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New sign ordinance to have first go-around

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

The township formed a committee late last year to tweak some elements of the township's often onerous sign ordinance, which has been a thorn for some business owners. A final draft of the committee's work will be presented at a special joint study session of the Board of Trustees, Planning Commission, DDA and Zoning Board at 7 p.m. on Monday at the township administrative building.

The committee, which is made up of elected officials, as well as business leaders, Canton Chamber of Commerce and DDA members, and some residents, has been meeting since early fall of 2005, according to Dianne Cojei, who is the president of the chamber.

Cojei, a member of the committee, said there was a need to re-visit the ordinance when it became counter to plans the DDA developed for revitalizing Ford Road. Hamilton Anderson, the consulting firm the DDA hired to redesign the Ford Road corridor, wanted to put up way-finding signs to help residents and visitors navigate the busy roadway.

"Many of the things Hamilton Anderson wanted to do, including the way-finding signs, were against the sign ordinance," Cojei said.

According to Cojei, the proposed changes, which Hamilton Anderson helped develop, would allow way-finding signs, as well as multi-tenant signs that are currently forbidden. There will also be some minor increases in the size of signs, and where they can be placed on a business property. Signage on vehicles is also addressed in the proposal.

Cojei said the new proposal also does a better job of defining what exactly a sign is, something the current ordinance leaves kind of vague.

"It is something that had never been addressed before: What is a sign," she said.

The sign ordinance garnered public attention in 2003 when Tony Matar, the owner of the Big Boy restaurant on Ford Road, battled the township over the large statue in front of his store. The township ticketed Matar for the Big Boy statue, claiming it was a sign and violated the township's ordinance. Ultimately, the township allowed Matar to paint over

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Village Theater volunteer Sharon Chain, of Canton, serves up some ice cream to 5-year-old Bryan Rodwell and puts on some of his favorite toppings during Canton's Ice Cream Social at the Cherry Hill School.



Lauren Merke, 6, licks her fingers clean after grabbing a handful of her strawberry/vanilla ice cream with sprinkles.

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A sweet treat

Residents enjoy ice cream social in the Village

BY NANCY DEUTSCH
CORRESPONDENT

Canton's fifth ice cream social Wednesday was another great success.

For the fifth year in a row, the weather cooperated, and between 300 and 350 residents came to the Cherry Hill School with lawn chairs and blankets, set to listen to the Canton Concert Band and indulge in the sweet stuff.

"Vanilla's the top choice," said volunteer Guy Runyan, a regular usher at the Village Theater, who doled out ice cream to hungry participants. Although he'd not yet had any, Runyan said he was set to eat whatever was left over — if anything.

That wasn't the case for trumpet player Joe Bottorff of Canton, who has been a member of the Canton Concert Band since its inception in 2004. No, Bottorff

decided to enjoy some ice cream even before he started playing — a concoction of vanilla ice cream, hot fudge, whipped cream and sprinkles. He said he worried about the weather all day, but it was beautiful. He also worried about the ice cream.

"I hope I don't have to clean my horn from eating ice cream before," he joked.

Those who attended the Ice Cream Social reported enjoying the music as much as the ice cream. "We came to listen to the orchestra," said Syl Noetzel, 74, of Canton, who was at the social last year as well. "They're getting better every year." But his wife, Mary, 72, also enjoyed the cold treat. "Ice cream's always good. Too good," she said.

Gayle Harshman, 58, was at the Ice Cream Social for the first time with granddaughter Calen, who is 5 years old. She read about the

event in the *Observer*.

"I think it's absolutely gorgeous out here," she said. "Everybody's friendly and smiling."

Both enjoyed the music and ice cream, although they may have overindulged, she said. "My granddaughter put everything sweet on it she could. I tried to justify it by putting on all the fruit I could."

The event has changed in past years, said Dianne Neihengen, senior coordinator of Canton Leisure Services. The first three years, the Ice Cream Social was held at the Summit, but the venue changed two years ago because of the growing number of people, and the fact that there is a lovely lawn available outside of the old Cherry Hill School, at the corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill, she said. "It gives a chance for more visibility. It's such a beautiful area," she said.

Candidate hopes 2nd time is charm

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Northville attorney Marc Corriveau admits he might not have been quite ready when he challenged state Rep. John Stewart two years ago for Stewart's seat in the 20th State House District.

Stewart beat Corriveau then, and now Corriveau is back, running in a three-candidate Democratic primary Aug. 8 for the seat being vacated by the term-limited Stewart.

"I was at a time in my life and career where it might have been a little early," said Corriveau, who lives in Northville with his wife,



Corriveau

that campaign.

Knowing the 2006 contest would be for the open seat, Corriveau figured he could hit the ground running.

"I learned a tremendous amount about the actual structure of a campaign, which is rather daunting by itself," Corriveau said. "I felt I ran a

Wendy, and children Luc and Eve. "I had two babies and I was a fairly new lawyer. The idea was to get my name out there, get familiar with the process and kind of cut my teeth on

relatively honorable campaign and I was a decent candidate. People see this as a Republican district, but I'd have a shot going against someone who is not an incumbent."

Education and health care are two of Corriveau's primary concerns, mostly because those are issues he's heard about from the people he's met going door-to-door.

"Jobs issue, education, health care ... these issues overlap each other in the broad picture in terms of where the governor has taken this state," Corriveau said. "These issues are not exclusive of each other. They seem to profoundly

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Hopeful eyes open Lansing seat

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

As a six-year resident of Plymouth Township, Don Schnettler has campaigned for Plymouth Township supervisor and led a charge to force the township to get voter approval for \$6 million in bonds for a new township hall.

Now, Schnettler is aiming a little more west — and a bit higher up the government chain — with his campaign for the open 20th state House district seat being vacated by the term-limited state Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township).

Among his campaign platforms, Schnettler favors the elimination of the Single Business Tax and thinks the state should be leading the way to finding



Schnettler

alternatives to oil as an energy source. With what he said is a vast supply of corn in the state and several strong research firms at the state's disposal, he said the state can no longer wait.

"We have the ability to use corn as an alternative fuel," Schnettler said.

"The longer we wait, the more we will lag behind the entire country. What we need are companies willing to step up to the plate with incentives that will make them jump at the opportunity to make ethanol plants and fuel cells and cars

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Art exhibit

Canton resident Diane Mitchell, a pastel artist who primarily draws and paints landscapes, will have her work on display through July 30 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. The exhibit is open to the public Monday through Friday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 7-9 p.m. and Sunday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Village Theater is located at the corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill Roads, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, 48187.

Mitchell's work has been exhibited in many of the annual Canton Project Art shows - for some she has won awards. Her works are also displayed in many local residences. Many of these are of the Canton landscape. In addition to the awards she's won in Canton, she's received other awards in the metro Detroit area. Her work is also displayed in other private collections throughout the United States and Canada.

Theater auditions

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

Adopt-A-Road

On July 27, beginning at

4:30 p.m., the Canton Chamber of Commerce will participate in their second of three Adopt-A-Road clean ups scheduled for the year. The chamber adopted Canton Center Road between Warren and Ford Roads. Chamber members are invited to gather and meet at the Chamber around 4 o'clock in the afternoon before the clean up where they will pick up their bright orange vests and pick up sticks needed in order to get the job done.

Afterwards, chamber members will be heading over to Bailey's Pub and Grille located at 1777 North Canton Center Road, to socialize, network, and have fun while enjoying appetizers together.

Interpreters needed

Canton is in need of Japanese, Chinese and Indian interpreters as part of a Health and Human Services Emergency plan. Name and contact information will be placed in the plan, and interpreters will only be contacted if the need arises. To sign up or learn more about the program, contact Pat VanDusen at (734) 394-5193 or e-mail her at pvandusen@canton-mi-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



On the job

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Jim Ryan congratulates Dianne Gonzalez, a new P-CCS Board of Education Trustee, after the swearing-in ceremony at the board office. Gonzalez is holding her son Louie, and is surrounded by her husband Leo and children Mitch and Christina.

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 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.

Chamber luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its next networking luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Aug. 2 at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. The cost for lunch is \$20 and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages, dessert and a guest speaker presentation. This luncheon is open to the public.

The August luncheon will feature guest speaker Jeffrey Omtvedt, co-author of the soon-to-be released book *The DataBased You*, which takes an inside look at the erosion of privacy and identity theft. Omtvedt holds a B.A. from the University of Michigan, with a focus in American government and political theory. He was nominated for The Crain's Detroit "20 in their 20s," an award given to tomorrow's smartest, brightest and most creative business stars.

Seating at the luncheon is limited and reservations are needed. To make your reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Deadline for reservations is noon on Friday, July 28.

DDA jazz

Canton's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has partnered with radio station V98.7 Smooth Jazz and Canton Leisure Services to host a jazz concert series this summer. The concerts will be held every Friday night in July and August at various venues

along Ford Road in a portable stage called "Canton Live." The shows are free and run from 6-8 p.m., and guests are encouraged to bring their lawnchairs.

The concert lineup and location is as follows:

■ July 21: Gerard Gibbs & ReORGAN' YZ - Home Depot

■ July 28: United Music machine featuring Gene Dunlap - Wal-Mart

■ Aug. 4: Jesse Palter Quartet - To be announced

■ Aug. 11: The Kimmie Horne Show - To be announced

■ Aug. 18: John E. Lawrence & Friends - New Towne Center (Kohl's)

■ Aug. 25: D. Lee & the Edge - Max & Erma's

The last concert of the season will be held on Sept. 8 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, and feature internationally acclaimed musician Alexander Zonjic and Friends.

The schedule is subject to change. For more information, please call (734) 394-5367.

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.

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4-H educator looks to expand program

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Mention 4-H and horses, cows, rabbits and the like come to mind. But 4-H is much more than that, according to Laurie Rivetto.

The new 4-H educator for Wayne County Michigan State University Extension for western Wayne County, Rivetto is hoping to get the word out that the organization offers more than livestock, horses and ponies for youth ages 9-19 years.

"Anyone with any interest, a club can be created," said Rivetto. "Five youth from three different families and an adult to oversee them constitutes a club. They can choose what they want to do as an individual or as a group, and they can get support and materials and resources from the local office or the state."

To get the word out, Rivetto is reaching out to existing clubs like the Four Season 4-H Horse Club in Northville and working on a survey to find out what the "pressing needs" of youth are living in the western Wayne area.

Her western Wayne area ranges from suburban to somewhat rural and stretches from the Detroit boundary on the east to the Washtenaw County line on the west. It takes in Westland, Garden City, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton, Livonia and Redford.

It's an area that has been without a representative for five-six years, so Rivetto knows she has a lot to do to breathe new life into the program. So far, she has gotten information on 12 clubs and 150 youth who



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As a 4-H educator, Laurie Rivetto is working on ways to reach out to western Wayne County youth to get them involved in the organization.

are involved in 4-H in this area.

"I believe 4-H can be a lot bigger than it is," she said. "It's not now because the area didn't have a representative or the people didn't know about 4-H. I hope to demonstrate that there's a need to have this position on this side of the county."

The H in 4-H stands for head, heart, hands and health. The organization lets kids take the lead, with the help of adult partners, in thinking, learning and problem-solving.

It helps kids build strong relationships with peers and adults based on caring and respect and learn by doing and then using their talents and skills to make their communities better places in which to live and grow. It also helps kids make healthy choices to keep them physically and mentally able to do what they need to at school, at home and in their communities.

It goes beyond animals into communication arts - speaking, writing and drama - the

visual arts, environmental education, science and technology. And even has different programs and activities for youngsters ages 5-8 that are developmentally appropriate and are educational, safe, and fun.

"One of the things I want to do is help people become more aware of 4-H," she said. "There's a lot of opportunity to be involved in different things, not just horses. There's so many kids in the communities that can learn and grow from these programs."

To make 4-H accessible to area residents, she's set up shop in the MSU Extension building on Venoy south of Van Born in Wayne. She's also developing a needs assessment that will ask questions about the concerns and issues that need to be addressed with youth in order to aid 4-H in the future.

She's asking current 4-H leaders and youth to contact her to find out about upcoming events. She's also the person leaders need to turn their annual reports into to avoid

missing out on opportunities at the state and local level, including the Wayne County Fair which takes place Aug. 8-12.

This is a learning experience for Rivetto. She's never been involved, either as a youth or an adult in 4-H. She grew up in Troy and graduated from Troy High School, and brings her experience working as a camp director for three years in Rochester and at the Boys & Girls Club where she programmed club activities and worked with the young people.

She has a bachelor's degree in middle childhood education from Ohio Northern University and a master's degree in youth development from MSU.

"I love working with kids in an informal setting," she said. "I enjoy making an impact on their lives and enhancing what they've learned in school."

Youth and adults interested in learning more about 4-H can call Rivetto at (734) 727-7236 or the MSU Extension office in Wayne at (734) 721-6576.

Consignment Outlet fate in jeopardy

BY DAN WEST
STAFF WRITER

Todd Schiffrar would be forced to close the Consignment Outlet resale shop if the Livonia City Council denies Schiffrar the city license he needs to continue running the store.

After a 2½-hour public hearing on the matter Wednesday, several members of the Livonia City Council said they are leaning toward supporting the police department's denial of the secondhand dealer's license to Schiffrar unless there is some sort of alternative arrangement for the store's operations. Without the license, Schiffrar will be forced to close the store.

The council is scheduled to vote on the issue Aug. 30.

Sheldon Miller, one of Schiffrar's two attorneys, said he's prepared to challenge the denial in court and the legality of the city's "vague" ordinance regarding resale shop licensing.

Schiffrar appealed to the City Council after Livonia Police Chief Bob Stevenson denied Schiffrar's request for the city license. Schiffrar has operated the store on Middlebelt north of Five Mile since January 2005, but city officials allowed him to stay in business while pursuing necessary licenses and site-plan approvals.

Police investigators said Schiffrar has two felony convictions over the past seven years and he's a subject in an ongoing federal investigation into a 2002 auto fraud scheme in Ann Arbor.

Also, Livonia police Sgt. Paul Wood said there have been complaints that Schiffrar has ripped off customers and about the way he closed his previous resale shops in Plymouth and Canton.

"If this isn't enough to determine one to be unqualified for this license, I don't know what it would take," Wood said.

Wayne Yashinsky, Schiffrar's

other attorney, said the city's police and law departments "assassinated" Schiffrar with speculation and hearsay, but not many facts. He added that police officials did an incomplete investigation that produced a biased result.

"Much of what's been submitted here would never be allowed to be submitted in a court of law," Yashinsky said.

Schiffrar said he acknowledges his mistakes and recalls the pain he experienced when his children had to see him behind prison bars.

"I've done some things I'm not proud of and I've tried to turn my life around and start a new business," said Schiffrar, a Plymouth resident. "I want everyone who comes to my store to leave with a smile because my biggest advertisement is word of mouth."

Several Consignment Outlet customers and employees told the City Council at Wednesday's hearing that Schiffrar is a reputable and fair person. The council also received several letters with mixed responses to the store's operation.

In the sometimes contentious hearing, Council President Jim McCann said he was looking for a "warm, fuzzy feeling that the business will operate in a fair and honest way."

Miller said Schiffrar has cooperated with city officials since opening the Livonia store and he's prepared to fight this battle in court.

"We don't want this store to close, employees to lose their jobs and this man to lose this chance," Miller said. "If the city wants to fight this, this will be litigation that could be costly, so let's see what we can work out."

It's expected city and Schiffrar attorneys will meet in the coming weeks to see if they can negotiate some sort of compromise before the City Council votes Aug. 30.

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Mastodon bones generate buzz

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
STAFF WRITER

A road construction site off Adams Road in Rochester Hills was the scene of unusual excitement Monday.

As word spread that the bones of a prehistoric mastodon had been unearthed Friday by workers preparing the site for the rerouting of Adams between Auburn and Hamlin, people began turning up to have a look. It got to the point where the Oakland County Sheriff's Department declared the bones off-limits mid-afternoon, fearing for the relics' safety.

Leah Allen of Rochester Hills took a half-day off work to bring her 8-year-old son Kyle to the site. "History in the making," she called it. "He got to hold a vertebrae," she said, referring to Kyle. "It's so neat; right in our own back yard. ... We came back here before they developed this so many times. ... It's the coolest."

An employee of Dan's Excavating told police a shovel digging in a peat bog came up with a large bone late Friday. After doing some research on their own, workers reported the find Saturday and called in the Cranbrook Institute of Science.

"We probably were the first ones to dig through it," said Bill McEntee, director of Permits and Construction for the Road Commission.

By Monday, an impressive collection of bones, including parts of tusk, several vertebrae, ribs and a huge tooth



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bill McEntee of the Road Commission for Oakland County holds one of the larger bones of a prehistoric mastodon found at a construction site in Rochester Hills. The bones, at least 10,000 years old and dating to the Ice Age, were found buried under just 5-feet or 6-feet of peat near Adams Road and M-59. They have been turned over to the Cranbrook Institute of Science for cleaning and study.

had been unearthed. Cranbrook spokesman Stephen Pagnani said the remains had been positively identified as a large adult mastodon.

"It's a very mature animal, we know that," he said. Cranbrook's collection has a mastodon that was found in 1965 when I-75 was being built. In fact, the finds aren't that unusual; some 250 sites around the state have yielded the bones of *mammot americanum*. Since 2002, it has been the state fossil.

The mastodon is believed to have roamed much of North America in the Pleistocene Epoch, also known as the Ice Age. Vegetarians, they munched shrubs and trees. Spruce cones were the only other debris found buried with the bones.

Scientists don't know why the mastodon became extinct. Pagnani said this one may be 10,000 to 14,000 years old.

"What makes this so important is this kind of evidence helps solve mysteries," he said.

One question scientists hope to answer is whether this mastodon wandered into the bog and got stuck or was hunted and butchered.

Cranbrook scientists, including a staff paleontologist, will clean and examine the bones with the goal of eventually putting them on display. Ownership discussions will come later.

"It makes you think: 12,000 years ago, here," Pagnani said.

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SIGNS

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the words "Big Boy" and the statue was allowed to stay.

Trustee Karl Zarbo, who also served on the committee, believes the new proposal is much more business-friendly, largely because the business leaders were part of the process — something that was-

n't necessarily the case the last time the sign ordinance was updated. Though it was a bit hectic at first, because so many different interests were bringing competing interests to the table.

"It was very difficult to manage and move the thing forward, but the end product was worth the wait," Zarbo said. "I will speak strongly in favor of it on Monday. Will it please

everybody? Absolutely not."

Still, Zarbo said this is just one step in the process. There is still time to make changes if it is determined they need to be made.

The Planning Commission and Board of Trustees will still have to approve it as well.

"We're kind of taking it up the flagpole at this meeting," he said.

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SCHNETTLER

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that run on them."

Schnettler moved to the township in September 2000, with his wife, Debra, after living in the city of Plymouth for 18 years. The couple has three children: Robert, Ryan and Mikayla. Schnettler is an electrical/building inspector for Washtenaw County who also does the same job on a part-time basis for the city of Plymouth.

He cut his election teeth in his 2004 candidacy for Plymouth Township supervisor, a race he lost to Richard

Reaume. In 2005, he formed Citizens for Responsive Government because he didn't think the township board was taking the public's views into account in terms of its new township hall.

Now he's one of five Republican candidates seeking the 20th state House seat.

Schnettler favors elimination of the SBT, but has concerns about replacing the revenue it generates.

"Elimination of this tax is the best thing for small business, but we will have to figure out what to do with the large deficit it will leave," Schnettler said. "I'm not for raising taxes to offset this shortfall."

Among his other issues:

■ Does not favor affirmative action. "When you're promoting based on race or gender, you've eliminated the best. In my mind, you've forced the best to go someplace else."

