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District disconnects cell phones, other devices

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Like many teenagers, Abdallah Kazbour carries a cell phone wherever he goes to keep in touch with family and friends.

Kazbour, 15, of Plymouth Township knows he's not supposed to use his phone during classes at Plymouth-Canton Education Park. However, sometimes you just need to talk.

"You need it if you want to know where a friend is, or where he's going after class, so we can meet up," Kazbour, a Canton High School sophomore, said. "Or, if I borrow someone's

book, I want to see where they are so I can give it back."

Kazbour said he knows the rules about carrying cell phones, and other electronic communication devices in school — they have to be turned off and out of sight.

"I know the rules, and it's gone off a couple of times in class," Kazbour admitted. "Once, the teacher took it for a weekend. Most times, they don't do anything."

Plymouth-Canton Schools administrators say Kazbour's use of electronic devices is becoming more the norm than the exception, causing an increasing number of disruptions during

classes. According to the district, there were 583 cell phone/electronic device infractions during the 2005-06 school year. That number more than doubled to 1,373 in the 2006-07 academic year.

PENALTY GREATER

In a PCCS memorandum that states "electronic devices in general and cell phones specifically have been abused," the district is increasing the penalty for those caught carrying or using them during school hours.

"It's not a new policy, we're just having stricter enforcement of the current

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Karen Kaur, 17, of Canton Township, uses her cell phone following summer school classes. The Plymouth High School senior says she waits until classes are over so as not to be in violation of the school district's policy regarding cell phone usage.

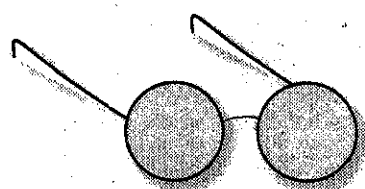
HANGING UP

The Plymouth-Canton school district will clamp down on the use of cell phones and other electronic devices beginning with the 2007-08 school year.

What you can have: Cell phones and other electronic communication devices; you just can't actually use them.

What you can't have: CD, MP3 player, iPods, pagers, laser pointers, etc.

What happens if you do: First offense — one-day suspension; second and third offenses — three-day suspension; fourth and subsequent offense — five-day suspension.



Potter-mania!



Alan, Amy, Yihongtong and Anna Sun enjoy a few snacks before the start of 'Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire' Friday at the Village Theater in Canton.

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Fans turn out to welcome Harry's final chapter

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Armed with a desire for a little Harry Potter magic, Jacob Maxwell, 11, showed up early for a showing of "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" at The Village Theater on the eve of the release of J.K. Rowling's final book in the series.

"I like everything about it," he said of the wildly popular fictional series, which capped off early Saturday morning with the release of the seventh book, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*.

Jacob, who lives in Canton, was among 40 people who attended the screening at the Village Theater. Nicole Jackson of As The Page Turns Bookstore and Gallery was on hand to sell the new novel at 12:01 a.m.

While Jacob described what intrigues him about the Harry Potter empire, his little sister, Taylor, who was dressed in a gold-trimmed, floor-length crushed velvet gown as Harry Potter's best friend, Hermione, nodded her head in agreement.



Taylor Maxwell of Canton dressed up as Hermione for the Harry Potter event at Village Theater Friday, but said she likes all the characters.

"The (books and movies) have got imagination and magic," he said. "The battle between good and evil."

Jacob says he got interested in the series about four years ago.

Although she was dressed as Hermione, Taylor, 7, said she

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District, teachers push back money talks

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools administrators and the union representing 1,100 teachers agreed to a number of stipulations during contract negotiations on a wage reopener this week, including putting off discussions on pay raises.

"We talked about a number of non-economic issues, but when we got to the financial piece we agreed there's nothing we can do until the state makes a decision on its own budget by

October 1," Superintendent Jim Ryan said.

"Our budget will be amended when we get the enrollment figures after school starts and whatever the financial situation is once the legislature adopts its budget."

School officials have heard a range of scenarios from the state, from cutting per-pupil funding to a small increase.

The two sides are expected to resume bargaining Aug. 3.

"We resolved a couple of things, I think we'll need a couple of addi-

tional sessions to iron things out," said Chuck Portelli, president of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association.

"Talks have been cordial. I think both sides have developed a respect for each other, to the benefit of the district."

Plymouth-Canton Schools will be negotiating five full contracts and four with only wage reopeners this school year.

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Leaders of the pack

Police officers lead a group ride at the Canton Police Department's Bicycle Rodeo, which took place at Heritage Park Thursday evening. In addition to getting bicycle safety inspections, children were able to register their bikes with the department. Everybody then took a ride to the Summit and back during the event, which stressed bicycle safety.

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Township board meeting

The Canton Township Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting at 7 p.m., July 24 at the Canton Administrative Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Agenda items include setting up a special assessment district for repairs to Marlowe Street; awarding work for intersection improvements for Warren and Beck roads to Sunset Excavating Inc.; Fellows Creek Golf Club improvements; enter into a municipal credit agreement with Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART); and approving bid to complete stucco repair at Cherry Hill School.

Van Buren Schools meeting

The Van Buren Schools Board of Education will hold a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m., July 23 in the board room of the administration building, 555 W. Columbia Avenue, in Belleville. Agenda items include a building trades house purchase agreement recommendation; a resolution setting regular election date recommendation; first reading of proposed board bylaws amendment; and resolution authorizing sale of school buses.

For more information, call (734) 697-9123.

LaJoy's bill moves

State Rep. Phil LaJoy's bill

to streamline government was approved by the State Senate Government Operations Committee last week.

The legislation, if approved, would create a commission that will review, investigate and collect all necessary information, which will be used to evaluate every function and service provided by state agencies and departments. The commission will report to the Legislature the complete cost of each function, the total number of full-time employees, how each function is funded and the total cost of all functions and services combined.

The package now heads to the full Senate for consideration. LaJoy, R-Canton, has already introduced similar legislation in the House.

"The Senate committee approval of this legislation is great news for the state of Michigan," LaJoy said. "Real, sweeping reform is what it will take to turn our state around, and I believe this legislation will provide this reform."

Donate cell phones for troops

State Rep Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, has joined other lawmakers in the effort to help U.S. troops abroad make contact with their families back home, by urging residents to donate their used cell phones at area AT&T locations.

As part of a joint project between AT&T and the non-profit Cell Phones for Soldiers, donated phones will be sold to

Dexter-based ReCellular, with proceeds used to buy prepaid phone cards. The cards are then shipped to U.S. troops serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and other nations. On average, each donated cell phone buys an hour of talk time for soldiers, according to Cell Phones for Soldiers. Each phone card provides 20 free minutes of talk time between Iraq and the United States.

"The brave men and women in our armed forces sacrifice so much to serve our nation," Corriveau said. "Helping them keep in touch with their families back home is the least we can do to show our gratitude. Rather than letting those unused cell phones rattle around in the junk drawer, I encourage residents to donate them to this great program."

People can drop off their used cell phones at local AT&T stores located at 43241 Ford Road in Canton and 620 Ann Arbor Road West in Plymouth. For more information, visit www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com or call (800) 426-1031.

Pandora jewelry & purse party

Showroom of Elegance Fine Jewelry, 6018 Canton Center Road in Canton, will hold a Pandora Jewelry & Purse Party from 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, July 28 to help raise funds for the Canton Goodfellows.

Pandora Jewelry will be available, as well as the ability to meet a representative from Pandora. Vic's Mart will also be on hand with approximately 150 designer inspired purses.

Rose Catering of Canton will be providing lunch for a small donation, to go to the Canton Goodfellows program.

Drama camps

Ever After Productions Summer Youth Drama Camps are upcoming. These week long workshops are offered to students aged 7-14. The workshops are for beginners or older students who want to refine their talent by emphasizing the basic theater concepts, development of skills, improvisation and appreciation of the arts. Students will present a short performance for family and friends on the last day. Students are offered the choice of two different weeks; July 23-27, or August 6-10 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Cost of the program is \$140.

Join the Musical Theater Camp: Disney's Cinderella Kids on Aug. 20-24 at 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at a cost of \$160. Learn basic musical theater skills; expression through song and dance, proper singing and dancing preparation and techniques, projection and style. A performance for family and friends will take place on the last day. For more information, visit the Web site, www.everafterproductions.org.

Nursery school openings

Creative Day Nursery School 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 art, music, story time and hands-on activities. Both morning and afternoon classes

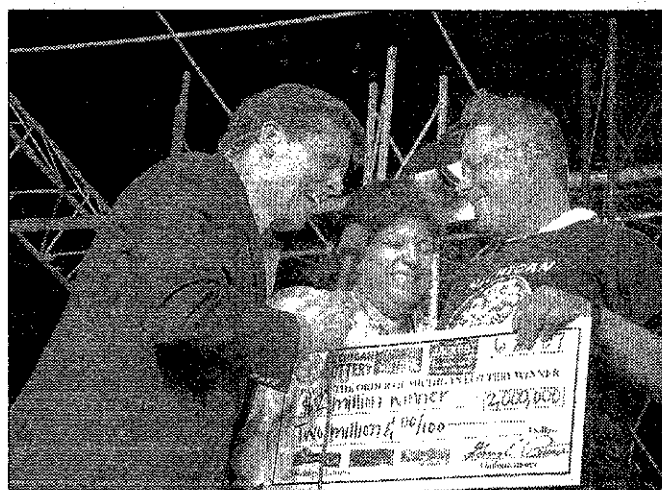


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Hauling in his prize

William Beard of Canton claimed his \$2 million Michigan Lottery prize on Monday. Beard, who won the prize in the \$20 Instant Game Grand Prize Drawing on June 27, is shown here with his wife Aida and being interviewed by Chuck Gaidica of WDIV after he won the prize during the International Freedom Festival in Detroit. Beard and his fellow finalists were randomly given colored Michigan Lottery T-shirts before the drawing that corresponded with color blocks on the prize wheel used for the drawing. Beard, wearing the purple shirt, walked away the big winner. The Beards, who live in Canton and both work at Eastern Michigan University, said they plan to invest almost all of their prize money, but will also take their kids on a family cruise.

are available. For more information, call (734) 981-3990 or (734) 981-6470.


School registration

Registrations are now being accepted at St. Michael Christian School in Canton for fall 2007-2008. The school offers 3-year-old preschool through fifth grade including its new Young Fives program. The school's academic program is taught by qualified and credentialed teachers. It strongly supports the development of the whole child

in a small class size setting. For more information, call (734) 459-9720.

Caccamo coffee returns

Canton Township Trustee Todd Caccamo will revive his coffee/citizens advisory board meetings at 9 a.m., July 28 at Carthage Coffee House, located at 45610 Cherry Hill Road (just west of Canton Center on north side). Caccamo seeks input on township issues, particularly the compensation of elected officials and the township's sign ordinance.



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Camp teaches kids how to manage money

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

As his small hands gripped the sides of a \$5 bill, Niko Aki, 8, held it up to the light and studied it with sincere curiosity.

"It's real," he said, spotting a security thread.

Aki, a participant in the Camp Canton program, says he got a kick out of Thursday's financial activity fair that featured several kid-friendly stations such as "Make Your Own Bank," "Needs and Wants" and "Money Twister."

The event was presented as a partnership between Canton Leisure Services and Community Financial as a way to teach children about money.

While one group of kids thought long and hard about how much money they should save, spend and share, others stood fascinated by the similarities in counterfeit and genuine currency.

Elise Simpson, a Camp Canton counselor, helped the group of 6-8-year-olds figure out the differences.

"Some people try to make money at their houses," she explained about counterfeiting. "Can you see if this one is real?"

After referencing an informational poster, Kelly Righter, 7, placed a \$20 on the table and said matter-of-factly, "It's fake."

Upon realizing she was wrong, Kelly giggled, picked up a magnifying glass and tried to figure out the legitimacy of a different bill.

"I see the tiny line," she said of a real \$5 bill.

In another area, campers



Aianna Cooley (from left), Rishi Mahesh, and Rebekah Carnes make and decorate banks for their money.

were given a sheet of paper and had to draw an item they were saving for. Some kids doodled cars, toys and televisions, while another drew a college diploma.

"That shocked me," said Ryan Alloway, a camp counselor. "I thought that was great."

About 90 kids participated in the fair.

Natalie McLaughlin, Community Financial senior education partnership coordinator, said it's never too early to start teaching children about money.

"We feel it's very important to help kids understand money so that when they get own their own, they've had some practice (with certain principles)," she said.

Although kids don't grasp every concept, McLaughlin said one of the major teaching tools is telling a child they have a certain amount of money to spend on a movie

and letting them decide whether they want to go to the theater or rent a movie.

"Financial responsibility is so important," she said.



Niko Aki uses a magnifier to look for the telltale signs that a twenty dollar bill might be counterfeit.



Kelly Righter and Niko Aki look at a twenty dollar bill to learn if it is real or counterfeit.

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New name, same goal

Weekly car show aims to help veterans

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

What's in a name? Apparently, for the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 from Plymouth-Canton, there's an increase in recognition.

The chapter decided this year to drop the name of its weekly Wednesday event for car lovers, "Cruz'n 528," and begin calling it a car show. As a result, according to organizers of the event, participation is up this year, with an average of 60 cars showing up at the Mayflower/Lt. Gamble VFW Post on Mill in Plymouth.

"We made the decision to change the (name) change, and a lot of first-timers are coming out," said veteran Bob Paul, who teamed with fellow vet



Proceeds from the weekly car show at the VFW Post on Mill in Plymouth all "go back to veterans, one way or another," according to show organizers.

Darrell Bazman to create the event. "We started calling it a 'car show' and we're picking up more people."

This year's series, which opened in May, is the fourth year the veterans have sponsored the show. The idea is for car lovers to get together, trade stories and enjoy each other's company. The vets cook up

some hot dogs and hamburgers, serve it with chips and pop, all while a DJ handles the entertainment.

While many car enthusiasts hold similar car events, Paul said the Plymouth-Canton vets' show is unique, because it offers things door prizes along with the traditional 50-50 raffle.



The weekly car show sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 of Plymouth-Canton draws some 60 cars a week.

And because they're a veterans group, they got a lot of corporate donations, from companies such as McGuire's car care products, CJ's Pony Parts (a Mustang order house) and Stoner (glass cleaner).

"We do a lot of door prizes and we give away a participation plaque," Paul said. "We're a veterans organization, and

(companies) like to donate because they support the veterans."

And while everyone is enjoying the cars and the fun, nobody forgets the real reason they're there: The veterans. Proceeds from the show, and the chapter's 2007 Car Cruise Raffle, from which the winner gets an eight-day Caribbean

cruise for two, all go back to veterans.

Last year, for instance, the club raised \$2,500, which it used to buy supplies for the Veterans Administration hospital in Ann Arbor. The money, Paul said, bought the kinds of things people need in the hospital: Toiletries, slippers, socks, etc.

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feature an Italian marble fountain. On Friday noon to 8 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. the courtyards will host over 30 booths with artists from southern Michigan featuring painting, photography, ceramics, jewelry, fiber arts, and glass. Chelsea Center for the Arts is hosting a public art project called "Barn Art" where visitors are invited to help create a photographic collage of images of farms, rural scenes, farming families celebrating rural heritage. Listen to great live music, participate in Barn Art and meet some of Michigan's talented artists. For more information, please call the Chelsea Center for the Arts at (734) 433-2787.

Fall Harvest Festival

Plans for the Grass Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce's Fall Harvest Festival, which takes place Sept. 15, in this quiet farming community are progressing. Artists, crafters, and businesses will line the village main street, while five farms will be open for tours from the Jackson County Family Farm Fest event. The Michigan's

Center for the Photographic Arts Fall Focus Festival will feature the photographic art of 800 children from the area, as well as hayrides, fresh cider and donuts, and horse and buggy rides through the village. Quality live musical entertainment, including the "The Shyguys," winners of the Grass Lake Third Annual Battle of the Bands, will play during the entire event in the gazebo/depot park area, and food vendors will be available at the site throughout the day. For more information on this event, visit www.dalefisherphoto.com and view or download a brochure with more information.

Sherrus First Friday

Sherrus Gallery will hold its monthly First Friday exhibit and reception featuring the work of Timothy Orikri Aug. 3. Orikri's work is said to be a fusion of simplicity and complexity. Orikri's artistic philosophy includes using bold colors to capture and create human emotion. His experimentation with texture, color, light, shadow, and three-dimensional form produces a distinctly

complex and unique quality. Since his arrival in the United States in 1995, Orikri's work has been featured at the St. Louis Zoo, the St. Louis Science Center, the Ethical Society of St. Louis, the State Capitol Building in Jefferson City, MO., and the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute in Birmingham, AL, among others. Orikri's show will run through Aug. 31.

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policy and increasing the consequences," said Bob Hayes, Plymouth-Canton Schools director of student services. "The previous consequences have not been adequate to create enough deterrence for their use, so we've gone from detention for the first offense to a one-day, out-of-school suspension. No questions asked."

"We tried warnings and detentions, but nobody paid attention to us," added Hayes. "Now, during school hours, they have to be off and out of sight. We've drawn the line in the sand."

Hayes said second and third offenses will result in a three-day suspension, with the fourth and subsequent violations resulting in five-day suspensions.

Salem High School Assistant Principal Patrick Fitzpatrick said electronic devices are causing safety, security and educational integrity issues at P-CEP.

"We've had instances of cyber-bullying and illegal threats with text messaging," Fitzpatrick said. "Kids will text message and tell where to meet after school for a fight, and one time 50 kids showed up. We had one kid use his cell phone to tape a fight from the third floor of Salem."

"Or, they'll text on weekends and settle their differences in

school," he said. "It's created a problem for us."

Fitzpatrick said students have used cell phones and iPods to cheat on tests.

"Kids can have a cell phone in their pocket and pay attention to class while sending text messages at the same time," he said. "They can tell their friends about what's on the test and give them the answers, before the kids even show up in the classroom."

STUDENT REACTION

High school students sign a code of conduct when they pick up their schedules in August, with the policy and penalties for electronic devices clearly spelled out.

"A one-day suspension is a bit much," said Katie Pfannes, 15, of Canton Township, a sophomore at Canton High School. "Detention seems a bit better to me."

"I do know people who talk to friends just to talk, and sometimes it goes off in class," she said. "If it goes off in the middle of a test it can be disrupting. Some teachers get upset and take them away. Some just tell them to turn it off."

Loren Parker of Plymouth Township said her 14-year-old daughter, Leah, takes a cell phone to school each day.

"I like the idea of her having access to it if she needs to, but she knows to keep it turned off and not to use it during class," Parker said. "I don't know

about suspension, that seems a little harsh. I think a warning for the first time offense is sufficient."

Plymouth High School freshman Navilla Britt of Canton Township brings her cell phone and iPod to school.

"But, my daughter knows to keep them in her locker while in class," said Britt's mother, Precila. "I think they are distractions in the classroom, and just about every kid has one. I think the new rules are a good idea."

The new penalties actually began at P-CEP in June with the start of summer school, where nearly 900 students are taking classes. Fitzpatrick said because the rule is new, students who violated the policy the first time were given a three-hour detention. A second violation resulted in a three-day suspension, to be served at the start of the regular school year, loss of summer school credits and the forfeiture of any monies paid for the summer school classes.

"We had only seven or eight people violate the policy," said Fitzpatrick, "but no one has done it a second time."

Hayes said parents will be sent a letter detailing the policy and new penalties. Students will also be made aware of the changes when they pick up their high school schedules.

Hayes said the policy has not been implemented for middle and elementary schools, yet.

"We haven't had disruption in the middle and elementary levels to the extent of the high schools, at this point," Hayes said. "But, if this is successful at the high school, I would anticipate them to look at the policy as well."

"We expect to get some backlash from this," said Hayes. "But, overall, I think people will understand this is right for educational purposes."

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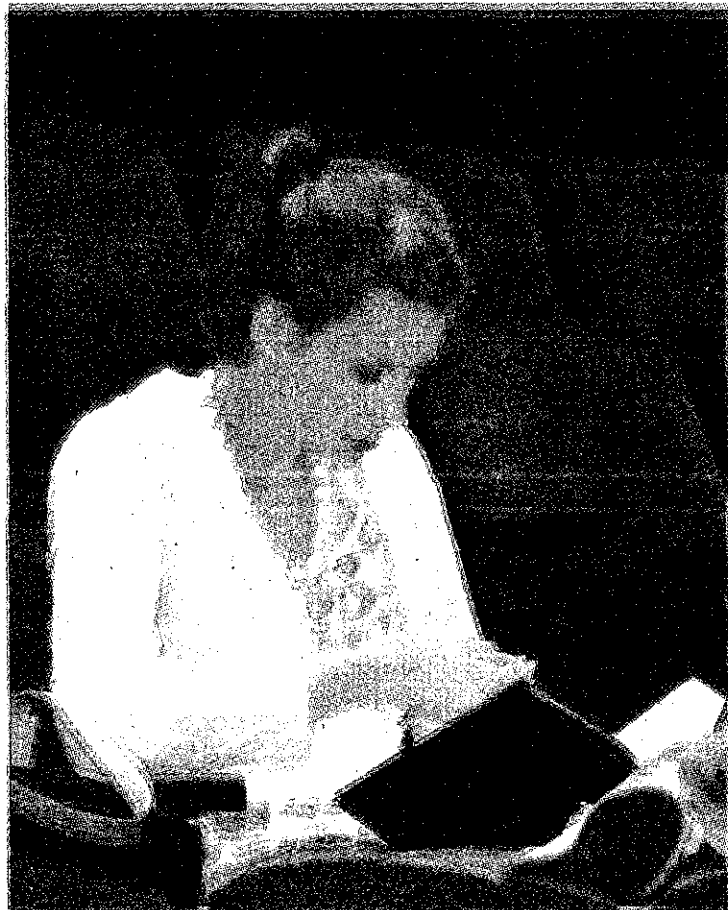
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Alice Watts of Canton reads a book and waits patiently for the start of 'Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire,' the movie showing at Village Theater Friday before the release of the final Harry Potter book.

POTTER

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doesn't fancy any particular character and enjoys everyone's adventures.

"I like to listen to my dad read (the books)," she said.

Jacob and Taylor's mother, Debbie Maxwell, said she supports her children's love of the famed fictional characters.

"I had to think about it when it came out," she said. "I studied the pros and the cons and you know what, I do like it."

Connor Wisniewski, 15, of Taylor attended the movie showing with friends and joked about his resemblance to actor Daniel Radcliffe, who portrays the main character in the film series.

"I've heard it since I was in the sixth grade," he said, adding that his resemblance to Radcliffe was even stronger when he wore round glasses.

"It never bothered me. I like it," he said, while his friend, Wendall Delong, 17, teased, "It makes him feel magical."

Although the event's organizers had hoped to capitalize on the Harry Potter frenzy with a larger crowd, Jennifer Tobin of The Village Theater said low pre-ordered book costs might have kept some people away.

