

## TODAY

### HOMETOWN LIFE



**Poised:** Former Plymouth resident Lisa (LaVine) Forthofer, project manager-Custom Vehicle Operations with Harley-Davidson Motor Co., poses on a Buell Blast at Harley's press conference in Palm Springs, Calif. She's showing off her Buell henna tattoo and riding the road less traveled at Harley-Davidson. /B1

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### WORK

"The only serious inquiries about our Miata came through our O&E ad, and we ended up selling to an O&E reader who lives in Florida!"

—A.S.  
Ann Arbor



### A gift of love

**A little off the top:** Alicia Curmi, 6½, pauses for a photo with her long tresses just moments before entering V Salon on Newburgh in Plymouth where she was going to have 12 inches cut off to donate to the Locks of Love program.

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## Hair raising

### Youngster gives shorn locks to charity

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**A**licia Curmi just got her hair cut. For most people, that's no big deal. But for this 6-year-old, the decision to cut her hair was one of the most selfless acts anyone could offer — much less someone getting ready to enter the first grade.

For Alicia, it was much more than a simple trim or new style — the haircut was an act of love.

Alicia will be sending her shorn tresses to the Locks of Love organization, a non-profit group that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children across the U.S. suffering from long-term medical hair loss.

She first got the idea of shearing her lovely long brunette hair when her mother Patty read her a story in an edition of The Observer about a year ago. She waited until now to be sure she had enough



**There it goes:** Gail Adkins trims the back of Alicia's hair after cutting the length for the Locks of Love program.

hair to donate.

"She told me that she wanted to do this as soon as we read the article," said Patty. "She's been counting the days until her appointment

with the stylist, and telling all of her friends about it."

Her stylist, Gail Adkins of Livo-

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## Chili Fest latest to belly up to the bar

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The Fall Festival committee opened the door by asking the city to approve a permit to sell alcohol. Now a second group has come forward asking to sell beer at a downtown happening.

"I think it's about time," said Annette Horn, chairwoman of the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-Off, Salsa Competition and Motorcycle Bike Show. "Plymouth is ready."

Horn, who gave away \$11,000 to charities after last year's Chili Cook-Off, said it's just another way of raising money.

"Expenses continue to go up. We know selling beer isn't the salvation of the event," said Horn. "However, if we can raise more money for charities, that would be nice. We're hoping we can raise an additional \$10,000."

"When we started the event five years ago, we thought 'How can you have chili without beer?'" she added. "Last year a city commissioner approached me about having beer at the event, but it didn't transpire."

While Plymouth police appear to favor allowing Fall Festival to sell beer under controlled circumstances, privately they're concerned about selling beer to the Chili Cook-Off clientele.

"The motorcycles bring in a different group of people," admits Horn. "But, they're the same people who visit the Box Bar and Sideways. I'm sure those places have some of their biggest crowds during the festivals and events down-

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## Traffic giving residents fits

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Some Ann Arbor Road businesses posted signs on Marlin Street in the Green Meadows subdivision directing their customers to go through the neighborhood rather than through the reconstruction mess on Ann Arbor Road. But for residents who complained about traffic before Ann Arbor Road reconstruction began, that means even more traffic.

"Businesses such as Specialty Pets, New York Deli, Sunshine Honda, Pizza Hut, and Trading Post have posted signs in the neighborhood directing their customers and employees to their businesses," said Janice Litwin, a Northern Street resident. "All these businesses have entrances from Ann Arbor Road. There is no need for them to direct their traffic through

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**Lab work:** Rick Thit, of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists, and medical technician Linda Cross work in the lab at the Oakwood Clinic in Canton.

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**W**hen the U.S. Congress took on the task of balancing the massive federal budget in 1997, the programs suffered cuts as severe as the Medicare, the national health insurance plan for elderly people.

In essence, the Balanced Budget Act

determined Medicare reimbursements to health care providers would remain at 1997 levels for five years. Unfortunately, neither inflation nor the rising costs of health care were taken into account.

For Michigan hospitals, the consequences of the BBA have been industry-altering and, in some cases, even devastating.

The BBA will reduce Medicare spending by \$191 billion over that five years, according to a report by the Michigan Health and Hospital Association, a trade organization representing 147 state hospitals. Of the more than \$5.1 billion that will be cut from Michigan hospitals over the same period, \$2 billion will come from hospitals in the southeastern region of

the state.

When other factors are added in, including a state Medicaid program that has been in disarray, a highly competitive labor market and escalating pharmaceutical costs that have gone up 12 to 15 percent annually, the Medicare cuts have created a tenuous situation for the health care industry.

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## Hospitals in Crisis

### Balanced Budget Act puts financial strain on health care system



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## Hopefuls near, far dot city manager search

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Plymouth city commissioners will have at least 53 resumes to peruse Aug. 23 when they gather to discuss finding a new city manager.

Applications for the job, which has been vacant for nearly two months, had to be postmarked by Aug. 11.

"I think the number of resumes sends a positive message," said Commissioner Bill Graham. "They obviously see past the claims we are a horrendous city commission that micro-manages. The applicants are showing some interest and aren't scared away from the ugliness that's perceived."

Acting City Manager Paul Sincok, who did not apply for the job, said of the 53 resumes received, 15 are from people already working in Michigan, many of whom he called "very good candidates." Other job applicants come from as far away as the state of Washington, Texas and Maine.

"Commissioners will meet next week to go over the applications," said Sincok. "They'll discuss what they're looking for in the next city manager, and go over contractual issues."

Plymouth's next city manager, who could be hired as early as October, will be the third in two years. However, Mayor Dave McDonald knows turnover is the name of the game.

"The fact is, most city man-

agers last between five and seven years in a community before they leave," said McDonald. "Plymouth hasn't had a city manager that's retired in more than 20 years."

"We'll proceed with caution," he added. "We have seven commissioners who have different ideas of what we're looking for. It's important we come up with a consensus. The closest we get to a 7-0 vote the better."

While the city administration is allowed to withhold the names of applicants until the interview stage, Graham called them a diverse group. "We have some city managers, village managers, police chiefs and even a graduate research assistant. We'll have to sit and take a look at the qualities of each."

Former city manager Dave Rich announced June 5 that he intended to leave in September. However, the city commission approved a separation contract with Rich that allowed the former city manager to leave June 23 but continue to get paid until Sept. 3.

Rich, who was paid \$75,924 annually and rented a home in the city, many times complained the salary wasn't sufficient to buy a house in Plymouth.

"A community with under 10,000 people, with about 60 city employees, and a budget of \$6 million doesn't warrant a chief manager who makes \$100,000 a year," said Graham. "I'm not about to approve that kind of salary compensation."

## POLICE BEAT

A Pine Street man told Plymouth Township police Aug. 13 that neighbors saw his former girlfriend remove the license plate from his car.

### Theft

A Chestwick Court resident reported that someone removed his golf clubs and Big Bertha Callaway driver from his open garage Aug. 11.

### Property damage

A Fellows Creek homeowner told Plymouth Township police someone took her landscaping lights Aug. 3 and placed them on her lawn. She also found two

street signs on her lawn.

A car owner found her truck lock punched when she returned to her car after shopping at Busch's Valu Land on Sheldon Road Aug. 11.

### Racial slurs

An employee at Office Max C D & L on General Drive told police Aug. 9 someone wrote racial slurs with road dirt on the rear door of his company van. He brought this to the attention of his boss, police said. He later found his 1997 Monte Carlo, a personal car, scratched on both sides.

—Sue Buck



Almost done: Gail Adkins snips the last of Alicia's braids as mom, Patty, holds onto the other three.

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nia's V Salon, was impressed with her young client's decision. "I've heard of people doing this," said Adkins. "But I don't think I've ever heard of anyone this young making a decision like this. I think it's awesome that she's doing this."

Alicia usually wears her hair in two long pigtail braids, but for her special day she wore it straight and combed out. When she arrived at the salon, Adkins welcomed her back to her chair, propped her up on a big pillow for a booster seat and began measuring her hair length (Locks of Love requires at least 10 inches be donated).

She then separated Alicia's hair into four segments, braided them and, with a quick snip, snip, snip, handed them to Patty. Alicia giggled nervously as she looked at the braids in her mom's hands. She then took a look in the mirror, grinned and said she couldn't wait for her hair to grow back.

"I want it to grow back so I can come back and do it again in two years," she said.

If you are interested in learning more about the Locks of Love program, you can contact them toll-free at (888) 896-1588. Or, find them on the World Wide Web at: www.locks of love.org.

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town."

Horn said a beer tent could also sell water. She hasn't ruled out allowing a service organization to sell soft drinks.

"The beer area would be set up somewhat like what Fall Festival wants to do," she said. "I'm well aware of all the things that need to be done."

"I've lined up people who have done it elsewhere. They're not professional bartenders but have the experience. However, if the police and fire unions want to get involved like they are with Fall Festival, I would welcome them."

Horn said her first choice would be to sell the beer in The Gathering.

"That's where the Chili Cook-Off takes place. It would be easy to rope off and contain."

However, no alcohol can be sold on city property and to do so would require a change in a city

ordinance, Acting City Manager Paul Sincok said.

Her second choice of location would be on the lawn of the Masonic Temple, where the Fall Festival plans to sell beer, wine coolers and hard lemonade drinks. Horn's third choice would be in the parking lot of Saxton's on Ann Arbor Trail.

Unlike the three-day Fall Festival, the Chili Cook-Off is a six-hour affair, beginning at noon Oct. 1.

Downtown Development Authority Director Melanie Purcell thinks the selling of beer by festival groups should be given a chance.

"I think the consensus is try it, and if it doesn't work, don't do it twice," said Purcell. "The groups need to pay their bills, so we need to cooperate in their effort to let them raise funds or they will go away."

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**Veterinary Notes**  
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### FELINE MEGACOLON

Feline megacolon occurs when a cat's colon cannot contract effectively to excrete feces. The colon loses muscle tone and enlarges, and stool often enlarges as well, making it difficult for the cat to defecate. Feline megacolon may be caused by a spinal cord injury, nervous system disease, or any condition that disrupts the nerves in the colon. Straining to defecate and passing small amounts of liquid diarrhea with hard stools is typically the first sign of megacolon. The cat may become depressed, unwilling to eat, or vomit. Impaction is usually relieved with warm water enemas and infusing the colon with mineral oil. An occasional oral hairball laxative and a high-fiber diet may help prevent the condition.

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A COMMUNITY BIDS FAREWELL

Edward Buzenberg

Furniture was work, family his life

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For nearly all of his 76 years, Ed Buzenberg lived with one simple word as his bond: Family.

It was the cornerstone of the family's furniture business, created by his uncle back in 1933, and it was the mainstay of his life right up until the end.

Buzenberg, born in 1924, lost a long battle with heart problems earlier this month when he died from complications following surgery to correct an aneurysm. His death brought an era to an end, though the Walker-Buzenberg furniture legacy lives on with Ed's sons, Eric and Dave.

Though Ed hadn't been involved in the day-to-day operations of the business in his later years, he'll still be a fixture at the Plymouth store.

"I think we'll always feel his presence," Eric Buzenberg said. "He was a good teacher, and we'll follow through on how he taught us to run the business."

Ed Buzenberg learned from the family himself, working for his uncle Fred Walker when the business was called Walker Furniture Sales, located on Grand River in Detroit. When the Edsel Ford Expressway was constructed through the middle of that location, the Walkers moved up the road a few miles.

Uncle Harry died in 1949, and his children, along with cousins Ed and Eleanor Buzenberg, took over the business.

In May 1965, fire ripped through the new store after it was struck by lightning. They set up a temporary store on Grand River, then moved to a permanent location on Seven Mile. But the biggest change after the fire came in ownership, when Ed bought into the business and it became Walker-Buzenberg.

Late in 1977, Buzenberg bought out his cousin Harry and, six months later, moved the business to Plymouth.

"We had lots of customers out here," recalled Ed's sister, Eleanor. "As a family, we liked Plymouth."

Many of the customers followed the Buzenbergs around to their various locations. When Ed died, many of those same customers expressed their respects in the form of flowers, cards and notes.



Edward Buzenberg

"We feel we lost a good friend," wrote Margaret Nordbeck, who shopped at three different Walker-Buzenberg locations.

Ed Buzenberg saw the plans for I-275 and M-14, and knew with the freeways would come the customers.

"Dad had a vision of growth based on plans to put freeways out here," Eric recalled. "Looking back on it 23 years later, he was right."

It was the vision and the family orientation of Walker-Buzenberg that kept customers coming back and, according to Eric, his father was a big part of the reason. Ed Buzenberg insisted on paying attention to details and maintaining a certain level of quality.

Above all, he valued family.

"He was very detailed in what we did, and he always made sure we did it right," Eric said of his father, who still came to the store occasionally to help out. "When you have a family business, it's important to keep it going. Dad knew that."

Ed Buzenberg is survived by his wife, Deborah Buzenberg; sons Martin and Eric; sister Eleanor Neynaber; and six grandchildren.

**'When you have a family business, it's important to keep it going. Dad knew that.'**

Eric Buzenberg  
—Son

Frank Palmer

Helping others was a way of life

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Frank Palmer liked helping people, giving them opportunities he didn't have as a child.

And, while Frank and his wife, Mary, didn't have children of their own, it didn't stop them from adopting four children and helping 43 others along the way in getting a college education.

"My dad always liked helping others. It was his way of life," said his daughter, Judy Allen, who was adopted at age 6. "He had a great sense of humor, was positive in every aspect of his life, and believed in treating people kindly and fairly."

Palmer, 78, owned Palmer Paving Co. He died Aug. 11 from a bout with pneumonia.

Survivors include his wife, four children, 18 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, 43 special Asian children and 25 special Asian grandchildren.

"He helped so many from all over the world," said his son, Paul Palmer, who was adopted as an infant from Canada. "My parents couldn't have children of their own, but they wanted children around them. I think there were so many because he missed having young ones around."

The children came from such areas as the Philippines, Vietnam, Thailand, Taiwan, China, Korea and Canada over a 30-year period.

"Most of them were exchange students he helped go to college," said Palmer. "Some of them stayed and worked for the company for awhile."

Frank Palmer was in the process of selling the business because of his health when he passed away.

"He was an energetic businessman who loved to work," added Allen. "He worked since he was 12 years old and loved the challenge of life."

"He was active in the business until the very end," said Palmer. "He was very successful and made a lot of friends."

"He never acted old and in many ways was still very young," said Allen. "One of his favorite things to do was drive my mother to church in his '76 Corvette with the top down. He just loved doing that. He was such a great role model."



Frank Palmer

**'My parents couldn't have children of their own, but they wanted children around them. I think there were so many because he missed having young ones around.'**

Paul Palmer  
—Son



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# First day of school will be day of Traffic from page A1

## 'Discovery' for newest students

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The 831 Plymouth-Canton students scheduled to attend the newly constructed Discovery Middle School in Canton Township won't get to view their new classrooms until the first day of school.

District officials had hoped Discovery would be completed a week before classes begin Aug. 29 to let students tour the building and get acquainted with their new surroundings.

However, the very tight construction schedule won't allow that to happen.

"The contractor couldn't guarantee we could get in the building at a specific date before school opens, so we decided to plan for the first day of classes," said Principal Roche LaVictor. "This isn't exactly the way we wanted to handle the situation, but we'll do the best we can."

LaVictor said the building will open Aug. 29 at 7:30 a.m., with students being directed to the gymnasium. Students should be in the gym by 8:05 a.m. when the final bell will ring.

"We'll have the students arranged by grade and introduce them to the staff," said LaVictor. "While the staff from Lowell has

transferred to Discovery, only about 30 percent of the students will be the same because of redistricting. A lot of kids won't know any of the adults in the building."

LaVictor said each grade will go with homeroom teachers to get schedules and a tour of the building. About 9:15 a.m., students will go to their homerooms and then have a modified schedule for the half-day of classes.

"We'll have teachers in the hallways to help guide students, and each child will get a map of the building," said LaVictor. "The grades are divided into wings, and they will be clearly marked. The only problems we may have will be for students who need to find the elective areas where music, industrial technology, art and physical education are held. This will definitely be a learning experience for all of us."

LaVictor said teachers will be allowed in the building Aug. 21 to begin putting together their classrooms. Educators are required to start work Aug. 28, one day before students arrive.

The custodial staff has been in Discovery for several weeks, learning the layout, cleaning the building and waxing the floors.

"Not everything will be ready the first day of school," admitted

LaVictor. "Some of the technology won't be ready, some of the flooring will still need to be done, we'll have some late arriving furniture. But, for the most part, everything else is ready for students."

"We'll still have contractors working on the building after hours, putting the finishing touches," but classes won't be disrupted."

Brian MacAskill, project manager for Mc/SEV Consultants and Construction Managers of Redford Township, said the building is about 95 percent complete.

"We've had what is termed a 50-percent inspection by the state fire marshal's office, and it went well," said MacAskill. "We'll have another inspection Aug. 22, at which time we hope to have our occupancy permit."

Wayne County health inspectors are due in this coming week to look over the kitchen, which is already completed. A final electrical inspection is also on the horizon.

"We've always said this project was going to be down to the wire, and it is," said MacAskill. "However, barring anything major, there's no reason this building won't open on time."

Discovery is on Hanford at Canton Center Road.

Green Meadows. The other businesses along Ann Arbor Road don't have subdivision access. Why should these businesses be allowed to?"

Marlin is the first street south of Ann Arbor Road and provides a throughway for traffic from Main to Sheldon. During lunch hour, for example, there's a stream of traffic as cars try to outwit construction logistics by cutting down Marlin.

At Brookline and Marlin, Specialty Pet Supplies, Sunshine Honda, and Pizza Hut have signs tacked to barricades near the side of the road. At Elmhurst, Pizza Hut, Specialty Pet Supplies, and New York Deli have signs.

"There's an eight-inch drop off to get in off Ann Arbor Road," said Josh Nelson, a New York Deli employee. "If you have a car that's low to the ground, you're not going to make it. Our driveway is not graded. We're not getting a lot of walk-in traffic or new customers. We're bringing people from the back. We have signs posted on barricades at Marlin and Elmhurst. We're also sending a lot of people up Joy Road."

Shannon Mowery, general manager of Sunshine Honda, an Ann Arbor Road business, said his company is fortunate to have access onto Ann Arbor Road, although other businesses don't. He advises customers to use the side streets and hasn't personally

heard complaints from residents about increased traffic, he said.

"I think they understand," Mowery said. "Surprisingly, our business is better this month than last month. That's due to clearance sales and the 'Nightmare on Ann Arbor Road Construction Sale' ads."

Sunshine Honda offers a free survival kit for those motorists who make it into the store, even if they don't buy anything. They receive jumper cables, flashlights, a flat tire kit, and a first aid kit.

"We're having fun with it," Mowery said.

Plymouth Township Police Chief Larry Carey acknowledged increased traffic on Marlin but said police have received just one complaint.

"It's a continual problem that we are addressing," said Carey. "The same people are complaining."

Township officers are continuing enforcement, although slow traffic doesn't generally create accidents, Carey said. "There's a perception problem," he added.

The department did receive a complaint about a speeder on Ball Street, he said.

At Tuesday's regular township board meeting, Hackberry resident Roy Banks complained to board members about speeders in his cul-de-sac neighborhood located west of Lilley and north of Joy roads.

"Since the construction, we have had an awful lot of people coming down Hackberry Street at 40, 50, and 60 mph to the cul-de-sac thinking it goes through to Joy Road," Banks said.

From 4:15-6:15 p.m. last Thursday through Tuesday he put up a sign directing traffic to go out to Revere back to Joy Road. "I called Plymouth police, they did come out to the house, but said that there was really nothing that they could do about it," Banks said. "There were two little boys at the end of the street that almost got hit last Thursday. That's what prompted me to make the sign and get out there to direct traffic. We used to have signs that said, 'No outlet to Joy Road,' those signs are gone now. I'll be out there until this thing settles down."

The board asked Carey to follow up.

Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill empathized with Banks. "I live on Joy Road and it takes me a long time to get out of my driveway," she said.

There's an interest in traffic and speeders on the Plymouth side of Ann Arbor Road, too.

Businesses on the north side of Ann Arbor Road are in the city of Plymouth. Businesses on the south side of Ann Arbor Road are in Plymouth Township.

Plymouth police parked a speed trailer that displays the speed of passing cars on Harvey near Boulder's Restaurant last week.

The trailer is jointly owned by the city and the Plymouth Community School District. Acting Plymouth Police Chief Steve Hundersmarck said the trailer is there both because of the traffic from Ann Arbor Road, resident complaints, and the impending start of school.

The trailer was to be moved to Farmer between Blunk and Sheldon this week. "This helps people realize how fast they are going," Hundersmarck said.

Carey said the township doesn't own a speed trailer, but Hundersmarck said that the trailer could probably be leased to the township.

Litwin and other Northern Street residents complained about cut-through traffic from Ann Arbor Road businesses even before the start of the reconstruction. She maintains that the traffic problem has doubled.

"Sunshine Honda is using Northern as their personal entrance," Litwin said. "People are ignoring the 'Road Closed' sign on Northern and exiting to Ann Arbor Road through Dunkin' Donuts."

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## Prairie setting highlights planned improvements at township park

BY SUE BUCK  
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When someone mentions a prairie, scenes from the Laura Ingalls Wilder-inspired *Little House on the Prairie* TV show come to mind.

However, that's not what is being planned for Plymouth Township's habitat and wetland plantings in Recreational Park, located at Ann Arbor Trail and McClumpha, though it is also called a prairie.

"The trouble is too many people confuse it with the TV program," said township engineer

Mike Bailey of Dietrich, Bailey & Associates in Plymouth. "It's a state of vegetation. We hope to get some wildflowers in there. Just like a meadow. A meadow is a specific stage of transition."

The wildflower seed will germinate this fall with good foliage expected next spring, Bailey said. Sixteen large interpretive signs, including a narrative, will be installed by October.

"The fishing dock and the barrier-free paths are all tied in together as an integrated project," Bailey said.

The signs will be adjacent to the paths and distributed

throughout the park, said Kristen Miner, a landscape architect with DBA. "The township has maps of the walking paths," she said. "There are two different routes, two loops of different lengths that you can take."

Maps are available at township park and at the Department of Public Services building, she said.

Miner further explained the definition of a prairie.

"It's natural, undeveloped land," she said. "It's plants that were here before roads came in and some of the development began."

The theory of what's planned is to use native indigenous plants that are natural and common to the area, Bailey said. "They aren't necessarily exotic plants but the proper use of specific plant material to achieve a specific goal," he explained. "There will be signs out there that will discuss the plants."

More park improvements are planned next year.

The township will do some bio-engineered stream bank erosion protection through a grant, Bailey said. "It will be unique in this area. We're not going to be putting up cement walls. We

probably will be using native material, biodegradable woven meshes of sticks and twigs, barriers for erosion."

That improvement will be part of an \$85,000 Rouge Program Office grant in which the township contributes 50 percent toward the project. It involves water quality improvement at a pond at Hilltop Golf Course, located adjacent to the park.

"We will also be putting in a better control structure at the township pond at the park," Bailey said. "The pond is a stormwater control device. We will be putting in a more sophisticated control device."

Besides the fishing dock and barrier-free paths, the township has also resurfaced the road pavement, reconfigured the sled hill, and rebuilt a pavilion after a fire four years ago, Bailey said.

"There's been a lot of park stuff going on for the last number of years but I suppose that it has been subtle," Bailey said. "The township has been making investments in parks besides buying property," Bailey said.

Plymouth Township has added parcels at Ann Arbor Trail and Haggerty that it hopes to develop into recreational uses like soccer fields.

## Expansion agreement coming up for vote

BY SCOTT DANIEL  
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A finalized agreement on expansion of the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority's wastewater treatment facility will likely be voted upon next month by Canton, Plymouth and Northville townships.

Negotiations between the Western Townships Utility Authority and YCUA have been ongoing for nearly two years. A tentative agreement was reached in May. The sides have been ironing out final details since.

Each township's board of trustees must sign off on the agreement before work can begin.

"It should take about 18 months to design," WTUA Operations Manager Tim Faas said of the new wastewater treatment plant. "It will take 36 months to complete. We're looking for it to be operational in late 2005 or early 2006."

The townships currently send about eight million gallons of wastewater each day to YCUA. Other flows go to Detroit.

YCUA's plant, located in Ypsilanti Township, has a current capacity of 28 million gallons per day. WTUA's flows are expected to rise well above its lease capacity of eight million gallons per day.

The new wastewater plant will handle WTUA flows exclusively and have a capacity of 17 million gallons per day. Bonds will be issued to cover the \$110 million cost, Faas said.

When all is said and done, the townships will use 25 of YCUA's 45 million gallon daily capacity. It's enough capacity to serve WTUA's needs for decades, Faas said.

On Tuesday, Canton's Board of Trustees approved a resolution approving a "letter of intent" between the two authorities. Faas was unsure if Plymouth and Northville townships had passed similar resolutions.

"It's not something that's necessary," he added. "We hope to have the finalized agreement to the WTUA board on Aug. 28. It will go to the townships' boards after that."

It's the agreement that almost wasn't.

Last September, WTUA voted to build its own wastewater treatment plant at a cost of \$130 million. But those plans were put on hold for a last-ditch negotiation effort with Ypsilanti.

Negotiations, which sometimes turned stormy, followed until this May when a tentative agreement was reached. YCUA officials initially took a hard-line with WTUA about controlling the expansion and composting biosolids, among other issues. Both sides, however, softened stances and talks turned amicable in early spring.

"I think they finally realized that we're their biggest customer," Faas said in April. "If we go away and do our own plant, it wouldn't be a good thing for them."

A relationship between the authorities now appears permanent. The agreement calls for a 99-year lease from YCUA to WTUA.

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## Hospitals in Crisis

**Transition:** Sr. Mary Renetta, past president and former CEO of St. Mary Hospital, helped ensure a smooth transition for David Spivey, new CEO of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, after the hospital's acquisition by Trinity Health earlier this year.



## St. Mary cuts staff, services after feds' 'double whammy'

BY RENEE SKOGLUND  
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Like other area hospitals, St. Mary Mercy suffered a one-two punch due to cuts in Medicare reimbursements inflicted by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

The hospital's initial \$5.5 million slash was compounded by a backloaded \$1.5 million that went into effect Aug. 1. The latest cut is aimed at diagnostic and surgical outpatient services.

"That's kind of the double whammy of the Balanced Budget Act," said David Spivey, president and CEO. "Initially it was aimed at inpatient activity, which puts an emphasis on outpatient treatment. Then once you've made an effort to shift your utilization from inpatient to outpatient, now they're taking the margin out of the outpatient."

The hospital, the third largest employer in Livonia with 1,400 full- and part-time employees, has reduced its payroll by 100 employees. Administrators have made cuts in the business office, housekeeping (some administrative staff vacuum their own offices) and the dietary division. As people leave or retire, their positions are not filled. In addition, nurse managers now oversee 60-100 employees each, a definite increase over the past years.

"We virtually touched every department in the organization," said Mike DeRubeis, vice president and CFO. "We concentrated on the non-direct patient care areas as much as possible..."

St. Mary Mercy also has made intensive efforts to reduce non-labor costs. Prior to its acquisition by the Trinity Health System June 1, the hospital purchased many medical supplies locally, taking advantage of the savings in transportation costs provided by its strategic access to major freeways.

With its increased buying clout as part of the third-largest Catholic health system in the United States, St. Mary Mercy is looking at what's available

### St. Mary Mercy 1999 statistics

Licensed beds: 304  
Employees: 1,500  
Physicians on staff: 400  
In-patient admissions: 12,105

Out-patient visits:  
131,325

Emergency room visits:  
36,878

Births: 1,405  
Operating revenue:  
\$93,624,000  
Operating costs:  
\$106,155,000  
Affiliations: Henry Ford  
Hospital (neurology);  
U-M Hospital  
(neonatology)

through the system. Spivey anticipates a savings of \$500,000 in the coming year.

"Suppliers can now have a contract with 44 hospitals instead of one," said Sr. Mary Renetta, past president and CEO of St. Mary Hospital.

### Changes

Community education programs have remained intact, although times and days of sponsorship have decreased. Some hospital programs, such as outpatient substance abuse and day treatment for mental health, have been eliminated. "The demand was decreasing," said Renetta.

The emergency room has experienced a 10-percent increase in usage, which administrators attribute to a growing market awareness. However, there's been no increase in usage by Medicaid patients (2 percent) despite the closings of Sinai and Mercy hospitals in Detroit.

"We haven't seen a dramatic increase in the uninsured," said DeRubeis, "although we've seen a fairly sharp increase in the

emergency room activity. We can't attribute it necessarily to the closing of other hospitals."

Budget cuts have resulted in more work for nurses and less service for patients, said Dr. Eleizer Monge, chief of staff. In addition, the patient-nurse ratio has increased from 5- or 6-to-1 to 8-to-1 over the last five years.

"The critical needs are met, but the preferential needs that make you comfortable and want to come back to the hospital are not being met," he said. "Many of my patients say they ring the bell and they don't answer for two or three hours."

Medical protocols have become more efficient, said Monge. Patients are no longer admitted from the emergency room to an intensive care unit without consultation with an intensivist. This saves the expense of unnecessary inpatient hospitalization and diagnostic tests that can be conducted (and reimbursed by Medicare) on an outpatient basis.

"For the hospital to make money, you don't want to keep the patient more than five days," said Monge, referring to stays for specific diagnosis. "Last month (June) was the best because it was only three days."

The hospital is not renewing contracts with doctors, and with a present staff of approximately 400 physicians, it's operating at "bare bones," said Monge. "We can't cut anymore. We even let go two full-time intensivists, in addition to all the nurse managers."

Monge said the hospital is underserved by the community and needs to market its assets, such as its highly rated emergency room and maternity center, more aggressively. In the past, the hospital missed opportunities to make money by not spending money, he said.

In spite of budget cuts and staffing cutbacks, the hospital maintains a 97 percent rating from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

## Botsford management team targets changes to meet crisis

BY MARGO DEWEY  
SPECIAL WRITER

In the midst of hospitals downsizing, restructuring and even closing, one community health care facility in Farmington Hills is maintaining stability despite all the obstacles.

In fact, the entire staff of Botsford General Hospital, at 28050 Grand River Ave., can be considered the reason behind the success of the hospital, according to Gerson I. Cooper, president and chief executive officer (CEO) of Botsford Health Care Continuum. The Botsford Health Care Continuum includes: Botsford General Hospital; Botsford Continuing Care Corp. and Community Emergency Medical Services.

Last year, Botsford General reported a net revenue of \$189,837,911 with operating expenses totaling \$188,799,394. Although Cooper said his hospital has felt the crunch from increasing health care costs and untimely payments of Medicaid and Medicare, management has worked together to keep the red ink from reaching the year end budget.

"In 1998, we had the most successful year we have ever had," Cooper said. "However, by 1999, we used up all our reserves and reported a slight loss. By the third quarter of 1999, we created what is now tagged as an 'Organizational Transformation.' There were management teams that worked together to identify where we could make changes without hurting the quality care that we offer here at Botsford General."

Cooper, who has been with Botsford Health Care Continuum since 1959, remains the CEO of Botsford General Hospital since 1984. His commitment to Botsford General Hospital has been one that is personal and professional.

### Patient care first

"Taking care of patients is our number one priority, but the profit factor is marginal when you are dealing with Medicaid and Medicare," he said. "We had no need of restructuring to maintain our budget, but we knew we had to consolidate."

As the Organizational Transformation project began to take effect, management did not consider laying off people in various departments. All caregivers in the hospital were guaranteed their jobs. Management instead looked within its own departments for consolidating.

"We looked at this as how do we re-fit ourselves for the next millennium," said Margo Gorchow, Botsford General Hospital administrator, corporate fund development/hospital and community relations. "We looked at how can things be done differently. We knew the same jobs had to be done, but on a different scale."

Gorchow said last April, less than 50 people in management were let go with varying benefit



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BREKLER

**Tough choices:** Botsford CEO Gerson Cooper stands outside the hospital's ambulatory emergency entrance.

### Botsford General Hospital 1999 statistics

Licensed beds: 330  
Employees: 2,484  
Physicians on staff:  
In-patient admissions:  
12,893

Out-patient visits:  
214,462 (regular); 56,630  
(emergency)

Emergency room visits:  
56,630

Births: 961

Operating revenue:  
\$189,837,911

Operating costs:  
\$188,799,394  
Affiliations: None

We have quality people here, and we want to maintain our mission of treating patients with an array of services, technology and exceptional facilities as well as remaining an osteopathic teaching facility."

### Botsford history

Botsford General Hospital is a 336-bed acute care health care facility serving communities in northwest Detroit and southern Oakland and western Wayne counties. It is a nationally recognized osteopathic teaching facility which provides a regional campus for the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. Every year approximately 110 residents and 36 interns are trained at the hospital.

This year the hospital celebrated the 50th graduating class of Osteopathic Medicine. "We have maintained the vision of Dr. Allen Zieger, D.O., who founded the hospital," said hospital CEO Gerson I. Cooper. "He established Zieger Clinic Hospital in Detroit on April 4, 1944."

In less than a decade, Zieger Hospital grew to be one of the leading osteopathic training institutions in the country. Due to the increased growth of Zieger Hospital, a 15-acre site in Farmington Hills behind the historic Botsford Inn was found by Zieger for the construction of Botsford General Hospital.

On Jan. 19, 1965, Botsford General Hospital served its first patient. Today, a medical staff of more than 500 physicians represent a wide range of medical specialties.

packages. Many of the job tasks were then picked up by other hospital management employees which aided in the reduction of the operation budget.

"It's about surviving and thriving," Gorchow said. "It says a lot about the people who work here since we didn't look at letting go any caregivers, only management."

In the next five years, Cooper doesn't foresee any restructuring or downsizing in store for the hospital. He has only high hopes for expanded educational programs for the community and increased patient care.

"I want to see Botsford General Hospital sail smoothly into the future," Cooper said.

"This is a quality organization.

## Hospitals from page A1

"Balancing the budget sounds great, but there have been a whole lot of unintentional consequences to that," said Sherry Mirasola, a spokeswoman for the MHA.

"I don't think anyone set out to balance the budget on the backs of hospitals and other health care providers, but that is exactly what has happened."

Although the BBA was passed in 1997, it wasn't until 1999 that area hospitals began feeling the brunt of the Medicare cuts.

Last year, St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia suffered a staggering \$11.5 million loss in operating costs, just one year after posting a surplus of \$541,000. That kind of financial instability caused by the cuts contributed to the hospital's merger with Trinity Health in June.