■ Would limit campaign spending. "Take a look at the governor's race. Dick DeVos is going to spend \$5 million just on TV ads. It's getting to the point where a normal citizen can't (afford) to run for office."

■ Governments and corporations outsourcing jobs. "It has created poor employee morale and is hurting our businesses here in Michigan. I am all for cutting expenses, but at what cost?"

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CORRIVEAU

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affect each other."

For Corriveau, education is the big one. He said the state "needs skilled workers, we need educated students and we need to create an atmosphere from a business standpoint that Michigan is an attractive state."

"Those things affect us all, affect me profoundly," Corriveau said. "From a legislative standpoint, if I'm lucky enough to be given the opportunity to go to Lansing, those are the things most people find important."

Corriveau favors eliminating the Single Business Tax, but not before something is done to replace the \$1.8 billion the state would lose as a result.

"If you just ask the question, do I like the SBT, I don't," he said. "But a lot of issues aren't that simple. We can't kill the SBT until there's a comprehensive plan to replace the money. You don't just cut it and wait for the fallout to happen to figure out what we're going to do."

Corriveau said he's seen ideas expressed for replacing

the revenue, including perhaps extending sales tax to other areas.

"I saw something that said if you spread it out to all sales you may even be able to drop it from 6 percent to 5 percent," Corriveau said. "It should be gone. But how do you make sure we're not just jumping from the frying pan into the fire? That job is going to be a tough one, and our legislators are going to have to do it."

Corriveau sees the cost of health care as a huge issue, pointing to Sen. Debbie Stabenow's efforts to provide affordable prescription drugs as the key component of quality health care.

"(Stabenow) has been real aggressive on providing cheap prescription drugs for the elderly, and we should piggy-back on that and make sure we're listening to people around this area," Corriveau said. "Michigan needs a common-sense approach to providing health care and prescription coverage without sacrificing quality of care."

Corriveau is for the equitable funding of public schools, and would tweak Proposal A to get there, if that's what his

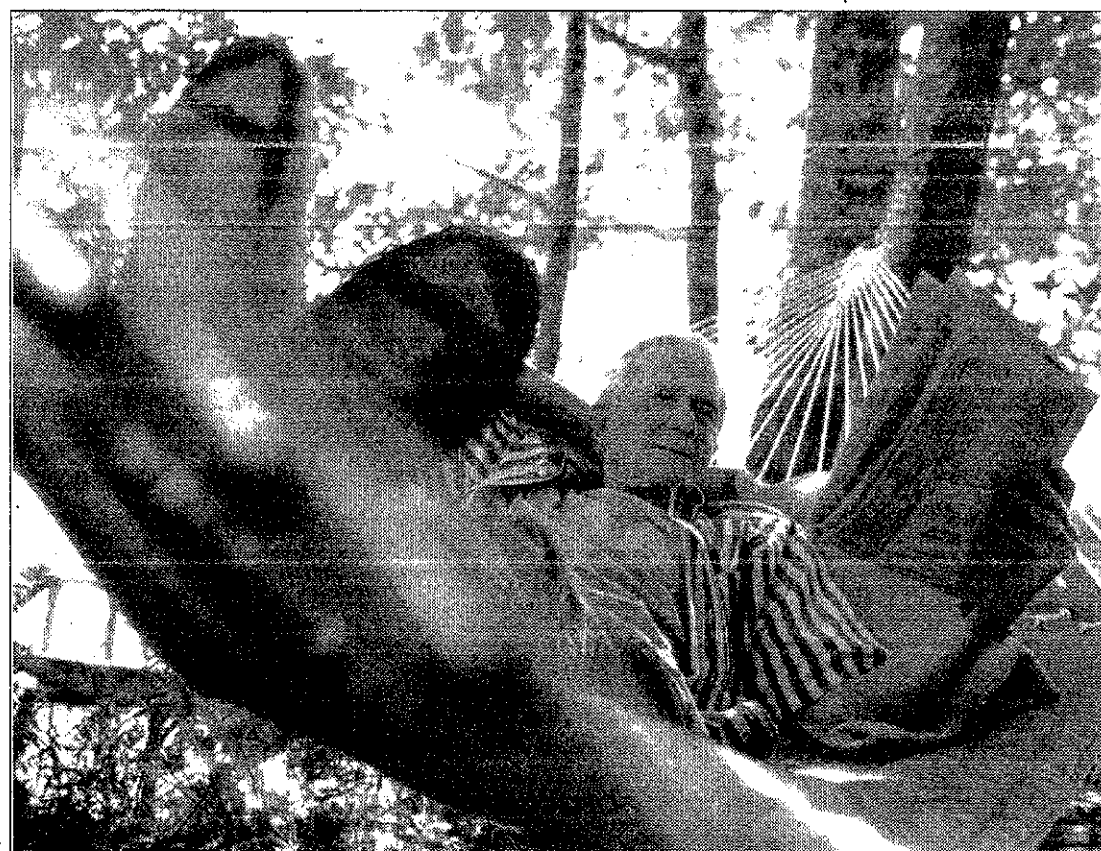
constituents wanted.

"I like to defer the nuts and bolts of the argument whether the funding is enough to the administrators and the teachers, and I'd like to go to them and hear what they have to say about it," he said. "I think you can't go away from the public schools. If it's determined the public schools are underfunded, it's one of my core beliefs it needs to start there. Access to the American dream is an illusion unless truly every single person has the opportunity."

Corriveau thinks skills he's developed as an attorney make him an attractive candidate.

"In my job as an attorney representing my clients' interests, I have to be a strong advocate," he said. "In terms of getting somewhere and being a consensus builder and bringing ideas that may not match exactly into some sort of workable understanding agreement, I think that's what I pride myself on most. If it means getting a little here and maybe giving up something there you don't want, but the ultimate result is gain."

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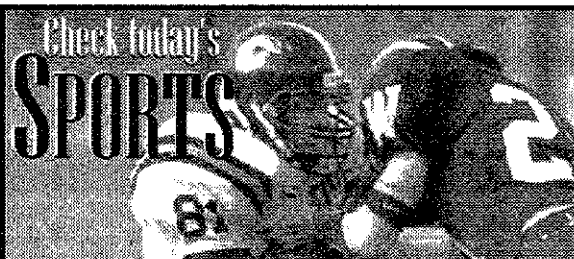
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Local poet's first book deals with the 'human condition'

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

There's never been much doubt in Cheryl Martin's mind what she wanted to do with her life. Ever since the age of 8, when her mother gave her a little red diary, she has known that she was destined to be a writer.

Almost four decades later, the Canton resident has published her first book, *Woman Reclining*, a collection of poems, both narrative and Haiku, which predominately deal with her admiration of military veterans (she was formerly in the Army National Guard) and the work of other artists who have influenced her.

"I've just always had a great imagination, and writing is my way to express it," said Martin, who is married to Gerry Martin, a grant writer for Canton Township.

Most of the narrative poems in *Woman Reclining* revolve around the military, which Martin has

strong feelings about, something that has its roots in the fact her grandfather was a World War II hero and earned a Silver Star. Since her own military career ended because of an injury she suffered, Martin has been active with veterans groups dating back to the early 1990s.

"I've interviewed many veterans over the years, from World War II vets to the Persian Gulf War. Someday I hope to compile all those stories into a book of some kind. Their stories are really inspiring," said Martin. "There's not a lot of interest in vets today. I feel it's my job as a writer to make sure they are not forgotten."

One of the poems in the book is entitled "The Wall" and is about the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. Martin said when she visited the wall, she was overcome with emotion, as are many people who see it for the first time.

For every veteran who buys Martin's book, which costs \$14.95,

she will donate \$1 back to whatever veterans group the person is involved with.

Most of the other poems in *Woman Reclining* were inspired by the work of other artists who Martin met through Wayne County's Artists Among Us competition, which she has been involved in for a couple years. In fact, the title of her book was inspired by the work of Donna Jackson, who was also involved in the competition in 2005.

"She and numerous other artists enabled me to craft many poems about the human condition," Martin said.

Martin says she has made a conscientious effort to make her poetry easy to read and not overly complicated for the general reader, something she thinks many poets fail to do.

"I try to tell a story in my poems that you don't need a college degree to understand," she says. "You have to keep it at a level where people can

actually read it, or what is the use."

In addition to her poetry, Martin, who is a former Plymouth resident, is an area freelance writer, and teaches writing classes at Schoolcraft College, Henry Ford Community College, and through the Wayne-Westland Schools adult education program.

She also owns Pero Inc., in which she consults other writers about their work.

For more information about Cheryl Martin or her book, please call (734) 397-1626, e-mail her at peroinc5@comcast.net, or visit the Web site, <http://home.comcast.net/~peroinc5/Musings.html>. Her book is also available through Ingram, Baker & Taylor, amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com, and www.outskirtspress.com/womanreclining (from which people can download an e-copy of the book for \$5).

Martin will also be signing copies



Canton poet Cheryl Martin, who teaches a number of writing classes at local colleges, holds up copies of her first published book, *Woman Reclining*.

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Still time to take part in Grub Crawl

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

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The event, sponsored by Canton and the Canton Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled for 6:30-10:30 p.m. Tuesday at more than a dozen of Canton's most popular restaurants, including 4 Friends, 4 Season's Internet Café, Applebee's, Back Home Bakery, Bailey's Pub and Grille, Buffalo Wild Wings, Carrabba's Italian Grill, Central City Diner, Crows Nest Bar and Grill, Max and Erma's,

Mexican Fiesta, Rose's Restaurant and Lounge, Rusty Nail, Shark Club, T.C. Gator's and TGI Friday's.

The event costs \$30. All participants will get a Grub Crawl T-shirt, which is the ticket into the participating restaurants, and for transportation.

Dianne Cojei, president of the chamber, said the event started five years ago as a way to promote restaurants in the township.

"We wanted to showcase our restaurants. We kind of had a reputation of only having chains, but chains can have really good food," she said. "This event allows the restaurants to showcase themselves in their own environment, so people really know what they have to offer in terms of food and service."

The first year, the chamber only sold 200 tickets, but they sold out quickly. The chamber is hoping to sell about 450 tickets this year.

There will be numerous buses and vans available to take participants from place to place, though Cojei said some people choose to drive themselves.

All in all, she said it's a fun event where people can network, but mostly just enjoy the food Canton businesses have to offer.

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For whatever reason, that book made an impression on me and began a lifelong love affair with reading, and later, writing.

Libraries around the nation, including those right here in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area, are promoting their summer reading programs. We tend to look at summer reading the same way we look at summer movies — pretty lightweight stuff: Harold Robbins and Batman.

There's nothing wrong with that. I still remember reading a wonderful science fiction book called *"Garbage World,"* which was set on a planet where everyone else tossed their trash. Not exactly great literature, but it was enjoyable and I didn't feel I wasted my time reading it.

But I still have a fondness for the classics, and I encourage everyone who has an interest in great reading, writing or storytelling to check out the great books. Long ago I embarked on a journey of reading every classic novel that has ever been written. It's a subjective list to an extent, although many are generally recognized as classics — *"Moby Dick," "War and Peace," "David Copperfield,"* and *"Huckleberry Finn,"* for example.

Those are wonderful books, but only represent the standards. There is a whole set of other classics that are generally overlooked that are definitely worth checking out.

One of my all-time favorites is *"Sister Carrie"* by Theodore Dreiser. Published in 1900 it was quite scandalous in its day, but it is one of the most remarkable pieces of writing I have ever encountered. It offers an incredibly vivid portrait of late 19th century America, perhaps unmatched anywhere. In a similar vein, *"McTeague,"* Frank Norris' naturalistic novel from the same period, is gritty

and powerful.

Both books are beautifully written and demonstrate how simple words can be crafted into compelling stories that can touch your soul.

Although many of the greatest novelists were active in the 19th century, when reading was a principal form of entertainment, many modern novelists have created great works. I found Leon Uris' *"Mila 18"* utterly enthralling. It is the rare kind of book that led me to start reading first thing Saturday morning to pick up where I had left off Friday night. Based on fact, it tells the tragic story of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising against the Nazis in World War II.

This is powerful writing.

Marjorie Rawling's *"The Yearling,"* from 1938, is another superb piece of writing with one of the most memorable endings I've encountered in a book.

And there are so many more: Ignazio Silone's *"Bread and Wine,"* Ken Kesey's *"Sometimes a Great Notion,"* Peter Matthiessen's *"Far Tortuga,"* Carson McCuller's *"The Heart is a Lonely Hunter,"* and for the truly adventurous, Stendahl's *"The Red and the Black,"* are just a few.

Recently Henry Roth's *"Call it Sleep"* resurfaced again after being periodically ignored for the last 70 years. It is an amazingly rich story of early 20th century immigrant life in New York. Read it, and you feel like you are there. All of these books open up whole new vistas to us. They take us from the Caribbean to the ghettos of New York and Warsaw, or to the mountains of the Northwest. And they show us the range of human — and inhuman — experiences.

Every time I get the uppity feeling that I am a good writer, I pick up one of these books and am put back into place. This isn't just writing. It is artistry.

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Greg Kowalski

Looming Medicaid changes create a cause for concern

Every so often, Congress changes the rules of Medicaid eligibility for nursing home coverage. In recent years, the law has been relatively stable, with no changes in federal law since 1993.

In our collective experience of 35 years of practicing elder law we have never seen such drastic and detrimental changes in the law when it comes to providing benefits to our elderly, disabled and the poor.

In February, President Bush signed the 2005 Deficit Reduction Act (DRA), which includes changes that tighten Medicaid asset transfer rules and affect Medicaid eligibility for nursing home care. These changes have not yet been enacted in Michigan.

Here is a brief summary of some of the expected changes in the law. When and how these looming laws are interpreted and applied in Michigan remains to be seen. Some of the most significant changes are:

■ A lengthened lookback period. States previously used a three-year period to examine the financial records of Medicaid applicants and determine if asset transfers (gifts) were for less than fair market value. Under the DRA, the lookback period will be changed to five years.

■ Altered start of penalties. For assets transfers that are less than fair market value, the penalty period will now begin at the date the individual would otherwise have been eligible for Medicaid, but for the asset transfers, rather than the date of the asset transfer itself.

Charitable and political contributions as well as innocent gifts to family are types of transfers that could result in an Medicaid ineligibility penalty.

For example, a fairly healthy grandma gives her granddaughter \$20,000 to assist with her college education.

Three years later grandma has a stroke and requires nursing home care and over the next 18 months spends her life savings on her own care. Forty-eight months after her gift to granddaughter, grandma is now out of assets and applies for Medicaid.

She will be penalized for about four months before she will receive Medicaid benefits, even though she has no more money to pay for her care. How her care will be paid for during the

four-month period of ineligibility is anyone's guess.

■ New test of home equity. Medicaid previously disregarded the value of a primary residence in counting assets. Under the DRA, individuals with more than \$500,000 in home equity will be ineligible for Medicaid nursing home benefits. The states do have the option of raising the threshold to \$750,000.

■ Treatment of annuities. Changes made concerning annuities are very complex and as of this date it is unclear on how they will be interpreted. The gist of these changes is to provide a requirement that the state be named as a remainder beneficiary to the extent medical services have been paid by Medicaid. Previously, federal government treated certain annuities as exempt assets and did not require that the government be named as the beneficiary.

■ New proof of citizenship requirements. Finally, the new Medicaid laws require individuals to provide satisfactory documentary evidence of citizenship or nationality when initially applying for Medicaid or upon a recipient's first Medicaid redetermination. This portion of the law is very troubling in that there are many persons who were born overseas or in the South who do not have a birth certificate.

Currently, these laws are not in effect in Michigan. It is expected that they will not become effective until sometime in the late fall or early 2007. The message from our government is obvious: One needs to plan and plan early or you will have to "go it" on your own. The best time to plan is before Michigan implements these changes. You should realize that even though there are new laws looming, there are still many ways that you can legally and effectively save the assets. This will continue to be true even when the new laws are finally effective.

A person's goal should always be to provide the greatest quality of care to themselves and their loved ones at the least cost to them and their family. This goal can be accomplished even if one is already in a nursing home. Remember, it is never too late to plan. In light of these new laws, it is now more important than ever to work with an experienced elder law attorney.

