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District to add 400 students

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Early enrollment projections indicate Plymouth-Canton Schools administrators might get their wish: Nearly 400 additional students for the upcoming school year.

The increase in enrollment, plus \$210 per student in additional state funding, could mean more than \$2.2 million to the district's general fund budget. The district, pending approval of the state Legislature, is set to get \$7,410 per student this year.

As of Friday, projections indicate a K-12 head count of 18,612 students, which is 407 more than last year's official count. Plymouth-Canton Educational Park has the largest increase at 210 students, with the middle school adding 197 pupils.

The elementary total remains even; however, the number continues to grow. Last week, the elementary population was down by 90 students. At Tuesday's school board meeting, the elementary population the number showed a decline of 49 students. As of Friday, the elementary population was even with last year, and is expected to go even higher.

"We're getting some students from private schools," said Superintendent Jim Ryan. "While we like to think we have a very good school district, we assume the economy has something to do with much of the increase."

Ryan said the Miller Elementary population is down, as students and teachers relocate to Washington Elementary in Livonia for one year while Miller is being renovated.

"The Miller kindergarten is down, and I believe some of that is parents don't want to put their child on a bus to go to Washington," Ryan said.

Trustee Dianne Gonzalez expressed some concerns about split classes at the elementary level.

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Moose McIssac (from left), owner John Johnson, and son, Jon Johnson, celebrate 30 years in business at the Rusty Nail.

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'Just the Nail'

Canton's Rusty Nail celebrates 30 years as watering hole that feels like home

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

By the time Russel Johnson bought the building which would become the Rusty Nail, it had been a Canton watering hole for some four decades. That was 30 years ago, and the little cocktail lounge on Ford Road is still going strong.

"It's a corner bar that just got cool," said Shelley Mehal, who has worked at the Rusty Nail for 18 years. "It's just the Nail."

The bar will celebrate its 30th anniversary Aug. 19, and will do so in loving memory of Russel Johnson, who passed away last summer.

"I wish he could be here," said John Johnson, who inherited the Rusty Nail from his father. "In a way, he will be here."

Most of the things he's learned about successful business management he learned from his dad, said Johnson.

"My wife, Amy, tells me I'm a lot like him," Johnson said, with a laugh that leaves it a mystery as to whether his wife believes that's a strength or a weakness.

The recipe for success and longevity in business is simple: "You have to stick to the things that have worked for you," Johnson said. "What we give our customers is a comfortable, friendly environment, where people feel at home."

You also have to give them a good product, whether it's an ice cold beer or a 50-cent Coney dog. It's something that a long line of business



A portrait of Russel Johnson, founder of the Rusty Nail, hangs over the bar. He passed away last year.

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Nothing's more important than the story for comic book author

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

In modern civilization, there are some debates that will never be won: Macintosh or PC? Coke or Pepsi? Low-cal or low-carb?

And then there's Canton resident Gary Reed's favorite: Which is more important in a comic book — the artwork, or the story?

"A lot of people base their opinions on the art, but to me it's all about the story," Reed said.

Reed's as close as anyone to being an expert on the subject, having written more than 200 comic books and graphic novels. He started writing them in 1989, when

he owned four bookstores in the metropolitan area.

"It was a wild thing at the time because my first book, *Baker Street*, was nominated for a bunch of awards," Reed said with a shrug.

Specifically, *Baker Street* was nominated for a prestigious Harvey Award for best new series.

At a book signing for his most recent graphic novel, *The Red Diaries*, Reed looked back on nearly 20 years of his publishing career.

"Writing comics is like doing miniature movies. You get to direct all the action," he said.

Reed's books are story-driven because that's what

graphic novel fans have come to expect from him. Besides, he says, he can't draw. So Reed hires artists from around the world to help him produce his books.

He hadn't written much in recent years. Market conditions took a turn for the worst, and he sold his bookstores. He returned to a career in biology, and went to work as a professor. But when a major book publisher picked up *Baker Street* for a reprint, Reed started thinking.

"It was time to write another book," he said. "That's how *The Red Diaries* began."

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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton resident Gary Reed, who writes comic books and graphic novels, stands near his latest work, 'The Red Diaries,' a fictional piece about the missing diaries of Marilyn Monroe and the mystery surrounding her death.

World events have area Muslims fearing backlash

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Around the world, and at Metro Airport, tensions were higher than usual, as more news of another terror plan developed, following two dozen arrests of suspected plotters in London. The day before the arrests, two Dearborn men were arrested in Ohio, accused of money laundering and supporting terrorism. The news has members of the mosque in Canton on edge.

"Any time there is a news story where there is a high degree of visibility connecting Muslims with a negative event, the community is on guard for potential backlash," said Dawud Walid, executive director of Michigan CAIR, Council on American-Islamic Relations. "The community braces itself, like a flinch before a car crash."

Crescent Academy, the Muslim school at the mosque, is today hosting an open house, and there are security measures in place, Walid said.

The mosque itself has received no phone calls or letters of backlash, but Walid said Muslims from all over the metro area are experiencing it individually.

"We've had calls from people, telling us that people will yell statements at them, saying things like, 'Why don't you go back to where you came from,'" Walid said.

It's a sign of lack of understanding, he added.

"There is a general lack of knowledge about the Muslim community in Southeast Michigan," Walid said. "One of the greatest misperceptions is that the majority of Muslims are immigrants. In fact two-thirds were born as American citizens, and at least one-third are African-American or Caucasian-American."

Further, the majority — some 60 percent — of Arabs living in Southeast Michigan are Christians, Walid said.

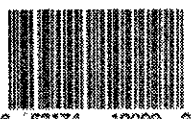
"Islam is seen as a foreign ideology," Walid said. "But the reality is Muslims are not so different from people who observe any other religion. We're all much more alike than some people think."

But even with the ideological differences, stereotypes and some of the rhetoric Walid said is being perpetuated from Washington (he specifically mentioned President George Bush's comment regarding Islamic fascism), is wrong.

"To dehumanize a faith and religion of 1.6 billion people is wrong," Walid said.

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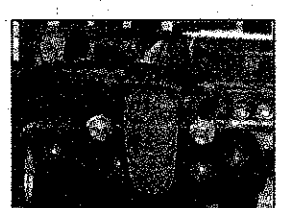
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Anything and everything you need to know about the Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise is in Thursday's Filter.

Internet safety awareness for parents

Canton Police Department is offering a free seminar designed to provide Internet safety awareness for parents. On Saturday, Aug. 26, from 9-11 a.m., crime prevention Sgt. Scott Hilden will be discussing the dangers of the Internet including online predators, social networking sites such as Myspace.com and what parents should do to protect their children online.

According to Hilden a recent study by the U.S. Department of Justice found that one in five children received sexual solicitation or were approached online within the past year.

"Pedophiles and other child exploiters have direct access to children through the Internet. They will troll for kids on sites like Myspace.com, in chat rooms and through the use of blogs. It is extremely important that parents understand the risks and educate their children," Hilden said.

This seminar, being held at Canton's Summit on the Park, is free, but space is limited. To reserve a spot contact Canton Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit at (734) 394-5325.

Car wash for vets

The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 Plymouth/Canton will host a car wash 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, at the Lighthouse Carwash on Ford Road, which is located on the south side of the road between

Haggerty and Lilley roads.

The owner, Paul Berry, donates all the cash proceeds to the chapter that will wash and dry your car this day.

Free legal aid

Legal Aid and Defender Association, Inc. will conduct a free outreach clinic on civil legal services for senior residents of Wayne County, who are 60 years of age or older at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14, at Summit On The Park in Canton.

Attendees are asked to register before 10:30 a.m., as a Legal Aid attorney will assist only those persons who have done so by that time.

For further information, contact Gina Polley, director of community relations and governmental affairs, by phone at (313) 964-4111, Ext. 6440, or (877) 964-5310, or by e-mail at gpolley@ladadetroit.org.

Governor appointees

Joseph Hohner of Canton, vice president and chief information officer at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, and Toshiki Masaki of Canton, public policy manager at Ford Motor Company, were among the 13 people recently appointed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm to the newly created Michigan Health Information Technology Commission. Hohner is appointed to represent non-profit health care corporations for a term expiring Aug. 3, 2010. Masaki is appointed to represent purchasers and employers for a term expiring Aug. 3, 2009.

"Using technology, this group of industry and health care leaders will help to create a system so that patients and health care providers no longer have to rely on memory and paper records as their database," Granholm said. "This investment in information technology will reduce errors, reduce duplication, reduce insurance costs, and increase patients' medical privacy."

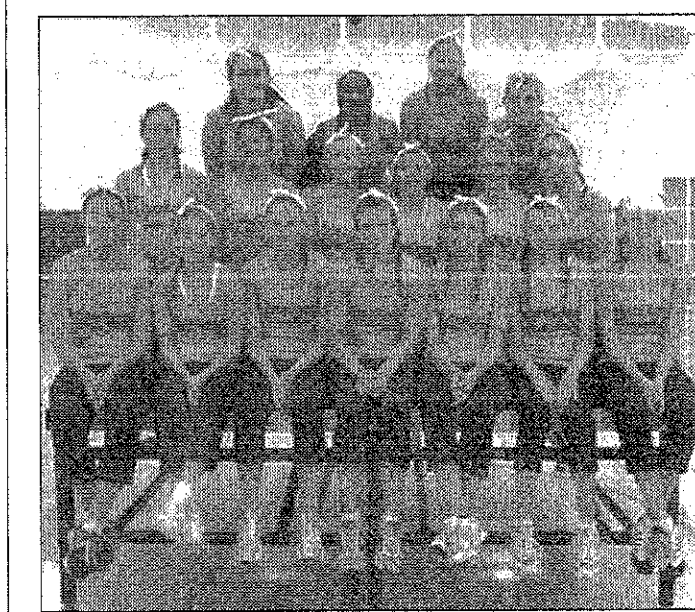
The State Health Information Technology Commission was created within the Michigan Department of Community Health to facilitate and promote the design, implementation, operation, and maintenance of an interoperable health care information infrastructure in Michigan.

Nursery school registration

Creative Day Nursery School, located on Cherry Hill Road in Canton, is accepting registration for the fall. Creative Day is a developmental school that encourages children to learn at their own pace while promoting social skills through music, art, story time and hands-on activities. Both morning and afternoon classes are available. For more information, please call (734) 981-3990.

Sale to benefit veterans

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 is having its annual rummage and bake sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Aug. 17-19 at the 100F hall, located at 344 Elizabeth (at Ann Arbor Trail) in Plymouth. Anyone who would like to donate items can deliver them to the hall from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 15-16. Donations are tax-deductible. All proceeds will be used to



Winning spirit

The Canton Junior Varsity Chieftettes recently won several awards at the Mid-American Pom Pom Summer Camp. The squad placed first in Original Routine and Speed Learning, while earning a second place in Kick Line. The team also received the Peppy Pom Award. Squad members are: Abbey Karlinski, Ashley Postler, Kristina Crilley, Ashley Delbrocco, Harmisha Hoggar, Lauren Hutchings, Tara Latin, Michelle Nagy, Avery Ash, Alex Brekke, Emily Bouse, Jessica Grech-Cumbo, Kirsten Holland, Melissa Krug, Alexandra Macdiarmid, Lina Petryczkowsky, and Courtney Simpson. The squad is coached by Katherine Chamulak.

benefit veterans.

For more information, contact Eunice Taylor at (734) 254-9617.

Leadership Canton

Applications are now being accepted for Leadership Canton 2007. Learn about community leadership building, meet community leaders and gain experience in the community planning process. This program is open to all persons living or working in Canton. Every year, each class develops a positive community project. Class size is limited. Tuition and Application are required by

Aug. 18. Classes start in October. For more information, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

School supplies

The Plymouth Salvation Army is conducting its annual "school supply drive." Included among the items they're looking for are notebook paper, pocket folders, pencils, erasers, colored pencils and back packs. The Plymouth Salvation Army, which covers Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville, is located on Main, just south of Ann Arbor Road. For more information, call (734) 453-5464.

Christmas spectacular auditions

Central City Dance will be holding auditions for its annual Christmas Spectacular, a Broadway-style Christmas show, on Aug. 19 and Sept. 9. The open auditions for experienced male and female dancers,

gymnasts and singers will be for ages 6 and up.

Auditions for dancers between ages 6 and 8 will be from 1-1:45 p.m.; ages 9-12 from 2-2:45 p.m.; and ages 13 to adult from 3-3:45 p.m. Dancers must bring a photo of themselves and appropriate footwear: tap, jazz and/or ballet shoes, and be prepared to learn a dance combination. Dancers will audition as a group.

Auditions for singers will be 4-4:45 p.m. for all ages. Singers must bring a photo of themselves and a prepared piece of holiday music, of their choice, in CD format, no longer than 90 seconds. Auditions for gymnasts will be 5-5:45 p.m. for all ages.

Auditions are being held at Central City Dance, which is located at 8004 Sheldon Center Road in Canton. Please arrive 1/2 hour before scheduled audition time to register and warm-up. Performers arriving late will not be allowed to audition. A non-refundable audition fee of \$10 is due at registration.

Show dates are Dec. 14 and 17 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. For more information please call Central City Dance at (734) 459-0400.

Crafters wanted

■ Crafters needed for Delta Kappa Gamma's 20th annual juried show Saturday, Oct. 21 at West Middle School in Plymouth.

The show will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; West Middle School is located at 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI.

Call Clara, (734) 254-0849 or e-mail to sweisz59@comcast.net for more information.

■ The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for its Craft Show that takes place during the Fall Festival Sept. 9-10. This year the craft show will be moving to the lawn of the historic Wilcox House located at Ann Arbor Trail and Union Street. Ten-by-ten foot spots will cost \$75 per day or \$150 for the weekend.

Applications are available to download at www.plymouth-fallfestival.com or for more info call Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614.

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Nancy Williams, Secretary of the Canton Lions Club is modeling the new T-shirt that is part of the admission cost to the club's annual Corn and Hot Dog Roast.

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

A traditional corn roast is offering some new perks this year at the Canton Lions Club Annual Village Faire Corn and Hot Dog Roast and Hay Ride.

In addition to a summertime menu and hay ride, the club will offer a special package which will include a T-shirt, said Lions Club member Linda Shapona.

For \$10, visitors can be admitted to the corn roast and enjoy all they can eat corn and hot dogs and cotton candy, and they'll receive a spiffy new Village Faire shirt (a \$10 value).

"The corn and hot dog roast alone includes freshly roasted local corn on the cob, hot dogs and all the fixings, snow cones, popcorn, cotton candy, ice cream and a drink," making it a good value, said Lions Club member Nancy Williams.

Traditionally, the Canton Lions Club hosts the Annual Village Faire Corn and Hot

Dog Roast and Hay Ride on the last Sunday in August at the historic Bartlett Travis House on Ridge Road in Cherry Hill Village.

This year it falls on Aug. 27.

The roast will begin at noon and run until 5 p.m.

All donations will be used to benefit programs for the blind and visually impaired, said Lions Club President Bob Boyer.

The Corn Roast and T-shirt package is available for pre-sale for a \$10 donation and may be purchased in advance by calling Nancy Williams at (734) 358-4280, or Gene Hammonds at (734) 455-9009.

The day of the event, which is open to the public, tickets may be purchased for \$10.

The event is open to the public at which time the Hot Dog and Corn Roast tickets may be \$5 tickets and T-shirts may be purchased for \$10.



Canton Lions Club member Denny Cojei was hard at work at last summer's annual corn roast. This year, the roast will be at the Village Faire Aug. 27 at the Bartlett-Travis house in Cherry Hill Village.

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I-275 car crash victim may have been cut off

A regional search continues for a small red vehicle which may have played a role in a fatal car accident Monday that killed a 25-year-old Ann Arbor woman.

"We're still looking for a red car, but we've got a couple of leads," said Michigan State Police Trooper Billy Davis.

Investigators said Kristen McGlone was driving a 2003 Honda Civic on northbound I-275 near Six Mile Road when the red car switched lanes in front of the Civic. There was no contact, but

investigators said they believe the lane change forced the Civic into the grassy median and McGlone to lose control of the car.

The Civic spun around and overturned as it skidded into the freeway's southbound lanes where it was struck by a 1991 GMC Sierra pickup shortly after 7 a.m.

McGlone, who was wearing a seat belt, died at the scene. The 42-year-old White Lake woman driving the southbound pickup suffered leg injuries, but investigators

said they do not believe those injuries are life-threatening.

The accident investigation caused lengthy traffic jams on several Livonia roads during the Monday morning rush as all of southbound I-275 was closed and traffic was detoured onto Seven Mile Road.

Anyone with information about the red vehicle which may have cut off the Honda Civic is asked to call the Taylor Post of the Michigan State Police at (734) 287-5000.

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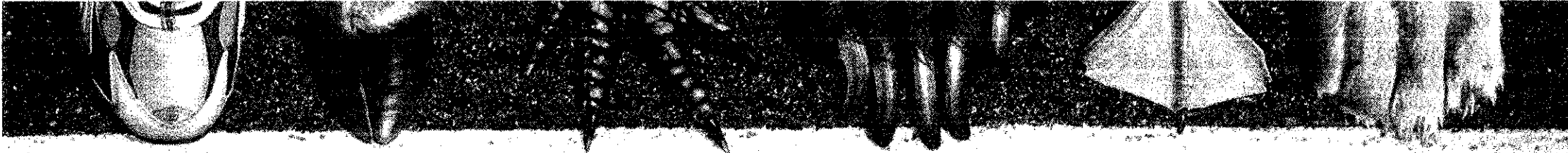
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Woman swindled in Internet car sale

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The woman said she had found the car, a 1998 Sebring, on E-Bay. She contacted the seller, and the two agreed to a private sale. They agreed on a price, \$2,995, and she wired the money on July 21 to a Chicago Western Union, where the man had asked her to send it.

But the car never arrived. As the days passed with no sign of the car, the woman became worried. She contacted the seller several times, and when she didn't see any results, she called in a family friend, who tracked down the seller's IP address, which was not in Chicago. The woman became convinced she had been taken, and on Aug. 3 went to the police station to report what had happened.

The incident is under investigation by the Canton Police.

STONE THROWING

A Canton woman contacted police Aug. 1, after some teenagers threw something at her car and cracked her windshield.

She told police she was driving north on I-275 near Warren, and she saw the group of youngsters on the overpass

COP CALLS

there. She said they threw something from the overpass - she believed it to be a rock or a BB - and it hit her windshield, causing \$500 in damage.

ODD SHOPPER

A disorderly man was caught red-faced at the Canton Kohl's department store.

According to police reports, Kohl's security called after the man was caught fondling himself in the store on Aug. 8. Prior to that, the man had gone into the Westland Kohl's store on Aug. 1, and had done the same thing. When questioned by police, he admitted that he had been watching women and touching himself in the store, but swore that in the three months he had been doing this, he never touched anyone, and didn't know anyone had seen him do it.

CASH STOLEN

A woman called police after her hospitality was rewarded with a theft. She said more than \$20,000 was stolen from her home on N. Beck in Canton.

The homeowner called police Aug. 7, and said someone had

taken a safe from her house. The safe contained \$20,000, she reported. She also reported that an envelope was taken from her dining room table. The envelope contained \$1,500 in cash.

The woman believes a house guest may have taken the items, since more than 20 DVDs were missing, and the house guest had given her those discs.

The house guest, who after leaving the woman's home was arrested in an unrelated matter, and is now in jail, insisted that he had taken the DVDs but not the cash, according to police reports.

TOBACCO STING

The Canton Police Department's Special Enforcement Unit conducted alcohol and tobacco sales checks during the month of July. Decoy minors attempted to purchase either alcohol or tobacco at 18 businesses in Canton. While three businesses sold to the minor decoy, 15 refused the sale. According to police, the Speedway on Lilley, and two Marathon stations on Michigan Avenue sold tobacco to minors. None of the business surveyed sold liquor to minors.

Carol Marshall

DEATHS

A
Herbert C. Ashcraft

Ashcraft, 87, died Aug. 3.

Carl J. Austermiller

Austermiller, 67, of Farmington Hills, died Aug. 2.

B
Veronica Balog

Balog, 91, formerly of Detroit, died July 26.

C
John R. Caldwell, M.D.

Caldwell, 87, of Birmingham, died Aug. 3.

Kevin E. Cosgriff

Cosgriff, 48, died July 26.

D
Joseph Carr Duckworth

Duckworth, 87, formerly of Livonia and Canton, died Aug. 2.

F
Angeline Irene Field (nee Ferrett)

Field, 82, formerly of Rochester Hills, died Aug. 9.

G
Elizabeth Kay Galeana

Galeana, 22, died July 25.

Florence Lorna Garrett

Garrett, 55, of Westland, died Aug. 8.

Janet C. Gass

Gass, 87, formerly of Birmingham, died July 17.

H
Phyllis Harris

Harris, 84, died Aug. 2.

L
Neal Lanphear

Lanphear, 75, of Plymouth, died Aug. 11.

