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Correction

Items in previous Observers should have said that Adrienne Davis of Plymouth Township is running for one of the four-year terms on the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education.

Davis joins incumbents Barry Simescu and Judy Mardigian and fellow Plymouth Township residents Eric Bacyinski and Larry Martin on the November ballot. Incumbent John Jackson is the sole candidate for the one two-year term up for grabs.

Also, the vote to raise water/sewer rates at last week's Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meeting was 5-2, with Clerk Joe Bridgman joining trustee Steve Mann in casting a "no" vote.

Sworn in

Kim Schulz was sworn in as a Canton Public Library trustee by Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett at the Aug. 20 library board meeting.

Schulz was appointed from a pool of seven candidates to fill the position vacated by longtime trustee Jim Gillig, who retired in May.

Schulz, a 13-year Canton resident, is the president of Century Consulting, LCC. Her work experience includes over 15 years of service in the automotive industry in manufacturing, marketing, research and sales.

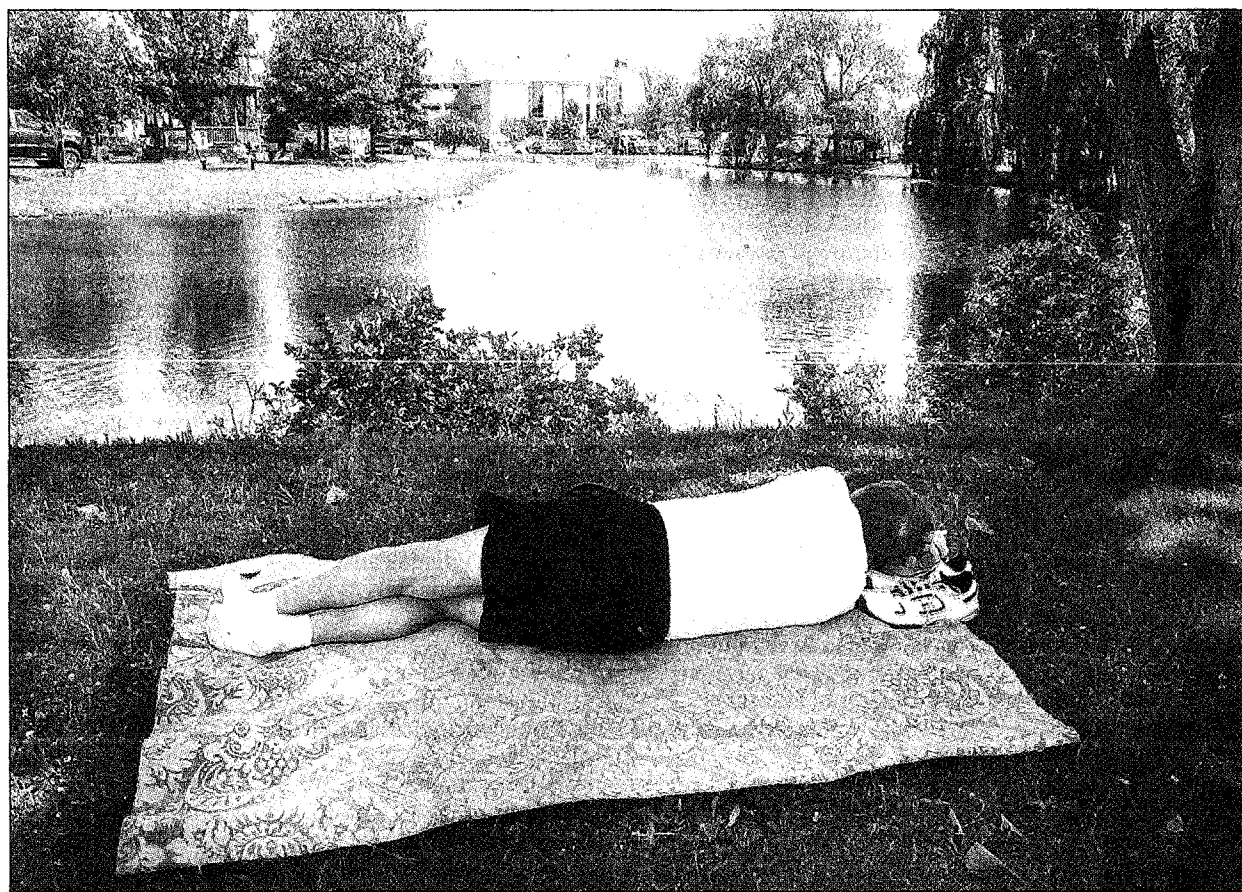
Canton Clerk Terry Bennett congratulates new Canton Library Trustee Kim Schulz after administering the oath of office.

Town hall

State Representative Dian Slavens (D-Canton) hosts a town hall meeting 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, in Belleville to discuss buying Michigan-made products and services provided by local businesses as a way of supporting Michigan's workers and strengthening our state's economy.

"By purchasing homegrown, Michigan-made goods, we are supporting our local workers, our community and our economy," Slavens said. "The local shops and entrepreneurs right here in Belleville, Canton and Van Buren Township are the cornerstone of our business community and economy. I encourage residents to join me for this informational event to learn more about the things we can do to keep our local businesses thriving, create jobs and get Michigan's economy back on track."

The meeting will also feature Lisa Diggs, the founder of BuyMichiganNow.com and takes place in Victory Park, located at the Five Points Intersection in Belleville.



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A recent survey done for Canton Leisure Services said 91 percent of Canton residents have used one of the township's parks.

Park pride

Survey shows residents love Canton parks

BY DARRELL CLEM
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A staggering 91 percent of Canton households have visited a township park during the past year, a new survey revealed, and an overwhelming majority, 97 percent, gave their local parks high ratings.

Residents cited walking and biking trails as their top recreation need, followed by small neighborhood parks, large community parks, picnic areas and shelters, nature preserves and trails, and indoor fitness and exercise facilities.

The findings come from a 502-page Canton Leisure Services survey unveiled Tuesday by Leisure Vision, a division of Olathe, Kan., based ETC Institute. The company, which has conducted more than 600 surveys in 47 states, collected data this summer from 720 Canton households to obtain statistically valid results reflecting the entire township.

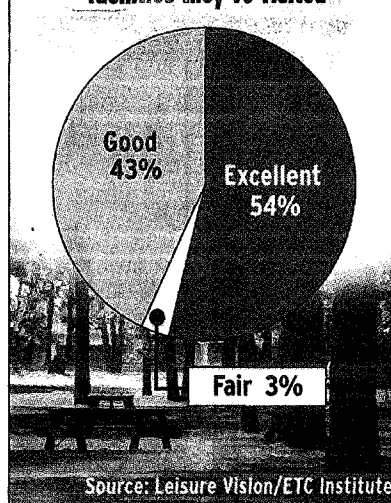
"The usage of the parks here is just phenomenal," ETC Institute Vice President Ron Vine told township officials and recreation leaders during a meeting at Fellows Creek Golf Club.

The 91 percent of Canton households using a local park or recreation facility during the past year far outpaced the national average of 72 percent.

"That's probably in the top 5 percent of communities in the United States," Vine said.

Heritage Park ranked highest and

How households rate the physical condition of all the Canton Township Parks & Recreation facilities they've visited



was cited by 68 percent of respondents, followed by Summit on the Park with 59 percent and the Village Theater at Cherry Hill with 33 percent.

In all, 54 percent of households scored local parks as excellent and another 43 percent rated them as good, for a 97 percent total considered "significantly higher" than the national average of 85 percent, Vine said. Less than 1 percent of respondents labeled Canton parks as poor.

Similar statistics held up for recreation programs offered by Canton Leisure Services.

"People seem to be very happy,"

township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said, but added that local officials still need to continue efforts to improve recreation services.

To that end, Canton Leisure Services Director Ann Conklin said the new survey will serve as "a great road map" as officials establish priorities in a township already known for its recreation gems. Even now, local leaders have approved plans to install seven pedestrian bridges by next spring to connect a five-mile Lower Rouge Recreation Trail that winds through the township — a project intended to significantly address the top need cited by residents.

In one result that Vine called remarkable, 52 percent of Canton households cited increased property values as the most important benefit of parks, trails and recreation facilities — nearly double the national average of 27 percent.

"That was an astounding number," he said.

Survey respondents also cited other benefits including making Canton a more desirable place to live (45 percent), preserving open space and the environment (33 percent) and improving health and fitness (33 percent).

Of residents who cited reasons they don't use parks and recreation facilities, 21 percent said fees are too high, 17 percent indicated program times aren't convenient, and 13 percent said they didn't know what is offered.

Please see **PARKS, A3**

Online campaign nets \$51K for Village Theatre

BY DARRELL CLEM
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton's Village Theatre at Cherry Hill is expected to receive \$51,000 from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan's online fund-raising challenge to arts groups.

Despite widespread frustration that arose Tuesday when a strong outpouring of support clogged the foundation's server, persistent donors continued their efforts to log on, because every \$2 they gave brought in \$1 in matching funds.

It paid off. Canton Leisure Services Director Ann Conklin said Thursday it appeared Village Theatre supporters donated \$34,000 and secured an additional \$17,000, in unofficial tallies, during the foundation's 11-hour challenge.

"That's \$51,000 we didn't have this morning," Conklin said.

Jennifer Tobin, Canton arts coordinator, expressed her gratitude to donors who stepped up to help the 400-seat theater — a cultural hub that provides live theater, music, dance, fine art exhibitions and other community events.

"We are thrilled," Tobin said. "It's amazing support. It's a happy, happy day when you see that kind of support."

Tobin also commended the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan for allowing Canton's theater, located in the heart of Cherry Hill Village, to benefit from the online fund-raising effort.

"We are very grateful for the opportunity," she said.

Fund-raising for the arts has become even more critical as an economic downturn has forced many patrons to cut back on the money they spend on cultural events and entertainment. Tuesday's challenge allowed donors to give as little as \$25 and as much as \$10,000.

Canton officials had worked hard to convince local donors to go online and be ready to donate during Tuesday's challenge. Difficulties encountered by donors prompted foundation leaders to add another \$250,000 to their original \$1 million in matching dollars for 75 arts and cultural organizations in southeast Michigan.

That brought the total to \$3.75 million raised.

Although matching dollars apparently have been exhausted, the foundation is continuing to accept credit card gifts through Aug. 31 for the participating organizations. To help, log on to www.cfsem.org. The donations still will qualify for tax credits as the law allows.

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Purse-snatch suspect ordered to trial

BY DARRELL CLEM
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An Ann Arbor man has been ordered to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on charges he tried to steal a woman's purse at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton.

Justin Daniel Price, a 22-year-old defendant charged as a fourth-degree habitual offender, could face penalties ranging up to life in prison if he is convicted of assault with intent to commit an unarmed robbery and larceny in a building, according to Canton police.

Price is facing trial for an Aug. 3 incident after a preliminary hearing was held Friday in 35th District Court in Plymouth.

An earlier statement issued by Canton police said Price was arrested after authori-



Justin Price, the suspect in an attempted purse snatching at Arctic Edge in Canton, was ordered to stand trial after a preliminary hearing.

ties received several tips that allowed detectives to identify him. Police had released a photo obtained from surveillance cameras inside the ice arena, located on Michigan Avenue between Canton Center and Beck roads.

Police said the surveillance cameras captured photos of

the suspect walking through Arctic Edge and trying to steal a woman's purse around 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3. Police said the suspect fled following what was described as a slight struggle.

Price already was on probation at the time of his arrest. According to the Michigan Department of Corrections, his previous offenses include third-degree home invasion, assaulting and resisting a police officer, and breaking and entering a building.

MDOC records indicate Price had been warned not to break any laws, among numerous other court orders, when he had earlier been placed on probation.

On Friday, Price remained jailed with a \$30,000/10 percent bond, according to Canton police.

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"Around Canton" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

Golf scramble

Hickory Creek Golf Course hosts a Junior Golf Scramble 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29.

The event takes place at Hickory Creek Golf Course in Superior Township, just west of Canton off of Ford Road. Cost is \$25 for golf, pizza and prizes.

For more information contact Tami Bealert via e-mail at trainwithtami@yahoo.com or by calling (734) 731-0238.

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.canton-

chiefettes.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

Junior Miss

Plymouth-Canton Junior Miss is looking for contestants to participate in this year's 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.

Church crafts

Connection Church (previously Tri-City Christian Center) is currently accepting applications for its annual Holiday Craft Fair 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 5.

Connection Church is located at 3855 Sheldon in Canton, north of Michigan Ave.

For more information contact Katy Reitz, (734) 693-

5656 or katyreitz@mac.com

Health screening

Meijer Pharmacy, located on Ford Road at Canton Center, will be holding their monthly health screening clinic 8 a.m. to noon Thursday, Sept. 3.

Cholesterol, diabetes, and liver function screening are available at a very affordable cost. Appointments are required; please contact the pharmacy for details at (734) 844-2733.

Village Faire

Step back in time and enjoy the Village Faire noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30 at the Preservation Park, formerly known as the site of the Bartlett-Travis House, located at 500 N. Ridge.

Enjoy a simpler time and pay tribute to Canton's rich history and heritage as you watch historical demonstrations, such as: cooking, knitting, blacksmithing, candle-making and plowing. There will also be music, face painting, a petting farm, guided tours of the Bartlett-Travis House and more. We'll offer a variety of activities for the whole family.

And don't miss the always-irresistible corn roast sponsored by the Canton Lions Club. Food wristbands will be on sale at the event, and pre-registration is not necessary.

Residents of all ages are welcome to this free event,



Hospice walk

Angela Hospice invites friends, families, and community members to the second annual 'Walk of Remembrance,' where walkers will experience fellowship in the beautiful outdoors with a common goal in mind: to honor, remember and celebrate loved ones lost. The event takes place Saturday, Sept. 12, beginning at Madonna University in Livonia, with registration at 8 a.m. The 3K and 5K routes will weave through the serene and beautiful grounds of the Felician Sisters. Refreshments and activities for all ages will follow. Advance registration is now open for this year's event, \$20 for adults and \$5 for children 6-12. Participation is free for those 5 and under. For a registration form or for more information, visit www.AskForAngela.com or call events coordinator Barb Iovan at (734) 953-6045.

brought to you by Canton Leisure Services in partnership with the Canton Historical Society and the Canton Lions Club. No registration is required. To learn more about Village Faire, visit cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Canton newcomers

Interested in meeting your neighbors and getting involved with various interest groups? If so, the next monthly adult general meeting of Canton Newcomers will be held 7:15 p.m. Sept. 2, at the Sunflower Clubhouse (45800 Hanford, west of Canton Center).

The evening will include Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, as well as time for socializing, neighbor introductions, sign-ups for our over 20 interest group activities (Playgroups,

Bunco, Scrapbooking, Book Club, Men's Poker Night, Couples Social and more), and a raffle to benefit a local non-profit in need.

For more information, or to receive a complimentary copy of our newsletter, please visit www.cantonnewcomers.org or call Melanie at (734) 207-3341.

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 imperson-

ator). There will be door prizes offered throughout the evening along with a cash bar.

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

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.

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 St. in Plymouth.

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CORRECTION

The Food & Wine Festival at Meadow Brook Music Festival is set for 1-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, and 1-5:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30. Incorrect dates were published in Thursday's *Observer*.

