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Bus drivers set to patrol

BY TONY BRUSCATO

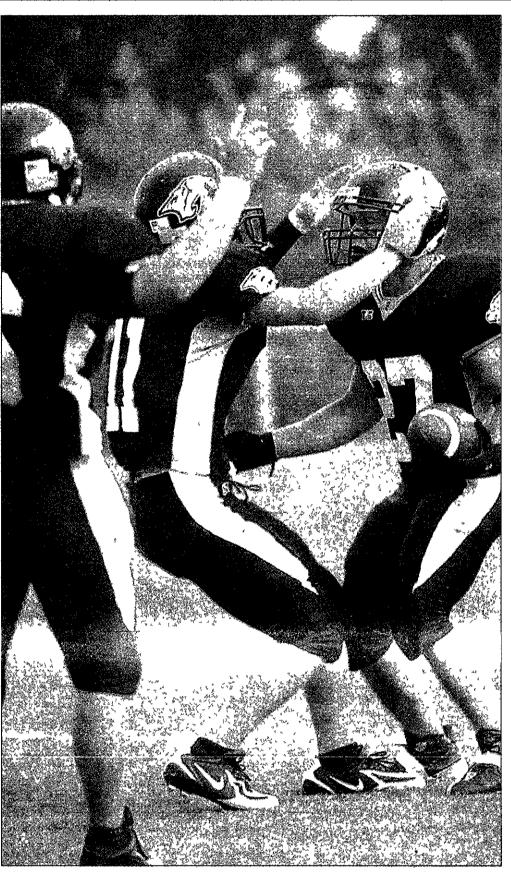
Plymouth-Canton school bus drivers, who are charged with the safe transportation of nearly 9,500 children to and from school each day, will now become the eyes and ears to protect them from possible terrorist activities.

The district's 150 bus drivers spent part of their preparation for the first day of school Monday taking part in the Highway Watch program, which trains drivers how to use their "road smarts" to recognize potential safety and security threats to avoid being a target of terrorist-type activity.

"It's about getting as many eyes and ears observing anything out of the ordinary and reporting it, said Archie Denard, transportation director for West Bloomfield Schools who presented the training session at East Middle School in Plymouth on Friday. "We want bus drivers to be extra observant, and look for things that don't appear as they should be.

"Every day, on their routes, bus drivers see the same things and the same people," said Denard. "When they see something strange and out of the ordinary, they should be concerned

PLEASE SEE PATROL, A7



Opening night

Plymouth quarterback Brent Jones (11) and Corey VanSpronsen (66) celebrate with Jeffrey Harrison after he scored the Wildcats' second touchdown in Friday night's season-opener. The Wildcats beat Livonia Churchill, 38-7. Please see page B1 for the story.

Pheasant Run on par for record-breaking year

STAFF WRITER

Hot, humid weather hasn't kept diehard golfer Bob Kovalik away from his game this summer. He's not alone -Canton's Pheasant Run municipal golf course has seen a surge in business this year, exceeding not only last year's sales figures, but also the national and regional golf industry averages this summer.

"My wife says I golf nine days a week." Kovalik said. "It's not really that bad, but I do golf a lot."

Kovalik is as close to a resident expert on the course as anyone. He's lived on the 11th hole for nine years, and volunteers as a ranger at

"I believe this course is evolving and it's definitely improving with time," said Kovalik.

The improvements may be what has driven the course to out-perform other municipal and private courses, according to Leisure Services Director Ann Conklin.

Total sales at Pheasant Run are up 12 percent over what they were at the same time last year, and rounds of golf played are up by 7 percent over 2004. Food sales are also up - by 22 percent.

"That's really very good when you consider that industry statistics say that golf courses in the Midwest are on

PLEASE SEE CLUB, A5



BILL BRESLER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Head golf pro Greg Bores has been credited with the recent growth of Canton's Pheasant Run Golf Club.

'Branding' concept closer to reality for Ford Road

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

A project to give Ford Road a new identity got a unanimous, though tentative, nod from the Canton Township Downtown Development Authority this week. During the next two months, the DDA will prioritize elements of the project before it finalizes its 2006 budget.

The project would help give the township's major retail corridor identity, or branding, by adding signage, banners and wayfinding signs to Ford Road. The signage would help local and out-of-town shoppers navigate the busy roadway.

"We have all kinds of things that create challenges for businesses in the community, as well as for visitors," said Melissa McLaughlin, DDA chairwoman. She said the congested roadway is hard enough to traverse that some business owners wind up apologizing to customers for making them travel Ford

"I don't know if we can get (travelers) to like Ford Road, but we can try to get them to not be negative about it," she said.

The wayfinding signs should help, and the banners, which would be color-coded and hanging from the street lights, would give business owners another means of directing people to their businesses. The plan, developed by Hamilton Anderson Associates, was presented to a joint meeting of the township board, the planning commission and the DDA

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Melissa McLaughlin, chair Downtown Development Authority

in July, and got mixed reviews. The DDA could put some ele-

ments of the project on a fast track, in order to coordinate with the opening of IKEA, a Swedish furniture store which is expected to open in June 2006. The store is anticipated to bring two million visitors to Canton every year. While she said she agreed that the

DDA needs a means to draw IKEA shoppers west on Ford Road, DDA member Lisa Grasso, also manager of Kohl's, isn't so sure that the Hamilton Anderson plan is going to provide the results she's hoping for. There were some elements of the plan she liked better than others, but at the heart of her concerns is the road itself, as well as the I-275 and Ford Road exchange, which is usually overgrown with weeds, and does not create the impression that Canton hopes to portray. One of Hamilton Anderson's elements is a series of banners at the exit from I-

PLEASE SEE FORD, A7

Police targeting drunken drivers over holiday

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

The Canton Police Department is joining nearly 500 Michigan law enforcement agencies during a statewide crackdown on drunken drivers through the Labor Day holiday weekend.

"We want to reduce the motoring public's exposure to impaired drivers through aggressive enforcement," said Canton Police Lt. Robert

According to Kerr, the "You Drink & Drive. You Lose." campaign is sponsored by the state, which funds extra patrols in local communities. Kerr says Canton will have about a half dozen officers on special overtime patrols, primarily on weekend evenings. He said they will be looking for some telltale signs.

They're looking for anything that sticks out. It could be someone driving too slow, or driving too fast," Kerr said. "They'll also be looking for drivers weaving, or crossing the center lane or driving onto the shoulder of the road. Sometimes a

person will be stopped at a red light, and when the light turns green, they remain stopped. Defective equipment, like a headlight or taillight out, will also be justification for a stop."

In Michigan, a motorist can be arrested for drunk driving with a .08 blood alcohol level or higher. A drunk driving conviction carries with it an assortment of penalties, including court costs and fines. increased car insurance rates, legal fees, and \$2,000 for the driver responsibility fees program.

The emotional and psychological impacts associated with drunk driving tragedies far outweigh the financial costs. Lives are changed forever when a loved one is killed or seriously injured in an alcohol related crash," Kerr adds.

Last year during Labor Day weekend, four people died in crashes on Michigan's roadways, in which alcohol played a factor. In Michigan, 36 percent of traffic fatalities involve alcohol and/or drugs. In 2004, alcohol and/or drugs played a role in 418 traffic deaths.

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CORRECTION

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A column in the Thursday, Aug. 25, Observer should have said it was the VFW Post 6695 on Mill in Plymouth that hosted a fund-raiser for Gulf War veteran Wade George, now diagnosed with three inoperable brain tumors.

The fund-raiser helped raise some \$2,200 to support the medical and legal battles George is facing.

"They were desperate for something, and we wanted to do that," VFW Rental Chairman Steve Bruton said. "He's a veteran, and he needed the help.

"He's a man who served his country, and we felt like it was time to do something for him, Bruton added. "It was a big day, they were happy and we were happy."

AROUND CANTON

Leisure Services

Canton residents can begin registration for fall Canton Leisure Service programs and classes in person beginning 6 p.m. on Sept. 7. A fast pass is required to register in person on Sept. 7. Fast pass pick up is available at Summit on the Park Sept. 6, beginning at 5:30 a.m. Fast passes will be available through registration on Sept. 7.

Bring proof of residency for fast pass pick up and in person registration. Your fast pass will assign you a time to return on registration day. Please arrive 10 minutes prior to your registration time. You may register for one other Canton family at your registration time with proof of their residency. Non-residents may register five days prior to the start of a class/program if an opening exists.

Dance sign-up

Registration for the Dance

Connection in Canton runs through Sept. 6 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-7 p.m. For more information, call the studio, which is located at 1672 S. Lilley Road, at (734) 397-9755 and leave a message.

The studio has been in Canton for 11 years, providing dance education to dancers from Canton and surrounding communities.

Homeschooling workshop

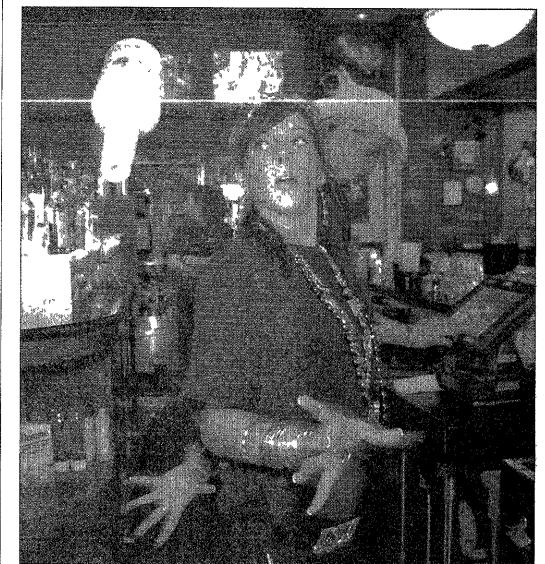
Homeschooling parents looking for help can find it at the Canton Public Library. The Children's Library is hosting "Help for Homeschooling Parents" on Tuesday, Aug. 30 at 7 p.m. to assist parents in achieving their educational goals and learning objectives.

The session, headed by Children's Librarian Sandra Gould, will help parents who

homeschool their children become familiar with the library and its resources. Parents will learn about the library's extensive database collection, how to navigate the library's Internet site, www.cantonpl.org, and how to contact the Children's Department for ongoing help throughout the school year. A tour of the library will be offered and parents will be provided with a bibliography of resource materials to use in their homeschool curriculum. Parents will also be given the opportunity to network and share contact information during the pro-

Registration for the program starts Tuesday, August 23 at 9:00 a.m. in person or by phone. This workshop is for parents only.

For more information, contact the Children's Desk at the Canton Public Library at (734) 397-0999.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The hippy, hippy shake

Andrea Reid of Canton tosses a liquor bottle behind her back at T.G.I. Friday's in Canton on Monday, during the chain restaurant's World's Bar Championships. All proceeds from the event, which tested the bartending skills of several contestants, will be donated to the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes, which aids disabled veterans from the war on terror.





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Jennifer Greening (left), a second-grade teacher at Eriksson Elementary, talks with Frances Smillie, a physical therapist at the Tanger Center, and Barbara Pastalaniec, LEAP support teacher at the Curriculum Center. following the welcome-back address of Plymouth-Canton School Superintendent Dr. Jim Ryan Thursday.

Back to the books

Teachers return to classrooms as new year nears

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Thursday was the first "official" reporting day for Plymouth-Canton teachers.

However, most have been in their classrooms since early this month getting ready for students, who begin the school year Monday with a half-day.

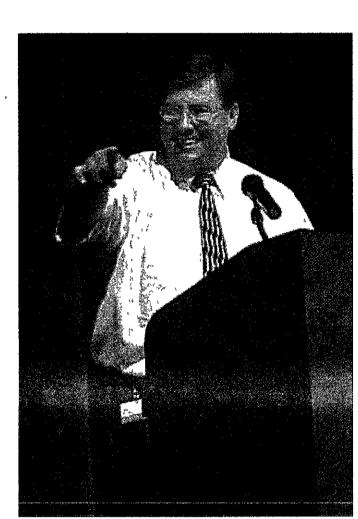
"I've been in for the last couple of weeks tweaking schedules and making sure everything is ready," said Sheila Weber, a counselor at East Middle School. "Now, it's official. We're back and summer is over."

The more than 1,000 teachers — which include more than 100 new hires attended one of three opening day welcomes by

Superintendent Jim Ryan. "I've watched you step in to help parents, students and community members'

needs," Ryan told teachers. "I've seen you sacrifice your own time, and unfortunately — sometimes your own personal money. I've seen you sacrifice yourselves for the students, for your fellow staff members, for the community of this school district.

"I just want you to know how blessed I feel to work with such a wonderful group of people ... who put it all together and show this state the results that have people want to be in the Plymouth-Canton



Plymouth-Canton School Superintendent Dr. Jim Ryan welcomes back teachers, who officially returned to work for the 2005-06 school year Thursday.

Community Schools, he said. "That's why we'll grow another 500 kids this year, because of each and every one of you."

Bill Wooster, a West Middle School special education instructor, admits it's

time to get back to work. "It's always exciting working with your colleagues and having new staff come in, having new students, new goals and something new to do," said Wooster. "You're just full of energy

and ready to go again."

Wooster said each year presents new challenges.

"Trying to meet the needs of the students and parents at the same time is stressful, but the challenge makes it exciting," said Wooster. "Bringing the kids up to a

level they can achieve at, to help them feel successful and feel they belong. That's such a huge goal."

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Man headed to prison in sex assault on disabled woman

BY DAN WEST STAFF WRITER

Dr. Timothy Rudolph Jr. will serve at least 30 years in prison for three criminal sexual conduct convictions in connection with the assault of an incapacitated woman staying at a Livonia nursing home.

A Wayne County Circuit Court jury found the 56year-old Southfield man guilty of two first-degree counts for penetration and one second-degree count for sexual touching. The case stems from the June 2004 sexual attack of a 51-year-old woman who suffers from multiple sclerosis at the Camelot



Rudolph

Home. On Thursday, Judge Daniel Ryan sentenced Rudolph to 30-60 years in prison. The

judge added he could have ordered a life sentence.

"This is one of the most disturbing cases that I've ever encountered in my 11year career as a judge," Ryan said during the sentencing. "It is a reprehensible crime in nature since it involved a helpless nursing home patient.

"An aggravating factor is that this case involves a medical doctor who violated one of the most sacred relationships that exist in the patient-doctor relationship."

Defense attorney Ray Paige said his client maintains his innocence, the sentencing was "excessive," and the family plans to appeal the conviction. Rudolph was acquitted of another first-degree criminal sexual conduct charge similar allegation involving the same woman in

"The defendant did not have a chance for an inde-

pendent evaluation of the DNA evidence and this sentencing was three times the minimum guidelines," Paige said. "I feel it's going to come back on appeal."

'THIS IS CLOSURE'

The victim's mother and 20-year-old son, who live in Canton, and two sisters said they were happy Rudolph will be incarcerated for a long time.

"I'm very happy because it's essentially a life sentence for him," said Pam Taylor, one of the sisters. "This is closure for us."

Taylor had no comment on possible civil litigation in this matter.

The victim, who still resides at the nursing home, is in the late stages of MS, a disease she's battled for 21 years. She cannot move or talk and needs a feeding tube. The woman was placed in the Livonia nursing home in January 2001 when her mother suffered a hip injury and could no longer provide the extensive care needed.

Taylor said when her sister entered the nursing home, she could still speak but lost that ability a couple years

Rudolph worked as a lab technician for the Detroit Bio-Medical Laboratory. His job involved traveling to nursing homes and drawing blood from patients for analysis. Rudolph, married with children, previously had his doctor's license suspended in Michigan. He was convicted and jailed in 1983 in a federal case for conspiracy to distribute prescription drugs, according to court testimony.

Rudolph was in the Livonia nursing home last June to draw blood from the victim. Testimony gathered during the eight-day trial indicated the victim was defenseless when Rudolph attacked her. A nursing home employee said she saw Rudolph leave the victim's

room and the exposed victim was left in an unusual position on the bed. Analysts testified there was DNA evidence that linked Rudolph to

Although Rudolph confessed to the 2001 and 2004 sexual attacks at the time of his arrest in March, Paige argued during the trial that Rudolph was coerced into confessing and that DNA evidence is "junk science."

Twice, Rudolph rejected plea bargain deals that would have lowered his prison sentence and prevented the victim's family from hearing explicit details in

SOMBER REACTION

The victim's other sister, PataGiven, asked Ryan to sentence Rudolph to the maximum penalty allowed by law during the sentencing hearing.

"She could not scream, hit a button or anything to defend herself from this predator," Given said. "We cannot begin to imagine what went through her mind when this deviant attacked her, not once, but twice.

"He does not deserve to walk on this earth as a free man ever again."

Ryan noted that numerous people wrote letters to speak to Rudolph's character as a husband, father and church

With his wife, mother, some children, nephews and nieces in the courtroom. Rudolph said: "This trial has been horrible for both families involved.'

Livonia police Detective Tim Larion said he's happy for the family that the court case is over.

"It was a very difficult time for them during the trial," Larion said. "They had to listen to some graphic details in court."

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Mary "Ginny" Bakalar Bakalar, 68, of Southfield, died Aug. 23 Bessie Barber Barber, 88, of Redford Township, died Aug. 23

Edwin N. Buford Edwin N. Buford, 85, of Garden City, died Aug. 21

Betty M. Canever Canever, 87, of Fenton, died Aug. 22

Dr. Brownlee Wilmoth Elliott Elliott, 79, died Aug 21, 2005

Mary Ann Floyd Floyd, 46, of Westland, died Aug. 18.

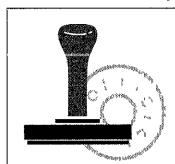
Sally F. Fox Fox, 80, of Farmington Hills, died July

> Opal B. Grady Grady, 83, died Aug 15

Laurena Frances James James, of Livonia, died Aug. 17

Rose Kaitschuck Ketchuck, 68, of Hillsdale, died Aug. 19

Janet Louise Lewis-Scallen-Gwynn



For the Record appears in every edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Complete paid obituaries can be

found inside today's Community Life section in Passages on page C4.

Lewis-Scallen-Gwynn, 75, formerly of Birmingham, died Aug. 24.

Phillip G. Moody Moody, 55, of Lake Orion died Aug. 16.

Albert Otto Sakcriska Sakcriska, 72, of Canton, died Aug. 16. Edward A. "Eddie" Sawicki

Sawicki, 23, of Albion, died Aug. 16.

Stuart Vaughn Vaughn, 73, formerly of Livonia, died Aug. 21.

lights, but the next board session, and unless it's an It's a simple and symbolic

way to show that the community remembers, and Canton trustee Todd LaJoy is asking people to turn on their lights to remember the anniversary of

Driving with his car lights on to remember Sept. 11 is something LaJoy has done since 2002, but he hadn't heard of any widely recognized effort to encourage others to do the same, he said.

Sept. 11, 2001.

BY CAROL MARSHALL

STAFF WRITER

"It's very easy to remember and there is no cost to doing it at all," he said. "How incredible would it be if everyone in Michigan was driving with their lights on, on Sept. 11?"

LaJoy had intended to ask the Canton Township Board of Trustees to pass a resolution asking everyone in Canton to remember Sept. 11 by turning on their headmeeting on Sept. 6 is a study emergency, the board generally does not vote on agenda items.

But while he was discussing the idea with a few colleagues after the last board meeting, the idea was well-received, and one trustee suggested expanding it to include the idea of leaving a porch light on, as well.

"The symbolism with light is just so incredible," LaJoy said, adding that it's the same idea as people who turn on their headlights in a funeral proces-

Another suggestion was to buy a brick paver for the Canton Rotary clock plaza in Heritage Park.

"It's a subtle yet significant way of remembering 9/11," said Township Supervisor Tom

The brick pavers would

serve as a lasting memorial of those who were impacted by the Sept. 11 attacks, and the township board members are chipping in to purchase one brick to commemorate Sept. 11.

Officials plan numerous 9/11 memorials

"It occurred to me that as a community we have honored our veterans and our Canton service people who have been killed, but we also have a historical circumstance where we lost a Canton resident on Sept. 11, and we don't have an appropriate place to remember her," said Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett.

Meredith Whalen, a 1996 Plymouth Salem graduate, was working as a research analyst at Fred Alger Management Inc. on the 93rd floor of the north tower of the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, when the first plane hit the building. She was 23 years old when she

died that morning. "The brick would be a permanent recognition of not wanting to forget 9/11,"

president.

Bennett said. The Canton Rotary is also offering the option of purchasing engraved benches at the clock, according to Lisa Kennedy, Canton Rotary past

"We have a verbal commitment from Yazaki North America for a granite bench and are in the process of engraving it," she said. "We couldn't be more thrilled to have their support for our project. They are a great example of companies who get involved and give back to their commu-

For more information about purchasing paver bricks and other memorials at the Canton Rotary clock, contact the **Canton Community** Foundation at (734) 495-1200.

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Police department to extend hours of records bureau

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

The Canton Township Police Department's records bureau may soon be open late - or at least open before or beyond regular business hours - in an effort to accommodate residents who can't make it to the office during the business day.

"We're going to gear up for this some time in October," said Public Safety Director John Santomauro.

Between now and then, the records bureau is distributing questionnaires to determine when the public would like the department to extend its hours. He estimated that the desk will be staffed one early morning or one evening per week. The pilot program will determine whether or not the department stays open late permanently.

"The program needs to accommodate the needs of the public, and it also has to run

long enough that people know we've got it." Santomauro said.

Every year, the department generates some 40,000 reports of calls for service.

"Normally what people come to the records bureau to get is a copy of an accident report or a larceny report - something where they need the report for their insurance company," Santomauro said.

In addition to handling those requests, the records bureau also processes requests for fingerprints, and reports for immigration services, he said.

"It's just a really good way of offering extra service to residents for a minimal cost," Santomauro said. "If someone has to take time off work or send someone into the records office to pick up something, that can be a cost or inconvenience to them. We're trying to accommodate people so they don't have to do that.

The program can't launch

until after new security cameras are installed, because even though the records bureau is located inside the police department, it's not in direct view of the police front desk, Santomauro said. This summer, the Canton Township Board of

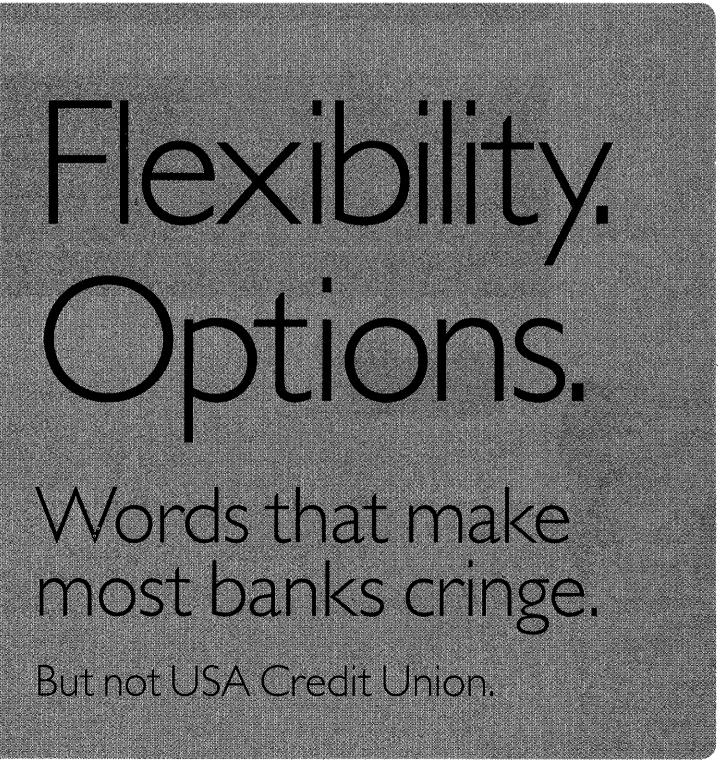
\$1,300 security camera system. So far, the responses to the questionnaires are surprising to records division supervisor

Trustees approved purchasing a

Maureen Bossman. "There are just a few more people that prefer evening hours over morning, but really just a few," Bossman said. "That really surprises me. I thought a lot more people would prefer the evening hours."

She said the department will continue compiling the questionnaires to determine staffing needs when the program launches this fall.