Bess Louise Lantz

Lantz, 93, died Aug. 6.

Dennis Lowry

Lowry, 58, died Aug. 5.

M
Shirley I. Monforton (nee Previle)

Monforton, 78, of Redford, died July 30.

N
Louis J. Norman

Norman, 91, of Plymouth, died Aug. 2.

S
Russell Steele Strickland

Strickland, 89, formerly of Detroit, died Aug. 2.

W
Louise Willis

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Jean G. Woolsey

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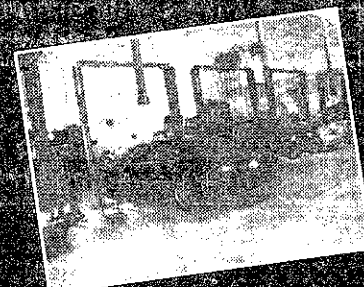
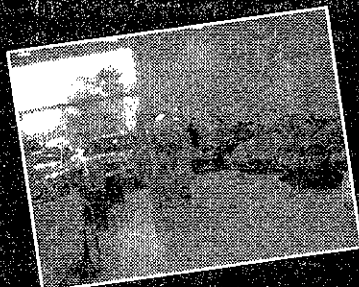
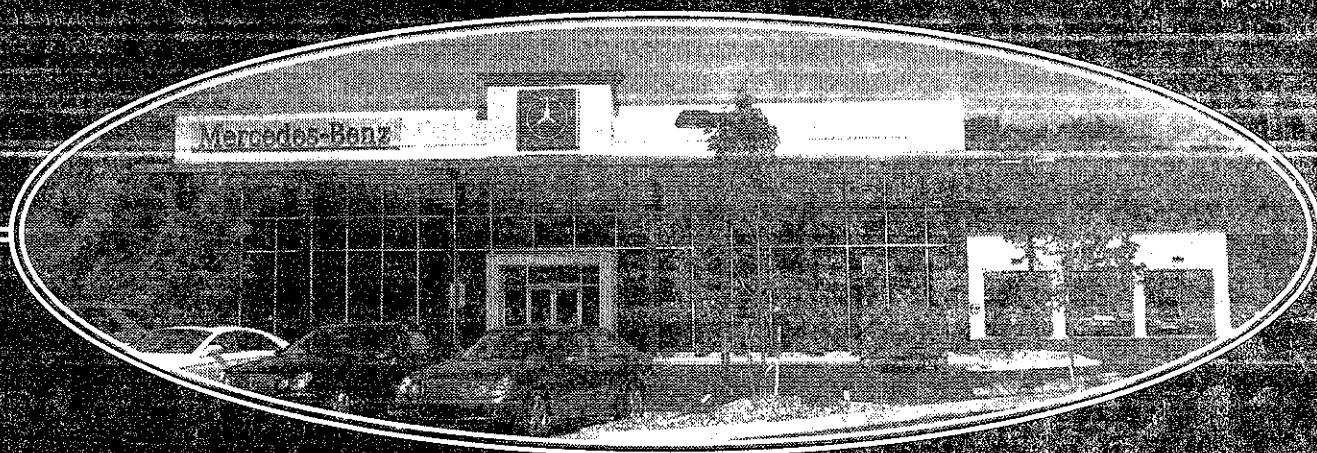
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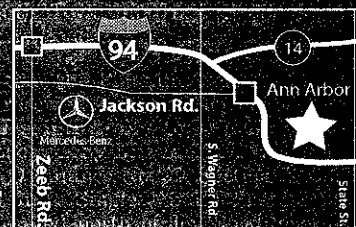
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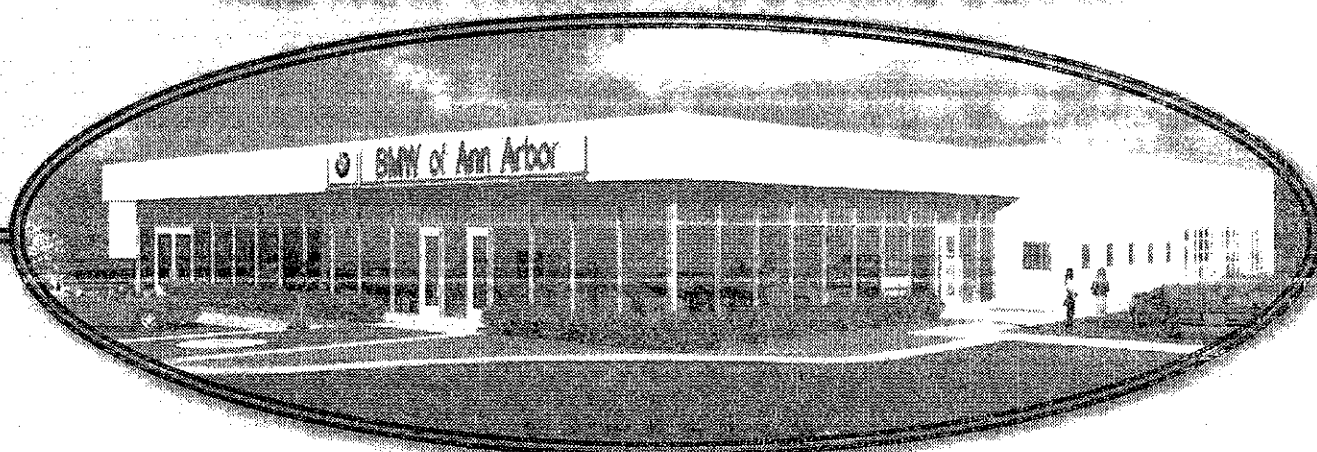


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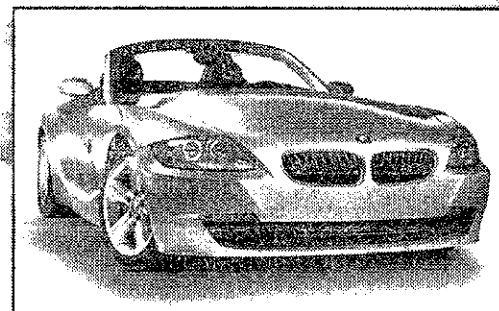
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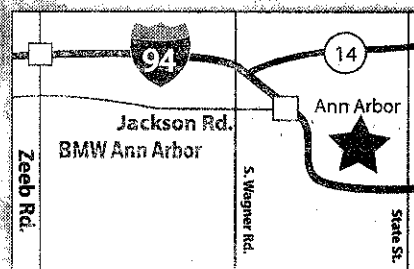
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The Red Diaries was launched from yet-unsolved mysteries surrounding Marilyn Monroe, John F. Kennedy, the mob, the CIA and the political world of 40 years ago.

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The 168-page graphic novel explores the mystery around the diaries, which when (in fiction) were found, threatened to blow wide open the decades-old conspiracy.

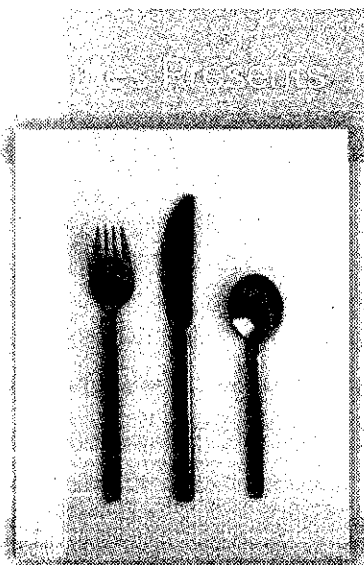
Reed, though pretty sure of

what his audience wants, is never precisely certain how a book will sell.

"They sell all over the place — from 100 copies to 90,000 copies, depending on the audience," he said. And so far, audiences like his latest work.

Publishers Weekly, in a featured article, said, "Leave it to the improbably industrious comics creator Gary Reed — a biology professor when he's not publishing and writing comics and graphic novels — to find a new wrinkle in the overcrowded literary niche focused on conspiracy theories about the JFK assassination."

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NAIL

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owners have recognized at the little bar on Ford Road. The building was constructed in the 1930s, and it's always been a bar. And it's only changed hands a few times.

"It was the Economy Lounge for a long time, and before that it was the Breeze Inn," Johnson said. And for 30 years, it's been his family's livelihood.

"I've worked here all my life," Johnson said.

But then so has most of the Johnson family.

"We all did a little. Mom ran the kitchen, and my brother and I worked in the kitchen all through high school, and my youngest brother came here to work, too," Johnson said. Eventually Johnson's 23-year-old son also came to work at the popular watering hole.

Johnson got serious about the Nail when he was in his 20s. He learned how to tend bar, and how to manage the business and the books, preparing for the day when his father would retire, and he would take over. But he took over as a manager, and his



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The Rusty Nail is a familiar sight along Ford Road in Canton. The building was actually constructed in the 1930s.

father never retired until he became suddenly ill last year, and died shortly after.

"I'm just one piece of the puzzle," Johnson said, adding that his 23 employees are every bit as essential as he is, when it comes to running the business.

Carol Pellegrino has tended bar and waited tables at the bar for 28 years. The bar has felt like home and her coworkers have felt like family, and that's the reason Pellegrino said she's stayed on the job for

so long.

She worked there during each of her three pregnancies, and even met her husband there when he stopped to make a bread delivery (that was her best day on the job, she said with a smile and a sigh).

The customers are also like family.

Plymouth resident Harry Bryant has been visiting the Nail for 28 years.

It only took him a week or two to get to know everyone,

and ever since, the place has been like a second home.

For a short time, he left Michigan when his employer sent him to Kansas City, but he came home regularly for business trips.

"Every time I would come back here, I would stop here first," Bryant said, poking his finger into the bar top. "Even before I would check into my hotel for the night, I would come here to see everyone."

Making a living at the Rusty Nail is not always as much fun as it looks, Johnson said.

"It's more work than people think. You don't sit at the bar and watch the register open and close," Johnson said, just before he stopped everything to change a light bulb behind the bar. "Basically you're married to it."

The anniversary party Aug. 19 starts at 7 p.m. and will include door prizes, a magician, and a DVD presentation looking back on the history of the Rusty Nail. And most important of all: "It's a chance to get caught up with old friends, and people who have worked here over the years," Mehal said.

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DISTRICT

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"Personally, as a parent, I would much rather have one or two extra children in my son's or daughter's class, than have a teacher who is dealing with two different curriculums and a split scenario," Gonzalez said.

Trustee Steve Sneiderman expressed a view on split classes that represented a number of board members.

"I don't like splits, either, but I don't like large class sizes even more," Sneiderman said. "I think this is a reasonable action to take to ensure we meet our class size goals. If there's a split that can be undone, and still maintain our class size goals and not add a teacher, then I'm for it."

Ryan is quick to point out that projections are an educated guess on a moving target.

"The good news is that school doesn't start until after Labor

Day this year, so we have an extra week of registration," Ryan said. "We know that some parents are notoriously late, with some registering their child the first day of school. I'm feeling pretty good at where we're going to land."

With addition of Workman Elementary in Canton Township — which will open for the first time in September — as well as some redistricting, only a handful of the 16 elementary schools are looking — at this time — at population increases. They include Bird, Field, Isbister and Tonda.

All five middle schools are projecting enrollment increases, with Discovery expected to have more than 1,000 students, which is up more than 60 students.

"(Principal) Roche LaVictor is out of sixth-grade lockers," Ryan told trustees.

The high school population is nearing 6,000 students, with each of the three high schools expecting to enroll just under

2,000 students each. Since voters turned down a bond proposal in May that included a career and technical education center, Ryan said other space will probably be needed — possibly in the next bond issue — to make room for an increasing high school population.

"There will never be a fourth high school, I don't believe you'll see a career and tech ed center, but we do need to consider some additional classroom space where we can house our students properly," said Ryan.

Vice President Judy Mardigan said the district will have to come to grips with the growth, but it's a better scenario than many other districts, some of which are experiencing declining population resulting in the loss of state funding.

"We definitely have to look at how we're going to handle the middle school and high school growth," Mardigan said. "But, growth is a good thing. It's validation of the programs and things we do in this district."

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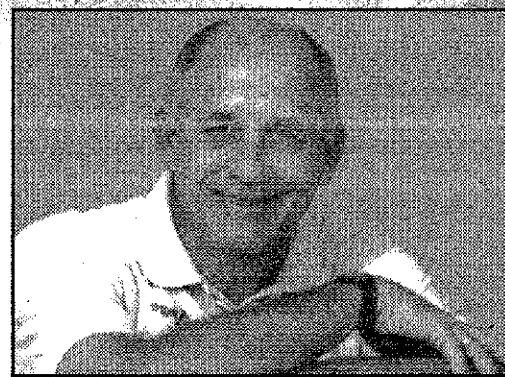
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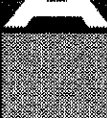
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Developer says 'airport city' will transform SE Michigan

Finally! It's been a long time coming, but at long last there seems to be serious movement toward what could be Michigan's largest single economic development opportunity in the coming decade: the Airport City ("aerotropolis") between Detroit Metro and Willow Run airports.

Troy-based real estate expert Stuart Frankel has announced an agreement to develop 150 acres of land in the Pinnacle Aeropark, an office and warehouse project south of Detroit Metro and east of the I-275/Sibley interchange. That should be just the beginning.



Phil Power

The Airport City project, Frankel told me recently, is "potentially the most transformative project for southeastern Michigan ever attempted. We want to make it such."

Emphasize the "we." A joint memo supporting the Airport City project has been signed by Wayne and Washtenaw counties, the various local government units around both airports and the Wayne

County Airport Authority. This week, it will be delivered to Jim Epolito, the CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corp., or MEDC. (Full disclosure: I am the outfit's unpaid vice chair.)

With that goes a cover letter to Gov. Jennifer Granholm, suggesting "the state of Michigan needs to be an active participant and partner in this exciting economic development undertaking."

There is plenty of evidence to show that the potential is vast. A University of Michigan-Dearborn study shows that Detroit Metro Airport has a \$7.6 billion impact on the state's economy, including \$4 billion in airline tickets, hotel rooms and parking, plus \$2 billion in sales to Michigan companies.

The Airport City project has long been a gleam in the eyes of those visionaries who can see past next Tuesday. Now, at last, it might actually be getting some traction.

For years, experts have known that the area's combination of assets makes the site potentially one of the world's best. Those riches include what is now a first-class passenger facility (Detroit Metro), a good freight airport (Willow Run), easy access to road, rail and international water transport and 25,000 acres of largely undeveloped land in between.

Similar airport developments in Amsterdam, Hong Kong and Bangkok are producing hundreds of thousands of jobs. Here, this agreement to develop the Pinnacle site may finally be what breaks up the logjam of inertia. That Frankel, one of Michigan's

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most respected — and shrewdest — developers, is prepared to ante up millions of his own funds suggests the dreams aren't pie in the sky.

That's important, because the Pinnacle project has been dragging on since the late Ed McNamara, then Wayne County executive, launched the idea back in 1999. Now this developer intends to cut the ribbon by building 50,000 square feet of offices and 200,000 square feet of warehouse space.

That should jump-start a project that has been the victim of endless Wayne County politics and the lack of an economically realistic development plan. And getting Pinnacle off the ground is important evidence the larger Airport City vision has the wings to fly.

The agreement between the various local governmental units is equally encouraging, if only because it demonstrates that the local powers are united at last in support of the project. Signing on are the cities of Taylor, Belleville, Romulus and Ypsilanti, together with Ypsilanti, Van Buren and Huron townships.

Cobbling together something that appealed to their various interests, combined with those of Wayne and Washtenaw counties and the Airport Authority, has not been easy. Wayne County Economic Development Director Mulu Birru deserves credit for patience and persistence.

Meanwhile, the new man at the MEDC, Epolito, has succeeded in regaining momentum and morale as the state's main arm dedicated to economic development. He has a terrific opportunity to take the Airport City project to a new level by putting planning and marketing muscle behind the project.

Nobody in state government (including the MEDC) has much money these days, but what is needed at this point is coordinated planning and evidence of firm state support.

That's relatively cheap, and Granholm would be wise to jump on board as evidence she's serious about adding jobs to the hard-pressed southeast Michigan economy.

Frankel's right. The Airport City project could transform the area. And now that the local governmental units potentially involved have their act together, it is time for the state to jump in with both feet.

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan. He would be pleased to hear from readers at ppower@hcnnet.com.

Resistance to school vouchers serves politics, not children

I read Hugh Gallagher's July 30 *Observer* column "Drive for school vouchers serves politics, not children" with suspicion, believing as I do that at least as an idea, vouchers could work to reshape the educational landscape and consumers' expectations of same, both for the better. While we disagree, I salute Gallagher's concern for balance in presenting links to advocacy groups on both sides of the voucher issue and in inviting this opposing comment.

Gallagher cited the Department of Education's National Assessment of Educational Progress report to indicate that while private schools perform better because



Paul Seibold

of their selective admissions, when students with various disadvantages are factored out of the equation, private and public schools perform about the same. One must take care to avoid hasty acceptance of the criteria and methods for factoring variables out of the NAEP results, for such legerdemain is not unlike the gender-norming practiced in the military and

in firefighting to the possible impairment of those critical occupations. In any case, the ability of private schools to screen their applicants is often put forward as an argument against vouchers but in my view, that argument is more against excellence.

NAEP statistics notwithstanding, Gallagher seems to acknowledge that by some discernible proportion, a number of public schools are "troubled," and I suggest that to advocate withholding the means from aspiring students to escape such schools is to advocate the forcible subjection of all to mediocrity.

As a voter on the losing side of Michigan's 2000 initiative for vouchers, I had supposed that the topic was totally defunct but what may have moved Gallagher to write about it now was the story in the July 9 *Grand Rapids Press* reporting that gubernatorial candidate Dick DeVos vowed in a 2002 speech to reopen the voucher initiative by "one person at a time speaking to another person in privacy." Gallagher characterizes this statement as proposing a stealth campaign but whether advocated through a media blitz or one on one, no voucher measure will take effect without approval by a majority of voters. Thus if DeVos persists in his goal expressed four years ago, I find his low-key strategy to be no more ominous now than a Vatican takeover of Michigan's educational infrastructure was likely under the 2000 initiative.

I was especially troubled by Gallagher's airy suggestion that "For those who want to

While I agree that universal public education is a great hallmark of the United States, the duty to educate resides with parents; and parents of ordinary or lesser means can find themselves hostage to an education system they might not prefer.

send their children to private schools, it's a great option" — omitting the key qualifier, "if only they can afford it." From the consumers' standpoint, I think the essence of vouchers is to make educational options affordable.

While I agree that universal public education is a great hallmark of the United States, the duty to educate resides with parents; and parents of ordinary or lesser means can find themselves hostage to an education system they might not prefer. It's ironic that by opposing vouchers, equality advocates should be upholding an arrangement in which private schools remain a preserve of the affluent.

Gallagher argues that all Michiganders should bear the cost of public schools with the analogy that not everybody rides on all of Michigan's roads, but my reply is that not every Michigan household has children to educate. As an analogy on the other side, I submit that a resident who has paid a cable bill over a period of time will appreciate the economies inherent in a competitive environment.

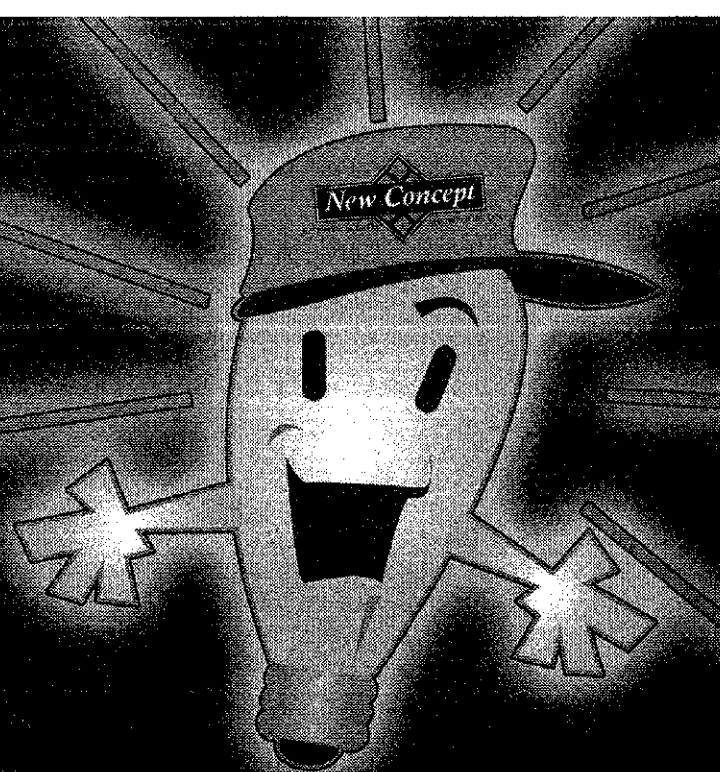
Finally, I can't help but suspect that, as implied by its very title, Gallagher's column is at bottom a defense of the public education establishment, or perhaps more precisely, a circling of wagons around the perquisites and prerogatives of the teachers' unions. Certainly the public schools as a totality have a purpose in keeping all funds to themselves. In what may be perceived as an improbable alliance between management and labor, they defend and promote that purpose with great vigor but whether out of altruism or self-interest is a matter for reflection.