The year was also a difficult one for the Dearborn-based Oakwood Healthcare System, which had an operating loss of \$24.5 million. Because of the costs it absorbed to close its Beyer Hospital in Ypsilanti, the Oakwood system lost more than \$87 million overall.

Garden City Hospital was able to hold back the tide for an extra year but is expecting to take at least a \$500,000 loss this year — after revenues exceeded expenses by an average of \$2 million for the previous five years.

Each institution has had to restructure

in some way. The most obvious examples are Oakwood's closing of Beyer and St. Mary Mercy's merger with Trinity. In most cases, however, the changes have been more subtle and difficult to gauge.

At Garden City and Botsford, both community-based, independent hospitals, some staff positions were eliminated. St. Mary Mercy and Oakwood slashed staff. All the hospitals either eliminated or trimmed programs.

The changes only reflect a tightening of the belt and have not affected their individual missions or their ability to care for the sick or serve their communities, hospital officials said.

However, Donald Potter, president of the Southeast Michigan Hospital Council, a trade association representing 45 hospitals in the region, said the changes have to be felt in some way.

"Hospital officials are very reluctant to admit a loss in services because of these cuts, but the reality is that they have no choice but to cut out programs and amenities," Potter said.

Potter also questioned how hospitals on such tight budgets will be able to buy new equipment and keep up with changing technology or attract new employees in a highly competitive labor market.

However, some in health care believe the Medicare cuts are forcing hospitals to become more efficient.

Eugene Farnum, the executive director of the Michigan Association of Health Plans, a Lansing-based organization representing HMOs and other health plans, said consolidation can be a good thing.

"I don't think this is necessarily a negative situation. This is making the hospitals question their priorities and what services they want to provide. They don't have to provide every service," he said.

### 'Becoming politically active'

Mismanagement of the Medicaid program, the national health plan for poor people, has been blamed for the recent closings of Sinai and Mercy hospitals in Detroit. Because they were in an urban, impoverished area, both hospitals relied heavily on Medicaid.

Medicaid has not played a large factor in the crisis faced by hospitals in this area because none admits a significant number of Medicaid patients. Medicare is the problem here.

All Americans older than 65 are eligible for Medicare. Considering the senior population is exploding — individuals over the age of 85 constitute the fastest growing segment of the U.S. population

— this problem is not going away.

Facing a bleak future if the situation does not change, hospital officials are changing their tactics. Rather than just wait for the death knell, they have been lobbying members of Congress to get some relief.

"I'm becoming very politically active, especially with the Medicare issue. I've gone to Washington on several occasions. I've talked to Sen. (Carl) Levin and Sen. (Spencer) Abraham and visited the office of Rep. Lynn Rivers (D-Ann Arbor)," said Garden City Hospital president and CEO Gary Ley.

"They need to understand community hospitals do not have big cash reserves. These cuts are really starting to impact us."

Apparently those kinds of efforts are beginning to pay off, because many politicians have recognized the situation and are trying to reverse the damage done by the BBA.

Abraham, along with Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Texas), introduced the "American Hospital Preservation Act" in February, which will increase Medicare reimbursements to the hospitals that have suffered cuts.

If passed, the legislation will reverse the reduction in annual Medicare inflation adjustments that had been sched-

uled for 2001 and 2002. Abraham said the bill will restore \$579 million to Michigan hospitals over 10 years.

"We took a big step to addressing this problem. This bill will help guarantee our health care providers and patients the resources they need for better care," Abraham said.

According to Abraham spokesperson Joe Davis, the senator is trying to get the bill pushed through Congress this year.

"This is a huge priority for us. We recognize this is a big problem in our state," Davis said. "It really is an issue we have tried to be out in front of."

Hospitals are important economic players in our communities. For example, Garden City Hospital, with more than 1,500 employees, is by far the largest employer in the city, and its economic impact extends far beyond its own parking lot. Even if all the doctors and nurses don't live in Garden City, they do spend money there. When jobs are cut, less money trickles down to other businesses.

In the end, sick hospitals may mean sick communities.

"Some people say that this is just a Medicare problem, but it is not just a 'those people' issue," said Mirasola of the MHA. "This situation affects us all."



## Hospital? in Crisis

# Oakwood finds way to cut expenses – \$70 million in 3 years

BY DIANE GALE ANDREAS  
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The Oakwood Healthcare System, a network of four hospitals and more than 50 other medical facilities serving 36 communities, has cut operations by \$70 million during a three year period.

"The Balanced Budget Act took billions of dollars out of Medicare for hospitals," according to Kenneth G. Trester, Oakwood Healthcare senior vice president of planning and marketing.

"Now we are far below costs," he added.

Oakwood has 1,800 hospital beds at Oakwood in Dearborn, Oakwood Annapolis Center in Wayne, Oakwood Hospital Heritage Center in Taylor and Oakwood Hospital Seaway Center in Trenton.

The 50 primary care and specialty care facilities are in Canton, Westland, Garden City, Southgate, Dearborn, Trenton, Wyandotte, Riverview,

Oakwood Healthcare System 1999 statistics	
Licensed beds:	1,800
Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center (Dearborn), 615;	
Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center (Wayne), 286;	
Oakwood Hospital Heritage Center (Taylor), 257; Oakwood Hospital Seaway Center (Trenton), 203	
Employees: 9,000	
Physicians on staff: 1,157	
In-patient admissions: 80,687	
Emergency room visits: 156,236	
Births: 5,686	
Operating revenue: \$682,000,000	

Belleville, Brownstown, Taylor, Allen Park and Dearborn Heights.

Operating revenues for 1997, the latest figures available, were just over \$600 million for the entire Oakwood network of facilities, which included the recently closed Beyer Hospital in Ypsilanti, according to Ken Bearden, Oakwood Healthcare System marketing director.

Patient services haven't been affected by the cuts that began last year, according to Trester pointing to a mission statement that emphasizes the importance of quality care. In fact, he added, Oakwood has been recognized by HCIA-SACHS, a national health care consulting company, as having one of the top 100 heart programs in the country. Oakwood is the only hospital in southeast Michigan that HCIA-SACHS has given this premiere rating.

"First of all we looked under every rock for ways to reduce expenses," Trester said. "We started as a cost effective organization. Our costs per case were among the lowest of health sys-

tems in southeast Michigan."

For the last two years Oakwood found a way to reduce costs by \$40 million.

The first cuts were in jobs, especially in the finance and personnel resource departments. Oakwood Healthcare has 1,300 physicians and 8,900 employees.

The hospital also turned to other ways to cut costs, like finding cheaper ways to buy supplies. Ironically, Trester added, this financial pinch on the health care industry comes at a time when the rest of the economy is booming.

"The price being paid for this is the long term," Trester said. "We don't have the capital money to reinvest in our equipment and physical plant."

"Eventually that results in not keeping abreast with technology that could be provided and secondly our physical plants may deteriorate. And we're going to get less qualified people."

"A lot of this emphasis has made hospitals more efficient,"

Trester said.

"But we believe its gone too far. Now we're concerned about continuing to provide services. We'll close down some services that aren't profitable."

Future cuts likely would be in what Trester refers to as the "gray areas" of health care, like teen centers, store-front medical centers in areas without a lot of medical facilities and pregnancy counseling.

Consolidation of services or centers are other areas where future cuts likely would be made if expenses continue to exceed payments.

The Oakwood network currently provides more than 400 community health care classes and programs to give people information for better health and to attract them to Oakwood facilities.

Attracting patients by bringing specialty surgeons on staff is key for the health of Oakwood's other facilities, Trester said.

"We're working on a three-year

financial liability plan where we hope to build our patient volumes in areas that are being compensated adequately so we can use that in areas that aren't being compensated adequately," he added.

"We like to feel like we're part of the communities we serve."

The hospital industry in general has gone through an evolution beginning when health facilities were reimbursed, essentially, on a per unit of service basis. Under this system doctors performed surgeries and the hospitals were paid for the costs.

However, about 10 years ago, the emphasis went to managed care. Payments were made on a per patient basis.

"We know we're going to get some relief, it depends on how much under the next year budget," Trester said. "The Balanced Budget Amendment has killed our return from Medicare. We aren't getting nearly the funds we need to support the patients we get."

## Medicare changes hurt Garden City residency program

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

A booming economy in western Wayne County has not insulated Garden City Hospital from the damaging effects of the Medicare cuts that were enacted as part of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

With 52-percent of its patients on Medicare, the hospital is expecting to take at least a \$500,000 operating loss for the 2000 fiscal year, as compared to operating surpluses of \$1.8 million in 1999 and \$3.86 million two years ago.

One of the few remaining independent hospitals in the area, Garden City Hospital mainly services patients from Garden City, Westland, southern Livonia, Redford Township, and Dearborn Heights.

While the hospital's volume of

patients continues to increase — surgeries, emergency visits, and out-patient visits are all up from a year ago — officials have been forced to cut both jobs and programs in an attempt to bring down costs.

President and CEO Gary Ley said over the course of the last year, 40 staff positions, including many clerical and technical jobs, have been eliminated through attrition, and in the last month six managers were laid off. In addition, a number of community education and outreach programs have either been axed or severely cut back.

Ley said the hospital has also saved money by finding cheaper suppliers.

"We've started a plan of action to get a \$2 million to \$4 million turnaround," Ley said.

Ley said the area hurt most by

the Medicare cuts has been the hospital's residency program. Garden City is an osteopathic hospital, which means it trains medical students. Medicare has traditionally paid for a large portion of the training costs incurred by the hospital.

In addition to gaining an education, the students perform a number of duties for the hospital, including running an OB clinic that performs about 200 deliveries each year for uninsured women.

Currently, Garden City is training 90 medical students, but Medicare is only paying for 70, which is the number the hospital had when the BBA was passed. After considering salaries and overhead such as the costs for insurance, a library, and teachers, Ley estimated each student costs the hospital

close to \$80,000 annually.

"That has clearly been the biggest hit we have taken this year," Ley said.

"We have to make a choice. Are we going to cut back on our teaching program? There is a definite service provided by these students, and we have been teaching medical students for a long time. It is one of our missions."

Ley said the hospital is on firm ground for the time being, but may find itself in trouble if the current Medicare funding continues.

He said one way in which officials may deal with the situation is to affiliate the hospital in some way with one or more health care providers, though he doubts a full merger is in the forecast.

Garden City already has an

OB affiliation with Oakwood Healthcare System, a lab affiliation with Providence, and an educational partnership with other osteopathic hospitals.

"I suspect in the next year, we are going to undergo some more affiliation, but that does not mean a merger necessarily," Ley said.

"There are things we can get by being part of a system that we can't get separately. And where we can get that we should make it part of our strategic plan. However, being big doesn't make you better, it just makes you bigger."

Ley said the hospital will persevere.

"People are just as sick as they have ever been, and we've got just as much responsibility to the community to provide quality care. And yet we can't do

### Garden City Hospital 1999 statistics

Licensed beds: 323  
Employees: 1,525  
Physicians: 297

In-patient admissions: 11,300

Out-patient visits: 63,000  
Emergency room visits: 38,525

Births: 699  
Operating revenue: \$115,000,000

Operating costs: \$113,156,475  
Affiliations: Providence Hospital (lab); Oakwood Healthcare System (obstetrics)

the things we would really like to do because of these cuts."



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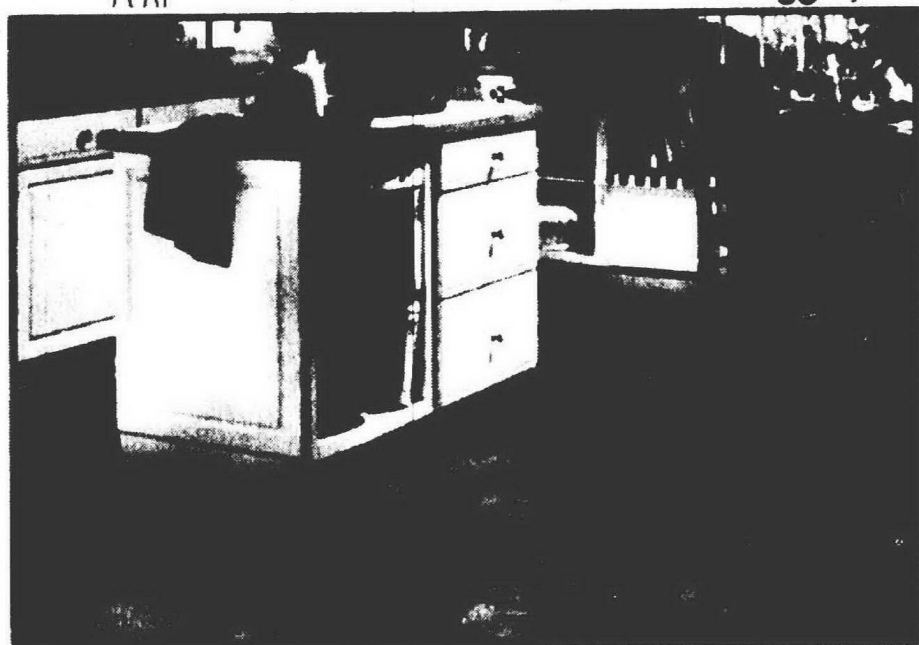
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Hangin' out:  
Bailey Riegal of Canton, 3, and Chelsea Justice of Canton, 1, climb on the cush toys in the play area at Cookies and Milk. Owner Cathy Proppe started the business with an eye on what she hopes is a heavy market within five miles of Canton.

## Milk and cookies

### Plymouth woman aims at Canton market

BY SCOTT DANIEL  
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Cathy Proppe is hoping Cookies and Milk will be a sweet alternative for parents and children on-the-go.

The new Canton business is aiming to provide a safe and fun environment for kids newborn to 4 year olds. Proppe, a Plymouth resident, has someone else in mind, too.

"It will be a place for moms to meet up with other moms," she commented. "It will give kids a chance to play and parents a chance to have adult conversations."

Located in the Golden Gate Shopping Center on Lilley Road just south of Joy, Cookies and Milk will open Sept. 1. Proppe is planning a preview party for Aug. 19.

"We just want to give people a chance to look around," she said. "It will be free. We're going to serve punch and cookies."

Proppe worked as a market research ana-

■ 'They will have plenty of room to toddle around. It's going to be like a park, only it will be indoors.'

Cathy Proppe  
—Cookies and Milk owner

lyst for nearly a decade before becoming a full-time mom. Now that her children are of school age, she's ready to jump back into the workforce.

"I really always wanted to do something like this," said Proppe, a University of Michigan graduate.

The idea for Cookies and Milk came from her own experiences at a local mall. She watched as children of all ages romped around a play area.

But Proppe thought she could take that

concept and improve upon it.

"The play area at the mall is not clean," she added. "Bigger kids tend to play there, too."

The Plymouth resident did her homework before spending a penny. Proppe put together a brochure and passed them out in shopping areas.

She received response cards from across metropolitan Detroit, including Bloomfield Hills, Dearborn, Livonia and Novi. Using her research background, she discovered that there are approximately 27,000 children 4 and under within five miles of her Canton location.

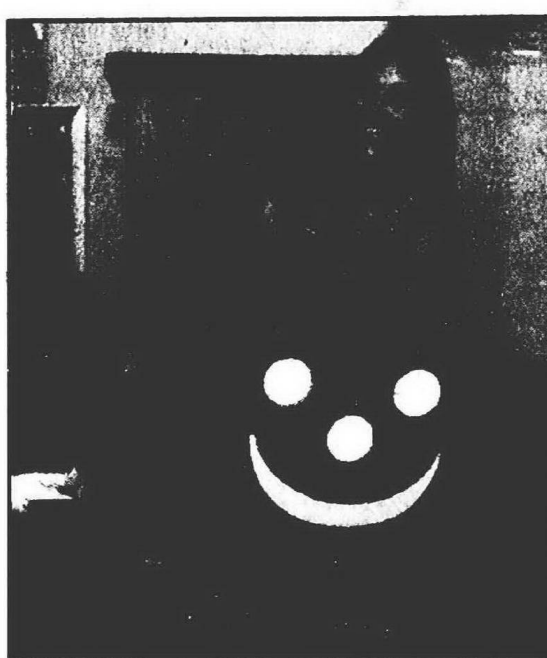
"If I can get just a piece of that market," Proppe said, "I'll be okay."

Cookies and Milk will have about 2,000 square feet in which kids can play, and space for parents to have a cup of coffee.

While it will not have toys, the facility will

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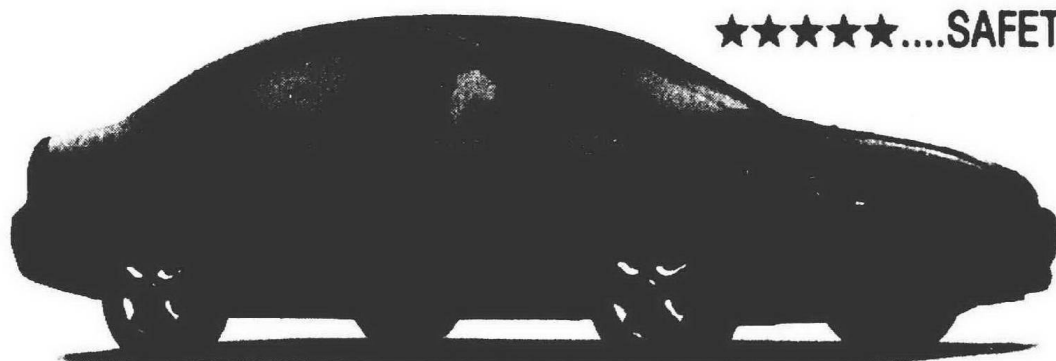
Getting started:  
Cathy Proppe (right) sits on one of the cushioned play toys as Bailey Riegal, 3, of Canton plays at Cookies & Milk. Above, 17-month-old Chelsea Justice of Canton plays on the toys.



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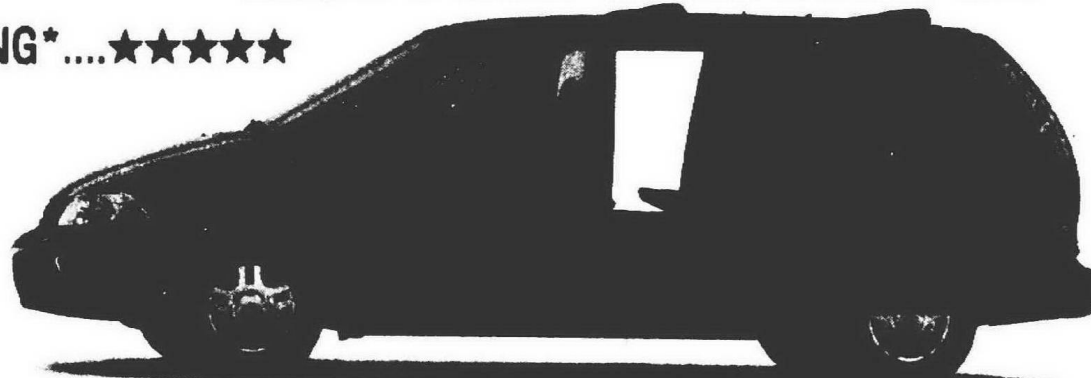
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## Canadians eye township election in action

BY SUE BUCK  
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A four-person film crew from CBC Toronto visited the Plymouth Township clerk's office election night to videotape the electronic election process.

The footage will air sometime near the Nov. 7 general election in the United States on a show called "Undercurrents" which

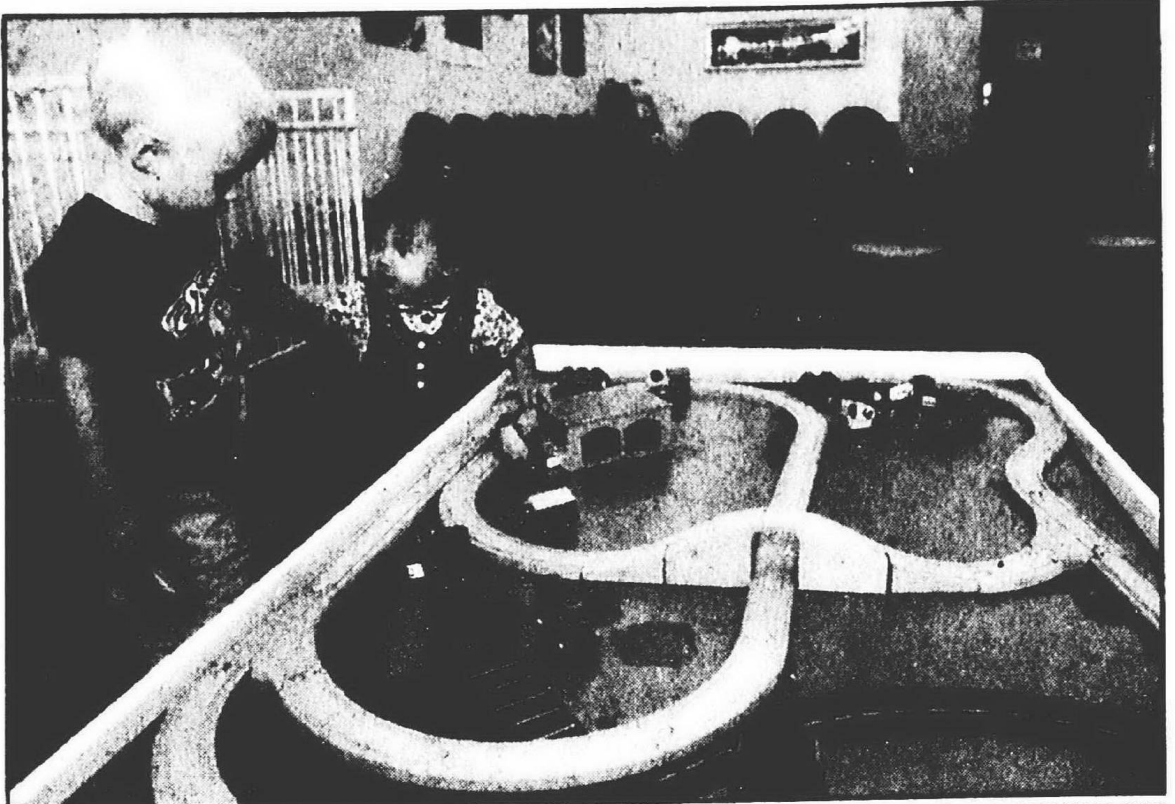
broadcasts 10:30-11 p.m. Sunday nights on a Windsor television station.

"We're doing a story about electronic voting and electronic equipment," said producer Adrian Callender. "We have a researcher. We're looking at countries with the equipment."

The crew was particularly interested in the township's Unilect touch-screen machines.

They had previously visited Barrie in Canada and talked to a man who doesn't like voting in this manner and prefers voting by paper ballots, Callender said.

"They called and were interested in filming various types of election equipment," said Plymouth Township Clerk Marilyn Maasengill. "They were particularly interested in the Infopacks, the brains of the program."



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBBARD

All aboard: Bailey Riegal and Chelsea Justice play with the train set at the new Cookies and Milk child care center owned and operated by Cathy Proppe of Plymouth.

## Cookies from page A9

feature small soft vinyl objects for children to climb on. Slides and coloring are just a few of Cookies and Milk's other amenities for children.

"I'm trying to keep it as simple as possible," Proppe said. "They will have plenty of room to toddle around. It's going to be a like a park, only it will be indoors."

Toys and furnishings were purchased with safety in mind, Proppe said.

"Safety and cleanliness are my two main things," she added. "I think it will allow moms to enjoy themselves."

**'I think it will allow moms to enjoy themselves.'**

Cathy Proppe  
—Owner

In terms of cost, \$5 will cover one adult and up to two children. Each additional adult and child will be \$5 as well. There will be no time limit.

Because Cookies and Milk is a non-licensed facility, parents

must stay with children, Proppe said.

"We do not provide child care," she added.

Hours will be Monday thorough Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Proppe sees a possibility of expanding her business down the line.

"I really think there's a need," she said.

For more information about Cookies and Milk or to reserve a play group time, please call (734) 207-1655 or e-mail at: cookiesandmilk@aol.com.

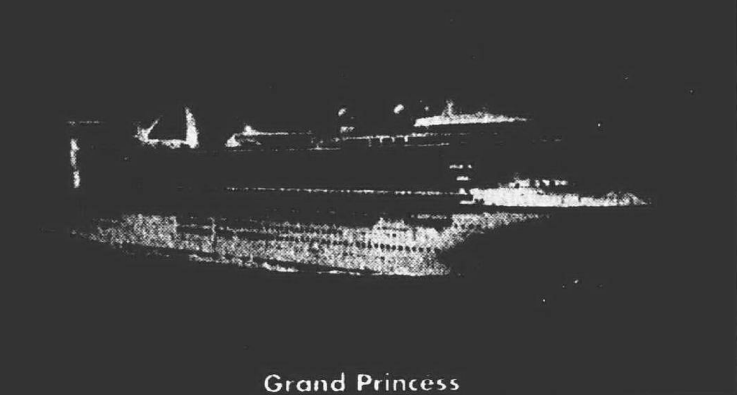
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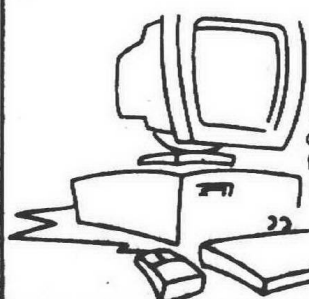
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## Gifts to help St. Joe center for women

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System (SJMHS) in Ann Arbor recently received major gifts totaling \$3.1 million to be used for the system's new Women Health Center.

These major gifts are three of many totaling \$10.1 million raised to date toward a goal of \$13.5 million for the center.

Robert and Ellen Thompson of Plymouth made a leadership gift of \$1.5 million for the center. The Thompsons received national attention in 1999 when they sold their asphalt company, Thompson-McCully Co., to a European building materials giant for more than \$420 million and established a charitable trust to allow their employees to share approximately \$128 million from the sale.

Robert Thompson said of sharing the wealth with his employees, "It's sharing good times, that's really all it is."

Earlier this year, SJMHS was notified of a \$1 million gift from the Harry A. and Margaret D. Towsley Foundation for the Women's Health Center. The Towsley Foundation was established in 1959 by Margaret Dow Towsley with a gift of Dow Chemical Co. common stock.

The foundation's mission is to assist religious, educational, charitable and scientific organizations with their programs and to support efforts for the prevention of cruelty to children. SJMHS has received Towsley Foundation support in the past for initiatives including fundraising campaigns for cancer care, cardiology, community educational and senior health.

SJMHS officials also received notification last month from the Kresge Foundation of Troy of a \$600,000 challenge grant they have made for the center. The Kresge foundation is an independent private foundation that awards grants to institutions operating in the areas of higher education, health and long-term care, arts and humanities, human services, science and the environment and public affairs.

Challenge grants are awarded for capital projects, most often for construction or building renovation, but also for the purchase of major equipment and real estate. To receive the Kresge Foundation money, SJMHS must reach \$12.9 million toward the \$13.5 million philanthropy goal for the new Women's Health Center. The Health System has raised nearly \$10.3 million to date.



# Democrat student leader brings young back to party

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LOS ANGELES — If the Reagan years saw an upsurge in the number of young voters who were joining the Republican party, these days youthful politicians are returning to their traditional home in the Democratic party, according to Amanda Stitt, president of the College Democrats of Michigan.

"Bill Clinton got a lot of young people involved in politics," she said. "He has a very young administration and he revived the Democratic youth in the party ... I think the '90s have seen an upswing in the number of young people who see that the Democratic party is the one that speaks for them."

Elected to the post of state president of the College Democrats in March, 20-year-old Stitt is the head of an organization that has 17 chapters at universities across Michigan.

"Our main focus is to register to vote as many college students as possible and get them excited about being involved in the Democratic party and to elect Democrats," she said.

"And we are trying to get people in all of our chapters involved in all the Democratic races across the state. We are



Amanda Stitt: President of College Democrats of Michigan.

trying to help all these state House races, which are really important, as well as work on the Supreme Court race that we are worried about and which is really important.

"We will also be working to defeat this voucher initiative that will be on the ballot. We're helping out Debbie Stabenow. At



Michigan State, we have the Dianne Byrum campaign, that is really crucial nationwide."

Stitt is also on hand this week at the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles Aug. 14-17 to help the staff of the Michigan delegation. Further still, she is serving as deputy field director of Debbie Stabenow's campaign to unseat Republican Senator Spence Abraham.

All that makes her so busy with politicking that the Flint-area native has decided to take the fall off from her studies at Kalamazoo College to work on politics.

Stitt gives credit also to presidential candidate Al Gore for his work with young voters. "Gore is an incredible spokesperson for young people and is responsible for restarting the College

Democrats. Back in 1988, when he was running for president, he got the college Democrats restarted," she said, explaining the organization had stagnated when it split from the Students for Democratic Action back in the Vietnam era.

But supporting Gore doesn't mean she agrees with him on every issue. Last month, at the College Democrats' convention in Washington, D.C., Stitt sponsored a resolution to change the organization's national platform to oppose proposals that would allow China permanent entry into the World Trade Organization. The only such amendment offered by a state college delegation, it required coordination with other delegations and a lot of persuading to eventually get the plank added to the platform in a 127-125 vote.

While that differs with Gore's position on the issue, Stitt still supports him. "We are not going to agree on everything, but we do agree on 99 percent of the issues," she said.

Her political activism dates back to age 16, even before she could vote. It was then that she first got involved in campaigning for Democratic candidates for the state House and helped out

on Stabenow's congressional bid in 1996.

Her interest in politics was piqued back in the days of recession in Michigan, because of the number of her friends who were hurt in the auto plant layoffs.

Now she is interested enough to major in political science in college. And while she plans to stay active, she prefers to stay in the background, helping others with their campaigns for elected office rather than vying for such a post herself.

"I'm definitely a background person," she said.

Her work on the Stabenow campaign puts her at the forefront of politics nationally.

"It can be stressful because it is a huge campaign and a very important race," she said. "The polls swing. They are up and down all the time. But you know the campaign environment we are in is great. We all work together incredibly well. And all the projections say Debbie is doing incredibly well for being the challenger. The polls consistently show they are running neck and neck."

## Granholm set to speak at convention podium

BY MIKE MALOTT  
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LOS ANGELES — Jennifer Granholm wouldn't say as of early this week what her speech Thursday before the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles would be about. The Northville resident, Michigan delegate and state attorney general declined to leak any tidbits from her talk to the press ... because she couldn't.

Her address was still in the typewriter.

"We're not sure where they want us to focus," she said. "They are still sending us some information. It is still being drafted."

Granholm, like a number of other prominent Michigan Democrats, was added to the speaking list just as the convention was getting under way in the Staples Center Aug. 14-17.

Originally, the only Michigan official who had been included on the list by the Democratic National Committee and the Gore campaign was U.S. Rep. David Bonior.

On convention eve, additional Michigan names began popping up: Granholm; Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer and U.S. Rep.

and Senate candidate Debbie Stabenow, who both spoke Monday night; and state Rep. Kwame Kilpatrick, well known in Democratic circles for his oratorical style.

Granholm is scheduled to talk Thursday at 2:37 p.m. Los Angeles time.

"My three minutes of fame," she said.

"Michigan is one of just a handful of states that are considered the battleground" in the presidential election, Granholm explained. "They want to highlight us because we are so critical to tipping the election one way or another."

"There will be a heightened emphasis on the state," Granholm said, noting that the symbolic passing of the torch from Bill Clinton to Al Gore was scheduled to take place in Monroe, Mich., this week even while the convention was under way in California.

Granholm predicted the Gore-Lieberman ticket will play well in Michigan.

"Gore has helped to preside over this fabulous economy. Secondly, Lieberman brings so much value, substance, soul to this ticket," she said. She called the lineup a "fabulous one-two punch."

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## OBITUARIES

### JAMES LEON McMAHON

Services for James Leon McMahon, 72, of Manchester, Mich., were Aug. 11 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Doc Ortman officiating.

Mr. McMahon was born Dec. 13, 1927, in Detroit. He died Aug. 8 in Ann Arbor. He was a salesman for Diamond Deck Corp. in Boynton Beach, Fla. He came to the Manchester area this year from Florida. He was a generous man with a great sense of humor. He served in the Navy during World War II.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Doris; one son, Tom; brother, Bud; and one step-daughter, Tracey. Survivors include his eight children, Virginia (Mark) Montgomery of Plymouth, Daniel McMahon of Denver, Colo., John McMahon of Austin, Texas, Dave (Sharon) McMahon of Delray Beach, Fla., Ken (Mary) McMahon of Wixom, Bob McMahon of South Lyon, Joe McMahon of South Lyon; nine grandchildren, Debbie (Steve) Freppon of Northville, Dan Philbin of Northville, Rachelle (Charlie) Karker of Plymouth, Ryan McMahon of Delray Beach, Fla., Johnny McMahon of Delray Beach, Fla., Missy Saunders of Livonia, Megan McMahon of Plymouth, Tony McMahon of Manchester, Kenny McMahon of Wixom; two great-grandchildren, Maddie Karker, Nicholas Freppon; four brothers; four sisters; and four step-children.

### HELEN LOUISE MARTINDALE

Private services were held for Helen Louise Martindale, 85, of Plymouth.

She was born Oct. 30, 1914, in Worthington, Ind. She died Aug. 14 in Plymouth. She

was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roger Martindale; parents, Clifford and Sylvia Kiser; one son, Charles Martindale; two sisters, Mary and Marguerite Kiser; and one brother, Paul Kiser. Survivors include her son, David Martindale of Plymouth; and three sisters, Gladys Boyd of Bloomfield, Ind., Janetta Harbaugh of Columbus, Ohio, and Jessie Kiser of Columbus, Ohio.

Memorials may be made to the Community Hospice Services, 127 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170.

Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

### FRANK J. PALMER

Services for Frank J. Palmer, 78, of Plymouth were Aug. 15 at First United Methodist Church with Dean Klump officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

He was born Oct. 1, 1921, in Detroit. He died Aug. 11 in Plymouth. He was the owner of Palmer Paving Co. Inc. for 27 years. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. He was a Rotarian, member of the Plymouth Salvation Army Advisory Board. He was a charter member of the Plymouth Round Table at the Mayflower Hotel.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Alice Palmer. Survivors include his wife, Mary Palmer of Plymouth, two daughters, Judy Allen of Duluth, Minn., Marie Short of London, Ontario, Canada;

two sons, Charles A. (Lynn) Palmer of Canton and Paul (Marie) Palmer of South Lyon; 18 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth, MI 48170 or to the Salvation Army-Plymouth, P.O. Box 384, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

### SAM R. LOMBARDO

Services for Sam R. Lombardo, 71, of Farmington Hills were Aug. 16 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. John Ortman officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.