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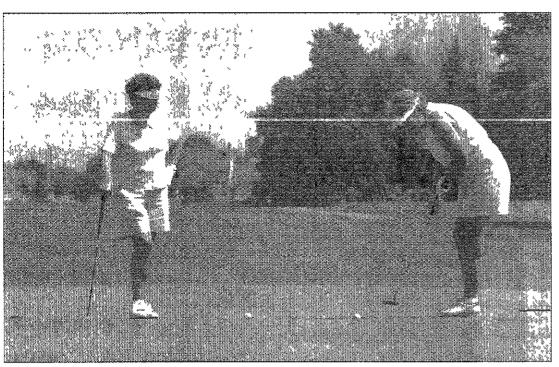
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Bernie Hillebrandt of Livonia watches Betty Dale of Novi sink a putt.

CLUB

FROM PAGE A1 average down by 5-10 percent," said Conklin.

She credits much of Canton's golf growth to Pheasant Run head pro Greg Bores. He landed the job a year ago, and he's been creative about offering new products and services at the course, she said.

One of the new offerings this year was a nightly dinner buffet, which boosted food sales by more than \$7,000 this season. In total, Pheasant Run served more than 1,800 buffets, which brought in \$7,400 of the \$39,000 in total food sales.

The hot weather boosted beverage sales by 12 percent over last year, with fountain soda up by 136 percent (to nearly \$2,700 from \$1,500 the previous year), even though wine sales were down by 84 percent (with total sales at just under \$200 this year, compared to \$1,200 last year). The course's top selling beverage is canned beer, which brought in \$64,000 compared to \$60,000 last year.

"What we're trying to offer is a lot of value added items," Bores said.

'We want to offer something that's not just your typical round of golf, so we added better food selection, more services in the pro-shop and a more customer-friendly layout in the shop."

The course also offered lessons and golf clinics this year, in an attempt to draw in new golfers, particularly younger ones, Bores said. Ninety-six new golfers signed up for the lessons, and it's Bores' hope that they will become regular customers.

Pheasant Run also tripled the number of golf leagues this summer. Last year, the course hosted 110 weekly golf leagues, and this year there were 350.

Conklin hopes the condition of the course, which continues to improve, will also help retain the course's established clientele.

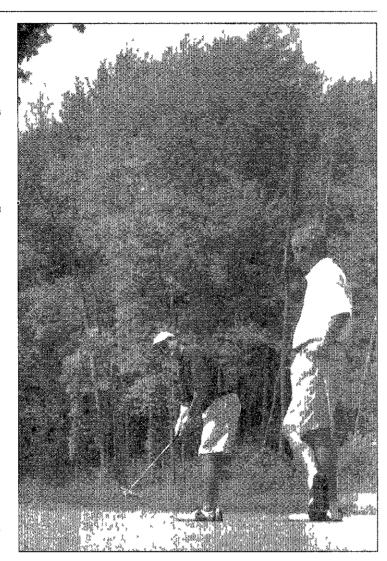
"The condition of the course can't be underestimated," she said. It's a relatively new course - the original 18 holes are 10 years old and another nine opened in 2002. The course and its landscaping are starting to mature, improving the quality of the course, Conklin added.

Approximately 100 volunteers work at Pheasant Run as starters and rangers (which saves the township approximately \$200,000 per year), and the course employs about 60 full- and part-time workers.

The township's other munic-







Joe Maltese and Tony Jablonski are members of the golf club.

ipal course. Fellows Creek. is managed by a private manage ment company, which pays a lease to the township The contract is being negotiated, but in 2004, Fellows Creek Management paid the township \$400,000. Of that, \$170,000 was paid to service the debt on the Fellows Creek property, as well as some utilities and capital improvements.

This year, the township finished paying the debt on thin property.

'We have to spend on some capital improvements at Fellows Creek, but every year the lease money contributes to the debt service at Pheasant Run," Conklin said.

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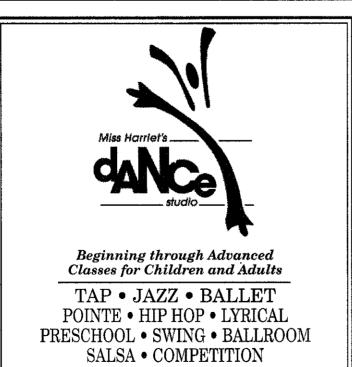
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Come in for fall cosmetics Schools get smooth start, fuel bills soar

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland schools started a new academic year Thursday with no major glitches, but officials already predict that high fuel costs will strain the district's transportation budget.

"All the feedback we've gotten from the schools has been very positive," said Charlotte Sherman, deputy superintendent of educational services.

Students seemed to find the right buses without any major snafus, and officials reported no serious problems with transportation routes.

"The transportation department was pleased with the first day," Sherman said. "There are always challenges with transportation, but they think things went very well."

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Kindergartner Stephany Roibu, 5, gets hugs from her mother, Ela Roibu, before going into Madison Elementary School on her first day of afternoon kindergarten.

One huge bus-related challenge this year will be paying for soaring fuel costs, said Gary Martin, deputy superintendent

of business services. "There's no doubt it will have

an impact on us," he said. The district had budgeted \$250,000 for fuel costs this school year, but that was before prices started soaring.

'We're probably going to be close to \$400,000," Martin said, meaning that the school board may face budget amendments of \$150,000.

Fuel costs last year also came in higher than expected with the district spending \$300,000 - about \$70,000 more than had been budget-

Wayne County school officials are trying to organize a consortium of local districts

that could combine their fuelbuying resources and potentially get a better deal, Martin

Either way, the district will pay whatever is required to get students to school.

"We try as best as we can to consolidate routes," Martin

In another new development this year, teachers making their roll calls have started recording attendance on computers.

"We think it went very well," Sherman said, adding that first-day attendance appeared to be about 98 percent of the district's stu-

Some teachers in grades six through 12 also will start recording student grades on computers this year, sporadically implementing a program that Sherman said will become mandatory in all classes next school year.

We had about 400 teachers from the secondary level who had voluntary training this summer, and they will be training the other teachers," Sherman said.

The computer software will automatically average student grades, she said, "but we'll still have report cards. That part won't change."

The district has projected an enrollment of about 13,300 students this year, Sherman said. That would be down about 200 pupils from last year's count.

However, she cautioned, "We really won't have solid numbers until after Labor Day."

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Starfish looks for families for programs

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

It's crunch time at Starfish Family Services where eligible families are being encouraged to register now for Head Start, federally funded preschool program for kids ages 3-4.

The goal, according to Ouida Cash, Starfish CEO, is have its programs fully enrolled by the start of school.

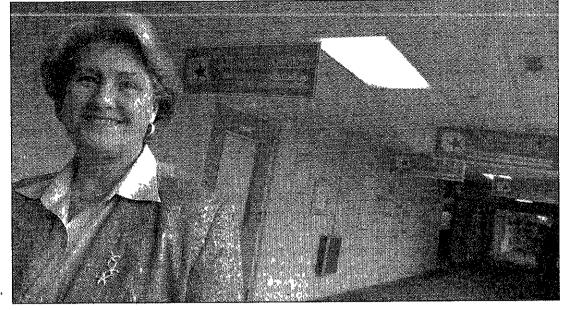
"Like the school systems, we need a count day so it's important to have to see little bottoms in seats," she said. "That way they know we're fully enrolled and the county knows we don't have to do anymore recruiting." Starfish has six Head Start sites.

Head Start, which turned 40 this year, is for children who have a disability, are in foster care or whose family is low income or receives Aid to Dependent Children, general assistance or food stamps.

Starfish is one of several agencies and school districts in Wayne County that provide the Head Start program to eligible families in the Livonia, Plymouth-Canton, Crestwood and Inkster school districts.

Head Start was launched as an eight-week summer program by the Office of Economic Opportunity in 1965 and was designed to help break the cycle of poverty by providing preschool children of low-income families with a comprehensive program to meet their emotional, social, health, nutritional, and psychological needs.

Forty years later, the program



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ouida Cash, CEO of Starfish Family Services, wants to fill the seats available in its Head Start programs in the Livonia, Plymouth-Canton, Crestwood and Inkster school districts.

runs September through June and embraces the entire family by offering prekindergarten programming along with nutritional, health, dental, mental health and social services.

Starfish also has two other programs that assist families who don't meet the Head Start criteria - the Michigan School Readiness Program and Great Parents, Great Start.

MSRP also is a free preschool program for 4-year-olds who have two or more factors that place them at risk of future school difficulties and whose family's income is typically over the Head Start income eligibility guidelines.

It prepares youngsters for school readiness through partday classes four days a week. Parents with children in the MSRP program also can participate in the same activities and services offered to Head Start families, and in addition to classroom-based services, receive at least one home visit and participate in one parent-teacher conference per year.

Classes last 3 1/2 hours and are available morning or afternoons Monday-Thursday at two Starfish Head Start sites - the Full Gospel Temple in Westland and Roosevelt School in Redford.

Great Parents, Great Start is a

home-based literacy program for children age 2 1/2 and older and their families. It lasts eight-12 weeks.

"It's a great program for parents and for children," said Melinda Clynes, Starfish marketing and public relations administrator. "They come into your home and bring in a mini preschool. They determine where the child is at and then work with both the parents and

Families qualify for the program, funded by the state, if they have a minimum of four risk factors out of 30 identified by the state. Among those factors are parental unemployment, low

WHERE TO FIND A STARFISH HEAD START , MSRP PROGRAM

Starfish Family Services has six sites providing the Head Start and MSRP programs: They are:

Livonia Baptist Church, 32940 Schoolcraft, Livonia, serving youngsters in the Livonia Public Schools and Clarenceville school district. Call (734) 762-9734 for information.

■ The Full Gospel Temple, 34033 Palmer, Westland, Sheldon School, 44649 Michigan Ave., Canton, and Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth, serving the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Call (734) 326-6271 for more information or to register.

■ Roosevelt School, 15100 Aubrey Road, Redford, serving offering Head Start and MSRP in the Crestwood district. Call (313) 541-4340 for information or to register.

■ The Starfish offices at 30000 Hively, Inkster, and Baylor Woodson School, serving the Inkster district. Call Starfish at (734) 727-3131 for more information or to register.

Interested families also can call toll free at (888) 887-9980. The agency offers part-day classes -3 1/2-hour morning or afternoon sessions Monday-Thursday or full day classes eight hours per day Monday-Friday. Parents must work or attend school to enroll children in the full day program.

The MSRP is available 3 1/2 hours per day morning or afternoon Monday-Thursday to eligible residents living in the Livonia, Wayne-Westland, Plymouth-Canton, Redford, Clarenceville, Inkster and Crestwood districts. Call (313) 541-4340 or (734) 326-6271 for more information.

family income, lack of a stable residence or a family history of low educational achievement.

Some families participate in the program while on a waiting list for Head Start.

"We look at each family's strength and areas of need and then scaffold them to the next level, focusing on school readiness," said Angie Valchine, who does the home visits. "The child has an opportunity to experience different learning materials, expand his skill set, and work on

fine motor skills, speech and cognition."

And according to Cash, Great Parents, Great Start may be the best kept secret in western Wayne County.

We don't want it that way," said Cash. "We need clients." Residents interested in the program can call Starfish at (734) 728-3400 or visit its Web

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site at www.starfishonline.org.

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and report it." After the training, every bus driver was given an individual identification number and the Highway Watch hotline number to call if they see something suspicious.

They'll be able to describe, firsthand, what kind of activity they see," said Denard. "The Highway Watch center will then determine if that information will go to the local police

or someone else, like the FBI. ' The object behind it is to stop terrorist activity before it gets started," he said. "If you stop any part of the terrorist rehearsing and the attack - we can deter them."

Plymouth-Canton bus driver Maryanne Crawford, who has driven a bus for nearly 20 years, says bus drivers have always reported strange activity to authorities, and the Highway Watch program will take it to a new level.

"We take our individual routes the same way, every day, and when we see something out of the ordinary we call it in," said Crawford. "We've called in erratic driv-

ers and their license numbers, we've seen fighting while people are driving, we've seen suspicious things while driving around.

"This program helps us to

Plymouth-Canton Schools

really be in tune to what to look for concerning really dangerous issues," she said.

Transportation Director Melvin Latnie says the program recognizes that terrorism doesn't always mean someone from another country.

"We've seen kids and disgruntled parents who have hijacked buses, fired bus drivers who have come back to take over buses," said Latnie. "According to homeland security, a school bus is a prime opportunity to inflict a terrorist act because they are always moving."

And, for drivers like Crawford, taking care of her young passengers is as important as being a parent. "I care for them like I would

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my own," Crawford said.

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275. "Adding banners to the entrance of Ford is like adding lawn art to a yard that's never mowed," Grasso said. Additionally, some property owners on Ford don't maintain their buildings and parking lots very well, so the banners may add to the clutter, rather than create a cohesive and classic appearance, she said.

Despite concerns over which elements of the plan to adopt, the DDA voted unanimously Wednesday that they agreed with the concept and would hold a special meeting to prioritize the elements. There still is no firm estimate what the proj-

ect will cost, how it will be paid for, or the timeline for its completion. During the same meeting

Wednesday, the DDA also agreed to bring two Canton Consultants - Karyl Niemi of Canton Creative Marketing, and Roger Gallerini of Fishermen's Marketing Services LLC - into the loop to develop a request for proposals from professional marketing firms that can help Canton

"Get ready House guests are coming," is the message Gallerini said the township should convey to its business community.

market itself when IKEA

"And what do you do when guests are coming? You vacuum. You do everything you can to show your best face."

He said it's important for the Canton business community to develop a strategy now for encouraging visitors to stay in Canton when they visit IKEA. But it's doubly important to reach out to local shoppers, who are the bread and butter of Canton's businesses.

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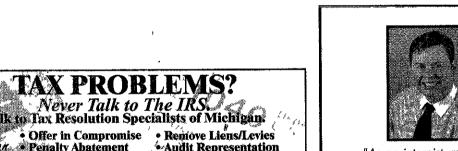
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County budget includes some job cuts, benefit changes

Following what Commissioner Phil Cavanagh, D-Redford, called "the toughest" budget meetings he's ever had to sit through, the Wayne County Commission unanimously approved a \$2.1 billion 2005-06 fiscal year county budget at its full board meeting Thursday.

There was not a lot of revenue to work with," Cavanagh said.

Commissioner Kay Beard, D-Westland, said the Ways and Means Committee "worked extremely hard this year" to get the budget done.

"The budget is a living document," she said. "There's not a meeting where we don't make an adjustment to the budget. It's a constant juggling act."

Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano praised the commission for its hard work on the budget in the midst of poor economic conditions and huge cuts by the federal and state governments.

"For three straight years, we made salary cuts, eliminated waste, and streamlined operations. This year, we reached the painful point of layoffs, which everyone always hopes to avoid," he said. "Unfortunately, we have only to look around us to see that Wayne County is not alone is trying to navigate as steadily as possible

through some very rough waters. I applaud the commission for working with my Administration to make the tough decisions we needed to make."

The budget will save 35 union jobs in the county's roads division that were previously recommended to be eliminated. In addition, the budget includes new initiatives that are designed to cut expenses and generate additional revenues.

"This has been a painful budget process, but my colleagues and I have worked diligently to minimize the pain and set the groundwork for future fiscal stability and economic growth," said Jewel Ware, chair of the commission.

According to Commissioner Bernard Parker, chair of the Commission's Ways & Means Committee, 109 full-time and 92 seasonal jobs in the roads division were to be cut because of budget shortfalls. But 35 jobs were preserved when the Commission identified road maintenance contracts that could be cancelled. "We identified ways that jobs could be saved by having county workers mow grass or sweep streets instead of outsourcing these functions," Parker said "We were hoping not to have any layoffs, but that isn't the reality of

According to Commissioner Bernard Parker, chair of the **Commission's Ways & Means** Committee, 109 full-time and 92 seasonal jobs in the roads division were to be cut because of budget shortfalls.

today's economic conditions."

One of the county's biggest budget challenges continues to be the rising health care costs for employees.

Cavanagh said he is proud of the leadership he took in proposing an across the board \$10 copay on prescriptions and a 20 percent copay for health insurance premiums. The commissioners approved the prescription copay and a 10 percent copay for the health insurance premium for nonunion employees.

County retirees will now be required to pay a \$10 co-pay for prescription

drugs. This will result in a savings of \$1 million during the coming year. A special hardship provision will be put in place for those retirees who fall below certain income levels.

The commission also has recommended that non-union employees begin contributing to their medical insurance coverage.

In fiscal year 05-06, the county expects to save \$227,500 by having 449 non-union employees contribute 10 percent of their cost of health and dental coverage. Average monthly premiums will range from \$45 for an individual up to \$125 for a family.

The 2005-06 budget also includes investments in new initiatives.

The Children & Family Services department will invest \$600,000 on crime prevention and conflict management services for at-risk youth. The county's Community Management System agencies also will receive a \$2.4 million funding increase to cover increased costs associated with housing abused and neg-

"The investment we make today in our children will save the county millions and millions of dollars in future years," Parker said.

lected children.

Other elements of the budget are

designed to create efficiencies or help generate new economic opportunities. These elements include:

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\$140,000 for a Tourism & Convention staff position to help market Wayne County to generate new tax revenues that can be invested in County services.

■ \$250,000 for a Grant Development strategy to identify new sources of public, private and foundation funds to support county pro-

■ \$116,250 to create a Jail Medical Billing Specialist position to increase the amount of health care reimbursements the county is entitled to for treating inmates.

The budget will go into effect on

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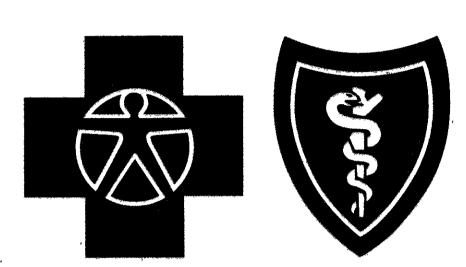
"We are pleased and delighted to welcome Lawrence Tech to Schoolcraft," said Conway A. Jeffress, Schoolcraft president. "This is the first agreement, of what we hope to be many, with four-year institutions that will be tremendously beneficial to students."

"This new agreement with Lawrence Tech is part of that effort to make education more accessible to students by virtue of our central location, in an atmosphere that was built to facilitate learning," Jeffress said.

To learn more about Lawrence Tech's program, interested students are encouraged to attend one of the open houses Thursday, Sept. 8; and Tuesday, Sept. 13, in the Strategic Bay Room (VT425), Schoolcraft College VisTaTech Center.

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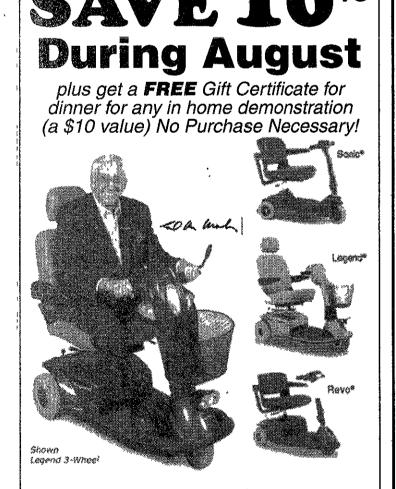
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They both live in Chicago. In a sensible

world, they'd be friends.

But one is an Israeli, the other is a

But one is an Israeli, the other is a Palestinian.

Several weeks ago, I wrote a column about a meeting arranged for area journalists by the Palestinian Office-Michigan. Two speakers argued that the American

media gives more coverage to Israel and misrepresents the Palestinian position.
Ali Abunimah, a Chicagobased writer with family in Palestine, presented an impassioned talk on his view of the history of Palestinian-Israeli relations since 1948 and the coverage of their conflict

Palestinian-Israeli relations since 1948 and the coverage of their conflict by the American media.

In the column, I supported the basic position that

Americans need to know and understand the

many conflicting views on this complex situation. For various historic and cultural reasons, American media probably do present a predominantly "pro-Israeli" view, though many American Jews and Israelis are as equally critical of certain American media that they feel is pro-Arab.

The column drew the expected letters of support from people in the Arab community and criticism from the Jewish community, most polite but some suggesting "anti-Semitism" in my comments.

Allan Gale, assistant director of the Jewish Community Council in Bloomfield Hills, called to say that if I presented one point of view, I should also present the other point of view. As the column said, we do not cover international news, but when speakers from Israel come to our communities, we cover them. When Palestinian speakers are in the community, we cover them. In this case, I used the meeting as a column subject, an opportunity to discuss the problems of trying to deal with such a complicated subject in a community newspaper that has both Jewish and Arab readers, but no foreign correspondents.

Gale asked if I was willing to meet with someone who could present the Israeli view. I said I was open to meeting with anyone.

A few weeks later, Gale brought Andy David, deputy counsel general of the Consulate General of Israel in Chicago, to visit the office. This was a couple of weeks before Israel's evacuation of Israelis from settlements in the Gaza

strip and West Bank

The similarities between David and Abunimah struck me immediately. It has also hit me over the last several months just how much this conflict "over there" is stirring up strong emotions here, especially as Israel has moved toward the dismantling of Jewish settlements in the Gaza.

David argues that Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's controversial decision favoring disengagement was essential to break the deadlock and move forward on the "two-nation" solution. David said the late Palestinian leader Yasir Arafat was a block to reaching a "compromise" that would guarantee the "peace and security" that Israel wants. He said the "problem" hasn't been with the Palestinian people, but with their leadership.

David and Abunimah, of course, see history through two different prisms, each real to them. The other view of "history" is tinder to flare up old resentments about the meaning of "occupation," "refugees," "land confiscation," "historic claims."

Both say they support the "two-nation" solution, but the boundaries and conditions of those nations are still matters of contention.

"Israel does not want control over thousands and tens of thousands of Palestinians," David said

David is cautiously optimistic about the new Palestinian leader, Mahmoud Abbas, usually called Abu Mazin. Abbas has been called "moderate" in comparison to Arafat.

"We don't know if he's more of a moderate and it doesn't matter if he's more of a moderate, the question is if he is a pragmatic person, willing to give up part of his dream as we are willing to give up part of our dream of the biblical Israel," David said.

David had strong views on suicide bombers and the constant violence that ordinary citizens face in Israel. He said the idea that "desperation" drives young people to become suicide bombers is wrong. He believes these young people are being used as pawns by terrorists, who know exactly how to create the most damage with the sophisticated bombs these young people carry.

As David argues, such violence needs to stop. As Abunimah argues, Israel needs to show restraint in its use of power and also control violence on its side.

Here we can only watch and hope that both sides work out a "two-nation" solution that provides real opportunity, stability, justice, peace, freedom and mutual respect. In a sensible world ...

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Schools – not state – should set starting dates

appily, our corner of Michigan is bucking the national trend, which sees more and more school districts starting school before Labor Day.

Maybe it's because we've been there, done that, ahead of much of the nation. And we've learned from the experience.

The Wall Street Journal reports that about three-fourths of the nation's public schools now start before Sept. 1. The New York Times reports that surveys by Market Data Retrieval, an education research company, found that the number of public schools starting last fall's academic year before Sept.

1 rose 11 percent, compared to those starting before Sept. 1 a decade earlier.

By contrast, 10 of Oakland County's 26 school districts will start classes after Labor Day, compared to four a year ago. Berkley, Bloomfield Hills, Clarenceville, Clarkston, Hazel Park, Holly,

Huron Valley, South Lyon, Walled Lake and West Bloomfield all begin school Sept. 6.

There are several different reasons for the later starts, says Danelle Gittus, public relations specialist for the Oakland Intermediate School District.

For some, it's a move to save money.
For others, "They see the Michigan
Legislature moving in that direction and
they're doing it now so it doesn't become an
issue," she said. "All really try to respond to
their communities' needs."

Michigan is like 41 other states in which local school districts are in charge of their school calendars. It is a bargained item, negotiated with their local teachers union.

But that right could be in danger. The Michigan House of Representatives recently passed H.B. 4308, requiring schools to open after Labor Day. It has been referred to the Senate Economic Development Committee.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm hasn't taken a position on the bill, reports her press secretary, Liz Boyd. "We're not inclined to support bills on traditionally local issues," Boyd told me. "This has only gone through one House. It has many more steps. She (the governor) does have concerns about it."