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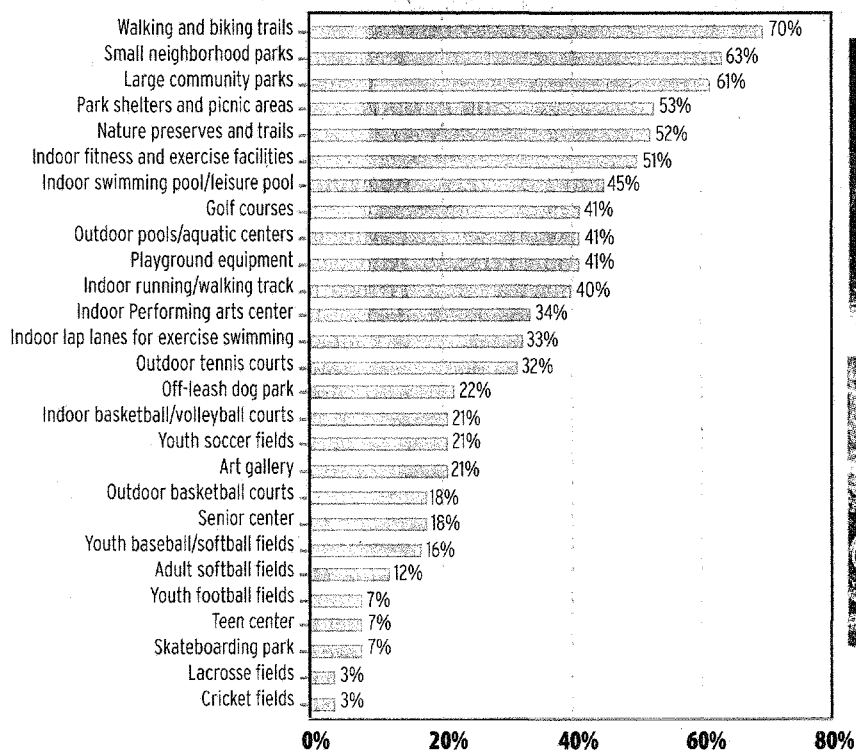
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RESPONDENT HOUSEHOLDS THAT HAVE A NEED FOR VARIOUS PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

By percentage of respondents (multiple choices could be made)



Source: Leisure Vision/ETC Institute

PARKS

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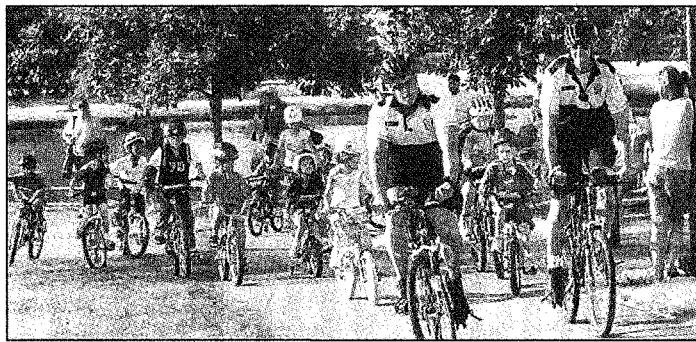
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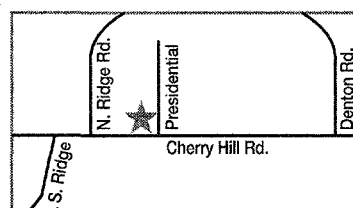
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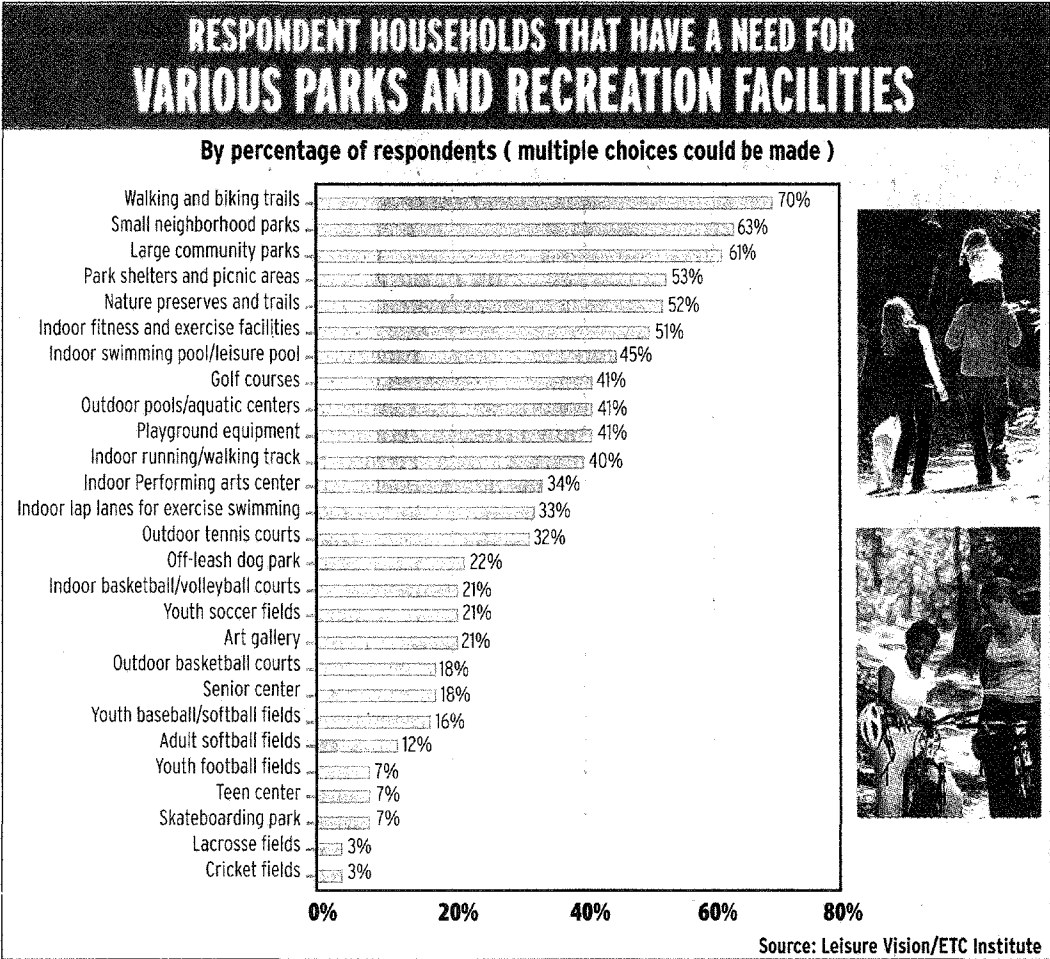
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Couple pays back PTO as part of deal

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Canton couple has paid back money they were charged with embezzling from the Fiegel Elementary Parent Teacher Organization, prosecutors and school officials confirmed.

Kimberly and Robert Smith, charged in May with taking money, have repaid about \$13,000 and agreed to a wide range of other court-imposed orders, Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Maria Miller said.

As long as the Smiths follow Wayne County Circuit Judge Margie Braxton's orders, they could qualify for a defendant diversion program that would keep the criminal charges off their record, Miller said.

Braxton is expected to review the case next July after the couple, according to Miller, agreed to the following:

- They repaid the money prior to Braxton allowing them to qualify for the diversion program.
- They have to report regularly to a case officer.
- Both defendants have to perform 100 hours of community service.
- The couple has to maintain a stable residence and employment.
- The Smiths cannot get into

trouble and have contact with law enforcement.

The couple could lose their bid to keep a clean record if they violate any of Braxton's orders.

Kimberly Smith, former PTO treasurer, and her husband were charged in May with embezzling between \$1,000 and \$20,000, punish-

able by up to five years in prison. Robert Smith also had an additional charge of receiving and concealing stolen property of less than \$20,000.

The couple had been facing trial before attorneys and court officials reached an agreement allowing them to enter the diversion program. They had remained free on a

\$5,000 personal bond.

After the incident happened, a PTO vice president, John Nichols, said the organization had tightened its security measures by requiring two signatures on checks and demanding that the checkbook stay at school. He also said three people would count money and put it in a school

safe before depositing it at a bank.

Criminal charges arose after a March meeting of the PTO.

"At the March PTO meeting, Kim was asked to give the treasurer's report, but she said there wasn't one because she had a hard time getting acclimated to the (computer) software," Nichols had said.

"Shortly after that, a \$4,000 check bounced and the red flags went up."

PTO officials sought more information from the bank and learned that more money had been taken from the account. Nichols had called the situation "sad all around."

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School supply blitz fills backpacks for needy kids

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With a growing need, particularly in Canton, Plymouth Salvation Army officials figured their second "Back to School Blitz" drive for school supply donations would need to nearly triple last year's 142 backpacks.

With a goal of 300 or more backpacks, Salvation Army staffers and volunteers accepted donations Friday for the second annual drive, designed to provide school supplies for needy students in the Plymouth-Canton school district. While no totals were available yet, staffers were confident the goal was going to be reached.

"Donations are pouring in, as we expected they would, because this is an extremely generous community," said Laurie Aren, director of Family and Community Ministries for the Plymouth Salvation Army, which covers Belleville, Plymouth, Canton and Northville. "We've had a lot of support, and the kids are doing a tremendous job."

The "kids" to which she referred were students from the school-run radio station, WSDP, who broadcast live for the day, and National Honor Society members, who carried signs along city streets.

School district officials are grateful for the help, as the need continues to increase without their borders. As an example, school officials noted this week that requests for the district's free/reduced lunch program increased by some 100 students over last year.

"That tells you something about the need out there," said Frank Ruggirello, the district's communications director. "If kids are having trouble getting food, they're going to have trouble getting something like school supplies."

Dr. Craig Fiegel, the dis-



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Plymouth Salvation Army Corps Officer Capt. Dan Hull (left) and Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Dr. Craig Fiegel (right) get a look at a bus-load of donations for the Salvation Army's second annual "Back to School Blitz" program to provide school supplies to needy children.



Dr. Craig Fiegel and Capt. Dan Hull sort through donations for the Back to School Blitz.

trict's superintendent, said the Back to School Blitz provides a necessary shot in the arm to the district's ability to help needy students.

"It certainly helps ... with today's economy we have more and more needs in our student population," Fiegel said. "This definitely is a big help, and we certainly appreciate their efforts."

The Plymouth Salvation Army is still taking school supply donations and, as always, accepts cash donations. Anyone requiring about the availability of backpacks, or interested in donating, can call the Salvation Army, (734) 453-5464.

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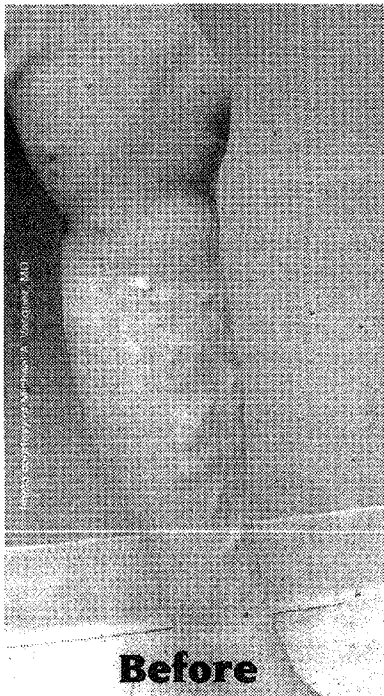
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Kline remembered as 'phenomenal woman'

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While the William P. Faust Public Library has lost a dedicated employee with the death of Carolyn Kline, but for Diane Guzik, it's much more.

"Carolyn was my best friend," said Guzik. "We knew each other since ninth grade. We went to Rosary High School in Detroit and were fast friends."

Mrs. Kline died Aug. 11 after a long battle with ovarian cancer. She was 57.

Mrs. Kline studied elementary education at Wayne State University and taught at St. Robert Bellarmine School until she married her husband, Frederick. A Plymouth resident, she started at the Westland library 13 years ago as a page and worked up to a position in the children's department.

According to Guzik, Mrs. Kline would decorate show-cases, using her Beanie Babies and the Madame Alexander dolls she had been collecting since childhood.

"She loved American Girl and did American Girl programs at the library," said Guzik, who lives in Livonia. "She got her brother Richard to come and do a science pro-



Mrs. Kline

gram for the children. Her husband grew up on an apple farm near Grand Rapids and she got his to dress as Johnny Appleseed and come in to talk about the different apples."

Along with the dolls, she also enjoyed collected children's literature and teddy bears which she also shared with the children at the library. She also enjoyed the family camping vacations and the weekend camping trips.

Mrs. Kline had been cancer-free for seven years when the disease returned. She went through two rounds of chemotherapy and radiation and but was "bound and determined to go to work," so she did six-hour shifts, her friend said.

Toward the end, when she didn't drive, her daughter, her friends and her husband would take her to work. Frederick Kline would stay at the library until she finished her shift, at times helping her with her displays, Guzik said.

The week before she died, the Klines and a brother and sister-in-law drove to South Bend, Ind., to see Notre Dame

University. She could only travel three hours at a time, so they made several stops along the way.

"She kept saying she wasn't going to let the cancer take over. It's going to live in me, but I'm going to fight it," Guzik recalled. "She was phenomenal woman who would not give up."

Guzik is glad she "hooked up" with Mrs. Kline so many years ago and sees her late friend as an inspiration for other cancer patients.

"She never gave up," Guzik said. "She had a lot of adversity, but she was always very positive. I'm going to miss talking to her."

Mrs. Kline is survived by her husband, Frederick, daughters Ellen and Emily, her mother, Lillian Brudzynski, brothers Richard Brudzynski and Daniel (Carole) Brudzynski and several nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her father, Richard Brudzynski, sister Christine and husband Larry Szostak.

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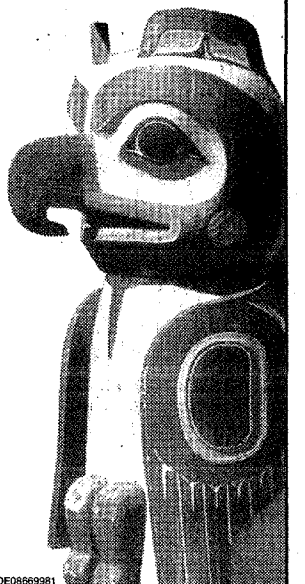
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W-W meets Disney at back-to-school event

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

What do the Wayne-Westland Community Schools and the popular Disney Radio have in common? You'll find out Saturday, Aug. 29, when the radio network for kids, tweens and families stops by Westland Shopping Center for a two-hour show highlighting the school district.

The 2-4 p.m. program is powered by the Wayne-Westland school district and Co-Op Credit Union. It offers parents an opportunity to learn more about the school district and its programs and get their children registered for school, according to Maria Mitter, director of the district's Family Resource Center.

"Radio Disney approached the school district about partnering with a back-to-school event," Mitter said. "It's open to the community and it's all free."

There event is geared for students of all ages — from preschool to high school. The district will have booths set up showing off its food services, transportation, career, technical and preschool programs. Chef Tony Paquette, culinary arts instructor for the William D. Ford Career Technical Center, will be tempting participants with a selection of pastries, while Radio Disney will host Wii baseball and allow kids to participate in games on the Disney stage.

Kids also can register for a drawing to win the chance to throw out the first pitch at a Detroit Tigers baseball game, while Dave Rozma of the 1984 world championship Detroit Tigers will be signing autographs 2-3:30 p.m.

The district's high schools also will be featured with cheerleaders, instrumental music and JROTC members on hand.

"This is geared for preschool to high school," Mitter said. We'll have information on our career technical center and out preschool programs. We'll also be showing our *Best in Michigan* video."

According to Mitter, this the first time Wayne-Westland has done an event like this. It was Radio Disney that approached the district about doing the back-to-school event, she said.

"It works well because we have the power to draw in people with our marketing," she said. "Radio Disney is working with the district to get parents involved, so this is a good match. This has gone very smoothly, so I can see us doing this again."

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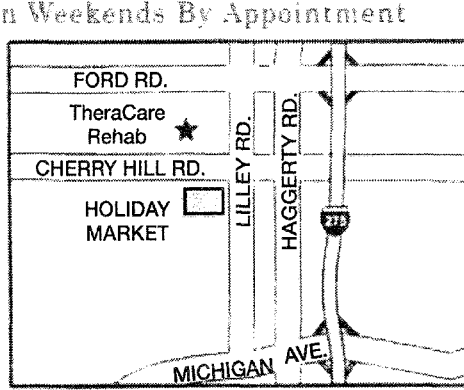
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2009 FOOTBALL PREVIEW - PART 1

Hang-10, again?

Baechler, Canton gridders won't bask in last season's success

The Salem football preview will appear
in the Thursday, Aug. 27 edition.BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ten-victory seasons are great, but don't expect Canton varsity football coach Tim Baechler to allow his 2009 Chiefs to rest on last year's success.

"I know we're going to probably be favored to win the league," said Baechler, entering his 12th season at the Canton helm. "But we have to bring it every single Friday."

The first Friday is this week against Brighton, one of several solid teams in the division.

