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SITE award

The Society of Insurance Trainers and Educators (SITE) recently bestowed its Henry C. Drewes Loyalty Award on Plymouth-Canton Schools Trustee John Jackson. The award was presented at the group's annual conference in Albuquerque, N.M.

The Loyalty Award is the highest and most prestigious among the SITE awards. It is given to someone who has demonstrated strong commitment to SITE,



worked to strengthen SITE as an organization and has represented SITE in a positive manner, contrib-

Using to SITE president Sandra Masters presents the award to Plymouth-Canton Schools trustee John Jackson. Sion. The award is

named after Hank C. Drewes, the first SITE executive director.

SITE is a membership organization of more than 900 training professionals in the insurance industry. SITE members are mostly within the property/casualty industry but also include many training services providers. The membership includes those involved in training, human resources, instructional design and development, performance consulting, technical skills training and continuing professional education.

Caccamo coffee

Canton Township Trustee Todd Caccamo hosts a "Caccamo Coffee" today (Sunday) at noon at Swirls Cafe (42480 Cherry Hill, just west of Lilley). Constituents can enjoy a cup of coffee and share Canton issues,



Canton's Farmers Market takes place Sundays at the Bartlett-Travis house, now known as Preservation Park.

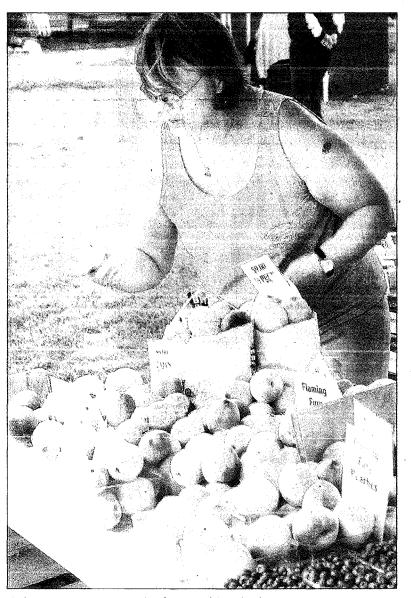
Market value Locals sow benefits of popular attraction

BY BRAD KADRICH Observer Staff Writer

Lo-ca-vore (*n*): Someone who eats locally.

OK. so it's not an actual entry in Webster's dictionary, but it is the way Jeanine Gillikin describes herself. It's also the reason she shops frequently at the Canton Farmers Market.

Gillikin, who traveled to the market Sunday with her son Sean, said her



S&P hikes Canton's bond rating

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In a decision that's ultimately good for Canton taxpayers, the township has been assigned a higher bond rating by Standard and Poor's — one of the world's leading providers of independent credit ratings.

Canton, due to its healthy financial position, fairly resilient economy, relatively low debt burden and access to places like the University of Michigan, has been upgraded from an AA rating to an AA-plus in a new S&P report.

That may seem like insider jargon, but township Finance Director Rick Eva said it can have a tangible effect because Canton is viewed favorably by investors and can secure a lower interest rate, should it need to borrow money for future projects.

"When we go out to borrow money, the investor is going to look at communities that are positioned well and that have a good bond rating," Eva said.

S&P's new rating, which comes on the heels of similarly favorable grades by Moody's Investors Service and Fitch Ratings, sends a message that "Canton Township is an excellent place to invest your money," Eva said.

Ultimately, that means township government, should it need to take on high-cost projects, would benefit from a lower interest rate and, therefore, could spend fewer taxpayer dollars.

"That's good news, for sure," township Supervisor Phil LaJoy has said.

concerns and suggestions. "This has been a great way to keep local government focused on what's important to maintaining a vibrant community," Caccamo said.

For the dogs

Music and wine-lovers (21 and over) are invited to an outdoor amplified wine tasting event at the Cady-Boyer Barn Friday, July 31, 2009 to benefit the Canton Dog Park.

The event, presented by Rock 'n Roll Wine, runs 7-10 p.m. at Preservation Park (formerly known as the Bartlett-Travis House property), 500 N. Ridge Road in Canton. Proceeds from this fund-raising event will go toward the construction of a three-acre Canton Dog Park.

The cost to attend this event is \$35 in advance and \$40 on the day of the event. To purchase tickets in advance, visit http://www.rnrwine. com/dogparkevent.html and click the RSVP button or call David Hammond at (734) 862-1928. primary goal is to support local farmers and other producers.

"I want to eat most of my food from local sources," said Gillikin, who works at the Canton Public Library. "I really believe it's going to help our local economy. Besides, you can't get (food) any fresher."

It's the main attraction of the Farmers Market, which is open Sundays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. from the end of April through the end of October. The market only allows Michigan artisans and producers, who are allowed to sell (among other things) raw agricultural products like

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GOING TO MARKET

- What: Canton Farmers Market
- Where: Preservation Park (the old Bartlett-Travis property), 500 N. Ridge
- When: Sundays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Featuring: Crafts, flowers, produce, art, clothing and other items
- Details: For information on the market, call

Canton Leisure Services, (734) 398-5570

Technology makes traffic tickets 'E'asier

Marie McGowan arranges peaches from Kapnick Orchards.

S&P recently upgraded bond ratings for 88 communities in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio and Missouri. Canton was one of two municipalities that moved from an AA rating to an AA-plus, although Ottawa Hills Village in Ohio actually was upgraded to an enviable AAA rating.

Some municipalities already had achieved the high ratings prior to S&P's decision to upgrade certain communities. Nevertheless, Canton's boost placed the township in a favorable light, particularly since it is located in a state reeling from economic woes and the nation's highest unemployment rate.

The latest financial news comes after an outside auditing firm, Plante & Moran, gave Canton high marks in June for the latest audit report, which showed the township's unallocated budget surplus had risen from \$2.8 million to nearly \$7.4 million from 2005 to 2008.

Even so, township officials have acknowledged the township's financial outlook will be more difficult in coming years, as the effects of a lingering economic recession trickle down.

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BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For Canton motorists, the process of getting a traffic ticket just got faster.

Township police officers have started using their in-car laptop computers to write electronic traffic tickets that get downloaded at 35th District Court, a move that saves time and eases the workload for clerical employees.

Officers still print out paper tickets for motorists, but police Lt. Scott Hilden said the new e-ticket system improves efficiency and can save money by streamlining record-keeping functions.

"It saves a lot of time," he said. Township patrol cars, which number around 25, have been equipped with the new technology in cooperation with district court and CLEMIS (Courts and Law Enforcement Management Information System), a multi-faceted regional law enforcement information network.

Motorists also no longer will have to try to decipher an officer's handwriting on tickets. Ticket information entered on police laptop Ticket information entered on police laptop computers gets sent electronically to 35th District Court and the CLEMIS database – eliminating data-entry duties, allowing law enforcement administrators to evaluate officers' productivity and making it easier to analyze traffic enforcement trends and programs.

computers gets sent electronically to 35th District Court and the CLEMIS database — eliminating data-entry duties, allowing law enforcement administrators to evaluate officers' productivity and making it easier to analyze traffic enforcement trends and programs.

According to township officials, the new, computerized ticket system eventually will allow offenders to pay their e-tickets online, once an e-commerce system also created by CLEMIS is implemented.

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He also said it's a good idea, when possible, to keep

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Rorabacher advised parents

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fruits, vegetables, grains and flowers, and non-food items such as clothing, jewelry, photographs, woodwork, candles and pottery. Vendors can buy full-season passes or go on a daily basis.

The local items are what draw the hundreds of buyers who flood the market, located at Preservation Park (the old Bartlett-Travis property) on Ridge Road.

It's the huge crowds that prompted Laura Provenzano, owner of Le Cocoa Bean in Canton, to start coming every week to pass out fliers. While she also comes "to buy things and support our local businesses," she said the Farmers Market has been a boost to her business.

"It's been good for us," said Provenzano, who opened Le Cocoa Bean some eight months ago. "There are so many locals who come here. (Le Cocoa Bean) is not something that's on Ford Road. People need to be looking at Cherry Hill. It's quaint, and it's not as busy."

Colleen Brumley, who lives in Novi and works in Canton, was on her way to Eastern Michigan University to take her daughter to a swim meet when she stopped by the market. Seems her family had finished off its fruit supplies, and she was there to replenish.

"We ate all our fruit this morning," she said, laughing. "I knew (Canton) had a market ... we wanted to buy local and support our farmers."

Mona Nasser, co-owner of Canton Center Bakery, agreed the Canton Farmers Market has helped her business, though she said people who shop for chef Ray Abdulkarim's goodies at the market might not necessarily be stopping in at the store. But attendance at the market — where there's no competition for Canton Center Bakery's Middle Eastern and Mediterranean cuisine - has heightened awareness of the store.

"It makes people more familiar with us," Nasser said. "I don't think anyone else is selling Middle Eastern or Mediterranean food."

Kathy Sansonetti, who owns Sansonetti Gourmet Foods in



Pam Rensi and daughter Julia shop at the farmer's market in Canton.

Holly, treks to "quite a few" farmers markets around the area, including Clarkston, Ann Arbor and Rochester. She said she'd never heard of Canton's until she joined it:

"This is a market we didn't know anything about," Sansonetti said. "I love the atmosphere, the ruralness of it. The ambience is very pleasant, the people are so nice. It does really well for us."



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Friday fire does minimal damage

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BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton firefighters doused a Friday morning fire that start-ed while a child's motorized riding toy was being recharged in a garage.

The incident happened shortly before 9:30 a.m. on Belvedere Court, near Beck and Cherry Hill, causing minor smoke damage to the home and some fire damage to a vehicle.

Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher said a smoke alarm alerted residents, who safely got out of the home and called 911 for help.

Firefighters saw smoke coming from the garage when they arrived, and they entered through a service door to extinguish the fire.

Reached at his office, Rorabacher offered advice

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Judge orders pizzeria reopened

Pizza Sicily has the go-ahead to be in business — again. Owner Kal Aranki, who had

been locked out Wednesday during a dispute with his landlord over unpaid rent, got his keys back Friday morning after getting a favorable ruling in 35th District Court.

Aranki was working to get his business open again over the weekend in the Willow Creek Plaza on Ford east of Lilley.

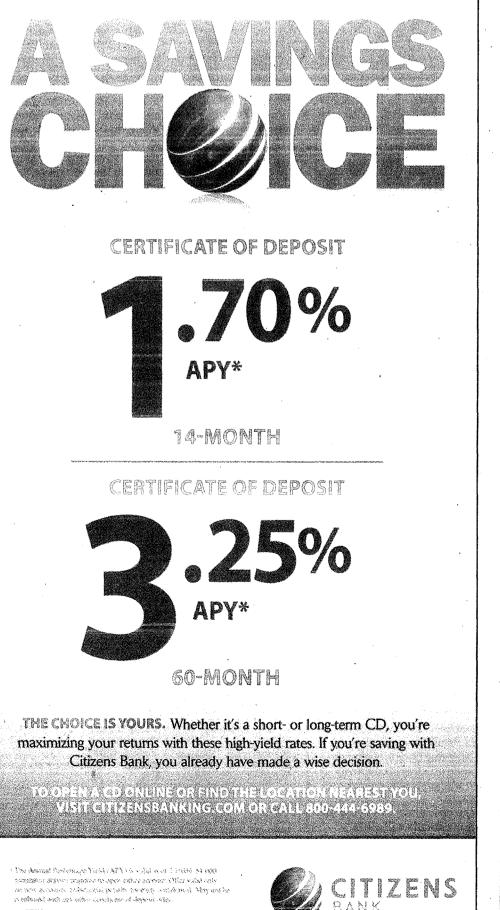
The two sides are expected to return to court on Aug. 5 as their legal clash continues.

Aranki has conceded he owes several thousand dollars, but he is hoping to have time to get caught up. He has long been behind on his sublease payments, and his problems mounted in June after a heart attack forced him to close down for eight days.

The company that leases space to him has said it has given him ample opportunity to pay his debts.

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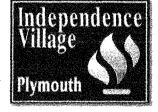
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Arts festival

The fourth annual Cherry Hill Arts Festival takes place 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, in the Cherry Hill Village Downtown District. Spend the afternoon strolling through local businesses, the Village Theater, and Canton's many historic sites, all while enjoying art and performances by local artists.

The Cherry Hill Arts Festival is a celebration of all things art, and welcomes more than 2,500 guests annually. Musical entertainment, face painting, delicious food, en plein air (in the open air) painting demonstrations, educational workshops, demonstrating artists, artist/crafter booths, and art-themed activities for all ages are just a few of the things that the festival has to offer.

The festival is home to the "Chalk It Up" sidewalk chalk art contest that attracts talented artists both locally and regionally. This special sidewalk chalk art contest, presented by D & M Art Studios, allows entrants of all ages and skill-levels a chance to compete for prizes. Artists are required to check in by 11 a.m. Registration fee for Adults 13 and up is \$15 and children 12 and under can register for \$5.

Performing on the Cherry Hill Arts Festival Stage will be the Tabasco Cats (a division of the Canton Concert Band), as well as Central City Dance and Celebration Youth Orchestra. In addition, Spotlight in a Trunk (Spotlight Players) will present Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

For more information visit cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Orchestra auditions

The Celebration Youth Orchestras, the youth ensembles supported by the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society, conduct auditions for next season Aug. 14 at Evola Music in Canton.

The four ensembles of the Youth Orchestra include **Celebration Youth Symphony** for advanced students in winds, brass, percussion and strings; Celebration Flute Choir for to intermediate and advanced flute students, which in addition to playing on CYO concerts also performs for a variety of events throughout the community; Celebration Sinfonia for intermediate-level string students who are ready for more challenging repertoire and wish to continue building ensemble skills; and Celebration Strings for younger string players who wish to learn ensemble playing skills such as playing in a section and listening and following a conductor. More audition information can be found on-line at www. celebrationyouthorchestras.org



Fair performers

Local performers will be featured on the Canton Live! Stage at the 63rd Annual Wayne County Fair Thursday, Aug. 6. Canton's hot new teen band, The Initiative, will take the stage from 4-5 p.m. and perform their alternative rock hits. These emerging talents will entertain audiences with their distinctive songs that feature an eco edge. Band members include: Isaac Kauffman (Guitar and Vocals); Carlos Razo (Keyboard and Vocals); Jesse Brandel (Drums and Vocals); Jake Napier (Bass); Donny Sleep (Guitar); and Joshua Duncan (Lead Guitar). Singer and guitarist Bob Skon is also scheduled to perform on the Canton Live! Stage from 5-6 p.m. The Wayne County Fair will take place at the county fairgrounds, located at 10871 Quirk Road in Belleville Aug. 3-8. To learn more about these Canton Live! Stage performances, visit www.cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5300.

at 7:30 p.m. with doors opening at 7. This event is general admission and tickets are \$15. Proceeds from this show will help provide needed funds to the Plymouth Football Program.

Tickets are limited and can be purchased at the Theater Box Office or on-line.

Music camps

Parents looking for a fun, new camp to introduce their children to music might want to check out the Music, Melodies & More summer camps offered by the Plymouth Symphony.

• "String Camp," July 27-31, 1-4 p.m., ages 5-11

• "Wind Camp," Aug. 3-7, 1-4 p.m., ages 5-11

• "Brass and Percussion Camp," Aug. 17-21, 1-4 p.m., ages 5-1.

Aspiring musicians can sign up for one or all three camps. Activities and musical instruments will change with each session so that young musicians will enjoy a different experience throughout the summer.

Instructor Faith Demorest, along with other Plymouth Canton Symphony musicians, will teach the camps. Each session will introduce different instruments, explore various composers, teach musical games and get creative with musical crafts. Parents can A Grand Night for Singing, Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin', Hello, Young Lovers and more. Performances are Friday, Sept. 11, and Sunday, Sept. 13. The auditions for soloists

for Grand Night are Sunday, July 26 from 2-5 p.m. and Monday, July 27 from 7:30-9 p.m. Performances will be held at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. This is a BeckRidge Chorale Production.

For more information or to sign up for an audition, please go to the BeckRidge Chorale Web site at www. beckridgechorale.org

Pageant volunteers

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Miss Scholarship Program is in need of volunteers to help out with this year's program.

Organizers' goal is to make the event bigger and better, and say the only way to do that is with volunteers.

Anyone interested should send an e-mail to pcjrmiss@ yahoo.com. All volunteers are welcome and appreciated.

Staged reading

8th Wonder Theatre at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill presents the award winning "The Known Limits" by Joe Zettelmaier, performed as a staged reading July 31 and Aug. 1 at 8 p.m. at the Village Applications are now being accepted for the 2009 Miss Wayne County Scholarship Pageant, an official Miss America preliminary. Young women who live, work full time, or attend school full time in Wayne County and are between the ages 17 and 24 are eligible.

Areas of competition include and interview, lifestyle and fitness in swimsuit, evening gown, talent and on-stage question. The winner will represent Wayne County at the 2010 Miss Michigan pageant in Muskegon as well as receive a cash scholarship. Call (734) 367-0560 or send

an e-mail to sheilamae116@ aol.com to request an application. They also can be found on the Miss Wayne County Web site at www.misswayneco.com.

The deadline for entry is Aug. 17. The pageant will be held Saturday, Sept. 12, at Livonia Churchill High School.

Golf outing

Each year the Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts an annual Golf Outing. This year the classic will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 19, at Pheasant Run Golf Club of Canton. This event is open to the public, and there are various packages available for purchase. Green sponsorships are available and affordable. If you are interested in purchasing a sponsorship, contact the Chamber at (734) 453-4040.

Crafters wanted

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters (PCMB) is hosting its Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Ensemble on Saturday, Nov. 21. Exhibitors who hand-craft their own items are invited to submit an application to exhibit at the fund-raising event to be held at Plymouth High School in Canton. The juried art event is produced twice each year by the PCMB to help support the band and color guard programs at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Artists and crafters who are interested in applying for

consideration to exhibit should visit www.pcmb.net/artcraft to download an application and submit with photos by June 26 for the first wave of jurying. For more details, contact exhibit coordinator Carol Rosati at (734) 455-0714. Only 100 exhibitors will be permitted to exhibit at this artistic event. Over the last four years, over 7,000 attendees have visited the PCMB Arts & Craft Ensembles.

Plymouth High School is located at 8400 Beck Road in Canton, Mich. The Holiday Arts & Craft Ensemble will be held from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Nov. 21. In addition to over 100 exhibits, there will be food, a raffle, and entertainment by local musicians and artists throughout the day. Admittance is \$2.



Comedy night

Three local comedians -Gary George, Dave Bell and Mike Malec - will perform at the second annual Plymouth High School Football Boosters Club Comedy Fund-raiser, at the beautiful Cherry Hill Village Theater in Canton.

This evening of laughs takes place Aug. 8. The show begins plan for a performance for family and friends at 4 p.m. on Friday after each session.

Instruments are encouraged; however, those who don't have one can contact the symphony.

Call the Plymouth Community Arts Council at (734) 416-4278 to sign up today.

Chorale auditions

"A Grand Night for Singing" is a first rate musical review featuring the music and lyrics of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II. The cast features five primary characters and added voices from the BeckRidge Chorale and Cherry Hill Singers. Songs include Some Enchanted Evening, It's Theater in the Biltmore Studio.

Zettlemaier lives in Milan, Mich., and is an Associate Artist at the Performance Network, an adjunct lecturer at Eastern Michigan University, and the Playwriting Mentor at Pioneer High School.

Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill, at the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads in Canton. Tickets are \$10 general admission only. Box office opens an hour before show time. Go to www.8thwondertheatre.com for more information or call (734) 972-4054.

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Parents seeking information about back-to-school issues will get help finding it on the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Web site starting Aug. 1.

The district will feature a "back to school" button on its site - www.pccs.k12.mi.us - linking parents to a variety of information they'll need before their children return to school Sept. 8.

"It's only July, and school starts late this year, but parents are already starting to think about back-to-school," said Frank Ruggirello, the district's director of community relations. "Our Web site will feature a lot of information parents need to know."

The link will feature information such as bus schedules (once they're posted), immunization forms, school supply requirements, open house dates, lunch program information and class lists, among other things.

The button, which will be located at the top center of the Web page, goes live Aug. 1, Ruggirello said.

Scholars sought

The Plymouth Business & Professional Women's Club is seeking women who need education assistance in order to pursue a better job or new career. Scholarship money is awarded according to need and can be renewed.

Women must be able to demonstrate financial need, with preference is given to women who are the primary supporter of their household. They must have a Plymouth address and be formally accepted into a college program or vocational/technical program. If already in college, they must have a minimum GPA of 2.8.

To obtain an applica-

tion, please send a stamped, self -addressed envelope to Plymouth BPW, PO Box 5338, Plymouth MI 48170.

Wells Fargo scholar

Wells Fargo announced Sarah Thomas of Canton received a \$1,000 award from the Wells Fargo Team Members' Dependent Children Scholarship Program.

To qualify, applicants must be dependent children of Wells Fargo team members and must be enrolled or planning to enroll full-time in an undergraduate course of study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational technical school.

Thomas is the daughter of Timothy Thomas, reverse mortgage consultant for Wells Fargo in Ann Arbor. She graduated from Canton High School and will attend Grand Valley State University this fall, pursuing a major in mathematics/secondary education.

Wells Fargo scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic record, demonstration of leadership and participation in school and community activities. Awards, honors, work experience and the student's statement of goals and aspirations are also considered during the selection process.

