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Gas suspect

The Canton Police Department is once again asking the public for assistance in identifying the suspect captured on a surveillance



camera, believed to be responsible for four gas station break-ins in Canton and Livonia. Police are asking anyone

with information on this man's identity to contact the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400. Anonymous tips may also be made by contacting Crime Stoppers at (800) SPEAK UP or www.1800speakup.org. Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1,000 for information leading to an arrest.

Tailgate tales

The college football season kicks off Sept. 5 at several Michigan universities, and for some alumni, fans and students, the games are as much about food and celebration as they are about touchdowns.

If you count yourself among the tailgating crowd, we'd like to know more about the food, drinks and fun that go into your pre-game parties.

Share your favorite recipes for football fare, your tailgating tips and tell us a little about yourself in an e-mail to footballfood@hometownlife.com by Friday, Aug. 21 and then look for a story early next month in the *Observer*.

Safari passes

Twelve area residents, including Nancy Dailide and Steven Yee of Canton, have won family passes valued at \$107 to the African Safari Wildlife Park in Port Clinton, Ohio, in a reader promotion sponsored by the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Hometown Weeklies Newspapers*.

Other winners included Anita Evans of Beverly Hills, Linda Grimsby of Livonia, Arlene Kuron of Rochester Hills, John Maliniak of Westland, Sandy Mencer of Birmingham, Debbie Morris, Denise Penny of Livonia, Paul Scott of Westland, Helene Weissberg of Southfield and Kim Zamora of Livonia.

Look for the Wild Summer Days advertisement sponsored by Oliver Home Improvement and Apartments/Rooms For Rent inside the paper every Sunday and Thursday and read about the animal park and how you can win a pass that admits up to six people at the park, 17 miles west of Cedar Point.

Goin' Hollywood

Local teens win shot at filmmaking contest

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After shooting a short film about a quiet, bullied high school boy who becomes a superhero, a young movie-making crew including five Canton, Plymouth and Plymouth Township teens will compete to win a nationwide competition.

But they'll need all the support they can get during a seven-day, online voting contest.

The teens shot their film, *Zero to Hero*, in July at the vacant Parker High School in Howell, after beating out thousands of youngsters who sought an opportunity to work with Chicago-based Fresh Films, the nation's top filmmaking competition for teens.

Fresh Films assembled teen film crews in six U.S. cities, including the Detroit area, and chose youngsters who stood out after going online to fresh-films.com and making a personal sales pitch including essays about their interest in movies.

Fresh Films, using short film scripts from a separate contest, rolled into town in July after assigning *Zero to Hero* to teen filmmakers Danielle Allen, Kristen Riggs and Eric Schendel of Canton; Ben Corona of

FRESH FILMS

- **Who:** Canton teens Danielle Allen, Kristen Riggs and Eric Schendel, Ben Corona of Plymouth Township and Joe Wafer of Plymouth, among other teen filmmakers
- **What:** Online movie challenge
- **Where:** Vote at fresh-films.com
- **When:** Aug. 27 through Sept. 2
- **Why:** Movie shot by local teens will compete against two other films for an eventual shot at screening at a major film festival.

Plymouth Township; Joe Wafer of Plymouth; Nicholas Rossano of Detroit; Jesse Gilbert of Shelby Township; Garrett Roodbergen of Vicksburg; and Peter Kangas, who came all the way from Iowa City, Iowa.

Sitting in a grassy area of Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth, Allen, 14, and Corona, 17, discussed the film crew's project during an interview arranged by Alana Bardauskis, who handles publicity for Dreaming Tree Films, producers of Fresh Films.

Allen, who will be a freshman this year at Plymouth High School, recalls her reaction when she received

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Danielle Allen of Canton and Ben Corona of Plymouth Township, here in front of the Penn Theater in downtown Plymouth, are part of a team of young filmmakers vying to win a national competition.



Members of the Fresh Film-Detroit film crew include (front, from left) Joe Wafer of Plymouth, Ben Corona of Plymouth Township, Kristen Riggs and Danielle Allen of Canton, and (back) Nick Rossano of Detroit, Jesse Gilbert of Shelby Township, Eric Schendel of Canton, Peter Kangas of Iowa City, Iowa, and Garrett Roodbergen of Vicksburg.

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MDOT ready to ride on bike trail project

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Dave Duffield has waited some seven years for the Michigan Department of Transportation to do something about the deteriorating bicycle path that runs along I-275 from Michigan Avenue to Hines Drive.

Now he's excited that he'll only have to wait another year or so.

Duffield was one of dozens of people who ran through MDOT's open house-style meeting Thursday at Fellows Creek in Canton to get a glimpse at improvements MDOT will make along the route. Duffield, an avowed and enthusiastic bicyclist from Northville, uses the portion of the I-275 path that's farther north, from Six Mile to north of 12 Mile, to get to work. And he's happy with the plan.

"I've been beating this drum for

seven years now," said Duffield, an at-large board member of the League of Michigan Bicyclists, a group whose charter is to fight for bicyclists' rights. "Needless to say, I'm ecstatic."

MDOT is in the process of advertising for a contractor for the \$4 million project and, according to MDOT project manager Gorette Yung, expects to have one chosen by October. She said work is expected to begin in the spring and by complete by fall 2010.

She said work will be done in a design/build mode, meaning as the design work is complete, the building will be done. She said the speed this model provides was essential to funding for the project.

"We need to capture the federal stimulus money," Yung said. "(Design/build) speeds things up

and allows us to allocate money within the time frame required."

The project calls for some 7.5 miles of the trail to be rebuilt. Work entails reconstruction of the trail, rehabbing of the pedestrian bridge over the Lower Rouge River, and replacement of bridges over Tonquish Creek, Smith Drain, Fellows Creek and Wiles Drain.

Traffic signals will be installed at various intersections, ramps required by the Americans with Disabilities Act will be revamped and trail-blazing signs will be installed.

When it's completed, some residents believe the trail will actually help Canton's business climate, because bicycling groups who've avoided it in the past will use the trail now, bringing them into contact with Canton businesses.

"Organized rides would start using it, and it would bring people into the

businesses," said Canton resident Theresa Beaver. "And it won't just be bikers. You've got Rollerbladers and walkers who use the trail, too."

The MDOT project will reconstruct a trail used not only for recreational bicycling, but also for people — like Duffield — who use it to get to and from work. And for residents like Diane Bancroft, who lives in the farthest northeast corner of Canton Township and who rode with Beaver to Thursday's meeting, the trail provides a more emotional boost.

"It would be great to see it come back again," said Bancroft, who said the trail has been deteriorating for years. "As a resident who feels disconnected, this will connect me to my township again. I'm very excited about that."

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Heritage Park set for doggone fun

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton is going to the dogs. Well, actually, the dogs are coming to Canton. Some of them will be prancing around in their finest costumes and possibly riding on parade floats. Others will simply be looking for a friendly owner to take them home.

Welcome to Paws in the Park, a tail-wagging, two-day festival that appears certain to go down in pet history as one doggone good time.

If you see Spot running, it's for a good cause. It'll help the Ann Arbor-based Humane Society of Huron Valley, which serves the Plymouth-Canton area, and it'll also bring in dollars for a Canton dog park planned for Denton Road north of Cherry Hill.

The weekend event is set for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 22-23, on the north end of Heritage Park off Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer. It'll feature



A Purina Incredible Dog Team athlete soars through the air to catch flying disc. The team will entertain at Paws in the Park, Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 22-23 in Canton's Heritage Park.

entertainment, adoptions, education, food and shopping for pet owners and their pets. "It's a creative, different kind of event that we really haven't had before," Abe Vinitski, township

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park and facility supervisor, said.

Advance tickets are \$4 per person and may be bought at Canton's Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway; the Humane Society of Huron Valley's adoption center, 3100 Cherry Hill Road in Ann Arbor; and Pet Supplies Plus, 43665 Ford Road in Canton.

Tickets also may be purchased at the festival entrance for \$5, and children ages 2 and under get in free.

Paws in the Park will happen rain or shine, and dogs must be controlled on a leash by their owners.

To kick off the festival, a one-mile Paw Walk is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Aug. 22 with a \$15 minimum donation to benefit the humane society and the dog park. Owners are invited to a registration starting at 8 a.m., and they are urged to dress their dogs in costumes and create floats to win prizes

from event sponsors, including a year's supply of dog treats from Three Dog Bakery in Plymouth and dog food for a year from Canidae Pet Foods.

Pet owners also may register by logging onto www.pawsin-theparkusa.com.

The first 500 people to sign up for the walk will receive an official Paws in the Park bandana and one admission ticket to the main festival.

The Humane Society of Huron Valley, along with other local shelters, will have on-site adoptions both days of the festival from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. "for anyone who's looking to bring a new companion home," said Deb Kern, the humane society's marketing director. Dogs, puppies and likely a few kittens will be available, but probably not adult cats because "they don't travel as well," Kern said.

Paws in the Park will feature entertainment including the high-flying Purina Incredible Dog Team, a collection of some of the world's most athletic canines that perform to music. Dog feats will include

a two-legged balancing act on the trainer's feet and jumping nearly 10 feet in the air to share a flying disc.

The Rock 'n' Roll K9s also will be on hand, including dogs and trainers putting on an agility show set to rock music. Children are asked to join in the fun and become part of the show.

In yet another contest, the Ultimate Air Dog United Kennel Club Competition will include canines competing for distance as they run and jump into a pool. Organizers say the event is hosted by former Detroit Tigers pitcher Milt Wilcox, who has appeared on a variety of television shows with his dog, Sparky.

Local and national vendors also will be on site to provide pet education on nutrition, obedience training, pet care and grooming. They also will showcase the latest fashions and pet products.

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Fresh Films set up shop at Staybridge Suites in Novi for a seven-day production, but *Zero to Hero* was actually shot during one long, 12-hour day in July at the Howell school. The teen crew earlier had to grasp movie-making duties such as handling auditions of nearly 200 people, choosing five actors, working the film equipment and arranging for on-set food catering. They



The film crew rotated their movie-making responsibili-

ties, and Allen said one of the most difficult jobs included shooting a fast-paced scene as an actor rushed up a stairwell. Small duties, like making sure no one tripped over electrical cords, became a challenge.

Voters will be able to see online how the films are faring in competition. For now, teen filmmakers are promoting their movie on social networking sites like Facebook and MySpace, and they are arranging a laptop computer voting party for 6-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, at the Oasis Cafe, 33523 Eighth Mile Road, in Livonia.

eventually expected to debut nationwide on DIRECTV. Moreover, they will be reviewed around voting time on the Fresh Films site by writer-director Adam McKay (*Anchorman*, and

"It has been amazing," Allen said.

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Antique appraisals

The Plymouth Historical Museum hosts an antique appraisal clinic with Ernie DuMouchelle of DuMouchelle Art Galleries in Detroit on Wednesday, Aug. 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Items to be appraised include antique furniture, art, and small objects. No jewelry please. Appraisals are by appointment only and time slots are filling up quickly. Oral evaluations will be provided for \$10 per item; written evaluations will be provided for \$15 per item. There is a maximum of four items to be appraised per 15 minute time slot.

Call now for an appointment, (734) 455-8940. The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street, just north of downtown Plymouth.

Masters dance

Metro Dance Company hosts its second annual Masters Dance Intensive Aug. 17-20 at their Plymouth dance studio. The Intensive consists of eight 90-minute dance classes including Latin, Modern, Bollywood, Contemporary, Russian, Irish, Ballet and Breaking/Hip Hop with guest artist Stringz of Hardcore Detroit.

All classes are for advanced level dancers ages 13 - adult. Area teachers, pre-professional and professional dancers are welcome. Prices are \$24 per class or \$179 for the entire four-day Intensive.

Metro Dance Company is located at 541 S Mill in Plymouth, on the corner of Mill (Lilley) and Ann Arbor Trail. Register for classes by calling (734) 207-8970 or e-mail at info@MetroDanceCompany.com

PCA golf outing

A golf outing to benefit Plymouth Christian Academy, a preschool through 12th grade educational organization serving the Plymouth-Canton and surrounding communities, is being held Monday, Aug. 24, at Fox Hills

Golf Club in Plymouth.

The 18 hole scramble tournament on the Golden Fox course will have an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$100 per golfer and includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, prizes, course contests, silent auction and keynote speaker. Sponsorship and advertising opportunities are also available.

Jim Nill, vice president/assistant general manager of the Detroit Red Wings, is the keynote speaker and featured guest for this event. The goal of this golf outing is to establish an exciting day of golf that raises money for a locker room expansion project at PCA.

For more information, contact Julie Dart, PCA Director of Development, via e-mail at JDart@plymouthchristian.org

Junior Miss

Plymouth-Canton Junior Miss is looking for contestants to participate in this years program, which takes place Friday, Nov. 20 at the Cherry Hill Village Theater in Canton. Senior girls who will graduate from high school in 2010, reside in Plymouth or Canton and are interested in participating should go to the www.ajm.org Web site and register as a contestant.

The program is for senior girls who reside in Plymouth or Canton, no matter which high school they attend.

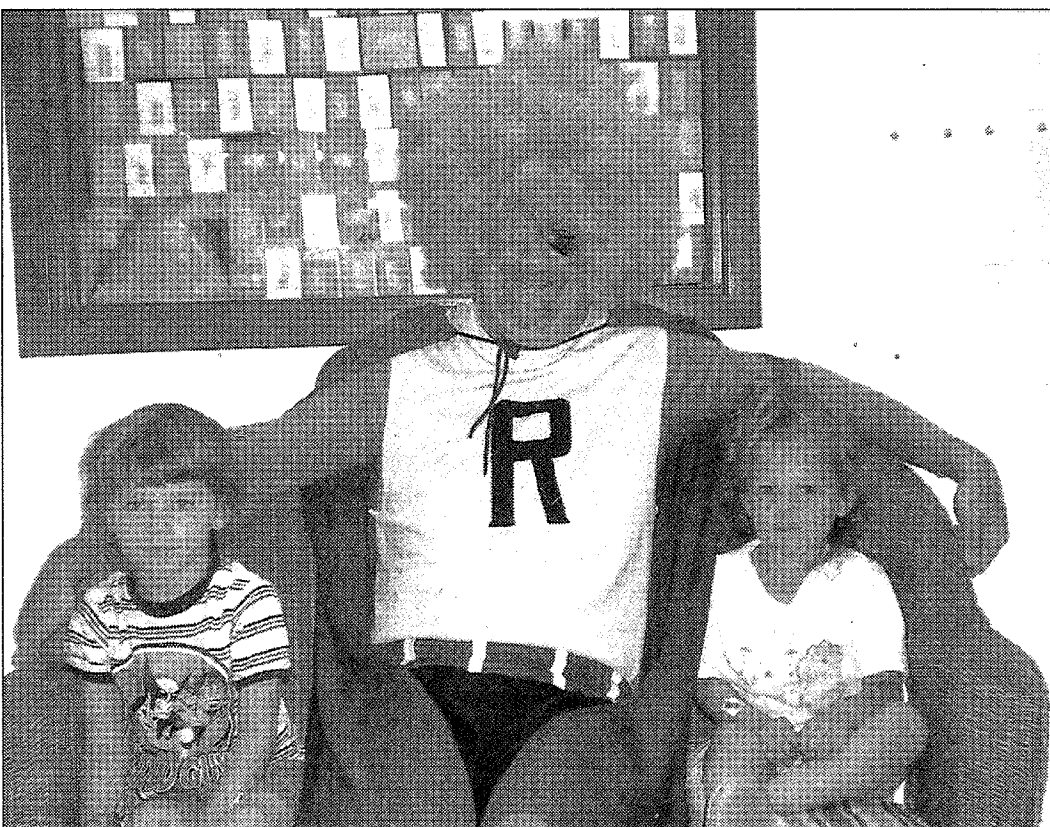
Questions should be directed to Marissa at pcjrmiss@yahoo.com. Officials are also still looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping with the program.

Sweetest Day dance

PLAV Post #166 and VFW Post #6695 will co-host a Sweetest Day Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 17, at the VFW Post located at 1436 Mill in Plymouth.

Tickets, which are tax deductible, are \$10 each and are available at the VFW lounge/club room. Entertainment will be provided by Benny Spear, of Benny and the Jets (specializing in 50s and 60s music) along with Greg Jaqua (an Elvis impersonator). There will be door prizes offered throughout the evening along with a cash bar.

For more information, call (734)459-6700.



Regie's rainbow

This month the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan brought its Regie's Rainbow Adventure program to Tutor Time Child Care Learning Center in North Canton to teach preschool-aged children about nutrition and exercise. Regie's Rainbow Adventure uses a series of interactive storybooks to teach children to eat fruits and vegetables that are the colors of the rainbow. The program began in spring 2008 and has already reached more than 240 children throughout the state. Teachers in two classrooms at Tutor Time began reading stories featuring Regie the Rainbow Man, a superhero who must get to a healthy food island and who gains strength on his journey by eating healthy food. The six-week program features a different color each week. Children get to try healthy snacks and also learn about manners, sharing and physical activity.

Tiny Tots Preschool

The Salvation Army Tiny Tots Preschool still has openings for classes beginning in September.

There are three classes available: Monday-Wednesday-Friday mornings from 8:45-11:15 a.m. for 4-year-olds; Tuesday-Thursday mornings from 8:45-11 a.m. for 3 year olds; and Tuesday-Thursday afternoons from 11:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. for 3 or 4 year olds.

Tuition is \$130 a month for the Monday-Wednesday-Friday class, and \$95 a month for either Tuesday-Thursday class. There is a one time registration fee of \$35.

For more information, call (734) 453-5464 or view the Salvation Army's Web site at www.misalpymouth.org.

Chiefettes clinic

Youngsters who would like to be a Junior Canton

Chiefette have their chance. The Chiefettes are hosting a Kids' PomPon Clinic for children ages 5-14 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Canton High School gym in the Phase III building.

Cost is \$40 per child and includes a T-shirt and snack. Discounts are available for additional siblings. Parents are invited to come see their daughters perform at noon and all girls attending the clinic will be invited to perform at the Chiefettes annual variety show on Sept. 19.

Registration is from 8:30-9 a.m. the morning of the clinic. Pre-register at www.cantonchiefettes.com before Aug. 27 and receive a \$5 discount. Registration is limited to the first 100 participants.

