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Cops say dead man found by teen was murdered

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

David John Owen was reported missing July 27.

Nearly two weeks later, his weather-worn corpse was found wrapped in bedding in a wooded area off of Lotz Road, south of Michigan Avenue, in Canton.

Owen, 45, of Taylor was discovered Wednesday by a 17-year-old Canton boy that had noticed a strong stench in the summertime air.

Upon finding Owen, the teen brought his father to the scene and his father contacted Canton police.

An autopsy performed Wednesday by Wayne County

Medical Examiner's office determined that Owen's death was a homicide of unknown means. It's estimated that he was killed six to seven weeks ago.

Because the wooded area was used as a dumping ground and not the crime scene, the case has been turned over to the Taylor Police Department.

A Taylor lieutenant declined to offer a comment on the case.

Owen, who was not married and does not have children, was reported missing by his sister. His roommate has been arrested by Taylor Police on unrelated charges, and is in custody.

Canton Sgt. Rick Pomorski said it's believed that Owen

was brought to Canton shortly after he was killed.

Residents that live close to where the body was found said they aren't stunned by the discovery of the Taylor man's remains.

"We've lived here for too long to be shocked," said Canton woman Ruth Skelly. "The only thing unusual about this is that

it was a body. Other than that, it's at least once a week that someone is dumping something over here."

Bob Walker, Skelly's next-door neighbor, agreed.

"We have to run people out of here all the time but no one saw this," he said.

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It's a big opening party night for owner Antonio Rugiero, wife Sabrina, and kids Vanessa, Antonio III and Adrianna.

A touch of Italy

Antonio's gala celebrates opening of family-owned eatery

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Just in case the gladiator standing on guard at the door and the laughter coming from inside didn't tip you off, the Rugiero family celebrated the opening of their Canton restaurant, Antonio's, Wednesday night.

The family, which includes a husband and wife and their adult sons, opened Antonio's Cucina Italiana, 2220 N. Canton Center, in January. The 9,000-square-foot restaurant boasts marble counter tops, large floral arrangements, a ceiling arrangement

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What a catch!

Travis Stott, 9, proves two fish are better than one. The Canton youngster landed these two nice bass on one cast while fishing in a local pond near the Summit last weekend. According to his father, Dave Stott, Travis was trying out some of his new lures he received for his birthday and caught a small bass. While he was reeling it in, a much larger bass attempted to eat the smaller one already hooked. Seeing that there were much larger fish in the area than he thought, Travis, an avid outdoorsman and Tonda Elementary 4th grader, went back to his tackle box and selected the largest lure he owned. This was the result of his first cast with the lure.



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Work has begun to rehab Sheldon Place, and should be completed by the end of the year, according to the contractor.

Sheldon Place nearly ready for new tenants

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

After six years of vacancy, the six-story building known as Sheldon Park Place is scheduled to open again.

The senior housing complex, which sits on Sheldon Road, south of Ford Road, was evacuated in August 2001 because of structural deficiencies. The building has since exchanged ownership several times and was bought by Canton Rentals LLC through a HUD auction in August of 2005 for \$955,000.

At the time of the sale, Canton Rentals was given a year to demolish or repair the 56-unit complex.

Phone calls to the Westland-based company were not returned.

At the site of the multi-color brick building, its perimeter is closed off with a fence, steel beams are strewn across the lawn and a large sign announces a summer 2007 reopening for the building which is hailed as "a great place to live."

Dearborn Heights-based G.S. Kirkman Construction has been hired to fix and

enhance the building.

"Our biggest repair is beefing up the footings," said Gary Sleiman of G.S. Kirkman. "There was faulty workmanship but the building wasn't that bad. The foundation is solid, we're just strengthening it."

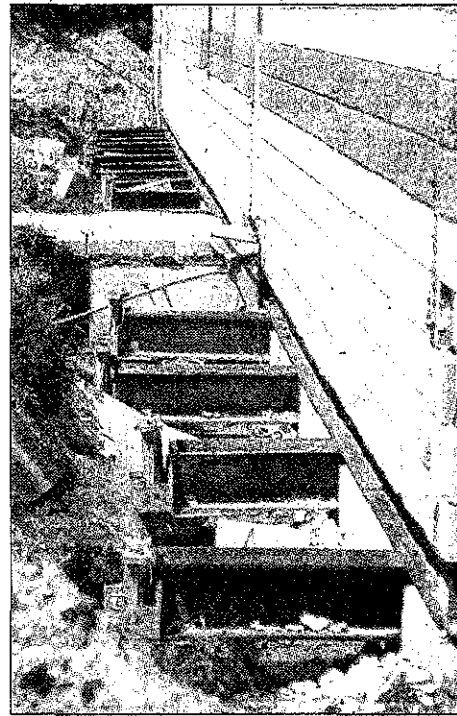
Sleiman said the year-long project was initially expected to be complete this summer.

"We're a little off," he said. "It will be more like fall/winter. We spent six months on engineering."

In addition to the structural repairs, the construction company is slated to add a fireplace to the building, as well as a cafeteria.

The complex, which was previously owned by National Church Residences of Ohio, was built in 1996 through the office of U.S. Housing and Urban Development for \$3.4 million.

When it was evacuated, about 60 people lived in Sheldon Place. The evacuation was prompted by substantial leaks and cracks which were traced to changes made during the building's construction.



Contractors are strengthening the foundation and footings of Sheldon Place.

HUD later foreclosed on the complex. Although the building has sat empty for six years and its previous residents have other housing, Sleiman said interest in the facility is strong.

"I get about two phone calls a week from people asking about it," he said.

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The Canton Township Board of Trustee will meet at 7 p.m., Aug. 14 at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Among the agenda items include a public hearing for a tax abatement for Durcon Laboratory Tops, Inc.; consider revisions to site plan for Crossroads Village Shopping Center on Michigan Avenue at Beck Road; consider granting a permanent drainage easement to Wayne County for Green Drain at Griffin Park; consider property transfer to the Western Townships Utility Authority (WTUA); consider awarding the construction contract for the Lower Rouge Sanitary Relief Sewer to C&G Myers, Inc.; budget amendments to Water and Sewer Fund, Road Paving Fund and General Fund; set millage rate limits for Dec. 1, 2007 tax levy and set date for public hearing on proposed millage rates and 2008 budgets.

For a complete look at the meetings agenda, visit the township's Web site at www.canton-mi.org.

Leadership Canton

Leadership Canton is now accepting applications for the 2007-2008 leadership class. Leadership Canton is an eight

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

Each day long seminar includes a lunch, and is held at a different location around Canton, where the group will tour the facility and have a guest speaker that is an expert in the field. Participants will learn a wide range of specific topics aimed at educating the participants in important topics essential to the community's well being. The class meets once every month at various locations around the community and discusses topics like, The Nature of Leadership, Community Development, Business and Economic Development, Business and Economic Development Health and Human Services, Local, County and State Government, Education, Public Safety and the Justice System and Challenges of the Future. The registration deadline is Aug. 17.

The class costs \$800. To sign up or for more information, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040, or visit www.cantonchamber.com.

School supply drive

The Plymouth Salvation Army is collecting school supplies to provide to needy families in its Plymouth-Canton-Northville-Belleville service area.

All types of school supplies are needed; however, Salvation Army officials are especially hoping to collect backpacks.

For more information, call (734) 453-5464.

Chieftettes fund-raiser

The Canton High School Pom Pon team will be holding a car wash fund-raiser from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 18 at the Fastlane Quick Lube Oil Change at 5881 Canton Center Road, on the west side of the road, between Ford and Warren roads. Make a donation to show your support for the Canton Chieftettes and get your car cleaned in the process. For more information, e-mail Kimberly Mabie at kmabie@comcast.net.

Art exhibition

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is hosting the artwork of Ron Depentu of Canton through Sept. 2. The exhibition is a result of involvements ranging from near photographic like images to nonobjective expression. Throughout the years, Depentu was constantly involved with the investigation and utilization of appearance of depth and motion on a two dimensional surface that gradually progressed to the actual penetration, raising, bending, and building up of material. His works are in private collections in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Florida, California, and Washington. The show is free and open to the public Monday - Friday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 7-9 p.m. and Sunday from 5:30 -7:30 p.m.

For more information about activities at the Village Theater visit www.canton-mi.org/villageheater or call (734) 394-5300.

Democratic Club picnic

The Community Democratic Club, serving the townships of Canton, Plymouth and

Northville as well as the cities of Plymouth and Northville, will be holding their annual family picnic and ice cream social on Wednesday, Aug. 15, from 5-8 p.m. at UAW Local 735, which is located at 48055 E. Michigan Avenue in Canton. In addition to the food and prizes, there will be children's games and face painting. The event is free of charge to all. For more information, call Becky at (734) 398-5845.

Canton jam session

The 2007 Axis Music Canton Jam Session is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Aug. 24 at the Willow Creek Shopping Plaza. Presented by Axis Music and local community partners, this free music and dance event will also feature plenty of food. It will feature local youth to seasoned veteran performers performing a variety of stylings on an outdoor stage.

Demonstrations from local businesses will provide the opportunity to see what Canton has to offer while experiencing a diverse series of live music, art and fashion. For more information, please call (734) 844-0100.

Jazz concert series

The Summer Jazz Concert series on Canton's Ford Road continues on Friday evenings in August. The free concerts will take place on the Canton Live stage at various shopping centers in the DDA District. Audiences are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and enjoy live jazz music brought to the community by the Canton DDA in partnership with V98.7 Smooth Jazz radio, and sponsored in part by Schoolcraft College. Also supporting the event is the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton's Leisure Services Department.

Plan to come early, enjoy a meal at one of the many restaurants in the area or do some shopping at the nearby businesses. All concerts begin at 7 p.m.

■ Aug. 17 - John E. Lawrence and Friends at New Towne Center (Ford Road just west of Sheldon Road)

■ Aug. 24 - Hot Sauce at Willow Creek Center (Ford Road between Lilley and Haggerty)

For more information on the series, please call (734) 394-5186.

YMCA board

The Plymouth Family YMCA



Collection for the critters

Girl Scout Troop 1632 from Hulsing Elementary in Canton recently donated the dues they have been collecting at their meetings all year to the Huron Valley Humane Society. Three of the girls from the troop, Megan Plave (from left), Elizabeth Fell and Amanda Brushaber, visited the shelter to donate the money on July 20.

is looking to grow its Board of Advisors.

This is an opportunity for members of the Plymouth, Canton or Northville communities who are looking to get more involved in their community. There are monthly meetings from September through June. Responsibilities include advocacy, fund-raising and expertise.

Anyone interested in getting more information can contact Josh Landefeld at (734) 453-2904 or jlandefeld@ymcamedetroit.org

Drive-In Night

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit is hosting a drive-in movie night Monday, Aug. 20, at the Computware Sports Arena Drive-In Theatres in Plymouth. The theatre opens at 7:30 p.m. and inflatable toys and games will entertain children until movies begin at 8:25 p.m.

Cost is \$25 per car, and proceeds provide scholarships for kids to attend YMCA camps. Passes must be purchased online. Visit www.ymcamedetroit.org for more information and to buy passes.

Grief support group

The Sharing & Caring Coffee Hour is an ongoing grief support group for widows and widowers hosted by Heartland Hospice. The group is held 10-11 a.m. at Heartland Healthcare Center, 4701 N. Lilley Road, Canton. The focus of the group is on the later stages of grief, with an emphasis on learning to live with the loss. This group is held

the first and third Wednesday of the month and is open to anyone grieving the loss of a spouse. There is no charge. For information, contact Ann Christensen, toll-free at (888) 973-1145.

Canton Newcomers 36th season

The Canton Newcomers will hold their 2007-08 adult general kickoff meeting at 7:15 p.m., Wednesday Sept. 5 at the Workman Elementary cafeteria (250 Denton Road at Cherry Hill). You don't need to be "new" to Canton to attend the meeting or to become a member.

The group has a number of regular activities, including Book Club, Bunko, Chick Flick, Couples Night, Moms and Tots, Creative Kids, Helping Hands, Game Night, Playgroups, Ladies Day Out, Scrapbooking, Little Explorers, and Walking. The group's regular meeting s are the first Wednesday of the month at the Sunflower subdivision clubhouse.

If you would like to meet your "neighbors", enjoy refreshments from Carrabba's and Back Home Bakery, sign up for various interest groups and donate to the Susan G. Komen breast cancer initiative, plan to attend the kickoff meeting.

For more information, call (734) 398-6487 before the meeting.

To learn more about this 2006 Community Supporter Award winning club, including requesting a complimentary September newsletter, visit cantonnewcomers.org.

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Switching Roth IRA will not cause tax consequences

Q: I have a Roth IRA with TIA-CREF which is less than five years old. I am thinking of moving it to Vanguard to take advantage of their lower fees. Can I change custodians from my Roth IRA without tax consequences or will the IRS treat this as a distribution since the Roth is less than five years old?

A: There is no problem in switching from TIA-CREF to Vanguard. Since the money is staying within a Roth IRA, it is not considered a distribution and the five-year rule does not apply.

You can have Vanguard transfer the money or you can do a rollover. In a rollover, you have 60 days from the time you receive the check to deposit that money with Vanguard. As long as the transaction is completed within 60 days, it is not treated as a distribution for tax purposes and there are no tax consequences.

Q: I have four rental homes on seven-year ARMs (adjustable rate mortgages) with American Home Mortgage about two to three years old. My wife is employed, and I am retired. Our credit score is 735, and we are in the zero tax bracket. Unfortunately, the loans are about to exceed appraised value. Jim Cramer, from CNBC, says to walk away from such loans. What are the consequences?

A: Although it would be nice to say that you can walk away from the loans without any consequences, that's not the case.

When you obtained the mortgage, you entered into a legally binding contract which states the terms of how the loan has to be repaid. Nothing in the loan documentation deals with the value of the home.

Just because the house is now worth less than the outstanding balance does not give you the right to walk away from the property. You are legally liable for the debt. If you walk away from the loan, the mortgage company can come after you.



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company.

In many cases, even though the property may be worth less than the outstanding mortgage, lenders will accept the deed and not pursue any legal recourse. However, this is not always the case. In situations where the property is a rental, as opposed to someone's personal residence, mortgage companies are sometimes more difficult.

The other issue is taxes. When someone is forgiven a debt, this creates a taxable event.

The money that is forgiven is considered taxable income. Of course, the house you are turning over to the mortgage company has value which would partially offset the loan being forgiven.

My advice is contact your mortgage company. Every mortgage company has departments set aside to handle problems. By working with the company, you may be in a better position to reach an equitable deal as opposed to walking away from the loan and letting the mortgage company foreclose. Whether it is the IRS or a creditor, the key is to be proactive. If you wait too long, you will lose all leverage in dealing with your creditors.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at money-matters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).

Snags continue to plague Sheldon Road underpass project

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

For the first time in several months, there was noticeable construction activity this week at the Sheldon Road underpass project.

However, the sight of construction equipment and workers doesn't necessarily mean the project is going full-speed ahead.

In fact, the removal of utility lines to allow for the installation of a 36-inch water main below the underpass has yet to be completed. Wayne County officials blame DTE Energy for delaying the project. DTE Energy denies the charge, putting the onus on Wayne County for failure to remove the utility lines in a timely manner.

"AT&T has been out there working very hard," said Wayne County Assistant County Executive Alan Helmkamp. "If DTE would do as well, I would be pleased."

"As for the actual field work, yesterday (Thursday) was the first day they were out. They agreed to have the lines out by June 1, and it's August and we're still having to push them with what they agreed to. We've gotten our lawyers involved and have put DTE on notice that any additional costs associated with their delay will be passed on to them."

The main issue is an underground utility line servicing Redico Inc., which DTE said is a Wayne County issue.

"The cable that's crossing Sheldon Road that's in conflict with the water main doesn't belong to us," said Scott Simons, DTE Energy spokesman. "The cable is privately owned by the customer, and apparently the county has to pay that customer \$80,000 to do the work, which hasn't been done yet."

"There's still our pole there, but that's connected with the underground service," he said. "We're not holding up the project, we're pretty much done."

Helmkamp confirmed Redico is responsible for moving the line, with the county to reimburse the cost within 30 days.

"However, if DTE is claiming they've done most of their work and are waiting for someone else, that claim isn't credible," Helmkamp said.

Simons noted despite Wayne County's June 1 deadline, DTE early-on expressed concerns they couldn't meet the timetable.

"When we met with the county on Nov. 1 ... we expressed that was unrealistic because it was such a complex job," Simons said. "We attended numerous meetings with engineering personnel ... We

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(original span)	1 Mile	1.5 Years	\$3.25 M	June 1937
(second span)	1 Mile	2 Years	\$41.3 M	July 1997
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never assured them we could be relocated by that date."

A July 3 memorandum by Victoria Holland, Wayne County's director of engineering, indicated DTE's on-site work had been on hold for about a month because the utility company's project designer was on vacation.

"In addition to delaying the utility relocation issue, subsequently scheduled events are also being delayed, including the installation of storm sewer, water main and railroad by-pass tracks," wrote Holland.

Meanwhile, the estimated \$14 million, five-lane underpass — which was initiated in 1999 with a \$5 million federal grant — is still "on target" to be completed in December 2008.

"Call me the eternal optimist, but I'm sticking to that," Helmkamp said. "If this means we have to revise the schedule and add shifts, even in the bad months, we'll do whatever we need to do to get it completed by then."

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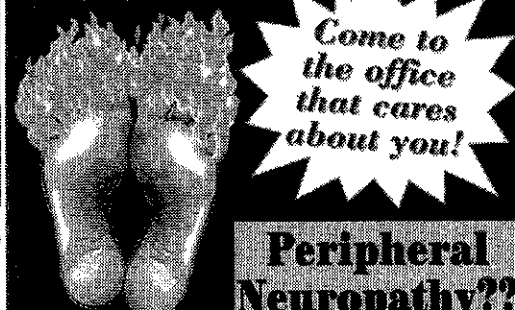
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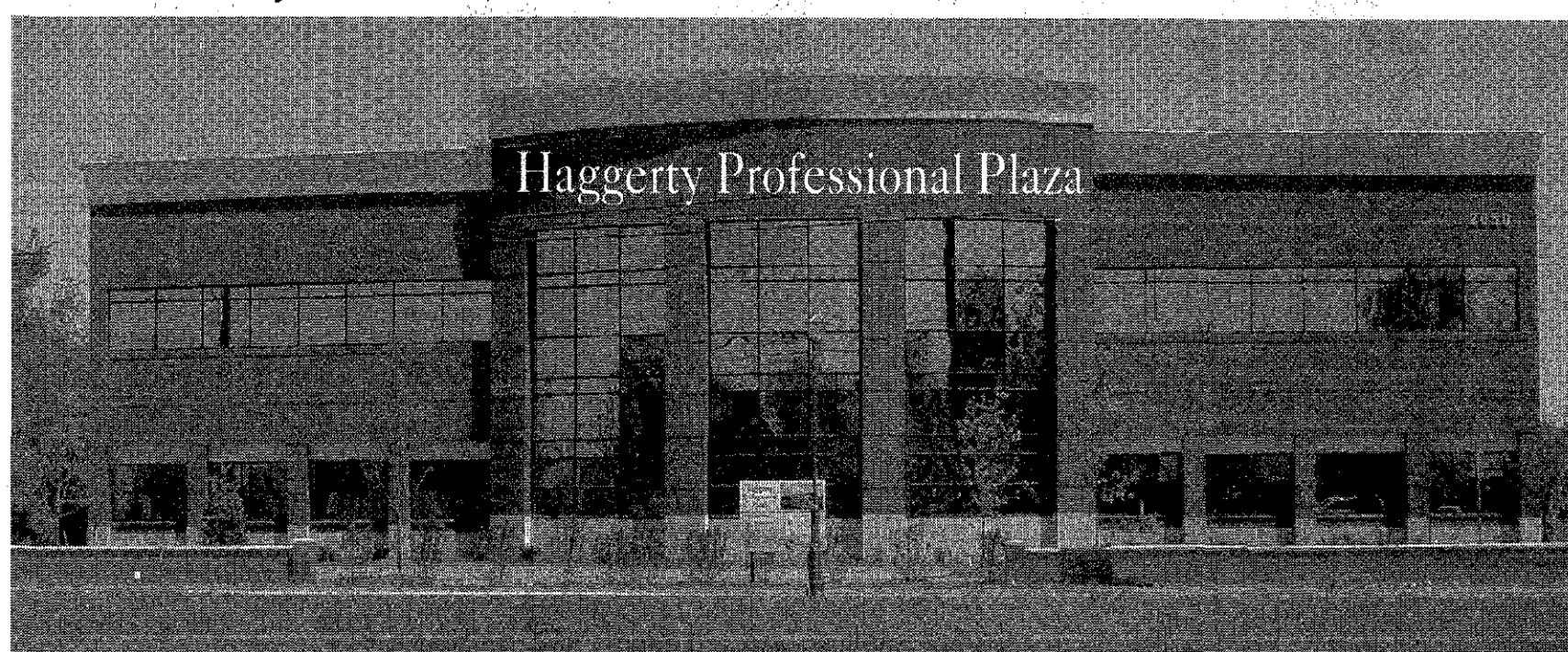
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that replicates a vineyard, a pasta factory and outdoor seating.

"This is what we love doing," said Antonio Rugiero, Jr., moments before his father, Antonio, Sr. sliced into a large burgundy ribbon with the Canton Chamber of Commerce's oversized wooden scissors.

As the ribbon fell into two pieces, the Rugieros kissed each other and shook hands with well wishers. Among those in attendance were Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack and Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano.

Although the eatery, which used to house a Fazoli's restaurant, opened for business at the beginning of the year, the grand opening celebration was postponed while the family vacationed in Italy.