Northwood University

Four local students were named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2009 term at Northwood University.

To achieve Dean's List recognition, students must earn a 3.25 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

Students making the list included seniors Kevin Frusti and Bradley Gallison of Canton, freshman Shannon Corby and sophomore Blaine Paden, both of Plymouth.



Kyle Grant and Gregory Grant are excited about their robot.

New Morning camps help students learn with Legos

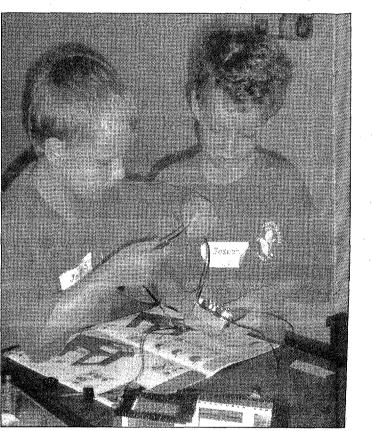
New Morning School officials considered the school's "Beginning Legos" camp such a huge hit, they're going to do it again.

In the first camp, held July 13-17, children utilized the NXT Computer Programming and Engineering Division of the Legos Learning Tools to create and program their very own robots. Using sound, ultrasonic, touch and light sensors, they programmed the robots to respond like humans.

The students programmed Legos Intelligent House, TriBot Vehicle, and the RoboArm. They explored simple machines, and built their own robot from found items.

Beginning July 27, the school will host a second, Advanced Legos camp designed for students ages 7–11 who have had experience with Lego Mindstorms. Students will build NXT robots, program robots to talk and complete multi-step programs, and even program an infrared link sensor so their robots can communicate with and control other students' robots.

New Morning School provides high-quality summer programming to increase children's exposure to math, science, and engineering concepts. For more information, visit the school's Web site at www.newmorningschool.com and click on the summer camp tab. The link includes a copy of the camp brochure, as well as a coupon good for 10 percent off when registering more than one student. Registrations can be made over the phone by calling (734) 420-3331, or in person.



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Jacob Skowronek and Joseph Bondoni work on their project at New Mornin School's Lego camp.



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Plymouth DMS manager inks story for national magazine

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The July issue

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A recent assignment for Chris Porman, whose work usually concerns things like street maintenance, snowremoval, grass-cutting and other public services, took him back to his roots — as an English major.

Porman, an assistant director in Plymouth's Department of Municipal Services, authored an article that appears in this month's issue of the *Reporter*, the American Public Works Association's monthly for public works professionals. The 1,600-word piece details a March conference attended by members of the APWA's current Emerging Leaders Academy, of which Porman is one.

It was his college English degree that landed Porman the job.

"Because most of the people in the academy kind of knew (he majored in English), they all kind of pointed at me," said Porman. "I was thrilled to be



the heading "Reporter," at the APWA's Web site, www. apwa.net.

The Emerging Leaders Academy is a year-long program for 20 public works professionals from around the country who have less than seven years in the field. The current Academy began last September.

Members have monthly discussions, via conference calls, about a range of public works issues they face in their communities. The March conference, in Kansas City, Mo., was the members' first face-to-face meeting.

The Academy, which is designed to give individual members a chance to expand both their knowledge base and their professional contacts, includes the deputy public works director in Roswell, Ga., the city engineer in

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Greenville, S.C., and members from Overland Park, Kan., and Santa Monica, Calif., among other communities.

"Ultimately, we'll be able to help the leaders of tomorrow," Porman said. Members have also become good friends, he said. He expects to be able to draw on classmates' expertise for many years, he said.

As part of his Academy duties, Porman is also studying how public works departments can use Internet social media, like Facebook, to get their message across and spark interest in their issues, especially among younger people. Porman is to present his findings at the APWA's annual convention in September in Columbus, Ohio.

"We are very proud of Chris and his accomplishments as an emerging leader in the field of public works," said City Manager Paul Sincock, who had a career in Plymouth's DMS before being picked to manage the entire city.

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Here's the remaining schedule for the weekly Music in the Park concert schedule, hosted by the Plymouth Community Arts Council:

• July 29, Candy Band

Music in the Park

• Aug. 5, Barbara Bailey Hutchinson

• Aug. 12, Guy Louis and his Chautauqua Express

• Aug. 19, The Cats & the Fiddler

All concerts start at noon in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. Sponsors include the Carl and Isabelle Schultz Family, The Wilcox Foundation, Huron Valley Ambulance, Monroe Bank & Trust, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., Dr. Brian Brackney, Bacinski's Best Friends of Learning Institute and Lodging by the Month.

Music in the Air

Here's the remaining schedule for the Friday night "Music in the Air" concert series, hosted by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority and sponsored by Blue Cross/Blue Shield:

- July 31, Gia Warner
- Aug. 7, The Bluescasters
- Aug. 14, The Kris K Band
- Aug. 21, The Randy Brock Group



Candy Band takes the Kellogg Park stage noon Wednesday for the weekly installment of the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Music in the Park concert series.

- Aug. 28, Mass Transit
- Sept. 4, Lady Sunshine and the X Band The concerts take place in downtown
- Plymouth's Kellogg Park and start at 7 p.m.

Community Band

The Plymouth Community Band, headed by longtime leader Carl Battishill, plays Kellogg Park every Thursday at 8 p.m.

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Corvette show comes to Greenmead

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Corvettes America, considered the premier Corvette show in Michigan, will come to Livonia's Greenmead Historical Park 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, instead of its usual location at the GM Tech Center in Warren.

Reflecting economic uncertainties associated with General Motors' bankruptcy, Corvettes America chose the change of venue. The Greenmead Historical Park was selected because of its size, accessibility and the cooperation of Greenmead staff and city officials, according to organizers.

Greenmead is just south of Eight Mile and a mile east of I-275. The 95-acre park is site of the homestead of Michigan pioneer Joshua Simmons. The park includes the original farm complex, historical village, picnic facilities and recreational areas.

Corvettes America is expected to draw automotive enthusiasts from across Michigan as well as surrounding states and Canada. The show will go on rain or shine.

Spectators will view some of the finest examples of the Corvette line competing for awards. In addition, numerous Corvette after-market products will be offered and other automotive-related businesses will display products and services.

For more information on the show, visit www. corvettesamerica.org. Those interested may also send an e-mail to info@ corvettesamerica.org or call (248) 684-8488.

Mirror, mirror – library plan should reflect Canton's diversity

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A new strategic plan designed to steer Canton's bustling public library for the next three years embraces this community's increasingly diverse population and, indeed, recognizes the facility as a microcosm of the township it serves.

Even so, the library's goals, already bolstered by an international collection of materials in 21 languages, could be somewhat tempered by the brutal realities of a stubborn economic recession.

"A lot of it will depend on the budget and what we're able to afford," Director Eva Davis said.

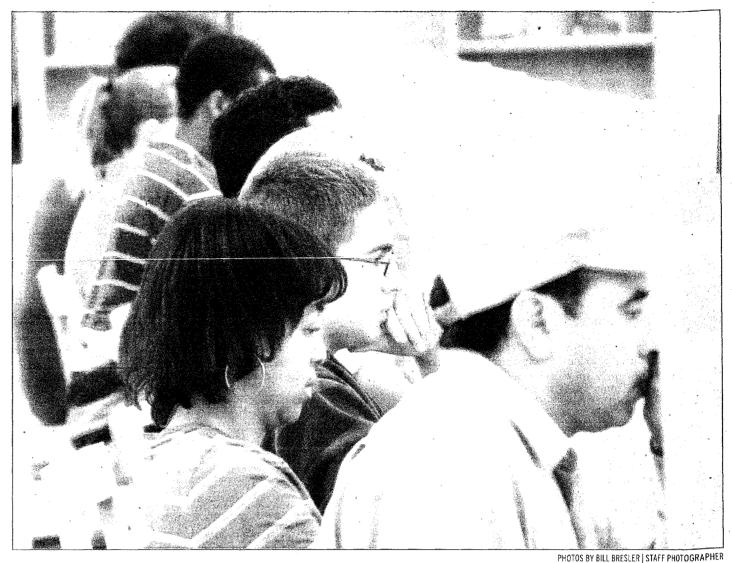
It seems fitting the new strategic plan was crafted by groups of diverse people including employees and patrons who joined focus groups, responded to online surveys, posted blog entries and filled out in-house comment cards.

"We just have to keep building on that (diversity)," said Dr. Syed Taj, who was born in India and whose medical career brought him to Wayne County in the 1980s.

Taj, a Canton Township trustee and the first Indiaborn person elected to the position, lauded the library's efforts to reflect the community's ethnically and culturally diverse residents.

"I think it's a wonderful idea," he said. "You go inside the library and you can find all kinds of people. It's a true representation of our community."

The strategic plan process, led by research consultant Susan Kennedy of Canton-



According to Library Director Eva Davis, a library patron told her that "When you walk through that door, you see the entire community."

based K2 Communication Plus, began in February and culminated this summer with a report to the library board.

It led to a simply worded yet philosophical mission statement: The Canton Public Library connects your community.

Moreover, the strategic plan adopted core values aimed at adapting the facility to community changes; supporting individual patrons and the township at large with diverse materials and ideas; respecting all people at all times; and leading with enthusiasm, creativity and professionalism.

Davis said the library hopes to build on community relations it already has established, partly by fostering an environment where the township's diverse residents can learn from one another and, true to the library's mission statement, connect with each other. Increasingly, Davis said, residents want to volunteer at the library — a move that will be welcome as officials next year face the possibility of having to trim as much as \$400,000 to \$600,000 from the facility's current \$5.8 million budget.

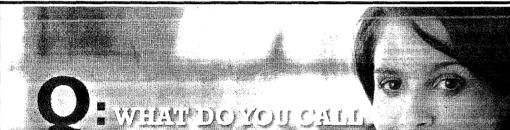
Davis hopes to expand the volunteer program to bring in residents of various cultures and backgrounds who can lead programs and broaden offerings that reflect the township's population.

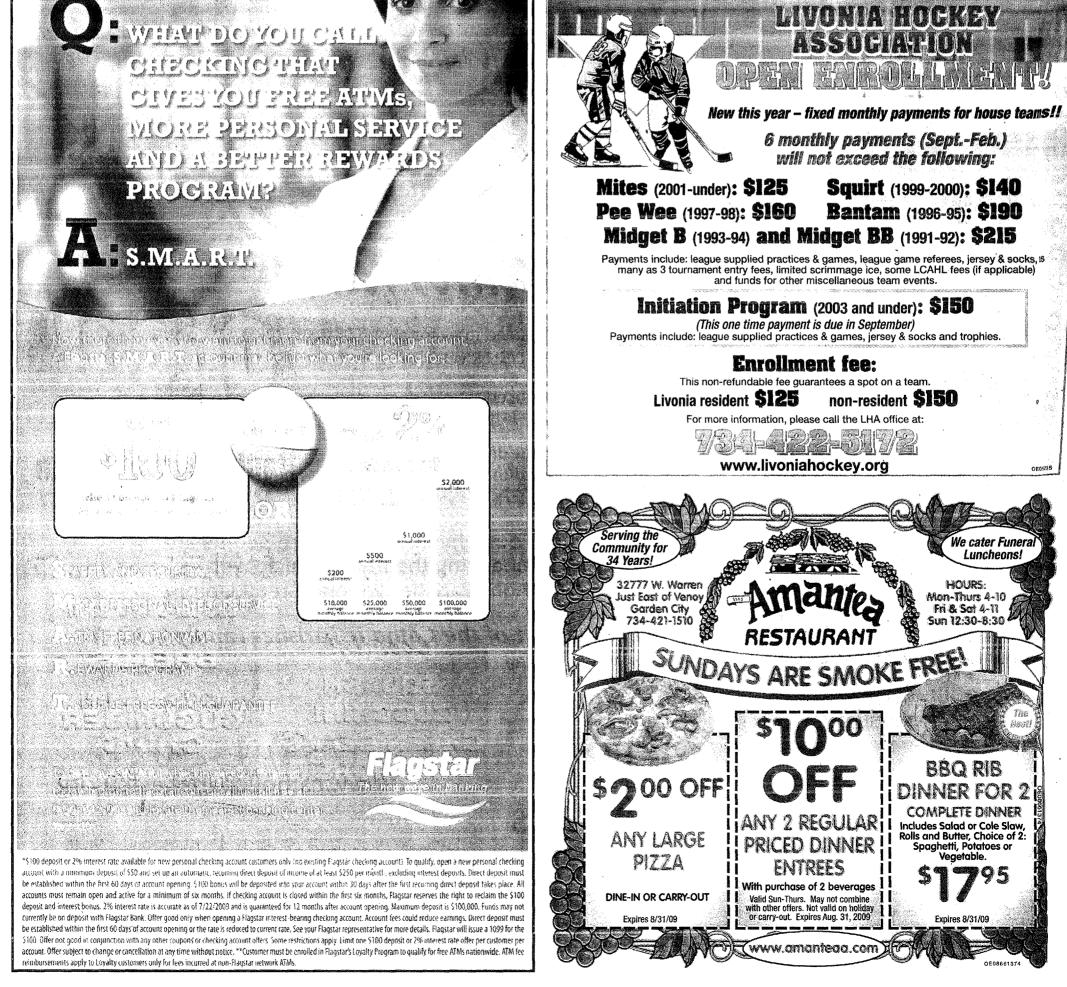
"We are working to expand our volunteer program and tap into the expertise of Canton residents to present programs to the rest of Canton," she said.

Simultaneously, officials hope to make the library more accountable to its patrons in how it operates and uses tax dollars.

"We do exist for them and we are here for them, and we want to make sure we're being responsible stewards of their tax dollars," Davis said. "We" want to be more transparent in how the library works."

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Comcast's digital move boosts offerings, services

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Comcast is looking for more room in the fast-changing digital world.

To find it, the cable television, telephone and Internet provider is introducing a program to get analog customers in its local territory — which includes Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township - to go digital.

Reducing analog use, company officials say, will create space on Comcast's fiber optics system for more digital channels, including high-definition channels, plus other services, such as faster Internet speeds and "universal" caller identification (the caller's phone number appears on one's television screen).

"We think it's one of the most important things we've done in quite a while," said Mike Cleland, a Comcast area vice president, at the company's regional center on Concept Drive in Plymouth Township.

More than 80 percent of local Comcast customers (and more than 70 percent in Michigan) already have digital service, but the enhancement will make more programming available to them as well as to many of the still-analog customers, officials said. Customers with high-definition capability and high-definition television sets will have access to more high-definition channels.

Analog Comcast customers who have at least expanded basic service – the Detroit area stations, local public access, education and government channels, plus popular



will continue to get their current channel lineup, Cleland said.

cable channels like CNN, Fox

Channel – are being offered,

at no extra charge, one digital

converter box per household.

The set-top box will provide

a digital signal, access to on-

demand programming (much

of it free), plus 45 music chan-

They will also be offered

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Comcast's Mike Cleland called taking customers digital "one of the most important things we've done in guite a while."

The move will help the company keep "ahead of the digital curve" and meet customer demand for more programming and services, Cleland said.

"They want more products, more variety. They want faster Internet speeds," he said.

Comcast officials hope to complete the transition in the Plymouth and Canton area by September, and are informing subscribers through letters, messages displayed on customers' television screens, and through word-of-mouth during scheduled visits by technicians.

Customers who need them can order the digital set-top

boxes and pick them up or have them delivered. Company officials say most customers will be able to connect the equipment themselves; those who can't or don't want to can have it installed for a one-time fee.

"It's an overwhelming positive when you look at all the variables," Cleland said. "This is a natural evolution. The world has gone digital."

Comcast, headquartered in Philadelphia, has about 1.2 million customers and about 4,200 employees in Michigan.

For more information on Comcast's digital enhancement program, or to order equipment, call, toll-free, 877-634-4434.

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Buy Michigan Now Festival starts Monday in Northville

A week-long festival, promoting the purchase of Michigan-made products and use of Michiganbased services, kicks off Monday in downtown Northville.

The Buy Michigan Now Festival features vendors and exhibits promoting Michigan-made products. Food, entertainment and guest speakers on energy, health, business and the economy are packed into the week-long event. (Go to hometownlife.com and see the Buy Michigan special section; for event schedule and updates, go

to buymichigannow.com.) Lisa Diggs, founder of the event, said many of the workshops and seminars will be worthwhile for area residents to attend, because they will address environmental and economic issues that affect us all.

Each day has a special theme, and Main Street in downtown Northville will be closed to traffic from Hutton to Wing streets for the various vendor booths Friday, Saturday and Sunday, beginning at 5 a.m. Center Street will remain open.

Lori Ward, director of Northville Downtown **Development Authority**, said Northville was selected as the host for the event because of its strong independent merchant base and because of events that were already scheduled in the city, including the Tunes on Tuesdays Children's Concert at Town Square, the Grub Crawl on Tuesday night,

the Farmers Market on Thursday morning and the Friday Night Concert.

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Monday's theme is "Going Green in the Eco-Peninsula," with speakers discussing how to reduce our carbon footprint and energy audits.

Tuesday is "Family, fun and food." Festival organizers are aiming the events at the next generation. Building pride and local buying habits start at an early age, Diggs said.

Wednesday's focus is wellness with Carolyn Simon of the Red Pepper Deli leading a discussion on preparing healthy dishes from Michigan foods. A free resume review will be available by a panel of human resources experts, 8-10 a.m.

"Creating Commerce" is theme for Thursday, with sessions on doing business in Michigan and careers in franchise ownership.

Friday is all about "Cultivating a Creative Economy," how art is having an economic impact. Northville's sidewalk sale with evening concerts and entertainment are also on tap. A panel discussion on the film industry will be held 2-4 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday events celebrate Michigan food, talent and innovation.

The timing of the festival was chosen to coincide with the official proclamation by Gov. Jennifer Granholm of July 27-Aug. 2, 2009, as "Buy Michigan Week" throughout the state.





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LOCAL NEWS

LTU seminars offer networking, resume help to unemployed

Lawrence Technological University will host a free networking reception and panel discussion for displaced workers with college degrees from 5-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, on its campus at 21000 West 10 Mile Road in Southfield.

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The networking reception and panel discussion are not restricted to Lawrence Tech alumni and students. Jobseekers will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from approximately 40 companies, according to Peg Pierce, director of Lawrence Tech's Office of Career Services.

A panel with representatives from several employment sectors will discuss what different employers are looking for from 5:30-6:30. p.m. and again from 7-8 p.m.

"This is a chance to talk to

people in different sectors about the knowledge base and skill sets they are looking for," Pierce said. "Job seekers can get a better idea of how to prepare themselves for today's challenging job market."

Displaced workers with college degrees should register in advance at ltu. edu/recovery/receptions.asp. Questions can be sent to recovery@ltu.edu. There are no fees to participate.

To help displaced workers prepare for the networking reception, The Ayers Group of Southfield - a career transition management firm and a division of Kelly Services Inc. of Troy – is teaming up with Lawrence Tech's Office of Career Services to offer a free workshop on networking from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, in the Science Building

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auditorium on the Lawrence program. These grants will Tech campus. Participants should register for these workshops in advance at ltu. edu/recovery/receptions.asp.

Ayers also will hold a workshop on using social media in a job search from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 18, at the same location. Additionally, from 1-4 p.m., Kelly recruiters representing specific industry sectors will review resumes with individual job applicants and provide feedback.

The networking reception and workshops are part of Lawrence Tech's \$3 million "Recovery Starts Here" stimulus package for displaced workers. The initiative includes 400 "Recovery Grants" that provide 50 percent of tuition for eligible displaced workers or their dependent children through the completion of a degree

enable displaced workers to take advantage of Lawrence Tech's expanded academic programs in areas such as sustainability, alternative energy and life sciences.

Students may also be eligible for further tuition assistance through the "No Worker Left Behind" program administered by Michigan Works!, essentially allowing them to attend Lawrence Tech tuition-free.

"These workshops and the networking reception are an important part of our outreach and service to the community during these difficult times," said Lawrence Tech President Lewis N.

Walker. "Our goal is to help match displaced workers with available jobs and help workers retool when necessary to take advantage of opportunities in emerging economic areas."

The Ayers Group, headquartered in New York City, operates five offices in New York, Connecticut, New Jersey and Michigan. Through its partnership with Career Partners International, The Ayers Group/CPI has offices in more than 175 locations throughout the United States, Europe, Canada, South America and the Pacific Rim.

world leader in workforce. management services and human resources solutions with headquarters in Troy. Kelly offers temporary staffing services, outsourcing, vendor on-site and full-time placement to clients on a global basis.

Lawrence Technological University, ltu.edu, offers nearly 100 undergraduate, master's and doctoral degree programs in colleges of architecture and design, arts and sciences, engineering and management.

Lawrence Tech's 102-acre campus is in Southfield, and programs are also offered in Detroit, Lansing, Petoskey and Traverse City.

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Writer fuses faith, adventure in book

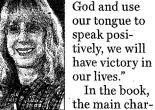
ean Marcoux is telling Harry Potter to "move over or get out of the way" in light of her new Christian adventure book for kids and adults.

Marcoux said her new book, "War of the Spirits: Knighthood of the Brethren," is an action-packed fiction tale about a boy who leads a team of young soldiers in spiritual battle. With their anti-gravitational boots, shields of faith and power to speak light into dark situations, the group learns to defeat demon after demon in a journey Marcoux said "gets more and more exciting with each antagonist."

