Livonia neighborhood, going anywhere from 20-to-25 miles. His longest ride has been a 30-miler.

The suggested amount of training leading up to the WAM is 1,000 miles and 5-



Garrett DesChenes, 11, of Livonia, will ride the Wish-a-Mile 300-mile Bicycle Tour, July 27-30, from Traverse City to Chelsea, to benefit the Make a Wish Foundation of Michigan.

PLEASE SEE WAM, B5

Wolves secure 2 regional crowns

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Region II titles are becoming the norm for the Livonia-based Michigan Wolves boys soccer teams.

The Under-14 Wolves, coached by Livonia Stevenson High boys varsity coach Lars Richters, are headed to the U.S. Youth Soccer Nationals, July 26-30, in Des Moines, Ia. after capturing the Region II crown last month in Fox Cities, Wis.

The Under-13 Wolves (Black), coached by Tim Ernst, also came away with a title, defeating CUSC '93 of Indiana, 1-0, for the championship on June 28.

U.S. Under-14 National Team member Soony Saad of Dearborn, led the Wolves with a total of seven goals five in region matches, including both goals in a 2-1 triumph over Chicago Wind National, June 28, in the final.

"The game could have gone either way," Richters said. "This is a tremendous thrill, a major accomplishment for our team and shows exciting progress for our boys."

Plymouth's Josh Gatt added four goals at the

BOYS SOCCER

PLEASE SEE WOLVES, B2

THE WEEK AHEAD

LIVONIA MICHIGAN COLLEGIATE BASEBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE
 Sunday, July 9
 (at Livonia's Ford Field)
 Det. Eagles vs. Mich. Monarchs (2), noon.
 Mich. Rams vs. Oakland Cubs (2), 5 p.m. (at EMU's Oestrike Stadium)
 Park Athletic vs. Mich. Bulls, 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 12
 (at EMU's Oestrike Stadium)
 Park Athletic vs. Mich. Monarchs, 6 p.m. (at Livonia's Ford Field)
 Mich. Rams vs. Det. Eagles, 5:45 p.m. (at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep H.S.)
 Oakland Cubs vs. Mich. Bulls, 6 p.m. Friday, July 14
 (at Livonia's Bicentennial Park)
 Mich. Bulls vs. Park Athletic, 5:45 p.m. (at Livonia's Ford Field)
 Mich. Monarchs vs. Det. Eagles, 5:45 p.m.
 Mich. Rams vs. Oakland Cubs, 8:15 p.m. Sunday, July 15
 (at Livonia's Ford Field)

Mich. Rams vs. Mich. Bulls (2), noon.
 Park Athletic vs. Det. Eagles (2), 5 p.m. (at Saline High School)
 Mich. Monarchs vs. Oakland Cubs (2), noon.
UNITED SOCCER LEAGUES
MEN'S PREMIER DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE
 Tuesday, July 11
 Mich. Bucks vs. W. Michigan Edge at Rochester Stoney Creek H.S., 6:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, July 12
 (Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup)
 Mich. Bucks vs. Columbus Crew at Rochester Stoney Creek H.S., Saturday, July 15
 Mich. Bucks vs. Kalamazoo Kingdom at Mattawan High School, 7:30 p.m. W-LEAGUE
 Friday, July 14
 Mich. Hawks vs. London (Ont.) Gryphons
 at Livonia Stevenson H.S., 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 15
 Mich. Hawks vs. Cincinnati Ladyhawks at Livonia Stevenson H.S., 7:30 p.m.

Rams' Mosher mows down Park, 6-1

Wayne State's Ryan Mosher pitched six strong innings Wednesday as the Michigan Rams downed Park Athletic, 6-1, in Livonia Michigan Collegiate Baseball League action Wednesday at Eastern Michigan University's Oestrike Stadium.

Mosher went the first six innings, allowing just one hit and one run, which was unearned. He struck out eight, walked three and hit two bat-

ters as the Rams improved to 15-7.

Former Catholic Central High ace Bobby Henderson (EMU) worked the final inning, retiring the side in order to close out the victory.

Brandon McClanahan, the losing pitcher, went the first five innings. He allowed four

runs, but only one was earned on five hits and three walks.

The Rams scored four times in the second inning on four hits and added two more runs in the sixth to put the game out of reach.

Ryan Shay went 2-for-4 to lead the Rams' eight-hit attack.

Andrew Stafford knocked in two runs, while Matt Nickels, Kyle Hurtt and Scott Martin added one each.

Mike Sacha scored a pair of runs, while Hurt, Martin, Scott Cain and Rob Campbell added one apiece.

Brandon Thompson had a fourth-inning single and Mike Boyd scored Park Athletic's lone run in the third when he was hit by a pitch, advanced to second on a sacrifice, stole third and scored on an over-throw.

The loss dropped Park Athletic to 4-16-1.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

WYAA football

The Westland Youth Athletic Association currently has opening for its Comets and Meteors varsity football teams (ages 12-14) who weigh between 100 and 165 pounds.

Registration is from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays at the WYAA Compound, 6050 N. Farmington Road, Westland.

For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640.

WYAA Meteors cheer

The Westland Youth Athletic Association currently has spots open for its Meteor cheerleading squads for girls ages 8-14.

Registration is from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays at the WYAA Compound, 6050 N. Farmington Road, Westland.

For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640; or visit www.westlandmeteors.org.

Livonia Y leagues

The Livonia Family YMCA will stage a series of summer leagues including:

- A five-week basketball drills clinic (ages 7-13) - July 11-Aug. 10 (cost \$50 for full facility member; \$75 for program member); basketball league (ages 5-13) - July 8-Aug. 12 (cost varies according to membership and age).

Also already offered:
 Co-ed summer pee wee soccer - July 8 through Aug. 14

(eligible birth dates Jan. 1, 2001 through Dec. 31, 1999); cost \$40 for full facility and \$55 for Y program members;

Summer co-ed T-ball (ages 4-6) and coach-pitch (ages 7-8) - cost \$36 for full facility members and \$48 for program members.

For more information, call (734) 261-2161.

St. Edith volleyball

Tryouts for the Catholic Youth Organization girls volleyball program at St. Edith, located at 15089 Newburgh Road (just south of Five Mile) in Livonia will start Monday, Aug. 14.

It is open to girls in grades 4-8 (this fall) who are members of St. Edith, St. Aidan, St. Colette, St. Kenneth and St. Maurice parishes.

A recreational volleyball program, 5-6:30 p.m. Sundays, July 9 through Aug. 14, at St. Edith, will be open to girls in grades 4-12. There is no fee, but a medical release must be signed by a parent or guardian.

St. Edith also offers adult recreation volleyball (ages 18-and-up) from 6:30-8 p.m. Sundays, July 9 through Aug. 13. No experience is necessary. The cost is \$3 per person. (Babysitting is available on site for a minimal fee.)

For more information, call Gary Smart at (734) 432-5959; or e-mail smart5959@sbcglobe.net.

WOLVES

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Region tournament.

The U-14 Wolves reached the title match with a 3-2 semifinal victory over KCFC Rideout '91-92 after preliminary group play wins over Ambassador FC (Ohio South), 2-0; MRL2-Sockers FC of Chicago, 2-0; and the Chicago Magic, 5-1.

Canton's Sasa Miskovic was the Wolves' starting goalkeeper, backed up by Will Jenkins (Royal Oak). The defense was anchored by Canton's Kevin Cope, MVP of the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association Cup. He is joined on the backline by Vinh Nguyen (Canton), Nick Tacconelli (Northville), Nick Scabassi (Novi), Ryan Keener (Grand Blanc) and Ryan Barrett (Grand Rapids).

Midfielders include captain Joey D'Agostino, Etienne Lussiez and Adam Bedell, all of Livonia; Doug Beason, Northville; Cody Henderson, West Bloomfield; and Josh Barends, Dimondale.

Other forwards include Kosuke Osobe (West Bloomfield) and Jake Kopek (Macomb Township).

The U-14 Wolves open the Nationals July 26 against the Bethesda Road Runners (Md.) followed by Valley United Blast of Southern California on July 27 and the Dallas Texans on July 28 - all in Des Moines.