The Rugieros, who have four metro Detroit restaurants, had thought of planting roots in Canton six years ago, but decided on another community. They opted to take a second look at the township because the "area is growing and booming," said Antonio Rugiero, Jr.

During the private gala, those in attendance toured the building, sipped wine, were treated to a buffet and were entertained by musicians strolling through the restaurant.

In addition to the grand



Six-year-old Adrianna Rugiero looks into the gelato freezer.

opening festivities, the family accepted donations for the non-profit organization, Partnership for the Arts and Humanities.

As she scanned the room filled with people laughing and cooing at babies, Township Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter said she was thrilled that Antonio's was in Canton.

"Doesn't this remind you of Italy," she asked. "I love the idea that this is a family-owned restaurant rather than a chain. We're getting a mix of already established, or brand new, family-owned businesses."

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Police investigating teen for possible sexual misconduct

A 15-year-old Westland boy could be in serious trouble after allegations have surfaced that he's been having sexual intercourse with his 3-year-old niece.

The girl's mother alerted Canton police after her daughter began referring to her genitals and saying that her teenage uncle had touched "nicely."

The girl, who said the two had taken showers together, was left with the boy every weekday for an hour when her mother, 23, left for work and before her father, 22, returned home from work.

The girl's mother told police that her daughter had indicated she'd been forced to have intercourse and oral sex with the teenager. The girl told her mother that the teenager had threatened to hurt her by placing her in a fan and told her it would cut her up "in little pieces and (she) would be bub-bye."

The girl's parents told police they had noticed behavioral changes in her for the past few weeks and that she cried whenever she was left in the care of the teenager.

Girl may have been abduction target

After the parents of a 9-year-old girl reported to police that someone may have tried to abduct her earlier this week, police amped up routine patrols in the Beck and Geddes area.

Canton Sgt. Rick Pomorski said the girl was playing outdoors on North River Woods Drive when she spotted a green mini van. The driver of the car allegedly motioned for the girl to approach the vehicle.

In response, she ran away and told her mother what happened.

A witness couldn't confirm that the man had motioned for the girl, but did spot the same van.

The man behind the wheel appeared to be in his early 20s and had a scruffy appearance.

Pomorski said no other similar reports have come through and that it's not known if the man wanted to kidnap the girl.

"He did not roll down his window," he said. "He did not open his door."

Police described the vehicle as a newer dark green and beige mini van.

Designer bag stolen

A woman reported Tuesday that her Coach bag had been stolen from her car while shopping inside IKEA.

The 18-year-old Shelby Township woman said she believes the theft happened when she was loading items into two carts. The purse, which is valued at \$200, was later found hidden in a bin.

The contents, including a wallet containing \$200 and a \$350 cell phone, were missing. IKEA officials have told the woman they will review the store's surveillance footage to see if the incident was caught on camera.

Woman arrested for stealing pills

Police arrested a Garden City woman after a Walgreen's loss prevention officer reported that she had been stealing prescription pills from the drug store.

The woman, 31, worked at

the Ford Road location and had been suspected of stealing hydrocodone pills in 2005. She denied taking anything back then and the same pills began missing from the store's pharmacy a few weeks ago.

After the loss prevention officer installed a hidden camera, he allegedly caught the woman pocketing the drug and confronted her before calling Canton police.

The woman admitted to taking the pills and requested that officers not handcuff her in front of her co-workers. Officers agreed and the woman retrieved the pills she had taken.

She told police she had a prescription for the drug, but had stolen additional pills from the store because she had been sick. She estimated that she had taken 150 pills within three weeks.

When asked whether she was selling the items, the woman said no and that she was a law-abiding citizen and doesn't do "real drugs."

Table stolen from home

A white table was reported stolen from the porch of a home on the 46000 block of Bartlett.

The homeowner, a 63-year-old Canton woman, told police she noticed the item missing on Monday, but that it might have been taken before that because she rarely uses her home's front door.

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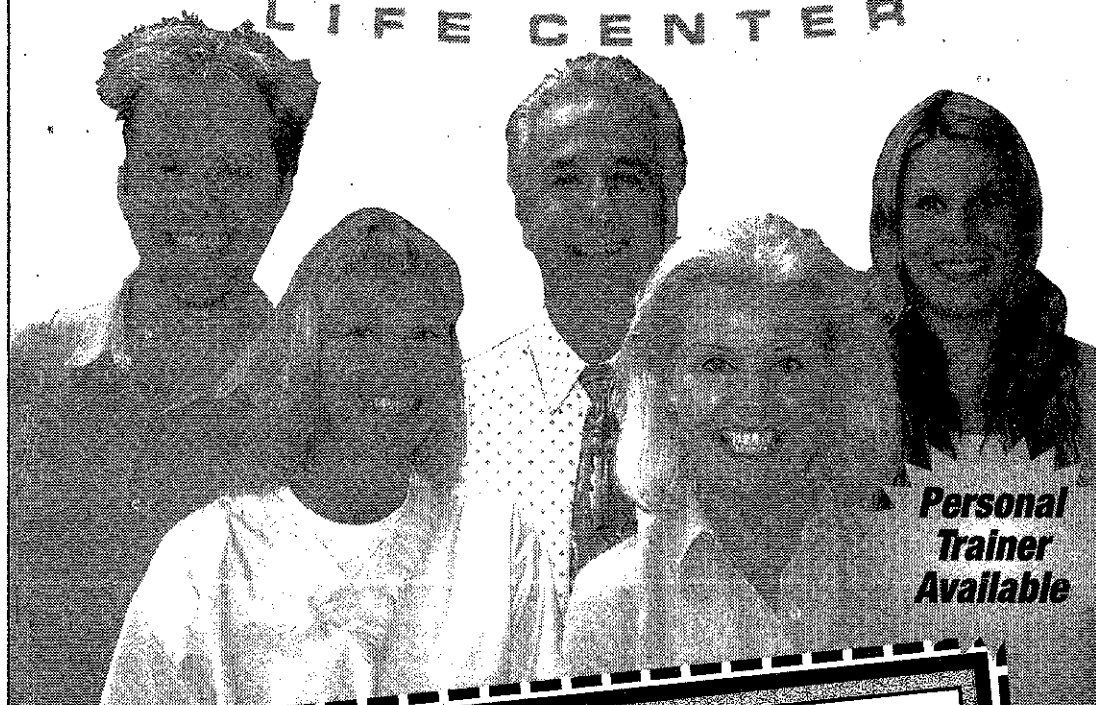
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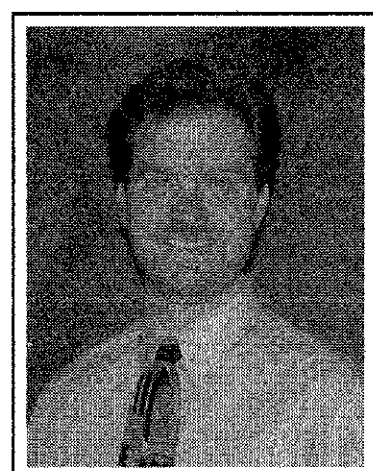
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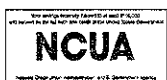
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Award winner

Kelly Weir of Canton has been awarded the Seykora Award from Grand Valley State University. She is a graduate of Canton High School and is the daughter of Robert and

Barbara Weir. The Thomas M. Seykora award for outstanding contribution recognizes individuals who make outstanding contributions which improve the campus community while demonstrating good academic performance.

Comcast scholarship winners

Samantha Laing, Breanna Miller and Tasneem Mohammad of Canton are among 138 high school seniors in Michigan to receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the Comcast Foundation. The 2007 Comcast Leaders and Achievers® Scholarship Program, one of the Comcast Foundation's signature community investment programs, recognizes students who have demonstrated leader-

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Certified personal trainer

Daniel Carty of Canton was named to the spring 2007 Dean's List at Taylor University, a Christian college in Indiana. Carty, who is a junior majoring in exercise science and is a graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy, also has become certified as an NSCA-Certified Personal Trainer by the NSCA Certification Commission. The certification is for those who train clients in one-on-one situation in gyms, fitness centers, private homes or hospital settings. To earn the NSCA-CPT credential, Carty passed a written exam that was prepared by experts in the personal training profession. The exam consisted of 140 multiple-choice questions that assess knowledge in the areas of exercise techniques, program planning and client consultation, among others.

To be named to the honor roll a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average for the term.

Honor society inductee

Bethany Atwell of Canton has been inducted into the Grand Valley State University chapter of the honor society of Phi Kappa Phi. Atwell is a graduate of Salem High School and is the daughter of Rick and Amy Atwell.

Who's who

Anna Catherine Carr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Carr of Canton, has been selected to appear in the 2007 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." A 2007 graduate of Bob Jones University in Greenville, SC, Carr was one of 71 students from the university student body honored this year for academic achievement, campus leadership, service to the community, and potential for continued success. Carr graduated with a bachelor of science degree in communication disorders. She has served as president, vice president, treasurer, and public relations officer of Tri Epsilon society. She also served on the Community Relations Council, the Inter-Society Council and did volunteer service at a local nursing home.

Lawrence Tech honor roll

The following Canton students have been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring 2007 semester at Lawrence Technological University: Nathan Boos, William Casey, Gregory Erickson, Ryan Foley, Nathan Guideau, Matthew Trubowski, Carl Wixon, Nathan Bugosh, Lauren Cilia, Stephen Panoff, Benjamin Pew, and Alena Weiss.

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Other upcoming "Dining With the Stars" include Chuck Gaidica of WDIV-TV (Channel 4), Attorney Geoffrey Fieger, Florine Mark of Weight Watchers, health and fitness guru and O&E columnist Peter Nielsen, Ruth Spencer of WDIV's "Ruth to the Rescue" and Trudi Daniels of WRIF-FM.

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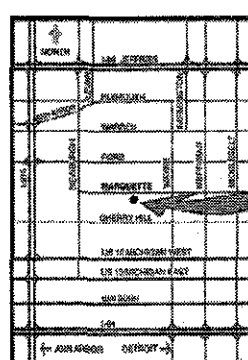
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Book-lovers savor 'Potter,' other titles in busy summer

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Summer's traditionally a time for "beach books," but local readers tackle more serious fare as well.

Gerry Barlage, adult service coordinator at the Plymouth District Library, reports *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini, a native of Afghanistan, is popular.

"It's the same guy that wrote *The Kite Runner*. Anybody who read *The Kite Runner* is coming back for that," she said of the fiction title.

Harry Potter has grabbed the headlines lately, attracting readers of all ages.

The newest fiction tome, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* by J.K. Rowling, is "a biggie with our adult patrons, as big as the kids," she said, noting even "senior seniors" are tackling it.

"I got the impression from the people this morning (who reserved the book) that it was because of their grandchildren, that they don't want to appear not to know," Barlage said.

"The 'Diana' book is very popular." That's *The Diana Chronicles* by Tina Brown. "We have a large Anglophile community," with a lot of interest in the British royal family, said Barlage, who agreed "beach books" have boosted adult reading this summer. Circulation hit 90,000 in July, a record for the library.

Book club grows

Brooke Somerville, in the adult services department at the Redford Township District Library, said it's been busy there. "We started a book club just recently and we've gotten a good response." The Redford Recreational Readers will discuss *Florence of Arabia* on Sept. 12, by Christopher Buckley. Redford Recreational Readers meet 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at the library on Six Mile east Beech Daly.

"It's a humorous book," said Somerville of *Florence of Arabia*. The heroine promotes women's rights in the Middle East in that fiction title.

"We have so many holds on that," she said of *Harry Potter*. "It's always been popular. Everybody wants to read it to see how it turns out."

"They want something easy," she said of summer readers. *God Is Not Great* by Christopher Hitchens is a popular nonfiction title in Redford.

"It's kind of a provocative look at religion. He's a very humorous author," said Somerville, who read his last but not this one. Also popular there are *A Thousand Splendid Suns* and *Lean, Mean Thirteen*.

At the Livonia Public Library, City Librarian Kathleen Monroe said "It's been extremely busy for everybody." Livonia has done an adult summer reading program for several years. "It's been very successful." Organizers have gift

baskets with different themes from area businesses, and hold drawings for those at the end of summer.

Adults who read at a certain level are eligible for a drawing at the end of the summer. Kids in Livonia also have programs to encourage reading throughout the summer, with special programs at the end.

Harry Potter is "hot, hot, hot" with related programs tying into the new movie and book. "I haven't had a chance to read it yet," Monroe said. To get kids to read something at that length's amazing, she added.

"I think it's been a wonderful thing. I think it's helped to make them lifelong readers."

As an administrator, she doesn't see directly popular titles among adult readers. "We've kept the citizens of Livonia busy," said Monroe, doing some reading herself.

"I'm revisiting Jane Austen." *Sense and Sensibility*, which she read in the past, is included. "I like all those 19th century authors, and I go back and read them."

At the large Civic Center branch in Livonia, for July this year over 50,000 items circulated. The library has two other full-service branches. "July was the big month of the summer," the city librarian said.

"We're just glad we're here to kind of fill that gap in the summer. People of all ages have more time for leisure reading in the summer. I think it's a wonderful service," Monroe said.

Records set

Ellen Pare, adult services/reference librarian at the Canton Public Library, also reports a record-setting summer. "We have had record checkouts and participation in our summer reading programs at all levels," Pare said. "It's been a busy summer."

"Even with adults, *Harry Potter* is huge. It's the book of the summer," Pare said. "They're just really good stories. I think that's probably the fundamental attraction of it. They're just fun to read."

The newest *Harry Potter* has over 50 copies at Canton's library, and there's still a wait list for it, she noted.

A Thousand Splendid Suns is popular there as well. *Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search for Everything Across Italy, India and Indonesia* by Elizabeth Gilbert, a nonfiction title, is being read in Canton. "That one's very popular, too," Pare said of the book.

Canton adults are also reading *The Diana Chronicles*, and a mystery by Janet Evanovich, *Lean, Mean Thirteen*, part of a series.

She agreed people read lighter stuff in the summer. "When people are traveling, they just want something entertaining," Pare said. The Canton library did weekly drawings for adults on a travel theme. The grand prize drawing for a Northwest Airlines certificate (\$400) is this coming week; the library has also given gas cards, a lug-

gage package, and Cedar Point ticket package.

Jan Smith, interim director for the Garden City Public Library, reports James Patterson and Michael Ledwidge's *The Quickie*, about a police officer trying to get revenge on her husband she suspects of cheating is well-read. "Something goes terribly wrong," Smith said of the storyline.

A Thousand Splendid Suns and *Harry Potter* are top picks in Garden City as well.

"I love *Harry Potter*. It has all the elements you're looking for in a book," said Smith, citing mystery, romance and danger. She and other readers are sad that series is ending.

"I think everybody's waiting for something spectacular" from Rowling.

Titles for young adults

Also popular with young adults in Garden City is the follow-up third part of a trilogy, *The Inheritance Trilogy*. Aragon was the first, *Eldred* by Christopher Paolini the second, Smith said. Author Frank Herbert's (*Dune* series) son Brian wrote *Sandworms of Dune*, very popular with science fiction fans. The younger Herbert and Kevin J. Anderson write science fiction titles that are popular.

"Everybody's looking for a good beach book," said Smith, who likes author Clive Cussler's adventure novels.

At the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, department head for adult services Marilyn Kwik reports "We have a fair number" reading *Harry Potter*. "It's always popular."

The Janet Evanovich and James Patterson books do well in Westland; also liked is *The Secret* by Rhonda Byrne, a self-help type book. "This year, we



At the Plymouth library, Susan Goodman checks out a few short books from Brendan O'Carroll's Irish series about Agnes Brown as well as 'Breakpoint' by Richard A. Clarke for her husband.

also have a lot of people reading *You - The Owner's Manual: An Insider's Guide to the Body That Will Make You Healthier and Younger*. It's by Michael Roizen."

That nonfiction book deals with health issues, Kwik said, adding *A Thousand Splendid Suns* does well there.

At Westland, the adult summer reading program's been popular, with its "007 James Bond" theme. "Their mission was to complete the passport." Readers were rewarded if they read such things as spy novels. The adults had programs that supported the theme, such as belly dancing and handwriting analysis. The Spy Tech shop in Rochester had a speaker come to Westland on different spy equipment available for purchase.

"It was a very good summer. We had a really high attendance," said Kwik. Also popular are Philippa Gregory's *The Other Boleyn Girl* and *The Boleyn Inheritance* series titles, especially with women. "It's really obvious that people are still interested in reading. Books are still very, very popular," Kwik said.

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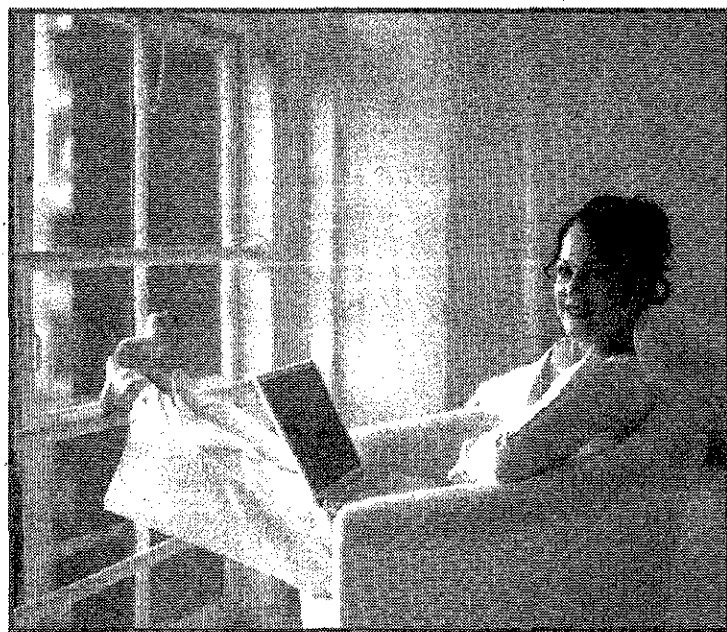
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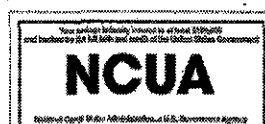
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The city's foresight in preserving a large section of its lakefront for recreational use is one of the factors that has kept Chicago a vital, vibrant city.

We recently visited my son, daughter-in-law and new granddaughter and enjoyed the thrill of being in a city again, a city with thousands of people who live, work and play in a place that offers world-famous architecture, shopping, a plethora of restaurant choices, cultural facilities second to none, spectator sports, mass transit and the natural beauty of Lake Michigan's shore.

But this isn't another column about how depressing Detroit is in comparison — though, of course, it is. Chicago has its own problems that make large sections of the city as miserably poor, decayed, crime-ridden and hopeless as Detroit. It also has a racial divide within the city, where the Chicago River is as clear a demarcation as Eight Mile. The difference is that it has retained a vital middle class, black and white, who value what only a big city can provide.

This is, instead, about an environmental threat to that city and to the other cities and towns along Lake Michigan's shoreline and about the compromises some people are willing to make for short-term economic growth.

BP oil won approval from Indiana to exempt the company from state environmental laws. BP requested the exemption to make way for a \$3.8 million expansion of its Whiting, Ind., refinery to refine heavier crude oil from Canada. BP is already a major polluter of the lake and the new permit allows it to release 54 percent more ammonia and 35 percent more suspended solids. The permit also gives the company until 2012 to meet federal limits on mercury discharge.

The new levels are below federal water-quality standards, but still represent a break from attempts to rein in pollution of the lake.

Last week, the U.S. House voted 387-26 to urge Indiana to reconsider the permit. Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich has strongly objected to the dumping. A story on the *Chicago Tribune* Web site Tuesday said several lakeshore communities are banding together to form a Shoreline Mayors Task

Last week, the Michigan Supreme Court voted 4-3 with the conservative majority ruling that some plaintiffs in a suit against Nestle Waters North America did not have standing to sue over potential damages to a stream, lake and wetlands because they don't use those areas. This is a setback for environmentalists who argue that everyone is affected by water and air pollution and everyone should have standing. The narrow legal nature of the ruling means that the suit can go forward, but it also makes it harder for ordinary citizens to take action.

Force to address lake issues.

Michigan's Congressional delegation unanimously supported the resolution. Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who has often talked about the central importance of the Great Lakes to Michigan, had yet to publicly comment on the issue as of Friday.

It is shameful that the federal Environmental Protection Agency, Indiana regulators and Indiana's governor would defend this action for the sake of a few jobs and BP profits. Yes, we need to have oil, but it can not be, should not be at the expense of our greatest asset. The lakes provide water, food, recreation opportunities, access to the world for our natural resources and much more. They are a far greater economic asset than the oil that BP will refine in Indiana.

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This is a time for those who care about these Great Lakes to stand firm, even as we struggle to get our economic engine running again.

For Michigan, the lakes define who and what we are. The governor needs to step up and lead; the state needs to put protection of our water resources at the top of its economic plans.

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Don't like deed restriction? Change them - courts won't

What do dog parks and golf courses have in common? Answer: A recent Michigan Supreme Court ruling that kept a dog park out of Birmingham could also keep a Detroit-owned golf course in Huntington Woods. And why? Deed restrictions, even old deed restrictions.

The high court ruled that land fenced off for a dog park by the city of Birmingham, called Springdale Park, violated a 1915 deed restriction that limited the use of that land for "strictly residential purposes only." The court defined "residential" as referring



Charlie Langton

to homes where people reside, not dogs.

In October 2006, an Oakland County Circuit Court judge nixed a proposed \$11.25 million sale of Rackham Golf Course to a developer who hoped to build 400 homes on the greens. The judge upheld a 1924 deed restriction that mandated Rackham land be used only as a golf course. That was the intent of Horace Rackham when he donated the land to Detroit in 1924.