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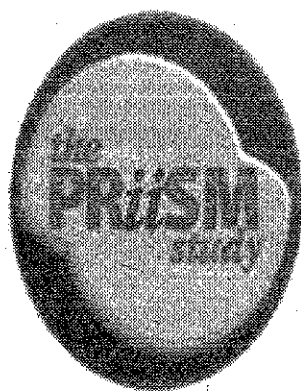
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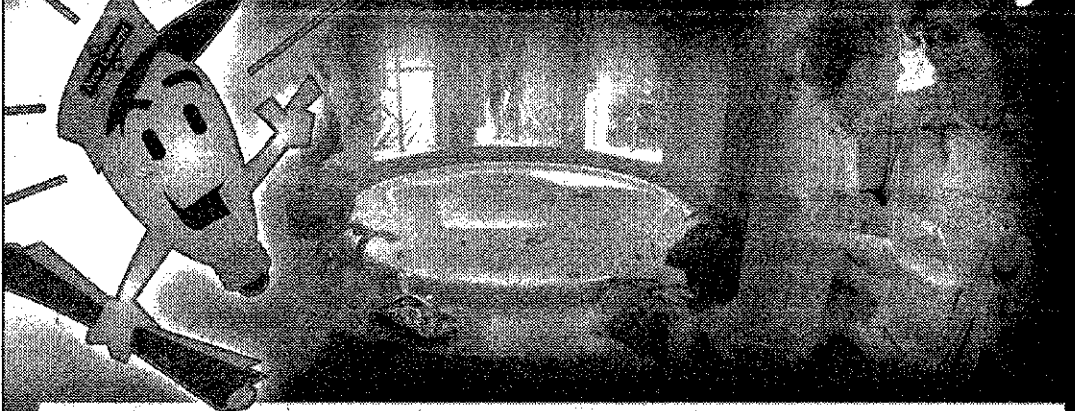
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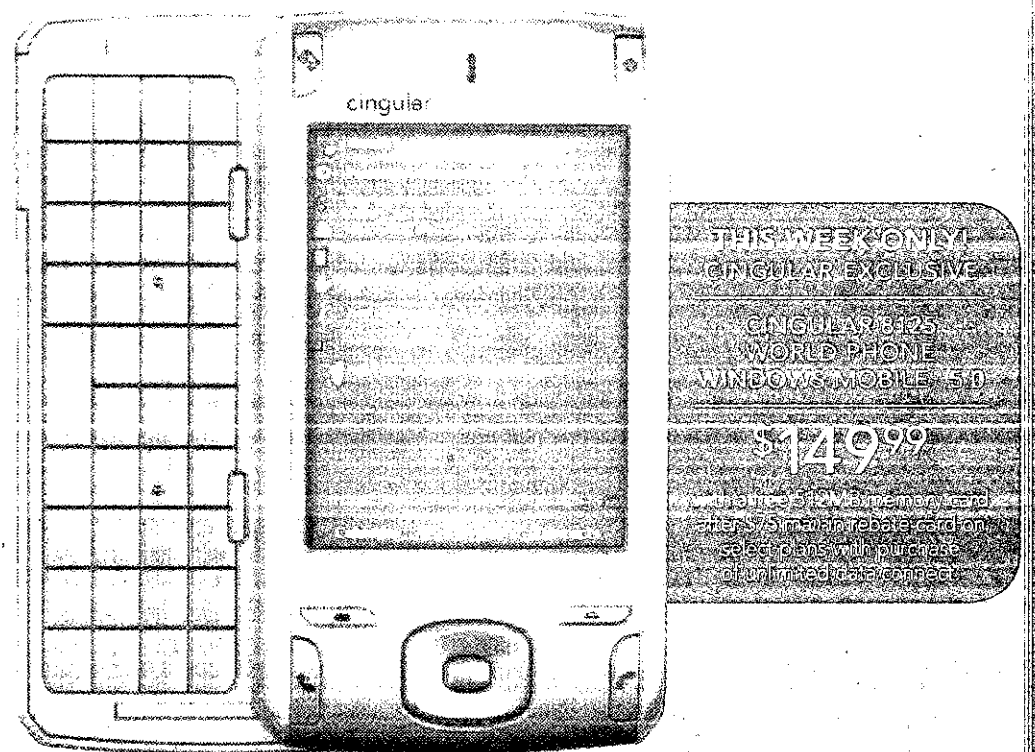
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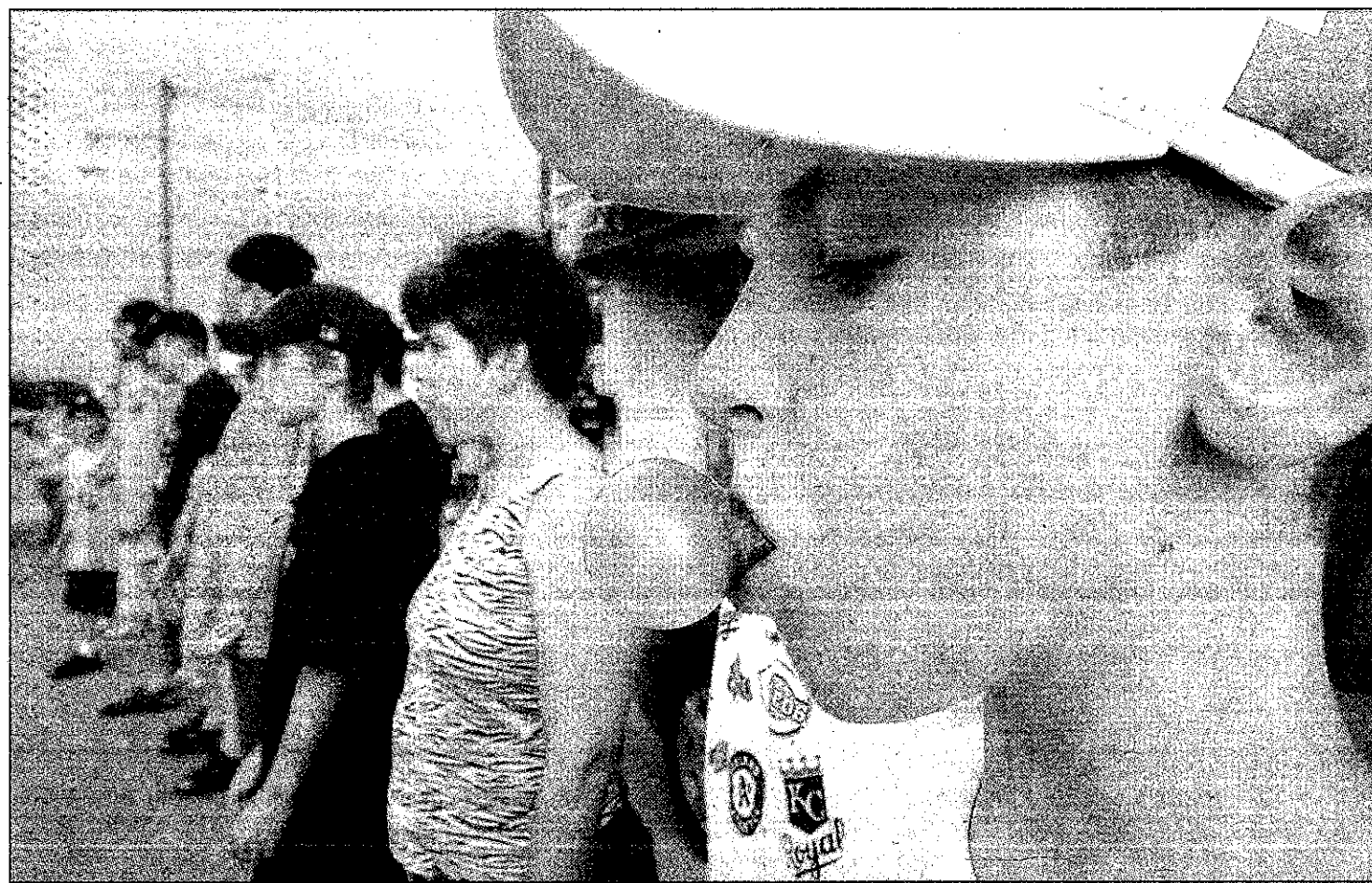
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Contestants including 11-year-old Connor Gamache of Redford Township (foreground) get their bubbles going during Wednesday's contest at Fanatic U in Garden City.

Chew-pondous!

Tiger pitcher igniting zany summer of baseball, bubbles

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

The latest catch phrase for a Detroit Tigers pennant drive is much sweeter and stickier than anything resonating back in 1968 or '84.

And with the "gum man" back for an encore appearance at Garden City's Fanatic U sports collectible store Wednesday night, there can be no denying the baseball-buzz bubble is growing and growing. Nobody wants it to burst anytime soon.

For the second time in two weeks, Tigers pitcher Nate Robertson came out to the Fanatic U location at Ford and Henry Ruff roads to witness local fans — many wearing gray T-shirts with "It's Gum Time" emblazoned on the front — compete in a bubble-gum blowing contest.

Robertson — who is seemingly becoming as popular for his Big League Chew prowess than for getting opposing batters out — then went inside the store to sign autographs and chat. Also signing Wednesday was Tigers rookie pitching sensation Joel Zumaya.

"It's great for the kids, a lot are out here just to blow bubbles and see Nate since he's the gum man," said 21-year-old Brian McFarland of Wayne, who won Wednesday's contest. "I've been

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1968 — "Go Get 'em Tigers" or "Sock it to 'em Tigers," take your pick.
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Result: World Championship.
2006 — "It's Gum Time."
Result: Check back in the fall.

chewing it since before Nate came around, but I like it better now that he's kind of the gum guy. Big League Chew, you know?"

McFarland made his mark using Big League Chew, the brand Robertson and teammates pop into their mouths in the Tigers dugout while trying to jump-start another rally.

But McFarland used the grape-flavored gum even though it's "tougher than all the other flavors."

Brian added that there is no real secret to blowing a good bubble.

"I was always blowing bubbles as a kid and you never forget, it's like riding a bike," he said, grinning. "You have to have the right amount of gum, though."



Steve Krisko, of Garden City, earned third place thanks to this bubble — certainly one to make Nate Robertson proud.

Contestants of all ages gave it a go. There was 12-year-old Ryan Powell, of Redford Township, who said, "It was fun to actually be part of something that's important, where you can actually get stuff (like Tigers tickets)."

He was at Fanatic U with his sister, 9-year-old Kelsie, and his mom, Robin Powell.

"It gets the kids involved, in terms of baseball and in terms of fun," Robin said.

It was a family affair for Donna Smith, 46, of Dearborn Heights. She participated along with her 10-year-old son Mike and 11-year-old nephew David Vettese of Canton (fourth place).

Smith said Mike placed second at the first "It's Gum Time" contest, June 29. But to them, the fun was being around to

again see their favorite Tiger up close and personal.

"We're big Robertson fans, we love the Tigers," Smith said. "And it's a fun, family thing to do."

Garden City's Maszatic family were among the more than 100 people who came out "for gum time" and then to meet Robertson and Zumaya.

Holly and Kevin Maszatic watched their 10-year-old son, Zackary, attempt to blow the biggest bubble. Also rooting him on was his 6-year-old sister, Haleigh.

"I like chewing gum and I wanted to win tickets to the Tigers," Zackary said in matter-of-fact fashion.

PLEASE SEE BIG LEAGUE CHEW, B8

It's 'gum time' for team, too

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Television cameras zeroed in on the gum-filled mouth of Detroit Tigers pitcher Nate Robertson during a recent ballgame.

Before the Canton resident knew it, all of "Tiger Nation" followed his lead — buying Big League Chew and cheering the Bengals on to another victory.

"He (Robertson) was the one who started chewing it in the dugout and those guys from Fox Sports Net Detroit, Rod Allen and Mario Impemba, saw it and made a big deal out of it," said Greg Every, owner of the Garden City Fanatic U store, where Robertson and teammate Joel Zumaya made a Wednesday appearance. "A couple games later, he started doing it again and they (the broadcasters) said, 'It's gum time.' Now everyone's doing it."

T-shirts were produced, with the catchy slogan "It's Gum Time" on the front and Robertson's name and uniform number on the back.

And Wednesday marked the second time in two weeks that Robertson came out to the Ford Road store for a bubble-gum blowing contest and subsequent autograph session.

He seems more than happy to

PLEASE SEE GUM TIME, B8

Sidelines

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).

Visit runmichigan.com.

Players needed

Boys and girls who are entering grades 4-8 are being sought to join the St. Edith CYO Soccer team based in Livonia.

The coaching staff is committed to teaching the game of soccer and providing an environment where the concepts of "good sportsmanship", "character" and Christian values are held in high regard.

Eligibility is restricted to those who attend St. Edith School or attend religious education at St. Edith, St. Aidan, St. Colette, St. Kenneth or St. Maurice.

All players are required to get a sports physical dated after April 15, 2006. Additional documentation is required and will be distributed closer to the season start date. The season begins in August and finishes in October. The participation fee is \$100 for St. Edith parish members and \$125 for out of parish members.

Those who are interested should e-mail their name, grade, contact information, and their parish/school to eagle-soccer@earthlink.net. They may also visit the web site at www.stedith-cyo.com or call Rich Field at 248-473-7865. St. Edith is at 15089 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

Hole-in-one club

■ Brian Birt, of Livonia, used a sand wedge to ace the 129-yard, No. 7 hole at Whispering Willows in Livonia on July 7. He shot a round of 35. It was the third ace of his seven-year golfing career.

■ Canton resident Shawn Simancas aced the 5th hole on the Woodlands layout at Fox Hills Golf Club July 7. The 15-year-old used a six iron on the 144-yard par 3 hole. He recorded a nine-hole score of 37.

O&E golf tourney

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. Call (248) 476-4493.

Coaches sought

The Livonia Public Schools are in need of both head and assistant varsity gymnastics coaches. Call Marc Hage at (734) 744-2824.



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Curtis Smith, 11, of Redford Township wins the high jump for his age group at Wednesday's Redford Junior Olympics at Hilbert Middle School.

Weather holds up for Junior Olympics

The forecasted thunderstorms stayed away Wednesday from Hilbert Middle School and the respite enabled the 48th annual Redford Township Parks and Recreation Junior Olympics to proceed as planned.

With no makeup date in the works, the better-than-expected weather afforded about 100 youngsters from Redford Township and surrounding communities the opportunity to run, jump and throw to their heart's content.

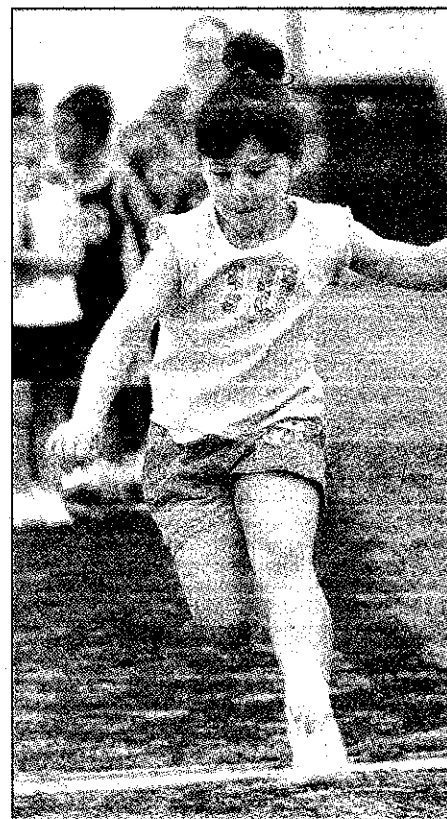
"Due to the weather (forecast), I'm very glad that many people came out to participate," said Theresa Burgess of

the Redford parks and recreation department. "We got really lucky with the weather, because it was supposed to storm."

"All the kids seemed to have a great time with it."

The Junior Olympics provide an outlet for individual boys and girls under 12 years old to see how they fare in everything from dashes and relays to softball tosses and high jumps.

Complete results of the Junior Olympics were not available as of press time. They will be published in Thursday's *Observer* sports section.



Participating in the long jump at the Redford Parks and Recreation Junior Olympics was 6-year-old Audrey Kopitz, of Livonia. The annual event draws kids from all over Observerland to compete.

Stanley's back

Karmanos brings the Cup to Compuware for visit

Compuware Chairman and CEO Peter Karmanos, owner of the Carolina Hurricanes and Plymouth Whalers, will bring the Stanley Cup to the Detroit-area beginning Monday.

The Stanley Cup will alternate between Compuware Headquarters in Detroit and the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth.

It will also make appearances at the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

"I'm proud to bring the Stanley Cup back to my hometown," explained Karmanos. "In the time it's here, I'm going to ensure that Compuware employees and customers have an opportunity to enjoy the trophy, while offering local charities, the public and the media a chance to see the Cup."

The Stanley Cup will be available for viewing at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth from 7-10 p.m. on Monday, July 17.

Following is the schedule for viewing at the Compuware Sports Arena:

■ 7-8 p.m. — special viewing

and photographs for Whalers season-ticket holders, billets, corporate sponsors and CSA employees;

■ 8-10 p.m. — viewing and photographs for Compuware youth hockey teams, Whalers Hockey School participants, Learn-to-Skate program participants, CSA customers, Whalers game-night ushers, concessions associates, Whalers group leaders and friends of Compuware Sports Arena. Plymouth Whalers President, General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci was part of the first Compuware youth team over 30 years ago.

"It is really neat to know that Mr. Karmanos has been a generous builder of hockey in Detroit and the United States for over 30 years," Vellucci said. "The fact that he wants to give Detroit-area fans a chance to share in the celebration of the Stanley Cup is gratifying to our entire organization."

"In addition, we want to provide our season-ticket holders,

corporate sponsors and Compuware Sports Arena employees a special opportunity to see the Cup and take a keep-sake photograph. Finally, we would like friends of the program to stop by between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Monday night to celebrate with us."

Karmanos and Compuware have a more than 30-year history of hockey sponsorship, starting at the youth level in the Detroit-area, going to the Ontario Hockey League with the Windsor Compuware Spitfires and Plymouth Whalers and then moving on to the National Hockey League in 1994 when Karmanos purchased the Hartford Whalers. The Whalers moved to Carolina in 1997.

Compuware Youth teams and the Whalers have helped produce National Hockey League players Chad LaRose, Justin Williams, James Wisniewski, Pat LaFontaine, Mike Modano, Eric Lindros, Jason Bacashihua, Bryan Berard and Robert Esche, among others.

Home cooking works for Dobbyn, Hawks

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

WOMEN'S SEMI-PRO SOCCER

Every time Michigan Hawks forward Melissa Dobbyn steps onto the soccer pitch at Livonia Stevenson — her high school alma mater — she considers it a special place to be.

Dobbyn, a 2004 Stevenson graduate, continued her "home" dominance Friday night, scoring two goals and assisting on another as the Michigan Hawks Women earned a convincing 4-1 win over the London (Ont.) Gryphons.

"It's cool, it feels weird but it's cool," said Dobbyn, still rounding back into shape after missing action with an injury. "It's exciting to come back and play where I played for a long time."

But Dobbyn is enjoying the experience, playing for a division leader and helping the team succeed.

"It's awesome playing with these girls," she said. "They're just a great mix of girls. We have a lot of talent on this team."

It took a while for the Hawks to get on the scoreboard Friday.

Dobbyn got things going with a goal in the 35th minute of the first half, taking a feed from midfielder Jessica Boyle and chipping a shot behind London goalkeeper Anne Decker.

London's Mary Parker made it 1-1 about eight minutes into the second half, with the only shot to elude Hawks goalkeeper Kathryn Cumming.

But just four minutes later, Dobbyn sent a pass over to midfielder Asuka Kubota who collected her sixth goal of the

season. Forward Kristy Swaving padded the lead with less than 18 minutes remaining. She retrieved a long up-the-middle feed from Dobbyn and blasted the ball from the right side past Decker.

The final goal of the night came with 16 minutes to play as Dobbyn took a nifty drop pass from midfielder Gail Wilson and deposited the ball inside the left post.

The Hawks improved to 8-2-2 overall with the victory, still enough to lead the Midwest Division W-League entering Saturday's home finale against Cincinnati in a contest that took place after this issue of the Observer went to press.

Hawks coach Doug Landefeld said it was good to win despite a slow offensive start, coupled with the temporary absence of several key players.

"Because we didn't finish those first goals we ended up playing Melissa and Kristy the whole game, pretty much," said Landefeld.

But other players are filling the void when needed, and the Hawks are in very good shape to win the division.

"We're kind of a M*A*S*H* unit with healthy bodies," the coach said. "We kind of fill people in. But with Kristy, Melissa and Asuka, we always have a chance to win."

Michigan will finish the regular season with a road match, 7 p.m. Friday at London.

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CC alum Vojtkofsky comes up clutch

Ripping game-winning hits is becoming habit-forming for Michigan Rams' player Eric Vojtkofsky.

On Wednesday, Vojtkofsky delivered the decisive jolt — this time with a fifth-inning double — for the second-consecutive game to lead the Rams to a 4-3 victory over the Eagles in a Livonia Collegiate Baseball League game played at Ford Field in Livonia.

The triumph improved the Rams' record to 17-9 while the Eagles slipped to 9-16.

MICHIGAN RAMS

Steve Karchefsky earned the win in relief of Mike Sacha, blanking the Eagles over the final 3.1 innings. Matt Middleton took the loss despite a solid, complete-game effort in which he yielded nine hits while striking out seven.

Vojtkofsky's clutch hit plated Ryan Shay, who had doubled up the right-center-field gap one batter earlier. He joined Kyle Hurr in the two-hit club for the winners. Hurr also added two RBI and a stolen base.

Also excelling offensively for the Rams were Scott Cain (two runs, steal) and Tim Kalczynski (run-scoring single).

Robert Richardson paced the Eagles with two hits and a pair of RBI.

The Rams out-hit the Eagles, 9-7.

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Bucks hang with Crew despite setback

BY DAN STICKRADT
STAFF WRITER

The score was identical, but this time the results were completely different.

The Michigan Vardar Bucks of the Premier Developmental League, fell prey to the favored Columbus Crew, an MLS franchise, 4-1, Wednesday night in the third round of the 2006 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup at Rochester Stoney Creek. The Crew defeated the Bucks by the same score six weeks ago in an exhibition match, but the amateur-level Bucks played more like an equal Wednesday before giving up two late goals.

"I thought this was completely different than the last time we played them," said midfielder Doug Rice, a recent Oakland University grad who scored the Bucks' lone goal. "Over the course of the season, we jelled as a team, and we kept them on their toes. We knew once we got out the jitters, we could play with anyone."

The Crew, which was 0-5-2 in its last seven MLS games and didn't have to play in the first two rounds of the Open Cup, finally got its offense untracked against the Bucks, which is mostly made up of

players between the ages of 18 and 23.

"We're a tired team right now. We've been playing a lot of games and a lot of these guys were asked to play 90 minutes in our last match over the weekend," Crew coach Sigi Schmid said. "It's hard in a game like this. We're the professional team and we're supposed to win, so the pressure is on us. They're the younger team and they have nothing to lose and everything to gain. I'm just glad that we were able to put away some of our chances, because we've been struggling."

Holding a 2-1 lead late, the Crew put the game away with two goals in the final five minutes. Sebastian Rozental drew his third assist of the contest when he set up Jacob Thomas with an opportunity off a free kick, and Thomas fired home a shot from 31 yards out in the 87th minute. Thomas capped the scoring in the 89th minute when his cross deflected off a Bucks defender and into the back of the net.