For more information e-mail PomClinic@cantonchiefettes.com

Scrapbooking fund-raiser

The Salvation Army of Plymouth and Creative Memories consultant Cassie Hull are teaming up to host

an all-day Scrapbooking event to help raise funds for the Salvation Army's Coats for Kids program.

Those interested in scrapbooking can join us for the Sept. 26 event, called Croptoberfest, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at a cost of \$35, which includes 12 hours of scrapbooking, meals, and a goodie bag. There is also a half-day option of six hours for \$20.

For more information, or to register, contact Cassie at the Salvation Army at (734) 453-5464, or by e-mail at cassiekh@gmail.com. Those unable to attend can still help the Coats for Kids program by donating \$15 to help purchase a coat for a child in need. The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main Street in Plymouth.

Fall Fest crafts

The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for the Craft Show, which takes place during the Fall Festival Sept. 11-13. The show will be on Union Street north of Ann Arbor Trail. 10' X 10'

foot spaces will cost \$75 per day or \$200 for the weekend. Jewelry Vendors are juried and must have their applications in by June 30. All other vendors are awarded spots on a first come-basis.

Applications can be downloaded at www.plymouthfall-festival.com or for more information e-mail Colleen Brown at cbrown57@comcast.net or call her at (734) 455-1614.

Business booths

The Fall Festival is accepting a limited number of applications from businesses interested in having a booth at the Fall Festival.

A 10-foot by 10-foot space is \$800 for the weekend. The Fall Festival runs Sept. 11-13. Applications can be downloaded at www.plymouthfall-festival.com or for more information call or e-mail Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614 - cbrown57@comcast.net.

Corriveau coffee

State Rep. Marc Corriveau will be holding a coffee at the Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman on Monday, Aug. 24 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to come and meet Corriveau and have their concerns or issues addressed.

Life screening

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging hosts a Life Line Screening health event to scan for risk of abdominal aortic aneurysm. Life Line Screening uses hospital quality ultrasound technology. The screening will be held Aug. 28 at the Township Friendship Station, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Register for the stroke, vascular disease and heart rhythm package for \$149. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Call to pre-register (888) 653-6441.

Senior Fest picnic

The annual Senior Fest Picnic will once again be held at Waterford Bend Park on Wednesday, Sept. 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the PCCA Office, 201 Main Street, ticket prices are \$7 for PCCA Members and \$9 for guests. Lots of prizes, raffles, chicken lunch and entertainment.

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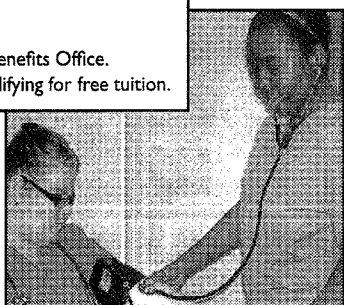
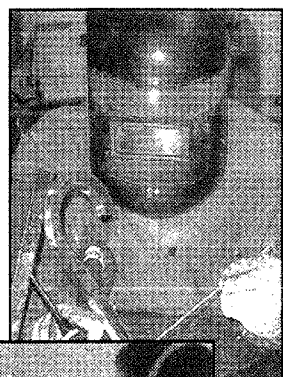
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Boy Scout Matt Montgomery collected more than double the goal in his bicycle drive. Helping out at the collection were (from left) mom Colleen Montgomery, cousin Mark Kennedy, Matthew Montgomery and friend and former Boy Scout Matt Cipolla.

Scout collects 75 bicycles for poor in Central America

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Steady rain didn't stop the donations from pouring in last weekend, when a Plymouth Township Boy Scout collected 75 used bicycles for needy people in two Central American countries.

Matt Montgomery, 17, who arranged the Aug. 8 bike donation event as a step toward his Eagle Scout rank, took in the 75 bikes in just four hours outside Plymouth Township Hall. Matt, his parents, Colleen and Tom Montgomery, and about 10 family members and friends processed the bikes, despite the rain, which Matt and his father then hauled to Pedals For Progress, a nonprofit in High Bridge, N.J.

Matt, who took in more than twice his goal of 35 bikes, said he met a lot of enthusiastic donors.

"There were some people

especially that just liked the cause," he said. Monetary donations, toward shipping costs, were also generous, Matt said, exceeding the suggested \$10 per bike.

"The turnout was really great, to show that people cared," he said.

The bikes are intended for people in Nicaragua and Guatemala who need reliable means of getting to and from work, schools, medical clinics and shopping districts. The Pedals For Progress Web site says the organization has shipped more than 120,000 bicycles to developing countries.

During the collection period, each bike had to be checked to make sure it was in working order, or easily repairable. Each bike had to have its pedals taken off and strapped to it, its seat and handlebars lowered, and its chain sprayed with WD-40. The bikes were

all loaded onto a trailer and a pickup that Matt and his father used to take them to Pedals For Progress.

For the work, Matt enlisted his parents, friends and fellow Scouts.

"I don't think we would've been able to fit another bike into the trailer," he said.

Tom and Matt Montgomery began the roughly 14-hour journey to New Jersey the next day, Aug. 9. "It was a pretty long drive," Matt said. They stayed with relatives before returning home.

Matt, who is about to enter his senior year at Catholic Central High School, said he was inspired to help people in Central America by a service trip he made to Guatemala at age 15.

"That's 75 families' lives that are going to be changed by this," he said.

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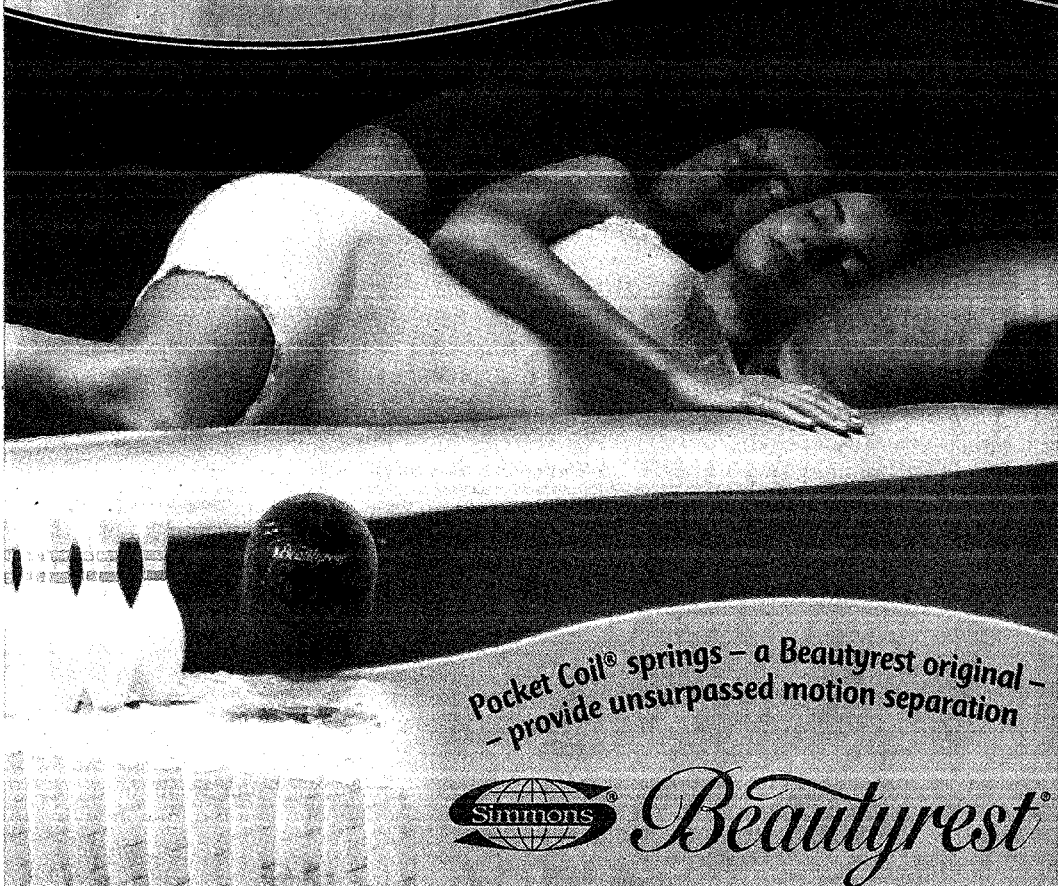
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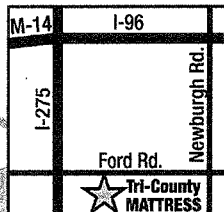
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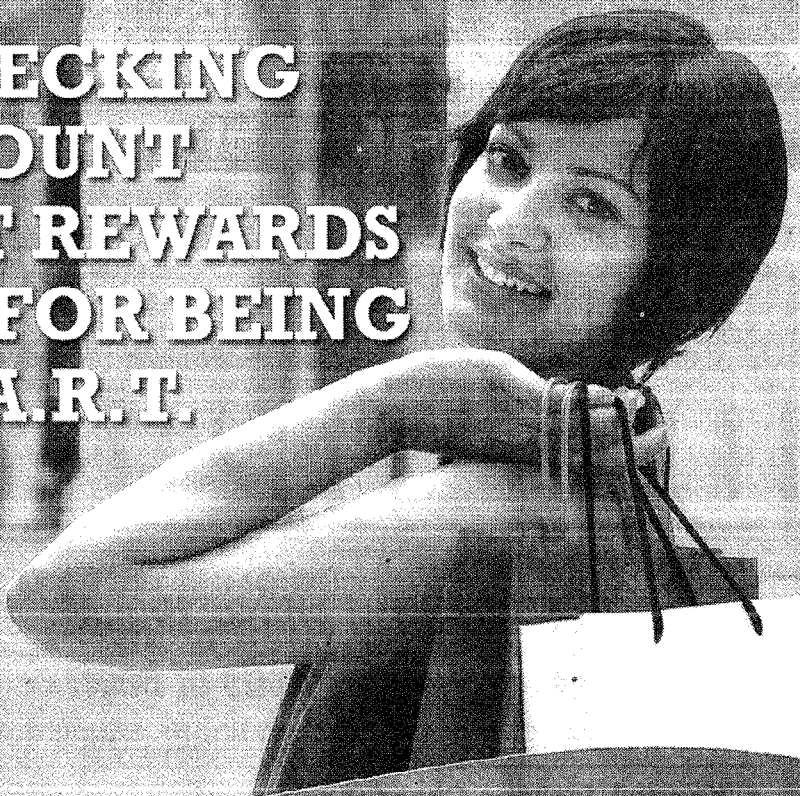
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Boulders, with new owners, to become Plymouth Rock

Canton woman gets probation in stabbing

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Boulders, a restaurant and bar on Ann Arbor Road at Harvey in Plymouth, is scheduled to close for a few days beginning Monday as its new owners remodel and get ready for menu and theme changes.

John Mousalas and Steve Stergiou, who also own Zak's of Plymouth, say they want Boulders, which they intend to rename, to be a family friendly sports bar known for good food. They took over June 1 and want to rename the place the Plymouth Rock Bar and Grill once the Boulders alcohol license is officially transferred.

"I'm looking for it to be a true sports bar," Stergiou said. "Hopefully it'll be the new hot spot in Plymouth."



Patrons should take a last look at the facade of Boulders Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road, because new owners will rename the restaurant once a liquor license issue is resolved.

doing exterior and parking-lot work. Stergiou said Boulders will reopen Friday, temporarily if the remodeling isn't finished, for an album-release concert by The Good Fight, an area independent roots rock band.

Several additional television sets, aimed for the sports crowd, are going to be installed, and Stergiou said he hopes to feature a regular lineup of live musical acts on weekend nights by the middle of next month or early October.

The Boulders menu, which now features a variety of appetizers, a made-to-order pizza, steak, ribs, burgers and Tex-Mex fare, will also change somewhat, when some new selections, like a zucchini eggplant burger, are added to current favorites, said chef Spiro Diakovasilou.

Mousalas said he's aiming to make the restaurant more appealing to families, particularly during the day.

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BY DARRELL CLEM
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A Canton woman accused of stabbing her brother during an argument has been placed on probation for three years after a Wayne County Circuit Court judge convicted her on a charge of felonious assault.

Katrina Lynne Martinez, 35, could have faced penalties ranging up to life in prison if she had been found guilty on more serious charges of assault with intent to murder and assault with intent to do great bodily harm.

Martinez already had served some jail time after police arrested her in February amid accusations she used a kitchen knife to stab her 36-year-old brother in the abdomen during a dispute on Buckingham, southeast of Cherry Hill and Lotz on the township's east side.

The victim was rushed to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, where he was initially listed in stable condition before he began a more sustained recovery.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Maria Miller said Martinez was given a three-year probation sentence July 29 by Judge Cynthia Grey Hathaway.

According to the Michigan Department of Corrections, the guilty verdict for felonious assault was returned during a trial heard by the judge rather than a jury.

Martinez also was ordered to receive treatment for substance abuse. She could be returned to jail if she violates any other laws during her probation.

The judge also ordered Martinez not to leave the state without permission; to attend alcohol and drug prevention classes; to report monthly for probation appointments; to take medications as prescribed by a doctor; and to perform community service.

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All 529 Plans offer set portfolios for investors to select from. One of the beauties of the MESP is that it offers a wide variety of investment options. This allows an investor to coordinate different college savings plans and also different strategies when it comes to saving for college.

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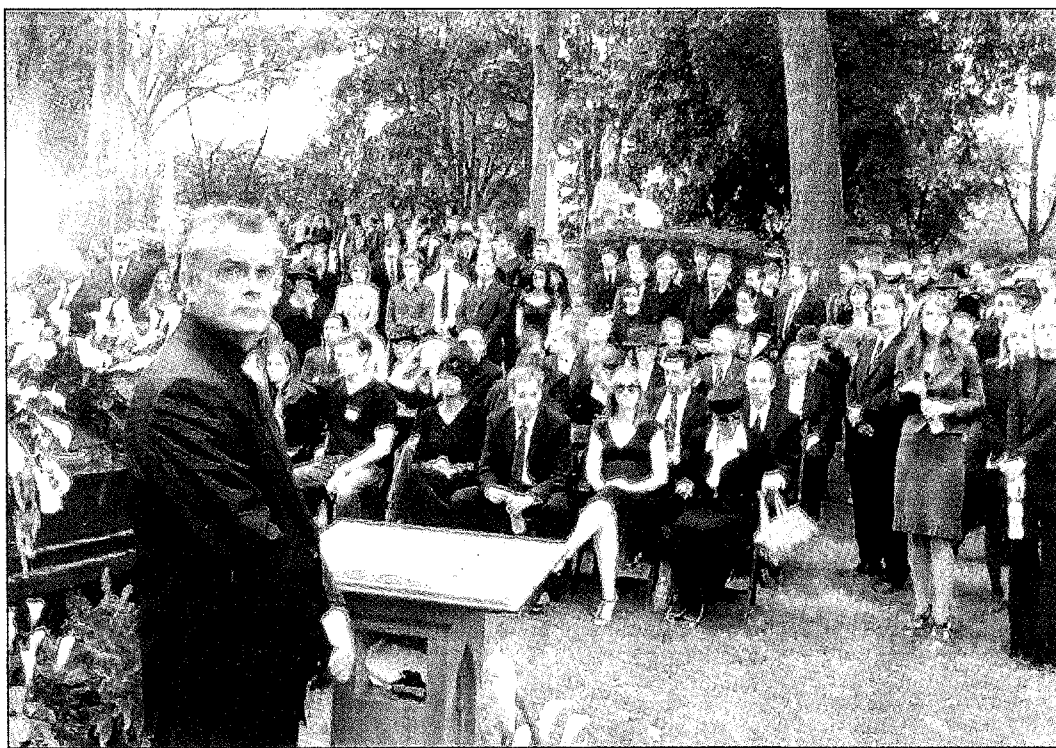
First Step chills at 'The Joe'

Plymouth-based First Step, along with honorary chair Deborah I. Dingell, is inviting families from across metro Detroit to "Chill at the Joe" 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20.

This family-friendly event at Joe Louis Arena will help raise needed funds to support First Step and its mission to help women and families overcome domestic violence and sexual abuse.

"Chill at the Joe" will feature a variety of crafts, games, entertainment, all you can eat "game day fare" as well as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to tour the Red Wing's locker room. Guests can also bring their skates or rent a pair of skates to take a few laps on the ice at Joe Louis Arena and participate in hockey feats of skill.

"This event is exciting ... it's a time to celebrate," said Judy Ellis, executive director of First Step. "It's an affordable, fun-filled event for all members of the family, at the same time helping other families to overcome violence. This event will help fill in the gaps in funding created by difficult economic times. I hope to see at least 1,000 people at this event to



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No show

Prince of the Motor City, a pilot TV show for ABC that was to feature Dennis Baranik (foreground) of Plymouth and was filmed in Detroit, has been cancelled. Baranik got a featured role as the Reverend who officiates at the funeral of legendary auto tycoon, William Hamilton III, owner of Hamilton Motor Works, a Detroit-based auto company, who dies mysteriously and leaves the company to his son, Billy, who is a Harvard professor. The show also was to have starred Andie MacDowell, Aidan Quinn, Piper Perabo, Aunjanue Ellis, John Carroll Lynch (Drew Carey Show). The new Michigan tax breaks for the film industry brought this show to Michigan and the extra cast numbered over 200 for the funeral, filmed at historic Elmwood Cemetery in Detroit.

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"First Step is a crucial safety net for the women and families in our community," said Deborah I. Dingell, honorary chair of Chill at the Joe. "This special event will bring much needed financial support to an organization that works so hard to make every dollar count towards its essential services for victims and their families."

Tickets for the event may be purchased through Theresa Bizoe at (734) 416-1111 or tbizoe@gmail.com for \$30 per adult, \$20 for kids or \$100 per family. Net proceeds from sponsorships, silent auction and ticket sales will be donated to First Step. First Step provides safe shelter, a 24-hour help line, counseling, advocacy, assault response, legal support, children's programs and other essential services designed to support victims of domestic and sexual violence and their families.

E-waste day

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Baby shower

The Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency's 12th annual community has issued an invitation to parents-to-be to attend a baby shower Thursday, Sept. 24, at Wayne County Community College's downriver campus in Taylor.

The Community Baby Shower is a free event for low-income expectant parents and those with infants up to 3 months of age by Sept. 24, who live in out-Wayne County communities, including Westland, Redford, Canton, Livonia, Plymouth and Garden City.