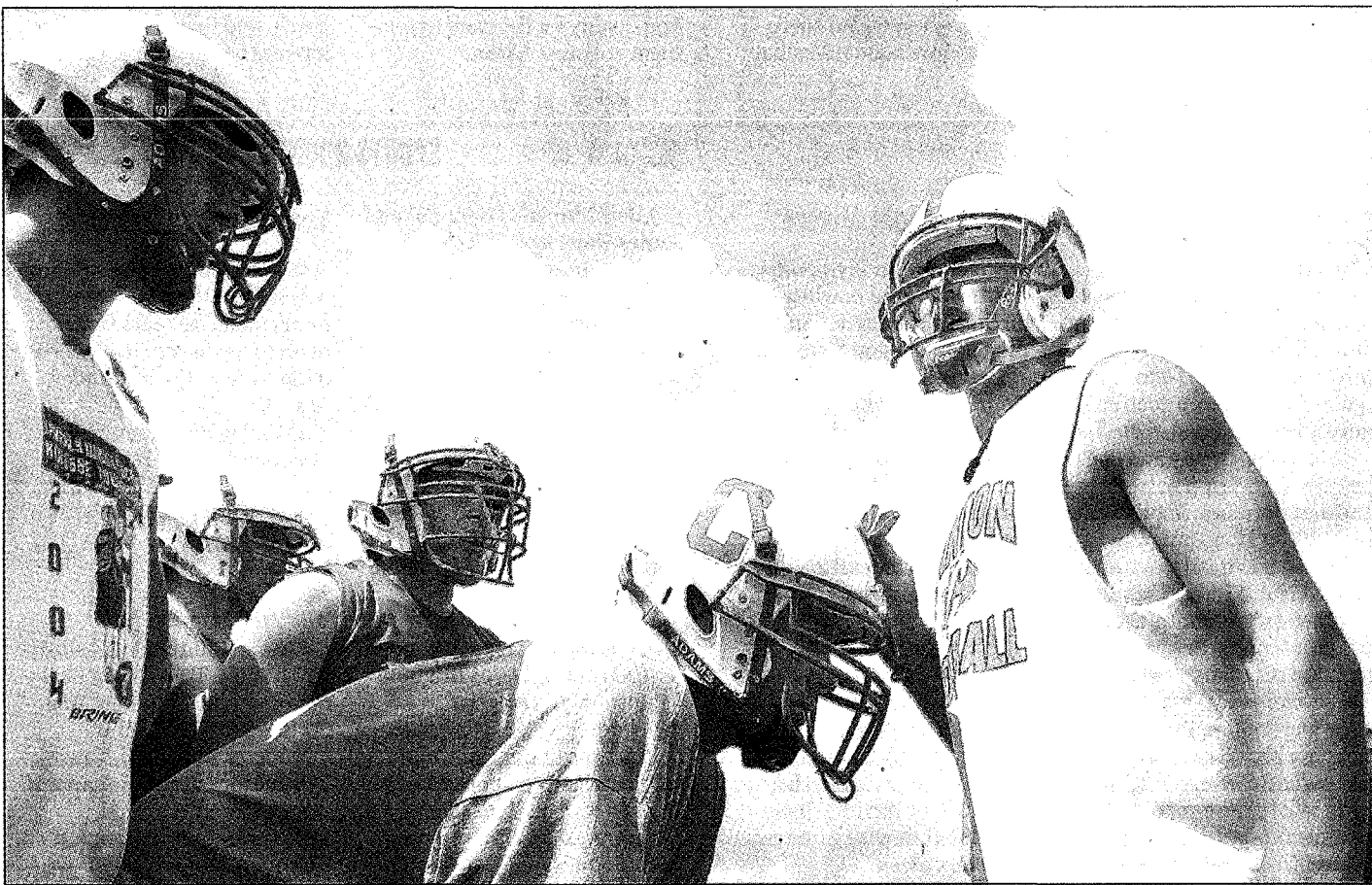
"We play in a very tough division," Baechler noted. "You just can't go through and mark off your schedule that 'We're going to win these games automatically.' There's a lot of parity."

And because of that, Baechler knows his team needs to tighten up defensively to approach or match the 10 wins notched in 2008. Last year's offensive fireworks sparked divisional (South) and conference (Lakes) championships in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association as well as a district triumph.

"We gave up way too many points, we averaged 25 or 26 points (against) per game," he said. "If we hold a team to under 15 points we should win."

Baechler mentioned the regional final defeat to Livonia Stevenson, when Canton scored 31 points — but gave up 38 and lost to end the season on a downer. "It caught up to us."

The 2009 defense can be "fast



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Canton quarterback Kevin Delapaz (right) calls the plays during a preseason workout. Delapaz and his Chiefs' teammates have the ingredients to again be a force in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

FAST FACTS

School: Canton.

Head coach: Tim Baechler, 12th season.

League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's record: 10-2 (including playoffs).

Notable losses to graduation: Kiere Daniels (first-team All-Area); Justin Sneddon (first-team All-Area); Pat Madish (first-team All-Area); Jason Hu (second-team All-Area);

Nick Sweda (second-team All-Area).

Starters returning: Kevin Delapaz, Adam Payter, Dakota Dark-Bird, Carter Stafffield, Ron Gaudi, Alex Dixon.

2009 schedule: Aug. 28 (at Brighton); Sept. 3 (at Lakeland); Sept. 11 (vs. Plymouth at PCEP); Sept. 18 (John Glenn); Sept. 25 (at Wayne Memorial); Oct. 2 (Franklin); Oct. 9 (at Churchill); Oct. 16 (KLAA crossover); Oct. 23 (vs. Salem at PCEP).

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Wildcats are eager to crank it up in '09

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Cranking up the intensity level before the first game is just what Plymouth varsity football coach Mike Sawchuk is witnessing from his team.

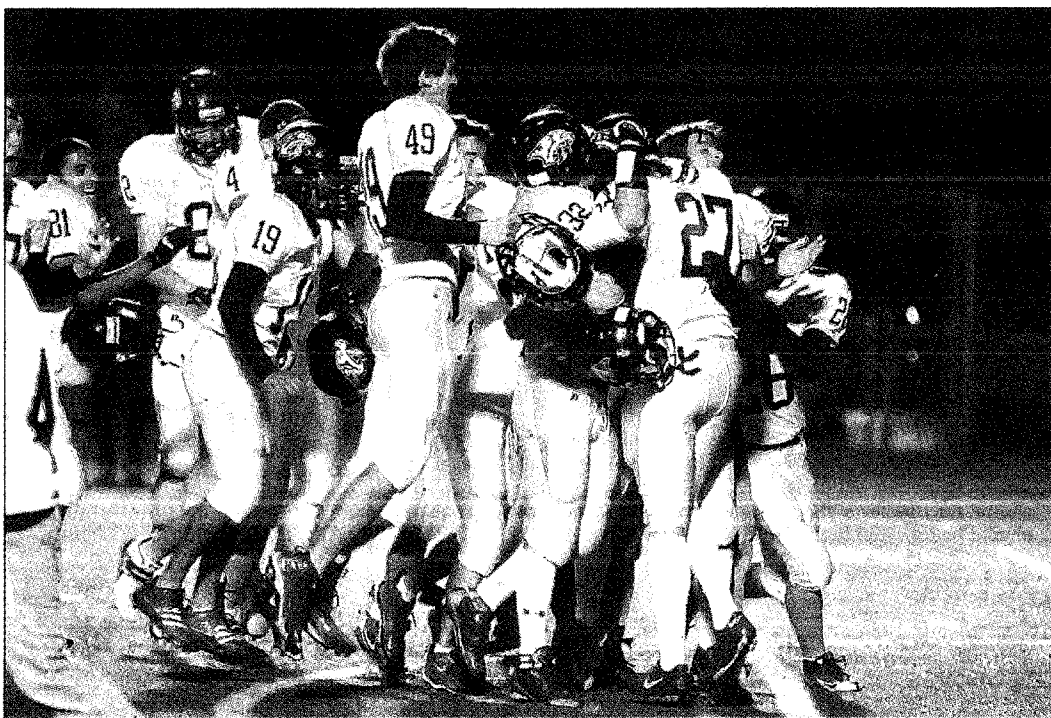
The Wildcats start the 2009 season at 7 p.m. Friday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park against next-door neighbor Salem — coached by ex-Plymouth offensive coordinator Kurt Britnell.

That, plus the fact players from both teams often sit next to each other in math or science class during the year, adds a little spice to the Plymouth-Salem matchup.

"Obviously, if your opponent's in the classroom, it makes it that much more intense," said Sawchuk, whose team will be looking to improve on a 6-3 mark in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association-South Division.

Sawchuk expects the Wildcats to be a competitive bunch, with a blend of speed, strength and the "X-factor" kicking of junior Kyle Brindza.

"He's ranked the best kicker in Michigan," Sawchuk said. "Every



ANDY RUBENSTEIN

One of last season's sparkplugs for Plymouth was kicker Kyle Brindza (27), shown after kicking a game-winning field goal against Livonia Franklin. Brindza again will be a catalyst for the Wildcats.

kickoff is going into the end zone, so nobody's going to get returns.

"I also feel comfortable kicking a 50-yard field goal with him."

FLYING AROUND

Brindza's prowess should force opponents to navigate lengthy drives on offense, and Plymouth's formidable defense

will be ready.

"We're going to fly around and hit people," Sawchuk said. "We

Please see **WILDCATS, B3**

FAST FACTS

School: Plymouth.

Head coach: Mike Sawchuk, 3rd season.

League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's record: 6-4 (including playoffs).

Notable losses to graduation: Terrance Guthridge (first-team All-Area); Ronnie Goble (first-team All-Area); Connor Martin (first-team All-Area); Zack Hamed (second-team All-Area); Jake Gilbert (second-team All-Area).

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MU spikers 12th

Reigning Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference champion Madonna University is ranked No. 12 in the inaugural National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) 2009 Volleyball Coaches' preseason poll.

The Crusaders, who have advanced to the NAIA Nationals in each of the last eight seasons, ended last season ranked 11th while finishing 35-7 overall.

Defending national champion Fresno Pacific (Calif.) opens the year at No. 1.

The Crusaders open the season Friday and Saturday at the University of Michigan-Dearborn Early Bird Classic.

Whaler alum game

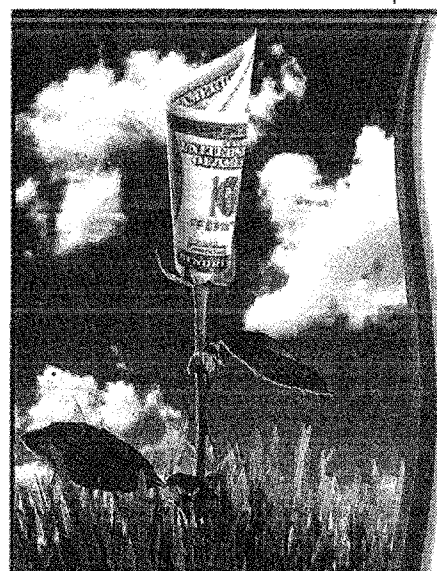
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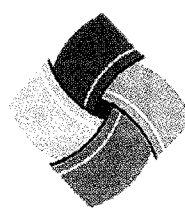
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BOYS SOCCER MONDAY, AUG. 24 Salem vs. Plymouth at PCEP, 7 p.m.	GIRLS GOLF THURSDAY, AUG. 28 Chelsea Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
TUESDAY, AUG. 25 Ply. Christian at Oak. Christian, 4:30 p.m. Novi at Canton, 7 p.m.	FRIDAY, AUG. 21 Monroe-Jeff. Inv. at Raisin River, 8:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY, AUG. 26 Plymouth at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m. Salem at Churchill, 7 p.m.	BOYS TENNIS MONDAY, AUG. 24 Ply. Christian at South Lyon East, 4 p.m.
THURSDAY, AUG. 27 W.L. Western at Canton, 7 p.m.	THURSDAY, AUG. 27 Ply. Christian at Plymouth (Scrimmage), 4:30 p.m.
SATURDAY, AUG. 29 Salem at Lake Orion, TBA Inter-City Baptist at Ply. Christian, 11 a.m.	FRIDAY, AUG. 28 Ply. Christian at Fowlerville Tournament, 8 a.m.

Spartans' coach Tripp resigns

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson is searching for a varsity girls basketball coach after the sudden resignation by Paul Tripp, who guided the Spartans to a 7-14 record in his only season.

Tripp, who underwent hip replacement surgery earlier this month, cited medical reasons.

"After consulting with my orthopedic surgeon and the staff of therapists, my recovery will be much more extensive than anticipated," Tripp said in an e-mail to *The Observer*. "Physical restrictions, precautions, and risks will not allow me to devote the time and energy needed to continue growing the program."

Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman said the job posting ended last week and interviews will begin Tuesday to hire a permanent replacement.

Tripp, who teaches in the Northville Public Schools, took over in 2008-09 for Pat Cannon, who went 4-17 in his only season

as coach with the Spartans after Cannon left to become the varsity coach at Livonia Ladywood (where he had been a longtime assistant).

"We hope to have somebody in place by next week," Hyman said on Friday. "Paul was really struggling after his hip surgery and I think with the time factor. He's a good family man, a good community man and a good teacher."

Prior to his surgery and during the offseason, Tripp hosted a pre-season scrimmage, implemented the Horizon Hoop program and had taken his squad to a team camp at Notre Dame University.

"When I signed on as the coach at Stevenson, it was with the intention of building the program over several years with the input of the players, families, and staff who have been a long-standing part of the Spartan tradition," Tripp said in the e-mail. "If the administration selects a permanent replacement, I wish both you and them the best in advancing the efforts we put in motion during the '08-'09 season."

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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.

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event are free. Following the contest, fans are invited to reconnect with Whalers alumni in a reception at CJ's Brewery at 5 p.m.

Elks winners

Among the age-group winners for the 11th annual Elks Soccer Shoot held Monday at the Livonia Community Recreation Center and hosted by the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation include:

Boys 12-13: Alex Biskelonis (34-of-75); **Girls 12-13:** Andrea Kwasnecicz (17-of-75); **Boys 10-11:** Joseph Choma (14-of-75); **Girls 10-11:** Kendra Pennington (19-of-75); **Boys 8-9:** Michael Hudock (28-of-45); **Girls 8-9:** Kayla Martinez (29-of-45); **Boys 7-and-under:** Daniel Terrian (27-of-45); **Girls 7-and-under:** Kirsten Martinez (19-of-45).

Winners advance to the district competition.

Start of golf season time for optimism

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Area girls golf teams are getting set for another season on the links.

For Plymouth High School coach Chris Moore, the 2009 team picks up where last year's left off. Meanwhile, the Canton squad (coached by Dan Riggs) is looking to overcome the graduation of several key players.

Following is a look at the Plymouth and Canton teams. (The Salem preview will be forthcoming):

PLYMOUTH

The entire 2008 Wildcats team is back this year, said Moore, whose squad opens with an invitational Monday

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at Prestwick Country Club in Highland.

"Last year we were in the process of building for the future," he said. "At the end of the 2008 season, we had made significant progress and I was looking forward to this year. More than half of my team are underclassmen, we are trying to build and be successful for many years to come."

The Wildcats have set some lofty goals for 2009, beginning with improving with every practice and match. From there, the team is looking to win their KLAA division, be among the top three teams in the conference and qualify for the state tournament at Forest Akers.

Plymouth's top six golfers entering Monday's tourney are freshmen Kelsey Murphy and Sarah Thompson, returning juniors Chloe Marentic and Christy Pattison, returning senior Liz Cizek and freshman Mandy Kirsch.

Moore said other freshmen who could help the cause include Haley Swanson and Danielle Allen.

Meanwhile, returnees Stefania Sgambati (junior), Maggie Furlong (sophomore) and Lindsey Dean (sophomore) also are making strides.

CANTON

Riggs, who is beginning his 28th season as the Chiefs' head coach, said the team is looking forward to a great year despite

losing some key seniors.

"We have several new players that should help us with some depth," he said. "I feel that we will be competitive in our conference" with teams such as Plymouth.

Returnees to lead the way include Megan Baumgart, Erin Lixie, Mary Elizabeth Winther, Lina Petryczkowycz, Ariel Alber and Paige Osler. Those girls were part of the '08 team that placed fourth at the KLAA league meet.

Canton opens on Tuesday at Fox Creek in Livonia at the Franklin-hosted tournament. The first dual meet is Aug. 31 at home (Hilltop Golf Course) against Wayne Memorial.

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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-to-5:50 p.m. weekdays and 10-to-11:50 a.m. on 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.

Youth baseball tryouts

■ The Livonia Baseball Club will stage 2010 travel tryouts for its under-10 team from noon to 2 p.m. and its under-12 team from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 30 and Sunday, Sept. 20 at Livonia's Bicentennial Park (Diamond No. 7). For more information, call Mike Turbin (under-12) at (313) 303-9728 or Joe Jakacki (under-10) at (734) 469-4217.

Churchill Meet Team

Livonia Churchill will stage its Meet the Team Night beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at Carli Auditorium.

Athletes from all three athletic seasons and their parents are requested to attend.

For more information, call Churchill Athletics at 734-744-2650, Ext. 46117.

Stevenson Meet Team

Livonia Stevenson will hold its Meet the Team Night from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19 at the high school auditorium.

Attendance for all ninth- and 10th-graders, along with newcomer athletes and parents, are requested for an introduction meeting at 7 p.m. Juniors and seniors should report for specific sports breakout meetings with their parents at 7:45 p.m.

For more information, call Stevenson athletics at (734) 744-2500.

Elks Soccer Shoot

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation's 2009 NFL Punt, Pass & Kick competition for ages 8-15 will be Wednesday, Aug. 26 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center's soccer fields, located at 15100 Hubbard (between Farmington and Merriman roads).