The two top teams will play for the title July 30.

"It's a team that improved greatly from last year due to the addition of some players,"

Richters said. "We felt we had a good opportunity to do well and I was excited when it all fell into place."

"We will expect the best competition around at Nationals."

The U-13 Wolves (Black), meanwhile, reached the Region II championship with a 2-1 semifinal victory over the Naperville (Ill.) Lightning after blanking three straight opponents including the Great Plains (S.D.) Questo, 6-0; the KCFC (Kan.) Alliance Rangers, 2-0; and Bangu (Minn.), 5-0. Members of the U-13 Wolves include: Camden Iwasko, Zachary Cooney and Justin D'Agostino, all of Livonia; Daniel Austin and Derek Martin, Plymouth; Thomas Pickern, Northville; Eric Weberman, Farmington Hills; Michael Henderson, West Bloomfield; Kyle Rutz, Commerce Township; Chad Russell, Walled Lake; Connor Kogge, Holt; Taylor Iadisky, St. Johns; Justin Ritchey, Willis; Adam Carn-Safterstein and Eugene Pulice, Ann Arbor.

The U-13 Region II title ends the Wolves (Black) season because US Youth Soccer does not stage National age-group championship until U-14.

"Today is special because it's the first regional title for these boys and I know what it means to them having coached national champions on the girls side in 2001 and 2004," Ernst said. "It is very rewarding to work with the kids."

Three other Wolves teams finished with 3-1 records before losing in the semifinals including the U-18 team, 2-0 to the Chicago Magic; the U-17 team, 1-0 to Scott-Gallagher (Mo.); and U-15 team, 3-0 to the Chicago Magic.

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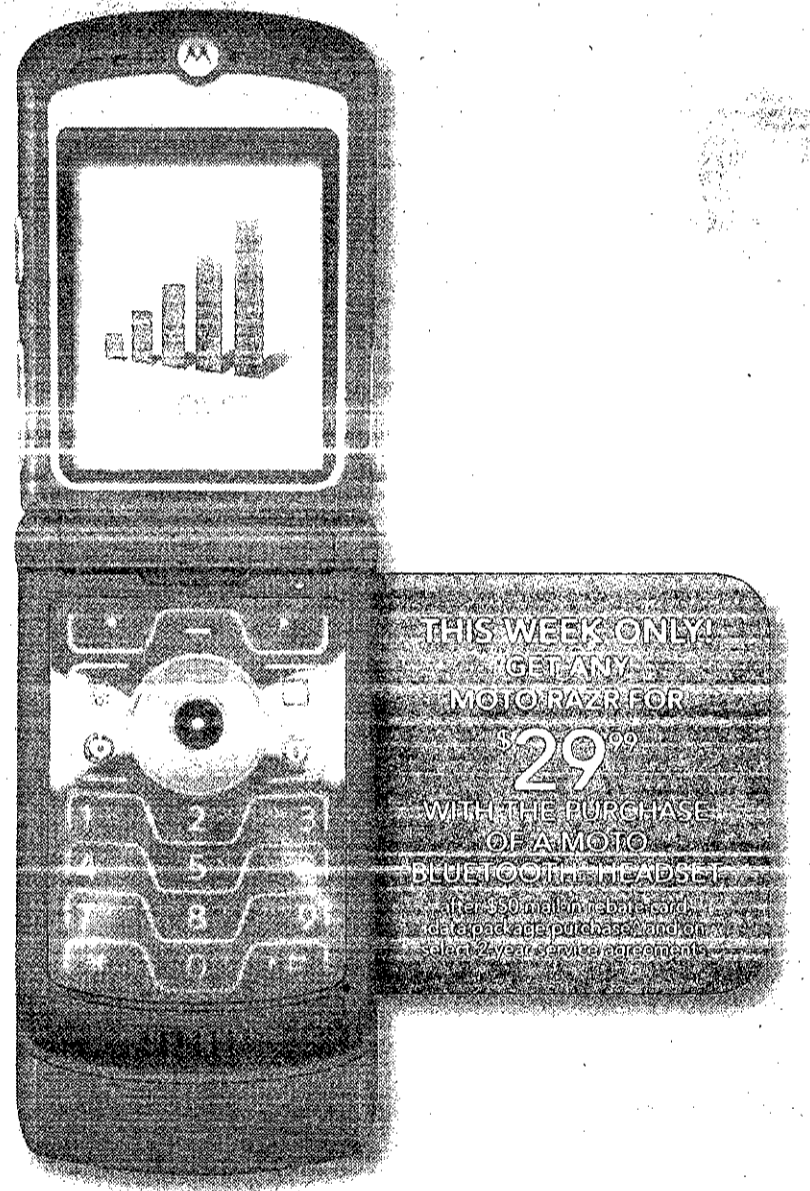
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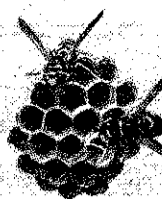
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Praise for Marlo and Mary Richards

As a girl growing up in the 1960s, I wanted to be Ann Marie from Brewster, N.Y. Acting wasn't really my strong suit, but the popular "That Girl" show, which ran on ABC from 1966 to 1971, opened a lot of our young eyes to new worlds out there.

It was always a mystery how Ann, played by Marlo Thomas, could afford such stylish clothes and a relatively comfortable apartment, at least by New York City standards. She worked here and there as an aspiring actress and did some modeling, although her father, Lou, didn't approve of her move to the big city or choice of journalist Donald Hollinger as her boyfriend and eventual fiancé. (She and Donald never wed on the show.)

Around the time that "That Girl" went off the air, "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" came along and offered a story of a slightly older career woman making her way in the world, in this case in Minneapolis working in television news. Mary Richards may have called her boss Mr. Grant and unlike Ann didn't have much luck finding true love, but she too made independence appealing.

We've come a long way from the old days when most women on television were confined to the kitchen. Certainly, Barbara Billingsley's June Cleaver and her ilk were competent in their realm, but it was really Marlo's character who showed a new world to a lot of us girl baby boomers.

I learned years later that Marlo Thomas was instrumental in the production of her show, doing much more than just starring in front of the camera. Mary Tyler Moore too made the jump from Rob Petrie's high-strung young wife on "The Dick Van Dyke Show" to someone who could really make it on her own after all.

Julie Brown

Around that time came Suzanne Pleshette as teacher Emily on "The Bob Newhart Show," her psychologist husband's intellectual equal and a strong woman in her own right. (Bob once com-