The Crew opened the scoring in the 16th minute, when Ezra Hendrickson headed home a cross from Rozental past Bucks netminder Steven Clark (Oakland University).

Not intimidated, the Bucks held their own and eventually netted the equalizer in the 22nd minute, when Rice slipped a shot into the corner from 15 yards out.

The tie stood until the 59th minute, when the Crew's Ivan Beccera finished off a corner kick from Rozental.

"I thought we played well for the most part," Bucks coach Dan Fitzgerald said. "When they went up 1-0, we came right back and tied the game. In the second half when were down, 2-1, we started to push more guys forward to try to net the equalizer and they scored those two late goals. We stayed in this game for the most part. We went with some fresh legs late with the hopes of slipping in a goal and tying the game up."

The Crew posted a 15-8 shots edge in the contest, including 11-5 with shots directly on goal. Crew netminder Noah Palmer finished with four saves, while Clark notched seven saves for the Bucks.

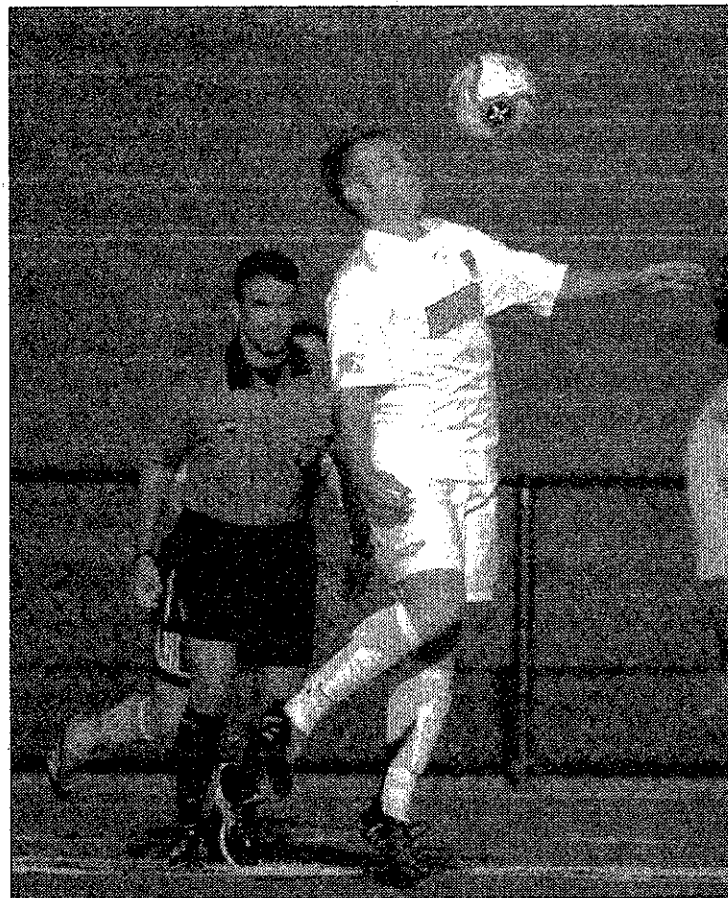
The Crew's next Open Cup match will be Aug. 2 in Washington against D.C. United.

BUCKS NOTES

Two regular defensive

starters, Chase Tennant (Rochester/University of Michigan) and Adam Bent (Rochester/Oakland), both missed the game due to injuries. Backup goaltenders Josh Slaughter (Rochester Hills Christian/Oakland), Andy Kroll (Oakland) and Brett Mellon (Oakland) did not see action ... Players with local ties that started or saw action included sweeper Michael Holody (Clarkston/U-M), defender Brady Vance (Oakland), forward Chris Edwards (recent Oakland grad), midfielder Erik Nelson (1999 Birmingham-Detroit Country Day grad) and Ian Daniel (Troy Athens/Oakland), along with Clark and Rice ...

An estimated 2,500 fans attended the contest, the Bucks' largest crowd of the season ... The Bucks were the last PDL team remaining in the tournament until its exit against the Crew ... Over the past decade, the Bucks have seven victories in the Open Cup against professional teams, both MLS squads and minor league teams from the United Soccer League — which is the most wins by any amateur program in Open Cup history. The Bucks had already defeated USL teams from



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Michigan Vardar-Bucks forward Chris Edwards (No. 11 in white) tries to control the ball during his team's contest Wednesday in the 2006 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup.

Pittsburgh and Cincinnati in this year's cup ... Crew coach Sigi Schmid was impressed with the play of several of the Bucks, and went on record to

praise the play of forward midfielder Nate Jafta, Holody and Rice.
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Wayne-Westland soccer winners to be honored at July 23 league picnic

The Wayne-Westland Soccer League recently announced first- and second-place division winners for the 2006 Spring League, who will be among those honored at the league's summer picnic on Sunday, July 23.

Those winning teams are as follows:

■ G10DxMIC Division: Wild Cats (WWS-1st), 7-3-0, 21 points;

■ G14DxMIC Division: Thunder (WWS-1st), 8-0-0, 24 points;

■ B09DxMIC Division: Warriors (WWS-1st), 6-1-1, 19 points;

■ B10DxMIC Division: Cobras (WWS-2nd), 6-3-1, 19 points;

■ B10ExHUR Division: Rhinos (WWS-2nd), 7-3-0, 21 points;

■ B11DxMIC Division: Cheetahs (WWS-2nd), 7-2-10, 22 points;

■ B13CxSUP Division: Wolves (WWS-2nd), 8-2-0, 24 points;

■ B18DxMIC Division: Vipers (WWS-1st), 6-2-2, 20 points.

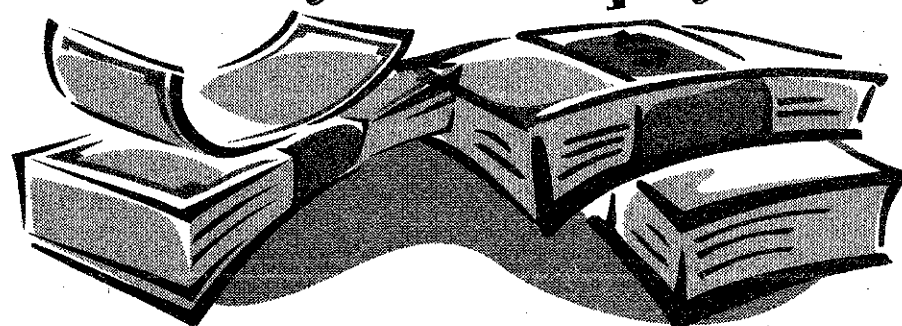
The July 23 league picnic is set for Central City behind Westland City Hall. Trophies and awards will be handed out at about 3 p.m., said league spokesperson Rhonda Gates.

She said everyone is welcome to attend the picnic and congratulate the youngsters on their excellent season. Call Gates at (734) 728-6100, ext. 128 for more information.

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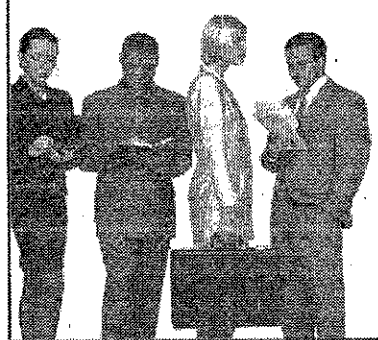
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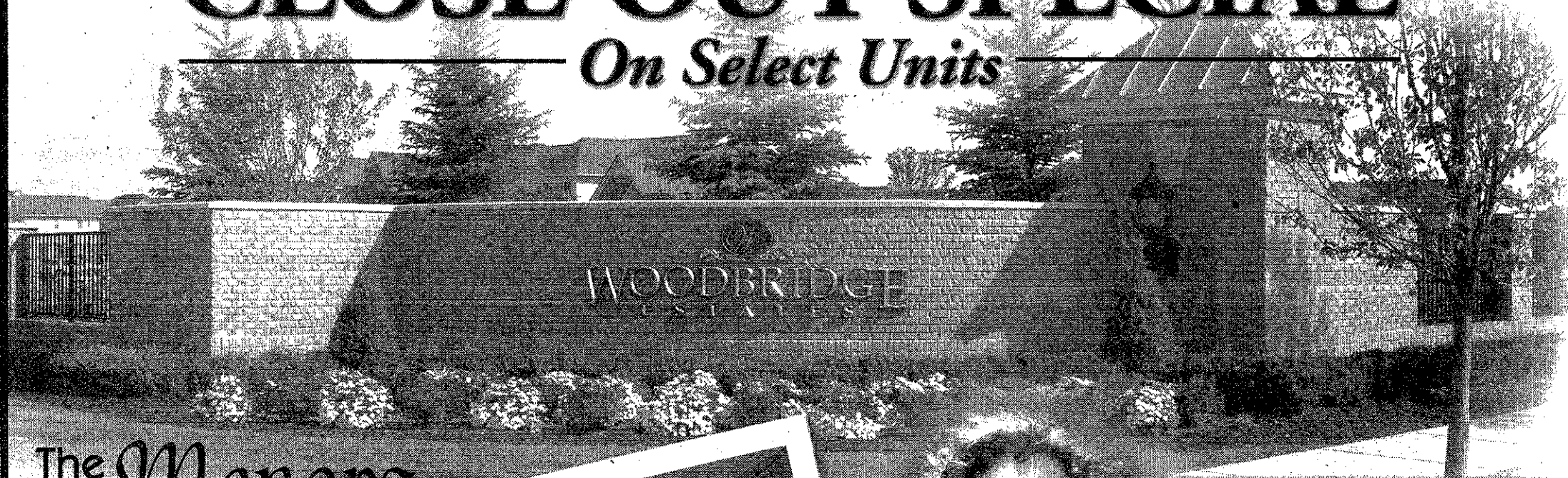
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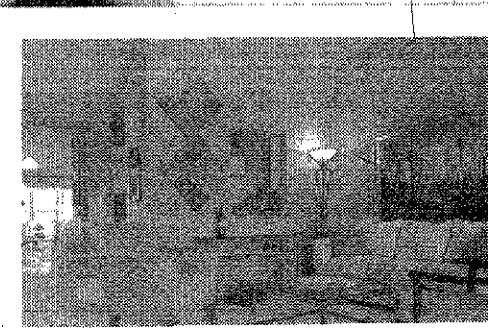
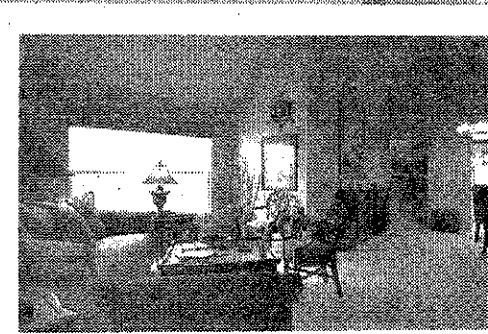
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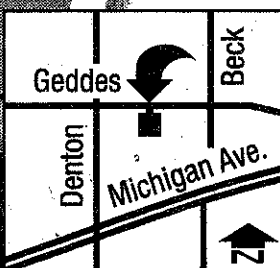
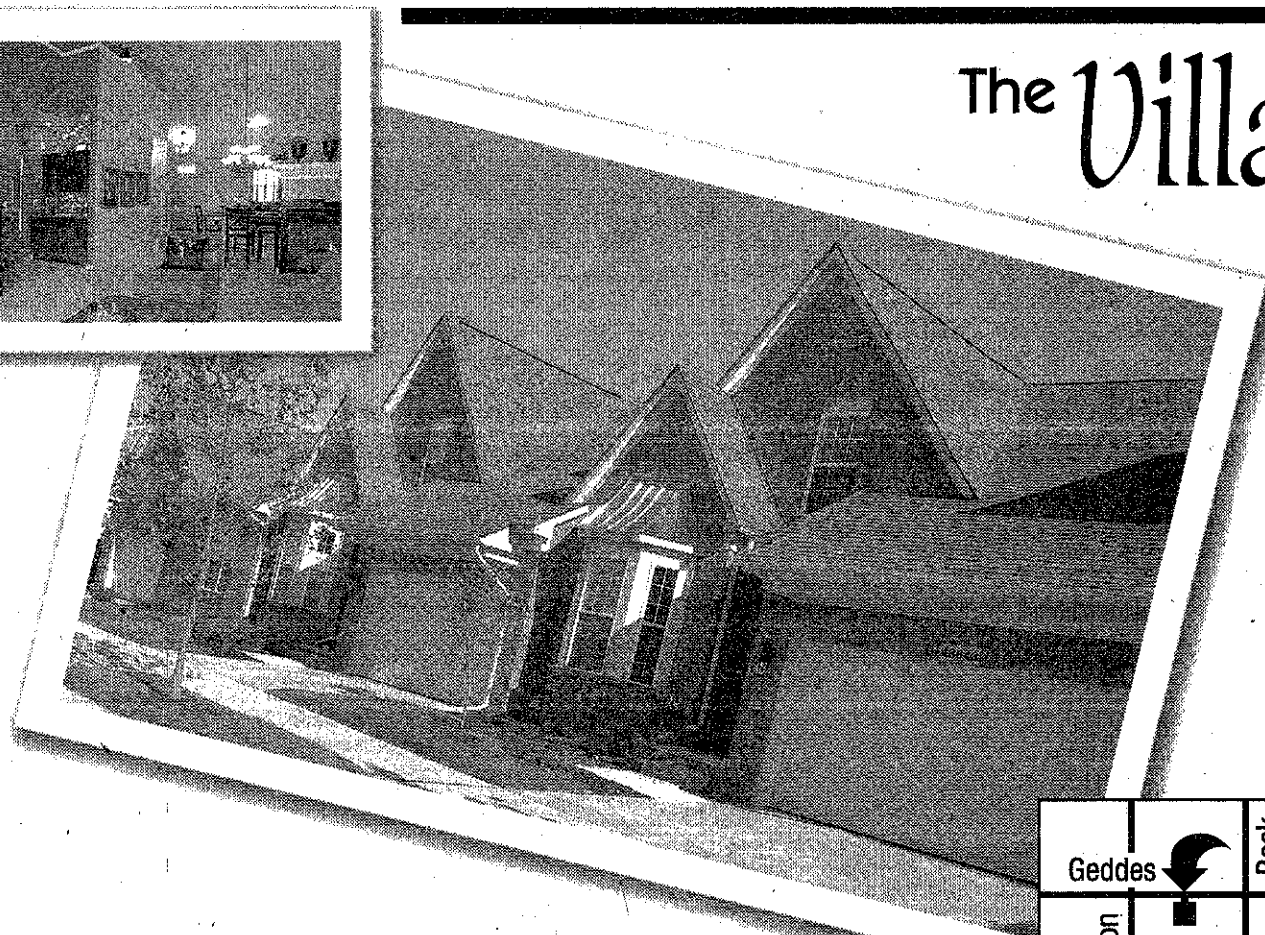
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Golfers have a 'hot' time at Canton course

The temperatures were high and so was the humidity, but that didn't stop Wolverine Lake's Anthony Lis from taking his first Boys 16-and-over Top 50 Junior Tour victory of the season on Friday at Pheasant Run Golf Course in Canton.

Northville's Joseph Szmazdzinski used a back-nine 36 to hold off the challengers in Boys 15-and-under action for his second championship of the 2006 season.

Northville's Kirsten Freisen and Minjoo Lee of Clarkston continued their dominance in girls play, taking the 15-and-under and 16-and-over titles, respectively.

"The heat and humidity were real factors today," said tour director Dan Thomas. "It really turned into a contest of concentration and mental stamina. We're glad the rain held off until the end of play, as we had some great golf going on out there today."

Lis fired a 70, highlighted by a front-nine 34 on the 6,432-yard layout to edge Farmington Hills' Brandon Raymond and Clarkston's Adam Istvan by three strokes. Troy's Michael Phipps and Pinckney's Shawn Richardson posted rounds of 74 to finish tied for fourth. Lis is a previous tour winner, taking the Edgewood CC event last year. Szmazdzinski, who claimed the title in the third event of

the season, totaled 74 to clear Clarkston's Brandon Stone by three strokes. Patrick Cansfield of Port Huron continued his season-long strong performance with a 78 to take third. Novi's Tetsuro Akamatsu, Lake Orion's Andrew Bogus and Woodhaven's Paul Jacobs III finished in a three-way tie for fourth with 81.

Qualifying for the Pheasant Run tournament was held on Thursday at The Huntmore Golf Club in Brighton.

Locals who fared well in the Boys 15-and-under event were: Canton's Andrew Rickerman (84), Plymouth's Nicholas Mily (86) and Livonia's Kevin Robinson (89).

The Boys 16-and-over field included Garden City's Travis Dodson (79), Canton's Kyle Sanders (82) and Livonia's Josh Proben (85).

The Top 50 Junior Tour is a southeast Michigan regional golf tour with qualifiers in Auburn Hills, Brighton, Commerce, Hartland, New Hudson, Pinckney, Plymouth, South Lyon, Washington and West Bloomfield.

Tournaments sites are Brighton, Canton, Commerce, Howell, Lake Orion, Milford, Rochester and Washington. Each event is comprised of an 18-hole qualifier and an 18-hole tournament.

Play runs through Aug. 2. Visit www.Top50JrTour.com; or by call (248) 321-9900.

Detroit Ignition to hold dance auditions Aug. 11

The Detroit Ignition has announced that it will be holding auditions for its dance team on Friday, Aug. 11, from 5-9 p.m. at Tequila Rain, which is located at 44325 12 Mile Road in Novi.

Registration will take place from 5-6 p.m. followed by choreography and judging of the performances. Tryouts are open to everyone over the age of 18 (as of Sept. 1). Interested partici-

pants should bring close-up and full-body photographs to the tryouts as well as a resume representing their dance experience. They should wear shorts or short pants and dance shoes.

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BIG LEAGUE CHEW

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POP CULTURE

Many in the line bought fast-disappearing "It's Gum Time" tees that Fanatic U owner Greg Every and Canton resident Robertson collaborated on.

"He ran it by me, and showed me some of the designs," said Robertson, a personable lefty who is at ease with the fans. "People wanted something that they could have on their own, to wear to the ballpark."

"They've been coming with the signs, and coming with the packs of gum. But fans like to enjoy wearing T-shirts, and so we made that available and it's been pretty popular."

Every, a Livonia Franklin alum, also rolled out something new for Wednesday's event, shirts with the slogan "Now Entering the Zumaya Zone: Speed 102."

Although the Robertson-led gum craze is great, Every emphasized it's secondary to the excitement being generated by a first-place team.

"I've always been a Tiger fan and baseball fan," said Every, who opened the Garden City store in December 1999. "I remember when I was 5 years old in '68 running around with a Tiger mask on. It said 'Go Get 'em Tigers.'"

Then came the "Bless You Boys" mantra of 1984. Who knows whether "It's Gum Time" will become the third slogan to



Ten-year-old Michael Smith met Nate Robertson at the first Fanatic U event in late June. He came back Wednesday to have this photo signed by the Tigers pitcher.

accompany a Detroit world championship?

But it will be fun to find out.

"People are excited, and they're connecting with it like they did in 1984 with 'Bless You

Boys,'" Every said. "They're kind of making this gum time thing their rally call and it's really caught on."

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Fanatic U employee Nita Hanchett jokes with Detroit Tigers pitcher Nate Robertson during last week's visit to the Garden City sports merchandise store.

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Greg Every
Fanatic U owner

GUM TIME

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be the front man.

"It's not like a priority of the players every day we go to the park to make sure we get a pack of gum in our back pockets," said Robertson, getting set to meet fans inside the store. "We have a game to play and that's serious business to us."

"But it's OK to have a little fun on the side and we've done plenty of that."

"This is something, more than anything, (that) the fans have enjoyed and the guys are starting to have a lot of fun with it, too."