As for me, I lament the plight of children in troubled schools, all the more because they have nowhere else to go. I also lament the future of excellence, as promising students in those schools continue to wait for the improvements that never seem to come. Must the speed of this convoy be the speed of its slowest ship?

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Legislature approves death of Single Business Tax

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

The drive to repeal Michigan's Single Business Tax has reached fruition as the state Legislature voted to eliminate the tax by the end of 2007.

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson kicked off the drive to repeal the SBT at his 2006 State of the County Address. He said the tax was stifling the state's economy by making the cost of business too high in Michigan.

The address started a petition drive that generated 150,000 more signatures than it needed. Because the legislation approved this week was generated by a petition drive, it is not subject to veto.

The SBT was created in the late 1970s in an effort to consolidate a number of business taxes into one, stable tax. The parcel of inventory taxes, corporate net worth taxes and others was unreliable and

tended to fluctuate.

But the state's economics have changed considerably since then. While it used to be the case that Michigan's economy was composed mostly of manufacturing jobs, it's now mostly service jobs. Under the SBT, service jobs are not taxed.

The SBT represents \$1.8 billion in tax revenues to the state — an amount equivalent to everything the state spends on higher education or corrections. When the tax ends, it will be up to the Legislature to decide how much of that revenue to replace.

Oakland County Democratic Party Chairman and County Commissioner Dave Woodward said certain state functions, namely higher education, need to be kept fighting trim or any benefit to the state's economy will be nullified.

"The bottom line is that the number one way to prepare workers for new jobs is to fund higher education," he said. "To

not come up with replacement funds will jeopardize our ability to attract businesses."

He said ideas like shifting the sales tax to service-economy workers or instituting business license fees are not going to replace SBT revenues. Until someone comes up with a replacement, he said, there's precious little reason for a business to relocate to Michigan at all.

"If I'm a business owner, why would I come to Michigan if I don't know what the tax plan is?" Woodward said.

But will the SBT become an issue in the November election?

Former Oakland County Republican Party Chairman Paul Welday said the SBT will be the critical issue in November.

"The debate is jobs and the economy in Michigan," he said. "Where people stood in the debate about the SBT is something every candidate will have to answer to."

The right moves

Debbie Felton's Academy of Dance is expanding its range. The Livonia-based school is now offering classes for home school students. Boys hip-hop has been added to the course schedule along with traditional classes in ballet, pointe, tap and jazz, as well.

Felton is offering open house days 6-7:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Aug. 21-24, at the school, 16312 Middlebelt, between Five and Six Mile roads. The public is welcome to stop in and learn more about the academy.

Students can register for classes from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 14, and Thursday, Aug. 17, as well as from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Aug. 15-16.

Felton invites all who are interested to visit the expanded studio, learn more about new class offerings, and register to win a prize in an open house raffle. The new season of courses is less than a month away. It begins Wednesday, Sept. 6 in Livonia.

For more information of class registration please calls (734) 524-0104 or visit the Web site at www.feltondance.com.

WHAT'S IN STORE

Go to Beauty Camp

Secret Rituals Day Spa in Livonia is hosting a Skin Care and Beauty Camp for the second consecutive summer.

The hourlong two-day sessions will focus on skin care, make-up application, bra fittings, body image and self esteem building. It is targeted for girls between 12 and 16.

Owner Kelly Freeman said she organized the camp to draw younger clientele into the salon, though a lot of their parents are already familiar with the services.

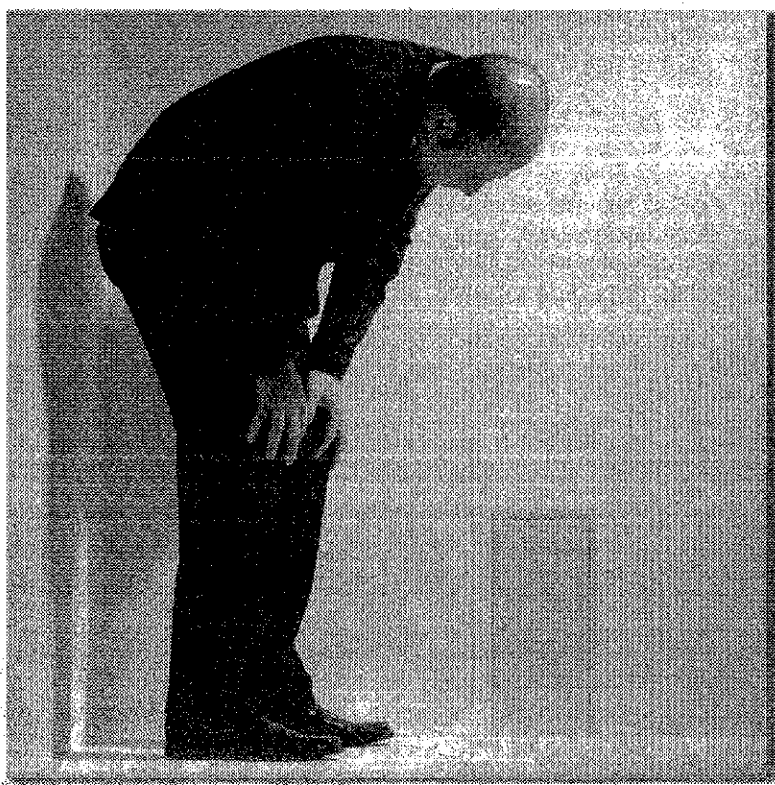
From girls who idolize young stars like Lindsay Lohan to those with acne-prone skin, campers will learn how to appropriately care for their skin, rather than

cover it up with make-up.

There are still six spots available. The program is hosted by a qualified esthetician. For a \$30 fee, campers will receive all the necessary supplies and a gift bag. Camp is held from noon to 1 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Aug. 14-15, at the salon, Secret Rituals Day Spa, 31211 Plymouth Road in Livonia.

For more information, call (734) 422-3007 during regular business hours, which are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays.

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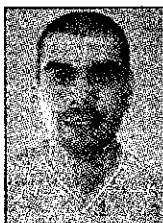
Ignition kicks into high gear with solid summer

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

As well as things have been going for the Detroit Ignition the past few months, it wouldn't be surprising to see David Beckham or Ronaldo show up for one of the team's open tryouts in September.

Yes, the Major Indoor Soccer League's newest team has made significant strides since it was officially welcomed to the league in mid-April.

The biggest on-the-field news revolved around the acquisition of several All-Star-caliber players in the June expansion draft, most notably reigning MISL assist leader Carlos Farias and goalkeeper Sanaldo, who minded the net for the Baltimore Blast in the 2005-06



Carlos Farias



Sanaldo

championship series.

The most noteworthy off-the-field news included the signing of highly respected head coach Mark Pulisic and brisk season-tickets sales that have re-affirmed Ignition President Greg Bibb's belief that the metropolitan Detroit area is a prime location for an indoor-soccer franchise.

"Talent-wise, this was one of the best drafts I've seen, and I've been

in the league for the past 10 years," said Bibb, who most recently served as the vice president and general manager for the MISL's Philadelphia Kicks. "We were able to acquire the rights to the top assist guy in the league last year (Farias) and the goal-keeper (Sanaldo) who played in the championship series. We also drafted four or five young players who I think are phenomenal athletes. Talent-wise, I think we did very well."

CHEMISTRY IS KEY

Bibb cautioned that talent alone won't win in the ultra-competitive MISL.

"It's tough to win in this league

PLEASE SEE IGNITION, B2

START 'EM UP!

WHAT: Detroit Ignition, a Major Indoor Soccer League expansion team;

WHERE: The Ignition will play its 15 2006-07 MISL home games at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth; the team will use High Velocity Sports in Canton as its primary practice facility;

WHO: The Ignition has signed eight players as of Friday: Carlos Farias, Hewerton Moreira, Novi Marojevic, Kyt Selaidopoulos, Jonathon Greenfield, Sanaldo, Matt Johnson and Ricardinho;

WHEN: The season opener is set for Saturday, Nov. 4; training camp starts Oct. 3.

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Sidelines

Schmitt excels

Canton swimmer Allison Schmitt, 16, contributed to Club Wolverine's first-place showing at the Conoco-Phillips USA Swimming National Championships held last week in Irvine, Calif.

Schmitt competed in two individual events and on three relays in the competition, which was filled with Olympic-caliber swimmers. She placed 44th in the 100-meter freestyle (57.44) and 19th in the 200 freestyle. Her time of 2:01.95 in the preliminaries and 2:02.22 in the finals qualified Schmitt for the 2008 Olympic Trials.

Schmitt also swam an 100-meter leg on Club Wolverine's fifth-place 400-meter freestyle relay, a 200-meter leg on the team's second-place 800-meter relay team and she anchored the club's fifth-place 400 medley relay quartet.

Softball champs

The Gerou Softball Club won the playoff championship for the Session 1 men's Thursday night D recreation division at Canton's Victory Park. Gerou won three consecutive playoff games by one-run margins.

The team, which finished second in the regular-season standings, defeated Signature, the regular-season first-place team, in the championship game.

The core members of Gerou Softball have played together for more than 25 years and this is the team's third decade in which they have won playoff or division championships.

Team members include Dr. Tom Gerou, Mike Gerou, John Gerou, Bill Otto, Dave Miller, Shane Borton, John Barry, John Parlisho, Andy Cubba, Dan Dooley, Dean Allen, Harry Stoddard, Bob Tatro and Tony Bell.

Biffle car displayed

NASCAR fans can check out the No. 16 National Guard Ford Fusion car, raced by Greg Biffle in the Nextel Cup Series last February in Fontana, Calif., from 2-7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18 and noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, at Jackson Hewitt Tax Service, located on 33724 Ford Road, in Westland.

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Sarah Stobbe, 25, is a three-time AAU national champion in tae kwon do. Stobbe's most recent title came in July in Knoxville, Tenn.

Unde'feet'ed

Polished tae kwon do skills bring Stobbe national titles, greater self confidence

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Even the simplest test of physical fitness was a struggle for Sarah Stobbe during her pre-tae kwon do days.

"I couldn't even do a push-up," admitted Stobbe, a 25-year-old Plymouth resident.

Over seven years, several hundred hours of training and three national titles later, Stobbe can do much more than a push-up thanks to the form of martial arts that emphasizes the use of one's hands, feet and fists. In July, Stobbe added to her collection of over 80 tae kwon do trophies and medals in Knoxville, Tenn., when she outpointed five other high-kickers to capture her third consecutive AAU National sparring championship in the 18-to-35-year-old lightweight women's division.

Stobbe was introduced to the sport in 1999 by an ex-boyfriend, who was a tae kwon do instructor. The relationship eventually fizzled, but her passion for the sport kicked into high gear.

"When I started tae kwon do, I was extremely shy and physically I was not very strong," she reflected. "But in a short time after I started practicing, I saw such a quick change in my self-confidence and physical abilities. I fell in love with the sport."

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

WHAT IS TAE KWON DO?

Tae kwon do is a martial art originating in Korea. A combination of Chinese, Japanese, and traditional Korean fighting styles, the sport has become the world's most commonly practiced martial art, and is the national sport of Korea. In Korean, tae means "to strike or smash with the foot"; kwon means "to strike or smash with the hand"; and do means "art of" or "way of."

(Source: Wikipedia Free Encyclopedia web site)

Stobbe polishes her craft by practicing at least two hours a night, five nights a week. She also passes on her knowledge of the art to 40 students in a weekly class she teaches for the Plymouth Recreation Department.

"The hardest part in the beginning is picking up the form," she said. "You have to learn a pattern of all the kicks and punches and you have to understand exactly what you're doing — what this kick is supposed to be doing and what this hand should be doing. It's almost like learning a dance."



Sarah Stobbe displays the gold medals she has won in the last three National AAU competitions.

"The nice thing about the sport is that you can go at your own pace."

Stobbe, who works at a KinderCare in Canton, said she's only had to take her enhanced self-defense skills outside of the competitive arena on one occasion.

"There was a guy at a club once who wouldn't leave me alone, no matter what I said to him," she said. "So I used a simple takedown I had learned in class. The bouncers came over to make sure everything was OK. Thank goodness that's the only

PLEASE SEE STOBBE, B6

New football league offers youngsters noncontact fun

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Is your elementary school-aged youngster ready for some football — just not the full-contact version?

If so, the Michigan Youth Flag Football Association has just the program for him or her.

Beginning this fall, the MYFFA will be offering NFL Youth Flag Football leagues for Plymouth and Canton students in the second through fifth grades, as well as clinics for kids in kindergarten and first grade.

Each league team will consist of eight to 10 players, who will be grouped with students from their school. One league will consist of second- and third-graders; a second will include fourth- and fifth-graders.

The format for league games will be 5-on-5 non-contact flag. Games will be played on a 25-by 64-yard field (50-yard field with seven-yard end zones). The \$110-per-player entry fee covers the cost of eight practices and eight games. Each player will also receive a reversible NFL jersey.

"One of the nice things about the 5-on-5 format compared to the usual 11-on-11 is that every kid has an opportunity to get the ball on every offensive play," said Bryan Ledin, the MYFFA execu-

tive director. "In 11-on-11, if you're not the running back or quarterback, you probably won't touch the ball. With 5-on-5, there's one quarterback and four receivers, so everybody can be a superstar."

Ledin said similar leagues the MYFFA operate in Bloomfield Hills have experienced phenomenal success.

"There are around 600 kids in the Bloomfield leagues," he said. "The concept is that it's an alternate to tackle football for the younger kids. The time commitment is a lot less as well as the financial commitment. We've found that this is a great feeder league for the tackle-football program, too."

The season will begin the week of Sept. 11. Practices will be held on either Monday or Thursday evenings with games being held Sunday afternoons at the Canton Sports Center.

The registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 8. To register, visit www.MichiganYouthFlagFootball.com.

The one-hour fundamentals clinic for kindergarten and first-grade students will be held on six consecutive Mondays (6-7 p.m.) beginning Sept. 18 at the Canton Sports Center. The cost of the clinic is \$75, Ledin said.

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Three-mendous champs

A team made up of Observerland youth soccer players qualified for the next step in a national 3-on-3 tournament when it captured the U8 boys division of the Sports Illustrated for Kids Kickit 3v3 event in Warren. Pictured (front row from left) are Michael Pimlott (Farmington Hills), Jake Rosen (Livonia), (back row from left) Bowen Burdette (Plymouth) Coach Steve and Aidan Shennan (Plymouth).

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— period,” Bibb said. “It’s especially difficult if you’re an expansion team. A, you have to find players. B, you have to make sure the players you do get can play the indoor game. And, C, your players have to have great chemistry.”

“Chemistry in our sport is extremely important because of the spatial relationships on the smaller surface. Being a new team, it’s going to take a while for our guys to mesh because we’re bringing guys in from all over the place, so most of them have never played together before.”

“Having Pulisic as the one who’s in charge of making sure the players mesh will be a plus for the Ignition, Bibb stressed.

“I think Mark will be great for this team,” said Bibb, a Canton resident. “He was an All-Star player in this league years ago, so he knows what it takes to be successful. He was a blue-collar player who, through hard work and determination, became an All-Star. I think we’ll see in our players the same kind of work ethic at both ends of the floor that Mark put forth when he played. I’m excited to have him

as our coach.”

GOALS GALORE

Fans who attend Ignition games expecting to see World Cup-like pace and scores are in for a pleasant surprise, Bibb said.

“The indoor game was created as more of a hybrid sport for North American fans who like action, a lot of scoring and a lot of points,” said Bibb. “Why are touchdowns worth six points in football and field goals worth three? Because North American sports fans like points. Goals in the MISL are worth two points and long-range bombs are worth three, so you’re going to see scores like 21-18, 17-15. With the three-point goals, no team is ever out of a game, even if it’s down six late. You hit two long shots and you’re right back in it.”

Bibb said there’s more of a sense of urgency in the indoor version of soccer compared to its outdoor brother.

“In the outdoor game, you might see three or four shots a game by one team,” said Bibb. “In the MISL, it isn’t out of the question to see the two teams combine for 100 shots on goal. It’s non-stop action.

“In the outdoor game, if you have a ball played to you, you can take a moment to decide what you want to do with it. In

our game, you don’t have the space to do that, so you’d better know what you’re going to do with the ball before it gets to your foot, otherwise somebody’s going to take it away from you.”

CONTRASTING STYLES

The vast difference between the indoor and outdoor games makes acquiring players challenging, according to Bibb.

“It usually takes outdoor players an average of two to three years to adjust to the indoor style of play,” he said. “And sometimes, they never adjust. I’ve seen very good outdoor players come into our league and struggle because their skills don’t translate into what a good indoor player needs, and vice versa. Some guys who are stars in our league are good outdoor players, but they’ll never make the national team on a professional level.”

Being able to rely on a proven player like Sanaldo in net should prove to be a key element for the expansion Ignition.

“The goalkeepers in the MISL are like the quarterbacks in football and the catchers in baseball,” Bibb said. “Just about everything — both offensively and defensively — starts with the keepers. They’re the ones that start the fastbreaks a lot of the time, and on some nights,

they’ll face 60, 70 or 80 shots. It’s like, they can give up eight goals and it wasn’t necessarily a bad game.

“To be a successful keeper in our league, you can’t be a guy who falls apart every time you give up a goal. Guys like that just don’t make it in this league.”

SEE IT, BELIEVE IT

What would Bibb tell an average sports fan who may be on the fence when it comes to deciding whether to attend an Ignition game?

“When I went to work for my first MISL team 10 years ago, I had never seen an indoor soccer game,” he said. “I wasn’t a soccer guy, I was a hockey guy. Well, the first game I saw, I was amazed at how much it was like hockey, with a little bit of basketball. I fell in love with it right away.

“These are world-class athletes playing a sport in your own backyard on a small surface. And I’ll guarantee you that these guys will give a good performance every game they play. Even those people who aren’t necessarily huge soccer fans will realize very quickly the high level of athleticism and skill these guys have.”

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Open tryouts are set for Ignition

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Detroit Ignition President Greg Bibb will be playing the role of a much more pleasant Simon Cowell three times next month when he oversees a series of open tryouts for the Major Indoor Soccer League newest expansion franchise.

“The tryouts will be soccer’s version of ‘American Idol,’” Bibb quipped when referring to the three tryouts, which are set for Sept. 9 at the Soccer Zone in Grand Rapids, Sept. 16 at the Soccer Zone in Lansing and Sept. 23 at High Velocity Sports in Canton.

“All players that have soccer shoes, shin guards and a dream to play professional soccer are invited to attend. We have signed eight players (through

Aug. 11) and we’re going to be carrying 20 on our roster, so we will be signing some players from the tryouts.”

Each of the tryouts are slated to begin at approximately 9 a.m. Interested players should visit www.detroitignition.com for tryout registration information.

All individuals who try out must be at least 18 years old and a high school graduate. There is a \$25 registration fee. The deadline for registering for the Grand Rapids session is Sept. 1; the Lansing deadline is Sept. 8; and the Canton deadline is Sept. 15.

“A significant number of MISL players got their start through open tryouts,” Bibb said.

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Westland's Earl Kent earned the distinction of being overall medalist in the 2006 City Golf Championships held Aug. 5-6 at Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton.

The two-day tournament crowned champions for the Cities of Canton, Wayne and Westland, including open, women's, seniors and super senior divisions.

Kent carded rounds of 79-75 for a two-day total of 154, which also earned him Westland honors ahead of Brad Trevis, 81-76-157; Murray Brooks, 75-83-158; Rick

Fontaine, 88-81-169; and Bob Decker, 88-94-182.

Canton honors went to Ken Eck, who shot a 161 on rounds of 76 and 85.

He was followed by Ross Gerulis, 79-84-163; Jim Selberg, 90-77-167; and Jim Wood, 90-89-179.

The Wayne title was shared by former Wayne Memorial athletic director Bill Hawley (83-80-163) and Keith Kiesznowski (82-81-163). Third place went to Teddy Salvadori (86-82-168) followed by Mike Lorenz (86-83-169) and Jim Newman (88-85-173).

The open division title went to A.J. Quimby, who fired a 157 on rounds of 77-80. Greg Gliha (85-79-164) took second, while Rudy Rosas (82-83-165) and Kevin Pollack (84-81-165) tied for third. John Sobczak (100-86-186) and Bo Whitworth (106-98-203) rounded out the group.

In the women's division, Sandy Felan ran away with the title with a 164 total on rounds of 80-84.

She was followed by Darlene Hawley, 106-100-206; Virginia Sexton, 102-110-212; Karen Morey, 116-109-225; Fran

Whited, 118-107-225; and Linda Granfieldt, 116-115-231.