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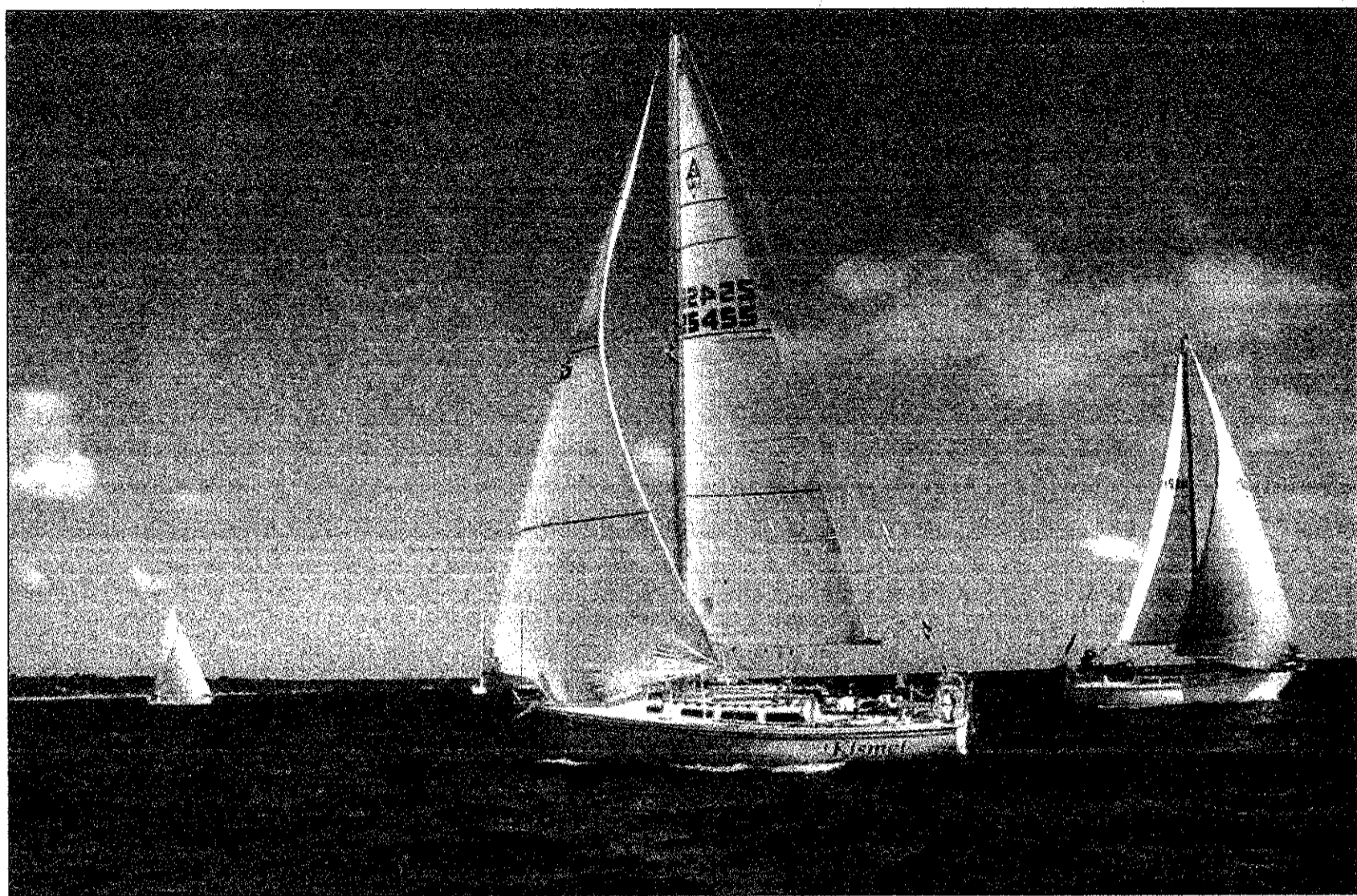
plained she did crossword puzzles in ink.) Indeed, I've heard some men say that these days only they can be shown as foolish on TV, with women providing all of the wisdom. Think of Tim Taylor on "Home Improvement" and his tendency to set off disasters on the home front. There was never any real question of who was smarter between Ray Barone and wife Debra either.

Like a lot of 40-somethings, I'm less tuned into popular culture these days and less aware of what role models are out there for today's young girls. (I do know a woman physician runs the hospital on Fox's hit "House"). This past TV season saw an effort to put Geena Davis on TV as the first U.S. woman president on "Commander in Chief." The show's ending its brief run, but I enjoyed seeing a woman play the president's part, even as it was difficult to track the show due to frequent scheduling changes.

I couldn't help but think as I watched Davis as President Mackenzie Allen that she never would have gotten there if it hadn't been for Marlo Thomas' character decades earlier. Someone had to "vote" for President Allen, after all, who was initially put on the ticket in the show as vice president to appeal to the so-called soccer moms.

Those moms vote and I bet many of them grew up watching women on TV like Marlo and Mary. I don't know if we'll see a woman presidential candidate in the immediate future, but don't underestimate the power of TV images in telling young girls what they can do and be.

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Art Poppert of Farmington Hills has entered Bayview Yacht Club's Port Huron to Mackinac Island Race with his 30-foot Catalina named Kismet.

Against the wind

Sailors battle Mother Nature in Bayview-Mackinac race

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Gary Hall matter-of-factly calls his 31-foot Corsair the black sheep of the Bayview Yacht Club Port Huron to Mackinac Island race. The Plymouth dentist has competed in the event nearly 30 of the race's 81 years. Since 1925, the event has grown from a handful of entries to the more than 275 yachts setting sail on Saturday, July 15.

Hall considers the Bayview-Mackinac a world class race and credits the yacht club's members for coordinating the monumental undertaking. Sons Matt, 34, and Bart, 37, are part of Hall's four-person crew which is relatively small compared to the eight members sailing on the Irish Mist owned by David Spiers of Rochester Hills, and 12 on the Chizzler owned by Steve Lawson of Canton.

"Instead of one hull this boat has three," said Hall, 70, who's raced internationally including this spring from Newport, Calif., to Ensenada, Mexico, and another competition a month later in British Columbia. On July 15, he leaves Port Huron's Black River to sail the Southampton Course of about 270 miles. Over the years Moxie, Hall's sailboat, has finished first and last.

"It's lightweight and fast, pretty much uncomfortable and only good for racing. You don't sleep much. It has berths but no cushions because you can't afford the weight. Last year we managed to do 33.7 knots, about 37 miles an hour, fast enough to pull a water skier."

Steve Lawson quips he's going to make sure "nobody brings extra weight and if a

toothbrush handle is too long, we'll cut it off." His wife, Lynn, is part of the ground crew transporting the cruising equipment which is removed before the race to reduce weight. This is Lawson's first time in the Bayview-Mackinac even though he's been racing since 1988. On June 9, the Canton resident won the Mills Trophy Race from Toledo to Put-in-Bay, Ohio on Lake Erie.

BIG RACE

"I've always wanted to do the Mackinac race," said Lawson, 56, who works at Oxbow Machine Products in Livonia as a controls manager. "In the area it's the biggest race of the year. It takes a lot of preparation to do it. Mackinac requires you to follow offshore racing rules and you must have a lot of safety equipment, life rafts that meet certain requirements and it must be certified."

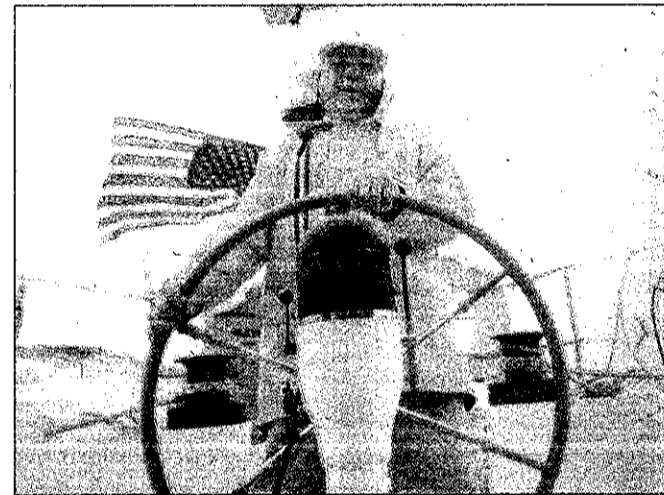
At 2 p.m. Saturday, Lawson leaves Port Huron on the 45-foot Chizzler as one of 13 boats in his class. Entries leave every 15 minutes under a handicap system.

"The biggest challenge is doing a three-day race, going night and day and try to actually win it," said Lawson, who is sailing the 202-mile Shore course. The Mackinac race consists of two courses, one running along the shore, and the longer Southampton Course. "The competition is tough. We have a crew of 12 with four on, four off, four sleeping. That way nobody gets really tired."

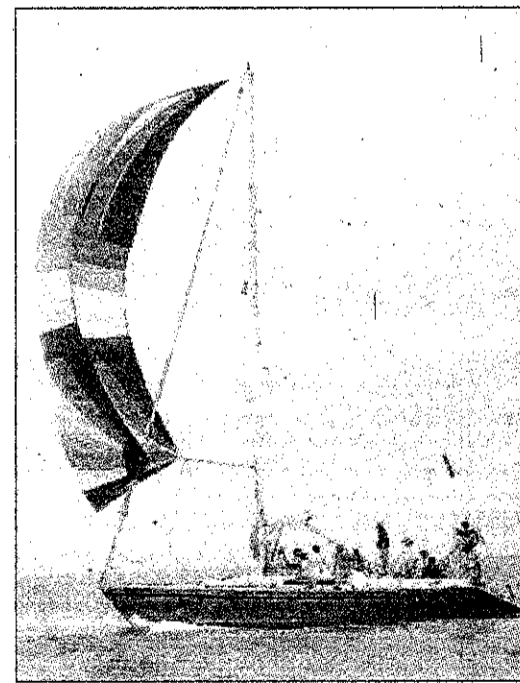
Barbara Munson says husband Thomas "is a cautious sailor."