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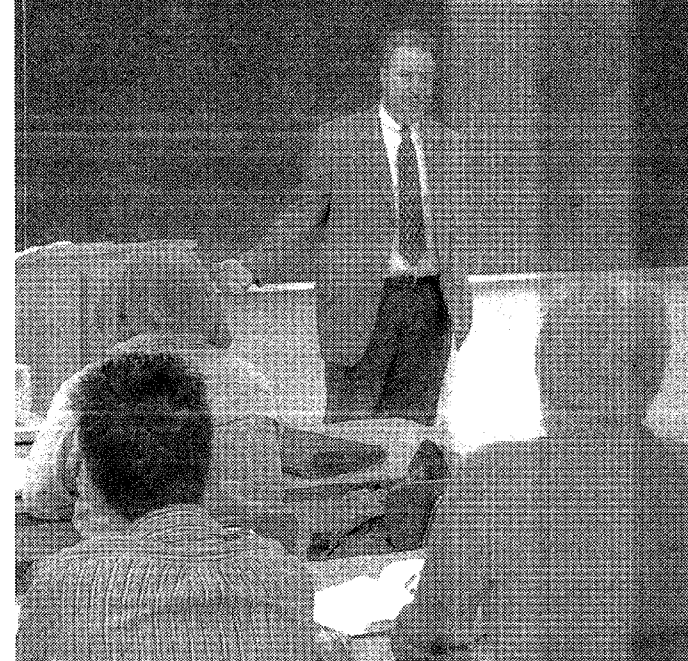
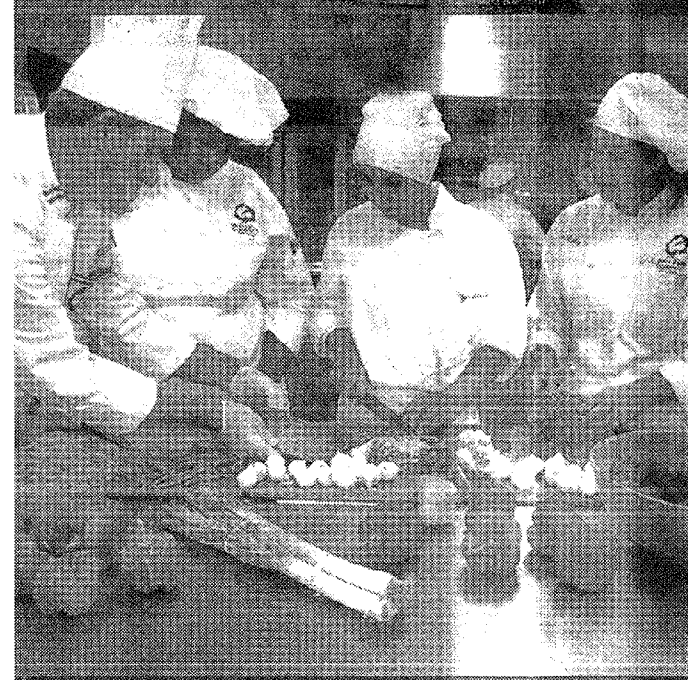
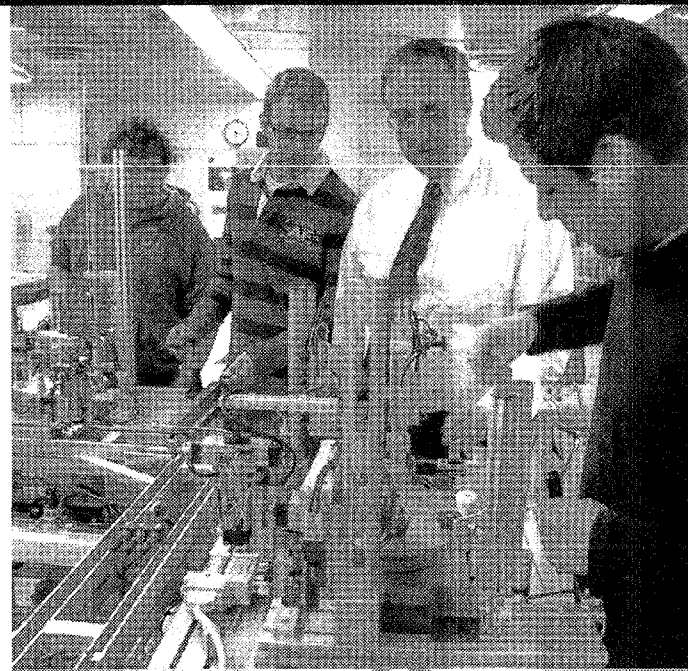
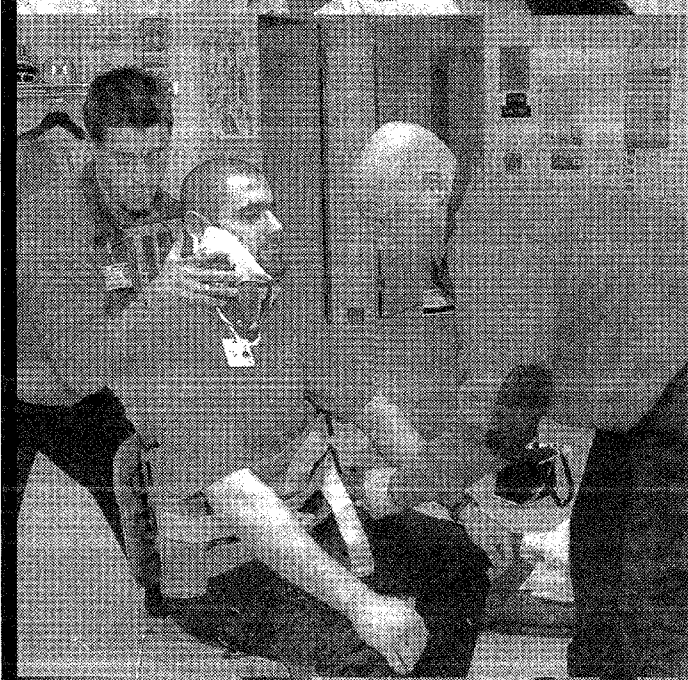
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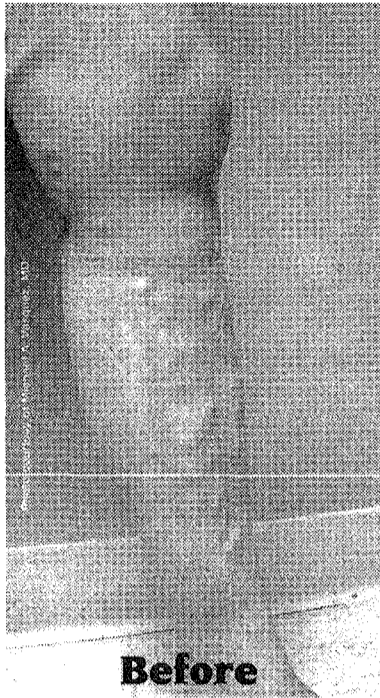
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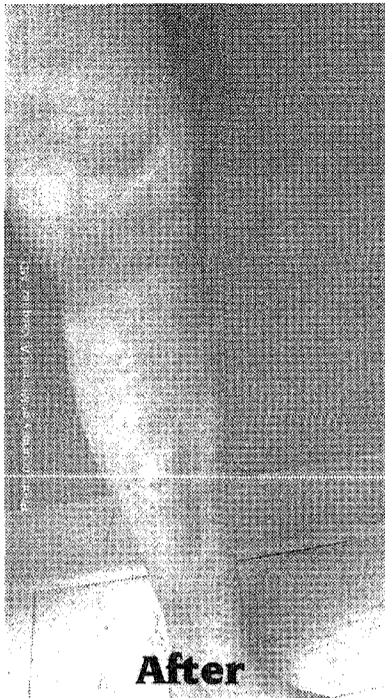
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Davenport's new president seeks input from community

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Richard Pappas toured the Livonia campus of Davenport University on Wednesday and met with teachers and staff there, some of the first duties he's completed since taking over as Davenport's president this month.

Pappas comes to Davenport from National-Louis University in Chicago. He said he went to Davenport because it was a "perfectly fitted match" for him. "I'm glad to be back in my home state, and Davenport has a tremendous drive for excellence," Pappas said.

Pappas wanted to meet with faculty and staff in Livonia and at other Davenport campuses to develop a five-year plan. He plans to return in about a month to talk with businesses, technological firms and hospitals to find out what employer demands and needs will be over the next several years.

"Livonia is a new campus, and it is a beautiful campus," Pappas said. "We'd like to sit down with the residents and employers and have input from them."

That input and information will help develop a strategic plan that fits everyone's needs, whether it is a student seeking a career in an employable field



Pappas

or a company that needs educated workers, he said.

"I think (Davenport in Livonia) is a great fit with the needs of this particular

area," Pappas said. "People want to make a difference in health care and in business. I think we can make a difference."

He also hopes to meet with Conway Jeffries, president of Schoolcraft College, to discuss a possible partnership. He hopes to meet with presidents and officials from every community college in the state, Pappas said. "I've known Conway for 15 years and he's a great leader," he said.

Pappas said he's heard positives about the Livonia campus and that staffers are excited about the new campus. He hopes to meet with business officials and the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, too.

"Quality is a key adjective of what we do," Pappas said. "We talk a lot about our new direction."

Pappas was selected because of his "passion for students and academic quality," said Ken Bovee, chairman of the Davenport University Board of Trustees and member of the search committee. Bovee

further noted that the board based its decision for selecting Pappas on his successful track record in strategic planning, academics, admissions, fundraising, alumni relations and community leadership.

Pappas has 35 years experience in higher education and 20 years as college and university president. Pappas holds a doctorate in higher, adult and continuing education and a master's degree in higher education and business management from the University of Michigan.

Pappas served as president of Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor and president of Harford Community College in Bel Air, Md. He will now oversee Davenport, a private, nonprofit university which has its main campus in Grand Rapids, and offers classes at 14 locations, from Alma to Warren. Enrollment is approximately 11,000.

Davenport specializes in business, technology and health professions. The university boasts that it prepares students for 17 of the top 20 careers on the Michigan Top 50 list.

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County DEQ holds waste collection day

The Wayne County Department of Environment is holding a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Saturday, Aug. 22, in the lot behind J.C. Penney at the Westland Shopping Center, Warren Road and Nankin Boulevard, in Westland.

The collection will take place 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is a chance for county resi-

dents to rid their homes of thermometers, garden chemicals, dyes, floor wax, nail polish and other items deemed hazardous.

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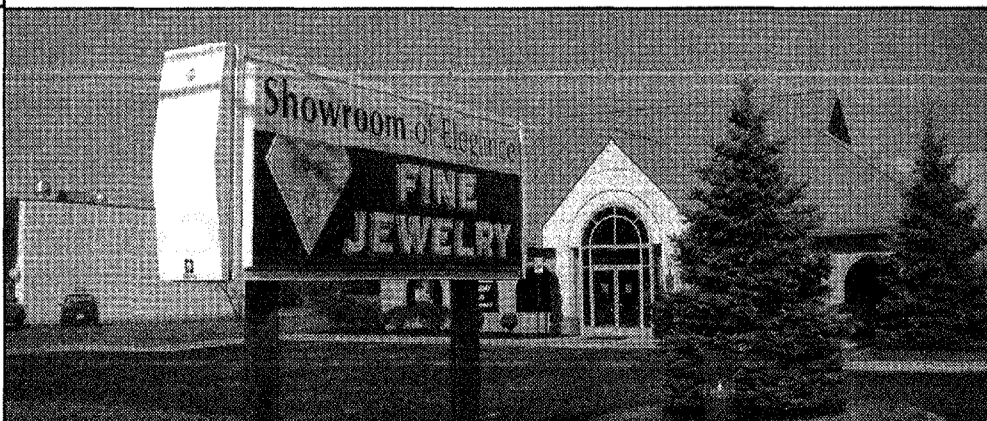
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- **WRITING MY LIFE STORY: A SENIOR WRITING GROUP**, Tuesday, Aug. 18, 4 p.m. - Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Plymouth author, Jane Saylor. No previous writing experience is necessary.

- **JOB SEARCH WORKSHOP**, Tuesday, Aug. 18, 7:30 p.m. - Local Human Resources professional Kimberly Wright will provide help with resume and cover letter creation, interview techniques, internet job searching and more. Register for this free program by calling 734-453-0750, ext. 4.

- **GARDEN GROUP**, Thursday, Aug. 20, 7 p.m. - This group gathers each month (from April - October) on the third Thursday at 7 p.m. Informal discussion covers seasonal gardening concerns, preparing for the next season, questions and answers. No registration is required.

- **NEEDLECRAFTERS MEETING**, Monday, Aug. 24, 7 p.m. - Knitters, quilters, needlepointers are all invited to attend this informal group gathering. Lessons are not provided, but ideas exchanged among attendees. No registration required. Bring your latest project!

- **BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION** - Wednesday, Aug. 26, noon - This month's discussion invites members to read *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch; beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's

Advisory Desk, call Tim Sherman at the Library, 734-453-0750, ext. 206 or e-mail tsherman@plymouthlibrary.org

Youth Programs

- **MONDAY MOVIES**, Monday, Aug. 17, 24, 31 at 2 p.m. - Kids ages 5-12 will enjoy these fun flicks, rated G & PG. Call the Youth service desk at 734-453-0750, ext. 5 for specific titles. No registration required.

- **BABY PLAY**, Monday, Aug. 24, 10 a.m. and 11a.m.; repeated Saturday, Aug. 29, 10 a.m. - This fun program is for babies ages 6-24 months. Baby Play is a less formal companion to our Lapsit program. Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interaction with other children.

Teen Program

- **BOOKS & BITES**, Tuesday, Aug. 18, 3 p.m. - Teens are invited to read *Alanna: The First Adventure* - Book One of the Song of the Lioness by Tamora Pierce - pick up a free copy of the book before the 18th and then come by for snacks and discussion.

- **TEEN ADVISORY BOARD**, Wednesday, Aug. 19, 7 p.m. - Are you looking for ways to make your voice heard in the community? Come and help make the Plymouth District Library be what you want it to be. Join the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) and suggest new programs and materials, write book reviews for the web site and just have fun. Free refreshments.

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- **COMPUTER BASICS**, Monday, Aug. 17, 7 p.m. - This course is designed to teach Microsoft Windows and basic mousing skills to Plymouth residents. The class provides one session of mousing practice and hands-on work with the keyboard and Windows. Participants are urged to return during the Drop-in tutoring session on Saturdays (starting in September) for additional practice.

- **ADVANCED MS WORD**, Thursday, Aug. 20, 10 a.m. - Build on your MS Word knowledge base by learning how to insert bullets, number pages, alphabetize, use tables, insert symbols and more. Basic keyboard skills and MS Word knowledge are prerequisites for this class.

- **INTRO TO BLOGS**, Wednesday, Aug. 26, 7 p.m. - Create and customize your own personal blog in this class using Blogger software. All class participants must have good keyboarding skills and be comfortable searching the Internet.

- **MS EXCEL LEVEL II**, Thursday, Aug. 27, 7 p.m. - For students who have completed the "Make a Budget with Excel Class. Excel II will cover the use of functions, inserting comments, create a chart, learn to insert rows and columns, formatting the spreadsheet and printing the spreadsheet.

- **COMPUTER BASICS II**, Monday, Aug. 31, 7 p.m. - If you have successfully passed Computer Basics, this is the next class for you. Hone your skills at clicking and dragging with your mouse. Learn how to save and move files around on your hard drive. Become comfortable using your Start Menu items. You must be able to use the mouse prior to taking this class!

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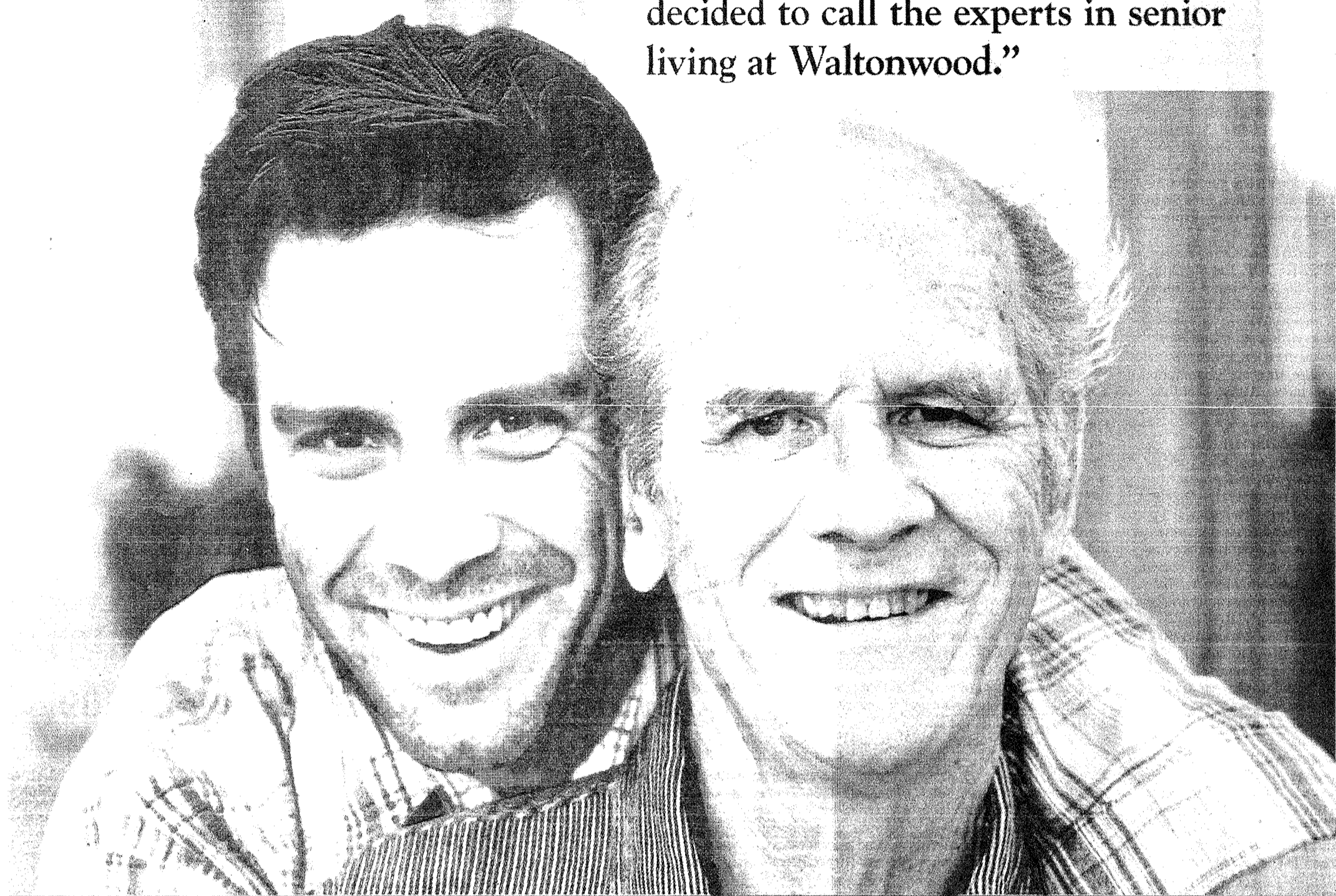
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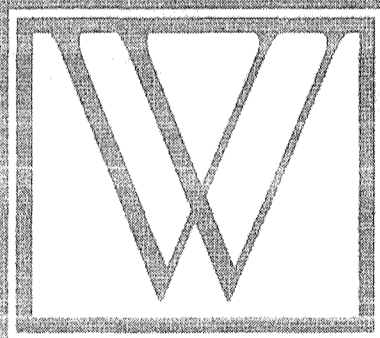


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First look impresses

Well, Auntie Em, I guess I'm not in Redford or Garden City any more.

