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Gift of Life

The Plymouth District Library will host an informative program on organ and tissue donation at 10 a.m. Saturday July 31.

Gift of Life a non-profit full service agency here in Michigan serves as an intermediary between donor hospitals and recipient transplant centers.

Registration for the library program is requested. Go to the library's Web site at www.plymouthlibrary.org or call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

Battishill honored

Plymouth Community Band director Carl Battishill was lauded during Thursday evening's concert in Kellogg Park for his 25th year at the helm.



Battishill, who was also recognized for his 52nd birthday, received a proclamation from state Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth.

Battishill joked that it must have taken some doing for Stewart to get the Democratic governor to sign the proclamation.

Plymouth Community Band concerts continue 8 p.m. Thursdays through the end of July in Kellogg Park.

Youth advisers

The Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission is accepting applications from city and township students in grades seven through 11.

Applications are available at Plymouth City Hall and Plymouth Township offices, and should be returned to the attention of Plymouth City Commissioner Michele Potter.

The commission's next meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. Monday Aug. 23, at City Hall in downtown Plymouth.

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Library turns page in usage levels

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Rebecca Gumna lives in Northville Township, but she and her family like the architectural feel of the Dunning-Hough Library in Plymouth because it reminds them of their former Ohio hometown.

And, besides, the Gumna family - Samantha, 18, Nicolas, 13, Juliana, 8, Ben, 6, and Rebecca's husband, John, all enjoy the variety of books and services the Plymouth library has to offer.

"My husband likes history and sports books, we get movies here, and sometimes I just like to sit and read the magazines," said Gumna. "My two young ones are in the summer reading program, and we've already earned our free

bowling certificates. We probably hit just about every shelf in the library."

The Gumnas are like many who visit the Plymouth District Library, which has resulted in a skyrocketing number of items checked out over the past year.

"We expect to check out more than 800,000 items this year," said Pat Thomas, library director. "Last year it was 725,000. And, when you compare that to 425,000 in 2000, people are coming in like we're giving things away."

Thomas said the new collections are very popular, as are the movies on video tape and DVD, books on cassette and CD's, as are the kids' summer reading programs, the weekly film program and crafts.

Jackie Kretschmer of Salem Township, whose favorites are Christian fiction and

romance novels, said she visits the Plymouth library three or four times a week.

"It's a very relaxing place, I just love coming here," she said. "I can get the videos free, and I like to read and browse around."

Library board president Deborah Turacuk became hooked on the Dunning-Hough Library while researching information for her undergraduate degree.

"Librarians are our best resources," she said. "They're helpful, anticipate your needs and find good materials for the community. We're very fortunate because the community loves the library and likes to support it, not only with money but as volunteers."

The Plymouth District Library is sup-

ported by a 1.46 mill tax levy on Plymouth area residents, which brings in about \$3 million in operating funds, all but about \$500,000 of the annual budget.

The popularity of the library has also translated into a plethora of candidates to run for the three open seats on the library board, compared to two years ago when only three candidates filed petitions for four seats.

Among the ten candidates on the Nov. 2 general election ballot are incumbents Stephen Harper, Mary Mackie and Turacuk. Others include Donna Broderick, J.D. Carlson, Jacqueline George, Gregory Harrison, Daniel Slater, Marvin Stempien and John Sturk.

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MONICA FOUTS' STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

In the swing

Eric Willinger of Grand Rapids takes a swing at the Special Olympics Home Run Derby Friday in Canton. Please turn to Observer Sports for a story about Special Olympics and photos.

Treasurer candidates debate township's finances

Incumbent: Continue momentum

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

In the eight years since being elected Plymouth Township treasurer, Ron Edwards believes he has helped move the township forward in terms of the quality of life for its residents.

And he wants the chance to continue the momentum.

Edwards, 48, is seeking re-election to his third term in the Aug. 3 Republican primary. He was first elected in 1996 when he beat then-incumbent treasurer



Edwards

Mary Brooks. "My past experience speaks for itself," said Edwards. "The vision I've brought to the board the past eight years has moved the township forward."

Edwards lives in the township with his wife of 25 years, Mary Pat. The couple has four children: Thomas, a senior at Michigan State, Theresa, a sophomore

PLEASE SEE EDWARDS, A6

Challenger eyes 2nd run at board

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township resident John Morrison thinks the current township board, particularly treasurer Ron Edwards, is spending too much money unwisely.

And he wants to do something about it.

Morrison grew up in Plymouth and has lived back here with his wife of 17 years, Anita, and their daughters Rachel, 4, and Sarah, 2, since 1999. He's chal-



Morrison

lenging the incumbent Edwards in the Aug. 3 Republican primary. It's the second bid for public office for Morrison, who lost in the 2000 election run for a trustee position.

"I will honor the laws of this community," said Morrison, a sales executive with Folk City Directories in Livonia. "I'm going to work to improve the quality of life for the resi-

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Local Marine heads to Iraq

Soldier's tour likely to be extended while he serves

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Tom Piotrowski Jr., 24, only recently began his new job on the Wayne State University police force when the call came to his Plymouth home in May.

His Marine reserve unit was headed back to Iraq and this time Piotrowski would be among the 60 or so members of Bridge



Piotrowski

Company Alpha, specializing in constructing bridges, to be sent to the Middle East.

"We were activated June 1, and had been in Battle Creek training for operations on urban terrain the last month and a half," said

Piotrowski. "We'll be heading to Camp Lejeune (N.C.) before sometime going to Iraq."

"We'll be part of a joint task force, but they aren't telling us much right now," he said.

Piotrowski, recently promoted to sergeant and a squad leader, is less than a year from completing a six-year commitment to the

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LINEBACKERS MEET

The Salem High School football booster club, the Salem Linebackers, meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 21 in Room #2703 at Salem High School.

Parents of current and incoming players are invited to attend. The agenda includes a presentation on Nutrition for High School Athletes.

For more information, call Bob Kilgore at (734) 459-6393.

ART GALLERY OPENING

Lotus Arts Gallery hosts its grand opening from 6-9 p.m. Friday, July 23 and from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 24. Visitors can stroll the gallery and view the work of some of the most prolific and well-known artists from around the world.

The gallery features contemporary artists with an eclectic array of styles and media. It's located in downtown Plymouth at 621 S. Main, just south of Wing.

For more information, visit the gallery's Web site at www.lotusartsgallery.com or call (734) 453-5400 or (734) 451-7400.

ICE CREAM MONTH

Cold Stone Creamery will fulfill more than just ice cream wishes and waffle cone dreams this summer as stores nationwide launch a month-long fund-raising effort on behalf of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. In honor of National Ice Cream Month, Cold Stone

Creamery announces a portion of all ice cream and ice cream cakes purchased during July will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation. In addition, for a \$1 donation, Cold Stone will invite ice cream lovers to invent their own signature ice cream creations and have their name and recipe inscribed on a special Make-A-Wish star to be posted on the store walls throughout July.

The third annual World's Largest Ice Cream Cake Social takes place from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, July 29. Guests will be treated to a free slice of the Make-A-Wish Ice Cream Cake and will be encouraged to make a donation in return. The Make-A-Wish Ice Cream Cake was created by two wish children from Chicago, Kristen, age 11, and Brian, age 9, both battling cystic fibrosis. The Cold Stone Creamery in Plymouth is located on Main Street in the Mayflower Centre.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Plymouth Post Office on Beck Road hosts a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3, for the Red Cross.

Appointments can be scheduled by calling Barb Mitchell, (734) 453-6111. Walk-ins are also welcome.

SINGING STEWART

State Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth, joins state Rep. Ken Daniels of Detroit Wednesday, July 21, to sing the National Anthem before the Detroit Tigers play the Kansas City Royals at Comerica Park.

It's "Willie Horton Day" at the park, with former Tiger Willie Horton honored at the game. Game time is 7:05 p.m.

MENINGITIS SHOTS

The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan and Kroger team up again to remind college-bound students to get their meningitis shot before going away to school.

No appointment is necessary. For a limited time, the \$85 shot, payable by cash or check, is available at Kroger stores in Plymouth, Canton and Livonia.

The Plymouth store, located at 44525 Ann Arbor Road (at Sheldon), provides the shots from noon-2 p.m. Saturday, July 31. Students who can't make that could catch the shots at the Livonia store, 30935 Five Mile (at Merriman) from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, July 29.

The Canton store, 1905 Canton Center (at Ford Road) provides the shots from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7.

For more information on bacterial meningitis, visit the VNA of Southeast Michigan Web site at www.vna.org or schedule an appointment by calling (800) 882-5720, Ext. 8755.

GOLF LESSONS

The Crystal Mountain Golf School is now offering lessons for all phases of golf at Fox Hills near Plymouth.

For more information, log on to www.foxhills.com or call (734) 453-7272.



Top dealer

B. Scott Smith of Don Massey Cadillac in Plymouth was named a 'General Motors Dealer of the Year' on June 17 at the Ritz-Carlton Battery Park in New York City. Smith is shown here accepting his award from Gary Cowger, GM Group vice president and president, GM North America, and John Divine, GM vice chairman and chief financial officer. Winners received the 2003 Jack Smith Leadership Award, named after Jack Smith, retired GM chairman and chief executive officer, and founder of the honorary program.

KIWANIS BREAKFASTS

The Kiwanis Club of Plymouth-Canton Breakfast sponsors a series of pancake breakfasts at the Masonic Temple in downtown Plymouth to raise money to support its projects, and the breakfast Saturday is a special one. Breakfast is served from 8-11 a.m. Aug. 7 and Sept. 4. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 6-12. Children age 5 and younger served free. Proceeds from the breakfasts

— which include all-you-can-eat eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy and coffee, tea or juice — support community activities.

The Masonic Temple is located at 730 Penniman.

WILDCAT GOLF OUTING

A golf outing to benefit the Plymouth High School Wildcat athletic program is set for an 8 a.m. shotgun start Sunday, Sept. 12 at Hickory Creek Golf Course, located at Napier and

Ford Road in Canton. Cost is \$100, which includes 18 holes of golf with cart, a T-shirt, a snack at the turn and a steak dinner following the golf. The outing is a four-person scramble which includes longest drive and closest-to-the-pin contests and a "skins" game. To register, send a check made payable to Plymouth High School Athletics to Plymouth High School, 8400 North Beck Road, Canton, MI 48187.

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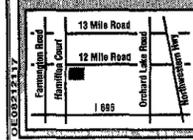
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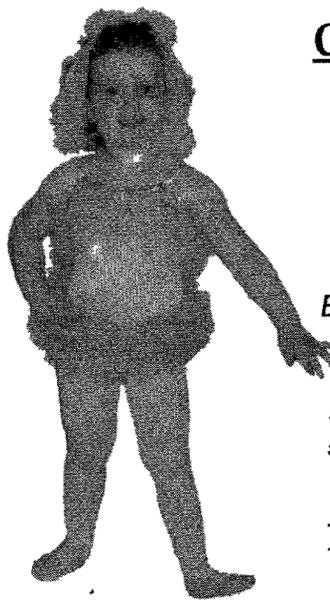
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Full-time forensics

Science elective all set for P-CEP

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Yellow crime scene tape wraps around a small area in a classroom at Salem High School. Debris litter the floor inside the tape's area.

No real crime has been committed. The scene is one of veteran Salem biology teacher Marcia Lizzio's famous "what happened here?" class lessons.

Now a full class in forensic science will be offered at P-CEP for the fall of 2005 following approval by the Plymouth-Canton board of education earlier this spring.

Lizzio has been teaching some forensic science material in her biology classes but now she will be able to teach a class devoted to nothing but criminalistics.

Juniors and seniors will be able to sign up later this school year for the class which will be offered for the first time in the fall of 2005.

Students must have finished two years of science - typically earth science and biology - and be enrolled in some form of chemistry.

"Forensic science is a two semester class," Lizzio said. "Each semester is interdependent and students can take one or both semesters."

"I am excited to be teaching this new class. I can't wait to make up mock crime scenes. I can't wait to watch the students. It's like playing a game of clue everyday."

Lizzio admits to a high level of personal interest in forensic science.

"Now someone has given me the green light to teach it. How lucky can you be?"

Nationally there has been a groundswell of interest in forensic science, fueled by popular TV shows like CSI



Marcia Lizzio of Canton (left) and Karen Ludema are veteran teachers at the Park. That's a mock crime scene behind them.

and CSI Miami, and by popular mystery fiction by writers such as Patricia Cornwell and Kathy Reichs.

The National Science Teachers Association last year teamed with Court TV to offer classroom materials to high school teachers.

Teachers are always looking for innovative ways to help students see how science is relevant to every day life, said John Penick, NSTA president, in a recent statement. "The forensic units are powerful new tools we can use to excite students about science while submerging them in hands-on scientific investigations."

School board member Judy Mardigan said the new course will be added to the many offerings at the Park. "The course offerings at the three high schools are like those of a small college," she said.

"The class creates an exciting opportunity for career exploration and clearly speaks to the quality of our teaching staff. It's exciting when a personal passion can lead to a new course offering," Mardigan said. Mardigan predicted the class would produce students that will pursue

criminalistics as a career. School superintendent Jim Ryan also like the idea of the class.

"I am excited about the opportunity our students will have with the forensic science class. Basically it is a tremendous way to motivate students to learn. I believe that we need to continue to find ways to make learning interesting to our students, and this class will certainly do that. With so much emphasis on the Michigan Merit exam, we need students to be able to apply what they learn, and this class will help them to do that. Add the enthusiastic teaching of Marcia Lizzio to the class and we have a winning situation at the Park," Ryan said.

Lizzio credits Pfizer, the pharmaceutical company with a large operation in Ann Arbor, with helping her get the latest in forensic training. Last summer she was out east for forensic training at Dr. Henry Lee's famous Connecticut State Forensic Science Laboratory.

She will complete the training this summer with special sessions the first two weeks in August.

Pfizer sponsors these things because they simply want students to get interested in science, and they want to create new science teachers," Lizzio said.

Here is a rundown of the P-CEP forensic science course material:

- Historical perspective, the role of a forensic scientist, rules of evidence
- Crime scene, chain of custody, forensic photography and physical evidence
- Fingerprinting, palm prints
- Investigation of arson and explosives
- Qualitative analysis (identifying unknown substances)
- Fibers, hairs, soils, glass
- Impressions as in dental records, lip prints, tire tracks, tool marks and firearms
- Document analysis for handwriting comparisons, alterations
- DNA as evidence
- Serology as in blood typing and blood patterns (a substitute is used for actual blood)
- Forensic anthropology using bones to determine age and sex

9/11 victims' quilt arrives for exhibit

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

If the United in Memory quilt - dedicated to the lives of each of the more than 3,000 victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks - was stretched out end to end, it would cover a good half-mile.

"I think this will be as important as the Vietnam Wall," said Debbie Zevalkink, assistant to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack. "You realize that each section of the quilt is for a person who was lost in the tragedy."

As anticipated, the popular United in Memory Sept. 11 Victims Memorial will make its arrival in Canton - the first visit to Michigan - Friday, Aug. 6 through Sunday, Aug. 8.

Canton resident Pat Whelan, mother of Meredith Whelan, who was killed in the World Trade Center attack, will speak at an opening ceremony at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5.

Meredith, then 23, worked on the 93rd floor of the World Trade Center North Tower when the first plane hit on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001. A 1996 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, Meredith graduated with honors from the University of Michigan in 2000 and worked for Fred Alger Management as a research analyst at the time of the attack.

The exhibit will be free, open to the public, and will be in the gymnasium of the Summit on the Park. "We need 13,000 square feet to exhibit it," Zevalkink said.

The quilt is comprised of 142 individual quilts or panels, each measuring 10 1/2 feet square. Each panel includes 25 blocks, each measuring 18 inches square. Each block is dedicated to every victim of the terrorist attacks who lost their lives in the World Trade Center Towers 1 and 2, the Pentagon, and the passengers and crew members of American Airlines Flights 11 and 77 and United Airlines Flights 93 and 175. Several

blocks are also dedicated to rescue dogs.

The quilt's arrival marks a year of planning after a request was made by Whalen and Zevalkink. Whalen was unavailable for comment. It started with an email from Pat, Zevalkink said.

She emailed township employee Carol Quinn. "The email said, 'wouldn't it be great if Mr. Yack could bring the Memory Quilt to Canton?'"

A great idea was born. "I went on the Website (www.unitedinmemory.net). It had an email link. I sent what I thought was a meaningful letter."

Zevalkink was shocked when Corey Gammel, president of the United in Memory nonprofit organization that started the quilt in 2002, answered.

"He called me within two days and said, 'yeah, I think that would be possible.'"

They decided on August, 2004. "I am just shocked. This came together so easily," Zevalkink said.

The quilt will arrive the night before opening ceremonies. It will take about six to eight hours to assemble for the display, which will include all of the gymnasium and the elevated indoor track.

When the exhibit opens, the nonprofit organization will have someone available to personalize the quilt blocks. "I know Pat is planning to do that with Meredith's photo," Zevalkink said. Canton Police Capt. Alex Wilson will perform on the bag pipes during the ceremony.