Wayne's Chuck Cline captured the seniors division with a 171 on rounds of 88-83, four shots ahead of Buddy Stover of Wayne, who carded a 90-85-175. Doug Tompkins of Wayne (90-88-178) added a third followed by Bill Martens (87-92-179), Jerry Maynor (95-91-186) and Whit Whitworth (108-102-210).

Westland's Bob Weibel won the super seniors division with a 175 total on rounds of 93-82. Ivan Jimenez of Wayne was runner-up with a 90-92-182.

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Compuware icers lauded for academic success

Compuware Youth Hockey Director Todd Watson announced recently that two Compuware Midget Major players have received academic scholarship awards for their stellar work in the classroom.

Defenseman Brian Rieckoff has earned the Midwest Elite Hockey League's Scholarship Award, while forward Jim McCusker will be the recipient of the Barbara Ann Karmanos Academic Award.

Additionally, 49 other Compuware youth hockey players won MWEHL Academic Awards in 2005-06.

"As an organization, we're proud of Brian, Jim and all the players," said Watson. "We believe it's important to perform well in the classroom and on the ice. Time management is essential to be able to succeed in both. The awards are a credit to Brian, Jim and the rest of the players and their parents."

On the ice, Rieckoff scored two goals and 14 assists in 22 league games, while McCusker tallied seven goals and five helpers in 21 contests. Including tournaments, the Compuware

Midget Majors went 35-22-2 last season.

Rieckoff's MWEHL scholarship is worth \$1,000 to the college of his choice. Rieckoff will be attending Michigan State University this fall after graduating from Dearborn High School. McCusker is trying out for the Alpena IceDiggers of the North American Hockey League this summer and could return to the Compuware squad next season.

"Brian, in our minds, represents the tradition of excellence in the Compuware organization," said Compuware Youth Hockey assistant director Randy Paquette. "If you look at the entire Compuware Hockey organization, from top to bottom, the majority of our student athletes are carrying grade-point averages of 3.0 or better."

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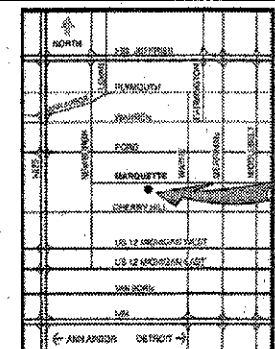
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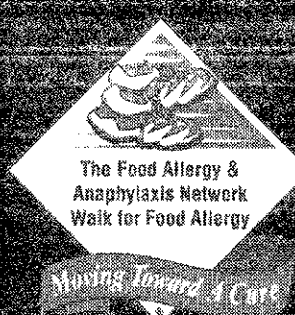
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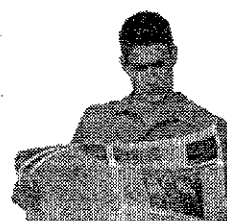
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Rams eliminated with pair of 1-run setbacks

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

After being shut out in Monday's opener, the Michigan Rams tried to open the floodgates in Tuesday's double-elimination All-American Amateur Baseball Association Tournament held in Johnstown, Pa.

The Rams battled back from eight runs down, but the result was another one-run loss, 11-10, in 12 innings to Cleveland (Ohio) after falling, 1-0, in 10 innings, to Altoona (Pa.) in the AAABA opener.

"It was a tough two-and-out," said Rams manager Rick Berryman, whose team was representing the 20-and-under Livonia Michigan Collegiate Baseball League. "We matched up with the two teams we played, but could not get the key hit when we needed it."

Against Cleveland in game played in Portage (Pa.), the Rams (26-13-1) trailed 8-0 until the bottom of the sixth before rallying for four runs.

Altoona answered with two in the top of the eighth, but the Rams closed the gap to 8-6 with two more runs before sending the game into

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extra innings with two in the ninth.

Pat Tretter, who went 4-for-6 with a double, homer and five RBI, knocked in the game-winning run scoring Christian Valperino in the top of the 12th to end the four-hour marathon.

The Rams, meanwhile, nearly won it in the bottom of the 11th when Matt Nickels' long fly was hauled in at the 380-foot mark.

And in the 12th, the Rams put a runner at second with 1-out, but couldn't cash in as Gary Pierpont, who worked three scoreless innings in relief, got the victory.

Pierpont led Cleveland's 17-hit attack going 4-

for-7 with an RBI, while Jedd Cordisco and Valperino each contributed three hits.

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Steve Karchefsky started, allowing three runs on three hits and a walk in 4.2 innings. All three runs were unearned. He was followed by Mike Sacha, Bobby Henderson and Andy Paulun.

"We went through a flock of pitchers," Berryman said. "Lawrence came in and did a good job, the only exception was the one run."

Scott Cain went 2-for-4 with a 3-run homer for the Rams. Teammate Sam Palace also homered, was hit twice and knocked in a pair of runs.

Other Rams hitting standouts included Billy Anderson, 3-for-6 with an RBI; Eric Vojtkofsky, two hits and two RBI; Ryan Shay and Rob Campbell, two hits apiece.

Altoona edges Rams

Ryan Booney's RBI single scoring Austin Homey with two-out in the top of the 10th inning

gave Altoona (Pa.) the 1-0 opening round victory over the Rams at Lilly Field.

Winning pitcher Todd Verndorfer went nine innings, allowing just six hits and one hit batsman. Ian Caster got the save in relief, fanning two and allowing just one its.

Losing pitcher John Fileccia (Albion College) went 9.2 innings and scattered seven hits. He fanned 10 and walked only two. Mike Sacha came on for the final out.

"Both pitchers pitched good games," Berryman said. "We had a runner at second with nobody out and at second and third twice with one out and couldn't score. We hit the ball, but we didn't get the timely hit."

Altoona, which did not collect its first hit until the sixth inning, was led by Homey, who went 2-for-2. Jeremy Potter, Brett Webley, Josh Farbaugh and Matt Young collected the other Altoona hits.

Andrew Stafford (Oakland University), Kyle Hurtt (Michigan State) and Anderson each went 2-for-4 in the loss. Wayne native and Catholic Central High grad Vojtkofsky (Spring Arbor University) collected the other Rams hit and a sacrifice.



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LESSON ON GOLF

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TOP THREE PUBLIC COURSES

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3. Cherry Creek (Shelby Township)

Simply a very pretty and fun course with perhaps the nicest clubhouse in the state. Food service is also very good. One of the owners (Mike Bylen) co-designed this gem with Ryder Cupper Lanny Wadkins. Beautiful tree-lined course with lots of wetlands. Only problem, a hole or two along the highway can be a bit distracting.

Jeff Lesson hosts "Lesson on Golf" weekend mornings on WWJ Newsradio 950 and Saturday mornings 7-8am on 1270 XYT. He also co-hosts "Michigan Golf Weekly Saturdays at 6pm on CBS Detroit TV.

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BASEBALL TRYOUTS

■ The Tigers, a U12 Plymouth/Canton travel baseball team, will be holding tryouts for the 2007 season on Monday, Aug. 28, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tryouts will be conducted by professional baseball coaches at Massey Field, which is located on Plymouth Road, just east of Haggerty.

Eligible players must be younger than 13 years old by April 30, 2007. For more information, contact Larry at (734) 812-3280.

■ Tryouts for the 2007 U13 Canton Alley Cats travel baseball team will be held at Heritage Park Sunday, Aug. 27, beginning at 4 p.m. Players should arrive 20 minutes early to register.

The Alley Cats compete in the Kensington Valley Travel League as well as in several USSSA tournaments each season.

To be eligible, players must be 13 years old (or younger) as of April 30, 2007. For more information, contact head coach Glen Potter at (734) 844-8941 between Aug. 20-27.

■ Tryouts for the 2007 Vipers, an 11-and-under Plymouth-Canton travel baseball team, will be from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, at Plymouth Township Park (field No. 2), which is located off Ann Arbor Trail (between McClumpha and Beck roads).

Eligible players must be 12 years-old by Aug. 20, 2007.

For more information, contact Tony Boucher at (734) 454-4992 or tboucher14@yahoo.com; or Don Clark at (734) 455-1224 or arg8@aol.com.

■ The Pirates 2007 14-and-under baseball team, which represents the communities of Plymouth and Canton, will be conducting tryouts on Wednesday, Aug. 23, at 6 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 27, at 2:30 p.m. at Heritage Park in Canton Township. Heritage is located behind the Canton Township offices on Canton Center Rd., just south of Cherry Hill.

Players must have a birth date

on or after May 1, 1992, and enjoy playing at a competitive level.

The team is expected to participate in a total of approximately 40 games — both league and tournament — beginning in April of 2007. Players will also have the option of participating in a fall baseball league beginning in mid-September.

For more information, contact coach Bruce Price at (734) 635-7497.

■ The Canton Yellow Jackets 10U travel baseball team will conduct tryouts for the 2007 season on Saturday from 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Heritage Park (field #1). The team will be coached by Bill Flohr. For more information, contact Flohr at pteridactyl@sbeglobal.net or (248) 761-9694.

■ The Plymouth Grizzlies travel baseball team is seeking an additional player for the fall 2006 season. Interested 11- and 12-year-olds should contact Rob Sudz at (734) 420-058. Players must be residents of or attend school in Plymouth, Plymouth Township or Canton.

■ Tryouts for the 2007 under-14 Motor City Chiefs travel baseball team will be held Saturday, Aug. 12, at 10 a.m. at UAW Field, located at 48055 Michigan Ave., just west of Beck Road.

The Chiefs are seeking tournament-quality players to compete in the Kensington Valley Baseball-Softball Association Elite League.

If you cannot make the scheduled times, and to confirm tryouts, send an e-mail to Mayer22@aol.com.

■ Tryouts for the under-11 Motor City Chiefs travel baseball team will be held on Saturday at 2 p.m. at UAW Field, located at 48055 Michigan Ave., just west of Beck Rd. The Chiefs are seeking quality players for a high-caliber team. If you are unable to make these tryout times, or have any questions, e-mail Ken Gaffney at kgaffney8@yahoo.com.

Mental part of golf similar for pros, amateurs

Last week's Buick Open at Warwick Hills was a perfect example of how golf, in the end, can be very similar for professionals and amateurs. Believe it or not, when it comes to the mental game of golf, nerves and distractions, you are not that much different than some of the professionals who competed in the PGA Tour event.



Links to the Game

Michael Patrick Shiels

golf professional John DalCorobbo. DalCorobbo, 41, is the director of golf instruction for Michigan State University's Forest Akers Golf Club.

DalCorobbo received an exemption to compete in the Buick Open — or rather, earned his berth in the event — because he won the 2005 Michigan PGA Championship last August at Shanty Creek Resort.

The Michigan PGA Championship field was comprised not of PGA Tour players, but rather, over 200 of the state's best golf professionals — most of whom work at country

clubs, golf courses and practice ranges. DalCorobbo is one of the better players and a fine instructor in the Michigan PGA Section, having won the 1998 Tournament of Champions and been named the PGA's "Teacher of the Year" in 2005.

So DalCorobbo got a shot at the big time, a "club pro" in a field of PGA Tour professionals...and he had almost a full year to think about it, since he won the Michigan PGA Championship last August.

"I've had a lot of time to try to get my mind in the right place and be ready for this," DalCorobbo said the week before the Buick Open after a strong finish in this year's Tournament of Champions at Boyne Mountain. "You know, if I make the cut, that's great. But if I don't, people really don't expect a club pro to do well against PGA Tour players. But personally, I don't enter any event without expecting to be competitive and without thinking I have a chance to win."

He had a couple of practice rounds at Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club on Monday and Tuesday before the event, including one with Tour player Dudley Hart, and had hit the ball well. DalCorobbo's children and family were excited. He was in good shape — rested and ready.

So much build up became such disappointment during Thursday's opening round.

"I can tell you that I felt like I was playing golf on seven espressos," DalCorobbo told me after the round. "I just couldn't calm myself down. I couldn't find my normal focus."

DalCorobbo said the excitement of playing in a PGA Tour got to him.

"You definitely know you're alive when you play in that setting. It's a real rush," he admitted. "When I got to the eighth green the spectators were lined three-deep. I tried to prepare for it, but that's the kind of thing a club pro doesn't normally see."

DalCorobbo said he got distracted by the festival-like atmosphere and activities that take place during a PGA Tour event.

"The crowds were cheering and hooting and yelling and there were trucks moving around and I tried to focus on each shot, but I didn't hit the ball well and I didn't putt any better. I missed putts inside nine feet about eight times. Hence my score."

DalCorobbo's opening round score was nine-over-par 81. By contrast, Tiger Woods had opened with a six-under-par 66 — 15 strokes better than DalCorobbo — and Woods wasn't even in the lead.

On the PGA Tour, the field is cut in half to the lowest 70 players (plus ties) after the first two rounds. Unless a player makes the cut, he doesn't make a check. After opening with an 81 on Thursday, it was very unlikely that DalCorobbo could possibly play well enough on Friday to make the cut.

Then the bad news got even worse: DalCorobbo would not be allowed to play his second round on Friday — he'd been disqualified for signing an incorrect scorecard.

"After 20 years of playing golf, that was the first time I'd ever done that," he explained. "Typically I check the card, then I let the official scorekeeper go over it again. I think there was some frustration involved with that. Definite frustration."

DalCorobbo will try to bounce back when he defends his title at the 2006 Michigan PGA Championship in late August at Eagle Eye Golf Club in Lansing — his hometown.

"Golf is a game that beats you down much more often than it lets you up," DalCorobbo admitted.

We can all relate to that sentiment, can't we?

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STOBBE

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time I've had to use it in a non-competitive way."

DAD'S A BELIEVER

Among the people she has

impressed with her unique self-defense skills are her dad, Marc, who is a deputy chief for the Westland Police Department.

"Being a police officer, my dad was naturally overly protective of me while I was growing up," Stobbe said. "But now that he sees what I can do, he doesn't worry about me as much any

more. I think my friends feel safer when they go out with me too."

Even though she competes in at least two tournaments a month, Stobbe has been able to dodge injury for the most part.

"I've been lucky," she said. "I've had a black eye and my hip went out of socket once, so I've

been fortunate. I've given more injuries than I've received."

Stobbe's long-term goals include owning her own taekwon do facility.

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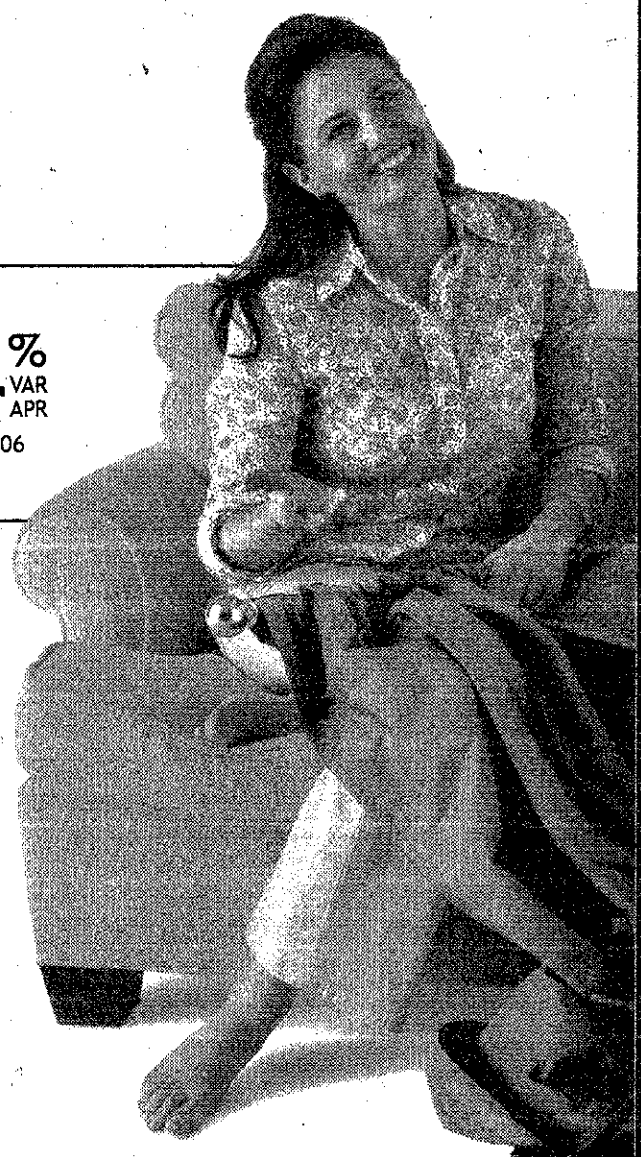
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Managing those bad moods in the home

Moods can be contagious. Imagine you have a throbbing toothache. You sit down in the dentist's chair in pain. The dentist enters the room in a cheerful mood. If you catch the dentist's mood, you relax a bit and he breezes through the procedure. If the dentist catches your mood, what would happen? He'd wince when you winced. As your knuckles turn white grabbing the arms of the chair, his knuckles turn white grabbing his instruments. As your panic grows, his panic grows. My guess is you would never go back to that dentist again.

People in helping professions meet others' sadness, anger and pain with an attitude of acceptance and a belief in their ability to be helpful. Imagine meeting your children's hostile moods with acceptance and a belief in your ability to be helpful.

It isn't always easy to be accepting and helpful. Just try dealing with a mouthy teen, who insists on skipping the family reunion picnic to wait in line for tickets to a concert. When you hear her disrespectful tone, it's so tempting to escalate the conflict instead of staying conscious enough to defuse it.

When my son was 3 years old, he was angry about having to get dressed. Instead of using skills, I caught his mood and got angry with him. He mirrored my anger and got even more angry. I got angrier back. Right in the middle of one of those, "Yes, you do," "No, I don't," kind of arguments, I realized that I had reduced myself to the maturity level of a preschooler. I was reflecting his mood instead of responding to it.

To respond in a helpful way, start by understanding that it is OK for children to feel what they feel. It's OK for a teenager to feel disappointed about missing a concert to attend a family reunion. It's OK for a preschooler to feel angry about getting dressed. It's easier for kids to restore good feeling once their bad feelings are accepted. While unacceptable actions need to be limited, permitting feelings helps children cope with their frustrations and move forward more easily.

To keep your child's hostile mood from spreading to you, take a moment to challenge yourself to choose your mood. If you respond with compassion, it changes the dynamic. For example, in a mood of compassion, I could have said, "I can see how angry you feel. It's not easy to stop playing to get dressed and rush off to preschool. Sometimes doing what needs to be done can be really hard."

Sometimes, everyone is in a good mood, then something unexpected happens. Do you remember the feeling of fear flooding through your body the first time your child got hurt playing a sport or the first time your toddler took a tumble head first on the floor? Everything inside of you wants to gasp and come running. When you do, your child is often more impacted by your mood than the mishap.

Have you ever seen a toddler who after bumping into something, looks around the room to see if mommy or daddy saw? If her parents aren't around, she's fine, but if they are anywhere in sight, the crying begins.

I remember my sister's wise words of advice. She told me not to overreact when my toddler fell. She said, "Instead of panicking, stay where you are and just ask if he's OK. When you panic, they panic." It worked like a charm. Unless he was really hurt, he'd just pick himself up and keep playing.

The parent, not the child, is responsible for changing the emotional climate of the home. It's up to you to model healthy ways of handling life's upsets. If you find yourself catching or spreading a bad mood, don't beat yourself up. Instead, do your emotional homework. Start by congratulating yourself for noticing what you did that was unhelpful. Not until you become aware of your behavior, do you have any hope of changing it. Noticing it means you are making progress.

It takes awareness, planning and practice to become effective. Since the odds are good that someone in your family will be in a bad mood again some time soon, you can plan a more helpful response now, so that when you are in the situation, you don't blindly fall back into your old way of reacting.

By putting these principles into place, you vaccinate yourself against catching future bad moods and raise the emotional intelligence of your whole family.

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LIFE

HOMETOWN

Staying alive

Dance groups keep Polish culture vibrant

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Megan Boyttcher is proud of her Polish heritage. Even though her Krakowiac costume is heavy and hot, she says the dance is the "most fun" of all the choreography she performs with P.R.C.U.A. Syrena Dance Ensemble, a school affiliated with the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America. P.R.C.U.A. was established in 1873 to unite and help Polish immigrants.

From September to April the 9-year old Livonia girl practices the dances from various regions of Poland on Wednesday nights at St. Michael's Orthodox Church in Redford. Then in April students don different regional costumes for a recital. This year the ensemble celebrated 30 years of keeping Polish dance and song alive, including the Krakowiac from Krakow, one of the country's oldest and largest cities.

"I'm having fun making friends and learning new dances," said Megan Boyttcher, a Hoover Elementary student who started dancing at age 2. "You do need to practice a lot for all of them."

Megan and her brother Daniel, 4, are following in their mother Gail's footsteps. Abigail, 2, will join them in September. Gail Boyttcher danced with Syrena for 10 years.

"Abigail is very excited because her brother and sister have been in it for years," said Gail, whose grandfather immigrated to the United States as a teenager. Her parents and grandparents spoke Polish at home. "It's important because of the friendship. It's a Polish Roman Catholic base and they believe in the same things you do."