The Michigan tourism lobby has been after the Legislature to act for years. It was not content with a 1999 compromise requiring school districts to offer at least a four-day Labor Day weekend

Dan Musser, president of the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, recently testified before a state legislative committee. He maintained that over 15 years, "We have seen a decrease of a little over 25 percent in revenues from the time Aug. 18 to Aug. 31."

My own late-August experience at the Homestead in the Leelanau Peninsula a few years back supports his stance. It was relatively quiet. Most of the children were preschoolers. And the activities center that the resort ran for children of patrons using their facilities was shut down.

But sometimes what goes around comes around. And that may be just what is happening in Michigan — without the need for the Legislature to act.

Walled Lake, Oakland County's largest school district, has been in the forefront of the move to the post-Labor Day school start. Last year, Walled Lake schools opened the day after Labor Day, as they will again this year.

Walled Lake approached it as part of a cost-cutting move that shaved two weeks off its 2004-05 school year. It also included increasing school days by 12 minutes and reducing the number of half-days.

Bloomfield Hills had a different reason. "Our parents have said they would like to have the summer extended to have more time with their children," said Jennifer Woliung, community relations manager for the Bloomfield Hills Public Schools. "This is our first year and we certainly are going to look at it carefully. We've had both supportive and negative reactions."

West Bloomfield schools had a third reason. The district, located smack between Walled Lake and Bloomfield Hills, admittedly bent to the peer pressure.

"Quite frankly, when Walled Lake did it a year ago and Bloomfield Hills came up with it for this year, it caused a lot of conversation," said Steve Wasko, West Bloomfield's assistant superintendent of community relations. "In the longer term, it might create some cost savings, but that wasn't why we did it.

"We communicated it widely and added some late summer programming though community education. We feel this will serve our community well."

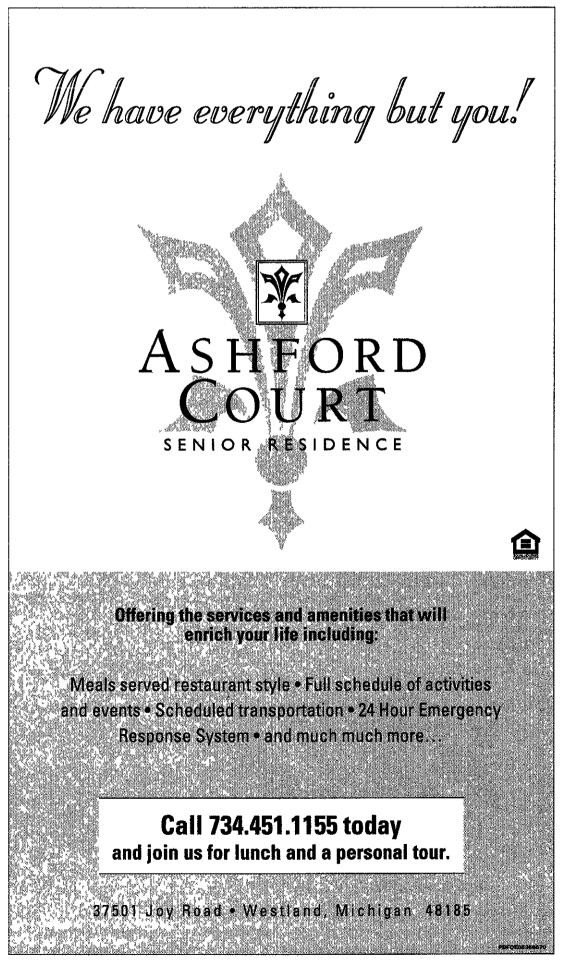
By contrast, the Legislature's proposed onesize-fits-all approach ignores the varying needs of individual school districts.

Michigan tourism is all-important, but its success rests on a number of factors. The price of gas comes to mind.

State lawmakers should pull back on the school start issue. It makes a lot more sense to let it resolve itself, one school district at a time.

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LIBRARY NEWS

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■ The registration procedure for Children's Storytime at the Canton Public Library has changed due to space limitations. Starting with fall registration, you must register in person at the library. You must be a Canton resident. Please bring photo ID.

■ The library will be closed Sunday, Sept. 4, and Monday, Sept. 5, for the Labor Day holi-

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MILITARY NEWS

included classroom study and New officer practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, Patrick J. Nelson, the son of Linda and Parnell Johnson, water safety and survival, and has graduated from Officer shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed Candidate School at Fort

on physical fitness. Benning, Ga., and was com-The capstone event of boot missioned a second lieutenant camp is "Battle Stations." This During the 14 weeks of trainexercise gives recruits the skills ing, Johnson received basic and confidence they need to soldiering instruction in leadsucceed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvaership, professional ethics, soldier team development, comnize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, bined arms tactics, weapons defense, combat water survival, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the pracsquad drill, intelligence, field training exercises, navigation, tical application of basic Navy maintenance, communicaskills and the core values of tions, staff and general military Honor, Courage and subjects and physical training Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it The candidate was tested on means to be a sailor. leadership skills and teamwork

Chaplain graduate

Army Pfc. Allison L. Bockstanz has graduated from the Chaplain Assistant Advanced Individual Training course at the Chaplain School, Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

The course emphasized religious support, development of interpersonal skills, and unit ministry support to soldiers and family members. The support training provided services in a battlefield environment and battle fatigue casualty

Religious support classes instructed students to prepare During the eight-week program, Anderson completed a altars for Protestant Cat' olic Jewish, and Orthodox wo. ship

services, and stressed the importance of being knowledgeable of all faith groups represented in the Army.

She is the daughter of Janet F. Bockstanz of Plymouth and Jack Bockstanz of Northville. Bockstanz is a 1998 graduate of Canton High School.

ROTC leader

Lucas H. Stump graduated from the Army ROTC Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. The 33 days of training pro-

vides the best possible professional training and evaluation for all cadets in the aspects of military life, administration and logistical support. Although continued military training and leadership devel opment is included in the curriculum, the primary focus of the course is to develop and evaluate each cadet's officer potential as a leader by exercising the cadet's intelligence, common sense, ingentity and stamina. The cadet command assesses each cadet's performance and progress in officertraits, qualities and professionalism while attending the a

He is the son of Richard L. and Anna M. Stump of Canton. He graduated in 2000 from S Plymouth Salem High School and is currently attending Tichiga . University.



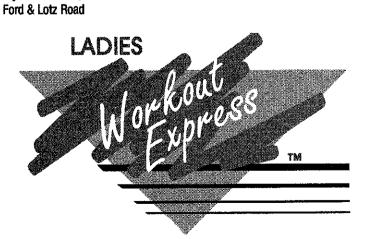
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Canton crushes Pioneer, 42-12, in opener

STAFF WRITER

SPORTS

As expected, it took Canton's rebuilt, inexperienced offensive line some time to adjust in Friday night's season-opener against Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Two whole possessions. Spearheaded by their new set of blockers, the Chiefs scored on five of their first six drives on the way to a a 42-12 victory over the visiting Pioneers.

After sitting in the garage for over nine months, Canton's high-performance scoring machine picked up where it left off last

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year, going from 0 to 40 (points) in just under three quarters.

Canton's defense was equally effective, holding the Pioneers to a measly 44 yards in the decisive first half.

"It's just man-up, power football," said Canton quarterback Shawn Little, explaining his team's no-frills offense. "Our offensive line is quick, strong and bigger than it was last year. They did a great job of opening holes for the backs tonight."

Little was nearly perfect after throwing a pick on his first pass of the game. He finished 4-for-5 (48 yards) and added 49 yards rushing on five carries.

"I think five passes is the most I've ever thrown in a game here," Little said, smiling, referring to the Chiefs' run-first philosophy. "We don't throw much, but when we do it's almost guaranteed to work because the other team has to play our running game first."

The three-year starter at QB proved to be adept at running the option, a new wrinkle Canton has added to its offense. On one play mid-way through the third

quarter, Little kept the ball until the last millisecond before pitching it to Andy Rossow, who ran for 11 yards and a first

Led by junior Deshon McClendon's 127 yards and three touchdowns, the Chiefs amassed 370 yards on the ground. Matt Sweda chipped in with 61 yards on four carries, Rossow had 58 on 11 attempts and junior Chris Bogdanski chalked up 34 on

"Our O-line was awesome tonight," McClendon said, echoing Little's thoughts.

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Great start

'Cat gridders boot Chargers

STAFF WRITER

What do you get when you add two platoons, 22 returning starters and a 99-yard touchdown

If you're Plymouth's football team, you get a satisfying 38-7 victory over Livonia Churchill Friday afternoon at the P-CEP football

The Wildcats, playing their first game with seniors, unveiled a twoplatoon system, which calls for players to play either offense or defense, but not both.

"Every time we went on the field - both on offense and defense our players were fresh, even in this heat," said Blaylock, referring to the humid, mid-80s temperatures. "It's going to help us this season, especially in the fourth quarter of close games."

Friday afternoon's game was close until the Wildcats orchestrated a nine-play, 99-yard drive mid-way through the second quarter that improved their lead to 14-O. The long march seemed to deflate the young Chargers, who had pinned Plymouth at its own one-yard line thanks to Josh Hubenschmidt's 39-yard punt.

"We put a lot of work into sustaining long drives on offense," Blaylock said. "That was a key point in the game. It showed a lot

Churchill coach John Filiatraut,

PLEASE SEE WILDCATS, B3



Plymouth's Jeffrey Harrison blows by Churchill's Eric Mozurkewich on the way to scoring the Wildcats' second touchdown in their 38-7 victory over the Chargers Friday night at the P-CEP football field. Harrison finished with 30 yards rushing and a pair of scores.

2005 Prep girls basketball preview -

Depth, size give Rocks reason for optimism

Please see additional prep girls basketball previews on Pages B2,B5.

> BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Just as one triple threat graduates from Salem, another appears. Only this year's trio likes to

work a little closer to the basket than the former one. Gone from last year's dis-

trict-championship squad are multi-talented perimeter players Ellen Canale, Alyssa Guerin and Kathryn Wheatley.

Stepping up to take over the bulk of the scoring load for the Rocks will be junior lowpost players Teresa Coppiellie, Carly Sommers and Lauren Kurtz, all of whom are 5-foot-11 and multi-talented.

"All three of these girls can do a nice job scoring and rebounding," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "We're definitely going to be strong up front. But the key for us to be successful is to take care of the ball and play good defense."

The 2005 campaign will be the third as a varsity starter for Coppiellie, who put up solid numbers last year in a complimentary role next to the three departed seniors.

"Teresa has been the consummate team player the last two years," Thomann said. "She has done everything we've asked - score, rebound and defend. This year, we're going to ask her to score more than she has before because we lost the three guards."

Unfortunately, Sommers will miss a few early games while recovering from a stress

fracture. Three seniors (sound familiar?) will be logging the majority of minutes in the back-court for the Rocks. Brianne Clarin (5-3), Becky Ward (5-9) and Keiyanna Arnold (5-5) will handle the

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Keiyanna Arnold (left) and Alaya Mitchell (back) defend Becky Ward's shot at a Salem girls basketball practice earlier this summer. Arnold, Mitchell and Ward will all be key components of the Rocks' backcourt this season.

Seniors to lead **Plymouth** kickers

This is the year — the first with seniors — that the foundation is finished for the Plymouth boys soccer program.

Judging by the wealth of talent coach Jeffrey Neschich has returning from last year's 9-7-2 squad, the foundation will be sturdy.

"The seniors all want to make sure that they set a good tradition this year for future teams to follow," said Neschich, who has guided the Wildcats through the first three years of the school's existence. "It will be nice having senior leadership this year. I've seen a lot more maturity in the seniors compared to the previous couple

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A good chunk of the senior leadership will be provided by tri-captains Sean Dillon, Jim Wilbur and Ali Youssef. Dillon and Wilbur will anchor the Cats' mid-field line-up while Youssef will provide jawdropping skills from the forward position.

"Sean's skill have improved so much the past couple of years," Neschich said. "He's a fantastic runner who gives us leadership at the mid-field position.

"Jim is a big, physical kid who has good possession skills. He'll be the target of a lot of the stuff we do because of his great athletic

"Ali is fast and very athletic. We'll be counting on him to score a lot of goals for us this season."

The Wildcats' senior class is filled with six other dependable players, led by returning starting goal-keeper Nick Siekirk.

"Nick is very solid in front of the net." Neschich said. "He has catlike reflexes." The other seniors are starting

mid-fielders Justin Sheridan and Ryan Pritz; defenders Jordan Payne and David Lewandowski; and back-up goalie Robert Lovelace.

"Robert is a solid goalie, but he'll also be seeing a lot of time at other positions on the field," Neschich said.

The Wildcats' contingent of juniors will be led by defenseman Steve Schaeffler, a returning starter whose blend of speed and strength make him an effective player. Jeff Lucco and Brad Brennan will also be key players on the defensive end of the field.

Other key junior contributors include Anthony Sasinowski, Nick Plescia, Travis Norris, Robert Matar, Andrew Coet and Billy Etienne. Coet found the back of the net a team-leading 17 times in

Two sophomores — forward Colin Rolfe and mid-fielder Tyler Floyd - will be counted on heavily this year following stellar freshmen campaigns.

"I think we're going to outwork a lot of teams this year," Neschich said, when asked about the Wildcats' strengths. "All of these kids work extremely hard."

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PCA golfers split

The Plymouth Christian Academy boys golf team is 1-2 following two matches this past week. On Tuesday afternoon, the Eagles ousted Novi Franklin Road, 183-214, in a match played at Hickory Creek Golf Course in Canton.

Sophomore Ross Gerulis led the Eagles with a nine-hole total of 42. Also scoring for PCA were Mitch Geracz (45). Derek Elenbaas (46) and Aaron Lorincz (50). Jeremy Thayer's 49 paced Franklin Road.

On Thursday, the Eagles fell, 161-182, to **Grosse Pointe Woods** University Liggett. Gerulis led the way with a 43. Also scoring were Jacob Hubbard (45), Geracz (46) and Elenbaas (48).

HVS offerings

Canton's High Velocity Sports is currently accepting registrations for fall flag football, dodge ball and roller hockey through Tuesday, Aug. 30.

The flag football program - which will include vouth and adult leagues will run from Sept. 6 -Oct. 26. The entry fee is \$600 per team and teams will play an eightgame schedule.

The Buffalo Wild Wings Dodge Ball program will run from Sept. 7 through Oct. 26. For the \$400 entry fee, teams will receive six games and a post-season tournament. **Buffalo Wild Wings of** Canton is sponsoring the post-game parties. Groups of six or more will receive a free 24-wing platter.

Both high school and adult leagues are available.

The roller hockey program will run from Sept. 6 through Nov. 13. The fee is \$1,000 per team or \$100 (plus a \$20 jersey fee) per individual. Teams are guaranteed an eightgame schedule in addition to at least two playoff games. Leagues begin at Cub (7-and-under) and go through over-30. Coed teams are also welcome. Call (734) HV-SPORT or visit www.hvssports.com.

Youth hoop league

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Community Education Department will be hosting a youth basketball league beginning in the fall for boys and girls in grades 3-8. The season will include practices, games and a post-season tournament for fifth grade and up.

Teams will consist of up to 11 players and all players will receive a jersey to keep.

The Community **Education Basketball** League (CEBL) will have registration on Tuesday. Sept. 13, at Pioneer Middle School. The registration period will run from 6-8 p.m.

Registration fees are \$85 for third- and fourthgraders, and \$95 for players in grades 5-8. There is a \$10 fee for non-residents.

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Chiefs will rely on teamwork to replace Cezat's scoring

STAFF WRITER

Canton's girls basketball team enters the 2005 season minus two key components from last year's ultra-successful team: Bob Blohm, the school's all-time leader in coaching wins, who resigned in May; and Katie Cezat, the school's alltime leading scorer, who graduated in June.

The responsibility of replacing Blohm falls into the very capable hands of Brian Samulski, who coached with Blohm for six years.

Replacing Cezat's 20-pluspoints-per-game scoring touch may not be quite as easy.

"Losing Katie means we're going to have to make up a lot of points and rebounds, which is something we're going to have to do by committee," said Samulski, who played for Canton in the mid-90s. "Everyone is going to have a bigger role this year.

We have a pretty quick team this year and we move the ball well. But we're not real tall, so we're going to have to work

hard on rebounding." Samulski was encouraged by his team's off-season workouts.

"We had a great summer," he revealed. "We participated in some summer leagues and team camps, which gave the girls an opportunity to play together."

Following a rough start, the Chiefs were nearly unbeatable over the latter part of their 2004 schedule. They tied for first in the Western Lakes Activities Association with a 10-1 mark and their 5-0 record put them alone in first in the WLAA's Western Division.

Despite Cezat's departure, the Chiefs' talent cupboard is

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far from bare. Returning to the starting line-up are junior point guard Becci Houdek, a 5foot-8 junior; Lisa Ealy and Leslie Olech, both 5-9 senior forwards.

Houdek's lock-down defensive skills and ability to find open teammates make her a multiple threat. She also brings a wealth of experience to the point-guard position, having started there since she was a freshman.

"Becci has great vision when she has the ball," Samulski said. "She does a good job of getting her teammates open shots. She's also one of our best defenders."

The always-hustling Ealy is team's top returning scorer and rebounder. She garnered All-Division consideration in 2004.

"Lisa is a very quick player," Samulski noted. "We're going to be relying on her to score and rebound more this year."

Olech's strongest attributes are her willingness to defend and rebound, Samulski said.

Other returning contributors from last year's squad are senior guard Kelsy Zemanskı (5-6), sophomore center Marie Martin (6-0), junior guard Lauren Delapaz (5-7), senior forward Ali Perry (5-8) and senior forward Amanda Sitko

"Kelsy is one of our best onthe-ball defenders," Samulski praised. "Marie is continuing to get stronger and quicker. She's also working on finishing offensively around the rim.

"Lauren is strong, quick and very athletic. She does a good job of moving the ball and setting screens.

Two newcomers who will



Canton's girls basketball team completes a shuffling drill earlier this summer. This will be the first season for new coach Brian Samulski, who took over for Bob Blohm in June.

make their presence felt immediately are junior guard Jan'ee Morton, a 5-8 transfer student from Detroit Southwestern, and Geena Holman, a 5-5 guard who was a key member of the Chiefs' junior-varsity unit last season.

"Jan'ee is a strong, athletic player who can really finish," Samulski said.

Samulski said he expects the battle for the WLAA crown to go down to the finals days of the schedule.

"Playing in the Western Lakes is always going to be challenging because there are so many quality teams," he said. "Plymouth should be strong this season with all their players back. I think Salem, Northville, Walled Lake Central and Walled Lake Northern are going to be tough, too."

Canton opens its season Tuesday when it hosts Novi. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

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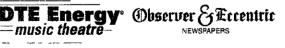


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Late rally pushes John Glenn past Belleville

Westland John Glenn rallied for 10 points in the final quarter Friday night to edge Belleville in the season football opener, 17-14.

Junior quarterback Justin Reid's 70-yard touchdown pass to Jerry Smith down the sideline with only 2:04 remaining proved to be the difference as the Rockets christened their new field turf.

Smith bobbled the ball momentarily, but held on while keeping his balance to haul in the game-winning score.

Brandon Pratt, who rushed for 106 yards on 29 carries. added the two-point run. That

> "It was supposed to be a boot pass," Jones said, explaining his ice-breaking touchdown. "The defensive end ran outside and there wasn't anything (defensively) up the middle, so

came after the Rockets forced

deficit to 14-9.

0 cushion.

yard pass.

Belleville into a two-point safety with 6:40 to play, cutting the

Pratt opened the scoring with

6:08 left in the opening quarter

on a 5-yard run to cap a 54-yard,

the extra point to give Glenn a 7-

Belleville recovered a fumble in

the end zone after quarterback

But Glenn held onto the lead

Josh Lemons converted a 48-

as the Tigers missed the PAT.

Carlos Clark added a 66-yard

nine-play drive. Smith added

In the second quarter.

I cut back and scored." Senior running back Anthony Green also enjoyed a break-out game for the winners, racking up 188 yards rushing on just 14 carries. Included in his afternoon's work were scoring jaunts of 56 and 61 yards.

Jeffrey Harrison finished with 30 yards on eight carries with two scores.

Jones hooked up with senior receiver Josh Le Duc four times for 93 yards, including a 28-vard, over-the-shoulder catch that showed why he's being recruited by Central Michigan University and Eastern Michigan University, among other schools.

Le Duc's circus grab came one play before Harrison capped the 99-yard drive with a 28-yard sprint to the goal

Plymouth's final score of the first half required just one play - a 56-yard run by Green that made it 20-0 with 2:32 to go before intermission. Kicker Kevin Minor ran in a twopoint conversion following Green's run to put the Wildcats up, 22-0.

Minor booted a 40-yard field with 11:01 to play to make it 25-0. After Nate McManus recovered a fumble on the ensuing kickoff, Harrison's sixyard TD run climaxed a twoplay drive to make it 31-0.

TD run in the second quarter and Lemons hit the two-point conversion pass to give Belleville a 14-7 halftime lead.

Glenn had a total of 13 first downs, while the Tigers had 11.

U-D JESUIT 40, WAYNE 0: University of Detroit-Jesuit started its season with a bang Friday night, spoiling Wayne Memorial's season opener at

The Cubs jumped out to a 27-O first quarter lead and added six more in the second quarter before invoking a running-clock with another TD in the third

period on Craig Hamilton's 94yard kickoff return.

Senior Chuck Wasson, who rushed for a pair of touchdowns, finished with 70 yards on eight carries.

Troy Tidwell added a 70-yard interception return for a score. while junior running back Joe Thompson added another TD, including a 40-yard scamper. Senior quarterback Luke Nemes, who was 3-of-4 for 84 vards, also hit Anthony Simmons on a 6-yard screen pass for a TD.

UD-Jesuit outgained Wayne in total offense, 197-194.

"I just hit the hole hard and try to get into the secondary."

Canton scored first with 5:28 left in the first quarter when McClendon scampered 26 yards to paydirt. He shook off a facemask at the 13 before finishing off the run.

Behind the strong running of junior Richard Franklin, Pioneer drove to the Canton 42 on its next possession, however, Canton's Matt Sweda scooped up a Franklin fumble to stamp out the drive.

The Chiefs doubled their advantage nine plays later when McClendon carried three Pioneers into the end zone from two yards out to make it 14-0. Little keyed the drive with runs of 10, 11 and 17 yards.

Rossow rumbled in from three yards out with 3:52 left in the half to pad the lead to 21-0.

With 23 seconds remaining before intermission, Little hit a sliding Rossow with a 20-yard pass at the goal line to give the Chiefs an insurmountable 28-0 cushion. Pioneer showed signs of life on its opening second-half

possession, which was climaxed by Franklin's three-yard TD run. He set up the score on the previous play when he sprinted 72 yards down the sideline. The extra point was wide left, leaving

the score at 28-6. Canton retaliated swiftly, scoring on McClendon's third TD -

to make it 35-6. The Chiefs' final tally came on Rossow's one-yard plunge with 58 seconds remaining in the third quarter.

this one from three yards out -

Canton kicker Colin O'Shaughnessy was 6-for-6 on extra-point attempts.

Jeff Piper, Donnie Laramie, Sweda and Ryan Jonik sparked the Chiefs' swarming defense. Piper's hit on Pioneer quarterback Pedro Amuda as he delivered a pass mid-way through the third quarter resulted in a

Bogdanski interception. Kyle O'Niel, Laramie and Rossow recorded sacks for the Chiefs. Canton outgained the Pioneers, 418-218, in total yards. Franklin finished with 118 yards on 10 carries. Amuda went 8for-15 for 94 yards.

WILDCATS

FROM PAGE B1

who led his team into the third round of the Division 1 playoffs last season, was impressed by the black-clad Wildcats.

"Plymouth is a pretty good team," he said. "They run the option very well. They do a good job of getting you in oneon-one situations. Their kids have matured a lot since last season. This was the third time we've played them in two years, and I think I've had enough of them. They were the better team today.

"We're young and we played young today. One bright spot was our quarterback (junior Tom Myers). I thought he played well."

Plymouth's dominance was spelled out in the total yards category, which the Wildcats won, 419-122. Although he managed to make an occasional big play, Myers was sacked three times and he completed just 6-of-16 passes for 99 yards.