The idea for the quilt - reminiscent of the AIDS Quilt - came when Gammel, a freelance graphic artist and Peter Marquez, a moving and storage company operations manager, visited Ground Zero weeks after the attack.

The exhibit will be open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6 and Saturday, Aug. 7 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8.

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Walter L. "Dutch" Clansmith, 90 of Hillsdale formerly of Ypsilanti died July 13

D
Guido A. D'Angelo 84 of Westland, died July 16
Lawrence James Dupont 63 of Farmington Hills died July 10

K
Francis Leonard Karr, 84, of Canton Township died July 12



For the Record appears in every edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's Observer Life section in Passages on page C5.

Guy Nathan Kinsey 23, of Farmington died July 11

L
Allen R. Lulko 42 died July 14

S
Evelyn M. Sutton, 84 died July 14

T
Angeline R. Thomason 83, of Wayne died June 29

W
Marian R. Wallace 98, of Livonia, died July 13
John Kenney Walsh of Livonia, died July 14
Marie B. Weller 97, died July 14

MORRISON

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dents and be an advocate on their behalf"

Morrison, who earned a degree in economics from the University of Michigan-Dearborn, said he got some concerns regarding operations in the treasurer's office. Specifically, he referred to lawsuits filed several years ago against the township and Edwards by former employees Rosemary Harvey and Karen Akans.

Harvey filed a Whistleblowers suit against the township after the new administration eliminated her position as finance director. Akans' suit made several allegations against Edwards specifically. Both suits were settled.

"I'm concerned with a treasurer accused of sexual harassment, Morrison said. "It says the priorities are being misplaced. This has taken people and resources to defend (Edwards), and there's been a

crowding out of the people's business."

Morrison also takes issue with Edwards' support of a proposed 3-mill tax increase in 1998, a request voted down by residents, and with accusations by former employee Carolyn Cox that Edwards was misappropriating money. None of that was ever substantiated.

"Quality of life is being crowded out," said Morrison. "These sorts of things take time away from doing the business of the people."

Morrison also opposed the selection of the Ann Arbor Road/Haggerty site for the new township hall, saying there are other sites that would have been a better fit. The site, with its proximity to a residential area, will cause problems, he said.

"Putting a fire station in there, with sirens going off at all hours of the night, is not a good idea," Morrison said. Paying \$466,000 a year for 20 years (for township hall bonds) is not an efficient use of township resources.

Morrison on other issues

■ Recreation — "The current board has bonded a lot of recreation facilities, but there's no program. If we're going to spend money, let's create some programs, let's work on a plan."

■ Finances — Morrison questions the board's financial stability, in tough economic times. "Times are hard, but they didn't need a millage (for township hall)? I'm concerned about the finances."

■ Accountability — Morrison would restore the finance director position previously held by Harvey. "I'm concerned we don't have any checks."

■ Relations with the City of Plymouth — "We should be able to sit down and work out things that are mutually beneficial. I'd like to see us pool our resources and develop a much closer relationship."

Morrison, who went to West Middle School and was graduated from Plymouth Salem High School, said he wants to work for the betterment of his hometown.

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One of the many political conventions Doug Ashley has photographed includes the Republican National Convention in Houston in 1992

He views history through a lens

Doug Ashley looks forward to photographing local delegates in Boston and New York

BY PAT MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

Photographer Doug Ashley has seen a lot of history in the making – political and otherwise – through the lens of his camera

Ashley will see more later this summer when he pictorially captures the Democratic and Republican national conventions for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, as he has since the early 1960s

Ashley, who has photographed presidents as well as precinct delegates, will train his camera on Democrats, from July 26 to 29, in Boston, and Republicans from Aug. 30 through Sept. 2 in New York City

With the presidential candidate for each party, and running mate, already determined, this year's conventions may not be as suspenseful as those in the past Ashley acknowledged

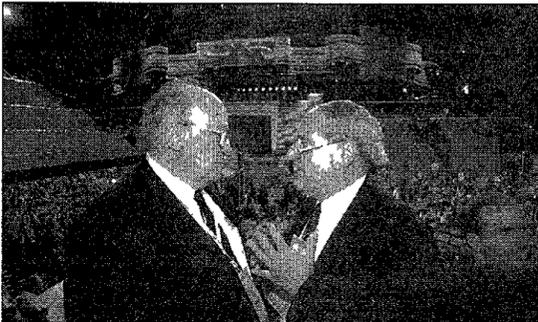
But previewing the next president of the United States is always significant, Ashley said. And, with hot-button issues like the war in Iraq and an uncertain economy, anything is possible

Anti-war demonstrations at the 1968 Democratic convention and gay rights marches at the 1972 Republican conventions are prime examples of the unexpected taking center stage, he said

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"Both (of the upcoming) conventions may turn out to be giant pep rallies," Ashley said, but you never know what can happen

"I think about (the possibility of) terrorism often," he said. "And I will keep a low profile"



DOUG ASHLEY

Doug Ashley photographed former Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara and Sen. Carl Levin at the 1996 Democratic National Convention

Security is also a concern at another high-profile photo shoot involving Ashley. He's the Oakland Hills photographer for the 35th Ryder Cup Matches in September

Like the conventions, the Ryder Cup matches will draw VIPs and international attention – factors that could make it inviting to protesters or terrorists

"I really have to put my faith in those who are providing security and protection for all of the events," Ashley said

Ashley's fascination with photography predates his days at Dondero High School (Class of '59) where he took pictures for the yearbook

"I was just drawn to a camera," he said. "I had a camera in elementary school, and I sold my first picture (of a neighborhood garage fire) to a newspaper"

At Wayne State University, he studied political science – and worked as photo editor of the newspaper. Also at Wayne State, he got a master's degree in instructional technology. "That was the beginning of comput-

ers," he said

Ashley's first photo job in politics was George Romney's 1960 bid for governor against John B. Swanson. He has shot photos for Democratic Gov. James Blanchard hosting the governor's conference

"I've done grip and grin pictures for many candidates," Ashley said, referring to reception lines and fund-raisers at which broadly smiling guests shake hands with candidates

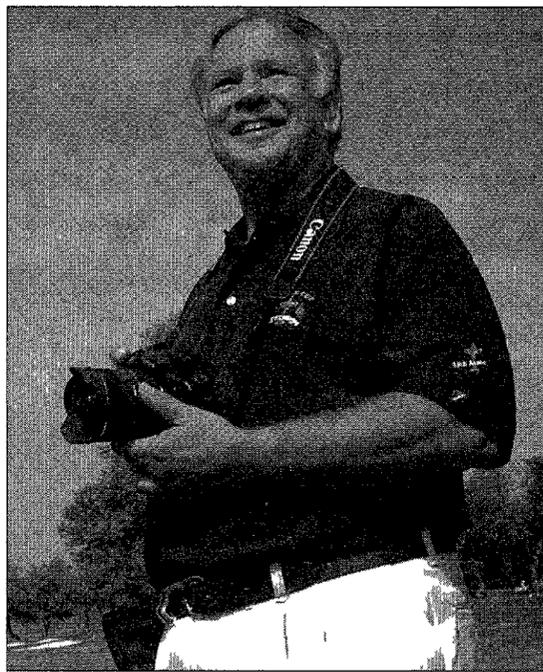
PERSONALITIES

It was at a grip and grin event, Ashley said, when he saw the warm and fuzzy side of then-President Bill Clinton. "It was at the Fox," he said, and Clinton was greeting local supporters

"He joked about my knowing more people than he did," Ashley recalled

Ashley said he also found the late Detroit Mayor Coleman A. Young – whose birthday bash he shot – to be affable, cordial and cooperative

Ashley is hard-pressed to name his favorite assignment or



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Doug Ashley, who has photographed presidents as well as precinct delegates, will train his camera on Democrats from July 26 to 29 in Boston and Republicans from Aug. 30 through Sept. 2 in New York City

his most memorable political event. There have been so many," he said. "I'm fortunate to have had the opportunities I've had"

He fondly remembers the Republican convention of 1964 in San Francisco, when the GOP-nominated Arizona Sen. Barry Goldwater to run against incumbent Democrat Lyndon B. Johnson

It was at that convention, Ashley said, that Tony Spina, well-known photographer at the *Detroit Free Press*, "gave me a place to stay and showed me the ropes of photographing a convention"

While conventions and political photography are a forte, Ashley considers himself fore-

most a photojournalist. "I record events of the time," he said, whether it's the World Series (as he shot in 1968 and 1984) or a commercial (for ABC) at this year's Super Bowl

"I like shots that inspire awe," he said. "Shots that show hundreds, (maybe thousands) of people – like floor shots at a convention or a sellout crowd at the Silverdome"

Like many professionals, Ashley considers preparation to be an important part of success. "Coming up with the right location for a shot is important, he said

At game 5 of the NBA finals between the Pistons and Los Angeles Lakers, for example, Ashley said he arrived at the

Name: Douglas G. Ashley
Age: 62
Family: Married to Janet (formerly Wing), one daughter, Wendy, and grandson, Jahno
Residence: Bloomfield Hills
Experience: Freelance photographer since 1960. Clients have included ABC, CBS-TV, ESPN, the Pontiac Silverdome, Continental Air Lines. Since 2002, the Ryder Cup photographer for Oakland Hills Country Club

Political assignments: Presidents, governors (including George Romney on the cover of *Time Magazine*), precinct delegates national and state conventions

View of his job: "I record events of the time, whether it's the World Series, Ryder Cup or Detroit Mayor Coleman A. Young hosting a birthday fund-raiser"

Equipment: Canon, in part because of the technical support programs. Likes digital photography and computers

Palace four hours before tip-off just to find the right location. "You have to be in the right spot," Ashley said, "and you have to be ready"

Ashley married his high school sweetheart, Janet Wing (Dondero, Class of '61), who is also a photographer. They have a daughter, Wendy, and a grandson, Jahno, 4

He's had a great career photographing celebrities and major sports figures, Ashley said. "But Jahno is currently my favorite subject," he said

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at Eastern Michigan, and Mark and Matthew, both of whom attend Plymouth-Canton schools

A certified public accountant, Edwards has been at or near the point on several township projects, including the addition of Advanced Life Support training for firefighters, the new township hall project and several recreation issues

He disagrees with critics who say the Ann Arbor Road/Haggerty location is the best site for the project, and who say the township can't afford the project in the first place

It's really the only site we had left in the township to

build," Edwards said "If we stayed where we are the remodeling would be substantial, and we'd still be in five different buildings"

Edwards also bristles at the idea the township is mismanaging money or is in deeper financial trouble than officials let on He points to the recent audit by Plante & Moran, which gave the township's books high marks, and to a recent award for its bookkeeping from the Government Finance Officers Association

The township also recently received a AA rating from Standard & Poor's for the bonds it sold to finance half of the township hall project

"It reflects the financial integrity and stability in the township over the past few years," Edwards said "They

look at the community as a whole You get a rating like that because (S&P) thinks it's a pretty strong community"

Edwards was a big supporter of building Lake Pointe soccer park, but he agrees the township needs to do more for recreation When he was elected, he said he pushed for the creation of a township recreation board, but was rebuffed Now, he said, the idea should be discussed

"We need to start a recreation program," Edwards said "For years, we've relied on the city and paid their fees I think we can run a program of our own and not have to raise taxes to do it"

Edwards on other issues
 ■ A second water tower, which township officials hope to build at 5 Mile and Beck Road "We need to get that in to

ensure our ability to keep our water rates low and to keep our water pressure up" The township, he said, has been working with the state to secure property, and officials "hope to get it done in the next two years"

■ Cut-through traffic — Several streets, including Tavistock and the Green Meadows subdivision, are currently abused by drivers trying to avoid traffic "It affects property values and we need to address it We can't have 2,000 cars going through there Hopefully, Green Meadows will be solved in the next year as developers close off streets, but we have to do something, especially about Tavistock"

■ Relations with the city — "We're separate entities We have working agreements for dispatch and fire We're already

subsidizing them, if you look at the number of (fire department) runs to the city and the price they're paying, they're getting a break I don't think we need to subsidize them any more I represent the residents of the township, and I look out for them"

With a \$13 million budget to help manage, Edwards said his experience should be the key factor when voters go to the polls

"If you were investing in a \$13 million corporation, wouldn't you want someone running it who has the experience?" Edwards said "That's what voters are doing, investing in the township My experience speaks for itself"

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IRAQ

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Marnes, which will be extended He missed going to Iraq for three months with his unit in February 2003 because of a broken foot

"I was upset I didn't get a chance to go because I'm so close to all those guys, Piotrowski said "At the same time, I was glad I was home

"I'm a little worried because it's so dangerous out there right now," he said "During the war it seemed safer Now, you don't know who the enemy is"

Tom Piotrowski Sr said he's optimistic his son will come home safely

"Am I for him going? No," he said "Is Iraq worth one American life? No But, you still have to back your president"

Piotrowski's mother, Aurelia, will no doubt be the one who worries

"We need to pray for peace and for the safety of our troops," she said

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Justice Kelly wants to educate public about role of the court

Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly realizes that most people don't know much about the state's highest court or its judges.

"Most people eligible to vote did not vote in 'They simply did not vote,' she says, smiling sadly. Though Michigan elects its seven Supreme Court justices to eight-year terms, nearly half the electorate doesn't



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vote at all, and many who do simply skip the judicial races.

Nor do most voters have much of a grasp on what the court really does. Soon after she was elected in 1996, she met a carpenter on an elevator who told her that he had taken his 6-year-old son into the voting booth.

"First, I voted for the important offices. Then I turned it over to him, and he voted for you," the carpenter said. "That certainly brought me down a peg, she laughed.

Actually, the case could be made that the high court matters more than many other offices. What few realize is that it supervises and sets rules for the entire court system and its judges. It is also the court of last resort for Michigan. Every year, lawyers ask it to reconsider something like 2,500 cases that have been decided by lesser courts, the vast majority of which the justices turn down.

When the high court does decide a case, the decision can be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, but few are, and "I can only think of one case where they reversed us," a trucking industry case in which she, incidentally, happened to write a dissent that the nation's highest court said was correct.

Justice Kelly has a somewhat unusual background. She was a young French teacher at any Albion College when she became interested in education issues and somehow got the Democratic Party to nominate her for the State Board of Education when she was 26. "You know, when you are in your 20s you think you know everything and can do anything."

That was 1964, and Democrats swept the state. It soon became clear to her that a knowledge of the law would be extremely helpful in dealing with the state's education system. So she abandoned plans for a French Ph.D., got a law degree from Wayne, and after years on the board and in private practice, was elected first to the Michigan Court of Appeals and then the State Supreme Court.

These days, she is often in a minority. Though the justices are technically nonpartisan, they are actually nominated by the

major political parties. Republicans now have a 5-2 majority, and that makes for a lot of 5-2 opinions.

If anything, Michigan's Supreme Court is more ideologically split than the nation's highest court. Asked what the atmosphere was like when the justices discuss cases, she said "professional."

"You can't not be on speaking terms," she said. Nevertheless, while not every case breaks down along ideological lines, she spends a lot of time writing both dissenting opinions and objections to the majority's decision not to hear cases.

She is also spending time campaigning for re-election this fall - though she doesn't know who her opponent will be. Republicans will nominate a candidate at their August convention, but in practice, it has proven nearly impossible to defeat sitting Supreme Court justices, in part because they are listed on the ballot as a justice of the Michigan Supreme Court.

Still, that means she has to raise money - her 1996 race cost about \$550,000 - and make a lot of speeches. There are those who say that judicial elections are intellectually meaningless, because the judges are ethically prohibited from saying how they plan to rule.

Marilyn Kelly disagrees. "I think if you look at my Web site you can get a pretty good sense of who I am and where I stand on the issues," she says.

Indeed, in her stump speeches she has been saying that "the Michigan Supreme Court in its Republican majority is moving the state's jurisprudence in the wrong direction." She has lashed out at the court for weakening women's and workers' rights. She also believes the court in recent years has weakened constitutional protections of civil liberties.

"Yes, I think we are supposed to interpret the law as it was intended, but we should admit we do make law by our decisions. That is inevitable. They did that in a recent case where they took away a man's benefits by changing the way they interpret the Workers Disability Compensation Act."

Should she win re-election, this will be her last term. The Constitution prohibits state court judges from running again after age 70, and she is 66.

But she would like eight more years to make a difference in not only the law, but to do more to help educate the public about the court, she said. That might be a view that, regardless of philosophy, few would oppose.

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Attempt to amend Patriot Act fails to win McCotter's support

This past week, U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft has been campaigning for continued support of the USA Patriot Act with anecdotal stories from the FBI of how the act has helped stop terrorists in their tracks.



Hugh Gallagher

The complex legislation, which passed with little dissent by Congress in October 2001 following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, has come under attack itself from the right and left as a danger to civil liberties.

No part of the act rattles the cages of civil libertarians more than Section 215. This section amended the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act to give the FBI the authority to search business records in secret, including those of bookstores and libraries. Prior to the passage of the Patriot Act, the FBI had to have a warrant and show probable cause for such searches. Now the FBI only has to certify to a special court judge that the search protects against terrorism and the judge has no authority to reject an application.