Marcoux lives in Howell with her husband, Jim, who owns Marcoux Chiropractic in Livonia.

Marcoux said she's hoping the book will eventually become a series, gaining popularity like the Potter collection and leading people to live spiritually empowered lives.

"You can have power over darkness by using the whole armor of God," Marcoux said. "If we use the armor of



acter, Michael Marcoux

McKnight, leads a group of 40 young people against an atheist organization, a witch doctor, a group of greedy bandits and other enemies. Each battle teaches the group a lesson in spiritual growth, based on biblical principles found in Ephesians 6.

However, in the end, the book is also a story of love, Marcoux said.

"It's a love story about how God loves everyone and forgives them no matter what wrong they have done," she said.

Marcoux, an ordained minister, said the book is being considered for a video game and movie. She said the majority of proceeds from the book help fund Still Waters International Ministries, led by Marcoux and her husband, and includes an outreach program for underprivileged kids. She said the book is espe-

cially applicable to the children involved in her ministry.

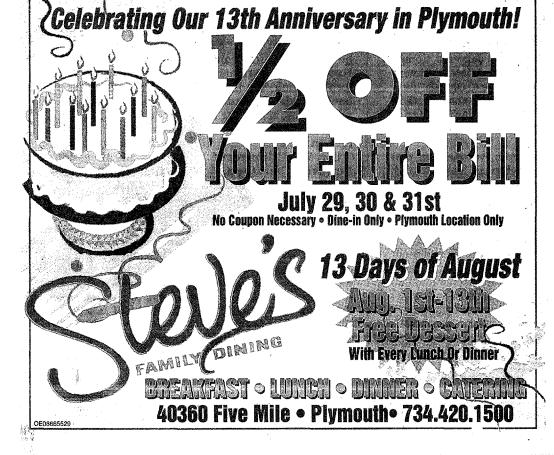
"Some of them have parents on drugs and live in all types of situations," Marcoux said. "These kids need to know they are powerful; they are not defeated."

The 206-page book was illustrated by Sandra Paja of South Lyon. Paja created the cover as well as several pictures inserted between chapters.

"I'm a person who usually draws happy little things and when I first drew those demons they were happy little demons," Paja said. "Jean had to get me to make them look not so happy. I think God used both of us to get the point across without making it a terrifying thing for kids."

For information on Marcoux's ministry, visit her Web site at www.stillwatersintl.com.

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Taste of home as close as ethnic markets

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BY LEANNE ROGERS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Everyone has their own version of comfort food and exactly what dishes have that familiar homey feel probably depends a lot on what you grew up eating.

Shoppers with a taste for foods from Mexico, South America and Africa can find plenty of choices at three businesses along Ford. Located just west of Wildwood, La Casita Supermercado offers imported groceries, specialty meat cuts and has an adjoining restaurant.

Three-quarters of our products are imported. We carry some products from South America – Venezuela – not just Mexico," said Rodolfo Martinez, who owns La Casita with his brother in-law, Erick Ortiz. "We have things that wouldn't be found in a regular grocery store."

But an especially popular item at the store happens to be made at a plant in Grand Rapids – El Milagro Tortillas.

"We sell 50 cases of those tortillas in a week. They taste closer to the tortillas in Mexico – the chips, too," said



It's a family affair at La Casita Supermercado in Westland. Rodolfo Martinez, who owns the business with his brother in-law, gets a hand from his nephew Eric Martinez and niece Jessica Martinez.

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a taquería - a restaurant -

adjoining the store. The family

also has a second restaurant in

"My aunt came from Mexico

for two years and taught us the

dishes. She owns a restaurant in

Mexico City," said Martinez. "It's

more authentic Mexican food."

Martinez. "The ones from southwest Detroit don't have as good a flavor but we carry them."

La Casita — little house in Spanish - offers baked goods and meats, including thinly cut beef for fajitas, really thin short ribs for grilling and deli meats imported from Mexico. Members of the extended

Martinez family work at the Westland store, which added La Casita Supermercado: 34707 Ford, Westland, (734) 326-La Espiga Dorada: 33223 Ford,

Garden City, (734) 425-1318 Winners African Market: 33676 Ford, Westland, (734) 437-1099

ETHNIC SPECIALTIES

Canton resident Yolanda

Rojas spontaneously praised the store and restaurant.

"It's so great that this store is here. I don't have to go to southwest Detroit anymore," said Rojas, who was looking for Mexican pastries her mother wanted to give as a gift. "They are all very nice and give very good service. The food in the restaurant is finger licking good."

As it happened, Rojas needed more sweet breads than La Casita had on hand but found what she needed a short distance further east on Ford in Garden City at La Espiga Dorada, the Golden Wheat in English, a Mexican bakery.

"There are not a lot of Mexican bakeries, but there are a lot of Mexican people," said Yolanda Garcia, who co-owns the bakery with her brother, Santiago.

"A lot of American people like Mexican bread, too. We make everything here, it's fresh daily," said Garcia, whose daughter Mareli translated her comments

Along with Mexican bread, which is thicker and larger than most American bread, another popular Mexican specialty is tres leche or three milk cake. Like La Casita, the bakery also offers moneygrams, Mexican bill paying and telephone calls.

Between the two Hispanic businesses, Abiola Mustapha has Winners African Market offering many items imported from her native Nigeria and other African countries.

The market offers cassava - a yam-like root vegetable - fresh or made into flour. Looking like a yam on steroids, the fresh cassava can be cut up and boiled, Mustapha

said, or the flour can be added to hot water.

"It's more like mashed potatoes, it's a taste of home," said Mustapha, who was a direct care worker before opening the store in September 2008. "A lot of products, you can get the same brand here but what comes from Africa tastes different."

Some products are distinctly African and unlikely to be found in American grocery stores, for example, palm oil.

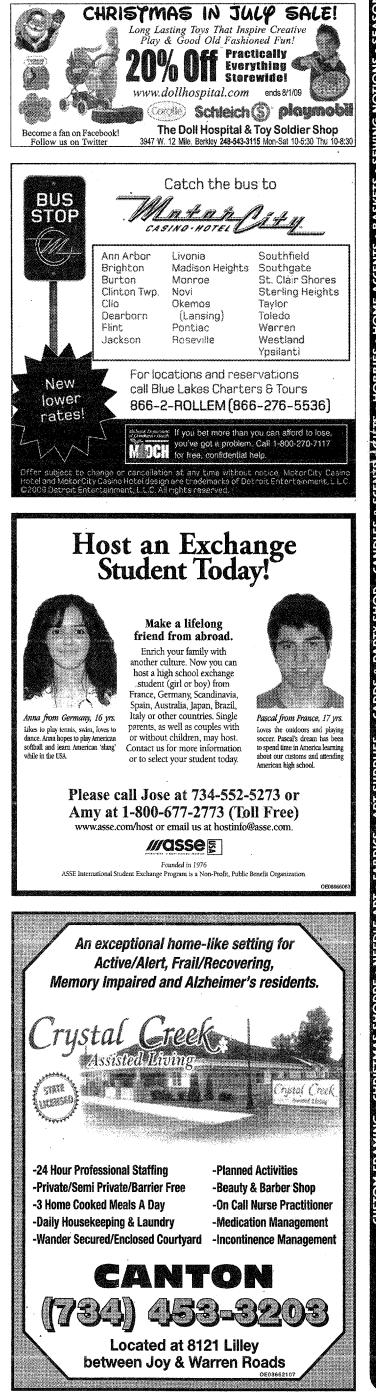
"It's a red oil used for cooking, you don't have it here," she said.

Another unusual item is egusi, melon seeds that are available whole or ground, and dried round okra, which is used as a thickener. There is dried shrimp, frozen goat meat, dried peppers and plantain chips.

"We get some American customers who what to try something, they will ask me how to make it," said Mustapha, a Westland resident.

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Let the games begin

Society brings back longest-running Scottish festival

An event touted by organizers as the longest-running Scottish festival in North America is returning to Livonia Thursday through Saturday.

The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit is celebrating the 160th anniversary of its annual Highland Games at Historic Greenmead Park, located at Newburgh and Eight Mile.

'There's a wee bit of something for everyone. The games are a familyoriented event bringing all things Scottish to metro Detroit," said Scott David of Plymouth, president of St. Andrew's Society of Detroit. Children 12 and under are admitted free. "It's a great stay-cation," David said.

This year's games feature a combination of Scottish history, pageantry, athleticism and Celtic entertainment.

Some of the many scheduled activities include a heavy athletics professional invitational, solo bagpipe and bagpipe band competitions, drum major and drumming competition and Highland dance competition. Other events include the Tug O'War competition featuring the reigning champions from the Livonia Fire Department, Wee Bairns Games for children ages 4-11, two

HIGHLAND GAMES

What: Highland Games featuring Movie Night in the Park, Ceilidh, pipe bands, dancing competitions and athletic competitions. When: Thursday, Friday and Saturday Where: Greenmead Historical

Park, near the corner of Newburgh and Eight Mile, Livonia For ticket and event information, visit www.highlandgames.com

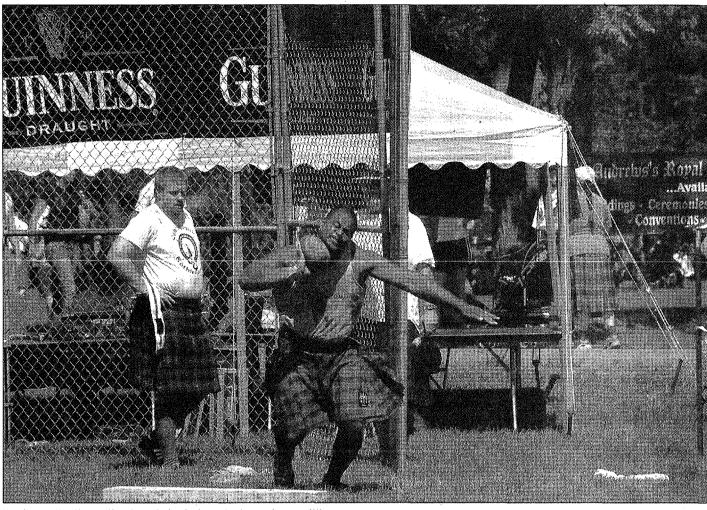
entertainment tents, genealogy and clan tents and a display of animals native to Scotland.

The festival kicks off with Movie Night in the Park, a free admission event with a \$5 parking fee from dusk to 11 p.m. The Waterhorse: Legend of the Deep will be shown outdoors.

Blankets, coolers and lawn chairs are permitted, but no alcoholic beverages are allowed. Popcorn and beverages are available for purchase at Movie Night.

The Ceilidh (pronounced Kay-Lee) will be 5-11 p.m. Friday, and the 160th annual Highland Games from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

Ceilidh tickets must be purchased in advance and are \$15, with free admission for children 5 and under. Entertainment on Friday features Detroit's own Celtic groups with



Harrison Bailey throws the stone during last year's stoneput competition.

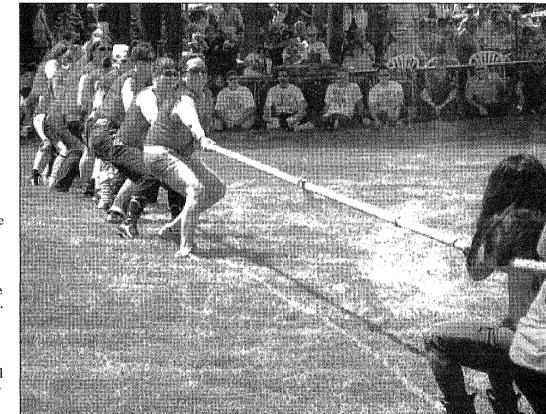
String Cheese and The Kreellers, and also Alex Beaton, NeedFire and Tartanic.

One of the festival highlights is the Highland dance championships. Nearly 150 dancers from primary to premier – will high-step their way Saturday.

Pipe bands will perform at the games, including the Shrine Highlanders of Detroit, the Michigan Scottish Pipe Band and the Caber Feidh Pipe Band of Canton, among others.

Top competitors will toss everything from large stones to hammers and the caber, a large wooden pole.

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the heavy athletics competition the hallmark of the games.

'We're very fortunate to have most of the continent's top performers coming to compete year after year," say Kurt Pauli, a former four-time champion of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit Highland Games. For more information on tickets and events, visit www.highlandgames.com.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS **BOARD BY-LAWS**

By-Law Nos. 0164.1: Regular Meetings - Time, Place, and **Notification**

Regular meetings of the Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, shall be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month (except on the fourth Tuesday in July, November and December at 7:00 p.m. at the following location (except as agreed herein) unless otherwise directed by a majority vote of the members:

> E. J. McClendon Educational Center 454 South Harvey Street Plymouth, Michigan 48170

By-Law No. 0164.2 Special Meetings - Time, Place, and Notification

Special meetings of the Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, may be called by the President of the Board, or any two members thereof, by serving on the other members a written notice of the day, time, and place of such special meetings, or by a majority vote of the Board.

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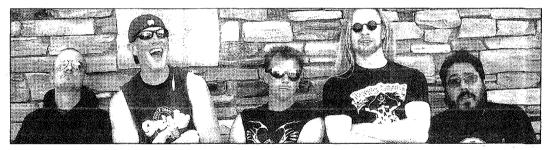
- Delivering the notices to the members personally at least 1. twenty-four (24) hours before such meeting is to take place, or
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- Depositing the notice in a government mail receptacle enclosed in a sealed envelope plainly addressed to such member at his/ her last known address at least seventy-two (72) hours before such meeting is to take place.

Services as above described may be made by a member of the Board or any employee of the Board.

PUBLIC NOTICE of each special meeting and of each rescheduled regular or special meeting shall be given by posting a copy of the NOTICE on the message board by the front entrance to the E. J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time of the meeting.

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This Tug O' War competition features the Derby Girls versus the Demolition.



- Compiled by Ken Abramczyk Tartanic performs Friday at Greenmead.

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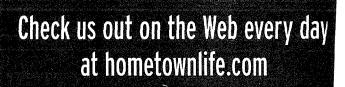
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Consider factors before buying low-cost homes

Q: Dear Rick: I found out I can buy houses in Detroit for as low as \$1,000. My game plan is to buy six or seven houses and then rent them. My problem is I don't have the money to buy the homes. However, this a great opportunity and I



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IRA account. I have about \$10,000 in my IRA. I am 27 and if this goes well, I will be able to quit my job and live off the rent. Can you tell me the best way to finance the homes?

A: In addition to financing the purchase there are a number of other issues you need to consider. First and foremost, you need to consider how difficult it is to be a landlord. It is not easy, in fact, it is one of the most difficult jobs. My advice is to talk to someone who is a landlord so you will understand what is involved before you purchase the homes. There are many books written by landlords that will be helpful to you. Another issue to consider is the homes are probably not in any condition to be rental property. Many of the homes being sold for

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rock bottom prices in the city need substantial work. Before you buy an investment property know what it is going to cost to put it in the proper condition to rent.

In calculating your costs, don't forget to include legal fees. Not only are there going to be some to purchase the home, but also to ensure that, as a landlord, you dot options to get all of the "I's" and cross all of the "T's." As a landlord

you have certain legal obligations.

As to financing the homes, I do not recommend using your IRA. If you withdraw money from your IRA, you have to pay taxes and a 10 percent early withdrawal penalty. By the time you pay state and federal taxes, along with early withdrawal penalties, you can lose up to 40 percent of your money. It is possible to purchase

the property within your IRA. The problem with this alternative is there are other complications that enter into the equation such as an IRA trustee.

Most trustees such as Schwab, Fidelity and Vanguard would not allow this type of an investment within an IRA. Therefore, in order to accomplish this you have to use a special trustee and in your situation that

does not seem justified. Using a charge card and

taking the cash advance also makes no sense. Not only will you have to pay high rates of interest on a cash advance (at least 18.5 percent) but the money would not be tax deductible. I am not a fan of using credit cards to finance purchases.

There is no doubt that there are real estate deals out there and that a smart entrepreneur can capitalize on the collapse of the real estate market. However, as any landlord will tell you, it is not easy. My advice is to proceed, but with caution. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

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ldyl Wild to host junior tourney

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For the fifth year in a row, the Livonia-based Wolverine Sports and Conservation Club is spearheading a Junior Golf Tournament with the goal of helping youngsters perhaps discover the game.

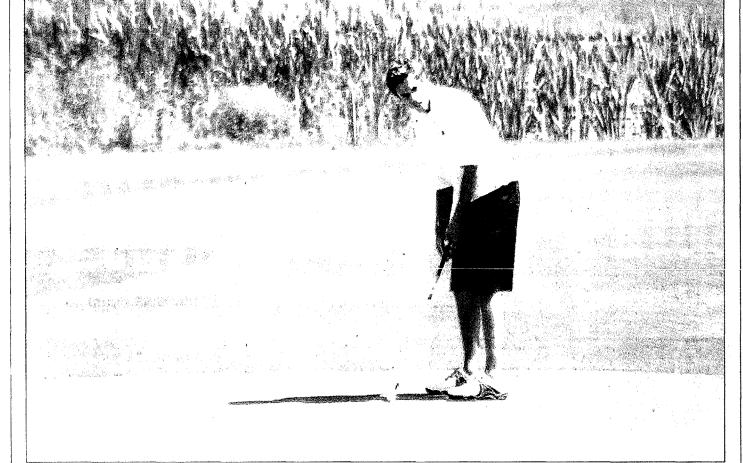
This year's event is set to begin at noon Sunday, Aug. 9, at Idyl Wild Municipal Golf Course, located on Five Mile between Newburgh and Farmington roads in Livonia.

"We had 75 or 80 kids last year," Wolverine board member Bob Murray said. "We'd like to double that this year."

Those who register by the Sunday, Aug. 2, deadline will have the chance to compete in boys or girls divisions for the following age brackets: ages 15-17, 13-14 and 10-12. There will be two prizes awarded to the top golfers in all six brackets (three divisions each for boys and girls).

"But there is no sameday registration or registration at the golf course," said Murray, who also has been a high school hockey and baseball coach at Redford Union in recent years.

Murray stressed that those who want to take part in Wolverine's fifth annual Junior Golf Tournament must call him to do so at



Max Kollin of Farmington Hills competes for the first time on an international stage in the Junior Optimist Golf Championships.

Teen meets international challenge

BY DAN O'MEARA OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Max Kollin of Farmington Hills is one of three area teens venturing into the big time at The Optimist International Junior Golf Championships.

Kollin, 15, is among some of the best young golfers in the world who are competing at the PGA National Resort in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Thirty countries are represented, including 38 states and Canadian provinces. There are 14 Michigan golfers among the 650 boys and girls in four age groups.

Kollin, who will be a sophomore at North Farmington High School, was in the 14-15 division, which concludes its three-day, 54-hole tournament Monday.

Two other area golfers also qualified — Plymouth's Zak Fadden (12-13) and Farmington's Ian Ellis (16-18), a June graduate of Farmington High and a member of the All-Observer first team.

"I'm just looking forward to having a great time," Kollin said Thursday night. "I'm sure it will be a lot of fun." It's the first national event for Kollin, who did aspire to play well, obviously, and was ready to give it his best shot.

"I'm definitely looking forward to putting my name on the leaderboard," he said.

"I was looking at some past scores, and I think one or two under par for the tournament could win it.

"I'm looking to do pretty good one day and have two other sub-par rounds." Kollin was a key player and consis-

Please see INTERNATIONAL, B2

Hitting, pitching spark Canton 9U Cubs

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



GAME WRAPS

Ladies football camp

The second annual Lady Hawks Football Camp will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at Farmington Harrison High School.

The camp is open to any female wanting to learn football. Members of the Harrison coaching staff will be the camp instructors.

The camp includes station drills, chalk talk and film, conditioning and a short scrimmage. Lunch will be provided. Ladies should bring workout clothes, tennis shoes and courage.

The cost is \$30. Checks should be payable to HHS Football Boosters — Hawks Camp and mailed to Tammy Levitan at 27672 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills, MI 48336. Levitan can answer questions about the camp at (248) 345-8135.

Hawks golf scramble

The Farmington Harrison Football Boosters will have their fifth annual golf scramble Sunday, Aug. 9, at Cattails Golf Club in South Lyon.

The 18-hole event begins at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start. The cost is \$90 per person and includes golf, cart, hot dog at the turn, prizes and steak dinner. . To participate, call Al Upchurch at 248-473-3994. Make checks payable to Harrison Football Boosters and mail to Al Upchurch,

28109 Statler Lane, Farmington Hills, MI 48334.

All-star spiker

Katey Ramthun, a graduate of Lutheran Westland High School, will be a participant in Friday's Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches

(734) 751-4466.

Those who register by Aug. 2 will receive the following from Wolverine, free of charge: 18 holes of golf, lunch and a T-shirt.

Meanwhile, fliers about the tournament are available at Livonia's three public golf courses.

Wolverine Sports and Conservation, a nonprofit group, donates \$50,000 annually toward different activities based on recreation, fitness and conservation, Murray said.

According to the group, its goals "include the introduction and support of community-based sports and recreation programs." Talk about a juggernaut.

The 9U Cubs of the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association rolled to a 10-1 regular season record, good enough to capture their division.