So why are decades old deed restrictions getting so much court support? Is it that most judges like dogs and golf? Probably, but not legally.

Deed restrictions are not laws. Neither Congress, state Legislatures nor city councils enact them.

Instead, deed restrictions are created by homeowners, land developers, condominium or homeowners associations. Essentially, a deed restriction is a contract between a buyer and seller (or donor) of property.

Enforcement of deed restrictions, by courts, generally is thought to enhance the value of land and preserve the freedom to make contracts. The restrictions will continue to regulate how the land is used, forever, unless they violate law, public policy or are changed. The rules for changing deed restrictions are usually contained within those

deed restrictions themselves, i.e. a vote of the majority of subdivision homeowners or associations.

Most homes are subject to deed restrictions. From the subtle such as the color of your front door, swimming pools, basketball hoops or even whether one can hang an outdoor clothes line, to the more substantive use of the property, residential vs. commercial ... the list goes on and on. Deed restrictions are recorded in the county clerk's office. Any title search, a standard requirement at a real estate closing, will reveal the deed restrictions and thus the limitations on what the buyer can or can't do with the property.

The Supreme Court in the dog park case was asked to interpret a deed restriction. It did — and the dogs lost. If Springdale Park residents want a dog park, the Park Association must be convinced to change the restriction. Dogs in the park are unlikely anytime soon since it was the Park Association that sued the city to enforce the anti-dog deed restriction.

Although the Rackham case is currently being reviewed by the appellate courts, and the issues are complex, I would guess that Mr. Rackham's intent to keep his donated property as a golf course would be upheld. If Detroit wants to sell the property to a developer, find the Rackham heirs and convince them to lift the deed restrictions, especially since the land reverts to those heirs if Rackham is not used as a golf course.

The bottom line: If you don't like the deed restrictions, change them — or don't buy the property. Courts will generally enforce the restrictions even though millions of dollars are at stake and poor little Fido can't romp in a park.

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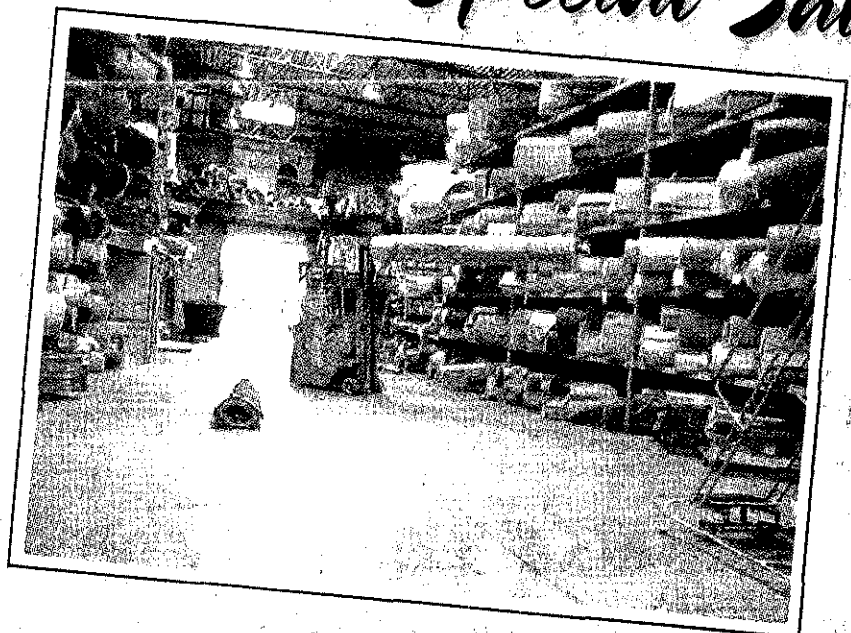
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Rams' bats silenced in AAABA tournament setback

BY BRAD EMONS
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It was three and done Wednesday for the Michigan Rams, who were ousted by Buffalo (N.Y.) Meridian Medicine, 5-2, at Roxbury Park in the All-American Amateur Baseball Association Tournament held in Johnstown, Pa.

The 20-and-under Rams opened the double-elimination tournament Monday with an 11-4 triumph over the Columbus (Ohio) Big Kats before blowing an 8-3 lead in the ninth inning Tuesday and losing to Johnstown Realty of Altoona (Pa.), 14-10.

A two-out single by Ryan Shay followed by Drew Churchward's two-run homer staked the Rams to a 2-0 first-inning lead against

COLLEGIATE BASEBALL

Buffalo. Meridian Medicine got a run back on the bottom half of the first on Pete Lusk's RBI single off Rams starter Steve Teno, a pick-up from the LCBL Michigan Bulls.

Meridian Medicine starter Tom Hasley then slammed the door shut on the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League representatives, who collected only a total of five hits after racking up 23 in the first two games of the AAABA tourney.

Cory Brownsey, who led Buffalo with three hits, clubbed a three-run homer in the fourth inning to give Meridian Medicine the lead for keeps, 4-2.

Buffalo added its final run in the fifth when Jim Banks delivered an RBI single off Rams

reliever Justin Mazur, who worked the final two innings.

Hasley gave up a pair of hits in the fifth, but kept the Rams off the bases and off the board until the seventh when Kyle Gendron led off with a double.

Reliever Cary Johnson then entered the game retired nine straight batters, including a pair of strikeouts, to pick up the save and preserve the win for Hasley.

In seven innings, Teno gave up all five runs (four earned) on 10 hits and six walks. Teno, who struck out three, was charged with the loss.

The Rams, who made only one error during three tournament games, turned a pair of double plays. But they left runners on base in four different innings.

"After Drew (Churchward) hit the homer, we had runners, second and third, first and second, and couldn't get a run in," Rams manager Rick Berryman said. "We just could not get the extra runs in. Their pitcher did a nice job keeping the ball down and away."

Joe LaDucca also had three hits for the victors, while Banks went 2-for-4.

Churchward was ejected in the eighth inning for arguing with umpires after throwing his helmet.

"It was a bad call, but we were pressing after the (Johnstown) loss," Berryman said. "To a fault, we were over-trying. It's not a negative thing. We just wanted to make up for yesterday's defeat. I've never seen a loss like that. It was numbing. You didn't know what to do."



Ryan Smith, in his Redford Rebels baseball uniform, sits next to his grandfather Al Smith, who is holding a 1948 photo of himself scoring a run for the Detroit Northwestern Colts during the city championship game with Olympia Stadium in the background. Ryan's summer team recently played a game at Northwestern.

Generations of baseball rooted deep

There is a T-shirt with the catchy phrase "Baseball Is Life, The Rest Is Just Details."



Tim Smith

Believe it or not to those who are just now discovering the splendid summer sport thanks to the recent successes of the Detroit Tigers, no such shirts needed to be worn by members of many families during the 1940s, '50s, '60s and beyond. Love of America's national pastime was absolute, unconditional, shifted from generation to generation with as much ease as a Placido Polanco single to right.

And, believe it or not, baseball was big in the city of Detroit, at places such as Northwestern High School, where future Tiger slugger Willie Horton slammed homers onto near-by Grand River Avenue. It remains to

Please see **BASEBALL, B2**

Flag football youth league attracts K-5

Flag football is coming to Wayne-Westland in the form of a co-ed five-on-five version for boys and girls entering grades K-5 in the fall of 2007.

Michigan Flag Youth Football is teaming up Wayne-Westland Community Education in the program.

Although the league will be held at Wayne-Westland Schools, players do not have to live in or attend a school in the district. Players and teams from private and public schools in surrounding communities are welcome.

Teams will be formed district-wide by school and grade. Each team will have a maximum roster of 10 players to ensure plenty of playing time for all participants.

There are no weight or height restrictions for the non-contact program. Practices, one per week, will begin the week of Sept. 16. Team coaches will select their practice day and time. Practice locations will be at either Walker-Winter, Patchin, Roosevelt or Hicks elementary schools.

Games will be played Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at Marshall Middle School. The eight-week season starts Sept. 22.

Players will develop the skills to run and cover patterns, pass the ball, blitz the quarterback, receive the ball, defend the pass and run the ball. Children will learn the fundamentals of teamwork, responsibility and sportsmanship.

The entry fee is \$95 (includes team jersey). A mouth-guard is required. Cleats are optional.

To register, visit www.MichiganYouthFlagFootball.com; or call (248) 481-8251 for more information.

Ultimate Soccer Arenas 1 of kind complex

BY DAN STICKRADT
STAFF WRITER

Ever tried to rush to your kid's soccer game at 5 p.m. on a Friday — in rush hour traffic? Never an easy task to make it on time?

George Derderian and four of his partners are trying to help change that — and create something in the athletics community that will create plenty of envy.

The Ultimate Soccer Arenas are coming close to a reality, with the opening date set for Nov. 2 of this year. The complex should be the largest in the country built to date.

"It's the 5 o'clock on a Friday boogie question: How long does it take to get to your kid's game on a Friday afternoon through traffic," said Derderian, who along with

Jon Murad, Rick Tapper, Tom Korpela and Mark Major, are the developers and managing partners of the complex, located at 867 South Blvd. in Pontiac, just west of Opdyke in the heart of Oakland County.

"We had to find a place where it would be easy to get to, without having to sit in traffic for an hour," added Tapper. "This is what we came up with. If you look at it, the traffic is flowing the other way if you're trying to get here at that time of day."

So the five partners came up with the idea in the summer of 2006 and found the ultimate location where people can go opposite of traffic and spend 25-30 minutes in a vehicle to get to a world-class soccer facility.

"We timed it. It takes about 25 minutes to get here from a lot of cities and you're

actually going the opposite way of the traffic during rush hour in most cases," offered Derderian. "It's 25 minutes from Shelby and 25 minutes from Highland. It's even less from Rochester or Lake Orion and it's right around the corner from Bloomfield Hills and Troy."

The motto for the complex, which is quite different of any other soccer complex in Michigan, is "We don't play indoor soccer, we play soccer indoors..."

"This is something completely different," said Derderian. "These are not indoor soccer fields with boards. These are real fields indoors."

The complex is being developed on an old brownfield redevelopment property.

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Hearing impaired golfer sends message

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Lauri Ponikiewski got into the game of golf a little late, but the Livonia native is making up for lost time.

"I've been playing for 12 years," said the 44-year-old Ponikiewski, who is a Senior Designer at the General Motors Tech Center in Warren. "I played different sports, racquetball and softball. After college I was kind of bored. All the people at work were playing (golf) and I thought it was kind of boring. I wish I had signed up for golf a long time ago."

Ponikiewski has become an impressive 6-handicapper, but that's only half of her story.

"People don't know golf is out there for the deaf, especially for women all over the United States," said Ponikiewski, who was coming off a runner-up finish at the U.S. Deaf Golf Championship, July 17-20, in Caseyville, Ill.

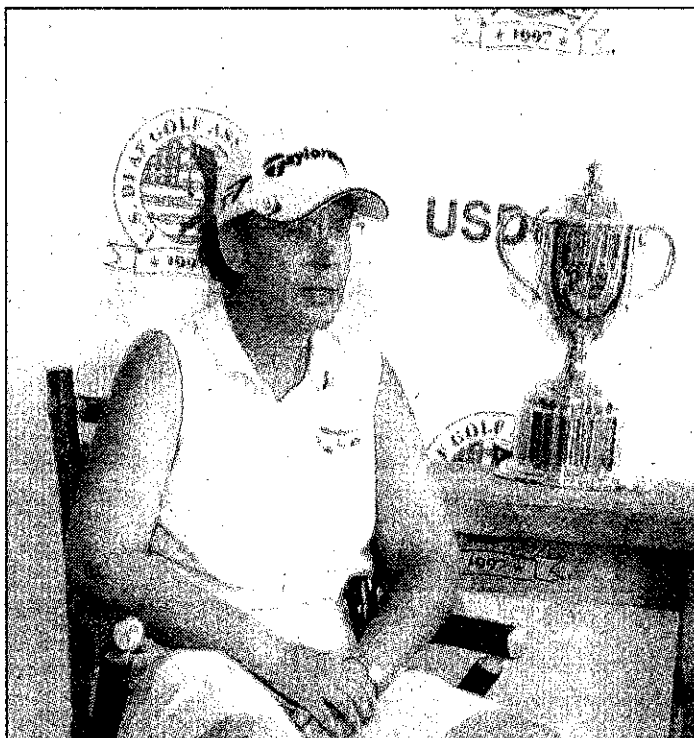
One of three children of Joe and Henrietta Ponikiewski, Lauri was diagnosed with a 60 percent decibel hearing loss as an infant. She wore two hearing aids as a youth while going through numerous tutoring and speech therapy programs provided the Redford Union Schools.

She went on to earn a degree at Lawrence Tech.

Golf serves as a refuge for Ponikiewski, who is completely hearing impaired in one ear and has only a 15 percent decibel hearing level in her other ear.

Ponikiewski has become a fixture in the Midwest Deaf Ladies Golf Association where she has won the title seven times. In her most recent tourney, July 31-Aug. 2, at The Oaks in Springfield, Ill., Ponikiewski carded rounds of 80-79-81, to place first.

She also received another nice award when she was inducted

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KY BASHAW

Lauri Ponikiewski was runner-up in the U.S. Deaf Golf Championships, July 17-20, at Far Oaks Golf Club in Caseyville, Ill.

Sidelines

Whalers sign pair

Plymouth Whalers president, general manager and head coach Mike Vellucci recently announced the signing of two players from the 2006 Ontario Hockey League Draft including forward Chad Rutkowski, who was selected in the fifth round (93rd overall), and 16-year-old defenseman Josh Bemis, who was selected in the 14th round (273rd overall).

The 6-foot-2, 193-pound Rutkowski, 17, tallied 12 goals and two assists in 25 games last year for the Belle Tire Midjets.

Bemis, a Clarkston native, had originally committed to play at Western Michigan University. The 6-foot-1, 180-pound defenseman was the youngest player last year in the U.S. Hockey League playing for the Chicago Steel. He recorded two assists in 38 games. The Whalers open training camp Aug. 29 with the first preseason game 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1 against the Windsor Spitfires at Compuware Sports Arena.

Ignition Nov. 3

The Detroit Ignition will open its Major Indoor Soccer League season Nov. 3 against the defending champion Philadelphia KiXX at 7:35 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3 at Plymouth's Compuware Sports Arena in a rematch of the MISL championship final.

The Ignition will play a total of 15 regular season matches at Compuware.

For ticket information, call 1-888-436-GOAL.

Meet C'ville Team

Livonia Clarenceville will stage its Meet the Team Night for all fall sports athletes, parents and coaches from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15 at the high school gymnasium. Topics include athletic and academic eligibility, sportsmanship, season schedule, team rules and consequences, team policies and banquet information.

General procedures will also be covered followed by break-out session with each coaching going over policies and answering questions.

Golf hat trick

After winning the City Golf Challenge and the JAWS Classic on the Adams Junior Tour, Canton's Zach McCurley captured his third tournament in as many weeks Thursday at the Herb Fowler Memorial Junior Championship held at Huron Hills in Ann Arbor. With the support and help of caddy and friend Nick Watson, the Belleville High School senior shot rounds of 69-64-70-203 to edge Brighton's Jimmy Dewling by a stroke.

GOLFER

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into the MDLGA Hall of Fame, an honor which completely caught her off-guard.

The last time Ponikiewski competed in the U.S. Deaf Golf Championship was four years ago in Pinehurst, N.C. where she finished fifth.

But when the U.S. tourney was staged two years ago in Denver, Colo., Ponikiewski withdrew in protest of the rules, which required all participants to remove all or any hearing aid devices.

"They made us them take out, and I was upset about it," Ponikiewski said. "It's a totally different atmosphere, but it was not as bad as I thought. It was weird not hearing the birds or the traffic, but I think it helped me focus on my game and I surprised myself. But I still believe the rules are wrong."

Ponikiewski duked it out for four days with Susan Zupnik of Maplewood, N.Y. before losing on the third hole of a sudden death playoff when she had a triple bogey.

"It was an unbelievable experience all week," said Ponikiewski, who shot rounds of 83-85-79-84. "The course (Far Oaks G.C.) was 6,040 yards, a very difficult, and hilly course.

The rough was very thick, making it hard to hit the ball out of the thick rough. The bunkers were huge and deep, and the wetlands were everywhere on almost every hole. The greens are very fast and very hard to read. Our tournament director (Rob Strano) changed our tee markers every day and made it difficult and challenging."

On the 72nd and final hole of regulation, Ponikiewski was in position for a breakthrough triumph.

"I played very well at the U.S. Championship considering the heat, the course conditions and the pressure," she said. "But my putting was off. I had a total 14 three-putts. I had a six-footer (on No. 18 of the final day) for a birdie. I could have won right there. It was the most thrilling, but nerve-wracking playoff I ever played."

Despite the heartbreaking runner-up finish, Ponikiewski qualified to play in the World Deaf Golf Championship, Sept. of 2008, in Perth, Australia.

In the meantime, Ponikiewski will continue to hone her game.

"I work so hard on my swing," she said. "I practice a lot, many hours on my short game and putting, too. I take a lesson once a month and practice three or four times a week. It's practice, practice. I get frustrated. I have to learn more patience."

Ponikiewski is a regular at the Oasis Golf Center.

"I want to say a special thanks to my longtime instructor, Dick Gray, for working so hard with me," Lauri said. "And also Dave Wall, for helping me with many aspects of the game."

Ponikiewski was competing this weekend at the Women's Golf Association of Michigan Tournament hosted by the Saginaw Country Club. Her previous best GAM finish has been 21st.

"I hope to be in the top 20," Lauri said. "I hope to build off my experience (U.S. Deaf Championship) and gain confidence. My goal is for a deaf women to win the Women's GAM (Golf Association of Michigan) or Mid-Amateur tournament."

Ponikiewski counts Lorena Ochoa and Jay Haas as her favorite women's and men's touring pros.

The U.S. Deaf Championships also had a special entrant when Cincinnati native Kevin Hall, an Ohio State grad and America's top deaf golfer, competed and ran away with the men's title.

Lauri Ponikiewski also hopes to stand on the podium some day as women's deaf champion. It's never too late.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Wednesday, Aug. 15

Tommy Titan Tuneup at Cass Benton, 6:30 p.m.

GIRLS GOLF

Tuesday, Aug. 14

Wayne at Milford Invitational

(Preswick Village), 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 15

John Glenn vs. Belleville, Edsel Ford

at The Woodlands (Van Buren), TBA.

Thursday, Aug. 16

Wayne at Birm. Seaholm Invitational

at Hudson Mills Metropark, 7:45 a.m.

Churchill vs. John Glenn

at Whispering Willows, 2:30 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 17

Ladywood vs. Temperance Bedford

at Giant Oak G.C., 8 a.m.

John Glenn vs. Northville

at Tanglewood G.C., 2:30 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS

Thursday, Aug. 16

Stevenson at Adrian Invitational, 8:30 a.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Aug. 16

Madonna Alumni Game at Activities Ctr., 7 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Wednesday, Aug. 15 (Exhibition)

Madonna at Schoolcraft College, 2 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 18

MU Alumni Game at Greenmead Field, 2 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Saturday, Aug. 18

MU Alumni Game at Greenmead Field, noon.

BASEBALL

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be seen if the sport will ever again rise as a rite of passage at least in urban centers, where basketball hoops have taken over from sandlots as the activity of choice.

But things were different in Horton's prep career during the late 1950s. And they were certainly much different a decade before that, when my dad, Al Smith, was an All-City star at Detroit Northwestern.

Throughout Smith's high school years, when he earned seven varsity letters in baseball, football and basketball combined, he and Colts teammates such as future big-leaguer Harry Chiti played hard and played often.

Alley ball

As kids, they smacked it around in alleys as wide as an office hallway, giving them the ability to hit the ball up the middle.

"If you hit the ball straight over second base, it's a base hit," said Al, about the philosophy behind the alley antics.

They bounced rubber balls against porch steps and learned about hand-eye coordination and being quick on their feet.

When it came time to graduate to the high school field, all of those little games yielded big-time skill that opened up eyes. My dad batted .400 as a rule, and was a fluid second baseman while Chiti caught. Eventually, a Brooklyn Dodger scout inked Smith to a contract, although an injury during the 1950 spring training derailed his pro hopes.

"If I was any good I would have made it," is what dad always said to us while growing up in a Redford Township household where baseball was the main course and all other sports vied for the crumbs of attention.

He worked my brothers and I to death trying to make us

into the kind of player he was, throwing batting practice until his arm practically hit the dirt. Unfortunately, although we all had our moments, we never approached his level of ability.

Talkin' Baseball

Of course, baseball continued to dominate conversation throughout the subsequent decades, as we got married and had children. More than five decades after Al Smith was a Detroit Northwestern icon, his grandson - Ryan Smith of Redford - recently had the chance to play at that high school as a member of the Redford Rebels travel baseball team.

Ryan, like his grandfather a three-sport athlete (baseball, basketball, football), and his teammates squared off against the Detroit Eagles. Ryan went 1-for-2 and walked, but his team took it on the chin against the Eagles.

Still, to mark the occasion, Ryan made sure someone took a photo of him swinging the bat in a pose reminiscent to one Grandpa Al fashioned back in the day.

Why? Because he knows how the baseball bloodline flows.

"I play two other sports (at Redford Thurston), but baseball is my core, where a lot of my feelings come through," said Ryan recently.

"It's through the blood, from my grandpa, through my dad (Chris) and just throughout the family."

Indeed, if family members weren't playing baseball, they were immersed in it. For example, Al's mom, Marie, would soak in every second of radio broadcasts in the pre-TV era.

"She always sat next to the radio, listening to Harry Heilmann and Ty Tyson," my dad continued.