The American Library Association has been particularly critical of the section because they have strict policies about releasing information on the reading habits or Internet use of their adult patrons. In addition, librarians and others asked to hand over records are prohibited from discussing the requests.

In general, librarians are concerned about Section 215 of the Patriot Act and its chilling effect on how people use the library, said Eileen Palmer, deputy director of The Library Network, a consortium of local libraries with offices in Southgate.

On July 8, the U.S. House defeated by a 210-210 tie vote an amendment to the House Commerce, Justice, State appropriations bill that would have barred the Justice Department from using any appropriations to

search bookstore and library records. The amendment was proposed by Vermont independent Bernie Sanders but was co-sponsored by liberal Democrats John Conyers of Detroit and Jerrold Nadler of New York and conservative Republicans Ron Paul of Texas and Butch Otter of Idaho.

The amendment was defeated after the Republican leadership extended the usual voting time by 20 minutes, during which they were able to persuade five members to switch their votes.

In a statement released by the library association, Executive Director Emily Sheketoff said, "It is so important that debate on this issue was allowed to occur. But, by manipulating the House rules, the Republican leadership has ignored the desires of a majority of the American people to limit the unnecessary government intrusion on library patrons' privacy."

In meetings with *Observer* editors, 11th District Rep. Thaddeus McCotter has expressed concern about some sections of the Patriot Act, including Section 215. So it was a surprise to find that only Rep. Vern Ehlers of Grand Rapids broke ranks with the Michigan Republican delegation to vote for the amendment.

In a phone conversation Wednesday, McCotter said he still has some concerns about the Patriot Act but that he objected to voting on the amendment as part of an appropriations bill. He said if it were an authorizing bill, members of Congress would be able to discuss the proposal and offer alternatives rather than voting it up or down.

He said the FBI presented credible information that terrorists have used library computers.

"If Sanders has a better way to do it, I'd be happy to look at it," he said. "Has there been evidence that it has protected the public, where has it hurt?"

Palmer said librarians have supported Sanders' Freedom To Read Protection Act introduced in 2003, which would have exempted libraries and book stores from the provisions of Section 215.

"It has about 145 co-sponsors but the House Judiciary Committee wouldn't hold hearings on it," she said.

McCotter said the Patriot Act comes up for reauthorization in 2005 and that would be the appropriate time to reconsider sections of the Act.

McCotter said he hasn't heard much from constituents about the amendment.

"It would be a larger problem if most people weren't on the Internet at home," he said.

Constituents are more concerned about spam and screening their kids from pornographic Web sites, he said.

In the district we get a handful of people who hate the Patriot Act and a handful who love it. In between the rest are waiting to see how it affects them," he said.

McCotter also had no problem with the GOP leadership extending the voting time so they could work the representatives. He said Democrats did it when they were in power. He said he did agree with Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer of Maryland that Republicans were being hypocritical in defending a practice that they once complained about.

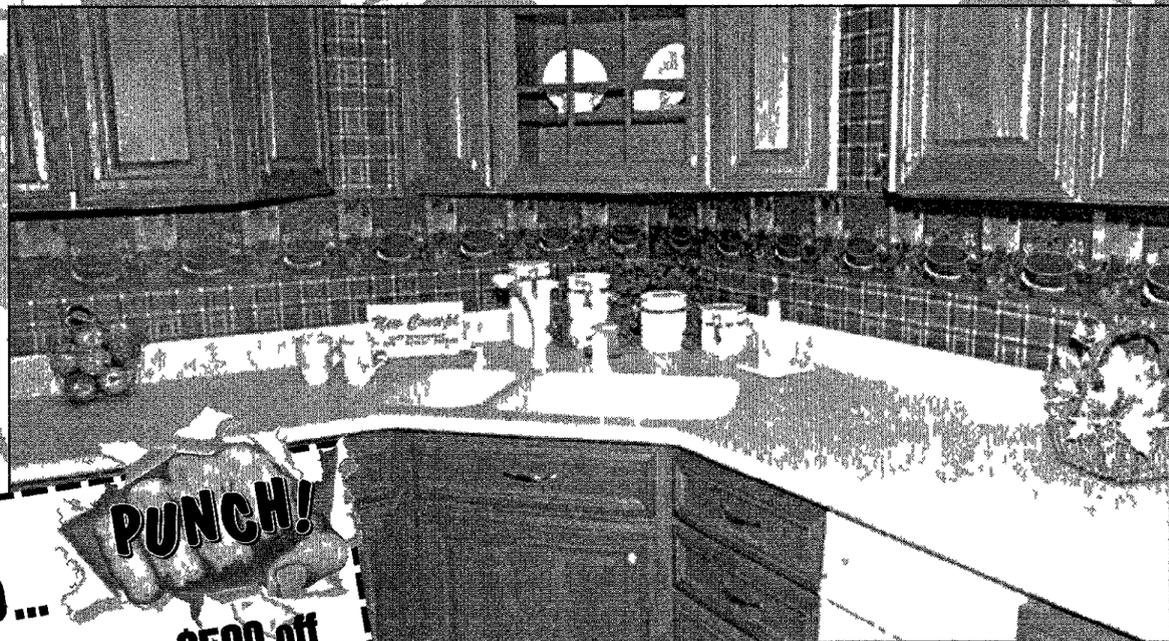
Fair enough. But it seems that for someone who has long presented himself as a civil libertarian, McCotter has allowed the spectre of terrorism to erode some of the very liberties we want to defend. For someone who has expressed concern about government intrusion into private lives, McCotter is now willing to defend just such an intrusion.

Or, perhaps, as a freshman congressman, he had little room to resist the House leadership and the White House in going against the party position.

If McCotter is re-elected, it will be interesting to see what role he'll play next year in adjusting the Patriot Act to protect both our lives and our liberty.

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Budget, politics concern sheriff candidates

Seven candidates are challenging incumbent Sheriff Warren Evans for the Democratic nomination Aug 3. The winner will face former Wayne County Sheriff and Executive Bill Lucas in the general election.

The position pays \$128,768 a year.

Evans was appointed by a panel in January 2003 to complete the term of former Sheriff Robert Ficano when Ficano became county executive.

The *Observer* sent questionnaires to the eight Democratic candidates. On Thursday we ran the responses of Anthony Abdallah, Randall James Daley, Warren Evans and Brian Keating. Today we present the responses of Darron McKinney, Mitchell Quinn, Ronald Smith and Donald Watts.

McKinney, 38, is a retired Wayne County sheriff's deputy and delegate to the Democratic county convention. He is a member of several police organizations, a musician and a candidate for sheriff in 2000.

Quinn, 28, has been a Detroit police officer since 1995 and has worked in the tactical services section, traffic enforcement and the office of the chief.

Smith, 27, is a sheriff's deputy and member of the Deputy Sheriff's Association of

Michigan and Southwest Democratic Club.

Watts has been a Wayne County Deputy Sheriff for 30 years. He was named undersheriff by Ficano in 1999 and was responsible for operating the county's three jails. He created the Executive Operations Division.

Some answers have been edited for space.

1 The county faces major deficits and every department has been asked to make cuts but the sheriff's department must provide mandated services. How can the department balance its budget and provide services?

McKinney By placing deputies in their budgeted positions and cutting unnecessary appointed positions and perks such as home county cars and county credit cards.

Quinn Budgets are normally exhausted due to lackadaisical spending habits and the usual attitude of I don't care because it not my mine. Deficits are created by irresponsible managers and can be easily reduced and eliminated if the elected officials work with the community to improve services address crime and take a proactive stance to resolve issues within our community.

Smith The current sheriff was over budget \$7 million last year and cuts are now needed

because of this. Keeping units like the Internet crimes task force and a drug enforcement unit are a priority. Cuts should start with appointed staff positions. I don't want to cut overtime for our deputies. With the economy in hard times, these officers must continue to provide for themselves and their families.

Watts The Sheriff is mandated by law to manage his department's operation within the fiscal approved budget. First and foremost, I feel Sheriff Evans needs to stop using the Sheriff's Department as a political football for the sole purpose of him being elected to the Office of Sheriff.

Secondly, Sheriff Evans must discharge some of his excessive administrative staff that he brought with him when he was appointed to the position of sheriff.

2 Is the Sheriff's Department overextending itself in grant programs or would you favor adding more?

McKinney Yes, the department is overextending itself in grant programs because the

bodies or positions used are not replaced which has caused deficiencies in other departments such as the jails.

Quinn Grants provide additional training, equipment and personnel to reduce crime and improve the quality of life in communities they are given to. So yes, I would favor adding additional grants because we as a community would lose additional services and federal dollars without them.

Smith I think Evans is spreading himself thin with too many grant programs. Ten units or task forces with 10 officers in each are more effective than 50 units with only two officers in each.

Watts Yes, I would support and pursue more grant programs. Grant programs are not the problem. What the basic problem is the current sheriff is overextending his responsibilities to local agencies which are not funded by grant programs. The daily assignment of officers to local police agencies are funded by the sheriff's budget and this is primarily why the current sheriff has exceeded his budget.



McKinney

Quinn

Smith

Watts

3 Why are you the best candidate for sheriff?

McKinney My 14-year tenure, my commitment to my community and I'm also a third term precinct delegate for the Democratic Party. I did not go through the trenches as a deputy sheriff.

Quinn I am the best candidate for Wayne County Sheriff because, I can see like many other residents within our county the issues and problems that need to be addressed and I am willing work with the community to resolve them. I have been a law enforcement officer in this community for nearly 10 years and I have no problems doing what needs to be done to retake and restore our community from the criminals who plague our everyday lives. What I want is for the citizens to open their eyes and demand more from the people they elect into office.

Smith I am the best candidate because I know you can't risk the safety of our citizens because of politics. Evans refuses to work with Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano during these uncertain times with threats of terrorism taking place. The sheriff needs to have a good working relationship with the county executive. Evans is putting us all at risk.

Watts I'm knowledgeable and experienced in the operations of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department. I was appointed as undersheriff in 1999. I have managed the day-to-day operations within the sheriff's department and ensured that mandated services were operating efficiently and within budget. I feel I can bring innovation to the sheriff's department and I'm dedicated and committed to serve the citizens of Wayne County.

Airport hosts forum on business opportunities

The Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA), which operates Detroit Metro and Willow Run Airports, will be hosting a business forum targeted at providing information to local companies regarding airport business opportunities. The forum will be held in Romulus 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, July 21, at the Best Western Gateway on Wickham Road off of Merriman Road.

The business forum will also provide opportunities for businesses to meet one-on-one

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Wesley Pringle of the Plymouth-Canton Rising Stars (right) chases down a player running home during a Special Olympics softball game in Canton Friday

Sidelines

Coaches sought

■ Canton High School is looking for a girls swimming coach. For more information, contact Canton athletic director Sue Heinzman at (734) 416-2925.

■ Hilbert Junior High in Redford is looking for girls basketball coaches for its seventh and eighth grade basketball teams.

To apply, send a resume to Redford Union High School, 17711 Kinloch, Redford, MI, 48240, attn athletic director Brett Steele, or call him at (313) 242-4270.

Soccer registration

The Western Wayne Soccer League is taking registration for the U6 and U8 divisions for the fall and spring seasons.

Registration is at the Bailey Center in Westland for both seasons. The deadline is July 25.

For more information, please call (734) 467-5260.

Volleyball camp

The fifth annual Community Volleyball Camp will be held from Aug. 10-12 at the St. John's Center on Five Mile Rd., east of Sheldon.

The camp runs from 5-7 p.m. each day and is for girls in fifth through eighth grades. The camp is also run by certified AAU and CYO volleyball coaches and has a \$75 fee.

For more information, please call Kim Price at (734) 635-7498.

Beydoun to WSU

Jason Beydoun (Westland/Redford CC) signed a letter of intent to play tennis for Wayne State.

Beydoun earned four letters for CC and teamed with Ryan Snyder to win a Division I title at No. 2 doubles.

Bucks win

The Michigan Bucks came closer to the Premier Development League playoffs for the eighth time on Wednesday after a 5-1 win over West Michigan.

Kevin Taylor had two goals to lead the Bucks, while Mychal Turpin and Knox Cameron had one each. Goalkeeper Jeff Wiese had two saves in goal for the Bucks.

The Bucks will advance by earning at least a tie with the host Toledo Slayers on Saturday.

Players wanted

Waza FC is looking for players for an U10 and U13 girls soccer team.

For more information, call Colleen Debolski at (248) 477-1252 or e-mail: wazaclubmanager@hotmail.com

Salem grid meeting

The Salem High School booster club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday in room 2703 at the school.

Parents of current and incoming players are invited to attend.

The agenda includes a presentation on Nutrition for High School Athletes.

For more information, please call Bob Kilgore at (734) 459-6393.

Nothing but winners

Special Olympians have a ball at Canton softball tourney

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Wearing a smile as wide as the strike zone, Wayne-Westland Blue Jays pitcher Angela Long reached back and launched a high, arching pitch that the Northland Tigers batter watched float by for ball one.

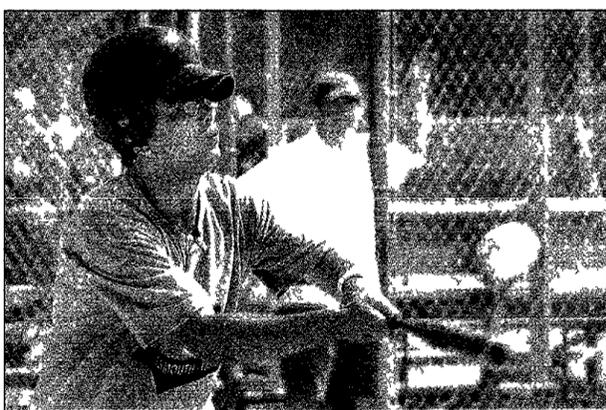
"What was wrong with that one?" asked Long, a 100-watt smile still stretched across her face.

"It was a little high, the umpire replied.

"Okay, thanks," Long said, grinning wider than ever.

This friendly exchange was about as close to a dispute as you could find at the Special Olympics Summer Sports Classic softball tournament, held Friday and Saturday at the Canton Softball Center.

Like all Special Olympics events,



Bailey Fox of the Plymouth-Canton Rising Stars concentrates as he takes a swing at a pitch during a game on Friday.

win-at-all-costs attitudes took a back seat to have-fun-at-all-costs sentiments at the 60-team tournament that drew athletes from across the state.

"The best part about coaching in the Special Olympics is when your team is losing 20-0 in the third inning, and one of your athletes comes up to you and asks, 'Are we winning?'" said Plymouth resident

Kevin Mull, an assistant coach for the Wayne-Westland Falcons. "We can all learn a lot from these athletes. Win or lose, they're in it to have fun, and that's the way it should be."

Approximately 1,200 athletes — from 8 to 68 years old — participated in the Summer Sports Classic.

PLEASE SEE SOFTBALL, B3

Games have special meaning for GC Olympian and family

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The Special Olympics summer games this weekend mean a lot to local Special Olympian Holly Gossett, and all her friends.

"I like being around my friends and having fun," said the 23-year-old from Garden City.

Her mother Linda Gossett agrees. "The only kind of social life she has is being with her friends at the Special Olympics."

The games also have special meaning for Holly's mom, a chaperone and one-time coach, her sister Tina, 21, who volunteers as a coach, and for her dad Dennis Gossett — a current Special Olympics coach of the year.

"I get the pleasure of seeing the smile on the kids' faces that they can participate just like all the regular kids," Dennis Gossett said. "I teach them and watch them have fun."

PLEASE SEE OLYMPIAN, B3

GC parents have plan to save junior high sports

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
STAFF WRITER

It's a simple plan, really, with a simpler goal.

If every resident of Garden City would pony up a dollar to save sports at the junior high school, then junior high school sports can be saved.

Now, Judy Nichols knows that she won't get everyone of the 30,000 or so residents of Garden City to give a dollar.

But if enough of them do, it could be enough of a start to help save the programs that were trimmed during district-wide budget cuts earlier this summer.

The children need it, we just have to sit down and figure out how to do it," said Nichols, part of a group of parents who have termed their cause BARK — Bulldog Athletes Require Kash — as a working title. "We know we're trying to raise a lot of money — we'd like to get \$43,000. But if the district sees us work together maybe they'll find a way to help out."

It's the second time in as many years that an outside group has tried to raise money to save sports in Garden City.

The boosters at the high school pledged \$18,000 for freshmen sports when they were cut during the 2003-04 school year but didn't raise nearly that amount and had to dip into its own coffers to cover the difference.

The boosters have pledged to help again for the 2004-05 school year, but not on the scale as last year.

For the middle school, no person or group has come forward to save the sports — until now.

"They're trying to generate funding to keep the sports and that's fantastic," said Garden City Supt. Richard Witkowski.

"We've had some preliminary discussions earlier this month, but we haven't had a chance to sit down and come up with a firm plan."

What Nichols envisions is a program similar to the shamrocks that local businesses display in late summer in support

of raising money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The dollar donation would entitle a donor to have his or her name displayed on a decoration somewhere around the city.

"We have to figure out the best way to do it, but that's the plan," said Nichols, who has three children in the school district.

"Hopefully, we could do it at City Hall or somewhere — that a person is a proud sponsor of athletics at the middle school."