It didn't hurt to have six players with at least a .500 batting average or a pitching staff that struck out 132 batters in 51 innings. The entire team's batting average was over .400.

"Some of these boys have been playing baseball together for five years," said head coach Bill Boyd about the outstanding season. "(There's) great team chemistry."

The Cubs focus on "working hard, listening and having fun," noted Boyd, continuing that great support from parents makes coaching an enjoyable experience.

Players who made the 2009 team so successful were many.

At the top of the list were the co-MVPs, pitcher Joe Watson and catcher Brendan Olepa.

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Celebrating their recent clinching of their division are the 9U Cubs of the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association, coached by Bill Boyd and Ed Olepa.

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Michigan Rams register 20th collegiate baseball win

BY JIM TOTH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Rams continued their strong play over the second half of the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League campaign as they posted a 3-0 shutout of the Michigan Blue Knights Wednesday evening at Ford Field. Kyle Vesey's double in the sixth inning broke a scoreless tie and the Rams went on to score two more times in the frame as they recorded their 20th win against nine losses. Vesey finished with two hits, two RBI and one run scored, while teammate Ryan Abraham ripped three hits in three trips and scored one run. Brett Mazmanian had the other hit for the Rams.

A trio of Rams pitchers combined to limit the Knights (17-15) to five hits and struck out eight batters. Tom Whiting tossed the first four innings, Ben Schroeder came on to pitch the fifth and sixth frames and got the win, and Ryan Abraham struck out the side in the seventh to earn the save.

Matt Mahalak took the loss for the Knights after giving up all six hits and being charged with the three runs.

Tony Pounders had two hits for the Knights and Frank Persichino, Brandon Schwanz and Chris Stephens picked up one each. Association All-Star Game to be held at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek. A pair of semifinal games will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the consolation and finals schedule for 7:30 p.m.

Ramthun, selected to the All-Observer First Team in 2008, helped her Warrior teammates to a 46-6-5 overall ledger in last fall and a runner-up finish to Battle Creek St. Philip in Division 4 state tournament play.

New PCHA Web site

The Plymouth Canton Hockey Association has a new Web site (www.usahockey.com/plymouthcantonhockey) and registration for the fall instructional program and teams is ongoing.

Fall ball signup

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball/Softball Association is accepting registration from youth between the ages of 4-14 and for the Fall Baseball season. Games begin in mid August and continue through early October.

For more information, call (734) 483-5600 or email cott@canton-mi.org.



MEN'S SENIOR PUBLINX GOLF RESULTS

The Michigan Publinx Seniors Golf Association had its eighth of 14 tournaments July 18 at Selfridge Golf Course in Macomb County. The tournament produced 16 winners from a handicapped field of 75 players (50 years and older) representing 13 communities in southeast Michigan.

The low gross player was Mike Phillips of Bloomfield Hills who shot a 3-under-par 69. Phillips also leads the field in the Briegel Cup standings (low gross score relative to age).

For more information, visit www.mpsga.org or call 734-207-7888. The prize winners by flight are as follows:

Flight A (Gross/Net) - first: Dan Sutherland, Northville (77/65); second: (tie) Kyu Kim, Bloomfield Hills (72/67); Mike Phillips, Bloomfield Hills (69/67);

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Alan Teeter, West Bloomfield (77/67)

fifth: Harry Hicks, Commerce Twp. (79/68). Flight B (Gross/Net) - first: Anthony McCauley, Detroit (80/65); second: (tie) Albert David, White Lake (84/70); John Dodd, Farmington Hills (85/70); fourth: (tie) Jim Adams, Southfield (86/72); Marty Schine, West

Bloomfield (89/72). Flight C (Gross/Net) - first: (tie) Randall Bisby, Clinton Twp. (86/67); Daniel Stankewitz, Harrison Twp. (92/67); third: (tie) Morris DeFever, Shelby Twp. (92/68); Lacy Wright, Dearborn (90/68); fifth: Larry DuBois, Bloomfield Twp. (94/69).

The Michigan Publinx Seniors Golf Association had its seventh tournament July 9 at Fieldstone Golf Club in Auburn Hills.

The tournament produced 25 winners from a handi-

capped field of 111 players (50 years and older) representing 20 communities in southeast Michigan. The low gross players were Clifford Davis of

Rochester Hills and Mike Phillips of Bloomfield Hills. Both shot 73. Phillips also leads the field in the Briegel Cup standings (low gross score relative to age).

The prize winners by flight are as follows. For mMore information, go online to www.mpsga.org or call 734-207-7888.

Flight A (Gross/Net) - first place: Clifford Davis, Rochester Hills (73/67); second: (tie) David McTear, Redford (79/69); Jim Mlynarczyk, Northville (77/69); Sal Petrulis, (79/69); fifth: Mike Phillips, Bloomfield Hills (73/70); sixth: (tie) Everett Bailey, Manchester (78/71); Larry Brady, Shelby Twp. (80/71).

Flight B (Gross/Net) - first: Larry Bell, Fenton (79/61);

second: (tie) Dennis Frantz, Wixom (83/66); Paul Sleboda, Auburn Hills (81/66); fourth: Christopher Frye, Clawson (81/67); fifth: David Piasecki, Farmington Hills (81/68).

Flight C (Gross/Net) - first: Rick Reichenbach, Rochester Hills (85/65); second: Dan Moore, Plymouth (89/67); third: Gerry Garcia, St. Clair Shores (91/68); fourth: (tie) Ron Bisby, St. Clair Shores (90/69); Bill Landrem, Fenton (89/69); sixth: (tie) Curt Wagner, White Lake (88/70); Thomas Yagley, Madison Heights (88/70)

Flight D (Gross/Net) - first: (tie) Richard Comiskey, Canton (91/66); Maurice DeCock, Macomb (95/66); third: (tie) Daniel Hajduk, Dearborn (98/67); Tom Kurczewski, Shelby Twp. (102/67); fifth: (tie) Fred Hackstock, Lake Orion (96/68); John Pullum, (97/68).

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tent low scorer for North Farmington's championship varsity team as a freshman the past spring.

He has a three handicap, which is up slightly from a low of 2:3, and he has an average 18-hole score of 75 on his home course at Twin Beach Country Club in West Bloomfield.

Kollin won the Optimist district tournament in Farmington Hills, and he tied Sean Friel of Rochester Hills for first place in the state tourney at Shanty Creek.

Both shot one-under 71s. Friel won a one-hole playoff, but both golfers had already qualified for the national event.

Kollin was anticipating a practice round Friday and his first look at the PGA National championship course, the site of the Honda Classic.

"It's a different style grass; it's pretty fast," he said. "I understand (the course is) pretty tough. The pros have a little trouble with it, so I'm sure it will be harder for us."

Kollin's father, Jim, said the course is shortened for the younger players, which benefits the ones who don't hit the ball as far off the tee.

"Max is a long driver," he said. "He's used to playing against kids who are 17 and 18. It would be better if it was 7,000 yards, so he can take the driver and boom it.

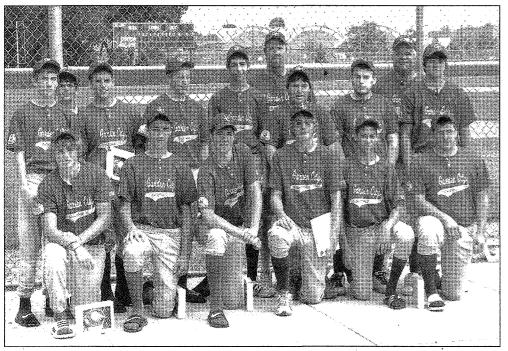
"He'll have to play it smart with an iron off the tee. They try to make it fair for the younger kids, but some big hitters have to tone it down."

Kollin started swinging a golf club before he was 3, and he was ready for the golf course a few years later.

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GC Colts carry on

The Garden City Colts 16U Tournament Team won the Sectional District Tournament on July 17-18 and advanced to the State Finals Tournament in Grand Ledge taking place Friday through Sunday. Team members include: (front row, from left) Spencer Dowd, Eric Trigg, Chad Bauschat, Matt Wright, Robert Shelton and Greg Emery; back row (from left) Cody Crane, coach/scorekeeper Allison Shelton, P.J. Peters, James Nutt, Andrew McGrath. coach Rob Wright, Claude Johnson, Chris Oziemski, coach Mark Barikmo and Kirk Barikmo.



Blues win 13-under crown

The 13-and-under South Farmington Blues won the Kensington Valley AAA Travel North Open Division with a record of 12-5 -1. The Blues also won the Wolves Challenge tournament at Founders Sports Park May 31 and the Blues Invitational June 14. In the championship games, they defeated the Lakes Area Dodgers, 13-1, and the Anchor Bay Angels, 12-2, respectively. The Blues are (front row, left to right) Daniel Hackert, Michael Militello, Reede Burnett, Mark Gossett, Michael Carty, (middle row) David Lett, Brandon Jurczyszyn, Brad King, Brady Jones, Ross Williams, McCoy Sloan, (back row) coaches Paul Hackert, Rick Williams, Joe Jones and Sean Carty.



FOUNDERS FESTIVAL RACE RESULTS

FARMINGTON FOUNDERS FESTIVAL FOUR-MILE ROAD RACE RESULTS July 18 in Farmington

Overall female winner: Angela Matthews, age 25, fifth place Female masters winner: Cindy Bradley, age 43, 42nd place

overall, 26:48. Female 12-under

1. Madeline Trevisan, 11, 133rd overall, 33:22; 2. Kelly Smith, 10, 147th, 34:51; 3. Emma Bradley, 11, 196th, 38:28; 4. Jillian Adolf, 11, 197th, 38:29; 5. Jacqueline Carbone, 11, 199th, 38:30; 6. Abby Sampson, 11, 210th, 39:13; 7. Jenna Voorman, 11, 230th, 40:17.

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Female 55-59 1. Lauren Brockman, 58, 159th, 35:56; 2. Lisa Speck, 56, 261st, 13:54.

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1. Maryann Dormady, 71,-263rd, 1:04:30. Overall male winner: 1. Ricardo Galindo, age 17, first place

Male masters winner: 1. Mark Wright, age 44, ninth place overall, 23:42.

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1. Douglas Tischler, 9, 235th, 41:13; 2. David Tischler, 4, 236th, 41:13. Male 13-14

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1. James Caporali, 67, 124th, 32:55; 2. Richard Waldecker, 66, 250th. 44:55

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1. Ed Funk, 71, 154th, 35:30; 2. Larry Mishler, 72, 170th, 36:39; 3. George Douglas, 71, 234th, 41:05. Male 75-79

1. Fred Hagen, 79, 193rd, 38:10 Male 80-over 1. Kingsley Sears, 81, 258th, 47:26.

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Amazin' Rays

Celebrating an undefeated regular season and Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association U10 Tournament Championship are the 'Amazin' Rays.' The Rays finished 11-0-1 in division play and then went 3-0 in the Upper Division Bracket in the tourney. The team includes (bottom row, from left) Zachary Gallaher, Matt Brooks, Matt Lessel, Jacob Snyder, Jack Boczar and Shane Prevo: (middle row, from left) Robert Barnes. Joshua Rubis, Zachary McVicker, David Gunnis, Alex White, Joshua Janovsky, Drew Posh, Garret Barkume; (top row, from left) assistant coach Steve Barnes, head coach Jeff Boczar and assistant coach Keith Rubis.



Hot Dragons

The Canton Dragons beat four other teams to secure the U11 Division Championship in the 3-v-3 Micro-Soccer Shootout organized by Michigan Men's Soccer and held July 18 at the University of Michigan. Dragons players pictured (from left) are Ammar Chishti, Jeremy Coleman, Avery Felty and Matt Turton.

SWIMMING RESULTS

PLEASANT RIDGE 302 BEECHVIEW BREAKERS 266 July 6 at Beechview

Beechview single winners - Girls: Julia Zink, 8-under, 25 Breast, 28,69; Mikayla Doepker, 11-12, 50 Breast, 44.34, Miranda Shelly, 13-14, 50 Fly, 34.13; Erin Grubbs, 15-18, 50 Breast, 40.37; Boys:

Austin Bruckman, 9-10 50 Fly, 52.02; Tyler Roshak, 11-12 50 Back, 37.22; Grant Borregard, 13-14 100 IM, 1:18.25.

Bechview double winners – Girls: Madison Ruffin, 9-10, 50 Fly, 39.41; 50 Back, 40.69; Katie Romero, 9-10, 50 Breast, 47.98; 50 Free, 36.84; Marina Borri, 13-14, 50 Breast, 37.73; 100 IM, 115.57; 0livia Rath, 13-14, 50 Back, 34.09; 50 Free, 30.25; Miranda Doepker, 15-18, 50 Fly, 31.17; 50 Back, 34.06; Marissa Doepker, 15-18, 100 Free 1:03.93; 100 IM, 1:14.45; Boys: David Ratze; 9-10, 50 Back, 41.14; 50 Free, 35.25; Jonathan Maue, 13-14, 50 Fly, 37.92; 50 Breast, 43.31; Peter Romero, 13-14, 50 Back, 36.86; 50 Free, 30.19. Beechview relay winners – Mixed 40-year 200 free (Karena Ratze,

Kimberly Lindberg, Julia Borri, Caroline Reamer), 2:39.87; Mixed 40 and unde 200 medley (Madison Ruffin, Katie Romero, Bridget Smith, David Ratze), 2:47.77; Girls 52-year 200 medley (Paige Kondek, Marina Borri, Olivia Rath Emily Brunett), 2:18.38; Boys 52-year 200 medley (Tyler Roshak, Jonathan

Maue, David Mack, James Mack), 2:25.93; Girls 66-year 200 free (Erin Grubbs, Katie Tyler, Miranda Doepker, Marissa Doepker), 2:00.59 **BEECHVIEW BREAKERS 286**

WOODBROOKE HILLS 278 July 9 at Woodbrooke Hills

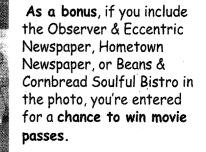
Beechview single winners - Girls: Caroline Reamer, 11-12, 100 IM, 1:21,29; Emily Brunett, 11-12, 50 Fly, 35.43; Boys: Andrew Hoelscher, 8 under, 25 Free, 21.90; David Mack, 15-18, 100 IM, 1:09.95; David Olson, 15-18, 50 Fly, 32.12.

Beechview double winners – Girls: Karena Ratze, 8-under, 25 Free, 19: 25 Fly, 25.35; Katie Romero, 9-10, 50 Breast, 47.85; 50 Back, 44.00; Bridget 25 Free, 19.95; Smith, 9-10, 50 Fly, 43,29; 50 Free, 37.97; Marina Borri, 13-14, 50 Breast, 37.42; 100 IM, 1:15.09; Olivia Rath, 13-14, 50 Back, 33.14; 50 Free, 29.9; Miranda Doepker, 15-18, 50 Back, 34.59; 100 Free, 1:04.73; Marissa Doepker, 15-18, 100 IM, 1:13.33; 50 Fly, 31.65; Boys: David Ratze, 9-10, 50 Fly, 39.87; 50 Free, 34.85; Peter Romero, 13-14, 50 Back, 37.38; 50 Free, 30.06.

Beechview relay winners - Mixed 40-under 200 free (Karenna Ratze Kimberly Lindberg, James Mack, Caroline Reamer), 2:40.27; Girls 52-year 200 medley (Olivia Rath, Marina Borri, Emily Brunett, Ellen Leever), 2:17.11; Girls 66year 200 free (Erin Grubbs, Katie Tyler, Miranda Doepker, Marissa Doepker), 2:00.34

Family Fun Contest

Show us how your family spends fun family times together and you could win a \$60 aift certificate from Beans & Cornbread Soulful Bistro in Southfield, MI. Simply take a photo of your family fun along with a brief caption explaining the family activity.



All entries will be judged based on fun and creativity. Email pictures to: cbjordan@hometownlife.com with the subject line "Family Fun" or mail to. Choya Jordan, Observer & Eccentric Newspaper, 615 W. Lafayette Blvd, 2nd Level, Detroit, MI 48226.

Contest runs July 26 - Aug 23, 2009. Winners will be notified. Pictures may be selected for publication. Pictures will not be returned. Pictures size must not exceed 10 MB.

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• North Farmington High School will have a football skills camp 8 a.m. to noon July 27-30 for any football player entering the ninth through 12th grade in the 2009-10 school year.

The cost is \$75. The camp will be conducted by the North coaching staff. Each player will need football cleats, gym shoes, workout clothes and helmet with mouth guard. Helmets should be provided by the player's high school.

To register contact coach Todd Schultz at either Todd. schultz@farmington.k12.mi.us or 248-888-6263.

• The Popps QB Tutor summer camps will be making stops in the area including:

Plymouth/Canton Area QB-WR - 1-2:30 p.m., July 27-30, at Heritage Park (grades 3-12).

For more information, visit poppsqbtutor.com; or e-mail Richard Popp at: the qbtutor@ yahoo.com.

All sports

• The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering a variety of summer sports programs and several clinics. The summer programs, through Aug. 17, will focus on fun, exercise and social interaction through instruction and include "Kickers and Shooters" soccer, preschool and youth basketball, preschool soccer class, preschool and youth baseball.

Morning and evening classes are available; ages vary by program but there is something for children between ages 3-9. Programs are open to YMCA members and community members.

A pair of clinics also are on tap through Plymouth Family YMCA.

Those include soccer (July 28 through Aug. 1, ages 6-9) and basketball (Aug. 4-8, ages 6-9).

Call (734) 453-2904; or visit *www.ymcadetroit.org* for information.

Basketball

• Madonna University will be staging its 35th annual All-Star camp for boys (ages 8-15) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 27-31.

The cost is \$175 per player. For more information, visit madonnacrusaders.com.

Cross country

• Madonna University will stage its summer 2009 base cross country camp from 8-9:45 a.m., Monday through Friday, July 27-31, at cost of \$70. MU will also stage long runs from 7:30-9 a.m. Saturday, July 25, Aug. 1 and 8 at Cass Benton Park (\$2 for each session).

For more information, call MU cross country coach Pat Daugherty evenings at (734) 658-0226 (cell); or (734) 432-5634 (office). You can also email pdaugherty@madonna. edu.

For more information, call (734) 642-6664.

Volleyball

CAMPS/CLINICS

• Schoolcraft College will offer a girls volleyball camp July 27-30 (cost \$150).

For more information, call the Schoolcraft College Athletic Department at (734) 462-4804, ext. 3; or e-mail athletic director Sid Fox at sfox@schoolcraft.edu.

• St. Fabian volleyball coach Jason Gold and his staff of varsity high school and college players will conduct a volleyball skills camp July 27-30 at St. Fabian.

The \$75 fee provides campers with 12 hours of volleyball training (four three-hour sessions). The camp is for girls entering the third through eighth grades.

Campers will be divided by age, with grades 3-6 going from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and grades 7-8 from 2:45 to 5:45

The Bowl-4-Animal Rescue Benefit

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tions, raffles, door prizes and karaoke.

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p.m. Campers should bring a water bottle, knee pads, T-shirt (no tank tops) and volleyball shoes.

Registration is limited to the first 50 girls who register and send their payment. Checks should be payable to Coach Jason Gold and mailed to: Jason Gold, 30056 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334.

The St. Fabian gym is located at 32200 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, (on the north side of 12 Mile, west of Orchard Lake). Call 248-538-7269 with questions.

• Plymouth Salem High School will host a volleyball camp July 27-29 for students in grades 5-12. Sessions will run from 1-4 p.m. for those in grades 5-10 and 5-7 p.m. for grades 11-12. Cost is \$75 per camper.

For more information, email asuder4@aol.com.

• Plymouth varsity volleyball coach Kelly McCausland is hosting a camp for those entering grades 6-10, to take place 1-4 p.m. Monday, July 27, through Wednesday, July 29. The camp is slated for Plymouth High School.

The fee is \$65. Contact McCausland at mccausk@taylor.k12.mi.us for more information.



Pompon prowess

On July 12, the Plymouth Varsity Pompon team competed at the Mid American Pompon Summer Camp at Northwood University. After receiving a first place each night during evaluations and again on final day the team was awarded Grand Champs as well as first place on their senior kick 'Reese's Pieces' routine. Other accomplishments included winning the Day 2 'Peppy Poms' and the 'Knock Your' Socks Off Award' for outstanding spirit. Members of the squad are as follows: (front row, from left) Lindsev Martin, Chelsea Schroeder, Allison Santori, Kirsten Engstrom, Danielle Gomrick, Nichole Finch, Jennifer Turner, Laura Krahel, and Jillian Covault: (middle row, from left) Katie Shelton, Hayley Wakefield, Megan Laporte, Anjelica Janevski, Lauren Uhlian, Kelly Connelly, Christina Winkler, Kendall Torp, Holin Pardikes, Maddy Kinsella, Staff Sister Trina; (back row, from left) Kimberlin Butler, Megan Birdwell, Tiffany Granowicz, Holly Runyan, Katie Justice, Emma Buchele, Kirstie Liakos, Christina Dreyer, Dominica Convertino and Coach Maria Hernandez.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

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Baseball tryouts

The fledgling Motor City River Sharks of the Kensington Valley Baseball/Softball Association will be holding tryouts for the 2010 season late next month.