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Michael Skrzynski (from left), Meghan Clarke and Kirsten Salter of Plymouth and Emily Baxter of Canton memorialize the Harry Potter event in Plymouth with a photo.

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Penalty doesn't fit the crime in wrestling coach's suspension

Dave Chiola looks at Casey Randolph and one thought almost certainly runs through his head:

"There but for the grace of God go I."

Chiola, the varsity wrestling coach who has built a powerhouse program at Franklin High School in Livonia, calls the one-year suspension of Randolph, who has built an equally powerful program at Canton High School, "unfair," but said he was almost in the same boat.



Brad Kadrich

Randolph was suspended by the Michigan High School Athletic Association for one year after he coached one of his seniors, the undefeated Corey Phillips, in a national seniors tournament in Virginia Beach, Va., last month.

Ironically, Chiola had considered taking his own senior standout, Josh Billiau, who had finished second in the state tournament, to the seniors meet in Virginia. Turns out the meet took place on a bad weekend for both coach and wrestler, or Chiola likely would be facing the same predicament in which Randolph now finds himself.

The whole situation is absurdly ridiculous, because there's only one group of people who get harmed here: The kids.

The MHSAA not only frowns on, but prohibits, participation by its student-athletes in national tournaments, such as the McDonald's All-Star basketball games. The penalty, as Randolph found out last month, is severe.

The idea is the MHSAA doesn't want its state championship tournaments to be seen as "qualifying" events for national tournaments. Some believe — as ludicrous as it sounds — that demeans the state meets.

That's silly; still, a rule's a rule, and Randolph should have known better than to coach his wrestler in the tournament. Even he admits that. It's hard to believe a coach of Randolph's caliber didn't know the rule, but we take him at his word.

"Would I have stepped on the mat down there if I had known I was going to be suspended for one year? Absolutely not," Randolph told us. "This suspension is just short of ripping my heart out."

Coaches at other schools, most notably Highland Park, where administrators have threatened to sue to stop the suspensions, were handed the same penalty. Randolph, a physical education teacher at Canton, will appeal the suspension at a hearing before the MHSAA's Representative Council on Aug. 13 in East Lansing, according to Canton Athletic Director Sue Heinzman.

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The 19-member council is made up of athletic directors, coaches and school administrators from across the state. Heinzman said she is hopeful the punishment will be lessened due to Randolph's impeccable history leading up to last month's tournament.

"It was Casey's first violation of any kind and he did not know all the rules about coaching student-athletes at national tournaments," said Heinzman. "Rules were broken and there will be consequences. We just weren't expecting the maximum penalty."

It's reasonable to expect both Randolph and Heinzman would have known the rule and followed it, regardless how ridiculous and unfair it is. These tournaments are a casting call for college-hopeful athletes.

Coaches from colleges around the country attend them, and athletes who might not otherwise have gotten a look get a chance to get a scholarship. In some cases, it's the only look these coaches get; according to Chiola, many of them don't attend the Michigan state meets because they occur smack in the middle of the college wrestling season.

"I think there are so few colleges that have wrestling (programs) now, sometimes the only chance these kids have of getting a scholarship is to go to senior nationals," Chiola said. "Once they're there, it's unfair to be there without a coach."

Randolph is a two-time Regional Coach of the Year and his teams have earned Academic All-State honors twice. He's a coach trying to do it the right way.

That doesn't give him the right to break the rules, even one that clearly needs changing as badly as this one. It's perfectly reasonable to expect him to face a consequence for his actions.

It just shouldn't hurt the kids.

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Intermediate school districts: innovations past their prime

To hear policymakers and school officials talk, you might think that intermediate school districts are creatures of a recent innovation, offering the promise of cost savings through shared services and improvement through collaborative effort. ISDs are, in fact, an education governance innovation of the early 1960s, a model that should be replaced with pioneering reforms being implemented in other states.



Ryan S. Olson

Evolving from county superintendents instituted in the 1860s and countywide school districts created in the late 1940s, ISDs were intended to assist local schools with auditing, provide access to specialized equipment, settle boundary disputes, liaise with the state education department and provide some specialized services, such as vocational-technical centers and special education support.

Last year — some 45 years after their establishment — ISDs had combined total budgets of about \$2.3 billion. They employed more than 20,000 people statewide and maintained a fleet of more than 700 motor vehicles — not including leases or buses. Revenues from the six possible local property taxes that the 57 ISDs can levy have increased every year, as have federal monies in most years and — in some years — state subsidies.

A far more substantive reform would be for Michigan to join a cadre of states that provide specialized services by giving parents greater options.

Despite significant enhancements to their more humble beginnings, ISDs appear to serve the same general purposes as they did in the 1960s. Since then, however, technological advances have improved accounting, reporting and communication between a once-distant state education department and school districts from Marquette to Monroe. Such advances have led to Web-based training and resource sharing. Cutting-edge schools run effective school-based — rather than regionally based — research-driven professional development programs that have contributed to some of the best student achievement results in the country.

These innovations have not reduced ISDs' roles in Michigan. Rather, in the face of such technological innovations, many politicians want to expand ISDs, ironically with tasks that ISDs were apparently intended to perform in the first place, such as facilitating the sharing of resources and services.

Some argue that ISDs fill a niche in the areas of special and vocational education services. However, many of these services are offered by other entities — such as local districts and com-

munity colleges — and other services could be offered in inventive and more efficient ways.

Still others argue that ISDs should be helping local districts collaborate. But ISDs appear to be woefully behind in helping local districts, for example, implement data systems to improve student performance, a practice that has been employed for years by high-performing schools around the country. Of the 30 ISDs that said in a Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators survey that they were developing a "data warehouse," about 46 percent had "partially" or "fully" implemented this. Of those, only three ISDs reported that data is "integral" to improving schools in their districts. Tellingly, a survey conducted in 1966 found that 46 percent of ISDs were providing "data processing" services — exactly the same percentage as 2007.

If Michiganiens are satisfied with incremental improvements, we could start reforming ISDs by adjusting current policies. For instance, ISD board members would face greater accountability if they were directly elected by voters rather than appointed by local school boards. Another reform would be to require ISDs to disclose more detailed financial data in their annual reports, including information on how ISDs are spending property tax revenues for operations and capital projects.

A far more substantive reform would be for Michigan to join a cadre of states that provide specialized services by giving parents greater options. Doing so would improve the quality of services, save money and increase parental satisfaction.

The McKay scholarship program in Florida, for instance, offers the opportunity for a special education student to attend an independent school on a scholarship that's worth significantly less than what public schools would spend for the student. Nearly 18,000 special education students voluntarily participate in the program, and, according to a 2003 survey, 93 percent of parents whose children received scholarships were satisfied with the services their children received. That number is more impressive when compared to the 33 percent of special education parents in Florida who were satisfied with special education services in public schools.

If policymakers and residents are truly interested in improving public schools, we could bring our education system into the 21st century by moving beyond psychedelic-era "innovations" and instituting policies that would save money and allow all parents — including those who currently receive services from ISDs — to choose a school based on their children's unique needs.

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Three types of reactions to

a fire situation were found in studies. In rank order, people were concerned about: evacuation of the building (a good choice!), fighting the fire (or some attempt to confine the fire), and warning or alerting others. While some of these behaviors are proper in many circumstances, the study also found that many people feel they should reenter the burning building, delaying fire department notification. Untrained people reentering burning buildings without the gear that firefighters have is almost certain to be a poor choice. Females were found much more likely to warn others about the fire situation, followed by leaving the building, requesting assistance and evacuating their families. Males were inclined to stay and fight the fire, followed by taking actions to minimize the risk, such as closing doors. The males then ranked leaving the building and evacuating oth-

ers next on the list, followed by calling for assistance as their last choice. The part of the study that I (as a firefighter) find encouraging is that the more frequently people received fire training or instruction on what to do in a fire, the more likely those folks were to raise the alarm or organize evacuation as a first action. Make no mistake about it ... when a fire or fire alarm sounds, the proper action is to take your family and exit the building. Once outside, call the fire department to inform them of the emergency. Plan ahead and quiz your family on fire reaction while out to dinner, at a theatre before the movie starts or at a sporting event. This study is living proof that the more training you have on fire safety, the more likely you are to take appropriate action. Stop by your local fire station if you have any questions or concerns.

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Former Canton football players Brian Rider (left) and Jake Powers are the brains behind Digital Wingman, a two-year-old company that provides colleges and universities with a variety of marketing tools for their Web sites.

'Chief' operating officers

Former Canton football players score in the world of business

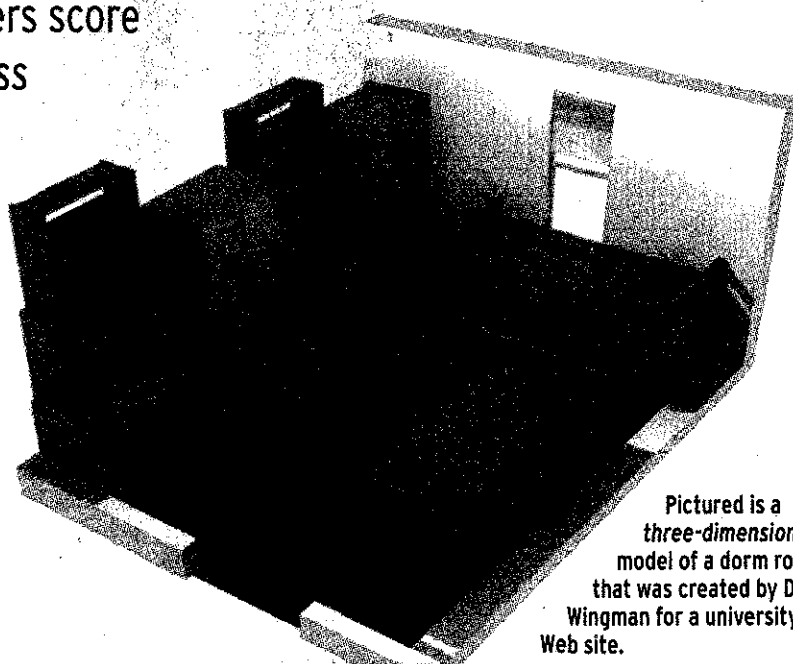
BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Almost every successful entrepreneur's path to riches can be traced back to a single site of inspiration.

For Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates, it was the middle school classroom that stored the first computer he ever set his eyes on.

For Nike CEO Phil Knight, it was the quarter-mile oval track at the University of Oregon, where he tested his soon-to-be-popular running shoes.

For Jake Powers and Brian Rider, it's the practice football field located



Pictured is a three-dimensional model of a dorm room that was created by Digital Wingman for a university's Web site.

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Rebels making strides despite tough defeat

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

When the Redford Rebels' debut season began in early June, team manager Bruce Corner wondered whether a collection of players from schools such as Redford Thurston, Redford Union, Livonia Franklin and others could mesh into a competitive unit.

With time running out on the 16-Under travel squad's first year, games such as Wednesday's 11-5 loss to the Beverly Hills-based Michigan Red Sox might indicate Corner hasn't gotten the answer he wanted.

But he insisted that there has been plenty of progress, in spite of a 6-14 record that begs for improved consistency in all phases of the game.

"We've become a team," said Corner following the Midwest Alliance Travel Baseball League game at Capitol Park in Redford Township. "When we started out we had guys from different schools and the coaches had to figure out where to put the pieces to the puzzle. It took some time, but this team has jelled."

Leading the way are several varsity players from Thurston - Ryan Smith, Brian Corner, Jeremy Wafer - and RU varsity player Bobby Ray. Franklin players on the team include Tyler Barnes, Mark McRobb and Travis Docusen. Meanwhile, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central and Dearborn Divine Child each have two players on the active roster. The Rebels haven't been able to deal with the loss of several opening-day players, but have come out and competed to the coaching staff's liking. This weekend comes yet another test when the team participates at the CABA World Series in St. Clair Shores.

Against the Red Sox (3-3), a five-run top of the first put the home team in an inescapable hole. Starting pitcher Eric Ely

(Catholic Central) struck out the first batter, but fired a wild pitch on strike three enabling Jamey Sackett to reach base.

That set the ugly tone, with Ely walking four batters and giving up three hits in the inning. Aaron Ball knocked in the first two with a single and James Englehart (2-for-4) followed with a two-run triple to the gap in right-center.

"The Red Sox play aggressive baseball," said Corner afterward. "We had some sloppy play and got behind early."

But Redford showed some mettle with a three-run bottom of the first, quickly putting a dent into the deficit.

Ely (1-for-3, two runs, two RBI) helped his cause with a two-run single and Smith (1-for-2, one run, one RBI) followed with a sacrifice fly to left to make it 5-3.

A bases-loaded walk issued to Ball tacked on a run for the Red Sox in the second and another came in an inning later on a single by Sackett (2-for-3, two runs).

It was an 8-3 game in the bottom of the third when a two-out error kept the Rebels' inning alive. Smith singled and A. J. Ewart (Catholic Central) plated both with a double to center.

Two errors cost Redford an unearned run in the fourth, however, making it 9-5, and Daniel DuComb (2-for-4, two RBI) keyed Michigan's two-run sixth with a run-scoring triple that sailed over the left-fielder's head.

"We shut them down a couple times, but we couldn't get our bats going," said Corner, about how his squad couldn't mount much of an attack in the later innings against Red Sox relievers Donald Clark, Ball and Englehart.

The only Redford hits over the final four frames were a triple in the fourth by Joe McCulloch (Divine Child) and a fifth-inning single by Ray.

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UDM hires former SC hoop coach

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

For nearly a decade, coach Carlos Briggs hoisted Schoolcraft College's men's basketball program to the heights.

Now, the Livonia resident will have a chance to help do the same as part of the "Titan family" at University of Detroit-Mercy. Briggs last week was named an assistant coach to UDM head coach Perry Watson.



Briggs

"I feel privileged and honored to be in the Titan family," said Briggs, whose Ocelot teams compiled a record of 249-39 during a nine-year run that ended in 2006. "I'll still be in the Detroit area working under coach Watson, and that can do nothing but better myself as a coach. He (Watson) has always been a teacher and I thank God I'll have the opportunity to work for him."

At the same time, Watson is looking forward to getting to work with Briggs, who takes over the assistant's role from Bacari Alexander.

"I am very excited to add Carlos to our staff," said Watson in a press release. "He is experienced at the college level and is a proven winner."

One area where Briggs is certain to help the Titans is in recruiting metro-Detroit high school and junior college players.

"I recruited guys from Detroit to go to Schoolcraft," said Briggs, who had 45 of his Schoolcraft players move up to Division 1 colleges since the late-1990s, including former Titans Torvoris Baker and Rulon Harris. "I'll help him (Watson) with recruiting."

PLENTY OF PASSION

The next cycle of recruiting - which begins this week - will give Briggs a

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Pitch, Hit & Run

Garden City's Zach Vera-Burgos finished third out of four national finalists in the 13-14 age division at the Pepsi Pitch, Hit & Run contest, held July 9 at AT&T Park in San Francisco.

Vera-Burgos, 14, also got to shag fly balls that evening during the Home Run Derby portion of Major League Baseball's All-Star Game festivities.

He qualified for the trip to Frisco when he captured the Michigan competition at Comerica Park on June 9.

Pass, Punt & Kick

The Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will be hosting an NFL Pepsi Pass, Punt & Kick competition on Wednesday, Aug. 29, at the Livonia soccer fields, which are located on Hubbard Rd. between Farmington and Merriman roads. Registration will begin at 4 p.m.; the actual event will commence at 4:30 p.m.

Kids between the ages of 8 and 15 are eligible to compete in the PP&K, which allows youngsters to showcase their football talents in punting, passing and kicking with scores based on distance and accuracy. Age classification is as of Dec. 31 of this year. No football shoes, cleats or turf shoes are allowed.

The top finishers from each of eight age groups at the local competition will advance to a sectional competition.

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Gaelic football

The Detroit Wolfetones will host the Pittsburgh Celtics in a Gaelic football game this afternoon at 2:30 p.m. at Flodin Park in Canton. The Wolfetones' roster includes residents of several Observerland communities, including Plymouth, Canton and Livonia.

Gaelic football is a cross between soccer, basketball and rugby.

Flodin Park is located on Saltz Road between Morton Taylor and Lilley roads.

Pride softball

Three Plymouth-Canton Pride fastpitch softball teams - 10U, 12U and 14U - will be competing in the USSSA World Series at Disney's Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Fla. from July 23-29.

The teams are coached by Mike Burnard (14U), Mike Gerou (12U) and Dave Senkbeil (10U).

Visit www.USSSA.com.

Kris Perani Cup

The 1st Annual Kris Perani Cup, a 3-on-3 hockey tournament to provide financial assistance for needy hockey players, is Aug. 17-19 at Suburban Ice in Lansing. The tourney is for mites, squirts and pee wees only. Call John Wainio (810-845-5076) or Steve Krueger (810-287-4407) or visit info@krisperani-hockeyfoundation.org.



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Youngsters complete a dribbling drill during Wednesday's portion of the Detroit Ignition summer soccer camp at Independence Park in Canton Township.

Kids get a kick out of Ignition camp

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

How often do young soccer players get an opportunity to learn the fundamentals of the game while rubbing shoulders (and shin guards) with some of the most talented professional players in the world?

More frequently than you might think thanks to a series of clinics orchestrated by the Detroit Ignition Major Indoor Soccer League franchise.

The latest - and largest - clinic unfolded last week at Independence Park in Canton Township, where close to 200 ready-to-learn youngsters exchanged passes, conversations and high fives with several Ignition stars, including Ryan Mack, Droo Callahan and Worteh Sampson.

Before the waning days of summer approach, the Ignition will have staged close to 20 camps and clinics throughout the state.

"Our ultimate goal with these camps

'It's more of a grass-roots type camp than anything. We work on a lot of basic and technical skills like dribbling, passing and receiving, and we mix in a lot of fun games for the kids. We also have World Cup-type scrimmages at the end of the week.'

MARK PULISIC, Ignition head coach

is to improve the young players' skills and to expand the sport of soccer in the community," said Ignition General Manager Greg Bibb, whose team advanced all the way to the MISL's championship game in its inaugural season. "We had close to 200 kids here this week, so it was definitely a good week. The facilities in Canton are first rate and we had a good turnout from our players and coaches."

Members of the Ignition staff keep the camp hopping by mixing in a

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Bulls rout Rams to end win streak

One bad inning Wednesday at Ford Field in Livonia was all it took to knock the Michigan Rams off the winning track.

A six-run third by The Bulls turned a scoreless Livonia Collegiate Baseball League game into a rout, with the Rams falling 9-1 to drop to 15-13-2 on the season.

In the third, the Bulls parlayed seven hits into their big rally and they tacked on another run in the fourth and two in the fifth to go up 9-0.

The Rams - who only managed a single by Ryan Shay - scored in the sixth, with Max Kelmigian knocking in Frank Persichino, who walked.

For the victors, Josh Ivan went 2-for-4 with three RBI while Kyle Rhoad (2-for-4,

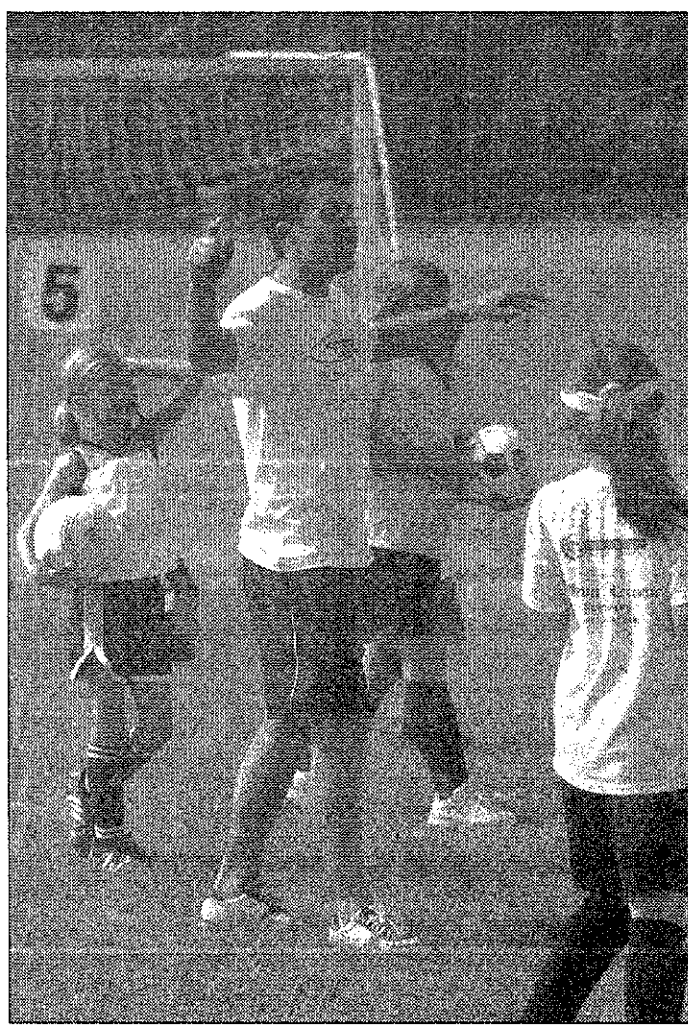
two RBI), Aaron Powell (2-for-4, one RBI, two runs) and Sam Palace (2-for-3, two RBI) paced the 11-hit attack.

Tourney nears

Earning the win for the Bulls (18-8-2) was Bryan Weeks while Justin Collop took the loss for the Rams.

Pending season-concluding league games Friday against the Bulls and Sunday against the Cubs, the Rams will get ready for the AAABA Regional Tournament in Zanesville, Ohio (which begins Aug. 7).

Before leaving for the tournament, however, the Rams will take part in an exhibition 6 p.m. Tuesday at Madonna University against the Metro Tigers of Pontiac.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Detroit Ignition player Ryan Mack runs kids through a drill during Wednesday's camp.

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blend of drills, skills competitions and scrimmages.

"It's more of a grass-roots type camp than anything," said Ignition head coach Mark Pulisic. "We work on a lot of basic and technical skills like dribbling, passing and receiving, and we mix in a lot of fun games for the kids. We also have World Cup-type scrimmages at the end of the week."

"Part of the Ignition's overall plan is to have the players get out into the community as much as possible, and there's no better way to do that than these camps. It gives the players a chance to interact with the kids and then when the season starts, the kids will come to the games, point out to the field and say, 'Hey, I know him.'"

The camp concluded Friday with an awards ceremony and cookout.

Several parents seized the opportunity to take photos of their kids with Ignition players.

And judging by the broad smiles, the players had as much fun as the kids.

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just outside Canton High School's Phase III building.

Powers and Rider aren't yet in Gates' and Knight's tax bracket, but they're heading in the right direction thanks in large part to the principles they learned while playing high school football from 2002-05.