Although the Rebels had a disappointing game in the city, the younger Smith realized at the time that it was a moment to cherish.

"Yeah, it was a special thing, really a privilege to play where my grandpa played when he was a kid," noted Ryan, who just turned

16. "... I told all the guys my grandpa played at that field when the scouts came and told him to break (snap) his wrist, to let his wrist go. Then he was jacking home runs out to left and center, out onto the road."

Plain and simple

That road, Grand River, isn't quite the same. And much-revered Olympia Stadium, which stood proudly in the late 1940s, is long gone thanks to the wrecking ball.

Physical evidence of a bygone era is gone or nearly gone. But nothing can weaken family ties built from memories and a common bond, something many Detroit-area families certainly share. In fact, after Ryan's Detroit experience, he made sure to talk about it with his grandfather, now 75 and still living in Redford.

"I told him he was a great player," Ryan said. "But he just talked about it, about the games he played and the plays he made."

When told of what Ryan had to say, Al Smith responded with a shoulder-shrug of a response - not surprising given that he grew up in the era of athletics where it was all about the team, not massive egos or self-glorification.

He merely loved playing baseball, nothing more, nothing less.

"You always thought, there's always going to be work," Al said. "But baseball and high school, that's truly once in a lifetime."

"Even though I needed the money, I didn't work, I played ball. And, you always had the dream that you would play for the Detroit Tigers." He didn't realize that dream, and Ryan probably won't, either. But for them, any time spent on a baseball diamond is the same as a cherished family get-together. The two are one and the same and as good as it gets.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Stevenson meeting

Livonia Stevenson will stage its Meet the Team Night from 7-9 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20 at the high school auditorium.

All ninth- and 10th-graders, along with newcomer athletes and parents, should arrive for sport specific break-out meetings, while all junior and

senior athlete and parents will be meeting in assigned rooms from 7:45-9 p.m. following the introduction meeting at 7 p.m.

Topics include athletic and academic eligibility, new athletic participation fee of \$200, sportsmanship, varsity letter requirements, physical information, season schedule, team

rules and policies, team pictures, medical information and general department guidelines.

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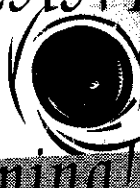

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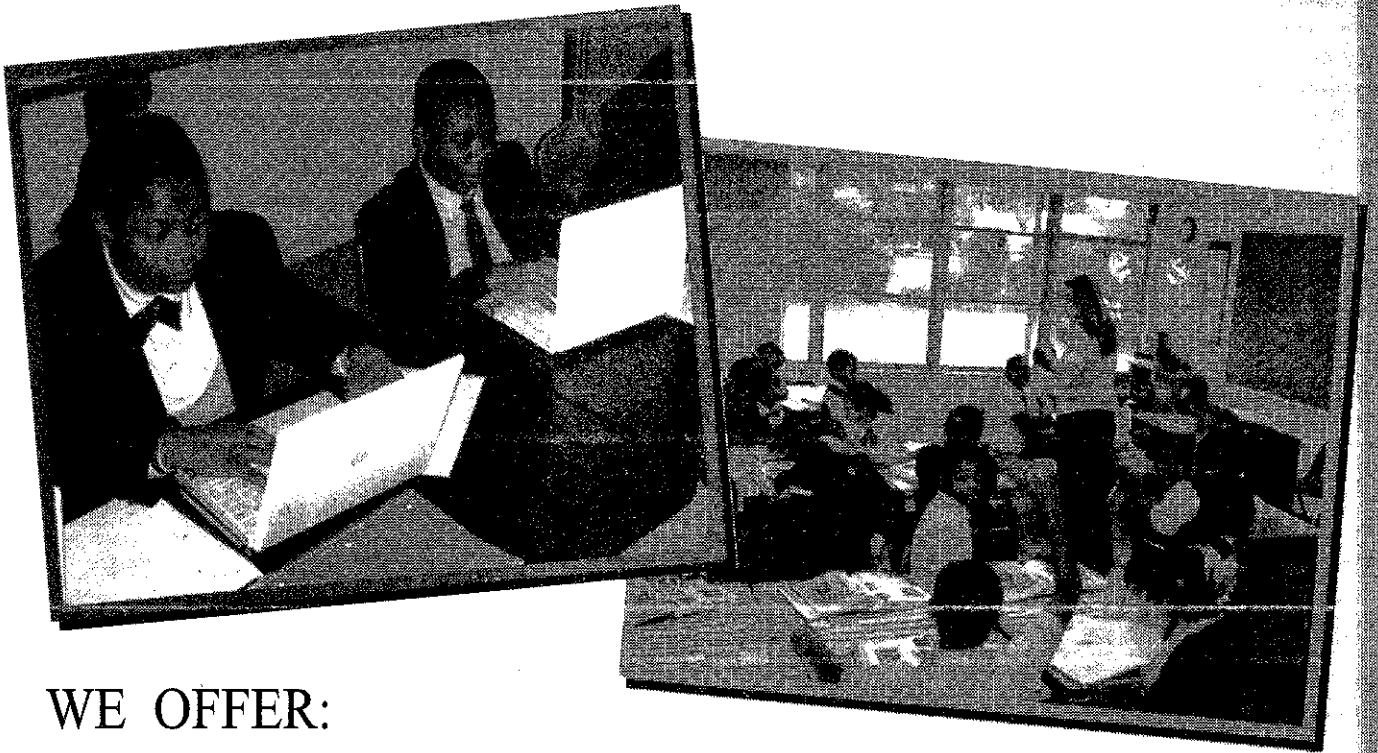
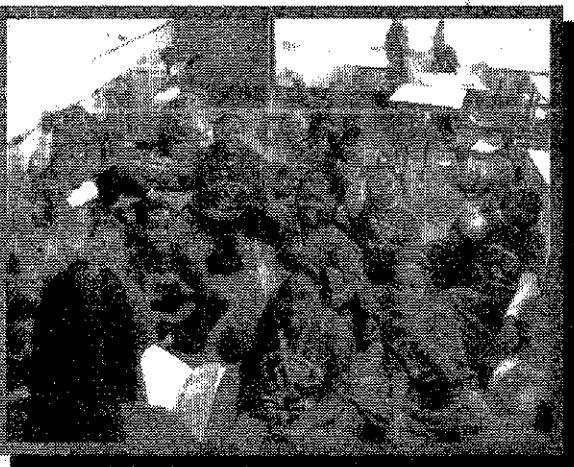
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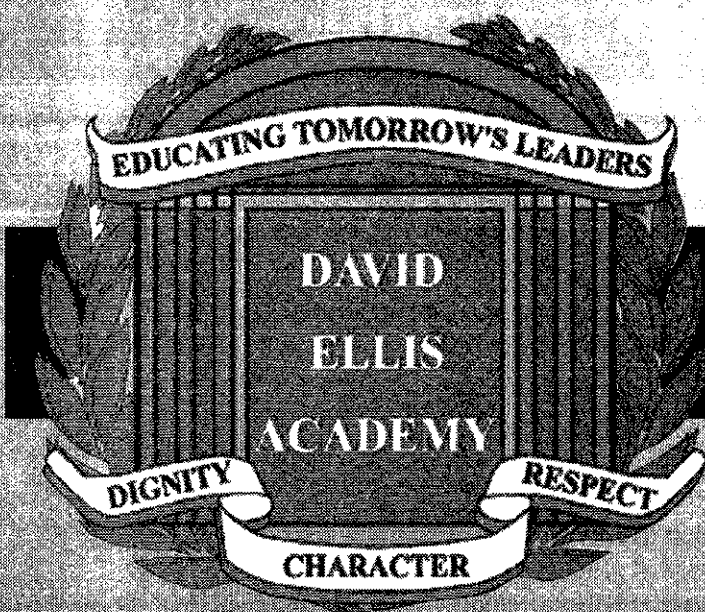


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ARENAS

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State-of-the-art

The Ultimate Soccer Arenas, a 266,400 square-foot complex on a 15.8-acre site, will feature two full-sized soccer fields and one full-size lacrosse field, along with 450-plus parking spots (plus five for buses) and many other amenities.

The FIRA (Federation International Football Association) fields feature state of the art Astro-Turf GameDay Grass-XPE with anti-bacterial Turf Aide built-in, the latest upgrade to turf fields. Under 72-foot ceilings, the two soccer fields are 110 yards by 75 yards and will be joined by one full-size lacrosse field at 85x47 yards.

Also aboard will be a 3,000 square-foot Strength, Speed and Agility Training Center, full-service restaurant, European coffee shop, pro shop, arcade game room, snack and ice cream shop, party rental and meeting rooms, large rest rooms and separate keyed locker rooms, coaches offices, 5,000 square-foot viewing area to all fields, including a viewing deck, and reception area. Plans on having wireless Internet and alcoholic beverages for parents will also be available, although those details have not been finalized.

One soccer field will also boast a 2,000-seat arrangement to host high-level games.

"No other (soccer) facility is like this one," boasted Derderian. "The ceilings are high enough for regular soccer.



Developers George Derderian Jr. and Richard Tapper take a look at the plans of the Ultimate Soccer Arenas complex. The Pontiac facility will serve the Detroit area and will be the largest in the country.

These are fully constructed steel buildings, not these air domes. They will all have air conditioning and heat. There is state-of-the-art lighting — everything will be top-notch."

And regional.

"We're using a lot of Oakland County or Michigan products," added Tapper. "We tried to make it as local as possible."

Around the corner

Two-time national Premier Developmental League finalist Michigan Bucks men's soccer team, a minor league affiliate of the Columbus Crew of the Major League Soccer, will play its home games at the complex in 2008, while numerous youth club teams, high school, collegiate and recreational teams and leagues are kicking on the door to use the facility for training sessions and contests. All-American Lacrosse will be the main client for the lacrosse facility.

Many camps and clinics

for both sports will also be part of the program. The field can be split in half for practice training sessions, to accommodate more teams.

With construction moving along at a fast rate, word is getting around to thousands who are involved in the sport in Southeastern Michigan.

"There's at least 100,000 people in the area playing the sport. It's one of the biggest youth sports in the country," said Tapper. "It's big in the high schools and colleges and there are a ton of adults who play in leagues."

"My wife and I have both been soccer parents for many years and Jon (Murad) is a player. We know how important something like this will be to Detroit area, the city of Pontiac, everyone involved with soccer," offered Derderian, who noted that they have been contacted by officials in other states on perhaps building similar facilities in other metropolitan areas.

Ultimate Soccer Arenas, which will have its main entrance off South Blvd. with a side entrance drive off Centerpoint Parkway, will be open as early as 7 a.m. on some days and remain open as late as 1 a.m., seven days a week.

"It will be open almost all the time. We'll get as many teams and leagues, camps in here as possible," said Derderian. "We've already been talking to a lot of club teams that want to use this facility and a couple of colleges have spoken to us about hosting a game here. We'll have some big tournaments here. We're expecting this to be a huge success."



Grand champs

The Livonia Stevenson varsity pom pon team were awarded Grand Champs at recent camp sponsored by Mid American Pom at Northwood University. Members of the Spartans, coached by Lyndsey Domm and Laura Scheel, include Juliann Bermudez, Carly Bernadotte, Amanda Brindley, Alison Chludzinski, Kim Cornelissen, Deanna Diponio, Paige Frey, Allie Goodrich, Jaclyn Henderson, Jillian Henderson, Megan Hill, Emily Jankowiak, Emma Knox, Katie Kretunski, Paige McMullen, Courtney O'Neil, Megan Pietila, Rachel Sager, Shaylyn Sikorski, Jennifer Smith, Katelyn Stafford, Sam Turner, Jennifer Verba, Leah Winn and Tiffany Yu.

Long Course Swimming Champs



Stingrays car wash

The Farmington Family YMCA Stingrays will stage a car wash from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25 at the Farmington YMCA, 28100 Farmington Road, just north of 12 Mile Road. The fund-raiser will help pay for the Stingrays' trip to Fort Lauderdale, Fla. for the YMCA Short Course National Meet. The Stingrays came away with four titles at last week's YMCA Long Course National Meet led by Katya Bachrouche (Farmington) in the 200- and 400-meter individual medleys. The Stingrays also won both the 200 and 400 medley relays which also included Megan Bender (Allen Park), Brynn Marecki (Livonia), Bachrouche and Laura Timson (Livonia). The Stingrays also finished second overall in the women's high-point standings.



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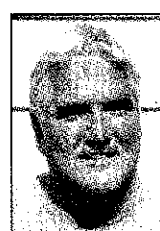
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Boys are more at risk for some birth problems

It has long been acknowledged that boys generally outnumber girls by about three to one in the incidence of childhood mental disorders such as learning disabilities, behavioral problems, autism, attention deficit hyperactive disorders, and so on.



Len McCulloch

Years ago an experiment was done to test the hypothesis that this higher rate of disorders for boys might be related to their being more at risk for brain injuries during the birthing process. It was considered that one way there might be greater risk would be if they had bigger heads that received more pressure during contractions through the birth canal. A group of one hundred newborns were measured, boys and girls, and the boys' heads were significantly larger than the girls.

To test out whether or not this was causing any type of brain injury, spinal taps were done on the hundred boys and girls and in a significantly higher rate of boys there was found traces of blood in the cerebral spinal fluid, indicative of minor brain bleeding.

Unfortunately, the research wasn't followed up on to examine the same children five to 10 years later to see if the boys outnumbered the girls in terms of rates of various childhood mental behavioral and developmental abnormalities.

Also unfortunately, the size of heads of boys and girls cannot be controlled and neither is it advisable to have all births by C-section to avoid risking new birth minor brain bleeds that might eventually show up as disabilities later in life. And, there are certain conditions that exist in some pregnant mothers that are known to be detrimental to the developing baby which cannot be wished away.

Mothers with epilepsy is an example. Being born to a mother with epilepsy may affect developmental outcome of the offspring in several ways. Prenatal exposure to some anti-epileptic drugs is said to be associated with an increased incidence of major malformations. Genetic factors may also contribute. Exposure to prolonged and multiple maternal seizures are additional risk factors.

However, there are many factors that are under every pregnant woman's control to increase or decrease the risk of mental health issues in their offspring. Common sense tells the mother to be healthy, eat right, sleep well, and take care of her unborn as she would herself.

Unfortunately, many teen and young mothers-to-be are not always educated enough to the deleterious effects of alcohol, cigarettes and second hand smoke, drugs, medications, and stress on the mental health of their offspring. All of these can be controlled by prevention.

In my work with the Social Security Administration doing disability determination evaluations on thousands of children over the years I have seen a high correlation of youngsters with common disabilities such as learning disabilities, mental retardation, autism, brain damage, etc. and the use by their mothers, when the child was in utero, of any or all of these various "substances."

Also seen is the pattern of boys outnumbering girls in the incidence of childhood disorders so I still have not thrown out the hypothesis of the boys head bigger than girls' heads birthing risk.

Another major factor is stress. A mother under high amounts of stress throughout pregnancy may be producing excessive cortisol, a hormone known to have harmful effects on healthy brains, let alone premature developing brains and a newborn's brain having been bathed for nine months in high levels of this hormone, and perhaps others that are related, may be prone to develop schizophrenia, say some.

The important thing is early education to our mother's-to-be about the dangerousness of "substances", stress, and related factors that common sense would tell them could be harmful to them and therefore to their new child.

We are seeing so many disabilities in children probably traceable back to damage done to them, in utero. We cannot get too early of a start on preparation of our children's mental health.

Len McCulloch is a Diplomate of The American Psychotherapy Association and holds credentials in mental health, brain injury, addictions and social work. His monthly column "Our Mental Health" has appeared in the Observer and Eccentric newspapers and various other publications for six years. He can be reached at 248 474-2763 ext. 22.



Linda Mulari talks about running a garage sale at sister Cheryl Angel's home in Livonia.

GARAGE SALES

They're a popular pastime for shoppers



Jane Casey arranges items in the garage sale at her Plymouth home.



Allyn Campbell sets out items for the family's garage sale at their Farmington Hills home.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Cheryl Angel and her sister, Linda Mulari, opened at 8 a.m. to attract early birds to their garage sale in Livonia. Thursday is a popular day with serious bargain-hunters. By 10 a.m., the two had sold \$250 worth of items. One man bought glassware for his cottage; others took home collector dolls. Lisa Hoffman spent \$45 for a Detroit Red Wings jacket.

"My sister is downsizing," said Cheryl Angel, who'd been working on the sale for several days. Angel needed a permit to hold a garage sale in Livonia, but requirements vary by community so she suggests people check beforehand. "It's all accessories for the home. My husband's 85-year-old aunt lives with us and figures it's time to let go (of her dolls). My sister and I go through it, decide what she would pay for it at a garage sale, what I would pay, and then compromise on a price."

"I tell people make me an offer if you're interested," adds Mulari, who moved from a Canton condo into an apartment. "We wheel and deal. Rugs have been going. Antique jewelry went like hot cakes. What hasn't sold is pictures. People look but don't buy."

"You never know what's going to sell," said Angel.

Lisa Hoffmann of Livonia loves going to garage sales.

"We go out every week," said Hoffmann as she modeled the jacket for daughters Elyssa, 10, and Julia, 8. "I'm going to wear it to Red Wing games and any other place I can."

Ken Hawkins of Livonia was looking for hunting and fishing gear, tools and

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Dixboro Fair draws crowd for fun and games

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Donna King of Plymouth Township had her hands full Saturday, Aug. 4, but didn't mind a bit.

The Humane Society of Huron Valley volunteer was out at the Dixboro Fair that day with dogs Sadie and Buster, trying to get them adopted together. "We try to do that if you can have room in your home for two," she said, noting the dogs were found in a trailer without electricity or running water.

"I've got four dogs" at home, added King, who enjoys volunteering with the Humane Society of Huron Valley "right up the road," she said, pointing, in Dixboro, west of Plymouth and Canton in Washtenaw County.

Buster's a Lab mix and Sadie a shepherd mix. King and fellow volunteer Christina Zeisler of Ann Arbor, whose husband works in Canton, were busy seeking homes for dogs at the fair. If you'd like to adopt an animal, call (734) 662-5585 or visit www.hshv.org for information.

"We are trying to get more information out to Canton," Zeisler said, including on lost dogs from Canton often turned in there.

"That'd be wonderful," she said of Buster and Sadie possibly being adopted at the fair. "They've been through a lot." Plenty of other pets at the shelter need loving homes.

The Dixboro Fair was held on a warm, sunny day and drew people to the grounds of the presenting Dixboro United Methodist Church. Kari Dorr of Ypsilanti brought son Gavin, 3, daughter Karli, 1, and a friend, their first time at the annual event.

"We heard there was a petting zoo and some games," Kari Dorr said. "We thought it'd be a fun



ED MARTIN

day for the kids. I think it's wonderful. The kids are enjoying themselves."

At the petting zoo, kids had a chance to get in line and milk the cow, or visit with other animals. There were a number of artists showing their wares, and the Superior Township Fire Department was there with a fire truck.

There was also entertainment and plenty of tasty food. Proceeds supported the Humane Society of Huron Valley, Habitat for Humanity in Washtenaw County and restoration of the Dixboro Schoolhouse project.

The Methodist church, believed to be the longest continuously operating Methodist congregation in Michigan, was open for tours conducted by Emily Vincent of Superior Township.

The building originally began in 1857; church members just finished an extensive renovation and were eager to display all that work and its results.

Nearby the Dixboro Fair, area businesses were appreciative of the crowds visiting the community. "There's a lot of people they bring into town," said Steve Dani of Plymouth Township, who with wife Brenda owns the Dixboro General Store. "I think it's a good thing for the whole area." His wasn't the only business in Dixboro that benefited, he said.

"It's nice to see the cars up and down Plymouth Road," Brenda Dani added. "It brings people to Dixboro. It's nice to bring a lot of people into the area."

Games were part of the fun at the Dixboro Fair. If you'd like to adopt an animal, call (734) 662-5585 or visit www.hshv.org for information.

SALES

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sporting goods to sell in his upcoming garage sale.

"I'm interested in anything that strikes my fancy," said Hawkins. "I have a lot of guy stuff for my sale. I had one (sale) last year in June and didn't do well, but I'm going to give it a try and see what happens."

MOVE QUICKLY

Jane Casey was hoping to make \$600 at her garage sale in Plymouth. Casey remembers years ago when her mom's garage sales lasted 10 days in a row. She advises shoppers "if you see something you want to take it. Otherwise it will be gone." For sellers, she says to price items depending on whether you value it or if you just want to dump it.

"I always had garage sales with my mom for 40 years.

Mom passed away last year and I have her furniture, household goods," said Casey. "You have to be organized. When I clean and find an item I haven't used in several years I put it in a box then place it in the garage sale area in the attic."

Sarah Carter of Westland was searching through Casey's items for kids stuff.

"I go every Thursday usually with three to four of my teacher friends to look for toys and items for the prize box in my third-grade classroom. Students have to earn 10 points for turning in their homework to choose something from the box. Every summer I have to replenish it," said Carter, who started going to garage sales with her mom as a kid growing up in Plymouth. "I get deals. Instead of paying several dollars for an item, at 25 cents I can get more."

Marge Ross of Plymouth Township goes garage saling



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Sarah Carter of Westland (right) and her cousin Heidi Stabb (left) browse garage sales frequently during summer. Carter is a school teacher and likes to look for items she can use in the classroom.

with her neighbors every week.

"We go when we can just because you might find something we really love. I make a list of things. I bought lots of toys for grandkids," said Ross, who is choir director for Silver Linings so she's always looking for red shirts and blouses for members to wear while performing.

"We look in the *Observer* and go from there," added her neighbor, Marlene Dennis. "You never know where you find your best treasure. One time I found a bowl to match my daughter's expensive Christmas dishes."