Tryouts for the River Sharks' 10U travel team are slated for 2-to-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22 and Sunday, Aug. 30, both at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Registration both days will take place at 1:30 p.m. For more information, email motorcityriversharks@gmail.com.



Other key hurlers included Jeremy Armstead, Chase Every and Jacob Hazel.

Those .500 batters included Armstead, Every, Watson, Mike Collins, Brad Byars and Kevin Swope.

Chipping in when called upon were the Cubs' remaining players, Brandon Boyd, Nick Grimaldi, Noah DeGuzman, Zach Craft and Cal O'Donnell. Boyd's assistant coach was Ed Olepa.

Meanwhile, Boyd is looking forward to coaching a second team.

Tryouts are slated for next month for the new

10U Motor City River Sharks travel baseball team. For more information, send an email to motor-`cityriversharks@gmail.com.

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C122	Michael Grace	30 Boxes, Tools, 10 Totes
C182	Laura Anderson	8 Totes, 10 Boxes, Table
C188	Phillip Greenshields	Tools, 4 Speakers, 5 Boxes
D113	Ronald Alexander	Hand Truck, BBQ Pitt, Fishing Rods
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E107	Alan Glassgow	Luggage, 20 Boxes, 20 Bags
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Kids rock out at annual day camp

All Saints School in Canton was one rockin' place to be the last two weeks as young musicians sang, strummed guitars, beat drums and played keyboards at DayJams, a national music program that offers summer camps in local communities.

Campers learned to express their ideas through music and lyric writing and then rehearsed and performed their original songs in a band. They were grouped by age, level of experience, and musical preference under the guidance of a teacher/band manager. The day camp's art staff also helped each group create a band logo and design a shirt, poster, CD cover, and other promotional band materials.

"It was a good time," said Heidi Dunavant, who works in marketing and sales for DavJams.

She said enrollment was down "a bit" this year because of the poor economy. It also was the first time a DavJams camp was held in Canton.

"We were in Ann Arbor and then opened one in Farmington Hills. Both were dropping off a bit so we combined them and put it in Canton. It was a new campus for us there."

The National Guitar Workshop created the music day camp for kids, ages 8-15 in 1984. The camp's staff of directors, music teachers, art teachers, recreation leaders, and counselors offer one-week sessions of fun, music and creativity throughout the country. Two one-week sessions were

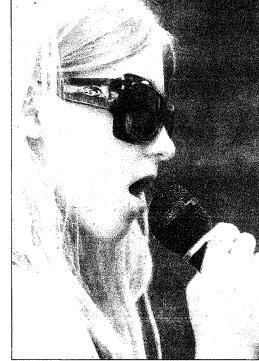
held in Canton.

"We sent out our thank yous a couple of days ago. We've had a good response from families thanking us back," she said, adding that parents said their children enjoyed the camp.

DayJams is accepting registration now for next year's summer camp. Campers receive \$100 off the regular \$575 tuition if they enroll before Aug. 31. Call (800) 295-5956 for more information or to register.

- By Sharon Dargay

Nick Skinner of Plymouth plays for the funk band Stuck In My Straw at DayJams, a rock music camp for kids.



Singer Karen Roggenkamp sings with the band Dross Sun during DayJams, a rock 'n' roll summer camp for kids.



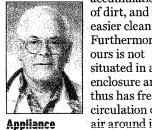
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DayJams campers design banners to hang during their band performance. The Time Breakers band includes Ali Kahler of Plymouth, (left) William Jozwiak of Farmington Hills, Steven Philippou of Ann Arbor, and Jennie Breen of Farmington Hills.

Reader makes good sense

person in Plymouth sent me an e-mail and I would like you to read it. It applies to my previous column talking about energy efficiency with refrigerators.

"Dear Mr. Gagnon, Last time we bought a refrigerator, we made sure to select a model with condenser coils on the back, rather than underneath, believing that it would make for better efficiency, less accumulation



degrees and a 1958 GE refrigerator at the cottage which does the same. I wonder how many of today's models can do the same? The cost to operate each of these older refrigerators is about \$6.00 per month. I'll bet the cost to operate our modern refrigerator in our kitchen is twice that amount. The old style coil on back system is still sold today but you will have to ask for it when shopping.

pop at a temperature of 35

Becoming popular in the 1950s and '60s was the old freezer-on-the-bottom refrigerator which gave way to the new side-by-side style. The side-by-side was such a hit that production ceased on the bottom mounts until the mid-'70s when Amana brought them back into production. Today it is a well sold product which points in the direction of what goes around comes around. The side-by-side introduced the coil underneath so that kitchens could be designed with a builtin look. It created much work for service technicians because problems multiplied.

I've recently read that LG's French door refrigerator coming out this fall is going to sell for \$3.399. This beautiful-looking model will have two freezer doors on the bottom with the feature of pushing buttons to open each door and several other bells and whistles which will draw the buying public to seriously consider the purchase. It is the way it is and you must agree that the modern appliances of today sure enhance the appearance of any room. I only wish that manufacturers would consider using some of the old technology that still applies today. You can't tell me when selling someone a new central air conditioning system that it doesn't matter if the condenser outside is placed in direct sunlight.

Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. Saturdays on WAAM 1600 and 2 p.m. Sundays on WDTK 1400. E-mail guestions on appliances to appldr@twmi. rr.com

Joe Gagnon

was difficult to reach, impossible to clean thoroughly; and it collected an astounding quantity of dirt and crud. The baffle was of flimsy material which fell out of position and obstructed air flow. She was convinced to replace it with a unit having exposed coils on the back. In the 1930s my grandparents had a G.E. four legged refrigerator with a condenser that resembled a giant crown on top — until Grandpa relocated the crown to the cool basement, making for a very efficient refrigerator. Which leads me to believe that locating a central air conditioner's condenser component in the shade should be advantageous, though some installers claim it doesn't matter. Does any of the

above seem sensible to you? " I thank this person for reading my column and for the great knowledge he or she passes on to our readers. All of it makes terrific sense and many of our seniors can relate to their own experience of the old time refrigerator in their homes. We have in our garage a 1948 Philco which keeps the

easier cleaning. Furthermore, ours is not situated in an enclosure and thus has freer circulation of air around it. Doctor Our daughter's

first refrigerator had its

condenser coil underneath, where it depended on a fan and a baffle for air circulation. It



NEIGHBORS

Yes, we can: Couples who work together make it work out

BY JULIE BROWN **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Moonlight Printing on Warren Road in Westland is truly a family affair. It's owned by Kelly and Glen Gable of Dearborn, who mark their 11th wedding anniversary this year.

"I married into the business," said Kelly Gable, who has a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice from Eastern Michigan University. Glen's been with the business 22 vears

"My husband's had it from Day One," she said. "He started the companv.

A year or two after their wedding he bought another print shop. The work was too much, so she left her job in customer service in the automotive field and came into the business in October 2000.

"It's very hard," she said of couples working together. "I call it the true test of a marriage because we spend every waking moment together. You just have to learn to leave work at work and home at home.'

The couple has no children and no other employees, so their workload's demanding. Their two dogs come to work with them every day.

When asked her advice for young couples who are thinking of starting a business, her semi-serious response is "Don't do it."

It takes long hours, she said, and isn't a Monday-Friday daytime job.

"If we don't produce the work, we don't eat. You have to be willing to go through struggles."

TOGETHER SINCE 1978

Realtors Mike and Mary Gladchun are also married co-workers. They're brokers/owners of RE/MAX on the Trail on Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

The Gladchuns, who consider themselves agents first and foremost; have been working together since their 1978 marriage, and with the current company since 1993. They met at Eastern Michigan University

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Mike Gladchun too has advice for younger couples starting a business together. 'Everybody underestimates some things. Expect the best and plan for the worst.' They've achieved a good name in their business and community recognition, focusing on Plymouth primarily as well as Northville and Canton real estate.

as seniors in 1975, and both hold bachelor's and master's degrees.

The Gladchuns opened their own business with knowledge gained from years of work, "just to have it done our own way." Mike Gladchun likes offering more personalized service to clients.

"Most people say they would never even consider it," he said of working around the clock with a spouse. "The 24 hours just blends together. Everything just works together fine."

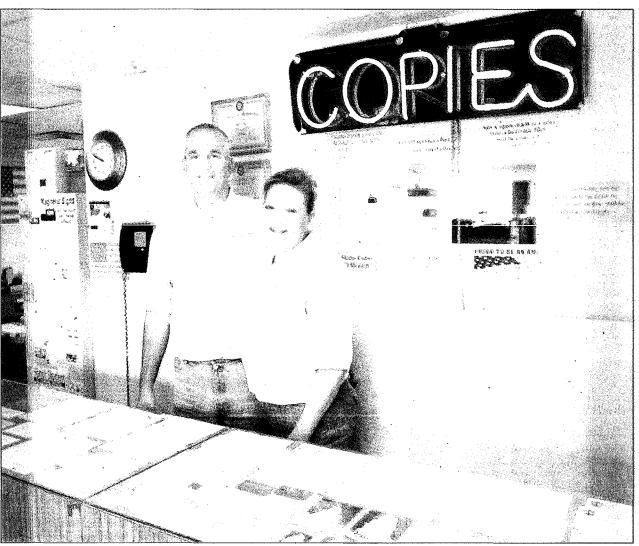
The Gladchuns, Plymouth Township residents without children (they have an extended family and dog), respect each other's opinions. "Put each other first as well," he said.

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"Plymouth's always been our priority from Day One," Gladchun said.

They used to travel more extensively before they had their own business. These days, it's shorter trips to Charlevoix, which they like because it's similar to Plymouth "but with water." They also fly a single-engine plane and enjoy boating.



Glen and Kelly Gable, who own a Westland print shop, are among couples who work together.

"It's a lifestyle and it's something we accept," Mike Gladchun said of working together. Other couples say they couldn't do the same. "But they recognize it works for us."

Businesses often involve couples and families, and sometimes ministries do as well. Wayne-Westland Salvation Army Capt. Joanna Rose enjoys working with her husband and fellow corps commander, Derek.

"I actually enjoy it that way," said Joanna Rose, who's been married to Derek seven years. They have two children ages 6 and 2. The Wayne residents have been at their current post one year, and three years in Livingston County with the Salvation Army before that.

She noted their work with different responsibilities often takes them out in different directions. "We both know exactly what's going on in each other's lives," Rose said.

Most Salvation Army corps are led by married couples, and she said friends of theirs enjoy that arrangement as well.

"It really works out well when you're juggling a family. You're doing the same things and you just work together on that."

Derek recently took their son, Logan, to camp and she missed them while they were gone. She tells couples working together to "take time and enjoy each other as husband and wife off the clock. It can be easy to go home and talk about work.'









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The boutique will be open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Crafters will be able to set up at 7 a.m. If desired, lunch will be served at noon for \$15.

Skirted tables sell for \$45. Call Sara Gorman at (313) 937-8583 or Josetta Howes at (248) 960-0853 to reserve a table.

Burton Manor is located at 27777 Schoolcraft.

More crafters

Crafters also are needed for the St. Edith school fall craft show on Saturday, Nov. 14. The show will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. For more information call Kristen at (734) 632-0264.

On the lake

Senior citizens, age 62 and older, can take a free one-hour ride aboard the 37-passenger pontoon boat, Island Queen ll," Wednesday, Aug. 12, during "Senior Appreciation Day," at Kensington Metropark. Seniors also can rent rowboats, paddleboats or kayaks for free that day.

The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the paper as space allows, and online in its entirety at www.hometownlife. com. Submit your announcement at least two weeks in advance to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Blessed Sacrament High School Class of 1949

Call Delores Calcaterra Streicher at (734) 422-8780 for complete information about a reunion on Tuesday, Aug. 25.

Clarenceville High School All Class Reunion

10 a.m. to park closing, Sunday, Aug. 30, 2009 at Kensington Metropark, 2240 West Buno, Milford at South Martindale, Shelter T. Bring a dish to pass for 1 p.m., potluck lunch. BYOB for adult beverages in non-glass containers. To help cut cost, feel free to bring a package of burgers, hot dogs, and buns. This invitation includes everyone who attended the Livonia Clarenceville School system. Staff and faculty also welcome. For more information, contact Walter Ragland II at wragland2@hotmail.com or (269) 720-5679.

Dearborn High School Class of 1969

40th Reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, 2009, at the Knights of Columbus O'Kelley Hall, 23663 Park Street, Dearborn, 48124. Tickets are \$45 each. For information, call Tom Gillespie at (313) 418-6070 or e-mail Maryann (Taylor) Manduch at mmanduch@ wideopenwest.com.

Dearborn Heights Riverside Class of 1967

42-year reunion is planned for Sept. 18-19, 2009. Event includes: Friday night graduate-only get-together with pizza and salad (\$10) at DeLuca's, 27424 W. Warren Road, Westland; Saturday night dinner at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. Tickets for Saturday event are \$35 per person. Contact Gerry Porta for more information at (734) 718-9401 or gwiatr@gmail.com.

11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 23 Trail and Hines Drive. BYO and

be supplied. The "Optomystics" will sing. There will be door prizes, hot dogs, bottled water, T-shirts and sweatshirts, tassels, music CDs and. more. Free parking for Classic Cars. No need to register. Just show up. Classmates.com has photos from past picnics. Questions? Call Phil Varilone at (313) 562-3579 or Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134. Detroit Holy Redeemer Class of 1969

40-year reunion, 6 p.m.-midnight, Aug. 8, Portofino's, 3455 Biddle, Wyandotte. For more information visit www.holyredeemer69.com or call Mary Ann at (248) 693-9117. **Detroit Mumford**

Class of 1959

50th Reunion Aug. 1, 2009, at Somerset Inn, Troy. For more information, visit www.mumford1959.myevent.com or call (248) 788-7008.

Detroit St. Brigid Class of 1959

Planning a reunion and looking for classmates. Contact szonyek@att.net with any information about classmates.

Detroit St. Casimir High School Class of 1959

Planning a Sept. 13, 2009, class reunion. All upper and lower classmates invited. Contact Judy (Zimski) Coogan at JudyCoo@hotmail.com or (734) 675-0148, or Pete Rakowski at PJcruisin@ wowway.com.

Detroit St. Philip Neri Class of 1937-1970

11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 23, at Stony Creek Metropark in Shelby Township, 26 Mile, west of Van Dyke, in the West Branch picnic area. Bring St. Philip's memorabilia for reminiscing. Hot dogs and sausages will be available for \$2 for those who don't want to bring their own food. Adults only. Any

Reunion for anyone who attended Detroit St. Thomas Apostle, 7 p.m. to American Polish Cultural Center, 2975

REUNION CALENDAR

E. Maple, Troy. There will be a complete sit-down dinner including all drinks and music. The cost per person is \$45. For information, call Rose Ann Filar-Novik at (248) 770-1271.

Garden City High School East Class of 1959

3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, 2009 high school tour: 6:30 p.m. Albert's On The Alley: 11 a.m. Saturday Sept. 19, Garden City Museum tour; 6 p.m. to midnight party at K. of C., 30759 Ford Road and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, picnic and old car show at Garden City Park large pavilion. Bring your own picnic and some to share. For more information, call Lana Clark at (734) 721-2331, Jim McKendrick at (734) 788-5165, Carl Gowan at (517) 548-1523, or Jim Porth at (734) 522-1845.

Garden City High School

Class of 1960 Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send email to GCHS MCMLX@vahoo.com. Class of 1984

25-year reunion riverboat cruise Saturday, Sept. 19. Boat leaves Rivard Plaza dock at 7:30 p.m. To order tickets, or get more info e-mail gchsclassof84@yahoo.com

Class of 1989

20th reunion 6 p.m. to midnight, Aug. 29, 2009, at Joy Manor. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets include dinner, open bar, DJ, door prizes, picture CD and other gifts, and are available for purchase at www.gardencity89.com or contact Paula at gchs1989reunion@ hotmail.com. Garden City West

Class of 1979

Holds a 30-year class reunion on Oct.

24, 2009 at the Hellenic Cultural Center on Joy Road in Westland. Classmates should register on the private Web site. http://www.classcreator.com/Garden-City-MI-Garden-City-West-1979, to get all information. Tickets will go on sale in the upcoming months on the Web site. E-mail questions to gcw79reunion@

yahoo.com. Lincoln Park High School

Looking for members of Lincoln Park High School class of 1958 for 50-year reunion. Contact Nancy, (313) 535-8777

or nc6897@sbcgloblal.net. **Livonia Bentley High School** Class of 1959

50th Reunion Friday, Aug. 28, 2009; golf at noon at Downing Farms, \$20 followed by 6 p.m. barbecue at Downing Farms, \$10; Saturday, Aug. 29, Bentley High visit at 11 a.m., free, and 50th Reunion Dinner at Walnut Creek Country Club at 6 p.m., \$40, and Sunday, Aug. 30, at Walnut Creek Country Club, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$12, Hotels: Crown Plaza, Novi, (800) 227-6963, \$92, or Comfort Suites, Wixom, (248) 504-5070, \$69, mention Bentley High, Class of 1959, 50th Reunion. Call Jim "Cubby" Culbertson at (248) 446-0308 or e-mail jimculbertson@ sbcglobal.net.

Classes of 1968-1970

Combined class reunion Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, at the Radisson Hotel Detroit-Livonia, I-275 and Six Mile. For details, visit www.bentley686970.org to e-mail, or call Connie (Scarlett) Flynn class of 1968 at (734) 812-7936, Bev (Valentine) Wilkie class of 1969 at (248) 366-6492 or Colleen Siembor class of 1970 at (734) 455-1395.

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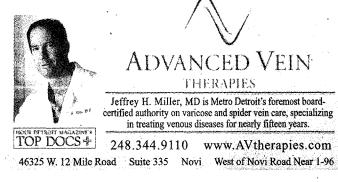
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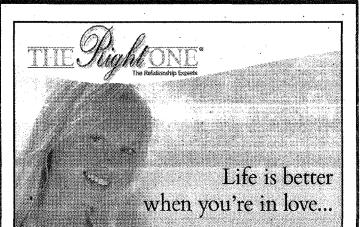
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GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR SWF, 27, mother, enjoys swimming, walking, na-ture, being outdoors. Seeking similar SWM, 23-45, for companionship. 17282578 HOMEBODY SEEKS SAME

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ARE YOU THE ONE? SF, 41, 5'4", dark complexion, brown eyes, short hair, looking to meet an honest, loyal; funny man, 37-55, to spend a lot of time together. 2289947

MUSICAL GIRL Christian WF, 19, enjoys playing guitar, singing, going to church and more. Looking for SM, 19-25, who enjoys the same things. \$292258 CURVACEOUS

SWF, 47, 57" 155lbs, hazel eyes, dimples, enjoys r&b music, jazz, dancing, dining out, blues, sports. Seeking SBM, 21-42, with similar interests, for friendship first, possibly more. **27283605** VERY DOWN-TO-EARTH

SBF, 37, 55", 125lbs, slim build, enjoys nice walks in the park, movies, bowling, basketball games. Seeking SBM, 30-43. 22299111

ARE WE A MATCH?

SBF, 33, very shapely, N/S, light drinker, very in-dependent, loves movies, sports, shooting pool, dining. Seeking SBM, 35+, very independent, who enjoys life, movies, etc. **3299733**

LADY OF QUALITY SBF, 30-something, 57", laid-back, down-to-earth, seeks open, honest, loval, faithful profes-sional man, 35-55, for LTR. No games, race open. 27310218 SEARCHING FOR A MAN 40-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 47-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. **17962317**

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Cute, outgoing woman, 40, loves animals, the out-dcors. Seeking honest, clean, honorable, compas-sionate gentleman, 40s-early 50s, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. 23295421

SEEKING A MATURE MAN Attractive SBPF, 35, N/S, N/Drugs, would like to meet respectable, happy SBPM, 25-50, to enjoy life together: **17300680**

TAKE A CHANCE SBPF looking for SBM, 45-57, with no children at home, who likes to have a good time. I enjoy going to movies, chining out, the park, outdoor and indoor activities. Let's develop a friendship first, possibly leading to more. 23306228

SEEKING MR. RIGHT

SBF, 37, 55", nurse, mother of three, Christian values, N/S, social drinker, seeks SM, 32-50, race open, with similar values. **27310924**

Ready to meet great new people?

SEEKING SBM COMPANION

SBF, 23, 51", 105lbs, wants to meet SM, 30-68, for friendship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk. 3307550

MUST LOVE THE LORD

SBF, 18, 5'8", gospel singer, God-fearing, looking for similar SB/HM, 18-27, for possible relationship.

LOOK NO FURTHER SBF, 18, 5⁴⁷, long black hair, light brown eyes, wants to meet that SBM, 18-22, who is tired of playing games. **3311011**

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.