He was born Dec. 3, 1928, in Cleveland, Ohio. He died April 10 in Farmington Hills. He was a Hi-lo driver. He was a veteran. He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Vincenzo and Gisipini Lombardo. Survivors include his two daughters, Linda (Jim) Bonell of Plymouth, Laura (Carlos) Villar of Lakeland, Fla.; one sister, Josie Badalucco of Livonia; three brothers, Matthew Lombardo of Dearborn Heights and Jim and Frank Lombardo of Farmington Hills; and two grandsons, Dominic and Dylan Bonell of Plymouth.

Memorials may be made as Mass offerings.

Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

## CAMPUS CLIPS

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### GRADUATES

Melissa Ann McNamara of Canton earned her bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Michigan School of Business. A 1995 graduate of Canton High School, she is the daughter of Ruth and Bob McNamara of Canton. She is living and working in New York City.

Jenine Marie Camilleri of Plymouth earned her juris doctor degree and Nicholas L. Dazer of Plymouth earned his juris doctor degree and received an environmental certificate at Northwestern School of Law of Lewis & Clark College.

Michelle Haines of Canton received a graduate degree from Washington University in St. Louis. She graduated with a master of science in occupational therapy degree from the School of Medicine. She was among 2,307 students who received degrees at the university's commencement ceremony. She is the daughter of Lonnie and Russell Haines of Canton.

James T. Bowman, Marcus O. Oden, Rashanda N. Tyler of Canton and Eric M. Werner of Plymouth all received their bachelor of science degrees at Kettering University.

### DEAN'S LIST

Christopher D. Sample of Canton was named to the Dean's Honor List at Michigan State University for the spring semester. Sample, who earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average, is the son of John and Carole Sample of Canton. He is a 1996 Plymouth Canton High School graduate majoring in telecommunications. Sample has also been chosen to serve as a mentor in his MSU residence hall.

Victoria Stawarski of Plymouth was named to the Dean's list at Smith College for her academic achievement for the 1999-2000 school year. The Dean's List recognizes those students with grade point average of 3.33 or above. She is majoring in English. Victoria is also a member of the Ada Comstock Scholars Program for women beyond the traditional college age. Victoria graduated in May 2000 and is currently attending Oxford University in England for the summer. She is the daughter of Emillie M. and Thomas D. Stawarski.

Vanessa Lynn Schmidtko of Canton was named to the Dean's list at Lake Superior State University.

Joel M. Burke of Plymouth and Brian A. Ott of Canton both were named to the dean's list at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

Melissa R. Bacyinski, Brandi N. Bernard, Lee M. Bonner, Stephanie E. Layng, Christina M. Mokienko, Adam J. Podolan, Dawn M. Putnam, Kelliue A. Titus of Canton and Deanna K. Bondie, Holly R. Chwalek, Maureen E. Kearney, Anthony H. Keshishian, Cara L. Okopny, and Joshua W. Stickney of Plymouth were all named to the dean's list at Grand Valley State University.

Christopher John Weaver of Canton was named to the dean's list at DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Roy Daniel Chapman of Plymouth was named a 200 Dean's Engineering Scholar. He is the son of Nancy and Roy Chapman.

Aimee J. Jachym of Plymouth was named as a recipient of the Dwight B. Waldo Endowed Medallion through Western Michigan University. She was a member of the National Honor Society and the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching band. She also participated in varsity soccer. She is the daughter of Harry and Karen Jachym.

Raechel Martz of Canton was named as a recipient of the \$1,000 Myrtle and Earl Walker Scholarship Award at Miami University.

### ENROLLED

Daniel James Jaeger of Canton has enrolled for fall 2000 admission at Rochester Institute of Technology. Jaeger, a recipient of a \$32,000 RIT Presidential Scholarship, \$1,000 Gary Grant Hees Math/Science Scholarship and a \$500 Mike Kilgore Canton Soccer Club Scholarship will major in microelectronic engineering in RITs Kate Gleason College of Engineering. He is a June 2000 Plymouth-Canton High School graduate. He is the son of Marilyn and David Jaeger.

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator  
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road  
Canton, MI 48188  
(734) 397-5435

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., August 31, 2000 for the following:

#### COMMERCIAL LARGE WATER METER TESTING, REPAIRING AND OR REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening and be received by the Clerk no later than 10:00 a.m., August 31, 2000 at which time they will be opened publicly.

The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA August 24, 2000

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, August 24, 2000 AT 7:30 P.M.** The meeting will be held in the First Floor Meeting Room in the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag  
Roll Call: Blaylock, Cieck, Demopoulos, Johnson, Redfern  
Acceptance of Agenda

- Bryan L. Amann of Brashear, Tangors, Gallagher, Creighton & Amann, LLP 355 North Canton Center Road, Canton MI 48187 (734-844-1400) representing Lifetime Fitness USA 6442 City West Parkway, Ste 205 Eden Prairie, MN 55344 (612-947-0000) for property on the East side of Haggerty between Ford and Cherry Hill. They are appealing Zoning Ordinance 26.03 Requirements for Commercial & Office Districts regarding a 7' height variance.
- Chuck Gorris & Mario Ferrante of Help-U-Sell Real Estate, 7242 Haggerty, Canton MI 48187 (734-645-9535). They are appealing Zoning Ordinance 2.24 Setbacks from Wetland Areas and Watercourses regarding a 20' variance of the Buffer Strip Parcel #046-99-0002-000 (Approval of August 10, 2000 minutes)

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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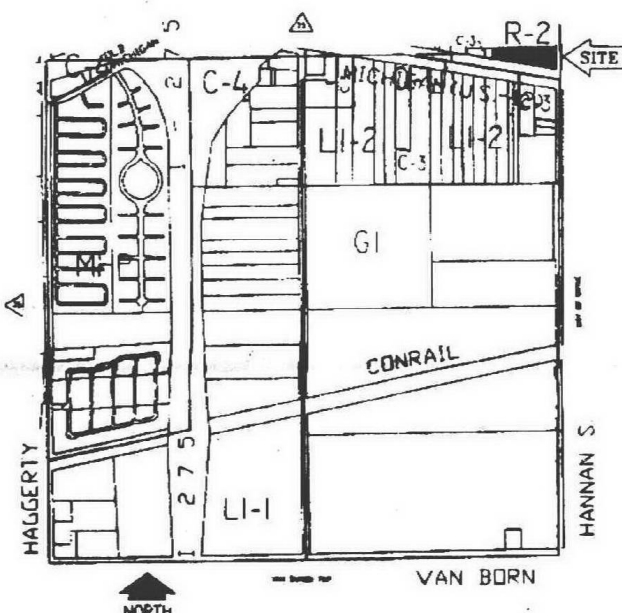


### PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 11, 2000 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

**SIMPSON/JONA REZONING** - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PART OF PARCEL NOS. 141 99 003 000, 141 99 004 000, AND 141 99 005 001 FROM R-2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, TO C-3, REGIONAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT. Property is located on the northwest corner of Michigan Avenue and Hannan Road. (Rescheduled from July 20, 2000)



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, September 7, 2000 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

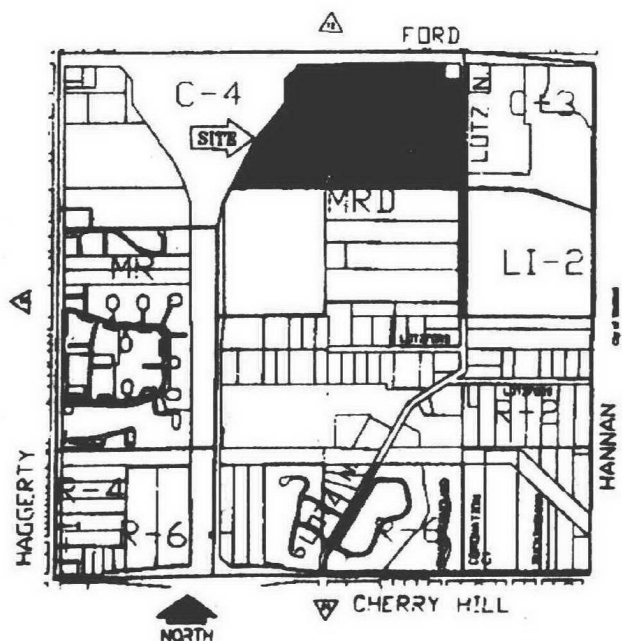
VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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**CANTON TOWN CENTER SPECIAL LAND USE** - CONSIDER REQUEST TO SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A GENERAL RETAIL AND PLANNED SHOPPING CENTER IN THE CORPORATE PARK OVERLY DISTRICT AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 6.08D.20 FOR PARCEL NOS. 049 01 0001 000, 049 01 0002 000, 049 01 0003 000, 049 01 0004 000, 049 01 0005 000, 049 01 0006 000, 049 01 0007 000, 049 01 0008 000, 049 01 0009 000, 049 01 0010 000, 049 01 0011 000, 049 01 0012 000, 049 01 0013 000, 049 01 0014 002, 049 01 0015 003, 049 01 0014 004, 049 01 0014 005, 049 01 0015 001, 049 01 0015 002, 049 01 0016 000, 049 01 0016 000, 049 01 0017 000, 049 01 0018 001, 049 01 0018 002, 049 99 0010 000, 049 99 0011 002, 049 99 0011 003, 049 99 0012 000, 049 99 0013 000, 049 99 0014 000, 049 99 0015 000, 049 99 0016 002, 049 99 0017 000, 049 99 0019 700, 049 99 0021 000, 050 99 0001 000, 050 99 0003 003, AND 059 99 0003 004. Property is located on the south side of Ford Road between I-275 Expressway and Lotz Road.



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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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# Sheriff shows political roots as convention delegate

BY MIKE MALOTT  
HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE  
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LOS ANGELES — "People want basic things. They want to be able to make a decent wage. They want to be free of major health concerns, and they want to make sure their children can do better than they did," says Democratic Convention delegate and Livonia resident Robert Ficano.

"That is basically what people are looking for. They want that optimism that their children can do better than they did. I want that for myself. I want my daughter or my son to do better than what I have done."

And he hasn't done badly. Wayne County Sheriff and now a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles Aug. 14-17, Ficano admits his success would surprise his grandfather, who immigrated here from Italy as did his father.

"My grandfather would never have dreamt that his grandson would not only go to college and go to law school but would hold a top county position in the eighth largest county in the United States," he said.

Those are the issues Democrats are trying to get at in the election this year, he said. That's one of the reasons the party is expected to stress the success of the Clinton Administration, and with him Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore, in dealing with the economy.

"If you talk to most economists, they will tell you it



**Convention time:** Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano of Livonia (left) and Chris Smith, chairman of the 16th Congressional District Democratic Committee, enjoy the sights and sounds of the convention in Los Angeles.

was that particular package that really started this drive in the economy going. Think back to what defeated George Bush. It was the economy. As the Clinton-Gore package got put into place, it did make a difference," Ficano said.

Although Clinton and Gore are rarely given credit for the

strength of the economy, Ficano contends it was their economic package, structured with the help of Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and designed to control inflation that launched the boom.

"And they did it without a single Republican vote in the Senate. The Republicans felt it would strangle the economy," he said.

A delegate attending his second national convention, Ficano said he believes Gore can overcome the narrowing lead Bush has in the polls by election day.

"The choice of (Connecticut Senator Joseph) Lieberman (for running mate) cut short the bounce Bush was looking for and it really cut into the Clinton-baiting that Bush was trying to do," Ficano said. "If you look at it, the Republicans are trying to take the focus off the economy in the past eight years, which was one of the most successful periods in the history of this country. Bush can't run on, 'It's broke and we are going to fix it.' They have to run on auxiliary or side issues, and that is what they are trying to do with the Clinton-baiting."

But Ficano said he believes voters are tiring already of the shots being taken at Clinton by Republicans.

Other top issues for the Democrats in Los Angeles this week are education and health care.

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### Handling of vote shows need for improvement

We all make mistakes. So when the Wayne County Clerk's office messed up the vote totals in the battle for the 20th state House District, well, we can cut them some slack.

The problem isn't so much what the folks downtown did on election night Aug. 8, as much as how they reacted in the aftermath, after it became clear something was seriously wrong with their reporting of results in this hotly contested race.

John Stewart and Teresa Folino, the key players in this election-night melodrama, deserved better than to be left wondering. More importantly, voters — the few who bothered to come out to the polls on a night when most precincts reported less than 25 percent participation and Livonia was as low as 16 percent — deserved to have their voices heard, and reported correctly.

Granted, the clerk's office has a difficult task on election nights, trying to keep up with many reports in countless races. Heap on calls from people, including the media, wanting to know the results and the pressure just keeps building.

So we're a little slow to criticize the performance in the clerk's office on that night. Human nature being what it is, mistakes are bound to happen. Where our beef lies is in the reaction once mistakes had been pointed out.

When clerks from the five communities which make up the 20th District — Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township and a corner of Livonia — had reported their numbers, it appeared Stewart, the attorney from Plymouth, had come from behind for a dramatic win.

According to the numbers, Folino, the insurance agent from Northville, had won big in the two Northvilles and in Livonia, where she had the support of, among others, Mayor Jack Kirksey. However, when tabulating was through in Plymouth Township, numbers revealed Stewart had stomped Folino in his own

back yard, enabling him to win by a narrow margin.

The next day, when totals were posted on the Wayne County Web site, they showed Folino the winner. Folino declared herself the winner, even though she didn't dispute the numbers as turned in by local clerks and her own totals from the individual clerks showed she'd lost.

Nothing about the results is official until the Board of Canvassers figures it all out sometime before Tuesday. But even when the county clerk's office was told the State Elections office was prepared to post the correct totals to its own Web site, the county took a "we'll get to it as soon as we can" approach. In fact, when an Observer reporter asked a representative at the clerk's office who'd won the race we were told that David Gray won — yes, he got the most votes of all 20th District candidates as the only Democrat in the Democratic primary side of that race. Differentiating between political parties should be pretty basic for that office.

Folino didn't help matters, calling herself the winner because the county Web site results are "pre-certified." She knows as well as anyone that all that means is they're unofficial. She did not dispute the numbers reported by the individual clerks' offices, yet still managed to show up at a gathering for newly elected representatives, claiming she thought it was for winners.

She surely didn't do the county clerk's office any favors, bringing even more focus on the apparently incorrect numbers posted on its Web site, which are still posted wrong a week after the election. Someone with Folino's background — she's new at running for office, but she's been around politics a long time — should have known to wait for the official, final results.

As for the clerk's office, the poet Sarah Chauncey Woolsey put it well: "Yesterday's errors let yesterday cover." Then, we might add, clear it up on the next day's Web site.

### Politicians may never learn

After poring for hours over countless records, we admit defeat.

We simply could not come up with any evidence that Teresa Folino and Thomas Dewey are related. Or knew each other.

You'll remember, of course, the famous headline trumpeting Dewey's win over Harry Truman back in the 1940s. Every school kid sees that photo in junior high school history textbooks. Every time a decided underdog seems to be kicking up his heels in some political race somewhere, that story is trumpeted.

Maybe Folino, the insurance agent from Northville, was sick the day they taught history.

Of course, you've read about Folino's battle with John Stewart, the attorney from Plymouth, for the right to succeed the term-limited Gerald Law in the 20th State House District. If you haven't read it, here it is in a nutshell: Folino routs Stewart in her hometown (Northville and Northville Township) plus the small part of Livonia that matters. Then Stewart drubs her in the City of Plymouth and, by some 800 votes, in Plymouth Township.

Apparently unable to bear the loss, and more willing than anyone in his right mind ought to be to trust the Wayne County Clerk's totals on the web, Folino claims victory. This despite the fact that at least three newspapers, plus the state elections office, had tabulated vote totals that put Stewart on top.

The explanation came down to essentially this: "It's on the web site; it must be right."

Folino even charged up to Lansing for the newcomers coffee put on by the legislature for all the winners. We had a small hidden microphone stashed in the state capitol, and this is what the conversation sounded like (some names have been altered to protect the innocent):

**State Political Big Cheese:** "Well, hello Teresa. What brings you up here?"

**Folino:** "I'm not sure. I tapped my heels three times and here I am."

**SPBC:** "Oh, I thought maybe John Stewart needed a ride."

**Folino:** "John won't be coming. I think he has the flu. Or amnesia. Or he flunked math and can't add the vote totals from five clerks' offices."

Of course, the Board of Canvassers will get the numbers right, and Folino will be left to a) demand a recount, b) continue selling insurance, or c) claim victory in the race for Northville assessor.

For his part, Stewart did what Folino should have done: he left town for vacation and, through his attorney, simply said, "I'll wait to see how it all turns out." Sure, in private, he's probably pumping his fist and making plans for his first day in Lansing.

Lesson to Folino: That's what you do in private.

Of course, Folino's reaction wasn't the only remarkable thing about this election season, which ends here in Plymouth because no Democrat could be convinced he had a reasonable shot at winning anything around here.

There was the classy public reaction of Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy, who simply acknowledged her defeat at the hands of challenger Steve Mann and started looking ahead to the future. Naturally, the opening down the road at Plymouth City Hall, where they're looking for a new city manager, was mentioned.

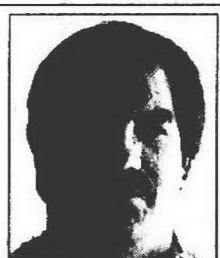
Keen McCarthy's reaction (we could hear the smile over the phone): "I just look crazy; I'm not actually crazy."

And there was the still questionable campaign tactic of Law, who sought to return to township government when his gig in Lansing ends. Law never set foot in the township, near as anyone could tell, and apparently relied on name recognition to win. It didn't work; Law was trounced more than 2-to-1 by incumbent Ron Edwards.

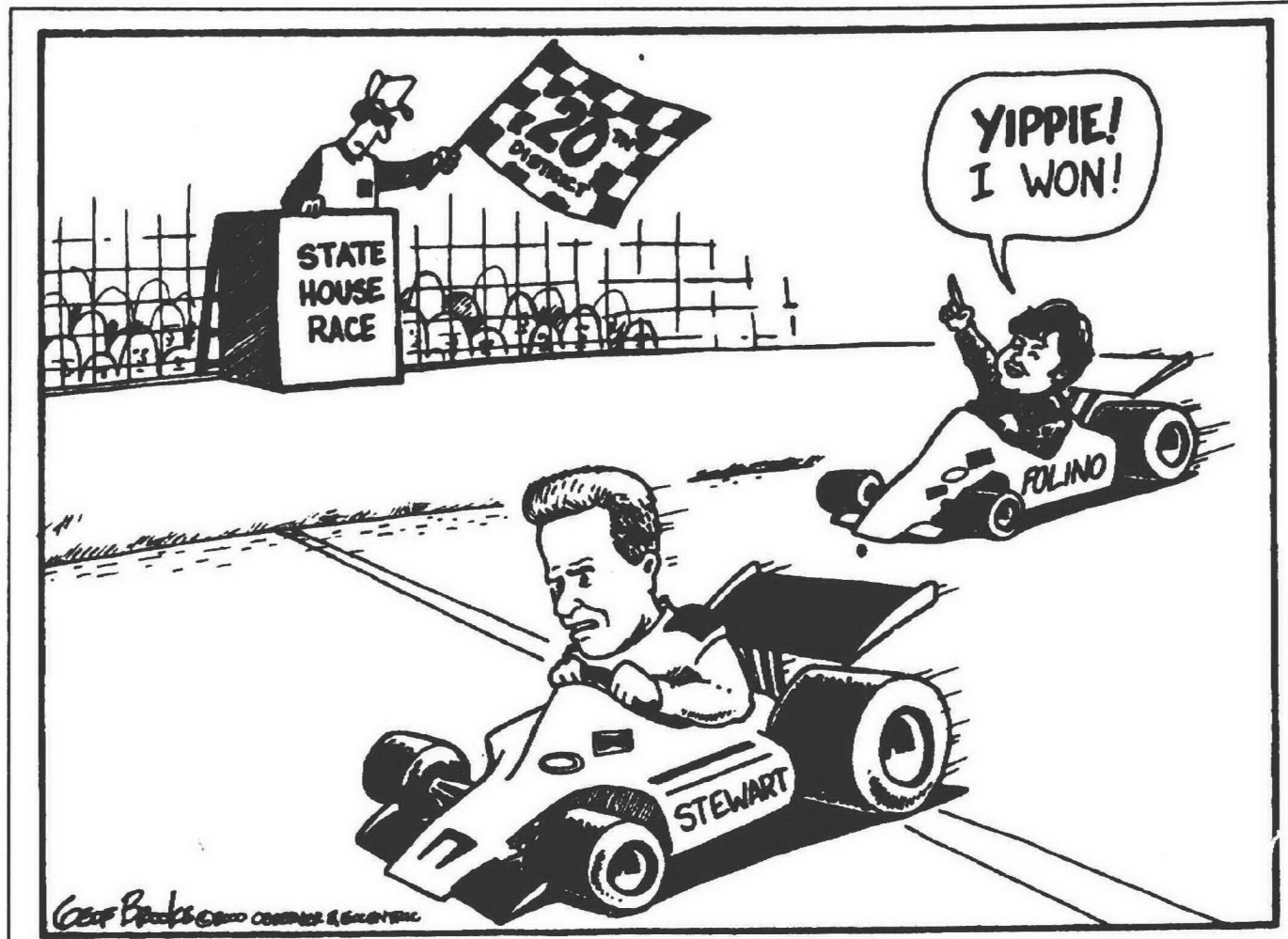
Put it all together, and it shows there might be a right way and a wrong way to campaign. Think it's a lesson politicians are going to learn anytime soon?

Nah.

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BRAD KADRICH



## LETTERS

### ■ Thanks for support

Now that the election is over, I just want to say that I'm glad to have been a part of the process. I ran for office because I felt that our township officials weren't listening to the residents. Although I didn't win the election, I feel I got my point across, so I did win something.

I also won the respect of people I didn't know before the campaign, knowledge of the political process, and best of all, new friendships.

With that said, I'd like to thank all the people who supported me — my wife Arlene, family, friends, neighbors and the AFSCME clerical union.

A special thanks to the great group of people working in the clerk's office. From the first day I walked in to get my petitions, right up through election night, you were always friendly, cheerful, helpful and professional, an outstanding bunch of people.

Thank you to the residents who supported me with your votes and to everyone who took the time to vote on Tuesday.

All the candidates who ran for public office deserve to be recognized; you put yourself out there and that takes courage.

To those who won the elections, congratulations! Remember the things you said you would work toward and don't let the residents of Plymouth Township down.

I plan to stay active within my neighborhood and this community. I'll continue to voice my opinion and learn about the government processes that run this township. I'll see you around town. Thanks again.

Jim Karell  
Plymouth Township

### ■ Support was great

I am writing at this time to express my appreciation to all the people who supported and voted for me in the Republican Primary Election for Plymouth Township Trustee.

I would also like to thank all the citizens who helped me with my campaign to share my vision for the Plymouth Township community.

This victory is especially gratifying as the voters of the township were not fooled by negative campaigning and accusations made by certain people who soon will not be associated with the township.

Again, thank you Plymouth Township voters for your support, and I promise you I will work hard for the betterment of Plymouth Township.

Abe A. Munfakh  
Plymouth

### ■ Jobs at risk

I believe that in this election year, the public is not being made adequately aware of the damage Senator Abraham's immigration policy has done, and what his plans are for the future.

Senator Abraham's policy has succeeded in suppressing wages and handing previously well-paying American technical jobs over to immigrants from third world countries who are willing to work cheap.

Last year, Senator Abraham sponsored legislation that doubled to 115,000 the number of immigrants allowed to enter the U.S. to take American Technical jobs.

This year, Senator Abraham's bill

would allow about 600,000 immigrants, mostly from third world countries, to enter the U.S. and take American technical jobs.

The number of foreign students already in the U.S. who will not return to their native countries upon graduation, as required by their student visas, but instead find work in the U.S. are expressly not counted in the 600,000.

To put this matter in perspective, 600,000 technical jobs is more than the number of technical jobs projected to be created during the next three years.

Thus, the thousands of American students presently studying in fields like engineering, computer science, architecture, etc., can expect to find themselves competing with hundreds of thousands of immigrants from third world countries willing to work cheap by American standards.

Senator Abraham says we need to open the floodgates to foreign workers now, but provide training for American technical workers in the future. Yeah.

How many Americans are going to sign up for 4-5 years of rigorous technical training, knowing that upon graduation the best they can hope for are wages that look good to someone from a third world country?

Senator Abraham's campaign is being bankrolled by a group called "Americans for Job Security." This is actually a conglomerate of corporations who are buying Senator Abraham's support for cheap technical labor.

The voters of the State of Michigan need to be aware of the damage that Senator Abraham's immigration bills already have done, as well as the even greater damage planned by the latest bill he is currently sponsoring.

Nobody is opposed to immigration. However, our founding fathers put reasonable limits on it to prevent the very types of abuses we see here.

Today, the job's at stake are those of American technical workers who are largely non-unionized. Tomorrow, if this is allowed to continue, it may be your job is for sale.

Gerald N. Wiggins  
Northville

### ■ Thank you

I want to let each person know their support was truly appreciated in my quest for township treasurer and congratulate Ron Edwards on his re-election.

Richard Reaume  
Plymouth

### ■ Thanks for the orchestration

On Sunday, July 15, thousands listened to "Live" Jazz, for 10 hours, by 24 musical groups consisting of 180 Michigan musicians.

Occasion: The Michigan Jazz Festival held its second annual gig at Schoolcraft College.

(Prior years it was at the Historic Botsford Inn).

This is a public letter of thanks to the many people who orchestrated (intended) this free event at a synopated rhythm involving the above musicians and huge crowds, to be at six separate venues at the proper performance times.

Funding for this "free" concert was provided, largely, by Local 5 of The Detroit Federation of Musicians.

Risking the error of omission, the following were the people who raised the balance of the funding and provided all of the labor: Morry Cohen, Curt Neumann, Midge Ellis, Tom Saunders, Murray Katzman, Eileen Standlee, Dorothy Moro and Johnny Trudell.

Thanks too, to the paper you are reading for pre-concert information.

We are surely blessed with Michigan Musicians who are second to none!

On behalf of our club (Dixieland and Rag) and other clubs who support "live" music we appeal to readers to acknowledge, by your presence, all types of music so that no form becomes the "fallen tree in the forest" (squirrels, certainly hear it, but seldom buy a ticket).

"Music has charms to soothe a savage breast, to soften rocks, or bend a knotted oak."

Wm. Knowles  
New Windsor/Detroit Jazz Club  
Farmington

### ■ Heart of what's best

In response to complaints filed by the group promoting the voucher proposal on this November's ballot, the Michigan Secretary of State's office has ruled that public school districts cannot "campaign" against this initiative.

Given this unfortunate development, I was pleased to read Dr. Kenneth Watson's informative article in the August Dialogue published by the Livonia Public Schools.

After reviewing his legitimate concerns, he wrote:

"... Vouchers will have a strong potential negative impact on our district if the issue is supported by the voters in November."

Thriving and improving public schools are crucial to the future of our pluralistic democracy.

Alan Helmkamp  
Livonia

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## Time for region to get past its aversion to mass transit

It's hard to get around without a car. This has long been a central complaint about southeast Michigan. Motown is no town to be in without your own wheels. We all love the convenience, privacy and speed that our cars give us. It's part of our heritage. We put the rest of the world into cars and we prefer to be in ours.

But the costs have been heavy. Our freeways are clogged and in constant need of repair at ever escalating costs. The air we breathe is highly polluted, causing health problems and eating a hole in the ozone layer which protects us from the sun. Many residents who are poor, elderly or disabled are unable to get from one place to another because they either don't have a car or are unable to operate one. The metro area has sprawled along the spider web of freeways, often outpacing and destroying any attempt at intelligent planning.

These are some of the issues the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments is wrestling with as it develops transportation initiatives for the next 25 years. A first step in seeking some solutions was taken Aug. 10 at the first of what SEMCOG calls "visioning" sessions. About 200 area residents representing a broad cross section of the metro area are being asked to help SEMCOG define the major mass transit issues and begin assessing possible solutions.

As a participant at last Thursday's session, I was encouraged to see that everyone understands we have a problem and that because of our history as the center of the auto industry it isn't a problem that will be easily solved. The visioning sessions followed release in June of SEMCOG's 2025 Regional Transportation Plan for Southeast Michigan. SEMCOG is a regional planning group composed of member governments from Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, St. Clair, Livingston, Washtenaw and Monroe counties. The transportation plan was financed in part through grants from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration and Federal Highway Administration through the Michigan Department of Transportation and local member governments.

The plan outlines transportation needs through 2025, covering everything from new roads and road improvements to airports, long distance rail and water transport needs to the vexing question of how to improve mass transit in a metropolitan area that has resisted mass transit for the last 80 years. The plan outlines many major construction

projects over the next quarter century. But SEMCOG is seeking public input to help define needs and refine the broad outline of the plan.

SEMCOG sets four major goals for its plan: providing accessibility and mobility for all people and goods; investing strategically in transportation infrastructure to enhance the vitality of the community; promoting a safe and secure transportation system; and protecting and enhancing the environment.

The session Thursday focused on just one aspect of this plan, regional transit. This part of the transportation puzzle always gets short shrift in Michigan. Even the Michigan Constitution limits state funding for mass transit to 10 percent of the money raised by fuel taxes. The state requires that 90 percent go to roads and auto bridges.

The visioning sessions, one in the afternoon and one in the evening, began with an instant poll using key pad voting. The poll was intended to get a sense of the group's understanding of the problem and their general perception of needs. The large group was then divided into small groups for a structured discussion of the issues.

The group I was in included a woman from the Detroit bus system, two men involved with helping provide transportation for the elderly and disabled, a representative from AAA Michigan, a planner from Livingston County and a private citizen with an intense interest in mass transit and some strong ideas on what should be done.

As might be anticipated, they focused in on two issues: the need to provide accessible transportation for everyone including the disabled and the need to change transportation spending priorities to provide for more mass transit.

The question of what kind of mass transit is still vexing. Many believe we have passed the point where we can change our infrastructure to build expensive rail systems. The Metropolitan Affairs Coalition, a public/private group that deals with public policy issues, released a report in January supporting "Speedlink," a "train on tires" system of connected buses running on dedicated traffic lanes. The idea has apparently been a success in Curitiba, Brazil, an industrial city with about half the population of metro Detroit.

Susan Stetler, SEMCOG communications manager, said two key ideas emerged from the process: one there is a perception that only the poor use mass transit and second that the participants showed their willingness to pay for any kind of mass transit.

These and other ideas will be examined, debated, cost analyzed and run through the wringer. But it is clear to most people that something has to be done to supplement the automobile, before we become permanently gridlocked and smog bound.

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Tedd Schneider

## Great Canton Duck Derby leaves time to savor weekend

There they stood, families lining the banks of the pond at Heritage Park two and three deep, urging yellow plastic ducks on to victory. Only the ducks, barely visible as they moved en masse from the west end of the pond, weren't in a cooperative mood.

Despite the best efforts of Canton Recreation Supervisor Bob Dates' quack staff (more on this later), the first one took some 35 minutes to cross the finish line. And more than a few of the plastic floaters wandered off course - or even reversed direction, heading back toward the starting line instead of the checkered flag.

Geez, if their live counterparts were this slow of webbed foot, they'd spend their winters migrating south to Monroe, not Miami.

No, Saturday's Great Canton Duck Derby wasn't exactly riveting in the sense of a great race. Those who came expecting to see NASCAR-like speed and excitement or even something akin to the graceful power of Flo Jo were surely disappointed.

But don't count Canton residents Jeff and Roxanne Boczar among them. "It's a beautiful day and this is a good way to support the community," Jeff Boczar said. The Boczars, relaxing on the banks of the pond with son Jack, 15 months, purchased seven ducks for the grand sum of \$5 earlier in the week at the Summit.

In fact, the day had more of a carnival-like feel than anything else. The derby, making its second appearance in Heritage Park, is like a cross between a family picnic and a street fair. Clowns circle the course handing out balloons and toys; a five-man Dixieland combo - the Reel Happy String and Swing Band - belts out tunes; kids on bikes and inline skates weave in and out of pedestrian traffic, which includes nearly as many dogs as humans.

Puns were the order of the afternoon. Anything of a fowl nature was fair game, including the prederby "cheese and quackers" party underneath a blue-and-white striped tent adjacent to the pond.

Jessica Norbert, 12, seemed more interested in how many freebies she could collect from various sponsor mascots than in any of the "action" on the pond. "It's cool. So far I've got dessert at McDonald's and this Wiffle ball and bat," she said.

Darin and Mary Ellis, another multi-duck fami-

ly, were lounging on a blanket, preparing to cheer their seven entrants on as the lights and siren of a Canton Fire Department rig signaled the start of the competition. Daughter Meggan, 4, acted as the family spokesperson, introducing a reporter to her sister Sarah, who was "only 2."

The Ellis' and Boczars' ducks were joined by some 3,000 others in the daunting trip across the pond. Each duck - identified with a number stamped on the bottom - was eligible for prizes ranging from gift certificates to local merchants to a television to airline tickets. That made rooting among the parents as spirited as among the kids.

Dates likes to "boast" that Canton has the only event of this kind held on a still body of water. Of course, that's like saying a restaurant has terrible food but at least it serves large portions.

Still, the work done by township staffers in an attempt to speed things up was commendable. Fire hoses, generators powering underwater devices designed to stir up a current, paddle boats and a lot of plain old elbow grease turned the placid pond into - well, a pond with a ripple or two here and there.

No one seemed to mind though. For one Saturday anyway. The Great Canton Duck Derby's pace provided a perfect contrast to the hectic hustle of life in the suburban fast lane.

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## High court was shortsighted in partial-birth abortion ruling

The Supreme Court recently re-affirmed its position on abortion to include partial-birth abortions as allowable. It is questionable that those justices who are in favor of this procedure looked at the whole picture of what they were fostering. A wise attorney once said that in making decisions, a judge could only act on the facts presented. If our justices follow this dictate, it is doubtful that the whole picture was viewed or surely they would have ruled otherwise.



Shirley Welch

When the subject comes up in various groups of citizens, usually the first comment made is something along the lines of "don't discuss the details, I don't want to hear about it." Of course, no one in their right mind wants to hear of a tiny baby being stabbed in the back of the neck, having the new wound forced open, and the contents of the brain being sucked out, forcibly - all this without any pain relief to the poor, defenseless baby who is only hours, or even minutes away from a natural birth. Just because the "fetus" is still within (although only partially) the woman's body, it is not considered a baby, only a fetus. If the woman had gone into premature labor, the child would have lived.