According to the 28-year-old lefty, "It's Gum Time" is another example of how fans like to "associate something" with a rally.

"In Anaheim, they have a monkey, and certain places have certain things," Robertson said. "Right now, our association (to a rally) is throwing a big wad of gum in your mouth and believing something good is going to happen. It's a good thing, it's positive, it's fun."

Virtually everybody on the Tigers bench is getting in on the act.

But chain-smoking manager Jim Leyland isn't among those getting his chomp on.

'I never get to the bubble, I always have too much in my mouth. For the most part I just stuff it in there and try to breathe.'

Nate Robertson
Detroit Tigers pitcher

"No way, not unless it's got some nicotine," Robertson joked. "Maybe if you could get a Big League Chew that involves that, or has that ingredient."

Meanwhile, he admitted that those who blew bubbles in front of Fanatic U are much better at it than he is.

"I never get to the bubble, I always have too much in my mouth," he said. "For the most part I just stuff it in there and try to breathe."

"But I think the only way you can get a decent-size bubble going is if you have it in small quantities, but that's typically not the case with me."

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Detroit Tigers rookie sensation Joel Zumaya signs memorabilia for Canton's Jennifer May last week at Fanatic U in Garden City.

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Medical scare leads to valuable lesson learned

I've watched *ER* since George Clooney was an intern, and always marveled at how the doctors can keep all that stuff straight when EMS attendants burst through the front door wheeling a patient on a gurney, spitting out vital signs so fast I can't imagine how they keep up.

So naturally, when the time eventually came for me to be wheeled into an emergency room on a gurney, I was ready to take notes about how they did that, ready to finally understand all the drama.



Brad
Kadrich

They say life imitates art, or vice versa, I can't remember. In my own experience, neither is true. Nobody burst through any doors, no doctors and interns were at the ready, waiting to whisk me into a trauma room, hurrying to get my vitals. In fact, the only person I saw was the security guy, and he just yawned at us.

That didn't make it any less scary for me.

It started when I went in for a stress test Dr. Bekker wanted me to have. I'd been having palpitations for months and since I'm 47 and a million pounds overweight, he thought it might be a good time to find out what was going on.

I've had stress tests before and passed them — surprisingly enough for a fat guy — with

Now, I'd known for a long time that my heart was fluttering, although I never really knew why, which was silly, because when you can feel your heart fluttering, you should definitely get it checked out. That's a lecture for another time.

flying colors. It took nearly 13 minutes on the treadmill to get my heart rate to the point where they could tell how the heart was doing.

Part of the problem came when the heart rate wouldn't come down. The other part came when the EKG wouldn't normalize. Doctors discovered then what was causing the trouble: an atrial flutter. My doctor, apparently understanding my medical acumen, put it in layman's terms for me: an atrial flutter occurs when the top chamber of the heart beats faster than the lower chamber.

Now, I'd known for a long time that my heart was fluttering, although I never really knew why, which was silly, because when you can feel your heart fluttering, you should definitely get it checked out. That's a lecture for another time.

The fluttering happens a lot, especially after I play basketball. And here's what I usually do: I go home or back to work and wait for it to stop on its own. What I learned Wednesday is this: when it happens in the doctor's office, you don't go home, you go to the hospital.

I was pretty sure long before I went that's where he was sending me. The doctor kept patting me on the shoulder, saying, "It's nothing to worry about." Which anyone who's been to the doctor knows is doctor-ese for, "Ok, Bub, start worrying."

I didn't want to go, insisting instead that I felt fine (which I did) and that it would fix on its own (which the doctor insisted would only be temporary). Andrea, the young lady who ran the stress test, put it simply: "(Raising one hand) Keep having the problem or (raising the other hand) get the problem fixed."

Shannon, the young lady taking the ultrasound pictures of my heart, stood right behind me the whole time, whispering in my ear not to worry. It was a comforting gesture by someone who, though she had other things to do, could sense I was getting pretty scared. In the end, I decided they were right.

Hence my ambulance ride to Oakwood Hospital.

Upon arrival, there was no fanfare, nothing like it was on TV. Of course, I've never seen an episode where the EMS guys came in screaming, "47-year-old fat guy with a funny-looking EKG." To me, it didn't seem that serious.

Once I got there, though, it seemed pretty serious to them. Which sobered me up and led me to quit joking around quite so much. Those people spent most of Wednesday making sure I was OK. The doctors at Oakwood explained my options and I'll meet with them again to plot a course of treatment.

All of which could either have been prevented — or at least planned — if I'd taken my status as a 47-year-old chubster seriously and gotten it looked at from the beginning.

Lesson learned.

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Kevin Andrews has read Seedlings books since age three. Here, the Farmington Hills boy enjoys the story of *Saving Shiloh*, a book about an abused beagle, as the Braille words come out of the printer.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Debra Bonde seems as eager to talk about nominating women for Harlequin's More Than Words award as she is with celebrating the honor which includes a \$10,000 cash prize and the publication of a fictionalized story about her accomplishments in an anthology due out in October.

Bonde received notification last October that she was one of five women to be recognized by Harlequin Enterprises, a leading publisher of women's fiction. Bonde is the founder and director of Seedlings Braille Books for Children in Livonia. In the last 22 years, she and her nonprofit organization have produced more than 220,000 Braille books for blind children around the world.

As part of the More Than Words yearlong program, Bonde was able to spread the news about her work by speaking to employees of Harlequin Enterprises at its Toronto headquarters and Buffalo distribution center in May. In October all of the winners will be flown to New York for a gala ceremony to celebrate their achievements. The award pays tribute to women who are "making extraordinary contributions to their communities."

"Even families with blind members still don't know about us," Bonde said. "This is helping to get the word out and we appreciate that part of

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More Than Words



Debra Bonde shows off a mock-up of the Harlequin book with a fictionalized story about Seedlings Braille Books for Children, the nonprofit organization she founded in 1984. Inclusion in the anthology was one of the prizes given to the five women who won Harlequin's More Than Words award.

Book keeps young readers busy on Michigan trips

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If you're tired of hearing that mantra emanate from the back seat during vacation trips, check out a copy of Emily Eisbruch's colorful kid's guide to Michigan.

Eisbruch, who has two children, wrote "*Curious Kids' Activity Guide to Michigan*" out of necessity and a love for her native state.

"My husband and I love to travel with our kids. Sometimes the distance would be long and the kids would ask, 'When will we get there?'"

"We tried a lot of different avenues, electronic games and games with magnetic pieces. The electronic games lost their appeal after a while. We'd make crafts, things out of pipe cleaners."

That didn't hold their attention for long, either.

Eisbruch of Ann Arbor decided a Michigan-themed activity book would keep them busy while teaching them about the state. Eisbruch began compiling interesting facts about the state, collecting photos and designing puzzles, mazes and games.

"It was a great adventure. I think an activity book is such a great way to learn."

She tested pages on her children, who now are in their teens, and sought feedback from friends,

refining the work along the way.

"I did want something of better quality than the typical black and white connect-the-dot activity book. With new technology that's available, why not make something bright and colorful that includes exciting graphics and photos?"

Tom Dineen, a Missouri artist, created the cover art. Kimberly Frazen, a Michigan artist, designed the graphics and layout.

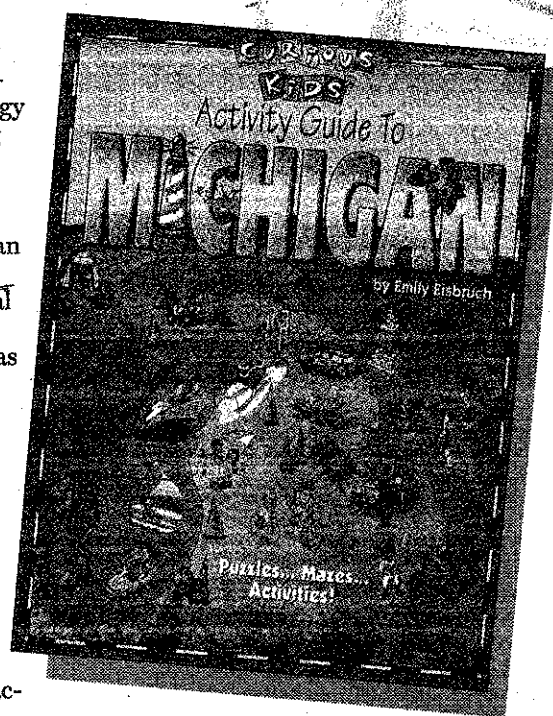
Book stores, gift and toy stores, hospital gift shops and tourist attractions around the state sell the 46-page guide, which was published in 2005 by First Page Publications. It sells for \$9.95.

"It was hard to know what to include and what to leave out of the book," Eisbruch said. "One of the hardest things was that there are three pages featuring Michigan festivals. I felt I could have filled 12 pages."

Other topics include bridges, college sports teams, museums, cherries, islands, the Detroit Zoo, sailboat races, water fun, state symbols and tourist attractions.

If Eisbruch pens a sequel, it's more likely to

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Emily Eisbruch keeps kids interested on trips with a Michigan activities book.

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the program.

"My story can hopefully give people the courage to jump in and do something about what they are passionate about."

Bonde began churning out Braille books for children in the basement of her Livonia home in 1984 after her father converted a printer. Bonde wanted blind children to be able to read books just as sighted children do. It was the birth of her daughters, Anna in 1981, and Megan in 1983, that started Bonde thinking about the inequities. The few available Braille books were expensive.

"We had hundreds of books for them in our home when they were little," Bonde said.

"It didn't seem right that the blind kids couldn't have that same opportunity."

Kevin Andrews is one of Seedlings' success stories. The 12-year old blind boy from Farmington Hills recently won first place in the fifth- and sixth-grade division of the National Braille Challenge based on reading comprehension, speed and accuracy. He picked up his first Seedlings book at age 3.

"It's a pleasure to read books. It's fun," said Andrews who will be entering seventh grade at Power Middle School in Farmington Hills in fall.

"It's opened up a new world for him," said his grandfather, Phil Pousak.

Seedlings books not only allow blind children to read, but blind adults to read the Braille text that Seedlings staff

and volunteers place on the pages of already published picture books for very young sighted children. Books for older children, ages 7-14, consists of only Braille produced on Seedlings printers. The award of \$10,000 will allow Seedlings to print 1,000 Braille books for children. The nonprofit charges anywhere from \$4 to \$22 for a book, about half of the production cost. Since the first catalogue offered 12 titles in 1984, Seedlings has grown to offer about 700 titles. To date, blind children in 50 countries have read a Seedlings book.

"We've been blessed by \$10,000 from Harlequin," Bonde said. "It's an affirmation of what you're doing and keeps us going. We hope to add more titles and copies of titles."

"To me the award is huge for Seedlings because of the amount of books that can be produced," said Seedlings board president Sue Ward of Farmington. Ward, a retired school teacher from Hull

Elementary in Livonia, was spending the morning volunteering at Seedlings. "It's wonderful to get the books out into the hands of blind children."

Susan Bresler wants not only to recognize Bonde's achievements but to get the word out so other women can be nominated and honored for their work.

"I'm sure there are a lot of people in our area who deserve recognition," said Bresler who nominated Bonde for the award. Bresler is Seedlings community outreach director. "It would be great to show Detroit has all these wonderful people."

Thanks to the anthology which will be available in October, readers of Harlequin romances can learn not only about Bonde, but Deb Freund, who runs a sports program for kids with special needs in St. Louis County, Miss.; Kathy Silverton, founder of Santa Monica, Calif.-based Stitches from the Heart, a nonprofit whose volunteers knit hats

and booties for needy babies and toddlers; Gloria Gilbert Stoga, founder of Puppies Behind Bars that teaches prison inmates to train puppies to become guide dogs for the visually impaired or explosive-detection canines for law enforcement; and Seana O'Neill, who started Cottage Dreams, a charity to connect cancer survivors and their families with donated cottages to help them recover and rebuild their lives.

All of the factual information about their accomplishments will precede a fictional story inspired by them in the More Than Words anthology to come out in October. Bonde's story is written by Catherine Mann, an award-winning author. It features an Oscoda librarian who meets a man whose son is blind. The female character introduces them to Seedlings books.

The anthology is one more way to increase awareness about the accomplishments of women who have won the Harlequin More than Words Award established in 2003.

"Instead of cutting a check, we're reinvesting in the community," said Megan Lorus, Harlequin's community investment manager. "With the anthology, we're engaging our readers further. We hope they read the fictional story and feel compelled to get active in their community in whatever way they choose — and to not

only act with their heart but with their pocketbook by supporting the charities.

"Harlequin has a long history of supporting causes of concern to women. Management recognizes women are our primary audience. The More Than Words Award was started primarily to support causes they could embrace.

"We're looking for women who inspire others to get involved as well. Debra Bonde inspired others to help her and volunteer. She has great passion for every child, sighted or not, to have a book experience. We're not only hoping Debra's story will inspire people but get them involved."

Seedlings relies on volunteers for tasks ranging from transcribing to proofreading, filing and binding to keep the cost of books as low as possible. For those unable to give time, every \$10 donation makes a book possible and can be inscribed in memory of or to honor a loved one. For more information, visit www.seedlings.org or call (734) 427-8552.

To nominate a woman for the More Than Words award, visit www.harlequin-morethanwords.com or write Megan Lorus at Harlequin Enterprises, 225 Duncan Mill Road, Don Mills, Ontario, Canada M3B 3K9.

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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 Barbecue 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.

Ask the Doctor

St. Mary Mercy Hospital hosts a casual pasta benefit dinner 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 20 in the hospital's auditorium to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk. Cynthia Ales, medical director and breast specialist at St. Mary Mercy Comprehensive Breast Center, answers questions about breast cancer awareness and treatments. Fee is \$16 per person. To reserve a seat, call the St. Mary Mercy Community Outreach Department, (734) 655-8950.

Golf outing

The Division of Kinesiology at the University of Michigan hosts its fourth-annual Movement for Life Golf Invitational Monday, Aug. 21 at the University of Michigan Golf Course. Registration starts at 9 a.m., with a shotgun start scheduled for 10:30 a.m. The day's festivities include 18 holes of golf, a continental breakfast and lunch, followed by dinner and a live auction and raffle. The cost for the day is \$200 per golfer. Pre-registration is required by calling Jim McIntyre, (734) 615-4272.

Art/craft festival

The Ann Arbor Women's City Club hosts its 23rd-annual Art & Craft Festival 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 at the AAWCC, 1830 Washtenaw Avenue in Ann Arbor. There will be 50 juried exhibitors from Michigan in attendance. Admission is \$3, children 12 and under are admitted free (no strollers). For information, contact Penny O'Malley, (734) 429-8137 or e-mail pennyomalley@aol.com.

Health savings accounts



Garden growth

State Representative John C. Stewart presents a State of Michigan Special Tribute to Trailwood Garden Club members Marge Berndt (left), Georgia Randinitis (center), and Marilyn Detmer (right), commemorating the club's community service and 30-year anniversary. The tribute was presented at the preview night of the garden club's recent 11th annual 'Flowers Are Forever' Garden Walk. The club is a branch of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association.

Gail Perry-Mason, author of "Money Matters for Families" and co-author of the national best seller "Girl, Make Your Money Grow," does a free presentation and Q&A session about financial control through HSA's (health savings accounts), a new health care option that combines a qualified high-deductible health care plan with a tax-free savings account. An H.S.A. results in a health care option that empowers people to save pre-tax income, in an account much like a 401(k), for use toward future medical expenses. The seminar takes place 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, July 25 at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois in Troy. For more information or to register, visit the Web site at www.whatishsa.com/seminar.

Ciccarella golf outing

Former Detroit Red Wing Dino Ciccarella hosts his seventh-annual Celebrity Players Tour Invitational to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The event begins Friday, July 28, with a Pairings Party Gala at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester, followed by two days of golf at the Orchards Golf Club in Washington. Thirty teams will participate, and each are comprised of four amateurs and a different celebrity each day of golf. This year's celebrity list already includes actor and comedian Jackie Flynn, "Fresh Prince" actor Alfonso Ribeiro, former NFL player Ed Marinaro, and former major league pitcher Pat Hentgen. Teams are mostly from the metro-Detroit area, but a few are from across the nation. There are still a few openings for teams, which are \$6,500 and include two

days of golf, tickets to the Gala on Friday evening, food and beverage for the weekend, a color team photo each day, and four premium gift packages. All participants are invited Saturday evening to Club 22 in Shelby Township, Dino's new nightclub that features cocktails and dancing to "Decades of Music." Anyone interested in forming a team, placing an ad or another type of sponsorship, please visit the Web site at www.dinoandfriends.com or contact tournament staff at (248) 756-6100.

Movies in the park

Wayne County Parks and Recreation announced the schedule of movies for its popular Movies in the Park series, sponsored in cooperation with Dearborn Heights, Inkster, Northville, Redford, Trenton, Livonia and Westland Parks and Recreation departments. The schedule: Friday, July 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.

Charity golf

A summer days worth of fun never helped so many, which is just what golfers at the fourth-annual Michigan Tournament of Charities will do when they play at Fox Hills Golf and Country Club in Plymouth Aug. 28. Registration and breakfast begin at 9 a.m., with the 18-hole shotgun start at 10:30 a.m. Arbor Hospice & Home Care joins Open Door Ministry, Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, For the Kids Foundation, Joy of Jesus, Band of Angels, Children's Therapy Fund and Promise Village: Home for Children in benefiting from the generosity of MTOC and participants of the golf tournament. This distinguished golf tournament concludes with a banquet and live and silent auctions. Everyone is encouraged to join the evening festivities, which kicks off at 4 p.m. To register for this event, please contact Arbor Hospice & Home Care at www.arborhospice.org, email laren@arborhospice.org, or call 734-662-5999, extension 120. Registration

can also be done through the Michigan Tournament of Charities website, www.mtocgolf.org and indicate supporting Arbor Hospice & Home Care.

Hospice training

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

Literacy Council tutors

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

Grief support

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

have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.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 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. For more information, call Crystal Johnson, (734) 459-1861.

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WEDDING

Rowe-Galbraith

Christy Lynn Galbraith of Livonia and Scott Robert Rowe of Westland were married June 2 at the Northville Christian Assembly on God Church.

The bride is the daughter of Thomas and Penny Galbraith of Livonia. She works as an account executive at New Horizons Computer.

The groom is the son of Jean Rowe of Northville and James Rowe of Howell. He is a telecom analyst at Deloitte.

The wedding ceremony was conducted by Pastor Brooks T. McElhenny.

Attending the bride were Kristy Czech, matron of honor, and Dawn Olesky, Diane Parenteau, Mary Baumeister and Julie Rauch, bridesmaids. Anabelle Olesky was the flower girl.

Attending the groom were



Glenn Braasch, best man, and Bo Olesky, Jay O'Dell, Derek Vantassel and Scott Anderson, groomsmen. J.J. Czech was the ring bearer.

A reception was held at St. Mary Cultural Center in Livonia. The couple honeymooned at Hilton Head, S.C. They will make their home in Westland.

Riehls celebrate

50th anniversary

Don and Barbara Riehl of Westland celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a luncheon at the Inn of St. John's, Plymouth, on Saturday, June 24.

The couple was married June 9, 1956, in Highland Park, Michigan.

Don is a retired teacher and coach from the South Redford School District. Barbara is retired faculty from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. The couple enjoys traveling, bicycling, and spending summers at their vacation home on Starvation Lake in northern Michigan.



They have two sons, Kevin of Bedford, New Hampshire and Dan of Farmington Michigan, and four grandchildren, Brian, Jessica, Cooper, and Carter.