DBF SEEKS LTR DBF SEEKS LTR Attractive, thick BF seeks LTR with totally unat-tached male, 48-65, not into games. Must be ready to start a new found friendship and see where it goes. Ballroom dancing is a plus. **17310736**

SEEKING A GENTLEMAN WF, 5'9", blond/blue, would like to meet a young-at-heart WM, 40-70, to hang out with, date and have a good time with. 27310164

TIRED OF BEING ALONE DBF, 50, 5'3", full-figured, N/S, loving, indepen-dent, intelligent, down-to-earth, great sense of

humor, enjoys going out and romantic evenings at home. Seeking S/DBM, 50+, with similar qualities

and interests, who wants to enjoy the rest of life with no drama. 2311753

SOPHISTICATED LADY

SBF, middle-aged, attractive, laid-back yet serious-

minded and responsible, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-69, N/S, re-sponsible, good sense of humor, with good values and morals, for serious relationship. **17:207254**

INEED A LOVE... to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming WF, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, IVS, fun, koving, caring. 27568059

PLUS-SIZED LADY... 34, 200lbs, sexy single morn, looking for SM, 37+, for friendship and dating leading to LTR. Is this you? Call met 17217234

VERY CUTE

VERY CUTE SBF, 58, 5'3'', 122lbs, interested in fit, good-look-ing, confident male, 46-60, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. 12113198

ARE YOU SEEKING? DWF, 60s, 5'2', Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet NS WM, 60-72, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating, **Tr630808**

SINCERE AND HONEST

Happy SF, loves country music, dancing. Looking for honest, sincere SW/BM, 30-60, children ok, for

MATURE MAN WANTED SBF, 33, 54", 115lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, short blonde hair, wears glasses. Seeking tall, musculer SBM, 25-40, who enjoys bookstores, movies, dining, water: 5287856

KEEP COOL

SBF, 19, 5'3", looking for cool, down-to-earth, attractive SB/HM, 18-25, who keeps it real. 7287598

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

WISHES DO COME TRUE SWM, 6, 210lbs, short brown hair, short beard, seeking SW/HF, down-to-earth, easygoing, hon-est, nice, petite to plus-sized, 35-60. **2318936**

A SPECIAL GUY DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys

travel, candielight dinners, plays, dancing, con-certs, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. 2269646

LET'S MAKE A CONNECTION SWM, medical professional, 51, courteous, looking for fit single lady, 35-45, with whom to spend some

quality time. Let's do dinner, movies, bowling, golf, tennis, swimming, or just kick back and watch a DVD. 27310972

friendship first. 2284932

and exciting conversations. and self-worth. 2282618

2311174

TP63760

The short and catle, brown eyes, black hair, hon-est, funny, good cook, very sincere. I hope to find a friend/companion to enjoy things with. Prefer-ably 55-75. Life is too short - have fun with me. 27302311

SOFT-SPOKEN SM, 6'1", 200lbs, dark brownvhazel, very hard-working, looking for an honest, down-to-earth WF, 35-45, who likes movies, fishing, camping, hunt-ing, biking riding and more. **37316099** SEEKING EBONY WOMAN Attractive SWPM, 41, seeking BF for dating. New to area and looking to explore the city. Sense of humor, easygoing, attractive, HW proportionate, affectionate, established, likes to travel. **3262579** SEEKING LOVING KINDNESS?

SBPF, 55, 54", interested in developing new friend-ships, maybe more. Seeks energetic SM, 40-65, NS, who loves reading, midnight picnics, walking, and exciting conversations. Must have good SOH HOPING WE CLICK!

FUNNY & ATTRACTIVE SWM, 44, 577, Ilkes outdoor activities, cooking, movies, kids, animals. Seeking SWF, 30-45, to spend time together. 2297143

ET'S GET TOGETHER BM, 61", 220bs, would like to meet a woman, 25-48, who knows what she wants in life, for fun, dat-ing, companionship and possible LTR. 17299087

SEEKING A GIRLFRIEND SBM, 35, 6'3", 186lbs, brown eyes, likes singing, travel, basketball. Seeking similar woman, 20-35. 2299411

LET'S TALK SWM, 39, 6'3", N/S, dark/blue, enjoys sports, mov-ies, dining. Seeking attractive SB/HF, 18-50, for possible relationship. **2729949** NO DRAMA

NO DRAMA SBM, 36, 5'11", 165lbs, sim build, medium com-plexion, well-groomed, D/D-free, N/D, spiritual, drama-free, no children, independent, romantic, college-educated, famili-oriented, seeks cute, slim, down-to-earth female, 30-49. 27299975

ARE YOU MISS RIGHT? SBM, 42, 5'10", 225lbs, light-complected, from De-troit East Side, business owner, NS, ND, NDrugs, no drama, homeowner, seeks strong woman, 25-35, who is saxy, determined, assertive and to-gether. \$2300038

TALL, DARK, HANDSOME SHM, 39, seeks quiet, artistically creative woman, 49-61, with a beautiful mind. I hope you are the right one! 2300709 WINTER SPORTS

Single DWM, 42, 61°, 218bs, hardworking, easygoing guy. Likes movies, bowling ,and win-ter sports. Looking for SWM, 35-42, for dating. **T301662**

POSITIVITY SBM; 42, looking for positive, intelligent SF, 32-48, with no negativity in her life. Call, let's see if we click! **27301956**

OUTDOORSMAN OUTDOORSMAN BM, 577', 1651bs, likes boating, swimming, basket-bali, fishing and enjoying life. Looking for a very intelligent, nice, honest, easygoing female, 30-50, who likes to have fun. 27302424

THE ONE FOR ME

SBM, 38, 5'8", athletic build, seeks attractive lady for dining, movies, taking walks, reading poetry and more. **27302986** SEEKING A FRIEND

SBM, 40, 6'3", 240lbs, wants to meet a down-to-earth SBF, 35-42, who is easy to get along with, for friendship, maybe more. 2303036

SWM SEEKS SBF DWM, 37, N/S, no kids, looking for SBF, 46+, to get to know. I'm a cool dude who cooks and has a good job. 2303043 WANT TO TALK?

Sexy SBM, 35, N/S, light brown eyes, long hair, looking for SB/WF, 18-24, to chat with. I like mov-ies, dining, just-chilling out. 27303045

NOT A GAME PLAYER SWM, 46, smoker, no children, searching for a special lady, 28-42, who doesn't play games, loves the outdoors, is honest, caring, loving. 73302998 HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

WM would like to meet a nice woman, 20-55, to develop a relationship with hopefully. If interested, give me a call. 27303066

THE ONE TO CALL BM, 42, 5'8", 165lbs, enjoys all sports, bowling, walks in the park, quiet rights at home and barbe-cues. Looking for an attractive, honest lady, 21-49, to go out and have fun with. \$303275

A LOT TO OFFER SBM, 43, 59°, 143lbs, grown children, enjoys fish-ing, boating, outings, working on cars. Seeking SBWF, 21-45, for friendship first, maybe more. 2303815

MOVING FORWARD SWM, 39-years-old 5'8, thin and fit, N/S, light-blue eyes, brown hair, open-minded and caring. Inter-ests: film, music, and literature. Looking for friend-ship possibly leading to a more serious relation-ship. **12:304387**

SEEKING REAL WOMAN

SM, 38, 62°, brown/brown, likes cooking, dancing, watching sports and more. Looking for an easygoing female who is honest and secure. 3335549 SEEKING LATIN LADY

SEEKING LATIN LADY WM, 6'3", dark/blue, with great sense of humor, likes sports, movies, concerts, dining out. Would love to meet a Hispanic female, 18-50, for dating, possibly more. 2308881 SO WE MATCH?

online at hometownlife.com

R U SEARCHING FOR ME?

WPM, 70, very active, affectionate, romantic, caring, SOH, N/S, seeks an Aries, Gernini, Cancer, Leo, Libra or Sagittarius female, 55-70, for friendship and possible relationship. Race open. Disease-free, height-weight proportionate. Down River area. 2146036

ENJOY THE VIEW

Romantic, thoughtful SWM, 39, is looking for love, enjoys hugs, kisses and cuddling, seeks kind, attractive SWF, age and area open. 2113835 CALL THIS MAN!

Easygoing, expressive DWM, 43, nice looks, no kids, enjoys traveling, outdoors, romantic eve-nings. Seeks warm-hearted SWF. 2712288 YOUR SEARCH ENDS HERE

SBM, 42, 6'1", athletic build, carpenter, enjoys jazz, cooking, music, sports. Looking for SF, 21-45, to share my life with. 2315352

STILL SEEKING MISS RIGHT

SWM, 42, 6'1", great personality, wants to know if there are any down-to-earth women left? Looking for a lady, 35-45. No drama queens or barflies. **T316920**

A WALK AND A TALK

Try this easygoing, lovable SWM, 50, good listener, who enjoys book stores, coffee shops, nature and concerts. I seek a like-minded counterpart for where ever it goes. 2200890

RETIRED

SWM, 65, smoker, wants to meet a SWF, 48-67, prefer heavyset, for friendship first. I love cooking, devoting time to a loving companion. 2284754

SINGLE DAD

WM, 5'7", 150lbs, brown/brown, medium build, two children, likes the outdoors, working on cars, having fun. Looking for a good, down-to-earth, honest, attractive WF, 23-33, for dating. **17284933**

LONELY AND READY SWM, 55, average build, Italian, Virgo, N/S, looking for a SWF with similar qualities and who's ready for a serious relationship. Call me if interested. Redford. 22860305

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!

Handsome, mature gent SWM, 50, traditional values, romantic, and thoughtful, enjoys cultural events, antiquing, short trips, etc. Seeking SWF for friendship and companionship. 27176497

WELL-ROUNDED

DWM, 59, retired gentleman of independent means, emotionally/financially secure, honest, eclectic, N/S, seeks slender, physically fit womar who loves the outdoors. 22284895 KEEP IT REAL

SWM, 55, 5'10", 150lbs, father of two, homeowner,

wants to meet slender, average female, 25-45,

who likes music, art, just hanging out. 2287896

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED

SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for

LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life.

TALL AND ATHLETIC

SWM. 49. 6'2", 200lbs, part-time personal trainer

brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys

outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking

WANTED: NEW BEST FRIEND

Fun-loving, humorous SWM, 57, 6', seeks attrac

tive, slim, HW proportionate woman, 35-55, prefer N/S. I love outdoors, fishing, gardening, movies,

CALL ME!

SBM, 50, 195lbs, 6'1", physically fit, likes working out, plays, movies, concerts, bowling. Looking for SF, 45-52, for possible relationship. **32289335**

ARE WE A MATCH?

SWM, 61, N/S, looking for a lady, 55-64, who en-

joys life in general. taking walks, shopping, movies, the arts, card games. 22301709

LET'S TALK SBM, 52, N/S, looking for a SBF, 45-56, 180-200lbs, to spend some time with and get to know.

Friendship possibly leading to more. 2305631 READY FOR A RELATIONSHIP

Male, 60, tall, slim, attractive, brown/brown, no bad habits, would like to meet a nice, sweet, kind fe-

CALL ME! Honest, hard-working SWM, 510°, in search of honest, sweet, gentle SWF, 28-35. Friendship first, we'll take it from there. I enjoy mountain climbing,

friendly SF, age/location open. 2531308

2692418

museums. 2299425

male, 40-70. 2287161

travel, life in general. 23309098

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SINGLE DAD WELCOME

SINGLE DAD WELCOME PBF, 40, looks younger, attractive, independent, loving, caring, enjoys working, dining out, quiet times at home. Seeking handsome, well-built, warm-hearted, considerate WM, 36-43, to share what life has to offer. 2298002

SEEKING A REAL MAN

SEEKING A REAL MAN Retired SBF, 48, likes the internet, watching tv, shopping, visiting friends, picnics, taking walks, parks, dining, hanging out with friends. Looking for a SB/WM, 29-58. 27314707

COULD YOU BE THE ONE? Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 47, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and taughter. 37230694 BEAUTIFUL SBE.

37, seeks SWM, 30-50, who is spontaneous and knows how to have fun. Casual relationship first, maybe leading to more. 2271683

ONE GOOD WOMAN LEFT SBF, 47, 57", full-figured, N/S, likes rolierskat-ing, canceing, exercise, theater, travel. Seeking a genteman, 45-70, who is heatthy, fun-loving, finan-cially secure, looks decent. **13287305** A POLISHED DIAMOND

Attractive, sexy BF, 34, seeks true gentleman. You won't be disappointed when we meet! 2287057

CALLING ALL GOLFERS! WWF, 62, seeking goffer, best friend, 62-70, must be honest, N/S, and active. Looking for LTR, don't delay call now. 27976914

LET'S TALK SOON! I am 52", in my 60s, brown hair, brown eyes, WLTM "talf" well-groomed, neat, 60-74 SWPM, who likes to travel, cards, casinos, dining out, exercise etc. Is this you? 2982305

LET'S GET TOGETHER SBF, 54, 578", N/S, enjoys life's simple pleasures. Seeking SBWM, 48-62, N/S, for friendship or more. 27282444

OUTGOING BF, 24, student, looking for BM, 35-45, to go out and have fun with. Friendship first, hopefully lead-ing to LTR. **27292940**

PRETTY EYES SBF, 33, voluptuous in all the right places, enjoys life, long walks, intellectual conversation. Seeking SM, 30-50, similar interests. **37293970**

WEST SIDE BEAUTY Professionally employed in the beauty field. SWF, 5'6", slender, 54, seeks a gentleman, 44-52, HWP, many interests including music, movies, cultural events, camping, and most things outdoors, light smoker, for friendship leading to relationship. Sincere responses only. 2230791

SEEKING COMPANIONSHIP

Attractive SWF, 5'5", 125lbs, fun-loving blonde, re-tired, would love the companionship of a pleasant gentleman, 65-75. **27891247** DOWN-TO-EARTH

Easygoing DWF; early 50s, would like to meet a really nice WM, 50-65, with the same qualities, minimal baggage, to share the ups and downs of iffe. Seeking possible LTR. 27279171

ACTIVE WOMAN

SWF, 58, dark hair and eyes, N/S, social drinker, likes bowling, bingo, garage sales, funny movies and more. If you would like to meet for coffee, let me know. 2262181 **ENJOYS THE OUTDOORS**

BF, 55°, 150lbs, likes cooking, listening to music, camping and more. Would like to meet a man to enjoy life with. 36-60. 22284318

ZOOMER SEEKS ADDED ZIP SWF, 55, passionate about life, enjoys the out-doors, good political discussions, dancing, more, Would love to meet a man engaged in life. 53-70. T284371

WARM SMILE

SBF, 21, N/S, looking for SM, 21-40, for friendship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk and get to know each other! 2287187

PRETTY COMIC BOOK NERD SWF, 21, red hair, blue eyes, 5'10', 165lbs, mature body/mind, looking for a lonely handsome man, 20-30, race open, clean-cut, open-minded, who can make me laugh and who is witty. **72:92:913**

I NEED LOVE Fun-loving, down-to-earth, outgoing, smart SBF, 20, loves having fun. Seeking SB/WM, 18-30, who shares my lust for life. 2300110

VANILLA SEEKING CHOCOLATE eved blonde, 50-year-old, 180lbs, desires SBF for friendship and definitely romance. 27672855

A GREAT GUY Good-natured, good-looking SWM, 41, energetic, versatile, fun, passionate, into boating, casinos, flea markets. Seeking conversation SWF, for con-versation and connection. **2176478**

sire a nice shape. SWM, blue-

CUTE, CUDDLY COWBOY

Wise and kind SWM, 46, enjoys simplicity, art fairs, flea markets, festivals. Seeking the company of a lady with similar interests 2200459 CAPRICORN SBM, 5'11", 170lbs, medium complexion, likes sports, concerts and much more. Would like to meet a woman, 25+, who is easygoing and has a nice personality. T318558

IPROMISE THAT YOU... won't be disappointed. SBM, 5'9', 190lbs, likes working out and spending time with that special person. Would like to meet a secure, goal-oriented woman, 20-46, with a nice personality. 23318591

HAVE FUN WITH THE Personality. **T318591** HAVE FUN WITH ME SWM, 45, 5111", 230lbs, brown/brown, N/S, N/ Drugs, looking for SF, 30-65, race open, who enjoys walks, bike riding, intelligent conversa-tion, board games, classic movies, dining out or cooking at home and romantic evenings at home. **T318819**

I'LL KEEP IT REAL BM, 6'1", 185ibs, brown eyes, likes movies, con-certs, cooking and much more. Would like to meet a secure, attractive, goal-oriented H/BF, 21-45, for dating, **3318792**

EASYGOING SBM, 38, 6'4", likes movies, jazz concerts, walks in the park, quiet moments at home, playing pool. Looking for SF, 35-45. 2318935 WORTH THE CALL

SBM, 35, no kids, looking for a SBF, 24-34, N/S, for good friendship possibly leading to more. Call me! 2318056

IF INTERESTED, CALL SWM, 43, 5'7", 160lbs, red/green, secure ho-meowner, would like to meet a WF, 35-45, to

get to know and date, possibly leading to more. T318518

PROFESSIONAL

SM, 33, 6'2" 195lbs, bald with a beard and goatee, enjoys painting, drawing, cooking, more. Looking for a down-to-earth, honest, loyal SBF, 25-35, for dating. I hope to hear from you soon. 2318564

TENDER LOVING CARE Attractive WM, 5111", 190lbs, enjoys travel, cars, art and holding hands. Seeking nice-looking lady to share the same and enjoy some TLC from her romantic knight. 2318784

CALL ME SM, 42, would like to meet a WF, 35-45, who is outgoing and fun to be with for LTR. If you're out there, please give me a call. 2317043

YOUR SEARCH ENDS HERE 5%, 155, 155lbs, brown eyes, interested in meeting a nice, honest, respectful, trustworthy woman, 35-45, for dating, possibly leading to more. 3316761

HONESTY A MUST SWM looking for an honest female, 18-44, who is interested in LTR. No games please. 2317031 EASYGOING

Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fish-ing, motor sports etc. WLTM SWF, for dating and fun times. 22187614

FEMININE LADY WANTED Attractive SWPM, 48, 510°, 190lbs, NS, never married, loves outdoors, going to church, travel-ing, family time, candle light dinners, movies, long walks, holding hands, good conversation, seek-ing sweet, feminine lady, 30-50, for possible LTR. 72291990

MAXIMUM RETURN ON ... your investment. SBM, 5'8", seeks mature, level-headed, down-to-earth female, 30-45, for fun, dating and possible LTR. 2293155

HARD-WORKER SWM, 45, 5'5", short brown hair, grown kids, enjoys music, playing guitar, travel. Looking for similar SF, 35-45. **17296097**

LETS GET GOING!

LEIS GEI GOING! SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontane-ous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. 2128302

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SM likes skating, music, horseback riding, going to bars and spending time at home. Would like to meet a woman, 39-48, who is nice and likes going out. 72308942

GENUINE NICE GUY WM; 45, 6'1", blond/blue, N/S, social drinker, hon-est, caring, compassionate and a great listener, likes most kinds of movies, quiet times at home, music, travel and watching the Steelers play foot-ball. Seeking female, with similar qualities and val-ues. Age, weight and race unimportant, just be a sincere person with Christian values. @308313

LET'S GO OUT

BM, 5'9", 170lbs, medium build, looking for an intel-ligent female, 30-45, who likes to go out and have a lot of fun. 27308637

NO DRAMA SBM, 42, 559, 175lbs, N/S, caramel complexion, enjoys the outdoors, movies, dining. Seeking SBF, 25-45, who is not into drama. 23309519

FULFILL MY LIFE SBM, 42, 6'2", 280lbs, short black/brown, dark complexion, loves Italian food, travel, time at home. Seeking that special, sexy, full-figured woman who

is honest, caring, sincere, romantic, spontane-ous, compassionate, and ready for a relationship. 2309096

ARE YOU OUTGOING? SBM, 38, looking for SBF, 26-38, for long-lasting relationship. N/S, N/D, no drugs, You must be sin-cere, honest and respectful. I love movies, dining, sports, walks in the park. 2310527

LET'S MEET SBM, 49, 5'11", works as a DJ, loves movies, basketball, skating. Looking for similar SF, 29-40. 2312103

WORTH YOUR CALL! DM, 58, 5'7", 135lbs, recently retired, hoping to meet a petite WF late 40s-late 50s, who enjoys classic cars, motorcycles, animals, outdoors, quiet times at home. Seeking SF, 48-59, for possible relationship. 2312442

TRUE GENTLEMAN

WM, 75, would like to meet a female, 65-75, N/S, for friendship, companionship and more. 2293604

SOMEONE SPECIAL

SBM, 61, 6'1", H/W proportionate, brown eyes, beautiful smile, affectionate, getting ready to retire, homeowner, loves fishing, vegetable and flower gardens, antiques, walks in the park. Seeking SF, 45-63. **37295048**

GOOD BETTER BEST!

SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. 23992943

LOOKING FOR YOU

SWM, 63, 5'10", 195lbs, dark complexion, good-looking, enjoys boating, good conversation. Seeking SW/BF, late 50s, for friendship or more. 2315526

SEEKING WELL-GROOMED LADY SWM, 70, tooking for a well-groomed lady, 60s-70s, H/W proportionate. Looking for those golden vears everyone is talking about. Would you help me find them? I'm an easygoing, laid-back, Demo crat handyman. I look good when I clean up. 2315631



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REUNIONS

Class of 1979

30-year reunion 7 p.m. Aug. 15, at Genitti's in Northville. Tickets and more information at www.classcreator.com/ Northville-MI-1979/index.cfm. Plymouth Canton & Salem Class of 1979

30-year reunion Saturday, Aug. 1, 2009, at Hyatt Regency Dearborn. 6:30 p.m. to midnight, with food stations open at 7 p.m. Tickets \$60 per person before July 1, \$75 per person after. For information, visit http://home.rr.com/ phs30yearreunion or send e-mail to phs_1979@yahoo.com.