Social worker Hilda Heath regularly visits estate and moving sales looking for items for clients in need. She bought chairs, end tables, blankets, and household goods at a sale hosted by Kathy Tomey and her brother, Stephen Tomey, at their mother's home in Farmington. Their mother moved in with Kathy after being diagnosed with lung cancer.

"I saw the sign on my lunch hour," said Heath. "I like estate and garage sales. They'll be moving out of town and you can bargain."

Stephen Tomey didn't price



Lisa Hofmann of Livonia puts on the Detroit Red Wings jacket she just bought at a Livonia Garage Sale and models it for her daughters 10-year-old Elyssa, and 8-year-old Julia.

items but instead was telling buyers to make him an offer.

"One guy loved to barter," said Stephen Tomey of Livonia. "The idea is to keep everything out and keep it organized. Don't place much in a box. People tire of looking through it if there's too much stuff."

LEARNING THE ROPES

Lynn Tomey doesn't like being called the Queen of Garage Sales but admits there's an art to shopping. Lynn col-

lects old spoons from Europe.

"I used to go an average of once a week," said Lynn Tomey, Stephen's wife. "Thursday is the best day. You have to go early cause things get picked through. But there are advantages and disadvantages. Friday midday and Saturday you can try and talk people down."

Lynn said one of the biggest mistakes shoppers make is buying items they don't need because they couldn't pass up a

bargain.

"You end up with too much clutter," said Lynn. "It can be like gambling. I had no control. I'd be going to the bank and taking out about \$20 to \$40 at a time."

Lynn offers advice as well for anyone trying to hold a successful garage sale.

"The rule of thumb is to price them 10 to 15 percent of the cost of the item. And you have to put up a lot of signs. Put them on every corner and every entrance to the sub. Signs attract people, colorful signs with smiley faces, not plain white signs."

Over the years, Denise Crossland has become an expert on garage sales. As a classified saleswoman for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, she offers advice on placing ads in the garage sale section.

"You can attract people by listing antiques, tools first," said Crossland. "I look for silver. Today a lot of people are going to garage sales and then selling it on eBay (for more money)."

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Loretta Neville painted this watercolor titled Modern Matisse. It is one of the works in an exhibit at the Livonia Civic Center Library. A gala reception takes place 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, at the library on Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. The paintings were inspired by the Old Masters as part of a class led by Edee Joppich, an instructor for the Visual Arts Association of Livonia.

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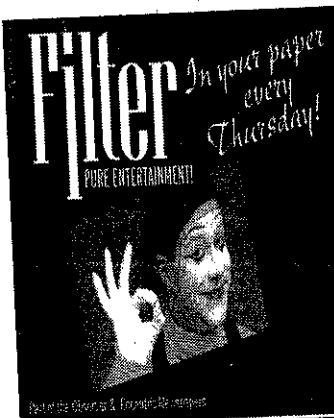
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BIRTHS



Ella Jane Craggs

Ella Jane Craggs was born June 29, 2007, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Parents are Erin and Kirk Craggs of Canton. Sibling is Cooper, age 3. Grandparents are Jane LeSage of Livonia; Kenneth LeSage, Dearborn, and Richard and Donna Craggs of Brooklyn, Mich.



Riley Albert Ballard

Riley Albert Ballard was born on April 7, 2007, weighing 9 pounds, 12 ounces and measuring 22 inches long. Parents are Susan Sarafian and Dave Ballard. His siblings are Jordan, 9, and Taylor, 6. Grandparents are Al and Janet Sarafian of Livonia, and Joyce Ballard of Oxford. Great grandparent is Margaret McGinty of Oxford.



Balint-Destrampe

Stephen and Libby Balint of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn Marie, to Jason Robert Destrampe, the son of Robert and Susan Destrampe of Westland.

The bride-to-be graduated from Franklin High School in 2001. She is employed by Servicing Solutions in Southfield.

The prospective groom graduated from Wayne Memorial High School in Wayne in 2001. He is employed by Rush Trucking in Wayne.

A May 2008 wedding is planned at St. Damian's, followed by a reception at Joy Manor.

The couple plans to live in Westland after returning from a honeymoon cruise.

ENGAGEMENTS

Root-Peters

Mr. and Mrs. Norman L. Root, Jr. of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Teresa, to Robert Lawrence Peters III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Peters, Jr. of Livonia.

The bride-to-be earned a Master of Arts in Curriculum from Michigan State University. She is a teacher in the Wayne-Westland Community School District.

The prospective groom is a senior IT consultant at PMA Consultants LLC.

A July 2008 wedding is planned for St. Francis Xavier



in Otisville, Mich., following a reception at Bavarian Inn Frankenmuth. The couple will make their home in Livonia.

Keda-Smith

Tom Sr. and Barbara Keda of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara Jean, to Jesse Charles Smith of Lansing, son of Kevin and Marie Smith of Lincoln Park.

The bride-to-be graduated from Allen Park High School in 1999, and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sign Language Studies from Madonna University in 2004. She is currently employed as a sign language interpreter for Plymouth Canton Schools.

The prospective groom graduated from the Michigan Automotive Academy in 1999, and is employed by Toyota of Lansing.

A wedding is planned for July 2008, at Bloomfield Hills



Baptist Church, following a reception at Wabek Cntry Club in Bloomfield Hills. The couple will honeymoon in French Polynesia/Tahiti.

Borenski-Terwellen

Mr. and Mrs. David Anderson of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Carrie Lynn Borenski, to Richard Keith Terwellen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hoffmeyer of Dearborn.

The bride-to-be received her CDA and is a teacher at Tutor Time in the Plymouth Canton School District.

The prospective groom is an electrician at Van Buren Electric in Plymouth.

The marriage will take place in October 2007, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, Plymouth.

After their honeymoon in



Hawaii, the couple will reside in Westland.



Van Proyen-Brouwer

Bill and Bonnie Van Proyen of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda, to Jeff Brouwer, son of Dr. Lynn and Betty Brouwer of Holland, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Canton High School and Calvin College, and is employed as a world languages teacher.

The prospective groom is a Holland Christian High and Grand Valley State graduate, and is employed as a CPA.

An October wedding is being planned.

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SUSAN W. ALTZ

August 9, 2007, Age 44 of Rochester Hills. Beloved wife of James. Dear mother of Amber Faber. Favorite daughter of Bettilyn (Richard Jennett) and the late Gerald Kass. Loving sister of Stephen Kass, Philip (Helen) Kass, James (Lisa) Kass and the late David Kass. Loved by many nieces and nephews. Memorial Service at a later date. Please contact Harry J. Will Funeral Home for details (313) 937-3670.

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JUDY LEE CLARK (Grigg)

Age 60. Loving mother of Jeff and Mike. Memorial visitation Wednesday 1 pm until the time of the service at 7 pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 25450 Plymouth Rd., Redford, 48239.



LUCILLE ANNA GUTH

Age 92, of Burton and Troy, died Wednesday, August 8, 2007 at Beaumont Hospice, Royal Oak. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Monday, August 13, 2007 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 404 N. Dayton St., Davison. Rev. Fr. Andrew A. Czajkowski celebrant. Burial will follow in New Calvary Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be 12 NOON to 8 PM Sunday at Allen Funeral Home, 9136 E. Davison Rd., Davison. A Rosary will be prayed 7 PM Sunday. Memorial contributions may be made to Beaumont Hospice, 1200 Stephenson Hwy., Troy, MI 48063. Lucille was born in Flint on July 18, 1915, daughter of the late William and Anna Kruger. Lucille and Thomas A. Guth Sr. were married on October 30, 1937. Thomas preceded her in death on September 10, 1991. Lucille retired from the Flint Public School system in 1978 after serving 15 years with the Senior Citizens Services Program. Above all else, she was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Lucille is survived by her children, Thomas "Tim" A. Jr. (Donna) Guth, Melinda (Larry) Brawner, Mark G. (Bonnie) Guth. Also surviving are eight grandchildren, six & half great-grandchildren and her sister, Betty Kane. She was preceded in death by three sisters and a brother.

EUGENE M. MITCHELL

Age 76, longtime resident of Farmington Hills, died in Farmington Hills, Michigan, August 8, 2007. Mr. Mitchell is a noted philanthropist, U.S. Government Economist, member of the Scarab Club, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, MENSA and is the nephew of Margaret Mitchell, author of "Gone With the Wind". Eugene is survived by Virginia (nee: May) his beloved wife of 32 years; his brother, Joseph R. Mitchell; and cousins, Marion R. Powell and Russell and Maria Powell. Visitation Sunday, August 12th from 3-7 PM at the Heeneey-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Road (btwn 9-10 Mile Roads, just N. of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200); and at Patterson Funeral Home at Spring Hill, 1020 Spring St., Atlanta, GA (404-876-1022) on Thursday, August 16th from 3-7 PM with an evening scripture service. Funeral Mass Friday, August 17th, 10:30 AM at the Cathedral of Christ the King, 2699 Peachtree Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30305. Those who wish to further honor Eugene's memory may do so by making contributions to the American Cancer Society. heeneey-sundquist.com

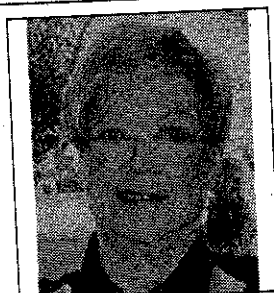
JOHN H. SCHMIDT

76, of Bradenton, Florida, died unexpectedly Saturday, August 4, 2007. John is survived by his children and their spouses, John Chandler Schmidt and Mary Hannington of Detroit, and Dr. Rebecca Schmidt Abel and Daniel Abel, of Morgantown, West Virginia. His former wife, Joan Bowes, of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan and his step-children, Tom, Tracey and Carolyn. He was preceded in death by his wife Elizabeth and his parents, Myrtle and Harold Schmidt. Born in Detroit, John left many friends in Traverse City, Michigan to move Bradenton, Florida in 2002, where he and Liz enjoyed the year-round sunshine and John became immersed in Bridge Club and Fantasy Football. John's love for fun and the joy he found in his many friendships were surpassed only by the pride he felt in the accomplishments of his children. Memorial services will be held in Detroit and Bradenton at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the West Virginia Rural Nephrology initiative created by his daughter at Box 9165, West Virginia University School of Medicine, Morgantown, WV 26506. Arrangements by Covell Cremation & Funeral Center.



ALICE M. STEPHENSON (nee Roberts)

August 8, 2007, age 91. Formerly of Bloomfield Hills and Boynton Beach, FL. Exemplary Citizen, Stroke Survivor, Devoted Wife and Mother. Beloved wife of the late J. Albert for 60 years. Dear mother of Robert L. M.D. (Mary Geo), James A. (Ellen) and William H. (Sally). Grandmother of Mary Alice, James, Emily, James, William, Robert & Kelly. Also survived by four great-grandchildren. Sister of the late James Roberts. Aunt of Lynn Plavan and Steve Roberts. Memorial service Thursday 11:30am at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham 48009. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



JIGGER SMITH

Marilyn Shores Smith, known to her friends and family by the nickname "Jigger," passed away on August 7, 2007 at home, surrounded by her family. She and her husband, Alvie, have been residents and active members of the Birmingham community since 1955. Born January 27, 1927 in Waterloo, Iowa, Mrs. Smith also lived in Janesville, Wisconsin and Kankakee, Illinois. After graduating from high school in Kankakee in 1944, she earned a bachelor's degree in political science at the University of Wisconsin in 1948. She married her college sweetheart, Alvie Smith, in July 1948 and moved to East Lansing, Michigan when her husband accepted a position at Michigan State University that year. The family moved to Birmingham in 1955 when Mr. Smith joined the public relations staff at General Motors (an association that continued until his retirement in 1988), and the couple continued to live in Birmingham until the present time. Mrs. Smith was very active in charitable work, particularly in areas involving young people. She was a member and one-time president of the Women's Association of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan. She also was an active participant in projects supporting the Cranbrook Educational Community, including regular involvement with the annual Giforama fund-raiser for Kingswood school. An honorary alumna through the Kingswood Past Parents group, she also served as president of the Kingswood Mothers Council. She was a member of the Village Club of Bloomfield Hills, serving for a time on the program committee of that organization, and also of St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook. She is survived by her husband Alvie; her children Randall (Sharon) Smith, Diane (James) Adair and Amy Lynn Smith; and her grandchildren Nicholas Adair, Erin Adair, Kevin Smith and Scott Smith. A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to The Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan.

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BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Mackenzie Parrent and Sarah Gardener celebrate the Fourth of July by marching in their subdivision's annual parade.

Homeowners hold Independence Day Parade for 42nd year

Haley Briscoe took first place for the Statue of Liberty costume handmade by her mother.



For the 42nd year in a row, Livonia's Schanhites Manor Subdivision near Plymouth and Inkster held their 4th of July parade. Neighbors gathered together and kids decorated their bikes and themselves in red, white, and blue. Before the block party potluck picnic winners were chosen for their patriotic spirit.

Best decorated bike winners were Morgan Parrent (first place), Kasie Griffin (second), and Makayla Bowling (third). Best float (wagons, strollers) went to Nicole Brey (first place), Barry Parrent (second), and Patrick and Justin Lynch

(third). Best costume: Haley Briscoe (first place), Madison Eisenhower (second), Mac and Morgan Parrent (tie for third).

Briscoe was definitely the most patriotic dressed in a Statue of Liberty costume handmade by her mom.

Parade organizers Patricia, Amy and Billy Holcomb organized more than 75 kids and their families to ride bikes or march in the parade.

There are many parents who were in the parade when they were children and now march with their kids.

Everyone had fun cooling off after the picnic with the annual water balloon fight.

Dance students learn about Polish culture

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

When Patricia Steven was younger she learned about Polish dancing as did her children when they came along. Now the director of the The P.R.C.U.A. Syrena Dance Ensemble is looking for children (age 3 and up) who would like to learn about their Polish heritage through song and dance. The Polish dance school is affiliated with the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America which was established in 1873 to unite and help Polish immigrants.

From September to April practices are held on Wednesday nights at St. Linus Catholic Church in Dearborn Heights. Throughout the year, students perform at a variety of venues and present a recital in April.

"Kids are going in all different directions now. We want to get them back into their heritage to find out where their ancestors came from," said Patricia Steven whose grandparents immigrated from Poland. "Dance is very important. It teaches fundamentals of different dance styles for different regions of Poland."

"Kids get a deeper appreciation of their heritage so they can readily appreciate the talents of other nationalities and cultures."

Registration for the 2007-2008 dance season begins Sept. 5. For more information, visit www.syrenadance.com or call Patricia Steven at (313) 563-1761.

This year Syrena celebrates 32 years of educating children about their Polish heritage. The cost is \$35 a month for one child, \$50 for two or more children.

"When I danced we only had 4 schools. We now have 10 schools," said Steven who's been director of the ensemble for 10 years. "Kids come from Farmington and Farmington Hills, Plymouth, Canton, Garden City, Dearborn, Riverview. They learn a few songs and about their costumes. Different regions have different styles of costumes."

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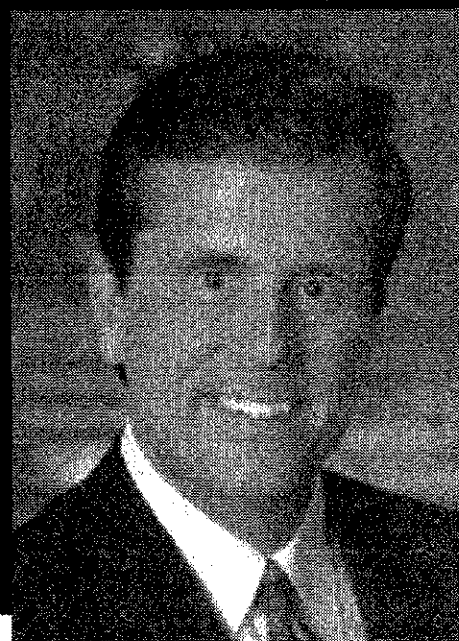
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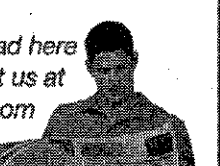


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Bishop Borgess

Class of 1977

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Class of 1987

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Class of 1962

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Detroit Denby

Class of 1947

A 60th reunion will be held noon to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at Lakeland Banquet Center. Contact Lucille at (734) 427-0579.

Class of 1957

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Detroit Henry Ford

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Class of 1977

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Class of 1969

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Class of 1966

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Redford Thurston High School

Classes of 1957, 1958

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Rochester Adams High School

Class of 1977

A 30-year reunion. 6:30 p.m. Aug. 18, Great Oaks Country Club, 777 Great Oaks Blvd., Rochester, Mich. Cost \$60 per person. For more information, go to www.adamshigh1977.myevent.com or contact Kitty Manning at kitytyadler@yahoo.com or (248)842-1590.

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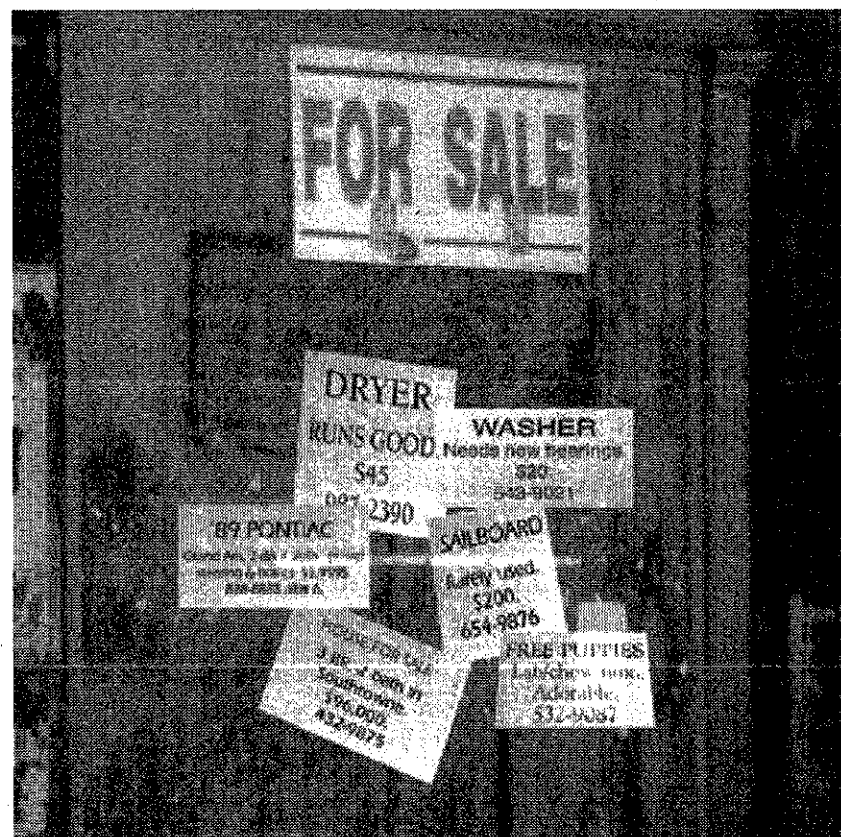
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SWF, 66, 5'5", blond, N/S, good sense of humor, enjoys life, dancing and dining, seeking a W/HM, 66-75, N/S, sincere and humorous, for companionship, maybe more. ☎207161

REAL FRIENDS

SWF, 57, bl, blonde/blue, Troy area, seeking a lovely lady for tender times. Let's share our many interests. ☎216933

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL

Attractive SWF, 50s, 5'7", 125lbs, loves all life, animals, arts, family, nature, spirituality, Masters helping professional, Seeking big-hearted, financially/emotionally secure, intelligent DFM, 48-66, for fun, friendship, depth, etc. ☎932242

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...

45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 45-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. ☎202317

CLASSY AND ATTRACTIVE

SBF, 40, curvy, seeking a SBM, 40-50, masculine, who likes walks, movies and having fun. No head games. ☎211330

CAN U KEEP UP?

Energetic, petite blonde, 48, 120lbs, 5'2", mother w/grown children, employed, dog owner, enjoys cycling, sports, baseball, cards, keeping active, dancing, dinners, ISO SM who wants to share fun and friendship. ☎211245

LOOKING FOR ME?

SBF, 46, 5'8", dark complexion, slim, cute, looking for tall, attractive, sweet guy, kind and understanding to share all the good things life offers. ☎216267

BUSY GIRL

Very cute SWF, 46, looks 35 on a bad day, 5'11lbs, brown, wavy long hair, looking for someone to spice up my life, take a chance and leave message. ☎218623

READ THIS AD!

SWF, 61, N/S, homebody, enjoys reading, scary movies and antique shopping for a SWM, 52+, with various interest and qualities. ☎164114

HIDDEN TREASURE

I'm the needle in the haystack, and there you will find true love. Seeking SM, 65+. ☎212790

MAYBE US

SBF, 42, 5'6", pretty smile, enjoys weekend get-aways, seeking a SM, 37-48, N/S, to share interests and companionship. ☎214333

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? ☎213418

WHY NOT CALL?

SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-50, for friendship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. ☎217234

LOOKING FOR MY SOULMATE

Cute SWF, mother of 2, enjoys movies and dining in/out. Seeking lady best type SM, 35-45, race open, N/S, attractive inside and out, humorous, cuddly, responsible, family-oriented, kids ok. ☎980301

SIMPLE REQUEST

Are you honest, trustworthy, down-to-earth? SBF, 40, N/S, seeks SBM, 27-37, N/S, who knows how to take life one day at a time. ☎508061

BIG HEART

SWF, 46, 5'5", 160lbs, brown/brown, sincere, enjoys movies, museums, the outdoors, sports, cuddling and walks. ISO SWM, 37-53, for friendship first. ☎213661

A GOOD WOMAN 4 U

Laid-back, nice SBF, 42, N/S, N/D, loves music, movies, bowling, relaxing by the water, quiet times home. Seeking like-minded lady, feminine and fun-loving, to share friendship and possibly more. ☎206053

FORMER MODEL

SWF, 50, 5'6", slender, intelligence, creativity, passion for music and dancing. Seeks partner 38-50, who is attractive and fit, to share this interests and more. ☎210106

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. ☎138712

OLD SCHOOL GIRL...

looking for old school guy. SBF, 41, has a good sense of humor, N/S, seeks nice guy, for dating and possibly more. ☎186572

LIFE IS 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

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. ☎159358

MATURE AND SEXY

Open-minded, mature, attractive SF, 49, knows when to be serious, but has a sense of humor as well. Love and life is my policy. ISO understanding, fun-loving good-hearted guy. ☎198972

SEEKS NEW FRIENDS

Tall, sexy, ebony artist, enjoys culture, music, the outdoors, the ocean, bookstores, coffeehouses, biking, sports, searching for a SM, 19-45, who can enjoy the same. ☎198785

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ARE YOU OUT THERE?

Employed, easygoing SBF, 46, mom, pretty smile, golden complexion, brown/brown, attractive, independent, warm-hearted, loves R&B, soul, classic cars/car shows, concerts. Seeking warm-hearted, independent SBM, 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

SEEKING FRIENDSHIP

SBF, young 60s, w/good morals, caring, nice-looking, 5'3", 155lbs, N/S, N/D, no drugs, clean, honest living, party retired, enjoys art, card playing, casinos, and movies. Seeking honest man 50-60, race open. ☎134425

CLASSY LADY

SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-60, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/morals. ☎207254

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

I'LL MAKE U SMILE

Loving, open-minded, spontaneous SBF, 18, D/D-free, N/S, no children, looking for SW/HM, to share friendship, fun times, talks laughs a little romance and see what happens next. ☎212604

LET'S TALK

SP, 31, 5'9", brown/blue, Pisces, enjoys romantic dinners, movies, nice talks, quiet walks, simple fun. Looking for a nice, easygoing, simple guy to share friendship and fun. ☎113690

ARE YOU SEEKING?

DWF, 63, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wanting to meet N/S WM, 58-70, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. ☎530606

LET'S TALK SOMETIME

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

LOOK OUT HERE I COME

Somewhat 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

PERSONABLE AND SPECIAL

SWF, retired, talented, fun-loving, attractive, 132lbs, 5'5", blonde, seeks well-groomed gentleman, 65+, to share life and enjoy each other's company. ☎81247

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. ☎207855

CALL ME SOMETIME

Loving, compassionate, romantic lady, 34, enjoys day trips, good talks, togetherness, casinos, time with family. Seeking a loving, respectful, level-headed man to share the good things in life. ☎209732

MAKE ME LAUGH

DWF, 54, 5'9", N/S, outgoing, enjoys comedy, theater, soft rock, dancing, dining, outdoors. ISO tall, S/DWM, like age, good-humored, honest and spontaneous. ☎209652

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

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

TAKE ME GOLFING

Tidy SWF, 60, enjoys fine dining, traveling. Seeking golfer, best friend, confidante, 58-70, widower a plus. Honesty, trust, a must to make a relationship work. ☎970914

SOULMATE SEARCH

Slim, attractive, 57-year-old JF looking for her soulmate, any location, successful, JM, between the ages of 54-64, please respond. ☎589875

COULD IT BE YOU?

SWF, 74, very active, 5'11", brown/brown, loves life, travel, music, festivals, good company, nice walks, scenic drives. Seeking compatible, kind SWM, solid built, 40+. who enjoys the same. ☎210044

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. ☎201967

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. ☎258077

QUEEN SEARCHING FOR KING

SWF, 23, seeking for a SBM, 28-35, outgoing, sensitive, outgoing, understanding, good sense of humor, who likes to go out and have fun. ☎208814

LADY IN THE WOODS

SWF, 60, looks younger, nice smile, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, employed, educated, home owner, dog lover, seeking compatible, out-doorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. ☎210247

NURSE

Attractive SWF, 64, 5'10", 130lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, fair skin, looking for N/S, honest gentleman, 60-70, who has numerous interests including history, traveling, and home life. ☎409679

POSSIBLE LTR

SWF, 58, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks SWPM, 55-62, N/S, college degree, healthy, SOH, possible LTR. ☎993381

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. ☎200236

LOOKING FOR YOU

Attractive SWF, 59, 5'7", blond/green, with a loving heart, seeking a SWM, 40-50, N/S, who knows how to take life one day at a time. ☎206291

NO DRAMA

SBF, 28, outgoing, down-to-earth, loves shopping, bowling, shooting pool, more. ISO a special man, 28-38, with like interests, to share special times. ☎172726

GIRL NEXT DOOR

SBF, 22, 5'1", seeking a SM, 18-27, for dinner dates, phone conversations, walks in the park, or just hanging out watching a good movie. ☎168347

ARE YOU MY MATCH?

SWF, 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, 53, 4'11", likes music, healthy, dining and more, seeking a handsome SBM, 54-60, N/S, respectful, who enjoys the same, for friendship, maybe more. No head games/drama. ☎190972

GIRL NEXT DOOR

SWF, 22, 5'5", brown/hazel, seeking a SM, 22-35, who likes music, dining and more. Let's get together. ☎192872

SENT FROM HEAVEN

SBF, 21, loving, caring, kind, compassionate, enjoys movies, theater, sports, concerts, dining and travel. Seeking a nice guy, to spend time with, go out to dinner or for a movie. ☎201368

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 with 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. ☎963760

LET'S MEET

SBF, curvy, sexy, outgoing, self-employed, seeking a busy SBM, 48-60, who likes concerts, traveling and dining. Let's get together and talk. ☎205287

SEEKING MR. RIGHT

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

READY FOR A FRESH START?

DWF, 47, 5'5", 120lbs, blonde/blue, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6'1", 225lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, manly gentleman. ☎92549

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. ☎588059

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. ☎113198

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

LOOKING FOR M2 RIGHT

WW/M, 45, 5'11", 220lbs, is easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/outdoor. Looking for LTR, with the right person. ☎265340

WORTH YOUR TIME

Attractive, clean-cut SM, 46, 5'11", 155lbs, self-employed, respectful, open-minded, enjoys cooking, music, movies, comedy shows. ISO attractive, pleasant SWF, 28-42, D/D-free, slender-medium build, classy, kind, compassionate and caring, for friendship/LTR? ☎217334

SOMETHING BETTER

SWPM, 40s, N/S, good-looking, 5'8", athletic, degreed, homeowner, great cook, respects and appreciates women, enjoys everything, including romance. Seeking SWF 29-50, good-looking, HW proportionate, who's seeking a passionate LTR. ☎214514

A SPECIAL GUY

DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, wise sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. ☎205464

SEARCHING FOR LADY LOVE

SM, 51, 6'11", 185lbs, enjoys the outdoors, boating, dining out, music, long walks, etc. Seeking honest, caring SF, who enjoys same activities, for companionship, friendship and romance. ☎146012

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 shape, SWM, blue-eyed blonde, 50-year-old, 180lbs, desires SBF for friendship and definitely romance. ☎777324

THE REAL DEAL

SWM, 59, handsome, N/S, blond/blue, 5' 9", 185lbs, Catholic, down to earth, easygoing, seeks WF, 42-65, N/S, physically fit

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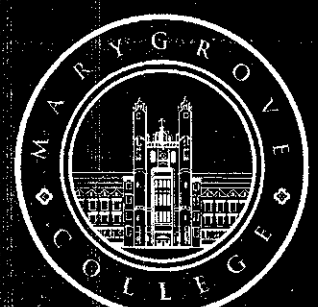
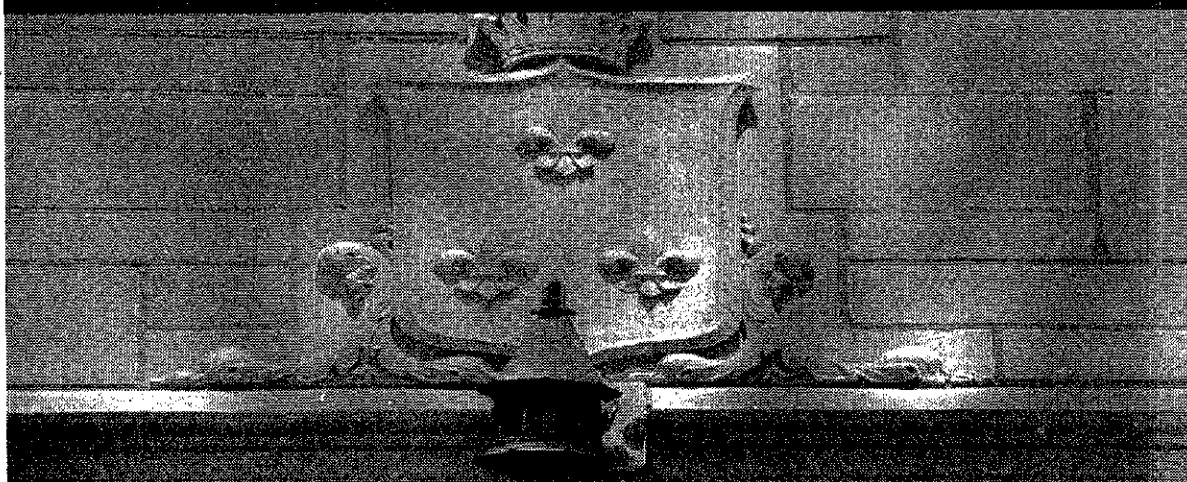
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HEALTH

Spice up your food to fight Alzheimer's

Jerry from Ypsilanti e-mails asking if there is anything he could add to his diet to help fight Alzheimer's disease?

Jerry, try spicing up your foods. A new study found a chemical in the spice turmeric helps rid the blood of a brain plaque protein, which causes Alzheimer's.



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Researchers took the blood of Alzheimer's patients. In some samples they added the turmeric compound, the others they left alone. They discovered the blood was better at deleting the disease causing protein when the turmeric chemical was present. Researchers hope it may be possible to give Alzheimer's patients blood infusions of the turmeric chemical to help their immune system delete the brain plaque ingredient.

Ann from Lincoln Park e-mails asking with all the fruits and vegetables in season right now, which ones are the best to eat?

A team of researchers looked at more than 1,000 foods to see which ones pack the most antioxidants. Antioxidants are the good stuff in food that can help fight off disease. Topping the list of the most powerful antioxidant foods are blackberries, strawberries, cranberries, raspberries, blueberries, walnuts and artichokes. The researchers also determined cooking appears to increase the antioxidant potential of most foods, except for grains such as pasta and rice.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, e-mail Peter through 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.

Vigilance doesn't end with summer

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Just because summer is almost over, Dr. Lisa Markman isn't letting her guard down when it comes to water safety. Markman is keeping an eye on her two young daughters just as her mother did when she was growing up in Southfield.

Emma, 6, and Charlotte, 3, need constant supervision, whether it's around the pool, a bathtub, or containers which hold water or other liquids. That includes toilets and dog bowls, but especially five-gallon buckets used for chores in the home.

Safety doesn't end with summer when a child can drown in one of these white plastic containers, even if only half full.

About 25 children around the country drown annually in buckets, and many more are hospitalized according to the Detroit Medical Center. The tragedy happens when a child goes to play in the water and falls in, but is not strong enough to pull themselves out.

"Parents still need to be concerned," said Markman, a pediatrician at the DMC. In late July, the DMC came out with a bucketful of children's safety tips and information to keep kids safe at home or around pools in community recreation centers all year long.

"Kids who first start walking, 9 to 18 months, can trip and fall into the bucket and can't get themselves out, and are more apt to fall in because the bucket is heavy," Markman said. "You think those are things that can never happen to you, but if you're the parent of a child who dies like that the number is 100 percent for you."

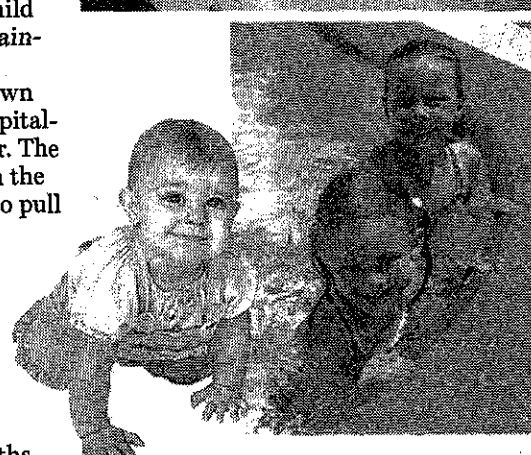
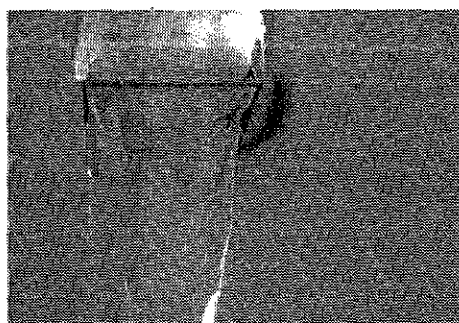
Drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury death in children, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics.

As little as a few inches of water can pose a drowning hazard for children.

Markman can think of two cases of near drownings she encountered while covering the emergency room in a Chicago hospital. One child recovered without devastating injuries. Another child was resuscitated, but suffered severe brain damage.

"There's a danger around the house, especially

Water safety



with small children under age 2 with the bathtub," Markman said. "Never ever leave children unattended in the bathtub. You need to plan, have your towels, washcloths, soap there. Don't answer the phone or door, and don't let another child be responsible for a child in the bathtub."

Markman cautions parents to be wary of bath seats, which are not foolproof. Children could slip out if left unattended.

"Before I had kids of my own, I never imagined how kids could drown," Markman said. "Now I realize it's easy to get distracted. You have to be vigilant."

And when away from home, don't depend on lifeguards at community recreation centers, or hotel/motel pools while on vacation.

During the summer, Markman takes her

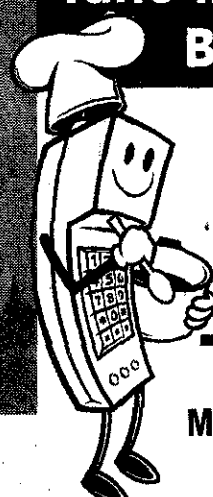
daughters to an outdoor pool in Ann Arbor two or three times a week.

"The important thing is even if a lifeguard is on duty, lifeguards are watching lots and lots of children. It's up to you to keep them safe," Markman said. "We have a rule — if the kids are leaving the area, they need to let us know if they leave the pool or sandbox. It's easy for parents to get distracted. People are talking and eating."

"I think parents get reassured when children can swim," she added. "Just because a child can swim, they can get fatigued. Sometimes there's rough play in the pool and they can get disoriented. Even with good swimmers, there's a potential for something bad to happen."

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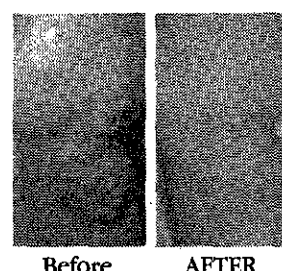


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Optometrists offer no-cost infant eye assessments

Optometrists from the Michigan Optometric Association (MOA) recommend infants receive a one time, comprehensive eye assessment through InfantSEE. The program, designed for infants during their first year of life, is supported by a network of more than 300 MOA members and offers early detection of potential eye and vision problems at no cost, regardless of income.

According to MOA, 1 in 10 children is at risk from undiagnosed eye and vision problems. Visual development is most dramatic between 6- and 12-months of age and early detection can prevent and help reduce the threat of serious vision impairments. If left untreated, vision

problems can make learning difficult and may lead to permanent vision impairment.

"Parents take their children to the dentist to help prevent a future of cavities. Likewise, parents should consider taking their infants to the optometrist to help prevent a future of eye and vision issues," said Dr. Barbara Horn, O.D., and member of the MOA InfantSEE committee. "I strongly encourage all parents of infants to visit an optometrist for an InfantSEE eye assessment during the first year of their infant's life."

Since its inception in June 2005, InfantSEE assessments have shown that one in 20 babies were found to be at risk for an abnormal prescription status, reaffirming the need for this

valuable program.

Although infants cannot respond verbally, the first year-of-life is an ideal time to conduct an eye assessment. Not only is this a critical time for eye and vision development, but generally children at this age are not afraid of the doctor. During the assessment, infants typically sit on their parent's lap as the optometrist performs the exam. The optometrist uses lights and other hand held objects to check that their eyes are working together and that there are no significant issues that may impede proper vision development. The optometrist may also dilate the baby's pupils to ensure the health of the eye. Following the assessment, in addition to sharing

findings with parents, the optometrist may send summary information to the infant's pediatrician, family physician or other health care provider to report and explain any significant condition diagnosed during the exam.

"Optometrists, through their clinical education, training and experience, have the means to provide the most effective primary eye and vision services to children, as a complement to routine well-care exams given by pediatricians," said Horn.

To locate a Michigan Optometric Association InfantSEE optometrist in your area, visit www.infantsee.org and click on the doctor locator at the top of the page.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

AUGUST

Health camp

Students can learn about their bodies at a camp at the St. Joseph Mercy Health Exploration Center in Canton. For information and to register, call (734) 398-7518. Awesome Asthma is designed to improve self-image and promote independence in kids with the disease. Campers learn about medications, risk factors and self-management Aug. 13-

17 (students in grades 2-5).

Benefit golf outing

The 7th annual Michael Yendick Foundation Golf Outing will take place at the Wabek Country Club Monday, Aug. 13. The majority of the proceeds benefit the annual Camp Oasis of the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, Michigan Chapter (CCFA) for youngsters with Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis.

The Foundation was developed by family members in memory of Michael Yendick, who was very active with CCFA and loved children. The event will feature driving range privileges, outgoing souvenirs, refreshments, lunch, a snack, dinner and an awards program with a guest speaker followed by a silent auction. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m., with a 12 noon shotgun start at Wabek Country Club, 4000 Clubgate Dr., Bloomfield Hills. Cost is \$235 per golfer or \$900 for a foursome. For information and to register, call (248) 569-7283, or send e-mail to Rglanz@ClarkHill.com.

Holiday cards

The American Lung Association of Michigan (ALAM), a part of its efforts to raise funds to support lung health research, education and advocacy, is selling holiday cards in a variety of styles and price ranges. Interested customers may request an album to examine, and cards may be customized with individual's, family's or company's name. Purchases made before Sept. 30, will be entitled to a 20 percent early buyer discount. Large quantity discounts also available. To see samples

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Divorce support group

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14. Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come, first served basis, in the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. For information, call (734) 462-4443.

Sharing & Caring event

Brassiere Bazaar with bra fittings, information on prosthesis options, complimentary skin analysis by Advanced Skin Care, make-up tips for maintaining a healthy glow 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, in Nordstroms Lingerie Department, 3rd floor, the Somerset Collection. Reservations required. Call (248) 551-8585.

Camp for kids with epilepsy

Camp Discovery, the only specialized camp in Michigan for children with seizure disorders, takes place Aug. 19-23, at Sherman Lake YMCA Outdoor Center in Augusta, Mich. All children who attend build self-esteem, challenge themselves physically and mentally, and form lifelong friendships and memories. To send your child to camp, volunteer as a counselor, or to sponsor a camper, call (800) 377-6226, ext. 1231.

Bariatric seminars

The Michigan Bariatric Institute (MBI) at St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers three laparoscopic (minimally invasive) surgical weight loss options including Gastric Bypass, Adjustable Gastric Banding, and Sleeve Gastrectomy. Learn more at one of the next free monthly Educational Seminars 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22, or Tuesday, Sept. 18, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Call (734) 655-2693 or toll free at 1-877-Why-Weight to register for free Seminar.

Dental practice workshop

Peak Performers, Inc., a dental staff-

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Plus-size clothing sale

Michigan Bariatric Institute patients at St. Mary Mercy Hospital are selling plus-size clothing they no longer need. There will be gently used clothing for women (sizes 12-32) and men (sizes 38-60, and up to 5XL) 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, on the St. Mary Mercy Hospital grounds and in the auditorium at 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia.

Memory walk

Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak. The Alzheimer's Association event raises awareness and funds to fight the disease. To start a team or make a donation, visit www.alzgm.org or call (248) 351-0280.

Upcoming

Walk'n Roll benefit

Sunday, Sept. 9, at Kensington Metropark in Milford and Stony Creek Metropark, Shelby Twp. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with walk kick-off at 10 a.m. Presented by ALS of Michigan to raise funds for Michigan programs and services to benefit people with Lou Gehrig's Disease. For information and to register, call (800) 882-5764 or visit www.alsomichigan.org.

Dawn Farm fund-raiser

1-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at Dawn Farm, 6633 Stoney Creek Road, Ypsilanti.

Jamboree includes pony rides, moon bounce, farm animals to pet, entertainment for the family and tours of the 74-acre working farm. Live and silent auction. Admission is free. Funds raised through the auctions help Dawn Farm to provide care for recovering addicts and alcoholics who have no financial resources. For more information, call (734) 485-8725 or visit www.dawnfarm.org.

Educational classes

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill begins the fall Families in Action 10-week series of educational classes 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, for family members in the tri-county area whose loved one is experiencing some form of mental illness, at St. Regis parish center in Bloomfield Hills. The objectives of the program are to help families understand the basis of mental illness and discover ways to cope more effectively and help their loved one be as healthy and independent as possible.