One recent visit to the sprawling Plymouth-Canton Educational Park provided enough evidence of that for yours truly, the new sports editor for the *Plymouth* and *Canton Observers*.



Tim Smith

Here I was going from Point A to Point B to Point C Tuesday to get the inside scoop on first-week football practices for all three of the district's varsity grid squads. Yes, all of those teams were hard at work despite some Louisiana-like heat and humidity.

But what else did I see on campus but a junior varsity stadium!

Not a patch of green grass adorned with a bench or two, mind you, but a Turf Field venue complete with actual bleachers for fans, friends and family members to watch the future varsity Chiefs, Rocks and Wildcats.

For the past five years covering teams in Redford and Garden City for the *Observer*, never did I see such a place. Don't get me wrong. Folks in those communities also strongly back their student-athletes to the best of their ability. They really care.

But I quickly found out that in Plymouth and Canton, athletics get the big-time treatment and the boys and girls who live there have unique opportunities to experience.

FULL PLATE

It looks like they know it, because all three high schools enjoy large student participation in a bevy of sports. I will have to actually cover gymnastics, a sport in none of the schools I recently covered.

I can't wait to finally go to a lacrosse match and as much as I am not crazy about winter,

Please see **SMITH, B2**



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Plymouth's Amanda Kertesz practices her routine during a recent training session at Midwest Tae Kwon Do. She is preparing to test for a black belt this fall.

Getting her kicks

Tae kwon do transforms Plymouth teen from shy to sensational

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Amanda Kertesz's transformation from "girlie-girl" to flat-out competitor? To paraphrase a pop culture slogan, it's been as easy as ... T-K-D.

The 16-year-old Plymouth girl and soon-to-be senior at Canton High School no longer does ballet or hip-hop dance routines.

These days, she is a rising star based out of Midwest Tae Kwon Do on Main Street in Plymouth. In July, she came home with two gold medals from the USA Tae Kwon Do Junior Olympics & U.S. National Championships held in Austin, Texas.

"It was very thrilling, exciting and nerve-wracking all at the same time," said Kertesz, who claimed the gold in sparring and forms.

Her nervous system soon will feel it

again, however, when she begins the process of going for her black belt. First up will be a review board in September, which is a closed audition of sorts in front of masters and judges. The final test will be during October.

IT'S ALL GOOD

"You're showing off your stuff, they're challenging you physically and mentally and seeing what you can do," the usually low-key Kertesz said during a recent interview at Midwest. "Then you have the second test in October that's open to the public."

"That's where you break boards and break cement and all that good stuff."

The good stuff is a little different than what her parents (Lisa and Michael Kertesz) once thought would be on her resume.

ABOUT AMANDA

Who: Amanda Kertesz, 16, entering her senior year at Canton High School.

What: She won gold medals in sparring and forms at the recent USA Tae Kwon Do Junior Olympics & U.S. National Championships held in Austin, Texas.

Next: Kertesz will soon test for her first-degree black belt.

Home base: She trains out of Midwest Tae Kwon Do in Plymouth, under the tutelage of masters Russell Gale and Tanya Panizzo. Seven of the organization's nine team members competed in Texas last month.

Family help: Younger sister Anna, now 9, was the catalyst to get Amanda into tae kwon do. Anna also trains at Midwest. Parents Lisa and Michael Kertesz also are part of a strong support system.

Please see **KICKS, B3**



Sharp Sharks

Congratulations go out to the U9 Girls Superior champion Sharks soccer team, who won the Spring 2009 title. Kneeling (from left) are Kaitlyn Harries, Kristen Wiseman, Amanda Lopez, Devann Anderson, Alex DeRuvo and Lauren Bowling. In the back row are (from left) Serena Wang, Sidney Breach, Mary Ross, Lindsey Burger and Anna Havener. Coaches are Bill Lopez and Tony DeRuvo.

Whalers brace for busy camp

The Plymouth Whalers start their 20th season in the Ontario Hockey League with their annual training camp, Aug. 26-29 at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

Several special events will augment the camp itself, including the first-ever Whalers' Alumni Game set for 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, also at Compuware.

Whalers alumni currently committed to playing in the game include Pat Peake (1990-93), Chris Terry (2005-09), John Vigilante (2002-06), Steve Ward (2004-07), Andrew Fournier (2003-08), Tom Sestito (2004-07), Damian Surma (1998-2002), Dan Pawlaczyk (1993-97), Shaun Fisher (1997-2000), Bill McCauley (1992-95), David Liffiton (2001-04), Zack Shepley (2003-08), Kris Purdy (1997-2000), Scott

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More alumni are expected to be added to the roster.

The game is the caper to a busy week. The 2009-10 training camp begins with off-ice testing Wednesday, Aug. 26, followed by scrimmages 9-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. both Thursday and Friday, Aug. 27-28.

The scrimmages are open to the public and media. Rosters will be provided the days of the scrimmage.

Please see **WHALERS, B3**

SIDELINES

Balconi tournament

The annual Gary Balconi Soccer Tournament is set for Saturday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Hosting the tourney this year is Plymouth.

Matches (60 minutes each) will begin at 10 a.m. at PCEP's soccer facility spearheaded by Balconi, a long-time athletic administrator in the district.

Teams on the docket include Plymouth, Salem, Canton, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, University of Detroit-Jesuit, Midland Dow, Dexter and Walled Lake Northern.

Hole-in-one-club

Canton resident Barb Kaczmarek Sunday scored her first hole-in-one, acing the 72-yard No. 16 hole at Black Bear Golf Club in Vanderbilt. Kaczmarek, 48, used a 9-iron for her feat, which helped her finish with a round of 93 for the day.

Cool happenings

Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena continues to be a busy place even during the summer.

Drop-in hockey sessions take place 4:30-5:50 p.m. weekdays and 10-11:50 a.m. Sundays through Aug. 30.

There also are open skating sessions (noon to 2:15 p.m. weekdays; 11 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. Saturdays) and "Sticks and Pucks" (2:30-4:20 p.m. weekdays; 12:30-2:20 p.m. Saturdays), also until the end of this month.

For more information, contact the Open Skate Line (734) 455-6620 or go to www.ci.plymouth.mi.us for up-to-date changes if any.

O&E golf postponed

The *Observer & Eccentric* Women's Golf Open at Livonia's Whispering Willows was suspended shortly after it began because of rain and lightning. That tournament has been rescheduled for Saturday, Aug. 22, according to Whispering Willows golf pro Paul Worley.

Last call

The Motor City Pirates U-13 KVBSA independent travel baseball team will be having open tryouts from 10 a.m. to noon Sunday at their home field, UAW Local 735, located at 48055 Michigan Ave., Canton. For more information, contact Head Coach Angelo Lanava at alanava@wowway.com or (734) 395-3355.

Golf outing

Wolverine Sports & Conservation Club will hold its golf outing Sunday, Aug. 23, at Fox Creek Golf Course in Livonia. Cost is \$85 for individual golfers and \$325 per foursome.

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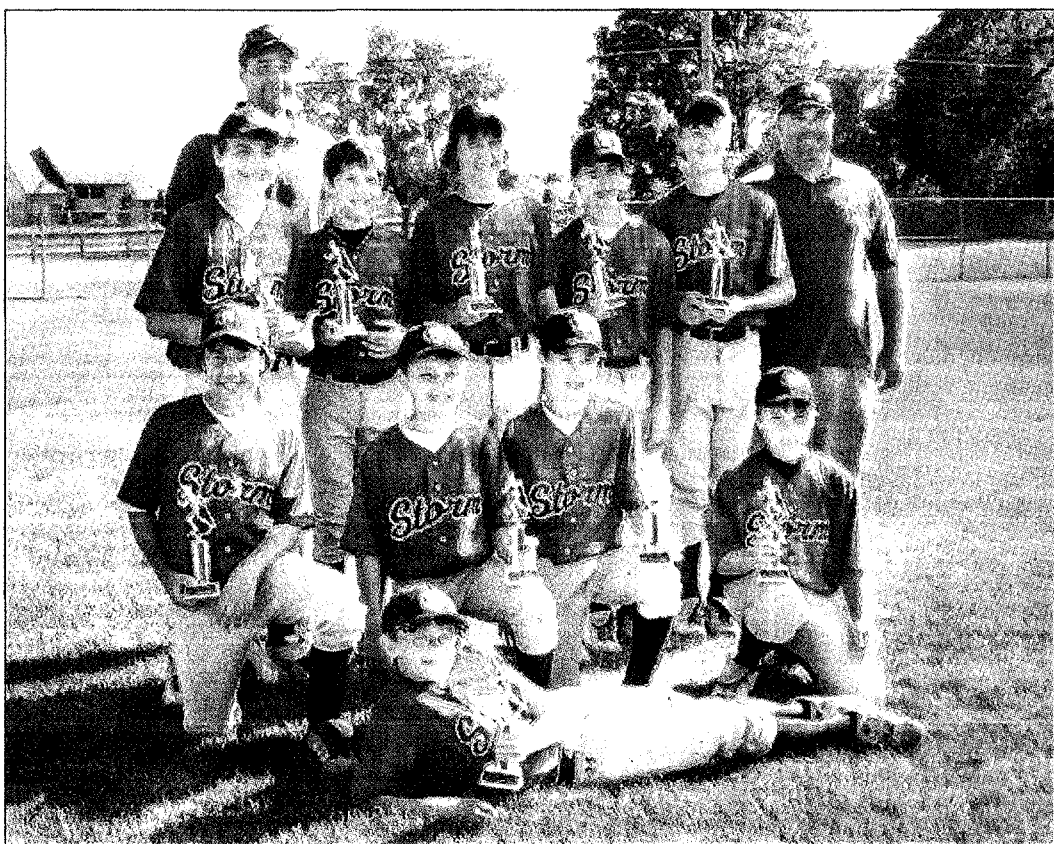
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The 14U Greater Canton Baseball & Softball Association Red Sox won the playoffs thanks to a 3-2 victory over the 14U Tigers in the finals. The win gave the Red Sox a record of 13-2-1 for the season. Members of the Red Sox include: (front row, from left) Kyle Bauer, Ryan Watson, Pete Carravallah, Alex Zoltowski, Lucas Albrecht, Mike Noe; (middle row, from left) Mark Zdan, Josh Penn, Travis Skopczyski, Dante Toppi, Dom Murphy, Tyler Brooks; (back row, from left) coaches Pat Watson, Greg Skopczyski, Rob Brooks.



12U Storm victorious

The 12U Canton Storm recently went 5-0 to capture the South Farmington Blues All-Star Classic. The Storm includes: (front row) Pete Carravallah; (second row, from left) Ryan Watson, Alex Zoltowski, Mike Vernon, Mike Noe; (third row, from left) Josh Penn, Kyle Bauer, Dom Murphy, Dante Toppi, Tyler Brooks; (back row, from left) coaches Pat Watson, Mike Noe.



Champion SeaWolves

What an unbelievable finish for the 2009 SeaWolves of the Livonia Baseball and Softball Association. Not only did they dominate the playoffs with 12-3 championship berth victory against Waterford No. 1 they continued their awesome hitting attack by beating Waterford No. 2 by a 12-2 count on Aug. 1 at Ford Field in front of a large and supportive crowd to capture the Oakland/Wayne Intercity Colt Central Division Championship. Starting pitcher Josh Dehetre was the difference maker, keeping Waterford batters at bay. Calling a superb game was catcher Adam Michael. Key hits were registered by Angelo Cavagnini and Ben Anderson while Dan Blacker, Kyle Curtis, Troy Bodtke, Dallas Centers and Steve Siemieiak all made contributions at the plate and in the field. The team is managed by Mark Bodtke, assisted by coaches Ray Buttigieg and Ralph Call.

Cold offense stops Rams in tourney

Michigan Rams manager Rick Berryman can empathize with the Tigers' Jim Leyland.

The Rams' offense was anemic for the second straight day as the New Orleans (La.) Boosters eliminated the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League representative, 3-2, at the 20-and-under All-American Amateur Baseball Association Tournament held Wednesday at Roxbury Park in Johnstown, Pa.

"We couldn't get the big hit to get in a run," said Berryman, whose team col-

lected just four hits and lost a day earlier in the double-elimination tourney to Martella's Pharmacy of Johnstown, 2-1. "We had excellent pitching and defense. That wasn't the issue. We played flawless in the infield and the outfield, but did not hit."

Northville High's Steve Anderson (Grand Valley State), a tournament pick-up by the Rams from LCBL Blue Knights, belted a solo homer in the third inning to knot the count at 1-all.

The Rams then went ahead

2-1 in the fourth on back-to-back doubles by Jake Rhodes and Kyle Vesey.

Rams starting pitcher Matt Broder (Michigan) gave up one run on three hits and two walks before being replaced by reliever Tom Whiting in the seventh.

Whiting, who was charged with the loss, then gave up the go-ahead two-run double as New Orleans remained alive in the 16-team tournament.

The Rams, the LCBL runner-up, finished their summer sandlot schedule at 24-15 overall.

SMITH

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I am pumped to again report about high school hockey. Prep hockey from where I came from disappeared due to budget cuts and changing demographics following 2007-08.

Drop the puck already. Then there are all the youth soccer, baseball and football

teams who keep winning tournaments.

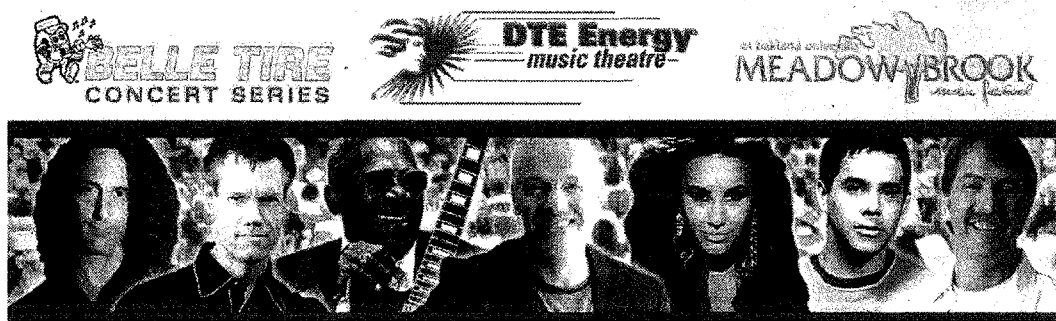
There are countless adult softball teams and children just learning how to field and run the bases in the fine Plymouth YMCA T-ball and youth baseball program.

I am sure there is a lot more out there and I look to get plenty of it into the pages of the *Plymouth and Canton Observers* as well as online at www.hometownlife.com.

Please feel free to e-mail or call me with suggestions for features and to inform me about your teams.

With your help, my aim is to present a well-rounded picture of Plymouth-Canton sports that you can be proud to hold up and take a look at.

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KICKS

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"Yeah, it's almost like a role reversal," said Lisa Kertesz, a regular at Midwest, where daughters Amanda and 9-year-old Anna compete. "Now I've got my dancer who I thought I'd be seeing at dance recitals, But instead, I'm in the stands.

"God, I never thought I'd be a mom in the stands screaming, 'Kick her butt!'"

Even Amanda has to deal with double-takes from friends now and again.

"They're like, 'No way, I can't believe you do that,'" she said with a grin. "Because they just can't see me as that kind of person."

It's true, but still kind of hard to believe. That's because when Kertesz is not delivering crunching kicks to the torso of her sparring partners during training sessions at Midwest under the watch of Masters Russell Gale (a sixth-degree black belt) and Tanya Panizzo (a fifth-degree black belt), she is still as soft-spoken and humble as can be.

"It's helped me a lot as a person," she said about the impact tae kwon do has made in her life in just a few short years (and since January 2008 at Midwest). "Being in tae kwon do isn't just about martial arts.

"There's other lessons that come with it, that help you along the way through life, such as peer pressure and self-defense."

STEPPING UP

Those lessons, plus how to be more assertive and inquisitive, are why Lisa Kertesz really is thrilled her teen daughter is immersed in tae kwon do.

"I attribute it to these particular masters," Lisa said. "They've really taught her how to step up. They've taught her not to be part of the crowd. They've taught her to be different.

"And you know, for the longest time she didn't tell people she was in tae kwon do. Never would tell people and I always wondered. Now in the past year (since starting at Midwest), she definitely doesn't have a problem telling people. And a majority of them are impressed, they can't believe she does what she does."

And to be honest, Amanda Kertesz might not be amassing awards and accolades without some prodding from her younger sister.

According to mom, it was actually Anna who was the first person in the family to get a jump start on the sport.

"Anna is our tomboy and a very outgoing personality," Lisa said. "And Amanda credits her for getting her into something she normally wouldn't have done, like tae kwon do."