The duo, who are both just weeks away from starting their junior year of college, are the "Chief" operating officers of Digital Wingman, a two-year-old company that provides colleges and universities across the country with a series of marketing tools for their Web sites, most notably three-dimensional models of dorm rooms and off-campus apartments.

Growing list of clients

Ten schools - including Central Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University and the University of Georgia - have already signed contracts with Digital Wingman, and several more are on the verge of becoming customers.

Powers and Rider credit much of their company's early growth to the character-building skills that they acquired during the often-rigorous Canton high school football practices they endured for four consecutive autumns.

"The discipline, commitment and character that we developed from playing high school football have helped us a lot when it comes to running a business," said Powers, who is half-way toward earning a degree in Commerce Organizations and Entrepreneurships at Brown University in Providence, R.I.

"After a long day of classes, football practice (Powers is a linebacker on the Brown football team) and studying, I'm up pretty late working on proposals to present to colleges for our company. When it's 3 a.m. and I'm doing this stuff, it's a lot like finishing that last conditioning run in practice. There are a lot of parallels to what we're doing now and playing football."

Motivational words

Rider, whose stellar gridiron career ended following his final high school game, agreed with his former fellow tight end and current business partner.

"I can still hear coach

(Tim) Baechler's voice in the back of my head sometimes motivating me to keep going and to try to do better," he said. "The No. 1 thing our coaches at Canton stressed was the importance of having good character, and it's paying off for Jake and I now, as well as for a lot of our former teammates. They taught us things that not only applied to winning games on the football field, but things that apply to succeeding in life."

Rider first pursued his dream of owning his own company during his freshman year at Grand Valley State University.

The computer science major measured several dorm rooms on the school's campus, then created three-dimensional models of the rooms with a variety of furnishing options by using a computer modeling program.

A company is born

He then presented his idea to the head of the GVSU admissions office and his first client was in the books - or the end zone.

"It was a lot like putting hours upon hours of practice in, then getting the big win on Friday night," Rider said of his company's first success story.

Powers jumped on board early this year and serves as the company's primary sales and marketing person while Rider handles the technical end of the operation.

"All five of my roommates at Brown are from five different states, so I asked them to visit colleges near their hometowns this summer," he said.

"Some of them even did some measuring for us. And Brian has five guys at Grand Valley that are helping with the modeling."

Giving back

Like Gates and Knight, Rider and Powers are showing they have a charitable side.

"Brian has hooked us up with a non-profit in Grand Rapids that we're going to work with," said Powers. "Our ultimate mission is not just to make money for ourselves, but to give back to the community, too."

That sounds like a game plan the ex-Chiefs' coaches would applaud.

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Bucks tame Fever and earn Great Lakes title

BY DAN STICKRADT
STAFF WRITER

The second goal has been achieved. Now it's time to run to another.

The Michigan Bucks put the finishing touches on their first Premier Developmental League Great Lakes Division title in three years Wednesday night, topping the host Fort Wayne Fever, 4-1.

The Bucks, who won the PDL national championship last August despite being the 11th seed in the 16-team national tournament, clinched their 11th postseason berth in 12 seasons last weekend after they trounced the West Michigan Edge, 7-1.

"We haven't won the division since 2004, and that's when (the) Chicago (Fire) were in another

division," said Bucks second-year head coach Dan Fitzgerald. "This was one of our goals. It's nice to get it this year. We were second to Chicago last year."

Michigan (11-3-3, 10-1-3), which had to win its final four regular season matches last July just to grab a postseason bid, led 3-0 at the half, thanks to the offensive tear by Kenny Uzoigwe. The speedy forward, who notched three goals and two assists in the Bucks' previous game, was named PDL National Player of the Week, torched the nets for two more tallies and set up another to give him a team-leading 15 goals on the season.

Uzoigwe is ranked second in the national in goal in the 64-team league and first in the seven-team Great Lakes Division.

"Kenny and (midfielder Nate) Jafta defi-

nitely, have been their best lately," added Fitzgerald. "Kenny scored two last night, too — he's on fire. He only played 50 minutes (Wednesday) night and 60 minutes against West Michigan, and he's scored five in those games. Jafta has done a great job getting our forwards the ball."

All three first half goals were scored between the 27th and 42nd minute when the Bucks were dominating the Fever defense, with Uzoigwe scored twice and Jafta the other.

Following the halftime substitutions of Uzoigwe, Jafta and others, the Bucks continued to pound the Ft. Wayne defense, but could not put another goal past Fever goalkeeper Zach Gibbons until Xavier Balc curled in a free kick from 34 yards out in the 85th minute.

Gibbons faced 26 Bucks shots during the

course of the match.

Fitzgerald said that some starters will rest and plenty of reserves will see action during the Bucks' final weekend of the regular season, which included a contest late Friday night against the Toronto Lynx.

The Bucks will wrap up the regular season Sunday with a 1 p.m. game in Columbus, Ohio, against Fort Wayne.

"Sunday at Crew Stadium, we'll probably play our first-team for first half, get them out of their and get some other guys in their. We don't want to get anybody hurt," said Fitzgerald. "Chicago has already qualified, so their won't be any changes in our division. It's over. There are five or so other teams fighting for other spots in the other divisions. We'll try to get ready for the playoffs."

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chance to check out players from all over southeastern Michigan, hopefully finding sleepers in the process. "We're going to look at every school."

Meanwhile, Briggs said he is anxious to team up with the veteran Watson and help the Titans bounce back from an 11-19 record in 2006-07.

"Perry still has a lot of fire in him," said Briggs, an all-conference selection at Baylor University and fourth-round draft pick of the San Antonio Spurs of the National Basketball Association in 1986. "His big thing is passion for basketball and passion for kids. He has a lot of passion."

He'll also soak in the knowledge at Calihan Hall. "My biggest thing is, I'm going to get in there and learn as much about basketball as I can," Briggs added.

Watson's new assistant already is very well-schooled about the sport, however.

After ending his pro career (he played in the CBA and World Basketball League) Briggs enjoyed plenty of success on the sidelines at Schoolcraft, where he had also played basketball and graduated before moving on to Baylor.

Former Schoolcraft athletic director Ed Kavanaugh hired him to coach the Ocelots before the 1997-98 season and that move paid dividends with Briggs winning district, regional and conference coach-of-the-year honors on three occasions.

His best season at the helm was 2000-01, when the Ocelots won 35 games in a row (finishing 36-1) and making it to the Final Four in the National Junior College Athletic Association postseason tournament.

"Without them, I wouldn't have the chance I have now," said Briggs, thanking Kavanaugh and others at Schoolcraft for helping spark his college coaching career. "Life is about opportunities, and taking advantage of them."



Heat wave

The Garden City Heat, a 12-and-under girls fastpitch softball team, finished second with a 4-1 record in the Riverview Summer Festival (June 29-July 1), losing 7-6 in the finals to the Allen Park Jags. The Heat added a 2-2 record at the USSSA Open state tournament last weekend. Members of the Heat include Samantha Bellovary, Casey Bias, Heather Chiti, Dominique Emery, Katie Englen, Casandra Ford, Gabriel Joseph, Jackie LaGraff, Ashley Lynn, Julian Potvin, Kelsey Susalla, Shannon Watson and Hillarie Werda.

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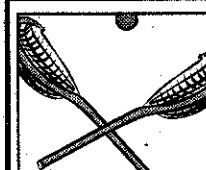
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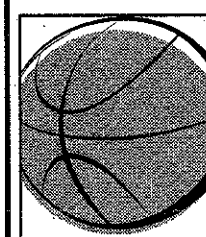
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Help Wanted-General 5000

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A luxury apartment community in Novi is seeking to fill an immediate Full Time leasing consultant position. Must be able to work weekends. We offer competitive wages, commissions, health, and dental insurance. EOE. Please fax resume to: 248-349-8484 or email to: bzyburski@singmail.com

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Help Wanted-General 5000

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Help Wanted-General 5000

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Electronic distribution co. has an opening for a part-time technical support person. Knowledge of batteries and power supplies is required. Send resume to: LWC Distributors 28056 Oakland Oaks Ct., Wixom, MI 48383 or msald@lwcistributors.com

Help Wanted-Computer/Info Systems 5010

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Candidate must have a 2 yr. technical degree or equivalent exp. Must be able to troubleshoot basic desktop computer problems. Exp. required in installing computers, printers, software applications and in working with different versions of Microsoft Windows. Must be able to train and assist public and staff. A more detailed job posting is listed on our website at: www.plymouthlibrary.org Salary is \$14.28 - \$16.59 per hr. Application deadline is August 13, 2007.

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Full time. Immediate opening for assistant to the Vice President of meter reading. Must have 5+ yrs. exp. strong computer skills and be detail oriented. Requires a high degree of initiative, ability to work independently. Competitive compensation based on exp. Attractive benefit package. EOE Apply in person on Monday, July 23rd 9am-noon & 2pm-4pm at 41620 Six Mile Rd., in Northville. One mile West of Haggerty. 734-769-2600

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Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020

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Full time position for Farmington Hills area CPA firm. Must be proficient in Word software processing program and general computer skills. Responsibilities will include all areas of general office duties. Send, fax, or email resume to: KCKT CPAs 28580 Orchard Lake Rd. Suite 250 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 Fax: 248-626-8787 chupack@kcktcpa.com

SELF-MOTIVATED WORKER

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Help Wanted-Engineering 5030

Engineering Intern

Leading manufacturer of nitrogen gas springs is seeking a bright and energetic individual for a part-time internship in our Engineering Department. Duties include conversion of 2-D Auto CAD to Inventor Solids, as well as assisting the Engineering Department in design, development, and documentation. Inventor Mechanical Design/Detailing experience a plus. Send resume to: HR 43850 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth, MI 48170 or e-mail to: hr@daco.net. EOE

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DENTAL HYGIENIST

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Help Wanted-Dental 5040

DENTAL TECH

Small C & B lab in Garden City seeking skilled technicians in all areas. Full time,

Whalers' Jenks earns USA Hockey roster spot

AJ Jenks continues to move on a fast track.

Jenks - from Wolverine Lake who just turned 17 - has been selected by USA Hockey to play for its Under-18 Select team in the 2007 Memorial of Ivan Hlinka Tournament in Piestany, Slovakia from Aug. 14-18.

The Hlinka tournament features the top 17-year-old players in the world and is a prelude to the World Junior Championships.

"We're excited for A.J.," said Plymouth President, General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci. "He played well for us last season. We expect him to improve this year."

Jenks - selected by Plymouth in the seventh round (132nd overall) in the 2006 OHL Draft - originally committed to play at the University of Michigan, but decided to come to the Whalers after attending the team's Rookie Orientation Camp in May of 2006.

Jenks is no stranger to the Whalers or the Compuware Sports Arena, having watched and followed the team as a fan and then playing in the Compuware Youth Hockey system.

"It's pretty cool that I played in the Compuware system and



WALT DMOCH

Plymouth Whaler A.J. Jenks, a resident of Wolverine Lake, has been selected to play on an elite U-18 national team.

now I play for the Whalers," Jenks said last season. "I see a lot of the kids in their Compuware stuff around the rink and realize that I was just like them not too long ago. As far as players in the OHL, I played with Patrick Moran on Compuware, and he is now with Guelph. I kind of grew up watching the Whalers. I saw the Whalers for a few years, so it is pretty cool to now be play-

ing for them."

As one of the youngest players in the Ontario Hockey League last season, Jenks did not look out of place on a veteran Whalers team that won the OHL Championship and played in the Canadian Hockey League MasterCard Memorial Cup tournament in Vancouver, BC, last May.

Jenks tallied nine goals with 14 assists while playing

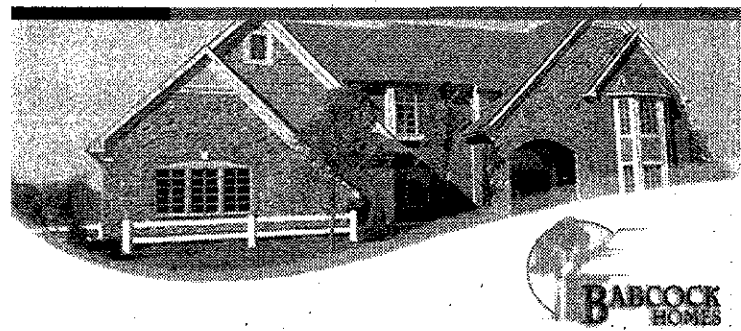
in every regular season game for Plymouth last season and becoming one the team's best penalty killers. The Whalers led the OHL in penalty killing last season with an 87.9 percent ratio.

Jenks' intelligent play on the ice moved to the classroom as he was named Plymouth's Academic Player of the Year last season.

With the Whalers graduating a number of veteran players last spring, such as NHL signees Tom Sestito and Jared Boll (Columbus); James Neal (Dallas); Daniel Ryder (Calgary); Evan Brophey (Chicago); and Dan Collins (Florida), along with captain Steve Ward - Plymouth will feature a younger team in 2007-08.

Younger does not necessarily mean rebuilding. Jenks, who is eligible for the 2008 NHL Entry Draft, and a returning group of younger players (Vern Cooper, Brett Bellemore, Kaine Geldart and Jeremy Smith, among others) should make the upcoming season fun in Plymouth.

Whalers' season tickets for 2007-08 are available by calling the Compuware Sports Arena at (734) 453-8400 at by going to Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com.



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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH AMENDMENT TO WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM ORDINANCE

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. C-07-04

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 73.040 THROUGH 73.065 OF ARTICLE I, ORDINANCE NO. C-2002-01 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH; PROVIDING FOR WATER RATES; PROVIDING FOR SEWER SYSTEM RATES; PROVIDING FOR USE FACTOR SCHEDULE; PROVIDING FOR TRANSITION RULES FOR WATER AND SEWER BENEFIT CHARGES AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR INDUSTRIAL WASTE CONTROL (I.W.C.) CHARGES; PROVIDING FOR SEWER CONNECTION RATES; PROVIDING FOR RATE APPEALS; PROVIDING FOR WATER AND SEWER APPLICATIONS; PROVIDING FOR BILLINGS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR VIOLATION AND PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF UNENFORCEABLE PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR PRESERVATION OF EXISTING CHARGES, RATES AND ENFORCEMENT ACTION(S); PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Sections 73.040 through 73.065 of Article I of Ordinance C-2002-01 of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Plymouth are amended to read as follows:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE.

73.040. Water Rates. This section provides for consumption rates, service charges, minimum water rates, a water tap charge, water benefit charges, a fire line detector check, capital charges and special rates, and other charges.

73.050. Sewer System Rates. This section provides for sewer disposal use rates, minimum sewage rates, single residences unmetered water, special rates, and sewer benefit charges.

73.055. Use Factor Schedule. This section provides a use factor schedule calculations.

73.056. Transition Rules For Water and Sewer Benefit Charges Amendments. This section provides for transition rules for water and sewer benefit charges amendments.

73.060. Industrial Waste Control (I.W.C.) Charge. This section provides that a monthly charge shall be applied to all non-residential customers for the purpose of the Industrial Waste Control Surveillance Program.

73.061. Sewer Connection Rates. This section provides for sewer connection rates.

73.062. Rate Appeals. This section provides that the Township Board may establish special charges or fees to meet special circumstances.

73.063. Water and Sewer Applications. This section provides that all water and sewer applications, agreements and/or permits shall be arranged for and signed and all tap connection and benefit charges shall be paid prior to the issuance of electrical, plumbing and/or building permits.

73.064. Billings. This section provides for the procedure for billing of water services.

73.065. Enforcement. This section provides for enforcement of payment for water services by the Township.

SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

This section provides that any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SECTION 3. REPEAL.

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. PUBLICATION.

This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the Charter Township of Plymouth, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during regular business hours.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk
Plymouth Charter Township

Publish: July 22, 2007

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Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
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CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 2007-3

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 78, THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ZONING ORDINANCE IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF MODIFYING B-2 DISTRICT PARKING REGULATIONS, PEDESTRIAN AMENITIES AND DESIGN STANDARDS

Section 1 The City of Plymouth Ordains:

Section 78, "Zoning" in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth is hereby amended by deleting the following text.

Section 2 Modify Section 78-104 Private Surface Parking

Section 78-104 Private Surface Parking

b. Private barrier-free parking or loading areas may be allowed along the rear of a building and adjoining a public alley. The barrier-free parking or loading area shall be limited to the width of the building and a maximum depth of nineteen (19) feet. The private barrier-free parking area shall not exceed six (6) spaces and/or one (1) loading zone. Screening of the barrier-free parking or loading zone area shall be provided along adjacent streets if viewed from the right of way.

Section 3 Modify Section 78-105 Premiums, Pedestrian Amenities, Design Standards

Section 78-105 Premiums, Pedestrian Amenities, Design Standards

f. B-2 Design Standards

5. Building Entrance Standards.

- There shall be openings every fifty (50) feet, at a minimum, into buildings, open spaces (plaza), or pedestrian linkages. Residential entrances should be designed at a human size scale. Commercial entryways should be differentiated by design, color, and material from other entryways. Primary building entrances must face upon the frontage line. Every building shall comply with barrier free access requirements of the State of Michigan Construction Code.

The following types of entryways shall be encouraged within the B-2 District:

- Recessed - Projected
- Flat - Porches

- Recessed Entrances. A recessed entryway places the doorway into the building. There is a clear distinction between the entrance and the windows that flank the door.

- Projected Entrances. Projected entryways, opposite of recessed entryways, shall bring the entrance closer to the sidewalk and will also differentiate the ground floor windows. This design should be compatible and appropriately sized in consideration of the sidewalk width that it fronts upon.

- Flat Entrances. Flat building entrances can often blend into the building's ground floor windows. Therefore, accenting materials should define the ground floor windows for greater differentiation.

Section 4 Rights and Duties.

Rights and Duties which have matured, penalties which have incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this ordinance are not affected or abated by this ordinance.

Section 5 Validity.

Should any section, clause or paragraph of this ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or part therefore, other than the part declared invalid.

Section 6 Ordinances Repealed.

All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are to the extent of such inconsistencies hereby repealed.

Section 7 Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective one day after publication.

Introduced July 2, 2007

Enacted: July 16, 2007
Published: July 22, 2007
Effective July 23, 2007

Publish: July 22, 2007

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN (734) 453-1234

August 2, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following item:

Z 07 -12 1490 W. Ann Arbor Road Non-Use Variance Requested
Front Yard Setback, Stacking
Spaces & Rear Landscaping
Strip
Zoned: ARC, Ann Arbor Road
Corridor
Applicant: Dennis Miller,
Flagstar Bank

Z 07 -13 511 N. Holbrook Non-Use Variance Requested
Lot Coverage, Rear and Side
Yard Setback
Zoned: R-1, Single Family
Residential
Applicant: Patricia Huddas

Z 03-17 101 S. Union Non-Use Variance Requested -
Extension of Approval
Off- Site Sign - located at 188
N. Main
Zoned: PUD
Applicant: Joseph Freed
& Associates LLC

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA AUGUST 9, 2007

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals Thursday, August 9, 2007 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON, MI 48188. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Cathy Johnson, Vicki Welty and Steven Johnson.

Acceptance of Agenda

1. Greg Cole, 6655 Carriage Hills Drive, Canton, MI 48187, for residential property located at same address, east side of Morton-Taylor between Warren an Hanford Roads, appealing Building Regulations Chapter 78, Article V, Section 78-129.h, Section 78-131.b, fence variance.

Zone R-5
Parcel 042 03 0552 000
(Building)
(TABLED FROM JULY 12, 2007 MEETING)

2. Kris and Greg Sanders, 6617 Whitehurst St., Canton, MI 48187, for residential property located at same address, north side of Whitehurst Road between Marshall and Woodmere Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26.00, Section 26.02, schedule of regulations variance of 35 ft. rear yard setback.

Zone R-4
Parcel 034 01 1057 000
(Building)

3. Meijer, Inc., 2929 Walker Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544, for commercial property located at 45001 Ford Road, south side of Ford Road between Sheldon and Canton Center Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance Article 6A.00, Section 6A.15, sign variance.

Zone C-2
Parcel 058 99 0003 719
(Building)

4. Tim Ruckolainen of Sachse Construction & Development, 260 E. Brown St., Birmingham, MI 48009, for vacant property located at 6697 N. Canton Center Rd (Goddard School), west side of Canton Center Road between Hanford and Warren Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance Article 6A.00, Section 6A.11, 18, ground signs within 100 linear feet of an existing ground sign.

Zone C-2
Parcel 033 99 0009 713
(Building)

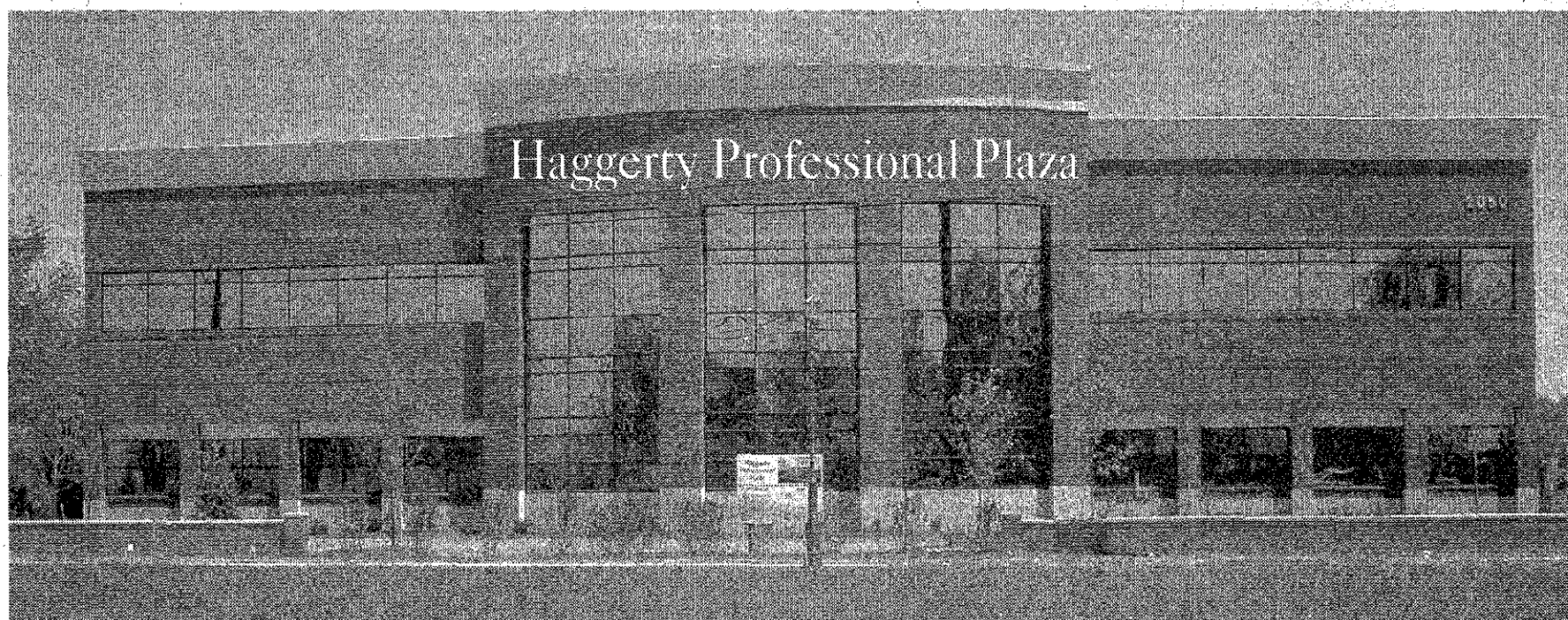
Approval of the July 12, 2007 Minutes

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 5:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188.