ANNIVERSARY

ENGAGEMENTS

Thomas-Kuhns

Mr. and Mrs. Chet Arington of Ann Arbor announce the engagement of their daughter Jayne Marie Thomas of Ann Arbor to Timothy Donald Kuhns of Ann Arbor, son of Dr. and Mrs. Kuhns of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be has a bachelor's degree in psychology from Michigan State University. She is employed as a human resources generalist with DTE Coal Services in Ann Arbor.

The prospective groom has a bachelor's degree in economics and master's degree in civil engineering from Michigan State University. He is employed as a project engineer



by Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment Inc. of Livonia. A September wedding is planned.

Donnelly-McNally

Rick and Lois Donnelly of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter Lisa Marie Donnelly of Livonia to Peter Joseph McNally, son of Patrick McNally and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ellis.

The bride to be is a graduate of Ladywood High School and Madonna University.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Utica High School and the University of Michigan.



An Aug. 26 wedding is planned. The couple will cruise in Alaska for their honeymoon.

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Ballroom Dancing to a live band every Saturday 8:30-11 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Admission: guest/\$6, associates/\$5.50, members/\$5. Dress: Ladies - date style clothes, gentlemen - jackets and ties. For more information, call Joe Castrodale (248) 968-5197.

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Those Delta Rhythm Kings, swing, jazz and blues at Kellogg Park, Main St., Plymouth. Concert at 7 p.m. Friday, July 21. For details, call Kathy M. at (734)513-9479.

Jazz Concert

Free concert with Hubbell Street Jazz Band. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 27, at the Civic Center Park on Five Mile and Farmington Road, Livonia. For details, call Kathy M. (734)513-9479.

Bethany Together Dance

8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, July 29, at Divine Providence Church Hall,

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REUNIONS

Belleville High School

All Class Reunion for Belleville High School, 3-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Belleville High School Cafeteria. For information, contact Mildred Baker, chairperson, 139 Clarence St., Belleville, MI 48111; (734) 699-5231. Plans are in the works for the 7th Annual Alumni Banquet for Belleville High School. Committee members are planning for a tour of the high school, social time, and a dinner. Representatives from classes in the 1930s and on are arranging for alumni to return to their high school to reacquaint themselves with former classmates. Representatives are needed for several classes and addresses are being collected of alumni, so contact Chairperson Mildred Baker if you can provide information.

Berkley High School

Class of 1971

A 35-year reunion, 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, at Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 37529 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. \$65 per person, spouses/guests welcome. Reservations due by June 15. Register and updates at www.berkeleyalumni.org.

Class of 1956

A 50-year reunion 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Embassy Suites, 850 Tower Drive, Troy, Cost \$45. Send checks to Janice Broquet Pope, 8222 Coral Creek Loop, Hudson, Fla. Call (727)868-8222 or email jpoppe141ampabay.rr.com.

Bishop Borgess High School

Class of 1976

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

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Classes of 1969-72

Saturday, July 29, at the Marriott/Kingsley Inn. For further information, visit lahserreunion.com or call Daryl Gruskin (248)705-2787 or Paul Connell at (248)549-0500.

Cass Tech High School

Class of 1955-57

A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 15-17, 2006, at St. John's Armenian Church, Southfield. Contact Rich Baylerian (248) 735-4495, Barbara Grajek Schanfrank (248) 543-6353, Joann Ellison Armistead (248) 533-9525, Susan Wilmot Hitchcock at hitchcocks@hotmail.com.

All classes ending in 6

The Cass Tech Alumni Association is hosting its annual Alumni Reunion Weekend, Aug. 4-6. This year they'll celebrate all alumni that graduated in a year ending in six. The three-day event includes a picnic, golf outing and much more! The CTA is also searching for all Cass alumni. Contact Stephanie L. Jones (313) 804-8019 or sjones@casstechalumni.org or www.casstechalumni.org.

Clarenceville High School

Class of 1956

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

Cherry Hill High School

Class of 1986

A 20-year reunion. Last graduating class, welcomes other classes. Friday, Sept. 15, at Double Tree Hotel, Romulus. For more information, contact Lisa (Brown)Graham at CHHS1986@hotmail.com or (734)466-9939.

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Age 74, of Farwell formerly of Farmington Hills, May 8, 2006. Beloved wife of Daniel and mother to Deanna (Topping), Susan (McDonough), Keith, David, Matthew. Grandmother to 13. Memorial service is July 22, 2006 at 2:00pm at the Costick Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Rd.



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Age 90 of Novi, and long time resident of Plymouth and Canton, July 11, 2006. Beloved husband of Dorothy Ann DeLauro. Dear father of Robert (Diane), Greg (Cheryl), and Kathleen Kargula (Jay). Grandpa Magnifico to Lydia, Ashley, Joe and Kevin. Also survived by his niece Rosa DeLauro, Congresswoman from New Haven, Connecticut. Joseph was an accomplished and prolific sculptor. His artwork has lifted spirits and provided pleasure for people, not only locally but internationally. He was a dedicated teacher who through his humor, passion, and creativity influenced and inspired many students at the University of Detroit, Marygrove College and University of Windsor. At Windsor, he founded the first art department in the province of Ontario. He received numerous artistic honors and awards and continued to create and explore throughout his life. Funeral Mass Monday 10:30 AM at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 North Territorial (at Beck) Plymouth. In state at Church Monday 10:00 AM. Visitation Saturday 5-9 PM and Sunday 1-4 and 6-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 West Ann Arbor Road (between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. To leave a message of condolence

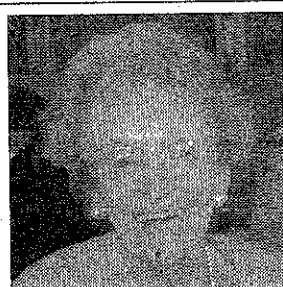
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ATHALIE (Addie) KREGER

Of Livonia, died April 16, 2006. Mother of Sue Cholewa, Ellen Herley & Tom Kreger; sister Shirley Thayer. Buried in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth, MI

EVALYN DeLOOFF

Long-time Rochester resident Evalyn DeLooff, passed away in Dallas, Texas on July 10th. She was born on June 18, 1910 in Lake City, Iowa, daughter of Chester and Eula Taylor. Her youth and school years were spent in Clarion, Iowa. She received her nursing degree in 1934 from Mercy Hospital in Mason City, Iowa. She moved to Michigan in 1940 where she spent over 20 years at Baldwin Rubber and 20+ years at Pontiac Motors as an industrial nurse. She married Michigan State Trooper Henry DeLooff on September 10, 1946 and settled in Rochester shortly thereafter. She and Henry retired in Weslaco, Texas in 2002. She was preceded in death by her husband who passed away on October 12, 2005. She is survived by her nephew Tom Schar and his wife Jean of Dallas, Texas, one great nephew, three great nieces and their families. This remarkable woman will be greatly missed by her loving family and close friends. Private family services will be held in Clarion Iowa. Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, 520 S. Illinois Avenue, Weslaco, TX 78596.



HELEN I. MIELKE

Age 88, of Farmington, July 12, 2006. Beloved wife of the late George; loving mother of Linda (Curt) Kofahl and Martha D. Mielke. Cherished grandmother of Sara (Edward) Hufnagle, Matthew (Kelly) Kofahl, and Philip Kofahl. Visitation Sunday, July 16, 1-9pm, Thayer-Rock Funeral Home 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington (one block west of Farmington Rd.). Funeral Monday, 11am (in state 10am) at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Rd., Northville. Memorial contributions may be made to Ward Presbyterian Church.

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DR. SIDNEY MILLER, M.D.

Age 92, of Bloomfield Hills (formerly of Birmingham), died July 11, 2006, peacefully, of natural causes. Born May 23, 1914, in Jersey City, NJ. A long-time Birmingham physician, Dr. Miller graduated from Johns Hopkins Medical School in 1939, Fellowship at Mayo Clinic in Minnesota, and had a long association with St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac and Harper Hospital in Detroit. Dr. Miller was a member of Kirk in The Hills Church and Senior Men's Club of Birmingham. Survived by his wife of 64 years, Margaret E. Miller; daughter Martha R. Miller of Bloomfield Hills; two sons, Dr. Peter R. Miller of Bloomfield Hills and Jonathan S. (Bonnie) Miller of Plymouth; seven grandchildren and two great-grandsons. Memorial service was held at Kirk in The Hills of Bloomfield Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Friday, July 14, 2006, at 2pm. The Reverend Dr. Raymond B. Knudsen, II, officiating. Memorial tributes may be made to this church or to hospice.

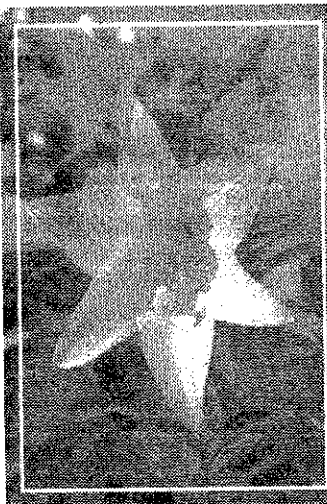
FEDERICO "FRED" RAMIREZ

Age 87, of Livonia, MI, formerly of Tipp City, Ohio, died Tuesday, July 11th at his residence. Born March 1, 1919 in Mexico to Rosario and Lucy Ramirez. Fred retired from Ford Motor Company, Wixom, MI after 30 years of employment. Preceded in death by his wife Rosie Mae (Riddle) Ramirez in 2002, son James in 2004, grandsons Henry and James Terminielli, and one great-grand-son Dylon Rossi. Survived by one son Federico Ramirez, Jr., Wixom, MI and six daughters, Darlene and husband Bill Conn, Laurel, IN; Diane and husband Tim Cornelius, London, KY; Donita Ramirez, San Francisco, CA; Yvonne Ramirez, Farmington, MI; Dolores and husband Lennie Jansen, Brighton, MI; Marla and husband Randy Kasholo, Southfield, MI. Twenty-one grandchildren and forty-four great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held 12:30 pm Saturday, July 15th at Frings and Bayliff Funeral Home, 327 West Main Street, Tipp City, OH 45371. Burial in Maple Hill Cemetery, Tipp City. Visitation was at 5-8 pm Friday at Frings and Bayliff

JOAN HEMINGWAY WOLF

Age 73, of Commerce Township, died July 13 after a long illness. Beloved wife of Dr. Charles B. Wolf (married more than 50 years); loving mother of five children: Amanda Wolf of Wellington, New Zealand; Ricka (Patty) Williams of San Diego; Charlotte Pratt of Seattle; Timothy Wolf (deceased) and Philip Wolf of San Francisco; and grandmother of four. Two surviving sisters are Mrs. Edward Martin of South Dartmouth, Mass., and Bernadette Hemingway of Bradenton, Fla. Memorial Mass at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 18, at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1250 Kensington Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304. Memorial contributions may be made to the Tim Wolf Fund at St. Francis Cabrini Clinic of Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 1050 Porter St., Detroit, MI 48226.

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FICTION

1. "Twelve Sharp," Janet Evanovich
2. "The Husband," Dean Koontz
3. "Beach Road," James Patterson
4. "At Risk," Patricia Cornwell
5. "Saboteurs," W.E.B. Griffin

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
2. "Bigger Than Daddy," Harriet Ziefert
3. "Hippo Goes Bananas," Marjorie Murray
4. "The Wildest Brother," Cornelia Funke
5. "Shiver Me Letters," June Sobel

4th Mary Angela run to benefit Angela Hospice

The Mary Angela Run committee is preparing for its fourth annual event to benefit Angela Hospice of Livonia. The run takes place at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 13, at the Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills. The event offers a 5K run, 10K run, and 1-mile fitness walk. A children's race is also scheduled.

"We had a great turn out last year and with the support of the extended Angela Hospice family, we're hoping to have another great event this year," said race coordinator Dan Jess.

Last year's event raised \$40,000 to support Angela Hospice programs for terminally patients and their families. Now in its fourth year, the event was first conceived as a

The event offers a 5K run, 10K run, and 1-mile fitness walk.

way to honor the memory of 24-year-old Mary Angela DiGiovanni who was involved in a fatal car accident in January of 2003.

DiGiovanni was a University of Michigan Public Health student with a desire to improve health care and help people in need.

What began as an event planned with love by DiGiovanni's friends and family has expanded to an annual event with community-wide appeal. The 2005 event saw nearly 1,000 attendees.

"We're grateful to the

DiGiovanni and Jess families who have put so much time and effort into making this a wonderful event to benefit Angela Hospice," said Sister Giovanni, Angela Hospice president and CEO. "It is a wonderful tribute to Mary Angela and a blessing to all of the patients who benefit from hospice care."

The registration fee is \$20, or \$50 for a Mary's Angel sponsorship, which includes a special Mary's Angel T-shirt and recognition on event signage. Participants may register in advance or on the day of the event beginning at 7:30 a.m.

For more information on the Mary Angela Run or to register for the event, visit www.angela-hospice.org or call (734) 953-6015.

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

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focus on Ohio than on California. Although she moved from Michigan to the west coast when she was 8 years old, Eisbruch said she has "a special affection for the Midwest."

She and her husband moved to Michigan in 1992. He works for the University of Michigan and she is a technical writer who is earning a master's degree at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield. Eisbruch drew on her experiences as a writer and as a Girl Scout leader in devel-

oping the activity book.

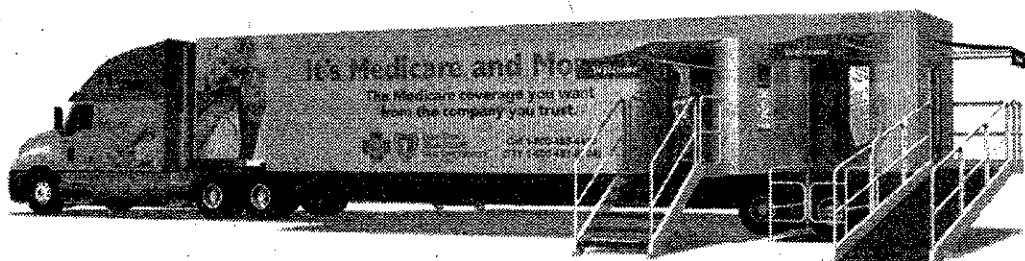
"I've always liked to write. As a technical writer I learned a lot on the job about expressing things in a simple and clear way. I guess I was able to bring that into this," she said, referring to the kids' guide.

"As a Girl Scout leader I saw the things kids enjoy and the things they respond to, what they like to do when they're given a choice."

Her favorite sections of the book are pages on bridges and college sports.

Her favorite vacation areas in Michigan include Lake Michigan, especially the Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes area and the Upper Peninsula.

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THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG-13) 12:05, 2:25, 4:45, 7:05, 9:25
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New hope

FDA approves treatment to halt sight loss

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Chet Sarko was almost to the point of canceling his newspapers when a second injection of Lucentis began to restore his vision. The Livonia man had lost all sight in his left eye and was on his way to becoming totally blind when retinal specialist Dr. Tarek Hassan suggested he take part in a clinical trial of the new treatment from Genentech (www.gene.com), a biotechnology company that uses human genetic information to develop medicines for serious and life-threatening diseases. Diagnosed with the wet form of age-related macular degeneration (AMD) in 1994, Sarko had nothing to lose. Wet AMD is a major cause of blindness in individuals older than 55 and accounts for 10 percent of all AMD.

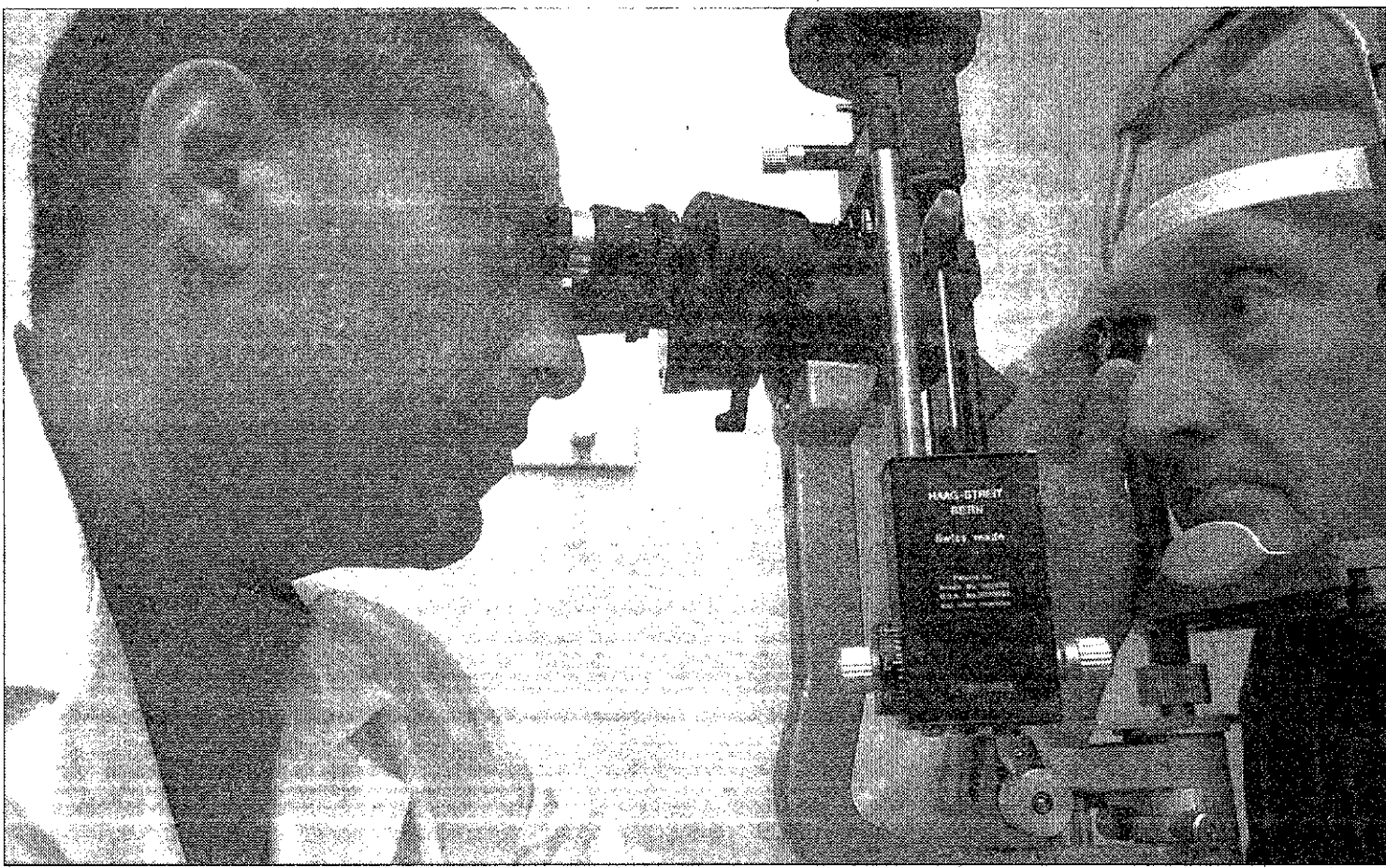
Sarko, 75, had first noticed a problem with his sight when the family purchased a new car. He kept telling his wife and son that the molding on the exterior of the car was crooked. Then the vertical blinds started to look wavy. For a brief time, laser treatments in his left eye helped slow the progression of wet AMD, but failed to prevent blindness.

Lucentis is administered by injection into the eye and blocks blood vessel growth and leakiness that damages the area of the eye responsible for central vision. The new treatment for neovascular wet AMD was approved June 30 by the Food and Drug Administration.

"After the third injection, I can see everything," Sarko said. "I can read my own menu and I can see my watch to tell time."

When Hassan began treating wet AMD patients 17 years ago, laser treatments were the sole option. Then three years ago, he and his partners at Associated Retinal Consultants in Livonia joined the clinical trials of Lucentis (ranibizumab injection). Once a month, patients received treatment after the eye was frozen locally at the site of injection.