Amanda concurred about how her sister, only 6 at the time, sparked her own interest in 2006.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Midwest Tae Kwon Do in Plymouth is helping train some outstanding athletes, including several team members who competed at the recent Junior Olympics in Texas. Standing are (from left): Billy Jackson, Ann Arbor; Marshall Gaines, Milan; Steven Thompson, Westland and Amanda Kertesz, Canton. Kneeling are (from left): Grant Slomkowski, Northville; Caleigh Lin, Plymouth; Samuel Gaines, Milan.

"I just went to her class and started watching her and started helping out in the gym," she said. "She wanted to kick with me. I was a little iffy on it because I was a 'girly-girl,' you know."

She laughed when she said that, but the joke's on her competition now as opponents learned recently at the Junior Nationals.

MASTERFUL STUDENT

"She had to compete in a really large division with a bunch of other girls," Panizzo said. "She was flawless the entire time. She made one small error that she corrected the next round and she was able to pull it off and win the gold."

Panizzo also gave high marks to Kertesz in sparring. "As far as the free sparring, she was strong," Panizzo said. "She hit it hard and she was really underestimated. I think a lot of it was because she's very graceful and I think people assume she might not be as tough, but she is."

Kertesz now wants to return to the Junior Nationals in 2010 for what would be a third consecutive time. In 2008, she garnered a silver medal in forms and a bronze in sparring.

And if she does go back, Panizzo wonders out loud just how good Kertesz can be after another year of training and encouragement from everybody at Midwest.

"Does Amanda have a limit?"

None of them have a limit in what they can do," the instructor said. "I believe anybody can do anything. They just have to believe in themselves, they have to believe in those trying to help them and the program in which they have subscribed themselves to.

"And they have to have a good support system and I think she has all those things."

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Don't forget about the Plymouth and Canton communities when it comes to that support.

Lisa Kertesz orchestrated a spaghetti dinner at the Plymouth Cultural Center to raise funds for the recent Texas trip and many local businesses also chipped in. The money helped send seven of Midwest's nine team members to Texas.

And with that venture came plenty of positive payback.

"It's amazing where she's been and where she's come from and where she's at," Lisa said. "It just amazes me. Every time she goes out there and fights, there's just this glow in her eye."

Go ahead and ask the masters about that. Chances are pretty good they'll glow about that, too.

For more information about Midwest Tae Kwon Do in Plymouth, go to www.midwesttaekwondo.com or call (734) 459-4183.

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He's got sights on 2012 Olympics

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Midwest Tae Kwon Do in Plymouth could be grooming a future Olympian.

Westland John Glenn's Steven Thompson certainly is on the right track toward that lofty goal, earning a gold medal at the recent USA Tae Kwon Do Junior Olympics & U.S. National Championships in Austin, Tex. and qualifying for Saturday's national team trial.

If the 16-year-old Westland native is victorious at the Colorado Springs, Col. "fight off" at welterweight (129-to-137 pounds) he will earn a berth on the USA National Junior Team.

"I think I'm surprising people," Thompson said. "A lot of people didn't think I could make it as far as I am now, like going to teams."

One of his trademarks is dogged determination, so no matter what happens in Colorado, Thompson won't be

deterred.

"I would just come back here, start training more and wait around for next year," he explained.

And making the USA National Junior Team is just the next of the string of ambitious goals Thompson is planning to reach.

"After making junior team, (goals are to) win internationally, travel around the world and play for USA and then go for the 2012 Olympics (in Chicago)," he said.

About the last goal in that list, he smiled and said it was do-able. "I think so. I always try to set myself at the highest I can go."

Thompson, whose parents are Lori and Daniel Thompson, said his tae kwon do success (he came home from Texas with a gold medal in sparring in the 18-32 age bracket) is helping him grow as a complete person.

"It's making me concentrate more in school and it's making me more athletic to do other

sports," said Thompson, who also played varsity soccer at John Glenn. "The agility in tae kwon do is like the same thing on the soccer field.

"... I've grown in school, too. I got better grades since I started tae kwon do and I've met new people during tournaments and built friendships with them."

According to one of the masters at Midwest Tae Kwon Do, fifth-degree black belt Tanya Panizzo, there's no telling what Thompson might be able to accomplish.

One of the main reasons for Panizzo's optimism is Thompson's absolute passion for the sport, which gets it's three-pronged name from "foot," "fist" and "the way."

"It started when I was six, I always loved fighting," Thompson stressed. "It's just adrenaline and energy flowing through your body. It's like you just can't wait to get out there and fight."

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WHALERS

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LOOKING FOR 19

The Whalers then will open the preseason at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, in Brighton against Saginaw at the Kensington Valley Ice House.

Proceeds of the game will support the Kensington Valley Hockey Association. Tickets for the game are currently being sold at Brighton Ford, 8240 Grand River Ave., just north of I-96, in Brighton.

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Training camp concludes

with Sunday's alumni game; tickets for the event are free.

Following the contest, fans are invited to re-connect with Whalers alumni in a reception at CJ's Brewery at 5 p.m.

As for the upcoming season, Plymouth (37-26-5-0 last year) comes into a new year with the longest current streak of making the playoffs in the OHL — 18 straight seasons.

With a younger group of players maturing into veterans, the Whalers are expected to be in the middle of the Western Conference playoff race again in 2009-10.

Leading players include goaltender Matt Hackett (a Minnesota Wild draft choice), defensemen Michal Jordan

(Carolina), Leo Jenner, Josh Bemis and Beau Schmitz and veterans forwards AJ Jenks (Florida), Ryan Hayes, Joe Gaynor and Jamie Devane (Toronto), as well as center Tyler Seguin, a potential first-round pick in next summer's National Hockey League Entry Draft.

Plymouth opens the season Thursday, Sept. 17, in Windsor against the OHL-champion Spitfires with the home opener set for 7:05 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, against the Oshawa Generals.

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Madonna spikers look to maintain elite status

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It could be a new-look Madonna University women's volleyball team this fall, but the results never get old for the Crusaders, who will be gunning for their 11th NAIA National Tournament appearance under Hall of Fame coach Jerry Abraham.

Abraham, entering his 23rd year, must replace first-team All-America Lubovj Tihomirova, who average 4.08 kills per game, and second-team All-America Whitney Fuelling (463 kills), along with front-row specialist Stephanie Parslow – all whom graduated.

"We lost three quality seniors – offensively who were dominant kind of players that were all tremendous leaders and volleyball athletes," said Abraham, who is coming off a 35-7 season and 12th straight Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference title. "So our recruiting efforts this year were to get more firepower specifically in the outside and middle hitting positions.

"Overall we're new in a lot of spots. We're returning experience in key areas, but yet we have a lot of new players that have to fit in. That's why this preseason is more important

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than the last few years. But I'm confident that once we mold into a team, it could be a team that is fast and athletic. The chemistry is extremely good and I'm excited about the season."

Mary McGinnis, a 5-foot-11 senior outside hitter from Fraser who ranked second behind the 6-2 Tihomirova in total kills (474) will take on the leadership role along with fourth-year starting setter Inta Grinvalds, a 5-10 senior from Portage Central.

Abraham said both are legitimate All-America candidates.

The other senior returnee is 5-8 defensive specialist Abby Long (LaPorte, Ind.), a three-year starter who is coming off knee surgery.

"Obviously we'll count on our seniors," Abraham said. "If Abby is healthy, she'll pick up where she left off. Inta's the floor general, the leader who is able to put it antenna-to-antenna. She's a top level setter, one of the better setters in the country.

"Mary will be a captain. She had a great spring. We'll rely on her as a left-side hitter who we expect put up numbers on a consistent basis."

McGinnis, meanwhile, is ready to

assume the mantle.

"Coach (Abraham) wants me to be more vocal," McGinnis said. "Usually I try to lead by example. I've been a leader, but haven't had the seniority. I'm excited to take on the role."

Grinvalds, MU's all-time leading setter, averaged 10.83 assists per game in 2008.

"We're going to miss Lubovj, but we have some good girls coming in," said Grinvalds, who is majoring in nursing. "She was a key player, but we can make due with the girls coming in. Over the years with played the same style. But with a new assistant coach (Tera Woodruff) after three years it could be a factor as far as changing the style."

Also returning is Karie Altman, a 6-foot sophomore middle hitter from Allen Park Cabrini (175 kills); Megan Fricke, a 5-9 sophomore outside hitter from Wyandotte Roosevelt (111 kills); and Amanda Koszela, a 5-7 defensive specialist from Dearborn High.

"She (Koszela) will be our starting libero, she's a great defensive player with a lot of speed," Abraham said. "Karie (Altman) will be a go-to player, a big part of the offense. She's very strong with a whip for an arm. She attacks from the slide dominantly."

Other returnees include three

players with Observerland ties – Liz Dempsey, a 5-8 junior hitter from Livonia Franklin; Marie Martin, a 6-1 middle hitter from Canton; Anna Gatt, a 5-7 defensive specialist from Livonia Churchill.

"Martin has really developed," Abraham said. "It took a season for her to develop. And I thought both Dempsey and Fricke had great springs."

Grinvalds' back-up will be freshman recruit Evia Frieditis, a 5-9 setter from Milford. And adding depth to the front row is 6-1 sophomore Katie Czarnecki (L'Anse Creuse North), a 6-1 sophomore transfer from Macomb Community College.

"She's a lefty who will provide a big block and a big hit," Abraham said of Czarnecki. "Frieditis already is familiar with our system. She's played it for three years."

The trump cards, however, just arrived Sunday night from Riga, Latvia, just in time for Monday's opening day of conditioning and practice.

Abraham has added two freshmen in a pair of 6-footers named Anastasija – Baranovskaja and Sheremetjeva – both whom hope to follow in the footsteps of former MU All-Americans Tihomirova and

Natalja Tinina.

"They're very talented kids, both high level players from the club team that Lubovj and Natalja came from – that's the connection," Abraham said. "They both come in with high honors. They can play front and back row. They can play all over the place."

Abraham has also added a new and old assistant coach with the departure of Ed Tolentino to Georgia Tech. Back in the fold is Tim DeBeliso, who spent 11 seasons on the bench, and former MU standout Tera Woodruff. They join longtime Abraham assistant Brian McClain.

"With the two new Latvian players we may be smaller and quicker," Woodruff said. "We have a good core with Mary (McGinnis) and Inta (Grinvalds). We may not necessarily have the power we've had, but we have the quickness."

The new-look Crusaders, however, plan to keep on winning for Abraham, who ranks second among NAIA coaches in total wins (881).

"When we walk out on the court we may not look as intimidating," McGinnis said. "We'll be a lot different, but we'll be really aggressive and I think we'll have a successful year."

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Schoolcraft spikers look for repeat performance

BY JIM TOTH
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Entering his third season in charge of the women's volleyball program at Schoolcraft College, head coach Rich Lamb knows this year's squad will be hard-pressed to match, or better, the accomplishments of the 2008 contingent.

"We certainly had a good year," Lamb said of the last season's unit which posted a conference-leading 15-1 ledger, strung together 18 consecutive

victories, and finished with a 31-9 mark overall. "It was quite rewarding.

"But we go into every season with the goal of being league champs, and continuing on in the national tournament. We started that season with a good base of sophomores and we're looking to do the same this year also."

A handful of returnees, including four starters, has Lamb believing the '09 Ocelots can be every bit as dominating both offensively and defensive-

ly. Lamb's optimism begins with Jordan Kerr (Livonia Churchill), a second-team All-MCCAA Eastern Conference selection in 2008, whose overall talents position her as the team's libero.

"She's all-everything out there for us," Lamb said. "She's our back-row specialist, but we'll position her everywhere out on the court and it will be up to the other team to find out just where she is."

Jennifer Brunink and Emily Bronkema return as powerful

middle hitters and Brittany Denter, with a year of experience under her belt, should prove to be one of the league's top setters.

"It will be nice to have an experienced setter," Lamb said. "Last year she (Denter) kind of learned on the fly thinking and making decisions."

The fifth returnee is Kirstin Kirk, who was limited in her playing time last season after suffering a knee injury.

The ability of freshmen to

step in and make an immediate impact is crucial to any community college in maintaining a successful program.

Katie Vellucci (Livonia Stevenson) is one such freshman and Lamb believes her contributions, along with that of outside hitters Katrina Johnson, Sam Gilbreth and Kayla Creech, will be critical in the Ocelots' attempt to defend the Eastern Conference crown in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

The race for the top spot in the Eastern Conference promises to be a heated one as Lamb believes the off-season recruiting turned in by Oakland CC, St. Clair CC and Macomb CC makes it difficult to select a clear-cut favorite.

"I just hope we're in the mix at the end," he said.

Regular-season play for Schoolcraft begins Friday, Aug. 28, with a tri-match against visiting league foes Alpena CC and Delta College.

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John and Regina Korzetz of Canton

60TH ANNIVERSARY

John and Regina (Mech) Korzetz of Canton, formerly of Livonia, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family this month. The couple wed Aug. 6, 1949, at Assumption Church, Detroit.

John retired in 1987 and Regina retired in 2006. They enjoy spending time with each other and with family.

They have four children: Katherine Bliss of Clarkston, Linda Brennan of Escondido, Calif., Nancy Leib of Plymouth, and the late Elizabeth Purcell.

They also have four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

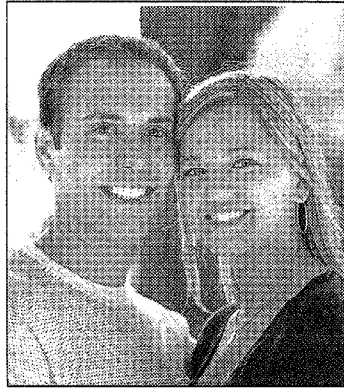
KOCZARA-PESCI

Amelia Koczara and David Pesci plan to wed this month, August 2009.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Mary VanRoeyen and James Koczara of Farmington, attended Michigan State University.

Her fiancé, son of Lance and Sherry Pesci of Farmington Hills, attended Hope College.

The couple plan a wedding at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Detroit, with a reception at the Colony Club and a honeymoon in Maui.



Koczara-Pesci

CAHILL BABY

Christopher Cahill and Rebecca Wright of San Diego announce the birth of their son, Lawson Edward Cahill. He was born on July 27, 2009, weighing 7.7 pounds, 19 inches long. Lawson is named after both of his great-grandfathers. His older brother and sister, Pierce and Eden, are thrilled to welcome him home. His grandparents are Louella Wright of Troy and Frank and Christine Cahill of Farmington Hills.



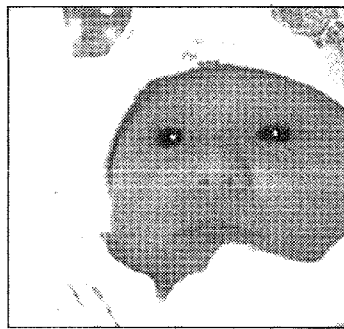
Lawson Edward Cahill

DAVIS BABY

Andrew and Jessica Davis of Brighton announce the birth of their son, Jacob Hayden Davis, at 8:45 p.m., March 16, 2009 at St. Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti. He weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces and measured 19 inches.

Jacob's grandparents are Becky and Jim Heindl of Farmington Hills, Mike and Sonja Davis of Bright, Bonnie and Dan Mullins of Tennessee and Al and Maryann Green of South Lyon.

Great-grandma is Annabel Brubaker of Austin, Texas.



Jacob Hayden Davis



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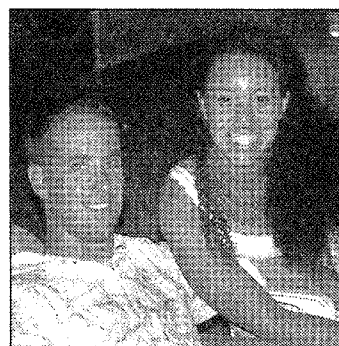
KRIST-LANDENWITCH

Sandra Krist of Westland and Jill Byars of Oviedo, Fla., announce the engagement of their children, Adam Krist and Faunia Landenwitch.

Adam and Faunia met through Faunia's cousin. Their romance blossomed soon after. Adam is a student at Macomb Community College pursuing a degree in motion graphics and film. He is looking forward to a career as a director.

Faunia works for JPMorgan Chase as a trade analyst assisting clients with Customs clearance. She plans to enroll in school and achieve her goal of becoming a nurse mid-wife.

An April 2010 wedding is planned.



Bryant-Lapham

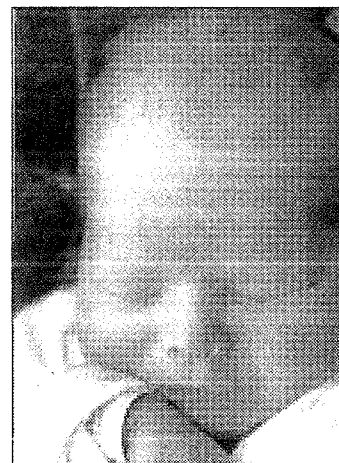
BRYANT-LAPHAM

Heather Marie Bryant and Andrew Lapham announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Wendy and Leo Ryba of Farmington, attended the University of Michigan-Dearborn and is employed by NDeX of Farmington Hills.

Her fiancé, son of Gretchen and Russ Lapham of Grand Rapids, attended Olivet and is employed by MHT Housing of Southfield.

An October 2009 wedding is planned at Victoria Wedding Chapel in Waterford, followed by a reception at Pi Banquet Hall in Southfield.



Bradley Robert Heckman

HECKMAN BABY

Bryan and Lori Heckman of Royal Oak announce the birth of Bradley Robert Heckman. He was born on July 8, 2009, at Beaumont Hospital, weighing 8 pounds, 13 ounces, and 22 inches long. His proud grandparents are Al and Nancy Leszczynski of Livonia and Rory and Michele Heckman of Beulah, Mich.

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Canton Christian Fellowship Church is ready to party — and give away school supplies at the same time.

It's registering participants for its Back-to-School Party, noon to 2 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 29, at the church, located at 8775 Ronda Drive, off Joy between Lilley and Haggerty in Canton.

"They call us and say they want to be a part of it and we get their name, their grade, whether they're a boy or girl and their school," Adonna Wright, event coordinator, explained the registration process. "We're hoping they register by Wednesday, Aug. 26, but if people call after that time we won't turn them down."

Wright said the church, pastored by the Rev. David Washington, Jr., also runs a clothing bank.

"This is the first time we're having a back-to-school party. We'll try to accommodate everyone. And we'll have games for the kids, face painting and a little music to celebrate going back to school. The main thing is it helps those parents who are having a tough time now.

School supplies can be expensive."