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Ask your friend, friendly or flirty?

My best friend is telling my boyfriend that I'm flirting with other guys. What should I do?

Super Social in Garden City

I'm assuming your boyfriend is upset about what your friend is telling him and you're concerned that it's affecting your relationship with him. The most important question here is: Are you flirting with other guys? If you don't feel that you are flirting, ask your friend why she thinks you are. Sometimes we aren't aware of how our actions and words are perceived by others. You might mean to come across as friendly and social, but others might be thinking you have other motives in mind. Ask your friend to give specific examples of times when she's thought you've crossed the line between friendly and flirtatious. This way, you can think about what your intentions were and compare that to what other people thought your intentions were.

Then, you need to tell your friend that you do not have plans to cheat on your boyfriend and ask her to stop telling him that you're flirting with other guys. Ask her, instead, to tell you when she thinks you're flirting so you can take steps to curb your over-friendly nature. You certainly don't want the wrong person getting the wrong idea!

I have a friend that got caught smoking marijuana. Sometimes he tells me that he has urges to do it again. What should I tell him to do?

Looking for Answers in Garden City

Tell your friend to get help — immediately! When teens use drugs, they can become addicted in a much shorter time period than adults who begin using as adults. This is because your brains aren't fully developed yet and all the necessary connections haven't been formed yet. When teens use drugs, they interrupt their brain's development and may actually stop certain connections from ever being made! Tell your friend to talk to his parents, a member of the clergy, a school counselor, or other trusted adult — right away! If your friend is experiencing urges he can't control, even after being caught using, he may be in the early stages of addiction. Even if it hasn't gotten this far, it's important for him to reach out to positive adults and drug-free friends in his life to help him make choices that don't involve marijuana use. As his friend, offer to be with him when he talks to his parents; encourage him to tell them that he needs help to avoid drug use. There are a number of substance abuse treatment programs for teens in the area; his parents can find out what type of treatment is covered by their health insurance by contacting the number on the back of their health insurance card. If your friend's parents don't have health insurance, your friend can contact Southeast Michigan Community Alliance (SEMCA) at (800) 686-6543 for assistance with substance abuse treatment.

How do people deal with all the pressure put on them daily? The pressure to excel. The pressure to look good all the time. The pressure to be thin. The pressure to be pretty. The pressure to always be good. There is too much pressure and not enough downtime!

Pressured in Garden City

You said it! There is definitely not enough "downtime" in our society today. But, it's up to each one of us to change that for ourselves. We can make the choice to slow down, take a deep breath, and notice the world around us. We can make the choice to settle down with a good book instead of signing up for another activity. It's hard to say "no" to friends, sports, social activities, etc. But, sometimes, we need to just BE! No phones, no texting, no MySpace, no e-mail. Just BE!

Can you do that? It's a challenge for most of us. But, taking one small step in that direction can help slow your pace a little. Now, to address another part of your question, it's obvious you're feeling a bit overwhelmed (to say the least!). I encourage you to really analyze all those things you listed that you feel pressure about. Who says you need to excel? Who says you need to "look good," and what does that mean, anyway? What does "thin" mean and who says you have to be it? Same thing goes for being "pretty."

Many times, we put too much pressure on ourselves. It might come from a need to be accepted by our friends and loved by our parents but ... our parents love us unconditionally and if our friends are really our friends, they will accept us no matter what! Stop trying to be perfect — it is impossible to achieve. My idea of perfection is different from your idea of perfection, which is different than your best friend's idea of perfection, etc., etc., etc. Give it up! Instead, focus more on doing what you know is right ... breathe ... and stop to smell the roses every once and a while! Using relaxation techniques like yoga, deep breathing, and visualization can help you deal with the pressure of our modern-day society. I encourage you to search the library, Internet or bookstore for more information on these topics.

Monica Fulton is the supervisor of the Family Resource Center in Garden City working on youth and family problems. She has a master of arts degree in clinical psychology. She can be reached by e-mail at monicaful-ton@sbcglobal.net.

Train mania

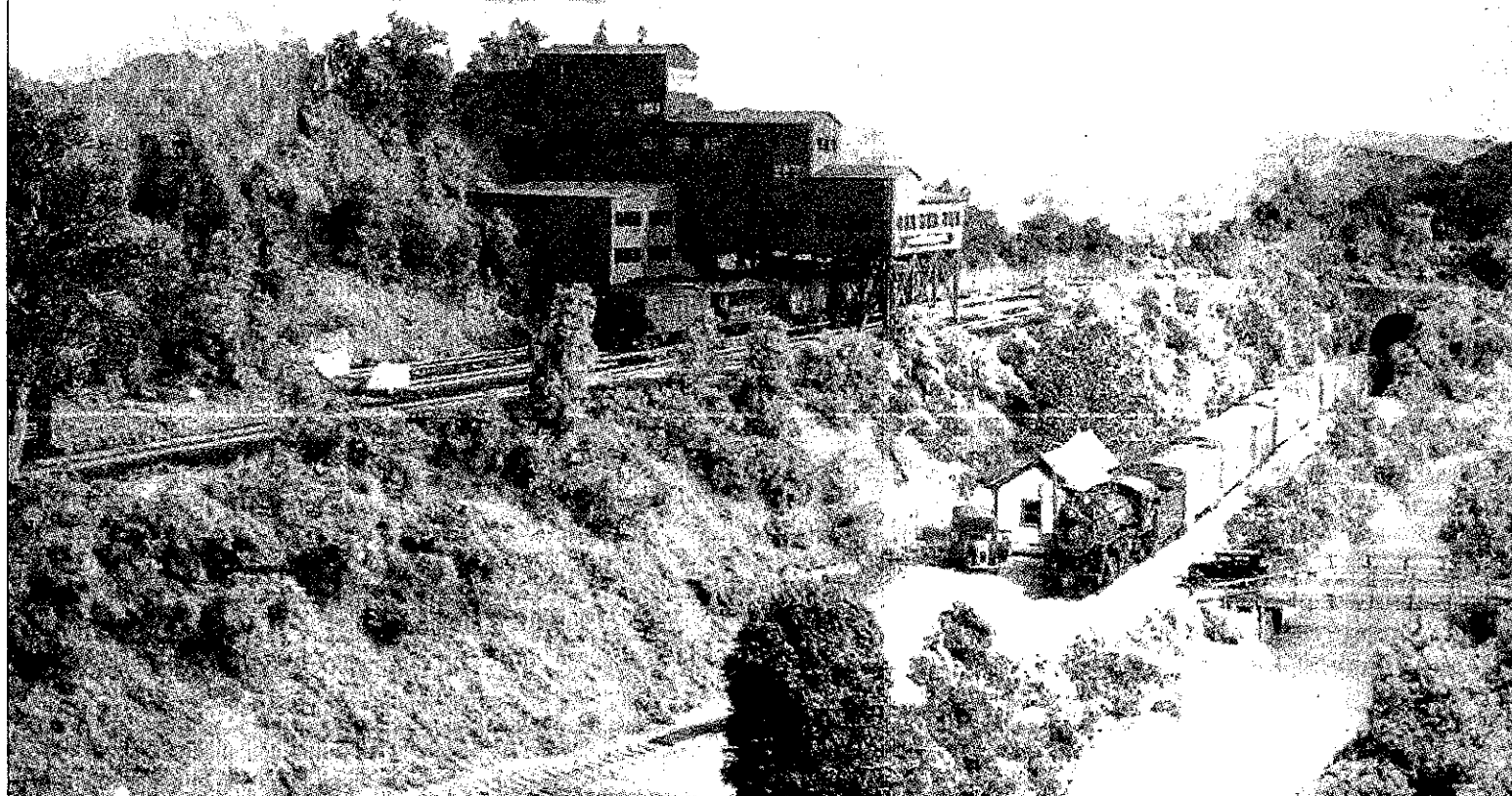


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This is Naomi Junction on Larry Wright's Beaver Valley and Pennsylvania Railroad, which runs in his Canton basement.

Local Scouts, longtime enthusiasts show off their model railroads

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

When model railroading enthusiasts gather this week for the National Model Railroaders Association Convention and the National Train Show at Cobo Center, they'll have a chance to check out a train layout that has been in the making through several generations of Livonia Boy Scouts.

Boy Scout Troop 875 from St. Paul Presbyterian Church will be the only youth group in the annual "world's largest model train show."

"This project actually started in 1990," Scoutmaster Charlie Schlaepfer said. "We built the first eight table sections at D-Bar-A summer ranch. We turned one of our cabins into a sawmill for a week."

Over the years, four groups of Scouts have participated in making model train cars, buildings and scenic designs. They've taken their creation to local train shows and shared their layout with seniors at the Livonia Senior Center. But the National Train Show is their biggest venue yet.

The National Train Show travels to a different city and state each year. The show at Cobo will cover 188,000 square

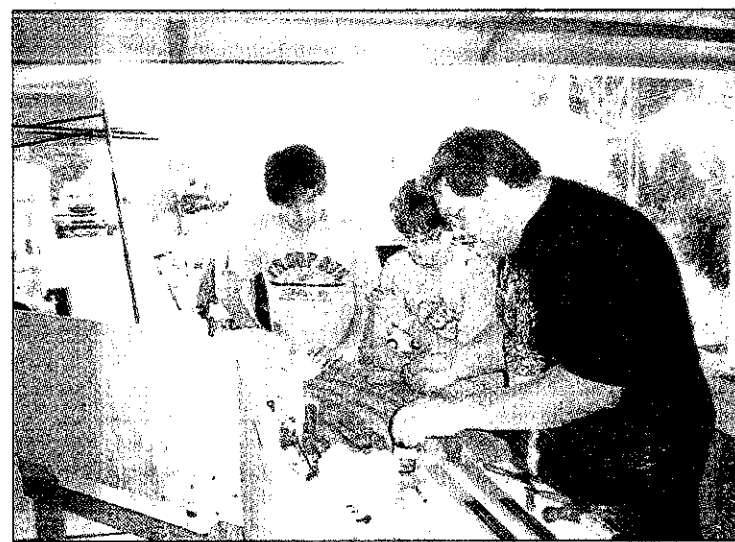


PHOTO BY KEITH GAULT

Scoutmaster Charles Schlaepfer works with, left to right, Garrett Gault and Shane Stillwell preparing track for the layout Boy Scout Troop 875 will present at the National Train Show Friday-Sunday.

feet and include a 54,000-square-foot section devoted to 22 simultaneously operating model train displays. The show will also feature collectors, vendors and manufacturers exhibits.

At each National Train Show, the Incredible Lego MiniLand features a city layout made of more than 2 million Legos featuring landmarks of the host city. This year it includes old Tiger Stadium, the David Stott

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NATIONAL TRAIN SHOW

When: Friday, July 27, to Sunday, July 29

Where: Cobo Conference/Exhibition Center, Detroit

Times: Noon to 6 p.m. Friday, July 27; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 28; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, July 29

Admission: Adults \$10; seniors (65 and over) \$9; two-day tickets \$18; children (6-12) \$5; children under 6 free

How does your garden grow?

God's love, people's labor yield bountiful harvest

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The Bible talks about feeding the hungry, and local Christians have heeded that call.

Local churches are among those who've planted vegetable gardens to help feed the needy. Resurrection Catholic Parish on Warren in Canton has been doing its vegetable garden for several years.

"We grow it organically," said Tina Gerlach of Canton, a Resurrection member in charge of the garden. Produce is

taken to St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Detroit for needy people. "They also can give those people some produce," said Gerlach, whose family owns Garden City Cake Shoppe and Ideal Cakes in Canton. About eight Resurrection members keep up the garden.

A few years back, Gerlach overheard a church deacon talk about such a garden.

"I'm a master gardener and I thought, 'Great, this is right up my alley,'" she said.

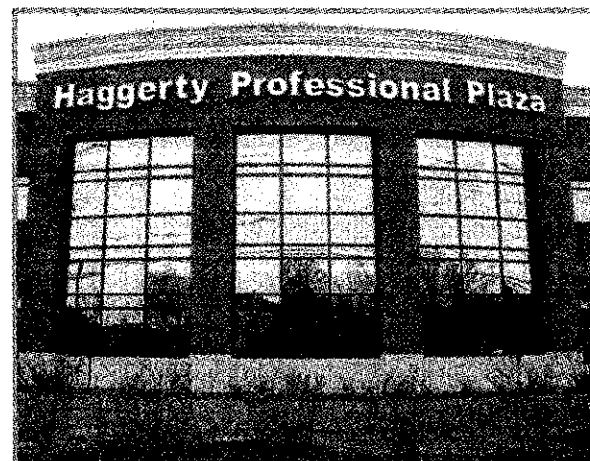
The pastor, the Rev. Richard Perfetto, encourages worshipers to get involved,

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Helene Fleisher searches for pests such as Japanese beetles in the garden at Resurrection Parish.



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Seniors grateful adult day program continues after setbacks this year

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Angie Andrzejewski tries to knock down all of the bowling pins on the table, but ends up with a split. The 92-year old Canton woman doesn't seem to mind though. Andrzejewski is just happy recreational activities are available at Revival Outreach Adult Day Services (formerly HelpSource) on Beck north of Five Mile.

The program nearly ended when HelpSource made the decision to close its doors in May. The nonprofit Ann Arbor-based agency had provided child and family services in Washtenaw and western Wayne counties for nearly 100 years.

More than once, the adult day services program has been in jeopardy. At the beginning of the year, director Laurie Krause was notified the program would have to vacate the rented space at Riverside Park Church on Newburgh at Plymouth road in Livonia. On May 1, she and the seniors moved into the Revival Outreach Center building, formerly the site of Our Lady of Providence. On July 1, the Revival Outreach Center church adopted the program primarily tailored for senior citizens who are not totally independent due to dementia, stroke or other diseases, and could benefit from structured, supervised activities up to five days a week. It is funded by the Senior Alliance (Area Agency on Aging), community development block grants from Livonia and Canton, The Information Center, and donations as well as members fees which are based on a sliding scale depending on income.

Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call (734) 927-6605.

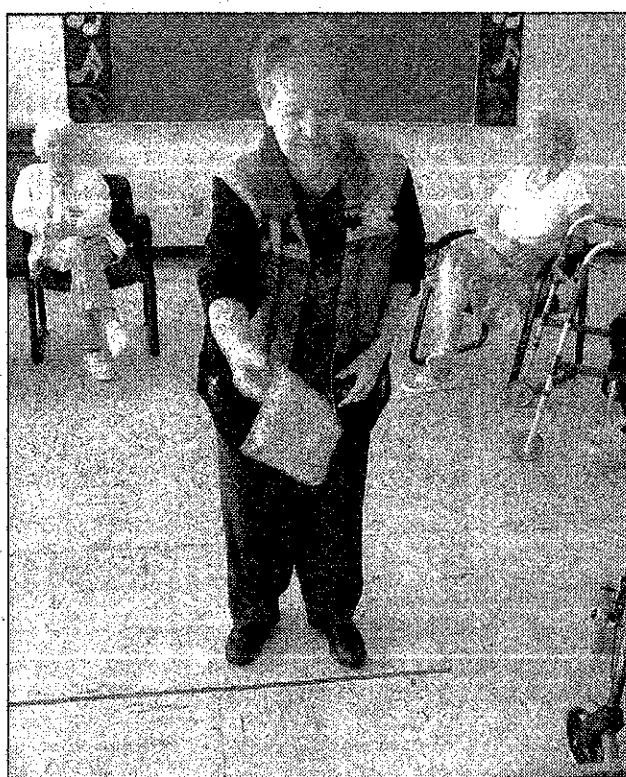
"We have three rooms, with room to grow," said Laurie Krause. "We offer activities, social recreation, provide respite for family members. We're an alternative for elderly who are isolated and alone. Revival Outreach Adult Day services is for age 21 and older and we serve all areas. We have members from Livonia, Plymouth, Garden City, Canton, Novi, Northville, Ypsilanti, Dearborn Heights, but have lost members due to the distance since we moved. We're holding open enrollment right now and looking forward to getting new people."

Activity assistant Colleen Wagner thinks all of the changes have only benefitted seniors.

"It's a lot more space," said Colleen Wagner of Westland. "It's an awesome program and this is home now. The church has been so welcoming. We're happy we're here. This morning we played bingo in the other room. It's stimulating for them to move from room to room."

Mike Morche and the congregation have witnessed the difference the adult day services program makes in the lives of seniors and the church as well.

"We found out about their program and the outreach and concern they had for area seniors," said Mike Morche, Revival Outreach Center facilities director. "When it became known that HelpSource was going out, the deacon board and leadership team went to work to see if we could make that work. It was one of those providentially arranged coincidences, a God thing. They've really added another connecting point to the community



Angie Andrzejewski (throwing bean bag), assistant activity director Colleen Wagner (back right), and Josephine Rozmarynowski (back left) enjoy a day of fun at the Revival Outreach Adult Day Services program.

for us. Our congregation is driven by love. We feel our role in the community is to reach out to hurting people in all of these kinds of situations. When you reach out to help somebody, it's not long before you realize who's the beneficiary. Seniors bring a wealth of life experience. They're part of the family now. I'm not sure who adopted who. I think the sentiment is we're the real winners."

Angie Andrzejewski has been coming to the adult day program for more than a year.

"I like it because we get together," said Angie Andrzejewski. "You don't want to sit home and look at the walls. This is the thing for seniors to do."

"I've enjoyed it," added Merrill Ray, 76, of Livonia. Ray has been having fun with the rest of the seniors for about a year. "I come twice a week but many of the seniors come four to five days a week."

"The game is fun," said Shirley Burden after taking her turn at tabletop bowling. The 71-year old Livonia resident has been coming to the program for the last couple of months. "People here are real nice. You can get out and enjoy yourself."

"It's good to be with other people and not be by yourself," added Mary Christner, 91 of Canton. Like Burden, Christner joined the program a couple of months ago. "I don't think we're born to be by ourselves. I live by myself, so it was nice once I got acquainted with the people here."

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TRAINS

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and Fisher buildings, the Main Library and the Detroit Institute of Arts. A Lego train runs through the layout.

Schlaepfer has been involved with Scouting and model railroading since he was a boy, joining in 1975 and becoming an Eagle Scout in 1982. As a Scoutmaster, he has encouraged the interest of his troop because of all the skills involved in railroading. Scouts can earn a model railroading badge and other badges from the various skills needed to build a model railroad.

The layout has no particular theme, but draws on the interests and imaginations of the boys involved.

"Each boy gets an area to work on, put scenes together and go from there," Schlaepfer said.

Patrol Leader Alex Pepper, 15, shows off a treehouse he and another Scout designed and built.

"Our patrol is named The Patrol, so we named it The Treehouse," Pepper said.

Matt Vizzaccaro, 13, has been helping with the elaborate wiring for the 24- by 20-foot layout.

It was his first experience with electrical work.

Both boys enjoy the opportunity to do what they want.

"It's fun to do different stuff with it and let your imagination go with it," Alex said.

The current troop of 16 boys has incorporated their war games figures and done some elaborate models of decayed urban buildings. The war scenes even included simulated bombing.

"Last time at the senior center, we had a war with it," Alex said.

The boys will be setting up Wednesday in preparation for the Friday opening to the public.

EURO-STYLE

While most American model railroaders recreate the glory days of the Pennsylvania, New York Central or Santa Fe railroads and the American countryside, the European Train Enthusiasts look across the Atlantic for inspiration.

The 35-member Great Lakes Chapter will be presenting an 18- by 32-foot modular layout. Members come from throughout southeast Michigan and northern Ohio and is based in Ann Arbor.

"Most of our group are from overseas and our group models European trains," said Dan Roe of Canton. "I'm the odd one, I wandered in by accident. I saw some trains I liked and they were by Marklin and they make European trains."

Roe is a quality engineer for a machine shop in Westland who has been

involved with model railroading for more than 50 years.

"Just like all of us, a relative gave me a Lionel when I was 8 or 9. That's all it took. I've been a rail fan and a model rail fan ever since," he said.

Roe said the exhibit will feature a little bit of Holland, a lot of Germany and familiar European countryside. Recreating a world in miniature is the prime attraction for Roe.

"With me, it's the engineering. It's the challenge from an engineering standpoint to create this miniature world," he said. "I enjoy watching the kiddies come by and watch their faces. I'm more a scenery junkie than a train junkie."

ARTIST'S HOBBY

It is artistry that has kept retired Detroit News cartoonist Larry Wright of Canton involved.

"I've been doing this for 35-40 years," he said. "I had trains when I was a kid, Lionel stuff. My grandfather was an engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad."

The public National Train Show is the culmination of the annual week-long National Model Railroading Association Convention. As part of the convention, area modelers participate in layout tours, inviting NMRA members to visit their home layouts.

Wright will be showing his fictional Beaver Valley and Pennsylvania Railroad, based on the real Maryland-Pennsylvania.

Wright belongs to an informal group of model train enthusiasts who meet at a different house each week and keep eight railroads running on time.

"We call ourselves the Midnight Pocatello Yardmasters. It's an old railroad cliché, a drifter trying to get a job would claim to a Midnight Pocatello yardmaster as a reference that would be hard to check," Wright said.

His 35- by 55-foot HO layout has been built over the last 11 years with help from the 18 club members.

"We run it like a real railroad. We run it on schedule, that's what we enjoy," he said.

The creator of the *Kit 'n' Carlyle* comic strip finds artistic satisfaction in his layout, which was featured in the April issue of *Railroad Model Craftsman* magazine.

"I'm an artist and I used to paint," he said. "Model railroading is like painting in 3D, satisfying something no painting did."

Tom Draper of Phoenix, chairman of the National Train Show, said last year's show in Philadelphia drew 22,500 visitors and he expects Detroit to attract even more.

"This is a first-class show that we provide," he said.

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GARDEN

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and the garden, now measuring about 70 by 30 feet, became a reality. It has some 17 raised beds, put in because of the gravel gardeners found in the planting area.

"They really like tomatoes," Gerlach said, noting homeless people lack cooking facilities. Raw beans, cucumbers and peppers are also popular.