Senior quarterback Brent Jones orchestrated the Wildcats' offense, completing 7-of-13 throws for 103 yards and running nine times for 90

Jones scored the game's first TD with 2:08 left in the first quarter when he rolled right. eluded a pair of Charger defenders, cut back to the middle of the field and followed a clear path to the end zone 16 yards away



Plymouth quarterback Brent Jones enjoyed a productive season opener Friday night, throwing for 113 yards while rushing for 90.

Churchill scored its only points on Marcellus Howell's 13-yard TD run late in the fourth quarter and Chris Barbas's extra point.

Green finished off the scoring with his 61-yard run. Howell was the Chargers' top ground gainer with 25

yards on six carries. He also hauled in two Myers passes for 46 yards.

Plymouth dominated the first-down column, 16-6.

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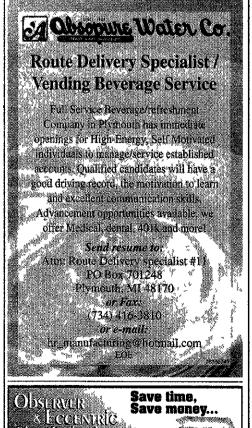
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Plymouth basketball team

ROCKS

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responsibilities of providing perimeter scoring and getting the ball into the hands of the "Big Three."

"Brianne really came on this summer and is locked in at our lead guard spot," Thomann said. "Becky is a three-year varsity players who does a lot of things well, and Keiyanna will be vying for playing time as

Thomann won't hesitate to insert sophomore Alaya Mitchell into either guard spot. The speedy 5-3 guard was last year's leading scorer for Salem's junior-varsity contingent. Sophomore Megan Ward, the younger sister of Becky, will give the Rocks a spark off the bench.

Providing depth in the front-court will be 5-9 junior forward Tayler Langham, a transfer student who was ineligible to play last season, and 5-10 senior Christine Miller.

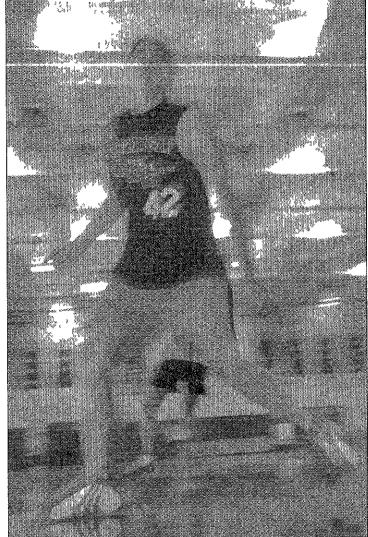
"I think this team is starting to understand how important it is to play hard and be competitive every time they're on the court," said Thomann, who is entering his 22nd season as the Rocks' mentor. "That's what we've focused on a lot in practice."

As usual, Salem plays a tough non-conference schedule that includes games against Brighton, Belleville, Howell and Farmington Hills Mercy.

The Rocks open the season Tuesday in an unusual Western Lakes Activities Association showdown at Walled Lake Northern.

"I think Northville, Canton and Walled Lake Central all have good teams coming back," said Thomann, sizing up the WLAA race. "But there are a number of teams that are capable of making a run at it."

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BILL BRESLER ! STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Teresa Coppiellie completes an agility drill at a pre-season practice. Coppiellie will be counted on to provide plenty of points and rebounds for the Rocks this season.









Teresa Coppiellie



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Individuals are invited to participate in the Plymouth Whalers' eighth annual golf outing, which is scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, at Northville Hills Golf Course in Northville. Proceeds from the outing will go directly into the Whalers' Player Education

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University of Detroit Mercy baseball alumni and friends will hold a golf outing Monday, Sept. 12 at Glenhurst Golf Course, located on Six Mile between Beech Daly and Telegraph roads, in Redford Township. A dinner will follow at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall on Middlebelt Road, just north of Grand

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Michigan University (Aug. 28).

River, in Farmington Hills.

like to see this year is for us to take the next step. Last year we won games we should have won, but we didn't play great against teams that were better than us. This year we need to play better in the big games." Plymouth's starting line-up

will consist of a unique blend of four seniors and a freshman. Leading the upper-class quartet is 2004 All-Western Lakes Activities Association selection Jeanine Moise, a 5-10 low-post player who overpowered opposing teams at times last year.

STAFF WRITER

Like Sherwin-Williams,

team has the potential to own

will offer a formidable inside

presence against most oppo-

12-9 campaign - and it will

time in school history, a fact that has coach Richelle Reilly

elevating the team's goals a

in place now," Reilly said. "It

was a bit challenging last year

without seniors. One thing I'd

notch or two.

suit up seniors for the first

Along with the impressive

With four starters standing

Plymouth's girls basketball

the paint this season.

Moise dropped in an average of 15.1 points a game her junior season while pulling down close to 15 rebounds a contest.

"Obviously, we have high expectations for Jeanine this year," Reilly stressed. "Jeanine plays hard and is very athletic around the basket. Jeanine and Kim (Olech) give us a very solid low-post presence."

Olech, a 5-11 center, was steady — if not spectacular as a junior averaging just over eight points and eight rebounds per game.

"Hands down, Kim is the hardest-working player on our team," Reilly emphasized. "Thanks to the hard work she put in during the off-season, she's a much better player than she was last year, and she was good last year. She's much more confident, too."

Filling out the Wildcats' front-court will be 5-9 senior forward Colleen Flaherty, an All-Division pick last year. Flaherty put up solid numbers -8.5 points and 5.9 rebounds - in 2004.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Shaakira Haywood (left) and Amber Davis defend teammate Kim Olech in a recent Plymouth girls basketball practice.



Jeanine Moise



Kim Olech



Colleen Flaherty

ate contributions off the

"Shaakira gives us some

depth for our low-post play-

ers," Reilly said. "She should

get a lot of minutes spelling

Wildcats' inside threats, the

perimeter players should see a

or in foul trouble."

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With teams focusing on the

bench.

"Colleen has the ability to be a pretty good scorer this year," Reilly noted. "She can attack the basket and she's probably our best perimeter shooter." Plymouth's starting back-

Janet Hanchett (5-9) and ninth-grader Jalesa Moise (5-2), the younger sister of Jeanine. "Janet is one of our top

court will consist of senior

defenders," Reilly stated. She ll get the assignment of covering the other team's best perimeter player "Jalesa is a tenacious

defender and she has great court vision when she has the ball. She has one of the most complete games of any player in our program." The Wildcats will have a

strong reserve unit, led by junior guards Amber Davis (5-3), Val Klemmer (5-6) and Chelsey Quinlan (5-8); and 5-8 forward Chrystien Guyton. Sophomore guard Megan

Davis (5-5) and freshman cen-

are expected to make immedi-

ter Shaakira Haywood (6-0)

Whether or not they bury the outside shots will play a huge role in how Plymouth fares this season, Reilly said. "We're going to have to keep

developing our perimeter

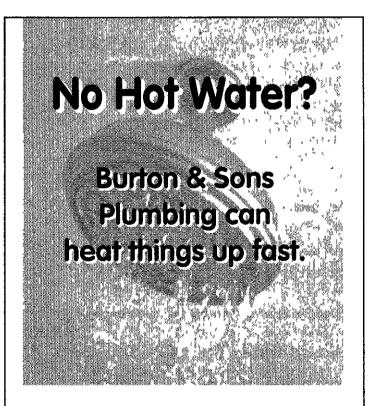
skills and shooting," Reilly

lot of open looks outside.

said. Reilly said Walled Lake Central and Plymouth's two P-CEP neighbors to be formida-

ble foes in the WLAA. "Central has a lot of players back, including their leading scorer," Reilly said. "And, by nature, we'll have a rivalry with Canton and Salem every year. They're both great teams."

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Grey Eagles 1st

The Michigan Grey Eagles, sponsored by Moran and Co., captured the Senior Softball World Series Division AAA championship for ages 65-70 with a 37-18 win over Minnesota-Mikan, Aug. 22, at the Des Moines (Ia.) Softball Complex.

Formerly the Livonia Cruisers, the Grey Eagles won five of six games en route to the title. They have won three of four tournaments this summer. Members of the Grey Eagles include (first row, from left): Dom Dombey (Livonia), Glen Kemp (Windsor, Ontario), Bob Mullins (Flat Rock), Emmer Theriault (Windsor, Ontario), Rene Brooks (Clawson); (second row, from left) Hank Hoskins (St. Clair Shores), Nellie Brandt (Flushing), Jim Wisdom (Algonac); (back row, from left) Bob Delfgauw (Redford), Ron Hellier (Finger Lakes, The Villages, Fla.), former New York Met and Boston Red Sox player Al Moran (Farmington Hills), Chico Senczyszyn (Livonia), manager John Sprys (Novi), Jerry DiPaola (White Lake), Jim Raniszewski (Livonia), Gary Tracy (Waterford), Frank Vellucci (Northville). Not pictured is Jesse Soto (Farmington Hills).

Gavie Tournament memories remain vivid

t's been a long time. The 69th John P. Gavie Memorial Tournament held last Monday at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park takes us back in a time capsule to a totally different world, one in which you could hop on a streetcar and for six cents ride it to downtown Detroit.

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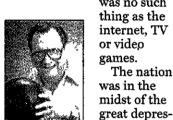
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or give out autographs.

During later years, the honor go to Governor G. Mennen Williams and then to William Milliken.

Fred Wolf was an early supporter with his radio show, and W.W. Eddie Edgar carried the bowling message in the Observer newspapers.

There were many legendary bowlers who participated back then including names like Joe Norris, Therm Gibson, George Young, Lee Jouglard, Tony Lindemann, Eddie Lubanski, Billy "G" Golembiewski, Buzz fazio, Lou Ode, Joe Joseph, Harold Upshaw, Joe Paulus and the man himself, John P. Gavie, along with his brother, Hank.

They made up many of the great beer teams back including Stroh's, Goebel's, E&B, Pfeiffer, along with Coca Cola.

Today there are new stars, new sponsors different teams and much higher scoring as the game goes on and the greater Detroit bowling capitol of the world tradition keeps on going, thanks mainly to Frank Gavie, Dick Smith and the tournament commit-

For the first time ever, a youth tournament was held prior to the main event with scholarship money awarded to Ken Wickmann of Macomb. who had a high game of 298 to go with a 743 series and first place.

One senior bowler who really impressed was Leonard "Hit Man" Hampton of

Southfield, who in spite of two artificial knees and a very unorthodox approach, fired the first eight strikes, went wide left in the ninth and finished with a nice 277 game.

Ed Dudek of Livonia won some jackpot money with 223-266-299 and a 788 series.

Harry Sullins of Chesterfield and James King of Detroit each shot a 300

game, while Joseph Conflitti of Macomb rolled 296-233-279 for an 808 series. Rudy Bernard of Ypsilanti

scored 290 with an 800 total.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association and a life member of the US Bowling Congress. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839.

Madonna settles for scoreless deadlock

STAFF WRITER

Madonna University women's soccer coach Mark Zathey still thinks his team is on track toward attaining the goal of being a force to be reckoned with in the Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference - even though no goals were scored in Thursday's season opener.

In a non-conference matchup, the Crusaders and No. 11-ranked Houghton (N.Y) University battled to a 0-0 double-overtime tie at Greenmead Field in Livonia.

"We have a very tough schedule before we start our conference," said Zathey, following the contest. "We're trying to play some top teams and this is part of it. Our objective is to play against the best competition we can and Houghton is good."

Zathey added that the scoreless tie turned out to be a "good step for us. We worked out some of the kinks and I'm happy about it."

Solid goalkeeping and defense dominated the action with shutouts earned by Madonna freshman Brittany Cervi (Canton) and Highlander goalkeeper Meghan Radimer.

The best chance of the contest for the Crusaders came late in the second half, when freshman midfielder and Livonia Stevenson graduate Caitlin Boyak drilled a shot from in front of the Houghton goal that Radimer managed to stop.

"The game could have gone either way," Zathey said. "We had a couple good chances and so did they."

Madonna also came close in the final minutes of the second OT. Senior midfielder Lacey Catarino (Westland John Glenn)

WOMEN'S SOCCER

connected with an up-the-middle pass to junior forward Kelly Japowicz who in turn worked a nifty give-and-go with senior midfielder Liz DiPonio (Livonia Stevenson) before Japowicz booted the ball wide of the left

It was the kind of play that perhaps will result in a goal after the team gets a few more games under its belt.

"We were just trying to trim up what we've been training," Zathey emphasized. "It's just a 🗦 matter of getting some exposure in game competition. We didn't play our best game, but I thought I was proud of the way the girls did play."

Younger players getting used to the heat of competition as the season cranks up is another consideration the coach did not overlook. "The anxiety of the game, the pressures of the game, the girls aren't used to that yet."-

Several players were cited by Zathey for having solid efforts, including Cervi, Japowicz, sophomore defender Julie Turner (Troy Athens), sophomore forward Liz Slebodnik and junior midfielder Katie Kramer.

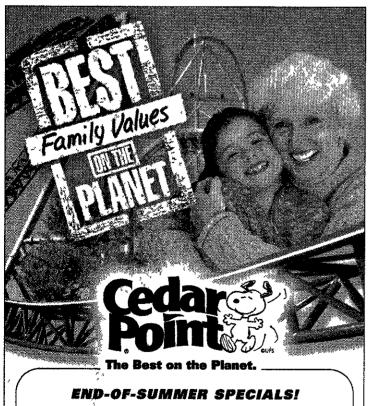
EXHIBITION TUNEUP

Four first-year Crusaders scored goals in Monday's 5-1 exhibition triumph over Findlay (OH) at Greenmead Field.

Finding the net twice for Madonna was freshman Dina Allie (Livonia Stevenson), while freshman defender Lacie Slebodnik, freshman midfielder Ashley Stoychoff (Salem) and Kramer also scored.

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Cleaning up for the big move

(NAPSI) — Whether it's across town or across country, each year millions of people make the big decision to pack up their stuff and move, which, according to many professional organizers, provides the best opportunity to finally get organized.

"Moving time is the best time to install that new master bedroom closet, kitchen pantry, garage storage area or laundry room," said Linda Koopersmith, author of the new book *Home Organizing Bible* and co-host of Style Network's television show Clean House.

"That's the beauty of moving, the new place is completely empty, a blank slate waiting to be created ... and organized."

Koopersmith encourages people moving to envision their dream storage solution, then create it before the new place becomes even more cluttered than their previous house.

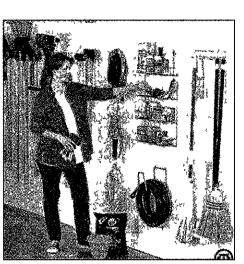
"Before packing, carefully evaluate all household items, like that never-beenused garden tool," said Craig Moeller of ClosetMaid.

Another key to organizing the new home is developing a detailed "home organization plan" for each new room. One effective tool for storage and organization planning is the ClosetMaid Visual Storage Planner, an interactive program on the company's newly revamped Web

"Being organized in your new home means having a plan that includes taking only what you need from the old place," said Linda Rothschild, former president of the National Association of Professional Organizers.

"Homeowners can dispose of clutter by simply giving things to friends or local charities, having a garage sale or throwing out all unwanted household items. Otherwise people find themselves right back where they started, with tons of outof-control clutter filling up their new

What about homeowners who after disposing of clutter still find themselves with a lot of stuff going to the new house? "That's simple," said Barry Izsak, current president of the National Association of Professional Organizers. "Before the move begins, homeowners should designate all



items they plan to take but won't initially be using in the new home, such as out-ofseason clothing, sporting items or holiday decorations. Such items are perfect for

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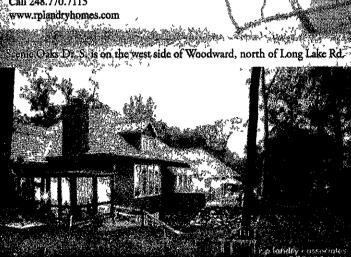
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retailers are anxious to get rid of them. Therefore, they reduce the price of snow blowers to the point where the supply meets the demand, which means that you can buy them at a reduced price. This is how the real estate market works, as well. During the beginning of the peak of the real estate season, which is the start of the summer, sellers are the most enthusiastic about getting the most money for their house. By the end of the summer there is a smaller demand and sellers must adjust their asking prices accordingly.

To make things even better for the buyer, there has been a slow real estate market. There are a tremendous amount of homes on the market with a relatively small demand. This



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means that a lot of the sellers who were enthusiastic about getting top dollar for their home in the beginning of the summer have had to steadily reduce their asking price to keep up with competitors. Pretty soon the summer is going to be over with and the height of the real estate season is going to be gone. The sellers that have had a tough time selling their home will have lowered their prices to the point where their homes will be sold. This means that there

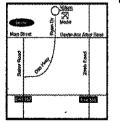
will be fewer to pick from. Also, interest rates are still very low and are predicted to rise. A 0.5% increase in interest rates, for a \$250,000 home, over a 30-year mortgage, can cost you an additional \$37,500. That is a nice chunk of money for many folks.

I don't think there is a better time than the present to buy a house. Many sellers are also willing to paying buyers' closing costs and make deals in order to sell their house. Michael Aldouby is a columnist and a Realtor with ERA Alliance Realty He has an MBA with a concentration in Marketing He is happy to answer any real estate questions you may have or to receive any comments about the column Please free to call him at (248) 848 5710 or e mail him at michael aldouby@era.com



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Getting value: Appreciation a top consideration for buyers

existing home, metro Detroiters are most interested in its potential to appreciate in value, according to a new RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan study of area residents.

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According to the study, the top 10 characteristics metro Detroit buyers assess when buying an existing home are home appreciation potential, taxes, roof age, school system, storage space, furnace age, home warranty, location and garage size

"Most home owners are only in a home an average of 5 to 7 years," said Jeanette Schneider, vice president and co-regional director of RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan. "It makes

sense, then, to begin analyzing resale values from the very first day you set out to buy a home."

According to the National Association of Realtors, the median U.S. home price jumped to \$206,000 in April 2005 — up a stunning 15 percent over the past year and 55 percent over the past five years.

"Even if you're not contemplating buying or selling anytime soon, today's home values are changing the way we think about the roof over our head," said Schneider. "Real estate is becoming less about longevity and

more about value." Overall, the most common reason for moving is to find a larger home or a more updated home with additional features.

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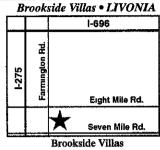


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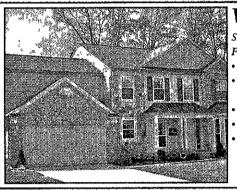
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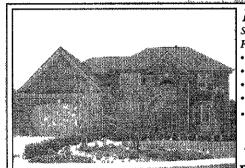
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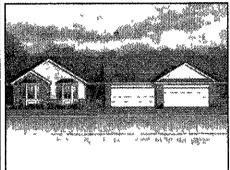
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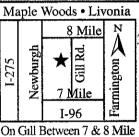
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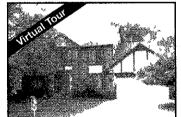


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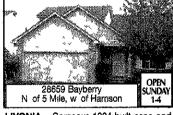
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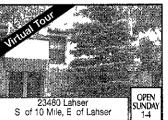
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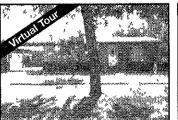
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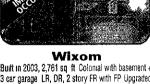
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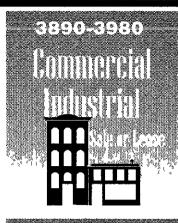






















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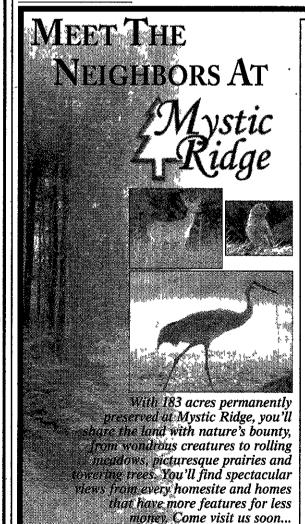
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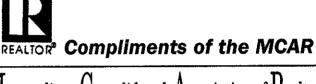
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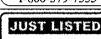
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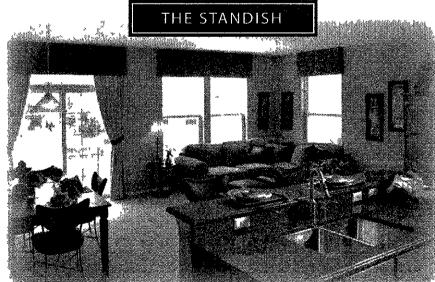
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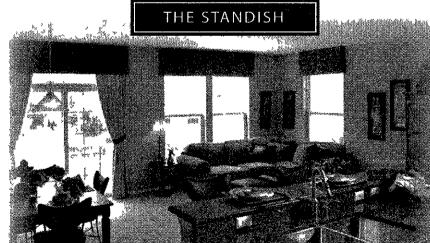




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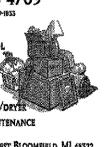
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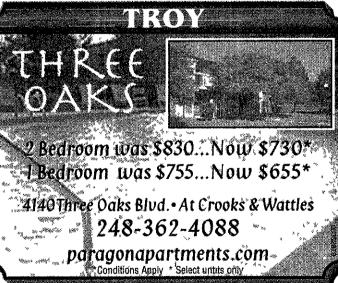
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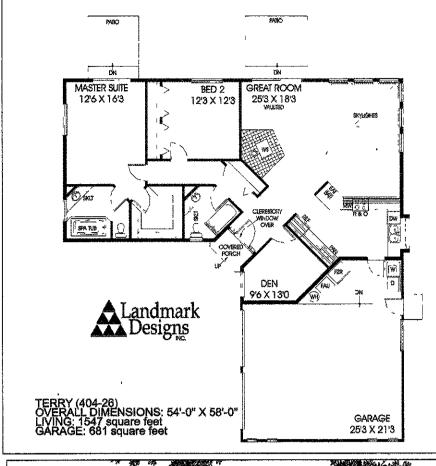
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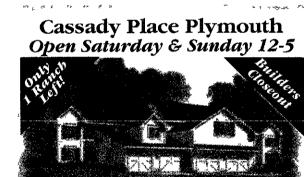
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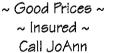
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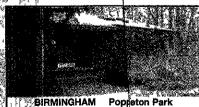


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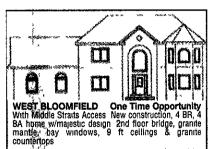
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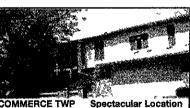
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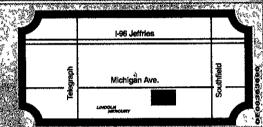
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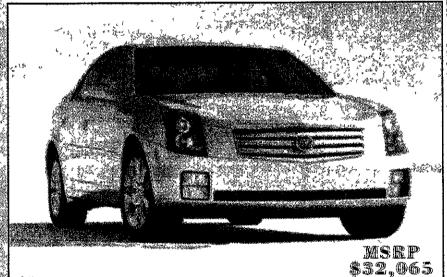
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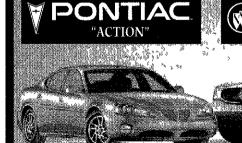


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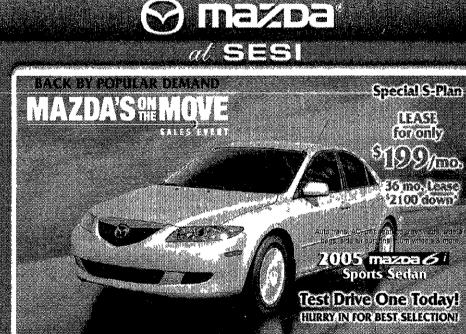
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SBM, 37, Leo, smoker, seeks woman, 29-38, for possible romance. **2754960**

TRUE GENTLEMAN SWM, 42, 6'2", average build, Capricorn, N/S, seeks woman, 28-35,

N/S, for friendship, possible romance. **2**755285

LOOKING FOR LOVE IN...

any place. SWM, 34, homeowner, financially secure, N/S, seeks SWF, 18-35, N/S, for marriage and family in the future. 12765482

HITHERE

SM, 47, likes sports, fishing, working around the home. Looking for a goodhearted woman, 47-53, to share life's simple pleasures with. Let's talk. **27**780932

KIND & EASYGOING... gentleman. SWM, 42, 6', 195lbs, au-burn hair/beard, affectionate and considerate, enjoys cooking, gardening, to share movies, travel, music, laughmusic, fishing, nature, cats. Seeking ter and quiet sunsets. Prefer N/S. honest, good-natured woman, 35-65, race open, who loves romance and affection. \$\overline{\alpha}\$693485

MAN WITH PIZZAZ.