TRADITION

Costumes are passed down from child to child in the Michelle Ferracciolo family in Livonia. She's hoping this fall son Anthony, 3, will join his sister Julia, 8, and brothers Joseph, 7, and Dominic, 4 in the group. Michelle danced with Syrena 12 years.

"They're dancing with the same teacher who has taught for the past 30 years, Shirley Galanty," said Michelle Ferracciolo whose great grandparents were Polish immigrants. "Along with dancing

they've learned Polish language, to count in Polish and sing songs."

Christine Lewandowski is trying to keep the culture alive not only by enrolling daughter Amy in dance classes, but by opening Polanka Market in Livonia to sell imported and Polish food with her brother Lech Zochowski. She immigrated from Bielsk Podlaski in 1981 and has her mother mail costumes made in Poland for Amy, an 11-year old student at St. Robert Bellarmine in Redford.

"She (Amy) is keeping up with Polish heritage," Lewandowski said. "The costumes are very traditional and the dances — the Polka, Krakowiac, Oberek. My favorite part is the Presentation Ball when kids graduate from high school and are presented to society at a dinner dance. They do special dances and the girls wear beautiful white gowns."

As Syrena's director, Patricia Steven is working to keep the dance ensemble/school alive. At one time, more than 100 students enrolled annually. Today, the number has dwindled to about 20.

Syrena is looking for children interested in learning about their Polish heritage through song and dance. Registration is 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6. Call (313) 563-1761. For information, visit www.syrenadance.com or www.prcua.org and click on Syrena. Currently there are 10 P.R.C.U.A. schools in Michigan for kids age 3 through high school. Tuition is \$35 a month for one child, \$50 for two or more.

"Nowadays, everybody is forgetting where they come from, so we'd like to get them back into that," said Steven, whose grandparents came from Poland. Steven studied dance in Poland for a month when she was 16. "I've had four boys who've danced. It's something I get to share with my boys. It's difficult to get boys to dance. You have to start them when they're young. It's helped them with their sports. They're more sure of themselves. It makes them a well-rounded person."

P.N.A. CENTENNIAL DANCERS

The Polish National Alliance Centennial Dancers learn to give of themselves while spreading the word about their



Allison Galanty of Dearborn and Joseph Ferracciolo of Livonia perform in Slask costumes.



Katherine Chmielewski of Canton and Joseph Ferracciolo of Livonia perform the Krakowiac, a dance from Krakow, one of the oldest and largest cities in Poland.

culture. In addition to their April recital at Clarenceville High School in Livonia, the young dancers visit nursing homes and dance on their float in the Plymouth and Northville July Fourth parades, and on Labor Day in Hamtramck.

Although Donna Crachiola's parents came from Poland, she

never danced as child so she wants daughters Jessica, 8 and Rachel, 7, to have the opportunity. Both are students at St. Michael's School in Livonia.

"They do community service projects," said Crachiola of Livonia. "A lot of kids are from Catholic schools in the area."

"Over the years, it's kind of become less cool to do ethnic dancing, but we have been growing. Families are looking for camaraderie."

According to director Dawn Rahn, the Centennial Dancers boast a total of 42 families with 78 kids. From Sept. 8-10, parents will pitch in to help run the Polish kitchen at Plymouth Fall Fest to raise funds for the group by selling kielbasa and pierogi. The group's dancers take to the stage in a colorful display of their heritage at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9. Among them will be Madison and Kennedy Rahn, age 10 and 7.

"We want to promote the Polish heritage," said Rahn, a teacher at St. Michael's. "When someone calls asking us to perform we don't say no and we don't charge, but do take donations."

The cost for a P.N.A. member to dance is \$200 for the year, a nonmember \$300, and includes costumes. For information, call (734) 462-0247. Practices are held Wednesdays for ages 4 and up.

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Early business lessons lead to his success

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Steven Jackson says he first learned about business through his route as an *Observer Newspapers* carrier at age 11 or 12. It was hard not to absorb the basics of good customer service when all four of his siblings delivered the hometown paper at one time or another in Garden City.

Nearly 40 years later, Jackson credits his success as president/CEO of Hungry Howie's to not only his faithful patrons, but employees. Like the Bloomfield Hills business man they learned from the bottom up.

"It's really all about people," said Jackson, a Bloomfield Hills resident who over the years has lived in

Westland, Canton and Farmington Hills. "I've had people who worked for me for years, some almost 20 years. One thing that gives us credibility is the VP's in the company all worked in stores, managed and worked through the business so when they sit across from a franchisee they understand and have lived those issues."

Jackson began his career as a delivery driver for a local pizzeria after graduating from Garden City East High School in 1972 and enrolling in the elementary education program at Eastern Michigan University. About a year later he left the business owned by Jim Hearn to work on Ford's Wayne Assembly line but as graduation day neared, Jackson realized teaching positions were few and far between.

Hearn had sold the Garden City pizzeria and purchased a small Taylor hamburger shop which he transformed into the first Hungry Howie's in 1973. Jackson dropped out of school to become Hearn's partner and open a second location in Southgate in 1976.

FAMILY AFFAIR

Through the years, Jackson's wife, Sarah, answered phones and made sub sandwiches. Today, she is controller for the franchise division. All three of his children, Jennifer, 30, Andrea, 28, and Steve Jr. 25, worked in the stores during their summers off from college. Jennifer is now director of marketing. Steve Jr. works in franchise development.



Steve Jackson is CEO of Hungry Howie's Pizza.

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AROUND TOWN

Alzheimer's walk

The Alzheimer's Association's annual Memory Walk for Alzheimer's disease takes place Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak. It marks the 15th-annual Memory Walk to benefit the metro Detroit Region of the Greater Michigan chapter. Nearly 4,000 people are expected to participate in this year's 2K walk to raise funds and promote the progress surrounding Alzheimer's. To register for the walk or to make a donation, contact the Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan Chapter at www.alzgm.org or call (248) 351-0280.

Sibling harmony

Welcoming a new baby into the family can be an adjustment for big sisters and brothers. The Marian Women's Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer a Sibling Tour 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, in Classroom 1. There is a \$10 fee per family. Pre-registration is required by calling (734)

655-1159. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 34675 Five Mile, at Livonia, in Livonia.

Genealogical society

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m. Sept. 7 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 Grand River in Howell. Speaker Sharon Brevoort will talk about "Timelines and Chronologies: Placing Your Ancestor in Historical Context." A help session starts at 6 p.m., and the public is invited. For information, call Margaret, (810) 227-7745.

Fibromyalgia workshop

The National Wellness Foundation sponsors a free fibromyalgia workshop 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30 at the Carl Sandburg Library in Livonia. To register for the free workshop, call (248) 426-0201. Seating is limited.

Flea market

The Livonia Historical Society hosts a Flea Market 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, at Greenmead Historical Park and Newburgh and 8 Mile in Livonia.

Food and refreshments will be available, and the village will be open for tours noon-3 p.m. For more information, call (248) 477-7375.

Farmington Players auditions

Auditions for "Moon Over Buffalo," which will run Nov. 17 to Dec. 2, are scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23 (6:30 p.m. sign-in) at The Farmington Players Barn Theater (32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills). This is a door-slamming, mad-cap farce from the award-winning author of "Lend Me a Tenor" (Ken Ludwig), where everything that could go wrong does! For more information and script availability, please call the director, Brian Tupper at (248) 553-4506 and leave a message. Please visit www.farmingtonplayers.org for the complete audition notice with role descriptions and requirements.

Golf outing

The Division of Kinesiology at the University of Michigan holds 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 pennyhomailey@aol.com

Tournament of charities

The fourth annual Michigan Tournament of Charities golf event to benefit children and families in southeastern Michigan takes place at the State Course of the Year, Fox Hills Golf and Country Club in Plymouth Aug. 28. Registration and breakfast begin at 9 a.m. with the 18-hole shotgun at 10:30 a.m. The cost of the tournament is \$1,200 and includes four rounds of golf for a four person team, four sets of thank you gifts, four pairs of Nike golf shoes and four seats at the banquet at the end of the day. 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. To register for this event, please contact Arbor Hospice & Home Care at www.arborhospice.org, email laren@arborhospice.org, or call 734-662-5999, x120. You can also register at www.mtcogolf.org and indicate your support of Arbor Hospice & Home Care.

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, Aug. 18, "Racing Stripes," in Elizabeth Park in Trenton. For more information, call (734) 261-1990.

Charity golf

A summer days worth of fun never

helped so many, which is just what golfers at the fourth-annual Michigan Tournament of Charities will do when they play at Fox Hills Golf and Country Club in Plymouth Aug. 28. Registration and breakfast begin at 9 a.m., with the 18-hole shotgun start at 10:30 a.m. Arbor Hospice & Home Care joins Open Door Ministry, Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, For the Kids Foundation, Joy of Jesus, Band of Angels, Children's Therapy Fund and Promise Village: Home for Children in benefiting from the generosity of MTOC and participants of the golf tournament. This distinguished golf tournament concludes with a banquet and live and silent auctions. Everyone is encouraged to join the evening festivities, which kicks off at 4 p.m. To register for this event, please contact Arbor Hospice & Home Care at www.arborhospice.org, email laren@arborhospice.org, or call (734) 662-5999, Ext. 120. Registration can also be done through the Michigan Tournament of Charities Web site, www.mtcogolf.org and indicate supporting Arbor Hospice & Home Care.

Hospice training

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

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. 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.

Mosaic

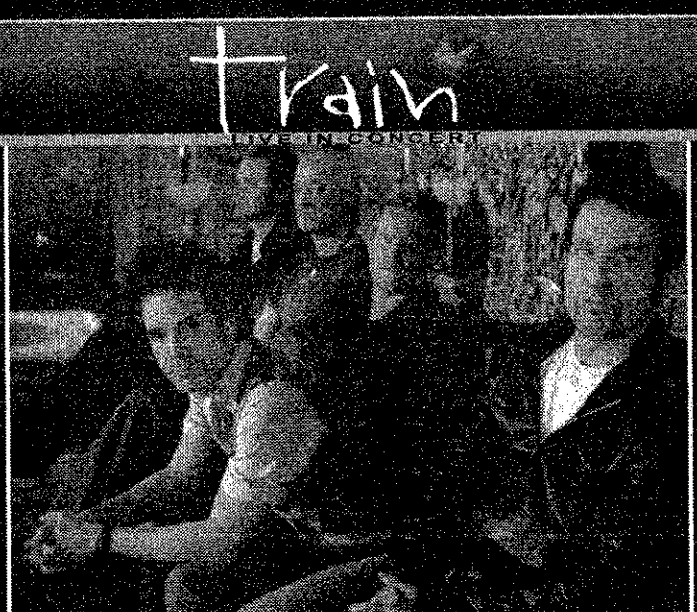
MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on child and family issues, has small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the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

Moms Club

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

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The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter-Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August. A group with ancestors who fought in American Revolution. Call (734) 420-2775 for further information.



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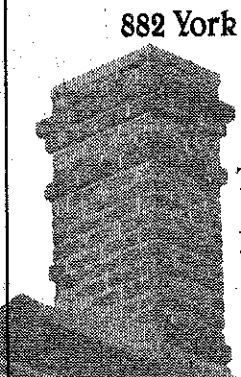
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Pom prowess

The Canton Varsity Chiefettes recently won several awards at the Mid-American Pom Pon Summer Camp. The squad placed first each night during evaluations and was named Grand Champions on the final day, placing first in Original Routine, Speed Learning and Kick Line. Also, the team won the Showmanship Award and the Peppy Pom Award, the squad seniors won first place in the Senior Routine competition, and senior Kimberly Martin was chosen from the 280 camp participants for the Smile, Sparkle, Shine award. Sixteen members of the squad earned spots on the Mid-American Pom Pon All-Star Team. Squad members are Front row (from left): Ashley Hoffman, Daryn Gordon, Kim Martin, Jennifer Novak, Katelyn Wade, Rachael Susterka, Karly Sasena, Britney Myslinski, Katelyn Ward, Nicole Battaglia. Second row (from left): Coach Jenny Kesler, Brooke Graham, Jessica Lee, Lindsay Phipps, Brooke Julien, Kristen Beyer, Suzanne Russell, Nicole Sheldon, Destinee Loftis, Camp Assistant Katie Churchill. Third row (from left): Emily Nairn, Katie Schwalm, Brittney Kopchia, Sarah Graves, Courtney Fravala, and Michelle Smiley.

SUCCESS

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"We started opening stores with friends and relatives and by 1980 had a dozen locations," Jackson said. "I pressed Jim to franchise this. We hired attorneys and went through the process of putting it together. In 1981, Jim went to Florida and started opening stores. We had our first franchise in the beginning of 1983."

"I feel we have a superior product. What sets us apart is our flavored crust pizza developed in the early 1980s. A franchisee was playing around and adding sesame seeds to the crust then another tried it."

By 1986, Hearn and Jackson had formed a distribution company to help control costs and product consistency. As of two weeks ago, Hungry Howie's had 543 stores with 92 franchise agreements to be developed in the next two to

four years. Jackson says they receive about 500 inquiries a month.

"Hungry Howie's is the 11th largest pizza chain with more than 500 locations in 17 states, \$254 million in sales and plans to open 50 new stores a year. The bulk of the stores are in Michigan and Florida but we're as far west as California, as far south as the tip of Texas. The plan is not to have one store in every state but regional strategic groups. We have close to 220 locations just in the state of Michigan."

Jackson's business plan is paying off. About a month ago, Eastern Michigan University bestowed an honorary degree on him for his accomplishments.

"Proud is probably the first word that comes to mind," said Jackson, 51. "I always thought about finishing, but I was so busy with the business."

While Jackson is excited about the honorary degree, he's

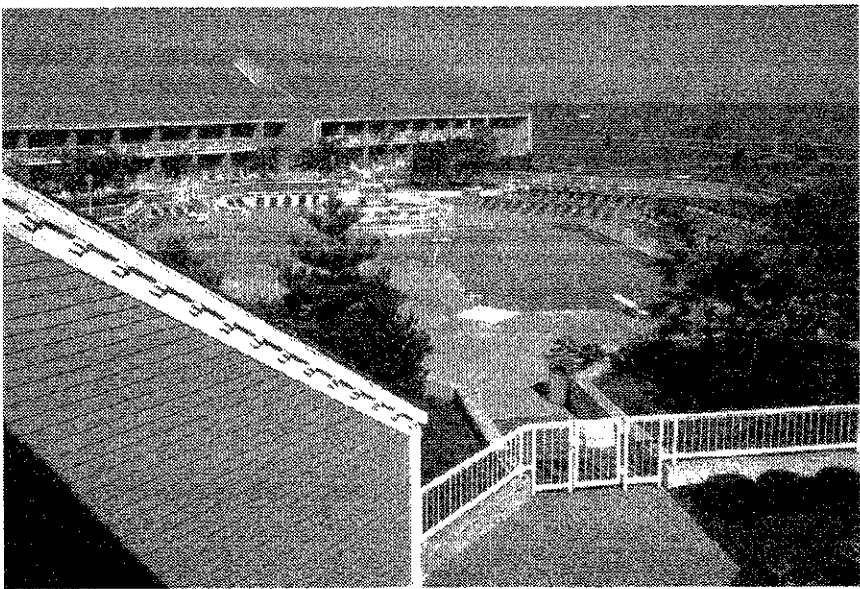
even prouder of another award.

"In 2004 *Pizza Today* magazine named Hungry Howie's pizza chain of the year," Jackson said. "It's like winning the academy award of the industry."

Success hasn't changed Jackson though. He fondly remembers the friends he made while growing up in Garden City. They continue to remember the good old days as well. Jackson chuckles when he talks about Bob Mason, one of his best friends from high school. Mason and Jackson vied for the honor of most valuable player on the track team. Mason won. Shortly after their 25th reunion, the Westland resident mailed it to Jackson saying he should keep it for the next 25 years.

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This month, 38 students from Detroit elementary schools got to experience Mother Nature firsthand and brush up on their reading skills, too, during a literacy program at the Environmental Interpretive Center on the campus of the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

The YES Foundation's KinderCamp, housed at the EIC for the past six weeks, enrolls students in kindergarten through second grade in the Detroit Public Schools who are recommended for extra literacy education.

This year, the camp's selection of books included nature-themed favorites such as *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and *The Tiny Seed* by Eric Carle, and *In the Tall, Tall Grass* and *Where Once There Was a Wood*

by Denise Fleming.

When the program finishes this week, each child will receive their own copies of the books they read.

With the assistance of several U-M-Dearborn graduate-level education interns, the students spent each Monday through Thursday morning reading, working on phonics skills and exploring fun nature-based activities to reinforce their learning. Fridays were reserved for field trips with naturalists.

"The benefit of a program like this is the amount of exposure and experience they're getting," according to Jaclyn Wharfield, one of the U-M-Dearborn interns teaching for the program. Children living in the city might not have the chance to experience all that nature has to offer, she said, but the KinderCamp students saw live deer, groundhogs and other wildlife during their visits.

KinderCamp coordinator Michelle Morden said having the program at the EIC allows the students to learn about their habitat while improving their reading skills, and the creepy, crawly bugs and other creatures hold their interest.

"It eliminates walls and creates possibilities for the children," Morden said.

Transient and operating out of different classrooms during its first two years, KinderCamp "found a home" at the EIC this summer thanks to a partnership cultivated by education professor Seth Hirshorn.

"The camp had been in different places, but the facilities weren't really good for it," Hirshorn said. Feeling that U-M-Dearborn's metropolitan presence was a good fit, Hirshorn introduced YES Foundation president and CEO Julia Richie to professor Orin Gelderloos, director of the EIC, and the partnership was formed.

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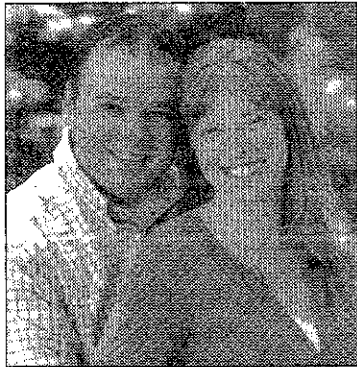
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**Loschiavo-Middleton**

James and Barbara Loschiavo of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Lori Ann Loschiavo of Livonia to Nicholas Keith Middleton of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1998 graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed as a financial analyst in Southfield.

The prospective groom is the son of William and Barbara Middleton of Ortonville. He is a 1995 graduate of Lake Orion High School and a 1999 graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed as an automotive design engineer in Ann Arbor.

An August wedding is planned for First United Methodist Church of Farmington.

Hackett-Fox

Ronald and Diane Hackett of White Lake announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Hackett, to David Fox of Plymouth, the son of Linda Fox of Farmington Hills and Dale Fox of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Walled Lake Central High School and received a degree in nursing from Oakland Community College. She works as a registered nurse at Botsford General Hospital.

The prospective groom is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and received a degree from Schoolcraft College. He works as a firefighter-paramedic for the Plymouth Community Fire Department.

A September wedding is



planned for Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth. The reception will be at Fox Hills Country Club. A honeymoon to Aruba will follow.

Ferstle-Charles

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ferstle of Troy announce the engagement of their daughter, Jacelyn Kay, to Joshua Charles.

Jacelyn is a 1997 graduate of Troy High School. She received her bachelor of science degree from University of Michigan in Chemical Engineering in 2002, and is currently working as a environmental engineer and project manager for Secor International Inc.

Joshua of Tecumseh, Mich., received his bachelor of science degree from Western Michigan University in Aeronautical Engineering in 2002, and is currently working as a program manager for Lear Corp.

Joshua and Jacelyn will be married in late September at St. John's Chapel in Plymouth Township. Joshua and Jacelyn plan to live in Plymouth with their dog, Rigby.

WEDDING

**Hoffman-Noonan**

Nancy Lynn Hoffman and Patrick Stephen Noonan, both of Canton, were married on June 3 at Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills with a reception following.

The bride's attendants included matron of honor Kristie Stephenson with daughter, Kiele, and bridesmaids Beth Davis, Melanie Mikosz, Becky Uryga, Molly Noonan, Jennifer Kable, Colleen Kashawlic and Jill Mitchell.

The groom was attended by best man Josh Pang and groomsmen J.P. Lake, Nathan Gray, John Wright III, Nathan Johns, John Stephenson, Mike Martin and Eric Sarraut.

Flower girls Morgan Brown and Riley McCleary as well as ring bearers Tyler Jackson and Nolan O'Harran were also members of the wedding party.

The couple spent 10 days honeymooning in St. Maarten and will be making their home in Leesburg, Va.

ANNIVERSARIES

**Richardses celebrate 50th anniversary**

Gordon and Glenda Richards will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 1. They were married Sept. 1, 1956, at the First Methodist Church in Ferndale and have lived in the same location in Westland for 46 years.

They have six children, Gordon, Geri, John, Jim, Craig and Jeannie. They have 16 grandchildren.