At the same time, these righteous citizens refuse to listen to the description of salt solution being injected into the mother's uterus to kill the fetus as it is growing inside her; or the method used in some abortions to dismember the fetus by pulling apart the arms and legs and killing the fetus that way. Just picture yourself having a tooth drilled without Novocaine, or perhaps having a finger nail ripped off in an accident. Compare this to the pain experienced by that tiny growing baby as it is aborted in one of the many methods available in today's informed society.

The main reason for granting this procedure is usually quoted as being for the safety of the woman. It does not take a medical specialist to wonder what difference it would make, medically speaking, to the woman to have her go that far into labor to have the birth reach this time frame and now all of a sudden there is a medical emergency that is endangering the mother's life. This reasoning appears to be another form of our selfish me-first thinking of today's society.

With all the modern obstetric inroads and improvements, it is hard to imagine a situation that can arise at this late stage of pregnancy that cannot be handled effectively by performance of a

cesarean section delivery. If the baby were too large to pass through the birth canal, a simple cesarean delivery can be now handled without too many complications. This is often indicated for the various reasons that put a woman into what is termed a high-risk pregnancy. Most of the mortality deaths of pregnant women in the United States are a result of motor vehicle accidents which obviously cannot be considered in determining the need for partial birth abortions.

The pro-abortionists cry out that the fetus cannot be considered a personhood involved in self-conscious thought and thus accepted as a member of a social community. A newborn baby may have a functioning brain, but it takes years before that personhood is capable of reaching and forming opinions and thoughts. Surely, we have no right to destroy a young infant because they cannot verbalize a self-conscious thought.

There are numerous laws protecting the rights of animals from mistreatment. We have activists strongly striving for the stoppage of fur or leather products because these products are the result of animal deaths. Despite the large good achieved by the use of laboratory experiments on animals, this is disputed as inhumane and horrible.

We have societies formed to protect wild animals, even those of a destructive nature, proclaiming they are on an endangered species list.

Yet, we still find excuses for killing off a growing child before it can be born. Many medical facts have proved the difference between the baby and the mother, thus disproving that it is only the mother's body. A growing fetus can be permanently damaged by the effects of drugs taken by the mother, alcohol she might drink, or the effects of the difference between her blood and the child's if the Rh factor is involved. All this speaks to the existence of two persons, locked together for a time, one very dependent on the other, but still a separate individual.

Today's medicines and devices provide a means to prevent pregnancies in many different ways. If we left a dog out in the sun, we could be held responsible by the law, and yet the law of the land now allows for the stabbing hole to be delivered into the back of a baby's neck, and its brain suctioned out, with no pain relief even considered, all in the name of allowing pro-choice of a woman to do with her body as she wishes.

With all the improvements of modern technology, we are quickly moving backwards into a barbaric way of life. We are quickly advancing many modern ways while we are ignoring any responsibility for our actions. As we advance the ideas of more terminating of unwanted babies, what will we do with the rapid increasing of elderly citizens? How will we justify and by what method will they be terminated?

Shirley Welch is a Livonia resident.

*"I never thought I'd be playing golf so soon after my prostate cancer procedure."*

### Cancer Services



"Just recently, I was diagnosed with prostate cancer, the most common cancer found in American men. My doctor told me about the options for my early-stage cancer. There were a lot of treatment options, like surgery, external radiation or brachytherapy.

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# Newburgh Lake plays host to triathletes

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About 100 competitors are expected Sunday morning in Edward H. Hines Park for the first-ever Newburgh Lake Wayne County Triathlon.

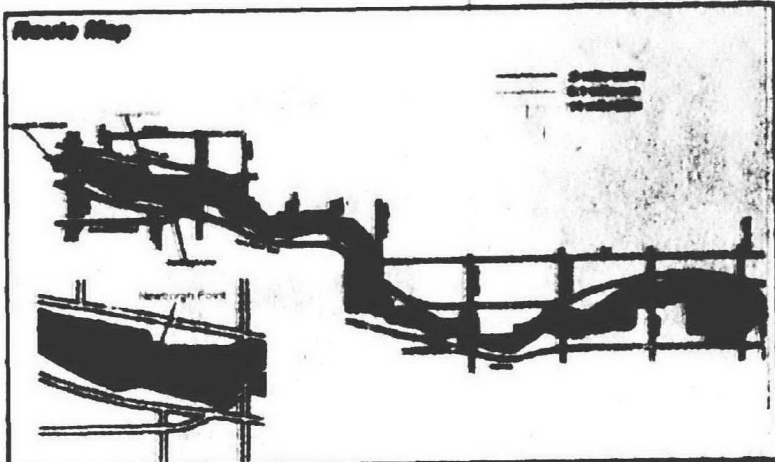
The public event, taking place both in Livonia and Westland, opens at 7:30 a.m. with pre-race activities at the Newburgh Point paddleboat dock, about a half-mile west of Newburgh Road on Hines Drive.

Competition begins there at 8 a.m. with a half-mile swim. That is followed by a 3.1-mile run around the lake and a 13.9-mile bicycle race on Hines Drive, from the Point to just east of Inkster and back. Awards are scheduled for 11 a.m.

Spectators at the triathlon also will see several informational exhibits from such sources as the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Friends of the Rouge. The festival area at Newburgh Point will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"It will be something unique to the area," said Larry Fitch, Wayne County parks department executive director. The county's parks and environmental departments are coordinating the event.

The county sheriff's department, together with Livonia and Westland police, will close Hines Drive to through traffic from the



**Race route:** The Triathlon will begin with a swim in Newburgh Lake, followed by a run around the lake, followed by a bike ride through Hines Park.

city of Dearborn to Haggerty Road in Plymouth Township during the competition.

Entrants compete individually or in teams in age groups from 15 to over 80. The event, part of USA Triathlon's Michigan Grand Prix, is sanctioned by USAT. Its members are eligible for points and rankings.

Among the top competitors is Matt Kowalski, 20, of Northville, who last weekend was the Sylvania, Ohio, triathlon overall winner.

Sheila Taormina of Livonia, a member of a U.S. Olympic gold-medal swim team in 1996, was scheduled to participate, but

withdrew to compete in a race at Stony Creek Metropark the same day. That race is the exact distance Taormina is to run in the 2000 Olympics next month, according to Gary Smith of Livonia, race director for the triathlon.

The event is being underwritten by Ford Motor Co.

Fitch estimated the cost of the triathlon at about \$10,000, with most of the expense coming from the professional firms running the event: Gault Race Management of Flushing, which manages the race, and Elite Endeavors of Sylvania, which provides the championship timing.

The triathlon, which planners are hoping becomes an annual event, is aimed at showcasing the reclamation of the 152-acre Newburgh Lake, which is part of the Rouge River.

Dredged in 1998 to remove PCBs and other pollutants, the lake has been declared safe for the swimming competition by the county health department. However, public swimming is still prohibited.

If there are heavy rains within three days of the competition, the swimming will be canceled and the event will become a duathlon — foot and bike races only.

Heavy rains would wash contaminants from streets and lawns into the lake, thereby making it unsafe for swimming, health officials explained.

The swimming is believed to be the first officially sanctioned event in the lake since about the 1960s, when it and the river were closed due to industrial runoff and public dumping.

The entry fee is \$45 for USAT members, \$50 for non members and \$55 per team.

There will be no race-day registration, but entrants can register and check in from 2-5 p.m. Saturday at the Nankin Mills parks office, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland.

For additional information, call the Wayne County hotline toll free at (1-888) 223-2363.

## A century of big cars



**Wild colors:** These brightly decorated Lincolns and Mercurys are an example of the cars that will be on exhibit 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House on Lakeshore Drive in Grosse Pointe Shores. "The Cars of Lincoln Mercury at the Turn of the Century. A Look Back and a Look Ahead" is sponsored by the Mid-Lakes Mercury Owners Club. Admission is \$5. Children under 15 are admitted free.

## Schoolcraft choir auditions

The Schoolcraft College Community Choir will hold auditions for new members 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29, at in the Forum Building, room 530, on the Livonia Campus. Experienced singers of all voice parts are wel-

come to arrange an audition with Choir Director Mark Perrine. For further information, call choir president Shari Clason at (248) 349-8176 or Schoolcraft's Liberal Arts Department at (734) 462-4435.

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# HOME TOWN LIFE

## Plymouth native rides road less traveled



JACK GLADDEN

### In a pickle over tomatoes

It seemed like a good idea at the time. I had visions of rows of cornstalks waving in the breeze, towers of green beans waiting to be plucked and tossed into a waiting pot of boiling water, tomato and pepper plants loaded with luscious orbs of red and yellow and green and orange.

"I'm going to put in a garden," I told The Feminist.

"Go for it," she said. "Whatever makes you happy."

The man with the Rototiller looked at the 15-by-20-foot plot of lawn I had chosen behind the garage.

"It ain't gonna be pretty," he said. "It'll take a couple of years to get this spot worked into good garden soil."

"Just do it," I said. "It'll be fine." That was a few years ago. And the garden was never "fine."

I got lots of tomatoes out of it over the years and plenty of peppers. But the combination of Canton clay "soil" and the fact that my selected plot of land was on the western side of the garage so that it didn't get full sun until early afternoon made the garden less than "fine."

As the pine trees along the fence grew taller, even the afternoon sun became more and more filtered. The weeds moved in with a vengeance and my spirits wilted.

"Containers," I told The Feminist a couple of years ago. "I'm gonna try container gardening. That way I've got more control over things."

"Whatever makes you happy, dear," Radishes, I learned, don't do well in containers. Nor do cucumbers. At least mine didn't.

I got a few tomatoes that first year ... and some peppers. But as the season wore on, the plants withered and died before the fruits got ripe. My 8- and 10-inch pots were just too small for garden-variety plants.

"You need at least 5-gallon containers," a colleague at work, a gardener himself, told me.

"Yeah, but where do I get them?" I asked.

"Behind an ice cream parlor," he said. "Or a delicatessen. They get fruit toppings and pickles in 5-gallon containers and just toss them out with the garbage."

I wasn't quite ready to go garbage picking, so I decided to go heavier on the water and the fertilizer. I'd look at nursery supply houses for my 5-gallon pots. After all, you see them in greenhouses all the time.

The plants did a little better last year, but the combination of a warm spring and a cool summer still left me with dead plants and green tomatoes in August.

This spring a nurseryman at a small greenhouse in Livonia looked at me skeptically when I told him I was going to grow tomatoes and peppers in the 10-inch faux terra cotta pots I was buying.

He pointed to a black plastic pail under a table of geraniums. "You need 5-gallon containers like this," he said.

"But where do I GET them?" He looked around furtively, then said, "Behind submarine sandwich shops. They get pickles in them."

Well, I thought, I'll go extra heavy on the water and use LOTS of Miracle-Gro. The peppers didn't do well this year, but the tomato plants are loaded ... with green tomatoes. And the plants are starting to die. My friends with their in-ground gardens tell me they're having the same problem. The weather's been too cool this summer. But I still need bigger pots.

When I took The Teenager to a small Canton greenhouse to buy a flowering plant, I pointed to a black plastic 5-gallon pail under the counter.

"Where do you get these things?" I asked the woman who was packing up the trailing portulaca.

She looked over her shoulder, blushed just a bit and said softly, "Behind any sub shop. Or any fast food place, for that matter. They get ..."

"I know," I said. "They get pickles in them."

So I've decided. NEXT year, in addition to the heavy-duty watering and the extra dose of Miracle-Gro, I'm getting bigger pots. And if you want to know where I got my 5-gallon containers, don't ask.

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BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
SPECIAL WRITER

At 5-foot-3 inches tall and 96 pounds, Lisa LaVine is hardly the image that comes to mind when you think about Harley-Davidson motorcycles. But the 1986 Plymouth-Canton High School graduate, whose maiden name was Forthofer, revs up as much horsepower from her excitement and enthusiasm as the bikes she helps make.

Since her days growing up in Plymouth, LaVine has blazed trails at the worldwide company known for its large, powerful bikes by being the first woman to finish a leadership development program eight years ago.

"I know I'm the first woman, but I never thought about it as breaking ground," said LaVine, who attended Smith Elementary and East Middle schools. "I never openly felt someone discriminated against me because I am a woman," she continued.

"I never approached things from that perspective. I felt like I had a bunch of big brothers. It was a neat group of guys I could count on to support me when I started here." Since then another woman was accepted into the program. There are, however, other women at Harley-Davidson who hold corporate positions. LaVine works at Harley-Davidson's headquarters in Milwaukee, Wis., and to hear her describe it, her workday is anything but monotonous.

**Well balanced machine**  
"We take our jobs very seriously, but Harley people laugh a little louder," LaVine said. "We have a lot of fun at work. Every day is casual day. Jeans and T-shirts are the uniform."

Out of high school she went to Wesleyan University and earned a bachelor of arts degree before moving to Boston in 1990 to work for Mintz and Hoke advertising agency. First she worked in the media department helping to coordinate ad placements. Then she landed a job in account management.

"I realized advertising wasn't something I wanted to do forever," she said. "I liked business and I wanted to be on the opposite end of the table. I always envied the idea of pointing to something tangible and saying that I worked on it."

Her career goal of having something tangible to show for her work came while she was program manager for the 1998 Softails and Sportsters at the Harley-Davidson York Assembly Plant.

**Poised: Lisa (LaVine) Forthofer, project manager - Custom Vehicle Operations of Harley-Davidson Motor Co. poses on a Buell Blast.**



LaVine, 32, decided to quit her job and returned to Plymouth before going to Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. She was 25 and took the summer off to be with her family.

She also decided to volunteer her time at a day care center on Main Street in downtown Plymouth, because she always loved working with children. After an internship working with the buyers for children's clothes at Target in Minnesota, LaVine had an interview with recruiters from the 97-year-old company who were on campus. After a two-day interview process, LaVine said, she knew that Harley had the type of work she wanted to do and the atmosphere seemed to fit her personality perfectly.

"The people had a good sense of humor. They were smart. They were very down to earth and very casual," she said adding that she interviewed with about 25 people.

"I enjoyed them so much that I came back imitating some of the people," LaVine said. One of the people involved in interviewing LaVine was Jim McCaslin, Harley vice president of dealer services. Previously Harley looked for engineers with masters in business administration and the year LaVine interviewed they had decided to expand the program to include people with marketing degrees.

"We weren't looking for a woman," McCaslin said. "We were looking for good people." McCaslin described her as having an "edge" that screams out a certain drive that makes her tackle projects. "Her selling points during the interview were her energy, drive and desire to get things done," McCaslin said. "She's a dynamo packed in a very small package."

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"I was basically responsible for the launch of those vehicles," she said. "When they started to roll off the line it was so exciting to see them run and hear them and to know that I played a part in the launch. It was amazing."

### Influential

She got her first taste of motors and building vehicles when she was a little girl and her father took her to work at Ford Motor Co. The stardust that dazzled her back then hasn't seemed to fade.

"I always thought it was so exciting to see how cars were made," she said. "Harley lets me live that. Not only does Harley make a tangible product, but it's exceedingly cool. It's not just a product, it's a lifestyle for people. People take it so seriously that they tattoo it on their bodies. As a marketing person I can think of no greater privilege as marketing the brand of Harley-Davidson."

LaVine's father also gave her first motorcycle ride. He rode a Honda when she was 6 years old. But, it wasn't until 18 months ago that LaVine got her own motorcycle license. She has plans to buy a light-weight Buell Blast — a model she helped develop. Working on the Buell had a more important effect on her life by serving as the launching pad to meeting her future husband, Lars LaVine, who works at Buell. They were married June 25.

LaVine is currently working in Harley-Davidson's general management program and she recently started work as project manager in the custom vehicles operations, which focuses on taking motorcycles and loading them with accessories, special paint jobs and producing them in limited quantities.

As for her future, LaVine said: "I thought about the CEO job and I'm not sure I want it. It's a lot of work. I think for now my aspirations are vice president. I want to have a family life as well."

### SACRED QUEST

## Youth Day brings Rome close to home

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
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Churches in Western Wayne County have found a new way to reach out to area youth by offering a once in a lifetime experience.

For World Youth Day, Saturday, Aug. 19, several area parishes are helping young people reconnect to their Catholic faith. "Several hundred young adults were going to Rome to be with the Pope for their pilgrimage," explained Joyce Hansen, coordinator of the youth ministry at St. Thomas A' Beckett Church in Canton.

Because so many young people were unable to pay for a trip to Rome to celebrate an event that happens only once every other year, the Catholic communities in Westland, Livonia, Plymouth and Canton banded together to host their very own pilgrimage through Hines Park.

### Refocusing efforts

"The ones at home felt left behind," said Jeanne Martin, director of religious education and coordinator of the youth ministry at St. Richard Parish in Westland. "Instead of costing them \$2,400, it's costing them \$20."

The Detroit Archdiocese dubbed the event Rome-at-Home and it will culminate at 4:30 a.m. Sunday with a Mass celebrated at the exact time that Pope John Paul II celebrates it across the ocean.

"This is the first time we've ever done it," said Hansen, who has been involved in the two-year planning process. She said the cities involved have been very cooperative — making her job that much easier. "It's been amazing," she said.

The pilgrimages will be held in three locations. Besides the Western Wayne County walk, there will be one in Troy and a bus tour throughout the city of Detroit.

About 300 people between the ages of 14 and 18 are expected to attend the Hines Park Rome-at-Home 9.5 mile walk. Anyone attending ninth grade or older is welcome. The route begins at 1 p.m. at Phoenix Lake, extends along Hines Drive, moves southward on Newburgh Road and then continues east on Cherry Hill to St. Richard Parish where the group will stay until 6 a.m. the next day.

"Here they will be walking with 200 other teens and hopefully feeling the unity in the realization that there's more Catholic kids out there," said Martin.

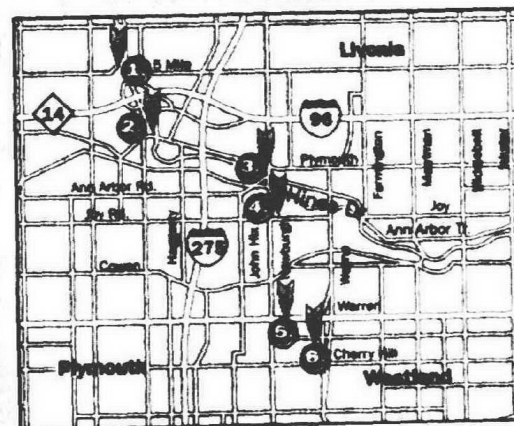
A highlight of the event will be motivational speaker Mindy Hawkins' *Rocking Chair Talk*. Using vignettes from children's stories like Dr. Seuss, Hawkins will relate messages to the facets and challenges of young life. Topics from chastity, to drug and alcohol use to peer pressure will be covered. She will speak from midnight to 1 a.m.

"Pope John Paul II is just a great advocate for youth," said Hansen. "He is always reaching out to them. It's very important to have personal encounters with them to bolster their faith."

Martin would like the communities to recognize that this event is proof that youth do show interest in something positive.

Anyone interested in registering for the Rome-At-Home walk may call Jeanne Martin at (734) 729-4411.

### World Youth Day — 2000 Rome at Home



### Walking directions

1. Rome at Home journey begins at 1 p.m. at Phoenix Lake.
2. First stop at Wilcox Lake Shelter (on Wilcox Lake)
3. Plymouth Riverside or Haggerty Field.
4. Sumac Points (on Newburgh Lake)
5. Churchill High School (Newburgh Road between Ann Arbor Trail and Warren)
6. Meljers of Westland (corner of Warren and Newburgh)
7. Walk concludes at St. Richard Parish (35637 Cherry Hill Road) in Westland.

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## REUNIONS

**At space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please include the date of the reunion and the first and last name of at least one contact person, and a telephone number.**

**ALL SAINTS**  
■ Class of 1950  
Is planning a "Millennium Reunion" for November 2000. Call Veronica (248) 437-9735  
■ Class of 1965  
A 35-reunion is planning a millennium reunion for Sept. 30 at Farina's Banquet Center in Berkley. Call Sharon Reich at (248) 557-3182.

**BELLEVILLE**  
■ Class of 1980  
A 20-year reunion is planned for Sept. 16. Contact Sandra (248) 647-5307; Tonya (734) 699-2839; Beth (734) 697-0440 or e-mail [bbelleville1980@hotmail.com](mailto:bbelleville1980@hotmail.com)

**BENTLEY HIGH**  
■ Class of 1970  
30 year reunion planned for Nov. 4. Call Colleen Siembar (734) 455-1395.  
■ Class of 1980  
A reunion is planned for Sept. 23 at the Double Tree Hotel in Novi. Call Class Reunions Plus, Class Reunions Plus (810) 446-9636.

**BENEDICTINE HIGH**

■ Classes of 1959-83  
A multiple class reunion will be held from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 30 at the Monahan K of C in Livonia. Cost is \$40 per person. Call George Stientrager (734) 261-8275 or Donna Wall (248) 258-1985.  
■ Class of 1970  
A 30-year reunion is planned for Oct. 21. Call Diane Reffner (734) 424-4783 or e-mail [direff@prodigy.net](mailto:direff@prodigy.net)

**BIRMINGHAM HIGH**  
■ Class of 1955  
A reunion is planned for Oct. 27 at The Northfield Hilton in Troy. Call Pete Kass (248) 335-5472 or e-mail [MESLK@aol.com](mailto:MESLK@aol.com)

**BIRMINGHAM GROVES**  
■ Class of 1975  
A reunion is planned for Oct. 14. Contact Cindy Herzberg (248) 681-7192 or e-mail [groves1975@yahoo.com](mailto:groves1975@yahoo.com)

■ Class of 1980  
A reunion is planned for Sept. 2 at the Troy Marriott. A picnic will follow on Sept. 3 at Kensington Metro Park. Visit <http://members.tripod.com/groves1980> or call Barb Cunningham (231) 941-2309.  
■ Class of 1990  
A reunion is planned for Sept. 9 at the Northfield Hilton. Call Reunions Plus (810) 446-9636.

**BISHOP GALLAGHER**  
■ Class of 1970  
A reunion is planned for Sept. 9 at Bishop Gallagher High School, Harper Woods at 7:30 p.m. Call Jim Champine (313) 884-3057.

**BRIGHTON**  
■ Class of 1980  
Aug. 26 at the Novi Hilton Hotel in Novi. (248) 360-7004.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
■ Class of 1950  
Looking for classmates for 50th reunion. Please call Sally (734) 425-3326 or Ellen (313) 386-2191.

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS**  
■ Class of 1960  
Bloomfield Hills High School (now Andover High) class of 1960 will host a reunion Aug. 25, 26, and 17. Contact Jim Wolfe, (248) 339-3225.

■ Class of 1964-65  
A reunion is planned for Sept. 15-16 with the main event being dinner and music at Forest Lake Country Club in Bloomfield Hills. Other activities include a tailgate party and football game against Avondale. Call Edie (248) 935-7555 or e-mail [laradgoldman@aol.com](mailto:laradgoldman@aol.com)  
■ Classes of 1935-1955  
"Vaughan" Bloomfield Hills High School. A reunion is planned for Aug. 19 including a banquet dinner at the Northfield Hilton Hotel. Call Rose Ricelli (248) 646-0596.

**BURGESS SCHOOL**  
We are looking for people who went to Burgess School on Grandview Ave. in Detroit or lived in the Five Points area. We are having a reunion in August. Contact Dorothy St. Thomas and I'll send you an invitation and directions. Write: Dorothy St. Thomas, 1135 Circle Dr., Jackson, MI 49201 or call (517) 787-0018.

**CASS TECH**  
■ Classes of 1950-51  
A 50th reunion will be held Sept. 16 at Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn. A weekend of activities is planned. Visit <http://casstech50-51.com> or call Marge Deters Singley (248) 740-3266.

■ Class of 1964, 1965, 1966  
A 35-year reunion is planned for Nov. 18. Call Rita (248) 746-3340.  
■ Class of 1975  
A 3-day Bahamas cruise is also being planned for Nov. 9-12. Deposits are (\$100) per cabin and should be sent to E. Morton. For information contact Lawrence Washington (313) 837-1901, Estelita Morgan (248) 559-7832 or write CT 75 - 25 Year Reunion, P.O. Box 8242, Bloomfield, MI 48302-8242.

**CHADSEY HIGH**  
■ Class of 1955  
A reunion is planned for Sept. 18. Call Arleen (Konick) Zylka (734) 459-6740 or Dolores (Bere-off) Lucca (734) 464-6645. Reservations need to be made by Aug. 16.

**CHERRY HILL HIGH**  
■ Class of 1979  
Class is looking for alumni to plan a reunion. Call (734) 397-4765, Jackie; or (734) 981-1636, Janine.

**CLINTONDALE HIGH**  
■ Class of 1960  
A 40-year reunion dinner/dance is planned for Sept. 30 at Van Dyke Park Hotel. The event will coincide with the high school homecoming on Friday evening. Members of William Nicke Elementary School, Class of 1965, are also invited. Call Judith Hall Adams (810) 395-2197.

**CLARENCEVILLE**  
■ Class of 1975  
A 25-reunion is planned for Sept. 16 at the Holiday Inn, Farmington. Call Bob Scheets (248) 363-

5345 or (248) 437-9131 or e-mail [bka1957@aol.com](mailto:bka1957@aol.com)

**CLAWSON**  
■ Class of 1976  
A 25-year reunion is planned for July 7, 2001 at the K of C Hall in Clawson. Call Cheryl (Strate) Brunette (248) 528-2652; Cathy (Grimes) MacKillop (248) 280-2764 or e-mail [clawson1976@aol.com](mailto:clawson1976@aol.com)

**DEARBORN FORDSON**  
■ Classes of 1960  
January and June classes will gather for a reunion Sept. 9 at Park Place. Call (313) 565-4322 or (248) 960-3671.

**DENBY**  
■ Class of 1952  
The January and June classes of 1952 are planning a 50-year reunion Sept. 28, 2002. Contact Bill Wogan at (248) 646-2178 ([lubill111@aol.com](mailto:lubill111@aol.com)) or Gordon Labuhn at (734) 676-9712 ([boon21@hotmail.com](mailto:boon21@hotmail.com))

**DETROIT BENEDICTINE**  
■ Class of 1970  
A 30-year reunion is planned for Oct. 21. Call Diane Reffner (734) 421-4783 or Teri Spiro (Guidot) (248) 626-8800.

**DETROIT CENTRAL**  
■ Class of 1950  
First reunion of the millennium. Class of 1950 (January and June) will hold a 50th reunion Saturday, Sept. 9-10 at the Novi Double Tree. Call Dr. Martin Trotsky (248) 865-5012 or Rhoda Kutzen (248) 642-3135.

**DETROIT CHADSEY HIGH**  
■ Class of 1950-51  
Reunion planned for Sept. 23. Looking for classmates from classes of 1950-51. Call (313) 273-1589

**DETROIT COOLEY**  
■ Class of 1955  
The January and June classes of 1955 are planning a 45-year reunion Sept. 9 at the Holiday Inn - Livonia (1-275 and Six Mile) for all classmates and friends. Call Class Reunions Plus (313) 886-0770 or Kay (734) 464-1273.

**DETROIT CODY**  
■ Class of 1965  
Both January and June graduates will gather at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. January graduates contact Donna Rourke Williams, [lakeview@ix.netcom.com](mailto:lakeview@ix.netcom.com) or Lynn Reid Saint-Onge (810) 231-1448; June graduates contact Cynthia Golec Cipolla, [jconion@tir.com](mailto:jconion@tir.com) (810) 632-6926.

**DETROIT EASTERN**  
A reunion for all graduates of Detroit Eastern up to 1950. Classes of 1940 and 1950 to be honored on Sunday Oct. 1 at the Ukrainian Cultural Center in Warren. We need your name on our mailing list. Call (248) 879-0490, (248) 626-6580 or (810) 463-8361.

**DETROIT FINNEY**  
■ Class of 1970  
A 30-year reunion is planned for Oct. 28. Call or e-mail Jennie Mathews at (810) 939-6716 or [goaler@email.msn.com](mailto:goaler@email.msn.com)

**DETROIT NORTHEASTERN**  
■ Class of 1950  
A 50th reunion is planned for Nov. 2000. Call Ted Potasnik (810) 268-1433 or Barbara Okarski Gibbs (734) 753-9013.

**DETROIT PERSHING**  
■ Class of 1960  
A reunion is planned for Sept. 9. Call Lillo Greer (313) 835-9642.

## SINGLES MINGLE

**Listings for the Singles Calendar**  
should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

**WESTSIDE SINGLES DANCE**  
Every Friday WestSide Singles hosts a dance at Burton Manor in Livonia (Schoolcraft west of Inkster Road) from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Upcoming dances are Aug. 25. Must be over 21, and dressy attire (no jeans). Open to the public. A deejay will be playing Top 40 music and current hits. Appetizers will be served (hot/cold). Early admission special \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after. For information please call (734) 981-0909. The Karas House (on Plymouth Road east of Telegraph in Redford) will be the site of a Friday, Aug. 18 singles dance.

**TRIP TO TORONTO**  
Singles of all ages are invited for an escorted motorcoach trip to Toronto, Ontario Aug. 18-20 with such options as The Lion King, Canadian National Exhibition, Tall Ship Harbor Cruise, Toronto Blue Jays game, Toronto Zoo or Science Center. Cost: (hotel and motorcoach only): \$224/person double occupancy. Hotel, motorcoach, and Lion King ticket: \$324/person double. Single occupancy: add \$53. The registration date has been extended to Aug. 10. Call Single Place at First Presbyterian

Church of Northville, (248) 349-0911, weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. You do not have to be a member of Single Place or a church to go on the trip.

**WEDNESDAY METRO SINGLES**  
Wednesday Metro Singles Dance begins at 8 p.m. every Wednesday and concludes at 1 a.m. Cost is \$6 or \$5 before 8:30 p.m. Free swing dance lessons offered from 8-9 p.m. DJ, budget bar, refreshments, 21 and over, dress attire please. Roma's Banquet Hall, 32550 Cherry Hill Road (east of Venoy) in Garden City. Call (313) 438-6258 or (734) 422-4550.

**DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP**  
Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center has a Divorce Support Group that meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the McDowell Center (Room 225) from 7-9 p.m. No fee is required. Call (734) 462-4443. A schedule through December follows:

■ Aug. 22, Coping with Divorce. Florine Bond will discuss strategies for coping with the stress of divorce.  
■ Sept. 12, Group discussion facilitated by Cynthia Koppin.  
■ Sept. 26, The Divorce Process. An attorney from Woll and Woll will present an overview of the process of filing for divorce and what to expect. The firm specializes in women's and children's cases.  
■ Oct. 10, Group discussion facilitated by Cynthia Koppin.  
■ Oct. 24, Mediation. Discus-

sion will focus on the mediation process in assisting couples in negotiating their settlements in divorce or post divorce matters.

■ Nov. 14, Getting through the holidays.

■ Nov. 28, Group discussion facilitated by Cynthia Koppin.

■ Dec. 12, Group discussion facilitated by Cynthia Koppin.

■ Dec. 26, No meeting due to the holidays.

**SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES**

Talk It Over meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Cost \$6. Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

■ Showcase ... Sept. 1 Nicole and Todd Smith with Allan Hall will perform classic Christian hymns at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. in Parlor C317/319. Tickets are \$7.

■ Grab your bike and join in the biking events on Saturdays for fun, friends, outdoors, exercise, great rides and more. Call the SPM office for a schedule of biking locations.

■ Labor Day Mackinaw Bridge walk ... Sept. 1-4. Cost is \$225 and includes bus transportation, hotel, Soo Locks dinner cruise, t-shirt, sightseeing and some meals. The bus leaves Friday, Sept. 1 at noon. Call SPM for details.

**PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS**  
Parents without Partners, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to the single-parent family. We offer educational, social, and recreational activities for single parents and their children. Dues \$30 per year. For membership

information in the Ann Arbor Chapter #38 call (734) 973-1933 or visit the Web page at [www.aapwp.org](http://www.aapwp.org)

**CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB**

A general meeting of the Catholic Alumni Club of Detroit (a non-profit organization of single Catholics, 21 and over, who have earned a bachelor's degree and are free to marry in the Catholic church) will be held Wednesday. Upcoming events include:  
■ Outdoor Volleyball every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. St. Rene Parish (35955 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights). Call Rita (248) 336-0391.  
■ Outdoor Tennis every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. Meet at Boulton Park, west side of Crooks road, just 1/2 mile north of 16 Mile Road. Call Tom (248) 547-5884.

**TALK IT OVER**  
TIO meets the second Friday of each month in Knox Hall from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Free will offering. Coffee/cookies served. Call (248) 374-5920.

**METROPOLITAN PROFESSIONALS**  
The MSP invite you to meet new friends, dance and socialize from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will be a Top 40 D.J., cash bar and hors d'oeuvres (8-9 p.m.) The ballrooms are non-smoking. Call (248) 851-9909.

**SINGLES WELCOME**  
Bethany Suburban West is a Catholic organization providing spiritual, social and support assistance to divorced/separated Christians. Call (734) 981-4553.