RSVP at (734) 404-2480. Visit the church Web site at www.CantonCF.org.

Get crafty

Want to sell your handmade arts and crafts? The First United Methodist Church in Northville has the perfect vendor spot for you.

The church is looking for people who want to showcase their talents to hundreds of customers at the church's Annual Community Bizarre Bazaar. The event runs 0 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24. The church is located at Eight Mile and Taft.

Booth rental benefits Village Banking, a global financial program that lends money to low-income entrepreneurs worldwide.

To rent a space e-mail to Pat Breslin at: BizarreBazaar@care2.com. For more on Village Banking visit www.villagebanking.org.

—By Sharon Dargay



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JAMES BOSWELL

A memorial service will be held Monday, August 31, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church, 800 Abbot Rd, East Lansing. The family will receive friends 1 hour prior to the service. Arrangements by Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes, East Lansing.

WILLIAM J. BURTON

Age 85, August 10, 2009. Beloved husband of Mary. Dear father of Daniel (Joanne), Richard (Marianne), Renee (Karl) Myrand, Thomas (Tracie) and Curtis (Carol). Grandfather of Jeff, Lisa, Anthony, Marie, Sarah, Jennifer and Zack Burton and Lauren Myrand. Great-grandfather of Hannah and Joey Burton. Brother of Theresa Boucher, Shirley Bower and Annette Maxwell. Visitation was held Thursday 5-9pm and Friday 1-9pm with a 7pm Scripture Service at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster (between Ford and Cherry Hill). In state Saturday 9:30am until 10am Mass at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 31530 Beechwood (at Merriman, 2 blocks north of Ford). www.santeiufuneralhome.com

DOROTHY L. COLLINS

Age 75, of Warren, August 2, 2009. www.SimpleFuneralsInMichigan.com

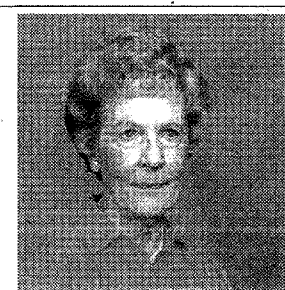
CHARLES C. FLETCHER

of Lapeer passed away August 8, 2009. He was born August 8, 1918 in Cambridge Mass to Ralph and Mary-Lewis (Chenoweth) Fletcher. He served his country in China-Burma-India in WWII. In 1963 he married Mary Howling in Birmingham, MI where they lived until moving to the Lapeer area in 1988. In 1982 he retired from Ford Motor Company where he was a photo lithographer. Charles is survived by special friend, Irene Blazo of Lapeer and niece Kris (James) Whitlock of Mears, MI (formerly of Lapeer). Step-son Tom (Carol) Howling of Orlando, FL. Preceding him in death his parents, his wife Mary, and sister Barbara Reaser. A memorial service will be held August 18 at 2:00 P.M. at the First Presbyterian Church in Lapeer. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the memorial service at the church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be given to Growth and Opportunity of Lapeer or the First Presbyterian Church of Lapeer. Arrangements Muir Brothers, 1021 S. Main St., Lapeer, MI 48446 (810) 664-8111



NANCY E. HARRISON

Of Livonia, died August 8, 2009, age 83. Beloved wife of Leo. Dear mother of Pam (Scott) Socia, Kimberly and John. Grandmother of Nicole, Scotty, and Tommy. Dear aunt of Fay, Helen, Shirley and Dale. Cousin of Chuck Edwards, Sharon and Sue. Services were held at Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home 17000 Middlebelt. Memorials suggested to American Lung Association. Share a memory at www.mannsfuneralhome.com



HELEN JANE HOBART

August 14, 2009 Age 96. Member of First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham since 1952. She was a 1931 graduate of Cooley High School and attended Hillsdale College. Member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority. Wife of the late Lawrence. Dear mother of Barbara Shope (Neil). Grandmother of Tracy Morgan Rusch and William Hobart Morgan (Kelli). Also survived by 5 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 32515 Woodward Ave., (btwn 13-14 Mile), Monday 10a.m. until funeral service at 11a.m. Interment Acacia Park Cemetery. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



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MARY JOSEPHINE MARTIN

Age 93 formerly of Farmington Hills passed away August 6, 2009 in Harbor Springs, MI. She was born July 17, 1914 in Kansas. She was an artist and homemaker. Mrs. Martin is survived by her children Gregory, Jonathan, and Susan (Larry) Thurston; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren. She is predeceased by her husband Charles. A family memorial service was held Tuesday at Oak Chapel at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens cemetery in Novi, MI.



MARY MCCARTHY

Passed away peacefully at her home in Birmingham, Michigan, on Saturday afternoon, August 8, 2009. She was 80 years old and would have turned 81 later this month. Born in Chicago, Illinois on August 29, 1928, she was the oldest of four children. She graduated from Marywood High School in Evanston, Illinois, in 1946. She attended St. Mary of the Woods College in Terra Haute, Indiana for two years. In 1948, she married Raymond M. McCarthy, also of Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. McCarthy worked for General Motors Acceptance Corporation, rising through the ranks to become president of GMAC in 1985. Each promotion was accompanied by a transfer, so Mary and Ray moved approximately 10 times. Over a 30 year period, this journey took them from Chicago to Montclair, New Jersey, Indianapolis, Indiana, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Fairfax, Virginia, Kansas City, Kansas, back to Chicago, Illinois, Birmingham, Michigan, Westport Connecticut and back to Birmingham again. During that time they raised 8 children. As the family moved, some of the children settled in states where they spent their final high school years.

The children are Kathleen McCarthy of Santa Barbara, California, Ann (William) Jones of Spokane, Washington, Raymond McCarthy of Birmingham, Michigan, John McCarthy of Long Beach, California, Sheila (Neil) Holt of Wilton, Connecticut, Michael (Kim) McCarthy of San Juan Capistrano, California, Tim (Lisa) McCarthy of West Bloomfield, Michigan, and Kevin (Christina) McCarthy of Waterford, Michigan. Mrs. McCarthy had 17 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Her husband, Ray McCarthy, passed away in 1989. Mrs. McCarthy is the sister of Jack Burns, Rita Olk and the late Robert Burns.

Mary was active in AA and had more than 30 years sobriety at the time of her death. She was a warm and caring person who was always there for her friends and family.

A Memorial Mass was held at Holy Name Church, Birmingham, Friday at 10am.

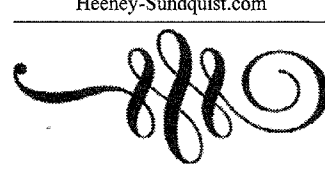
Memorials appreciated to Karmanos Hospice, 24601 Northwestern Hwy. Southfield, Michigan 48075
Condolences at lynchfuneraldirectors.com

EMMA JEAN MCDONALD

Age 88, of Fenton, formerly of Livonia, died Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at Crestmont Health Care Facility. Services will be held 1 PM Friday, August 21, 2009 at Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church, 10235 White Lake Rd., Fenton, with Pastor James Mascoe officiating. The family will receive friends from 11 AM until the time of service. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church. Mrs. McDonald was born August 21, 1920 in Detroit, the daughter of Gustaf and Edith (Peasley) Grunz. She married Charles William McDonald on July 4, 1941 and he preceded her in death on November 13, 1995. Mrs. McDonald was an avid bingo player. Surviving are: three sons, Michael McDonald of Wixom, Patrick McDonald of Livonia, Mark (Jeannie) McDonald of Fenton; six grandchildren, Jennifer (Paul) DeJon, Steven (Amanda), Billy (Holly), Cassie, Rebecca, and Jordan McDonald; two great-grandchildren, Parker and Makenna. She was also preceded in death by: her parents and daughter, Maggie McDonald; two sons, Christopher and Craig McDonald. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

ELSIE L. NYYSTI

Age 81 of Farmington Hills passed away July 28, 2009. Dear wife of the late Tenho; loving mother of Margaret Zakrisson, Robert, Caroline (Paul) Riddell, Marcia (Thomas) Bozek and the late Richard. She is also survived by 8 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. Private funeral services were held at the Glen Eden Memorial Park Chapel; Reverend Art Ritter presided. Memorial contributions may be made to Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi, MI 48375
Heeney-Sundquist.com

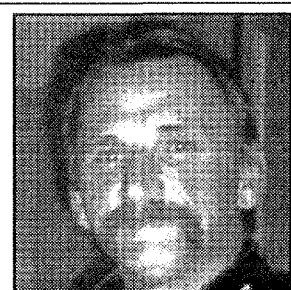


MARJORIE PATTERSON

Age 89, passed away Saturday, August 1, 2009, in a local assisted living health center. Memorial Service was held: 1 p.m. Tuesday, August 11, 2009, at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Road, Farmington, Michigan 48336, (248) 474-5200. A memorial celebration will be at a later date in her son's home in Southlake. Marjorie was born June 26, 1920, in Michigan to Frank and Lydia Mertens Ohst. Marjorie made a great contribution to our country during World War II as one of the group who became known as "Rosie The Riveter" as they helped produce weapons used during the war. Marjorie was a dedicated care giver to her husband and to her son and to many others. Her gifts of service were evident in libraries, churches and as a volunteer at Maple Grove Hospital in West Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. She devoted her life to helping others. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert L. Patterson in 1987, a son, Chris Patterson and a sister, Gertrude Riching. Survivors: Marjorie is survived by sons, Mark Patterson and wife, Kathryn, and Michael Patterson and wife, Heidi; grandchildren, Kari Reasnor and husband, Micah, and Jennifer Camefack and husband, Cody, and Lisa Fairley and husband, Dave, and Hollie Visage and husband, Britt, and Gregory Patterson and wife, Penny, and Becky Patterson and Joel Patterson; Mother of Kari and Jennifer, Diane Hobbs; loving, caring, helping nieces Margie Pierce and husband, Greg, and Karen Baker, and Donna Mahoney and husband, Bill; Nephews, Scott Riching and wife, Karen, and Tommy Riching and wife, Denise.

MARIE C. PERRAS

August 10th, 2009, age 86 of Westland. Dear mother to Dan (Karen), Jim (Lori Miles), Cathy (George) Paskauchas, and Robin (Pat) Mulroy. Sister to Robert Johnson. Loving grandmother to nine and nine Great Grandchildren. Memorial mass was held at St. Mary Catholic Church of Wayne, Saturday, August 15th at 11am. Remains were buried at St. Hedwig Cemetery after Mass. Family request memorials to Right to Life or American Life League. Please view memorial and send tributes to: www.uhfh.com.



STEVEN M. RUSHTON

Age 50 of Westland passed away Aug 12, 2009. Dearest son of Eleanor and Austin Gosline, beloved brother of Cindy Rushton, Lori and Dave McCallum, deceased brother Buddy Rushton. Favorite Uncle of Sydney and Luke McCallum.

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Dog days

Canines step out in style at Canton event

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Dinah Braun of Canton will don a handmade clown outfit next Saturday and do her best to look the cutest as she struts her stuff in a half-mile walk through Heritage Park in her community.

A lot will be at stake for the 3-year-old entrant. If she wins the "best costume" contest at the park, she'll get a year's supply of treats.

But she'll face some stiff competition from other contestants, like 4 1/2-year-old Abby Slattery of Novi who will portray "Toto" while her mom, Megan Slattery, walks the route in gingham dress and ruby slippers as Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz.

Win or lose, both the Braun and Slattery families say the fun — and fund-raising for the Humane Society of Huron

Valley (HSHV) — is what counts the most.

"I always tell Abby, 'It's for the cause,'" said Slattery, a big supporter of HSHV.

She and her Cairn Terrier, (full name Abby Girl Pelino Slattery) and the Braun family — Kurt and Shawn, with kids Matthew, 11, and Alyssa, 13, and Dinah, their Border Collie/Retriever mix — will be among those participating in the Paw Walk August 22 during the first annual Paws in the Park, a two-day activity-packed event for canines and their families.

"There are so many family-friendly events as well as dog events," Slattery noted. "This event is a must for dog pet people — beautiful setting, great causes and dogs dogs dogs."

Dinah-saurs "Team" members, the Brauns, look forward to the variety of events, as well as the costume contest during

the Paw Walk.

Alyssa is eager to see how much money the Paw Walk raises for HSHV.

Her mom, Shawn, noted that there are "a lot of great things to do and see all for a great cause."

MONEY, AWARENESS

Actually, two organizations will benefit. Money from event ticket sales will go toward efforts to create a dog park in Canton. The Paw Walk will generate dollars for HSHV.

But Deb Kern, HSHV marketing director, and Terri O'Brien, founder of Plymouth's Green Street Fair and a Paws in the Park organizer, both say awareness is equally important.

"The Humane Society of Huron Valley is the Humane Society of choice for Plymouth and Canton. A lot of people don't know that," O'Brien said, explaining that dogs lost in those two communities are taken to the HSHV shelter, located in Ann Arbor.

Kern said HSHV serves all of Washtenaw County, in addition to Canton and Plymouth. The Michigan Humane Society, which maintains a shelter in Westland, is a separate entity.



A dog leaps off the dock during an Ultimate Air Dogs show.

"We try let people know that. If their animals get away from them they need to file a lost report with us," she said. "We have contracts with Plymouth and Canton."

"People think the Michigan Humane Society covers all of Michigan, and that's not the case."

In addition to raising money and awareness, Kern said Paws in the Park will help HSHV place pets in new homes through the adoption fair planned for both days.

The shelter cares for approximately 10,000 animals a year, including cats, dogs, rabbits,

hamsters, guinea pigs and birds and maintains a cruelty investigation team.

A new, larger facility is under construction and scheduled to open in the fall.

NO VACANCY

"We really need the space. Right now we have room for 110 cats and 70 dogs. We're full. We also have 150 foster families that work with us," Kern said.

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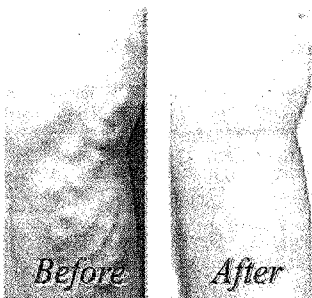
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percent.

In the meantime, HSHV has taken a creative approach to placing cats, which tend to "overwhelm" the facility.

"We're doing adoption specials. We had our cat adoption stimulus plan — cats for canned food," Kern said. Anyone who brought in 12 cans of cat food received a free cat if they qualified for adoption. If they paid \$50 for a kitten, they'd get the second one for free.

Kern stressed that applicants must meet adoption requirements.

"We do the same screening for everyone. It takes about 45 minutes to go through the process."

She said Paws in the Park visitors who plan to adopt an animal next weekend will go through that same screening process on site.

For more on HSHV visit www.hshv.org. Or call (734) 662-4365.



See dogs like this member of the Purina Incredible Dog Team demonstrate athletic feats during Paws in the Park, in Canton.

PAWS IN THE PARK

What: A dog-related family event with canine entertainment, activities and vendors

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 22-23

Where: Heritage Park, 1150 Canton Center Road; from I-275 take the Ford Road (MI-153) exit heading west. Turn left on North Canton Center Road. Turn right on Proctor Road. Heritage Park is on the left

Schedule: Purina Incredible Dog Team with athletic feats at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m.; Ultimate Air Dogs dive into a 40-foot pool throughout the weekend; Rock n' Roll K9s show off tricks to music at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.; animal adoptions, agility course and vendors both days; first 300 people to enter the park each day receive a swag bag of goodies for their dog.

Paw Walk: Fund-raiser for the Humane Society of Huron Valley, with registration starting at 8 a.m. Saturday. People and pets walk the half-mile course any time from 9-10:30 a.m. Participants are encouraged to dress up their dogs and create a "float." Best float wins a year supply of Canidae dog food. Best costume wins a year supply of treats from Three Dog Bakery. Any walker or team that raises at least \$75 will receive a free dog bandana. \$15 per dog entry fee. Sign up for the walk and receive one free admis-

sion to Paws in the Park. A portion of entry fees will benefit the Humane Society of Huron Valley. Sign up online at <http://hshv.convio.net/pawwalk>. Download a pledge form from www.pawsintheparkusa.com. Click on Paw Walk

Admission: \$4 in advance from Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, (734) 394-5460; Humane Society of Huron Valley, 3100 Cherry Hill Road, Ann Arbor, (734) 662-5585; Pet Supplies "Plus," 43665 Ford Road, Canton, (734) 981-9191 or \$5 at the park. Dogs — they must be on leash — and children 2 and under enter for free

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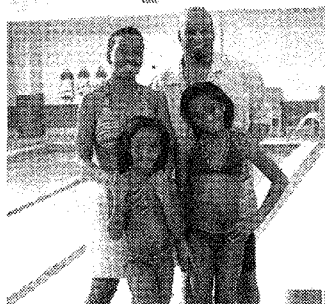
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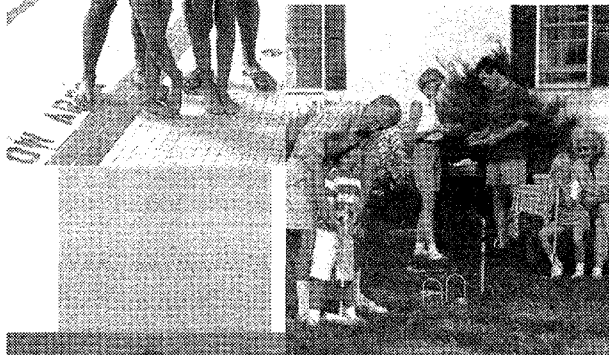
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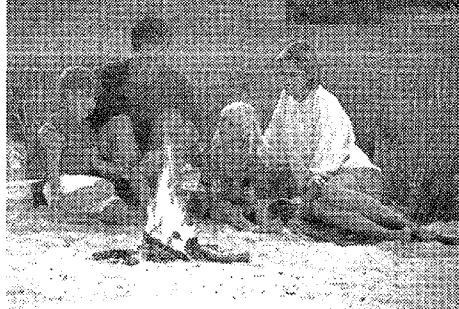
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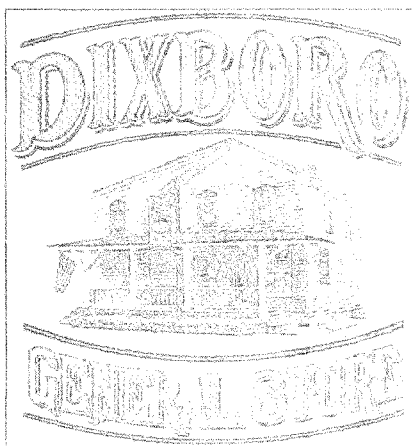
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Birmingham High School
Class of 1953 and 1954

55th reunion weekend, Oct. 9-10, at Centerpointe Marriott, in Pontiac. Call Denise Baldwin at (248) 540-4078 for details.