Glenda has been a past volunteer at the Cooper Elementary School for 20 plus years. She is a past officer of the Parent Teacher Association and a past member of the Parent Education Group at Whittier Junior High School. For the

past 18 years she has been a volunteer member of the Garden City Hospital Guild Association.

Gordon served 4 1/2 years in the U.S. military. He served as a paratrooper and was a veteran of the Korean War and is a member of VFW Post 3323 in Westland. He is past president of the Westland Youth Association. He was a charter member of the Arbor Trail Estates Civic Association. He attended Lawrence Institute of Technology and Wayne State University. He is retired from Sperry Corp. where he worked for 26 years.

They will celebrate their anniversary with a family gathering.

NEW VOICES

**Cole E. Schlaud**

Rick and Amy Schlaud of Canton announce the birth of their son, Cole E. Schlaud on May 24, at St. Joseph Hospital, Ypsilanti.

He weighed 3 pounds, 13 ounces at birth.

His grandparents are Rudy and Louella Cervantes of Canton, Kathy Schlaud of Lapeer and Lindsay Schlaud of Columbiaville.

Schmidt 50th

Ray and Pat (Sievert) Schmidt, of Farmington Hills, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 21, 2006. The couple was married on July 21, 1956, in Southfield and have lived in Farmington Hills for 47 years. They are the proud parents of four children, Craig (Chris) Schmidt, Dale (Sue) Schmidt, Eric (Andrea) Schmidt and Terri Schmidt (deceased); and grandparents of Brad, Kali, Paige and Matt (deceased). Ray is retired from Livonia Public Schools and Pat is retired from hospital administration. The couple enjoys spending winters in Florida, traveling and "RV-ing." They



celebrated their anniversary

with family.

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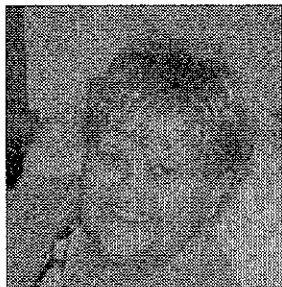
Age 82 of Highland formerly of Lexington and Rochester Hills died August 9, 2006. Beloved wife of the late Howard R. Field; loving mother of Randall (Amy) of South Lyon, Thomas (Georgianna) of Dexter, Mark (Kathy Jo) of Ann Arbor, Nancy (Gary) Musgrave of Highland, Anne (Jeffery) Scott of Farmington, and Jennifer (Patrick) Hilber of Rochester Hills. Funeral Services have taken place. Share memories and leave tributes at www.mem.com

JOSEPH F. WROBEL

Age 82, August 11, 2006. Loving husband of Lorraine. Dear father of Joseph (Julie) and James (Kris). Beloved grandfather of Jacob, Joshua, Alex, and Rachel. Funeral Liturgy Tuesday, 10am, at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile), Memorial tributes to The Parkinson's Foundation. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

NEAL LANPHEAR

Age 75 longtime resident of Plymouth, passed away August 11, 2006. Mr. Lanphear was the manager for the Coldwell Banker, Schweitzer-Bake real estate office in Plymouth for the past ten years. Member of the Plymouth real estate community since 1966. Moved to Plymouth in 1943 and graduated from Plymouth High School in 1949. Korean war veteran in the US Army. Loved to fish and hunt and spend his time at his cottage in Harrison, Mi. Survived by his loving children Duane, Mary Ellen (Jimmy) Hoyer, Diane (Glenn) Keen, Suzie (Chris) Dominique. Loving grandfather of John, Kristine, Jamie, Haden, Haley, Victoria, Nathan, Austin, Logan. Dear son of Agnes Lanphear and brother of Bud (Janet) Lanphear. Funeral service Monday 10:00am at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth. Visitation Saturday 5-9pm and Sunday 2-7pm. Interment Bethlehem Cemetery, Ann Arbor.

**FLORENCE LORNA GARRETT**

Age 55, of Westland, passed away August 8th, 2006. Beloved mother of Doug (Shannon), Christy (Amy), Jeff (Kim); grandmother of Megan and Savanna; sister of Mary, Susan (Gary), Buddy (Paula), Peggy (Mike), Betty (Mark), James (Karen); and dearest aunt to many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Bud and Jane Stewart of Detroit. Florence was born on December 4, 1950, in Detroit, Michigan. She spoke fondly of her childhood and her sisters and brothers remained her best friends throughout her lifetime. Florence raised three children while putting herself through nursing school. She took great pride in being a mother and in being a nurse. She was outstanding at both. For 26 years she was a cancer nurse at Harper Hospital and the Karmanos Cancer Institute. She worked tirelessly on behalf of thousands of patients and earned the love and respect of the many people she touched. Her greatest joys came from seeing her children find love and start families. Her grandchildren were the light of her life. Seeing them made her smile and laugh with a pureness of joy. Florence will always be remembered for her strength of character, for her courage in handling all that life threw her way, and for being the rock that everybody could lean on for support. She will be so very missed by all those who knew and loved her. Funeral Services were held Saturday at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia. Please sign the online guestbook at www.rgharris.com Memorial contributions may be made to the Florence Lorna Garrett Nursing Scholarship at Schoolcraft College or to the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

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**Fritsch 50th anniversary**

Glenn and Dianne Fritsch of Livonia are celebrating their 50th anniversary. They were married Sept. 8, 1956 in Detroit.

The couple has three children, Pat and Patty Fritsch of Livonia; Kathy and Kevin Summers of Livonia; and Susan and Emma Stitt of Peachtree City, Ga.

They have seven grandchildren.

They enjoy traveling, volunteering at St. Aidan's church, wintering in Florida.

Glenn is retired from AAA in



Dearborn.

A party is planned at DeLuca's for family and friends on Sept. 2.

Reckers' 50th anniversary

Pat and Pete Recker of Livonia celebrated their 50th anniversary on Aug. 11.

They were married in 1956 at Holy Family Church in Nazareth, Pa.

The Reckers have three sons: David (Lori) of Libertyville, Ill., Thomas (Karen) of Lafayette, Ind. and James of West Bloomfield, along with eight grandchildren.

Pete Recker is a retired purchasing agent, having been employed by Ford Motor Co. for 32 years. Pat Recker is retired from Comerica Bank. To celebrate their golden anniversary, the Recker family enjoyed



a cruise in the Caribbean.

Mazureks' 50th anniversary

Ronald and Delphine Mazurek of Westland are celebrating their 50th anniversary.

The couple was married Aug. 18, 1956, at St. Cunegunda's Church in Detroit.

They have seven children, 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The children are Kathleen Mazurek, Ronald Mazurek, Laurie Cirino, Debra Kolnitys, Gary Mazurek, Kenneth Mazurek, and Mary Kay Abraham.

Grandchildren are Caitlin, Michael and Derek, children of Ron and Julie Mazurek; Jennifer, daughter of Laurie and Nick Cirino; Tim, Jillian, Michelle, Erin, Dale, Dana and

Nicholas children of Debra and Tim Kolnitys; Alyssa, Ryan and Callie children of Gary and Ann Mazurek; Kaylee, Nolan children of Mary Kay and Rick Abraham.

Great-grandchild Alexandra is the daughter of Tim and Jillian Kolnitys.

Ronald is retired from General Motors and Delphine is retired from Oakwood Hospital.

They plan to celebrate their



50th wedding anniversary in Frankenmuth with their children and grandchildren.

Barristers race to help needy kids

The Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association hosts its Barristers' Section Ninth Annual Race for Kids to benefit the Salvation Army's Denby Center for Abused and Neglected Children and Family Services Saturday, Aug. 19, at the Belle Isle Casino in Detroit. Last year, supporters helped raise \$6,667.57 to send the children to an overnight summer camp. This year the barristers continue in their efforts to reach the \$10,000 mark in contributions to benefit the center. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the 5K Race starting at 9 a.m., and the One Mile Fun Walk/Run at 9:15 a.m.

Registration is available online at www.detroitlawyer.org, or on-site on race day from 8:30-8:45 a.m. If registering and/or paying on-site you must bring payment in the form of a check, made payable to DMBAF. Entry fee is \$25 for runners or walkers, and includes T-Shirt, awards, refreshments, entertainment, and plenty of activities for the kids. Also, don't forget to bring your pups. Our Dog Zone will be in effect again this year. Organize a team from your firm, company or school, and challenge another team to beat your team in both size and speed. Contact your Barristers

Board representative if you are interested in forming a firm team. For those unable to make the race, they can show their support by mailing contributions before August 19, to 9th Annual Barristers' Race For Kids, Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association Foundation, 645 Griswold, Suite 1356, Detroit, Michigan 48226. Make checks payable to the DMBAF. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. For more information, contact Said Taleb, race chairperson at (313) 983-4443 or send e-mail to staleb@plunkettooney.com.

Golf tournament to benefit children and families

A summer days worth of fun never helped so many. Golfers at the Fourth Annual Michigan Tournament of Charities (MTOC) will do just that. This event has been benefiting children and families in southeastern Michigan for four years, donating almost a quarter of a million dollars last year. This fourth annual event will take place at the State Course of the Year, Fox Hills Golf and Country Club near Plymouth, on Aug. 28. Registration and breakfast begin at 9 a.m. with

the 18-hole shotgun at 10:30 a.m. The cost of the tournament is \$1,200 and includes four rounds of golf for a four person team, four sets of thank you gifts, four pairs of Nike golf shoes and four seats at the banquet at the end of the day. 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 benefit-

ing from the generosity of MTOC and participants of the golf tournament. To register for this event, visit www.arborhospice.org, send e-mail to laren@arborhospice.org, or call (734) 662-5999, Ext. 120, or register at www.mtcogolf.org.

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: ■ Aug. 18 - Fifty Amp Fuse (formerly the Crackerjack Band) ■ Aug. 25 - Steve King and the Dittillies ■ 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: ■ Aug. 16 - Guy Louis, Chautauqua Express ■ Aug. 23 - Matt Watroba

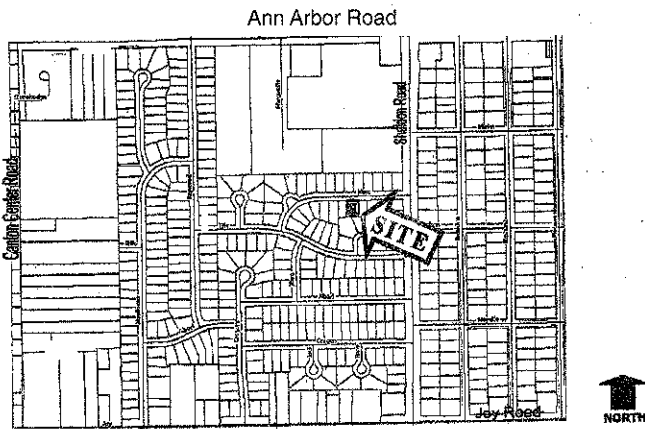
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: Request Approval of a Class "A" Designation to Permit the Reconstruction of House destroyed by fire located at 44471 Marc Trail. DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, August 30, 2006 TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M. PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 North Haggerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting Approval of a Class "A" Designation to Permit the Reconstruction of house destroyed by fire located at 44471 Marc Trail, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, Section 27.3-3. The subject property is located in a Single Family Residential District, (R-1). The property is located north of Joy Road, east of Baywood Rd., south of Ann Arbor Road, and west of Sheldon Rd., at 44471 Marc Trail.

Application 1937/0806. Applicant, John and Mary Ann MacLaren



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel description, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R-78-058-01-0055-000.

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

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KENDRA BARBERENA, SECRETARY PLANNING COMMISSION

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PLYMOUTH TWP. POLICE DEPT. 734-354-3232 NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that on 08/18/06 at 9:00 a.m. at B&B Towing, 994 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170, a public auction of the following:

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Notice is hereby given that on (August 21st 2006), Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Storage USA an Extra Space Company, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Storage USA, 6729 CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:30 PM.

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DANIEL LATOWSKI	E181 10x10	Moose head, Antlers, Marlin Fish, Golf clubs, Snow blower, Etc
ROD O DAVIS	E186 10x10	House Painting Equipment
KAREN GRADY	I324 10x15	Tool box, 8' ladder, elect saw, refrigerator, furniture
HESTER BARKSDALE	I316 10x15	Misc. Household goods & Collectibles
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More heart attacks on Mondays

Mike from Novi e-mails that he's heard you can be more prone to suffering a heart attack on a Monday and wants to know why.

Mike, an interesting study from the *British Medical Journal* seems to bear that out. The 10-year study suggests that 20 percent more people die of heart attacks on Monday than on any other day of the week! The study focused on 80,000 men and women who died of heart attacks between 1986 and 1995. The study showed that women, with no history of heart disease, were 20 percent more likely to have an attack on Monday compared to 19 percent of men. The study suggests that the stress of returning to work after the weekend could be to blame. So try to ease into your work week and your heart will thank you for it!



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Craig from Harper Woods e-mails that he's been jogging for months and is ready to take his training to the next level.

Craig, you may want to think about heading for the hills. World-class athletes have been running up hills for years to get the most out of a workout. But,

don't try to climb Mt. Everest in a single day! Make sure that you're in shape by running on a flat surface for at least two months before taking on hills. This will help the calves and joints prepare for the added strain of uphill running. Once you start running hills, work your way up gradually. Start by running up the hill and then walking back down. If done properly, hill running can help you reach the peak of fitness and endurance you've been looking for!

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, e-mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com. Catch Peter daily on WDIV-NBC 4 & WWJ News Radio 950. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

Health talk

Safety for children and adults is physician's priority

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Even though temperatures have dropped from near 100 degrees, Dr. Niru Prasad is cautioning readers "to be careful." In the latest installment of her *Health Talk* program on cable television, the Bloomfield Hills physician talks about heat-related illnesses with guests Dr. Elizer Basse, chief of emergency medicine at North Oakland Medical Center in Pontiac, and Dr. Mahmoud Elghoroury, a pediatrician in Rochester Hills.

Prasad warns golfers need to dress appropriately and limit their time on the course when temperatures rise unexpectedly to a dangerous level. Outdoors, children and young babies less than 2 years old should cover their head, wear dark glasses and drink plenty of water. Senior citizens should take the same precautions.

Prasad posts a variety of health tips, related and unrelated to heat, in nearly four-dozen articles on her Web site at www.doctorniruprasad.com.

"At least for the next two weeks, there's still cause for concern," Prasad said. "If they develop cramps, dizziness, just don't feel good, they should seek help. If symptoms are mild, they should stop doing whatever they are doing and go inside and drinks lots of water and electrolyte containing solutions like Gatorade. Joggers should carry electrolyte solutions with them because they're already losing fluid (by running)."

"Through sweat we lose sodium. For athletes and children, they could develop cramps in



Dr. Niru Prasad (right) recently hosted a summer illnesses program on her *Health Talk* cable television show with guest, Dr. Mahmoud Elghoroury, a pediatrician in Rochester Hills.

the legs. It could be due to the loss of potassium.

"For people with heat stroke, they develop a high temperature and there won't be any sweating. This requires calling 9-1-1."

During her 15 years in the emergency rooms at Henry Ford Medical Center, West Bloomfield and St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital in Pontiac, Prasad has seen everything from severe head traumas caused by falling or not wearing a helmet while bicycling, to broken bones resulting from summer activities as benign as walking.

Prasad sees her *Health Talk* program as a community service

to help people stay safe and well. Each week, she invites experts to talk about prevention. She recommends senior citizens put on comfortable shoes before taking their next stroll to prevent falls and the resulting hip or forearm fractures. And everyone should be leery of animals. She's seen cat, dog and even raccoon bites in the E.R. One woman was regularly feeding a raccoon on her deck when bitten. She required a series of rabies vaccines.

"My whole aim of life is helping people," said Prasad, 66. "I raised four children and none of my kids ever missed a school

day, and they were all active with sports."

Shortly, she'll tape a back-to-school safety segment for the cable show. Prasad frequently speaks in the community on topics such as immunizations for children and college students. Her book, *How to Keep Your Child Safe and Healthy*, published in 1999, offers valuable information. Visitors to her Web site can read it online, or purchase a copy at www.amazon.com. Orphan Medical Network International, a Michigan-based charity, has distributed about 10,000 copies of the book in Zambia, Kenya, Haiti and India. She also donated copies to needy families enrolled locally in Women, Infant & Children (WIC) and Head Start programs, to name a few.

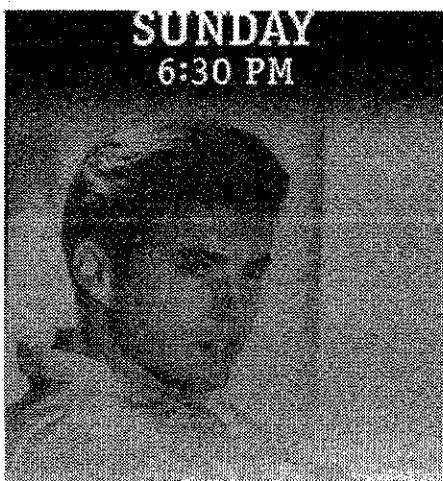
Board-certified in pediatrics and emergency medicine, Prasad served a fellowship at Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit after graduating from Patna Medical College in Bihar, India, where she lived until 1965. It was at the hospital that she witnessed the living circumstances of underprivileged children. The experience inspired her to write the handbook for parents.

Today, Prasad is semi-retired and practices occupational medicine for General Motors and DaimlerChrysler. Her cable show, produced by Zachary Florance, can be seen on Bloomfield Community Television Channel 15 in Birmingham, Southfield, Franklin and Bloomfield Hills.

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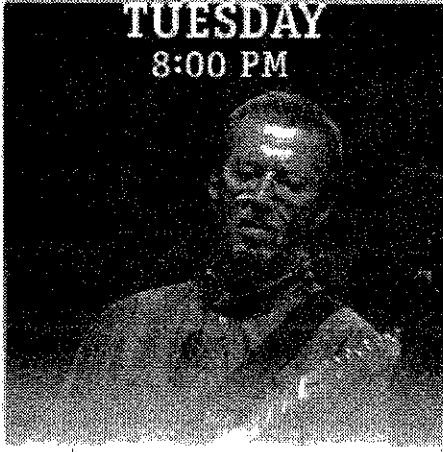
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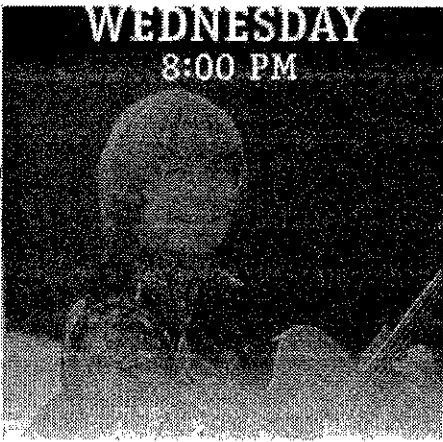
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AUGUST

Health camp

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 located in 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, at Saint Joseph Mercy medical center, 1600 S. Canton Center Road, Canton.

Panic relief

Panic and anxiety program to help cope with panic, anxiety and agoraphobias, learn to control panic attacks and anticipatory anxiety, learn how attitudes and current thoughts affect panic and anxiety from noon to 1 p.m. Mondays, and 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Livonia. If you are interested in attending the meetings, call (732) 940-9658.

Benefit days

The Mental Health Association in Michigan (MHAM) in cooperation with Borders is holding benefit days Tuesday-Wednesday, Aug. 15-16. Receive 10-percent off your purchase with coupon at Borders. MHAM receives 10-percent of the net purchase as a donation from Borders. For details and to download a coupon, visit www.mha-mi.org, or call (248) 647-1711.

Wellness seminar

The Five Keys to Wellness with Dr. Michael Brackney, D.C. 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15, learn how to eat, drink and sleep to reach your optimal levels of health, at 8524 Canton Center Road, Canton. No charge. Call (734) 455-4444.

Qi Gong workshop

Presented by Francesco and Daisy Garripoli, producers of the PBS documentary Qigong - Ancient Chinese Healing for the 21st Century, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 19-20. Space is limited. Pre-registration required. Call (734) 591-3530 or send e-mail to sarich@richassoc.com.

LifeLine Screening

Saturday, Aug. 19, at the Redford Township District Library, 25320 West Six Mile. Appointments begin at 9 a.m. Costs range from \$109-\$129. To schedule an appointment, call (800) 697-

9721. Pre-registration required.

Divorce support

Legal aspects of divorce with attorney Susan Elkouri discussing issue such as child support, custody, property settlement, pensions, spousal support, post-judgment issue, etc. 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, at the 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.

Women's cancer walk

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute presents a one-mile non-competitive walk with all profits to benefit women's cancers research and awareness programs 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, at the Detroit Zoo, Woodward Ave. and I-696, Royal Oak. Gates open at 8 a.m. \$10 for adults age 13 and up, \$5 ages 2-12, free for children under age 2. For information, call (800) KAR-MANOS. Register online at www.cancerwalk.org. Form a team and win prizes or join the Red Shoe Club to donate only. Visit Web site for details.