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AUTUMN IN NEW YORK (PG-13)  
movie 11:55, 2:15, 4:35, 7:00, 9:20  
SPACE COWBOYS (PG-13)  
11:30, 2:00, 4:40, 7:10, 9:35  
NUTTY PROFESSOR 2: THE KLUMPS (PG-13) movie  
11:45, 2:00, 4:30, 7:20, 9:40  
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**PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **School Bus Tires**. Specifications and bid forms are available at the front desk of the E.J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI or by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Sealed bids are due on or before 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 5th, 2000. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.  
Board of Education  
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools  
JUDY L. MARDIGIAN, Secretary  
Publish: August 17 and 24, 2000

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**  
**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**  
The Board of Canvassers for the Charter Township of Canton met on August 9, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, 1150 South Center Center Road to certify the results of the Local Primary Election. The certified results are as follows:

Statement of Votes Cast Primary Election, Canton Township Wayne County, Michigan		
Township Supervisor		
Party	Candidate Name	Total Votes
Republican	Thomas Yack	2141
Democrat	None	
Township Clerk		
Republican	Terry G. Bennett	2197
Democrat	None	
Township Treasurer		
Republican	Elaine J. Kirchgatter	2106
Democrat	Stephen Kilijarczyk	1662
Township Trustee		
Republican	John M. Burdziak	1795
Republican	Philip J. Lajoie	1776
Republican	Melissa McLaughlin	1837
Republican	Robert J. Shefferly	1765
Democrat	Thomas Murphy Hartnett	1652

Publish: August 17, 2000

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**BAR-B-BEQUE & BREW**  
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Prices include a pint of our award-winning hand-crafted beer!  
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(734) 769-4777

**PLYMOUTH FINANCIAL CORPORATION**  
**NOTICE OF INTENDED MERGER/ACQUISITION**  
**AS REQUIRED UNDER THE BANK MERGER ACT**  
Notice is hereby given that New Liberty Bank, a wholly owned subsidiary of Plymouth Financial Corporation 249 N. Main St., Plymouth, Michigan 48170, and their respective Organizers/Incorporators: Michael D. Weaver, William S. Graham, David D. Phipps, Wallace E. Smith, John E. Zafarana, Paul T. Bohlander, and Genesio C. Masculli has made application with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1828\* for the purpose of acquiring the assets and liabilities of the Plymouth, Michigan branch office of Peoples State Bank located at 245 N. Main St., Plymouth, Michigan 48170.  
Any person or persons who wish to comment on the Interagency Bank Merger Application of New Liberty Bank may file his or her comments in writing with the Regional Director, Division of Supervision (DOS), of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its regional office:  
Regional Director  
Division of Supervision  
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation  
500 W. Monroe St. Suite 3200  
Chicago, IL 60661  
Non-confidential portions of the New Liberty Bank Interagency Bank Merger Application are on file in the regional office noted above, and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the non-confidential portion of the New Liberty Bank Interagency Bank Merger Application will be made available upon request.  
This Notice will be published July 23, 2000, August 20, 2000, and August 17, 2000.  
The public comment period shall commence on Monday, July 24, 2000 and close on Monday, August 24, 2000.  
MICHAEL D. WEAVER  
Designated Representative  
249 N. Main St.  
Plymouth, Michigan 48170  
Publish: July 23, August 10 and 17, 2000



## ENGAGEMENTS

## Mahoney-Croll

Kendra Marie Mahoney and Jeffrey Alan Croll have announced their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mary and Kenneth Mahoney of Montague, Michigan. She is a 1995 graduate of Montague High School and will receive a bachelor's degree in social work in August 2001 from Western Michigan University. Kendra is currently a legal secretary in the Law Office of Mark L. Dobias.

Her fiancé, son of Debbie and Charles Croll (formerly of Livonia) of Kewadin, is a 1996 graduate of Elk Rapids High School and will receive a bachelor's degree in environmental science and geology in May 2001 from Lake Superior State University. Jeff is currently an environ-



mental health technician with Luce County Health Department.

The couple will be joined in marriage at St. James Catholic Church in Montague in August. The couple will receive guests at the American Legion Hall in Whitehall.

## Mardiros-Olli

Rod and Theresa Mardiros of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Renae Elizabeth, to Nathan Richard Olli of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a Madonna University student who will graduate with honors in Spring 2001 with Elementary Teacher Certification.

Her fiancé, son of David and Terri Olli of Livonia, is a Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts graduate and works for 94.5 FM WKKR in Toledo, Ohio.

An August wedding is planned at St. Raphael's Catholic



Church. The reception will follow at Burton Manor in Livonia.

## Evola-Green

Paul and Lillian Evola of St. Clair Shores announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer, to Robert Green.

The bride-to-be is an employee of GM Validation Center in Rochester.

Her fiancé, son of Gary and Ann Green of Westland, also works at the GM Validation Center in Rochester.

A September wedding is planned at Blossom Heath in St. Clair Shores.

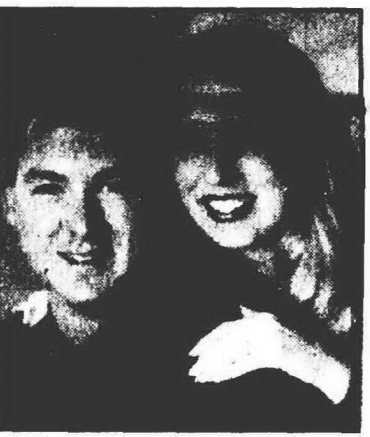


## Warnke-Village

John and Kay Warnke of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Leigh, to Erik Michael Village of Rochester Hills.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 Plymouth-Canton High School graduate and a 1998 graduate of Western Michigan University with a degree in accounting. She works at Pricewaterhouse Coopers as an auditor.

Her fiancé, son of John and Mary Ellen Village of Jerome, is a 1993 Jackson High School graduate and a 1998 graduate of Western Michigan University with a degree in marketing. He works for Time Warner as a



sales manager. A September wedding is planned at St. Michael Lutheran Church.

## Delong-Demchinski

Jim and Barbara Delong of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Ivory, to Michael Wayne Demchinski of Columbus, Ohio.

The bride-to-be graduated from Plymouth High School. She received a bachelor's of art degree from Michigan State University and a master's of science from Central Michigan University. She is a project coordinator at Ancor Information Management.

Her fiancé, son of Wayne and Michele Demchinski of St. Joseph, Mich., graduated from St. Joseph High School. He received his bachelor's of science from Michigan State University and now works at the Sweet-



heart Cup Company as a sales representative.

A September wedding is planned at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

## Becker-Monfette

Reva Becker of Farmington Hills and Ken Becker of Waterford announce the engagement of their daughter, Charlene Becker of Clinton Township, to Michael Monfette formerly of Westland.

The bride-to-be attended Macomb Community College and currently works as a customer service representative at Casco Plastic Tooling.

Her fiancé, the son of Mike and Kathy Monfette of Memphis, Mich., attended St. Clair Community College. He works as a steamfitter (welder) at Local #636.

A September wedding is planned at St. Thecla Catholic



Church in Clinton Township. A reception will follow at Barrister Garden in St. Clair Shores. The couple will make their home in Clinton Township.

## Spiewak-Mueller

Greg and Mary Spiewak of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacey Lynn, to Karl Fredrick Mueller of Detroit.

The bride-to-be graduated from Stevenson High School in 1989. She is an account administrator for Greenlands of Redford.

Her fiancé, son of Gary Mueller and Ruth Tussey of Dearborn Heights, graduated from Stevenson High School in 1989 and is employed at Greenlands of Redford as a field supervisor.

An August wedding is planned

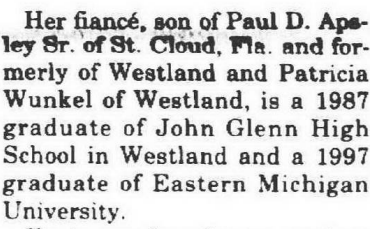


at Our Savior National Catholic Church. The couple will receive guests at Vladimir's of Farmington Hills.

## Burek-Apsley

Robert and Diana Burek of Romulus announce the engagement of their daughter, Annette, to Paul D. Apsley Jr. of Romulus.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Aquinas High School in Southgate and a 1993 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as a conference manager by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers in Dearborn.



Her fiancé, son of Paul D. Apsley Sr. of St. Cloud, Fla. and formerly of Westland and Patricia Wunkel of Westland, is a 1987 graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland and a 1997 graduate of Eastern Michigan University.

He is employed as a project accountant by Clayton Group Services Corporate Headquarters in Novi.

A September wedding is planned at The Little Wedding Chapel in Taylor.

## Hartke-Hetzel

E. Michael and Toni Hartke of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer L., to R. Andrew Hetzel of East Lansing.

The bride-to-be is a legislative assistant for State Representative Bogardus. She received her bachelor's of arts degree from Michigan State University in 1995 and is currently completing her law degree from M.S.U. Detroit College of Law.

Her fiancé, son of Richard and Barbara Hetzel of Wellsville, N.Y., is the press secretary for the House Democratic Leader. He graduated from Syracuse University with a bachelor's of arts in journalism and interna-



tional relations in 1990. A September wedding is planned at the Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn.

## Prosser-Brennan

Douglas and Karen Prosser of Sparta, Tenn. announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Marie, to Michael Anthony Brennan of East Lansing.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Edsel Ford High School in Dearborn and graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in psychology. She will work as a school psychologist for Ingham Intermediate School District beginning in August.

Her fiancé, son of Bridget Brennan of Plymouth and the late Patrick Brennan, is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and a 1996 graduate of University of Michigan - Dearborn with a bachelor's degree in environmental science. He is completing his master's



degree in environmental geology at Michigan State University and works for Malcolm Pirnie as a hydrogeologist.

An August wedding is planned at St. Kenneth Catholic Church.

## Saranas-Chenoweth

Jackie Wicher of Southgate announces the engagement of her daughter, Jamie R. Saranas to Eric Alan Chenoweth of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and is currently an executive assistant with American Express in Southfield.

Her fiancé is a 1995 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School in Redford. He is currently employed by the TPC in Dearborn and will graduate from Walsh College in May 2001 with a degree in marketing.

A September wedding is



planned at St. Kenneth Church in Plymouth.

## ANNIVERSARY

The children of George and Dorothy Aren, together with Mrs. Henrietta Kay, are proud to announce the couple's 45th wedding anniversary.

The couple married on August 20, 1955 at the Salvation Army Detroit Citadel Corps. Together they have raised five children: John (Julie) Aren; Mark (Mychell) Aren; Laurie Aren;

James (Karla) Aren; and Jennifer (Jerry) Moore. The family includes four grandchildren: Mark, Matthew, Rachel and Jonathan. They will be blessed by a fifth grandchild in November.

Mrs. and Mrs. Aren also founded and ran Telway Towing of Redford for over 30 years.

## SUMMER

This summer there is so much going on it's hard to decide what & where to go! That's why the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers has put together this special directory to make it easier.....



## 24th FRANKFORT ART FAIR

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• Ice Cream Eating Contest • Aug 25  
• Arts & Crafts • Aug 25 & 26  
• Street Dance • Aug 25 & Aug 26  
• Dunk Tank  
• Children Tractor Pull • Aug 26  
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## Cheboygan County Fair Grounds



Antique Daze Show & Sale  
Aug. 18th-20th  
Friday • 1:00pm till 6:00pm  
Saturday • 10:00am till 5:00pm  
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For more information about advertising please call Rich: 734-953-2069

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Do you drive a sport coupe or GT car such as: Mustang Cobra/GT, Camaro, TransAm, Grand Prix, etc.? We need you for an automotive study in Allen Park. 2-hour appts., available from Sat., August 19th - Mon., August 21st. You'll receive \$100 cash for participating. No Sales—strictly market research. Call Molly today. (800)358-9919

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# CALENDAR

## WEEKEND

### YOUTH TENNIS

Northville Parks & Recreation will be hosting a U.S.T.A.-sanctioned youth tennis tournament for ages 12-16 on Friday, Aug. 18; Saturday, Aug. 19; and Sunday, Aug. 20, at the Fish Hatchery tennis court. Applications are available at the Northville Parks & Recreation Office, 303 W. Main, Northville. Entry fee is \$35 for resident; \$38 for school district; and \$42 for non-resident. For more information, call Northville Parks & Recreation at (248) 349-0203.

### SIMPSON'S TRIVIA CONTEST

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees are sponsoring a Simpsons Trivia Contest on Saturday, Aug. 19, at Schoolcraft College. The grand prize is \$250 with the proceeds of this event being donated to Mission Inn Hospital. Mission Inn is a Jaycee sponsored pediatric AIDS hospital. Contestants will answer general questions based on the Fox television show, *The Simpsons*. A panel of local celebrity judges will moderate the contest, which will culminate in a final showdown in a traditional "spelling bee format." For more information or to register, call the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees at (734) 453-8407 or write to P.O. Box 700123, Plymouth, MI 48170.

### CEDAR POINT TRIP

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring a family trip to Cedar Point Saturday, Aug. 19. Enjoy a day at Cedar Point with no worries of driving or parking. Bus leaves Summit on the Park parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and leaves Cedar Point at 8 p.m. Cost is \$33 per person, which includes admission to Cedar Point and bus transportation. Registration ends Aug. 18, or when all tickets are sold. Registration is now available to non-Canton residents. Space is limited; 40 spots are available. For more information or to register, call (734) 397-5110.

### HEALTH AND SAFETY EVENT

Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center Pediatric Unit in Dearborn is sponsoring a free "Safety and Health Day" for children newborn to 8 years of age from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, at Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center, 18101 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. The event includes immunizations for children 4-6; hearing and speech screenings; free giveaways; cookie decorating; fire safety; abduction prevention; raffle drawings for bike helmets; smoke detector and more; clowns and face painting; fitness course; car seat safety; road crossing safety with mini course; 911 simulator; child ID kits; and notarized vacation forms. Registration is required for the event. For more information, call (313) 593-5925.

### BONSAI DISPLAY

The Bonsai Display can be previewed at the lobby of the Gardens. This lobby display of select bonsai can be seen until Aug. 26. The annual bonsai show is held at the Gardens Saturday, Aug. 27, and Sunday, Aug. 28. The Gardens are located at 1800 N. Dixboro Road, between Geddes and Plymouth roads in Ann Arbor.

### KIDCARE ID PROGRAM

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees and BASF are proud to sponsor the Kid-Care ID program from 10 a.m. until noon Sunday, Aug. 27. The event will be held at The Gathering.

Parents will receive a photo identification card and organizer of important information. The Plymouth Township Canine Unit will perform a demonstration. Free balloons and face painting will be available and a clown will provide entertainment for attendees. This important community event is organized by the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees and sponsored by BASF.

### GOLF OUTING

The Plymouth-Salem and Canton High School hockey teams have scheduled their first golf outing for Saturday, Aug. 26, at Hickory Creek Golf Club on Napier at Ford Road in Canton. There will be a dinner and silent auction on that day. The entry fee is \$95 per player or \$350 per foursome. The dinner fee is \$35. Price includes greens fees and cart, steak dinner, snack at the turn, pop and water on the course, silent auction, new car lease for hole-in-one, prizes for best men's/women's/mixed teams, prizes for longest drive, closest to pin, and more. There will be a scramble format with a 7 a.m. check-in and an 8 a.m. shotgun start and 2 p.m. dinner-auction. Register early because spaces are limited. All proceeds benefit the Salem and Canton High School hockey teams. Registrations can be mailed to P.O. Box No. 700891 Plymouth, MI 48170, with checks made out to the Hockey Booster Club. For more information, call Doug McCabe at (734) 354-0415 or Mike Marsh at (734) 254-1382.

## AROUND TOWN

### AUDITIONS

Madonna University's Chorale is holding open auditions for the 2000-01 season. The chorale consists of Madonna University students and local community members. All are invited to take part in this community outreach program. There is no charge for singing in the chorale, although academic credit is given to Madonna University students. Auditions will consist of an individual meeting with Dr. David Wagner, the chorale's director. No music is needed for the audition and nothing needs to be prepared in advance; Dr. Wagner will provide all accompaniment. For more information, call (734) 432-5708 or send an e-mail to wagner@smtp.munet.edu. Madonna University is located in Livonia at I-96 and Levan Road.

### KWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club meets 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. Call Charr Briggs at (810) 406-8489.

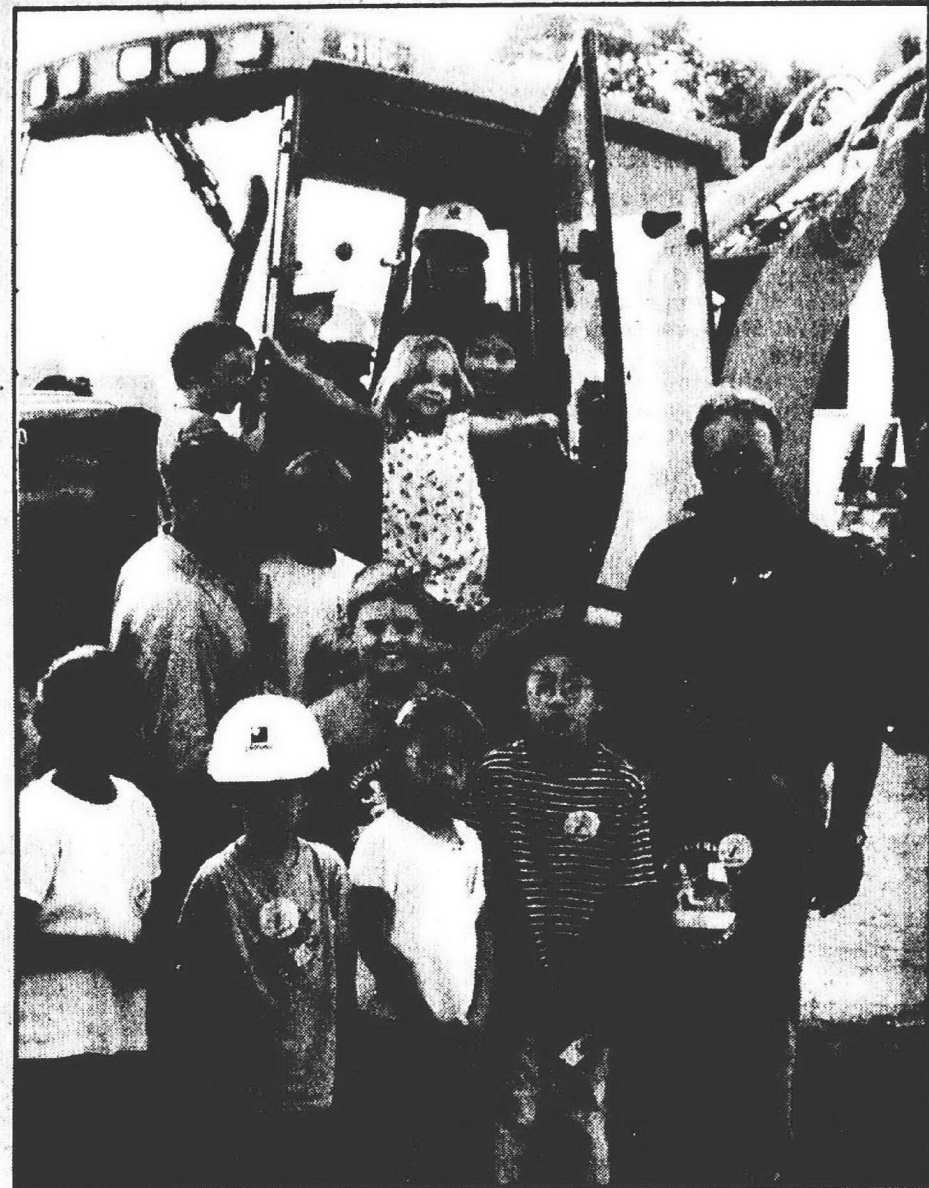
### ASTRONOMY DISCUSSION GROUP

The Astronomy Discussion Group meets every third Monday of the month 7-8 p.m. in the Plymouth Dunning-Hough Library, 223 S. Main. Astronomy novices and enthusiasts (age 6 and older) are invited. Adults must accompany those 6-11. Door prizes, handouts, videos, slides, lecture, and open discussion are a part of meetings. For more information, call Mike Best at (734) 459-2378.

### NURSERY SCHOOL

Creative Day Nursery School, located in Canton Township, has a few openings for its preschool program for the fall 2000 sessions. Creative Day's pro-

## Learning curve



**Practical education:** Students from New Morning School's Discovery Days Camp join DeMattia Group employees on the backhoe during the "Let's Build - Construction Zone" education session. DeMattia Group project manager Ron Evangelista (left) and general superintendent Ray Melvin (right) educated future architects, engineers and construction workers about the elements of designing and constructing a building, starting with their own school's blueprints.

gram is a developmental approach with small classes and low student/adult ratio. Sessions consist of Freeplay, Storytime, Sharing, and Art and Music activities. Children between the ages of 2 1/2 and 5 are eligible. For more information, call (734) 981-3990.

### BNI MEETING

The Business Network International will hold its regular meeting for the Plymouth Chapter 7-8:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth.

### DINNER SOCIAL

The Dearborn-Livonia Chapter of U.S. Singletons will host its next Dinner Social 5:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18, at Damon's, 43750 Ford Road, Canton. Adults 45 and older wishing further information regarding activities hosted by the National organization Dearborn-Livonia Singletons, please write to: Dearborn-Livonia Singletons, P.O. Box, 2175 Fort Dearborn Station, Dearborn, MI 48123.

### DANCIN' FEET

Dancin' Feet registration will take place 5-7 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 22, at Summit on the Park Community Center, Canton. Head instructor Cheryl Reitz will be available for questions at 4 p.m. This is a one-time registration; if you wish to participate you must attend. Specific class openings and Dancin' Feet program information are available at the front desk. For more information, call Jennifer Varajon at (734) 397-5110.

### POMPON CLINIC

The Plymouth Canton Chieftes Varsity Pompon Squad will be sponsoring a Pompon Clinic for girls ages 8-14 to learn pom and dance routines. The clinic will be held 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, at Pioneer Middle School, 46081 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. The cost is \$35 per person, which includes a T-shirt and lunch. Participation is limited to the first 100 registrations. Registration forms are available in elementary and middle school principal's offices and at the Plymouth or Canton Library. For more information, call Debbie Custer at (734) 455-2812 or Lynn Rivers at (734) 416-1822.

### CAPITOL TOUR

Canton Historical Society presents "A Day at Our Capitol," 8 a.m.-5:15 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23. The tour location pickup is at Summit on the Park, on Palmer and Canton Center Road, Canton. Cost is \$37 per person. The tour includes round trip transportation via deluxe highway motorcoach; tours to the state Capitol Building, Michigan Historical Museum, and Michigan State University; and lunch at a top East Lansing restaurant. For more information or reservations, call Ronnie Curtis at (734) 981-1475.

### BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross will sponsor a community blood drive at St. Mary Mercy Hospital from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium. The American Red Cross encourages area residents to join St. Mary Mercy Hospital employees and volunteers to donate blood. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile Road at Levan, participants should use the Five Mile entrance. To schedule a time to donate, call St. Mary Mercy Hospital at (734) 655-2907.

Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred.

### ART CAMP SHOW

The summer has ended and it is time for D&M Studios Annual Summer Art Camp Show and Exhibit. This year's theme is "Medieval Madness." The art work the children created is extraordinary. The Art Show and Exhibit will be held Aug. 28-Sept. 3. Hours are Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m.; Saturday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.; and Sunday from noon until 4 p.m. For more information on the Art show or for class enrollment, call D & M Studios at (734) 453-3710.

## VOLUNTEERS

### FIRST STEP

Become a volunteer and help other people while putting an end to domestic violence and sexual assault in your community. First Step has been active in the effort to end violence in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years. Volunteers must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area, and complete a 55-hour training program starting this month. For information, call (734) 416-1111 Ext. 223.

### ST. MARY MERCY HOSPITAL

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia is looking for adults who want to use their skills in a health-care setting. Specific roles include clerical, greeters, staff support and other non-patient care-related duties, as well as patient-comfort roles. For more information, call St. Mary Mercy Hospital Volunteer Services Department at (734) 655-2912, or www.stmaryhospital.org

## SUPPORT GROUPS

### DOWN SYNDROME

The Down Syndrome Support Group of Western Wayne County meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street in downtown Plymouth. This group hosts speakers and provides support, physician referrals, and the latest information for families with children/adults with Down syndrome. The focus is on the up-side of Down syndrome and members look for ways to help children and their development in a positive environment. For more information, call Michelle Gonzalez at (734) 516-0746.

### FAMILIES ANONYMOUS

Families Anonymous holds monthly meetings at 8 p.m. every Thursday at St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton. This group provides support for families and friends concerned about the use of mind-altering substances, such as alcohol, drugs or behavior problems of a loved one. For more information, call (734) 416-0315.

### HANDS ACROSS THE WATER

Hands Across The Water holds its Adopting Older Kids (A-Okay!) meetings the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. There is a \$5 fee; they also sponsor an adoption book discussion group the fourth Tuesday of each month from 7-9 p.m. The group is free. Meetings are at 2300 Washtenaw, Suite 103B in Ann Arbor. For further information, call (734) 913-0831.

### STARTING OVER

Starting Over is a group

for widowed men and women younger than 45. Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of the month at Plymouth Church of Christ. Call (734) 662-5999.

### GRIEF AFTERCARE SUPPORT

Vermeulen Funeral Homes offer a monthly grief aftercare support group meeting for those who have recently experienced the death of a family member or close friend. For more information, call (734) 459-2250.

### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

Community Hospice and Home Care Services hosts ongoing grief support services for adults experiencing a loss through death. The meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month from 1-3 p.m. at the Plymouth office of CHHCS (127 S. Main St.). For information, call (734) 522-4244.

New Hope Center for grief support offers groups and seminars for people grieving after the death of a loved one, including ongoing support for widows and widowers of all ages. Meetings are held throughout western Wayne and Oakland counties. For information, call (248) 348-0115.

### COUNTERPOINT

Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families. Call (734) 563-5005.

### ANGELA HOSPICE

Angela Hospice offers free monthly grief support groups for people who have experienced the loss of a loved one. All groups meet at the Angela Hospice Care Center in Livonia. For meeting dates and times, call Ruth Favor, (734) 464-7810.

### TEE OFF FOR A FRIEND

Tee Off for a Friend takes place Aug. 28 at the Fox Hills Country Club, Golden Fox, Plymouth. For times and more information, call (734) 453-6879.

### OPEN HOUSE

Evola Music Center will hold its open house at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30, at 7170 N. Haggerty Road, Canton. Meet Miss Karen and Miss Claudia while enjoying crafts, snacks, door prizes and movement, and a Kindermusik demonstration. On display are home materials for classes in Kindermusik (ages newborn-7), guitar (ages 4-12), piano (ages 4-12) and percussion (grades 5-8). Fall classes begin Sept. 16. Registrations for the Open House are suggested, but not mandatory. For a free brochure or to register for classes, call (734) 455-4677.

### ARBOR HOSPICE

Arbor Hospice & Home Care is offering a number of grief support groups. Groups are free and open to the public. New Pathways is a recovery program where participants learn about the grief process and have an opportunity to share their experience with others. In Northville, the group will meet through Aug. 31, from 10-11:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road. Two groups are available in Ann Arbor and will meet Mondays through Aug. 28 or Thursdays through Aug. 31, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For adults who are grieving the death of a parent, a support group will meet in Ann Arbor on Mondays through Aug. 28, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call Arbor Hospice & Home Care at (734) 662-5999.

The Plymouth Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Plymouth Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI. 48170, or by fax to 734-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

### Event:

### Date and Time:

### Location:

### Telephone:

### Additional Info.:

Use additional sheet if necessary



# Woman trains for triathlon to benefit leukemia research

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

Christine Lauer, 29, a resident of White Lake, has a can-do attitude, and enjoys helping others. She's a busy person, busier than most. Still, she's making time every day to train for Mrs. T's Triathlon in Chicago on Sunday, Aug. 27.

A registered dietitian and MBA student at Walsh College of Business in Troy, Lauer is participating in the triathlon to help raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, formerly known as the Leukemia Society of America.

She is swimming, biking and running for an "honored teammate," Ashanti Johnson, age 6 of Waterford, who is currently undergoing chemotherapy for treatment of acute lymphocytic leukemia, a malignant disorder involving the production of blood cells. Leukemia is the number one disease killer of children between the ages of 1 and 14.

"My inspiration comes from having worked as a clinical dietitian at the University of Michigan Medical Center with pediatric and adult bone marrow transplant patients and being all too familiar with cancer's wrath," she said. "The job was emotionally draining as I watched many patients, young and old alike, fight for their lives

in the battle against leukemia, lymphoma and other blood-related diseases."

As a volunteer in the Team in Training program, Lauer is committed to raising \$3,200 to help the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in its mission to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

The program works. Team in Training volunteers helped raise \$61 million for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in 1999.

"As a Team in Training volunteer I will meet two challenges — prepare for an Olympic distance triathlon and support the fight against leukemia and other blood-related cancers," said Lauer. "I think both of these goals are worthy of my best efforts and I hope you'll help by being one of my sponsors."

Lauer doesn't consider herself to be particularly athletic. She's always enjoyed sports, and has jogged to keep in shape, but didn't consider herself triathlon material. Fueled by determination, she works out five to six days a week, sometimes at 10 p.m. after working and attending class at Walsh.

"I'm working to build my own nutrition consulting business, and taking two classes a term at Walsh — that doesn't leave much

time for exercise. I fit it in when I can."

Lauer believes in what she is doing, and hopes to increase awareness of leukemia and blood-related cancers by participating in the triathlon.

The Michigan Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society has trained over 2,500 volunteers and raised over \$5.5 million since its inception. Team in Training is the number one endurance program in the country to benefit a charity, according to Sandy Topping, a Team in Training coordinator.

"Walkers, runners, cyclists, skaters and triathletes raise funds, and in exchange receive a personalized fitness program that will help them successfully complete their event," Topper explained.

Lauer is a graduate of Madonna University in Livonia. If you would like to help her help fight Leukemia, make your check payable to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and send it attention Christine Lauer, 2776 Havenwood Drive, White Lake, MI 48383.

For information about Team in Training, contact Beth Smith of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (800) 456-5413 or visit the Web site [www.leukemia-lymphoma.org](http://www.leukemia-lymphoma.org)

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■ Melinda and Jeffrey Hale of Plymouth announce the birth of their son Jeffrey Brendan Rollings Hale born June 1 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Jeffrey joins sister Samantha, 6. Grandparents are Maurice and Mary Breen of Plymouth and Lydia Hale of Altamont, Tenn.

■ Gregory and Michelle

Anthony of Dearborn Heights announce the birth of their third child, daughter Bailey Patricia, born August 4 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne. She joins sister Kassie and brother Brandon. Grandparents are Kenneth and Debbie of Taylor and Jacob and Patricia of Westland.

■ Gerald and Mary Metcalf of Garden City announce the birth of their second child, daughter Alyssa Marie, born August 4 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne. She joins sister Renee. Grandparents are John and Dee Slanec and Ray and Pat Metcalf all of Garden City.

■ Brandy Lee Carter and Karl Mollison Beam of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter Karlee Precious

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■ Daniel and Amy Taylor of Canton Township announce the birth of their daughter Micaela Lynn Taylor born June 14 at Providence Hospital - Southfield. Grandparents are Daniel and Kathy Taylor of Plymouth, Diane Morelli of Canton Township and Joseph Morelli and his wife Tami of Commerce. Great grandparents are Allen and Virginia Taylor of Livonia, Charles and Maryann Misko of Redford, Bruno and Jennie Morelli of Farmington Hills, the late Harold Hubbard of Plymouth and Mel and Jeanne Speier of Venice, Fla.

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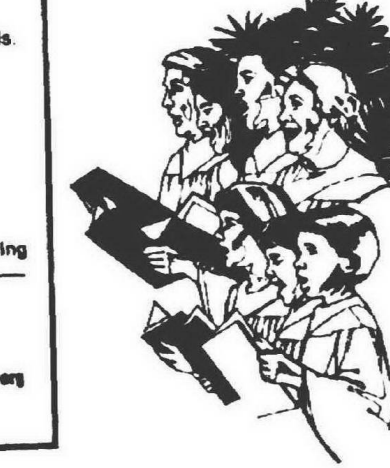
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cover topics such as blending families, having a new spouse, disciplining step children, combining finances and more. The workshop begins Sept. 6 and meets every Wednesday night from 7-8:15 p.m. in room A102. There is no cost and child care is provided. Call Stacy Cole 9248 374-5912.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church of Livonia/Canton will host the fifth annual overnight retreat Sept. 8-9 sponsored by Women's Ministry. The program titled "Enjoying the Presence of God," will begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, and run through 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at the Holiday Inn/Fairlane in Dearborn. Guest speaker will be Jan Johnson, an award-winning author of eight books and many magazine articles. Johnson will speak Friday on "intimacy with God," and a service of prayer and praise will be led by the Canton Praise Team. After breakfast Saturday, Johnson will speak on "Finding God in Hard Places/Empty Space." After lunch she will give her last talk "Drawing Energy from the Heart of Christ." Call Suann Dibble (734) 522-6830.

**FAMILY FEST**

Memorial Church of Christ

(35475 Five Mile Rd. Livonia) is hosting a huge event called "Family Fest," Sept. 10 from 5-8 p.m. Everything is free and the public is encouraged to come out and enjoy themselves. Activities include food (hot dogs, chips, drinks, desserts), carnival games, street hockey, moon walk (big balloon tent), face painting, chalk drawings, video games, basketball, volleyball, ping pong, euchre, board games, door prizes, pony rides, police cars/motorcycles and a main event with a very funny husband and wife "inspirational comedy" team. For information call (734) 464-6722.

**WOMEN OF THE WORD**

Women's Ministries of Calvary Baptist Church (43065 Joy Road) in Canton will offer two courses of study both offered on Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings beginning Sept. 12 and 14. In the Precept study on the book of Judges we will use the basic steps of inductive Bible study starting with "the big picture book." In Beth Moore's study, Breaking Free, each week you will also find five daily lessons. Childcare is not offered for Thursday evening classes. To register call (734) 455-0022 or e-mail cbcwomensministries@hotmail.com

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy, and renew their love for each other. The next weekends are scheduled for Sept. 22-24 and Oct. 20-22 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile Road, Plymouth. There is a \$50 registration fee. Call Bill & Carol (248) 528-2512 or Dan & Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or visit [www.rc.net/detroit/wmme](http://www.rc.net/detroit/wmme)

**FIGHT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Join people of all faiths and traditions in the fight against domestic violence as we gather for a prayer service from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26 at Timothy Lutheran Church (8820 Wayne Road) of Livonia. Keynote speaker is Emily Wolf, from the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office of Family Abuse Bureau. Refreshments will follow the service. Resources will also be available for those who would like to make a difference in the lives of people affected by domestic violence.

**HEALING SERVICES**

The Rev. Gary Seymour offers healing services for the series titled "Rise and Come Forward" the third Wednesday evening of

each month at the Church of the Risen Lord, 821 N. Newburgh in Westland. Call (734) 397-7132 for information.

**THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY**

Thursday Bible studies at Timothy Lutheran Church are available from 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. The morning study is led by members of the congregation, and the evening study is led by the pastor. Timothy Lutheran Church is at 8820 Wayne Road in Livonia. Call (734) 427-2290 or visit [www.timothyLivonia.com](http://www.timothyLivonia.com)

**NEW LIFE LUTHERAN**

New Life Lutheran Church workshops at 10:15 a.m. (currently summer hours of worship are being observed at 9:30 a.m.) Sunday at Bird School, 220 N. Sheldon. Sunday school is also offered. Please call (734) 459-8181 or e-mail the church at [newlifec@yaho.com](mailto:newlifec@yaho.com)

**NEW BIBLE STUDY**

Adults interested in a complete overview of the scriptures may attend a Bible study at 9:15 a.m. Sundays at New Life Lutheran Church at Bird School, 220 N. Sheldon. Call (734) 459-8181 or e-mail [newlifec@yaho.com](mailto:newlifec@yaho.com)

**TAI CHI CLASSES**

The Taoist Tai Chi Society, a nonprofit organization, is form-

ing new, beginner tai chi classes, at 38121 Ann Arbor Road, Livonia, St. Paul United Methodist Church in Bloomfield Township and Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills. Observers welcome. For more information, call the Taoist Tai Chi Society at (248) 332-1281. Tai chi is an exercise that works all of the body's systems deeply and gently, making it an exercise suitable for persons of all ages and conditions of health.