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 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 gwiatri@gmail.com.

Detroit Cody
Classes from 1950-1969

11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 23 at Nankin Mills Pavilion, Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive. BYO and chairs. Music and memorabilia will 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 Cooley
Class of 1954

55th class reunion, Saturday, Sept. 19 at the Marriott Courtyard, 333 E. Jefferson, Detroit. A reception will be held at 6 p.m.

with dinner at 7:30 p.m. An informal gathering also will be held Friday, Sept. 18, at the Marriott. Tickets are \$55 per person. Rooms have been reserved at the Marriott Courtyard for those who want to stay overnight. Contact Daneen (Stark) Gallo at (734) 462-2786.

Detroit Redford
Classes of 1954-1955

5 p.m., Oct. 13, at the Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth; \$45 per person. See www.redfordhighschoolreunion.com for details. Class of '54 contact Doug King at dking000@ameritech.net

Class of '55 contact, Mary Morris Hunter at m.morris.rhs55@wowway.com

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 5 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 money left after expenses are covered will be donated to The Sisters of St. Joseph. All old classic cars welcome. If you have addresses or phone numbers of St. Philip classmates, call Harold Pryor at (734) 462-5996.

Detroit St. Thomas
Class of 1937-1970

Reunion for anyone who attended Detroit St. Thomas Apostolic, 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009, at The American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 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.

Fordson High School
Classes of 1943-45

65th reunion, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, Sept. 25, at Park Place, 23400 Park Street, one block south of Michigan Avenue, west of Outer Drive, in Dearborn. Cost is \$25 per person and includes luncheon. Send a check payable to "Fordson 65th Reunion" to Tom Novacheff, 50729 Raintree Circle, Chesterfield Township, MI 48047. Canceled

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Class of 1954

55-year reunion Oct. 1 at the Stitt American Legion Post 232 in Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Nancy Barlow Gaspar at (313) 581-6623.

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 e-mail to gchs.MCMLX@yahoo.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 gchsi989reunion@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@sbcglobal.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.

Livonia Franklin
Class of 1969

A 40th high school reunion is in the planning stages. The dates are set for Nov. 13-15. For information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail Kaynini@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge at Klvingstone@nu-core.com.

Livonia Stevenson
Class of 1979

30th reunion, 6 p.m., Nov. 28, Station 885, 995 Starkweather, Plymouth. Tickets cost \$35 per person before Nov. 14 and \$50 per person after the date and at the door. Contact Lisa Falk at lsannefalk@comcast.net

Milford High School
Class of 1978

Planning a 30th reunion. Class members should contact the reunion committee as soon as possible. E-mail milford78@gmail.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. Mary of Redford
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.

Southfield High School
Class of 1979

30th reunion, Saturday, Sept. 5, at Wonderland Lanes, 8265 Richardson, Commerce. Doors open at 7 p.m. Includes bowling, karaoke, DJ dancing, coney, pizza, sliders, salads, sundae bar and cash bar. \$55 per person or \$100 per couple by Aug. 21; \$75 per person or \$140 per couple after Aug. 21. To buy tickets or for more information visit <http://shs79griff.myevent.com>

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 information, 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.

Benefit walk to fight mental illness

Anyone whose life has been impacted by the effects of mental illness gets a chance to help when the National Alliance on Mental Illness Michigan chapter hosts the seventh annual "NAMI Walks for the Mind of America" in some 80 communities - including Detroit - around the country Sept. 26.

The 5K/3-mile walk is expected to draw some 117,000 walkers nationwide. A key fund-raiser for NAMI, organizers hope to raise some \$8.5 million.

The Detroit walk takes place on Belle Isle, with registration at 9:30 a.m. and the walk starting at 11 a.m. There is no registration walk for participants, who are encouraged to collect donations from family members, friends, co-workers and business associates.

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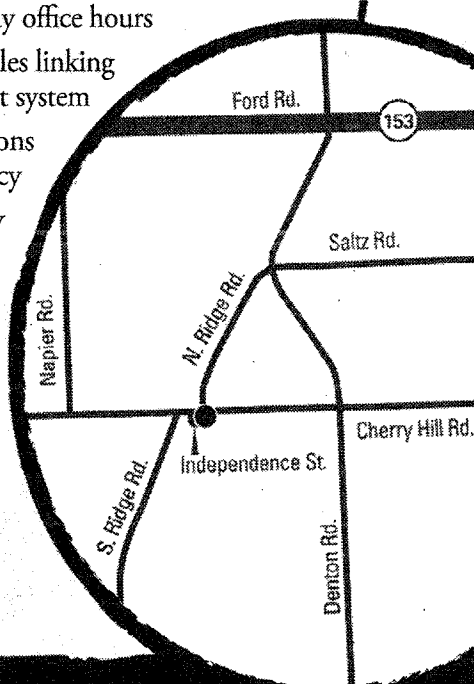
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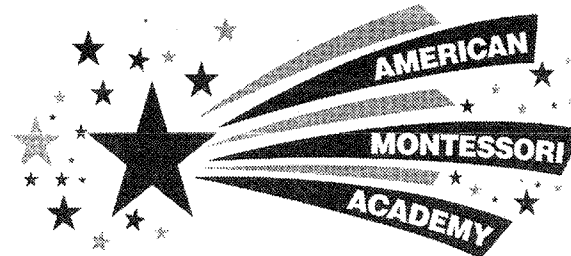
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Cute, outgoing woman, 40, love animals, the outdoors. Seeking honest, clean, honorable, compassionate gentleman, 40s-early 50s, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. ☎295421

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Attractive SBF, 35, N/Drugs, would like to meet respectable, happy SBF, 25-50, to enjoy life together. ☎300680

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SBF, 37, 5'5", nurse, mother of three, Christian values, N/S, social drinker, seeks SM, 32-50, race open, with similar values. ☎310924

SINGLE DAD WELCOME
PBF, 40, looks young, attractive, independent, loving, caring, enjoys working, dining out, quiet times at home. Seeking handsome, well-built, warm-hearted, considerate WM, 35-43, to share what life has to offer. ☎288002

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Retired SBF, 48, likes the internet, watching tv, shopping, visiting friends, picnics, taking walks, parks, dining, hanging out with friends. Looking for a SBF, 29-55. ☎314707

ARE YOU OUT THERE?
SBF, 36, 5'4", 160lbs, brown hair, drama-free, disease-free, looking for SBF, 35-60, to talk to, like movies, music, hanging out, travel, having fun. ☎317137

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?
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SWF, 27, mother, enjoys swimming, walking, nature, being outdoors. Seeking similar SBF, 23-45, for companionship. ☎282578

LET'S GET TOGETHER
SBF, 54, 5'8", N/S, enjoys life's simple pleasures. Seeking SBF, 48-62, N/S, for friendship or more. ☎282444

OUTGOING
BF, 24, student, looking for SBF, 35-45, to go out and have fun with. Friendship first, hopefully leading to LTR. ☎232940

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Attractive SBF, 55', 125lbs, fun-loving blonde, retired, would love the companionship of a pleasant gentleman, 65-75. ☎91247

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WV, 40, 5'3", brown hair, has pets, N/S, great sense of humor, looking for WM, 45-55, who likes dining out, museums, movies, reading and more, to do things with. ☎280681

MUSICAL GIRL
Christian WV, 19, enjoys playing guitar, singing, going to church and more. Looking for SM, 19-25, who enjoys the same things. ☎282568

GET TO KNOW ME
Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. ☎963760

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Sensitive SBF, 41, 5'5", likes Bon Jovi and Van Halen, spaghetti dinners, gardening, hockey and baseball, old movies, arts and crafts, picnics, reading. Looking for a gentleman, 45-57, race open, for friendship. ☎318717

TAKE A CHANCE ON ME
SWPF, 48, educated, HWP, proportionate, seeks educated, professional male, 40-55, N/S, with sense of humor. Let's meet for coffee or a drink. ☎311255

HOMEBODY SEEKS SAME
SBF, 44, 5'2", 165lbs, black hair, brown eyes, light complexion, N/D, N/S, enjoys movies, bowling, dining, plays, concerts, reading. Seeking SBF, 40-51. ☎284368

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. ☎289947

CURVACEOUS
SWF, 47, 5'7", 155lbs, hazel eyes, dimples, enjoys R&B music, jazz, dancing, dining out, blues, sports. Seeking SBF, 21-47, with similar interests, for friendship first, possibly more. ☎283606

VERY DOWN-TO-EARTH
SBF, 37, 5'5", 125lbs, slim build, enjoys nice walks in the park, movies, bowling, basketball games. Seeking SBF, 30-43. ☎299111

ARE WE A MATCH?
SBF, 38, very shapely, N/S, light drinker, very independent, loves movies, sports, shooting pool, dining. Seeking SBF, 35+, very independent, who enjoys life, movies, etc. ☎297933

LADY OF QUALITY
SBF, 30-something, 5'7", laid-back, down-to-earth, seeks open, honest, loyal, faithful professional man, 35-55, for LTR. No games, race open. ☎310218

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...
40-50, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 47 year old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. ☎962317

SEARCHING FOR YOU
Mature woman would like to meet a gentleman who wants to enjoy life and have a good time. I know what I would like to do for the rest of my life. 52-60. ☎319518

BEAUTIFUL SBF...
37, seeks SBF, 30-50, who is spontaneous and knows how to have fun. Casual relationship first, maybe leading to more. ☎271683

PETITE AND CUTE
SWF, 35, great sense of style, very friendly, would like to meet a SBF, 36-45, who will love me for me. ☎284943

THAT SPECIAL ONE
SBF, 39, enjoys movies, walks in the park, picnics, just chilling. Looking for SBF, 36-45, for possible relationship. ☎295026

DBF SEEKS LTR
Attractive, thick BF seeks LTR with totally unattached male, 46-65, not into games. Must be ready to start a new found friendship and see where it goes. Ballroom dancing is a plus. ☎107036

SEEKING A GENTLEMAN
WF, 55', blond/blue, would like to meet a young-at-heart WM, 40-70, to hang out with, date and have a good time with. ☎310164

TIRE OF BEING ALONE
DBF, 50, 5'3", full-figured, N/S, loving, independent, intelligent, down-to-earth, great sense of humor, enjoys going out and romantic evenings at home. Seeking SBF, 50+, with similar qualities and interests, who wants to enjoy the rest of life with no drama. ☎311753

SOPHISTICATED LADY
SBF, middle-aged, attractive, laid-back yet serious-minded and responsible, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 44-63, N/S, responsible good sense of humor, with good values and morals, for serious relationship. ☎207254

PLUS-SIZED LADY...
34, 200lbs, sexy single mom, looking for SM, 37+, for friendship and dating leading to LTR. Is this you? Call me! ☎217234

VERY CUTE
SBF, 58, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 40-60, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. ☎113198

ARE YOU SEEKING?
DWF, 60s, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet N/S WM, 50-72, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. ☎309089

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

KEEP COOL
SBF, 19, 5'3", looking for cool, down-to-earth, attractive SBF, 16-25, who keeps it real. ☎287580

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! ☎287187

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. ☎292513

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 life. Seeking possible LTR. ☎279171

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. ☎282181

MATURE MAN WANTED
SBF, 33, 5'4", 115lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, short blonde hair, wears glasses. Seeking tall, muscular SBF, 25-40, who enjoys bookstores, movies, dining, water. ☎287856

I NEED LOVE
Fun-loving, down-to-earth, outgoing, smart SBF, 20, loves having fun. Seeking SBF, 18-30, who shares my love for life. ☎300110

SEEKING SBF COMPANION
I'm short and cute, brown eyes, black hair, honest, funny, good cook, very sincere. I hope to find a friend/companion to enjoy things with. Preferably 65-75. Life is too short - have fun with me. ☎302311

SEEKING LOVING KINDNESS?
SBPF, 55, 5'4", interested in developing new friendships, maybe more. Seeks energetic SM, 40-65, N/S, who loves reading, midnight picnics, walking, and exciting conversations. Must have good SOH and self-worth. ☎282618

TAKE A CHANCE
SBPF looking for SBF, 45-57, with no children at home, who likes to have a good time. I enjoy going to movies, dining out, the park, outdoor and indoor activities. Let's develop a friendship first, possibly leading to more. ☎306228

MUST LOVE THE LORD
SBF, 18, 5'8", gospel singer, God-fearing, looking for similar SBF, 18-27, for possible relationship. ☎311174

LOOK NO FURTHER
SBF, 18, 5'4", long black hair, light brown eyes, wants to meet that SBF, 18-22, who is tired of playing games. ☎311011

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

CUTE, CUDDLY COWBOY
Wise and kind SBF, 46, enjoys simplicity, art fairs, flea markets, festivals. Seeking the company of a lady with similar interests. ☎200459

SEEKS A SWEETHEART
SBF, 57, 5'10", 182lbs, medium brown complexion, clean-shaven, short hair, glasses, two grown sons, many interests including jazz, R&B, soul, playing pool, bowling, walking by the water, free concerts. Seeking attractive, loving, caring female, 35-62. ☎31257

CAPRICORN
SBF, 51, 170lbs, dark complexion, likes sports, concerts, and much more. Would like to meet a woman, 25+, who is easygoing and has a nice personality. ☎318598

I PROMISE THAT YOU...
won't be disappointed. SBF, 53', 190lbs, likes working out and spending time with that special person. Would like to meet a serious, goal-oriented woman, 20-46, with a nice personality. ☎318591

HAVE FUN WITH ME
SWM, 45, 5'11", 230lbs, brown hair, N/S, N/Drugs, looking for SBF, 30-65, race open, who enjoys walks, bike riding, intelligent conversation, board games, classic movies, dining out or cooking at home and romantic evenings at home. ☎318819

I'LL KEEP IT REAL
BM, 61', 185lbs, brown eyes, likes movies, concerts, cooking and much more. Would like to meet a secure, attractive, goal-oriented H&B, 21-45, for dating. ☎318792

HARD-WORKER
SWM, 45, 5'5", short brown hair, grown kids, enjoys music, playing guitar, travel. Looking for similar SBF, 35-45. ☎298097

A GREAT GUY
Good-natured, good-looking SBF, 41, energetic, versatile, fun, passionate, into boating, casinos, flea markets. Seeking conversation SBF, for conversation and connection. ☎176476

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 66, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest SBF, wise sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. ☎289546

CALL ME!
SWM, 45, likes sports, working out, cooking, bodybuilding. Looking for a similar lady for LTR. ☎319016

SINGLE, HANDSOME WM
Marketing professional, part-time personal trainer, tall, athletic, muscular, 6'2", 205lbs, 49, brown/blue, degreed, looking for an attractive woman, with a good personality who is friendly, positive, active and fun. ☎962364

TALL, DARK, HANDSOME
SBF, 39, seeks quiet, artistically creative woman, 49-61, with a beautiful mind. I hope you are the right one! ☎300708

WINTER SPORTS
Single DWM, 42, 6'1", 218lbs, hardworking, easygoing guy. Likes movies, bowling, and winter sports. Looking for SBF, 35-42, for dating. ☎301662

POSITIVITY
SBF, 42, looking for positive, intelligent SBF, 32-48, with no negativity in her life. Call, let's see if we click! ☎301956

OUTDOORSMAN
BM, 57', 165lbs, likes boating, swimming, basketball, fishing and enjoying life. Looking for a very intelligent, nice, honest, easygoing female, 30-50, who likes to have fun. ☎302424

THE ONE FOR ME
SBF, 38, 5'8", athletic build, seeks attractive lady for dining, movies, taking walks, reading poetry and more. ☎302986

SEEKING A FRIEND
SBF, 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. ☎303036

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. ☎303043

WANT TO TALK?
Sany SBF, 35, N/S, light brown eyes, long hair, looking for SBF, 18-24, to chat with. I like movies, dining, just chilling out. ☎303045

NOT A GAME PLAYER
SWM, 48, smoker, no children, searching for a special lady, 28-42, who doesn't play games, loves the outdoors, is honest, caring, loving. ☎302958

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
WM would like to meet a nice woman, 20-55, to develop a relationship with. If interested, give me a call. ☎303066

THE ONE TO CALL
BM, 42, 5'8", 160lbs, enjoys all sports, bowling, walks in the park, quiet nights at home and barbecues. Looking for an attractive, honest lady, 21-43, to go out and have fun with. ☎303275

A LOT TO OFFER
SBF, 43, 5'9", 140lbs, grown children, enjoys fishing, boating, outings, working on cars. Seeking SBF, 21-45, for friendship first, maybe more. ☎303815

MOVING FORWARD
SWM, 39-years-old, 5'8, thin and fit, N/S, light-blue eyes, brown hair, open-minded and caring. Interests: film, music, and literature. Looking for friendship possibly leading to a more serious relationship. ☎304387

SEEKING REAL WOMAN
SM, 38, 6'2", brown/brown, like cooking, dancing, watching sports and more. Looking for an easygoing female who is honest and secure. ☎305549

SEEKING LATIN LADY
WM, 63', 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. ☎308881

SO WE MATCH?
SM like 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. ☎308942

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

EASYGOING
SBF, 38, 6'4", likes movies, jazz concerts, walks in the park, quiet moments at home, playing pool. Looking for SBF, 35-45. ☎318555

WISHES DO COME TRUE
SWM, 61, 210lbs, short brown hair, short beard, seeking SBF, down-to-earth, easygoing, honest, nice, petite to plus-size, 35-61. ☎318536

LONELY AND READY
SWM, 55, average build, Italian, N/S, looking for a SBF with similar qualities and who's ready for a serious relationship. Call me if interested. Bedford. ☎860305

WORTH THE CALL
SBF, 35, no kids, looking for a SBF, 24-34, N/S, for good friendship possibly leading to more. Call me! ☎318056

IF INTERESTED, CALL
SWM, 43, 5'7", 160lbs, red/green, secure homeowner, would like to meet a WF, 35-45, to get to know and date, possibly leading to more. ☎318518

EASYGOING
Sharp, sociable SBF, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. WLTW SBF for dating and fun times. ☎187614

FEMININE LADY WANTED
Attractive SWPM, 48, 5'10", 130lbs, N/S, never married, loves outdoors, going to church, traveling, family time, candle light dinners, movies, long walks, holding hands, good conversation, seeking sweet, feminine lady, 30-50, for possible LTR. ☎291980

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. ☎287896

MAXIMUM RETURN ON...
your investment. SBF, 52', seeks mature, level-headed, down-to-earth female, 30-45, for fun, dating and possible LTR. ☎293155

LET'S GET TOGETHER!
SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SBF for dating and more. ☎126302

SEEKING EBONY WOMAN
Attractive SWPM, 41, seeking BF for dating. New to area and looking to explore the city. Sense of humor, easygoing, attractive, HWP proportionate, affectionate, established, likes to travel. ☎282578

LET'S MEET SOON!
SWM, 44, 190lbs, dark complexion, very fit. I have a good job, seeks nice woman, 25-44, to spend time with, leading to serious LTR. ☎247784

LET'S GET TOGETHER
BM, 61', 220lbs, would like to meet a woman, 25-48, who knows what she wants in life, for fun, dating, companionship and possible LTR. ☎299087

SEEKING A GIRLFRIEND
SBF, 35, 6'3", 160lbs, brown eyes, likes singing, travel, basketball. Seeking similar woman, 20-35. ☎299411

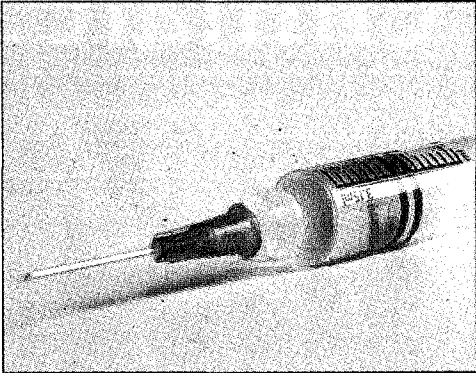
LET'S TALK
SWM, 38, 6'3", N/S, dark/blue, enjoys sports, movies, dining. Seeking attractive SBF, 18-50, for possible relationship. ☎293940

NO DRAMA
SBF, 36, 5'11", 165lbs, slim build, medium complexion, well-groomed, D/D-free,

Meningitis vaccinations available

The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan offers meningitis vaccinations from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday-Friday, at its Oak Park office, located at 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Cost is \$115 payable by cash or check. Walk-ins welcome; pre-registration is preferred. Consent forms can be downloaded at www.vna.org. To reserve your shot or for more information, call (248) 967-8755.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends the meningitis vaccination for adolescents 11 years and older and college freshmen.