Five sports were cut to offset the budget deficit — volleyball, softball, baseball along with boys and girls basketball.

"And that's a shame," said Nichols.

"Last year, there were over 85 girls in basketball for nine openings. It's pretty sad because it shows that there are a lot of kids who want to play sports. We're just trying to band together to keep sports in our school."

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Area quartet makes noise at Women's Amateur

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
STAFF WRITER

In a sense, a lot of the match play portion of the 88th Women's Michigan State Amateur Golf Championship was like one big all-Observerland reunion.

In one match, there was Kristen Polanski, the 2003 Livonia Stevenson graduate now at Michigan State, teeing off against 2003 Livonia Ladywood grad Rachel Thomas.

Then there was a quarterfinal match of Mara Mazzoni, the 1999 Stevenson alum who just finished up her Oakland University career, against Farmington Hills Mercy grad and Ohio State standout Erin Borowiec.

In the end, Friday's title went to Grosse Ile's Sarah Martin in a 22-hole win against Burton's Jenna Walter. But the quartet put on a solid showing.

"It is like a reunion," said Mazzoni, whose tourney

ended with a 3 and 2 loss to Borowiec.

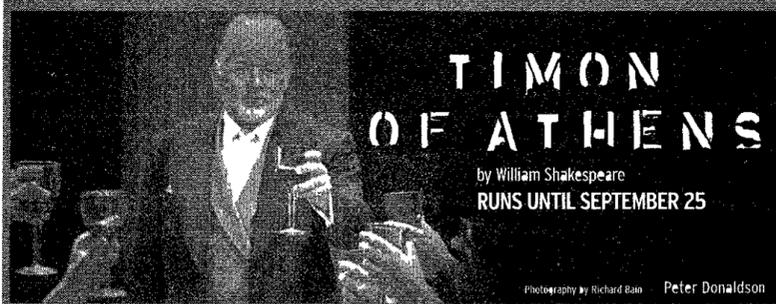
"You're playing against the same people you played against in high school and college and it is nice to see every one in one place."

Mazzoni, by her own admission, didn't play her best in the first two rounds of match play. Against Borowiec, she stayed a hole or two down most of the time and couldn't catch up.

"I played well, she played great," said Mazzoni. "There were a couple of times where a door opened for me, but she'd get up and down from on top of a hill or behind a tree."

Borowiec wound up losing to Walter in 19 holes in a semifinal match — the same score that Polanski wound up falling to Joan Garety of Rockford in the quarterfinals. Polanski did have a relatively easy time in beating Thomas in the round of 16 — coming away with a 7 and 6 win.

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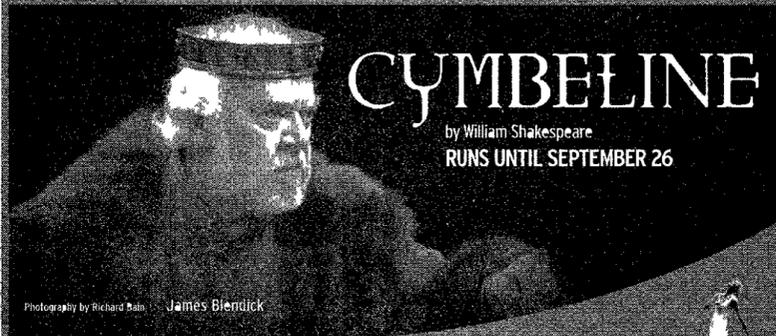
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Rams break losing skid

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
STAFF WRITER

LCBL BASEBALL

A three-run fifth inning gave the Michigan Rams enough for a 7-2 win over the Panthers in Livonia Collegiate Baseball League play on Wednesday at Eastern Michigan University.

The win broke a three-game losing streak for the Rams — all at the hands of the league-leading Bulls.

Nick Thurman led the way by going 2-for-3 with a homer, two RBI, two runs scored and a walk. Adam Schulz was 3-for-5 with two runs scored and Brian Campbell was 1-for-2 with an RBI.

Gary Zielke had a hit and scored a run, Jon Weisman and John McCracken added hits and Ryan Heath and Matt Cunningham scored a run.

Ben Darga improved to 5-0 on the year by getting the win — striking out six and allowing six hits in six innings of work. Tyler Cardal took the loss for the Panthers.

On Monday, the Rams' inability to score runs proved to be their downfall again as they lost a 1-0

decision to the Bulls.

Rams pitcher Dan Dobberowsky allowed only one hit — a second inning single by Chris Hilton — but it scored John Sullivan with the game's only run.

The Rams managed five hits, but scattered them all as Campbell was 2-for-2, and Schultz, Evan Rodriguez and Heath all singled.

Dobberowsky struck out seven and walked four, while Jon Hastings got the win for the Bulls, allowing two strikeouts and struck out three.

On Sunday, the Rams lost a first-place showdown with the Bulls, losing 2-1 in the opener and 7-3 in the nightcap.

In the first game, Corey Krug (Hillsdale/Redford) was cruising along with a one-hitter until the sixth inning, when the Bulls (19-2-1) scored a pair of runs for the win.

Sean Gallagher's RBI scored Will Tollison with the winning run, while Mark Flanbaum scored on an RBI by Tollison. Krug wound up with a four-

hitter with a pair of walks and 10 strikeouts.

The Rams didn't offer much offensive help as Bulls pitcher Charle Christher allowed just five hits to five different players. Rodriguez and Schulz doubled and Campbell, Heath and Jon Weisman singled.

In the second game, the Rams again had problems hitting as ex-Ram Mark Lundquist and John Sullivan combined on a four-hitter.

Weisman had a two-run double, Thurman added an RBI single and Heath and McCracken both singled.

Jeff Helos was 2-for-3 for the Bulls, while Flanbaum and Gallagher had two RBI each. Doug Pickens had an RBI and Truman Rley, Bobby Marten, Tollison and Brad Foutch all scored.

Zielke took the loss for the Rams, allowing four runs in three innings, but only one run was earned.

Nate Korff and Paul Phillips finished up, with Phillips on the hook for three runs in the sixth.

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'Hockey maniac' named Canton coach

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

A self-proclaimed "hockey maniac" will lead the Canton High School hockey program beginning next season.

Mike Behen, a successful youth travel coach in the metropolitan Detroit area for the past 10 years, was hired July 12 to succeed Jim Wheaton. Behen takes over a team that finished 8-14-2 last year, but one that has 12 returning seniors.

"I have a reputation of being a hockey maniac," said Behen, a clinical psychologist at Children's Hospital in Detroit. "I know how to motivate kids and I have a ton of enthusiasm for the job."

"I come from a big hockey

family. My father coached for several years, my brother coaches, I coach and my son plays. I've never coached at the high school level, but I'm confident I can lead these kids."

Behen walked out of the first meeting with his new team with enough optimism to match his enthusiasm.

"I told the team that I'm going to do what I've always done and that is to work them hard to develop their skills," said Behen, a Dearborn resident.

"They seem like a motivated group. I'm looking forward to working with them."

"After I talked to the entire team, I told them I wanted to speak with just the seniors.

Well, only a couple of kids left the room, which means we will have a lot of experienced players to work with."

For the past 10 years Behen has coached several high-caliber youth travel teams, including the Belle Tire Midget Minors and the McDonald's All-Stars.

"We had a lot of qualified candidates for the position, but Mike stood out," said Canton athletic director Sue Heinzman.

"He has a strong hockey background, and he is committed to athletics and academics."

Behen's brother, Daniel, a teacher in the at Redford Township's Hilbert Junior High, will serve as his assistant coach.

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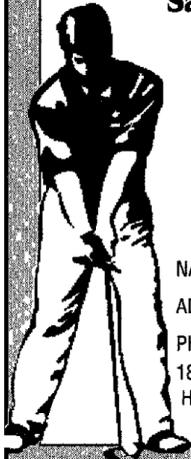
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Julie Trublowksi of the Plymouth-Canton Rising Stars runs to first after hitting the ball during a game

SOFTBALL

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which included a nine-hole golf tournament at Ypsilanti's Pine View Golf Course and the softball tournament. The event was one of eight state-level competitions held throughout the year in Michigan for intellectually disabled athletes.

The athletes were assisted by more than 700 volunteers, whose duties ranged from coaching to making sure the softball players had an ample supply of cold water to drink.

Among those competing Saturday was Steve "The Roadrunner" Jenkins, a shortstop for the Wayne-Westland Falcons.

"I like to hit, Jenkins said, "but I like to play defense better."

If you think Detroit Tigers shortstop Carlos Guillen has range, you should see Jenkins go get the ball, Mull said.

"If Steve is playing shortstop, and the ball is hit to right field, Steve goes and gets it," Mull said. "It's nice to have a shortstop with great range."

Farmington resident Dave Cattermore has served as a Special Olympics volunteer golf coach for the past 10 years. He said the upbeat disposition of the athletes brings him back year after year.

Special Olympics is such a great organization, Cattermore said. Despite all the challenges these athletes face, they remain so positive through it all. When you're with them, it puts everything in the proper perspective. You can be having the worst day, but then you get out there with them and you see things in a different light.

Canton resident Jack Strabbing got involved in Special Olympics seven years ago when his then-15-year-old



Tracey Jenkins of the Plymouth-Canton Rising Stars gives a bit of body language as she tries to pitch the ball over the plate.

son Justin started competing in softball. Strabbing is now the coach of the Plymouth-Canton Stars, a senior-level team made up of players at least 15 years old.

"I got Justin into Special Olympics because he needed the exercise," Strabbing said. "I have other children who are into sports, and Justin was always going to their games and watching. Finally, I decided to get him involved and he loves it. I love it too because it allows me to spend more time with him."

The Stars practice once a week behind Discovery Middle School and they play three games in preparation for the Summer Classic.

"Teams are placed in one of 15 divisions in the tournament based on how well they do in the three games they play," Mull explained.

"Divisions 1 and 2 are for the higher-functioning athletes. The other 13 divisions have four teams each, and all the teams are pretty close in ability."

As Mull spoke, Canton resident Billy Ardt stepped to the

plate for the Canton Rising Stars. Despite limited use of his left arm, Ardt stroked a sizzling ground ball that went foul by inches to the right of first base.

Ardt was caught looking at strike three on the next pitch, but instead of sulking, he jogged back to the dugout and made sure each one of his teammates received a

high five. "That's what it's all about," Mull said.

A few fields over, the Blue Jays had just dropped a 7-2 decision to the Tigers. Undaunted, Long and her teammates bounded out of the dugout and headed toward a tent that served as the temporary home of the Detroit Pistons' NBA championship trophy for three hours Friday afternoon.

"We're going to see the trophy," Long revealed. "And, yes, she was still smiling."

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"It's a chance to be out and exercise," said Linda Gossett. They learn discipline from the coaches. I enjoy just being with the kids and just seeing they're having a good time. They get away from their parents. There's always a dance involved and a pizza party. They can stay at a hotel room."

More than 100 mentally impaired youths from the Wayne-Westland Special Olympics region were scheduled to participate in the summer games at the Canton Softball Center.

Dennis Gossett said the kids were well prepared for the event — thanks to volunteers with the Wayne Ford Civic League in Westland.

Gossett said the group noticed that the Special Olympians softball practice field at Stevenson Middle School in Garden City was in poor condition, as there were holes and tall grass.

The Wayne Ford Civic League let the group not only use their field, they fed them hot dogs and refreshments after practices and bought them baseball socks — white with a blue stripe up the side to match their uniforms.

The Special Olympians got a final practice for this weekend's games Wednesday evening, when the Olympians played their parents and siblings at the Wayne Ford field.

Golf is also featured at the summer games. Seasonal regional Special Olympics games are



Janey Vermeiren of the Plymouth-Canton Rising Stars steps on first to force the runner out at first base during a game.

also held in January, with cross-country and downhill skiing and ice skating, March, basketball, and May, track and field events, bocci ball, tennis and horse riding.

Besides participating in Special Olympics, Holly attends classes at Garden City High School and sessions at the Western Wayne Skills Center, both during the school year.

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Governor signs controversial dove bill

Late last month, history was made when Gov Jennifer Granholm signed HB 5029 into law.

The controversial bill changed the classification of the mourning dove from a songbird to a gamebird and paves the way for Michigan's first-ever managed dove hunting season.

Michigan hunters will join hunters in 40 other states this fall in hunting for the most popular gamebird in America.

The Governor signed the bill after she and the state Natural Resources Commission agreed to a compromise, which was initiated by the Michigan United Conservation Clubs. Under the compromise, the NRC will establish a trial hunt for a three-year period in six counties of southern Michigan - Berrien, Cass, St Joseph, Branch, Hillsdale and Lenawee. At the end of the trial period, results of the hunt will be evaluated and a decision on whether to expand, reduce or eliminate the hunt will be made.

That means, for the next three years, dove hunting remains illegal in 95 percent of the state.

While on its long and winding path through the state House and Senate, language for the creation of a \$2 dove stamp was added to the bill. Half of the money generated from the sale of the stamp will



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be deposited into the state's Non-game Wildlife Fund, which has watched its annual revenue decline since the elimination a few years ago of the non-game donation checkoff on the Michigan income tax form.

Some Michigan residents are concerned that a dove hunting season will decimate the population. Some worry that hunters will be shooting doves off bird feeders and power lines, and that this season was established solely for target practice.

Nothing could be further from the truth. All these negative scenarios were fueled by the anti-dove hunting crowd in an effort to rile up opposition. In reality, most people won't even know a dove hunt is taking place.

According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which manages all migratory birds in this country, there are between 400 and 500 million doves in the United States and about 4 million in Michigan each fall. Mourning dove hunting occurs in 40 other states and only about 15 percent of the mourn-

ing doves that die each year are killed by hunters.

The normal life expectancy of a mourning dove is approximately one year so most of the doves that migrate south each winter die of natural causes - not the gun - and don't return in the spring.

Each pair of adult doves produces six to eight young per year and states that allow dove hunting have seen no noticeable decline in dove numbers since hunting seasons were established.

Dove hunting in Michigan will be regulated with season dates and bag limits.

It will be illegal to shoot doves off bird feeders and power lines, just like it is now for squirrels, quail or any other huntable species that may perch in such places. There won't be a widespread problem with such illegal activity.

As far as hunters decimating the population, let's get serious. No game species has EVER been put on the endangered species list because of managed hunting. (Not to be confused with the unregulated commercial hunting, which took place on many species in the 1800s and early 1900s before the creation, at the request of sport hunters, of state game and fish commissions.)

In fact, there are more white-tailed deer, Canada

geese, black bear, wild turkeys and many other hunted species than ever before because of, not in spite of, managed hunting. Remember, hunters, not anti-hunters, finance the DNR and other state agencies that manage fish and game. Hunter money, not anti-hunter money, is used to create habitat and improve existing habitat, which results in thriving populations - of both game and non-game species - not dwindling ones.

And, yes, doves are great table fare. A dove breast is about the size of a bluegill or a perch fillet and we've been dining on those delicacies for centuries.

This isn't a season simply for target practice, as I have heard some people profess.

State game laws stipulate that every effort must be made to recover game animals and game birds that have been harvested and the dove will be no exception.

The state Natural Resources Commission is considering implementation of a limited, trial dove season for later this year, most likely in September.

Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to Bill Parker c/o Outdoors 805 E. Maple Birmingham MI 48009.

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

ACTIVITIES

FISH BUDDIES FISHING CLUB

The Fish Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester. Meetings are open to all anglers boaters and non boaters. Call Harold Leider at (248) 656 0556 for more information.

SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION

The Oakland County Sportfishing Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at the Drayton Plains Nature Center 2125 Denby Drayton Plains. Call (248) 693 4389 or visit the club's web site at <http://go.to/ocsa> for more information.

DOWNRIVER BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association a non tournament bass club meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain (14100 Pardee Road) in Taylor. For more information call Ron Fodor at (734) 676 2863 or send an e mail to river rat122@home.com.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Livonia senior center located on the southeast corner of Farmington and Five Mile. Call Henry Nabors at (248) 258 5502 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Visit www.mffc.org on the Internet for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. 9:30 p.m. the first

Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center 15218 Farmington Road. Meetings are open to boaters and non boaters and the club is open to new members. Visitors are welcome to the family club. For more information call Mark Boggs at (734) 464 6155 or e mail fourseasons fishingclub@yahoo.com.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall 27600 Hall Road Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285 0843 for more information.

CLINTON RIVER BASS 'N RATS

The recently organized Clinton River Bass 'N Rats meets the first Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Gander Mountain Lodge Call (810) 247 9900 for direction and additional information. The club is an affiliated chapter of the BASS National Federation.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

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Madonna University will offer cross country as a varsity sport for men and women, beginning with the 2005-06 school year. The programs will begin play and compete for championships in both the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics in that season. The sport will bring the number of varsity programs the school offers to 11.

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By: Rick Paffenroth
Manager of Administrative Support Services Purchasing Department
Eastern Michigan University Ypsilanti MI 48197

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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 August 9 2004 in the **Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

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Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday, August 5, 2004 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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One of Sparky's noncompetitive tricks is to jump on command into Milt's arms where he's held like a baby.