"Lucentis has changed the expectations we have for our patients," said Hassan, who is on staff at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. "This is the first treatment proven by large trials to stabilize vision, stabilize bleeding. We've seen visual improvements in up to 40 percent of patients. We used to hope to stop the vision loss; now we're looking forward to at least stabilizing and have a good shot



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Dr. Tarek Hassan examines the right eye of Chet Sarko of Livonia.

to improve their vision."

Until Lucentis was approved, retinal specialists treated wet AMD in the early to mid-1990s with lasers that eliminated bleeding, but often destroyed vision. Photo-dynamic therapy improved the odds with low intensity light that did not burn the eye, but still slowed progression and blunted the loss of vision. Then came Macugen, the first injectable to block VEGF-A (vascular endothelial growth factor A), a protein believed to play a critical role in the formation of blood vessels.

"We've ultimately gotten to Lucentis, which offers the best results of any available medication," said Hassan, who has been using Lucentis to treat his wet AMD patients since approval by the FDA.

"It's absolutely one of the most frustrating conditions we dealt with before. With the advent of injectable medications, we expect good outcomes. We're constantly participating in clinical trials and involved in nearly every national retinal trial in the country. With Lucentis, fortunately there were no major side effects based on trials. It is one of the safest things relative to the benefit, only some redness. I want to emphasize the regimen of treatment of monthly injections is essentially painless, takes just a few minutes and is done right in the office."

As with any treatment, Hassan stressed the importance of early diagnosis and knowing family medical history. Sarko had no family history of wet AMD, but Hassan says older individuals might

not realize a mother, father or relative suffered from the disease.

"Back then, ophthalmology as a field didn't have as great a handle on macular degeneration," Hassan said. "Today, as early as the 50s, individuals should have regular dilated eye examinations. That's particularly important if they have a family history or have any of the symptoms such as loss of vision or distortion of vision."

"Early diagnosis is vitally important, because most of our treatments have been geared at stopping the vision loss. Now with Lucentis, we can stabilize up to 90 to 95 percent of eyes. If you can reverse some of the loss, you can keep some of the people functioning well."

According to Dawn Kalmar, the mission of Genentech is to improve the lives of patients. Genentech and the Novartis Ophthalmics Business Unit for diseases and disorders of the eye have spent hundreds of millions of dollars to develop Lucentis since Phase I of the clinical trials began in 1999. Based on the positive results of Phase I, the studies went directly to Phase III. The FDA requires two Phase III controlled studies for two years, Kalmar said.

A total of about 5,000 patients received Lucentis in the clinical studies. The FDA reported the most common side effects included conjunctival hemorrhage, eye pain, floaters, increased eye

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pressure and inflammation. Serious side effects were rare and often related to the injection procedure.

"Up until now, the best patients could hope for is to slow the progression of their disease," said Kalmar, spokeswoman for Genentech, based in San Francisco, Calif. "We're pleased with the data that shows up to 40 percent of patients improved by three lines on the eye chart."

Realizing that treatments can be costly, Genentech has set up its Access to Care Foundation to help patients in financial need. Kalmar says, about 87 percent of patients eligible for Lucentis are Medicare eligible and about 74 percent have supplemental insurance, which brings the cost down to a \$50 co-payment per treatment. Genentech wholesales for \$1,950 per injection.

"Genentech is able to refer them to independent payment charities to cover the cost," Kalmar said. "For no insurance, Genentech provides free drugs. We provided \$200 million in free drugs last year to 18,000 people. Genentech believes that no patient should go without approved therapy based on cost."

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JULY

Hormone workshop

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

Alzheimer's support group

Meets July 18, and third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at Sunrise Assisted Living of Rochester, 500 E. University Drive. Meetings are lead by Alzheimer's Association trained facilitators. For more information, call (248) 601-9000.

Wellness workshop

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

Asthma education

7 p.m. Thursday, July 20, Asthma Medicines: What you really need, topics include peak flow meters and medication apparatuses; and July 27, Yes, Your child should run and play: Asthma and Living a life without limits (includes discussion on appropriate activity and exercise), in the auditorium of the Southfield Public Library in the complex at 26300 Evergreen. Kathleen Felice Stonager, an RN, presents the programs. Stonager is executive director of the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, Michigan Chapter. While parents and caregivers attend sessions, children ages 2 1/2 to 5 are invited to a story time and craft program with a librarian in the meeting room. No charge. Registration not required. For information, call (248) 796-4224 or visit www.sfdlib.org.

Jingle in July run

Summer version of Jingle Bell Run/Walk to benefit the Arthritis Foundation Saturday, July 22, run/walk along the trails of Orion Oaks Park and through the streets of Alway

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Christmas/Canterbury Village, in Lake Orion. Children 10 years old and under can register for the Melted Snowman Shuffle for \$10. Cost is \$30, \$25 until July 12. For more information or to register, call (248) 649-2891, Ext. 232, or visit www.jingleinJuly.kintera.org.

Stress reduction workshop

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

Divorce support

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, Co-Parenting Effectiveness Education, a workshop on how to co-parent effectively in divorce situations with Ellen M. Crain, JD, MSW, ACSW; an attorney from the firm Wolf & Wolf will be available 5-7 p.m. the third Monday of each month (anyone interested may sign in beginning at 4:30 p.m. that day), a certified financial planner from Center for Financial Planning is available 5-7 p.m. (sign-in begins 4:30 p.m.) on first Monday of each month, at Women's Resource Center in Room 225 of McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

Hospice volunteers

Avalon Hospice, a nonprofit Medicare certified hospice program in Oakland County, needs volunteers, training in your area is available evening and daytime. Each of five training sessions lasts two-three hours and can be conducted one-on-one with our trainer to meet the demands of your schedule. For more information, call Brian at (248) 320-0106.

Water aerobics classes

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

information, call (313) 664-8420.

TOPS

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

UPCOMING

Health camps

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

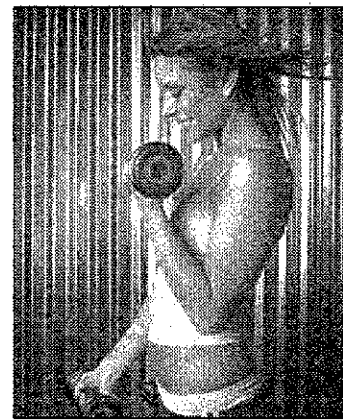
Common pediatric conditions

6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, in classroom I of the Ellen Thompson Women's Health Center at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. Features Dr. Harvey Leo talking about asthma and how life threatening food allergies pose a significant issue for both adults and children. Dr. Scott Moore discusses ear infections and their causes and treatment options. Pediatric neurologist Dr. Brian Woodruff focuses on childhood headaches and seizures, symptoms and diagnosis, and treatment options. Pre-registration required. Visit www.sjmercyhealth.org or call (734) 712-5800.

Build muscle, lose weight

Tiffany from Southfield e-mails for tips on natural weight loss.

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Peter Nielsen

weight loss was right under your nose all along!

Bob from Waterford e-mails that he's approaching the age when he's more prone to colon cancer and asks about a workout regimen to reduce his chances for getting the disease.

Bob, there are now more than 35 studies showing that working out reduces your chances of getting colon cancer. But what most people don't know is that the intensity of the workout can be critical in cutting your chances of getting the disease. Research now shows that the more intense the workout, the better. One theory is that working out may decrease the amount of time food spends in the digestive tract. That affects glucose levels, which can cause the growth of colon tissues. You're definitely on the right track! We'll keep you updated with more information on this important subject as it becomes available.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, e-mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

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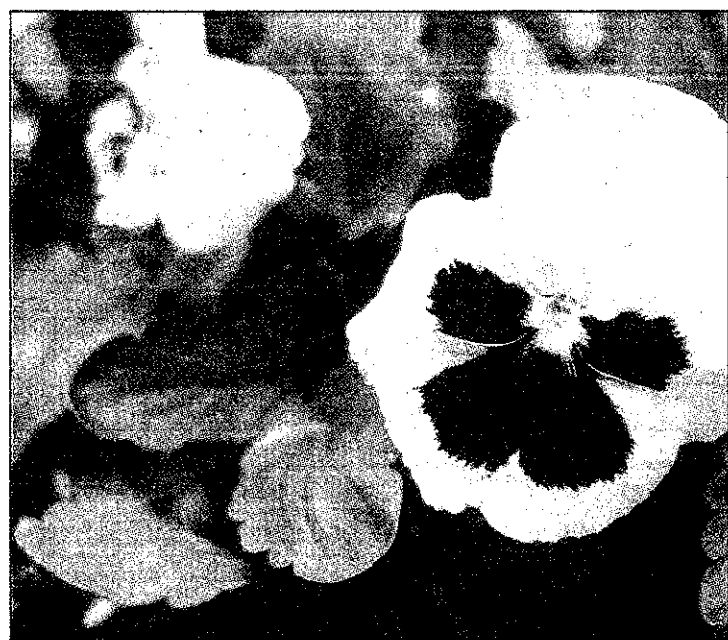
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Photographer focuses on nature's portraits



Richard Yesh frequently likes to focus on a single bloom when creating a photograph.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Flower lovers won't want to miss Richard's Yesh's exhibit continuing to Aug. 18, in the Fine Arts Gallery on the second floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. Nature's Portraits, which is sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission, features 72 images, some framed in multiples. Yesh shot the work in parks, his garden and while traveling.

"It's 98-percent flowers," said Yesh of Livonia, who took the photographs within the last six months. "For many years I dabbled with photography, but this is the first time showing in a solo show. There are what I call bouquet pieces that were chosen because I think they're rather stunning in color and selectivity."

Although Yesh is self taught as a photographer, throughout his career he was involved with art and photo direction for

marketing and communications firms.

"I don't know if God's gifted me," said Yesh, 71.

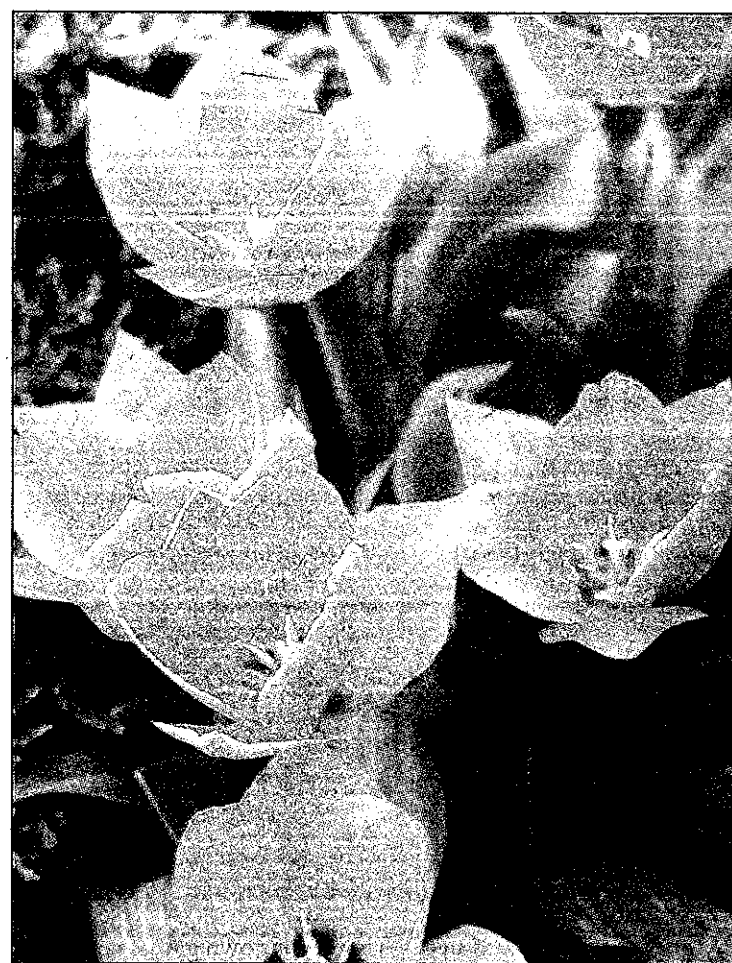
Visitors to the show can decide for themselves. Livonia Arts Commissioner Conrad Gniewek said, "we thought it was very appealing to the public. We've already had a lot of nice compliments on the show."

Whether viewers focus on a single sunflower or water lily, or a trio of yellow lilies with a midnight blue background, they're sure to walk away with a sense of peace and tranquility.

Although most of the photographs feature flowers, there are a few glorious sunsets glowing through the branches of leafless trees, turned black from the descending light.

Several images, including one of blooming shamrocks, encompasses the entire composition filling the viewer with wonder.

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The Summer Program takes place Monday-Friday, July 17-21, at the Andrea Redman Dance Academy, 58047 Van Dyke, in Washington.

Developed by Moscow Ballet's co-producer, Mary Talmi, the Swan Lake Summer Program is a unique training cultural program for children to work one-on-one with a Russian soloist. Introduced in 2004 when it was hosted in only eight dance studios, the program became an instant success. Last year, more than 25-twenty dance studios participated in the intensive workshop.

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International work - your career game plan

(PRWEB) — Thinking of unique ways to get ahead in your career? Want to boost your resume so that you stand out from the crowd? Reports have indicated that students face better college and job opportunities when they have volunteered — but, better yet, when they have volunteered abroad.

In today's global economy where intercontinental relations play an increasingly crucial role, international work experience can be the most important and impressive element of your resume. International volunteering puts you in an advantaged position in the market place. Employers are eager to see that you have international experience because it gives you responsibility, open-mindedness and adaptability. It shows your ability to work in any type of environment.

"I gained so much more as a person both professionally and personally and loved the experience," said former international volunteer Theresa Higgs, who spent 19 months working with youth in Niue, South Pacific. International volunteering not only provided Theresa with a better understanding about what she wanted to do with her career, but also ultimately shaped the choices she made when she

entered the workforce. The experiences and lessons she learned abroad became valuable tools that she could offer to her employers. As she explained, "international experience gives you the edge over your competition, it shows your future employer that you are flexible, creative and able to adjust to any given situation. No matter what field of occupation you plan to go into, what you learn through international volunteering is what every employer looks for. It also gives you the opportunity to build your own global network which can serve as a resource for future personal and professional endeavors."

United Planet, a humanitarian nonprofit organization based in Boston, offers great volunteering opportunities, called Quests, all over the world. You can participate in a United Planet Quest for as short as one week to as long as one year. Many students take the opportunity to go on a Quest during their vacations, and some even take the entire year after graduating from high school or university.

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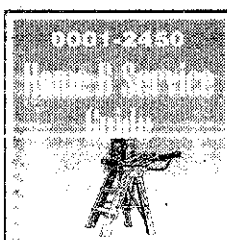
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Sunday PUZZLE CORNER

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- ACROSS**
- Long hairpieces
 - Hindu rope-climber
 - Agency
 - Dug
 - Ms. McEntire
 - Easy victim
 - Deja —
 - In the past
 - "Simpsons" bartender
 - Peasador's foe
 - Holy terror
 - Room divider
 - Stoic founder
 - Sci-fi or romance
 - Whether
 - Squirrel hangout
 - Off of baseball
 - Fabric meas.
 - Dracula's title
 - Steeple feature
 - Ocean bird
 - Free of
 - Pouches
 - Turkish horrific
 - 1950s' auto

- DOWN**
- Tierra del —
 - Cool bower
 - Pasture
 - Refrain syllable
 - Dine
 - 35mm setting (hyph.)
 - Cathedral part
 - Boastful knight
 - Carder's request
 - Merrymaking
 - Babysitter's nightmare
 - Engaged in swordplay

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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| HOD | VEGA | CASA |
| AGO | IRIS | AMAH |
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Fun By The Numbers

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

SUDOKU

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

Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:
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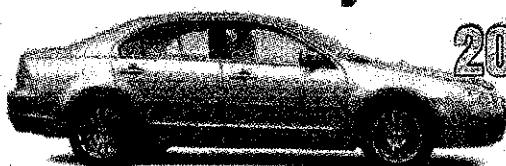
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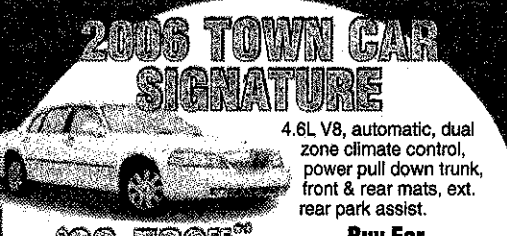
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Bustling Haggerty corridor debuts new subdivision

BY JOE BAUMAN
STAFF WRITER

Farmington Hills' bustling Haggerty corridor just got a little busier with the grand opening of Crosswinds Communities' newest housing development.

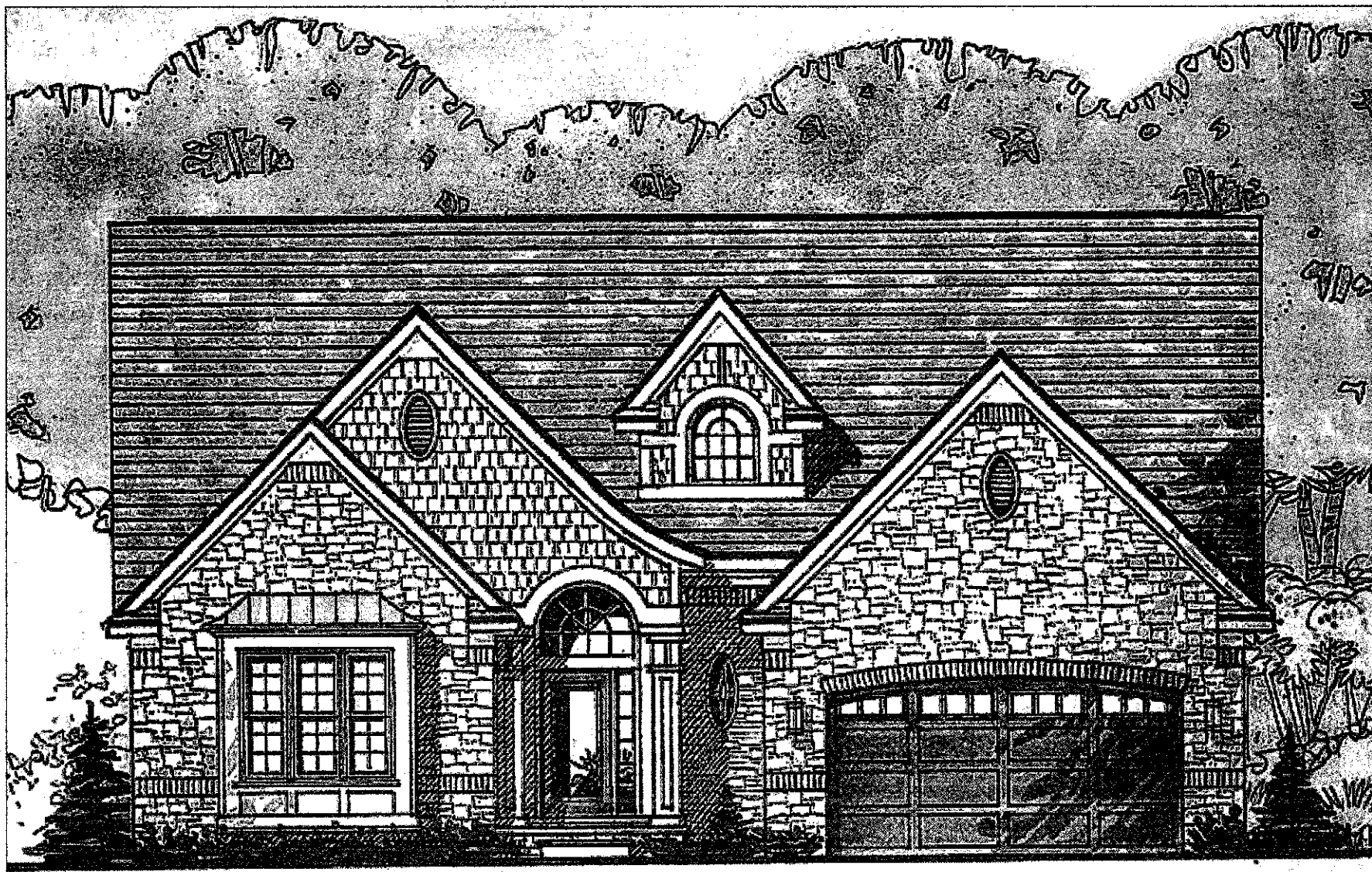
The Novi-based residential and commercial builder in late June took the shutters off its Oakview Ridge subdivision, located just north of 12 Mile Road and east of Haggerty.