Fibromyalgia workshop

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30, at Carl Sandburg Library in Livonia. To register for the free workshop, call (248) 426-0201. **Meningitis vaccinations** Parents, be sure your student is immunized for bacterial meningitis. The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan is offering vaccinations at its Oak Park office Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The office is at 25900 Greenfield, Suite 600. Walk-ins welcome, advance registration is preferred. Call (248) 967-8755 for more information.

UPCOMING

Tai chi classes

Open house the week of Sept. 4, classes start week of Sept. 11 and run 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, at the Taoist Tai Chi Society of Michigan, a nonprofit, at 38121 Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275, Livonia. Call (248) 332-1281.

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.

Mini health fair

Livonia Parkinson's Support Group is hosting a Parkinson Mini-Health Fair 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. An Ask the Doctor sessions with Dr. N. Taylor, D.O., a neurologist, will be offered. Vendors with information about Parkinson's Disease will also be available. For information, call (734) 421-4208.

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The Rat Pack is Back goes smoke-free for a performance Sept. 12, at the Gem Theater in Detroit to benefit the American Lung Association of Michigan's research, education and advocacy initiatives. The show recreates one of the famous Las Vegas performances with Frank, Sammy, Joey and Dean. Tickets are \$50, \$110 for a special pre-show and VIP dinner at the Century Grille Restaurant. Call (248) 784-2030.

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Kidney disease walk

To find a cure for Polycystic Kidney Disease 10 a.m. (9 a.m. registration) Saturday, Sept. 16, at Rotary Park, 32184 Six Mile, Livonia. Pre-register online at www.pkdcure.org and follow walk links to Detroit Walk. Fee is \$15 adult, \$10 age 12 and under. For more information, call (248) 478-5159 or (248) 632-1328.

Bariatric surgery decision requires research, commitment

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Paula Magid is not only a cheerleader for laproscopic bariatric surgery, but the educational program at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Four years ago, she had the open surgery procedure which required a 12-inch incision in her abdomen, but that wasn't the most painful part of her life changing decision. It was going it alone after the surgery without any knowledge of dietary changes and behavior modification.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers a four-hour education program to see patients through the decision-making before surgery and transition period after undergoing the minimally-invasive laproscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass. The evaluation process before surgery takes about 6-8 weeks and includes physical and psychological assessments.

The next educational seminar takes place 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, in the hospital auditorium. Speakers are Surgeon Tallal Zeni, MD, medical director, Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery; and Magid. For information, call St. Mary Mercy Hospital (877) WHY-WEIGHT. To register, call (734) 655-2692.

"They have to be committed, have to attend support group after surgery to make changes permanent," said Magid, bariatric program director. "For me, the hardest part was overcoming the fear of surgery. I was afraid of not being able to enjoy food. You can still enjoy food. It's about controlling portions and

choices."

Shelly Salazar and co-worker Veronica Davis went through the process together. The two women work in the billing department at Livonia Radiology Group at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Salazar, 50, has lost 117 pounds since her Sept. 26 surgery. Davis works out nearly every day and has lost 160 pounds since her surgery Oct. 31. She even ties Pilates bands around her legs to exercise at work. Before the surgery, it was hard for the 40-year old woman to even walk up stairs.

"It's so much more than getting the surgery," said Davis, who at 270 pounds admits to still having a long way to go.

Many major hospitals offer bariatric surgery in the area. Dr. Tallal Zeni, an M.D. who directs the minimally invasive and bariatric surgery program at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, says when selecting a surgeon it is important to ask about mortality rates. It should be less than one-half percent. He's had no deaths out of 200 surgeries performed.

Henry Ford Hospital Bariatric Surgery Center in Detroit has been named an American Society for Bariatric Surgery (ASBS) Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence, a designation that recognizes programs with a demonstrated track record of favorable outcomes. Henry Ford Hospital offers gastric bypass and lap band surgeries. For information, call (313) 916-9782.

Beaumont Hospitals in Royal Oak and Troy offer both lap band and gastric bypass. An informational seminar takes place 4-5 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 15, at the Beaumont Health Center, 4949 Coolidge, north of 14 Mile, Royal Oak. For information, call (888) 899-4600 or visit beaumont.hospitals.com and type in "bariatric surgery." There is no charge for the seminar, but registration is required.

Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn offers free monthly informational sessions on bariatric surgery as well. For information, call (800) 543-WELL, or visit oakwood.org.

Currently, the **University of Michigan Hospitals** offer only gastric bypass surgery for adults, but plan to add lap band surgery in fall, and pediatric bariatric surgery in a couple of months.

For information, call (734) 936-5738, or visit www.med.umich.edu/bariatricurgery.

Bariatric patients at Providence Hospital are sent to the **St. John Oakland Hospital** program in Madison Heights. St. John's Center for Comprehensive Weight Loss is an all-inclusive, centralized clinic that provides pre- and post-operative care for Roux-en-Y gastric bypass patients. For information, call (866) 823-4458.

Crittenton Hospital in Rochester doesn't have a formal program, but surgeons do perform bariatric procedures. For information, call the physician referral line at (888) 904-4325.

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Chiropractors find career rewarding

BY JULIE BROWN
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When Dr. Kim Shunkwiler was looking for a fulfilling profession, he chose chiropractic medicine. The Wayne resident is a 1987 graduate of Life Chiropractic College in Marietta, Ga., where he earned a doctor of chiropractic degree.

"It's a great career," said Shunkwiler, who has his own practice on Wayne Road in Westland. "The old prejudices are coming down. It's fun to help people."

At the time he was in school, an undergraduate degree wasn't required as it is now to enroll to study chiropractic medicine. "The curriculum is very similar to medical school except we don't study pharmacology," he said. Students do their internship while in school, working extensively with patients.

"People want choices, they want alternatives," he said. He finds people seek less invasive and more effective treatments.

"Very rewarding career," Shunkwiler added. "Whenever you can help change somebody's life for the better it's rewarding."

There are opportunities to specialize in such things as being a chiropractic radiologist or to work in a group setting. Shunkwiler incorporates clinical nutrition into his practice.

Chiropractic is a health care profession that focuses on disorders of the musculoskeletal system and nervous system, and the effects of these disorders on general health. Chiropractic care is used most often to treat neuromusculoskeletal complaints, including but not limited to back pain, neck pain, pain in the joints of the arms or legs, and headaches, according to the American Chiropractic Association Web site.

Doctors of chiropractic - often called chiropractors or chiropractic physicians - practice a drug-free, hands-on approach to health care that includes patient examination, diagnosis and treatment. Chiropractors have broad diagnostic skills and are also trained to recommend therapeutic and rehabilitative exercises, as well as to provide nutritional, dietary and lifestyle counseling, according to the Web site.

Dr. Michael Brackney practices on Canton Center Road in Canton with brother and fellow chiropractor Brian. Michael Brackney attended Henry Ford Community College and graduated from Parker College of Chiropractic in Dallas, Texas, in 1996. His brother is a graduate of Logan College of Chiropractic in St. Louis, Mo.

"Chiropractic should be part of everyone's health care team," said Michael Brackney, a Canton resident. He finds the work rewarding, citing such things as a woman being able to

lift a grandchild or a patient gaining productive days due to fewer migraines.

"I like to watch people's life get restored to them," he said. Brackney noted the key to chiropractic medicine is work with the body's nerves and getting them to heal.

"We have a lot of science behind us," Brackney said. "The science of it is so proven." He recommends patients check Web sites for good credentials and training of chiropractors.

Brackney agreed that chiropractors refer patients to other health care providers when necessary: "We let them know where they need to go."

The most common therapeutic procedure performed by doctors of chiropractic is known as "spinal manipulation," also called "chiropractic adjustment." The purpose is to restore joint mobility by manually applying a controlled force into joints that have become hypomobile - or restricted in their movement - as a result of a tissue injury. Tissue injury can be caused by a single traumatic event, such as improper lifting of a heavy object, or through repetitive stresses. In either case, injured tissues undergo physical and chemical changes that can cause inflammation, pain, and diminished function. Manipulation, or adjustment of the affected joint and tissues, restores mobility, thereby alleviating pain and muscle tightness, and allowing tissues to heal.





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LEASING AGENTS
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The Charter Township of Canton is accepting applications for the position of Mechanic II. This is skilled mechanical work of the journeyman level in the maintenance and repair of diesel engines, firefighting apparatus, automobiles, and other Township equipment. Must possess a current, valid Michigan Drivers License with a driving history that does not create liability concerns, i.e. convictions of reckless driving, careless driving, suspended license, or convictions involving drinking and impaired driving. Possession of a Commercial Drivers License (CDL) Group B with Endorsement N or temporary Group B with Endorsement N from the State of Michigan at the time of application. Rate of Pay: \$24.23 - \$25.22 per hr. Job description with complete qualifications and hiring process will be available on the Canton-Township website at www.canton-mi.org or may be viewed at the Canton Township Human Resources Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48185. Applications may be picked up at the Canton Administration Building, Human Resources Division, or on the Canton Township website. A Canton Township application form must be completed in its entirety and on file in the Human Resources Division prior to p.m., August 16, 2006. Faxed or e-mailed applications will not be accepted. The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. An Equal Opportunity Employer. Please place the above ad in the following papers:

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SELECTIONS COORDINATOR

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WAREHOUSE

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Legal Secretary/Office Asst.

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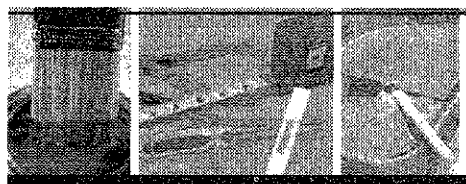
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OFFICE ASSISTANT

Entry level needed for Northville property management co. good computer skills are a must, must be detail oriented. 248-348-5100, ext. 125.

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Let there be light: Shining a light on skylight myths

(NAPS)—One of the best ways to add natural light to a room is also one of the most frequently overlooked.

Modern skylights let homeowners add balanced light, beauty and a sense of space to most any room in a home. Yet myths about skylights sometimes prevent homeowners from having them installed, either during construction of a new home or after purchasing an existing residence.

For instance, research shows that many people mistakenly believe that a skylight is bound to leak at some point. But industry experts say preventing leaks is simply a matter of proper installation and using flashing matched to the unit being installed.

"Skylights from reputable manufacturers are built to be totally dependable, just as are quality windows," said Joe Patrick, senior product manager with VELUX America, a leading skylight manufacturer.

"Anytime a hole is cut in a roof or frame of a home, the potential for air or moisture entering exists. But proper installation techniques and materials can take care of those concerns," he explains.

CONTROLLING HEAT AND LIGHT

Another point often lost on homeowners is that skylights offer as many or more accessories to control heat and light as do vertical windows. There are Venetian blinds to adjust the light and cellular shades to diffuse it. Lightblock shades can totally or partially block light, which is especially useful in bedrooms, while exterior Heatblock awnings can prevent heat from entering rooms during hot weather but admit needed heat on colder days. The latest technology is electrochromic glass in skylights that can be darkened or lightened electronically by remote control without blocking the view of the sky.

SAVING ENERGY

"And even before accessories are considered," Patrick said, "skylight

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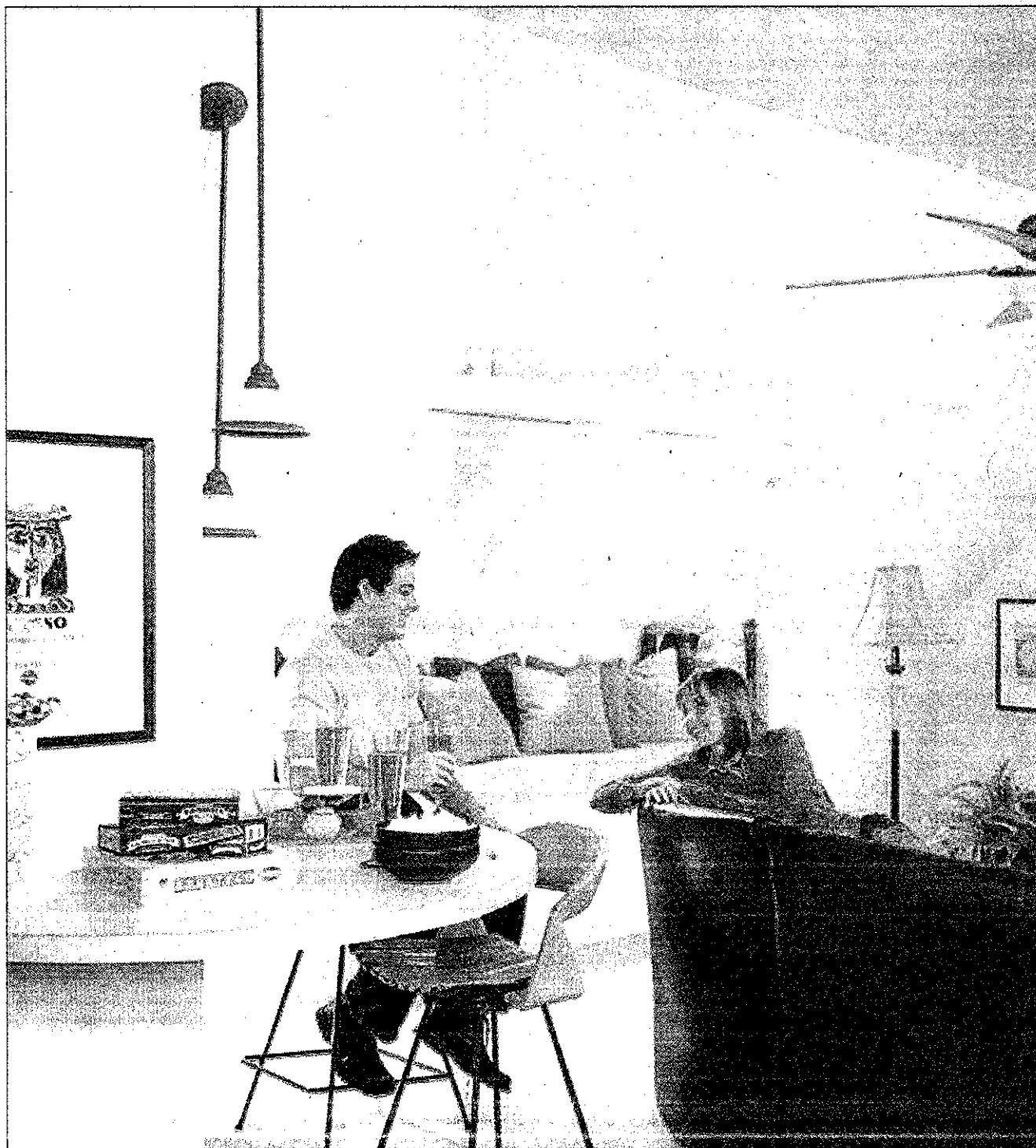
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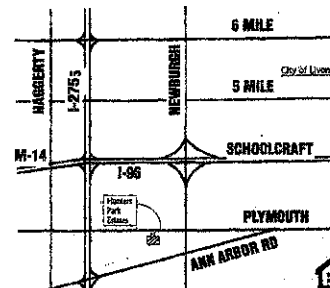
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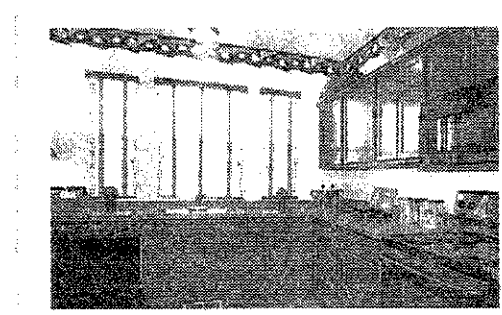


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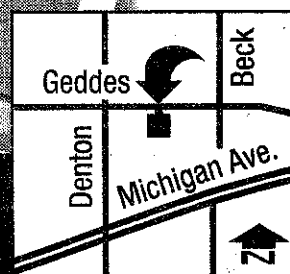
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	43735 Bannockburn Dr	\$213,000		23217 Springbrook Dr	\$195,000		20056 Five Points St	\$68,000
	42058 Cherrylawn Ct	\$205,000		20970 Sunnydale St	\$195,000		19600 Garfield	\$72,000
	39857 Fox Valley Dr	\$195,000		28057 W 11 Mile Rd	\$195,000		17620 Gaylord	\$144,000
	41496 Glade Rd	\$210,000					15837 Kinloch	\$103,000
	51104 Gold Ridge Ln	\$381,000					18728 Lennane	\$125,000
	43130 Hadley Ct	\$212,000					14030 Lucerne	\$143,000
	41471 Haggerty Woods Ct	\$200,000					18277 Macarthur	\$153,000
	45563 Hanford Rd	\$265,000					19721 Macarthur	\$117,000
	49060 Hawksbury Rd	\$211,000					19184 Negaunee	\$112,000
Farmington	51127 High Meadow Crossing S	\$437,000	Garden City	28905 Dawson St	\$124,000	Plymouth	20048 Negaunee	\$105,000
	4272 Hunters Cir	\$145,000		28662 Elmwood St	\$206,000		25447 Plymouth Rd	\$105,000
	2690 Hunters Ct	\$340,000		32456 Rosslyn Ave	\$118,000		18804 Poinciana	\$100,000
	49425 Lansdowne St	\$157,000					26309 W Seven Mile Rd	\$50,000
	1365 Manton Blvd	\$250,000					24428 W Chicago	\$68,000
	4054 Ravensfield Dr	\$206,000					9648 Wormer	\$134,000
	51097 Sleepy Hollow Ln	\$276,000						
	51139 Sleepy Hollow Ln	\$288,000						
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You're not stuck with stippled ceilings

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

From Doug of Winchester, Va.: "I live in a house that has stippled ceilings throughout. This was put on several years ago to hide imperfections. Is there a way to get rid of this texture so I can have smooth ceilings?"

Yes, you can have smooth ceilings again. The stippling effect is simply paint applied with a special stipple roller. If the paint used was latex, you can wet the paint and then scrape away.

If the paint used was oil-based, it will be slightly more difficult.

First, do a wash of the ceiling

with synthetic TSP. Once dry, do a light sanding with 80-grit paper on a sanding pole. Finally, you can "float out" the surface with drywall joint compound.

Use a wide joint compound knife to spread thin layers of the compound into the voids on the ceiling to make a smooth surface. You may need to apply more than one layer.

Keep in mind that you will need to wait for the first coat to completely dry before adding other coats. Sanding each coat is also recommended.

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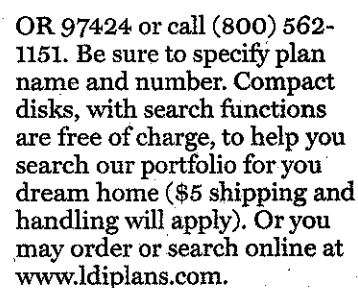
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The Oakland Builders Institute will offer:

■ A 16-hour seminar to help students pass the Michigan state builder's license examination, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday/Sunday, Aug. 26-27, at the Best Western ConCorde Inn of Rochester Hills, 1919 Star-Batt Drive. The course is for those who want to subcontract construction of their own homes, real estate investors and building tradespeople. Cost is \$205, including manual, sample questions and test application. A \$25 deposit is needed by Aug. 24 to Oakland Builders Institute, 1277 Dutton Road, Rochester Hills 48306. Call (800) 940-2014 or (248) 651-2771 to register during business hours, or register online at www.buildersinstitute.com.

■ In cooperation with Henry Ford Community College an eight-hour seminar, Basement Remodeling, 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Aug. 28 and 30, at the Dearborn Heights campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail. The seminar is

designed to help people make better use of basement space. The instructor will explain space planning, meeting building codes, insurances, permits, estimating materials and the basics of construction. Cost is \$95 for residents plus \$10 for textbook and materials, or \$104 for nonresidents plus \$10 for textbook and materials. Pre-registration with payment by Aug. 24 to Henry Ford Community College, (313) 317-1500.

■ A 16-hour seminar, How To Build Your Own Home, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, Sept. 9 and 16, at the Hilton Suites Hotel, 2300 Featherstone Road, Auburn Hills. Designed for those who want to contract their own home construction as well as those who want to work with a builder, the course details each stage of construction as well as rights and responsibilities. Cost is \$220 including textbook and a book covering home building information pertinent to southeast Michigan. Pre-registration with payment by Sept. 7 to Oakland Builders Institute, (800) 940-2014.

Remerica Country Place

Broker/owner Dan Clem bought the Remerica Country Place franchise in 1991. At that time, he was the only agent. Today, it has more than 170 agents operating out of the office at 44205 Ford in Canton.

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Place had sales in excess of \$100 million and paid out more than \$2.4 million in commissions. Clem attributes the growth to: pay plans he calls revolutionary and exclusive; large investments in technology; and providing top training at no additional cost.

"By only charging a small monthly fee and letting our agents keep the vast majority of their commissions, it has allowed our company to add agents that otherwise couldn't afford to become real estate agents," Clem said. "We expect this trend to continue and our goal is to expand this office to over 1,000 agents servicing the entire metro Detroit area."