Helping out the cause

Former Detroit Tigers pitcher Milt Wilcox made a guest appearance with his dog Sparky, on Wednesday at the Michigan Animal Adoption Network Center in Livonia to help raise funds. Wilcox and Sparky, a 'dock dog' have been featured on ESPN's Outdoor games.

The center offers adoptions every Saturday and other pet services are available, such as vaccinations for dogs and cats, sterilization and more. While the center is geared to helping outdoor animals, other services are available.

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Can women compete in the PBA?

The men's professional bowlers tour is alive and well. The ladies pro tour is not.

Easter weekend in 2005 is a bit far off to look ahead, but that is when the Professional Bowlers Association will make its annual stop in Detroit for the U.S. national championships - one of the PBAs major events and, usually the last

stop on the season schedule. Easter weekend should make it easier to plan ahead for those who like to participate in the pro am part of the program. The same goes for those bowling fans and enthusiasts who like to come on down to Taylor Lanes to watch the best bowlers in the world go through the elimination process in order to bring home that big check for the winner.

Interesting enough for now the women pro bowlers who are strong enough to compete with the men will show up and try to show the male gender up on the lanes.

With no league of their own, so to speak, some will take this

challenge if they think they have a realistic chance to cash. Among the men there will be today's top guns in the starting field such as Walter Ray Williams, Parker Bohn III, Amleto Monicelli, Brian Voss, Pete Weber, Robert Smith, Mika Kovumemi, Kent Wagner and the rest of the gang, all chasing after the big bucks.

This time the guys will probably have to face the top of the heap among the women professional bowlers. Many of the women are now out competing in PBA regional competition, and quite a few are making it known they, too, are a force to be reckoned with.

Local former PWBA top winning pro Aleta Sill thinks a few women may give it a shot. Costwise, it runs \$400 for an entry in PBA while the PWBA was only \$250.

Alas, the women will have to be really confident of their chances to win, and only a few who have real power games like Michelle Feldman and Lisa Bishop would have a realistic chance to win. There are lots of changes in store for next year and the new season. It should be very interesting.

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

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Fellowship for deaf Catholics

Betty Schommer of Redford has always been a woman of faith. She is also deaf.

For much of her life, attending church meant silent, solitary prayers. She was unable to hear scripture lessons, sermon or music.

"I would sit in church by myself, praying the rosary," said Schommer, now 71.

But those days are 20 years past. Now, Schommer finds spiritual nourishment and fellowship at the deaf center in Redford.

Sunday Mass for the deaf is held at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Loretto Church at Six Mile Road and Beech Daly. The service is held in a chapel in the school building, adjacent to the church.

I recently met Schommer, 71, after attending the weekly service. We communicated through an American Sign Language interpreter.

The deaf center in Redford is one of two operated by the Archdiocese of Detroit. The other is in Warren. The center at Our Lady of Loretto opened in 1984.

I have been here since the beginning," Schommer said.

The chapel is intimate, with altar, lighted candles and a crucifix on the wall. A banner proudly proclaims that this is the "Our Lady of Loretto community."

Approximately 40 people attend services, which are conducted in American Sign Language. There is no vocal communication.

There is beauty and dignity in the silent communication. There is a sense of community.

Parishioners watch attentively, sometimes smiling or nodding in appreciation. They sign their responses. All fully participate in the service.

Services would not be possible without the volunteer sign-language interpreters who come weekly to assist. Among these are Sr. Diane Chrenko, Mike Meldrum and Delores Gariepy of Livonia, and Redford resident Nancy Davio. "I have met so many wonderful people," said Davio, a secretary at Keeler Elementary School in Redford.

Davio has been trained in American Sign Language and teaches religious education classes at St. John's Deaf Center in Warren.

Schommer took time to tell me her story. She raised three children, all with normal hearing. Her oldest son is a Catholic priest living in New York. Now retired, Schommer worked in a small factory.

Many deaf people travel from western and Downriver suburbs to worship and share time together.

It's their Mass, it's their language," said Meldrum, a Livonia resident and former Redford resident who heads the sign-language program at Madonna University.

The center provides baptisms, funerals and service projects. There are monthly social activities.

"We do exactly the same things that all parishes do," said the Rev. Richard Yost, 57, who has been in deaf ministry since the 1970s and often officiates at the services.

My father was deaf, and I have witnessed first-hand the isolation of people who cannot hear the spoken word.

My dad was born in a small town in southern Missouri. As a boy, he suffered hearing loss after a bout with measles. His hearing steadily worsened after years of working in an auto plant. For years, he wore a large, bulky hearing aid which provided limited help. Dad was a friendly, engaging guy, but he avoided public gatherings.

Deaf people are less isolated today, according to Yost and Meldrum.

For information about the deaf centers call 248/577-0460 (voice) or TDD (deaf) at 248/577-0565.

Arlene Funke is a Redford resident and columnist for the Observer.

Observer LIFE



Yacht club manager invites suburbanites to Water Oasis

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membership director. She describes her boss as a "wonderful asset" who is dedicated to see the club flourish and who always puts members first.

"Detroit is in a resurgence," Trainor said. "There's tremendous development and we're going to reap the benefits. We're trying to add such value to the club and membership that while you bring in a lot of members, you want to make sure current members are content."

Trainor is also overseeing a multimillion-dollar renovation and review of the building usage, referred to as the master plan, that is expected to take more than 10 years to finish.

"More or less, my job is letting people know DYC is here, alive and viable," Trainor says. "It's a wonderful club to be a member of. We're working on making DYC a destination in and around Detroit. Instead of going up North, people will be coming to DYC."

The DYC was established in 1868 and currently sits on 14 acres on its own island adjacent to Belle Isle and accessible only from a gated, wooded bridge or by waterway.

In season, Trainor logs 10 to 12 hour days, six days a week. It would take at least that much time to oversee the day-to-day operations of the entire club, including the membership area, food and beverage, athletics, the clubhouse, member relations and harbormaster.

He quickly explains that the schedule isn't as gruesome as it might seem. "A meeting might take place on someone's 40-foot boat."

"The best part is just being here," said Trainor, who took up boating a few years ago. "If you love boating and being around the water you can't have a better job."

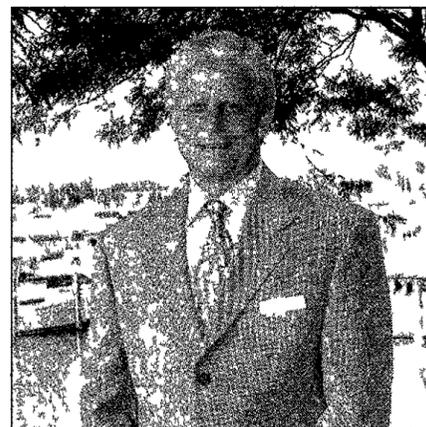
DIVERSE MEMBERSHIP

But, you don't need to have a boat to be a DYC member. In fact, two-thirds of the DYC roster is made up of nonboating people who might enjoy indoor and outdoor pools, casual and fine dining and a catering department for special events, like weddings and business meetings.

Members enjoy a ringside view to the Gold Cup Unlimited Hydroplane Race and the Freedom Festival fireworks. DYC also has a six-week summer program for children to learn to sail, swim, play tennis and enjoy other recreational activities. Competitive sailing and organized competitive swimming are also available to children.

Adults can also learn to play tennis, swim, and scuba dive or work out in the fitness center or on indoor track. DYC hosts parties throughout the year ranging from a Sock Hop to a Wine Tasting and holiday events. DYC also offers 39 various clubs and committees for members.

"We are honored and privileged to have Tom join the DYC family," DYC Commodore Robert



Tom Trainor at the Detroit Yacht Club marina. He wonders why so many Detroiters head north when they have a water oasis so close at hand.

Hommel said. "He has an impressive resume and has produced amazing results everywhere he's been. Tom is an extraordinary leader. He will be an asset to our club."

It's a homecoming, of sorts, for Trainor who worked more than 25 years ago as a short order cook at the DYC poolside grill. Trainor was home on break while attending Western Michigan University in pursuit of a bachelor of arts degree in science.

Trainor served worked more recently as food and beverage director of the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham and before that spent two years as the general manager and chief operating officer of the Bloomfield Hills Country Club where he introduced an employee recognition program and started the first monthly newsletter in the club's history.

For five years, Trainor was clubhouse manager at the Detroit Athletic Club and was involved in an extensive DAC clubhouse renovation and restoration. Before that he spent 12 years in a variety of roles in the Marnott Corp. and even some time in management at Joe Muer's.

Trainor currently lives in Livonia with his wife, Lynn. They have four children, Brendan, 23, Colleen, 20, Meaghan, 18, and Ryan, 16. The Catholic Central High School graduate likes to bicycle, read, garden, work out at the Livonia Community Center and, of course, sail.

"This is a dream job," he said. "If I only had time to go sailing."

For more information about the DYC call (313) 824-1200.

Tom Trainor, recently named general manager of the Detroit Yacht Club, wonders why suburbanites spend hours on the freeway to be near the water when they have a glorious oasis nearby.

"So many people in the city don't realize what's right here," he said.

After a nationwide search, the Livonia resident recently took the helm of one of the largest and oldest yacht clubs in the United States.

Trainor exudes a charming ease as he tours the DYC. From the grand staircase at the entrance, to the indoor pool area, Trainor stops every few moments to point out special architectural features, like the gilded ceilings, Pewabic mosaics in a fountain and on the walls and intricately designed fireplaces in ballrooms and reception halls throughout the 100,000-square-foot, three-story, stately Mediterranean style villa.

Elegant balconies overlook the harbor and provide breathtaking scenes reminiscent of European hamlets - all right here in Detroit. There's really something for everyone from the expansive hallways, exquisite dining rooms, a dimly lit bar overlooking the water, outdoor patio, poolside lounging and outdoor bar, an expansive dock and even a game room for kids. Tradition rules in this institution that is rich with history and local legend.

GLORY DAYS

By the end of 1924, membership had soared to 3,000. Gar Wood brought attention to the club from around the world when he set speed records in a hydroplane and with his Gold Cup victories. Horace Dodge and Henry Ford were among the early members.

Currently, there are 1,100 members and a drive is under way to attract 200 more members by 2005. The roster lists residences throughout Michigan, Canada and countries all over the world, according to Rosemary Tokathian, DYC

A perfect balance

Marketing guru finds niche at Canton Public Library

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Christie Ekern has worked the entire gamut of schedules from a traditional 40-hour work week, to working at home as a consultant, to being a full-time, stay-at-home mom.

"This job is a really nice balance," said the Plymouth resident, who is the new marketing and communications manager for the Canton Public Library.

Ekern took the position in mid-June after former marketer Rebecca Baumgold left to return to her native New York City.

"My primary goal is to make sure the Canton community sees the tremendous value in their library," Ekern said. "I want to make sure Canton residents know we are here and we offer fabulous programs and up-to-date technology."

Marketing and communications efforts for the library, Ekern said, will parallel the excitement at the library. "We are going to do fun, hip, colorful and modern."

Library Director Jean Tabor is looking forward to the library's continued marketing efforts and to Ekern's work. "She seems like she has been with us forever. She has a good sense of what patrons want. And she's a wonderful community person."

For Ekern, the library is fun and as vibrant as a beehive. "This library has great usage because our librarians are buying items the people want." Circulation in the past year has increased approximately 15 percent with full expectations that by year's end, the total hike will far surpass the more than 1.3 million in 2003.

Ekern's first charge is a new library brochure. "This



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Christie Ekern is the new marketing and communications manager for the Canton Public Library.

is a cutting edge library. Our materials need to reflect that - bold, bright, fun and energetic. I have been given the opportunity to go for it. We will embrace our growing, young community."

The expectations are right down her alley. Armed with a bachelor's degree in marketing from Michigan State University in 1994, Ekern's first job for an engineering firm in Dearborn. When she married David, they moved back to East Lansing - where she grew up - so he could finish his graduate work. While there she worked for the Michigan Health Council in marketing and Web site work.

"That was when Web sites were really getting started."

The growing family's next move was to Plymouth where her husband got a job with Johnson Controls

and she went to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital as a marketing coordinator.

At that point, she and David had two small kids - Fletcher and Wilson. She joined an Internet startup and was able to work from home. "Like most Internet startups, they ran out of capital."

Ekern - now with another child, Virginia - decided to stay home and consult. "Then I said, 'I really like working home.'"

She saw the ad for a part-time marketer with the library. Now with four kids - Caroline - the part-time position was what Ekern needed.

"It just seemed like a perfect fit. It fit with our family life. This is just a really nice balance."

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8 charities will benefit from Ryder Cup Web-based raffle

Eight unrelated Michigan charities are uniting in a fund-raising effort to raise a million dollars. The Mi Ryder Cup Tickets raffle offers golf enthusiasts eight chances to win a pair of season tickets to the 35th Ryder Cup Matches at Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Hills.

The raffle is Web-based (www.MiRyderCupTickets.org), but also allows those not e-

commerce friendly toll-free phone access to tickets (800)882-5764. Tickets cost \$100 each and only 10,000 will be sold—chances of winning are one in 1250.

With the ticket lottery over, and the match sold out, this last chance raffle provides a once in a lifetime opportunity to see arguably, the world's greatest golf competition. Aspiring to raise a million

dollars, money earned by the raffle will equally assist eight Michigan charities, many with national and international chapters. The web site offers ticket purchasing by credit card as well as information about all eight charities: ALS of Michigan, Birmingham Optimist Club, Boys & Girls Club, the Michigan Miracle League, South Oakland YMCA, Royal

Oak Optimist Club, Rose Hill Center (Foundation) and the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

The groups decided to combine their efforts because they all felt it was the best way to open up the opportunity locally, nationally and internationally. "You can't buy tickets anymore—they're sold out, so getting eight chances to win a pair of tickets for only \$100 is

a phenomenal opportunity," stated Suzanne O'Donnell of St Vincent de Paul. "Our web-based raffle will reach far beyond our individual donor bases and give the general public a chance they might otherwise never have."

The raffle will end at midnight, Wednesday, July 28 with the drawing held Friday, July 30, 2004. The eight winners names will be drawn at 9 a.m.

at the ALS of Michigan offices in Southfield, MI. All winners will be notified and their names posted on the MiRyderCupTickets.org web site.

For further information or to interview one of the charities involved in the MiRyderCupTickets raffle, please contact C&B Scene at (248)557-2510 or scene@can-dbscene.com.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Juarez-Lundberg
Sandra Juarez of Clawson announces the engagement of her daughter, Tanya Eileen Juarez of Rochester Hills, to Jeffrey Paul Lundberg of Rochester Hills, the son of Roger and Jeanne Lundberg of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be earned a bachelor's degree in political science from University of Michigan-Dearborn. Scheduled to start law school in the fall, she's a clerk at Mamming & Ajlouni, P.C.

The prospective groom earned a bachelor's degree in computer information science from University of Michigan-Dearborn. He's a software specialist at DaimlerChrysler.



Walsh-Vary
Robert and Eileen Walsh of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Deborah Lynn, to Christopher Thomas Vary of Royal Oak.

Deborah is a 1992 graduate of Stevenson High School and received her bachelor's degree in marketing and business from Western Michigan University. She is employed at GM R* Works in Detroit.

Her fiancé, Christopher is the son of Joan Vary of Canton and Jim Vary of The Villages, Fla. He is a 1990 graduate of Canton High School and a graduate of Schoolcraft College. He is employed with Route One as manager of marketing.

Christopher and Deborah are planning an August wedding at Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit.

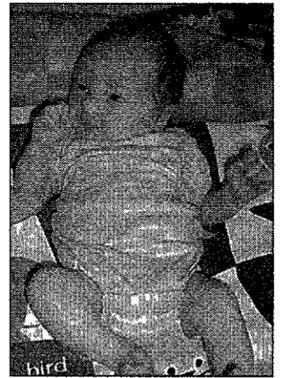


Finney-Dorogi
Chuck and Joetta Orn of Milford and Charles and Annie Finney of Davisburg announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Finney of Ypsilanti, to Kevin Dorogi of Ypsilanti, the son of Ron and Laura Dorogi of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 2004 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a degree in education. She works for Pfizer Research and Development in Ann Arbor.

The prospective groom is a 2003 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a degree in communication. He works for University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

A September 2005 wedding is planned.



Benjamin Michael Donaldson
David and Jennifer Donaldson of Redondo Beach, Calif., welcomed Benjamin Michael Donaldson to their family July 1, 2004. At birth, Benjamin weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Benjamin is the grandson of Mike and Virginia Donaldson of Canton and Jim and Sherry Wells of Arizona.

Emma Taylor
Amy and Dan Taylor of Lakeville, Minn., announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Danielle Taylor, born June 19, 2004 at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis.

Emma was welcomed home by her 4-year-old sister Micaela.

Proud grandparents are Dan and Kathy Taylor of Plymouth, Diane Morelli of Canton Township and Joseph Morelli and his wife, Tami, of Commerce.