"It can be challenging depending on

PLEASE SEE SAILORS, C5



Dr. Gary Hall of Plymouth takes the wheel of his 31-foot Corsair for the 82nd annual Bayview Yacht Club Port Huron to Mackinac Island Race which begins Saturday, July 15.



The 45-foot Chizzler, a Morgan Nelson/Marek sailboat, is owned by Steve Lawson of Canton.



Dr. C.J. Trupp, a Livonia chiropractor, plans to run his next Body by God seminar at the Livonia YMCA.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Inspiration helps drive home program changes



Brad Kadrich

On the way home from last week's Detroit Tigers win over the Houston Astros, the game in which Roger Clemens may have pitched for the last time in Detroit, I did something I can't remember ever having done. I turned off the radio. And left it off. All the way up I-96 from downtown Detroit to Westland. Didn't

listen to anything but the breeze through the open windows, and my muse.

It was at that moment I knew I'd fully accepted the tenets of the Body by God program.

Those who have followed along know I've been participating in this lifestyle-changing

PLEASE SEE BODY BY GOD, C3

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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.

Stewardship network

The Stewardship Network's Invasive Plant Control Certificate Workshop Series allows whomever takes all three workshops and completes 10 hours of volunteer invasive removal to receive the Stewardship Network's "Invasive Plant Control Certificate." You may also take any of these workshops individually. Anyone interested in learning more about invasive plants - their origin, their impact, best control practices and anyone who cares about our natural areas and wants to learn more will find these workshops valuable - should take the workshops: Saturday, July 15, Workshop 1, Invasive Plant Identification, Island Lake State Recreation Area field component, workshop may begin indoors at Kensington Metropark, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 19, Workshop 2, Site Assessment, Brighton State Recreation Area, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 9, Workshop 3, Hands-on Invasive Plant Control Techniques, Brighton State Recreation Area, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For additional information visit www.stewardshipnetwork.org

Movies in the park

Wayne County Parks and Recreation announced the schedule of movies for its popular Movies in the Park series, sponsored in cooperation with Dearborn Heights. Inkster. Northville.



Contrasting reality

Real/Surreal in the Ann Arbor Art Center Exhibition Gallery includes Susan Carman-Vian's graphite drawings encapsulating the notion of dreams and memory; Joseph Daniel Fiedler's work draws inspiration from such topics as ancestral immigration, the world of hunting, and John James Audubon; Teresa Petersen's vintage furniture and games collaged with historical images question the genuine and superficial roles of women within culture, nature, and mythology. This exhibition will be on display Aug. 25-Oct. 8, with an opening reception Friday, September 8, 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. Exhibition Gallery hours at the Ann Arbor Art Center are Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday noon-5:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Jessica Guzmán at (734) 994-8004, Ext. 110, explore www.annarborartcenter.org or visit the center at 117 W. Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor.

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

Healthy living

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

more information, or to register, call (734) 655-1783.

Northville garden walk

The Country Garden Club of Northville is inviting everyone to attend their annual garden walk, featuring five gardens in Northville, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 12. After seeing the flowers, visitors are invited to stop by Mill Race Village, where Cady Inn will be transformed into "The Potting Shed" where complimentary homemade 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, email laren@arborhospice.org, or call 734-662-5999, Ext. 120. Registration can also be done through the Michigan Tournament of Charities website, www.mtcgolf.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.newhope-center.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.

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue

The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There will be a guest speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee but a small donation will be accepted. For information call Lucy Rowley at (734) 462-1768

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. 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@junoc.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.

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ing program, sponsored by the Livonia YMCA and Livonia chiropractor C.J. Trupp. The three biggest focuses of the program are nutrition, fitness and stress/time management.

One of Trupp's biggest beliefs is the need for quiet time, for "yourself" time. I decided that drive back from Comerica Park was time for me, and I clicked the radio off.

And it was wonderful. Now, lest you think all is hunky dory, I still haven't completely dived in. After all, I stopped at 7-Eleven for a Big Gulp at the end of that same drive. But you get the point, and so have I.

While the changes for me have been subtle, the difference for June de Lorme have been dramatic, which should be expected. Programs like these work one way for some and another way for others.

But it has made a tremendous difference for de Lorme. Told by doctors she'd never live to see her children finish high school if she didn't make some changes, de Lorme found Trupp, who talked her into Body by God.

Six weeks later, she still has trouble holding back the tears when she talks about why she started.

"Bottom line is, my doctor told me I wouldn't live to see my boys graduate high school," she said, wiping a tear with her fin-



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The Body by God program, run in collaboration between Livonia chiropractor C.J. Trupp and the Livonia YMCA, was put together by author Dr. Ben Lerner. More than 70 people completed the program this week.

gertips. "He wanted me to become more active."

She has, and the difference, de Lorme said, is amazing. When she started the program de Lorme couldn't walk a quarter-mile without feeling pain. She came home exhausted from her day job as a medical receptionist for a nine-doctor practice in Southfield, her heart willing but her body unable to do much with her boys, 12-year-old Nicholas and 8-year-old Christopher.

Much to her delight, though, the boys are not only encouraging her, they're helping.

"Now we're up to two miles without any pain," de Lorme said proudly, as well she should. "I've lost some weight, I've got

more stamina, a lot more energy. I can come home and finish my day with my boys. It's made life a lot happier."

That's been the point all along for Trupp, who from the beginning urged participants to make a 1-percent change for the better each day, which would allow them to be 40 percent better by program's end.

It's harder than one might think, and you've pretty much got to be at the point where you're actually willing to make the kind of nutritional and lifestyle changes recommended in the program. Not all of the some 100 people who signed up six weeks ago were at that point; a couple never showed up after picking up the manual and

about 25 have dropped out.

But since a similar program in Farmington drew only 16 people and finished with just five, and the normal drop-out rate for these programs is 50 percent, Trupp is happy. The key, he said, is not just being motivated to make changes, but being inspired.

"Motivation is weak, and it's usually temporary," he said. "Long-term success comes through inspiration."

It's not all about the weight. I lost 16 pounds, and four inches around the middle, which was among the biggest changes in terms of weight loss. But there were people in the program who made bigger changes than me, and they know they have more to do.

Trupp urged participants at Thursday's final meeting to keep it up. "I don't want to talk to you in a couple of weeks and find out you've fallen off the wagon," he said.

De Lorme has no intention of stopping now. High school graduation for Nicholas and Christopher is still a long way away.

"I know I've still got a long way to go," de Lorme said. "But there's a light at the end now. I have hope."

Which was the point all along.

Brad Kadrich is community editor of the Plymouth Observer. Anyone who wants to borrow his Body by God book can reach him via e-mail at bkadrich@hometownlife.com or by phone at (734) 459-2700.

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 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 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

n Aug. 23 - Matt Watroba

LIBRARY PICKS

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

FICTION

1. "Twelve Sharp," Janet

NON-FICTION

1. "Godless," Ann Coulter
2. "Wisdom of Our Fathers," Tim Russert
3. "Dispatches from the Edge," Anderson Cooper
4. "Marley and Me," John Grogan
5. "Myths, Lies and Downright Stupidity," John Stossel

PARENTS' CHOICE NEW CHILDREN'S

PICTURE BOOKS

1. "Anthony and the Girls," Ole Konnecke
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3. "Hippo Goes Bananas," Marjorie Murray
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5. "Shiver Me Letters," June Sobel

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weather," said Barbara Munson. "Tom won't beat himself up or his boat or crew. We do it for fun."

PACING YOURSELF

This is the first time the Livonia couple has entered the Mackinac race since the early 1990s. It was then Thomas became interested in single-handed (only one person on boat) and double-handed (two sailors on boat) racing. Last weekend, he competed in an event from Port Huron to Rogers City.