Registration, which is free, starts at 4:30 p.m.

Boys and girls separate age groups, determined as of Aug. 1, 2009, include 7-and-under, 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13. Age-group winners advance to the state contest in October.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

Fishing club meeting

The monthly meeting of the Huron Valley Sportfishing Club will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at American Legion Post 200, located at 11800 Michael Street, Taylor (take Brest Road west off Telegraph Road to the hall).

The featured speaker will

be C. J. Baker, charter captain and Silver Streak representative. He will discuss the science of and bring in the newest UV activated spoons and spinner blades for display and purchase.

Food and drinks available, along with 50/50 and fishing tackle raffles.

For more information, e-mail rmontre@juno.com.

Coaches wanted

Livonia Ladywood High School is seeking a girls JV golf coach for the 2009 fall season and a girls varsity pom pon coach for the 2009-10 winter season.

Those interested should fax a resume to Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2386.

Fall hoops league

Madonna University will sponsor a Sunday fall basketball league at 1 p.m. (ages 11-13) and 3 p.m. (ages 14-16) beginning Sept. 13 (through Oct. 25).

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Age classification is as of Dec. 31 of the current year. No football shoes, cleats or turf shoes are allowed. Only gym shoes will be permitted.

The top finishers from each of eight age groups at the local competition will advance to a sectional competition. Sectional scores will be compared with other sectional champions with the top five scorers from the pool of sectional champions advancing to the team championship.

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- 42 CFR 484.18 – Acceptance of Patients, Plan of Care, and Medical Supervision
- 42 CFR 484.30 – Skilled Nursing Services
- 42 CFR 484.34 – Medical Social Services
- 42 CFR 484.55 – Comprehensive Assessment of Patients

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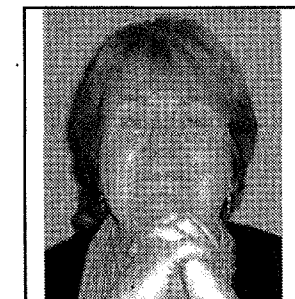
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SARA JANE ANZLOVAR

Age 67, of Farmington Hills, Michigan, August 19, 2009. Born in Bay City, Michigan, Sara graduated Salutatorian from St. James High School class of 1960. After serving in the Air Force, she lived in New York City with her new husband and family, settling after a few years in the Detroit area. She received an Associates Degree and worked for a year as assistant librarian at Green Elementary School in West Bloomfield, Michigan. After going back to school for another degree, Sara had a long and successful career as a computer programmer, analyst and later technical recruiter for Mercy Information Systems. She has been active as a leader in several guilds including the American Sewing Guild, the Embroidery Guild of America and the Needlework and Textile Guild of Michigan. She was also a member of the Kindred Spirits Sampler Guild. She was instrumental in founding the West Oakland chapter of the ASG. Sara was also very active in her Church, Our Lady of Sorrows, Farmington, MI. Sara is survived by her husband Robert R. Eggersen, Peter A. Anzlovar, and siblings John Strope, Marianne (Strope) Jones, Meg J. Ruegger and Richard Strope. A Memorial Mass will be held Wednesday, August 26th, 10:00 AM (gathering 9:30 AM) at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 23615 Power Rd., Farmington, MI 48336. Arrangements entrusted to the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington, 248-474-5200.
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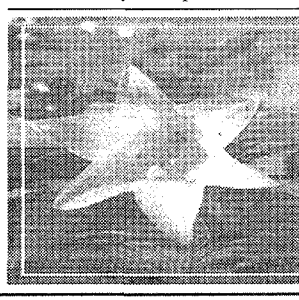
SYLVIA WICKS GARVEY

August 17, 2009, age 85 of West Bloomfield. Beloved wife of the late Louis P. Garvey. Beloved mother of Patrick (Laura) Garvey, Cindy (Joe) Bradley, Ingrid (Bob) Steff, and Mike (Julia) Garvey. Loving Grandmother of Nickole (Tom) Carlson, Elizabeth (Ron) Keiser, Sean and Kellie Garvey, Katherine and Joey Steff. Great grandmother of Thomas and Chance Carlson. Sylvia was a proud WWII U.S. Navy veteran. Visitation was at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation.
www.mccabefuneralhome.com

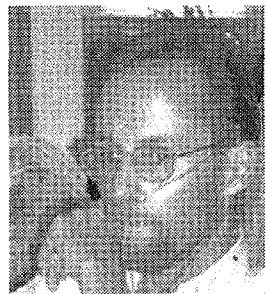
SAMUEL HIGGINS
Age 93, August 16, 2009 of Garden City. Survived by his wife Betty. Arrangements by R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, (734) 425-9200. Please sign the on-line guestbook at: www.rgharris.com

DANIEL LEE KIMEL
Age 79, passed away August 15, 2009. He was born on July 22, 1930, in Detroit, to the late John and Emma (Goebel) Kimel. Daniel is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Patricia Kimel; children: William (Christine) Kimel, Kathy (Alan) Steman; grandchildren: Daniel, Billy, Spencer, Sydney; great-grandchild: Makayla Kimel; siblings: David L. Kimel, and Shirley Kimel. He was preceded in death by his son Ronald, siblings: John Kimel Jr., and Dorothy Heimberger. Visitation Wednesday, Aug. 19, 1-9 p.m. Funeral Thursday, Aug. 20, 3 p.m. with final visitation from 12-3 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 West Lake Street (Ten Mile), South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

JAMES V. POSPESHIL
Age 61, of Harrison Twp., an avid sailor and longtime member of Crescent Sail Yacht Club, St. Clair Shores. Beloved brother of Thomas (Nylene), Ronald, Dorothy Edmundson, Gloria Sellers and the late Suzanne Wolinski; and uncle to many. Memorial Service will be held Saturday, August 22nd, 2:00 PM at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Memorial tributes are suggested to American Cancer Society.
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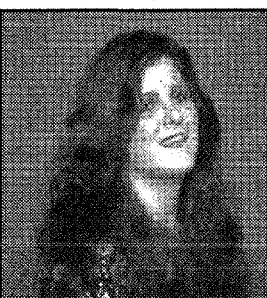
It has been 1 year, but you are still and will forever remain in our hearts, thoughts, memories and prayers.

We miss you very much.
Love, Mom, Dad and Family

FRANKLIN BROCKWAY READ

Of Bloomfield Hills, August 13, 2009 Age 95. He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Dorothea "Dorie" Read. Dear father of Stephen H. (Renee) Read of Bloomfield Hills and the late Franklin Brockway Read II and Russell Snavely Read. Loving grandfather of Christopher Polk Read, Jason Read and Ryan Read. Great-grandfather of Logan Hunter Read. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Mr. Read graduated from Cornell University and while at the University he was a member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity and was the Circulation Manager of the University Humor Magazine (The Widow). He was employed by Pontiac Motor Division and in 1941 was transferred to GM Corporation Headquarters in Detroit as a member of the Financial Staff. In 1953 he joined the Distribution Staff in organizing the General Motors Training Centers Program. He retired from GM in 1978 after 42 years of service. Mr. Read was an ardent golfer. The Reads were members of the Pine Lake Country Club for over 40 years and maintained a winter home in Pinehurst, NC. The Reads traveled extensively in Europe, China and maintained a condo in Guadalajara, Mexico for many years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Read were active members of All Saints Episcopal Church in Pontiac. A memorial service will be held 11 am Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at All Saints Episcopal Church (171 West Pike Street Pontiac, MI 48341). In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials made to All Saints Episcopal Church. Interment Pine Lake Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to the Pontiac Chapel of the Sparks-Griffin Funeral Home (248 338 9288). A memorial reflection can be made to: www.sparksgriffin.com

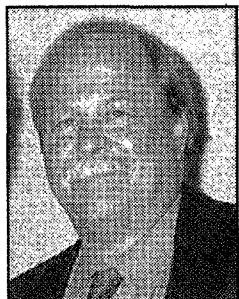
KELSEY LYNN SURSELY
Of Westland, Aug. 10, 2009, Age 41
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KELSEY LYNN VIDA-SURSELY "Kelly"

"Courage is born in difficult moments, But reaches maturity in the face of Grief"

Kelsey Lynn VIDA-Sursey "Kelly" of Westland, Aug. 10, 2009, born 12-15-1967 in Westland, MI. She was a graduate of Wayne High School, and Schoolcraft College, where she earned her Associates Degree in Business. Kelsey is survived by her mother Donna Lynn Khalaf of Westland, MI; her father Richard N. VIDA (Linda), also of Westland; Her four sons, Tim VIDA, Shane Forstner of Westland, Thomas and Jonathan Sursey of Wayne, MI; Brothers Steve Manni, Dennis and Justin (Julian) Roose of Howell, MI; sister Shannon Norkowski of Garden City, MI. Several nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles, cousins and friends. Kelsey was preceded in death by her brother James A. VIDA. Cremains interment at Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville, MI at a private service.



KEITH ALAN THISTLE

August 19, 2009, age 58, of Bloomfield Hills. Longtime executive for the Radisson-Kingsley Hotel. Founding member of the ROCKS. Keith will be deeply missed by his family and friends. Beloved husband of Hilary Ann (nee Gorman) for 31 years. Dear father of Lauren and Matthew (fiancée Amanda). Brother of Richard (Pat) and Suzanne Pope (Joe). Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Memorial service Saturday, August 29th, 11:00am at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to the Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Rd., Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025 A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

DONALD G. VINCENT

Age 81, August 15, 2009. Beloved husband of Bernice. Dear father of Deborah (James) Wasiloff and Karen (Jeffrey) Scott. Grandfather of Matthew, Eric, Kelly and Colin. Brother of Howard. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. 56 year resident of Garden City and retiree of Garden City Schools. Memorial Service was Monday, August 17 at the Santeiu Funeral Home
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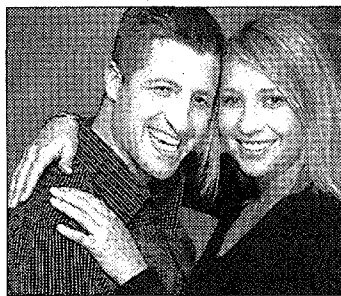
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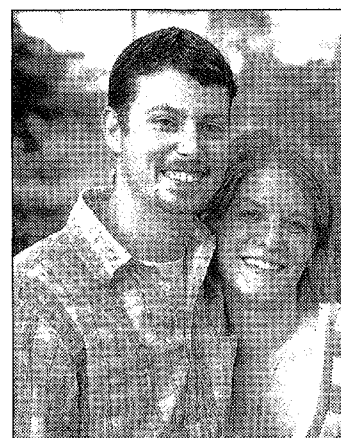
SUMNER-NAFE

Jenny J Sumner and Barton Nafe announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Carrie McConnell and Mike Sumner of Pottsville, is a 2001 graduate of Olivet High School and a 2005 graduate of Western Michigan University where she received a bachelor's degree in finance. She is employed as a contract analyst for OSF Healthcare in Peoria, Ill.

Her fiancé, son of Cathy Clough of Plymouth and the late Don Nafe, is a 1996 graduate of Canton High School. He joined the Marine Corps and served on active duty for four years before attending Western Michigan University where he graduated in 2005 with degrees in computer information systems and economics. He is employed as a medical device sales representative for Stryker Instruments in the Peoria, Ill., area.

A May 2010 wedding is planned in Carillon Beach, Fla.



Dewicki-Scott

DEWICKI-SCOTT

Natasha Dewicki and Ryan Scott announce their engagement.

Ryan is the son of Jesse Scott of Taylor and Sharon and Mark Lamirand of Livonia. He graduated from Michigan State University in 2008 with a bachelor's degree in science and a teaching certificate in secondary education. Ryan is employed by the Jefferson County Schools in Louisville, Ky.

Natasha is the daughter of Donald and Sandra Dewicki of Dearborn Heights. Natasha will be continuing her studies in elementary education at the University of Louisville in Ky. No wedding date has been set.

Boats debut at Metropark

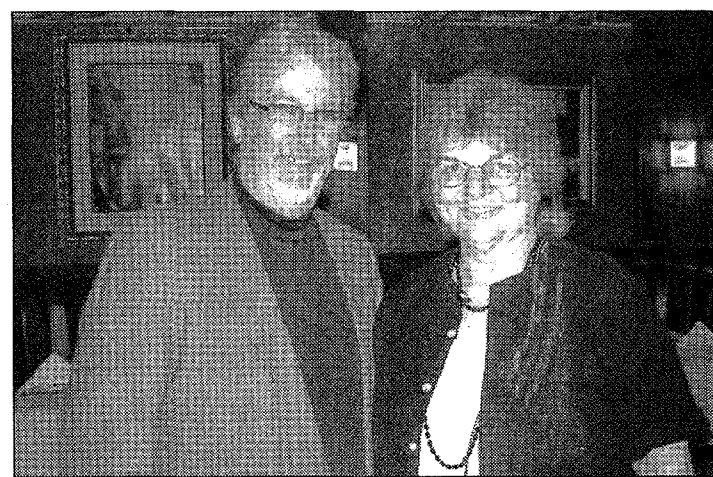
Boats for the new 2010 model year will make their national debut at the "Fall Boat Show," which runs Wednesday, Sept. 23, through Sunday, Sept. 27, at Metro Beach Metropark, near Mount Clemens.

Now in its 39th year, the event showcases hundreds of new boats of all sizes and kinds, plus used boats on display. Showgoers can climb aboard large boats displayed in the water, view trailerable boats and personal watercraft on shore, and look over the boating goods and services offered by vendors.

With several million boaters in the state, Michigan leads the nation with more than 927,000 registered boats.

Metro Beach Metropark is located at the foot of 16 Mile Road (Metropolitan Parkway) just off I-94 in Mount Clemens. Docks will be available for boaters to use. Hours are noon to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, through Friday, Sept. 25; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26; and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27. Admission is \$9 for adults, \$1 for children 12 and under. For information, contact The Boat Show Office at (313) 884-1776 or send an e-mail to boatshowusa@hotmail.com.

MILESTONES



Larry and Dolores (Vecchio) Gorman of Livonia

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Larry and Dolores (Vecchio) Gorman of Livonia marked their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 8. The couple were wed in 1959, at St. Anne Church in Detroit.

Their anniversary celebration dinner was held at Lelli's #2 Restaurant, in Pontiac, their favorite restaurant for more than 50 years.

In attendance at the dinner were the couple's three children: Scott, and his wife Courtney, of Zionsville, Ind.; Marian, and her husband David with their three children, Kate, Tess and Claire, all of Livonia; and Jeffrey of Indianapolis, Ind. Also joining them was Larry's brother Don Gorman of Farmington Hills, who was the best man at their wedding.

Larry retired in 1997 after 35 years in engineering, at Ford Motor Co., Dearborn. Dolores retired in 2000, after



Larry and Dolores Gorman of Livonia on their wedding day in 1959.

15 years in her Livonia gift store. Now the grandchildren keep them busy. They, along with Scott and Courtney, are expecting another Gorman addition in January 2010.

JONES-PAIGE

Kevin Jones, son of Ron and Fay Jones of Novi, and Annie Paige, daughter of Mike and Joy Wendt of Farmington Hills, were married May 9, 2009, at The Whitney in Detroit.

Kevin is a 1992 graduate of Novi High School and a 1996 graduate of Olivet Nazarene University. He works for Portable Church Industries as director of sales.

Annie is a 1994 graduate of Milford High School and a 1998 graduate of Madonna University. She's a registered



Jones-Paige

nurse and works for Beaumont Hospital.

They spent their honeymoon in the Riviera Maya, Mexico.

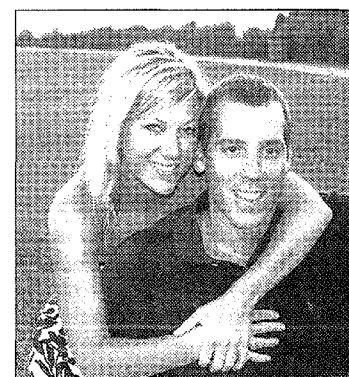
The newlyweds reside in Troy.

DUMONT-O'BANNON

Maureen DuMont and Daniel O'Bannon III announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of David and Roberta DuMont of Livonia, attended Michigan State University for undergraduate studies and received an MBA from Cal State University. She works in finance for Northrop Grumman Corp. in Manhattan Beach, Calif.

Her fiancé, son of Tim and Mary O'Bannon of Albuquerque, N.M., attended Texas Tech University where he played lacrosse and received two degrees in structural engineering and architecture. He works for a structural



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engineering and design firm, KPFF, Inc. in Los Angeles, Calif.