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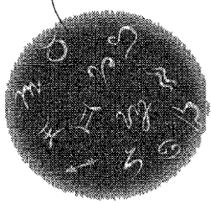
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ARIES (March 21-April 20)

The only danger this week is that you'll be too smart for your own good and try to outwit someone who's out of your league when it comes to cunning. Honesty is always the best policy so be fair, be truthful and be yourself. In the long run, nobody does it better than you.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

The time has come to share a responsibility that is making too great a weight on your pocket or your patience. As long as you're prepared to shoulder the full pressure of the burden, others will be only too happy to let you kiddy. Only you can call a halt!

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

You'll get the chance to go back and do something you should have done earlier in the year. You must do a better job of it now. It may not seem that important to you, but it's important to those with whom you've known a long time. They'll thank you for getting it right.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

You're in danger of underestimating your need for others now, particularly when it comes to what should clearly be a team endeavor. Delegate and decide before the Sun changes signs next week. You stand to gain more through sharing than doing everything yourself now.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

No matter how close you feel to someone, there is always the danger of crossed wires. Spell out your feelings about recent events clearly and concisely, and reduce any likelihood of any future misunderstandings as autumn approaches. You have nothing to lose and mucho to gain.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

Because it's your inner secret nature to resist change most of the time, you sometimes overcompensate and go to extremes. On the work front, especially, you'll be tempted to destroy what you've made and start again from scratch if you don't watch it this week! Steer a more moderate course.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

Your easy and comforting way with words and with people often gets you what you want, but you'll have to do more to satisfy your desires this week. For everything you want, you'll have to give something of value in return. Don't fret. All will benefit - including you.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Having staked your claim for better things, it's now a matter of keeping up the pressure and making sure others are aware. Self-confidence breeds success. Act as if you are in total control, even though you may not have a clue what's going on. It makes sense soon.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Speak your mind over the next few days, especially where financial matters are concerned - you'll be amazed by how really good it feels! But make sure your assumptions are backed up by facts or you run the risk of alienating colleagues and family. Keep that big stick by your side and walk proud.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

Be extra careful what you say with the Moon in your element mid week because some of your opinions are likely to inflame or offend those who think that certain things should never be said. In time, you'll prove them wrong. In the meanwhile, zip the lip.

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

During the coming days, you'll be given a chance to initiate, revitalize or redefine your most do list about love. Be sure to assess the long term cost - materially, morally and emotionally. Think twice. Last minute disclosures deliver facts, so pay attention - August augurs mixed signals again.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

You are being far too sensitive about something another said or you overheard. A planetary alliance over the next few days will enable you to smooth ruffled feathers while giving others the chance to soothe yours. This is no time to turn an ally into an enemy.

Dennis Fairchild is a Birmingham based astrologer and author of several books on divination. Call (248) 646-3555 or e-mail DenFairchild@aol.com

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- 1 'Sam's Letters to Jennifer,' James Patterson
- 2 'The DaVinci Code,' Dan Brown
- 3 'Ten Big Ones,' Janet Evanovich
- 4 'The Rule of Four,' Ian Caldwell and Dustin Thomason
- 5 'Second Chance,' Danielle Steele

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- 1 'My Life,' Bill Clinton
- 2 'Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim,' David Sedaris
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■ **WRITING MY LIFE STORY A SENIOR WRITING GROUP** - Tuesday, July 20, 4-5:30 p.m. - Seniors can

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■ **YOUR POETRY GROUP** - No meeting scheduled for July. Next meeting will be held on Sunday, August 8 at 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact Don Hewlett, (313) 272-3548, or donhewlett@aol.com

■ **ASTRONOMY DISCUSSION GROUP** - Monday, July 19, 7 p.m. - Join lively astronomer popularizer Mike Best in this monthly discussion group. Mike shares his affection for the sky with adults and children over the age of 6. No reg-

istration is required. For more information contact (734) 459-BEST or starmikebest@comcast.net

■ **BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION** - Wednesday, July 28, noon - This month's discussion invites members to read Ella Minnow Pea by Mark Dunn. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch, beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Dine Cocagne at the Library, (734) 453-0750, or e-mail dcocagne@plymouthlibrary.org

■ **CONTEMPORARY BOOKS DISCUSSION** - Wednesday, July 21, 7:30 p.m. - Members of this book discussion group are invited to join in our annual Book Lover's Choice. This is a chance for everyone to share and compare titles. Titles for the next year's discussion are

also selected at this meeting. New members are welcome at any time. For further information, please call Sue Patterson at the Library, 734-453-0750, or e-mail spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org

■ **GREAT BOOKS** - This discussion group does not meet during the summer months - details of the fall meeting schedule can be found in the next Library newsletter or by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4. To learn more about The Great Books Foundation, see the Internet website <http://www.greatbooks.org/>

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The Library announces its popular summer reading program - **DISCOVER NEW TRAILS @ YOUR LIBRARY**. Continuing through July, all children are encouraged to come to the Library, sign up for the program and start read-

ing. A wide variety of programs are planned throughout the summer. July programs include:

■ **WILD ANIMALS IN MICHIGAN** - Thursday, July 22, 2 and 7 p.m. - Meet some of the wild creatures that live in Michigan.

■ **BIRDING IN MICHIGAN** - Thursday, July 29, 2 and 7 p.m. - Make a bird feeder and learn to identify some of the birds that will visit your yard.

Registration is requested for each program - one week prior to the event, call or stop at the Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **LAPSIT STORYTIME**, Monday, July 12, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. and repeated on Saturday, July 17, 10 a.m. - This 15-minute song and rhyme time is for babies ages six to 24 months and their care-givers. No siblings please.

■ **BABY PLAY**, Monday, July 26, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. and repeated Saturday, July 31, 10 a.m. - This fun program is for babies ages 6-24 months.

Baby Play is a less formal companion to our Lapsit program. Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interaction with other children. The Baby Play program takes place on the fourth Monday of each month, and

then repeated on the following Saturday. Registration is not required.

■ **DROP IN STORYTIMES**, Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. - More fun in the Summer Reading Program for children ages 2-5 and their families.

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■ **MOVIE NIGHTS**, Wednesday, July 21 and 28, 7 p.m. - Check with the Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 for specific movie titles.



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AROUND TOWN

Kiwanis breakfasts

The Kiwanis Club of Plymouth Canton Breakfast sponsors a series of pancake breakfasts at the Masonic Temple in downtown Plymouth to raise money to support its projects. The breakfasts will be served from 8 11 a.m. Aug 7 and Sept 4. Cost is \$6 for adults \$3 for children 6-12. Children age 5 and younger served free. Proceeds from the breakfasts - which include all you can eat eggs pancakes bacon sausage biscuits and gravy and coffee tea or juice - support community activities such as an annual scholarship sweatsuits for First Step Bentley Elementary School read a thon church directories for area hotels/motels Halloween Costumes for hospitalized children Youth Leadership Canton and Leadership Plymouth. The Masonic Temple is located at 730 Penniman.

Marquis Theatre

The Marquis Theatre in Northville presents Raggedy Ann and Andy between Aug 3 Sept 26. Babette a French Porcelain doll has been kidnapped from the playroom by the Loonies! Babette is Marcella's surprise birthday present and must be returned. Raggedy Ann and Andy venture bravely into Looneyland to search for her. Performance dates are 10 30 a.m. Tuesday Friday 11 a.m. Saturdays Aug 7 14 21 and 28 2 30 p.m. Saturdays Sept 11 18 and 25 2 30 p.m. Sundays Sept 12 19 and 26. Tickets are \$7.50 no children under 3. For school reservations birthday parties and group rates call (248) 349 8110.

Art center workshops

The Ann Arbor Art Center offers a Beat the Heat workshop and more during Sundays @ 1 a weekly series in which Art Center staff is on hand to provide instruction and projects that spark creativity for adults children and families. Workshops are held every Sunday from 12 30 p.m. and the first Sunday workshop is free. Following the first Sunday workshops are \$12 per class. Participants may register at any time previous to the beginning of

the workshop and drop ins are welcome although space is limited. Pre registration for the first Sunday is not required. Stop by the Art Center at 117 W Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor call (734) 994 8004 Ext 101 or visit www.annarborartcenter.org for more information.

Dixboro Country Fair

The 27th annual Dixboro Country Fair & Artisans on the Green takes place from 10 a.m. 5 p.m. Saturday Aug 7. The fair is a country fair on a pleasant shaded green with fun for all ages. It features arts and crafts from more than 60 exhibitors live music a petting zoo silent auction ice cream social homemade pies hot dogs sausages and corn on the cob carnival games and a moon walk. Take US 23 exit 41 (Plymouth Rd.) two miles east on Plymouth Road to Cherry Hill. For more information call (734) 665 5632.

Art center workshops

The Ann Arbor Art Center will be offering two new one day workshops Paper Making and Book Arts for its Summer 2004 term. The Paper Making workshop will be held noon 5 p.m. Saturday Aug 21 and will cover all the basic techniques for making hand made paper with 100 percent cotton fiber and natural inclusions. Participants will learn basic skills for making paper at home. The Book Arts workshop will be held 11 a.m. 4 p.m. Saturday July 24 and will introduce some basic book binding techniques and students will create three different books that include an accordion a pamphlet stitch and a Japanese stab binding. For more information or to register call 734 994 8004 x101 or stop by the Ann Arbor Art Center at 117 W Liberty. To view courses and register online visit www.annarborartcenter.org.

Vacation Bible School

Lake Pointe Bible Church presents SonGames Vacation Bible School July 12th 16th from 6 20 8 30 p.m. There is no cost to participate. For further information call Sherri Parson at 734 454 1891.

Craft show applications

Applications are being accepted for the 18th annual Holiday Magic Craft show at Leonard Elementary in Troy Show is 10 a.m. 4 p.m. Saturday Nov 6. Junied \$2 public admission. Sponsored by PTO. For info and applications e-mail craft show@prodigy.net.

Vietnam vets recognized

Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day takes place Saturday July 17 at the historic Yankee Air Museum hangar (Willow Run Airport Belleville) from 10 a.m. 4 p.m. Free admission for Vietnam aviation veterans. See one of the largest collections of Vietnam era aircraft sit under the wings and swap stories. There's also a 6 10 p.m. evening program \$15. Includes mess tent meal and panel discussion including retired Air Force Col. Richard Atchison and retired Navy Lt. Commander Dan Conrad. Cash bar with Vietnamese beer. Enjoy music of the era on the public address system. For tickets or more information contact Sara Witt (734) 483 4030 Ext 223 switt@provide.net.

Leukemia team

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team in Training is recruiting volunteers to help in the fight against blood cancers by raising funds as they train to run walk or cycle in honor of local patients. In addition to weekly training sessions under the guidance of a certified coach TNT offers group training sessions and clinics on nutrition equipment injury prevention and safety. An information meeting takes place at 6 30 p.m. Monday July 26 at Best Western Laurel Park Suites 16999 S. Laurel Park Dr. in Livonia. For more information visit www.teamintraining.org/mi on the Web or call (800) 456 5413.

Ann Arbor Symphony

The Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra announces the following orchestral vacancies beginning fall 2004. Section violin section viola section cello section bass and third flute/piccolo. Auditions take place Sept 7 10 at Bethlehem United Church of Christ 423 S. Fourth Ave. Visit the symphony's Web site at www.a2so.com for the repertoire list and audition specifics.

Fine Art Show

The second annual Orchard Lake Fine Art Show is scheduled Aug. 6-8 featuring more than 140 juried booths. It's held at the Orchard Lake St. Mary's campus on Orchard Lake Road at Commerce. A preview is scheduled 6 9 30 p.m. Friday Aug. 6. For more information contact Patty Narozny at Hotworks@comcast.net or call (248) 684 2613.

Bird expo

The Ann Arbor Cage Bird Club pres-

ents the 19th annual Bird Expo from 10 a.m. 5 p.m. Sunday Aug 1 at Weber's Inn 3050 Jackson Ann Arbor. Admission is \$3 for adults children under 12 free. Speakers include Vickie Barlow Choosing a Parrot Species and Leah Matejka director of PEAC Better Bird Care and Behavior Problems. The event features birds playstands toys T-shirts and raffles. For more information contact show chairs Melanie melaniecunningham2000@yahoo.com or (734) 662 4582 or Mary at mdw0123@aol.com or (734) 326 0720.

Alzheimer's Walk

The Alzheimer's Association's 2004 Memory Walk for Alzheimer's Disease takes place at 9 a.m. Saturday Aug. 28 at the Detroit Zoo. Some 2,500 people are expected to participate in the annual walk a thon to raise funds and promote the progress surrounding Alzheimer's. To register or make a donation contact the Alzheimer's Association at ALZGMC.org or call (248) 351 0280.

Red Cross heroes

The American Red Cross is looking for nominees for its 2004 Red Cross Heroes. The 2004 honorees will be recognized at the Red Cross Everyday Heroes luncheon Nov. 17 at the Marriott Renaissance Center's Columbus ballroom. Anyone may nominate a Red Cross Hero. Nominees must live in or have performed the heroic act in Wayne Oakland or Macomb counties between Aug. 1 2003 and July 31 2004. Those chosen must be available for video/photography in advance of the ceremony. Nominations may be submitted online at www.semredcross.org or by calling (313) 494 3490. Deadline is Aug. 11.

Carpal tunnel seminar

Dr. Nicole Whitehead appears at 7 30 p.m. July 14 at the Plymouth Cultural Center for a free seminar focusing on how proper structure nutrition and exercise can help avoid carpal tunnel syndrome. To register call (248) 426 0201. Seating is limited early reservations are suggested.

Madonna golf

Madonna University in Livonia holds its ninth annual Golden Classic Scholarship Golf Outing on Friday Sept. 17 at the Links of Novi. Tickets are \$175 per person or \$700 for a foursome if purchased before Aug. 1 and includes golf welcoming gifts lunch dinner prizes and more. Sponsorships are available. For information or to reserve a spot call (734) 432 5421.

Crafters needed

Crafters are needed for Delta Kappa Gamma West Middle School's 18th

annual juried show Saturday Oct. 23. The show runs 9 a.m. 4 p.m. at West Middle School 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. E-mail ways@comcast.net or call Jan (734) 844 1707 for details.

Hawgs for Hearts

St. Mary Mercy Hospital sponsors a Hawgs for Hearts motorcycle poker run to benefit its cardiology services Sunday July 25. Registration is from 11 a.m. 1 p.m. the day of the event at St. Mary Mercy Hospital 36475 5 Mile in Livonia. The ride to Hell Mich. and back starts at 1 p.m. and ends at 6 p.m. There will be five poker card drawings along the way with food awards entertainment and motorcycle vendor booths. Sponsorships are available. Fee for the run is \$10 per rider \$5 per passenger. Call (734) 655 2980 for more information.

Garden walk

The Gardens of Northville sponsor the 11th annual Garden Walk from 10 a.m. 4 p.m. Wednesday July 14. Six gardens in Northville will be featured. Tickets will be available in advance only after June 14 from Gardenviews 202 W. Main in Northville. No tickets will be sold the day of the walk. For more information call Kate Daniel (734) 591 0360.

Entertainment books

The Plymouth Symphony League is selling 2005 Entertainment books to support the symphony's 2004-05 concert season. Buyers will receive a free 2004 Entertainment Book now and their 2005 book in late August. Buyers can pick the books up at the symphony office located next to the Cozy Cafe in downtown Plymouth by calling the symphony office (734) 451 2112 or calling Mary Thomas (734) 453 3016. The books cost \$20.

Crafters wanted

Organizers of the annual Northville Sidewalk Sale are looking for crafters and food vendors for the annual event scheduled for 9 a.m. 9 p.m. Saturday Aug. 7. Craft booths are available for \$40 per booth food booths cost \$100. Booths are eight foot spaces. For more information call Sally or Toni Genitti (248) 349 0522.

Hospice training

Heartland Hospice 3840 Packard in Ann Arbor is looking for caring dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw Livingston and Monroe counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting patient transport/patient outings errand running and clerical services. Call Ann Christensen volunteer coordinator (734) 973 1145 for more information.

Fish Fry

The Plymouth VFW is again featuring Friday Night Fish Fry for only \$7 from 5 7 p.m. Also Sunday brunch is available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. the third Sunday of the month. The post is at 1426 S. Mill St.

Foster Care

Lutheran Social Services of Michigan is a foster care agency in the community that places children in loving foster homes. The agency is in need of loving and stable homes committed to parenting children ages 10 to 17 years old. Call (734) 971 5776 to find out how you can help.

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

German/American Club of Plymouth

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

American Legion

Beasley Zalesny Post #12 meets at the 100 F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7 30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459 7324 for further information.

Woman's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

Meets every second Monday of each month from September to June excluding January. Persons interested in joining contact club president Judy Krieman at (734) 459 1027.

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club

Looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects. This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street. The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (734) 981 7259 for further info.

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ALLEN R. LULKO
Age 42 passed away after a long courageous battle with leukemia July 14 2004. Beloved husband of Shelly Proud father of Danielle Michael and Alex. Loving son of Al and Marian. Dearest brother of Sue (Joe) Vicari and Renee (Mark) Harris. Also survived by nieces and nephews. Visitation Saturday 5 9pm and Sunday 2-5 & 6-9 with a scripture service at 7pm from McCabe Funeral Home 851 Canton Center Rd. Funeral Monday instate 10am mass 10 30am from St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Please visit www.lifestorynet.com for more information.