In the past, he's done single-handed from Port Huron to Mackinac, but this time brings along a crew of five on the 39-foot sailboat named the Black Diamond.

"It's pacing yourself," said Thomas Munson, 76, a member of the Great Lakes Yacht Club. He's been sailing since 1980. "You're out there for two to three days depending on how fast your boat is."

Barbara doesn't expect to get much sleep during the race.

"Even when it's your time to sleep, if a sail needs to be changed everybody helps."

Art Poppert crewed for many years on brother-in-law Pat Drummond's boat before purchasing his 30-foot Catalina named Kismet. This year, Poppert competes against a natural force as well as Drummond's 30-foot Catalina - Enchant. Both men are from Farmington Hills.

Poppert is especially looking forward to the food on board during the Mackinac race. Crew member Mary Huffman of Utica is using sealing bags to create brown beer stew. Most of the sailors live on sandwiches which can be conveniently made during the race. When the weather is rough, cooking is nearly impossible.

"You're competing against Mother Nature, whatever she throws at you," said Poppert, 58, who works for DaimlerChrysler in Auburn Hills. He is a member of the Port Huron Yacht Club. This



Dr. Gary Hall (right) and his son, Bart, compete in Bayview Yacht Club's Port Huron to Mackinac Island Race last year.

year as part of the club he races in about one dozen competitions. "I did a lot of crewing for the Mackinac. This is the third race on my boat. It can be calm or gale force winds. Last year it was fast, a record year. It took 37 1/2 hours, but has taken as long as 80. The best part is the finish line. You start talking about next year."

RIDING THE WIND

David Spiers has already cleaned and polished the bottom of the Irish Mist with an anti-fouling compound to make his sailboat as fast as possible. The Rochester Hills resident is serious about sailing. At age 66, Spiers has been riding the wind since age 9 when he was a Sea Scout in New Zealand. Today, he teaches sailing at the Edison Boat Club off Belle Isle and officiates at youth championships on Lake St. Clair. Spiers bought the Irish Mist, a 41-foot Morgan racing cruiser, 19 years ago and didn't change her

name as sailors believe it will bring bad luck. Spiers competes in about 30 races a year including the Mills Race on Lake Erie. His biggest expense is sails which can cost between \$3,000 to \$6,000 each.

"I always get excited before the race," said Spiers, who was born in England and retired as manager of engineering for Detroit Edison five years ago. Among his crew of eight are sons Andrew, 38, and Paul, 34.

"It's the opportunity to win a long, grueling race. The biggest challenge is light air and if it comes from the north you're going into it. Mine is a heavy boat and that means trouble. Over the years I've won everything from third place to pickle boat, the last place. The race is all about teamwork and making the right guesses as to where the wind will be. I usually sleep in the day and sail at night. Generally when you win a race it is at night when a lot of people don't pay attention."

Dr. Roy Hawkinson doesn't

have any problems sleeping during the race but he's competed in the Bayview-Mackinac 36 years in a row in the same boat - a 35-foot sailboat named the Cygnus after the swan constellation. The 74-year old Bloomfield Hills dentist has had the same crew for a quarter of a century. He's won the race eight times, and overall four times in the division.

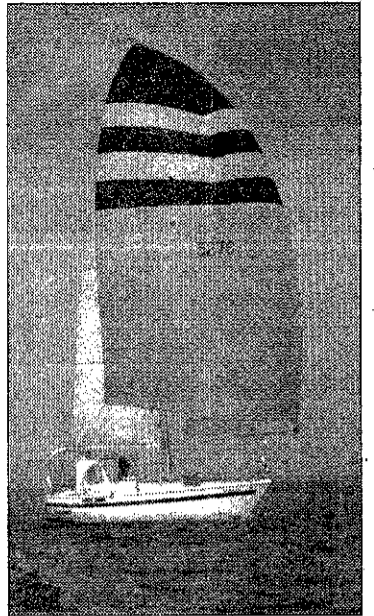
"Mackinac is a demanding race. The unique thing about sail boat racing is you have to think all the time," said Hawkinson, a Bayview Yacht Club member. "Lake Huron can be horrible or easy depending on the weather. Sometimes it's luck. One year we were a quarter of a mile from the finish line. Another boat we were even with had no air, but we did and we won."

Win or not, Tim Clayson of Farmington Hills says "it's a good adventure for family and

friends to go on." He and sons Christopher, 24, and Brian, 22, will be competing with his 30-foot Catalina Unplugged. This is Clayson's seventh year in the race. In 2003, he took first place in his class.

"Other than the Chicago-Mac it's one of the longest fresh water races in the world," said Clayson, who began sailing about 30 years. Clayson competes in about 20 to 30 races each season as part of the Bark Shanty Sail Club in Port Sanilac. "The other reason I do it is tradition. Friday night starts with Boat Night and spending time on the island at the end is great but sailing is a big part of it. There are many different conditions you have to sail in and it's different in day or night time. You're presented with different challenges at different stages of the race."

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Thomas and Barbara Munson of Livonia board the Black Diamond for the Bayview-Mackinac race setting sail Saturday, July 15, from Port Board. Their crew consists of Don Ouellette and Linda Patterson of Livonia; Erik Johnson, Redford, and John Oleniczak, Grosse Pointe.

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SUMMER STINGS

Variety of insects biting this year

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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The mosquito is undoubtedly the No. 1 stinging insect to look out for this summer according to Dr. Frank McGeorge, a specialist in emergency medicine at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. The rain has provided plenty of breeding grounds for the tiny, winged insect that drinks blood like a vampire. On a camping trip north of Oakland County last weekend, McGeorge's 8-year-old daughter, Becky, was bitten by mosquitoes several times even though she was sprayed with a repellent containing DEET.

McGeorge says certain people are tastier to mosquitoes. He and his 5-year-old son, Connor, were almost untouched. Although mosquito bites rarely ever send anyone to the emergency department, the large blisters or welts can not only become itchy but painful in people who are extremely sensitive.

McGeorge washed Becky's bites with soap and water and covered the larger swollen areas with a Band-Aid so she wouldn't scratch them and cause an infection. He also gave her an antihistamine. McGeorge recommends an oral medication such as Benadryl to help relieve itching and swelling.

KEEP AREA CLEAN

"Any insect bite can become infected after the fact. Keep the area clean," said McGeorge, a Bingham Farms resident who serves on the board of directors for the Michigan College of Emergency Physicians.

"For a local reaction use over the counter calamine solution, a 1-percent hydrocortisone cream or if they have many bites over a large area Aveeno oatmeal bath. If the area is getting more painful or swelling, if it spreads past two joints, you need to have it looked at. Cold compresses can keep swelling down initially. At night elevate the area.

"A lot of people don't know, kids get stung or bitten near the eye. It can be swollen shut even from a mosquito bite. If they have a fever or pain, that needs to be seen by a physician or they might develop an eye infection."

Bees, wasps and hornets are the insects whose stings are most likely to send someone to the emergency room to see McGeorge.

"The reason is they tend to be very painful and cause a severe local reaction," said McGeorge. "A small portion of the population is allergic and develop anaphylaxis where the



airways swell up and they can't breathe and might die. If they are short of breath, have swelling in the tongue or lips, or become pale or lightheaded, they need to get to an ER immediately. If they're alone, call 9-1-1 because you could pass out behind the wheel and they have epinephrine which we might use if you're in trouble.

"If you're somebody who has had anaphylaxis you need to have an epinephrine pen on your person. Make sure it's not expired or you've left it at home."

VISITS TO ER

McGeorge expects ER visits for insect stings to build as the summer goes on. He says spiders often are blamed for a bite when it could have been caused by a variety of insects including

deer ticks which carry bacteria that cause Lyme disease. In addition to bees, hornets and wasps some people are sensitive to ant bites. The brown recluse and black widow spiders can cause serious injury, but are not found naturally in Michigan.

"Later in the season wasps have built nests that haven't been uncovered in some time under a deck, under the cover of a boat," said McGeorge. "We see more severe attacks. In August and September you need to be careful when uncovering places you don't expect them to make a nest. They made a nest in my grill."