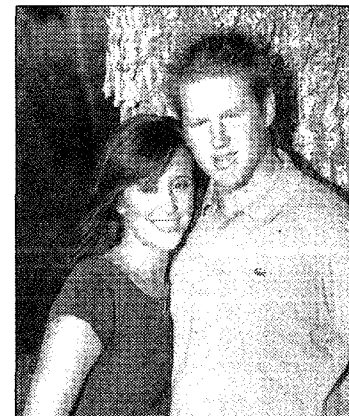
A September 2009 wedding at St. Aidan's Church is planned. A reception will follow at Lyon Oaks.

MINOFF-GARDNER

Erika Minoff and Tim Gardner announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Robert and Emily Minoff of Livonia, is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Michigan State University. She works as a counselor at North Mountain Middle School in San Jacinto, Calif.

Her fiancé, son of John and Terry Gardner of Janesville, Minn., is a graduate of Janesville Waldorf Pemberton and Temecula Valley Golf college. He works as a golf pro at SCGA golf course in Temecula,



Minoff-Gardner

Calif.

A September 2009 wedding is planned in Temecula, Calif.

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Hot water is a hot subject

A year ago I wrote about the problems with our daughter's hot water heater and how many others like her own one of these monsters. She lives in a three-year-old condo complex where more than 300 residents own the same hot water heater.

A few weeks ago I interviewed Todd Burton, a well-established plumber in the area and he described the problem in detail and how consumers are getting ripped off by the manufacturer. Today, I got an e-mail from a gentleman who puts his feelings to paper and does it so well; I think you should read it.

Dave writes: "I'm not sure if you ever received my last e-mail concerning the Whirlpool Hot Water tank I purchased from Lowe's around three years ago. I would encourage you to inform your (readers) who are in need of a new hot water tank to think twice about purchasing one from Lowe's with the Whirlpool brand name."

"Whirlpool or American Water Heater Company (AWHC) seems confident the issue has been resolved but I'm skeptical. The customer service representative from Whirlpool, who spoke English with a very strong accent, seems to have interpreted my complaint into his own words. This you will see later when I have a conversation with the service technician from AWHC. Whirlpool sent out a repair kit which contained all the parts necessary to correct my complaint (no hot water/pilot won't stay lit). I had to pay for shipping and I had to supply the labor to install the new parts. The kit contained a new gas burner assembly, including the thermo coupler, and the thermostat control.

BLAMING THE CUSTOMER

"After I finished installing the kit I decided to file a complaint with the State Attorney General. This then generated a phone call some months later from a senior service

technician from AWHC. The technician from AWHC went through great lengths to let me know that I was talking to a well-seasoned repairman. He concluded from the complaint I made with Whirlpool that the sediments from our water was at fault and not the poor quality/design of their product. I was informed that I was not maintaining my hot water tank properly. He even suggested filling the tank with a solution of apple cider and water once a year to flush the sediment out of my tank. Remember, my complaint started almost within months after the installation, and the thermocoupler had already been replaced once by Consumers Energy just after the first year of operation. Still he was convinced it was due to a lack of maintenance on my part.

NO FLUSH NEEDED

"Joe, I have owned two houses in this area for a period of over 30 years and I have never flushed a hot water tank out. Neither of them ever needed any repairs. I don't remember my father ever flushing out our hot water where I grew up in Detroit. Sure it's a good idea but I never found it necessary with the amount of hot water we go through in a day. I'm not sure what they are doing differently with their hot water tanks, but they are not worth the paper their instructions are printed on."

You see folks, the problem just described is one that many thousands of unsuspecting home owners will go through as well. It is a well-versed subject with all plumbers across America and a crying shame that a manufacturer of Whirlpool's stature doesn't step up to the plate and take responsibility. We as consumers are sick and tired of the inferior quality of products sent to us by foreign countries but even worse is the fact that we have to accept this sort of junk from our own American branded products. Stay tuned.

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GARDEN CALENDAR

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At English Gardens

- Learn how to treat pests and problems in the garden, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, at all stores.
 - Experts will talk about plants that provide color and interest in the garden all year long in this free presentation at 7 p.m., Sept. 2.
 - Learn tips for creating a beautiful fall garden and discover the best plants for seasonal interest at 7 p.m., Sept. 9.
 - Hear an overview of different spring-flowering bulbs and get tips on proper planting techniques. And find out how to design a bulb garden at 7 p.m., Sept. 16.
 - Bring color into the garden with favorite plants. Experts also will offer information on proper planting and care for the best results at 7 p.m., Sept. 23.
 - Get tips on keeping your lawn healthy through the winter and into next spring at 7 p.m., Sept. 30.
- Local stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506. For information, log onto www.EnglishGardens.com.

Children's garden

Gaffield Children's Garden at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, officially opens Sept. 13. The garden, constructed from a kid's point of view, allows children to explore in a natural setting. Young visitors can climb into an over-sized bird nest and pretend they're a hatchling, wend their way through a maze, discover magical creatures in a fairy and troll knoll, or just get their hands dirty in a digging pit. The garden also features a butterfly and hummingbird garden, a builders' garden, a water-play zone, habitats hiking trail, and much more. An open house will be held on its official opening day, but the garden is open now for visitors. Matthaei Botanical Gardens are located at 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor. www.lsa.umich.edu/mbg/

Detroit Zoo welcomes educators Sept. 2

The Detroit Zoological Society will host an open house for school teachers and administrators 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2, at the Detroit Zoo's Ford Education Center. "Zoolastic Achievement - Explosion 2009" will offer educators the opportunity to enjoy food, fun, fellowship and live entertainment as they learn about the educational offerings at the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo.

The free event will provide insight into the zoo's dynamic, age level-appropriate programs that teach important concepts about animals, habitats and ecosystems in alignment with the Michigan Curriculum Framework and Grade Level Content Expectations. The event will also offer tips on planning and optimizing school group visits with guided tours, self-led tours, scavenger hunts, interactive education presentations

and backpack programs.

Teachers and administrators will learn about other educational options at the zoo as well, including the Ford Education Center's Interpretive Studios, Wild Adventure Ride, Madeleine Berman Academy for Humane Education and Humane Science Lab. A tram or walking tour of the zoo will highlight animal habitats and exhibits that feature interactive learning options. Guests will also meet David Gakure, Kenyan conservationist and Detroit Zoo education specialist, who engages students at the zoo and in the classroom with stories of people and wildlife in the African Grasslands.

Online registration for "Zoolastic Achievement - Explosion 2009" is available until Aug. 28 at <http://www.detroitzoo.org/zoolastic/>.

Zoo to host seniors

Senior citizens living in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties are invited to enjoy a day at the Detroit Zoo on Senior Day, Wednesday, Sept. 9, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Seniors 62 and older and a caregiver will receive free admission, parking and rides on the Tauber Family Railroad.

Sponsored by radio station AM580, Senior Day will feature live music, narrated tractor train tours and bingo. The day's activities will also include animal enrichment activities and zookeeper talks highlighting some of the zoo's senior residents.

A Senior Resource Area will be available where visitors can

speak with representatives from the following organizations: AARP, Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council, Blue Care Network/Blue Cross Blue Shield, Health Alliance Plan, Health Choice Home Health Care, Home Instead Senior Care, IRS, Medilodge, Pine Ridge Retirement Communities, Precise Home Health Care, Social Security Administration and Westbrook Medical Center.

The fall Senior Day is one of two free days for tri-county seniors held annually at the Detroit Zoo in appreciation for voter approval in August 2008 of the ballot proposal to fund the zoo.

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NEIGHBORS

Gestures big, small: Couples agree love can last a lifetime

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Antoinette Martin of Westland, a financial adviser with Ameriprise in Dearborn, has been married to Dan 16 years as of Sept. 3.

"Liking each other is a nice one to start with," she said. She recommends couples take time to relax together, "and that you find joint interests. You have quiet time in your life, just enjoy each other's company."

"We're friends. We work at being friends. We're both each other's best friends," said Martin, who has two dogs and no human children. Dan is a sales manager for a printing and graphics company.

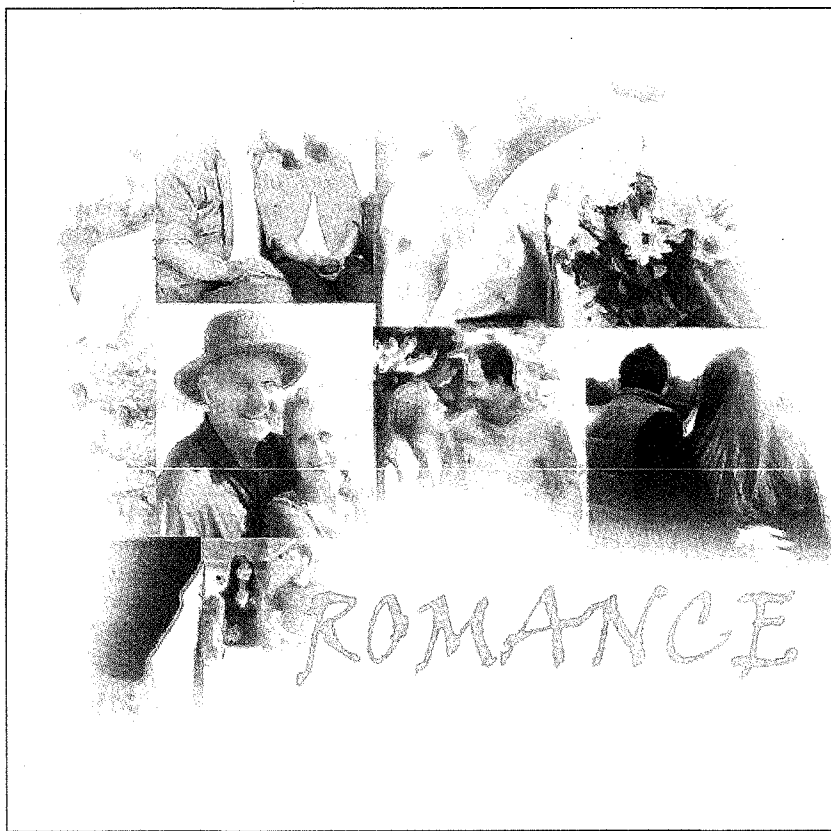
She has thoughts on ways to spend time together and not spend a fortune. Although they travel quite a bit together, they also enjoy less costly activities, such as matinee movies. "We eat dinner earlier because sometimes it's less expensive." They take walks together with the dogs. She mentions a day at the lake, picnic at Hines Park or a potluck barbecue.

"It's more about being with the people than it is about the event," Martin said.

SO HAPPY TOGETHER

That's also the thought behind National Resurrect Romance Week, observed the second full week of August, (Aug. 9-15 this year) six months after Valentine's Day. It was founded in 1995 by Michael Webb, who calls himself America's premier romance expert. He is creator of TheRomantic.com and author of *The Romantic's Guide* and 12 other books on love, dating, romance and relationships.

According to the Web site, Webb wanted to create a romance holiday that didn't focus on money and



"things." He wants people to equate romance with time and attention.

Beth and John Stewart of Plymouth Township are busy, but find time to be together.

The couple marked their 30th wedding anniversary in May. She's executive director for the Plymouth Symphony, he an attorney and former state representative.

"I would say probably communication is always important, from the very beginning," she said. "Be honest with each other."

Beth Stewart agreed couples should find things to do together. "I think it's also important to develop your own interests and your own

activities. You have to find that right balance."

That's a message the couple shared with eldest daughter, Laura, and her new husband.

"We talked with them a lot," she said. The Stewarts, who have two grown daughters, told the young couple to find out who you are "by yourself," and know who you are.

"You can much more readily come together with somebody else," Stewart said, quoting her husband: "In order to meet the right person, you have to be the right person."

The Stewarts find lots of free concerts in Plymouth, which they attend regularly. "The Penn (theater) is a

great deal. Plymouth offers a lot to do." They like to walk around town, get ice cream and meet others.

The family wedding brought people from all over, and the newlyweds didn't spend too much.

"It was a very romantic evening for them," mom said, advising: "Don't get yourself in debt, because that can kill romance pretty fast."

SO MUCH IN LOVE

Darrel and Susan Schwandt of Canton make romance a priority in their 21-year marriage.

"We plan little mystery trips for each other," said Susan, public relations director for Health Alliance Plan. She once hinted at a mystery destination by telling him to "Pack your bags, we're going to rock with a dead president." They visited Cleveland, home of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, in Ohio, birthplace of President James Garfield. Another time, her instructions were to pack a suit and Amaretto; they went to the Garland Resort in Lewiston.

When a camping trip got rained out "Darrel planned a camping trip in our living room."

"Darrel is so thoughtful and considerate. He keeps the romance alive every day," she said, noting that everyday activities and thoughtful gestures create much of the romance in their lives. She had to blog early one day, and he got the computer ready. Another time, he packed her swimsuit and gym bag when she was running short on time.

"Also just leaving little notes for one another, complimenting each other" can fan romantic flames.

She does "wifely duty night" with a nice dinner and candlelight, as she doesn't do much of the cooking and likes to help. They like to sit outside, get away from TV "and really connect

with one another."

"I really lucked out" in romance, Susan Schwandt said. Darrel, who works for NCI in Warren, as a contractor in video production, graphic arts and photography, will go to five different card shops to find a card for his wife.

"He's a wonderful composer and songwriter." For their seventh anniversary, he woke her up with *My Kind of Seven-Year Itch* which he wrote. "It was a great song."


"I really do think it's all about kindness and consideration," she said. "I think romance is really about all the simple little day-to-day gestures." Darrel also tolerates their dog Buster (an only child), which is a challenge, too.

Author Webb suggests that couples find creative ways to be romantic that cost little or no money. Here are some of Webb's ideas from his book, *The Romantic's Guide: Hundreds of Creative Tips for a Lifetime of Love*:

- Use chalk to write loving welcome home messages on the sidewalk.
- Put flower petals on the ceiling fan and ask your darling to turn it on so he or she will be showered.
- Tie a message and balloons to the bottom of the garage door with a foot of string — they will magically rise in the air when the door is opened.
- Brush her hair for 10 minutes before going to sleep. Gently scratch his back for the same.
- Fax a photocopy of your hand to his or her office so he or she can "hold" it while you are apart.
- Use Rain-X Anti-Fog and a cotton swab to write love notes on bathroom mirrors — the message appears when the mirror steams up.

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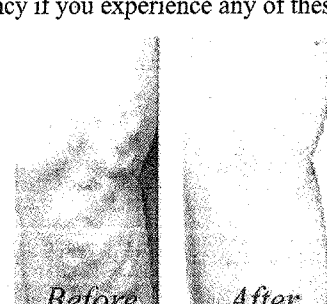
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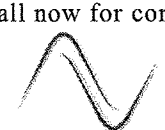


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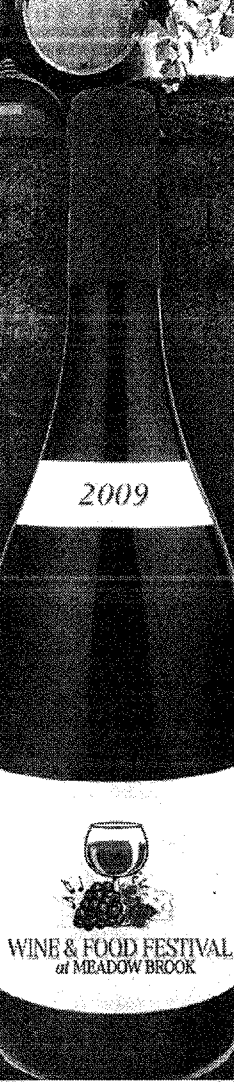
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Plymouth High Class of '59 shares memories at reunion

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Judy (Theobald) Smith of Plymouth had some good friends over Thursday night, her classmates from Plymouth High's Class of 1959. She and the 122 class members and spouses who attended the reunion had some thoughts on Plymouth.

"I like it, but it's totally different than it used to be," said Smith, a stay-at-home mom with three kids and six grandkids. She liked their high school days, which she compares to "the high pressure kids have today."