MARIAN R. WALLACE
Age 98 of Livonia died July 13 2004. She was born August 10 1905 in Ovid MI. She came to the Livonia community in 1946 from Plymouth. An elementary school teacher, she received her Life Certificate from Central Michigan University and she later received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Eastern Michigan University. She first taught in rural Michigan and then spent 35 years with the Detroit Public Schools. She taught in Detroit from 1927 to 1941 and then returned in 1955 for the remainder of her career. Her most recent teaching position was at Esterbrook Elementary School in Detroit. She belonged to the Detroit Federation of Teachers and the Livonia Home and Garden Club. She was active in the Livonia PTA, Cub Scouts, and Brownies. She was a member of the United Methodist Church. She is survived by her children, Gwendolyn Mae (John) Walters, Lorraine Sue (Frank) Koitek and Dr. Douglas H. (Sandra) Wallace, her grandchildren, Vanessa Wallace, Lydia (Steve) Leeds, Daniel (Cindy) Walters, Debra George David (Mindy) Walters, Douglas (Kathryn) Walters, and Sarah Koitek and her great grandchildren, Ashley Heard Amber Heard Daniel Walters, Joseph Walters, Nicholas Leeds, Jessica Leeds, Aryn Leeds, and Lauren Leeds. She is preceded in death by her husband Leo. Funeral from Schrader Howell Funeral Home 280 S. Main, Plymouth Tuesday 11 am Visitation Sunday 2 5pm and 7 9pm, and Monday 5 9pm. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

EVELYN M. (nee BRUNDAGE) SUTTON
Age 84, died July 14, 2004 in Reno NV. She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years Roy Sutton. Born February 12 1920 in Bay City MI. Evelyn grew up married and began raising her family in Flint MI. She moved to Rochester Hills MI in 1971, retired to Palm Beach Shores, FL in 1988, and moved to Reno NV in 2003 to be closer to two of her children. Throughout her life, Evelyn was committed to various volunteer work. She was dearly loved and will be greatly missed by her brother William Brundage of Louisville KY children Pennie (Gary) Gammag, Patricia (Philip) Schneider Marty (Don Barber) Sutton Mary Beth (Denise Dorz) Sutton Mark (Mary Jane Spinnaze) Sutton John (Jari) Sutton Therese (Basil) Kehoe Kathleen Howland, ten grandchildren and three great grandchildren. A private memorial service will be held by the family in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Nevada Women's Fund, 770 Smthridge Dr. Suite 300 Reno NV 89502 (775) 786 2335 or St. Francis of Assisi Church School at 100 West 20th St. Riviera Beach, FL 33404 (561) 842 2482. Arrangements are being handled by the Walton Funeral Home 875 W. Second St. Reno NV (775) 323 7189.

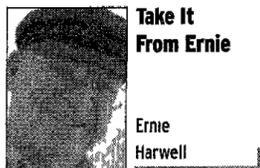
MARIE B. WELLER
Age 97 July 14 2004. Beloved wife of the late Lee Weller. Dear mother of Carol (Bruce) Carr and Barbara (David) Wright. Devoted grandmother of David and Daniel Carr Karin (Kevin) Franz Lisa (Matt) Wegner and Douglas Wright. Great grandmother of Brooklyn and Jacob Wegner and Zack Franz. Memorial service at The Covenant Baptist Church 5800 W. Maple V. Bloomfield on Sunday at 1 00pm. Memorial contributions may be made to The Covenant Baptist Church.

VIOLET HENRY SCHOOLEY
Age 91. Former resident of Birmingham her father William W. Henry was commissioner of Birmingham in the 1920's. Violet retired in 1976 after 15 years as a realtor for Weir Manuel, Snyder & Ranke. She designed 3 of the family's homes. Wife of the late Thomas F. Schooley. B.O. Former wife of the late John P. Hawkins. Mother of Mary Jo Row (Don), Becky Jenkins (Dave), Maggie Smith (Steve) and the late John Philip Hawkins and Patricia Hawkins. Sister of Suzanne Neal. Also survived by 13 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & sons (Vasa, Rodgers & Connell Chapels) 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile) Thursday 10am until funeral service 11am. Interment Roseland Park Cemetery. Obituary at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com.

WALTER L. CLINANSMITH
Walter I. Dutch Clinansmith, 90 of Hillsdale MI, formerly of Ypsilanti passed away, July 13 2004. He was born February 16 1914 to Manley & Martha Clinansmith. He married Margaret Avis and she preceded in 2000. Walter was a WWII Veteran, and owned and operated Clinansmith Well Drilling. Surviving are 2 daughters Joan (Norm) Ladd & Beverly Coe both of Hillsdale. 1 son Walter Clinansmith of Plymouth. 13 grandchildren. 30 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren. He was preceded by his wife a daughter in law Burtis 2 sisters and 6 brothers. There will be a memorial service held at a later date. Those planning a memorial donation may do so to Hospice of Hillsdale Co 124 S. Howell St. Hillsdale MI 49242. To view his obituary and leave condolences visit www.eaglefuneralhomes.com. Arrangements are by the Eagle Funeral Home Jonesville.

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Now, I'm not about to knock an American institution, but I do want to get a plug in for moderation. After all, the average regular beef hot dog contains 150 calories and 13 grams of fat. Wrapping it in a plain white bread bun adds 100 calories and 1.5 more grams of fat. A tablespoon each of ketchup, mustard, onions and relish adds at least another 50 calories.

Throwing on an ounce of cheddar cheese adds another 120 calories and 10 grams of fat. So a hot dog with all the fixings can add up to more than 420 calories and 24 grams of fat - and a day's total allowance of sodium!

For the average person who eats plenty of fruits and veggies and watches fat and sodium intake, rooting for the home team is more fun with a hot dog, maybe even some peanuts and Cracker Jacks - in moderation.

And please remember to take care of your health before it's long-gone!

Ernie Harwell, the voice of the Detroit Tigers for more than four decades retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today at age 86 Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with Miss Lulu, his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns titled *Life After Baseball*, is available at local bookstores or by calling (800) 245-5082.

HEALTH

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Businesses help elderly stay in their homes

BY ANNE RUNKLE
CORRESPONDENT

Many people would like to remain independent as they age, but a few obstacles may make it difficult.

They can't make it down the stairs to do their laundry. They can't get the trash to the curb. They're getting more hesitant to drive their own cars.

Ten years ago, these obstacles might have prevented the elderly from staying in their own homes. But the growth of in-home care services is making it possible for more people to enjoy the comforts of home as they grow old.

"People tend to age better, be happier and live longer when they're in their own home," says Tim Warburton, president of Right at Home of Troy, one of many in-home care services that reports phenomenal growth in recent years.

Like many home services, Warburton's company does not provide any medical care. Instead, they send workers out to do laundry, run errands, perform light housekeeping, prepare meals or drive their clients to doctor appointments. Seniors who need it can receive help with bathing or dressing.

In other cases, the service does nothing more than send a worker to serve as a companion, who comes to play cards or take the senior on an outing.

Glenna Yaroch, the owner of the Livonia office of Home Instead, says business at her location is growing by 300 percent a year. Home Instead is a national franchise started 10 years ago which has several locations in the Detroit area.

Yaroch says several factors are driving the growth. People are living longer, and their baby-boom age children are raising their own children and trying to help their aging parents, often while both husband and wife work.

She says some adult children give

their parents in-home service as a gift.

"What else can you give your 80-year-old father?" she asks. "Instead of running to the grocery store, these adult children are spending quality time with their parents in the last years of their lives."

Most companies provide a free in-home assessment of the client's needs. Most companies charge by the hour, with services starting at about \$16 an hour. Some companies require a weekly minimum of a certain number of hours. Many services provide 24-hour care at a higher cost.

Typically, employees undergo a criminal and driving record check. They must provide personal and professional references. They are trained in areas such as understanding dementia and identifying tripping hazards for seniors.

While medical insurance does not usually cover in-home services, it is included on some long-term care policies, especially as insurers realize it can be more cost-effective than assisted living centers or nursing homes.

Most home care companies will help adults who are not seniors but are in need of help. For example, workers' compensation will sometimes cover the service for those whose injuries prevent them from doing everyday tasks.

Often, home care companies receive referrals from another type of professional that's witnessing massive growth as more people age: geriatric care managers.

These managers help the elderly and their families identify their needs and arrange for services. The managers help aging people look at the financial, medical and other implications of big decisions they will need to make, such as whether they should remain in their homes. Most have backgrounds in social work or nursing.

Laurel Felsenfeld, the founder and



Laurel Felsenfeld of Aging Answers of Farmington Hills meets with a client, Martin Bragman.

president of Aging Answers of Farmington Hills, says that if a client determines that staying at home is possible, a manager can help screen and hire in-home caregivers, arrange financial planning, and even set up such services as Meals on Wheels.

"I am a concierge of community services," Felsenfeld says. Often, Felsenfeld will receive a call from panicked adult children of an elderly person who is about to be released from a hospital and is in need of assistance. The children aren't able to provide the care the senior needs, and may have only about 24 hours to make arrangements. Felsenfeld can set up the services the clients need easily and quickly.

While Felsenfeld is happy to help in a crisis, seniors can also benefit from her services before health problems

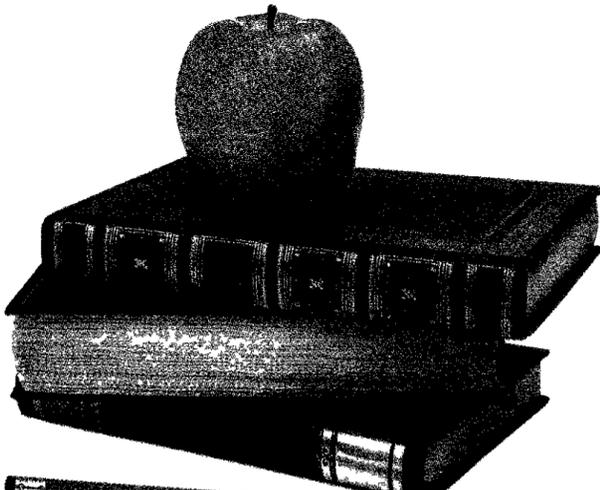
necessitate important decision-making under duress. She can help set up plans for the future, as well as doing home assessments to look for ways the seniors can protect themselves, such as identifying safety hazards and having portable phones in the home.

Geriatric care managers are a boon to seniors whose adult children are out-of-state and to seniors who have no family, Felsenfeld says.

Felsenfeld recommends looking for a manager who is a member of the National Association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers.

Most medical insurance companies do not cover the fees of geriatric care managers, which start at about \$25 an hour. However, some employers are starting to cover it, recognizing that workers caring for elderly parents is causing lost productivity, Felsenfeld says.

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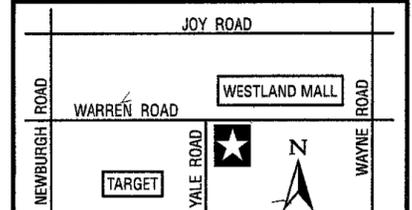
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Women can find help to manage menopausal symptoms

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

For women trying to find out about natural alternatives for managing menopausal symptoms, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital is offering a different phone number than the ones listed in a story that ran on Sunday, July 4, in the Health section.

Instead of the Health Line, call the Ellen Thompson Women's Health Center at (734) 712-5800 for more information or visit www.sjmh.com/programs/women. The Web site includes listings of classes, programs, services, and the brochure "Managing Menopausal Symptoms: Lifestyle and Dietary Suggestions."

A class 6-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 22, in Classroom 2 of the Women's

Health Center will focus on menopause.

"We'll do everything we can to help them," said Susan Kheder, director of women's services at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. "The first floor of the Women's Health Center is dedicated to breast health services, everything from screening mammography to ultrasound and different kinds of intervention. We also have a nurse specialist who helps educate women through the process if they do have breast cancer. The second floor is all aimed at wellness and prevention services for women. We know physical activity is important so we have a small fitness studio. It's all low tech, low cost equipment women can use at home. They can sign up or take one class and go off on their own."

A culinary studio or kitchen teach-

es food preparation. Nutrition plays a major role in managing menopausal symptoms.

"There are a lot of fun classes on how to incorporate healthy living into your lifestyle," said Kheder. "We have quite a women's health education curriculum for the different stages women go through. This fall is a cooking class on the joy of soy. If we know that soy is good to eat and helps with menopausal symptoms, then we need to show women what soy is and how to incorporate it into their diets."

Kheder suggests adding exercise to any program aimed at relieving menopausal symptoms. Exercise such as light weight training not only helps ease or eliminate hot flashes, it builds stronger bones. Aerobic exercise such as walking,

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Susan Kheder
St. Joseph Mercy Hospital

jogging, bicycling, and swimming increases heart rate and breathing. "We know having exercise in your regime can help with symptoms of menopause," said Kheder. "For women 55 and over there's strength training. Part of the reason calcium is important is to strengthen the

bones from the inside. Strength training becomes important as well." A Midlife Program at the Women's Health Center can help maintain and maximize health. Participants begin with a one hour assessment done by a gynecologist certified in menopause.

He assesses everything from cardiac health to bone to sexual health, and makes recommendations to her physician - gynecologist or primary care," said Kheder. "A Health Services Clinic provides massage therapy, mental health counseling and nutrition, and we have a gift boutique for hand weights and Therabands. A woman can use ours in class or purchase her own for use at home."

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Water safety tips prevent drowning and injuries

Every year, thousands drown or are injured in water-related accidents that could have been prevented. Drowning is the fourth leading cause of accidental death for ages 4 to 44. Responding to this need in the community, the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross and its authorized providers trained 134,000 people in water safety skills last year.

"Once an emergency happens it's often too late. That's why it is so important to prepare," said Jerry Huey, Red Cross Director of Health & Safety for the Southeastern Michigan Chapter. Knowing and practicing water safety and getting trained in first aid/CPR could save your life or the life of a family member, friend or neighbor. This is especially important with the summer months when people will be in and around the water.

Red Cross offers these guidelines to help keep your family safe, in and around the water this summer.

■ Prepare for summer swimming by learning to swim. The best thing anyone can do to stay safe in and around the water is to learn to swim. The American Red Cross learn to swim program

is available at your local pool or beach. These swimming courses are for people of any age or swimming ability.

■ Always swim with a buddy, never swim alone. Know your swimming limits and stay within them. Don't try to keep up with a stronger skilled swimmer or encourage others to keep up with you.

■ Swim in supervised areas only. Obey "No Diving" signs. Swimmers are seriously injured every year by entering headfirst into shallow water. Enter feet-first into water rather than headfirst if you don't know the depth.

■ Watch out for the "dangerous too's" - too tired, too cold, too far from safety, too much sun, too much strenuous activity.

■ Do not chew gum or eat while you swim, you could choke.

■ Wait to swim after eating. In general, you do not have to wait an hour after eating before you may safely swim. However, if you have had a large meal, it is wise to let digestion get started before doing strenuous activity such as swimming.

■ Alcohol and swimming don't mix. Alcohol impairs your judgment, balance and coordination especially in the water. It affects your swimming and diving skills and reduces your body's ability to stay warm.

■ Wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket when boating and fishing.

■ Know local weather conditions and dangerous water. Oceans, lakes and rivers present a unique set of challenges for swimmers. Beware of dangers such as murky water, hidden underwater objects,

unexpected drop-offs and aquatic plant life. Strong tides, big waves and currents can also be a danger.

A WATER EMERGENCY

■ If a child is missing, check the pool first and scan the entire pool, bottom and surface. If you are at a guarded facility immediately notify lifeguards.

■ Keep basic lifesaving equipment (pole, rope, and flotation devices) by the pool and know how to use it.

■ Learn Red Cross first aid/CPR and insist that others who care for your children know first aid/CPR. To take a course view the Red Cross course schedule at www.semredcross.org or call (313) 576-4100 to register or purchase a Red Cross first aid kit.

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It takes no longer than a few days to a week until the pain that dominates is in your back rather than your knees. Your view is that you are falling apart. Your doctor has a different perspective. If you have back and knee problem. If your knee improves and your back does not then a doctor has reason to turn attention to diagnoses of your back problem.

If your knee pain does not resolve there is little likelihood that treatment for the back will rid you of that problem. At times in my practice the only solution of the back knee pain cycle was to recommend a knee replacement. When all other treatments have failed this one usually works.

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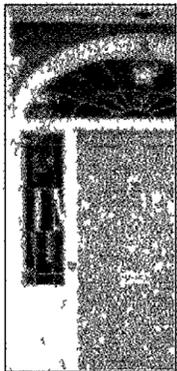
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Insurance advice for first-time renters: Be careful

(WMS) - As summer comes to a close, thousands of college and graduate students will gear up for a return to school, and many face the exciting prospect of renting their first apartments. But with this newfound independence comes new responsibilities, as students discover the ups and downs of apartment life - and real life. College items like laptops, CD players, and cell phones unfortunately are also at the top of the list for would-be thieves.