ARE YOU OUTDOORSY? SM, 35, 6', 180lbs, athletic build, enjoys biking, rollerblading and more

dating. 2750433 **WEST SIDE GUY**

LTR. 2749445 **ROMANTIC BIKER**

SWM, 40, 6'1", 155lbs, brown/hazel, N/S, loves the beach, shooting guns, and dining out. Seeking woman, 18-45, for friendship, possibly leading to more. \$\frac{1}{27}58605 SWM, DESIRES SBF

Desires one on one for friendship and definitely romance. 2672855 **EASY ON THE EYES**

enjoys keeping in touch with current events, heart-to-heart talks and silly conversations. Let's meet over coffee and see what develops. \$\overline{\alpha}\$259844 HAPPY DAD

Single father of three, 37, loves fami-

ly, outdoors, biking, barbecues, cooking and more. Looking for a lovely WF, 30-45, to share happiness and life MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC

seeks friendly SF, age/location open. **25**531308 **SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED**

SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life \$\frac{1}{12}692418 LOOKING FOR SOUL MATE

SWM, 54, 6'2", shoulder-length brown hair, enjoys outdoors, camping, fish-Retired widower, 80, likes movies, ing. Seeking SWF, happy, good sense SWF, 63, 5'6", average build, Aries, N/S, enjoys dancing, dining out, walking, eating out, would like companion, 70-80, to share life's joys. TRY ANYTHING ONCE

TRY ME! Outgoing, spontaneous SWM, 50, SBM, 42, 6'6", athletic build, Taurus, 6'3", N/S, likes island getaways, seeks SAF, 45-60, N/S, for LTR. endship, possible romance. \$754752 \$632686

5715842 **ATHLETIC & OUTGOING**

Life's too short to be lonely. Honest, loves comedy and mystery movies. Seeking woman, 25-50, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. 2719915 **ROMANTIC BUT REALISTIC**

Youthful, easygoing SWM, 46, likes movies, concerts, boating. Seeking attractive SWF, 40s-50s, with a lively spirit, good sense of humor, friendly, positive outlook. \$\overline{\pi}642092\$

PICK A WINNER SWM, 50, attractive, healthy-looking,

fun things and going to interesting places. Seeking lady to spend time with. \$\frac{1}{2}730508 I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I'M... looking for. SWM, 62, smoker, seeks

a respectful and respectable WF 58-62, close to 300lbs, who loves Jesus Christ, God, and the Holy Spirit. 7734503 **GENTLE AND SENTIMENTAL**

2210772 **LOOKING FOR A GIRL**

SWM, 25, smoker, black/brown, likes hip-hop, R&B, and rock music, wants to meet single woman, 20-32. Possible LTR. \$742655 SWM, 66, 5'6", 150lbs, manufactur-

Attractive, fun, financially secure SWM, 47, N/S seeks WF, 35-50, who enjoys being romantic, dining out, movies, and the outdoors, friendship, possible LTR. 27862812

TALL DARK AND SEXY SWM, 30s-looking, brown eyes brunette, 6'1", 180lbs, physically fit. ISO female for concerts, any events and possible LTR. You: 25-40, race

LOVE HAPPENS SBM, 61, athletic build, Gemini, N/S, seeks woman, 40-77, for possible romance. 2754965

R UTHE ONE? Attractive SBM, 180lbs, Leo, N/S, seeks BF, 18-19, N/S, for possible romance. \$\frac{1}{127}755788 MIDDLE-AGED MELLOW

Open-minded, fairly articulate, somewhat intelligent SWM, 51, enjoys

talks and walks, pets, reading, etc. A/F, 40-55, for Seeking SWF companion. 2114862 more. 2514300

SBM, 22, 5' 7", slim build, Capricorn, N/S, seeks BF, 19-25, for possible ro-

mance. 7756258 NOW'S THE TIME SWM, 58, Leo, N/S, seeks WF, 35-

for friendship, possible romance. **7775831**

TAKE A CHANCE Attractive SWPM, 56, sensitive, easygoing, a good listener, good-humored and fun, enjoys travel, sports, music, good food, see. Seeking romance with shapely, like-minded

SBF, someone to share/explore life

FLEXIBLE FELLOW SBM, 5'6", 150lbs, beard, piercings,

with. 2761586

Sagittarius, smoker, seeks woman, 22-40, 4'11"-5'7", race unimportant. **☎**769056 RETIRED BOATER

WM, 60s, enjoys the summer, dining

out, live shows, music, more. Looking for a lady, 59-58, N/S, who enjoys the same, for companionship. \$772215 **JUST PLAIN TALK**

A strong shoulder to lean on! Nice-looking SWM, 43, kind, considerate, romantic, seeks feminine lady friend. LET'S TRY IT OUT

Just call this friendly, social, easygoing SWM, 40s, humorous, optimist, seeks kind, sociable lady for casual dating. Age open. 2513284

I'LL HELP YOU... finding true love. Cynical, yet hopeful SWM, 43, seeks attentive WF, for car-

ing relationship. \$2568641 JUST SAY WHEN.. Willing to go anywhere in the tri-county area. SWM, 44, articulate, friendly

and gentle. Enjoys art, nature, danc ing and romancing. Seeks sincere lady companion. 2604683 STARTING ANEW WITH...

just me and you! Sociable, gentle-manly SWM, 40, likes to go to interesting places. Seeking nice female companion, LTR ok, no marriage right now. 25660062 I REALLY BELIEVE.

Do you believe in love at first sight? Interesting SWM, easy to talk to, active, adventurous, seeks pleasant, playful SWF, 35-50. \$\overline{x}68\pi_509\$ FATHER OF ONE IN LIVONIA

Handsome, fit, fun, honest, secure SWM, 40, 6'1", 190lbs, w/daughter age 11, enjoys reading, biking, running, family activities! Seeking positive, fit SWF for great relationship! \$711245 I PREFER KINDHEARTED ... with a lady's touch. SWM, 45, seeks

and age not that important. I just want someone real! \$\alpha\$783752 **ROMANCE AND YOU...** over due? If you are a SWF, 40-55, decent-looking, and somewhat ro-mantic, then we might connect. This gentle, optimistic SWM could make

good friend and true partner. Looks

you really happy. 2799032 LOOKING FOR SOULMATE SBPM, 36, 5'6", Leo, N/S, seeks, attractive SW/HF,age and height open , who is outgoing, honest, and seeking

friendship leading to LTR. 2837750 LIFE'S A CABARET Classy, romantic, intelligent SWM, 50, well-traveled, with good taste, seeks a special, caring, friendly lady, 36-55. Let's share life, romance, and

laughter 2480718 A SPECIAL GUY DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/ sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies.

Friendship, possible LTR. 2269646 **ANTIQUES LOVER** BM, 57, 6'1", H/W proportionate, brown eyes, beautiful smile, communicative, engineer, loves vegetable

and flower gardening. Seeking wo-man, 40-63. 25628249 **ONE-WOMAN MAN** SWM, 50lsh, 5'10", 165lbs, brown/ brown, employed, homeowner, no children, looking for attractive woman,

35-50, to build life-long relationship. **☎**663251 **GREET AND MEET** SWM, 50, looks young, fit, active, enjoys fishing, picnics, water sports.

hearted SWF, age open. 2241526 **ALL ABOUT ME** SWM, 70, 5'8", 145lbs, employed, N/S, social drinker, seeks SW/AF, 61-

Seeking easygoing, friendly,

68, N/S. I like to work outside, travel inside the country. 7739963 **WORTH THE WAIT** SWM, 53, Sagittarius, N/S, enjoys sports, car racing, seeks WF, 45-55, N/S, for LTR. 27/26641

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call??? 2358502

CUTE & CUDDLY Nice SWM, 50s, with wisdom, wit and warmth, can be fun, charming, helpful and who knows what else, would like to meet a nice lady and see what develops. 22478746

SM, 59, 6'3", 260lbs, engineer, likes the outdoors, square dancing, camping, nature walks. Seeking easygoing, active, spontaneous, fun-loving lady, 5'6"+, proportionate, N/S, to enjoy travel, talks, dates, friendship, fun, LTR? 25634440

JOIN ME

STRAIGHT UP, LOW-KEY Easygoing, cute SWM, 40s, not into loud noise and big crowds, enjoys art, wine tastings, charity, seeks similar-minded lady for friendship, maybe more. 2548455 **NEW DREAM TEAM?**

Spend some time with this bright, enthusiastic, optimistic, yet realistic SWM, who is looking for a nice gal 40s or 50s. 25550046

ATTRACTIVE SM, 29, 6', 198lbs, brown eyes, goatee. loves sports, dining out and more. if you want to know more, call me.

POSITIVE PERSONALITY

Attractive, romantic engineer, Asian American male, light complexion. 54, 5'8", 148lbs, fit, financially secure, caring, fun-loving. Seeks W/H/A/F, 40-55, for friendship maybe

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kids, employed. Seeking nice-looking SM, 20-35, w/no kids, N/S, for friendship, possibly more. \$\infty\$534802 SOULMATE SEARCH

Slim, attractive, 57-yr-old JF looking for her soulmate, any sincere, suc-cessful JM, between the ages of 54-64, please respond. 2589875 LET'S RV!!

SWF, 37ish, romance lover, Gemini, seeks a Latin lover man, 37-55, with good morals and the highest standards. 2766454 HOMEBODY

SBF, 63, 5'8", 155lbs, retired (but does work part-time), very honest and caring, Scorpio, N/S, seeks BM, 58-65, honest and caring. 2553674 **HAPPY WITH LIFE!** SWF, 70, attractive, recently wid-owed, who likes fun enjoys life. Seeking to meet like-minded male 65-75,

LOOKING!!! SWF, smart, fun, easy to be with, success, attractive, petite, looking for a soulmate; SWM, N/S, 55-67, S.Oakland area. 27738822

MEN SEEKING WOMEN SEEKS SPECIAL LADY

SWPM, 49, tall, dark/dark, N/Drugs, N/S, seeks attractive, sensitive, kind-hearted, good-natured SF, 42-52, N/S, N/Drugs, who enjoys home -cooked meals, nights on the town or home, for dating, possible LTR. **2**765893

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PATIENTLY WAITING SBM, 37, 185lbs, 5'8", no kids, never married. Seeking caring, attractive SF, no kids, never married, for great relationship. 2710917

BELIEVE IT

SWM, 37, Aries, marriage-minded, N/S, seeks WF, 25-50, N/S, for possible romance. 2754524 LOOKING FOR ROMANCE ISO attractive, sexy, fit, caring woman, 30-40. Must love beaches, Harleys, romance, laughter, hanging at the pool. Me: 43, original nice guy,

attractive, very handsome, fit, single

father. 2774183 TRY ME

SBM, 41, looking for a woman, 18-30, 5'5"-5'7", 120-130lbs, who stays Detroit, on the east side. If you feel that this is you, get in touch. **☎**774240 **MUSCULAR & FRIENDLY**

SWM, 45, 6'2", 209lbs, N/S, enjoys

conversations, college football and new activities. Seeking a down-to-earth SF. Age/area open. \$\pi\$82364 WELL, HELLO SM, very young-looking 50, 5'7" 180lbs, medium build, employed, self-reliant, D/D-free, easygoing and easy to get along with, enjoys biking

JOY **7**750625

N/S, seeks man, 30-55, N/S, for fri-

and cooking Seeking S/DWF, 40-55, 200-350lbs. 2597126

TEDDY BEAR TYPE Self-employed, easygoing DWM, 40, 5'7", brown/blue, East Side, N/S, loves sailing and car shows. Seeking S/DWF, 28-45, N/S, no kids. **☎**7ॅ63755

LET'S HAVE FUN TOGETHER

sincere, nice-looking WM, 47, 5'10"

180lbs, seeks slim, pretty female, 30-53, N/S, for one relationship. Must like animais. 2773705 LOOKING FOR A BEST FRIEND SWPM, 44, 5'7", dark hair, moustache, father of one, loves children, outdoors. Seeking SWF, 35-46, to

your inner soul. I'll treat you right. **2**266345 **COULD WE MEET?** and have fun while getting acquainted? Good-natured, good-looking SWM wants to meet interesting SWF,

TALL

DWM, 47, 6'5", 215lbs, likes music, camping, jazz, cooking, sports, brown/ brown, seeking a woman with SOH, compassion, honesty. 2765375 **VERY FIT** WM, 29, 6', 170lbs, light brown/hazel, athletic build, looking for a SF,

30s-40s. 2764071

27769924 **OPENTO ALMOST ANYTHING** Optimistic, outgoing SWM, 46, enjoys most activities, yet open to new ideas and adventures, seeks spirited, spontaneous SWF, age open. 2547524

NICE GUY

ers' representative, Libra, N/S, works out, enjoys movies, restaurants, and summer festivals. Seeking SWF, 50-65, N/S, 7708126 THE QUIET STORM SBM, 33, 5'9", 175lbs, N/S, works out

on a regular basis, seeks single wo-

man, 22-35, N/S. 2740487

GENTLE & SINCERE Compassionate, masculine GWM. 51, seeks gentle, sincere, compassionate, masculine, Italian, Middle-Eastern or Hispanic GM, 35-60, Hairy A+, for fun, friendship, possible LTR. **27**29085

A LOT TO OFFER

Handsome SBM, 45, 6', enjoys movies, dinner, travel, seeking attractive SF, age & race open 22450960 SEEKS BROWN-EYED GIRL Good-looking, friendly SWM, 41,

5'11", 180lbs, no children, N/S, easy going, enjoys movies, music, travel, dining. Seeking very attractive, pretty SH/A/WF, 28-39, friendship, possible relationship. \$760359

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Sincere, affectionate SWM, 40s, clear mind, fit body, enjoys artsy, cultural events, outdoor activities, serking witty, pretty SWF, 35-55, for friendship and possible relationship. \$\infty\$517123

outdoor activities. Looking for a fe-male, 30-40, H/W proportionate, for

Easygoing SWPM, 46, brown/brown, tall, slim, enjoys arts, museums, outdoors, more. Seeking slim WF, 35-47, for summertime fun and

Call me if you desire a nice shape, bl/eyed blonde, 48-year-old, 180lbs.

Well-maintained SWM, 56, who

with. 2715711 SWM, 46, 6'2", 209lbs, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, workout, new activities,

SIMILAR INTERESTS? WM, 6', 172lbs, likes golf, bowling, the outdoors, camping, movies, dining out, more. Would like to meet a WF, 38-48, who likes to have fun.

SWM, 41, 5'9", N/S, steak lover, into weight training and body building,

enjoy life together. I want to know

youthful, light-hearted, enjoys doing

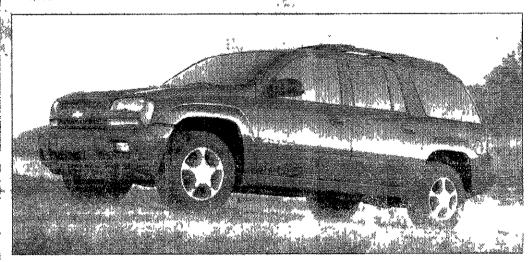
Easygoing, agreeable, cute SWM, 40s, eager to please, willing to try new things, seeks fairly attractive and friendly SWF, for dating and relating. 18-35, for dating. Race unimportant.

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This new Jaguar has a face and price every mother could love

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Anne Fracassa

By Anne Fracassa Avanti NewsFeatures

The moment I first set my eyes on the new Jaguar X-Type, thoughts ran through my mind that it was a work of art. A fine work of art to be looked at -- at different angles, different ways, up and down, all

Beautiful. Just, beautiful. From the tip of the jaguar's nose flying out of the hood to the rear tail pipe, this Jaguar \bar{X} -Type is just plain beautiful in every way and at every angle.

But it wasn't the looks alone that impressed me about this vehicle. It wasn't even the great performance, the awesome comfort, the great mileage or the fabulous ride and handling characteristics of this Jaguar that did it for me.

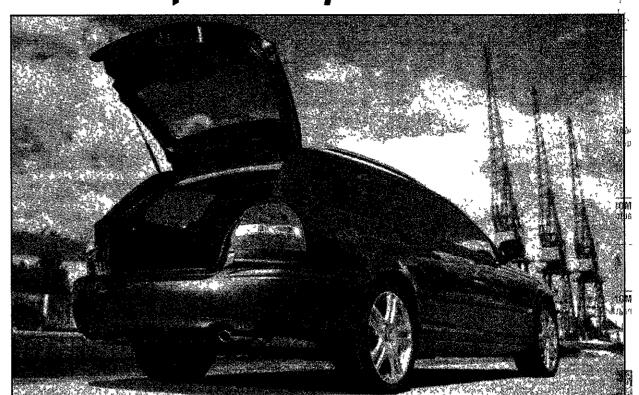
It was the price. So much so that it is on the top of my new-car buying list right now. Give up my huge sport ute? Sure. For this, would do it in a heartbeat.

Consider that it takes just a hair under \$29,000 for the opportunity to put a Jaguar in your driveway and nestle it in your garage every night. And then to have the awesome opportunity to drive this vehicle every single day that you own or lease it.

Value. Man alive, the value you get for your money in this Jaguar X-Type. Most of the stuff that you would really expect in a fine luxury automobile is right there, where it should be. From the heated leather seats to the all-wheel-drive capabilities, the Jaguar is packed to the max with value.

The X-Type driven this week was the one outfitted in the 3.0-liter engine, which actually stickers at just under \$34,000. Still, it's a value, considering most people spend that much -- or more -- on their sport utility vehicles.

Let's slip inside the Jag. Its seats envelope around you like a little baby swaddled in warm flannel. Wood veneer is tastefully done and placed in logical areas.



The Jaguar X-Type 3.0. Vehicle class: Luxury compact passenger car. Power: 3.0-liter 227-horsepower:83 engine. Mileage: 18 city / 28 highway. Price: \$29,995. Where built: Merseyside, England.

There are so many places to store stuff, it's incredible. Every nook and cranny of the X-Type is used to be able to store your car phone, cassettes, CDs, maps, Tim Hortons Ice Cap and just about anything else you can think of. I didn't personally count each and every one, but Jaguar documents say there are 29 separate, individual storage compartments -- 30 if you include the trunk.

On the glove box you'll find a cool little hook that allows you to place your purse or a small shopping bag suspended and off the passenger's-side floor where it may spill all over. Don't you just hate it when your purse topples over, the phone slips out into the wheel well and then starts ringing? Won't happen again with that little retractable hook.

There's a lot of space all the way around for your comfort and the comfort of your passengers. Nobody complained all week about comfort. The X-Type had enough room for everyone and everything I hauled around. Jaguar calls it a "compact-sized Jaguar." Let them talk like that. We know better.

Let's go back outside for a moment. The lines, the shapes, the way it all flows together is a piece of harmony. All of the work on the exterior lends the X-

Oldsmobile 809 84KS

Type to a huge cargo area under the rear deck lid. If you want safety, you've got safety. All-wheel drives we mentioned already. Then you've got your basic anti-lock brakes, front seat side-impact airbags, side curtain airbags both front and rear, three-point belts3 all around and a collapsible brake pedal.

Jaguar has incorporated its very own Dynamic Stability Control system as part of the "sport" package, but it's an option on the 3.0-liter model. It uses sensors like steering angle, lateral-G and yaw and can minimize under- and oversteer conditions that could result in a skid. It corrects all that and keeps you safe!

You haven't experienced ride and handling like this in any other vehicle, let me tell you. Agility should be its middle name, thanks to its super-stiff body strugge ture, four-wheel independent suspension and topmounted struts. Variable speed-sensitive steering rounds out the package by giving you fabulous response at every speed and turn of the wheel. Sounds like I fell in love with a vehicle I really didn't think I would? You bet. Would I buy it? Sure would. Now go get'yourself one. Now.

Write Anne Fracassa at avanti1054@aol.com.

Used car prices take hard tumble New car incentives push used car marketplace to record low

by G. Moore Independent

Farmington

"Hills, MI – A Farmington Hills dealer is selling 2005 vehicles for one-half of the ∛original manufacturer's list price. And they're offering many other 2005 models far below normal market values. Employee pricing offered by GM, Ford, and Daimler-Chrysler mesmerized so many buyers that far fewer shoppers even bothered looking at pre-owned

The Bob Saks Superstore sold over 100 Buick Centurys, Chevy Malibu Maxxes & Pontiac Grand Ams in the first 60 days of their sales.

2005 models.

With finance rates as low as 4.9% on 2005 :pre-owned program vehicles, tinancing half the amount of the cost of a new car can virtually cut your payment in half! You'll also be saving half the amount of sales tax paid. (Taxes a estimated at an average of 6%.) Plus - all 2005 program vehicles

are GM certified and undergo a rigorous 110 point safety inspection.

A "program" car is a vehicle that has been leased by a premium rental company through a special "program" from the manufacturer. Strict maintenance is required, and all vehicles are carefully inspected upon return. In many cases, these program units receive better maintenance than vehicles owned by private

owners.

Saks Buick-Oldsmobile Used Car Superstore in Farmington Hills has long been known as Michigan's "bargain hunting" dealer. Currently, they're selling more 2005 program cars than most other dealers in the nation. (Over 100 program cars were sold during the first 60 days of their sale.) Last year, they sold the most pre-owned 2004 **Buick Centurys** and Chevy ! Malibus in the nation from their single location.

And the year

before they set

the sales record selling the most off-lease GMC Yukons.

Todav's real

bargain can be

found at Saks in the pre-owned 2005 vehicles. The employee pricing on new 2005's has left the used models unnoticed and overlooked. So, with far fewer dealers units, the prices have dropped to record lows.

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vehicles with a huge cart. They have just made a multi-million dollar their giant used purchase of these car facility to the units from General Motors, bringing in truckload after

across the country. In addition to filling brim, Bob Saks had to lease additional storage lots to accom-

massive acquisition of vehicles. And they currently stock the largest inventory of 2005 program cars in Michigan.

The purpose of **Employee Pricing**

is to clear out the remaining new 2005's. In another month or two, these vehicles will disappear as all be gone, along with the incentives. In the

meantime, the

vehicles are truly todav's "sleeping" bargain...But they'll soon smart shoppers begin to "wake up" and recognize

the real deals. The Bob Saks

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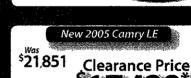
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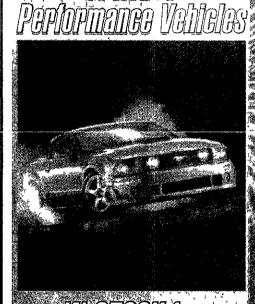
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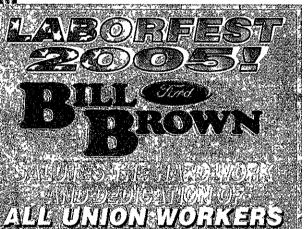
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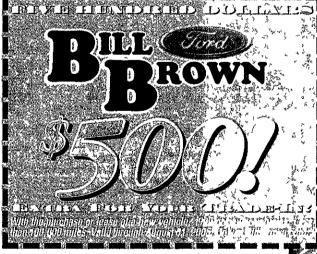
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It's been a month of loss for those we know. A colleague, Chris Piazzi of Westland, died at age 40, far too young. I'll miss our humorous workplace discussions and his observations.

Longtime neighbors John and Beth Stewart coped with the death of John's mom, Virginia. At 88, she'd lived a good long life, and that's what loved ones remembered as they gathered at Glenwood United Methodist Church in Wyandotte for the lunch after her service. Even so, saying goodbye is hard.

Chris' service was tougher to take, as it's hard to find words of comfort for a good man lost so young. The Rev. Jack Baker of St. Mary's Parish of Wayne did a commendable job at the funeral Mass, but it was still hard to see Chris' family suffer.

A sad call came this month as well from longtime neighbor Jack Morrison, who lost his beloved wife, Betty, at age 82 after 63 years of marriage. We'd befriended Jack and Betty on our walks through the Lake Pointe neighborhood in Plymouth Township, often finding them outside their garage in lawn chairs and willing to pass some time with us.