**HEALING SERVICE**

The Church of the Risen Lord presents a healing service at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the church, 821 N. Newburgh, south of Ford, Westland. The service, led by the Rev. Gary Seymour, is part of the series of healing services, "Rise and Come Forward." For additional information, please call the church office at (734) 397-7132.

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**

Garden City Presbyterian Church offers a contemporary worship service at 9:15 a.m. the second and fourth Sundays of the month at the church, 1841 Middlebelt, Garden City. The contemporary service offers uptempo music/informal atmosphere.

## Michigan Father's Conference to address issues important to dad

The Michigan Fathers Conference "a conference for fathers, about fathers" will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon Sept. 9 at The Community House in Birmingham.

A combination of keynote speakers and workshops will give fathers the tools to maintain a strong role in their children's lives whether they're two or 22.

The conference will address issues such as discipline strategies; discussing the importance of fathers in their children's lives; ways to strengthen bonds and involvement; separate workshops focused on dads and daughters/dads and sons; resources for fathers; and launching of the Michigan DADS Chapter.

Opening remarks will be delivered by Gary Gilyard a board certified orthopedic surgeon with

a specialty in sports medicine. He has three daughters and is the head coach for his daughter's basketball team — the Michigan Spartan club, AAU. He is on the board of trustees at Detroit Country Day and is a volunteer physician for several of the varsity sports teams.

■ Tom FitzPatrick keynote speaker

Tom FitzPatrick is a therapist and the director of Divorce Recovery Services at the Center for Creative Living in Royal Oak. He specializes in men's issues, couples' communication skills and divorce adjustment. A former teacher and high school counselor, he is also an attorney (currently non-practicing). The father of three children, FitzPatrick serves on the Board of Trustees of the Center for Humanistic Studies and is an active member of the Men of

Today and the New Warriors. His mission is to help men become more focused, empowered, and fulfilled as husbands, fathers, sons, and brothers to one another.

"The task many men deem to be their most important is one for which a large number of us are not well prepared. How does a man be a father to his children?"

"If we've received what we need from our fathers, it is likely we have the essentials. But many of us did not get what we need from them, and what we are lacking prevents us from being the kinds of fathers and men we long to be. Addressing that unfilled space inside is what we must do before we can be fully effective fathers. And we can't do it alone. The challenge for all men is to help each other become whole, strong, and loving

men in order to have more giving and satisfying relationships with our children and with others in our lives."

■ Joe Kelly on "Dads and Daughters"

A girl's future can pivot on how aware, engaged and responsible her father is. Learn the key hurdles girls face today, and how Dad can help her over them at home, in the community and in the culture. Learn how Dad can "vaccinate" a daughter from trouble and spur her to success.

Joe Kelly is the executive director of Dads and Daughters (DADS) and the father of twin daughters. DADS is a national organization that provides tools to strengthen the relationships between fathers and daughters. It also works to transform the pervasive messages from the media that value our daughters more for how they look than who

they are.

■ Ted Braude on "Dads and Sons"

Ted Braude is a psychologist, speaker, writer and musician practicing in Royal Oak. He specializes in health psychology, male psychology, preteen and teenage boys, humor and health and is a second-degree black belt in the Japanese martial art Aikido.

■ James Windell on "Dads & Discipline"

A workshop focusing on how dads can handle discipline when they are co-parenting in an intact marriage, parenting alone, or co-parenting after a divorce. Fathers have a special role to play in discipline and they can be highly effective in teaching children self-discipline.

James Windell received a master's degree in clinical psychology and is the author of four

books on parents, including "Discipline: A Sourcebook for 50 Fail-safe techniques for Parents" and the highly successful book "Eight Weeks to a Well-Behaved Child."

Sponsors of the Michigan Fathers Conference include The Community House, Girls Empowered, DADS, Beverly Hills Club, BBFA, Birmingham Bloomfield Families in Action, Vision Built Inc., and KTD Printing Associates.

Registration/continental breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9 followed by a kick off and keynote address until 10 a.m. then breakout sessions beginning until noon when the event concludes. The Community House is located at 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham. The cost is \$15 per person. To register call (248) 644-5832.

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**Garage Sale**  
A garage sale will be held on Friday, Aug. 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Saturday, Aug. 19 from 9 a.m. to noon at St. James Presbyterian Church (25350 W. Six Mile Road) in Redford Township. Call (313) 534-7730.

**Community Outreach**  
The First United Methodist Church of Wayne will be sponsoring a community outreach program during the city of Wayne's Wheelfest Festival (Aug. 25-27). We are collecting backpacks and school supplies to be donated to the Wayne County Family Center on Michigan Ave. Drop by our booth on the

Wheelfest grounds (located behind the Wayne City Hall on Wayne Road).

**Hospice Benefit**  
Community Hospice & Home Care Services, Inc. is proud to announce that Dragon Head Productions is organizing a car show to be held Aug. 27 at Media Play (Plymouth Road) in Livonia. All proceeds from the show are designated for Community Hospice & Home Care Services, Inc. Trophies will be given out and the special John Kanan Memorial Outstanding Vehicle Award presented. Food and beverages will be available from local eateries. For more information about the show call Joseph Langa at (313) 533-6397.

**Memory Walk 2000**  
The 9th Annual Memory Walk is a 2K fun walk to benefit the Detroit Area chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. The Memory Walk is the official fundraising event of the Alzheimer's Association. The

event will begin with registration at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 26 at The Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak. Festivities will include live music, entertainment, face painting, refreshments and more.

**GOLF OUTING**  
Plymouth Community United Way and Community Opportunity Center will co-host the kickoff to the 2000-2001 campaign. "Tee Off for a Friend" Golf Classic and Dinner Monday, Aug. 28 at Fox Hills Country Club - Golden Fox Course (8766 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth). Help us raise money for over 40 human services agencies. Sign up to play at \$150 per player includes locker room, continental breakfast, 18 hole scramble with cart, lunch on course, cocktails, dinner, golf prizes, drawings, raffles, and more. Shotgun tee off at 9:30. Call Marie Morrow (734) 453-6879 to register.

**NORTHWOODS RIDE**  
Join Harley-Davidson owners

and motorcycle enthusiasts from across the state at the 5th Annual Michigan Northwoods Ride Sept. 9 at Crystal Mountain resort. A scenic tour under Michigan State Police escort will begin and end at Crystal Mountain in Benzie County with food, entertainment and festivities. The event is designed to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association's free patient care and research programs. To register call (810) 232-3190.

**ST. JOHN'S GARAGE SALE**  
St. John's Episcopal Church (555 S. Wayne Road) in Westland will host a garage sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 9. Goose clothes, treasures, good stuff. Call (734) 729-1605 for space.

**HEALTHY HEART OPEN**  
The 12th annual Healthy Heart Open (formerly the Oakwood Healthcare Open Heart Open) is set to tee off Monday, Sept. 11 at the Dearborn Country Club. Due to increasing demand the Open will feature both morning and

afternoon shotgun starts. Entry fee is \$250 per person and the package includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, cocktails, reception and an auction. To register call (313) 791-1234.

**MOM TO MOM SALE**  
A mom to mom sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16 at Sacred Heart Church, 29125 W. Six Mile Rd., Six mile just east of Middlebelt in Livonia. Items will include second hand: children's clothes (newborn and up); toys; and maternity items. Admission \$1. For information and for table rental call Jennifer (248) 426-6227. Tell and bring a friend.

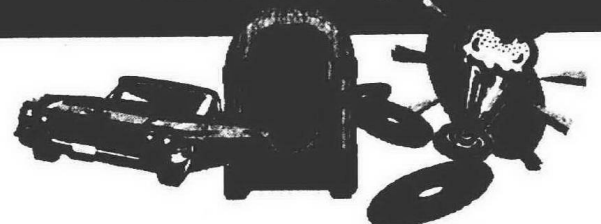
**TERRY FOX RUN**  
The 5th annual Detroit-Windsor Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research (8K run) over the Ambassador Bridge and (5K) Family Event at Malden Park in

Windsor is planned for Sept. 17 at Fiesta Gardens in Mexicantown. For cost information call (800) KARMANOS from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays.

**FALL RUMMAGE SALE**  
Grace Lutheran Ladies Guild will sponsor its Fall Rummage Sale on Wednesday, Sept. 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A sweet shop will be available with home baked goodies by the Timothy Circle. "The Bag Sale" will be featured on Thursday, Sept. 21 (\$1.50 per bag) from 9-11 a.m. The church is located at 25630 Grand River in Redford Township.

**2000 AIDS WALK**  
AIDS Walk Michigan - City of Detroit is a 5K walk-a-thon that raises money for HIV/AIDS services in the metro Detroit area. It will be held Sept. 24 at Hart Plaza. Call (313) 446-9809.

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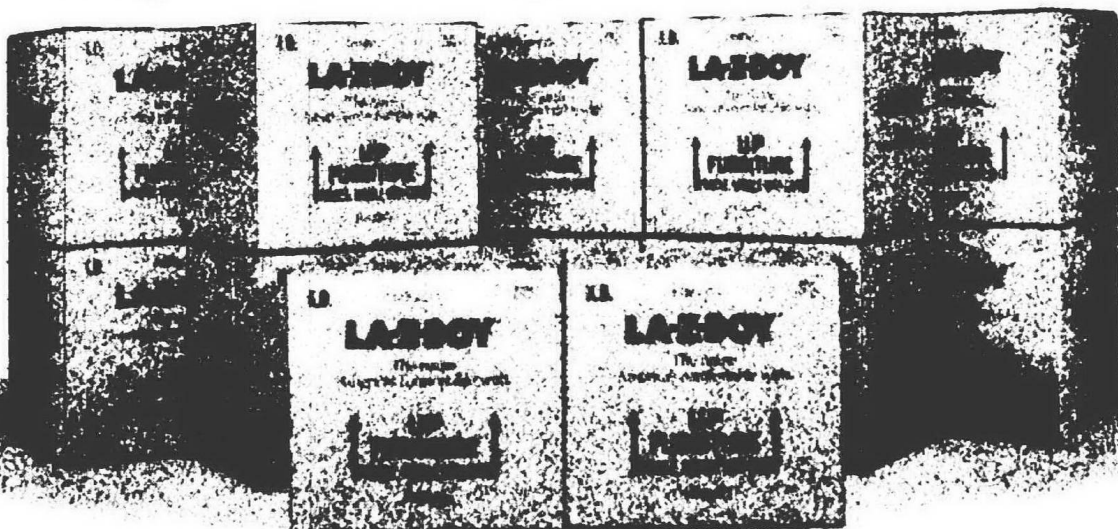
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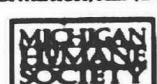
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## Oaks win Cup

These Oaks were tough to tumble. The Canton Oaks under-10 select boys soccer team played in three games at the Waterford Cup 2000 last weekend and won all of them by lopsided margins.

The Oaks beat the CW3 Extreme 5-1, the Dearborn Heights Dynamite 4-1 and the Waterford Warriors 8-0, giving them a 17-2 scoring advantage in the tournament.

Team members are: Jace Bearden, Trenton Buycks, Matthew Calupina, George Demopoulos, Brian Ebert, Mike Eimers, Mike Gleba, Austin Kaczanowski, Connor McKinney, Joshua Pascarella, Daniel Radosovich, Evan Yoder, Scott Zech and Brent Zinn. The team is coached by George Demopoulos and trained by Bill Joker.

## Hole-in-one

Mike Thackaberry knew how to get ready for his senior season of golf at Plymouth Salem HS.

In July, Thackaberry got his first-ever hole-in-one at Fox Hills Golden Fox Course, acing the 181-yard third hole with a seven iron. He shot 40 for nine holes.

## Hockey fund-raiser

The Plymouth/Canton High Schools Hockey Booster Club is sponsoring a fund-raiser Golf Tournament Aug. 26 at Hickory Creek Golf Club on Napier in Canton.

Check-in begins at 7 a.m., with an 8 a.m. shotgun start and a 2 p.m. dinner/auction. Cost is \$95 per player and \$350 per foursome; dinner only is \$35.

Prizes will go to the best men's, best women's and best mixed teams. Also: a hole-in-one wins a two-year lease on a new car from Hines Park Lincoln-Mercury.

Included in the activities are greens fees and cart, steak dinner, a snack at the turn and pop and water on the course, silent/live auctions, and prizes for longest drive, closest to the pin, etc.

Also: There are still openings for anyone wishing to sponsor a hole. Cost is \$100 for a green or \$50 for a tee box, which includes a personalized flag for each hole sponsored. For donations less than \$50, the sponsor will receive banner recognition.

Checks should be made payable to the Hockey Booster Club and mailed, with registration form, to P.O. Box 700891, Plymouth, MI, 48170. For more information, call Doug McCabe at (734) 354-0415 or Mike Marsh at (734) 254-1382 (before 9 p.m.).

## Softball tryouts

The Plymouth-Canton Thunderbirds fastpitch softball team will have tryouts for their 2001 season Aug. 26 at Heritage Park in Canton.

Ages and tryout times are: 10-and-under, 9-10 a.m.; 12-and-under, 10 a.m.-noon; 14-and-under, noon-2 p.m. Ages are as of 12:01 a.m. Jan. 1.

For further information, or for registration information regarding 16-and-under and 18-and-under teams, call Ray at (734) 546-0940 or Dave at (734) 737-9968.

## Meteors roar

The Livonia Meteors under-17 girls soccer team outscored their opponents 18-0 en route to the Cherryland Invitational Tournament title Aug. 4-5 in Traverse City.

Members of the Meteors include: Ashley Aja, Elizabeth DiPonio, Jamie Hartrick, Melissa Hoger, Katharine Koch, Jennie Kupstas, Meghan Parnell and Amy Sanders, all of Livonia; Lindsey Birchmeier, Plymouth; Jessica Dean, Canton; Cassandra Earel and Kristy Ward, Northville; Larisa Fill and Deanna Kowalkowski, Novi; Erica Schuelke, Niles.

## Correction

In a story on Schoolcraft College's men's soccer team that appeared in last Thursday's editions of the Observer (Aug. 10), Chris Podolak's name was incorrect.

A Redford Catholic Central from Canton, Podolak is expected to be a midfielder/defender for the Ocelots this fall and be a major contributor.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

## Young talent to lift Chiefs



On the rise: Canton's Derek Vermeulen is one of the up-and-coming stars in Observerland. He averaged a team-best 40.8 strokes for nine holes last season.

BY C.J. RISAK  
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The official start of the fall prep sports seasons has arrived. At 8:45 a.m. today, Plymouth Canton's and Plymouth Salem's golf teams teed off in the annual John Sandmann Best Ball Tournament. Sixteen schools sent three two-man teams apiece to compete in the 18-hole tourney.

Before Labor Day arrives, Canton's golf team will play in five tournaments. That should give Chiefs' coach Tom Alles a good chance to evaluate the talent he possesses in the 35 players trying out for this season's team.

He may not need nearly that much time to determine the corps of the team. Although graduated from last season's 6-6 squad are Jon Johnson, who led Canton in 18-hole scoring average and was second in nine-hole average, and Derek Vermeulen, Alles does have four varsity performers returning.

There's only one senior: Derek Vermeulen, who topped the Chiefs in nine-hole average at 40.8. Vermeulen's 83.2 18-hole average was second only to Johnson.

"I'm looking at him to be a solid contributor," said Alles. "He played a tremendous amount this summer. He worked very hard at his game. He's been the lowest qualifier at our tryouts so far."

Vermeulen was third among Canton golfers at

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last season's 18-hole Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament, shooting an 89; at the Division I Regional at Oak Pointe, he shot 84.

Two juniors and two sophomores give Alles both youth and — since three of them played on the varsity last season — experience.

There's a pair of juniors in Michael Baracy, whose 85 was the best Canton score at the WLAA Tournament and earned him all-division honors, and Andrew Wagner, who was a part-time varsity golfer in '99.

Baracy was a varsity team member all last season — he averaged 41.9 for nine holes, tying for third on the team — and, as solid a player as he was, he should be better this year.

"I think so," agreed Alles. "In tryout rounds, he's shot in the sub-80s, and that's encouraging. That's what we look for in our upperclassmen."

Baracy has improved most in his ability to "manage the golf course, the mental part of the game."

The team's other junior is Andrew Wagner, who played some varsity last season (averaging 43.1 for nine holes) and, according to Alles, has "improved his game quite a bit."

Wagner brings something else to the table as well: leadership. "He's the leader of that group so

far, both on the course and with the younger kids," the Canton coach said. "He's a natural leader. He helps me quite a bit."

Two sophomores will add to the Chiefs' prospects. First among them is Ryan McKendry, who tied Baracy for nine-hole scoring average last season at 41.9 and was fourth on the team at the WLAA Tournament last year.

McKendry also shot an 84 at the regional. "He's very talented," said Alles. "He plays a tremendous number of tournaments during the summer, 20 or so."

"He and Derek (Vermeulen) have worked harder on their games than anyone."

McKendry's strength is "consistency. He hits it real straight and far — there's no weakness in his game. He's a good putter, too."

The other sophomore Alles is counting on at this point is Scott Oliver. Despite his 43.0 scoring average, Oliver didn't play any varsity last season, but he could have.

"I had the inclination at times," said Alles, "but instead I decided to go with an upperclassman."

"(Oliver) is another who played a lot of summer events. He'll be a solid contributor this year. My expectation is he will inserted into the starting lineup immediately."

Who else may emerge from the pack even Alles

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## Still in position

## Rocks to challenge for title again

BY C.J. RISAK  
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Loss three of your five scorers from the previous year's state regional golf tournament and a coach would believe it's a rebuilding year.

Not Rick Wilson.

When asked to appraise his team's chances in the upcoming season, which got under way today with the John Sandmann Best Ball Tournament, Wilson replied:

"I don't know if it's rebuilding. The three seniors we have are solid. Someone else is just going to have to step up."

Gone from last season's team, which finished third at the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament, are Ryan Nimmerguth, Mark Doughty and Matt Leon. All three scored at both the WLAA and regional tournaments.

Still, there's an impressive array of talent available. Mike Thackaberry, Jay Smith and

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Brian Gullen are each entering their third year on the varsity.

Thackaberry and Smith were regulars on the varsity last season, each shooting an 81 at the regional tournament. Smith was also the Rocks' top scorer at the WLAA Tournament, tying Doughty with an 85.

Gullen was in and out of the lineup, but did play at the WLAA Tournament and was the Rocks' fifth scorer.

All three have "played a lot of summer golf," said Wilson — which should help prepare them for the season ahead.

"These three seniors have been here for three years," said Wilson. "They know what it takes. They're a competitive group."

"I think we can be as strong this year as we were last year. I don't know if we'll win any championships or not."

Wilson is confident in the

abilities of his three seniors, particularly when reflecting on the work they put in over the summer.

"Jay Smith has completely rebuilt his swing, and that's a tough thing to do," said Wilson. "He's much improved over last year."

"Brian (Gullen) and Mike (Thackaberry) have both improved their short game and course management. Mike's very strong, he hits the ball long."

This isn't just a fun day on the course for these guys. "They are so serious about it," said Wilson. "It used to be they were happy to break 80. Now that's not good enough."

Six others figure to battle for starting spots on the varsity, and five of them are juniors. For now, best in the group is Bobby Jones, who is "playing real well" and played enough on the varsity last season to earn a letter.

At present, Jones will be the

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Returning veteran: Mike Thackaberry was a regular scorer for Salem in 1999.

## CC looks for more; Stevenson better

The 1999 season didn't go as coach Bill Hayes would have hoped. He expects better things in 2000. "I was a little disappointed on how it ended," said Hayes, whose team opens Monday at Forest Akers in East Lansing. "We didn't get out of the region (seventh place) and I thought we would. We didn't jell as I thought and didn't get the job done."

But, with losing just two players from 1999, Hayes said his team might turn the corner and perhaps even push Birmingham Brother Rice for the Catholic League crown after finishing fifth a year ago.

The Shamrocks lost first-team All-Observer pick Evan Currie, who was Catholic League individual medalist and a state qualifier.

But four seniors from last year should be able to step right in and start including second-team All-Observer choice Jon Luna, Matt Davis, Zach Davis

and Brian Peczynski.

Sophomores Andy Soley and T.J. Lester — the latter winner of the Macomb Junior Golf Classic, Oakland County Junior Golf Tournament and the Downriver Junior Championship during the summer — could also step in and vie for starting spots, according to Hayes.

Juniors Andy Mitchell, Anthony Guerreso, Bob Zydeck, Joe Lafferty and round out the squad. "I think we have a good mix of seven, eight or nine players who are interchangeable and can hold their own," said Hayes. "If the younger ones come through and the seniors lead the way, we'll be competitive. Rice will be the favorite in the league and De La Salle has been pretty good, too."

"We could be right there in the league and in other tournaments, too."

## Livonia Stevenson

The Spartans' top two returning players are a pair of talented juniors.

Last year, first-team All-Observer selections Matt Bartnick and Scott Wolfe led the Spartans to a fifth place finish at the regional and third place in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Bartnick was the regional medalist at the Links of Pinewood with an even-par 72 and placed in the top 20 at the Division I state meet. He was also was runner-up in the WLAA meet and averaged a team-low 38.4 strokes per nine holes.

Wolfe, meanwhile, averaged 38.5 per nine and was Western Lakes medalist with a 79 at the Links of Pinewood. Wolfe also earned the WLAA's top scholar athlete award.

Not a bad twosome to build a team around.

"They both played well this summer in tournaments," Wagner said. "Matt manages his game from

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## Fund-raiser set to help Hartsells

BY BRAD EMONS  
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Eastern and Western skaters are more than just fans of Westland figure skaters Danielle and Steve Hartsell.

They've become active supporters of their 2002 Winter Olympic quest.

To help defray the \$70,000 in training expenses the Hartsells (near each year, the Whitworths have planned a Road Rally and Give Hunt Sunday, Sept. 10 at Westland John Glenn High School, about north of the 1998 U.S. National Pairs champions.

The fund-raiser starts at 4 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person. Included in the cost is food, prizes and a chance to bid for various auction items (the final destination of the give hunt).

Among the items expected to be auctioned off include a pink party for 50 at Papa Romano's, 15 holes of golf for a foursome at Fellows Creek, sets of binoculars, NABAR memorabilia, an IBM keyboard (for children) and figure skating books along with other gift certificates.

The Hartsells, who reside in Clinton Township, also presented a video highlighting the Hartsells' progression from U.S. Junior Pairs champs to U.S. Senior Pairs champions.

They also created and maintain a website for the brother and sister duo at [www.hartsells.com](http://www.hartsells.com).

"They're such nice ladies to help us out and get us to where we want to go," said Danielle Hartsell, who is back training after suffering a broken kneecap last December which kept her out for the 2000 U.S. Nationals and World Championships.

Added Steve: "They've really done a good job with the website and we really appreciate what they've done for us."

For more information, call Sandra Whitworth at (810) 288-2828 or email her at [SWH@whitworth.com](mailto:SWH@whitworth.com).

# Hartsells: The road back

BY BRAD EMONS  
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These are the dog days of summer for Westland figure skaters Danielle and Steve Hartsell.

The daily grind, however, for the 1999 U.S. Pairs champions at the Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills is a welcome sight.

"This is like preseason training camp, this is where we get most of our work in," said Steve, now 23. "We're on the ice four hours per day. We're starting to get into shape and run through our programs like we did before."

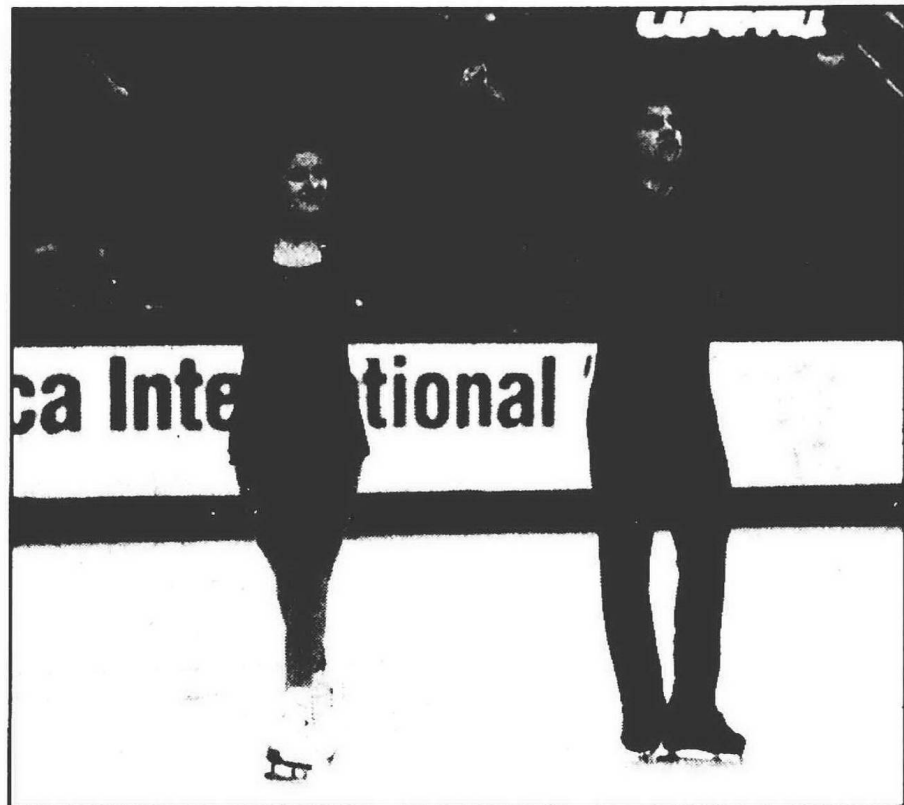
Before... Danielle's December accident when she suffered a fractured patella while practicing at the DSC.

Trying to perfect a variation of their patented "heart attack" lift, Steve slipped and lost his balance, and Danielle wound up in surgery at Crittenden Hospital in Rochester.

The procedure came on a Wednesday and by Monday the 20-year-old Danielle was in a brace undergoing physical therapy.

But a bulk of the 2000 season was lost, along with potential income for the two skaters.

Danielle passed the time



Regaining form: The Hartsells, Danielle and Steve, are back in training after Danielle suffered a fractured kneecap last December during practice. Their daily schedule is extensive and rigorous.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

painting and watching her favorite Soap, "Days of Our Lives."

"It was my favorite show anyway and my mom (Georgia) used to tape it for me, but after three months I got sick of watching TV," Danielle said.

The comeback began in May.

"At first I was out of shape, I

was struggling physically and I was in a lot of pain," Danielle said. "Lately it's been more of a struggle mentally."

While Danielle sat out last winter and spring, Steve continued his classes at Oakland University and tried to stay sharp on the ice.

"I was helping out another girl

who was learning to skate pairs," Steve said. "It kept me in shape. But the time off was extremely frustrating. It was certainly different for both of us."

The John Glenn High School graduates feel they are back on the right track.

Recently they were in the process of putting the final touches on the choreography to their new program.

"We still have awhile to go and certain days are better than others, but we're starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel," Steve said. "We have a couple performances coming up that we have to be ready for."

The Hartsells, former U.S. Junior Pairs champions, will compete in international competition in November (Germany) and December (Japan). Possible exhibitions are also scheduled for Minneapolis, Chicago and Boston (Oct. 21 in an Evening With Champions).

When he is not on the ice, Steve is teaching basic skills classes at the DSC and the Troy Sports Center.

A typical day for Danielle includes dance, warmups, ice workout, teaching, weightlifting and aerobic work. She then works as a waitress at a nearby Italian restaurant before crashing at 10:30 p.m. In the fall she will take eight credit hours at OU.

"Things are going fairly well, it was hard to come back from the injury," Danielle said. "It was tough, but things are getting better."

There is still soreness from the fractured kneecap, but Danielle is determined in her quest, along with her brother, to earn at spot on the 2002 U.S. Olympic team.

The 2001 U.S. Nationals are in Salt Lake City, Utah, the site of the Winter Games. The World Championships follow in Vancouver, British Columbia.

"Right now I don't get a lot of rest," Danielle said. "These are the days when you train the hardest."

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## Cross country begins

The Plymouth Canton boys cross country team has started its mandatory conditioning for the upcoming cross country season. These sessions are at 10 a.m. Monday through Friday, Aug. 14-25. The team meets at Canton's Phase III gym for practice.

Also: A current sports physical is required by the school board to participate in practice with the team.

For any further information please contact coach Bill Boyd at (734) 397-8015 or Donna McClellan (booster club) at (734) 981-7438.

## Fall Dekhockey

Fall League registration is currently on-going at the Michigan Dekhockey Center, located on Michigan 2.2 miles west of I-275. Players of all ages are invited to play.

Each player gets 10 games, two practices and a youth jersey. Every player also makes the playoffs. Players seven-years-old and over may register in the house league for in-line hockey. For those 12-and-over, a select program is also offered.

Select program players can pre-register a team with a minimum of nine and a maximum of

15 players.

House league players will be rated, evaluated and put into a draft. Coaches will select players for each team.

Registration for Dekhockey, also known as street hockey and played in running shoes, is also under way. House leagues are offered for players four-years-old and over.

Senior Dek divisions offer registration for teams and/or individuals. Teams must have a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 18 players. Players in Senior Divisions in both Dek and Inline Hockey will be placed in leagues or on teams that match the players skills and abilities.

For further information, call the Michigan Dekhockey Center at (734) 397-8900.

## Fastpitch softball

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association will have tryouts for girls fastpitch softball for its 2001 season from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday at McClumpha Park.

Girls wishing to play 10-and-under and 12-and-under should come at 3:30 p.m.; those wishing to play 14-and-under and 16-and-under should come at 4:30 p.m.; and those wishing to play 18-and-under should come at 5:30 p.m.

Also: Coaches are needed at all levels, in particular 10-and-

under. For more information, call Harry Hill at (734) 453-3769.

## Baseball tryouts

•Tryouts for the Plymouth-Canton Mudcats 14-and-under baseball team will be at 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27th at Griffin Park's Fields 4 and 5.

The team will compete in the Washtenaw Amateur Baseball Association during the 2001 season.

For information, interested parties should call Bryan Boyd at (734) 420-0549.

•The Michigan Indians 14-year-old baseball team, a USSSA World Series participant, will have tryouts for its 2001 squad at 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 26-27, at Plymouth's Massey Field, located at Plymouth and Haggerty roads.

There are no residency requirements. Players must have a birth date on or after Aug. 1, 1986. For more information, call Bruce Price at (734) 453-9180.

•The Ann Arbor Mustangs travel baseball teams will have tryouts for its spring 2001 squads on Sunday, Aug. 20. For 13-and-unders, call Bob Cleary at (734) 930-6966; for 14-and-unders, call Mike Nadeau at (734) 429-8493.

•The Downriver Braves 14-and-under team will have tryouts for its 2001 season in September. The Braves finished the 2000 season

with a 77-7 record and qualified for six different World Series, placing ninth in the AAU World Series.

Players can't turn 15 before Aug. 1, 2001. For more information, call Cris Hansen at (313) 292-4798.

## Northville rec offerings

•**Women's fall basketball league:** The 10-game season runs Sept. 26-Dec. 12, with games on Tuesdays. Cost is \$390 per team plus \$15 per non-resident; referee's fees extra. Call the Northville Parks and Recreation office at (248) 349-0203.

•**Men's fall basketball league:** The 10-game season runs on Sundays from Sept. 17-Dec. 17. Entry fee is \$390 per team plus \$15 per non-resident; referee's fees extra. Call the Northville Parks and Recreation office at (248) 349-0203.

•**Adult volleyball leagues:** The 12-week women's, co-ed competitive and co-ed intermediate league runs Sept. 18-Dec. 11, with the women's and co-ed competitive on Mondays and the co-ed intermediate on Wednesdays. Cost is \$205 per team, plus \$15 per non-resident; referee's fees extra. Call the Northville Parks and Recreation office at (248) 349-0203.

•**Women's Tuesday morning volleyball league:** Participants are required to know the basic skills of passing, setting, hitting and serving. There will

be individual registrations. Call the Northville Parks and Recreation office at (248) 349-0203.

•**Badminton:** The 10-week, competitive-style season runs from Sept. 15-Dec. 22, with competition from 7-9 p.m. Fridays. All skill levels are welcome; cost is \$40. Call the Northville Parks and Recreation office at (248) 349-0203.

•**Senior volleyball:** All levels of play are welcome for drop-in morning volleyball, from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. most Mondays and Fridays. Fee is \$1. Call the Northville Parks and Recreation office at (248) 349-0203.

## Baseball tryouts

Tryouts for the WaCo Wolves 12-and-under 2001 baseball team will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20 and 27 at Livonia's Ford Field.

The Wolves will play a 60-game schedule including tournaments in Ohio, Indiana, New York and Illinois.

For more information, call Bill Hardin at (313) 562-4667.

## Golf fund-raiser

The Plymouth Salem cheerleaders are holding a fund-raising Golf Outing Scramble on Sept. 30 at Fox Hills Golf Club and Banquet Center, located at 8768 North Territorial in Ply-

mouth.

Cost is \$90, which includes golf, golf cart, lunch, prizes, contests and dinner. Hole sponsorships are also available. To register or for more information, call Dee Pyle at (734) 981-0062.

## Women's softball

Wanted: women's adult softball teams for a fall league in the city of Plymouth's Recreation Division. Anyone with a full team interested in joining should call Steve Anderson at the Plymouth Recreation Division at (734) 455-8620.

## Cheerleading coaches

The Novi HS athletic department is seeking applications for junior varsity and freshmen cheerleading coaches for the 2000-2001 school year. Anyone interested in applying for these positions should contact Amy Denys, Novi's varsity coach, at (248) 347-9618.

Novi High School, located at the corner of 10 Mile and Taft in southwest Oakland County, is a member of the Kensington Valley Conference.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

## Twisters declaw champions

Something had to give, and something did when the two top teams in the Lakeshore Football League collided Saturday at Willow Run HS.

The defending champion Central Ohio Lions took the early advantage, overcoming the Michigan Twisters' opening-quarter score with two TDs — one to end the first quarter and another to start the second — for a 14-6 halftime lead.