"You're usually only severely bitten when you disturb a nest and attacked by a swarm. The best time to spray a nest is at night when insects are in the nest or call an exterminator."

McGeorge says, bees and wasps are attracted by bright colors that make you look like a flower and perfumes that make you smell like a flower. If you think you're going to a picnic, leave the bright colors and perfume at home. If you or your child are stung by a bee, wasp or hornet, clean the area with soap and water then proceed.

"If there is a stinger inside as with a bee sting, pull it out with tweezers or flick off with a credit card," said McGeorge. "For ticks, sometimes people flick the body off and the head is left. Ticks can carry Lyme disease. You don't want a tick to regurgitate into you."

Grab it by its head with a tweezer and pull straight up. For people out in deep woods, search under a kid's hairline for ticks at the end of the day. Don't worry if you don't find it immediately. A tick has to stick to the body for quite some time before transmitting Lyme disease."

It's too early in the season to tell if mosquitoes will cause an outbreak of West Nile virus this year, but the disease is still a serious threat. McGeorge cautions homeowners to eliminate mosquito breeding grounds by emptying standing water and drilling a hole in tire swings for drainage. He says to use insect repellent especially in August.

"Common DEET does work to reduce tastiness to insects. Reduce the concentration in children to no more than 10-percent DEET and never use on infants. Use mosquito netting instead," said McGeorge. "It does wash off so you need to reapply it."

"When applying DEET make sure you get your hair and head but don't spray on the face. Spray it in your hand and apply to the face especially on children. You don't want to spray the eyes or inhale it."



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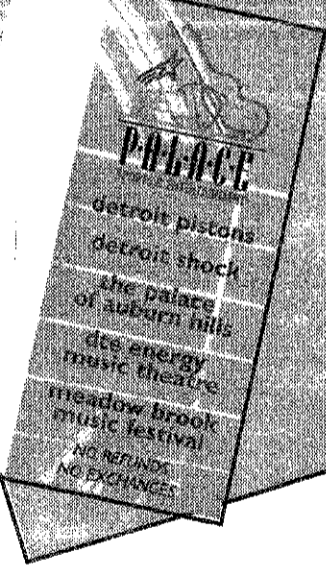
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Small-business servers support telecommuters

(NewsUSA) - More Americans are showing they can get their jobs done from just about anywhere outside the office. And as some businesses expand in size and geographic scope, they are finding new technology to help employees who telecommute.

About 45 million Americans are working from home, according to a survey conducted by ITAC, a telework advisory group. The survey also found that out of 135.4 million workers, 20.6 million conducted work in their car and 16.3 million worked while on vacation.

By installing a server with Microsoft Corp.'s Windows Small Business Server 2003 software on it, businesses can store all of its documents, e-mail messages, calendars and images in one location.

Additionally, employees can remotely access all company documents as well as programs and data on their desktop — from anywhere in the world.

With a server, mobile devices such as Smartphones and Personal Digital Assistants also can connect users to e-mail, scheduling software and other programs



A small-business server can help increase a company's productivity

as though they were working at their desks.

A small-business server can help increase a company's productivity and efficiency by allowing a specialized computer to perform

services and run software for other computers, or "clients," on its network.

For the millions of Americans who need to work when away from their office, Windows Small Business

Server 2003 offers a solution that includes Remote Web Workplace. This application allows employees to access anything on their work desktop from any PC in the world that has Internet access.

Many employees who work in a business without a server can't be very productive. They're also unable to back up their data or prevent unauthorized users from accessing their computers, all common problems small businesses experience that server software can prevent.

Later this year, Microsoft plans to launch a new release, Windows Small Business Server 2003 R2, which will include even more advanced security features.

The ITAC survey also found that during the past year, the number of employee telecommuters increased by 30 percent. As this trend continues, so will the need for integrated solutions such as small-business servers.

Whether or not their employees telecommute, companies are realizing the benefits of using small-business servers to streamline processes and decrease costs.

For more information, visit www.microsoft.com/sbs.

Help is on the way for 401(k) investors

(NewsUSA) — More employers are educating workers on 401(k) plans — from the benefits of tax-deferred growth to the importance of consistent saving.

However, research shows that employees are still in the dark when it comes to investing their assets.

According to a recent study by human resources firm Hewitt Associates, most employees didn't rebalance or re-allocate their 401(k) portfolios in 2004. Only one in six actually made a transfer within their 401(k) accounts that year.

The study, which examined more than 2.5 million employees eligible for 401(k) plans, also found that many participants were taking on too much risk by investing a significant portion of their savings in a single stock.

Company stock was the single largest holding, accounting for approximately 27 percent of participants' total 401(k) balances. And more than a quarter of employees held half or more of their total 401(k) balances in their employer's stock.

While some employees took on too much risk by investing heavily in company stock, other

employees didn't invest aggressively enough. The study found that workers in their 20s invested less in equities than workers in their 30s.

Now there's help for investors who don't have either the time or the expertise to manage their own 401(k) investments. Defined contribution plan providers such as AIG VALIC, Fidelity Investments, Great-West Retirement Services, Merrill Lynch, the Principal Financial Group and TIAA-CREF have partnered with Chicago-based Ibbotson Associates to manage participants' accounts.

Eligible participants who elect the service will have their money allocated to a customized portfolio that is rebalanced regularly and adjusted over time to reflect the investor's changing life circumstances.

"401(k)s are becoming the primary savings vehicle for retirement in this country," said Roger Ibbotson, chairman and founder of Ibbotson Associates and finance professor at the Yale School of Management. "With so much riding on your 401(k) account, it's very important to get professional, unbiased advice."



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Luxury condos take place in booming Clinton Township market

Palazzolo Brothers and Towne & Country Homes are pleased to announce the June 24th and 25th Grand Opening of Tall Oaks, an elegant new neighborhood in Clinton Township featuring distinctive ranch-style condominiums with abundant amenities in an unmatched community setting.

The result of a partnership between Palazzolo Brothers and Towne & Country Homes, as well as a collaboration with nationally renowned architect Dominick Tringali, Tall Oaks features extraordinary models decorated by award-winning interior designer Mary Olk and an exceptional level of quality in design and construction. The June grand opening introduced Tall Oaks' high standard of style and comfort to the public with an event featuring limited-time buyer incentives and an opportunity to win a GE Beverage Center.

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"We've experienced substantial interest during this pre-construction phase resulting in the sale of over 25 homes, proving that Tall Oaks is a vital addition to the area," said Sam Palazzolo of Palazzolo Brothers, which was named Building Industry Association Builder of the Year in 2005.

"We anticipate an even stronger demand now that the models are open, and prospective buyers can see and feel the superior quality and value we offer."

When complete, Tall Oaks will feature 112 homes. Amenities include a low-maintenance lifestyle consisting of complete lawn care, snow removal, exterior building maintenance and refuse pick-up. Located on the north side of Canal Road, just east of Romeo Plank Road in Clinton Township, Tall Oaks feels rural, but lies right next to the best of what the area has to offer.

"It's been a pleasure to work with Palazzolo Brothers," said Perry DiMaggio of Towne & Country Homes. "Their status as Builder of the Year is richly deserved."

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The kitchens in the new Tall Oaks condo development offer all of the modern luxuries including granite countertops.