They were guests at our 15th wedding anniversary party last year at Joy Manor, and we were glad Betty could be there to celebrate despite having been in an earlier car accident with her grandson.

We especially enjoyed hearing them talk about their days at Detroit Mackenzie High School, where my late dad also graduated in the same era. We knew Betty was sick and in a nursing home, but it was still sad to get that call.

The natural reaction is to want to do something when a loved one dies, so my husband decided to make a meatioal dinner. Jack's family, when I stopped by shortly after Betty's death, suggested we share that meal with him. Jack wanted us to see Betty's glowing teacher evaluations from her years in the classroom at Farrand Elementary, the Plymouth-Canton school where she taught.

Death is sad for those left behind, no doubt about it, but a simple expression of sympathy can go a long way in easing the pain. My childhood girlfriend from San Diego recently lost her sister, and we went to her cousin's Birmingham home to sit Shiva, as is the Jewish cus-

The Hebrew prayer was difficult for us to follow, but we managed and it was enough to be there and say we were sorry that Elizabeth Pierce had also died too young, only 45.

I've been fortunate enough to live in a time when the hospice movement has grown. and reported on some of that growth. I remember when my dad was at Beaumont Hospital and near the end of his life, having struggled with cancer for a number of years.

The doctors explained our options clearly, but one thing I remember most is the young resident standing behind them, being trained on how to handle such situations. It's good to see that medical personnel are being trained to handle such difficult end of life decisions, and to make them easier for grieving fami-

In the end, for those of us who share the pain of loss, it's enough to be there and say "I'm sorry." Remembering the good times and how much the one now gone meant to you matters a lot, too.

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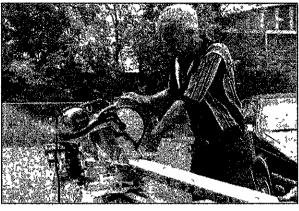
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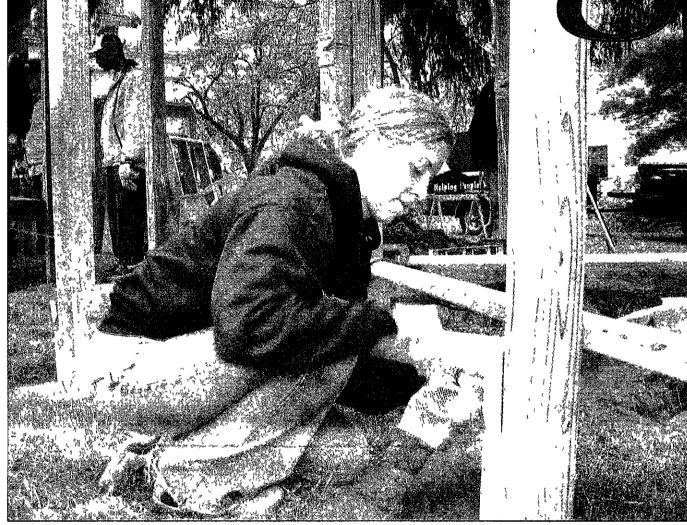
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Farmington resident Bill Helwig not only helps construct the wheelchair ramps but visits the site beforehand to determine the best way to build each pre-assembled module.



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Angie Rowe of Garden City works on a ramp for Mary Donald of Inkster. Rowe was one of the employees from Best Buy store No. 403 in Westland to

Volunteers help United Way kick off Torch Drive

STAFF WRITER

ill Helwig always ends the Ray West Memorial Ramp building West Memorial Ramp building projects by hugging the recipient. At 6 feet, 5-inches that's quite a squeeze, but only part of his job as a United Way labor liaison who represents the Greater Detroit Building and Construction Trades and AFL-

Last year alone the Farmington resident oversaw the building of 44 ramps in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Helwig never dreamed after graduating from Redford High School that he would love helping others so much he'd devote seven days a week to building wheelchair ramps. But he doesn't do it alone. Helwig works Saturdays and

Sundays to accomodate the 820 vol-

unteers, who sawed and drilled wood to complete ramps last year.

On Friday-Saturday, Sept. 9 and 10, the United Way of Southeastern Michigan needs 1,000 people to donate their labor for Days of Caring projects to kick off the 57th annual Torch Drive. Contributions make it possible for United Way to provide wheelchair ramps to low-income people with disabilities. Jim and Cathy Rosenthal of Bloomfield Hills donated lumber for the ramps for a second

"Everyone who works on ramp projects is 100 percent volunteer," said Helwig, a member of Pipefitters Local 636. "We probably have 450 to 500 and we're looking for another 600. We never turn anyone down. There's always a way to help. We have people to show them what needs to be done. A 72-year-old woman came out the

other day. We've made it so people can do this."

Prior to Sept. 8, volunteers are building modular systems in facilities donated by DaimlerChrysler and Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. On Sept. 9 and 10, 1,000 volunteers will not only install 25 of the pre-assembled ramps but work on approximately 50 projects in the tricounty area, including beautifying the grounds of the nonprofit Boys and Girls Republic in Farmington Hills and sorting food donations at

Baldwin Church & Center in Pontiac. Helwig's priority is the ramp project. He learned compassion early on in life while watching his mother care for his wheelchair-bound father in their Livonia tri-level after his stroke. That was the first ramp Helwig built.

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Book takes readers on a journey from Comfortopia

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

The Search for Unrational Leadership begins with a treasure map, an invitation to take a journey from the safe harbors of Comfortopia to the rich rewards of Unrational Island.

Management consultant Charles Fleetham takes readers away from the easy certainties of rational thinking into the dark waters of the unconscious to discover a new way to lead.

Fleetham, the president of Project Innovations Inc. of Farmington Hills, invites readers on a creative journey through fairy tales, plays and profiles to explore how the rational and irrational can both be used to solve management prob-

The Search for Unrational Leadership (Right Brain Books, \$24.95) was written in part as a reaction to Stephen Covey and his influential The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People.

"The Covey material was great for one kind of problem and that problem is that you need to get yourself organized," Fleetham said. "What about when the problem is centered in psychological resistance, fear, insecurity, doubt - then Covey's material and his style of leadership

won't work." Fleetham earned a degree in creative writing from Michigan State University in 1980 and "emerged totally unemployable." After a stint as a logistics engineer with the Army, he returned to civilian life and management consulting. He founded Project Innovations in 1992.

"The idea was I wanted to bring innovations to the field of project management. When I saw major innovation, it was how leaders lead and how people accept or reject what that leader does to get things done," he said.

With his new book, Fleetham is able to merge his creative writing background with management consulting experience. The book begins with a treasure map, showing the way from Comfortopia to Unrational Island and all the perils along the way. This theme weaves in and out as Fleetham also retells a fairy about a brave hero and magic spells, explores the psychology of Carl Jung with a play and defines the unrational approach to leader-

"Unrational leadership is the balance between logical decision making and intuitive decision making. We do two different things - we look at the facts and then we question our gut," he said. "Combine the two together to come up with unrational leadership - intuition and our logical,

rational facilities." Fleetham argues that a lot of Michigan's



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Charles Fleetham with his book 'The PLEASE SEE JOURNEY, C3 Search for Unrational Leadership.'

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NEW VOICES

Renée and Keith Postler of Canton, announce the birth of their daughter, Emily Celeste, on July 30, 2005, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

Emily joins big sisters and brothers, Ashley, 15, Brandon, 12, Alex, 10, and Kelsey 7.

Her grandparents are Marion Postler of Redford, and Dan and Paula Petersen of Livonia. Great-grandparents are Hartley and Marie Trygg of Inkster.

WEDDINGS



Priebe-Terlosky

Linda Marie Terlosky, formerly of Rivesville, WV, and Scott Richard Priebe of Plymouth were united in marriage on Aug. 28, 2004, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Fairmont, WV before the Rev. Robert Perriello. A reception followed at the Lakeview Golf Resort in

Morgantown, WV. Linda is the daughter of Alice Terlosky-Bunner and the late John William Terlosky of Rivesville, WV. She is a graduate of Rivesville High School and Fairmont State

College. She is employed as a family service counselor at Cadillac Memorial Gardens in Westland.

Scott is the son of of Richard and Madeline Priebe of Livonia. He is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and Western Michigan University. He is employed as a senior financial analyst at Blue Care Network in Southfield.

Attending the bride was her sister, Suzanne Carosella, of Cleveland, OH as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were RoseMary Fowler, sister of the bride from Morgantown, WV; Alicia Harker, niece of the bride from Fairview, WV; Kayla Terlosky, niece of the bride from Fairmont, WV; Susan Wheeler, friend of the bride from Allston, MA; Lenay Derry, friend of the bride from Lakeside Park, KY; Ann Marie Pado, friend of the bride from Northville, MI and Breanna Carosella, niece of the bride from Cleveland, OH as junior bridesmaid.

Attending the groom was Steve Camilleri from Orlando, FL as best man. Groomsmen were Paul Tibaldi from Farmington Hills, Tim Priebe from Livonia, Tom Sutherland from Livonia, Paul Speccarotella from Royal Oak, Tom Salvato from Farmington Hills, Jon Licovski from Allen Park and Stephen Meister, nephew of the groom, from Canton as junior groomsman.

Isabelle Carosella, niece and godchild of the bride served as flower girl and Carmen Carosella, nephew of the bride, served as ring bearer, both of Cleveland, OH.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Richard Priebe took their honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico. They are making their new home in Canton.



Brey-Garza Mark Brey and Vanessa Garza were married April 16, 2005, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth before the Rev. Tom Belczak. An evening reception followed at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Vanessa is the daughter of Frederick and Julia Garza of Houston, Texas, formerly of Westland. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan. Mark is the son of

Brigitte Brey of Farmington and the late Donald Brey.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Mark Brey spent their honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico. They are making their new home in Plymouth.

ENGAGEMENT

Williams-Perrine

Walter Williams of Spring Hill, Tenn., and Elizabeth Larsen of Muskegon, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Williams, to Matthew Perrine of Gallatin, Tenn.

Jessica is a 2000 graduate of Fruitport High School in Michigan. She is a 2005 graduate of High Tech Institute, Nashville, Tenn., with a degree in radiology technology. She is employed at Occupational Health and Rehabilitation in Nashville. Her fiancé, Matthew, is



the son of James and Barbara Perrine of Canton. He is a 1994 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and received his bachelor of business administration degree from Northwood University. He is a systems technician with Corporate Gap in Gallatin, Tenn.

Matthew and Jessica are planning an October wedding at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Columbia, Tenn.

How to submit announcements

Local engagement, wedding anniversary and birth announcements run in the Sunday editions of the Eccentric. There is no

charge.. Residents of Canton and

Plymouth can send it to: Attn. Brides, the Observer, 794 South Main, Plymouth, MI 48170. For engagement announcements, please submit at least 45 days before the wedding.



By Dennis Fairchild

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

It's going to be an exciting bunch of weeks ahead for your goals, especially if you're the kind of Ram who believes you're destined for bigger and better things Now, with taskmaster Saturn in your fiery element, it's time to set your sights high and promise yourself that you won't give up.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

What you are told or discover early this week will give you all the information and ammunition you require to confront those who betraved your trust or spoke behind your back Don't pull your punches over personal issues or long-term financial interests now, Bull.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Don't rely on your own (probably-) distorted view now, Twin. You may be your own best friend, but you are also your worst enemy. People aren't intending to hold you back- they're simply lazy. Get back to being your own best friend. Pucker up and kiss the face in the mir-

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

The only thing that might hold you back with the Moon in your sign 'til Wednesday is a fear that you're not good enough. Logically, you know that this is irrational, but it will continue to haunt you until you do something about it. Stop thinking and start acting, MoonKid

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Although a reappraisal of a situation will reap immediate benefits: Think twice, Lion- you need to know why some are acting in a peculiar way before making any long-term decisions. With the Moon in your opposite element now, it's not the time to compromise your ideals.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

Brilliant planetary activity is turning the unlikely into the possible now. Beware, however, of overreacting to the suggestions of someone who is less committed to 'the cause.' Your own beliefs count more than those of someone whose

opinions are tainted by insecurity, kiddo.

tion For information about personal consultations, phone 1-248-546-6912 or email DenFairchild@aol.com.



LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

There will times this week when it seems as if you've been deserted. You'll wonder where your friends and family are when you need them. Perhaps it's the planets' way of telling you that you've been relying too heavily on the support of others? Be self-sufficient in the days ahead, Balancer

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Blame it on the weather or your ruling planet Pluto going direct soon, but as much as you are intrigued by confrontation, it's time to put a stop to the shenanigans of someone whose actions are more misguided than malicious. A calm reaction will serve you better than an emotional explosion, Scorp.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Even if you hate to say you're sorry, you'll find it easy to ask for forgiveness now. The planets don't think that you have too much to apologize for, mind you. Don't let others play on feelings of guilt, Archer Make amends ASAP, speak your peace and face front!

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

In the days ahead, there will be times when you feel like the proverbial square peg in the round hole and you won't seem to fit in, SeaGoat That doesn't mean that you're no longer wanted, but it does suggest that you have to rely more on yourself now rather than approval from others.

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

It's not like you to waste time looking back, but you seem to be doing a lot of that lately. This pre-autumn planetary setup urges you to stop thinking about what might have been and start thinking about what is going to be. No one expects you to do everything, so don't expect it of yourself.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

It's time to shed your illusions, look life in the eye and refuse to be intimidated, Fish. Don't worry- you won't have to do it all at once, nor will you have to do it alone. Saturn in fiery Leo and the Sun in your opposite element says that this is a challenging time, but you will succeed!

Dennis Fairchild is a Royal Oak astrologer and author of several books on divina-

Many worthy projects need teen volunteers

or the teen who complains about having nothing to do, some good causes would appreciate their

The Juvenile Diabetes



in 2005

Alice McCarthy Research Foundation's (JDRF) Walk to Cure Diabetes involves over 500,000 people at 200 Locations worldwide. Funds are raised by

individual and team walkers obtaining donations from family, friends, and neighbors. Monies are also raised through corporate sponsorship and the sale of JDRF paper sneakers at retail outlets. Last year, over

\$80 million was raised worldwide for diabetes research through JDRF's Walk program. In Southeast Michigan, the event welcomed over 14,000 people and raised \$1.8 million. This year's Walk to Cure Diabetes will take place on Sunday, Sept. 18, at the GM Tech Center in Warren and at

each location. Both sites will provide family entertainment, special attractions, as well as a light breakfast and lunch. There is no registration fee to participate;

Gallup Park in Ann Arbor. The

event will consist of a Walk at

however, participants are encouraged to raise pledges. To register for this year's Walk, please visit www.jdrf.org. JDRF anticipates this year's Walk to Cure D abetes in Southeast Michigan will raise \$1.9 million for diabetes research. Event proceeds will support research vital to find-

ing a cure for type 1 diabetes. Local sponsors include: Children's Hospital of Michigan, Comerica Bank, EDS, Ford Motor Company, General Motors Corporation, Health Alliance Plan, Henry Ford Health System, Lear Corporation, M-CARE, National City, Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital, The Ann Arbor News, and the Lions Club of Michigan.

The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation is dedicated to funding research to find a cure for juvenile diabetes, which strikes children suddenly, makes them insulin dependent for life, and carries the constant threat of devastating complications. Since its inception in 1970, JDRF has provided over \$800 million for diabetes research, more than any other nonprofit, non-governmental health agency in the

JDRF is also one of the most trusted and cost-efficient nonprofit organizations in the world-in a typical year, over 80 cents of every dollar raised goes directly to research and research education.

For more information contact Rita L. Combest, development Director, Special Events,

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 24359 Northwestern Highway, Suite 225, Southfield, MI, 48075, (248) 355-1133,

THE SRI LANKA **FOUNDATION**

rcombest@jdrf.org.

One more suggestion of a worthwhile cause in which to involve your teen: the Sri Lanka Foundation (866-999-0379). As Alissa Sears at **Christie Communications** (805-565-4122) reminds us, "Months have passed since the tsunami that devastated South East Asia, the majority of aid organizations having left, over 100,000 individuals are still suffering in tents along the coast of Sri Lanka. People around the world were shocked at the magnitude of devastation, upwards of 300,000 people perished and more than 1,000,000 were left homeless. Millions of Americans felt impelled to contribute, many traveled to South East Asia to offer their expertise, while across the nation, schools, businesses, and community groups rallied together to provide much needed assistance to the tsunami victims."

Sears describes the contribution of parents, faculty, and students at St. Paul School in Brooklandville, Maryland. These included Fun Nights for Families (\$5,000 raised), "dress down days,' Campbell Soup label collections, and bracelets with the fund name on them; \$10,000 in all has

The Sri Lanka Foundation has been at the forefront of relief efforts for the people of Sri Lanka following the devastation of the tsunami. Efforts to raise money and awareness have been continual during the past six months in order to speed the road to recovery for the country. For more information on the Sri Lanka Foundation and what you and your teen can do to help, please call (866) 999-0379 or visit their website at www.srilankafoundation.org.

Your teen and your school can match the efforts of St. Paul's school. Think of the good this will do for a devastated land and its people.

If you missed previous columns, you can access them

www.hometownlife.com/Livon ia/News.asp. Type "Alice R. McCarthy" under "Keyword Search" for a list of her most recent columns. Columns, written weekly, remain only a short time on this site. Last week's column was "When Parents Buy the Booze." All of her columns for the Observer Eccentric Newspapers are on www.bridge-comm.com.

Alice R. McCarthy, Ph.D., the mother of five professionals, is a national consultant in the areas of parent involvement in schools, curriculum writing in health, and health publications. She is the author of a widely used text and parenting book Healthy Teens: Facing the Challenges of Young Lives. Write to her in care of the

JOURNEY

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economic problems can't be solved by the old "rational" methods.

Rising gas prices, the growth of China's giant economy and the fierce demand for Michigan's water will create what Fleetham calls a "perfect storm for Michigan managers.

"The traditional fix of looking at these problems and analyzing those problems and giving them over to consultants, I don't think that works," Fleetham said.

Many intelligent, well-organized managers run into problems when they don't acknowledge their emotional concerns.

What unrational leadership does is strip away the denial and gives people energy to face the fear and leads them to be part of the solution instead of backing into denial. I wrote this for my kids, they need

something different," he said. Fleetham said the first thing

he does with clients is have them record their dreams. He said the Swiss psychiatrist Jung "legitimized" the unconscious and showed how important dreams are in understanding our emotions.

Dreams give us figures and information that we can use to solve practical problems," he said. Fleetham said he hopes his

book will be a complement to

Covey's best seller, giving managers another way to look their problems.

Fleetham includes some examples of business leaders who have benefited from his approach to leadership, including Russ Gronevelt, president of Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment Inc. of Livonia, a civil engineering firm, and Don Trim, co-founder of the engineering firm Wade-Trim Inc. of Plymouth.



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Everyone who pre-registers will receive a Remarkable Women Goodie Bag, plus, you can purchase raffle tickets toward a chance to win a brand new Chevy Malibu!* Winner will be drawn and announced at the event.

Standard tickets: \$50 individual, \$500 table of 10 Weight Watchers Member tickets: \$40 individual

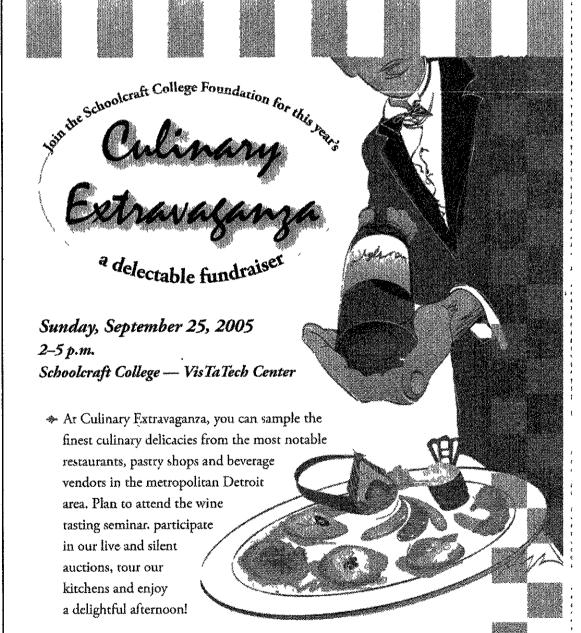
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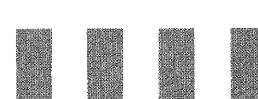


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AROUND TOWN

Crafters needed

Crafters needed for the 19th-annual Delta Kappa Gamma-West Middle School juried show Saturday, Oct. 15. The show will run from 9 a m -4 p.m. at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call Jan at 734-844-1707 or e-mail to theways@comcast.net

Sally Ride Festival

Join hundreds of girls in grades 5-8 for a day of science and socializing at the Sally Ride Science Festival on Saturday, Sept. 24 at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. The festival features a street fair with experiments, food, music, and fun; a chance to meet and listen to world famous ocean explorer, Sylvia Earle; and exciting workshops given by women ranging from veterinarians to aerospace engineers. The festival will take place in the Pierpont Commons Building (North Campus). The day begins at 11:00 a m. with check-in and the street fair, and ends at 4.15 p.m. The cost is \$18 in advance and includes lunch, and all festival activities and materials Advance registration is required. Teachers, parents and students can register, and learn more about the festival by visiting www SallyRideFestivals com or by call-

ing (800) 561-5161. Solo exhibition

Lawrence Street Gallery in Ferndale hosts a solo exhibition, "Linda Sterns Journeys," Aug. 30-Oct. 1, with an artist's reception set for 6-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2. Included in the mixedmedia solo show will be watercolor paintings and collages. For more information, call the gallery, (248) 544-0394 during gallery hours, noon-5 p m. Tuesday-Saturday. Lawrence Street Gallery is located at 22620 Woodward, Suite A in Ferndale

Celebrate Your Spirit Stellar-Gaia Alliances, a not-for-profit educational and research organization dedicated to expanding and empőwering spiritual consciousness, hosts its first "Celebrate Your Spirit" event at the Community Campus, 23023 Orchard Lake Road, just north of Grand River in Farmington. The Sept 10 event is "Celebrate Kids!" and focuses on learning how to support your children and your inner child. The event runs 11 a.m -6 p m, and is followed by the Happiness & Full-Bliss Chanting Band from 6-8 p.m. For more information, e-mail stellargaia@comcast.net, visit www.bodymindspiritguide.com or call (248) 478-2610

Outstanding women

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The YWCA of Western Wayne County is looking for nominations for its 14thannual YWCA Women of Achievement luncheon, scheduled for Oct. 27 at the Dearborn Inn. The luncheon recognizes outstanding women throughout western Wayne County. Keynote speaker is 2005 Woman of the Year Kathleen Ligocki, president and CEO of Tower Automotive. Women will be honored in the following categories: arts/communications, business/industry, government/law, professions, senior woman, volunteer service and young woman. Nominations are accepted by calling the YWCA Women of Achievement Department, (313) 561-4110 Deadline for nominations is Sept. 30. Tickets for the luncheon are \$40 per person.

Wine event

The wine event "Taste Michigan" takes place 6-8:30 p.m Wednesday, Nov. 16 to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation-Metro Detroit. The Royal Park Hotel at 600 E. University Drive, Rochester, will host the Annual "Taste Michigan" - A Wine Event with hors de' oeuvres, musical entertainment and silent auction. The cost is \$125 per person, which includes tasting of several different wines from Michigan wineries. Tasteful and creative hors de'oeuvres will be provided by The Royal Park Hotel, along with musical entertainment by Dr. Dave Bauer. This event also features an impressive silent auction, which will feature items from the tasting and other items Sponsorships are still available at several levels from \$500 to \$5,000. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets or sponsorships should call Jill Katynski at the CF Foundation (248) 269-8759.