The Resurrection garden was a lot of work to set up. Gardeners had hoped for a sprinkler system close by; Gerlach's partner in gardening, Elaine Jeris, who knows a lot about vegetable gardening, got help last year by having her husband link the garden into a sprinkler system.

"With all her help, it's just worked out," Gerlach said. "It's been great."

This year, her husband and Jeris's linked up a sprinkler system with a faucet right there and a permanent trench. "It makes it easier to get volunteers," Gerlach said.

"We keep it mulched really well to keep the water in," which cuts down on weeding. Deacon Don Leach, also on staff at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church of Plymouth Township, has been Resurrection's link to the Detroit ministry.

"I think everyone who has volunteered to help has gotten something out of it," said Gerlach, citing helping others, getting to know each other and being outdoors.

Resurrection gets some produce from worshippers' home gardens, and church members have helped by providing such things as plastic containers for produce.

Geneva Presbyterian Church on Sheldon in Canton put in a vegetable garden for the first time this year.

"They were looking to provide some fresh vegetables for people coming in for the food bank" the church operates, said Don Glass of Canton, a Geneva member in charge of the garden there. "It's growing very nicely. The zucchini is ready to be picked." Cucumbers are doing well, too, and tomatoes and squash are coming along at Geneva.

"I think it's the community service, to provide vegetables for the community," said Glass, who teaches foreign language at Central Middle School in Plymouth. Some 8-10 members work on the Geneva garden, which has a sprinkler system that has minimized problems from this year's dry weather.

"Definitely," Glass said of wanting the Geneva garden to become larger in future years. He cites "the joy of doing something for others that's good to make you feel like you're doing something for people." Geneva gardeners are eager to get the word out to local needy people about their produce.

If you'd like to start such a garden, there are sources of help. Gardeners at Geneva met this year when starting their garden with Michelle Glowa, new garden development coordinator for the Growing Hope nonprofit based in Ypsilanti.

Growing Hope started its first garden seven years ago, and has been incorporated as a nonprofit for three years.

"We believe that church gardens are a great way to bring the community together," Glowa said. Growing Hope offers training and resources, to help churches, schools and other community groups make their gardens grow.

"We've helped about 15 gardens get off the ground," primarily in Washtenaw County, she said. The biggest obstacle can be that it's easy to get excited, but building infrastructure, finding committed volunteers and getting groundwork done ahead of time are important.

"A lot of people take it home for personal use," Glowa said of food grown. Many donate to food banks, and some bring produce to the Ypsilanti farmer's market to sell.

"We encourage all of our gardeners to participate in Plant a Row for the Hungry," a joint campaign with the Washtenaw County Food Bank and Growing Hope.

To learn more, go to www.growinghope.net, or call Growing Hope at (734) 786-8401.

"I think that everyone's been watering. The plants have definitely been stressed," Glowa added when asked about this summer's dry spell.

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A spinning pinwheel helps keep birds away as Veronica and Jack Flesher water while they're in the garden.



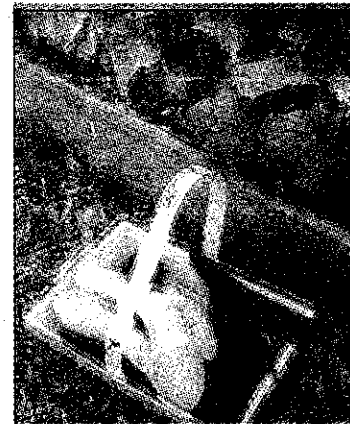
Tina Gerlach spends lots of time caring for the garden at Resurrection Parish in Canton.



Elaine Jeris adds water to the compost, while Jack Flesher watches.



Tina Gerlach waters the cabbage patch.



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REUNIONS

Andover High School

Class of 1987

7 p.m. to 12 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, 2007. The Fairlane Club in Dearborn. Please register at Classmates.com for more details!

Class of 1957

A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 15, 2007, at Great Oaks Country Club

in Rochester. Looking for alumni. Call Mary Lou Norkiewicz (Ehrmann) at (248) 375-5406, Jim Greenless at (248) 642-0290 or Janice Turnbull (Lane) at (248) 627-2447.

Berkley High School

Class of 1987

A 20-year reunion is planned for Nov. 24, 2007. Looking for all current contact info for alumni from class of 1987. Contact Kim (DeWilde) Everingham at (734)422-0087 or e-mail info to kimsiasophia@gmail.com. Reunion Web site is www.BHSreunion1987.com for further information and details.

Birmingham Groves

Class of 1977

A 30-year reunion 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at Camp Ticonderoga, Troy. \$35 in advance, \$45 at the door. Contact Dan Nelson at (248)433-3742 or e-mail: Groves77reunion@hotmail.com.

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Birmingham Seaholm

Class of 1962

A 45-year reunion is planned for 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, 2007, at Camp Ticonderoga Restaurant, Troy. For information: www.seaholm62.org. Contact: Greg Frontier at gfrontier@aol.com or Charlotte (Bosworth) Follis at cafollis@myblue-light.com.

Bishop Borgess

Class of 1977

A 30-year reunion Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007, at George Murphy's, Livonia. For more information, call (248)685-8747 or by e-mail kharnig@yahoo.com.

Class of 1987

A 20-year reunion, Sept. 15, 2007, at the Livonia Marriott. Contact borgess87@hotmail.com for more information.

Burt Elementary and Junior High

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Class of 1967

For information contact Contacts: Sandy Rhodes Luoma at sandysgardens2003@yahoo.com, Sue Smith Nykamp at suenkyamp@yahoo.com or Margaret Hadcock Gallagher at edgallagher@prodigy.net

Clarenceville High School

All classes

Sunday, July 29 at Kensington Metro park, shelter T, open to all Clarenceville alumni - grads and non-grads. Not open to current students unless they are the children of attending alumni. Lunch is potluck (email for division of stuff to bring). For more info, contact: clarenceville_alumni_reunion@yahoo.com

Clawson High School

Class of 1962

A 45-year reunion/6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Hilton Detroit-Troy on Crooks Road in Troy. Dinner, dancing and cash bar. Other weekend events will begin on Friday, Sept. 21, and will continue through Sunday, Sept. 23. For information, e-mail ClawsonHS62@aol.com or call Mary at (248)593-6182.

Dearborn High School

Class of 1952

A 55 year reunion on Sunday, Aug. 5, at the O'Kelly Banquet Hall, 23663 Park St., Dearborn. Reunion begins at 2 p.m. with buffet dinner at 4 p.m. Call Marianne Hoak (313)274-9064 or Carolyn Haseltine Chambon (734)420-2591.

Dearborn Fordson

Class of 1957

A 50th reunion picnic, 3 p.m. Aug. 4, 2007, at a party barn. Contact Betty (Minnelli) Reynolds at (248)553-7618.

Class of 1958

A luncheon at Park Place on Aug. 3, 2007, to celebrate 49 years. Reservations only. For information, call (313)562-3941 (Fran) or (313)278-4488 (Joyce or John).

Class of 1969

Planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nison at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayniniu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core.com.

Class of 1977

A 30-year reunion, Friday, Aug. 3 to Sunday, Aug. 5, 2007. Contact Val Schulte (Wrenbeck) at msugrad81@cox.net with your current address and phone number.

ENGAGEMENTS

Ostafinski-Hulsebus

Dave and Susan Ostafinski of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter Karen Ostafinski of Ann Arbor, to Mike Hulsebus of Ann Arbor, son of Jim and Marlene Hulsebus of Grandville, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. In 2003, she graduated from the University of Michigan and works as an image editor at a photography studio.

The prospective groom graduated from Grandville High School in 2003, and the University of Michigan in 2007. He is employed as a photographer.



The wedding is scheduled for October 2007 at Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor.

WEDDINGS

Uryga-Pumphrey

Rebecca Lynn Uryga and Cary Michael Pumphrey were married Sept. 16, 2006 at St. Florian Catholic Church in Hamtramck with the Rev. Tomasz Sielicki officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Walter and Elaine Uryga of Canton. She is a 1997 graduate of Canton High School, a 2001 graduate of the University of Michigan School of Engineering and a 2004 graduate of Depaul Law School. She is a patent attorney in Chicago.

The groom is the son of Janice Rihn of Grand Island, Neb., and Dr. Harold Pumphrey of Lincoln, Neb. He is a 1995 graduate of Hebron High School, a 2000 graduate of Nebraska Wesleyan University and a 2003 graduate of the University of Denver Law School. He received his Masters of Law from Depaul University in 2004. He also works as an attorney in Chicago.

The bride was attended by Maid of Honor Michelle Elleby, a friend of the bride; Melanie Burkett, Nancy Noonan, Jennifer Barnes and



Kathryn Deignan, friends of the bride, and Kylie Ferguson, friend of the groom. Flower girl was Jaclyn Uryga, cousin of the bride.

The groom was attended by Best Man John Messe, Jr., friend of the groom; Anthony Perea, Phillip Romberg and Trent Maly, friends of the groom; Drew Pumphrey, brother of the groom and Steven Bokovitz, cousin of the bride. Ring bearer was Eric Uryga, godson of the bride.

A reception was held at the Laurel Park Marriott in Livonia. The couple honeymooned on a Mediterranean Cruise. The couple makes their home in Chicago.

Yunker-Cummins

Katrina Marie Yunker and Ryan Robert Cummins were married June 30, 2007, at Mystic Creek Golf Course in Milford with Magistrate E. Wayne Byrum officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Steven and Vickie Yunker of Livonia. She is currently attending the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

The groom is the son of Cathy Cummins of Livonia, and Robert and Margaret (stepmother) Cummins of Altamonte Springs, Fla. He is currently attending the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

The bride was attended by Maid of Honor Mary Ash, and bridesmaids Alison Kirkland and Tamara Yunker. Flower



girl was Natalie Yunker. The groom was attended by Best Man Brad Garrity, and groomsmen Shawn Kirkland and Ryan McMillen. Ushers were Thomas Paye and Douglas Miller.

A reception was held at the golf course. The couple honeymooned in Miami Beach, Fla. They make their home in Livonia.

BIRTHS

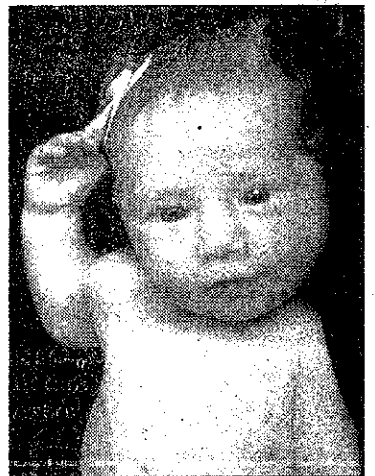
Charlotte Brynn Bargowski

Julie and Craig Bargowski of Chicago announce the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Brynn Bargowski, born April 25, 2007.

Charlotte weighed in at 8 pounds, and measured 19-3/4 inches long at birth. She joins 3-year-old big brother Bryce Richard.

Julie Bargowski is formerly of Anchorage, Alaska, and Craig Bargowski is a former Canton resident.

Proud grandparents are Richard and Donna Bargowski of Canton, Charlene and Bill Stamp of Calgary, Alberta,



Canada, and Warren Oberhansly of Alaska.

Alexis Maya Emmell

Alexis Maya Emmell was born on Feb. 26, at Wolmack Army Medical Center at Ft. Bragg, NC.

Her proud parents are Warren and Jill Emmell of Fayetteville, NC. Alexis has one brother, 2-year-old Warren Wesley Emmell III.

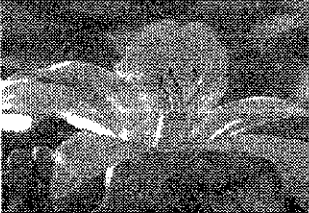
Proud grandmother is Carol Gorris of Livonia.



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ETHEL LINVILLE BAILEY

Age 87, now a resident of Sheffield, TN, passed away at home on Monday, July 9, 2007. Ethel was born in the family home on Little Cypress Creek, in Wayne County, Tennessee, on May 21, 1920, the seventh child to Dora and James Linville. She attended high school in Collinwood, TN, where she excelled at athletics, particularly basketball, leading her 1937 team to the state finals in Murfreesboro. A shooting forward, she scored a school record of 612 points in that championship series. She attended Austin Peay Normal to receive her teaching credentials and later received an undergraduate degree in education from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. While caring for four small children, she completed a master's degree in education at Wayne State and did work toward her doctorate. She first taught in the two room schoolhouse at Fairview in Wayne County, TN. After the War when she moved to Michigan, she studied and taught in early elementary education. She taught for 34 years in the Garden City, MI school system near Detroit, and for the last 26 years in kindergarten at Henry Ruff Elementary School. She was loved and admired by students, parents and colleagues and acknowledged as an excellent teacher and educational leader. During her long career, she served as a teacher to other educators and taught over 2000 individual boys and girls, often several generations of the same family. An active member of the Garden City Library Commission, she chaired its building campaign, opening the new building in 1954; she also served on the Board of the Northwest Child Guidance Clinic for many years. Ethel married Essel William Bailey, who grew up near her on Middle Cypress Creek, in May 1941. They raised four children together and were proud of every child. They enjoyed traveling and once took a nine month trip around the world, visiting 34 countries and making new friends; along the way, Ethel was invited to teach both children and teachers in schools in England, Scandinavia and Australia. Ethel loved all children, and her own especially. Teaching, basketball, collecting classic cars and old dictionaries, trees, flowers, the ocean, and the great outdoors were all passions. Her husband Essel survives her, along with all her four children, Essel Jr., of Ann Arbor, MI, James, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, and David and Amanda Diane, of Grand Junction, Colorado; her grandchildren, Trey, Justin, Nicolas, Emma, James, Thomas, Robert, and John, and many nieces and nephews, including Debbie (Linville) Eisemann of Grand Junction, Colorado, and Peggy (Smith) Lowery, formerly of Collinwood, MI, who was predeceased by her sister, Bessie (Linville) Smith, and her six brothers, Rex, Kermit, Ralph, James, Paul, and Ross. Services were Tuesday, July 10, 2007 at 11 am at Shackelford Funeral Home Chapel, Collinwood, TN with Emerald Bailey and Dean Olive officiating. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery with Shackelford Funeral Directors of Wayne County in charge of arrangements.

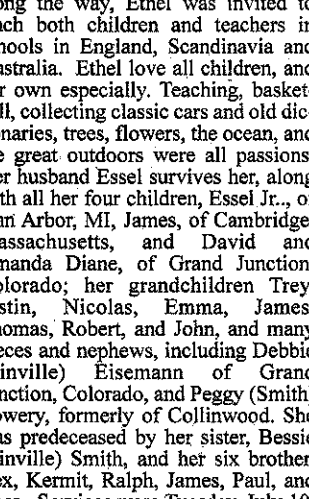
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NATALINE (JAMMA) HENRY

Age 71, of Detroit, MI, made her transition July 12, 2007 at Henry Ford Hospital. She leaves her mother, Willa DuBoise; long time companion, Billy Hudson; two sons, Charles & Timothy Henry; one daughter, Tracey Brown; two daughter-in-laws. Also known as "Jamma" to her four grandchildren and other loving family members and friends. Her memorial service was held at Sacred Heart Church, 1000 Eliot, Detroit, MI.

PRISCILLA BARBARA KING

(Witkowski)

Age 70, of Troy, Michigan for over 40 years, formerly of Hazel Park, MI, passed away July 19, 2007. She was born Sept. 22, 1936 in Hamtramck, MI, the daughter of the late Stanley and Anna Witkowski. She married Elerious L. King on November 30, 1955 and he preceded her in death on January 21, 2006. She was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, in Troy. She loved dancing, music and cooking, her Keeshound dogs and animals. She also loved her children, grandchildren and gatherings with family & friends. She loved to play her marble game with her family. She also worked along side her husband for 50 years at Atlas Veneer and Fireplaces in Troy. She is survived by her children: Kinette Bayliss, Troy, MI, Darcie King, Sterling Heights, MI, Edward King, Clinton Twp., MI and Julie (Amy) King, Troy, MI; grandchildren, Brett, Lance, Ethan, Evan and Carly Marie; brothers, Joseph (Meridith) Witkowski, Sterling, MI and Stanley Witkowski, Madison Heights, MI and brother-in-law, Alvert King, Troy, MI. Visitation will be Sunday & Monday, 3-8pm at Price Funeral Home, 3725 Rochester Rd. (btwn Big Beaver & Watties Rds) Troy, 248-689-0700. Rosary Monday 7pm at the funeral home. She will lie in State Tuesday 10am until Funeral Mass at 11am at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 280 East Square Lake Rd., Troy with Fr. Ronald J. Jozwiak officiating. Interment: White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Troy, MI. Memorials may be made to Michigan Lupus Foundation or Beaumont Hospice Fund. Share memorials at the online register book at www.pricefuneralhome.net.

ZEREPA "REE" KIRKPATRICK

Died peacefully at home on July 12, 2007. Born Zerepha Louise Blunk on March 4, 1913 to Arthur and Angie (Murray) Blunk. Ree grew up in Plymouth, MI, meeting her future husband Bill Kirkpatrick in 5th grade. After graduation from Michigan State College in 1937, they were married and spent 52 years as the light in each other's life. She was proud of having worked for Henry Ford in his all-female assembly plant at Phoenix Mill in Michigan. Ree leaves son Bill and his wife Jane, and daughter Judy, all of La Crosse, WI, grandchildren, Bill (Susan) of Minneapolis and Kirstin (Joel) of Ft. Collins, CO, and six great-grandchildren. She is further survived by sister's-in-law Sally Blunk, Dorothy Kirkpatrick, and Marion Kochensperger, and her brother-in-law Fred Kochensperger. At Ree's request, there will be no services. Online condolences can be sent to www.schumacher-kish.com. The Schumacher-Kish Funeral Home of La Crosse, WI is assisting the family.

NANCY S. MCGOWEN

Age 63, after a courageous battle with cancer went to the with the Lord, July 18, 2007 surrounded by her loving family and friends. A Rochester area resident since 1978, Nancy built a thriving interior design business and retail store, McGowen Associates, and Chapman House Classic Home. She served on the boards of the Rochester DDA and Chamber of Commerce, was a founding member and teacher of the Rochester Community Bible Study and most recently a member of the Suite Dreams Project design board. Born and raised in East Palestine, OH, Nancy was a 1965 graduate of Youngstown Hospital School of Nursing. Beloved wife of Thomas sharing 42 years together. Loving mother of Jonathan of Laguna Beach, CA and David of Rochester Hills. Dear sister of J. Allan McCamon of Poland, OH and Lee McCamon of Laguna Beach, CA. Cherished aunt of Stan (Krista) McCamon and Curt (Jessica) McCamon. Dear sister-in-law of Pam McGowen of Canton, OH. Loving niece of Barbara Williams and Martha Ashbridge. Visitation Sunday 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Pixley Funeral Home, 322 W. University Drive, in Rochester. Visitation with tea Monday 10:00 a.m. followed by service 11:00 a.m. Kensington Community Church, 1825 E. Square Lake in Troy. Memorial contributions in Nancy's memory to Kensington Community Church Building Fund or Suite Dreams Project are appreciated. Visit: www.mem.com

BETTY L. STRAND

(nee Williams)

Age 82, July 14, 2007. Beloved wife of Forrest. Dearest Mother of Susan (David) Morell, Janet Flessa, and John (Mary) Strand. Loving Grandmother of John (Erica) and Scott (Kristina) Morell, Eric and Mark Flessa, Dennis (Raegen) Findlay, and twin great-granddaughters, Alexandra and Madison Findlay. Devoted sister of Dorothy (Bill) Baldwin, Patricia Schuett, and Dr. John (Marie) Williams. Preceded in death by her parents Clarence and Wanda Williams. Funeral services were Thursday, July 19, 2007 at Shepherd King Lutheran Church, 5300 W. Maple Rd., in West Bloomfield. Interment Glen Eden Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Church.