Plymouth High School Class of 1969

40th class reunion 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday Sept. 19, at the Plymouth Elks Club. Dinner at 7 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person. Cash bar. For more detail or to RSVP contact phs1969@aol. com. Looking for missing classmates. Contact phs1969@aol.com with your name address telephone number and e-mail address.

Redford Thurston High School Class of 1969

A 40-year "casual" get together, Saturday, Sept. 5, Labor Day weekend, at G. SUBU's Leather Bottle Restaurant, 20300 Farmington Road, Livonia. \$10 at door. Discounted bar and a band will play. Reserve tickets by calling Ted Enright at (734) 564-1699, or e-mail TedEnright@AOL.com.

Romulus High School Class of 1979

Reunion ('77-'81 invited) Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 20-23. Activities include a reception at the Best Western Gateway Hotel, The Princess Riverboat w/dinner (\$60), socializing with music and appetizers at the hotel, and a family picnic. Discount rooms available at the hotel. For information, call Duane Moffat at (248) 426-6501 or e-mail SpectroD@aol.com.

St. Frederick High School All school

The Annual Pontiac St. Frederick Mass and all class reunion will start with Mass at 11 a.m., on Sept. 13, at St. Vincent De Paul Church in Pontiac, followed by a luncheon at Santia Hall on Cass Lake Road in Keego Harbor. Tickets cost \$22 and are available at the Madonna Shop in Pontiac (248) 681-3964 or contact Jim Russell at (248) 363-4209. E-mail address is: st_freds_ alumni@yahoo.com. Ticket deadline is Sept. 11. Anyone who attended St. Fred's is welcome. **St. Mary of Redford**

St. Mary of Redfor Class of 1969

40-year reunion, Saturday Nov. 14, 2009 at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus in Livonia. If interested in helping to plan the event or contacting classmates call Mark Coulter at (734) 453-5423 or e-mail to mcoulter@grlakes.com. **Troy High Palooza Classes of 1982-86** Troy High School Alumni from 1982-1986 meet Aug. 1, 2009 at the Centerpoint Marriott in Auburn Hills. Live band and food. No tickets will be sold at the door. Log onto http:// www.classcreator.com/Troy-MI-1982-1986 to reserve a spot for the party. **Visitation High School**

Class of 1959

50-year reunion party Sept. 12. Call Charleen at (248) 652-6817. **Wayne Memorial**

Class of 1983

26th reunion, noon until dark, Sunday, Aug. 29, at Independence Lake Park, in Whitmore Lake. A \$5-\$10 donation per family is suggestion, but participants can contribute any amount to help cover the cost of pavilion rental. Family-friendly event. Potluck. For more information call Mary Gills Orwin at (734) 968-6368. Westland John Glenn

Class of 1969

40th Reunion Weekend, Friday-Saturday, Oct. 9-10. Friday activities: 6:45 p.m. football game JGHS vs. WMHS; 7:30-11:00 p.m. social mixer at Hilton Garden Inn, near airport. Saturday activities: 10:30 a.m. tour of John Glenn High School, 6 p.m.-midnight reunion dinner at Hilton Garden Inn. For tickets and informatión, contact Jghs69@aol. com; Facebook JGHS Class of 1969 or Sandra Shepherd Legg at (313) 273-7950. Registration deadline, Sept. 5 at JGHS69@aol.com.

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GARDEN CALENDAR

If you have an item for the garden calendar, submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@ hometownlife.com.

Belleville Garden Tour

The Fred C. Fischer Library, 167 Fourth, in Belleville will host its fourth annual garden walk 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 26. The tour will include a garden marketplace on the library lawn. Proceeds will benefit the library. Tickets are \$8 in advance from the library, Antiques on Main, Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, Garden Fantasy Greenhouse & Florist and Main Street Flowers & Gifts. For more information or to order an advance ticket, call (734) 699-3291. Pick up a garden map on walk day. \$10 tickets will be sold the day of the event only

st at the library.
At English Gardens

Learn how to attract birds and butterflies to your garden, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, at all stores.

■ "Adding Fragrance to the Garden," 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, at all stores.

■ "How to Arrange Garden Flowers," 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, at all stores.

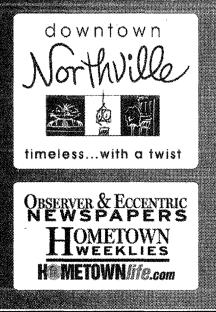
■ Learn how to treat pests and problems in the garden, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, at all stores. Local stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, (313)278-4433; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506. For information, log onto www.EnglishGardens.com.

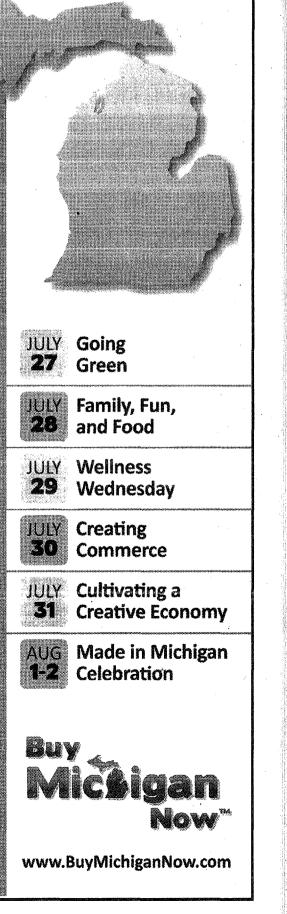


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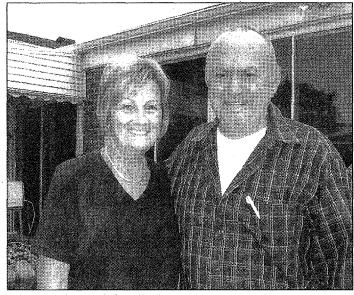




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MILESTONES



Robert and Clara Mirti of Westland

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Robert and Clara Mirti will celebrate 50 years of marriage on Aug. 1

The couple married in 1959 and have lived in Westland for 49 years. They also have a condo in Pompano Beach, Fla.

Robert retired last year after owning the Trophy Room Pub in Dearborn Heights for 34 years. Clara is a daily walker at Westland Mall, and she enjoys working in her yard and decorating her home. She has won awards from the city of Westland for her landscape and holiday Christmas decorations.

They have three children, Kelly (Mirti) Ogden, Bob Mirti and the late Tracey Mirti. Grandchildren are Jesse Ogden, Jacob Ogden, and McKenzie Ogden.

The couple will celebrate their marriage milestone with a family dinner.



John and Carolynne Stabnick

MARRIAGE MILESTONE

John and Carolynne (Kanir) Stabnick of Plymouth celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary today, July 26.

The couple wed in 1969 at St. Bede Catholic Church, Southfield.

John is a graduate of U of D High School and the University of Dayton, Ohio. Carolynne is a graduate of Immaculata High School and the University of Detroit.

They have four children, Julie (Stabnick) Mastrogiacomo, Paul Stabnick, Cynthia Stabnick, and Elise Stabnick.



JOHN ROBERT BENSMILLER

Age 80, of Westland, died Thursday, July 23, 2009. He retired from Lee M. Thurston High School in Redford after teaching for 37 years and was preceded in death by his wife, Lila Lee (Mudge); his son, John; and a Memorial services sister. Shirley. will be held at a later date. To sign John's online guest book or for additional information, please visit: www.mi-cremation.com

Virginia Rosemary (McMahon) Fowkes

Gently past away Wednesday July 22. She was born May 6th 1922 in Detroit Michigan which is where she met our father James Charles Fowkes. The high school sweethearts married soon after graduation and remain sweet-hearts forever. She is survived by her children, Joanne & Bob Melvin, Jim & Dianne Fowkes, Ron & Barb Fowkes, Mark & Linda Fowkes, Melissa & Tim Johnston, many grandchildren & great-grandchildren, brother Jerry McMahon & family. The family will hold a Memorial Celebration at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Lamb Chapel.

CHARLOTTE LUCILLE

NAOMI LICHTMAN

Frederick Lichtman. Dear mother of Nancy (Bob) Mills, Susan (Jerry) Huffman, Lawrence (Holly) Lichtman & the late Daniel Lichtman. Loving grandmother of Stephen (Kim) Manasco, Laura (Greg) Packer, David (Amy) Huffman, Christian Huffman, Kimberly (Mike) Newman, Rachel (Todd) Kenyon, Jason (Lisa) Lichtman, Nathan (Sarah) Lichtman, (Lisa) Lindsay, Anna & Charlotte Lichtman. Proud great-grandmother of Spencer, Madison, Bennett, Daryn, Tyler, Kendall, Callie, Mia, Cade, Trent, Alex, Danny, Sydney, Davis, Becca, Jake & Jamie. Sister of Mildred (Bill) Nicol. Services were held 10:30am

RUTH ANN SARDO

Beloved wife of 59 years of the late July 22, 2009, age 63. Beloved wife of Mario. Loving mother of Tony and Renee. Grammy of Kahla, Chloe and Liliana. Visitation: Sunday, July 26, 2009, 2-9pm. Funeral: Monday, July 27, 2009, 11:00am at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia, MI 48152. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Ruth Ann's name to: The Myositis Association 1737 King St. #600, Alexandria, VA 22314. Please leave the family a message at: www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

DOROTHY CAROLINE TODIC

Of Plymouth, passed away July 16, aufman

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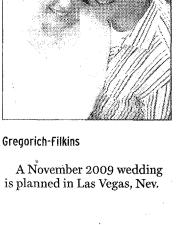
Megan Elizabeth Springer and Jeffrey James Spearin announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Mark and Paula Springer of Farmington Hills, is employed as a surgical physician assistant at Highland Park Hospital, Highland Park, Ill. Her fiancé, son of Roderick and Sally Spearin of Troy, is an M.B.A. candidate at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management, in Evanston, Ill. An August 2009 wedding



Kathryn Gregorich of Canton and Matt C. Filkins of Grosse Ile announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of George and Helen Gregorich of Canton, is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School, the University of Michigan and Wayne State University. She teaches in the Gibraltar school district.

Her fiancé, son of Susan C. Filkins of Grosse Ile, is a graduate of Grosse Ile High School and Ohio Northern University. He is employed as a textile consultant for Standard Textile.



HULETT-GOWELL

Mary and Roger Hulett of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan Hulett, to Jeffrey Gowell, son of Barbara and Larry Gowell of North Muskegon. The couple plans a December

reside in Naples, Fla.

MACERATINI-CARLSON

Mia Maceratini of Livonia and Christopher Carlson of Kent City announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Lou and Lisa Maceratini of Livonia, is a 2005 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 2009 graduate

Hulett-Gowell



2009 beach wedding at Fort Myers Beach, Fla. They'll

is planned in Sacred Heart Chapel at Marygrove College, Detroit, with a reception at the Detroit Yacht Club.

Springer-Spearin



Of Clarkston; July 22, 2009; age 82; born June 4, 1927 in Pontiac, MI. Daughter of the late Ralph and Lena Williams; wife of William B. Brown; mother of Kerry Brown and Kathy Brady (Jeff); grandmother of Andrew Medina (Katrina) and Megan Medina Horstman (Benjamin); mother-in-law of Douglas Beebe; sister of the late Ralph M. Williams; sister-in-law of Kathleen Williams; also survived by beloved nephew Fr. James Williams. Mrs. Brown played oboe for the Pontiac High School Band and Michigan State Marching Band. She was a beloved retired elementary school teacher, from the Farmington Schools. She loved her grandchildren and her dogs. A Celebration of Barbara's Life will be held Friday, and her dogs. July 24, 2009, 11:00 a.m. at Donelson, Johns and Evans Funeral Home, Waterford. Rev. James Williams officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Thursday The family will receive 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Humane Society. Envelopes available at the funeral home.

(Stone) FRANCIS Age 79, died in Livonia July 18, 2009,

where she resided for the last 47 years. Charlotte, known as "Penny" to all her friends, was born October 16, 1929 in Springfield, Illinois, the daughter of Dean Enoch and Lucille Della (Clark) Stone. Penny is survived by her husband, Gilbert (Gil) Francis of Livonia, daughter Nancy (Francis) Pennington of Livonia, and son and daughter-inlaw Carlton and Patricia Francis of St. Cloud, FL, sister-in-law Mildred Stone of Redford, and nephews Scott Stone of Livonia and Kirk Stone of Redford. Grandchildren are David Pennington and Laura (Pennington) Smith of Garden City, and Christina (Francis) Wilson of Auburn Hills. Great-grandchildren are Amber Pennington, Drew Smith, Kara Smith and Colton Wilson. Penny was pre-deceased by her brother Dean (Bud) Stone and his first wife Mary Katherine Stone. A service and visitation was held Tuesday, July 21, 2009. Arrangements were made with the Fred Wood Funeral Home.

In Memory Of

IN LOVING MEMORY OF **BRIAN HINZMAN** 3-16-81 TO 7-27-07 You are forever in our hearts.

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LAWRENCE F. "Larry" JANTOVSKY

Michael. Father-in-law of Sheree

Jantovsky. Grandfather of seven,

great-grandfather of 11. Visitation

was Sunday, July 19, 2009, 1-9pm with an Am-Vet Ceremony at 7:00pm.

A Funeral Service was held Monday,

July 20, 2009, 11am at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 34567 Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI 48184. Please leave

www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

PATRICIA MARIAN KUBAN

Age 83, of New Port Richey, FL and

was a longtime resident of Westland,

passed away July 19, 2009. Patricia

was employed as a nurse at Annapolis

Hospital in Wayne for many years. She

was preceded in death by her son John

'Jack" Kuban. She is survived by her

husband Joseph Kuban; sons Ronald,

Karl and Brian; daughter Peggy

Carlington; seven grandchildren and

10 great-grandchildren. Service was

held July 21. She will be interred at the

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National Cemetery at Bushnell, FL.

the family a message at:

father of Judy Spehar, Kevin

Jantovsky, the late Paul and the late Lawrence

Age 91, of Plymouth, MI. Passed July 17, 2009, age away July 17, 2009. Thayer-Rock Beloved husband of the late Funeral Home, Farmington, MI Patricia for 49 years. Loving

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WILLIAM C. FORD

Age 85. Husband of the late Lois. Beloved father of Jeff, Pam (Mike) Joins, Winnie (Owen) Rockentine and the late Greg. Loving grandfather of Katie, Nicki and Patty. Dear brother of Jeanne Rost, Marian (John) Nistad, Ruth Thomasen, Barbara Patten, Nancy Veniscofski, Linda Ford and the late Richard, Patricia, Frances, Jack and Christine. Brother in law of Sal Salerno. Longtime Redford Township Parade Marshall and Civic Activist. Visiting Monday & Tuesday 2-4 pm and 6-9 pm. Tuesday Veteran Ritual 7 pm, Rosary 8 pm at Charles Step Funeral Home 18425 Beech Daly (Btw 6-7 Mile). In State Wednesday 0 am until 11 am Services at St James Presbyterian Church 25350 W. Six Mile (East of Beech) Interment Grandlawn Cemetery.

Morning at the IR/ 248-569-0020. Interment Chapel, Clover Hill Park Cemetery. www.irakaufman.com

Friday

CAROL J. MANESS

July 21, 2009, age 73, of Farmington Hills. Loving mother of Sharon (Robert) Edwards & James (Susanna) Rengo. Grandmother of Ann E. Rengo. Dear sister of Bette (Richard) Neuhaus. Dear aunt of R.J., Robert, & Ryan Neuhaus. Dear cousin of Allan (Irene) Kovar. Memorial Gathering Friday 12-2 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd. Plymouth (btwn Sheldon & Beck). To leave a message of condolence please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

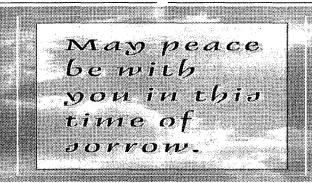


DANIEL T. QUIGLEY

Age 70, passed away at home with his family at his side on Sunday, July 19, fol-

lowing a tough fight with He was born October 25, cancer. 1938. He served his country in the United States Navy. He worked hard to support the family he loved so dearly. He ws the second generation to work for Ford Motor Company having retired in 1986 after 25 years. He is the beloved husband of 48 years of Janice. Dear father of Tracy A. (Bill) McCord, Daniel R. Quigley, Michael Quigley and Gary F. (Gina) Quigley. He gave great tractor rides to all of his grandchildren, Valeri, Rob, Annie, Luke, Joey, Ryan, Allie, Tara, Casey, Julie, Maria, and Zack. Funeral Services were held Tuesday, July 21, 2009, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Canton. Memorials may be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Share memories or leave a message of condolence for the family at:

www.schrader-howell.com



2009 at the age of 89. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Melvin Roy Todic. She is the dearest mother of Dennis "Mike' (Constance) Todic of Ann Arbor. Dear grandmother of Brian (Janice) Todic of Souderton, PA and Jodi (Kevin) Sweeney of Hellertown, PA and great-grandmother of Samantha and Zachary, also of Hellertown. Dear sister of Charlotte Leggett of White Lake, MI. Dear aunt of Laurel Fick of Detroit, Eileen Roscano of Detroit and JoAnn Ruczynski of White Lake, MI. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 21, 2009, 10am at chrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 Main St., Plymouth, with burial in Cadillac Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice.



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of Michigan State Universitys nursing school. Mia is a registered nurse, employed at Spectrum Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Her fiancé, son of Lesa and Scott Carlson of Kent City, is a 2004 graduate of Kent City High School and a 2008 graduate of Michigan State University. He will attend graduate school at MSU in the fall.

BENISH-RAPER

Amanda Benish and Abraham Raper announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Terry and Donna Cheney and Stephen and Linda Benish, all of Northville. Her fiancé is the son of Lanny and Beulah Raper of Garden City. **Å**manda and Abraham both are students at Schoolcraft College.

They plan to wed in September 2009.

GETYINA-RHEA

Hope Evelyn Rhea and Chad Gabriel Getyina were married June 6, 2009, in a mountainside ceremony in Gatlinburg, Tenn. The Rev. Adam Sanders officiated and Lucie Novoveska played violin.

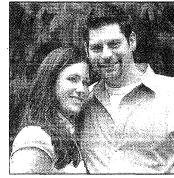
A reception followed at Calhoun's Banquet Facility.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Theresa Rhea of Troutville. She is a graduate of Lord Botetourt High School and MCI and currently is a student at Jefferson College. She is employed as a registered nurse at Carilion Clinic.

The groom is the son of Dale and Patricia Bennett of Canton. He is a graduate of Canton High School, Miami Dade College and Duke University. He is employed as a cardiothoracic surgery physician's assistant at Carilion Clinic.

Bridesmaids were Sarah Fisher and Hunter Donegan. Maceratini-Carlson

A September 2009 wedding is planned. The couple will reside in Grand Rapids.



Benish-Raper



Getyina-Rhea

Flower girl was Grace Blankenship. Groomsmen were Ryan Fisher and Dominique Donegan.

The couple took a honeymoon trip along the east coast. They reside in Richmond, Va.

JULY 27-AUG. 2

"Real" food

7 p.m., Monday, July 27, at First Cup Organic Coffee, 15130 Inkster Road, Redford. Organic snacks. Register at (734) 425-8220. Co-sponsored by The Foundation for Wellness Professionals.

AUG. 3-9

New support group

Botsford Hospital begins a new diabetes support group at 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 6 in the Wellness Complex, 39830 Grand River Avenue, Novi. It will meet every other first Thursday of the month. (248) 477-6100.

Golf scramble

Gilda Club, the metro Detroit support group for individuals with cancer, their friends and families, will hold its Golf Scramble at 1 p.m., Monday, Aug. 3, at Red Run Golf Club, located on Rochester Road just north of 12 Mile, in Royal Oak. Event includes 18 holes with a golf cart, use of range, shotgun start, access to Red Run pro, use of locker room, buffet barbecue dinner, free keg beer at halfway house, hole-in-one prizes that include a Harley Davidson motorcycle, and lots of contests along the way. Cost is \$175 per golfer or \$700 per team of four. Dinner tickets for non-golfers are \$35 each. They include access to the silent auction and short comedy event. Proceeds benefit Gilda's Club. (248) 577-0800, Ext. 28, or e-mail to ebattle@ gildasclubdetroit.org.

ONGOING

Fitness classes

Exercise classes for men and women continue through April at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Jeanie Weaver is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training experience. The sessions infuse Pilates, functional strength

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training, balance work, flexibility and motivational techniques in a 90-day fitness plan. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957. E-mail jeanieweaver@charter. net.

Overeaters Anonymous

Meet 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia; and 7 p.m. Sundays at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom 1. Call (313) 387-9797. Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively is welcome. For more Greater Detroit Overeaters Anonymous information call (248) 559-7722 or

visit www.oa.org.

Breast cancer support group Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Livonia. Call (734) 655-1100, or visit www. stmarymercy.org.

Caregivers support group St. John's Support Group for the

Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for more information. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association. **Wayne metro caregiver support**

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Are you a caregiver of an aging parent, spouse or relative? Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to their loved ones. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m.-noon, at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Ave., Westland. Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile. The morning group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the second Thursday of the month; the evening group meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Adult care may also be available. Call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, Ext. 233.

Parkinson Support

Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August, at Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile. Enter at rear of church. For information, call (248) 433-1011.