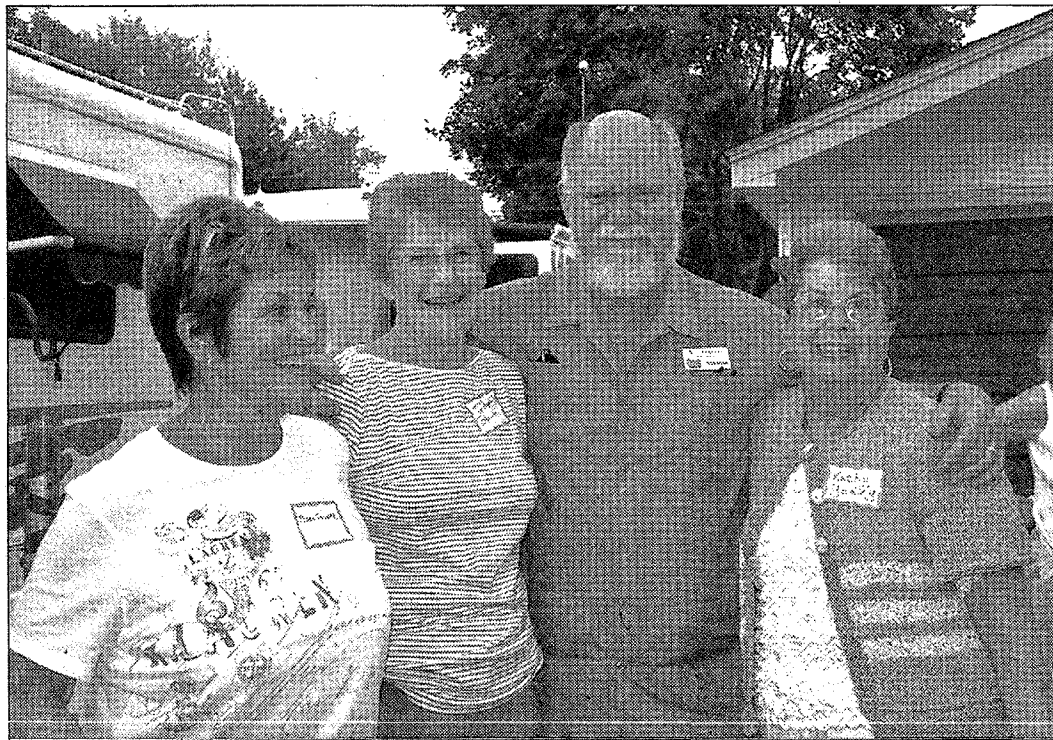
She's lived in Plymouth pretty much her entire life, as has classmate Sydnee (Van Aken) Paul, a township resident. "I used to live right across from Pioneer School," said Paul, who with her husband has three daughters and nine grandkids. She worked at Rexall's on Ann Arbor Road and later at the local Kmart.

"It was great," Paul said of high school. "It was fun. We had a good time."

Seven teachers attended the 50th reunion, which included the Thursday home gathering, Friday night at the Box Bar, a Saturday dinner at Laurel Manor and a picnic today, Sunday.

Paul said she misses the Mayflower Hotel, from which she has a brick, and also has bricks from the former Adistra.

Plymouth's Jim Cutler mentioned the copper beech tree cut down a few years back, which he opposed. "I seem to come back to where I started because I was born in



Plymouth High classmates (from left) Mary Taylor, Janet (Willoughby) Stuart, Hale Huber and Kathy Yakley enjoy time together Thursday evening. This weekend's the 50th reunion for the PHS Class of 1959.

Plymouth Hospital."

Cutler and wife Barbara have two kids. He's been an electrical engineer for the University of Michigan, EDS, "a little bit of Intel in between." He worked on space flight and computers.

"For one thing, a lot more people," he said of differences. "Things have stayed good, too." He likes Paul Sincok as city manager, with Sydnee Paul citing the Penn Theatre renovation and concerts in Kellogg Park.

Reunion chair Janet (West) Myers of Livonia has a Plymouth daughter married with three kids. Janet and her husband have two kids, a son in Canton, and a total of four

grandkids.

"I was a social worker," she said. Class size wasn't exactly known.

"We have debates about that. I remember 210," Myers said. The Box Bar ("Everybody's dad would go there") was in town in 1959. West's dad was among the West brothers car dealers.

She has a classmate and cousin who came to the reunion from Costa Rica, the greatest distance. A Californian came, too. Myers didn't see any concerns about looks, wealth or the like.

"I think that happens at the fifth and the 10th," she said with a smile. "We really celebrate life at this one."

Jeanne (Whitebread)

Clemens of Livonia said, "In some ways it seems like it hasn't been that long. It's a strange feeling." Committee members agreed this year's reunion (they're every five years) should be special.

Clemens recalled sock hops. "Usually those were after football games. We went to the gym and played records." She was in synchronized swimming, and noted the many activities: "No matter what you wanted to be involved in, there was something for you."

She married and had five boys after graduation, and is grandma to eight and great-grandma to two. Clemens likes to see the different class members who arrive each reunion.



JoAnn (Nagy) Dionne and Garry Packard share some good memories Thursday at Judy (Theobald) Smith's home on Russell in Plymouth.

Some classmates golfed Friday at Fox Hills, and class member Garry Packard of Plymouth, an archivist at the Plymouth Historical Museum, gave tours. "We have a tour of the school," Myers said of what's now Central Middle School. Some of the students went to the school on Main from sixth grade on, due to overcrowding at Smith, and 14 elementaries then fed the high school and junior high.

Las Cruces, N.M., resident Hale Huber was glad to be there. He trained in environmental engineering, got a doctorate in counseling and educational psychology, and opened his business in solar energy and water treatment. His wife, Barbara Bishop, graduated from Henry Ford Hospital nursing school, and they met in New Mexico.

Huber enjoyed the reunion and seeing longtime friend Elise Emrick for whose family he worked as a teen. He

recalled hating to pick peaches and how great the Macintosh apples were. Emrick's like an adopted mom to him.

"It's kept up with the times," he said of Plymouth. "I was amazed with the Box Bar." He liked the look of the Box and town in general.

"Plymouth was really a small town with an incredible educational system," Huber said. "When I went to the University of Michigan I was really prepared."

Packard looked forward to giving the museum tours. He has 12 nieces, four nephews and two foster children he helped raise.

"I enjoy it very much," the Unisys software quality assurance engineer said. He's only missed one, while he was in southeast Asia.

"We had a very close-knit class," Packard said, listing many in theater and other activities like Girls Athletic Association.

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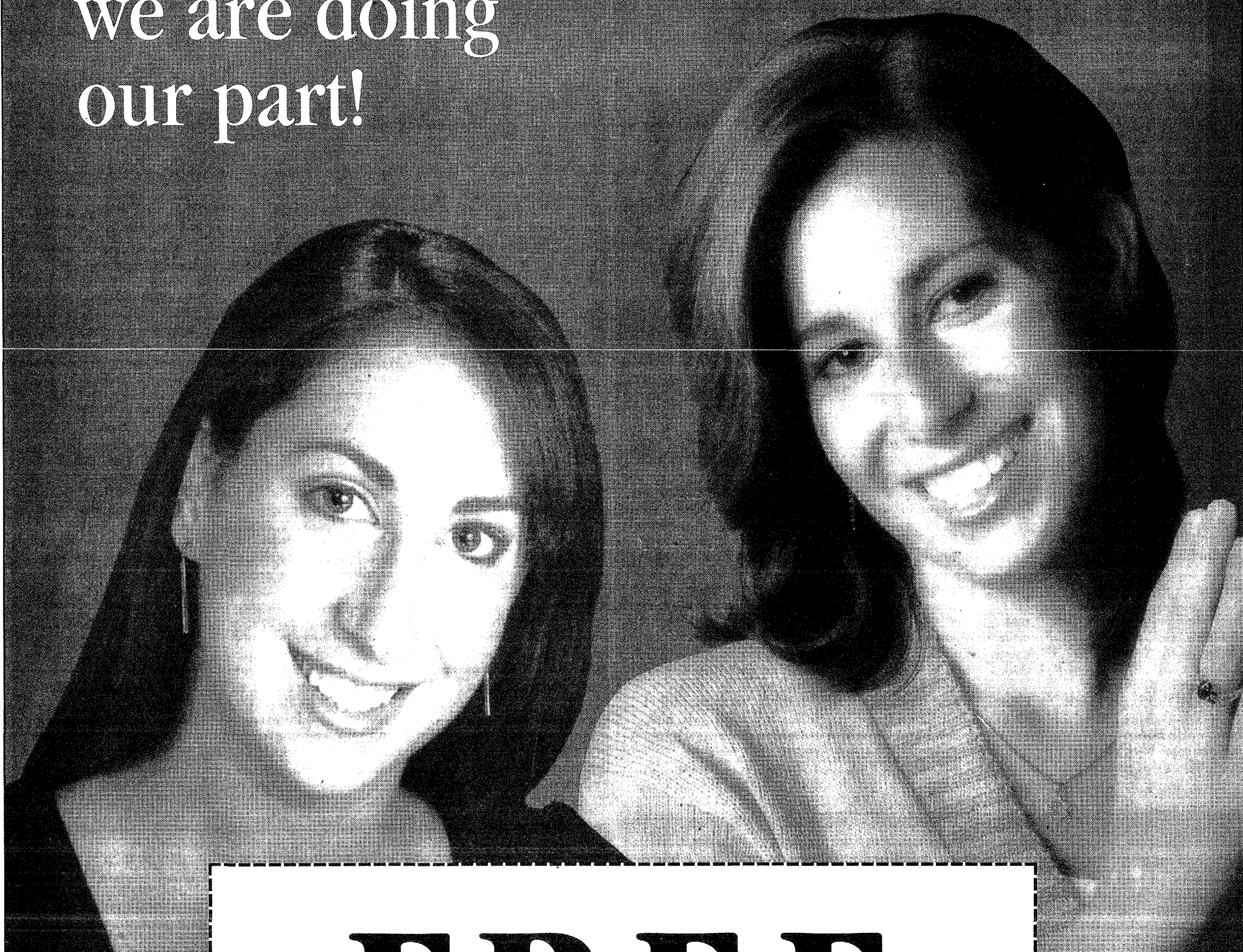
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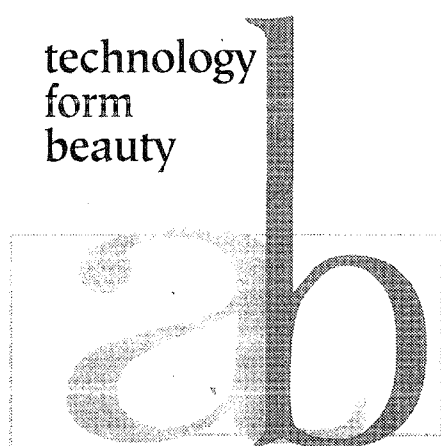
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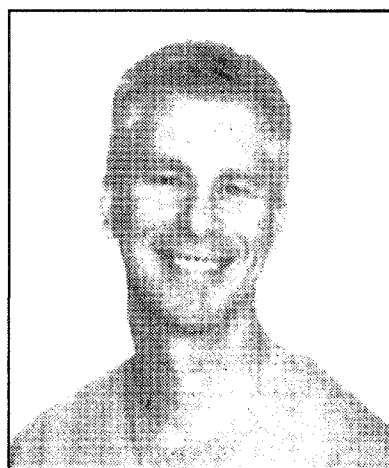
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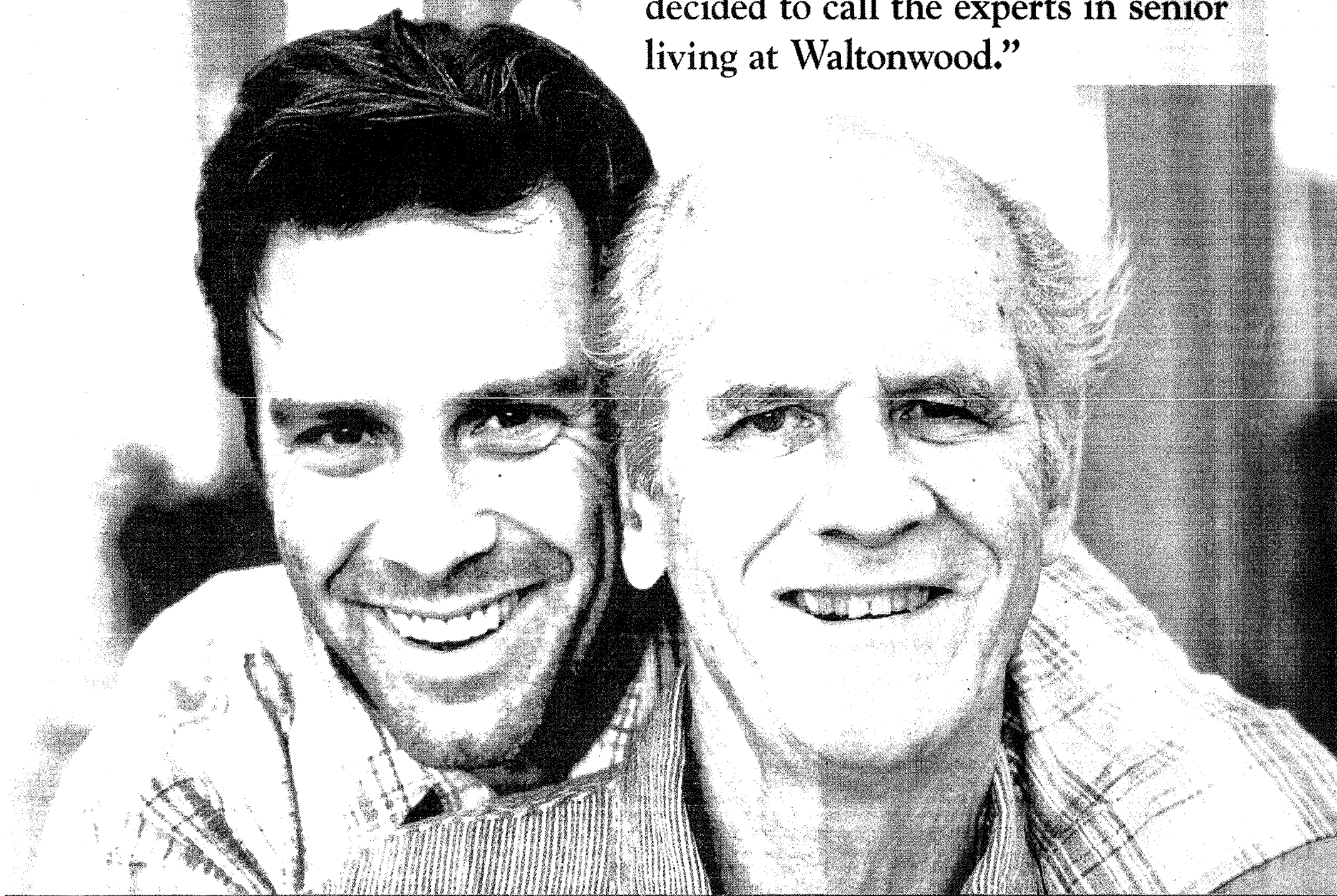
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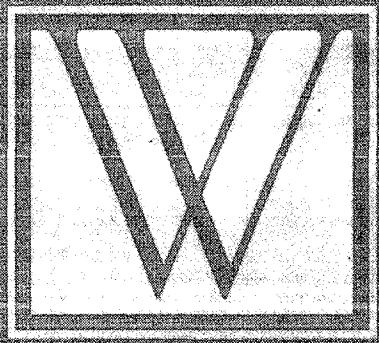


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Help students put best foot forward, Botsford podiatrist says

With the new school year just around the corner, parents and kids are back-to-school shopping with a "must buy" list that likely includes new shoes.

Buying shoes with good cushioning, arch support and stability is important. Marshall Solomon, D.P.M., a Botsford Hospital podiatrist, says, "Shoes need to be flexible and be able to sustain extreme activity. They should also provide support and cushioning and be breathable to allow heat and moisture to escape."

Solomon offers the following shoe-shopping advice:

- If the tread is worn off the bottom of shoes, it's time for a new pair. Kids tend to wear out shoes before growing out of them.

- Shoes should be a little roomy, but do not buy shoes more than one size larger than your child's current size.

- Avoid slip-on shoes. Shoes should have laces, straps or Velcro.