Hospice volunteers

Arbor Hospice & Home Care announces volunteer training for anyone interested in providing care and companionship to patients and families facing the end-of-life. Volunteer classes will be held on five consecutive Tuesday evenings from 6-9 p m at the Ann Arbor office. Through this training course, volunteers are educated in providing comfort and support to families facing end-of-life issues. Attendees gain valuable knowledge and expertise including a basic understanding of hospice and palliative care, improved communication skills, active listening, identifying and respecting cultural differences, spirituality, as well as understanding the grief and healing process



Mama's Talkin' now boastin'

Northville's Piazza Dance Company captured first place and a \$500 cash prize for their musical theater tap routine, Mama's Talkin', in the junior division of the American Artistic Awards National Dance Competition in Sandusky, Ohio. Shown, from left, top row are Megan Ozimek, 11, Livonia; Abby Hunter, 12, Northville; Lauren Roumayah, 13, Northville; Melaina Yono, 13, Novi. The middle row, from left, shows Rachael Jarzembowski, 12, Northville; Gwynn Newton, (Mama), Plymouth; Tristen Asmann, 9, Novi; and Kaliana Basoukeas, 11, Northville. In the front row are Castille Asmann, 11, Novi, and Michelle West, 12, Northville.

Training takes place Sept. 13-Oct 11 (five weeks). The Ann Arbor office is located at 2366 Oak Valley Drive. To volunteer or for further information, contact Kappy Pennington, Director of Volunteer Services, at (734) 662-5999, Ext 143 or via e-mail at kpennington@arborhospice.org.

Genealogical society The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets at 7 p.m. Sept. 1 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 Grand River in Howell. Topic of the meeting will be "The Family History in Salt Lake City." It's the first of two presentations relating to Family History Library research. The event includes a help session at 6 p m For more information, call (810)

227-7745. **Stars Guitars**

Tickets are on sale for Stars Guitars, a

JANET LOUISE LEWIS-

Age 75, formerly of Birmingham, died

August 24, 2005 at her home in

Florida. Janet was born August 22,

rock-and-roll evening to benefit the Pediatric Cancer Survivor Scholarship Program at William Beaumont Hospital. The event takes place at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24 at the Shriners Auditorium and Conference Center, 24350 Southfield Road in Southfield. Admission is \$75 per person. Dress is business casual and the public is invited. For tickets adn general and sponsorship information, visit the Stars Guitars Web site at www.starsguitars.org or call Melissa Downey, (248) 541-4388.

Ferndale art show

The Ferndale Fine Art Show and Food Festival is set for Sept. 17-18 at 9 Mile and Woodward in Ferndale The show runs 10 a.m -8 p.m. Sept. 17 and noon-7 p.m. Sept 18. The juried show features 100 artists from around the country. For more information, call (734) 216-3958

'Pooh' on stage

The Marquis Theatre in Northville presents "Pooh and Friends" live on stage through Sept 25 Performances are scheduled Tuesdays through Fridays at 10 30 a m , Saturdays at 11.30 a.m. and 2 30 p m , and Sundays at 2:30 p m. Tickets for all performances are \$7.50 each; the theatre requests no children under 3 years old attend. For school reservations, birthday parties and group rates, call (248) 349-8110. The Marguis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main in downtown

Northville. Grief support series

Coping with the death of a loved one can be very difficult for many of us. Heartland Hospice offers a six-week series, "Living with Grief," from 4-5:30 p.m. beginning Thursday, Sept. 22 through Oct. 27. The series will be held at Heartland Healthcare Center in Ann Arbor and is open to anyone in the community. For more information or to register, contact bereavement coordinator Ann Christensen, (734) 973-1145.

Holiday craft show The 19th-annual Holiday Magic Craft Show at Leonard Elementary, 4401 Tailman in Troy (north of Wattles, west of Rochester Road) is set for Saturday, Nov 5 Admission is \$2. The family oriented, juried show is seeking crafters and artists, but doesn't or call (248) 689-6944.

via e-mail at patlarson@sbcglobal.net Cleary University's 12th annual Alumni edge of Ann Arbor. The tournament is open to the public. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Alumni Endowed Golf & Country Club is located at 5200 Polo Fields Dr. (off Zeeb Road between Liberty and Jackson). package, including golf and dinner, is some. There is a 10% discount off golf registration for currently enrolled Cleary University students and alumni who are new to the outing. Sponsorship and underwriting opportunities are also available. The dead-2005 Cleary Classic is expected to sell mailing Lisa Dodge at 800/686-1883 or Idodge@cleary.edu

cardiac services at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia takes place Friday,

Oct 14 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The gala includes dinner, a fashion show and dancing to the music of Rare Blend. Doors open at 6 p.m. for cocktails, dinner is at 7 p.m. The fashion show, dancing and entertainment run 8:30 p.m.-midnight. Guest tickets are \$75 per person until Sept. 15, after which they cost \$100 per person. VIP tickets are \$150, and tables of 10 are available. For more information, call (734) 655-2907.

Tai chi classes

Tai Chi beginner classes for health improvement are offered by the Taoist Tai Chi Society of Michigan, a non-profit charitable organization, starting the week of Sept. 5 Classes are held at 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday in Livonia at 38121 Ann Arbor Road (1 mile East of I-275). Classes are also available in Detroit, Garden City and Bloomfield Hills Morning and afternoon classes are also available. Registration is \$20 and monthly dues are \$40 Pre-registration is not required. For further information, please call (248) 332-1281 or visit our Web site at

www.taotaichi.org Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, Livingston and western Wayne counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting, patient transport/patient outings, errand running, grief support and clerical services. Volunteer training begins Aug. 16 Contact Ann Christensen, volunteer coordinator, for more information on winter training classes at (888) 973-1145.

Senior screening

Everyone is at risk for falling, but for more than one older adult every hour, the results are deadly. In 2001, more than 11,600 people age 65 and older died from fall-related injuries. To help seniors stay healthy at home, the Visiting Nurse Association Home Support Services is offering "FALLS FREE," a complimentary in-home falls prevention program to individuals age 65 and older who are residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. "FALLS FREE" examines the key areas that put individuals at risk for falls. The program includes an hourlong visit by a registered nurse who will examine factors that may put you at risk for falls including home environment, vision, muscle strength and medications. A sedentary lifestyle, multiple medications, visual impairment or an unsafe home environment can increase the likelihood of falling by 78 percent. To reduce your risk for falling, call Visiting Nurse Association Home Support Services today for your appointment at (800) 882-5720, Ext. 8755

Walk for Diabetes

Help the ADA take an important step in beating diabetes as part of America's Walk for Diabetes, America's Walk is the premier event of the American Diabetes Association and will be held Saturday, Sept. 24 at Belle Isle and Stony Creek Metropark, and Sunday. Sept. 25 at Kensington and Lake Erie metroparks. Funds raised are used toward diabetes research, advocacy, programs and events. For information or to register, call (888) DIABETES or visit www.diabetes.org.

Host families needed

Learn about a foreign culture without leaving home. Host families are needed for high school students arriving in Michigan from all parts of the world. Your family can be the key to giving an American experience to an outstanding young person who is very excited about coming to the United

States. If you would like more information or have any questions, call Linda Leedy at (248) 349-5599.

Madonna golf

Madonna University hosts its 10thannual Golden Classic Scholarship Golf Outing Friday, Sept. 16 at the Links of Novi, 50395 Ten Mile Rd The outing's schedule of events: 10 a.m., a free Golf Clinic (featuring PGA Pros Bob Percey, Nick Kouba and Gary Whitener); 11:30 a m., Lunch; 12:15 p.m., Shotgun Start (best ball, scramble format); 5 p.m., Cocktail Hour with a Live Auction (featuring a vacation to the Providenciales Island in the Turks and Câicos Islands, British West Indies; fine jewelry; dinners; and more); 6:15 p.m., Dinner with Awards and a Silent Auction. The event offers a variety of prizes including three hole-in-one cars; trips; a Rolex watch, premium gift giveaways; and other awards. Also, a scholarship raffle drawing will have a cash prize of \$3,000, a seven-day Charlevoix vacation, a sapphire and diamond ring and an overnight stay in the Presidential Suite at Embassy Suites in Livonia. "Early Birdie" registration received before Aug. 1 enters players into a drawing for golf for four at the Tournament Players Club (TPC) and golf at Wabeek Country Club A foursome is \$700 and individual players are \$175. After Aug. 1, the cost for golf and dinner for a foursome is \$800; for individual players, golf and dinner is \$200. Dinner alone is \$50 per person. Sponsorship opportunities are available, ranging from \$150 to \$15,000. For more information, call Rose

Golf outing

Kachnowski at (734) 432-5421.

Project Compassion Ministries, Inc., a not-for-profit organization enriching the quality of life for Nursing Home Residents, holds its 18th-annual golf benefit Monday, Aug. 8, with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start at Fox Hills, 8768 N. Territorial in Plymouth. Registration fee for golf, cart & hot luncheon is \$125, with an early bird rate of \$115 for registrations received by July 8. Students may register for \$75 and luncheon only registration is \$30. There will be a putting contest and a silent auction of theater passes, golf packages, etc. PCM is also seeking hole sponsors (\$200), donations of gifts, funds and additional auction items for this event. For a brochure or for more information, call the Project Compassion Ministries' office at (313) 897-7470 or (800) 626-9622

Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call our office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services. provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhopecenter.net.

CLUBS

Rotary A.M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Tim Phillips, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., via email at tim@phillipshq.com or call (734) 451-8267.

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped. for the important task of mothering. We present speakers on child & family issues, have small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Childcare is provided.

We meet at Plymouth Baptist Church (42021 Ann Arbor Trail) on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at 734-207-0658 or resha@juno.com

Moms Club

Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth offers a variety of activities. For more details, call Birthe (734)458-8143 or Martina (734)464-0481.

DAR

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter-Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August A group with ancesters who fought in American Revolution, Members participate in community work involving veteran's hospitals, schools and community service. Call 734-420-2775 for further information.

German/American Club of Plymouth Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth. Call Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857 for further information.

American Legion

Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p m All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information.

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MARY "GINNY" BAKALAR 68, of Southfield, entered into eternal rest August 23, 2005. She is the loving wife of 41 years to Francis and mother to Bernie, Susan, and Nicole. Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, August 27th. at St. Michael Catholic Church in Southfield. Burial followed at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. A full obituary with on-line condolences is at: www.haleyfuneraldirectors.com Arrangements entrusted to:





BESSIE BARBER

Bessie was in the Redford Twp community for over 50 years, Age 88 passed away on August 23, 2005. Wife of the late James L.. Mother of Dr. James L. (Prudy) & Judie (George) Coon. Grandmother of James D Barber & Michelle Guerra, Sandy Coon & Casey Byrnes. Great-grandmother of Jerry & Samantha Baugh, Ben & Moe Coon, Kevin & Tynan Byrnes & Elena & Laura Guerra, Also leaves many step grandchildren & step great-grandchildren. Sister of George ivkovich, Mildred McConnell & Ruby Devitt. Dear friend of Larry Setter. Visiting Thursday 3-9 00 pm, Eastern Star Service 7:00 pm, Service Friday 11am at Charles Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly (between 6-7 Mile) Interment Cadillac West.

PHILLIP G. MOODY

August 16, 2005 Age 55 of Lake Orion. Beloved husband of Deborah of 16 years Loving father of Christina Groninger of Lake Orion. Grandfather of Griffin and Delaney. Dear son of Ruth Moody of Birmingham and the late Robert Moody Also survived by his father-in-law Floyd Lewis of Bloomfield Hills and the late Kathleen Lewis. Mr. Moody owned and operated a Landscape Company called PG Moody & Co. Funeral services were private. Memorial contributions may be directed to ITL Cancer Clinic Grand Bahamas C/O Deborah Moody, 260 O'Connor, Lake Orion, MI 48362. Arrangements entrusted to Lake Orion Chapel of the Sparks-Griffin Funeral Home



BARBARA JANE LUNDGREN

Our dear Mother and Grandmother, Barbara Jane Lundgren, died August 4th with her entire family by her side. Gram, as she was known to her family, didn't have any grand titles but she was truly the spirit of our family. She was open to new "idears" and liked to laugh, drive fast, travel, explore nature, sleep on the screenedin porch and splurge on her loved ones with her "mad money." Known as Gram for good reason, she was the best grandparent her grandchildren: Rich, Erika and Reid could have wished for and she also adored the newest member of the family; her great-grandchild Oliver. Originally hailing from Lexington, Massachusetts, she always loved the ocean and some of her best times were spent at her beach house in Florida Her home was very special to her and she took pride in filling it with fond memories of family and travel. Barb possessed the rare combination of physical beauty and a kind heart, neither of which were lost on those who knew her. Robert Lundgren, Barb's husband of 60 years, mentioned shortly before he passed in February that his wife had been the "light of his life." After a brief stint in San Francisco, Bob and Barb settled In Michigan where they raised their three daughters; Sherry, Sandy and Sue. A tremendously energetic woman, she was very active in her children's lives and gave back to the community through her volunteer service at St. Joseph's Hospital. Though Bloomfield Hills was always home, upon retirement they spent winters in Florida and a few years ago moved to Scottsdale, Arizona to be near their daughters and their son-inlaw Harry. Any person who came into contact with Barb was changed for the better and Christmas will never be



the same

1930, in Detroit. She was a graduate of Redford High School, class of 1949, and remained active in the alumni association until her death. After high school, sne went to work for the Ernst Kern Co. Department Store where she worked her way up from secretary to Richard Kern, to assistant sportswear buyer. Armed with the valuable experience she gained at the Kern Co., Janet was hired by former Detroit personality, Louis J. Gordon, as a sales representative for White Stag Sportswear. Eventually, the White Stag Company hired her directly as their sales rep for the state of Michigan where she thrived until 1972. Janet was a real pioneer in the women's work force since the 1950's In 1959, Janet married Paul F. Scallen and in 1965, they had a daughter, Lisa Marie, whom she considered a "dream come true". After a 10 year marriage, they divorced. In 1971, she married Robert D. Gwynn, formerly of Birmingham. Together, they opened a fine women's clothing store called Nell Gwynn, which Janet ran for 7 years. After it closed, she went to work for their men's clothing store, Gwynn's. In 1989, Janet and Bob retired to Pompano Beach, Florida, where she became very active in the Republican Party for which she received many awards and accolades. She ran for and was elected to the office of precinct committee person by 7%. She was also appointed to the Parks and Recreation Board as well as the Education Advisory Board of Pompano Beach After a 25 year mar-riage, Janet and Bob divorced and she moved to Melbourne, Florida to start fresh and live a quiet life. She considered it great country living. Janet was a very ambitious, artistic woman with many diverse talents. She excelled in every endeavor she undertook. She loved entertaining and was known by her friends and family as a great cook Janet loved working with stained glass and needlepoint and made many lovely things. She had a special passion for gardening, especially her beautiful oses which she cultivated and cared for until her death. Janet lived her life to the fullest. Everything she did, she did with great passion. She was an accomplished businesswoman, an artist, a political activist and most mportantly, a wonderful mother. Janet will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Janet is survived by her daughter, Lisa Marie Miller (nee Scallen) of Lafayette, CO, sister, Beverly Jane Powell of Villa Rica, GA, 1 niece, 2 nephews, 2 step-children and former husbands, Paul Scallen and Robert D. Gwynn. She is preceded in death by her parents. Inez and Charles C Lewis. Funeral from St Alan Church, 2345 Coolidge, Troy, Monday, August 29th, at 11am Friends may visit at the church beginning at 10:30am. Visitation at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Road (between

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631047, Baltimore, MD 21263-1047.

need jewelers. Cost is \$50 per space, food is available. Contact Pat Larson Cleary golf outing & Friends Golf Outing will be held Monday, Sept. 12, at the Polo Fields Golf & Country Club on the western and the Joyce Mutch Endowed Scholarships, Registration and bag drop-off begins at 9 a.m., followed by a shotgun start at 11 a.m. and an awards dinner at 4 p.m. Polo Fields cost of the Cleary Classic golf outing \$150 per person and \$600 per fourline for registration is Sept 1. The out, so reserve early by calling or e-Circle of Hope 14-15 Mile Rds.) Saturday, 5-8pm and Sunday 3-8pm. Interment in Sydney The Circle of Hope Gala benefitting Cemetery, Greenville, Michigan.

UNITED WAY

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Since August 2004, he helped build another 66 ramps dismantled four and from those rebuilt three. Helwig estimates "a ramp might initially cost \$2,500," the second time around only \$600. The ramps remain the property of the Ray West Memorial project which is named after the dedicated labor liaison. who helped build about 120 ramps over the past 10 years. West died of cancer June 10.

"You do anything you can to make someone's life easier," said Helwig. "I've seen the difference it's made. People have joined a church after they got out of their house. It can mean something as simple as being able to go to the corner store. One woman blossomed from 150 pounds to over 300 pounds because she couldn't get out of her house and now needs dialysis. I've had people come out on ramps and went to mentor youths. One lady started teaching piano and a fellow taught kids to lift weights."

Helwig praises volunteers like Mark Trosclair for helping people with disabilities to regain independence. Trosclair, as manager of Best Buy store No. 403 in Westland, rounded up 16 of his employees to build a ramp in Inkster for Mary Donald, a woman who's been wheelchair bound since undergoing spinal fusion surgery three years ago. Best Buy works with United Way to raise donations from employees during its annual Torch Drive. Last year they raised over \$5 mil-

"Our employees volunteered on their days off," said Trosclair. "They donate money every month to local charities like the Great Lakes Burn Camp for children. We believe in giving back to families and

We had a great time doing the build. The greatest part was seeing Mary's face.

Michael Brennan became involved with United Way 20 years ago because he believes in helping others. Today, he's president and CEO of United Way for Southeastern Michigan.

"My parents were always of service. My dad has dedicated his life as a minister and we were always volunteering at church or in the community at large. My parents were always involved," said

Brennan who grew up in Farmington.
"Days of Caring is a chance for all of us in the community to participate in helping others. We have individuals say they can't give financial resources but can give time. In many ways the Days of Caring is a giant orientation to volunteerism. Some individuals have never volunteered. It's a chance for them to participate and volunteer in the commu-

For more information about volunteering for Days of Caring, call (313) 226-9430 or visit the Web site at

www.uwsem.org. If you can't volunteer Sept. 9-10, United Way offers opportunities all year round. The staff will even design a project especially for you. Corporations and businesses, service organizations, faithbased and youth groups, families and

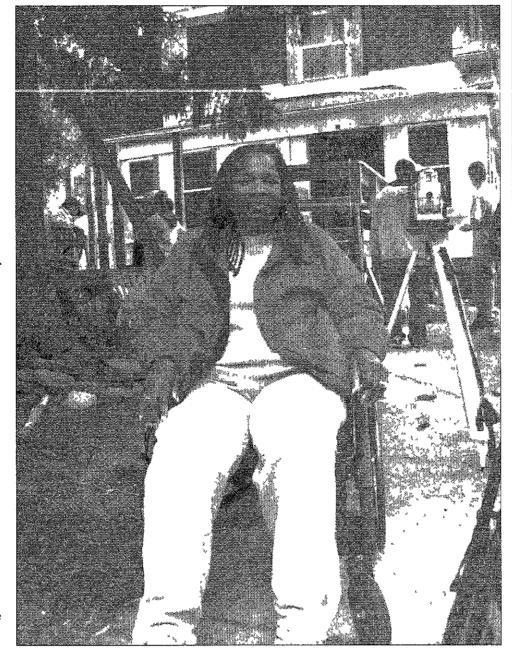
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Sixteen employees from the Best Buy store in Westland work to complete a wheelchair ramp for Mary Donald of Inkster. Donald became paralyzed from the chest down after undergoing spinal fusion surgery 3-years ago.

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individuals are invited to join in the community-wide call to action.

The Torch Drive Campaign, which kicks off with a lighting ceremony on Sept 9 and ensity x n >> hop sto raise sor a mison the venill in a goes to fund programs for organizations and nonprofit agencies such as First Step based in Plymouth, the ARC of Northwest Wayne County, YWCA of Western Wayne County, Karmanos Cancer Institute, and Children's Hospital of Michigan, to name a few.

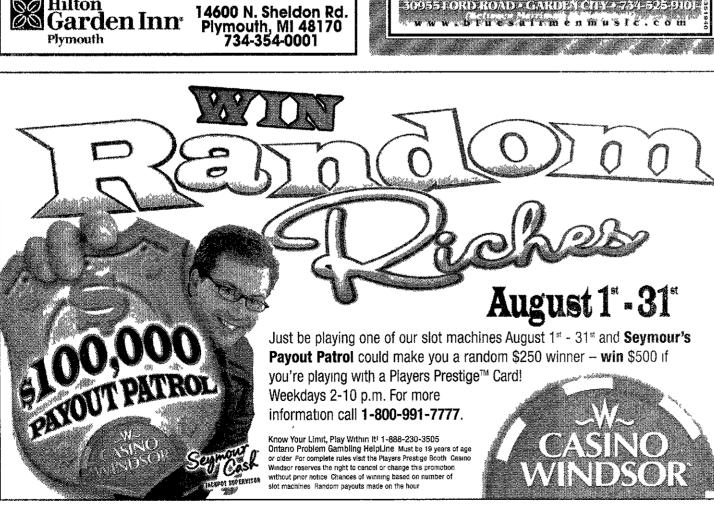
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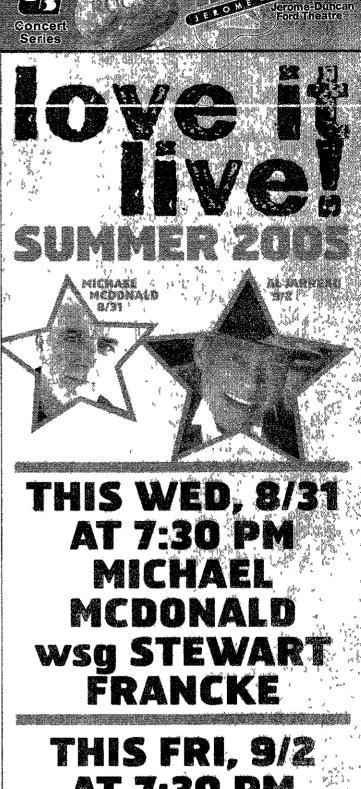




Best Buy employee Peter Naroup saws wood for the ramp.

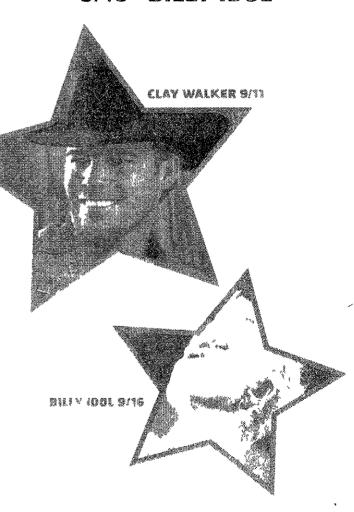






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Tips to prevent Alzheimer's

Carl from Rochester Hills e-mails asking for a strategy to make it less likely for him to get Alzheimer's, even though it runs in his family. Carl, did you know nearly five million Americans currently suffer from Alzheimer's? By the year 2050 that number is expected to increase by at least 10 to 15 million! Here are some tips to help keep you from becoming part of that frightening

First, control your blood pressure. Untreated hypertension can increase the chances of dementia. A good way to do this is the "dash diet" and regular use of your high blood pressure medication. Next, prevent and control the two types of diabetes. There is strong evidence that the damage done to blood vessels by diabetes can trigger Alzheimer's. In addition, use cholesterol lowering medications. High cholesterol will lead to hardening of the arteries and then to the kind of brain plaque that is typical in Alzheimer's patients. At the same time, try to raise your body's levels of HDL, the good cholesterol. Tests have shown that subjects with the highest HDL levels performed best on cognitive tests. For more information on Alzheimer's prevention, it's best to talk to your doctor. Don't forget that plenty of exercise and the right foods are the key to good health!