In 2005, they expanded operations to include an additional 1,200-square-foot training facility and administrative office. For more, see www.RemericaCountryPlace.com.

CMU project

JM Olson Corporate has been awarded a \$5 million renovation project for Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant. The firm has been commissioned to provide general contracting services for the new 19,140-square-foot addition to the existing Center for Applied Research & Technology Facility. The new addition will provide chemistry and bio-level laboratories, with space available for leasing. The existing building will receive renovations to expand and upgrade the computer room, a

conference/seminar room, and provide circulation through existing space to the addition.

On the move

Pogoda Companies, a self-storage operator and broker, will relocate to larger offices at 30301 Northwestern Highway, Suite 400, Farmington Hills, 48334, on Aug. 22.

The move provides almost 40 percent more space for the growing firm's headquarters than its current office, also in Farmington Hills, said Maurice Pogoda, president.

The company's telephone and fax numbers remain the same: (248) 855-9676 and (248) 855-0170, respectively.

Pogoda Companies also recently launched a Web site at www.pogodaco.com. It includes information about management, brokerage and consulting services for the self-storage and manufactured housing industries, along with employment opportunities and company news. It also offers tips for choosing a property management company.

Founded in 1987, Pogoda Companies provides brokerage, management, investment and consulting services to the self-storage and manufactured housing industries through its Pogoda Group, Inc. and Pogoda Management Co. divisions. In addition to its Farmington Hills headquarters, Pogoda Companies has operations offices in Grand Rapids, Mich., and Dayton, Ohio.

5 buyer mistakes to avoid

I am going to buy a house. What are some mistakes I should avoid?

Buying a house can seem like a daunting task. Here are some tips:

■ Not knowing how much you can afford. You need to determine what kind of payments would fit into your budget. Estimate how much your monthly expenses are compared to your income. Determine how much of a payment you can afford.

■ If you don't own now, you most likely are renting. You may be surprised to learn that your mortgage payments may not be much higher than your rent payment. And of course, if you are paying a mortgage payment, you are gaining ownership. You need to also factor in the cost of property taxes.

■ Waiting to get a pre-approval. You will need a pre-approval from your lender when you make your offer. However, it's very important to get a pre-approval at the start of the process. You need to know how much of a mortgage you can get. There is no point wasting time and energy looking at houses that you can't get a mortgage for. Also, if there is a problem in you getting your mortgage, you may need time to correct it. The time to deal with these issues is before the process starts, not at the time of making an offer.

■ Trying to go at it alone rather than hiring a Realtor. A real estate agent provides many services for you. Some of these are checking the database for houses that fit your criteria, letting you know what the mar-



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ket values are, writing and negotiating the offer, etc. Best of all, Realtors are usually paid by the sellers. Therefore, you have access to all of the Realtors' services virtually for free.

■ Making an extremely low offer for a house you are interested in. Everyone wants to get a good deal. Buyers don't want to pay over market value and sellers don't want to feel that they are giving their house away. However, if you making an offer too low, the seller will get angry, and not take your offer seriously. Remember, this is the sellers' castle you are making an offer on.

■ Not getting a private inspection. When you have an accepted offer, you normally have the right to have a private inspection. They normally range between \$300 and \$400. Some buyers want to save the cost. If you are going to invest hundreds of thousands of dollars into buying a house it's worth this relatively nominal cost to find out if there is something very long before buying the house.

Michael Aldouby is a Realtor with Real Estate One. He has an M.B.A. with a concentration in marketing. Feel free to call him at (734) 748-9621 or e-mail him at michaelsellshomes@realestateone.com.

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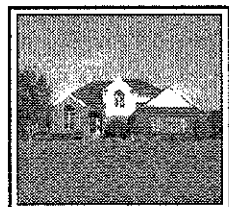
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- 9 Weep audibly
- 12 Yalie
- 13 Burro alternative
- 14 Electrical unit
- 15 Allure
- 17 Dewy
- 19 Not just my
- 20 Sincere
- 21 Bias
- 24 Flower boxes
- 28 Sandal type
- 30 Experts
- 31 Um cousin
- 32 Charlotte — of "Bananas"
- 33 Hazards
- 35 Be prone
- 36 All right
- 37 Vandale
- 38 Panorama
- 40 Missed (2 wds.)
- 43 Great number
- 44 Jason's vessel
- 45 Miscellany

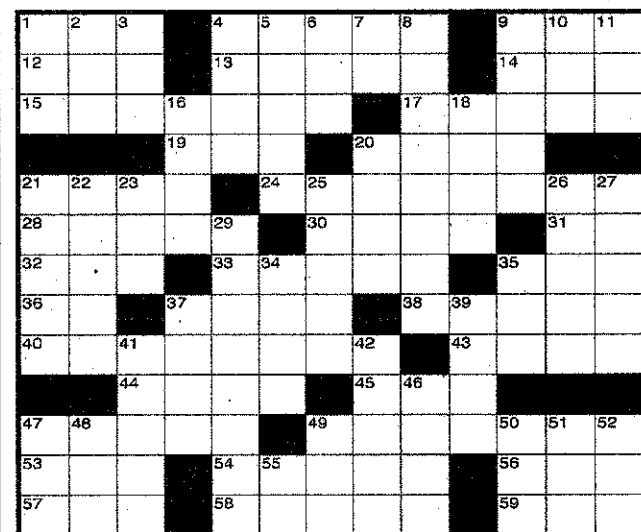
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- 47 It may be airtight
- 49 Temporary
- 53 NBA player
- 54 Microwaves
- 56 Day before
- 57 "The Bells" author
- 58 Dance move
- 59 Bumped into
- 1 Gas-pump abbr.
- 2 Under the weather
- 3 She played Rosemary
- 4 Matty of the diamond
- 5 Eat soup impolitely
- 6 Wheels
- 7 Cosmic sound
- 8 Lack of excitement
- 9 Show pleasure
- 10 Words of surprise

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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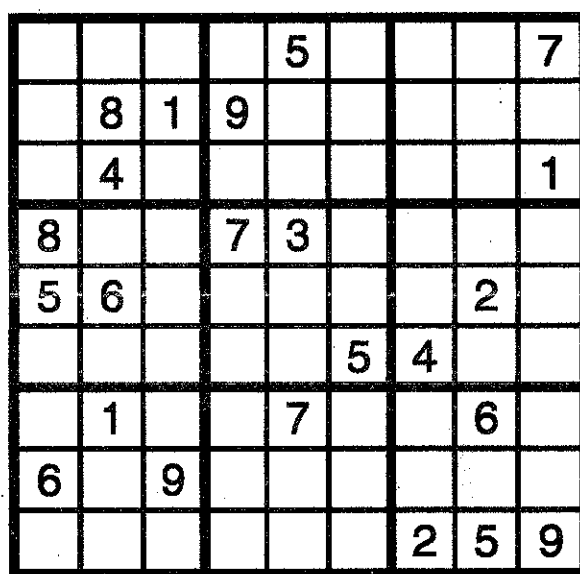
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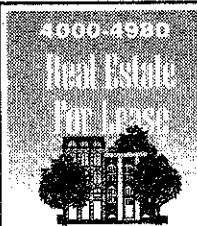
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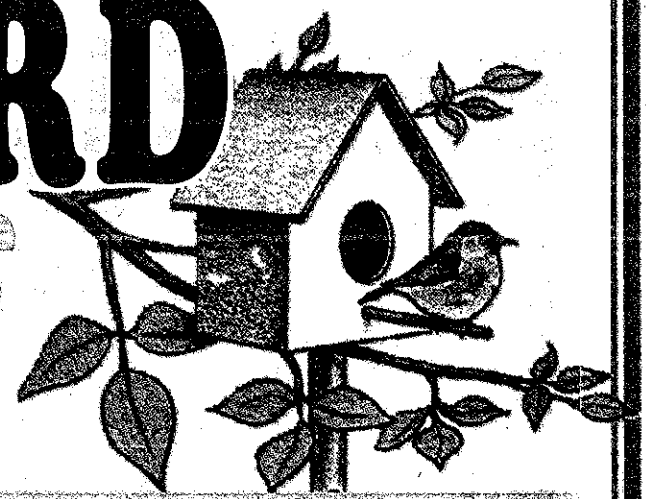
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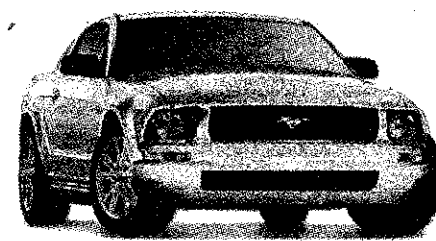


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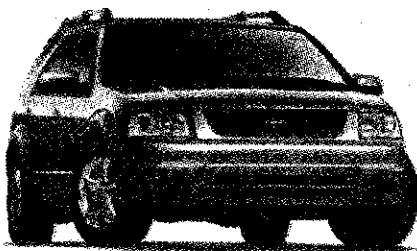


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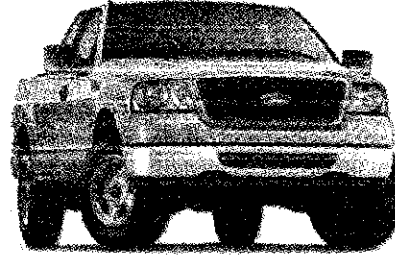
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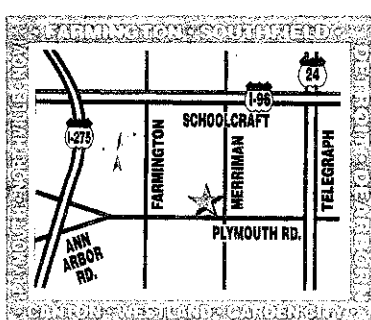
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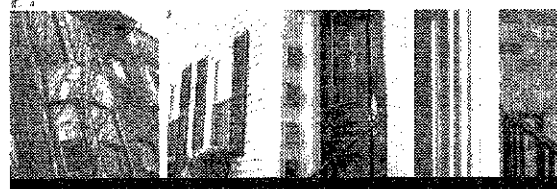
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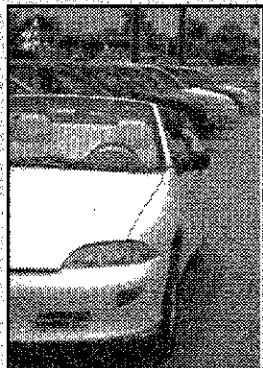
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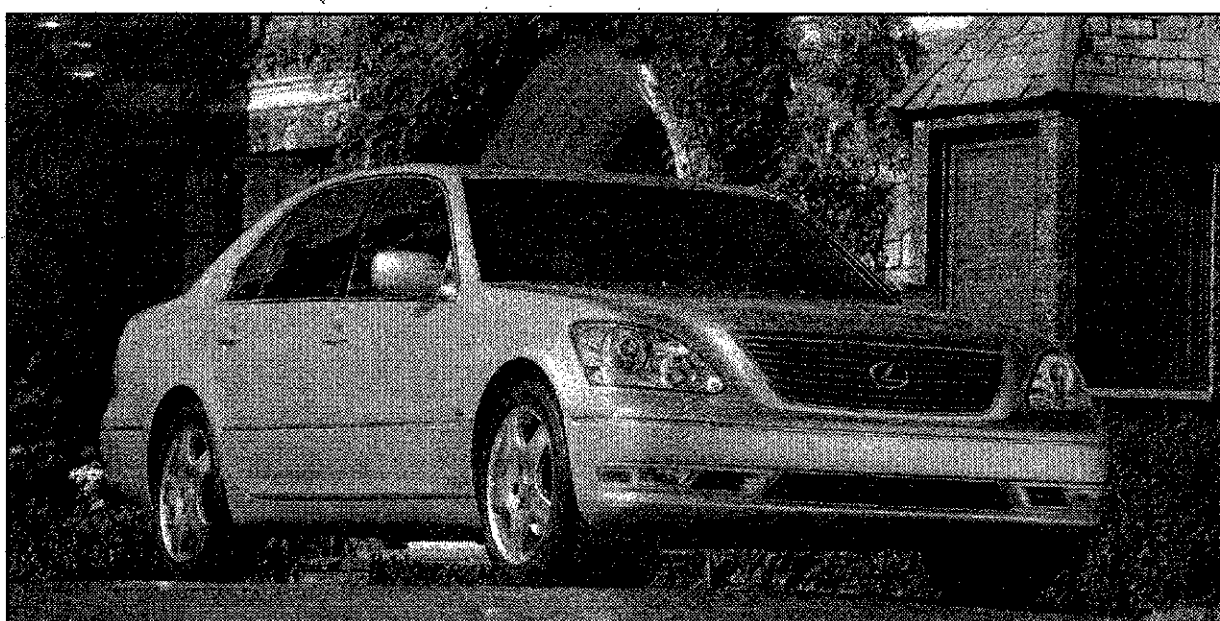
She was gushing about the 2006 Lexus LS 430, a car that's more tuned to her tastes than some of the sports cars and SUVs that I'd been test driving lately. She's the type of person who wants a nice, smooth ride, a comfortable cabin, good acceleration for freeway merging and some room for her stuff. Now that I think about it, who doesn't want all that? The difference, though, is that she's not into flash, not into cars that are hard to get in and out of (like some sports cars), and not into SUVs so big they're hard to park. She's more into understated luxury, smooth performance and easy handling. The 2006 Lexus LS 430 has all of that, and more.

We won't spend a lot of ink on the exterior styling for the LS 430. There's nothing terribly flashy here, and that's just fine. The lines are smooth, with fog lamps integrated into the front spoiler. The LS 430 comes with outside mirrors that automatically fold down, and they're heated. Exposed dual exhaust tips and 17-inch wheels complete the package, although 18-inch wheels are available as an option.

The package gets more interesting when we get inside the car. The cabin features wood and leather trim throughout, available in either walnut or maple. The standard 14-way power driver's seat and 10-way power passenger's seats are quite comfortable and provide great support. The seats come in leather, but you can also get perforated semi-aniline seats, and the perforated seats can be heated and cooled; the cool air on your back feels wonderful in hot weather. The steering wheel, which also contains audio controls, and the shift knob are wood- and leather-trimmed, too. The headrests are large and pliable. There are plenty of storage compartments, too, with large fold-down map pockets in the front doors, a slide-out cell phone tray, a storage area in the center armrest, and flip-down cupholders.

There's plenty of room for people, too. As you would expect in a luxury car, leg, shoulder and hip room are plentiful, and the rear seats are comfortable, as well.

Instrumentation is attractive and well laid out. You get a tachometer and coolant temperature gauge in the cluster, and a message center at the bottom of the cluster contains warning messages for low oil pressure, low



2006 Lexus LS 430. Vehicle class: Luxury car. Power: V8 engine. Mileage: 18 city/25 highway. Where built: Japan. Base price: \$56,525. Price as tested: \$66,624.

engine coolant, charging system, tail lamp failure (cuts down on those unwanted chats with local law enforcement), ABS and brake pad wear.

There are plenty of standard features on the LS 430. As you would expect, automatic climate control is standard, and it has automatic air filtration and deodorizing. Power tilt steering column, power windows, integrated garage door opener, power moonroof, cruise control, rain-sensing wipers, and power rear sunshade are also included. Lexus offers a few luxury packages that include options like power door closers, headlamp washers, laser and radar cruise control, and rear seat climate and audio controls.

Speaking for audio controls, the standard audio system in the LS 430 is an AM/FM/cassette/six-disc CD changer rated at 178 watts with seven speakers. You can upgrade to a Mark Levinson system that gives you 11 speakers, a seven-channel amplifier and is rated at 240 watts. Anything from Frank Sinatra to Faith Hill to ZZ Top will sound killer on this. Satellite radio is available as an option, as well.

Also available as an option is a navigation system with built-in back-up camera. The interface is easy to use and the camera can be quite useful. In fact, I'm hoping more and more vehicles end up with back-up cameras as standard equipment. Bluetooth integration is also available for hands-free cell phone operation.

The LS 430 is powered by a 4.3-liter DOHC V8 engine, rated at 278 hp and 312 lb.-ft. of torque. Mated with a six-speed automatic transmission (which you can shift manually), the powertrain provides quick, smooth starts and plenty of passing/merging power (0-60 in 5.9 seconds). At 18/25 mpg, the mileage is pretty decent for a V8, but the downside is that it only takes premium fuel.

The ride is smooth and the LS 430 handles very well. Front and rear, the suspension system is a double-wishbone system with anti-lift geometry; coil springs gas-filled shocks and stabilizer bar. Electronic air suspension, and Euro-tuned sport suspensions are available as options. Vehicle Stability Control is standard.

The LS 430 comes with power rack-and-pinion steering and it functions very well. The power-assisted ABS braking system is excellent.

In addition to the standard front air bags, the LS 430 comes with knee airbags for driver and front-seat passenger, side airbags and front and rear side curtain airbags.

A tire pressure monitoring system tells you if one (or more) of your tires are critically underinflated. An optional pre-collision system uses radar to sense an oncoming collision and adjusts seatbelts and the braking system for maximum safety.

My only real problem with the LS 430 is the price. It starts at about \$56,500, certainly reasonable for a luxury car. The problem is in how much you have to add to get some real luxury features. Add the larger wheels, the packages that give you the upgraded audio system, navigation/Bluetooth system, the laser cruise control, upgraded heated/cooled seats, headlamp washers, park assist and power door closers and you've added more than \$10,000 to the price, and are looking at almost \$67,000. That's getting close to Jaguar territory. The question is how many of the add-ons do you need?

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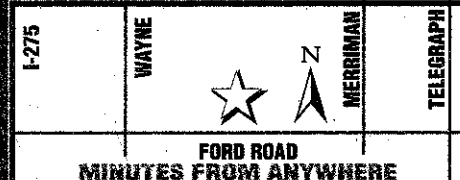
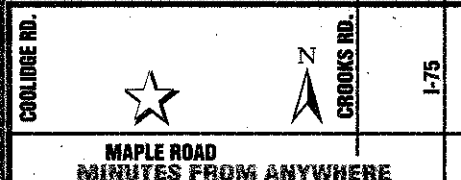
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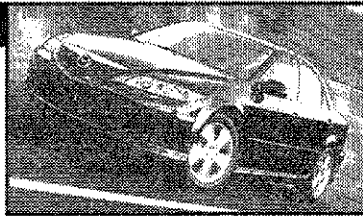
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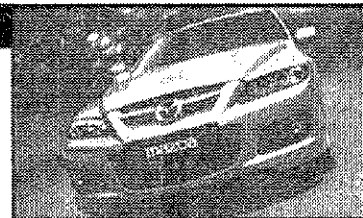
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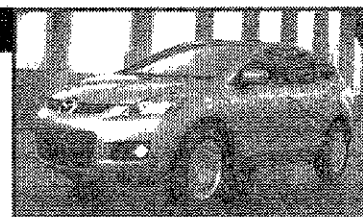
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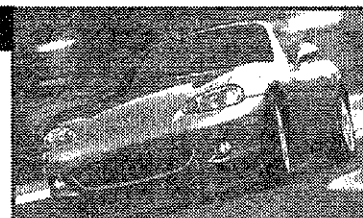
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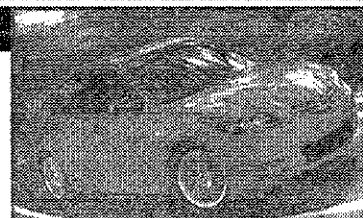
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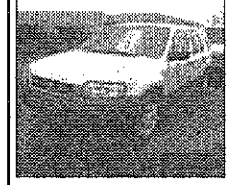
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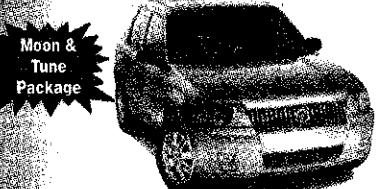
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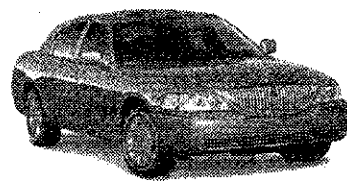
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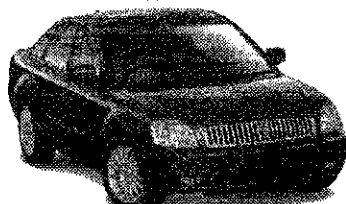
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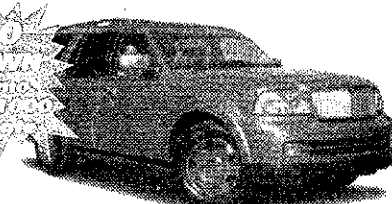
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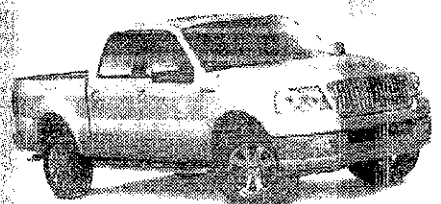
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