- Feet tend to swell through-

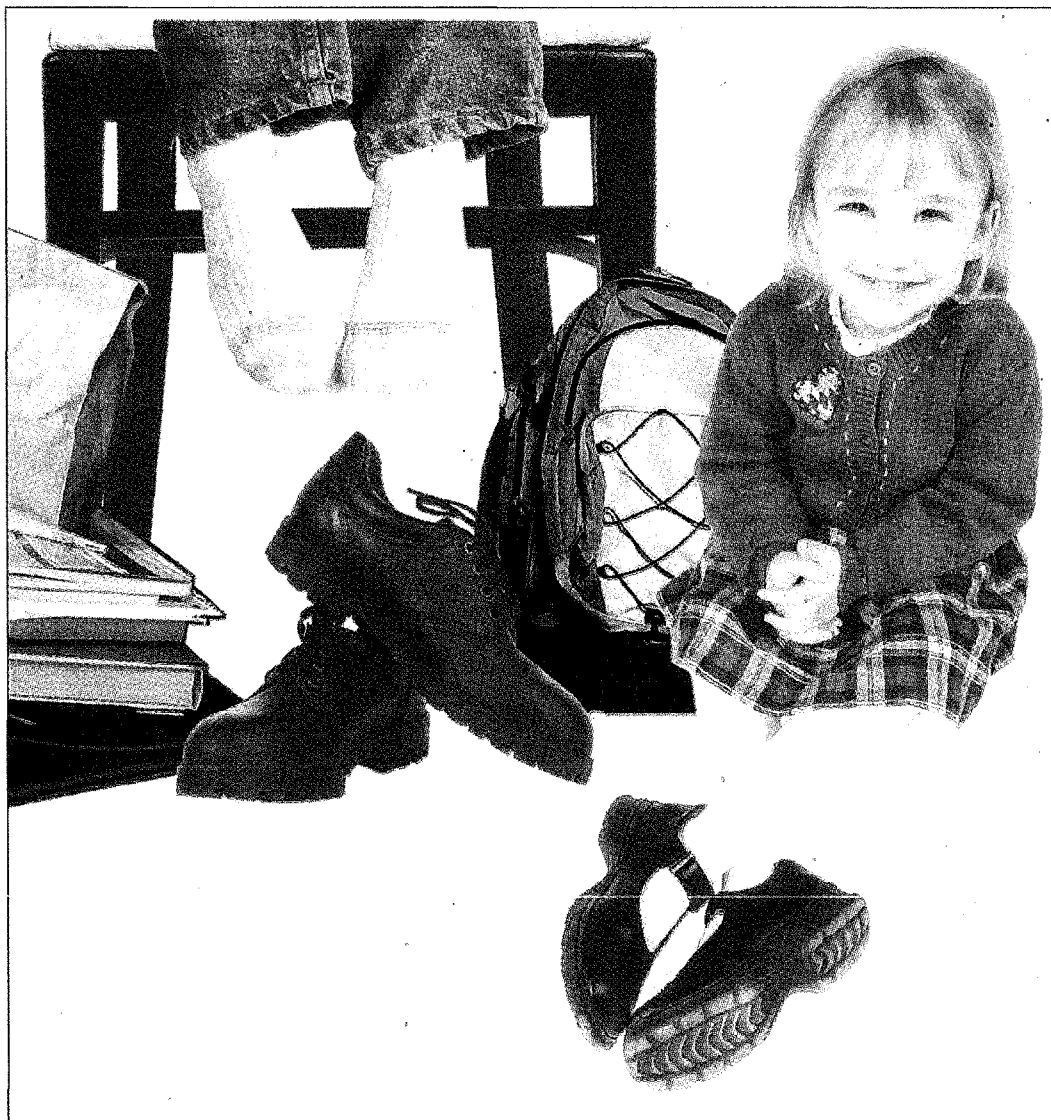
out the day, so buy shoes in the afternoon.

- Wear socks when trying on shoes.

- If the shoes are uncomfortable in the store, it won't improve later. Most shoes do not have to be broken in.

Solomon recommends getting your child a second pair of shoes and rotating them every day. This will allow the shoes to last as long as three pairs.

Botsford Hospital, an independent 330-bed community teaching hospital in Farmington Hills, was founded in 1965. Nationally recognized for quality, safety and medical education programs, Botsford has received the 2007 Governor's Award for Improving Patient Safety and Quality of Care in the Hospital Setting, and, in 2007, a three-year recertification as a Chest Pain Center from the Society of Chest Pain Centers. Botsford's Web address is www.botsford.org.



MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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, skin care, 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.

Screening

Clarenceville United Methodist Church will host Life Line Screening, with appointments beginning at 9 a.m., Sept. 1, at 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia. Screenings identify potential cardiovascular conditions such as blocked arteries and irregular heart rhythm, abdominal aortic aneurysms, and hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease. A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is also offered. Packages start at \$139. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. To schedule an appointment, call (877) 237-1287 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required.

SEPT. 7-13

Foot screening

The American Diabetes Association will offer free foot exams 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, at Botsford Wellness Complex, 39830 Grand River Ave., Novi. The organization recommends that people with diabetes inspect their feet daily for problems like a blister, cut, or splinter can lead to serious infection, gangrene or even amputation. (248) 433-3830, Ext. 6697.

Canoe To Care

DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital will hold its seventh Canoe To Care day of outdoor family fun from 3 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12, at Heaven's Canoe Rental in the Proud Lake Recreation Area, 3500 Wixom Road in Commerce. This annual event includes canoeing, a picnic supper, and a drawing for a free canoe or kayak. Proceeds will be used for cancer support at the hospital's Charach Cancer Treatment Center. Cost is \$30 per canoe and includes a picnic and canoe rental for two adults or teens. Children 12 and under free. (248) 937-5077.

AIDS, cancer, hemophilia and ALS walks scheduled



The Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan holds its "Walkin' on the Wild Side" fund-raiser, Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Detroit Zoo, on 10 Mile (I-696 service drive) at Woodward, in Royal Oak. 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.

WALK 'N ROLL

ALS of Michigan is register-

ing teams and individuals for fund-raiser walks that will benefit people living with Lou Gehrig's disease.

The first two walks — at Kensington Metropark in Milford and Stony Creek Metropark in Shelby Township — are slated for 11 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 13, with registration starting at 10 a.m.

Walks also are set for 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 26, in Hawk Island Park, Lansing, and Sunday, Oct. 4, at Lake Erie Metropark in Brownstown Township. Call (800) 882-5764 or visit www.alsfomichigan.org.

5K CANCER RUN/WALK

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is gearing up for its third annual 5K run/walk to raise awareness

of cancer on Sunday, Sept. 13. The race will begin at 9 a.m., on the hospital grounds at 36475 Five Mile, Livonia.

The event is designed to celebrate life for cancer survivors, for those who have cancer, and it's an opportunity for family members and friends to participate to honor or remember a loved one. It's also a fund-raiser, with proceeds benefiting St. Mary Mercy's Cancer Services.

Awards will be given to the first, second and third place overall male and female winners in each age division. All participants are automatically entered in a post-race drawing for great prizes. Participants who register before Sept. 4 are guaranteed a T-shirt. Visit www.st.marymercy.org.

AIDS WALK DETROIT

The Steppin' Out organization's annual 5K fund-raising walkathon will start at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 20, at the Royal Oak Farmers Market, located on the corner of 11 Mile and Troy Street, just east of Main in downtown Royal Oak.

More than 5,000 individuals are expected to walk in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Registration will begin at 8 a.m., with the opening ceremony at 10 a.m. The event will include refreshments from corporate sponsors, music — with tunes spun by Channel 955 — and a viewing of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. For more information and registration, go to aidswalkdetroit.org.

Find help for brain injury online

The Brain Injury Association of America (BIAA) offers a National Directory of Brain Injury Services at www.biausa.org. Consumers looking for help can find services 24 hours a day, every day, from their home, office or the hospital while visiting a loved one with a brain injury.

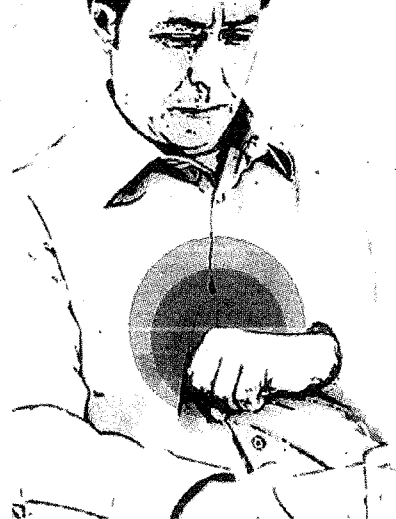
This comprehensive resource offers fast searches to locate the right programs and professionals across the country — from injury and acute care, to rehabilitation and community services. Users can search for information by organization name, contact name, professional service provided, age group served, program types, accreditations and service specialties, such as state affiliates, support groups, professional services,

program providers and state resources.

For more information about the directory e-mail to Jenny Toth, marketing and sales coordinator, at jtoth@biausa.org or call (703) 761-0750, Ext. 621.

Founded in 1980, the Brain Injury Association of America is dedicated to increasing access to quality health care and raising awareness and understanding of brain injury through advocacy, education and research. Together with its nationwide network of more than 40 chartered state affiliates, as well as hundreds of local chapters and support groups across the country, BIAA provides help, hope and healing for individuals who live with brain injury, their families and the professionals who serve them.

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WHY SOME PEOPLE GO ABOVE AND BEYOND



WORKWISE

by
Mildred L. Culp

Negative coverage of the workplace often obscures the fact that some people go out of their way to help others. This column will discuss one group and two individuals who, for personal and/or professional reasons, exerted themselves for others. They're in workplaces large and small and in industries of all kinds -- wherever you'll find people.

TAKING CHARGE

Michael Barnes found competing demands on his time and life while practicing business and estate planning at DCBA Law & Policy L.L.C., in Washington, D.C. An engagement in Chicago often required weeks out of town, imperiling his ongoing work and personal matters. Non-attorney staffers volunteered to help, turning the stereotype of law firms on its head.

"One went to my house to keep the mail from piling up and even started my car every once in a while so that it would run when I returned home on weekends," he says. "The firm's bookkeeper

helped me with my personal bills as well as travel expenses. Our law clerk -- who is a law student -- provided support on a number of complex client matters, surprising me (and likely himself) with his substantive skills. They really kicked in extra effort to (assure) continuity, enable us to please our client in Chicago and help me avoid burnout."

Karissa Bentley encountered a nearly disastrous last-minute hitch when she was relocating from a San Francisco area Six Flags America to become Admissions and Guest Relations manager at the Six Flags America, in Upper Marlboro, Md. "It was a whirlwind move," she recalls, with about two weeks to organize, manage and throw herself into high gear, all of the way down to obtaining vet records and an airline reservation for Maddie, her 60-pound Golden Retriever mix. Bentley was planning to be taken to the airport by a co-worker at 4:30 a.m., but sleepless two hours before, went online. She discovered that Maddie needed a physical and a written statement from her veterinarian that she was fit to fly.

Roommates could have taken the dog, but Bentley, "an emotional mess," asked her co-worker, a close friend, to help. He took Maddie in for two weeks, drove her to the veterinarian for the paperwork and took her to the airport for her transcontinental flight. The co-worker



L to R) Liza Conrad, Iesha Holy, Michael Barnes (center) and Paul Scott O'Neill (far right).

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More playful, for the lazy days of summer (with dog): (L to R) Liza Conrad, Iesha Holy, Michael Barnes (center), Hattie Barnes (dog), and Paul Scott O'Neill (far right).

subsequently transferred to the Upper Marlboro facility.

Behavioral psychologist Meredith Gardner of The Strategic Edge in New York City describes one time she helped. She recalls her job in a small executive search firm, working with a man who needed a list of contacts requiring lots of cold calling -- not his strong suit. She spent about 10 to 15 hours developing a list of 10 prime people for him to call.

MOTIVATIONS

Why do some people go out of their way for others at work? "I helped him because I wanted to," Gardner says. She wanted recognition, a friend, and made one. Their friendship continues 30 years later.

Barnes says that staff members volunteered for professional reasons -- to help the young firm and help maintain their job security. "I also think they realized that what I was doing was very difficult," he comments. "So I think they had both professional and personal motivations."

Bentley, Maddie's owner, maintains that the family atmosphere of Six Flags encourages employees to ask for help and to give it. "In large businesses," she says, "if you don't ask, others may not know."

However, she adds about her co-worker, "He really felt for me and he really loved that dog."

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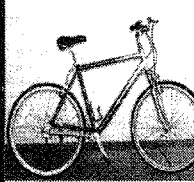
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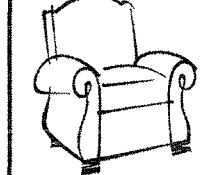
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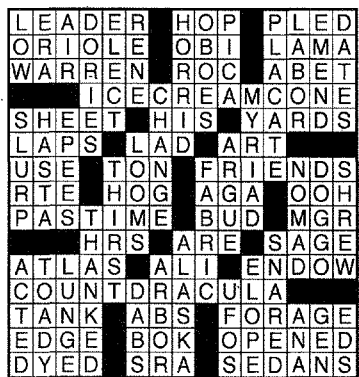
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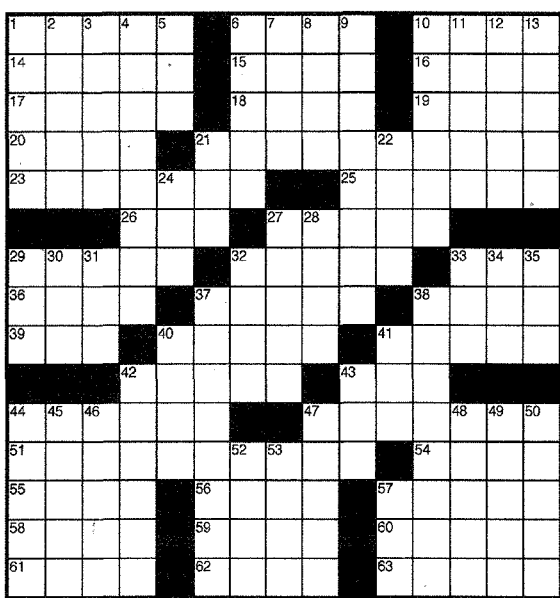
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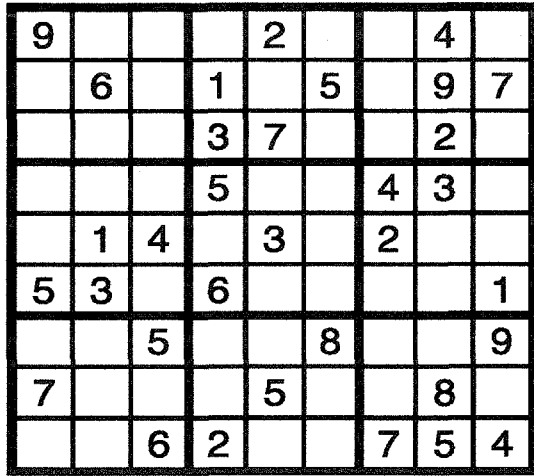


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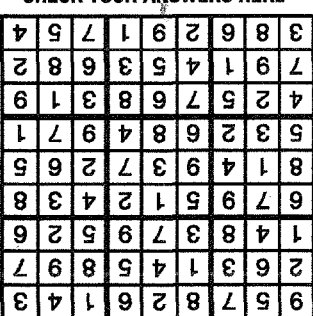
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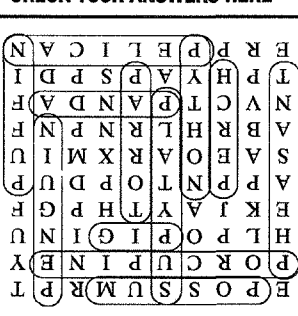
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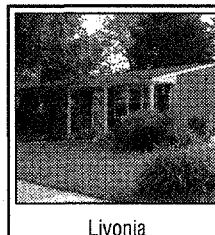


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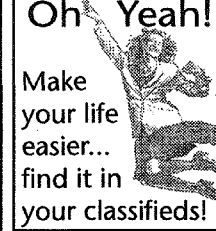
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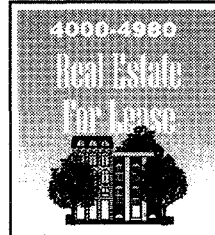
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SBF, 47, 5'7", full-figured, N/S, likes roller skating, canoeing, exercise, theater, travel. Seeking a gentleman, 45-70, who is healthy, fun-loving, financially secure, looks decent. **☎287305**

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Attractive SBF, 35, N/S, N/Drugs, would like to meet respectful, mature SBM, 25-50, to enjoy life together. **☎300680**

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SBF, 37, 5'8", nurse, mother of three, Christian values, N/S, social drinker, seeks SM, 32-50, race open, with similar values. **☎310924**

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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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Retired SBF, 48, likes the internet, watching tv, shopping, visiting friends, picnics, taking walks, parks, dining, hanging out with friends. Looking for a SBWM, 50-58. **☎314187**

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

SBF, 36, 5'4", 165lbs, brown/brown, drama-free, disease-free, looking for SWBM, 25-50, to talk to. I like movies, music, hanging out, travel, having fun. **☎317137**

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?

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PETITE AND CUTE

SWF, 35, great sense of style, very friendly, would like to meet a SWM, 38-45, who will love me for me. **☎294943**

THAT SPECIAL ONE

SBF, 39, enjoys movies, walks in the park, picnics, just chilling. Looking for SBM, 39-45, for possible relationship. **☎295026**

LET'S TALK SOON!