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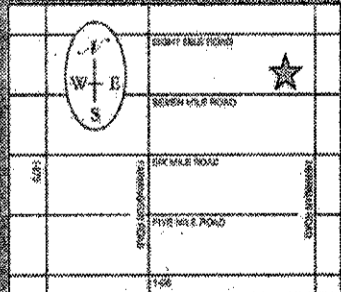
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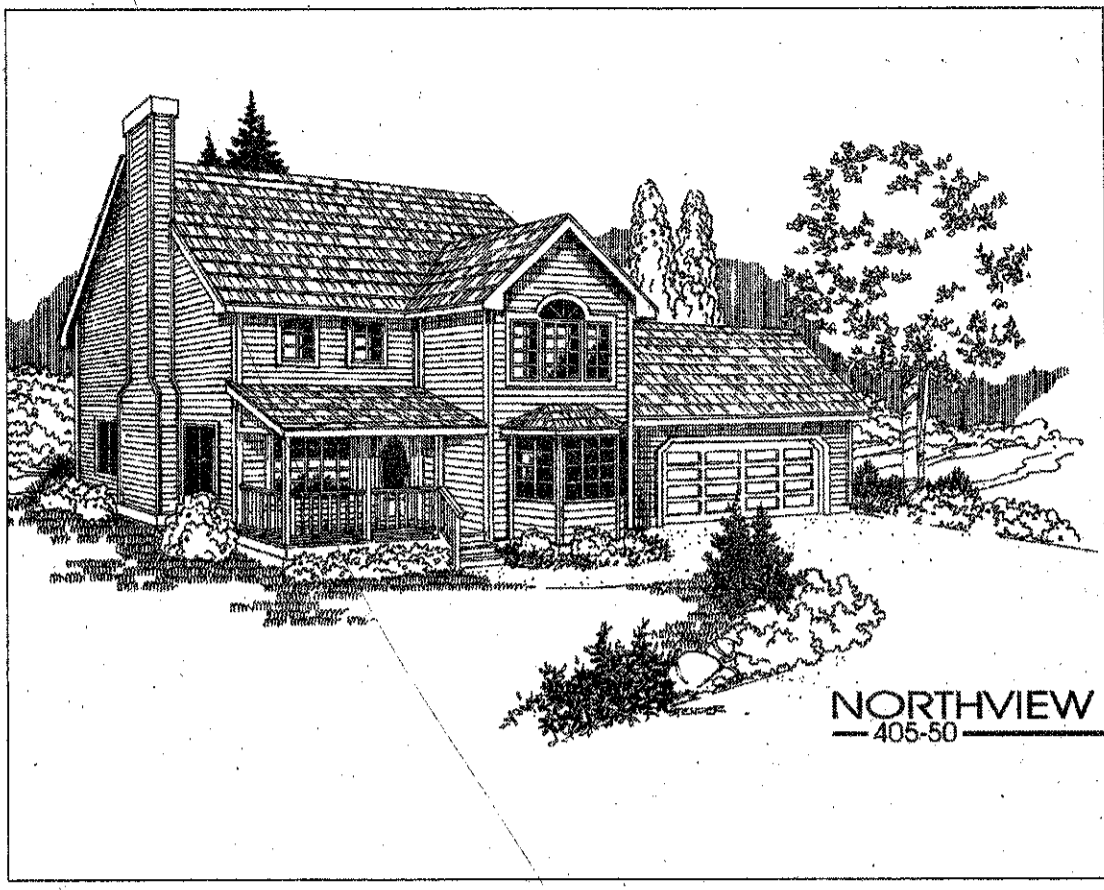
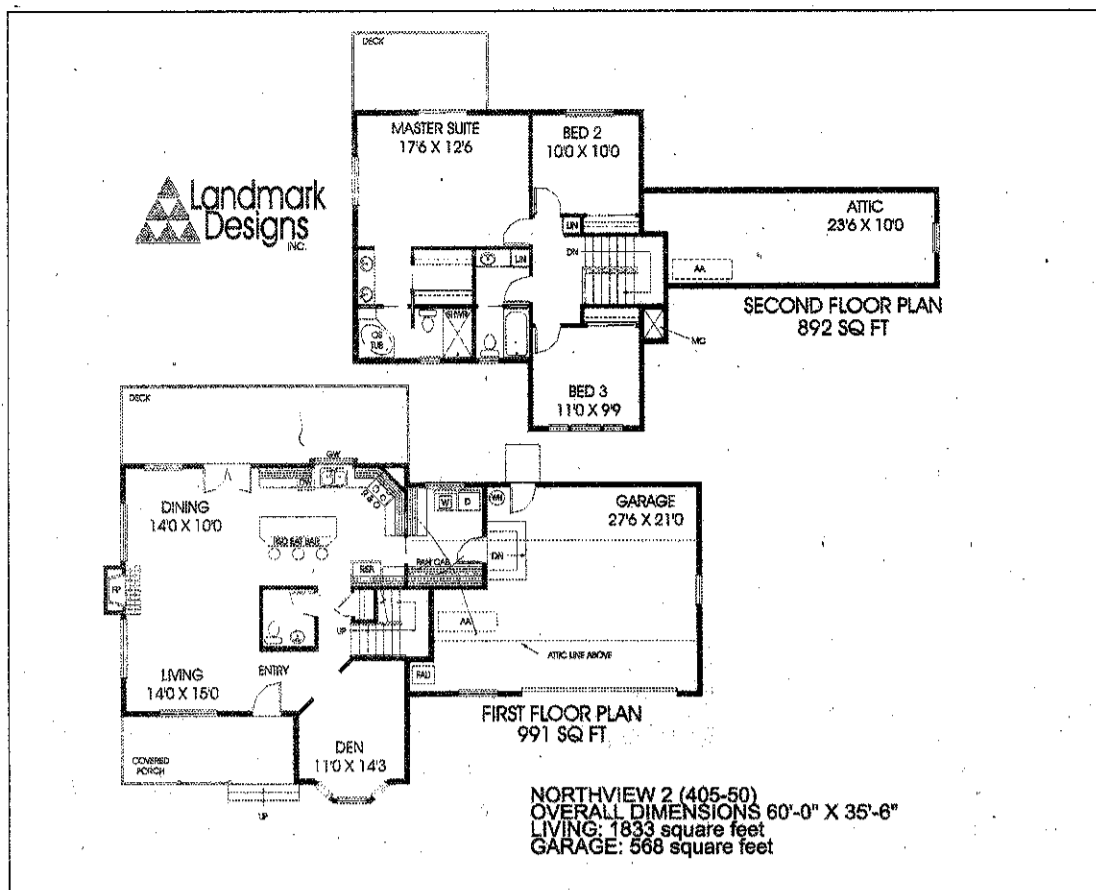
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Its high-peaked roof and lofty chimney, along with the oval window in the front door, lend a nostalgic Victorian air to the home.

The rest of the Northview 2 is by no means old-fashioned. The family living spaces downstairs are spacious and comfortably informal.

The large country kitchen has a built-in dishwasher and centers around a work island, eating bar, and counter, and cupboard space is plentiful. Washer and dryer are but a few steps away in the utility

room. A fireplace adds charm and warmth to the richly windowed living and dining area. Some families might prefer to use this area as one large family room with an informal eating nook, rather than a formal dining area next to the kitchen.

The den offers an in-home office that can substitute for a formal dining area. The half-bath is convenient for visitors.

All of the bedrooms are upstairs. The master suite with its private deck, walk-in closet, spa and tub/shower area, offers homeowners a luxurious getaway within the home.

The other two bedrooms share a bath-

room that also includes a compartmentalized vanity and linen storage. Windows in the front bedroom are capped by a contemporary half-round, giving this front a dash of class all its own.

For a study plan of the NORTHVIEW 2 (405-50), send \$15 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Rd. E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424 or call (800) 562-1151. Be sure to specify plan name and number. Compact disks, with search functions are free of charge, to help you search our portfolio for you dream home (\$5 shipping and handling will apply). Or you may order or search online at www.ldiplans.com.

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Lowe's survey shows women handy on the homefront

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From fashionable chimineas and cozy lounge chairs to mood-setting string lights and vibrant flora, women are also taking entertaining al fresco to a whole new level. An overwhelming majority of the women surveyed (83 percent) are especially active in entertaining outdoors during the summer.

In preparation for entertaining outdoors, the most popular areas of the home to be groomed are the garden (listed by 31 percent of female homeowners surveyed), the lawn (19 percent) and the deck (14 percent). Also, 76 percent of the women surveyed deem the décor of their outdoor living space as important.

Findings reveal that 91 percent of women DIYers surveyed are responsible for the majority of home improvement decisions in their household, either solely or jointly. However, the role of women in

home renovations is not limited to making decisions. The modern woman is very much in step with upgrading her home with nearly one-third (30 percent of female DIYers surveyed) managing projects and another 48 percent collaborating with their spouse on projects around the house.