The cost for 10-sessions is \$20 per person, \$30 per couple, includes a workbook. Since space is limited, call (248) 348-7196 for program and registration information, or register on the AMI website at www.ami.oakland.org.

Post-polio conference

Presented by Michigan Polio Network, a nonprofit providing information and education on the late effects of polio, Friday-Saturday, Sept. 21-22, at Soaring Eagle Casino Conference Center, Mt. Pleasant. Keynote speaker is Dr. Daniel Ryan, medical director, St. John Post-Polio Clinic. Cost is \$45. Pre-registration required for conference and hotel reservation. Call (248) 476-2477 or (313) 885-7855.

Kadima benefit

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the Max M. Fisher Music Center in Detroit. Features the music of Joshua Nelson and the Koshier Gospel Singers. Cost is

\$100. Call (248) 559-8235, ext. 128. All proceeds will allow Kadima to continue to provide comprehensive treatment programs for people who suffer from mental illness.

Diabetes Review

The American Diabetes Association and Great Lakes Medical Supply hold a series of free, one-hour educational seminars, at the Jewish Vocational Service (JVS), 29699 Southfield Road. Diabetes Review is designed to educate people with the disease about proper diabetes self-care. A certified diabetes educator will speak about diet, exercise, medications, stress, the importance of glucose testing and A1C testing. To register, call Felicia McGee at (888) DIABETES, Ext. 6697. Locations and dates include 11 a.m. to noon Sept. 29, at Walsh College, 3838 Livernois, Troy; 6-7 p.m. Oct. 9, Royal Oak Public Library, 222 E. 11 Mile, and 11 a.m. to noon Nov. 3, Alfred Noble Branch

Library, 32901 Plymouth Rd., Livonia.

H.U.G.S. support group

Help, Understanding and Grief Support Group and counseling for parents who have suffered a pregnancy or newborn loss, meet 7-9 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month, at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. For information, call (248) 937-4847. There is no pre-registration required.

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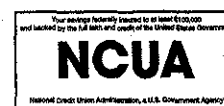
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Michigan's Bronner's yule shop takes pride in service

 BY JULIE BROWN
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If you walk through the doors at Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland in Frankenmuth and ask for a particular item, you won't just be pointed in a certain direction — or have to look hard for help.

The staff and owners at the venerable Christmas store take great pride in their customer service, which brings people back to shop and enjoy each year.

"First of all, we stress 'nice,'" said Michelle Tolliver, Customer Service assistant supervisor for Bronner's. "We stress 'nice' in all aspects of dealing with customers. Most definitely, we take a lot of pride in that."

"We just stress always being nice and trying to make the customer happy, giving them whatever they need."

That means trusting customers and giving them the benefit of the doubt. "We tend to underpromise and overdeliver," Tolliver said of the store

founded in 1945 by Wally Bronner and his wife, Irene, and still owned by the family.

Wally Bronner's in his 80s and with his family still works regularly at the store. "You know who you're working for," Tolliver said. "You know their values."

Bronner's customer service focus includes quick response to phone calls and e-mails, aiming for one-two hours on phone calls and 24-hour replies to e-mails. The store aims to ship merchandise within one-two days, and tries to handle returns involving replacement or credits as quickly as possible.

Tolliver said Bronner's relies on "a lot of word of mouth" to bring customers back. Customer service is heavily stressed in training, with Bronner's having had just over 600 employees last year.

Some Bronner's staffers have worked there 30-40 years, boosting their knowledge of the business and its wares. The store now does business worldwide, Tolliver noted, but still takes pride in good customer service.

"The Internet obviously plays a big part" in Bronner's business now, she said. Customers still find their way to Christmas Lane in person, with about two million visiting a year on



Bronner's in Frankenmuth has many longtime staffers.

the 361 days per year the store's open.

"It's its own little unique niche," Tolliver said of the Christmas store, which sees an upswing in sales in the third and fourth quarter starting with fall color tours, but is still busy all year.

Phones at Bronner's are answered on a tiered system, but there's no maze of numbers to wade through: "As soon as you press that prompt, you speak with a person," Tolliver said. She and her colleagues are proud of their good customer service reputation.

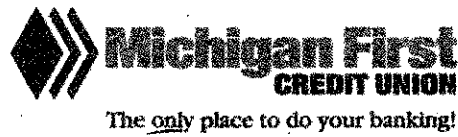
Satisfied customers include Cindy Marriott of Plymouth, who doesn't necessarily have to make the trek north by car to reach Bronner's.

"I order online from them to get my Christmas lights," said Marriott, a psychologist for a charter school in Detroit. She finds the online customer service good.

"I loved it," Marriott said of visiting the store, which she does every few years. "I love Christmas, I love Bronner's. I have a hard time deciding what to buy."



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Avanti News Features

Truck buyers seem to be expecting a lot out their trucks these days. It wasn't that long ago that a truck was supposed to do just one thing - haul cargo - and it wasn't expected to be the most comfortable or luxurious vehicle on the block while doing it. That has changed.

Now, you can get a truck that can haul the biggest load, while at the same time surrounding you in comfort and style, with the latest music and entertainment technology to go along with the latest engineering.

If that sounds appealing to you, and you have more than a few bucks laying around, the 2008 Ford F-250 4x4 Lariat King Ranch might be something to put on your shopping list.

This is a big truck, part of Ford's F-Series Super Duty Line that also includes the F-350 and F-450.

The F-250 comes with three choices of cabs, the regular, the Super Cab and the Crew Cab, like the test vehicle, and comes as either a 4x2 or a 4x4, as our test vehicle did. To give you even more choices, the Super Cab and the Crew Cab come in either 6.75-foot or 8-foot bed length versions. Our test truck came as a 6.75-foot model with a 156.2-inch wheelbase; the 8-foot cab comes with a wheelbase of 172.4 inches.

The F-250 Lariat Crew Cab certainly looks the part of a tough truck, but there are some refined styling features on it that mean you won't be embarrassed to park it at a nice restaurant, either.

The F-250 features stacked headlamps, redesigned taillamps and a new grille that sits 4 inches higher than on previous models. The fender flares wear air vents that are color coded to the type of engine under the hood - red for diesel and black for gasoline.

Power-telescoping mirrors are standard, as are cab steps and a sliding rear window. You have your choice of up to 10 different wheel styles in either the standard 17-inch wheels or the optional 18- or 20-inch wheels found on the King Ranch.

Our F-250 Lariat King Ranch came with Ford's new 6.4-liter Power Stroke twin-turbo diesel V8 engine. This engine is rated at 350 horsepower and 650 lb.-ft. of torque; plenty to get up to speed quickly, particularly with an empty truck bed.

The transmission is either the standard 6-speed manual or the optional 5-speed automatic. The test truck came with the automatic and it shifts smoothly. The automatic comes with a tow/haul feature that changes shift points under acceleration, keeping the truck at a higher rpm and further up in the power range.

Tow/haul also prevents the vehicle from upshifting when it crests a hill and provides downhill braking that allows the



The 2008 Ford F-250 Lariat King Ranch 4x4 starts at a little over \$37,000.

transmission to downshift to maintain a steady speed going downhill.

Inside, the F-250 Lariat King Ranch is comfortable and loaded. The wood-leather-and-chrome interior features an easy-to-read instrument panel, including a complete compliment of gauges. Controls are logically laid out. The air vents are now round. Not forgetting it's a working truck, the F-250 comes with a large center console that can hold file folders and a laptop computer.

The Crew Cab seats up to five adults fairly comfortably. There's plenty of leg, shoulder and head room in the cabin, and the power leather seats (which can be heated) are very comfortable and provide good support. Standard features on the F-250 King Ranch include dual-zone automatic temperature control, cruise control, power windows and locks, leather-wrapped steering wheel with audio controls, and a power sliding rear window.

The standard audio system is an AM/FM/CD system with four speakers; you can upgrade to a system that includes a subwoofer and eight speakers. An auxiliary audio jack for your mp3 player is also included. You can also add a navigation system, and that option will also get you the audiophile audio system. If you need still more, there is also a rear seat DVD entertainment system available, as well as satellite radio.

Ford is also offering a Reverse Vehicle Aid Sensor and a rearview video camera backup system. The Reverse Vehicle Aid Sensor lets you know when you're getting too close to an object, while the camera system consists of a camera mounted in the tailgate bezel and a rear-view mirror display

that lets you see what's behind you.

Even with all this luxury, we can't forget this is a truck, and it handles like one. While the ride is fairly smooth and quiet, particularly considering it's a diesel, it can be a bear to maneuver and park. Routine handling is very good; parking and U-turns, as you would expect from a vehicle this size, have to be carefully planned out.

The F-250 comes with four-wheel antilock brakes and they work very well.

The 2008 Ford F-250 Lariat King Ranch 4x4 starts at a little over \$37,000. Add the diesel engine, the automatic transmission, navigation system, satellite radio, rear entertainment system, stowable bed extender, 4x4 off road package, Reverse Vehicle Aid Sensor, bodyside protection moldings and a few other odds and ends and you're at more than \$57,000.

Lots of money for a truck, but if you're looking for something that can handle major work while at the same time providing luxury features, a nice ride and looks sharp, too, you ought to put this truck on your list to check out. Dave Menard can be reached at Avanti1054@aol.com

2008 Ford F-250 Lariat King Ranch Crew Cab 4x4

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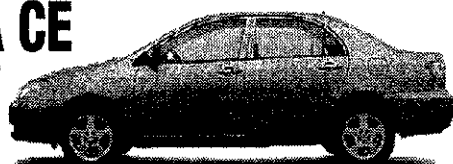
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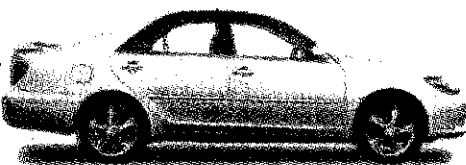
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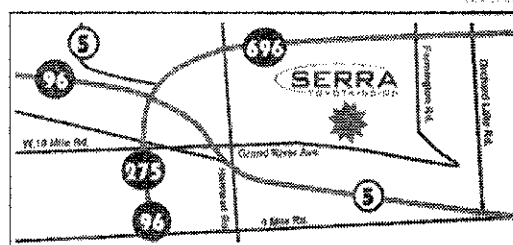
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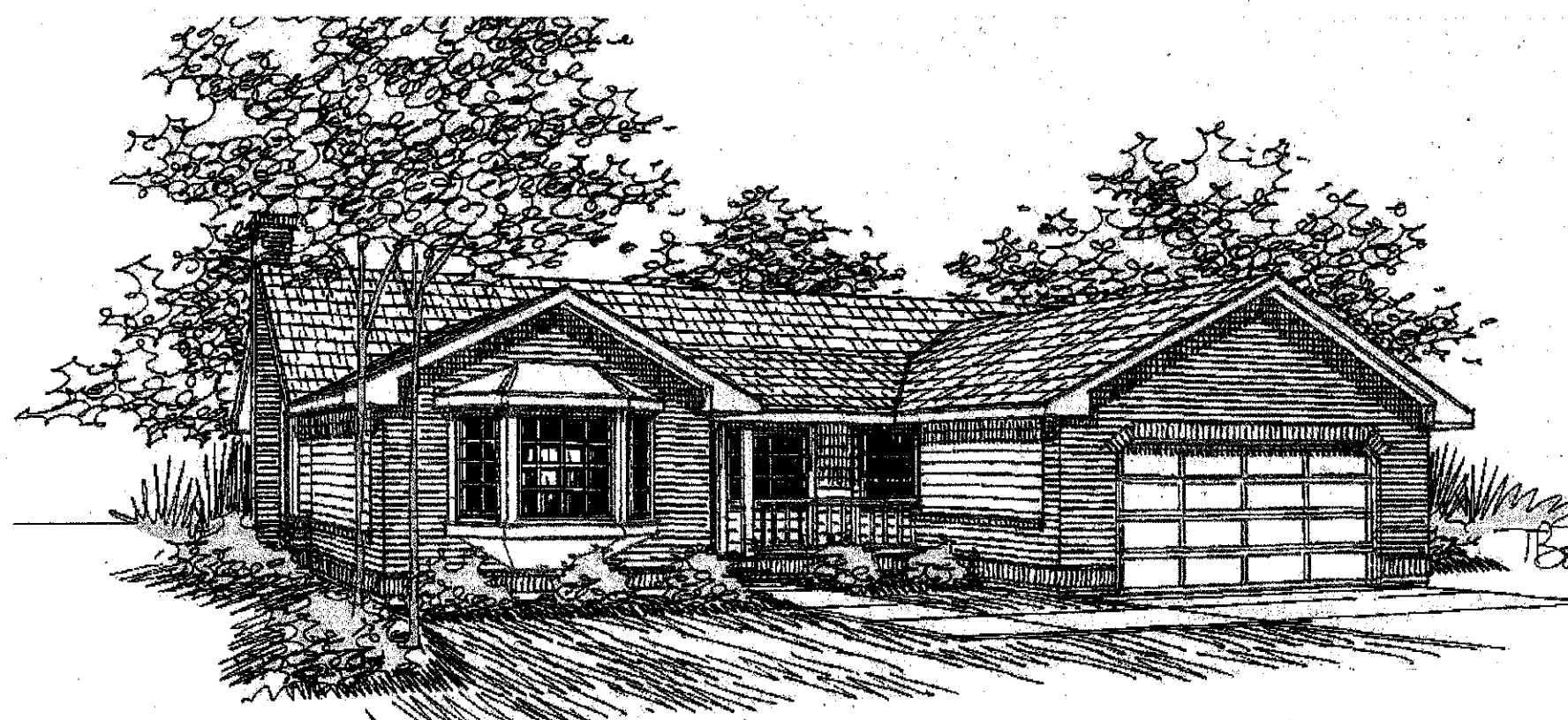
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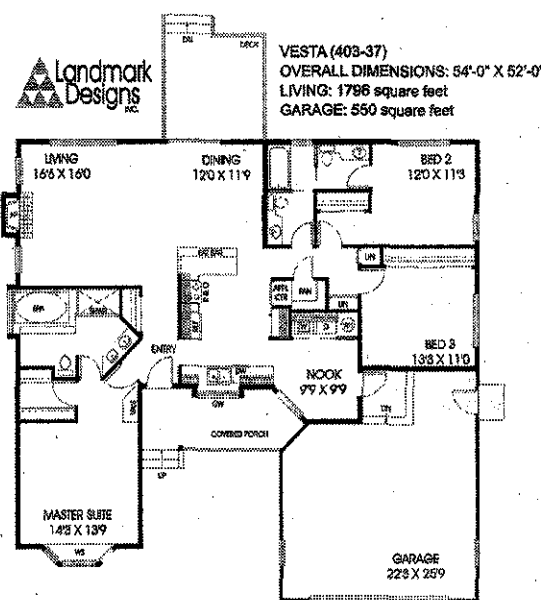
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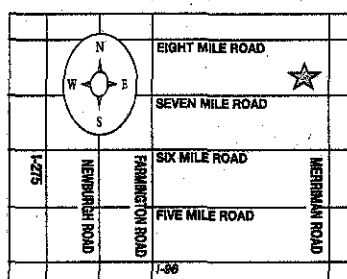
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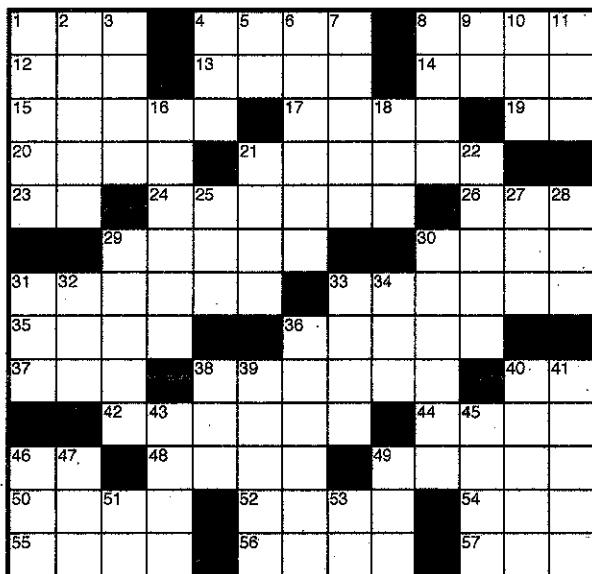
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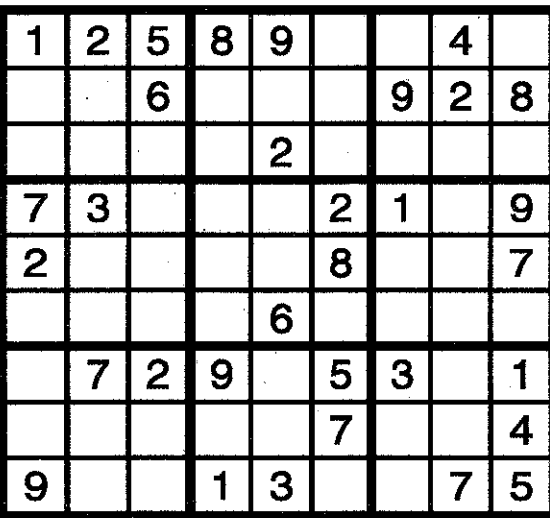
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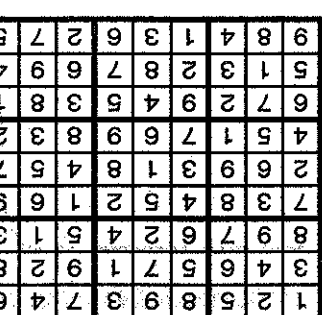
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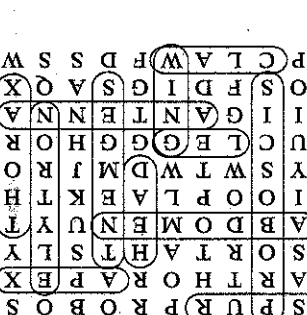
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Outstanding new quality built home. Front porch, open floor plan w/Brazilian cherry wood floors throughout 1st floor. 3 bdrm, 4 bath. \$619,900 27098307
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820 Humphrey
N. of 14 Mile & W. of Woodward

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1790 Graef Rd.
W. off Eton on Graef Rd.

Check out the lowest priced end-unit by far in the complex! Partly finished bsmt. Very close to downtown Birmingham's Boutiques, Restaurants & Somerset Collections. Pets allowed. 2 bdrm, 1 bath. \$129,900 also lease \$1,000 27144033
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New construction designed by Victor Sorkin in the City of Bloomfield Hills. Large gourmet kitchen w/high end appliances. BOHC membership included. 4 bdrm, 5.2 baths. \$2,995,000 27138350
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BLOOMFIELD HILLS. Are you tired of the grind? Why not buy your own retreat! Five minutes from Cranbrook, 10 minutes from Birmingham, but mentally miles away from the hustle & bustle of life's annoyances. Features: over 1.5 acres of wooded privacy, lake privileges on Gilbert Lake, & a large reflecting pond! 4 Bdrm, 3.5 Bath, Full Finished Walk-Out Bsm't, & Charm Galore! \$739,900. Open Sun 1-4. Call Linda Hanna (248) 330-7477.

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NORTHVILLE
OPEN HOUSE SUN
AUG. 12th & 26th.
Noon-5pm.
Arcadia-Ridge Estate
6 Mile and Ridge Rd.
Chris Knight
734-738-2958
16407BrookTroutLane.com

Open Houses **3030**
PLEASANT RIDGE
OPEN SUNDAY 1-4 PM
72 Woodward Heights
S. of Ten Mile, W. of Woodward
Arts & crafts bungalow. Beautifully updated without losing the qualities of the home. Natural fireplace, refinished hardwood floors. \$225,000 27131865
SKBK Sotheby's Int'l 248-644-7000

Open Houses **3030**
PLYMOUTH - OPEN SUN 1-4
11290 Gold Arbor, N/Ann Arbor Rd, W/Haggerty. 1/2 acre, walk to downtown, tons of updates. \$175,000.
Debbie Horner
Coldwell Banker Schweitzer 248-675-1256, 248-320-5744

Open Houses **3030**
PLYMOUTH TWP
Open Aug 11 & 12, 1-4pm
45057 Governor Bradford
Brick 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath colonial. 2,000 sq. ft. Family room w/ fireplace. Large lot, 2 car attached garage. \$308,900.
Call Sam Seydoun for more info.
313-384-6000, 313-274-7200

Open Houses **3030**
CANTON
CANFORD PARK SUB.
INCREDIBLE NEW PRICING
\$269,900 - \$315,000.
Plymouth-Canton schools. 5 exciting floor plans. Located on Cherry Hill between Beck & Ridge. Open Friday-Sun. 12-5
JIM WOLFE
734-981-9000
www.jrwolfe.com
Coldwell Banker Schweitzer 248-347-3050

Open Houses **3030**
Canton
Open House Sun 1-4
904 Knightsbridge Rd.
Mint cond. 3 bdrm, 2.5 baths. colonial w/ finished bsmt. \$224,900.
HELP-U-SELL
(734) 454-9535

Open Houses **3030**
CANTON-OPEN SUN 2-4PM.
7717 Chichester Ct.
Off Beck Rd
4 bdrm, 2 bath, 2.5 car, finished bsmt. Popular Sunflower Sub. enjoy the community pool, tennis court & clubhouse. This home is on lg lot & has been completely updated.
Sam Elder, 734-678-7396
Keller Williams Realty 2144 S. State St.

Open Houses **3030**
FARMINGTON HILLS
Open Sun 1-4. Drakes
Crossing off Grand River.
36571 Martel Ct. \$279,000. 3 Bdrm, 3 bath, showcase condo on golf course. Loaded with upgrades. Appliances.