I am 5'2", in my 60s, brown hair, brown eyes, W/LTM "tall" well-groomed, neat, 60-74 SWFM, who likes to travel, cards, casinos, dining out, exercise etc. Is it you? **☎982305**

LET'S GET TOGETHER

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

OUTGOING

BF, 24, student, looking for BM, 35-45, to go out and have fun with. Friendship first, hopefully leading to LTR. **☎292940**

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SBF, 33, voluptuous in all the right places, enjoys life, long walks, intellectual conversation. Seeking SM, 30-50, similar interests. **☎298970**

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SWF, 59, 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**

GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR

SWF, 27, mother, enjoys swimming, walking, nature being outdoors. Seeking similar SWM, 23-43, for companionship. **☎282578**

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**

MATURE MAN WANTED

SBF, 33, 5'4", 115lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, short blonde hair, wears glasses. Seeking tall, muscular SBM, 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 SBWM, 18-30, who shares my lust for life. **☎300110**

SEEKING SBM 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 55-75. 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 SOI and self-worth. **☎282618**

TAKE A CHANCE

SBPF looking for SBM, 45-57, with no children at home, who likes to have a good time. I enjoy going to movies, dining out, the park, outdoor and indoor activities. Let's develop a friendship first, possibly leading to more. **☎306628**

MUST LOVE THE LORD

SBF, 18, 5'8", gospel singer, God-fearing, looking for similar SB/HM, 18-27, for possible relationship. **☎311174**

LOOK NO FURTHER

SBF, 18, 5'4", long black hair, light brown eyes, wants to meet SBM, 18-22, who is tired of playing games. **☎311011**

DBF SEEKS LTR

Attractive, thick DBF seeks LTR with totally unattached male, 48-65, not into games. Must be ready to start a new found friendship and see where it goes. Ballroom dancing is a plus. **☎310736**

SEEKING A GENTLEMAN

WF, 5'9", blonde/blue, would like to meet a young at heart WM, 40-70, to hang out with, date and have a good time with. **☎310164**

TIRED 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 SBM, 50+, with similar qualities and interests, who wants to enjoy the rest of life with no drama. **☎311783**

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SBF, middle aged, attractive, laid back yet serious-minded and responsible, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 45-60, 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! **☎317231**

VERY CUTE

SBF, 58, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 48-60, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. **☎113199**

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SWM, 45, 5'5", short brown hair, grown kids, enjoys music, playing guitar, travel. Looking for similar SF, 35-45. **☎296097**

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Good-natured, good-looking SWM, 41, energetic, versatile, fun, passionate, into boating, casinos, flea markets. Seeking conversation SWF, for conversation and connection. **☎179478**

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SBM, 24, 5', athletic build, dark complexion, looking for a cool, laid-back, fun and outgoing SB/HF, 21-29. **☎19532**

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WMMW, 45, 5'11", 220lbs, is easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/outdoor. Looking for LTR, with the right person. **☎295340**

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SBM, N/S, no children, in search of a SBWM, 20-35, for friendship, maybe more. Call me! **☎302625**

CUTE

SM, 24, 5'11", caramel complexion, 175lbs, muscular, short hair, full mustache and goatee, D/D-free, no drama, no children, wants to meet a female for possible relationship. **☎320652**

EASYGOING

SBM, 38, 5'4", likes movies, jazz concerts, walks in the park, quiet moments at home, playing pool. Looking for SF, 35-45. **☎318935**

LET'S ENJOY LIFE TOGETHER

SBM, 73, 5'9", enjoys golf, the race track, galleries, going out for a drink. Looking for SWF, 60-80, with the same interests. **☎318713**

LET'S MAKE A CONNECTION

SWM, medical professional, 51, courteous, looking for fit single lady, 35-45, with whom to spend some quality time. Let's do dinner, movies, bowling, golf, tennis, swimming, or just kick back and watch a DVD. **☎310972**

ROMANTIC MAN

BM, 5'8", 185lbs, brown eyes, wavy black hair, likes working out, bowling, dining out, movies and meeting a woman with respect. Looking for a BF, 44-49, for dating and romance. **☎320053**

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Athletic, down-to-earth SM, 5'8", 205lbs, muscular build, great sense of humor, into working out, would like to meet a like-minded woman, 21-45, who has goals in life, for dating, possibly leading to more. **☎320087**

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SWM, 29, 5'9", 180lbs, blonde/blue, good-looking, great build, seeks funny SF, 18-45, easy to be with, who likes going out, bowling, movies, dining. **☎286067**

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

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SBM, 5'11", 170lbs, medium complexion, likes sports, concerts and much more. Would like to meet a woman, 25+, who is easygoing and has a nice personality. **☎318664**

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BM, 6'1", 185lbs, brown eyes, likes movies, concerts, cooking and much more. Would like to meet a secure, attractive, goal-oriented HF/BF, 21-46, for dating. **☎318792**

WISHES DO COME TRUE

SWM, 6, 210lbs, short brown hair, short beard, seeking SW/HF, down-to-earth, easygoing, honest, nice, petite to plus-sized, 35-50. **☎318936**

EASYGOING

Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant

Sierra Built For The Working Man, Family Man

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After being redesigned from the ground in 2007, the GMC Sierra features fresh exterior styling and interiors that can be ordered for pure pickup work or for more luxurious family-oriented duties.

The Sierra borrows many of its interior features from its popular SUV brother the GMC Yukon, providing a much more upscale environment through the use of leather and wood grain.

But for owners who use their trucks strictly for work, the Sierra is available with the choice of a pure pickup interior.

The pure pickup has a more utilitarian dashboard with larger switchgear and door handles that are designed to be easily manipulated by those wearing work gloves. Its dashboard has two glove boxes on top of each other, with the upper box just large enough to hold a pair of work gloves and a few smaller items. The pure pickup interior includes a 40/20/40 split front bench seat with the center section folding down to provide a large storage compartment and wide armrest.

The luxury-oriented interior puts audio and ventilation system controls more easily within reach of the front-seat passenger and has two front bucket seats with a fixed center console with assorted storage compartments.

To set the Sierra apart from its near-identical other brother, the Silverado, it comes in a dizzying array of body styles: regular, extended and Crew Cab body styles; short, standard and long cargo box lengths; multiple powertrain combinations; five suspension packages; and four trim levels.

The Sierra is available in Work, SLE, SLT and Denali trims. The Work trim comes with the basics, including air-conditioning, a trip computer, OnStar,

vinyl seating, a 40/20/40-split front bench seat and tilt steering wheel.

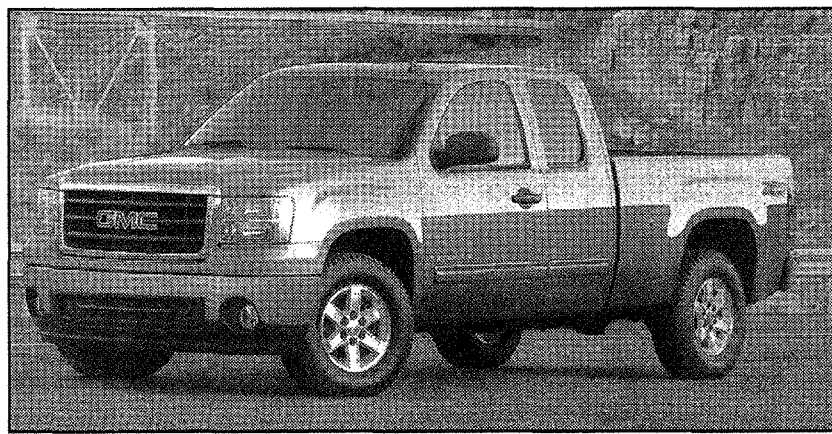
The SLE trim consists of the SLE1 and SLE2 subsets. The SLE1 adds deep-tinted windows, chrome grille trim, alloy wheels, a CD player, cruise control, full power accessories, cloth seating, keyless entry, an auto-dimming rearview mirror and a leather-wrapped steering wheel. The SLE2 comes with dual-zone automatic climate control in the extended and crew cab versions, front bucket seating and steering-wheel-mounted audio controls.

Opting for the SLT buys you rain-sensing wipers, a Bose audio system with six-disc CD changer, keyless entry/start, leather seating, 12-way power and heated front seats, rear audio controls and Homelink universal remote.

The top of the line Denali adds unique exterior chrome trim, a choice of 18- or 20-inch wheels, a navigation system, remote start, a rear-seat DVD entertainment system, satellite radio and a sunroof.

Here's a breakdown of the Sierra's body styles. Standard cabs come as either standard or long bed. Extended cabs can have a short, standard or long bed. Crew cabs come only with the short bed, making them easier to handle in city traffic and to park. Regular cabs can be had in base Work or midlevel SLE trims, while the extended and crew cabs can also be had in those trims as well as the plush SLT. The more luxurious Denali is offered only in crew cab form.

Standalone options include the Z71 Off-Road Package, which includes skid plates, off-road suspension and locking rear differential, power-adjustable pedals, upgraded audio systems with satellite radio, a navigation system, a rear-seat



The Sierra lineup is built on a platform that was introduced in 2007. It is designed with a strong and refined appearance befitting the brand's professional-grade philosophy.

DVD entertainment system, a sunroof, a power sliding rear window, a cargo management system that features tracks with sliding hooks, rear park assist and an "EZ Lift" tailgate that requires very little effort to open and close.

As far as engines go, work trucks feature a 195 horsepower 4.3-liter V6. A 4.8-liter V8 295 horsepower engine powers the SLE1 trucks except the long-box versions. A 5.3-liter V8 315 horsepower drives the Sierra SLE2 and SLT pickups, with a flex-fuel E85 version optional. The strongest engine of them all is the Denali's 6.2-liter V8 that is good for 403 horsepower.

Optional on all but the Work truck and Denali is the "Vortex Max" 6.0-liter V8 that makes 367 horsepower. All V8s except the 4.8-liter and 6.2-liter feature Active Fuel Management, which shuts down four cylinders under light-load conditions to promote greater fuel economy. With the optional Max trailering package, tow capacity is 10,500 pounds.

Fuel economy ratings on the Sierra with a V6 are 15 miles per gallon in the city and 20 mpg on the highway and 14 mpg city/19 mpg highway for the 5.3-liter V8.

The Sierra's steering is a victim to its slightly larger turning circle that's found on most other trucks. It doesn't allow you to handle the truck with the kind of precision needed for quick maneuvers.

Besides that it is still a fun truck to drive, with a responsive suspension and quiet cabin. And whichever engine you choose, acceleration is good.

With a comfortable 34.3 inches of rear legroom in the extended cab and 38.7 in the crew cab, three

people in the back can stretch their legs comfortably.

Access to the rear seating area of the extended cab is a breeze due to rear-hinged doors that open nearly 170 degrees. Seating in the back seat of the Sierra is very comfortable as the windows in the rear doors power fully down.

Safety features of the Sierra includes front antilock brakes standard with an all-disc version optional. A stability control system with rollover mitigation is standard on crew cabs and optional on extended cabs. Side curtain airbags are optional on all Sierras, as is rear park assist.

The Denali has every item mentioned before standard, along with full OnStar service and an upgrade to four-wheel disc brakes.

The Sierra offers a great package whether you need it for work or family life. But having a nearly identical price and sharing many of the same features, a lot of people will choose the more popular Chevy Silverado because of its name alone.

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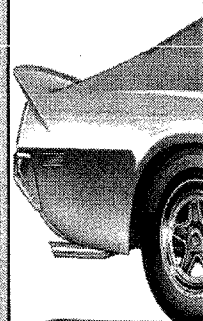
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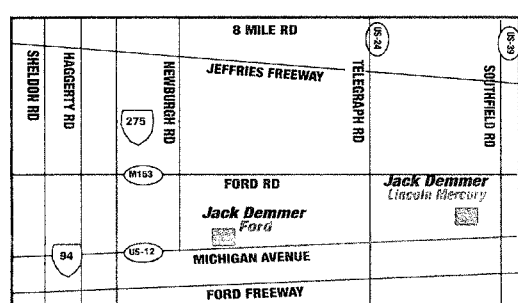
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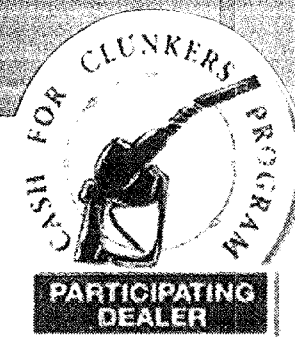
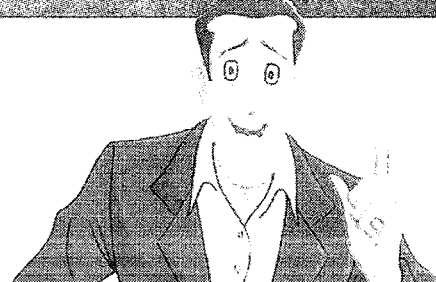
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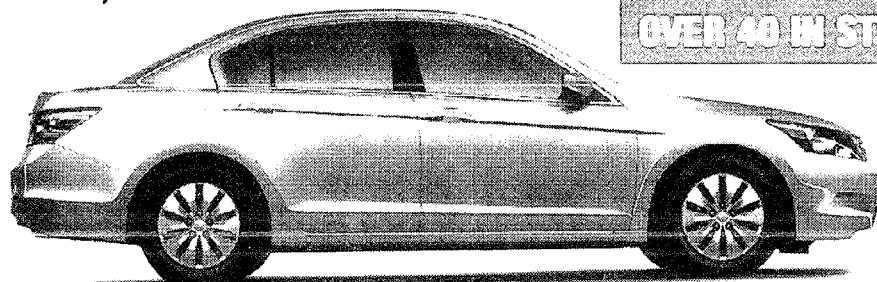


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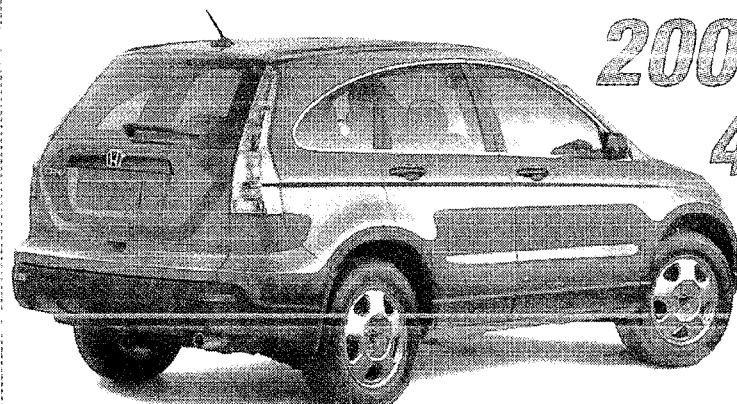
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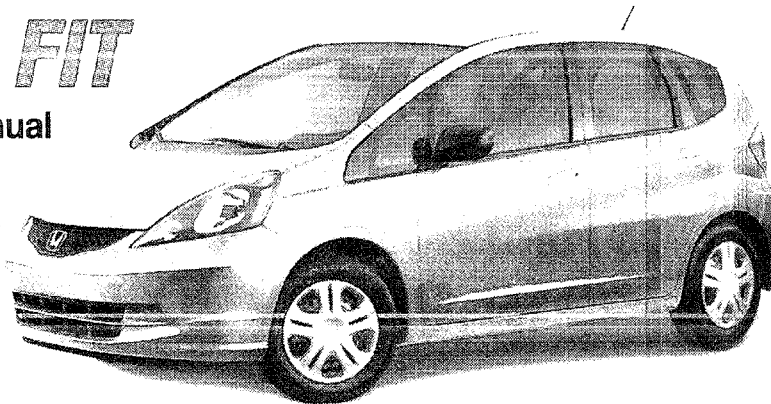
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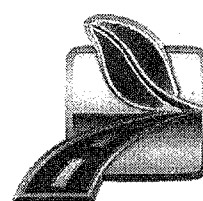
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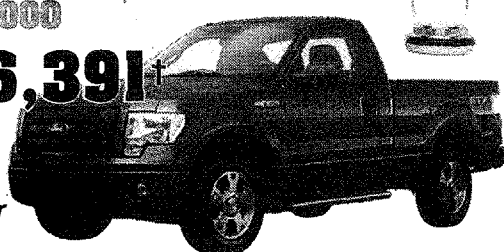
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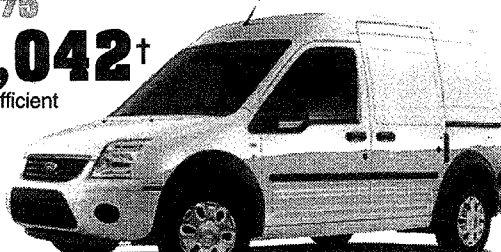
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