Health department creates Twitter page with current info

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) has launched a page on the social networking site, Twitter.

The MDCH Twitter page is designed to relay up-to-the-minute health information to the public in the form of "Tweets," which are messages of up to 140 characters. The MDCH messages will include helpful links, timely updates and important information.

Anyone who is a member of Twitter can join the MDCH Twitter page as a "follower" at www.twitter.com/MIHealth. Those who do not have a Twitter account can still view the MDCH Twitter page, but need to join Twitter to interact with others on the page. Followers can send their own Tweets to the

department with questions, comments or concerns.

Tweets can be accessed through e-mail, a personal Twitter account and phones that have Internet access.

Social media and networks are the newest innovation in communication among people all over the world and no network is growing as rapidly as Twitter. With its ease of use, ability to convey a wealth of information in concise messages, and its availability to nearly every citizen, MDCH hopes to utilize all that Twitter has to offer the department and its followers.

To view or sign up for the MDCH Twitter page, visit www.twitter.com/MiHealth.

Study offers help for overweight kids

Beaumont Hospitals' Weight Control Center and the Oakland University School of Health Sciences are teaming up for a study that will help overweight children. Participants will be enrolled in the award-winning Beaumont Healthy Kids Weight Management Program at no charge.

Psychologists, dietitians and exercise physiologists will use fun educational activities to keep children motivated and offer strategies to improve their health through nutrition, exercise and behavior changes. This 12-session "Healthy Kids" program takes a family

approach to living a healthy lifestyle.

"By offering the services of medical professionals experienced in helping children manage their weight, we hope this program will demonstrate that children who are on their way to obesity can get back on track to a healthier lifestyle," stated Wendy Miller, M.D., medical director of Beaumont's Weight Control Center. "Ultimately we want them to adopt lifelong habits to keep their weight in check and optimize good health."

Excess weight or obesity in children can lead to poor quality of life and chronic

disease, including type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure and early heart disease.

Needed for the study are children between 8 and 12 years old who have excess weight. Interested families who want to learn more about the trial can contact research nurses Lynne Michalski, R.N., at (248) 655-5920 or Kathi Russell, R.N., at (248) 655-9645. The nurses can help determine during a phone call whether a child qualifies for the study based on his height and weight.

For more information on Healthy Kids, visit www.beaumonthospitals.com/weightcontrolcenter.

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AUG. 17-23

Blood battle
Be a part of Canton Township's "Battle of the Badges" Red Cross Blood Drive, and choose whether you want "Fire" or "Police" to win the annual competition when you sign in. The drive runs 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 18 in Lower Level Room B of the Public Safety Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center Road. The Red Cross will donate \$1 per donor to the U-M Burn Center Association. Appointments are available in 15 minute increments. The last appointment is at 4:45 p.m. Call blood drive coordinator John Spencer at (734) 394-5246 to make an appointment.

AUG. 24-30

2.1-mile walk
The Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan holds its "Walkin' on the Wild Side" fund-raiser, Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Detroit Zoo. Registration (with breakfast) begins at 7:45 a.m.; the 2.1 mile walk kicks off at 9 a.m. There will be entertainment, prizes, and fun for all ages. Walkers may stay and enjoy the zoo after the event. A minimum donation of \$10 is required for entry. There is no admission charge for children under 2. To form a team online or donate to a team, go to <http://www.active.com/donate/wildwalk> or contact Dawn at (800) 482-3041.

AUG. 31 TO SEPT. 6

Look good, feel better
2-4 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 2, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. Free service teaches female cancer patients beauty techniques to help them get well and restore their appearance and self-image during chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Volunteer beauty professionals lead small groups, usually consisting of six to 10 women, through practical, hands-on beauty techniques. Women learn about makeup, skincare, nail care and options related to hair loss such as wigs, turbans and scarves. Each participant receives a free kit of name-brand cosmetics for use during and after the workshop. Reservations are required. Call (800) ACS-2345 to reserve a spot.

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SEPT. 7-13

ALS workshop
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AUG. 14-20

Roundabouts
St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers a free educational seminar called "The Ins and Outs of Roundabouts" 1-3 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 17, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. Denis White, AARP Safe Driving Instructor will speak. (734) 655-1593

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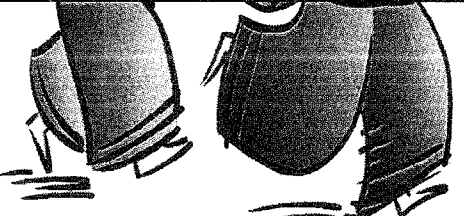
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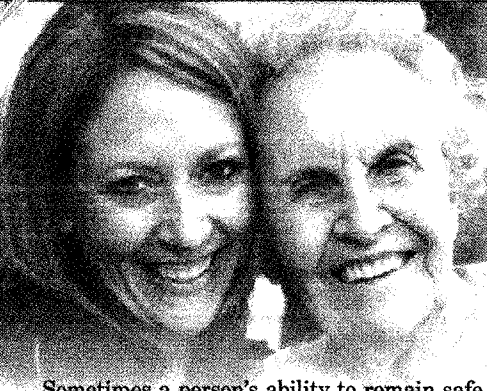
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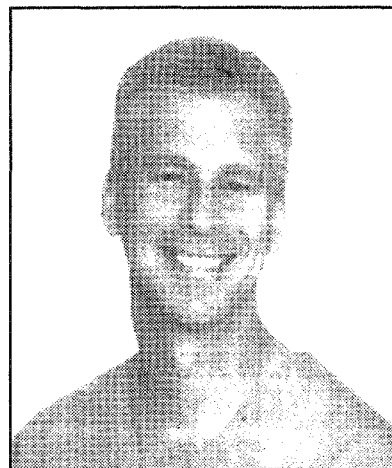
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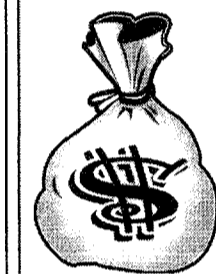
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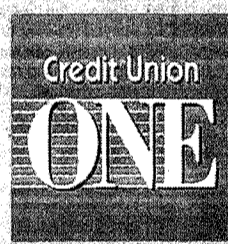
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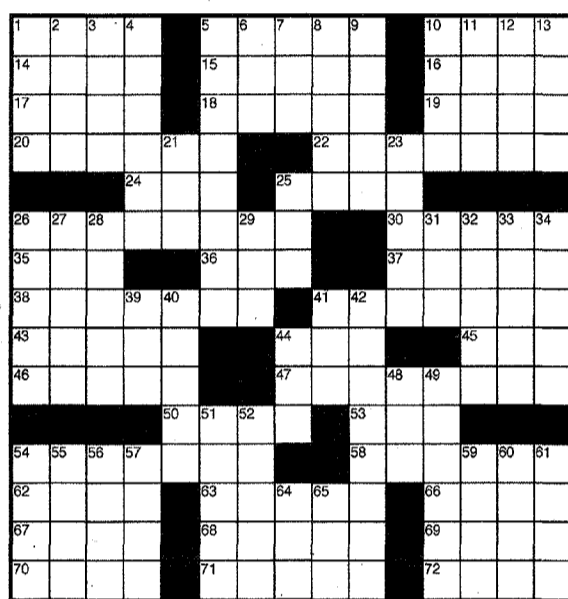
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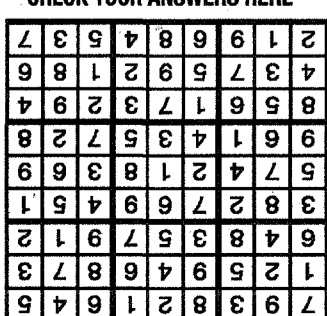
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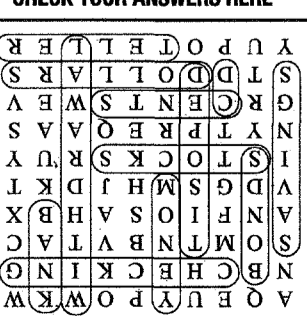
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2009 Chrysler PT Dream Cruiser Series 5: Retro Styling Makes This A Favorite

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I have to confess that I've always been a big fan of the Chrysler PT Cruiser. It's hard to believe it's been around since the 2001 model year; I still remember driving the first-year models and having wide-eyed people come up to ask if they could take a look inside. The retro styling was new at the time and car buyers seemed to be fascinated by it.

And the car sold – to the tune of some 1.3 units in 60 countries since it was introduced. It seems like every neighborhood has a least one sitting in a driveway. With those kind of sales, it can be hard to keep the model fresh, to keep some excitement going. Chrysler has tried to do that by introducing various versions of the PT Cruiser – 14 different ones, to be exact, including the Woodie, the Street Cruiser, PT Turbom Flames and four different versions of the Dream Cruiser. The fifth, and latest, version of the Dream Cruiser is part of the 2009 model year and continues a very successful line.

Getting a Series 5 Dream Cruiser will add \$2,000 to the sticker price of the standard PT Cruiser Touring Edition. What that two grand gets you is bright front door scuff pads, rear body color spoiler, large diameter bright exhaust tip, leather steering wheel with bright spokes, 17-inch painted aluminum wheels, premium cloth bucket seats, two-tone paint, bright grille, Dream Cruiser badging, four-wheel anti-lock brakes, bright accent ring cup holders, heated front seats, chrome lock knobs, traction control and body side molding. Of course, you can get many of these items as part of other packages, and some might be of questionable value (bright ring cup holders?),

or even as stand-alone options on other versions of the PT Cruiser, but this is still a nice package.

Underneath the Dream Cruiser package is still a PT Cruiser Touring Edition, and you'd recognize the styling anywhere. The retro look is still there, as is the winged Chrysler logo on the hood. As mentioned above, you get 17-inch aluminum wheels and chrome body-side moldings with the Dream Cruiser package, and fog lamps are included, as well. A power moonroof is a \$795 option.

Inside, the PT Cruiser is as versatile as ever. This is a small car that doesn't feel small, with plenty of leg and head room, thanks to the high roof line. Chrysler says you can configure the interior 160 different ways. Since I have a life, I elected to take the company's word for it. It is true that the PT Cruiser's rear seats are fold-and-tumble to help with large cargo, and you get a fold-flat front passenger seat for even more room.

The seats themselves are comfortable enough, and with the Dream Series package the front seats are heated. The rest of the interior continues the retro theme the PT Cruiser has always been known for, down to the analog clock and chrome shift knob.

The instrument cluster includes a tachometer, with a digital driver information center display under the fuel gauge. The center cluster is simple and well laid-out, with the audio system and climate control system within easy reach.

The PT Cruiser Dream Series comes with power mirrors, keyless entry, power windows, rear defroster, center storage console, cruise



The 2009 Chrysler PT Cruiser. Retro styling has made this one of Chrysler's biggest sellers

control, power driver's seat, air-conditioning, tilt-steering column, rear 12-volt power outlet, and power locks.

The standard audio system is an AM/FM/CD system that includes a CD player, auxiliary input for your mp3 player, four speakers and satellite radio service for one year. You can upgrade to a Boston Acoustics system that gives you a six-disc CD system, six speakers, subwoofer and 368-watt amplifier (\$800). The system sounds great.

The PT Cruiser is a lot of things, but what it's not is a hot performing sports car – nor was it ever intended to be. The standard engine is a 2.4-liter, 16-valve DOHC 4 cylinder rated at 150 horsepower and 165 lb.-ft. of torque. For an additional \$1,280, you can get a 2.4-liter DOHC 4-cylinder turbocharged engine that will add 30 horses and get you 210 lb.-ft. of torque. The turbo engine helps; it does provide adequate acceleration and power for passing.

The other part of the powertrain is a 4-speed automatic. Surprisingly, there's no "auto-stick" option on the transmission, more proof that performance wasn't the first priority. Not that it's a bad transmission; the shifting is smooth, but many performance enthusiasts like the control of the auto-stick. The EPA rating of 18 mpg in the city and 24 on the highway is a bit disappointing for a small car.

Ride and handling are decent enough. The power rack-and-pinion steering feels a little heavy and the turning circle is a bit large for a small car, but overall the car is fairly easy to

maneuver.

The front suspension features MacPherson struts, coil springs and a link-type stabilizer bar. In the rear, you get trailer arms, twist beam axle, coils springs and gas-charged shocks. The ride is decent enough for a small car and it is fairly quiet.

As for safety, the PT Cruiser comes with a security alarm, tire pressure monitoring system, supplemental side air bags, and Chrysler's accident response system, which turns on the interior lights, unlocks the doors and shuts off fuel to the engine after the airbags deploy.

The PT Cruiser Touring Edition has a base price of about \$20,500. Add the Dream Series package, the turbo engine, upgraded audio, and the moonroof, and you're at about \$26,000.

I like this year's PT Cruiser. Even though it's not the unique car it used to be, it's still a lot of fun, and a very versatile small car with some cool retro styling.

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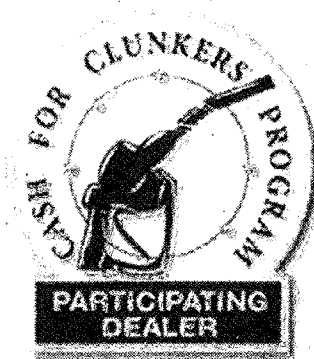
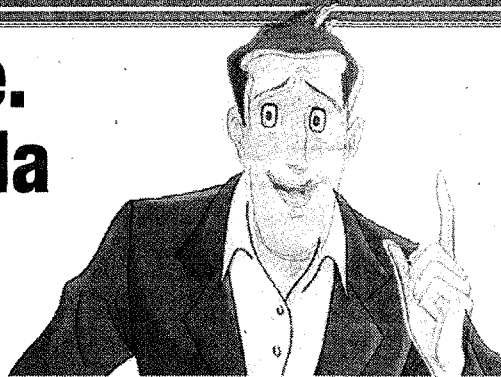


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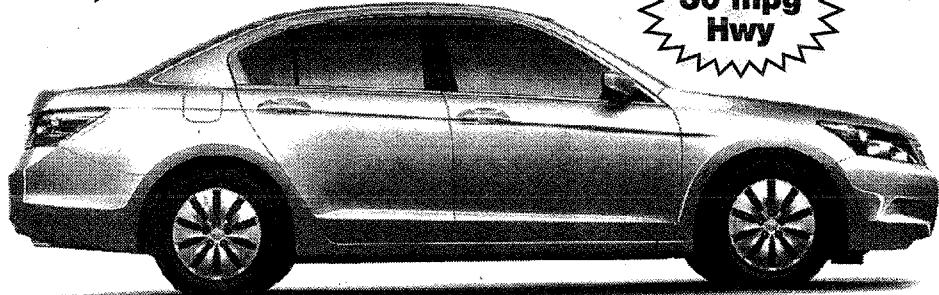
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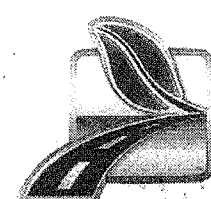
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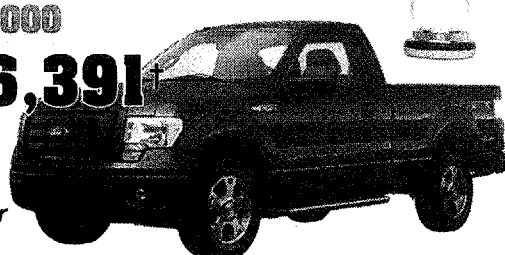
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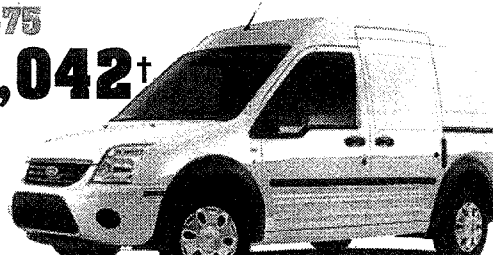
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