But Reggie Brown, a Wayne Memorial graduate who lives in Canton, took control of the game in the second half by scoring one touchdown and setting up another in leading the Twisters to a 20-14 victory.

The Twisters' record is 4-0. The Lions fell to 3-1.

Patrick Bowie, a Westland resident from Plymouth Salem HS, carried several Lions 5 yards to a first-quarter score and a 6-0 Twister lead.

Two long touchdown plays put the Lions in control, the first a 37-yard punt return at the end of the first quarter and the second an 81-yard pass play at the start of the second.

But Brandon, who broke 210 yards of offense, broke loose in the second half. First he grabbed a 15-yard pass and sliced his way for 43 more en route to a 58-yard TD play. That narrowed the Lions' lead to 14-12.

Five minutes later, Brandon grabbed a Lions' punt at the 26-yard line and raced 65 yards to the Lions' 9, setting up quarterback Rob Elswick's touchdown pass to Ben Sikora. The two-point conversion made it 20-14.

Line play played a significant part in the Twisters' win. Ken Szmansky (Wayne), David Banks, Walter Steffe, Damien Howard, Sikora and William Davey (Canton) opened the holes and on offense.

The Twisters' defense was equally effective. Except for the two long scoring plays, it limited the Lions to 111 yards: 6-of-20 passing for 75 and 36 rushing on 16 tries.

The defense was led by Keith Nash, who had four tackles, caused a fumble, had a sack and knocked down a pass; Eric Thompson, who had two drive-ending interceptions; defensive back Damon Frendo (Garden City), who had three tackles and three pass deflections; and Earl Sutton, with two tackles and a sack.

"I must concede our guys were really impressive in their desire and determination to remain undefeated. As a team, they rose to each Lion challenge," said coach Jason Hagelthorn.

The Twisters return to action at 7 p.m. Saturday when they host the Lorain Co. (Ohio) Steelmen at Willow Run's Devlin Field. Admission for Saturday's game is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students, with children under 10 free.

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**Allie said.**  
**"As long as we can (improve) across the board, with all six players, I think we'll be very competitive," he summarized.**  
**And perhaps in the WLAA title hunt.**

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No. 4 golfer on the team, Wilson said.

Jon Gordon, Dave Wallen, Ryan Williams and Brady Pastalanec are the other juniors who will be vying for a spot on the squad. An underclassman who figures to "push these guys" is freshman Andy Thackaberry.

At present, those nine players figure to be the corps of Salem's team. The mystery regarding how good that will be may be unraveled in the five tournaments the Rocks play before the

WLAA dual-meet opener Sept. 13.

To make a run at the conference championship, Wilson said, "We'll have to win our home matches and a couple of key road matches to have enough points."

The main competition within the league isn't hard to figure. In fact, Wilson didn't leave anyone out of the mix.

"Livonia Stevenson is good every year," he said, "Walled Lake Central was good last year, but I'm not sure what they have back. Canton's got some good players, and Northville will be strong."

"It's hard to say. If we win our home matches and win the majority of our matches on the road we have a chance."

"Different people have to step up, but you hope your top golfers come through each time."

A couple of breaks will go

Salem's way in its quest for success this season. First, most of its dual meets will be at its home course: St. John's.

Also, the Division I regional that the Rocks have attended for most of the last decade — hosted by Brighton at Oak Pointe — has been changed.

Both Salem and Canton will compete at the regional at Leslie Park, hosted by Ann Arbor Pioneer. Wilson was uncertain who else would be competing in this regional, but it would be difficult to believe it could be as tough as the Oak Pointe Regional.

Also: Canton will serve as the host for the WLAA Tournament, which will be played at Salem Hills on Oct. 10.

"The conference championship is a big championship," said Wilson.

He hopes the Rocks are in the hunt for that title come October.

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tee to green, he keeps it in play. And Scott does the same thing because he's such a smart player."

The Spartans lost Mike Byberg and Bryan Dery to graduation, but return senior Chris Thomas.

"Chris is strong as a bull, he'll go 300 deep off the tee at will," Wagner said. "His short game is also starting to come around."

Sophomores Dru Girard, Matthew Courtright and Corey Shedd, along with junior Ben Kristy and senior Mark Blazok should make the Spartans an instant contender in the WLAA.

"I think this team is as strong as last year, I think we'll be competitive," Wagner said. "I know we can depend on our top three — Bartnick, Wolfe and Thomas — but the rest don't have as much varsity experience. If they're consistent, we should be

competitive all season."

### Livonia Churchill

The Chargers, sixth at the regional and fourth in the Western Lakes in 1999, were hard hit by graduation.

State qualifier Randall Boboige, a first-team All-Observers selection, was lost along with third-team All-Area pick Will Bashara, All-Conference placer Lance Antrobus, Jeff Hunter and Brad Beascoe.

John Farrar, who coached basketball and baseball at old Livonia Bentley High School, takes over for Kirk Osler, who stepped down as Churchill coach after 10 seasons.

Evan Chall, a fourth-year varsity player, is the top returnee hoping to recapture the game he displayed as a freshman and sophomore.

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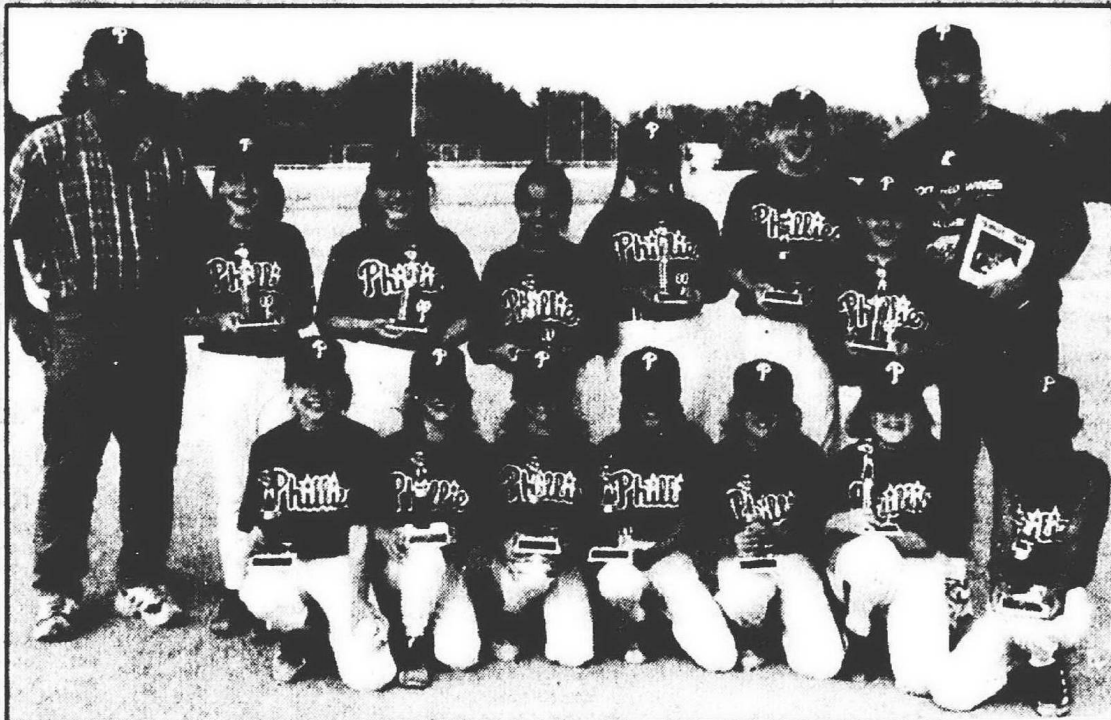


### Series runners-up

Into the final: The Devil Rays reached the World Series final before falling in the CCJBBA Tournament. Team members are: (front row, from left) Kellie Martin, Erin Quinn, Caroline Jungquist, Natalie DeMayere, Michelle Gambrell, Kayleigh Lemon; (second row, from left) Janean Falcusan, Brooke Caccavelli, Kelsey Nihila, Katie Zink, Elena Panagiotides, Alaya Mitchell; (standing, in back) coach Dan Caccavelli, manager Terri Zink, coach Keith Jungquist. Not pictured: Morgan Franke, Brittany McMillan, Jeanette Perkovich.

### 2nd In Tourney

**Trophy winners:** The Phillies made it to the final game in their division of the CCJBBA Tournament. Team members are: (front row, from left) Erica Koelzer, Katie Koetting, Shelby Anthony, Ally Warner, Rainey Warner, Emily Cox, Kaseigh Zabari; (back row, from left) coach Dan Anthony, Lauren Ahearn, Laura Garza, Emily Gurczynski, Kyla Suchy, Rebecca Krantz, Emily Theodore, manager Doug Warner. Not pictured: Christine Digiovanni, Ashlee Gillikin.



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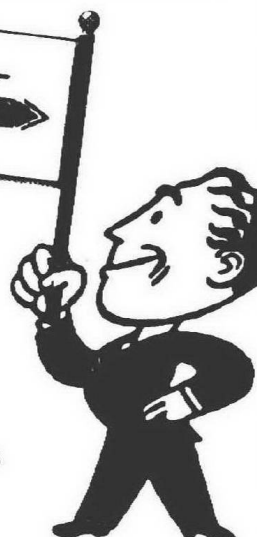
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**SOME COMPANIONSHIP!**

33 yr old, cute, short, medium build, single female, is seeking a single male, for friendship, companionship and maybe more. BOX 14348

**TWO OF A KIND!**

39 yr old, divorced professional female, who enjoys dining out, movies, pets, biking, camping, hiking, children and much more. Seeking a financially secure, single male, to share good times, friendship and maybe more. Down river please. BOX 14515

**IT TAKES TWO**

Single white professional female, 5'9", 47, full figured, who enjoys working and lot's more. Seeking a single white male, for friendship and possible relationship. BOX 22245

**LOVE IS BLIND**

Single white female, tall, 39 yrs old, blonde hair, enjoys walks in the park, movies and much more. Seeking a single white male, with similar interests, a professional, for friendship and possible relationship. BOX 22206

**ARE YOU THE ONE?**

44 yr old, divorced white female, who is a very passionate, caring and a fun person to be with. I'm looking for my friend, lover and life long companion. Looking for the same qualities in a male. BOX 14658

**SHINING STAR**

Attractive, blonde female, 50, 5'5", 130 lbs, easy going, caring and lots of energy. Seeking an attractive gentleman, 48 to 58, over 5'8", I enjoy movies, walks in the park, music, travel and holding hands. I live Down River. BOX 33424

**SEKS ONE GOOD MAN!!**

Nice looking, tall, more mature, quality lady, good personality, non-smoker, social drinker, medium build. Enjoys theater, concerts, good conversation, dining, dancing, travel, very versatile. Seeking tall, quality male, 60 plus, with similar interests. Let's meet for coffee and get acquainted. BOX 36066

**GOOD TIMES**

28 yr old, single white petite female, brown hair and eyes, enjoys rollerblading, cycling, movies, the outdoors, and romance. Seeking a single white male, with sharp wit, a sense of humor, and a desire to have a good time. BOX 14713

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Single black female, 40, 170 lbs, is seeking a loving relationship with a male, 35 to 45, non-smoker, non game player, for possible relationship. BOX 14485

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Single white female, 32, cute, non-smoker, athletic, animal lover, no children, honest, sunny and adventurous. Enjoys racquetball, volleyball, biking, camping, music, going out to have fun or quiet evenings at home. Seeking single white male, 30 to 42, with similar qualities and interests. BOX 36120

**GIVE ME A CALL**

28 yr old female, looking for a single white male, 20 to 28, who loves children, animals, long walks, dancing, romance and just hanging out. BOX 14547

**BLACK FEMALE**

Beautiful black female, both inside and out, 28, in search of a single white male, 26 to 38, for friendship and long term relationship. I enjoy movies, comedy clubs, theater and outdoor activities. Serious replies only. BOX 36128

**LASTING LOVE**

Looking for a love to last. Seeking a single white male, 26 to 44, who's kind, has a sense of humor, enjoys outdoor, indoor activities, camping, traveling, bicycling and more. BOX 14573

**SPOIL ME**

5'9", single mother of one, 155 lbs, medium complexion, medium length hair, well dressed, enjoys all the good things in life. Looking for a male to enjoy life with, must be romantic, daring type of person and much more. BOX 22349

**PSST! OVER HERE...**

Hey Mister, if you're a height, weight proportionate, non-smoking, white professional male, 49 to 57, there's a lady ya gotta meet! She's a real looker, smart and romantic, a medical professional who likes music, Red Wings, nature, stage shows, etc. Tell her I sent ya! BOX 36030

**JUST A CALL AWAY**

18 yr old, Hispanic female, model, 5'5", 104 lbs, long black hair light green eyes and light complexion. Looking for a Hispanic male who speaks Spanish and English, knows how to treat a woman and is looking to have fun. BOX 36044

**TOUCH OF CLASS**

Enjoy your summer with this classy, attractive, divorced white female, 5'5", 130 lbs, with black hair. Let's share fun and romance under the stars. If you're a sincere white male, 45 plus, just give me a call. Serious reply only. BOX 36046

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47 yr old, black Christian professional female, 145 lbs, 5'6", physically fit. Enjoys outdoor activities, dining in and out, movies, romantic evenings, singing and traveling. Seeking a secure gentleman, 40 to 55, non-smoker, sense of humor. Enjoys the finer things in life for friendship and possibly more. BOX 36062

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**PRETTY WOMAN**

Richard Gere. Younger looking in 30's, 6'4", trim, Christian, optimistic, caring, giving, loves to laugh, financially set. Enjoys the good life, boating, jet skiing, cycling, travel and church. Seeking the right one. Tall, thin, pretty, model, honest with values and happy. Northwest suburbs. BOX 36070

**PROFESSIONALS ONLY**

Attractive, intelligent, professional single white female, 38, 5'8", blonde hair, blue eyes, 130 lbs, non-smoker, never married. Seeking single professional white male, Catholic, 32 to 38, handsome, physically fit, never married, intelligent, non-smoker. Friends first, possible long term. BOX 36076

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**SPARKLERS**

Are you good looking, outgoing, well exercised, have a degree, a non-smoker, and wish to meet a gorgeous, have an MA degree, 5'7", 130 lb, mid 40's lady who loves to bike, read, giggle, and antique? Call me. BOX 36088

**SHARE MY WORLD**

Classy, attractive, hopeless romantic, auburn haired, brown eyed, widowed, Jewish female, seeking gentleman, 68 to 75, to share hearts, put sparkle in my eyes, have fun and romance under the stars with great expectations, let's intertwine. BOX 36094

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Single Italian female, non-smoker, outgoing and friendly. Looking for single male, 45-52, non-smoker, tall, financially/emotionally secure. Likes cultural and outdoor activities, is physically active, health oriented, considerate and kind for a committed relationship. BOX 36106

**JUST WANT 2 HAVE FUN**

52 yr old, single white woman friend to do things together. Outgoing and friendly, enjoys many, many activities. Seeking single white male, 52 to 58. BOX 36108

**LIFE IS GOOD**

But your presence would make it complete. Seeking male, 60 to 70, I'm a divorced white female, 57, short blonde curly hair with sparkling blue eyes. I'm supportive, honest and caring. Activities include dining out, scenic drives, seasonal events and occasionally casinos. Give me a call and we can talk. BOX 36112

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28 yr old, single white female, cute, lovable, 5'3", nice body, seeking love and affection from an older giving white man, 40 to 60, who will make me an important part of his life. BOX 36040

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**MAKE IT HAPPEN**

Single white female, 21, 5'1", 130 lbs, smoker, social drinker, seeking a white male, 25 to 35, for a friendship and a possible relationship. BOX 14230

**PRETTY WOMAN**

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**SHARE WITH ME**

Attractive, 22 yr old, single white female, 5'6", brown hair and hazel eyes, smoker and occasional drinker. Enjoys rollerblading, jet skiing, movies, camping and more. Seeking a single white male, 21 to 27, with similar interests. BOX 22284

**FRIENDSHIP FIRST!**

33 yr old, attractive, full figured, single white mother of one, 5'1", with long brown hair and eyes. Seeking single white male, 33 to 40, non-smoker, who enjoys children, parks, sports, music, the outdoors, travel, for dating, good times, friendship. BOX 14418

**LOOKING FOR YOU**

Single female, 5'4", blonde hair, green eyes, likes camping, barbecues, walks in the park, movies and theater. Seeking a single male, 35 to 59, for a friendship, possible relationship. BOX 22197

**NEW BEGINNINGS**

Divorced white female, red hair, blue eyes, weight proportionate to size. Seeking a single male, 40 to 55, who enjoys movies, dining, and having fun, for a possible long term relationship. BOX 33656

**CLASSIC ROMANCE**

50 yr old, single female, 5', believes in romance, likes music, dancing, classic cars, country life and simple pleasures. Seeking a kind, sincere, single or divorced male, 42 to 60, non-smoker with similar interests for a long term monogamous relationship. Down River area. BOX 14471

**STARTING OVER**

Divorced white female, 39, 5', 120 lbs, blue eyes, brownish blonde hair. Enjoys dancing, movies and outdoor activities. Seeking single or divorced, white male, 35 to 45, for companionship. BOX 36018

**GOLFERS WHERE ARE U**

Single white female, 56, young looking, active, down river area, loves to golf, but not ready for the heat. Lots of interesting, new adventures. Seeking fit single white male, 5'10" or taller, between 50 and 60, for conversation, friendship and more. BOX 33652

**SINGLE WHITE FEMALE**

39, 5'7", weight/proportionate, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys swimming, horseback riding, animals, camping. Seeks dependable, single white male, 35 to 40, for possible relationship. BOX 33410

**JUST WANT ONE**

Hip, fit, accomplished, smart and fun guy, for petite, 48 yr old, with masters degree, no dependents and general personality. Into antiques, world travel, the arts, motorcycles, boating, golf, humor and romance. No alcohol or drug abusers. BOX 33416

**SEKS MR. WONDERFUL**

5'9", divorced white female, 47, full figured lady, who likes country music, movies, long walks and hugs and kisses. Looking for a tall gentleman, 45 to 60, who knows how to treat a lady. Non-smoker, social drinker with similar interests. BOX 33428

**NEW BEGINNINGS**

5'5", 145 lbs, divorced white female, 65, non-smoker, light social drinker. Enjoys movies, walking, biking, traveling, gardening, reading, music and good conversation. Seeking an intelligent, attractive, non-smoker, financially secure, 63 to 73 yr old, white gentleman, with integrity for friendship and fun. BOX 33438

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**VERY ATTRACTIVE RN**

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**LET'S GO FISHING...**

Single white female, 49, blonde hair, blue eyes, enjoys fishing, saxophone, sea shells, gourmet coffee, anything country. Seeks a country gentleman, 37 plus, with character, must be a Christian. BOX 33425

**MATERNAL EXPRESSION**

Petite, spiritual, very pretty lady, 37 I am kind, charismatic, holistic, positive, passionate and humorous. Loves dancing, dining, theater, nature and quiet times. Seeking 35 to 50, non-smoking, very attractive, spiritual, fun, open minded, established, sensual, tender, gentle man, to make my heart go pitter patter. BOX 35960

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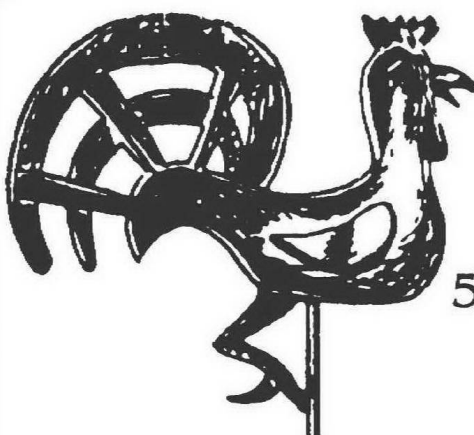
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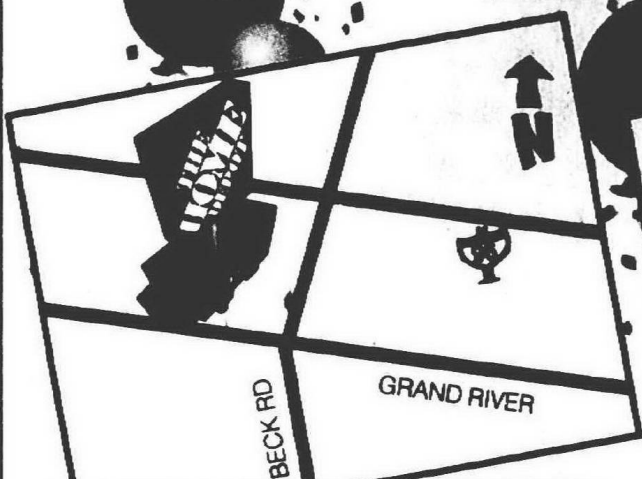
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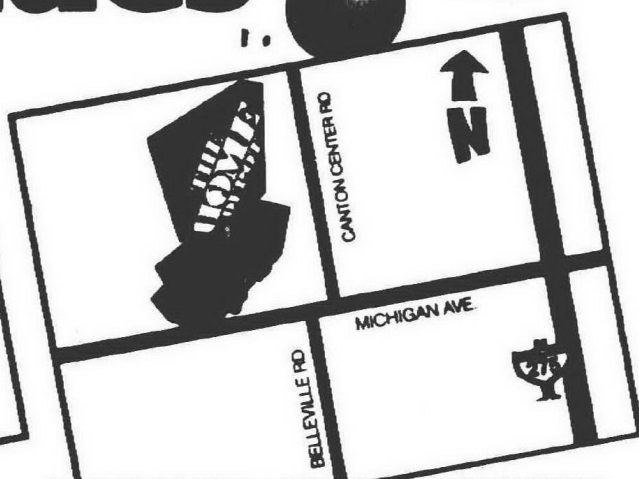
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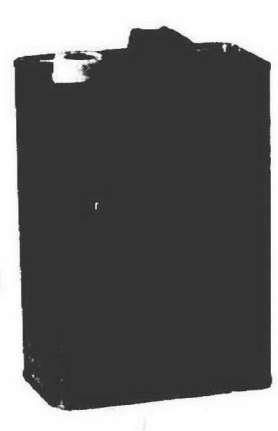
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## Volunteers plot landscape projects



**Workin' hard:** Gardeners and volunteers gathered to work in the yard of Deborah Rucker of Detroit. Volunteers removed 800 square feet of sod and planted and mulched shrubs, perennials and annuals. They prepared the ground and installed fieldstone paving.

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**S**andra Healy remembers seeing the backyard and all those stumps: Stumps of trees that grew through a fence. Stumps that wouldn't budge when pulled by a chain attached to a truck. Stumps firmly rooted in a solid hard ground, entrenched for decades.

"I just shook my head when I saw the stumps," Healy said. "I thought, 'This is way too big of a job for us.'"

Healy wasn't working in her own garden at her Plymouth residence. Healy and several other volunteers — many of them master gardeners from Wayne and Oakland counties — were working on a house on Grandville Street, near Seven Mile and Evergreen in Detroit.

### Welcome

Miles away, Canton Township officials installed new brick signs welcoming motorists. The signs looked great, but the landscaping needed sprucing up, so in stepped volunteers from the Canton Beautification Commission, master gardeners and Brownie scouts.

The two volunteer projects span socio-economic worlds and neighborhoods, but the goal is the same: master gardeners volunteering to beautify the community.

Master gardeners are required to participate in such community projects to fulfill requirements from the Michigan State University Extension's master gardener program. But the volunteerism requirement is one that brings great pleasure to the gardeners because they are beautifying communities.

Master gardener Lynda Neuroth, who is also a learning specialist in Livonia Public Schools, assisted in the Canton beautification project helping plant day lilies, annuals and evergreens at the three sites of welcome signs.

"We feel people now have a warm welcome when they drive into Canton," Neuroth said. Of the community projects, Neuroth said: "I think it's a wonderful opportunity for people to further their (gardening) interests, meet people and help communities."

### Applying knowledge

"You pass on your interest and that is part of being a master gardener. You apply your knowledge and help others."

Neuroth said other projects include Habitat for Humanity, Adopt-A-Highway, the Allen Park Garden Walk and landscaping at Garden City Hospital.

Master gardeners also teach community education classes. Others take booklets to elementary schools to instruct students about recycling.

Gardeners participate in fall and spring perennial exchanges, and volunteer to inform the public at nurseries, distributing information on topics about what fertilizers to use.

"Gardening didn't used to be as popular as it is now," Neuroth said. "You see garden tools, equipment and plants everywhere in the stores. You see it with garden art in birds and butterflies, and people are finding that it relieves a lot of stress."

MSU Extension master gardeners from four counties designed a landscape and planted flowers at the home on Grandville Street in Detroit. They worked on the project with apprentices, instructors and students from the Michigan School of Gardening.

The home, renovated by the New Hope Community Development nonprofit Housing Corp., now blossoms with a new landscape and gardens.

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Volunteers removed 800 square feet of sod and planted and mulched shrubs, perennials and annuals. They prepared the ground and installed fieldstone paving. Healy and several other volunteers also dug all of those pesky stumps out by hand except for two, which they later chipped with a machine.

Trees, shrubs, perennial flowers and materials were provided by Steinkopf Nursery of Farmington Hills, Ray Weigand's Nursery of Macomb Township, Massab Acres Greenhouse Farm Nursery of Taylor, Planter's Palate Perennials of Plymouth, Angelo's Landscaping Supplies of Farmington Hills and Wixom, Bushel Mart Landscaping Supplies of Livonia and Main's Landscaping Supplies of Southfield.

Mary Lore, a Farmington Hills resident and co-founder of the Michigan School of Gardening in Livonia, said the project helped students expand on their knowledge learned in the classroom.



"It was a wonderful experience to do a landscape design," Lore said. Landscape designers need to meet and discuss landscape designs with potential clients before they even start, Lore said.

"It was a good way for them to run the full gamut and at the same time, do something for the community," Lore said.

Farmington Hills professional gardener Sharon Misch, who was once a dental hygienist, now gardens full-time — doing garden design, consultation, renovation and taking classes.

"Since becoming a professional gardener, I have never laughed so much, had so much fun, been so tired, worked so hard or felt so good," Misch said.

### Discoveries

Becoming a master gardener also brings new discoveries about nearby communities. Healy also spends volunteer time at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia, helping maintain the perennial beds.

"If I had not volunteered there, I would have had no idea they had a community garden there," Healy said. Healy visits another community garden at the MSU extension facility at the MSU Extension Services' Toll Gate facility in Novi.

She also is active at Matthaei Botanical Gardens near Ann Arbor, and at churches in Livonia and Farmington. Healy even called two businesses in Plymouth, inquiring about planter's boxes she could help maintain.

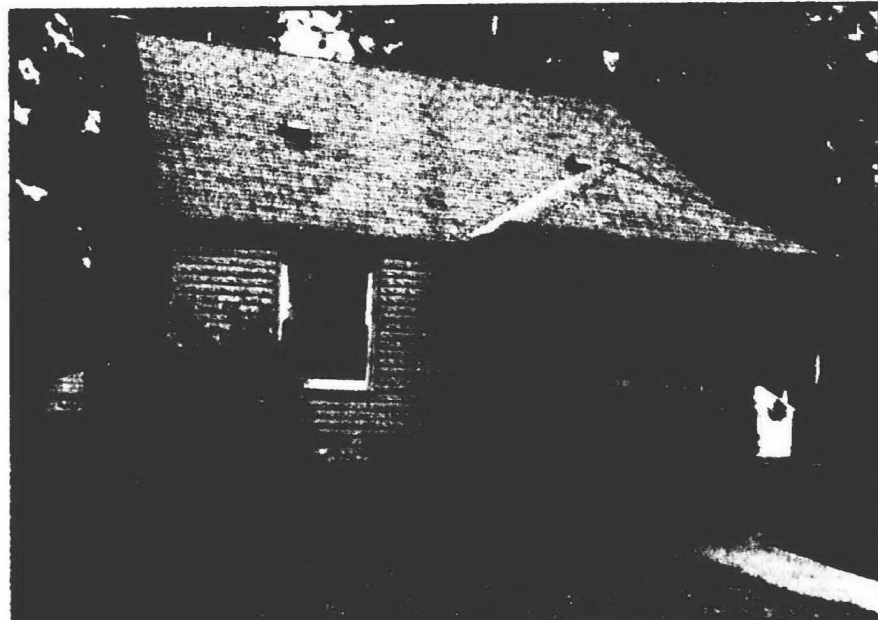
Kristine Hahn, consumer horticultural agent for the MSU extension service in Wayne County, summed up the volunteerism in a recent story for a newsletter of the Michigan School of Gardening. She said the gardeners "are helping out all over the place."

"We teach them and then they go out and teach others," Hahn said. "They're at local elementary schools teaching kids about plants and gardening. They're at garden centers and hardware stores giving advice as a public service. And they're answering questions called into extension service hot-lines."

The master gardeners will return to the house on Grandville Street to finish the backyard on Saturday, Aug. 19. As the volunteers expect to wrap up the project, Healy will take time to enjoy the volunteering, the camaraderie and just meeting people from all over metropolitan Detroit who share a common bond.

"It never ceases to amaze me what a group of people can accomplish in a few hours," Healy said.

**A new look:** This yard adds beauty to the home with new fieldstone paving, shrubs and mulch.



**Helping hands:** Six Michigan School of Gardening master gardeners and advanced master gardeners from four counties helped design and install landscaping at a home in Detroit. Volunteers included (from left, bottom) Janet Macunovich of Waterford and Mary Lore of Farmington Hills, school founders and directors; (middle row), Pat Baum of West Bloomfield, apprentice, and Barb Ashteneau of Livonia, a school graduate and (top row) Sandra Healy of Plymouth, Deb Hall of Center Line and Renata Perlove of Brighton, apprentices of the Michigan School of Gardening.

### Learning opportunities

A master gardening program offered by the Michigan State University Extension Service. Classes meet for 12 weeks starting in January in Wayne and Oakland counties.

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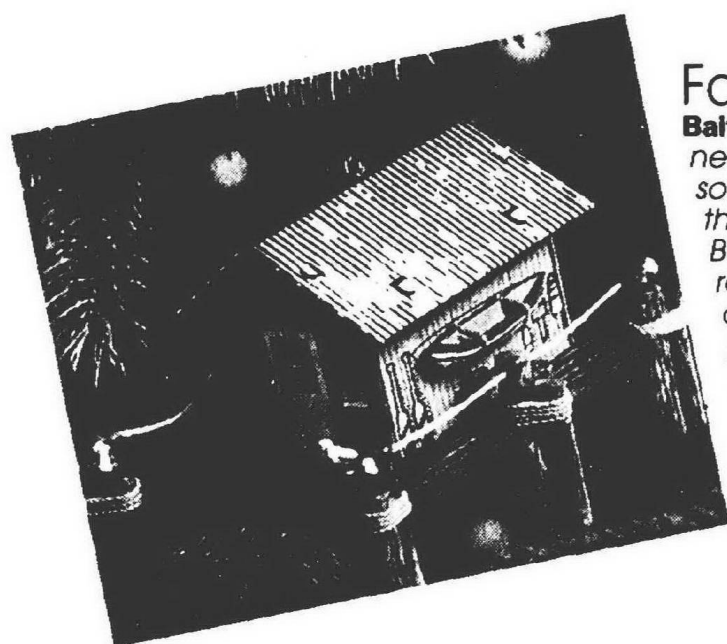
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## Go west

**Hill country:** The sun-drenched, earthy hues of this Hill Country print are used for both a duvet cover and quilted comforter as well as pillows and shams. Embossed European squares in mocha faux suede make an appealing backdrop for the print pieces. Decorative pillows of real suede offer endless combinations to complement the warm colors of the print. A gathered skirt in denim blue anchors this look, but a matching print skirt is also offered. The pillows range from \$70-\$180 and the comforter lists for \$320. The items will be available Sept. 1 at Scott Colburn Boots and Western Wear, 20411 Farmington, just south of Eight Mile in Livonia. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Call (248) 476-1262.



## For the angler

**Bait shop:** Hallmark stores have received a new line of ornaments for the holiday season, and now might be the time to pick up this item for the angler at your house. The Bait Shop with Boat is available now and retails for \$14.95. It is the second in the Town and Country Series and is made of pressed tin. Contact the Gold Crown Hallmark store in your community, including the Livonia stores at Laurel Park Place, Wonderland and Livonia malls.

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**PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE NEWSPAPER.** Use the entry form below (or a facsimile) printed in this newspaper. Entries must be postmarked by Thursday, Aug. 24, 2000. Fill in all the blanks. Clearly print or type the information. Include area code with your telephone number and the best time of day to call if we wish to take photographs. Children should include their ages. Your comments about how you care for the plants can also be sent along with the entry. This information may be passed on to our readers when we announce the winners.

There are two categories of winners in this High Hopes Sunflower Contest: The tallest sunflower and the one with the largest seed head (not including the rays of the flower), grown in the 2000 season through Aug. 24.

1. Sunflower measurement must be taken from soil level to the base of the head where the stem attaches to the flower.
2. Seed head measurement must be taken diagonally across the seed head (not including the rays of the flower).
3. Participants must send the official entry form (or a facsimile) to: High Hopes Sunflower Contest, The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax call (734) 591-7279. Judges will notify contest finalists to verify height and size.
4. Winners will be announced in the newspaper in September.
5. Employees and families of the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers aren't eligible.
6. Decisions of the judges are final.
7. Entrants must live in Oakland or Wayne County to be eligible.
8. Gift certificates from English Gardens will be awarded to the winners — \$75 first place, \$50 second place and \$25 third place. Prizes will be awarded 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16 at English Gardens, 6370 Orchard Lake Rd., West Bloomfield, MI. Winners must appear at awards to claim their prize.



My sunflower height is:	My sunflower's seed head is:
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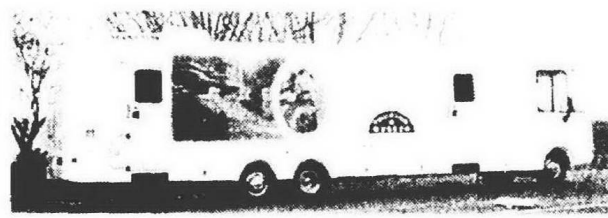
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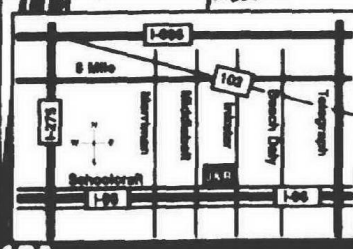
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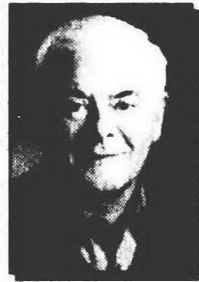
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## HOME WORK

# Watch appliances to prevent potential fires or water leaks

## APPLIANCE DOCTOR



JOE GAGNON

The figures have been kept and compiled by the U.S. Product Safety Commission for only the past 10 years.