CLIFFORD ALBERT VOEGE

Passed away Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at Carlet Inns of Brighton. He was born November 12, 1940 in Detroit, Michigan, son of Albert and Lenore (Larson) Voegel. Mr. Voegel proudly served his country during the Vietnam Era. He enjoyed outdoor sports including hunting and fishing. He was a big fan of the Detroit Red Wings and also enjoyed movies. Prior to his retirement in 1997 he had been employed by Detroit Diesel Corp. as a Personnel Clerk for many years. Mr. Voegel was the dear father of Suzanne (Troy) Tousey of Golden, CA and Scott (Tracey) Voegel of Chicago, IL. Fond grandfather of Evan Mahan Voegel. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, July 21, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at the Keehn Funeral Home, 706 W. Main St., Brighton (810-229-9871). The family will receive friends on Saturday beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit. The family has suggested memorial contributions to ALS of Michigan, 21311 Civic Center Dr., #200, Southfield, MI 48076 (www.alsomf.org). You may visit our online guest registry for Mr. Voegel at www.keehnfundhome.com

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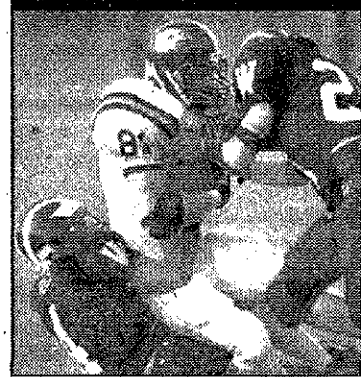
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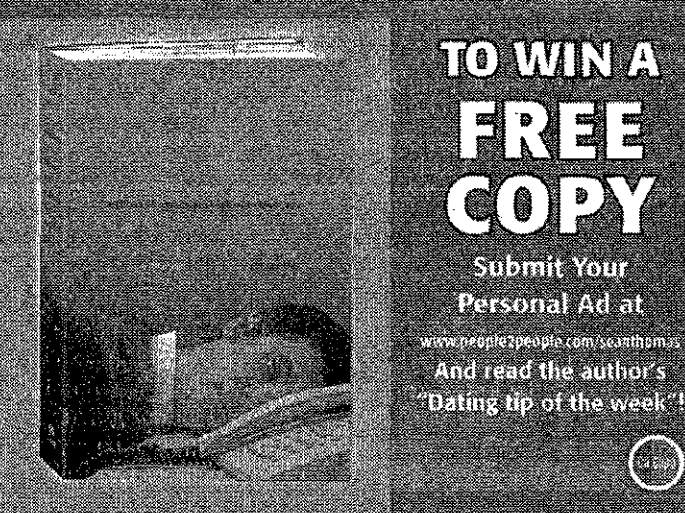
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SBF, 38, 5'6", 120lbs, smoker, loves jazz. Seeking SF, 30-45, smoker, for dining out and movies. for friendship, possible romance. ☎152399

SINCERE ONLY

SBF, 36, feminine, beautiful, sexy, seeks confident, similar lady to share nights on the town, good talks and simple fun. Will it be you? Friendship first, possibly more. ☎210970

HELLO GENTLEMAN

SBF, 36, 5'2", 135lbs, looking for SWPM, to hang with, get to know and just have some fun. Interested? ☎213164

FORMER MODEL

SWF, 50, 5'6", slender, intelligent, creativity, passion for music and dancing. Seeks partner 38-50, who is attractive and fit, to share this interests and more. ☎900101

FRIENDS FIRST

WWF, 68, 5'6", 145lbs, healthy, honest, happy, likes comedy films, country cooking. Looking for outdoorsy, active man affectionate and warm-hearted, to share the good things in life. ☎139719

ONCE IN A LIFETIME

SWF, 57, 5'6", attractive, intelligent, romantic, enjoys walks, dancing and singing, seeks a fit to medium build, N/S, gentleman, 48-65, 5'8", for companionship, maybe more. ☎175150

ROMANTIC EVENINGS

SWF, 53, 120lbs, Auburn/Brown, enjoys dancing, dining, traveling, antiques and long walks, would like to meet a SWM, 55-60, to share talks and movies, for companionship, romance and more. ☎206203

LOTS OF LOVE TO GIVE

SWF, 66, 5'6", blond, N/S, good sense of humor, enjoys life, dancing and dining, seeking a SWM, 66-75, N/S, sincere and humorous, for companionship, maybe more. ☎202161

LOOK OUT HERE I COME

Some what shy SF, 34, pet owner, works hard but loves to have fun, simple times, good company. Seeking nice SM, to share a little fun and friendship. ☎139626

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL

Attractive SWF, 50, 5'7", 125lbs, loves all life, animals, arts, family, nature, spirituality. Masters helping professional. Seeking big-hearted, financially/emotionally secure, intelligent DPM, 48-68, for fun, friendship, depth, etc. ☎292242

TRY ME

SBF, 33, 5'5", 160lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, looking for a loving SM, to share talks, good times, shopping, dancing laughter and simple times. ☎213013

ILL MAKE U SMILE

Loving, open-minded, spontaneous SBF, 18, D/D-free, N/S, no children, looking for SWM/H, to share friendship, fun times, talks, a little romance and see what happens next. ☎212804

Pretty In Pink

SWF, hard-worker, likes gardening, working-out, movies, music and painting, seeks a SWM, 45-58, honest, caring, with similar interests, for companionship, maybe more. ☎212319

SIG HEART

SWF, 46, 5'5", 160lb, brown/brown, sincere, enjoys movies, museums, the outdoors, sports, cuddling and walks. ISO SWM, 37-53, for friendship first. ☎213680

SOULMATE SEARCH

Slim, attractive, 57-year-old JP looking for her soul-mate, any sincere, successful J/P, between the ages of 54-64, please respond. ☎399875

PERSONABLE AND SPECIAL

SWF, retired, talented, fun-loving, attractive, 132lbs, 5'5", blonde, seeks well-groomed gentleman, 60+, to share life and enjoy each other's company. ☎691247

HOPETO HEAR FROM YOU

WWF, 57, homeowner, independent, a little lonely, dog owner, enjoys quiet times, good talks and together-ness. Seeking a kind man to share these. ☎211330

HIDDEN TREASURE

I'm the needle in the haystack, and there you will find true love. Seeking SM, 65+. ☎212730

COULD IT BE YOU?

SWF, 74, very active, 5'11", brown/brown, blonde hair, fair skin, looking for N/S, honest gentleman, 60-70, who has numerous interests including history, traveling, and home life. ☎2409879

A GOOD WOMAN 4 U

Laid-back, nice SBF, 42, N/S, N/D, loves music, movies, travel, and simple times. Seeking quiet times home. Seeking like-minded lady, feminine and fun-loving to share friendship and possibly more. ☎203055

NURSE

Attractive SWF, 64, 5'3", 135lb, dark hair, blue eyes, fair skin, looking for N/S, honest gentleman, 60-70, who has numerous interests including history, traveling, and home life. ☎2409879

SEEKING SPECIAL GENT

DWF, 63, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes, theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet a non-smoking WM, 58-70, for possible romance. ☎230068

TAKE ME GOLFING

Tidy SWF, 60, enjoys fine dining, traveling. Seeking golfer, best friend, confidante, 58-70, widower a plus. Honestly, trust, a must to make a relationship work. ☎798914

POSSIBLE LTR

SWF, 56, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, going out, seeks SWPM, 55-62, N/S, college degree, healthy, SOH, possible LTR. ☎993381

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...

45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 45-year-old who's bright, sexy and pretty. Only Jewish men please. ☎362317

SOUND LIKE YOU

SF, 26, fun-loving, enjoys sports, romance and trying new things. Seeking honest, easygoing man to share talks, good times, friendship and fun. ☎207859

CALL ME SOMETIME

Loving, compassionate, romantic lady, 34, enjoys day trips, good talks, listening, casual times, time with family. Seeking a loving, respectful, level-headed man to share the good times in life. ☎208752

MAKE ME LAUGH

DWF, 54, 5'9", N/S, outgoing, enjoys comedy, theater, soft rock, dancing, dining, outdoors. ISO tall, SWDM, like age, good-humored, honest and spontaneous. ☎209259

CURIOUS AND ADVENTUROUS

SWF, 58, blond/blue, hwp, enjoys sincere friendships, good conversations, traveling, dancing and the beach, searching for a SWM, 52-58, with a warm smile and great personality. ☎206243

SIMPLE REQUEST

Are you honest, trustworthy, down-to-earth? SBF, 40, N/S, seeks SWM, 27-57, N/S, who knows how to take life one day at a time. ☎509061

OLD SCHOOL GIRL

SWF, 44, easygoing, loves the outdoors, seeks romantic and passionate man for LTR. ☎170340

LIFE IS TO SHORT

SWF, 41, 5'7", outgoing, fun, enjoys all sports, the outdoors and warm climates, seeking a caring, romantic, honest, handsome SM, 35-70, with similar interests, for companionship, romance and more. ☎189112

WANTING A MAN TO LOVE

SBF, 35, 5'9", 120lbs, brown complexion, homeowner, independent, goal-oriented, looking for a handsome, kind, respectful, monogamous, even-tempered SM, 35-40, medium-dark complexion, available, loving and caring, for loving relationship. ☎184313

GOOD TIMES

Hard-working, honest, respectful, ambitious, attractive, SBF, 38, educated, D/D-free. In search of SBM, with same qualities, for friendship and casual fun. ☎159359

MATURE AND SEXY

Open-minded, mature, attractive SF, 48, knows when to be serious, but has a sense of humor as well. Live and let live is my policy. ISO understanding, fun-loving good-hearted guy. ☎199972

SEEKS NEW FRIENDS

Tall, sexy, ebony artist, enjoys culture, music, the outdoors, the ocean, bookstores, coffeehouses, biking, sports, searching for a SM, 18-45, who can enjoy the same. ☎198785

WILD AND SOPHISTICATED

Ebony woman desires shared love relationship for mental, emotional, physical, spiritual and financial uplifting. 40-50. ☎147056

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

Employed, easygoing SBF, 48, mom, pretty smile, golden complexion, brown/brown, attractive, independent, warm-hearted, loves R&B, soul, classic car/cars shows, concerts. Seeking warm-hearted, independent SM, intelligent and good-humored for companionship, happiness. ☎200926

CLASSY LADY

SBF, 36, 5'3", N/S, seeking a SBM, 35-49, who enjoys sports, dining, traveling and movies, for friendship first, maybe more. ☎192050

WORTH YOUR CALL

SBF, 22, 5'4", light complexion, brown/hazel, dimples, 200lbs, enjoys horror films, hanging with friends. Looking for a nice, smart, compassionate, goal-oriented man to share the good things in life. ☎201987

SEEKING FRIENDSHIP

SBF, young 60s, wigged morals, caring, nice-looking, 5'3", 155lbs, N/S, N/D, N/D, clean, honest living, partly retired, enjoys art, card playing, casino, and movies. Seeking honest man 50-60, race open. ☎134425

OUTGOING AND OUTSPOKEN

SBF, 19, 5'10", likes dining, movies and relaxing at home, seeking a SM, 19+, with various interests, let's get together and talk over dinner. ☎208077

QUEEN SEARCHING FOR KING

SWF, 23, searching for a SBM, 25-35, outgoing, sensitive, outgoing, understanding, good sense of humor, who likes to go out and have fun. ☎209814

LADY IN THE WOODS

SWF, 50, looks younger, nice smile, blonde/hazel, 55, average build, employed, educated, home owner, dog lover, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. ☎210247

READ THIS AD!

SWF, 61, N/S, homebody, enjoys cuddling, scary movies and antiques, searching for a SWM, 52+, with various interests and qualities. ☎164114

LET'S MEET

SBF, curvy, short, pretty, outgoing, self-employed, seeking a busy SBM, 48-60, who likes concerts, traveling and dining. Let's get together and talk. ☎205267

CLASSY LADY

SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-69, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/morals. ☎202754

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?

Loving, youthful SBF, 57, trim, shapely, very attractive, energetic, happy, enjoys dining, travel, amusement parks, the outdoors, festivals, nature, family-friends, theater, movie. Seeking like-minded gentleman who shares these. ☎215226

DO YOU EXIST?

DWF, 58, 5'7", slender, very attractive, college-educated, enjoys movies, theater, sports, concerts, dining and travel. Seeking widowed/divorced WPM, 55-63, athletic, healthy, tall, N/S, D/D-free, with good sense of humor. ☎202296

LOOKING FOR YOU

Attractive SWF, 59, 5'7", blond/green, with a loving heart, seeking a SWM, christian +, N/S, D/D-free, who enjoys the simple things in life. ☎202621

LOOKING FOR ME?

Energetic SBF, 52, N/S, attractive, educated, sociable, 5'7", 170lbs, enjoys movies, reading, concerts, theater, dining, travel, trying new things. I'm intelligent, spontaneous, active gentleman, N/S, to share these. Let's talk. ☎135617

NO DRAMA

SBF, 28, outgoing, down-to-earth, loves shopping, bowling, shooting pool, more. ISO a special man, 20-38, with like interests, to share special times. ☎172728

LOTS OF LOVE TO GIVE

Attractive, caring SBF, 31, 5'2", likes comedy/suspense movies, dining and having fun, seeking a woman, 25-35, athletic, soft-spoken, for friendship first, possible LTR. ☎181458

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE

SBF, 23, outgoing, I like to have fun, movies, walks, dinner/travel. Seeking a SM, 21-45, to share interests and companionship. ☎213252

GIRL NEXT DOOR

SBF, 22, 5'11", seeking a SM, 18-27, for dinner dates, phone conversations, walks in the park, or just hanging out watching a good movie. ☎189347

ARE YOU MY MATCH?

SBF, 29, 5'5", easygoing, laid-back, D/D-free, seeking a SBM, 21-36, honest, caring, for friendship, maybe more. ☎188807

LET'S TALK

SBF, 33, 4'11", likes romantic walks, dining and movies, enjoys the outdoors, travel, and simple times. Seeking a nice guy, who enjoys the same, for friendship, maybe more. No head games/drama. ☎190972

HOPE IT'S YOU

SBM, 30, 5'6", 180lbs, mom, dark complexion, brown eyes, medium build, blonde hair, seeks cool, handsome, down-to-earth SM, drama-free and considerate, to share all the good things in life. ☎191375

GIRL NEXT DOOR

SWF, 22, 5'5", attractive, seeking a SM, 22-35, who likes movies, dining and more. Let's get together. ☎212273

SENT FROM HEAVEN

SBF, 21, loving, caring, kind, compassionate, generous, attractive, honest, seeking a SM, 25-72, with similar qualities, to spend time with, go out to dinner or the movies. ☎201386

THE GOOD LIFE

SBF, 25, 5'7", seeking a SBF, 20-36, who enjoys the simple things in life, to hang out with, go out to the movies, shopping or walks in the park. ☎198864

HOW ARE YOU?

SBF, 29, mom of 2, N/S, fun-loving, caring, compassionate, likes cooking, painting, walks, beaches, family times. Seeking a nice guy, who has zest for life, to share a little happiness. ☎200770

GET TO KNOW ME

Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. ☎963769

SEEKING MR. RIGHT

Classy SBF, hoping to meet mature SBM, 45-60. I'm a very passionate, affectionate, loving person, who enjoys a variety of activities. If you're seeking your soulmate, why not try me? ☎963794

VERY CUTE

SBF, 56, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 45-58, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. ☎13189

READY FOR A FRESH START?

DWF, 47, 5'9", 120lbs, long blonde/blue, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6'1", 220lb+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, manly gentleman. ☎952549

I NEED A LOVE...

to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming WF, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. ☎568059

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

NEW TO AREA

SWM, 36, 6'5", athletic build, dark blond/blue, enjoys sports, outdoors, music, movies, cooking and more. Seeking creative, fun lady with an open mind and heart to share friendship and fun. ☎140690

A GOOD HEART

Easygoing, honest, simple man, 37, 6', 200lbs, healthy, loves sports, romance, snuggling. Looking to meet kind-hearted, commitment-minded woman, curvy, 40+, to share companionship, laughter, possible LTR. ☎209203

SOMEONE LIKE YOU

Spontaneous, fun SWM, 40, medium build, enjoys lively conversations and humor, seeking a good-natured SWF, 29-49, for casual dating and friendship. ☎213624

FRIENDLY BLACK MAN

SBM, 48, brown-skinned, Leo, N/S, N/D, respectful, honest, sociable, likes to cook, plays, movies, seeks woman, 20-60, friendship, hopefully more. ☎114530

A SPECIAL GUY

DWM, 55, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest SWF, widowed, of humor, who enjoys travel, candid dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. ☎269546

ARE YOU MY LADY?

SBM, 54, N/S, loves R&B, jazz, simple times, romance and time with someone special. Seeking a loving lady, medium build/full-figured, to share all life's simple pleasures. ☎210024

VANILLA SEEKING CHOCOLATE

Call me if you desire a nice thing, SWM, blue-eyed blonde, 50

Life saver

VNS therapy helps reduce depression

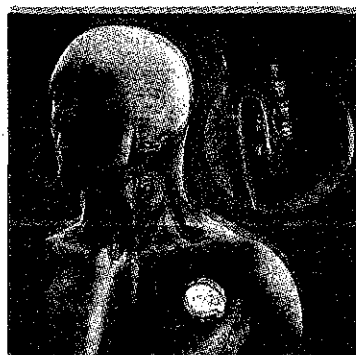
BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Patrice Rudowski speaks frankly about the mental illness that almost caused her to commit suicide.

The Auburn Hills woman has experienced treatment-resistant depression (TRD) and bouts of mania since her early 20s due to a bipolar disorder. Over the years she has tried more than 20 medications without success.

After two treatments of electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) and five hospital stays within the last 12 years, Rudowski, 45, could no longer live with the emotional pain. She made a desperate plea for help to her psychiatrist, Dr. Joel Young of the Rochester Center for Behavioral Medicine in Rochester Hills.

In May 2006, Rudowski received the Vagus Nerve Stimulation (VNS) implant,



The VNS device delivers mild pulses to the left vagus nerve in the neck.

a pacemaker-like device used since 1997 to control seizures in people with epilepsy. The technology works by delivering mild stimulation to the left vagus nerve in the neck, activating areas of the brain responsible for mood disorders and seizures. VNS therapy was approved in June 2004 by the FDA for TRD patients age 18 and older



Dr. Joel Young and assistant Katie Denean demonstrate how the levels can be adjusted for VNS (vagus nerve stimulation) Therapy.

who have not responded to four courses of anti-depressive medications.

"VNS did save my life," said Patrice Rudowski. "Without it I would have committed suicide. I would have found a way."

All but two of Dr. Joel Young's 14 patients have experienced improvement in their moods since receiving the VNS implant. In addition to the therapy, Young offers clinical trials of different medications

for depression at the Rochester Center for Behavioral Medicine.

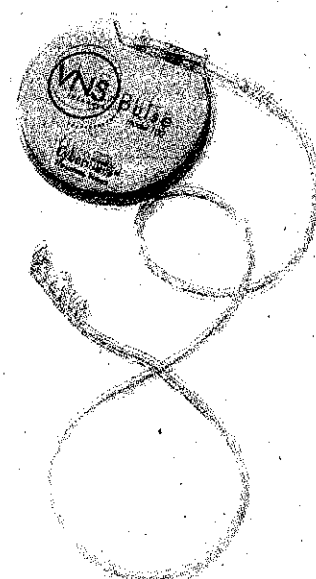
"They found epileptic patients had mood elevations with VNS therapy. Cyberonics (maker of the device) did clinical studies on the affect on TRD and found it is effective," said Dr. Joel Young of West Bloomfield. Young's been treating patients with depression for 15 years and is on staff at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. "TRD is a very difficult patient population.

Roughly half of my patients have failed courses of ECT. They're chronically depressed patients willing to undergo a mild surgical procedure by a vascular or neurosurgeon as an outpatient."

For 30 seconds every five minutes, Rudowski's voice goes hoarse. It's a sign the implant is stimulating the nerve.

"If I place a magnet over it, it turns it off," said Rudowski, who grew up in Troy. "It sometimes does bring shortness of breath, but I can place a magnet over it when exercising. You're hoarse because it's next to your vocal chords, but it's a very small side effect to deal with. I had times in my life that were very good, but then my self-esteem went way down. I was afraid to leave the house. Anxiety and paranoia go along with depression. I felt there was no hope."

The improvement Rudowski experienced after receiving the implant was gradual. Young is still adjusting her medication for maximum effect, but so far the combination is working. Rudowski has lost 50 pounds since she started exercising and joined Weight Watchers.



Closeup of the VNS Therapy device.

"In October, I started to be able to shop by myself and felt less hopeless. At six months, I could laugh. I didn't laugh ever," said Rudowski. "I would have periods of the blues. It's not the cure-all. That's why medication is also necessary, but last year I actually participated in Christmas, went out and got gifts and wrapped them."

Dr. Nabila Farooq wishes VNS therapy was more affordable for TRD patients. The procedure costs about \$25,000.

"We're having difficulty getting approval from insurances," said Dr. Nabila Farooq of Global Psychotherapy in Farmington Hills. Nabila is a psychiatrist affiliated with St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. "It's not affordable for patients, but it costs in other ways. Patients are losing work time and have to be hospitalized."

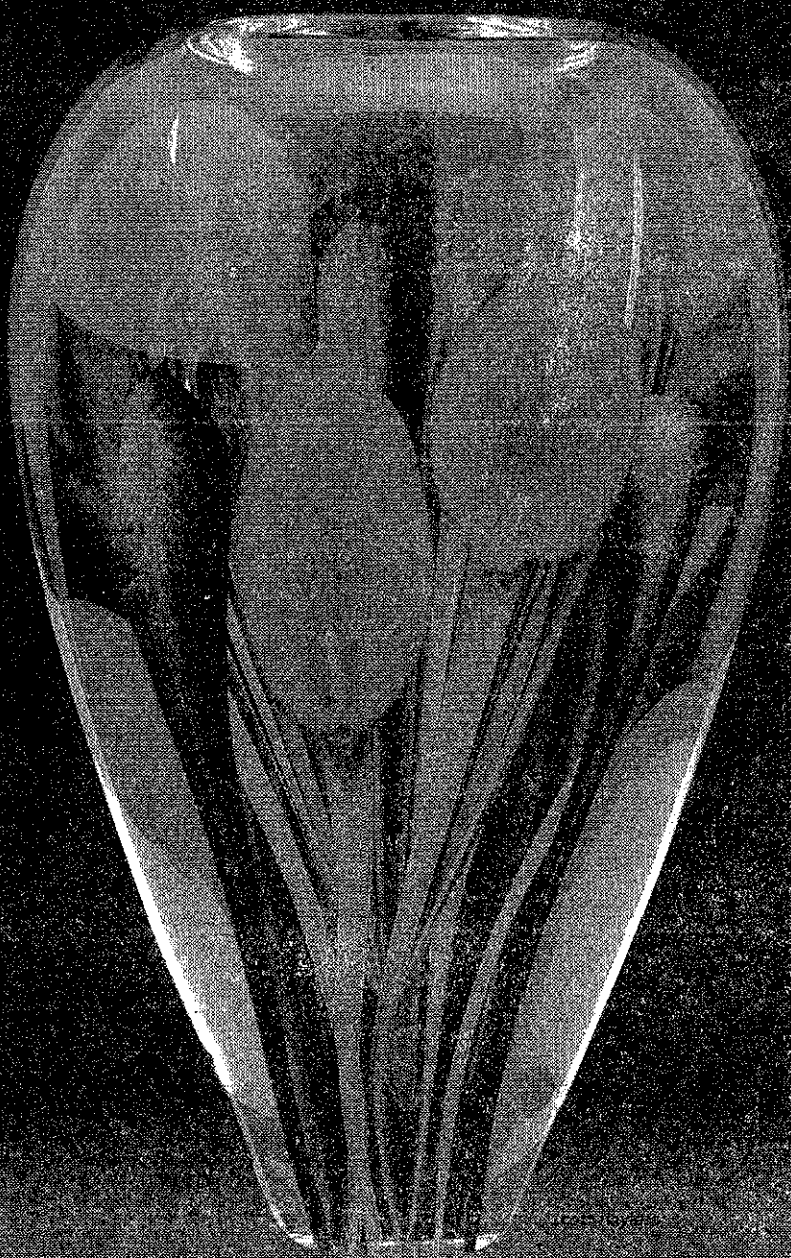
Farooq has already seen improvements in her two patients who received VNS implants.

"I have a bipolar patient with predominant depression who's responding better to the combination with less swings and symptoms that are easier to control. I've honestly seen an improvement in the quality of

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Does A Leaky Bladder Keep YOU From Enjoying Your Life?

If you sometimes leak urine when you laugh, cough, sneeze or exercise, you may have a medical condition known as stress urinary incontinence. It affects millions of women and causes discomfort and embarrassment.

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National health, nutritional survey is underway

The nation's most comprehensive study of the health and nutritional status of Americans is underway in Oakland County as of July 7. Each year, approximately 7,000 randomly-selected residents in 15 counties across the nation have the opportunity to participate in the latest National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS).

"NHANES is very much like a health exam center on wheels that goes out into actual communities to get data on real Americans," said CDC Director Julie Gerberding. "It truly is a unique resource for health information in this country and without it we

wouldn't have data on a number of important health conditions."

Some of the past findings uncovered through NHANES include the percent of adults with high serum cholesterol fell from 20 percent to 17 percent between survey periods 1988-1994 and 2001-2004. Over the same period, the percent of adults with hypertension increased from 22 percent to 25 percent.

In addition, NHANES data is used by NCHS to create the standardized charts used by pediatricians across the country to track children's growth.