The development totals 24 home sites in ranch, cape cod and colonial style floor plans. Priced from the upper \$300s, these homes provide many of the upscale features today's homeowners expect at a market driven value.

The development is located in the Farmington School district, and is just minutes from Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall, the Shops at Fountain Walk, and western Oakland County's entertainment district. An assortment of shops, restaurants and entertainment is easily accessed by I-696, I-96, I-275 and M-5 for quick and easy access to the metro area.

"With a prestigious Farmington Hills address, proximity to major expressways, nightlife plus a multitude of parks and excellent schools, Oakview Ridge is the ideal place to call home," said Crosswinds Communities CEO Bernie Gliberman.

"We have had an overwhelming amount of interest in this neighborhood because it provides such an uncommon value in Farmington Hills. With homes starting in the upper \$300s, this community will be one of the area's best values in



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new construction."

For more information, please contact (248) 388-1599, or visit www.crosswinds.com

Crosswinds Communities is building town homes and single family homes in more than 16 locations throughout southeastern Michigan.

The Michigan-based company has operations in six states and local offices in Novi.

Its operating divisions include res-

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SUNDAY FEATURED HOMES



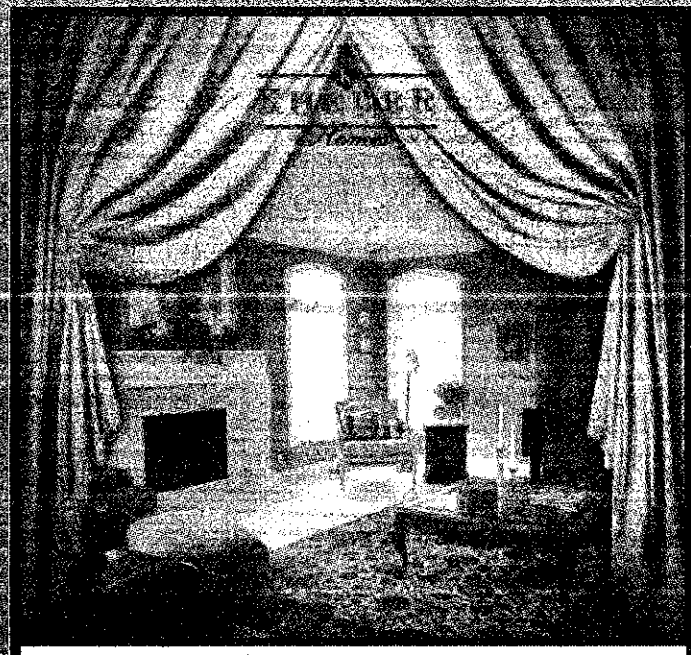
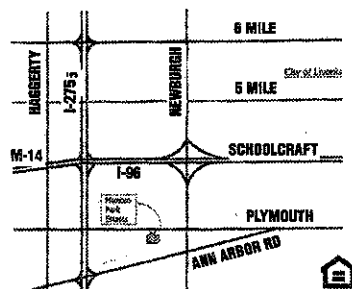
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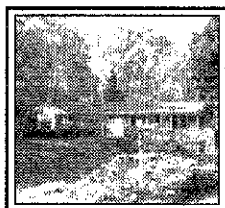


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Canton 3080



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Scenic Petoskey copes with issues of growth

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Just outside Petoskey's City Hall is the Bear River, an annual destination for spawning steelhead trout. On this crisp April morning a sole angler is playing a steelhead, using his rod to carefully steer the fish out toward mid-river and away from submerged branches. In just a few minutes, he whips it up into his net.

"This part of the river is a great place for steelhead," said a smiling Mark Greene, holding up his still-feisty catch.

Greene, who lives here, is one of many anglers who make an annual spring pilgrimage to this spot, well-known for spawning steelhead, salmon, and rainbow trout. And with spring arriving, downtown's sidewalks and parks are coming alive with a mix of residents and tourists - a clear sign that the vibrant, thriving town is still a good place to live, work, and play.

But while anglers and shoppers enjoy the town's unique outdoor-yet-urban experiences,

planners inside City Hall are struggling to find ways to preserve the rustic, village-like character that is now facing off with modern growth pressures. The planners say that the current, antiquated zoning laws guiding Petoskey's growth make their task more difficult: Like most zoning in the United States, this city's guidelines, adopted in 1974, bow to automobiles, not pedestrians.

Thirty-two years ago that was not a problem: This port town on upper Lake Michigan was not growing very quickly. But now Petoskey is seeing its share of strip malls and other auto-dependent developments - thanks to rules that not only encourage such projects, but also make downtown development very difficult.

Petoskey officials hope to change that. Starting in June, they will use public meetings to show residents "form-based coding," a different way to regulate land use. The master plan review process, as it is called, could yield new zoning ordinances that focus far more on how buildings look and fit into

their surroundings, and far less on what goes on inside of them.

While the approach has some critics, it is nevertheless spreading rapidly around the country. All sorts of towns, from left-leaning Petaluma, Calif., to conservative Grand Rapids, Mich., are embracing the regulatory approach that Smart Growth experts assert is the best way to accommodate growth. Used correctly, they say, form-based coding delivers what many local residents say they want - development that looks nice, feels comfortable, fits into the community, and preserves Petoskey's friendliness to pedestrians.

THE RIGHT ANSWER?

When Amy Tweeten arrived here last year to take a new job in the city's planning department, the dust was just beginning to settle from a contentious, communitywide battle over a proposed \$50 million development. The big project would overlook Lake Michigan's Little Traverse Bay and combine retail, residential, hotel, conference, and parking

facilities. Now known as Petoskey Pointe, it is the sort of "mixed use" development that Smart Growth and New Urbanist advocates say can protect the town from sprawl.

But residents who opposed the project forced the city to hold a referendum on it. Voters backed the new project by 1,144 to 934, but the long, contentious process took its toll. Only now, more than three years after Petoskey Pointe was first proposed, are crews finally getting ready to clear the city block where it will stand.

Tweeten sees a lesson in the long struggle.

"For the city to prosper it's got to grow, and if we don't want to grow outward, we've got to redevelop, and sometimes that means going up," she said, referring to the five-story height of the new project, which drew lots of fire from opponents. "But we've got to make it so that redevelopment can happen. There's nothing worse for a developer that has to spend three years going through the process. It doesn't have to be that way."

Although some form-based coding opponents claim that the method is too intrusive and violates property rights, proponents of the coding, also known as Smart Codes, argue that the rules provide more flexibility and are, therefore, less intrusive. The codes mostly regulate what a building looks like, how large it is, and how it fits into its surroundings. Landowners can build single-family homes, apartments, offices, or retail space based on market demand, rather than on zoning that separates those different kinds of building uses into disparate areas, forcing people to always use their cars.

Emily Meyerson, Petoskey's planning commissioner, hopes her town gives the new approach a try.

"I believe it could be a good fit for the city," Meyerson said. "In Petoskey, be it a new home, an industrial site, or a new commercial building, the form, the size, bulk, and look of a structure and how it fits into the neighborhood appears to be what concerns people. If that is the case, form-based

codes might be the right answer."

TIME TO LEARN

Essential to making that formula stick, proponents say, is doing a good job on the first step, public involvement.

"In order to develop a feasible plan," Mr. Crawford explained, "input from the community should be gathered early in the process through a public visioning and charrette process."

Those buzz words are familiar to some area residents. Since 2000, dozens of visioning sessions have taken place here, involving tens of thousands of dollars and hundreds of citizen volunteers. From the Petoskey Area Open Space Task Force to Emmet 20/20, residents have repeatedly voiced their rising concern about growth, development, and sprawl. But so far, many observers say, nothing has really changed.

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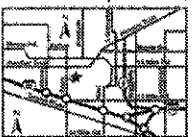
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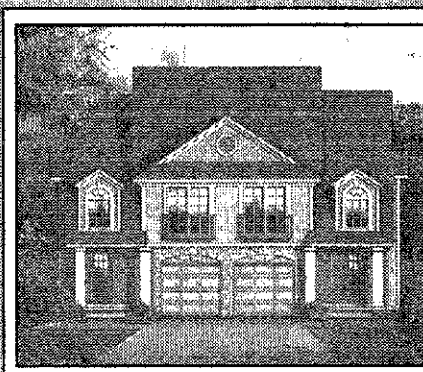
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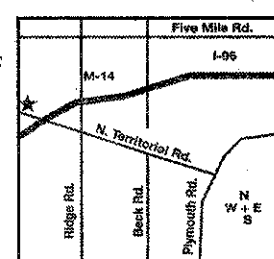


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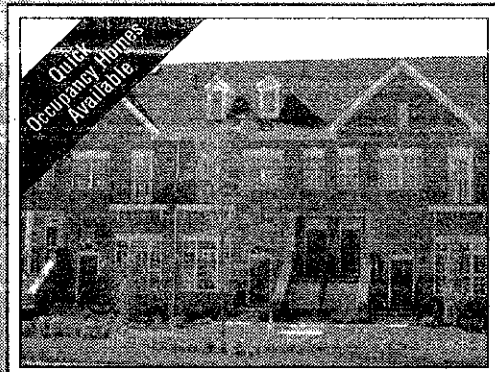
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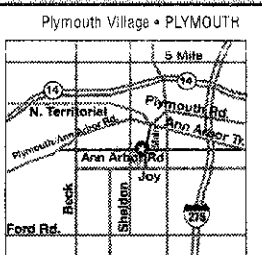


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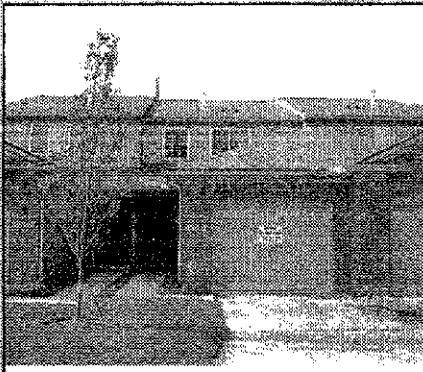
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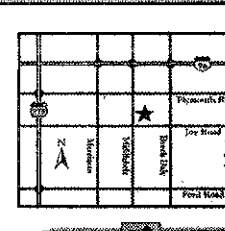
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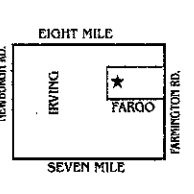
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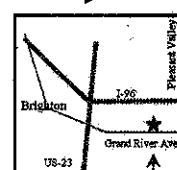
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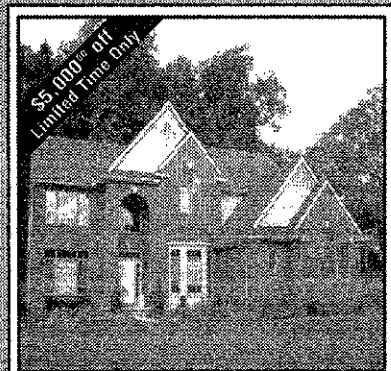
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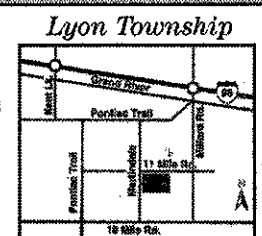


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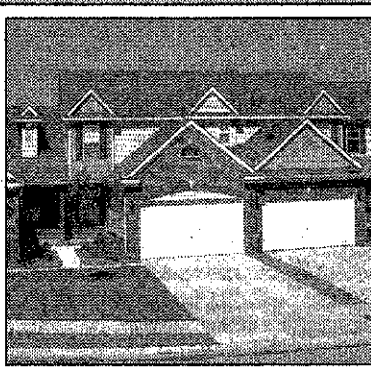
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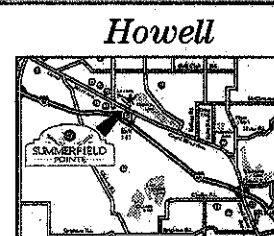


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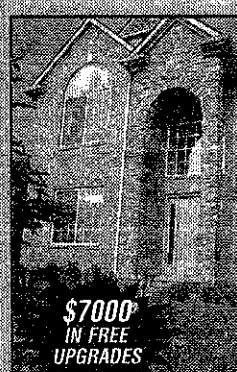
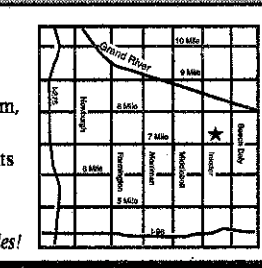
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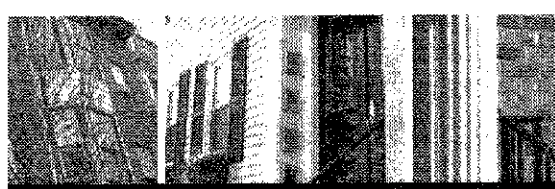
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Some people buy an SUV to tow their boat, haul cargo, or to go off-roading. If that's what you're looking for in an SUV, maybe the Mercedes-Benz ML500 isn't really what you're looking for.

Not that the ML500 can't handle those things—it has several features designed for better off-road performance. It's just that it looks so good and drives so nicely that you might feel guilty driving through a muddy stream. On second thought, though, it would look good with a boat trailing behind. After all, what says I have money more than a Benz towing a boat?

The ML500 is Mercedes' flagship luxury SUV. It's bigger and wider than its predecessor—almost six inches longer and three inches wider with a wheelbase that's almost four inches longer than before. Its new lines are sharper and more aggressive-looking, more of a wedge shape than previous versions.

I like the headlamp design and the way the whole front fascia comes together. The distinctive Mercedes grille is there complete with the famous logo. Front and rear fog lamps are standard, as are roof rails and 18 wheels.

Inside, the ML500 is luxurious and roomy, with lots of standard features, although some features you'd think would be standard are part of an odd option package; the comfort package includes 10-way memory seats, auto-dimming power folding outside mirrors, power steering column and a cargo cover/net. At almost \$1,500, there's nothing in that package I can't live without, but maybe that's just me.

Let's talk about what the ML500 does have standard. Cruise control, automatic dual-zone climate control, steering wheel controls for the audio system and message center, eight-way power leather seats (heated), power windows and locks, and four 12-volt power outlets. The standard audio system is a AM/FM/weatherband/CD system that provides killer sound. You can add an optional kit that will allow you to connect an iPod or other mp3 device directly to the sound system and control it from the steering wheel (how I wish the test vehicle came with that feature). You can also add a six-disc changer and satellite radio if you like (and have some extra money to burn).

Speaking of available options, you can add a DVD navigation system to the ML500, but I'm not loving the one I had in the test vehicle. It was difficult to figure out, and I couldn't get the audio turn prompts to come through the



2006 Mercedes-Benz ML500. Vehicle class: Special purpose truck. Power: V8 engine. Mileage: 14 city / 19 highway. Where built: Tuscaloosa, Ala. Base price: \$48,500. Price as tested: \$55,930.

speakers as they should have. Oh sure, I could have read the manual, but why should I have to? The buttons and menus should be fairly obvious—particularly to someone like me who drives a lot of different cars on a regular basis. Other manufacturers seem to do this particular feature better. Having said that, the maps were pretty and seemed to be accurate.

There's plenty of room in the ML500, for both people and cargo. The rear seats fold down to provide up to 72 cubic feet of cargo space. The seats are comfortable and provide good support. The cabin is luxurious and nice to look at. The instrument cluster is well-designed and, except for the audio controls, is well laid out. Finding a radio station can be tedious, particularly in an unfamiliar area while using the navigation system. There's no shifter in the center console; it's on the steering column and is a breeze to shift. Touch one step up or down, and push the side button to put it into park. There are two large cupholders in the center console and you can get an optional power rear hatch.

The ML500 is powered by a five-liter V8 with three valves per cylinder. It's rated at 302 hp and 339 lb.-ft. of torque. The engine is mated with a seven-speed automatic transmission. The shifts are smooth and acceleration is excellent. Gas mileage isn't great—14/19—but not totally out of line for a big SUV.

The ML500 does come with four-wheel traction control and an off-road button on the console that activates an enhanced ABS mode, off-road traction control, higher transmission shift points and a slower throttle valve to keep the

car in lower gears longer, for better traction over uneven terrain. Downhill Speed Regulation is also included; it's like a low-speed cruise control system for steep descents. Activated by another button on the center console, the driver then uses the cruise control stalk to set the speed anywhere between 4 and 12 mph. The system uses throttle, transmission gearing and automatic braking to help maintain vehicle speed. So we do have a little more than a pretty face here.

The ML500 also handles the tough roads of suburbia in stride. Four-wheel independent suspension smoothes out the rough spots and you can choose to add an optional AIRMATIC air suspension system. It wasn't on the test vehicle, but Mercedes says it not only improves ride comfort, but also provides flexibility by reducing ride height on the highway, increasing it off-road, maintaining vehicle level when loaded and continuously adjusting the suspension damping as road conditions change. The driver can also select three different levels of damping.

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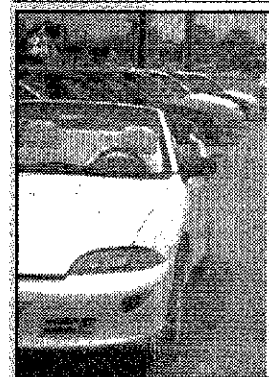
The 2006 Mercedes-Benz ML500 starts at \$48,500. Add the navigation system, power lift gate, upgraded CD system, sunroof, and the above-mentioned comfort package, and you're at about \$55,000. This SUV can go off-road and get dirty—I'm just not sure I'd spend that kind of money and then take it there. Tackling the wilds of soccer practice and grocery shopping might be another matter.

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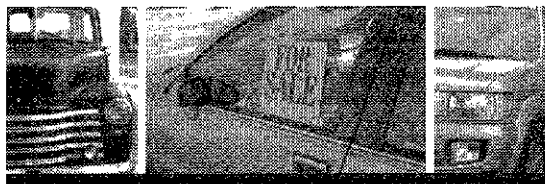
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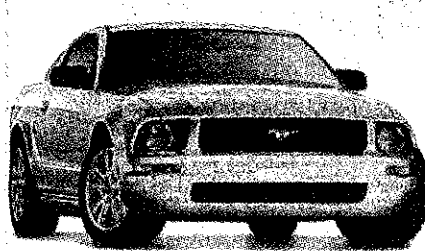
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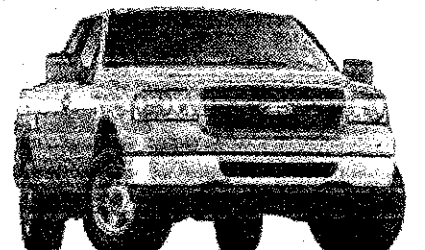
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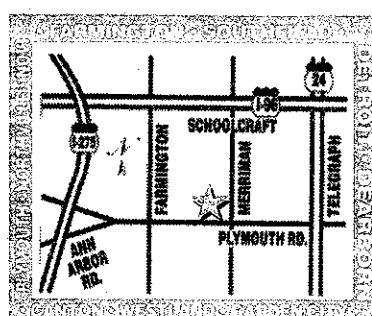
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