Open Houses **3030**
36541 Lochdale, \$214,900. 2 Bdrm, 2.5 bath ranch end unit. Fin. bsmt, vaulted ceilings.
Call Robin,
Century 21 Hartford
734-216-1206, 248-478-6000

Open Houses **3030**
FRANKLIN VILLAGE
OPEN SUNDAY 1-4 PM
30246 Inkster Rd.
E. side of Inkster between Northwestern & 13 Mile
Beautiful Franklin new construction. Incredible lot. 5 bdrm, 5.1 baths. \$1,599,999
Lease \$9,500. 27058469
SKBK Sotheby's Int'l 248-644-7000

Open Houses **3030**
LIVONIA - Open Sun. 12-4
9268 Butwell
S/Ann Arbor Rd, E/Hix
3 bdrm, 2 bath updated ranch, finished bsmt, c/a, deep 2+ attached garage, lg fenced yard. \$179,500. 231-631-2450

Open Houses **3030**
LIVONIA-OPEN 12-3pm
8977 Parent, 1/2 Mile W of Wayne, S of Ann Arbor Trail
Deale of the week! 3 bdrm brick ranch, full bsmt. Solid construction. Close to X-ways, Plymouth, Hines Park and walking distance to schools and churches. Recent expensive updates. Bargain priced at \$144,900.
Tom Reed: (734) 459-6222
Remerica Hometown Realty

Open Houses **3030**
LIVONIA-OPEN SUN 2-4PM
18352 Floral, S/ 7 Mile btwn Middlebelt & Inkster.
VALUE, VALUE! 1220 sq. ft. 3 bdrm, 1 bath home on lg DOUBLET lot. (MLS# 27138811)
Double sized garage, plenty of storage, carpet tool Most appliances incl. Dan Wiersig: MAYFAIR REALTORS: 734-522-8000

Open Houses **3030**
By Owner
NOVI - Open Sat. & Sun, 8/4-5 & 8/11-12. 1-4pm.
23325 W. Leboast, S/10, E/Meadowbrook. Beautiful brick ranch. 3 bdrm, 1.5 baths, new carpet, finished bsmt, sunroom, brick pavers. Seller relocating! Below market. 248-773-2145

Open Houses **3030**
WEST BLOOMFIELD
OPEN SUNDAY 1-4PM
6223 Lynn, S. of Pontiac Lk, E. of Halstead. Gorgeous interior. Granite in kitchen & master bath. Cedar deck. \$399,900.
ERA Country Ridge 248-474-3303
We will sell your house or ERA will buy it!

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WEST BLOOMFIELD TWP.
OPEN SUNDAY 1-4 PM
7255 Aaronway Dr.
Keith Rd. N. off Commerce to Llanaway, left on Aaronway
Sunny & inviting colonial w/generous room sizes. New roof '06. Gorgeous in-ground pool for summer fun. 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath. \$412,000 27106699
SKBK Sotheby's Int'l 248-644-7000

Open Houses **3030**
WESTLAND-OPEN SUN. 1-4
38645 Hazewood, \$157,900
3bdrm, 1.5 bath colonial, fireplace, C/A, part. finished bsmt. appliances. Call Reelin: Century 21 Hartford
734-216-1206, 248-478-6000

Open Houses **3030**
Belleville & Van Buren **3045**
BELLEVILLE LAKEFRONT!
Beautiful 5 bdrm home offers lakefront living on all-sports Belleville Lk. Over 2,000 sq. ft. w/ finished walkout. Multi level decks lead to dock for lake fun!
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(734) 564-4310
REMERICA HOMETOWN III 6231 N. Canton Center Rd.

Open Houses **3030**
Berkley **3047**
By Owner
Near Beaumont hospital. 2 bdrm., 1 bath, newer vinyl siding, thermal vinyl windows & furnace with central air. 2 car garage w/workshop, 15x25 deck, 1 yr. home warranty, \$109,900.
Maxine Smith Realty 586-726-6300

Open Houses **3030**
Bloomfield **3055**
BLOOMFIELD HILLS
For sale by owner, 3 bdrm. ranch, 3366 sq. ft. 2 full & 2 1/2 baths. Bloomfield Hills schools, \$589,999.
248-763-3691

Open Houses **3030**
Bloomfield **3055**
BLOOMFIELD TWP
Custom built ranch. Walk-out (4,600), vaulted ceilings, granite, ceramic, crown, 3+ garage, vaulted 1st floor furnace & sauna. "Up north" serenity! 2 decks, 1 acre of trees, wildlife & nature trail. Close to M-59 & I-75. \$599,900 #27132688
(248) 360-9100
CENTURY 21 TODAY

Open Houses **3030**
Canton **3080**
By Owner
SELLER TO CREDIT BUYER \$35,000 AT CLOSING
4000 sq.ft., brick colonial, model home. Every amenities imaginable. Professionally finished bsmt. Large lot. \$649,000.
734-451-4200

Open Houses **3030**
Canton **3080**
By Owner
WHAT A LOT!
Backs to common land! Built in 1990 w/ new roof, furnace & windows - over 1800 sq. ft. Cathedral ceilings, bsmt & 2 car garage. Wow!
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Open Houses **3030**
Highland **3210**
HIGHLAND TWP
Incredible 4 bdrm brick colonial backs up to woods! Large island kitchen, cherry cabinets, hardwood floors & granite. 1st floor office, 9 ceilings, huge master, monster closet & jetted tub. Stamped concrete patio. \$359,900 #27135130
(248) 360-9100
CENTURY 21 TODAY

Open Houses **3030**
Livonia **3250**
FOR SALE BY OWNER
Beautiful setting backs to woods. 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath ranch, attach garage, finished bsmt, many updates. 14660 Yale. \$179,900. 734 462-0714

Open Houses **3030**
MTB. ASSUMABLE \$118,500.
3 bdrm, 2 bath, remodeled kitchen, 2 car garage, 9887 Inkster Rd. (734) 546-8511

Open Houses **3030**
By Owner
VERY CLEAN
And remodeled, 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath, ranch. Wonderful mail area, wood floors, fresh paint, carpet. Large basement. Fenced yard. Move in ready. 1130/m see more at Think-homesowner.com or 800-975-6340

Open Houses **3030**
WOW
3 bedroom 2 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch, bsmt., 2 car garage, \$134,900.

Open Houses **3030**
Beautiful
4 Bedroom, 3.5 bath Colonial. Family room, gas fireplace, Granite Kitchen, Finished Bsmt. Attach 2 car garage, \$224,900.
Century 21 Castelli 734-525-7900

Open Houses **3030**
Hillford **3260**
MILFORD TWP
Four bdrm, 2.5 bath ranch w/possible 5th bdrm. Vaulted great room w/fireplace, 2nd fireplace in family room. Finished walkout feels like entry level. Private treed 1.78 acre lot. \$329,900 M.L.S. 27105600
(248) 855-2000
CENTURY 21 TODAY

Open Houses **3030**
Northville **3280**
3 BR Brick Ranch, 2 car, bsmt.
appliances, land contract \$1500/mo. 313-895-5309.

Open Houses **3030**
Novi **3290**
IMMACULATE RANCH
3 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath, lg. living room, family room, stone fireplace, 12'x22' deck, finished garage, full bsmt, priced to sell \$243,900. 248-684-5002

Open Houses **3030**
Novi **3290**
ESTATE HOME IN
island Lakes Vineyards. Cherry & black granite kitchen, master suite has sitting area, gas fireplace. Outdoor hot tub w/whispering Daylight windows in bsmt. \$699,000 M.L.S. 26186611
(734) 462-9800
CENTURY 21 TODAY

Open Houses **3030**
Novi **329**



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Orion Township 3310

FOUR BDRM, 2.5 BATH
colonial w/ formal living & dining, kitchen opens to breakfast nook & family room w/ gas fireplace, cathedral master suite, daylight bsmt & 3 car garage. \$249,900 MLS #27028963
(248) 673-2211
CENTURY 21 TODAY

Orchard Lake 3315

COMPLETELY REMODELED
Masterpiece! Exclusive private setting, 1.37 acres on Orchard Lake. Premier lot, boat house, beautiful beach & views. Designer perfect, 4 covered porches. A rare opportunity. Interior details \$3,750,000 #27072628
(248) 360-9100
CENTURY 21 TODAY

Oxford 3318

NICE 3 BDRM
maintenance free ranch. Large kitchen, all appliances included. 1st floor laundry, newer windows & carpet. Full bsmt finished w/ family room. Oversized 2.5 car garage. 1 yr home warranty included. \$149,000 #27103425
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Plymouth 3347

PLYMOUTH TWP BEAUTY
4 bdrm colonial in Woodbrook Sub close to downtown. Cul-de-sac location w/ huge lot! New Brazilian cherry wood floor in living & 1 bdrm, Pergo & ceramic floors too. Over 2400 sq. ft., full finished bsmt, 2 car rear entry garage. Walk to Smith, Bird & West Schools. For sale or lease.
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Plymouth 3347



By Owner

AGENTS WELCOME!
42480 Clemons Dr. Like New. Built 2003. Custom Model Home. 1.5 Story, 3 bdrm., 2.5 bath, lg. Office/Den, 1st Floor Master, 4.5 Car Garage, Air Cleaning System, Stone Waterfall, 1 blk. to Hines Park. Close to Downtown Plymouth & Northville. \$450,000. 734-718-2871

Redford 3350

BUNGALOW, 20040 Lexington
3 bdrm, 1 bath. Newer windows and siding. \$79,900. Agent/Owner. 517-404-1645

By Owner

Immaculate 2 bdrm., 1 bath ranch with C/A, full bsmt., fenced. Upgrades incl. plumbing, electrical, insulation, furnace, roof, windows & water heater. Completely re-decorated. Move-in condition. \$74,900.
734-525-1576

UPDATED RANCH

Great 3 bdrm, full finished bsmt & garage. In past 10 yrs. - new - windows, furnace, siding, gutters, remodeled bath, big oak kitchen & more!
\$99,999

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Rochester 3360

ROCHESTER HILLS
Beautiful custom ranch located at very end of John R road, walking distance to Bloomer Park! Located on 1/2 acre lot, cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors. Professionally finished daylight bsmt. A must see! \$289,777 #27129762
(248) 360-9100
CENTURY 21 TODAY

Royal Oak 3370

ROYAL OAK 14/Woodward
3332 Hunter. Sale/Lease. 100% finance. 3 bdrm, 2 bath bungalow. 248-895-9256

South Lyon 3400

BRICK RANCH - 3 bdrm. Just under 1800 sq. ft. Hardwood floors, new kitchen, new appliances, new carpet and paint throughout. Natural fireplace in family room, A/C and 2 car garage. \$164,900. Call: (248) 318-1168

Troy 3410

FOUR BDRM, 2.5 BATH
colonial built in 2002. Large kitchen w/ island, gas fireplace, formal dining & living rooms, master suite w/ walk-in closets, professionally finished bsmt. \$314,900 MLS #27035250
(248) 647-8888
CENTURY 21 TODAY

FOUR BDRM, 2.5 BATHS

colonial built in 2006. Many upgrades including hardwood floors, granite counter tops, custom cabinets, recessed lighting, remote control fans, ceramic tile laundry & baths. \$379,999 MLS #27084424
(248) 647-8888
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I know I will find it in my O&E Classifieds!



Walled Lake 3420

CUSTOM BUILT COLONIAL.
Loaded w/ upgrades. 2 story great room. Brick exterior. Cherry floors in entry & kitchen, granite counters. Nearly .75 acres. Walkout bsmt. Master bath, jetted tub. 1st floor master. \$669,000 #27043743
(248) 360-9100
CENTURY 21 TODAY

Waterford 3423

GORGEOUSLY UPDATED
3 bdrm home w/ light oak & granite kitchen. Formal living room & huge family room w/ marble fireplace. Finished lower level. Extra large 2 car garage. Private wooded yard. \$174,900 MLS #27095175
(248) 673-2211
CENTURY 21 TODAY

THREE BDRM RANCH

Large eat-in kitchen, all appliances. 2 car mechanics garage. Brezeway, fenced yard, deck. Updates including roof, gutters, furnace, CA. Nice landscaping, fountain, pond. Well cared for home. \$132,900 #27086598
(248) 360-9100
CENTURY 21 TODAY

WATERFORD TOWNSHIP

Enjoy the private wooded views from extra large deck. Large bdrms, master suite w/ 2 closets, lush landscaping. Subdivision has walking paths & common areas. \$195,000 MLS #27092622
(248) 673-2211
CENTURY 21 TODAY

West Bloomfield 3440

AWESOME!
Huge master suite, island kitchen w/ snack bar. Family room, living room, dining room. Fireplace. Jetted tub. Hot tub. Brick paver patio, private yard. 3 car garage, driveway. New glass windows & more! \$279,900 #27110531
(248) 360-9100
CENTURY 21 TODAY

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West Bloomfield 3440

ENJOY UPPER STRAITS
Lake privileges in this cute ranch w/ finished walk out 3 tiered deck takes you to park like setting on wooded double lot. Lots of updates. Finished walk out is great for entertaining. \$189,000 #27129230
(248) 360-9100
CENTURY 21 TODAY

FREE HOUSE WITH PURCHASE OF LAWN

Make your first 3 mortgage payments! \$169,000, 248-661-6899
www.ivanhoehouses.com

GORGEOUS RANCH WITH

hardwood floors, remodeled kitchen, large finished bsmt w/ bar & fridge. Updated windows, shingles, furnace, CA & garage door. Large fenced yard w/ sprinklers. \$169,900 MLS #27069316
(248) 360-9100
CENTURY 21 TODAY

HOME WITH PRIVATE

lot backs to woods. Kitchen w/ granite counters, tile floor, breakfast bar, cozy nook. All appliances included. 1st floor master suite, 2 story great room, 1st floor laundry. Master bath, jetted tub. \$345,900 #27126551
(248) 360-9100
CENTURY 21 TODAY

LOVELY 4 BDRM

2.2 bath home w/ open floor plan. Gourmet kitchen, granite island, butler pantry, spacious dining area. First floor library, 3,448 sq. ft. Finished 1,500 sq. ft. lower level. Pool, hot tub & brick paver patio. \$409,000 #27132716
(248) 360-9100
CENTURY 21 TODAY

NEWER BRICK RANCH

Flawless, beautiful decor, fresh paint, hardwood floors in kitchen, entry hall, breakfast room & bedrooms. Finished bsmt w/ billiard room, family room, wet bar, male cabinets, new half bath. \$274,000 #27128491
(248) 360-9100
CENTURY 21 TODAY

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West Bloomfield 3440

REALLY SHARP 3 BDRM
ranch. Remodeled kitchen, newer appliances, newer windows, roof, furnace, CA & garage door. Hardwood floors. Finished bsmt w/ bar & refrigerator. Large fenced yard, sprinkler system. \$169,900 #27069316
(248) 360-9100
CENTURY 21 TODAY

WANTED!

A new owner for this cute 3 bdrm home. House sits on extra large treed lot. Room to add a garage. Newer furnace & windows. Lake privileges w/ lot at end of street. Walled Lake schools too! \$139,900 #27096316
(248) 360-9100
CENTURY 21 TODAY

WOODS OF ORCHARD LAKE

beauty. Kitchen w/ granite, hardwood floors, 2 staircases, crown moldings, decked out lower level w/ surround sound system & full bar. Beautiful cul-de-sac setting. Walk to school. \$574,900 #27105683
(248) 360-9100
CENTURY 21 TODAY

Westland 3445

BIG HOME

Over 1800 sq. ft., 4 bdrm, living/family rms-Sun rm too! New paint, carpet, patio, huge yard, privacy fence. Oversized 2 car gar!

NEWER RANCH BEAUTY

Great ranch built in 1997 has new hardwood & marble floors, new showers too. Great rm & master suite w/ cathedral ceilings. 2 car garage & fenced yard w/ sprinklers.

WESTLAND WONDERFUL!

Brick ranch; finished bsmt & 2 car garage. 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 baths, updated & beautiful. Front deck & back patio!

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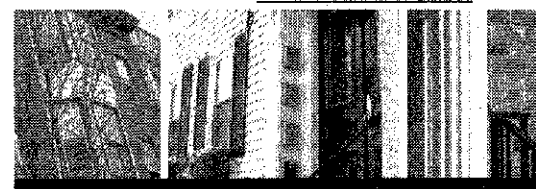
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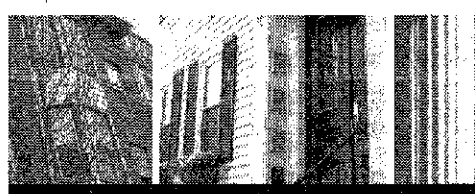
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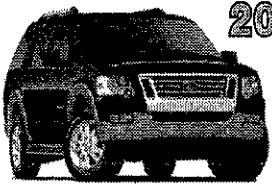
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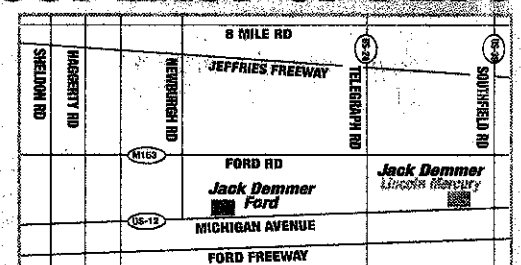
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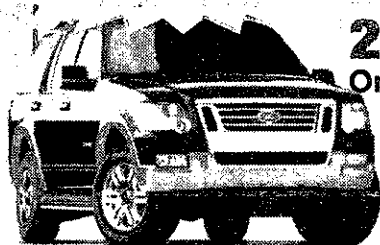
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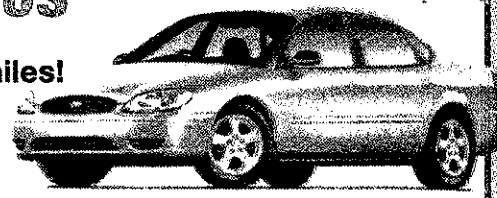
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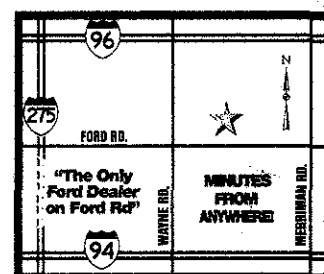
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BLOOMFIELD HILLS 4433 Exmoor Circle, E or Middlebelt, btwn Lone Pine & Long Lake. Thurs-Sat, Aug. 16-18, 9am-4pm. Household items, clothes, Little Tikes & kids' items

CANTON - Aug 15-18, 9am-5pm. 6509 Durham, N/Ford Rd., E/Sheldon. Household, electronics, decorator items, linens, furniture & more!

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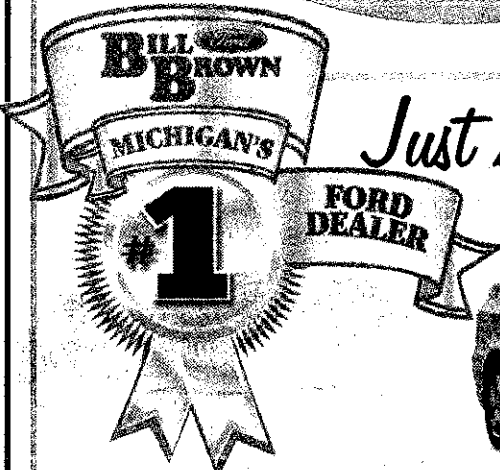
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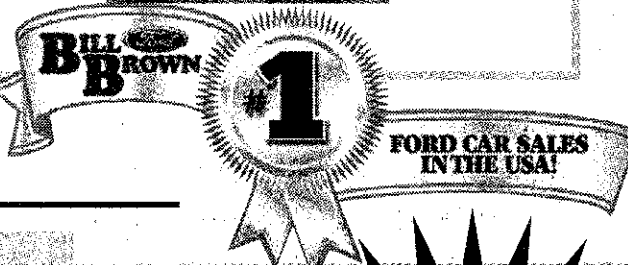
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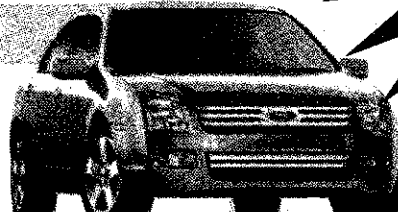
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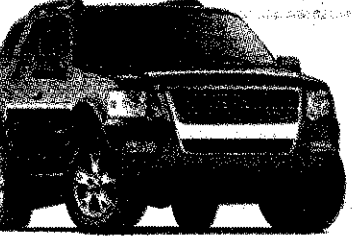
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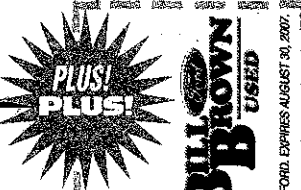
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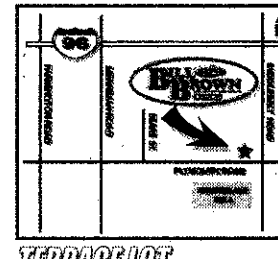
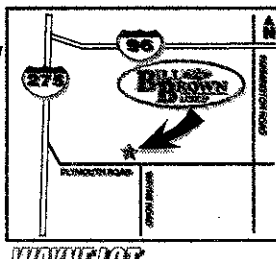
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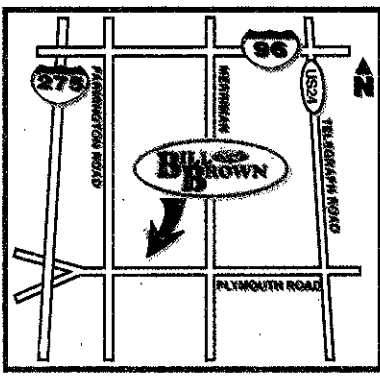


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