NHANES has been conducted by NCHS for nearly 50 years and provides annual estimates on a range of diseases such as the number of

Americans who have heart disease, diabetes, osteoporosis, respiratory disease, and other conditions. The information gathered in NHANES is used by public health officials, legislators and physicians to develop sound health policies, direct and design health programs and services, and expand health knowledge for the nation.

Individuals selected for the survey represent the U.S. population of all ages. Additional emphasis in the current NHANES is placed on the health of older Americans, African-Americans and Hispanics.

Respondents first participate in a health interview conducted in the respondent's home. The health examination that follows takes place in one

of three mobile examination centers that travel to different communities, large and small, urban and rural, across the country for data collection.

A team of health personnel, including a physician, nutritionists, and health and laboratory technicians using high-tech, state-of-the-art equipment, staffs the mobile examination centers. A team of specially-trained professionals conducts the household interviews.

All participants receive an examination by a physician, as well as a dietary interview, and body measurements that include height and weight. Some will be eligible for a hearing test, a scan to evaluate skeletal health, a visual acuity test as well as a test for degenerative eye disease. The various

tests and procedures depend upon the age of the participant.

No medical care is provided directly in the examination center, but a report on the medical findings is given to each participant along with an explanation from survey medical staff.

All individual information collected in the survey is kept strictly confidential, and privacy is protected by public law.

Participants selected to undergo the physical examination receive reimbursement for travel expenses and remuneration of up to \$100 per person.

Volunteers are not needed for the study. Respondents were randomly selected by address.

Film offers parents insight on stuttering

Parents eagerly anticipate the moment when their child begins to talk. But for some parents it is a time of anxiety because their child struggles to get words out.

As many as five percent of all preschoolers nationwide have repetitions and prolongations of sounds severe enough to be of concern to their parents.

A DVD in English and Spanish, *Stuttering and Your Child: Help for Parents*, helps parents detect stuttering and take action toward helping their child and is now available at the Baldwin Public Library in Birmingham. For more information about stuttering and a list of specialists, call the Stuttering Foundation at (800) 992-9392 or visit www.stuttering-help.org.

Produced by the nonprofit Stuttering Foundation, the film describes what kinds of stuttering young children may exhibit, how parents can help at home, and the role of a speech pathologist in evaluating and treating children who stutter.

"Stuttering typically begins between the ages of two and five," said Barry Guitart, Ph.D., professor and chair of communication sciences at the University of Vermont in Burlington. "I may begin gradually or suddenly and many of these children outgrow their disfluencies naturally. However, if a child

continues to stutter for several months, or appears to be frustrated by it, parents should seek assistance."

Strategies parents can use to help reduce stuttering are given throughout the tape and include reducing the number of questions they ask the child, focusing on taking turns during conversations, and making time to read or talk with the child in a relaxed manner.

The nonprofit Stuttering Foundation offers tip for speaking with someone who stutters.

Don't make remarks like 'slow down,' 'take a deep breath' or 'relax.' Such advice can be felt as demeaning and is not helpful.

Let the person know by your manner that you are listening to what he or she says, not how they say it.

Maintain eye contact and wait patiently until the person is finished.

You may be tempted to finish sentences or fill in words. Try not to.

Use a relaxed rate in your own speech but not so slow as to sound unnatural. This promotes good communication.

Be aware that those who stutter usually have more trouble controlling their speech on the telephone. Be patient. If you pick up the phone and hear nothing, be sure it is not a person who stutters before you hang up.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

JULY

Sea salt and your health

Dr. William Karl, a certified wellness doctor, presents a workshop at 6 p.m. Monday, July 23, at Zerbe's Health Food Store, Livonia. Co-sponsored by the nonprofit Foundation for Wellness Professionals, a nonprofit organization. No charge. Seating limited. Call (734) 425-8588 for reservations.

Free health class

Eat Your Way Thin presented by Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, D.C., N.D., 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 25, at Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Rd., Livonia. No charge. Call (734) 756-6904 for a reservation.

Sharing & Caring

Meditation for Wellness with guest speaker Melissa Privett of Pathworks Center for Life 7-9 p.m. Thursday, July 26, in the first floor classroom in the Beaumont Cancer Center, Royal Oak. For information, call (248) 551-8585. For possible schedule changes, call (248) 551-8588 prior to meeting. Sharing & Caring is an educational support group for breast cancer survivors, their family and friends.

Breast cancer benefit

5-8 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at FIGO Salon, 265 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham. Call (248) 723-7990. The staff and FIGO Salon are donating their services for one night only to raise money for team MALISTA's 3 day Breast Cancer Walk. The salon will offer a haircut and blow-dry for \$30. Walk-ins only. If you are unable to attend and would like to make a donation to the walk, visit <http://www.the3day.org/michigan07/malista>.

Fibromyalgia book signings

Sharon Ostalecki signs copies of the book *Fibromyalgia - The Complete Guide from Medical Experts and Patients*, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, July 28, Barnes & Noble, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, and 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, Borders Book Store, 43075 Crescent Blvd., Novi. Ostalecki edited

and contributed to the book featuring fibromyalgia experts. For more information, call (248) 344-0896 or send e-mail to Smo23915@aol.com.

Bikers beating breast cancer

Charity run Sunday, July 29 (10 a.m. to noon registration, noon to 4:30 p.m. ride), starts at Gator Jake's, 36863 Van Dyke, south of 16 Mile, Sterling Hgts. Cost \$20 per person. Riders can register at (800) 633-7377 or on the day of the event. All proceeds from the ride and silent auction go to the Sharing & Caring program at Beaumont Hospital. Participants are encouraged to bring pledge money from friends and family. For more information, call Sharing & Caring, a breast cancer education and support group, at 1-888-527-8582.

Champions fund-raisers

Champions for the Kids benefits feature a VIP dinner and auction on Sunday July 29, at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, and golf outing and strolling dinner on Monday, July 30, at Oakland Hills Country Club. All proceeds benefit Yatomma's Foundation for Kids which helps grieving kids and their families. Call 1-888-987-KIDS (5437) or visit www.forthekidsfoundation.org.

Thyroid cancer support group

Free support group meets monthly and is open to all thyroid cancer patients and survivors as well as their family members and friends. For summer meeting dates or more information, call Gwynne at (248) 740-9759.

Treating thyroid disorders naturally

Dr. William Karl, a certified wellness doctor, presents a workshop at 6 p.m. Monday, July 30, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 33000 Civic Center Drive. Co-sponsored by the nonprofit Foundation for Wellness Professionals. No charge. Seating limited. Call (734) 425-8588 to reserve a seat.

Breakfast is a healthy way to start the day

Debbie from Flat Rock keeps hearing how breakfast is the most important meal of the day, just how important is it?

Debbie, it could actually save your life! A new study found eating whole grain cereal can protect you



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from heart failure. In a study of more than 20,000 adults those who ate whole grain cereal two to six times a week decreased their risk of heart failure by 22-percent. Those who ate whole grain cereal once a week decreased their risk by 14-percent. And if you ate whole grain cereal 7 or more times a week you can lower your risk of heart failure by a whopping 28-percent!

Experts say eating a whole grain, high fiber breakfast cereal may lower blood pressure and bad cholesterol which can prevent heart attacks. But make sure you steer clear of cereals which have a lot of sugar.

Leah from Bloomfield Hills

is thinking about giving her toddler juice because of the vitamins, but heard it is not good for him. Is this true?

Well Leah, you are right when you say juice has vitamins, but the biggest problem is it is also packed with sugar! 50 to 75-percent of juice is sugar and that means empty calories!

Fruit juice can have anywhere from 100 to 180 calories per 8 ounce cup, so if you or your child drank one 8 ounce glass of juice 365 days a year, you'll gain 16 pounds!

Don't even think about picking up a juice drink either. Anything called drink, beverage, punch, ade or cocktail is typically fruit juice with added water and a lot of sugar. So when it comes to nutrition, nothing can replace the real thing. Eat the fruit, don't drink it! That way you'll get all the benefits without all the sugar.

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

THERAPY

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life and wish it would be more easily available."

Ann M. suffered from depression since her teens. Until receiving the implant in the fall 2006, she had been a prisoner in her home, except for visits to Farooq.

"I'm glad I had the surgery. I think it's been a miracle for me," said Ann M. "It takes a while to adjust the level, but I'm not as depressed as I was. I go out and do things with people instead of hiding in my house. It's given me self-confidence. I hope to eventually be off all my meds."

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The rule of thumb in treating someone with both back pain and knee arthritis is to take care of the knees first. If pain and swelling resolves in the knees and the back pain continues, then it is time to investigate the back problem.

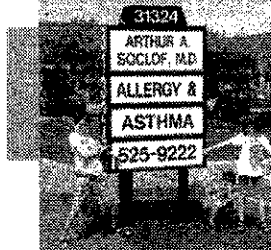
The experience of most doctors is that treating the knee arthritis either causes the back ache to disappear or become of minor significance. The reason is that a return to a more normal gait allows the back to resume its natural position.

The same relationship is what makes a steroid injection into the knee seem like a miracle cure, because after the injection, you feel "good all over." The real sequence is that the knee injection relieves knee pain sufficiently to allow you to walk without straining your back. In turn, you now move your arms and head in the rhythm of your natural gait. With these strains removed, you feel good from head to foot.

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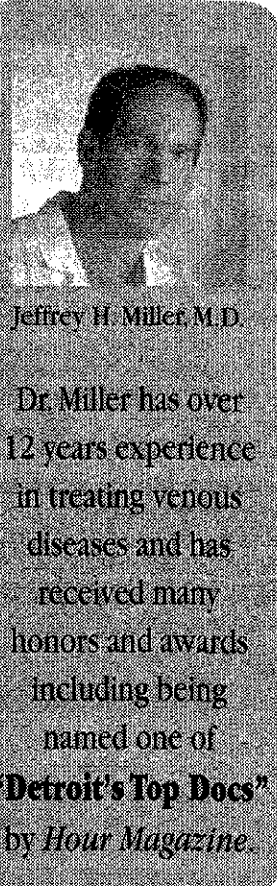
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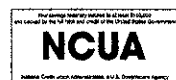


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Americans With Disabilities Act has changed workplace

BY JULIE BROWN
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There was a time, before the Americans With Disabilities Act became law 17 years ago this month, when workplaces didn't accommodate disabled people as well.

"There's still so much more to be done," said Elizabeth Kelly, chief development officer for Easter Seals-Michigan, headquartered in Michigan with facilities serving the state. Kelly cites a December 2005 lawsuit in which Easter Seals sued the city of Royal Oak on an ADA issue involving zoning.

That case, in which Easter Seals prevailed, involved allowing a clubhouse in a mixed use neighborhood. You can read more on the U.S. Justice Department Web site.

"There's been a lot of progress" in workplace accommodations, she said, noting not all disabilities are physical. "Workplaces have really worked to accommodate people."

At Easter Seals-Michigan, which offers services and advocacy for disabled people, the staff aims to increase friendliness of the work environment. Kelly mentioned accommodating the building tem-

perature for a person with asthma "which is not necessarily something you would think about."

Other employees at varied workplaces may have bipolar disorder or other mental health issues calling for an adjustment in stress load. The ADA stipulates you must be able to perform the job for which you were hired, being able to drive, for example.

Kelly agreed most employers have complied.

"As long as it's reasonable, most employers will grant it."

She's found people with a temporary disability, such as a broken leg, experience some eye-opening. "All of a sudden, they see what other people have struggled for," Kelly said. "I think you're still going to see that awareness continue to grow."

People tend to expect handicapped ramps, reserved parking spaces and special bathroom stalls, she noted. Most people are respectful of parking reserved for disabled people.

"The ADA is probably one of our more successful pieces of federal legislation," said Kelly, adding workplaces, businesses and others comply. "It's something I think has been successfully integrated into our culture."

She took a Mediterranean cruise last year, and found Europe behind the U.S. in terms of handicapped accommodations.

Jerry Trumpka of Plymouth Township went to Canada a few years back for an event, and also found conditions there lagged behind for disabled people, citing a handicapped bathroom in Windsor, Ontario. Trumpka, operations associate for the Plymouth Community United Way, is pleased with conditions at his own downtown Plymouth workplace.

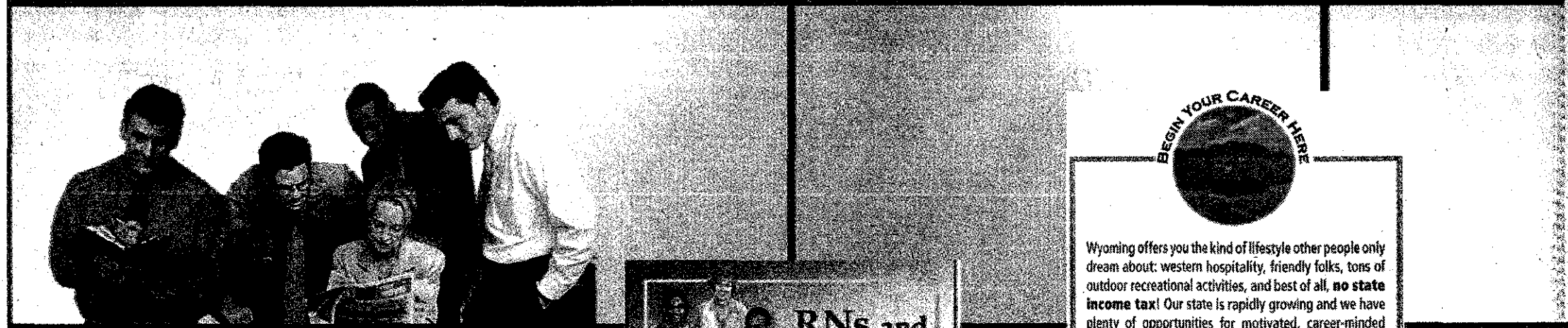
"We've got wide doorways, ground-level access," said Trumpka, who uses a scooter to get around due to post-polio syndrome. "I don't really have any difficulties."

"Before, it just didn't have to be that way," he said of pre-ADA days, when he was still able to walk. Trumpka has used the scooter for the last 10-12 years; he also has a lift in his van, which he drives, to accommodate his scooter.

"You always get people walking by wanting to be of assistance," he said. Trumpka hasn't let his disability stop him, and has done what he thought he should do. An acquaintance in high school told Trumpka "You don't act like what I expected."



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The Charter Twp. of Plymouth is currently accepting applications for Firefighter/Paramedic to fill current vacant positions & to establish an eligibility list. Applicants must be a certified MI Firefighter Level I and II, Hazmat operations Level Certified & licensed as a Paramedic by the State of MI. Additional qualifications & requirements are listed in the position specifications found in the application packet. Applications are available in the Clerk's Office, Plymouth Twp Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI, during regular business hours, 8am to 4:30pm, Mon. thru Fri. Applications & required documentation must be turned in to the Township Clerk's Office by 4pm, Wed. 8-15-07. Applications will not be mailed. Starting annual base wage is \$34,970.85. The Charter Twp. of Plymouth does not discriminate against any individual or group because of race, religion, age, national origin, color, marital status, handicap, height or weight in the employment or provision of services.

FOODS MANAGER

THE BETTER HEALTH STORE known for its healthy specialty food is looking for a Prepared Foods Manager. The position requires someone passionate about food and able to maintain consistent product quality, presentation and creativity while adhering to sanitation & regulation standards. Strong culinary background and management experience is a must. We offer a compensation package that includes benefits and an employee discount in our stores. If you are interested in taking your career to the next level, please send resume to: tombah@thebetterhealthstore.com

GIFT BASKET DESIGN

Upscale market seeking creative individuals for floral & gift basket designing. Full & part time available. Send resume Attn: Mary The Observer & Eccentric 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia MI 48152 Ref Box 1551 oereuse@hometownlife.com

Guest Service Management

Busch's is seeking Guest Service Managers to lead and mentor their team, ensure Busch's high guest service standards, and to coordinate total front end operations. 2-3 yrs. retail management experience is preferred. Visit our website and apply online at: www.buschs.com email resumes to: jobs@buschs.com or fax to: 734-214-8334

HAIR SALON

OPEN HOUSE

Mon., July 23, Noon-3pm TRANSITION SALON 19017 Farmington Rd. HAIRSTYLISTS & NAIL TECHS. Call 734-812-4587

HAIRDRESSERS & NAIL TECH NEEDED

Excellent Opportunity! Best location in Novi - Charisma Salon Call Ken 810-516-9507

HEALTHCARE SPECIALIST

Lincare, the national leader in home respiratory care is seeking a Healthcare Specialist. Responsibilities include: Disease management programs, clinical evaluations, equipment set up & education. Be the Dr's eyes in the home setting. RN, LPN, RRT, CRT licensed as applicable. Great personality and team-player with strong work ethic needed. Competitive salary, benefits and career paths available. Local travel (reimbursed). Drug-free workplace. EOE. No phone calls please. Fax resume to: 734-459-2519 or send to: Lincare 42030 Koppengnick #310 Canton MI 48187 Attn: Kris Radke Center Manager

HOTEL AUDITOR

Experienced only. Part-time. Fax resume to: 734-721-1300

HOUSEKEEPER

A luxury apartment community in Novi is seeking to fill a full time on-site housekeeper position. Candidates must be reliable, friendly, and outgoing. E.O.E. Please fax resume to: 248-349-8484 or email to: bzyburski@slighmail.com

HVAC TECH WANTED

With min of 5 yrs exp. Knowledge of refrigeration a plus. Entry level test required. Please submit resumes via fax to 248-349-3869

INSTALLER

\$40 - \$60K + Benefits Industry leader in Bathroom renovations seeks career oriented person with carpentry/renovation experience to install our unique product. Full-time, year-round position. Requires clean driving record and background check. Company provides vehicle, health benefits, uniforms and tools. Call 734-591-2268

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JANITORIAL SUPERVISOR

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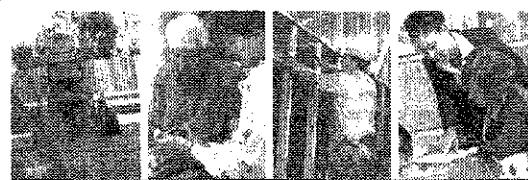
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Needed for Novi apartment community. Must have minimum of 2 years experience in carpentry, plumbing, electrical & HVAC. Must have strong leadership capabilities. Position requires on-call responsibilities. A drug screen, criminal and driving check will be run prior to employment. Apt. available after 30 days, includes benefits and advancement opportunity. Fax resume to Denise at 248-569-1508 or apply in person at 45265 Gateway Rd., Novi, MI 48377 (Phone 248-624-8555)

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A luxury apartment community in Novi is seeking an experienced maintenance tech. Candidates must have previous apartment maintenance experience and possess own tools. Must be willing to live on-site. We offer competitive salary, medical and dental benefits and 401k. Please fax resume to: 248-349-8494 or email to: bzyburski@singhmail.com

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10 Minute Oil Change experience or will train. Full &/or part-time. Apply in person: 34680 W. 8 Mile Rd, Farmington Hills. 1/2 mile W. of Farmington Rd. 248-478-1313

PAINTER 4-10 yrs. exp.

\$10-\$16/hr. Must be motivated & have own tools & reliable transportation. 734-334-8574

PAINTER NEEDED

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Full time. 401k, 40% discount, and much more. Apply @ Lover's Lane, 46750 Port St., Plymouth, MI.

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a waste disposal company, has an opening for a Painter-Containers in Romulus. Must have 1-2 yrs. exp. in professional painting, be available for day shift, able to lift / bend repeatedly, able to wear a respirator for long periods of time, and at least 18 yrs. old. If offered employment, you must pass a physical and drug screen. WM offers competitive wages and great benefits. Please fax resume to: 313-292-0716 or submit application from 9-4pm at: 5980 Inkster Rd. Romulus, MI Equal Opportunity Employer M/F/D/V

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Some mechanical aptitude & knowledge of minor auto repair. For auto dealership. Must be reliable and have valid driver's license. Call Eugene at 734-946-0011 for an immediate interview or fax resume to 734-946-0084

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West Metro Printing in Livonia seeks customer service person to assist customers, process orders and manage accounts. Must have good communication skills. Fax or e-mail resume to: 734-522-9171; nickp@westmetropublishing.com

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Commercial roofing firm seeks exp. fabricator & installer for roofing related work. Apply in person: 1055 Manufacturers Dr., Westland.

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Newly expanded salon in Plymouth looking for motivated stylists. Only 4 chairs left. Booth rental. Check us out on www.citysearch.com. Please call Pam at FreeStyle Salon 734-306-2409

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Afternoon sessions only, elementary & high school positions. Fax resume: 248-557-6838, or call 248-557-9380

WAREHOUSE

Importer of Marble & Granite is looking for mature, self-motivated, career-minded individuals for full time warehouse positions. Responsibilities include unloading shipments and processing paperwork, pulling customer orders and maintaining warehouse organization. Qualifications include excellent math, organizational & communication skills and the ability to lift up to 70 lb cartons on a regular basis. Hi-lo and overhead crane experience a plus. Benefits include BC/BS medical and dental, paid holidays and vacation and 401k plan.

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Exp in either HUD work or Rehab required. Must have valid drivers license. 734-444-8806

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Part-Time, 20 hrs/wk.

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Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020

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For Birmingham real estate entrepreneur/investment co. The Administrative Assistant position is charged with providing day to day of office operations & special projects. Role serves as receptionist and front desk operator as well as having a pleasant phone manner & advanced exp. in MS Word, Excel. Working knowledge of MS PowerPoint is a must. Real estate exp. preferred. Perfect for college grad or real estate person. Mon. thru Fri. 9am-5pm. Please fax resume to (248) 594-2161.

ASSISTANT TO REAL ESTATE BROKER

Part Time, flexible schedule. Must be organized and great with computers. Fax Resume to: 248-344-9651 or email: Theragisteam@remica.com

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Edy's Grand Ice Cream, has built a successful business on the principles that one person can make a difference and that excellent people produce excellent results!

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Currently we are interviewing for a PT Receptionist in our Plymouth office. All candidates should possess a professional and positive attitude and have great organizational skills. Call today to schedule an interview. Tina Weber 734-656-1015

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Experienced person needed to assist the Manager in managing & maintaining an apartment community in Westland. Rewarding opportunity to join a top property management team. Full time, benefits included. Call 734-261-7394, Fax resume to 734-261-4811

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Full time position for Farmington Hills area CPA firm. Must be proficient in Word software processing program and general computer skills. Responsibilities will include all areas of general office duties. Send, fax, or email resume to: 734-927-4110 Attn: Joanne.

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OFFICE HELP

Fast paced dealership seeks motivated individual to join our Office Team. Candidate must be a team player. Dealership &/or payables exp. preferred. Please fax letter of interest & resume: 734-495-0551 No phone calls please.