Over 15,000 house fires a year are reported caused by clothes dryers. As you probably already know, these fires usually begin in dryers with improper venting and the accumulated lint has proven to be the fuel for the fire.

The question is — did these thousands of homeowners worry about their dryers catching fire before it happened to them? I doubt it. What about the person who comes home from a two-week vacation and finds three feet of water in the basement? Did that person worry about a washer fill hose breaking while they were gone? I doubt it.

It is a fact of life that most of us don't worry about what happens with an appliance until it happens. As long as the product does its job, most of us don't care. When something out of the ordinary happens, and especially if it causes damage or big expense, then we sud-

denly become aware.

Shopping and spending for a new major appliance brings us back to the real world very quickly. You ask yourself, "why didn't I know how to take care of things properly?" With the rest of this column dedicated to the subject of "worrying," let me ask you some questions. These questions are designed to make you aware of the problem and not turn your hair white like mine.

Have you checked the condition of the fill hoses on the back of your washing machine? Are they getting corroded where they screw onto the faucets or where they hook up to the back of the machine? Do they feel spongy when you squeeze them with your fingers? Remembering that the hoses only had a one year warranty when you bought them, are they now over 5 or 10 years old?

If you don't worry about these hoses, it is definitely time you start.

Ask yourself one question and think about it. What damage will the water do in my laundry room or basement if a fill hose should rupture while I'm away? Put this newspaper down and walk over to the washing machine and look around. Picture a 3-foot level of water and what it will do. It isn't that hard to figure out, now is it?

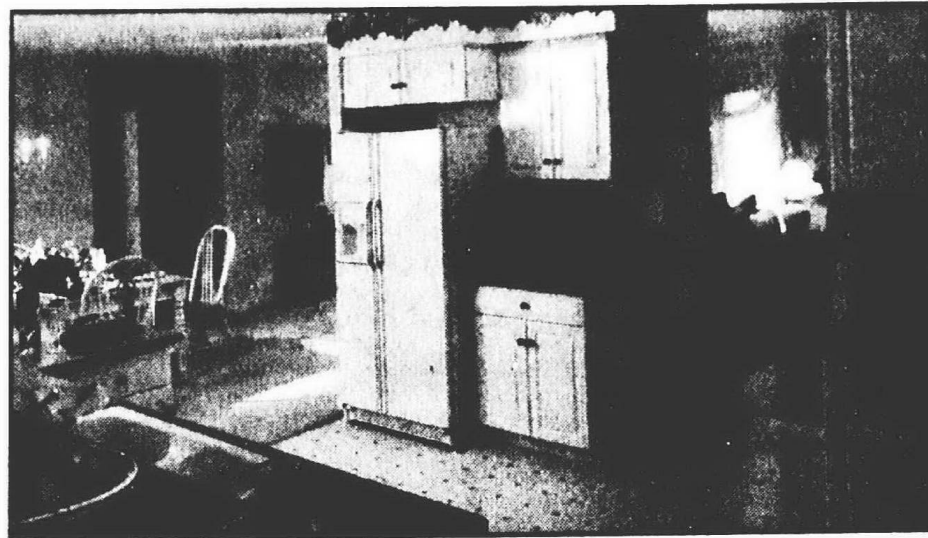
Shut off the water supply to the washing machine when you're not using it. For heaven's sake, if you could only eliminate all your worries this easy.

What about that nice looking refrigerator you purchased 10 years ago? I told you not to buy the one with ice maker dispenser and water through the door, but you bought it anyway. The plastic tubing that leads underneath and is in close contact with the heat of the compressor is getting brittle. It develops little cracks in it and water leaks in this tubing. You may not think much of this little possibility happening, but it does to many people across this country.

When it does, they have kitchen floors which are ruined and damage to walls, basement ceilings and furniture. The next time you go away, shut off the water supply to the refrigerator.

Joe Gagnon can be heard Saturday and Sunday on 760 WJR. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (313) 873-9789.

Have a question or comment for the Appliance Doctor about a repair on an appliance? Write him care of Ken Abramczyk, At Home Editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail him at kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net



**Models displayed:** Manufactured housing also offers more space than before. Multi-section homes are available with floor space ranging from 1,200 square feet to over 2,400 square feet.

## Show highlights modular homes

More than 20 new modular and manufactured homes will rise from the parking lot Friday, Aug. 18, at the Novi Expo Center to turn it into a completely landscaped setting.

The homes are part of The Michigan Modular & Manufactured Home Show, a housing show designed to display and sell manufactured and modular homes to consumers and educate the public about the quality, affordability and beauty of the homes.

Ranch and Cape Cod homes displayed will range in size from 1,000 to over 2,000 square feet.

Sponsored by the Michigan Manufactured Housing Association, this year's show runs through Sunday, Aug. 27, and will feature factory-built homes with a variety of exteriors, floor plans, amenities and decorated interiors.

Factory-built homes are unique because they are constructed in a controlled setting and enjoy the efficiencies of factory production and a protected environment. They are then transported to homeowners' sites where they are placed on property and are ready for living — a

time frame that is usually measured in weeks, not months.

Nationally, and in Michigan, factory-built homes represent about one-third of all new housing starts. This figure includes manufactured homes built to a federal code, and close cousin modular homes built to state codes.

In addition to the home displays, visitors will have a number of booths to visit where they can discuss placing houses within manufactured home communities. Additional booths will feature lenders and other related home products. Home retailers will be on-hand to discuss the placement of homes on private property as well.

Veteran Detroit Tiger Hall of Fame broadcaster Ernie Harwell will be at the show on Saturday, Aug. 19, and will be available for autographs and baseball talk from noon until 2 p.m. Kids can enjoy clowns, face-painting and balloon animals on the weekends.

According to Michigan Manufactured Housing Association Executive Director Timothy J. DeWitt, the Michigan Modular and Manufactured Home Show

will give thousands of consumers the opportunity to see a variety of factory-built homes in a unique setting. "Our industry is proud of its beautiful, high-quality homes, and this display will certainly showcase our progress in becoming a naturally considered housing option for Michigan home buyers," DeWitt said.

Visit The Michigan Modular and Manufactured Home Show at the Novi Expo Center and tour over 20 beautifully decorated homes in an outdoor, village setting. The show runs Aug. 18-27, weekdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays, noon to 6 p.m. Adult admission is \$5; senior admission is just \$3; kids 17 and under get in free. Coupons are available at all Damman Hardware locations, southeast Michigan Bank One locations, at participating MMHA member retailers or online at [www.michhome.org](http://www.michhome.org).

The Michigan Manufactured Housing Association is a state association representing all aspects of the manufactured housing industry.

Consumers can call (517) 349-3300 or visit [www.michhome.org](http://www.michhome.org) for additional information on the home show.

## Is it manufactured, modular or mobile?

Manufactured, modular and mobile are terms often confused. Although they are all types of factory-built housing, there are some differences.

### Manufactured Homes

A manufactured home is a structure built on a permanent chassis that can be used with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities.

Manufactured homes are constructed entirely in a factory with federal standards overseen by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. HUD regulates the home's design and construction, strength and durability, transportability, fire resistance, energy efficiency and quality control. It also sets performance standards for heating,

**Manufactured homes are predominantly single-story and are delivered to the home site in one, two or three sections.**

plumbing, air conditioning, thermal and electrical systems.

The HUD code preempts local building codes as they relate to federal construction codes for manufactured homes.

Manufactured homes are predominantly single-story and are delivered to the home site in one, two or three sections. Flooring, cabinetry, fixtures, appliances and plumbing have been installed at the factory.

If the home has multiple sec-

tions, the sections are joined at the site, with minimal finish work completed by an installer, such as the joining of carpet and the connection of utilities.

Manufactured homes may be placed on private property or in a manufactured home community. About 79 percent of the new manufactured homes sold in Michigan are multi-section. The average size of a multi-section home is 1,640 square feet.

Manufactured housing also offers more space than before. Multi-section homes are available with floor space ranging from 1,200 square feet to over 2,400 square feet. With 5/12 pitched roofs, garages and landscaping, they are often hard to distinguish from site-built housing.

### Modular homes

Modular homes are also factory built. They begin as components and are designed, engineered and assembled in a controlled, factory environment. The components come together at the building site and the home is completed by a licensed builder.

Modular homes must meet codes regulated by state and local agencies, the same way in which site-built homes are regulated. In Michigan and most Midwestern and eastern states, this code is called the Building Officials and Code Administrators International Inc. or BOCA.

Modular homes can be one- or two-story dwellings and are delivered to the home site in two or more sections, sometimes as the shell of a home.

Although some of the interior work has been accomplished at the factory, much of the interior and exterior finish work is completed by the builder at the home site. The interior amenities installed at the home site are governed by local codes. Modular homes are placed on private property.

### Mobile homes

The federal government mandated the term "manufactured housing" in 1976, making the term "mobile home" obsolete.

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## CREATIVE LIVING

# Photographers need special kind of practice

## FOCUS ON PHOTOGRAPHY



MONTE NAGLER

Photographers, like all creative artists and top athletes, require practice. A concert violinist works daily on hand and sound techniques. A gymnast practices his or her routines constantly in order to perfect a performance. Photographers need their special kind of practice, too.

First, a photographer needs to practice the technical skills necessary to making a picture. You must know the operation of your camera thoroughly. Use of shutter speeds, aperture control, proper focus techniques, characteristics of different films — all these and more must become second nature to you.

Knowing what each of your

lenses will do for you is important. Many shots that require spontaneity may be lost if you have to fuss and deliberate too long over the controls of your camera.

Second, and of utmost importance, is to practice seeing picture possibilities. A creative photographer sees picture potential in even the most ordinary of scenes. The creative photographer looks for the unusual, picks out small details, sees textures and shadows, responds to arrangements of color.

A creative photographer relates to his or her subject, even practices building a relationship with the subject. You must learn to let your subject speak to you, and, in turn, you must learn to listen. Practice being open and receptive to the world around you.

Practice looking at things in new ways. Study your subject from all angles and in different lighting conditions. An unusual

camera angle or different lens may be just the thing to make your special photograph stand apart.

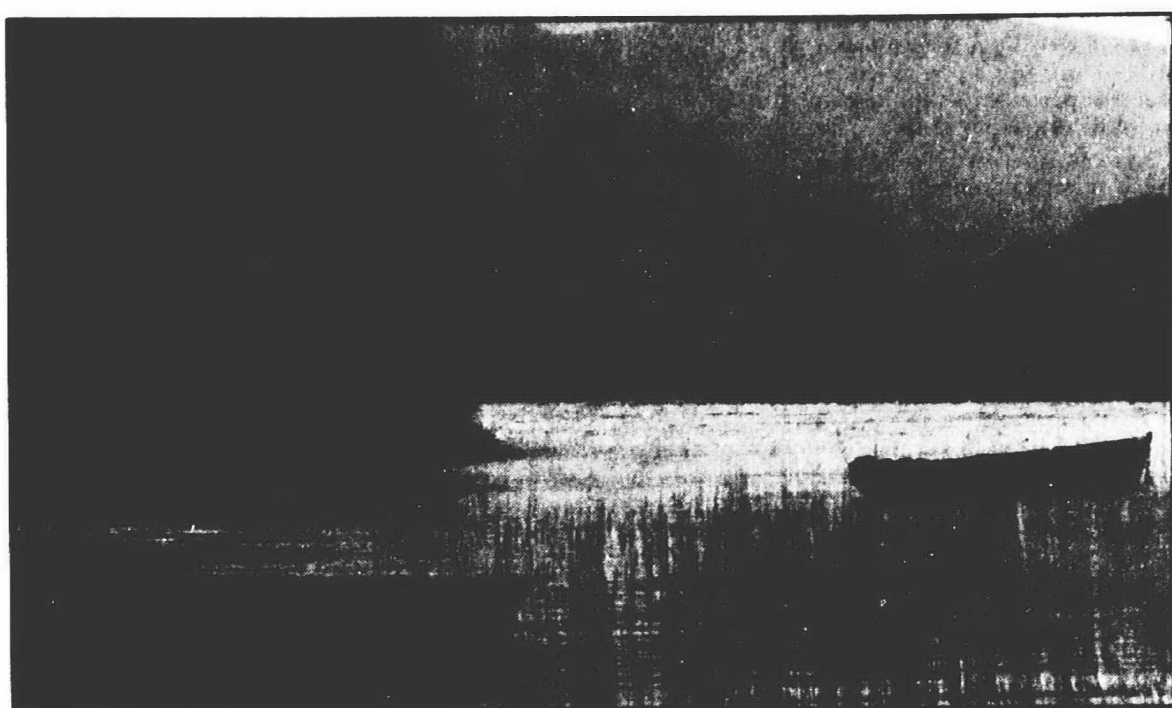
Finally, to stay in practice, use your camera often! A tennis player, for instance, will keep his skills by spending hour after hour on the court.

Similarly, you must keep in top photographic shape, too, by taking camera in hand and practicing on the abundance of subjects that surround us.

All of your shots may not be masterpieces. Maybe only a few images per roll will satisfy you.

But this is OK. The important thing is to practice with your camera and let yourself be moved by the subjects that excite you.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then 111, then N-A-G-L-E-R. His fax number is (248) 644-1314.



About boats: Practice seeing picture possibilities. Monte Nagler did just that in this photograph of two boats near Killarney, Ireland.

## CRAFTS CALENDAR

If you would like to announce an upcoming craft show, bazaar, or arts boutique — items can be sent to: Crafts Calendar, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI, 48150 or e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net

### ST. AIDAN CRAFTERS

Crafters are needed for St. Aidan Catholic Church's 17th annual craft show, Sept. 23 in the activity center, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Applications are available by calling (248) 477-8942.

### CRAFTERS SOUGHT

Crafters wanted for the Mercy High School Juried Arts & Crafts Show. Reserve your spot for the fall show on Oct. 7 and the holiday show Nov. 24-25. Call (248) 476-8020 ext. 253 for an application or information.

### ARTS AND CRAFTS

Bill Johnson Arts and Crafts Show at Livonia Mall Oct. 6-8. Tables available. Call Livonia Mall (248) 476-1160. Livonia Mall is located at Seven Mile and Middlebelt.

### FALL ARTS/RAFTS

St. Damian Parish is looking for crafters for their Fall Arts and Crafts Show that will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 throughout the school. St. Damian is located at 30055 Joy Road, between Middlebelt and Merriman Roads, in Westland. Call (734) 421-6130.

### CRAFTERS NEEDED

Crafters are needed for the 14th annual juried show Saturday, Oct. 21 at West Middle School (44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail) of Plymouth sponsored by Delta Kappa Gamma. A single space starts at \$70 with table rental available and electricity free of charge. The show will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Terri at (248) 349-5344 for information. This year, the members of Delta Kappa Gamma are planning to continue scholarship funding with the proceeds of their 2000 Craft Fair.

### SIGN UP NOW

Crafters can sign up now for St. Theodore Catholic Church annual craft show 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Sat-

urday, Oct. 21 at the Parish Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, in Westland. Table rental is available for \$20. Call Becky at 721-3454 to reserve a table.

### CRAFTERS WANTED

The 19th annual Christmas Bazaar will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 28 at St. Robert Bellarmine Church (West Chicago & Inkster Road) in Redford. Table cost is \$25. Call Josie (734) 522-2963 or Joann (313) 937-0226.

### HOLIDAY BAZAAR

St. Elizabeth Episcopal Church (26431 W. Chicago Road) between Inkster and Beech Daly Roads. Crafters are needed. Order tables now. Saturday, Oct. 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call (313) 937-2880.

### HARVEST MOON CRAFTS

The Harvest Moon Craft Show at Livonia Mall will be held Nov. 2-

5. Tables available. This is a juried event. Livonia Mall is located at Seven Mile and Middlebelt in Livonia. Call (248) 476-1160.

### HOLIDAY MAGIC CRAFT SHOW

Crafters applications are being accepted for the 14th juried Leonard Elementary Holiday Craft Show on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The school is located East of Livernois, North of Waffles. For more information and applications, call (248) 689-1533 or (248) 689-7672.

### HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

Crafters are wanted for St. Paul Lutheran's (20805 Middlebelt and Eight Mile roads) 13th annual Holiday Craft show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4. Tables are \$30. Call (248) 476-0841 or (734) 591-0224 for information.

### HOLIDAY HAPPENING

Livonia Stevenson "Holiday Happening" Fall Craft Show from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4. Located on 6 Mile Rd just west of Farmington Rd. Pictures are required. Over 150 crafters. Lunch and bake sale are available. The spaces are \$60.00 and are 6 x 16 or 10 x 10. Limited electricity is available at no additional cost. For an application or additional information, please call 248-478-2395 or 248-476-0315. Sponsored by the Stevenson Booster Club.

### CRAFTERS NEEDED

St. Edith School (15089 New-

burgh Road, Livonia) is seeking crafters for their Fall Craft Show. The show will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11. Booth rentals are \$40 for a 10x10 space. Call Diana at (734) 462-6037 or JoAnn, (734) 464-9370.

### SHOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Crafters sought for Expressions Arts and Crafts two fall shows. Baker's of Milford will present a show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12 in Milford. Northville Recreation Center will host the show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 18-19 in Northville. For an application, please contact (248) 348-5448.

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## GARDENING

# Make good impression with your garden area

## GARDEN SPOT



MARTY FIGLEY

The first impression people have of your home is the entrance, so it is important to keep that area well tended at all times. This is especially necessary when you want to sell it.

Prune the shrubs, replace out-grown plants and brighten up the landscape with instant-color annuals. Keep the weeds pulled, and the walks and porch swept.

A good cleanup in all the garden areas is another plus. Put the children's toys in the garage or in an out-of-the-way place where visitors won't trip over them.

The outside surroundings will reflect, especially to prospective buyers, the way you have maintained the inside as well as the "mechanical" parts such as plumbing and wiring.

For instance, beautiful gardens still enhance Noreen Aberly's

home on Upper Long Lake in West Bloomfield, which is now on the market, and her design has withstood the test of time.

I visited this talented woman in 1990 and was impressed with the way she used color and coordinated the plantings for continuous bloom in the landscape which was begun in 1987.

A lot of the plants have been divided and they are the better for it, as most perennials bloom best when they are separated, the old roots discarded and the new ones given a better chance to grow. A lot of peat is added to enrich the clay soil when division takes place or when new plants are put in the ground.

The most unusual garden on the property is the shoreline garden, which, over the years, has matured and welcomes boaters as they dock.

The scene is very natural. Large boulders were brought in and hug the edge of the water. Trees, perennial lilies that bloom in shades of yellow and orange, yellow sundrops, white Shasta daisies, century plants with white blooms, and several varieties of hostas fill the area. A burst of color is provided by impatiens in all the shades of pink from fuchsia to almost

white. Carefully manicured evergreens provide balance.

A wide wooden dock provides plenty of space to sit and enjoy the activities that occur on the water.

"Living on lake property is such a joy," Noreen said. "It gives one a chance to learn about nature. There are many birds, blue herons, egrets, swans, and other wildlife. In the winter a little red fox and deer appear. It's like a nature preserve."

"I wake up in the morning when the birds and the stock market wake up. The birds' symphony in music gives such a feeling of calmness and beauty."

A large swimming pool dominates the back yard, and the flowers that grow in nearby beds are a riot of color with pink and yellow the featured colors.

Purple delphiniums, pink astilbes, bright yellow buttercups, more hostas and impatiens fill the beds while lavender/pink anemones dance over the flowers. Again, evergreens provide anchors to these gardens.

Along the back of the house the purple clematis is still in good form and grows alongside a red raspberry bush.

"We can step right out the door and have them for breakfast,"



Dynamic shore: Noreen Aberly's shoreline garden is a welcoming spot to sit and enjoy the activities on the lake.

Noreen said.

A new little garden contains roses that will soon add their bright blooms to the landscape.

Noreen assures me that no chemicals are used for weed control in the water and no chemicals are used on the lawns of the homes. A big bonus is that she is able to fish in the lake and enjoy catching the perch and bluegills.

The garden at the front of the house has been filled with almost white and pink-to-fuchsia impatiens to repeat the color in the shoreline garden. They are a happy sight and greet visitors to

the lovely home that Noreen designed.

## GrowLab

To all teachers and interested parents: The National Garden Bureau sponsors a GrowLab program for schoolchildren as a joint venture with the National Gardening Association.

Students learn about soil, photosynthesis and other concepts by planting seeds and raising seedlings, and much more.

Teachers who wish to start a GrowLab program in a class can contact Eve Pranis of the

National Gardening Association at (800) 538-7476. Parents are encouraged to network with teachers to find a teacher with similar interests.

To help finance a GrowLab, check out local companies such as an independent garden center owner.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (734) 953-8047 on a touch-tone phone, then 111, then 3445. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

## GARDENING CALENDAR

Send items for consideration in *Gardening Calendar* to Ken Abramczyk, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net. To send a fax, call (734) 591-7279.

## GARDEN TALKS

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Saguaro Rare and Traditional Plant Nursery and Gardens offers a series of free lectures by various garden experts 1 p.m. Sundays at the nursery, 470 W. Five Mile in Whitmore Lake. The talks last about an hour. Reservations aren't necessary. A 10-percent discount is given on any plant discussed in the lectures. Call (734) 449-4237.

## TOUR

## WALK THIS WAY

Six spectacular Ypsilanti area gardens, including a nature pre-

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## BONSAI PREVIEW

## VISIT COLLECTION

In preparation for this year's bonsai show at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor, Gardens staff and volunteers who maintain the bonsai collection have been preparing trees so

they may be entered in the event. A special preview of some of these trees may now be seen by visiting the lobby of the Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro, between Geddes and Plymouth Road. The bonsai show will take place Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 26-27. Call (734) 998-7061.

## MICHIGAN MORELS

Learn more about morels with Robert Sharkey, a collector who specializes in morels, working at the University of Michigan's herbarium and Jocelyn Shaffer, will discuss wild mushrooms and how to identify poisonous and edible species from 7:15-9:15 p.m., on four Tuesdays, Sept. 12, 19, 26 and Oct. 3, and four Saturdays field trips Sept. 16, 23, 30 and Oct. 7 at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, University of Michigan, 1800 North Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor. The class costs \$160, or \$144 for those who join Friends of

Matthaei. Call (734) 998-7061 for information.

## CLUB MEETING

## POND WATER

The Southeast Chapter of the Michigan Koi & Pond Clubs meets 4 p.m. the third Sunday of every month, now to November. New members and guests are welcome. Call (248) 646-7675 for details, location and questions.

## AUTHOR FEATURED

Ted Nelson, professional photographer of birds and landscapes and author of "The Nature of Kensington," will be the guest speaker at noon Sept. 11 of the Farmington Garden Club, at the Longacre House, 24705 Farmington Road, on the west side of street between 10 and 11 Mile roads. Call Dorothy at (248) 615-3616 for information.

## Prevent pests this summer season

PRNewswire - Sometimes a fly swatter isn't enough. Creeping, crawling, stinging, buzzing, biting and growing their way into public awareness, pests are causing more health and safety problems than ever. Pesticides offer help for the problem with pests.

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(Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment).

RISE is an association of companies that produce and supply pesticides for general consumer use and professional application.

"We advocate the safe and responsible use of pesticide products," James adds.

Pests have recently received a lot of press. Last year mosquitoes caused major health problems in New York City and surrounding suburbs.

"Pesticides are extremely

important in protecting public health. Without pesticides, we would be in a difficult position," said Jerome Goddard, a medical entomologist with the Mississippi Department of Health and professor at the University of Mississippi Medical School.

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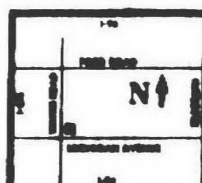


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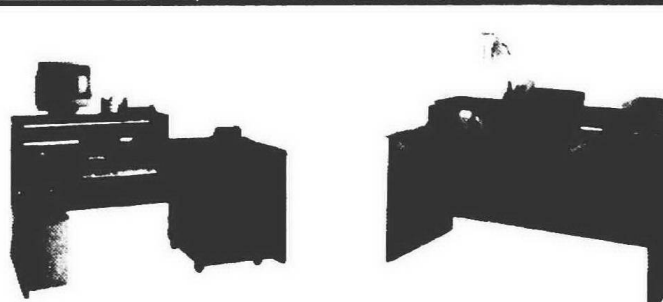
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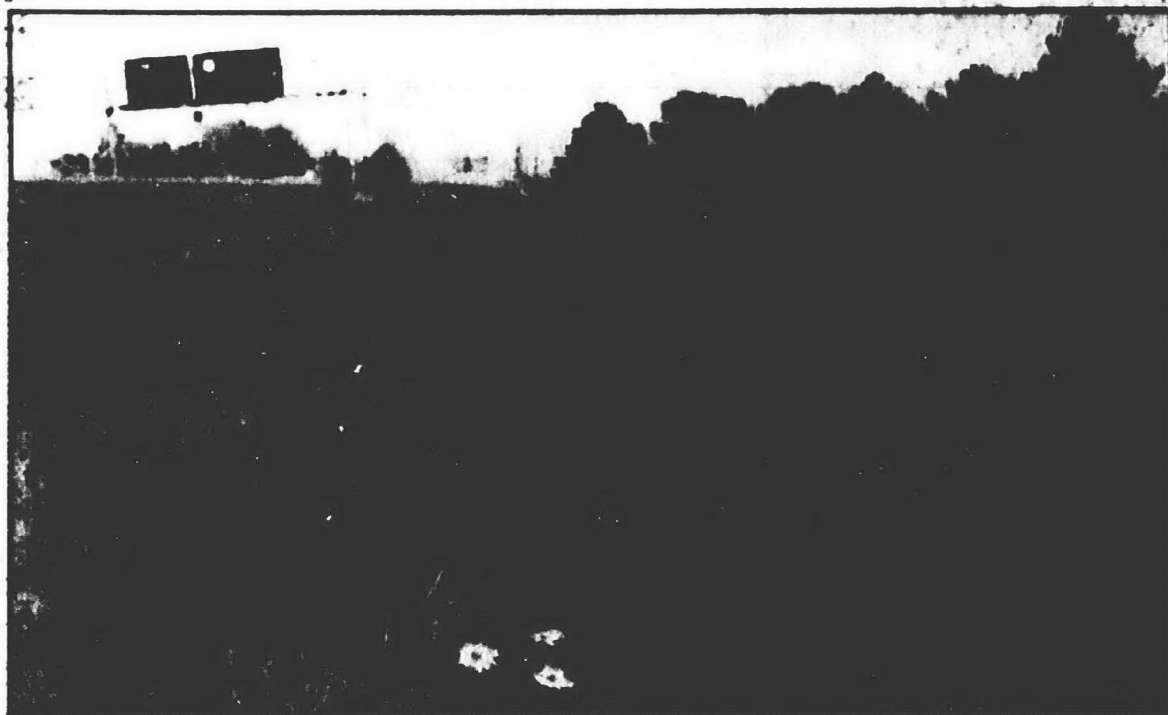
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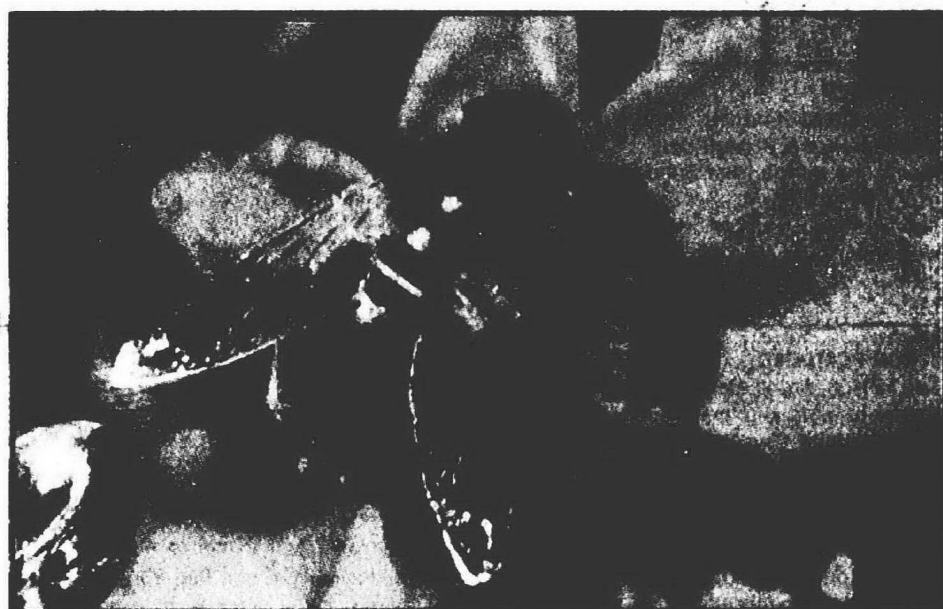
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**Wild world:** The medians are alive, not with the sound of music, but with wildflowers. This summer marks the fourth for the wildflower gardens along Detroit freeways, including the I-96/M-14 interchange in Livonia. The display is sponsored by Chrysler Jeep Superstores Association. These photos were taken by Detroit photographer S. Kay Young and have been displayed at the Detroit Institute of Arts.



## Paint the town

### Wildflowers color the freeways

More than 1 million metro Detroit commuters may have noticed this summer the fourth annual "Wildflowers Paintings" along Detroit freeways.

Sponsored by Chrysler-Jeep Superstores, the project transforms urban roadsides at three metro Detroit expressway gateways into striking, constantly changing landscapes of beautiful, bright and bold colors.

"Girl Scout green" and "Brownie brown" are added featured colors this year with a new service patch from the Michigan Metro Girl Scouts Council in partnership with the Chrysler-Jeep Superstores.

"Our Chrysler Jeep Superstores Association individual members have a long tradition of hometown community involvement," said Mark Snethkamp, president of Chrysler-Jeep Superstores Association. "Paintings and gardens are an expression of that involvement on a regional level. We wanted to do something special and unexpected for motorists in southeastern Michigan, and we think this does it beautifully."

Penny Baile, MMGSC executive director, said the new national Girl Scouts slogan is: "Where Girls Grow Strong," so the partnership is a natural fit as the council encourages the 40,000 girl members "to learn more about the environment, community beautification and landscape design."

**Inspired by the flower gardens of French Impressionist painter Claude Monet, the gardens have become a summer tradition for Detroit commuters. Monet planted fields of wildflowers and later painted the fields at their most vibrant states.**

"This partnership help from local Chrysler Jeep Superstores will help our MMGSC girl members experience their own special growth," Baile said.

The seven living Wildflowers Paintings gardens collectively cover nearly five acres and stretch nearly a mile of combined length. They are located at three interstate gateways to metropolitan Detroit at the cloverleaf of I-275, M-14 and I-96 in Livonia, and I-96 and I-75 in Detroit, and I-94 and I-696.

Motorists will also see distinctive "Wildflowers Paintings" signs posted along the expressway flower beds.

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vibrant states.

A special Girl Scout service "patch" is being commissioned, in a MMGSC partnership with Chrysler-Jeep Superstores, for a new Wildflowers Paintings study project. The new Wildflowers Paintings patch will be earned by MMGSC Girl and Brownie Scouts for environmental awareness, beautifying their communities and landscape design.

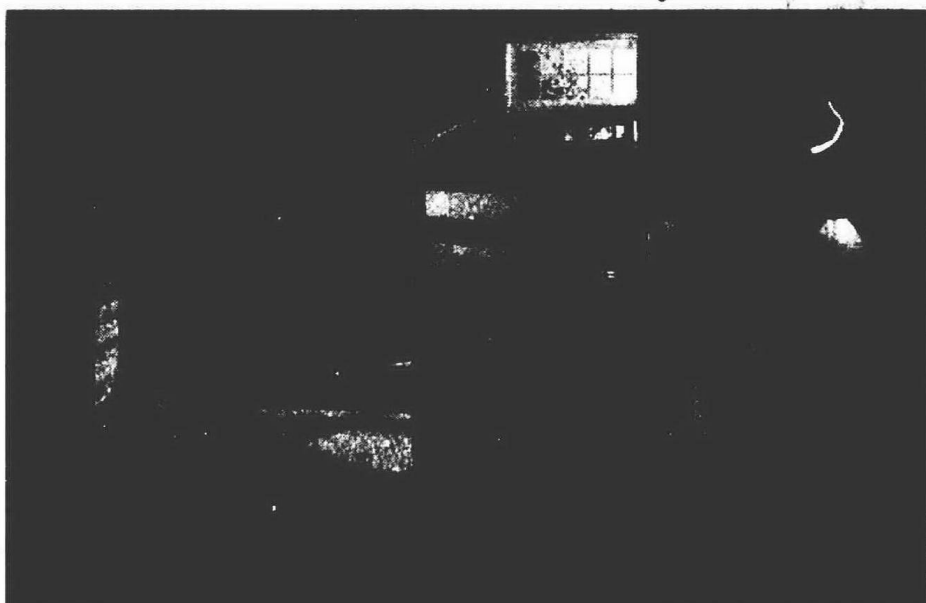
The Wildflowers Paintings gardens were designed by landscape architect Rik Haugen, of the Ann Arbor based, internationally award-winning landscape design firm Johnson, Johnson & Roy. JJR is part of the Detroit-based Smith Group.

The wildflower beds have been designed and planted to develop throughout the summer season, constantly changing in "waves" of colors and shapes. Ox-eye daisies and daisy rockets have already blossomed, and freshly planted annuals are blossoming now. More than 20 different kinds of wildflowers are used in the three locations, with hundreds of thousands of seeds planted.

The brilliant colors of the wildflowers paintings were the subject of a Detroit Institute of Arts photographic feature exhibit by Detroit photographer S. Kay Young. Young visited the flower beds on a weekly basis and took progressive photos of the striking images of nature, blooming in the heart of urban freeways.



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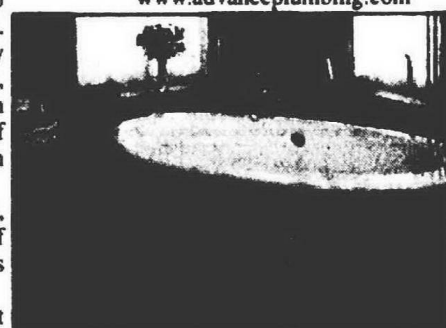
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