CPR classes

Classes range from basic CPR for people who wish to know how to help save a life to certification for those who need CPR for work and state licensure, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce. First aid classes also available. Classes offered weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Price varies. Pre-registration required at www. hvsh.org/hvsh/calendar or call (248) 937-3314.

Arthritis support group

2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

Tai Chi classes

At 165 E. Square Lake, Bloomfield Hills (7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday), and 38121 Ann Arbor Road (11 a.m. Wednesday, and 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Presented by nonprofit Michigan Tai Chi Association in Livonia. For details, call (734) 591-3530. **Recovery, Inc.**

The support group meets at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at Prince of Peace Church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc. is an interna-

Web site is new resource for caregivers

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Jim McGuire, director of research, policy

development and advocacy for the Area

com has been developed as a public ser-

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benefit caregivers of older adults, adults

With more than one million people in Michigan caring for an older or disabled loved one, a group of local organizations has launched a new Web site to connect designated caregivers and seniors to local services and resources in the sevencounty region of southeast Michigan.

ClickonAging.com has comprehensive information on many topics, including planning and paying for long-term care, help with paying for prescription drugs, housing options, legal documents, home delivered meals, caregiver support groups, nursing home care, qualifying for Medicaid and so much more.

Articles on the site are updated fre-

global.net. Self-help meetings in Livonia run 7:30 p.m. Mondays, St. Matthew's Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile; 1:15 p.m. Thursdays, Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft; and 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard. Call

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with nervous and emotional disorders

682-9362 or e-mail marthapaul@sbc-

reduce their suffering and improve quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248)

(313) 561-2521 or visit www.recovery-inc. org. No charge, contributions collected. Low vision support group Meets 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of

each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. For information, call Ellen Stross at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 232. Arthritis Foundation programs

Winter classes begin for warm-water and land-based exercise programs, Tai Chi, and a six-week series that offers keys to successful arthritis selfmanagement, in Canton, Redford and Westland. Call (800) 968-3030 or visit www.arthritis.org.

Health enhancement classes

Classes for exercise (including yoga), CPR and childbirth, and support groups for cardiac, cancer, stroke and diabetes patients; eating disorders; Alzheimer's caregivers; and the hard of hearing. The classes are part of an array of offerings at Garden City Hospital's Health Enhancement Center. For more information, call (734) 458-3242. Blood pressure (free) and cholesterol (\$5) testing are also available noon to 2 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month in Garden City Hospital lobby. No registration required. The hospital also offers free blood pressure testing for senior citizens every other Wednesday at Maplewood Community Center, For

New book focuses on healing depression in natural way

The Michigan School of Professional Psychology in Farmington Hills announces the publication of adjunct faculty member Nancy Liebler's new book, *Healing Depression* the Mind-Body Way, by Wiley Publishing Company.

MiSPP President Kerry Moustakas, Ph.D., is proud to see Liebler's skills as a clinician and teacher showcased in her timely handbook on coping with depression.

"Nancy's enthusiasm for her work on more holistic ways of helping people who suffer from depression has expanded and become more passionate in the last few years," said Moustakas. "Now, through this publication, others can learn the techniques that Nancy has found so beneficial in combating the growing problem of depression in our society."

Liebler says she was inspired to write the book because depression is epidemic and Western treatments are "not holistic."

"I hope that by reading this book, people will realize that depression is created," said Liebler. "And, therefore, that depression can be undone. Depression can be genetic, situational or chronic, it doesn't matter. This book can be helpful for anyone on the continuum of depression or anyone who wishes to prevent depression and beat the blues."

Liebler is a clinical psychologist, teacher, and lecturer. Her expertise in clinical psychol-

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Nancy Liebler

ogy extends to family therapy and the treatment of psychosomatic disorders. She is the former director of Training at Oakland University and co-authored a previous book, *Enlightened Medicine*.

Healing Depression The Mind-Body Way includes information on treating depression with yoga, meditation, and breathing techniques, as well as providing guidance on nutrition, exercise, lifestyle, and spiritual matters.

Major depression affects approximately 15 million American adults, or about 8 percent of the U.S. population age 18 and older, in any given year. Approximately 80 percent of people experiencing depression are not currently receiving any treatment. By the year 2020, depression will be the second most common health problem in the world.

"Happiness is connected to general health," Liebler said. "And according to Ayurvedic medicine, happiness is our birthright."

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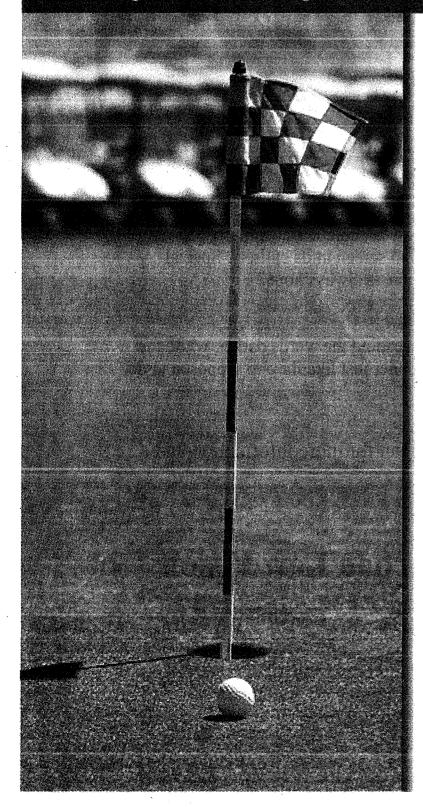
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Dr. Sheldon Smith, member of the IALVS, fits special glasses to help those with macular degeneration and other eye conditions.

Most of us take things like reading, watching TV or playing cards for granted. But poor vision from conditions like macular degeneration, glaucoma, diabetes or cataracts makes these tasks difficult or even impossible. When people have insufficient vision to do the things they want to do they have low vision.

Dr. Smith, a Low Vision Specialist, helps people with these types of eye diseases see better. A fellow of the International Academy of Low Visions Specialists, Dr. Smith is one of a select group of doctors serving the visually impaired.

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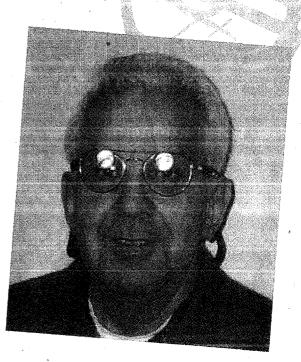
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"I think these driving telescope glasses are very useful and especially good for older people who have to drive. They make me a safer driver and help me keep some of my independence. I am glad they are available." I.K., age 86

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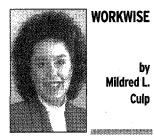
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BRIDGING THE EXPERIENCE DIVIDE



Discussions about today's multigenerational workforce tend to focus on age differences. In fact, the differences come from perspective, requiring respect and trust Daniel

Godfrey, internet marketing coordinator at Branded Solutions L.L.C., in Pittsburgh, a promotional marketing company, received his Associate in Business from Pittsburgh Technical Institute in early July. Hired as a part-time intern, he's now full-time, permanent. Godfrey, who financed his own education, is the youngest among 11 other

employees. His boss, Daniel Weisberg, a mature worker, builds bridges constantly. They meet daily to discuss the previous day's work. "He'll let me pitch him an idea, explain why, go through the motions and play devil's advocate," Godfrey says. "When I fail, he doesn't say, "Why did you waste my money and my time?" but "What did you learn from this?""

This is the company culture. When Godfrey goes to the other ten employees with questions, "They stop what they're doing, pay attention and work with me.'

MULTIPLE PERSPECTIVES

Laurence Stybel, co-founder and president of Boston's Stybel Peabody Lincolnshire Inc., comes at the situation from the opposite direction. "This is a survival issue for me," he comments. "As my age cohort leaves the game of business, I must be creative in building bridges to the next generation or leave the game myself." His outplacement services put him in front of many workers of other generations, including highly technical people and attornevs

Stybel has to communicate to them that his ideas are relevant. He tells young attorneys, You want to work with us because we're not attorneys. It helps (provide) perspective." In some situations, his dilemma comes from "the questions and objections not asked or made. Should I say something or let it go and hope it really is not an issue or do I raise the issue and confront it, because the person on the other side is not going to raise it?" LINKS

Stybel has an answer. He recommends proactive behavior, confronting issues pleasantly. For example, if you're working with a person with either far less or far more experience, he advises commenting on how you'd feel if you were in the other person's shoes.

If you're older and think your young inexperienced co-worker might write you off as obsolete, state that from his vantage point, you might seem irrelevant. Stybel suggests you



Daniel Godfrey (standing) has just been promoted from intern to internet marketing coordinator at Pittsburgh's Branded Solutions L.L.C. He and company president Daniel Weisberg (seated) work extremely well together, even though there are marked differences in experience.

then say, "I very much respect what you've done, what you've accomplished. I'm bringing a different perspective. It's not my project anymore; it's not your project anymore; it's our project. If we pool our knowledge, we'll come up with something better." Turn the method around if you're young with more experience in your company than a new employee who's years

older. Lisa Orrell, corporate consultant and speaker through The Orrell Group in San Jose, Calif., has for 20 years interacted with young workers. Discussing generational dynamics, she tells people to communicate extensively with the less experienced and serve as a mentor, never being condescending. Godfrey, the marketer, comments that, in

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regard to mentorship, the method his employer uses "works for me. He lets me be creative and try things. On some, like internet work, he doesn't necessarily know if what I'm doing won't work. He trusts that I'll do the best I are."

do the best I can." Godfrey recalls a very bad day when his boss trusted him to go home and do his work there. "He's amazing . . . and he's been in the business for 35 years. If there's something else I want to pursue, he considers this good practice

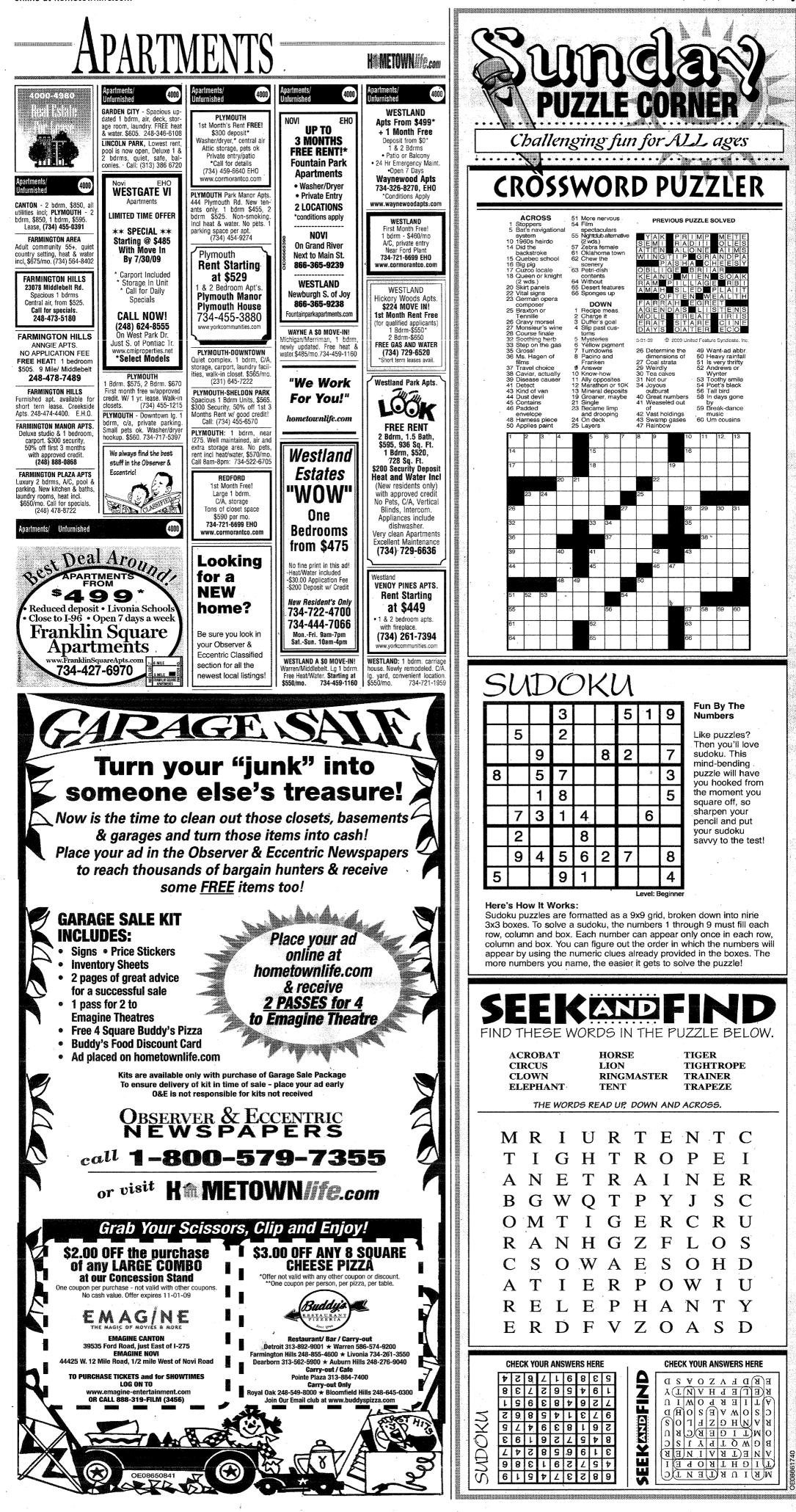
If Godfrey goes to another company and needs any promotional products, he says that Weisberg "knows that I'll always bring my business back to him." The bridge he watches Weisberg build across the experience divide is perspective, combined with respect and trust.

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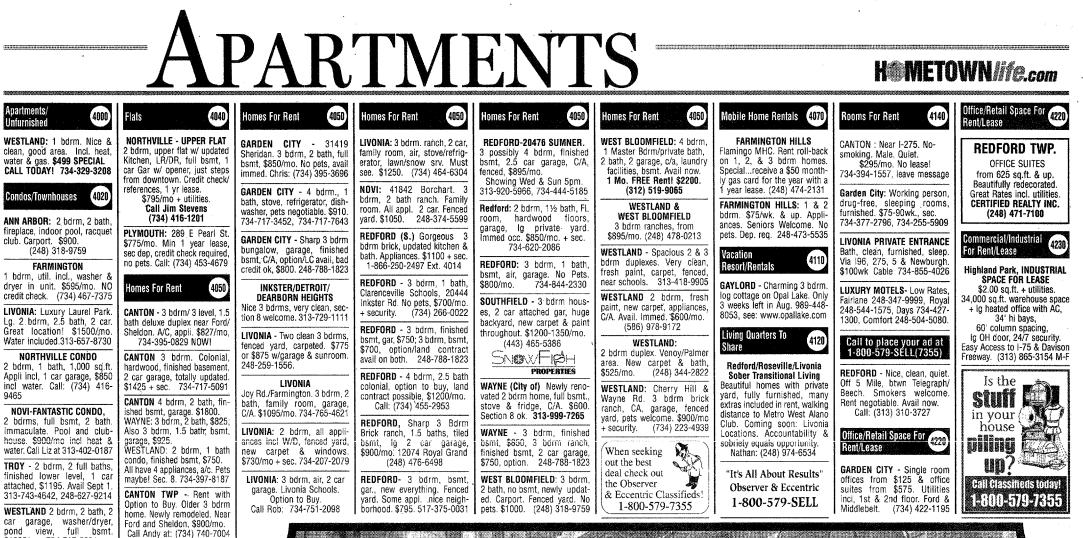
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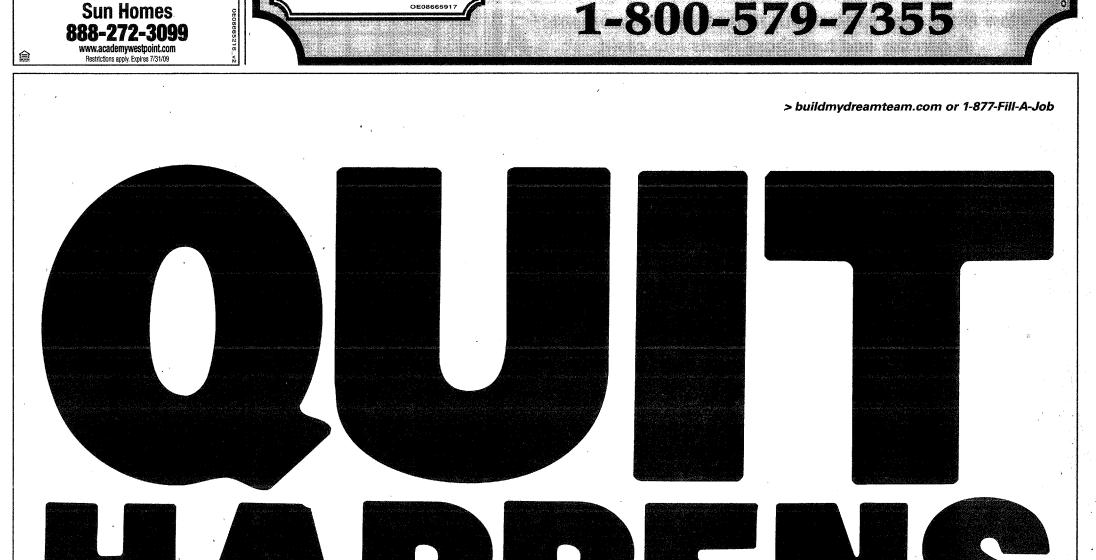
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Yukon: "A Well-behaved Middle Child"

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The GMC Yukon continues to assume its role as General Motors' middle child in its full-size SUV family between the Chevy Tahoe and the luxurious Cadillac Escalade. Although the Yukon plays second fiddle to the Escalade, its ride is superior. As a matter of fact, there aren't many better cruisers than the Yukon when it comes to large SUVs.

The Yukon Denali's ride is noticeably quiet, with a suspension that eats up bumps and stays composed going around corners.

The Yukon is available in three wellequipped trim levels: base SLE, SLT and the top of the line Denali. The SLE comes standard with 17-inch alloy wheels, a cloth interior, power windows and mirrors, keyless entry, a power driver seat, dualzone climate control, a trip computer and an audio system with eight speakers and a CD player.

The SLT adds leather seating, a six-disc CD changer, power-adjustable pedals, head curtain airbags, remote vehicle starting and rear parking assist.

The Denali features a unique grille, 18inch alloy wheels, XM Satellite Radio, heated seats, including the second row and a premium Bose sound system with a sixdisc CD changer.

Options for the SLE and SLT include heated seats, a power liftgate, rear park

assist and triple-zone climate control. Options for all trims include a navigation system, power-folding second-row seats, a rear-seat DVD entertainment system, a rearview camera and a power liftgate. Exclusive options for the Denali include a heated steering wheel and 20-inch wheels. Three different V8s are available for the

Yukon. Two-wheel-drive Yukon SLE models get a 4.8-liter V8 that is good for 290 hp while four-wheel-drive SLEs and all SLTs come with a 5.3-liter V8 that pushes out 320 horsepower. A four-speed automatic transmission with a "tow-haul" mode is the only transmission for those V8s. The GMC Yukon Denali comes with a 6.2-liter V8 that is good for 380 hp and is mated to a six-speed automatic transmission with a manual-shift mode.

The Yukon can tow up to 7,700 pounds. So if you need to haul a camper or other heavy loads the Yukon has got you covered. The Yukon's fuel mileage ratings are 14 miles per gallon in the city and 19 mpg on the 2WD SLE. These aren't bad numbers for SUV of its size.

The Yukon was redesigned in 2007 and is 3 inches longer than the 2006 model with nearly all of the extra length going to the front seat legroom and cargo area.

Despite a growth in outside dimensions, some parts of its interior space has shrunk.



With a slew of luxury SUVs on the market, the GMC Yukon Denali remains a forerunner. It offers a perfect combination of style, performance and refinement.

Compared with the 2006 model, headroom is down in the first and third-row of seats, by about a half-inch and just under an inch, respectively. The third-row loses almost 2 inches in legroom.

Although the Yukon's second row is available with a power-folding feature, the third-row seat must still be removed manually to optimize cargo space. Some people will find that these seats are heavy and hard to remove.

But the work is worth it. Maximum cargo capacity stands at 108.9 cubic feet, which is around 12 cubic feet more than its competitor, the Nissan Armada.

As for getting in and out of the Yukon's second row, the new Yukon is a little cramped. The clearance between the base of the second row seat and the frame of the door is so tight, you have to turn your feet sideways to enter and exit.

On the plus side, climbing in and out of the third-row seat is surprisingly easy in the Yukon. The second-row seat folds up out of the way with the release of a lever on the out, or at the press of a button with the optional power-fold feature.

Switches, buttons and knobs are easy to operate.

For small storage needs the Yukon has a

compact glove box; fixed map pockets with molded-in bottle holders on the front doors; and pouches on the backs of the front seatbacks. A large bin with removable double cup holder is provided between the front seats. In the Yukon Denali, this feature is separated into a storage bin and twin cup holders.

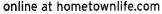
Safety is provided by stability control, anti-lock brakes, a tire-pressure monitoring system, OnStar telematics system and head curtain airbags for all three rows which are standard on all Yukons.

If you want a safe, refined SUV that is capable of seating at least seven, but you can't afford an Escalade get the next best thing, a GMC Yukon.

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