Sharon from Novi e-mails telling about the history of hypertension (or high blood pressure) in her family and asks for tips on natural ways to prevent

this dangerous health condition. Sharon, new research from Harvard may hold the answers you're looking for. They have found that folate, a B vitamin, may help lower high blood pressure. Folate is found in several kinds of everyday foods. It's most abundant in leafy green vegetables, produce, fortified cereals, and whole grains. Researchers also have been investigating and tracking 150,000 subjects for eight years. All of the test subjects were women under the age of 45. They found that women getting at least 1,000 micrograms of folate per day cut their hypertension risk by up to 46 percent! Women over the age of 45 cut their risk by an average of 18 percent. In order to hit your goal of 1,000 micrograms you'll need to take a good supplement. Talk to a nutritionist. If you have a question, e-mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com. Catch Peter daily on WDIV-NBC 4 & WWJ News Radio 950. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield



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Extreme makeover

Family goes the distance to regain health

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

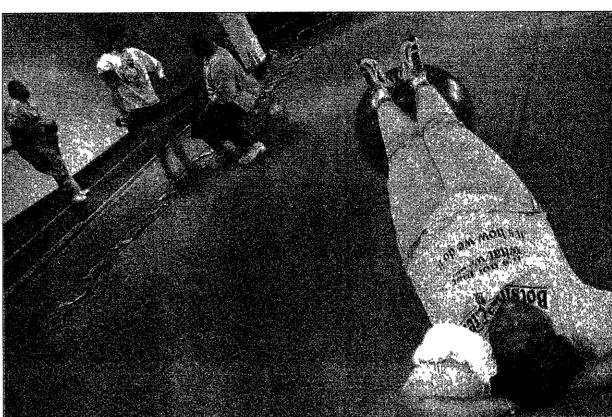
Monica Pagels was watching one of the reality TV shows when her thoughts turned to health. An exercise physiologist at Botsford Center for Health Improvement, Pagels enjoys assisting patients with rehabilitation but what if she could take a family struggling to regain their overall health and give them a fitness makeover.

After sending out fliers to announce a contest, Pagels sat down to the task of choosing a family - then Gail Taylor called from her Southfield home anxious to find out if she, husband Gary and 12-year-old son Jaleel were in the running.

Motivation is key to weight loss. Pagels could tell from the phone call that Taylor was serious about trimming down. The working mother had tried before to lose weight but was unsuccessful. This time would be different. All three members needed help. Their combined body weight totaled over 1,000 pounds and it was affecting their health. Gary at age 36 is an insulin-dependent diabetic and Gail, 35, and Jaleel have high blood pressure. On her application, Gail wrote Jaleel wants to play football but is too heavy.

'CHANGE THEIR LIFE'

"I thought can you imagine what would happen if we could change their life," said Pagels. "We had a lot of great applications. They all touched us. Once they did it was difficult to let those other families go, so we decided to offer them a four-week introductory



TOM HOPEMEYER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Gail Anderson-Taylor works on some abdominal exercises while her husband, Gary Taylor, works on squats at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement as part of their makeover. Their 12-year-old son, Jaleel, takes to the barbells.

program including 30 minutes of exercise one day a week and a session with the dietitian to change their eating habits."

Pagels and registered dietitian Denise Holmes created a more intense program for the Taylors. For the next three months the family would visit the center three times a week to exercise, and meet with Holmes to learn about fixing healthy meals and snacks. The center is certified through SHAPE-DOWN (TM), a nationally recognized family-based weight loss program developed by faculty at the University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine. It focuses on nutrition, exercise and behavioral changes.

"They're today's working family.

It's go go go from the time they get up in the morning. They don't have time to make a sensible meal from scratch," said Holmes. "I was talking to the family last week and told them it's not just up to the mom to go to the grocery store. They have to go choose fruits and vegetables they'll eat. They need to eat a variety of food in moderation and eat as naturally as you can, fresh fruits first then frozen, vegetables, whole grains, lean meats. I recommend people start with Quick & Healthy, a cookbook with basic recipes, not a lot of exotic

CARDIOVASCULAR EXERCISE

Along with learning to eat healthy the Taylors began with 15 to 20 minutes of cardiovascular exercise then added five minutes per week. They're now up to 30 minutes or more. Gary has lost 18 pounds and regained control of his blood sugar. Gail's lost seven pounds, Jaleel less than 10, since beginning the program on July 6. Pagels rates their fatigue and pain levels for each session in addition to monitoring heart rates. Gary suffers from asthma and knee pain so walking on a treadmill is difficult, but he overcame the pain by starting out slowly.

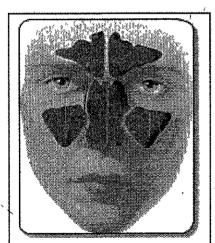
"They begin to want to push themselves harder," said Pagels. "We don't rush it. We want them

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This fall, take first step toward regaining health

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

The Botsford Center for Health Improvement, a total rehabilitation and athletic conditioning facility offers fitness programs for anyone wanting to regain their health. While physicians are referring many of their patients, individuals are signing up as well. Women who want to learn about weight management can attend a two-week session with Monica Pagels, an exercise physiologist; registered dietitian Denise Holmes and Dr. Marsha Billes, a family practice physician. The workshop is presented by the center and city of Farmington Hills 5:30-7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19 and 26, at the Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills.

"On Sept. 19 we'll concentrate on what is a healthy body weight, what is lean body mass and fat weight," said Monica Pagels. "It's not just pounds on the scale that determines a healthy weight. We're going to measure people's body mass with skin fold calipers. On Sept. 26 we'll be talking about

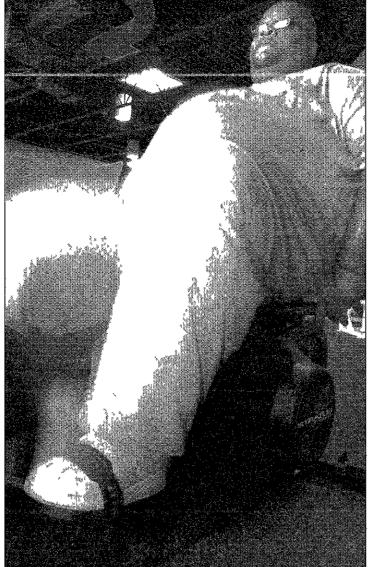
achieving healthy body weight." The cost for the Women's Health Workshop on Weight Management is \$10 residents, \$12 non-residents. For more information, call (248) 473-1830.

Or take advantage of the free Women's Health and Fitness Day 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, at Botsford Center for Health

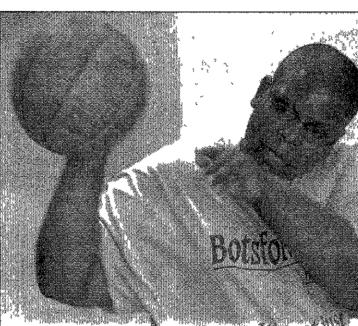
Improvement, 39750 Grand River in Novi. Ask questions of an expert panel consisting of a dietitian, cardiac and diabetes nurse, Pagels, and Dr. Adrienne Stanley, an OB/GYN who will give a lecture on weight gain and hormonal changes. A variety of activities will be available from cooking demonstrations and taste tests, to free screening for blood pressure, blood sugar and body fat. There will be a \$10 fee for cholesterol screening. Fasting is recommended for anyone

cholesterol screening. Free mini-classes of yoga, pilates and strength training can help individuals choose the exercise program right for them. For more information, call (248) 473-5600.

wishing to take advantage of



Gary Taylor does a few miles on the bike during his family's workout program at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement.



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to associate exercise with a positive feeling. Jaleel loves basketball and we found that's a great way to motivate him. We put on his favorite music. It's important not to get caught up in traditional exercise modes. The programs are individualized. Gail is working on core strengthening. Women have to think about bone den-

"The different types of exercises make it interesting," said Gail Taylor, who leaves her job as a project leader for EDS in downtown Detroit, picks up Gary and Jaleel in Southfield then comes to the center. Gary works as a special education teacher for Detroit Public ing back to the classroom. That means on many nights they eat late so Gail changed her work hours to start at 6:30 a.m. and prepares meals the day before so they can eat earlier.

"We put other things ahead of this and now we're putting ourselves ahead," said Gail. "That's how we got off track."

Gary was a defensive end at Central State University in Ohio and was constantly weight training but gradually quit over the years. Gail rides an exercise bike at home but didn't do it all the time. She and Gary met in college where she burned calories walking across campus. They gradually gained weight over their 13 years of marriage.

ADJUSTING RECIPES

"I like to bake but now I'm learning to adjust recipes," said Gail. "I love ice cream but now buy no-sugar Popsicles. We're eating a lot more fish and skinless chicken breasts, a lot more fruits and vegetables. I did have high cholesterol for about 1/2 years. My main goal is to stop taking medications."

"Losing weight is important for health," said Jaleel, a student at Thompson Middle School in Southfield. "I learned pizza is not healthy for you."

"The goal is to become healthy," said Gary. "I gave up the filet of fish sandwich and order a salad instead. I'm staying away from pizza until I can handle it."

Gail is steaming vegetables like broccoli and stocking the kitchen with apples, plums, grapes, peaches, and nectarines from Eastern Market. She's using fat free refried beans to make dip. With six weeks to go, the program seems to be work-

"I just wrote a letter to their physicians and we're thinking they're right on track," said Pagels. "They're very motivated and haven't missed a session. Jaleel and Gary are going back to school and working with Denise to fix healthy lunches. It's important that they eat enough food throughout the day so they have the energy to exercise. Denise helped Jaleel

learn how to make dip for vegetables so he's not reaching for a bag of chips when he walks in the door.

"But we want to focus away from food and sedentary activities. Families can be together not just at the dinner table or in front of the TV. My 2/2-yearold daughter already understands her parents are active. She sees us in our running clothes. It looks like part of a lifestyle.

Botsford Center for Health Improvement is at 39750 Grand River in Novi. The center is part of the Botsford Health Care Continuum including the general hospital in Farmington Hills For more information, call (248) 473-5600 or visit www.botsfordsystem.org.

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Walk for women's cancer

The National Arab-American Medical Association and the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute are teaming up for the Walk for Women's Cancer 8-11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 28, at the Detroit Zoo, 8450 West 10 Mile, Royal Oak Registration is \$10 for adults and children over 13 years of age, and \$5 for children 12 and under. Parking for the event is free. NAAMA's annual walk raises public support and awareness for all women's cancers including ovarian, cervical, vaginal and breast cancer. The goal is to celebrate those lives saved from the disease, and to remember those who lost their battle with cancer.

Cancer prevention cooking Classes run 6:30-8:30 p.m Mondays through Aug 29, at Whole Foods Market, 3135 Washtenaw at Huron Parkway, Ann Arbor, No charge, To register, call (734) 975-4500. Each class centers on important cancer-nutrition topics as local chef Jan Kemp guides students through the preparation of tasty and easy-to-prepare recipes For information about Cancer Prevention & Survival Cooking Classes, visit www.CancerProject.org, or call (202) 244-5038.

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Of Broe Rehabilitation Services Inc. located in Farmington Hills is opening membership to volunteers from our community. The choir is comprised of men and women recovering from traumatic brain injuries. Volunteers with or without disabilities are welcome as singers or helpers. Good singing ability not required On Aug. 28, the choir performs at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral for Cardinal Adam Maida in an 11 a m. Mass for people with disabilities. The event is free. Call (248) 474-BROE for details

2-8 p.m Monday, Aug 29, at the Boca VFW Post 9885, 6440 North Hix, between Ford and Warren roads, Westland, to schedule an appointment, call (734) 728-3231 or (734) 377-8329.

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The Doctor's Speakers Bureau sponsors "Alternatives to Vioxx/Celebrex and Naproxin: Treating Arthritis with 📆 Natural Medicine for the New Millennium" 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 29, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777, Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. Guest speaker is Dr. William H, Karl, DC, a nutrition expert with over 25 years experience. Seating limited. Reserve your place now. Call (734) 425-8588.e Free seminar

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The hydroxyapatite can create its own inflammation, you feel it as pain and swelling The inflammation causes the toe to swell and look exactly like a gout attack. That the problem is an irritated sesamoid bone and not gout becomes clear to your doctor when he finds you had no previous gout or family history of gout, and that the pain was associated with walking or a tight shoe.

Your doctor will also note that on examining the great toe, your pain is on the bottom or side of the foot, not on the top of the joint. In gout the pain is always on the top side of the first big toe joint. Steroid injection at the site of pain is the treatment of choice for sesamoiditis. That procedure resolves the pain in hours.

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National Dog Week is a great time to recognize the role dogs play in enriching the lives of so many people. You can join in the Salute by placing a photo of your pet and your sentiments on The Observer & Eccentric's special page devoted to our lovable pets. This page will be published on Sunday, September 18th.

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- 1. "Lifeguard," James Patterson
- 2. "The Historian,"
- Elizabeth Kostova
- 3. "Sweetwater Creek."
- Ann Rivers Siddons 4. "The Interruption of
- Everything," Terry McMillan
- 5. "Double Tap," Steve Martini

NON-FICTION

1. "New Rules," Bill Maher

2. "1776," David McCullough 3. "100 People Who Are Screwing Up America," Bernard Goldberg 4. "The World is Flat,"

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REUNIONS

Avondale

Class of 1965 Avondale High School will have its 40year reunion on Sept. 10, 2005, at 6:30 p.m aboard the Clinton Friendship Boat in Mt. Clemens. Cost is \$55/person. Dinner, dancing and a 4-hour cruise. For more information, contact (248) 334-7021 or email mikeardelean@msn.com.

Bentley High School

Class of 1955 A 50-year reunion is planned for 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8, 2005, at the Italian American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia, Contact Susan (Wilson) Gibson (727) 480-5561, George Calder: georgecalder@comcast.net, Barbara Tresh Coscarelly: coscarb@mailresa.net, Gay (Schaffer) Swallow (248) 349-2985, or Kathleen (Whyatt) Lawson (248) 344-9570.

Berkley High School

Class of 1965 A 40-year reunion will be Sept. 17, 2005, at the Berkley American Legion Hall For more information, contact Sharon (Reemsnyder) Reich (248) 557-3182 or savreich@aol.com

Birmingham High School

Class of 1955 A 50-year reunion will be Sept. 22-23, 2005, at the Radisson Kingsley Inn. Bloomfield Hills. Contact Nancy Yarnell Schutte at (248) 646-0235 or nys1937@comcast.net

Bishop Borgess

Class of 1985 A 20-year reunion is planned for Friday, Nov. 25, 2005, at the Novi Sheraton. For details, contact Dean Lundberg at (734) 718-2720 or dlundberg@comcast net.

Central High Class of 1946

A 60-year reunion is planned for June 4, 2006, at Glen Oaks Country Club. Both January and June classmates will celebrate over dinner and dancing. January grads contact Al Weiss (248) 737-9313 or Esther Bornstein (248) 851-6625. June grads contact Barbara Keidan 9248) 646-7199 or Saul Saulson (248) 932-5177.

Clarenceville

Classes 1944-1957 The Clarenceville Gala Reunion No. 4 will be 6 p.m. on Oct. 1, 2005, at the Holiday Inn, 17123 N. Laurel Park Dr., Livonia. For more information call Russ Robitaille at (517) 655-3183 or email: robiee@aol.com. Class of 1975

A 30-year reunion is in the planning

stages. Contact Bob Sheets (248) 437-9131, BKS1957@aol.com: Cori Cann (Barach) (248) 960-8910, canladv441@comcast.net: Tim Preville (248) 478-0212, ltpreville@hotmail.com; or Barb Resetar (Hill) (248) 478-2004,

babs357@sbcglobal.net. Class of 1985 A 20-year reunion is planned for Sept 10, 2005, Contact Carrie Summers

(Tripsansky) at (248) 478-5261.

Clawson High School Class of 1955

A 50-year reunion is being planned. For more information, call Barbara or Warner at (248) 435-4351 or e-mail wiseppi@wideopenwest.com.

Cody High School Class of 1965-1966

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mackie95@yahoo.com. **Cooley High School**

Class of 1950/1951 A 55-year reunion is planned on the weekend of Sept. 23-25, 2005. For information call Don Right at (734) 421-3150.

Class of 1955

A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 17, 2005. For more information, contact Penny Mertz Howley at (248) 553-2195. Dearborn High School

Class of 1965

A 40-year reunion is planned for Oct. 1, 2005, at Dearborn Country Club. For more information contact Judy at (313) 563-0714.

Denby High School Class of 1975

A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 5, 2005, at Zuccaro's Holiday House, 20400 South Nunneley (S.W corner of Metro Parkway and Groesbeck), Clinton Township, (586) 791-7760. Cocktails at 6:30, strolling dinner from 7:30-9:30, DJ. Attire: after five - no leans. Send check to Linda Bahr, 632 Lochmoor Blvd., Grosse pointe Woods, MI 48236, For information call (313) 881-0920. Class of 1965

A 40-year reunion is planned for Oct. 22, 2005. For more information, call Nancy (Horn) Catalogna at (248) 332-7438 or e-mail: toBbytheC@msn.com. Class of 1955

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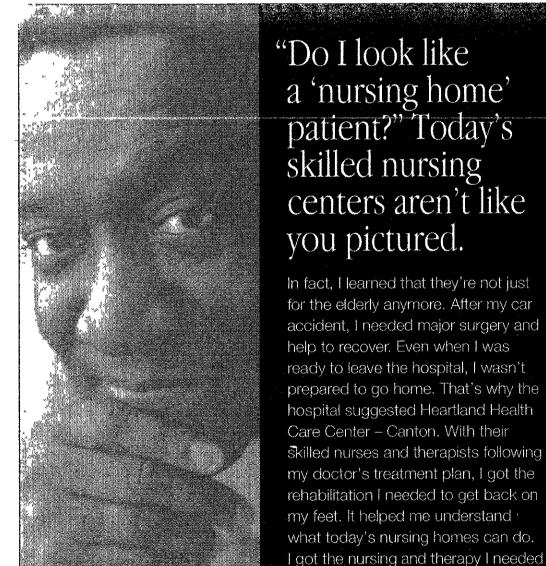
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Detroit Redford

Class of 1955 A 50-year reunion is planned for the January and June classes for Sept. 22-23, 2005, at the Double Tree Hotel in Novi. For more information, contact Carolyn Roberts Hartwig, 27851 Cranteigh, Farmington Hills 48336 or RHS1955Reunion@aol.com.

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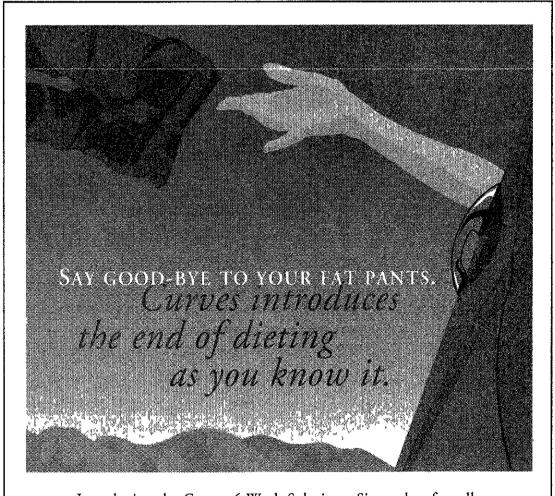
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High Wire Girls venture into Novi

■ By Anna Foard Whidden

igh Wire Girls is a must-see shop in Royal Oak that carries an eclectic mix of accessories, home décor, trendy clothes and more that will have you buying gifts for friends, family and yourself before leaving. Owned by friends Kara Laramie and Lisa Groth, the shop has been a huge success since opening its doors in March 2002.

The business venture began when Laramie started fashioning accessories out of old costume jewelry her grandmother had given her.

Now the two "high wire girls" are preparing to open their second store in Novi mid-September.

PINK sat down with them recently to find out how the former stay-at-home mothers turned a hobby and passion into a successful business.

How did High Wire Girls come to be?

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Kara Laramie: I started making eyeglass cords for my sunglasses [out of grandmother's jewelry.] I was selling these eyeglass cords like hot cakes. I dabbled in shows, did home shows. Then I met Lisa at [my children's] play group. She took over from a business point of view.

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ceutical rep and a real estate agent, but I was home at the time with my children. I wanted to become involved because I don't do "home" well. I love it. I love coming to work.

How do you choose your merchandise?

KL: Ninety-plus percent is what we like. We span all age groups because there really is something on the floor for every age. One of the things we take pride in is that our prices are so reasonable. We rarely have anything over \$100. Our friend had a 40th birthday party, and 10 to 12 of the gifts were from our store.

HIGH WIRE GIRLS

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You also offer "bead parties?"

KL: We offer a party experience. We do bead programs, for girls 6 years old to adults, bachelorette parties. We bring everything they need, a huge variety of supplies [to their party site]. It's very social, and they leave with a completed professional piece of jewelry.

How is it working with a friend?

KL: Lisa jokes that she's like my second husband. We're different enough that it works perfectly. We definitely get along great as business partners and friends. If there's a problem between us, we put it out there. We don't hold grudges.

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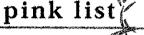
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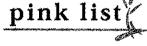


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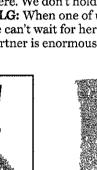
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designed New York's Central Park. Landscape architects plan and design traditional places such as parks, residential developments, campuses, gardens, cemeteries, commercial centers, resorts, transportation facilities, corporate and institutional centers and waterfront developments.

They also design and plan the restoration of natural places disturbed by humans, such as

Landscape architects find a balance between people and the environment wetlands, stream corridors,

mined areas and forested land. Members of the profession can work on a variety of projects, such as the development and preservation of open spaces, recreation areas, wildlife refuges, zoos, parks, golf courses, transportation systems and

It is a growing profession and in such demand that the average salary is more than \$75,000 although experienced landscape architects and firm principals can make much more.

The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) has created an online resource that provides information and assistance to individuals who want to investigate a career in the field. The site includes:

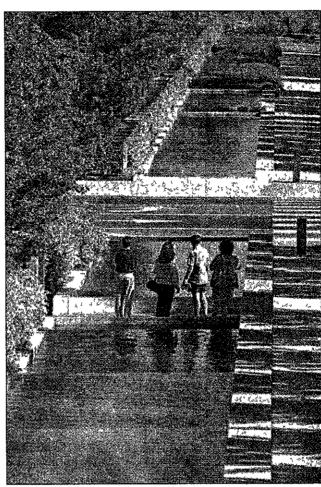
an online brochure and articles about the field,

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a movie, ■ a survey of recent graduates with salary information.

Founded in 1899, the American Society of Landscape Architects is the national professional association representing landscape architects. To learn more, visit the Web site at www.asla.org.



Landscape architecture firm Peter Walker and Partners won a 2004 ASLA award for the design of Copia: The American Center for Wine, Food, and Arts in Napa, California.

The ongoing evolution of the administrative professional

(NAPSI) - Take a memo: the role of the secretary has changed. First and foremost, hardly anyone uses the term "secretary" anymore. Yesterday's shorthand-taking, intercom-answering, mostly female typewriter jockeys have received a serious upgrade for the 21st century.

The staffing industry's market leader, which places thousands of candidates each year in administrative positions, cites three key characteristics of today's administrative professionals:

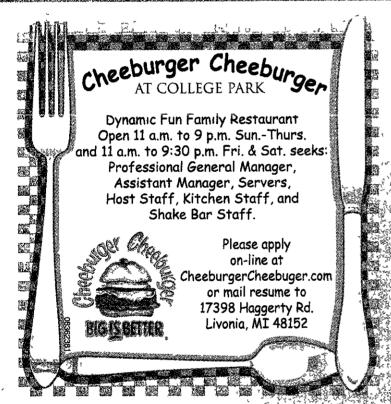
1. They embrace technology. In the information age, top-level computer skills are a must. Knowledge of software applications, database management, PDAs and the Internet is a basic requirement in most situations.

2. They get noticed. In the past, many administrative professionals were high school graduates with little hope of advancing much further than the receptionist desk. Nowadays, many admin professionals are college grads with a solid career path.

3. They are seen as partners. In today's evolving work environment, many administrators have broadened their scope, supporting entire teams rather than a single executive.

If you or someone you know is interested in pursuing or enriching a career as an administrative professional, signing up with a staffing firm such as Adecco (www.adeccousa.com) can be an excellent way to start. Admin professionals are in demand throughout much of the country and many temporary assignments become permanent within a few months.





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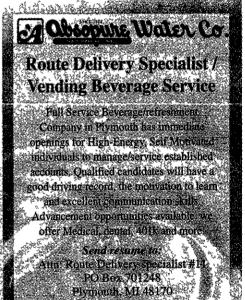
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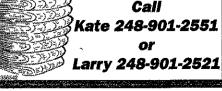
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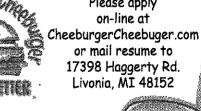
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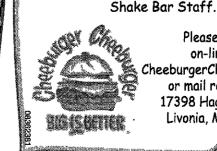


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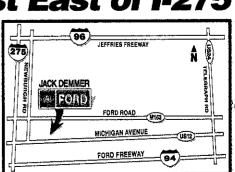
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