SALES SUPPORT/CUSTOMER SERVICE

Small, fast growing Southfield industrial chemical sales office is seeking a self motivated individual to join our team. Position involves customer contact, order processing, invoice & inventory management. Must know Word & Excel. Position offers a competitive salary, medical insurance, 401k plan and paid vacation. Please fax resume, with salary requirements and references, to: 248-443-0514.

RECEPTIONIST

Royal Oak Law firm has an immediate opening for a skilled receptionist. Full/part time. Please fax resume to Firm Administrator at: 248-398-9804

Help Wanted-Dental 5040

DENTAL HYGIENIST

Exo. full-time position for energetic individual. N.W. Livonia office. Resume: (734) 464-4778

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Exp., friendly, motivated person needed to join our periodontal team. Part-time. Some Sats. Farmington Hills. Call Karen (248) 651-1034

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Plymouth/Northville office with two doctors. Seeking energetic team player available to work evenings and two Saturdays a month. Must be willing to learn orthodontics, have some assisting exp and be x-ray certified. Please fax resume and copy of x-ray certificate to 734-420-8304

DENTAL TECH

Small C & B lab in Garden City seeking skilled technicians in all areas. Full time, part time, piece work. Call 734-425-7533

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Livonia lab looking for denture repair technician. 40 hrs. no weekends. Benefits. Call Dave 734-427-8301

FRONT DESK Full-Time. Exp. only. Must know Dentech & EagleSoft. Fax CV to 734-942-5955 or call: 734-942-0560**RECEPTIONIST - Canton dental office looking for exp. Receptionist. 5 day work week. No benefits. Fax resume 734-455-7848.****Help Wanted-Medical 5060****ADMISSIONS CLERK**

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Downtown Rochester Dental office seeking fulltime & part time Dental Assistant. Exp. preferred. M-Th, every other Saturday. Call 248-651-8787

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Friendly Plymouth dental office seeking fulltime exp'd dental assistant. Fax resume to 734-453-3041

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Full-time. Minimum 1 yr. exp for relaxed Livonia dental office, pleasant surrounding, great staff. Fax: 248-473-7490 or Call: 248-473-0050

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Parttime. Energetic, outgoing people-person for Livonia office. Send resume to: Fax: 734-542-9906 or Call: 734-542-9904

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Garden City. Eaglesoft. Pleasant staff. No nights or weekends. Call: 734-522-3510

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Experienced only for busy S. Canton/Bellefonte group practice. Fax CV to 734-697-0519 or call 734-697-4400

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Experienced, full time, for Livonia family practice. Dentech a plus. Fax resume: 734-427-2381

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For specialized, fast paced health care co. Team, player, self motivated, have knowledge of Word/Excel, excellent typing, communication skills. Fax resume: 248-324-1450

MA OR RN Part Time, Fri. mornings for family practice in Livonia. Call 734-427-9900 or fax resume 734-427-8963.

MEDICAL OFFICE OPENINGS \$28K-\$50K, 2+ yrs. exp. req'd. Many locations! Billers, Receptionists, CMAs, Orthopedic Surgery Scheduler, & Billing Managers. Resume: kelli@harperjobs.com Fax: 248-932-1214 Kelli's phone: 248-932-1204 Harper Associates www.harperjobs.com

MEDICAL ASSISTANT Full-Time. Exp. necessary. Exc. blood drawing skills. Farmington Hills. Fax resume to: (248) 932-2842

Medical Assistant

IHA's Associates in Internal Medicine Cherry Hill is seeking a FT (36-40 hrs/wk) Medical Assistant with responsibility for rooming patients, vitals, assisting in direct patient care, and communicating information between the patient and provider. We require 3-5 years previous experience as a Medical Assistant in IM or FP office. Competitive salary and excellent benefits package offered. Please send resume to Laurie Purcell via email at: laurie_purcell@ihacares.com or fax to: 734-398-7805

MEDICAL ASSISTANT Busy Livonia office needs MA with flexible hours. Must have experience in orthopedics. Please fax resume to: 734-464-0404

MEDICAL BILLER Full/Part-Time. 2 yrs. exp. for Farmington Billing Co. Fax resume: 248-427-0184

MEDICAL BILLING

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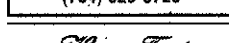
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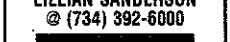
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- 14 Falco or Sedgwick
- 15 Decline, as stock prices
- 16 Coffee holders
- 17 Rum-soaked cake
- 18 Puget Sound city
- 20 Gold Rush st.
- 21 Nutritious grain
- 22 Cut short
- 26 Bishop's law
- 29 Morning dampness
- 30 Ring champ
- 31 Bullring cheers
- 32 Sine — non
- 33 Furrowed
- 34 Emma in "The Avengers"

- 35 Leaf out
- 36 Tools with jaws
- 37 Ancient scrolls
- 39 Slangy physique
- 40 A moon of Jupiter
- 41 Fridays, often
- 45 Loading
- 48 Small amount
- 49 Muddy track
- 50 Brunch or lunch
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- 52 "How — — doing?"
- 53 Grind away
- 54 Tint or shade
- 55 Obstacle

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FARMINGTON HILLS Household, toys & go-cart. Thurs-Sat, July 26-28, 9am-3pm, 35435 Valley Creek, 9 Mile/Drake

FRANKLIN Estate Sale 26291 Evelyn Ct., 1 blk. S. of 14 Mile. July 27-28, 9-4. Entire contents of home. Everything must go!

GARDEN CITY July 26-28, 9-5, 32911 Florence, btwn. Ford & Cherryhill off of Venoy. New rubber stamps & pads, clothing, furniture & other misc.

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LIVONIA Quakertown Sub. 15804 Swothmore, South of 6 Mile & East of Haggerty. July 26-28, 9-5. Multi-Family Sale, Misc. items.

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PLYMOUTH 9024 Marlowe, S/ Ann Arbor Rd. btwn Sheldon/ Main. Fri-Sat. July 27-28, 9-4pm. 2 neighbors-Furniture, household items & misc.

REDFORD LARGE GARAGE SALE - 15765 Lenore, 7/25 to 7/28, 10am to 5:30pm. Household items, Antiques, Collectibles, much more!

REDFORD - Sun., July 22, 9-5pm. 8964 Rockland (W. of Beech Daly, N. of Joy Rd.) Household items, books, clothes & tools.

REDFORD July 22, 10-5. 12827 Bervyn, S. of Schoolcraft, W. of Beech. Huge 3 family, boy baby items, girls up to 4T, toys, maternity, organ.

TROY - July 26-28, 9-2pm. 4266 Gaylord, N/Watkes, W/ Crooks. Enter Fountain. Furniture, house misc. - Apt/dorm, treadmill & electronics.

WATERFORD Estate sale, 1286 Edgegrove, off M-59, E. of Airport Rd. S. on Irwin. July 26-Sat, 8-6pm. Antiques, tools, household & more.

WESTLAND Thurs - Sat., 9-4. 8681 August S. of Joy, W. of Middlebelt. Antiques, TV, household, clothing, bikes, toys, a little bit of everything.

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WESTLAND - 7 Family Sale- July 26-28, 9-5pm, 34411 Park Grove, S/Joy, E/Wayne. antiques, collectibles, furniture, household, fishing items, tools & much more.

Moving Sales 7130

REDFORD - Sun., July 22, 1-4. 24476 Schoolcraft. Large selection. Antiques, Admiral refrigerator, household.

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Career Seminar

Keller Williams Realty will be hosting a Career Seminar 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 26. The seminar will take place at the Plymouth Market Place, located at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, a half block west of I-275 adjacent to Bally's Fitness Center. Please call in advance to reserve a seat: (734) 459-4700.

Real Estate Appraising & Sales

CENTURY 21 Today offers career seminars Tuesday or Saturday noon to 1 p.m. through August at 28544 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Contact Steve Leibhan at (248) 855-2000, Ext. 238.

Career Seminars

Career seminars will be held for those interested in the real estate industry at Real Estate One, Novi, 43155 Main St., Suite 2300, Novi. Dates are July 24 and 31 and the times are noon and 6 p.m. each day. For information, contact Kathy Solan at (248) 348-6430.

Careers

Real Estate One is looking for people. There will be a Career Seminar 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, July 24. Register by calling (800) 889-9001. Discount prelicensing coupon given to all attendees.

Greater Detroit Real Estate Expo

This free event featuring Taniya Nayak of HGTV's popular show "Designed To Sell" shares valuable information from real estate experts, including professional home stagers, real

estate agents, mortgage brokers, home insurance agents and many more, on everything there is to know about buying and selling a home to get the most for your money. It will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 28, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 29, on the Lower Level, Center Court at Fairlane Town Center, Dearborn. For more information, call (313) 593-1370 or go to www.shopfairlane.com.

Real Estate Prelicense Classes

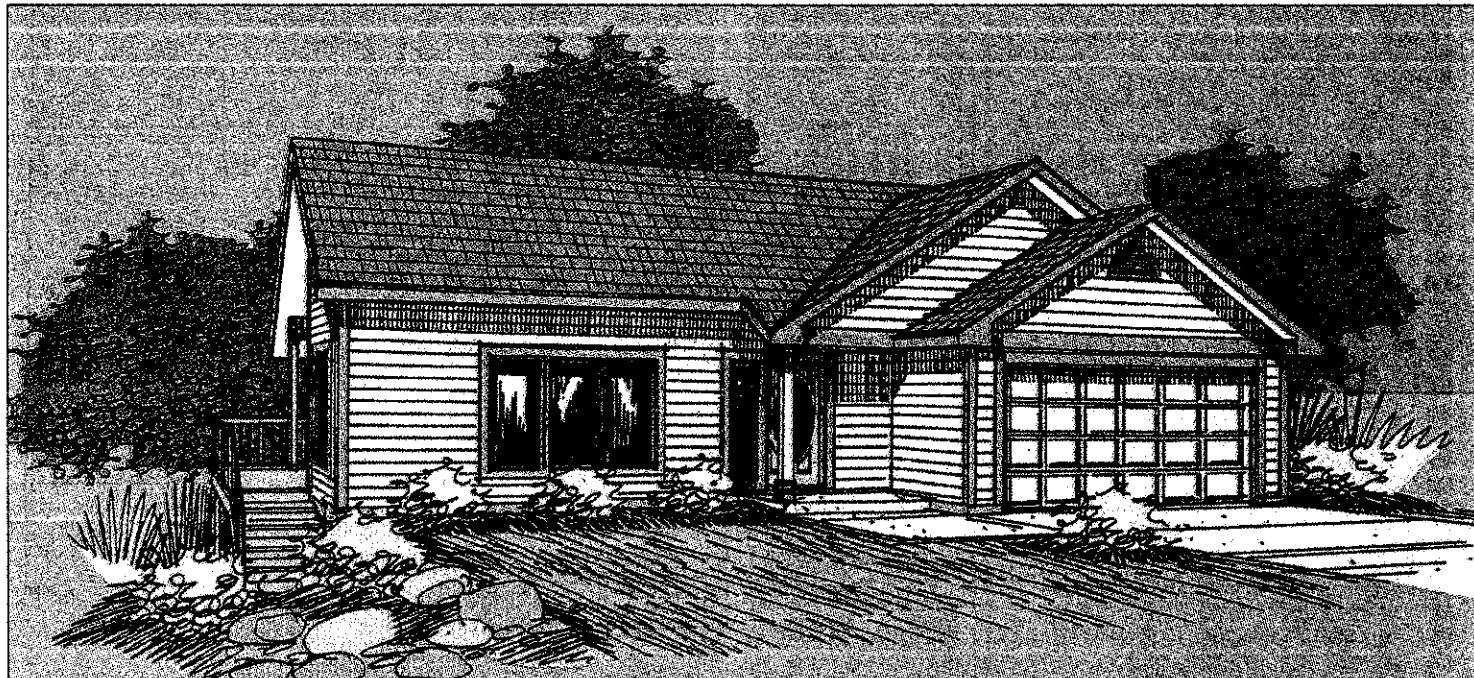
A Real Estate Prelicense Class will be held five Saturdays, Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25, and Sept. 8. Time is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Real Estate One Novi office, 43155 Main St., Suite 2300, Novi. For information, call Kathy Solan at (248) 348-6430 or Mary Nicole at (248) 437-3800.

Career information

The Keller Williams Plymouth Market Center will be hosting Real Estate Career Seminars 6:30 p.m. Aug. 9 and 21. The Keller Williams Market Place is located at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, in Plymouth, just west of I-275. Please call ahead to reserve a seat: (734) 459-4700.

Bankruptcy

Attorney David Tarr will share with investors his knowledge of bankruptcy procedure and the secrets of buying properties when the time is ripe — during the bankruptcy of debtors. Sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Seminar free to members, \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742.



The Fox is ideal for a rear sloping lot

The Fox (406-01), an average sized home at 1,979 square feet, is designed for a rear sloping lot. By adding a basement to this design, the master bedroom has remained on the main floor, allowing privacy from the other two remaining bedrooms. The master bedroom has a walk-in closet containing a laundry chute, which goes directly to the basement utility room. In the master bath, glass block over the tub area fills the room with natural lighting.

For convenience of use, a half bath is centrally located near the master bedroom. It is also within easy reach of outside when coming into the home through the garage. The garage, while not large, easily handles two cars with one large door. There is an area at the rear of the garage against the home that would support storage cabinets or the home work bench for those that enjoy the do-it-yourself projects.

The entry of this modest

home opens into a vaulted living room, with the stairs to the basement off the entry for easy access to the utility room, two bedrooms and the family room. There is also a full bathroom with a tub in the basement.

The dining room, which is also vaulted, is located at the left side of the main floor with French doors going out onto a deck. On the rear side of the home is another deck, which can be accessed by using the door in the nook area.

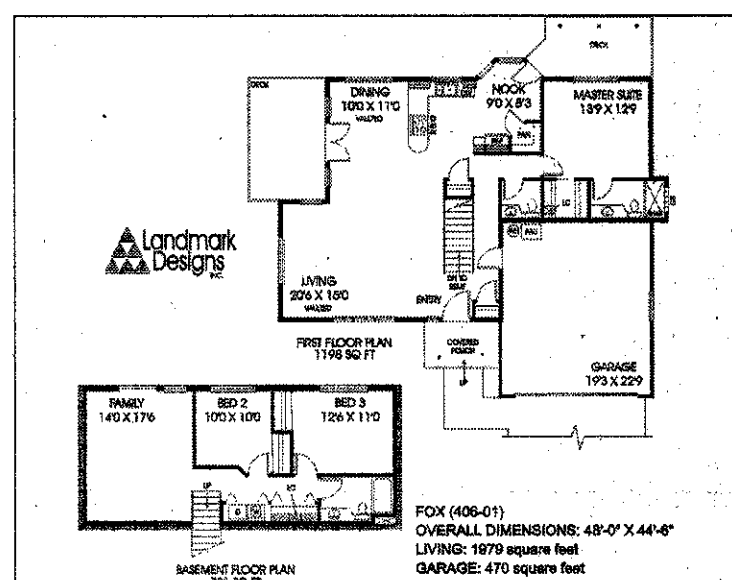
The kitchen is very open and airy. It is not large, but ample for a large family dinner or the everyday use by the family. There is a walk-in pantry that makes food storage easy and accessible.

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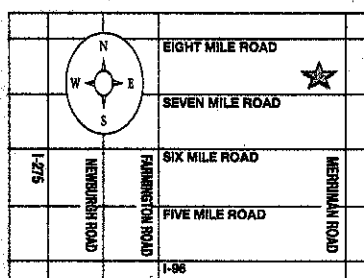
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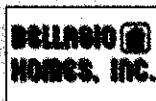


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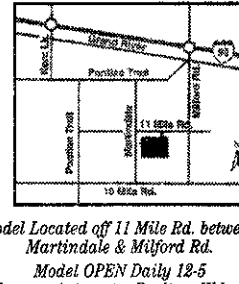


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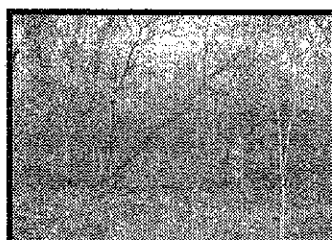
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By Wendy Clem
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Having evolved from the Bentley Continental GT coupe, which has been hailed as the most beautiful car on the road, Bentley's 2007 GTC convertible brings a new level of personalized luxury to the road.

Originally created in the Grand Touring tradition of Bentley, the 2007 GTC is a two-door rolling status symbol, with impressive power and custom options. After retiring the first Bentley convertible, the Azure, the company first introduced the Continental GT, and then debuted the GTC.

More fun to drive as well as more agile in handling, even avowed Azure lovers — fans of the cushy luxury it had — have to give the GTC its props.

Today, the United States accounts for almost half of the autos sold worldwide. If a Rolex had wheels, this would be it.

Seating four, the GTC's standard features include an assortment of 19-inch wheels in a combination of chrome and/or paint; 20-inch wheels are also available.

Stainless steel surfaced foot pedals and driver's footrest further bolster shine in the GTC, as well as provide a practical purpose overall for long wear. Adjustable suspension damping with four settings is also standard, and even out-of-range exterior paints are a possibility — and come in a rainbow of 15 hues.

Premium leather upholstery, in 17 different colors, earmarks a grand interior. Along with a shifter adorned in leather and chrome, the gear-shift provides a manual shift selector to allow flexibility. A heated two-toned, hide-trimmed, four-spoke steering wheel provides numerous functions and extends the leather luxury.

A special burr walnut unbleached veneer decorates the front and rear consoles for an added touch of affluence.

Keyless entry is common today among vehicles, but the Bentley offers keyless ignition as well with



The 2007 Bentley Continental GTC convertible is born from the Continental GT coupe, which is often hailed as the most beautiful car on the road.

an engine start and stop button.

Dual-zone climate control and 14-way power and heated front seats are givens in the GTC. The seats offer additional comfort through lumbar massaging. Enveloping all present in the magic of rich sound is a six-disc CD changer, discreetly mounted in the (lockable) glove compartment and amplified through a 12-speaker system. Sold as part of Bentley's infotainment options, it's a 300-watt feature that's sure to please.

With Sirius satellite radio, the opportunity to drive or ride and be informed and entertained non-stop is a certainty. And an optional TV tuner allows even greater freedom.

A fabric power roof shields riders from the elements, while only taking 12 seconds to operate, and comes in a choice of five colors. Bi-HID headlights also come paired with integrated high-pressure washers.

Special interior accent materials and color schemes are accessorized by opulent extras in the GTC. Seatbelts and carpets match all hides, and lambs-wool rugs add more glamour. A choice of veneers, appearing as inserts for doors and rear quarter panels, abounds with Birds Eye Maple, Madrona, Piano Black, and Dark Stained Burr Walnut.

In addition, a navigation system and Bluetooth telephone system provide remote SIM access as perks of the latest in technology.

Able to roar from 0 to 60 miles per hour in a mere

4.8 seconds, the GTC boasts a 6.0-liter, twin-turbocharged engine with 12 cylinders. The GTC engine is actually a version of the Volkswagen W-12 motor.

At 552 horsepower and 479 foot pounds of torque, the GTC is a serious contender on any road. Miles to the gallon average out to 13 — 11 miles in the city and 18 on the highway — and the base price for the GTC is less than \$190,000.

A rear spoiler, attached to the vehicle's "boot" lid, improves stability and driver manageability at high speeds.

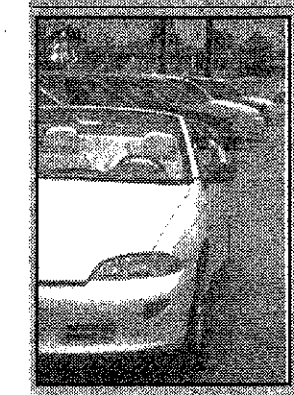
Bentley can never say enough to convey the sheer elegance and class of a vehicle like the Continental GTC; even its alphabet-sounding name sounds too ordinary. This is one big-time treat, even for the haves.

Wendy Clem covers the auto beat for Avanti NewsFeatures. Write her at wendyclem@gmail.com or mailto:wendyclem@gmail.com. Distributed by Fracassa News Group. ©2007, Fracassa Communications.

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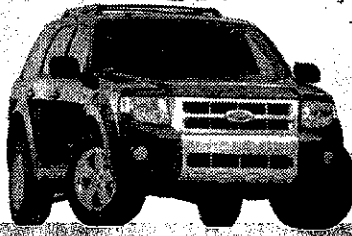
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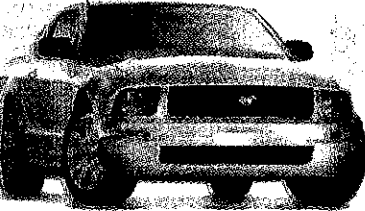
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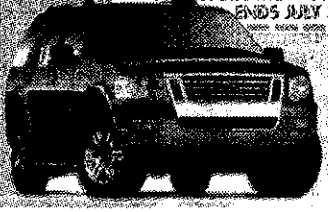


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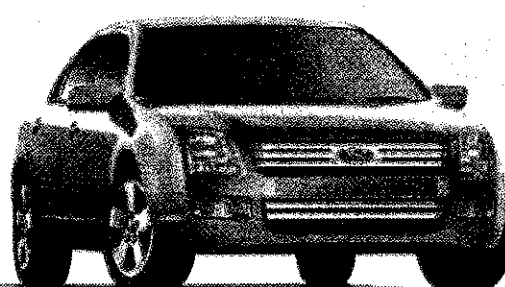
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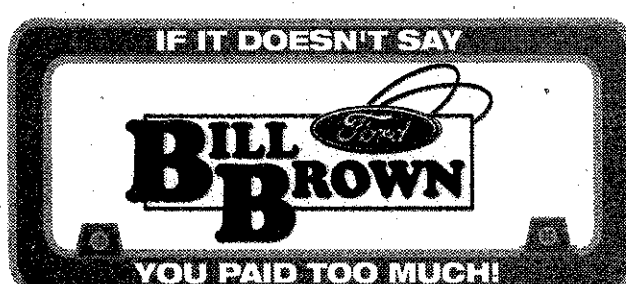
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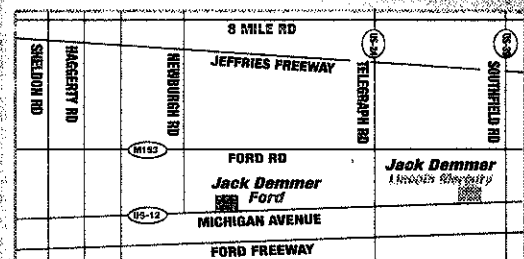
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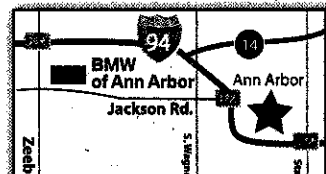
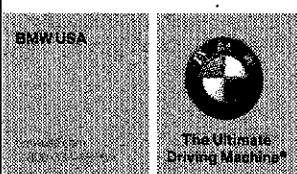
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