The Lowe's survey also indicates that 88 percent of female DIYers surveyed undertake home improvement projects by themselves, primarily to cut costs, representing a jump of nearly 10 percentage points from three years ago. In addition, 69 percent of these women consider themselves experienced do-it-yourselfers, proving that most women do-it-yourselfers are eager to take on many types of household DIY projects.

However, even adept women do-it-yourselfers agree that certain areas of the home require a professional's touch. Forty percent list the kitchen as the space where they would hire a contractor, compared to 32 percent who would use a professional for the bathroom.

As women become more proficient in the home improvement arena and venture outdoors to tackle projects, the inside of the home

still reigns as the location where women conduct the majority of maintenance and improvement work.

Other key findings from the Lowe's survey include:

- At 72 percent, more women homeowners today feel prepared to be solely responsible for their home, including maintenance, repairs and improvement - a 5 percentage point increase from 2004.
- Nearly three-quarters (73 percent) of female do-it-yourselfers are more likely to take on a home improvement project if they know it can be started and completed within the span of a weekend.

- More women own power tools today (78 percent) - 24 percent have an extensive collection of hand and power tools; 21 percent own hand tools, some small power tools and one or two major power tools; and 33 percent own a few basic hand and power tools.

This study of female do-it-yourselfers age 18 and older in the United States who are homeowners or plan to purchase their own home in the near future was conducted between May 30 and June 1 by Ipsos Public Affairs.

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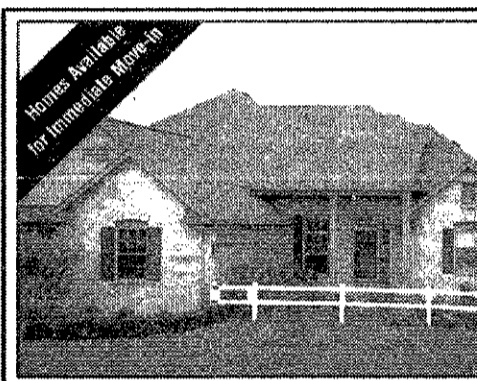
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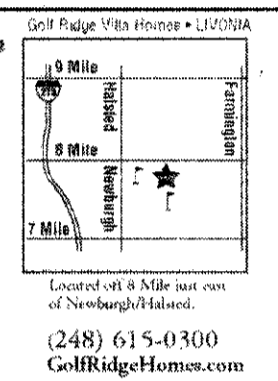


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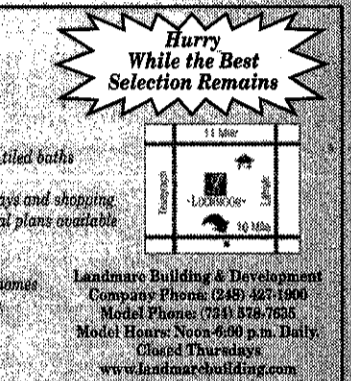
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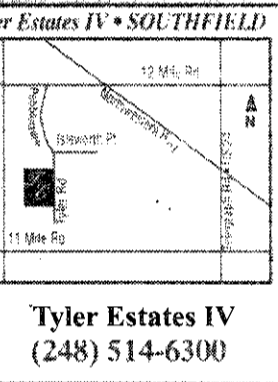


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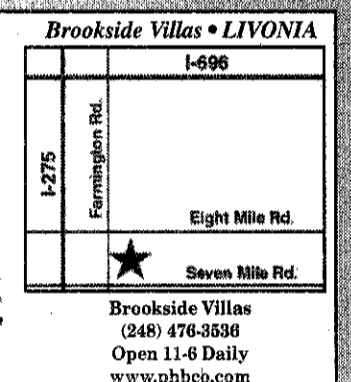
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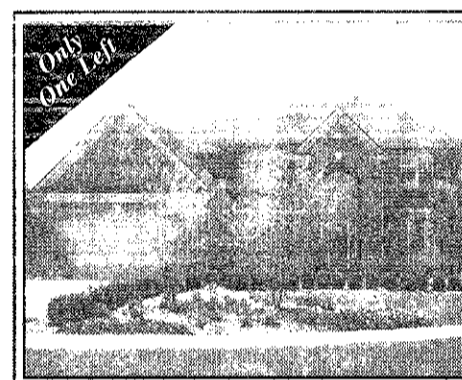
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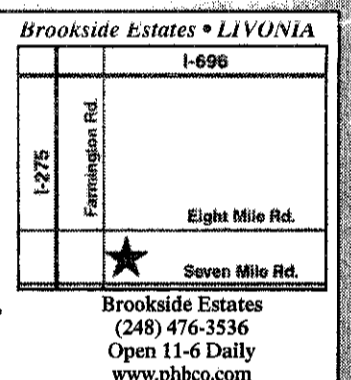
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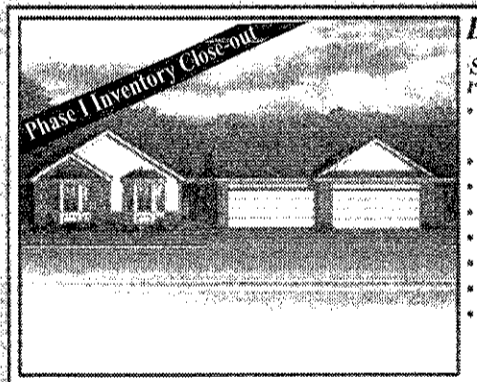
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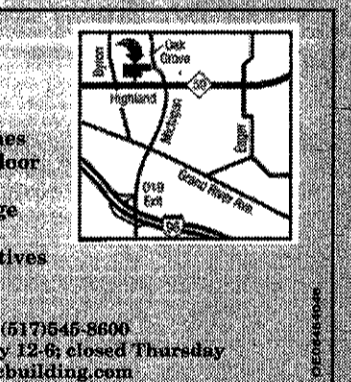
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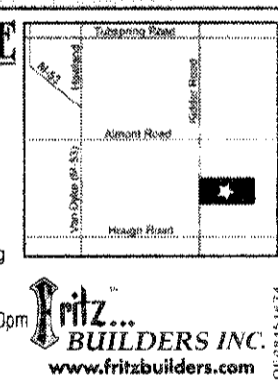
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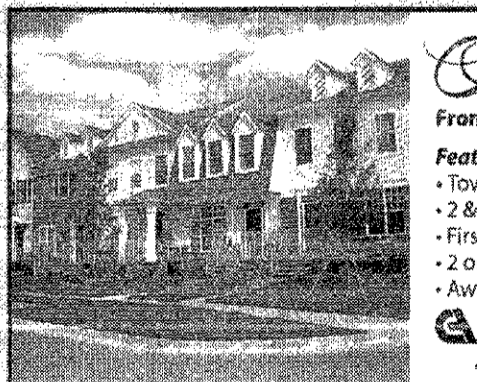
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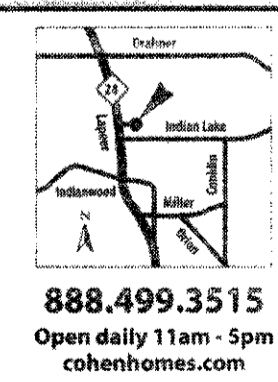
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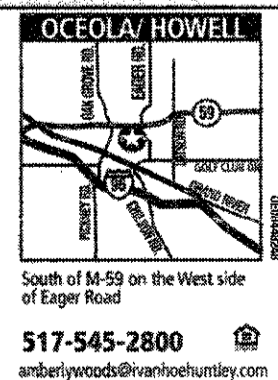


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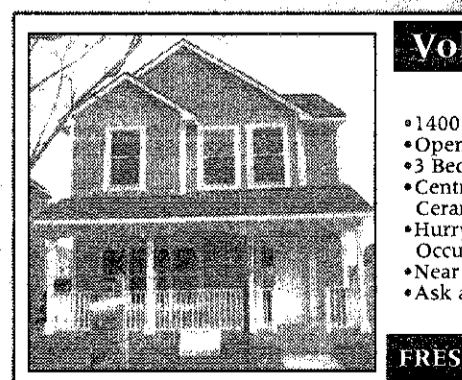
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See the adjoining chart for a partial list of cities that require municipal inspections and how much they charge.

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City	Type	Cost
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