To make matters worse, students may be shocked to discover that they're out in the cold when it comes to having their valuables protected. Renting an apartment is not like living in an on-campus dorm, where most student belongings are typically covered under a parent's homeowners policy. However, research shows that more than 80 percent of college renters do not purchase renter's insurance.

"For a few hundred dollars a year or less, you can purchase a solid policy that covers protection for your valuables - up to \$75,000 - as well as protection against personal liability," said Michelle DeWine, vice president of marketing at MetLife Auto & Home. "Imagine experiencing a fire or other disaster in your apartment, and having to replace all your valuable clothing, CDs, DVDs, televisions and stereo equipment not to mention all the furniture, pots, pans, dishes, and other necessities at your own expense. Hopefully, you won't have a theft or experience a fire. But, if you did, you'd know your valuables were protected."

For more information about renter's insurance, MetLife Auto & Home offers a brochure called *About Renting an Apartment*. For more information, call (800) MET-LIFE or visit www.methife.com.

Do's and don'ts of apartment makeovers

(MS) - In nearly every state across the country, there are tenants and there are landlords. Whether you rent a three-bedroom duplex in a high-rise or a bedroom in someone's house, there are certain do's and don'ts when it comes to renovating the space. Here are some handy tips to get you by.

- Do ask your landlord his or her opinion. Find out if improvements are even an option and what exactly can be done. Some landlords and buildings have strict restrictions that must be followed or you could lose your security deposit, and even be sued.
- Don't assume that if you like it, your landlord will also. Avoid dark or loud paint colors that will be difficult to paint over. And be considerate with the holes you make in the walls, which will have to be patched later.
- Do use fabrics, posters and furnishings to represent your personal style.

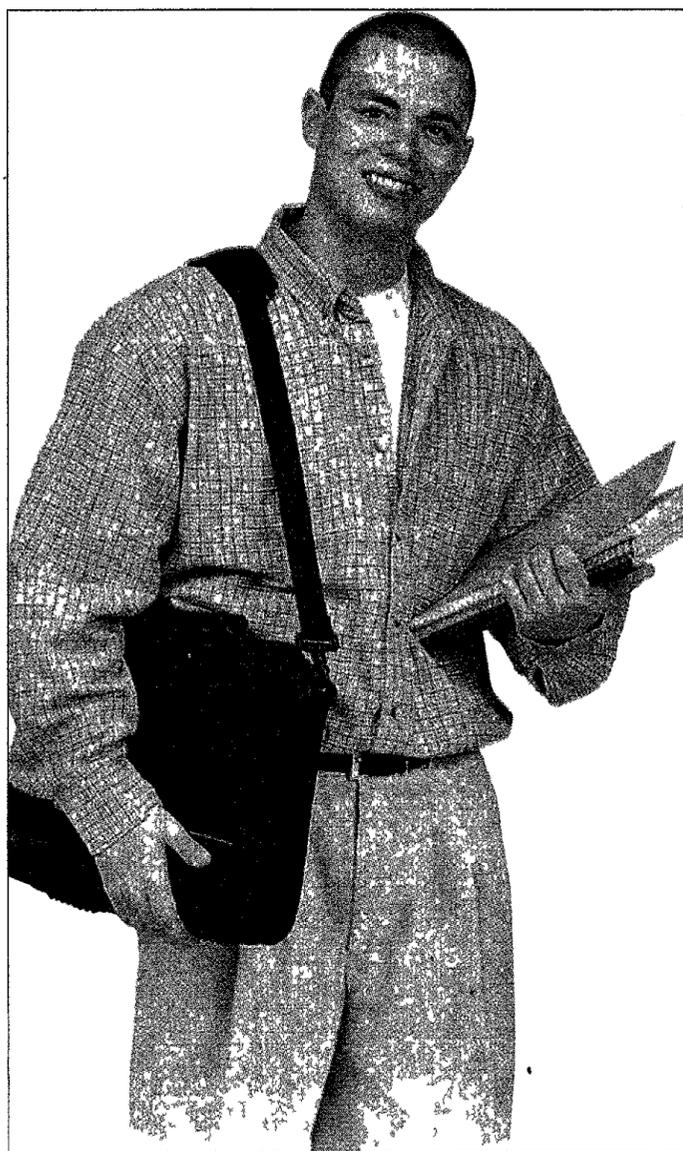
Removable items are best for apartment living. They can add a needed splash of color and then be quickly changed the next time you feel spontaneous.

- Don't wallpaper or make structural changes. It is time-consuming to remove wallpaper. Most landlords would prefer you don't use it at all. Consider instead removable borders that can easily be torn down when you move. Also, don't knock down walls, cut holes in walls or install permanent structures like moldings, without prior permission.

- Do ask your landlord to make repairs. This way you won't be responsible if something goes wrong.

- Don't hammer, saw or drill during late hours, disturbing your landlord and neighbors. You might get evicted.

- Do remember that although you live there, it is not your house, so be considerate.



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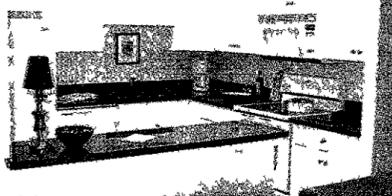
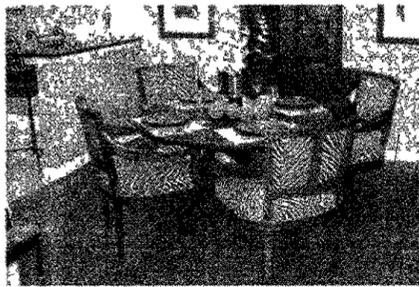


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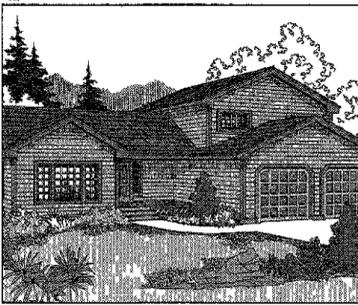
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In the center of the home, separating the entry from the kitchen is a half bath with an optional linen closet with the pantry and refrigerator across the rear wall facing the kitchen. The 'C' shaped kitchen has a raised eating bar, a built-in dishwasher, a large Lazy Susan in the corner and the range and oven.

Adjacent to the kitchen is the utility room that has the washer and dryer on the left side. On the right side is a large freezer. Jutting into this room is the rear of the entertainment center. There are doors in the utility room that access the back of the center for ease of working with the electrical wiring.

The rear corner is the large family room with sliding glass doors to another deck. This room has a door that opens into the garage as well as a closet under the stairs to second floor.

Upstairs is the sleeping area. The master suite is in the rear and is vaulted. It has a master bath with a tub and single sink. A corner walk-in closet provides a great amount of space for putting clothes and shoes. In the front of the home are two bedrooms, also vaulted, with wall closets and each having a large window to allow the rooms to be bathed in sunlight. Bedroom three has a large built-in shelf in the rear for storing books or kids' toys. A full bath with tub and a single sink is in the hall. A linen closet for upstairs is just outside the bathroom.

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Sensational 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath brick ranch w/ attached garage. Fabulous white kitchen w/ ceramic flooring, all appliances plus pantry. Home offers 2 fireplaces! One with tiled hearth in living room w/ beautiful hardwood floors. Additional fireplace in professionally finished family room in lower level. Guest suite with 1/2 bath separate from other bedroom - would make a great home office! 12x12 Florida room overlooks nicely landscaped yard w/ brick paver patio & great, larger lot. Offered at \$179,900.

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OAKLAND Top Of The Line
Upgrades throughout. Gourmet kitchen, cherry cabinets, granite counter tops, double oven, fireplace in hearth area, 1st floor master w/ deck. Great room fireplace w/ oak out door. Level landscaped lot.
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NOVI Open Design Novi Ranch
Three bedrooms, 2 baths, vinyl family & dining room, kitchen w/ patio. Nov schools nearby. Easy access, tastefully landscaped with fencing. All appliances included. Abundant Pergo wood flooring.
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BRUCE TOWNSHIP Spectacular Estate
Hilltop on approx. 2.27 acres backing to Stony Creek. Custom amenities, kitchen with granite counters, Viking appliances, great room, formal dining, living room, library, master & 3 bedrooms suites. Walk out lower level.
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HUNTINGTON WOODS Tudor
Local on Locust. Local on Charming 1927 built Tudor has many period features: coffered ceiling, crown moldings, leaded windows, marble sills, some hardwood floors as well as very stately exterior presence.
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ROCHESTER Top Quality Throughout
3 year old custom great room Ranch. Three bedrooms, 2 full and 2 half baths. Finished daylight basement with wet bar, paved and professional landscaping and kitchen with granite countertop and 2 way fireplace.
\$415,000 (B40BLO) 248 524 1600



ROCHESTER Private Quiet
Cute detached overlooking a park. Two story porch entry & great room with bridge & gas fireplace and kitchen with granite counters, master w/ jetted tub, shower & walk in closet. High ceilings w/ oak on basement.
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COMMERCE Gorgeously Landscaped
With finest 1st floor contemporary home. 2 story foyer, a wrap around deck, great room with cathedral ceiling and fireplace. Large kitchen with appliances, stay 3 car garage. Dead end street.
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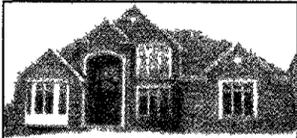
BLOOMFIELD HILLS Lovely Colonial
Four bedroom, 3 1/2 bath in Bloomfield Village. Wood floor, sun room w/ pergola, built ins & fireplace. Sun room kitchen with granite and first floor laundry. Living room w/ fireplace, formal DR & finished basement.
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SALEM Beautiful Cape Cod
Convenient country living for the buyer who seeks peace & quiet yet needs quick drive to Ann Arbor or metro. Nestled high on a hill with top quality 2.74 acres. 4BR, 4.5BA, kit w/ cherry cabinets, hardwood floors & more.
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TROY New Construction
In a spectacular new subdivision with Troy schools. Four bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home with 3 car side entry garage & premium equipment. Granite, maple island kitchen, master w/ jetted tub & separate shower.
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COMMERCE Custom Built New Home
Another quality built home by A.B. Builders. Gourmet kitchen with granite, cherry marble tiles, walk out basement, premium windows, 30 year old master, shingles, custom oak railing, tub, first floor master.
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FARMINGTON HILLS Steal Of A Deal
Best of both worlds. Best location, new sub, double deck, oak on the beauty, 4 b/g BR, high ceilings, center island in the kitchen, bay window, finished basement, circular driveway and more.
\$429,000 (B90DOW) 248 626 8800



LEONARD Beautiful Custom Colonial
On approx. 2 1/2 acres, 5 bedrooms & 4 1/2 baths. Living dining room & garden room. Walk out with bar, game room, hot tub, full bathroom, steam & sauna. Basketball court, pool, apartment over 5 car garage.
\$689,000 (B73CUR) 248 642 8100



NOVI Spectacular Custom Home
Beautifully detailed, offers 5 spacious bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths. Master suite features fireplace, 2 WIC & granite bath. Gourmet kitchen with granite, island, walkout LL, white oak floors. Sauna & full granite kitchen. Awesome lot.
\$1,250,000 (B56VAS) 248 349 5600



SHELBY TOWNSHIP Reduced 50K
New 2003 construction. Large quality built Colonial with 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 2 story foyer, lead ring to great room. First floor master with sunken Jacuzzi, separate shower. Library, formal DR, day kit basement.
\$499,900 (B27GOL) 248 524 1600



FARMINGTON Custom
We maintain a Colonial on corner lot. Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths for living & dining rooms, den, lighted family room with granite fireplace. Large foyer, kitchen with island, first floor laundry & extra deep basement.
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WEST BLOOMFIELD Ultimate In Luxury Living
Custom built & designed home with the finest of amenities. Open floor plan, soaring ceilings, 2 gourmet kitchens, one with stone, triple DR, a MBR, hot tub with a living room, triple DR, 4 car garage.
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SYLVAN LAKE Waterfront
Three bedroom, three bath Colonial on beautiful Sylvan Lake. Extensive renovation in 2001. Gorgeous kitchen, newer deck with hot tub, roof, furnace and a pond on the West Bloomfield schools.
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ORCHARD LAKE Home on 2 Lakes
Orchard Lake and Upper Streets on over 2 acres. 6BR, 3.5BA, 2 fireplaces, huge DR & office. Enjoy the decks, gazebo, garden paths & nature. One of a kind lake property. You have to see.
\$2,249,900 (B47OLD) 248 349 5600



SHELBY TOWNSHIP Four bedrooms
Two and a half, 3 bedrooms, 4 fireplaces, an open basement. Custom kitchen with granite, oak floor, & built in pantry. Hardwood floors, formal dining room, library & foyer. Elegant master with 2 walk in closets.
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WEST BLOOMFIELD Beautiful & Updated
Four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial on LR w/ fireplace, kitchen w/ granite, MBR w/ walk in closet & sauna. New cherry kitchen with granite & granite counters, doorwall to deck, first floor laundry & finished over level.
\$579,000 (B00PIN) 248 642 8100



PLYMOUTH This Home Is Wonderful
Gorgeous 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath with 3 car garage, basement, family room with fireplace, library, cherry kitchen with granite & granite counters, doorwall to deck, first floor laundry & so much more.
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BLOOMFIELD Flowing 4 bedroom
Two full and 2 half bath home on approximately 1.3 acres of private wooded land with a large pond. Updated, gorgeous home with Bloomfield Hills schools. Buy or expand or move right in. Survey available.
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COMMERCE Artist At Work
Approx. 650 feet of waterfront peninsula, private dining, 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, finished walk out, custom detailed. Hard to find beauty & tranquility in this intimate setting. Enjoy yourself. Love. Strata's treasure.
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FARMINGTON HILLS Jewel
Living, private 5 bedroom, three and one half baths, cedar deck, custom built, contemporary, Oak/mix tile floors, cathedral ceilings, walkout to woods & stream. Second floor master. Kitchen with granite counters.
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ROYAL OAK Spectacular Home
On a premium boulevard street. Many original features, beveled glass French doors, woodwork, Fulper's juby tile & hardwood floors. Updated mechanicals, copper plumbing & central air. Come see & you will fall in love.
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HOWELL New Construction On Lake
Magnificent Colonial on Thompson Lake. Oak kitchen, formal dining room, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, master with walk in closet & Jacuzzi, first floor laundry, oak staircase, tiled foyer and 2 car attached garage.
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TROY Charming Architecture
Classic lines and stylish neutral decor. Four bedroom Colonial in Warwick Woods with 2 1/2 baths & expertly finished basement. Master has cathedral ceiling, large walk in closet & private bath with whirlpool tub & stone shower.
\$412,000 (B04SEM) 248 524 1600



WHITE LAKE Unusual Opportunity All Sports
Lakewood Ranch with finished walk out on over 1/2 acre of 3 garages workshop, newer kitchen, updated baths, custom 3 tier deck, huge rooms for entertaining & over 50 feet of dock. Immaculate. Walk Lake schools.
\$549,900 (B81COO) 248 363 1200



WEST BLOOMFIELD On The Lake
Super clean 4 BR 3.5 BA colonial with August suite, impeccably well maintained family home. Formal LR & DR, Den or office. Great room with wet bar. MSTR has private deck & bath suite. In Bloomfield schools.
\$499,900 (B85WOO) 248 626 8800



WEST BLOOMFIELD Newer Condo
Three bedroom, 3 1/2 bath with many upgrades. Marble baths, MBR with Jacuzzi, second bedroom with private bath with kitchen with Corian, hardwood floors, dining room with bay window & view of pond. Just perfect!
\$415,000 (B82GAT) 248 642 8100



GROSSE ILE In A Choice Neighborhood
These bedroom, 2 1/2 bath brick ranch with 2 car attached garage, basement, formal dining, library with bay window vaulted ceiling, great room with fireplace, first floor laundry, oak kitchen with appliances & 4-season sun room.
\$479,885 (B36LAS) 734-455 5600



CLARKSTON High Interior Design
Extraordinary detail. First floor master with walk in closet, 2nd floor master with 21st century parlor, great room, chef's kitchen, library, formal dining & waffle callings throughout. Theatre room in finished over level.
\$940,000 (B06ELK) 248 652 8000



WEST BLOOMFIELD Middle Straits Lakefront
Beautifully kept ranch with easy care landscape, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, family room, great room with fireplace, master suite, master full appliance package, hot tub, deep water dock, 2 car attached garage & more.
\$539,500 (B30COL) 248 363 1200



BEVERLY HILLS 4 BR With Wooded Lot
Lovely four bedroom colonial with waiting for new family with room to grow. Large wooded lot, master bedroom w/ private BA, walk in closet and dressng area. Formal living room with fireplace & dining room, eat in kitchen.
\$414,900 (B00WOO) 248 626 8800



FARMINGTON HILLS Sharp Ranch
Three bedrooms, 3 baths, MBR, LR w/ cathedral ceilings & great room. Kitchen with Sub Zero appliances, breakfast area, lower level family room with gas fireplace, off ice second kitchen with 6 bedroom & full bath.
\$398,000 (B74VAL) 248 642 8100



SALEM TOWNSHIP Beautiful Country Home
Five bedroom, 2 full and 2 half bath, 19th Century Colonial on approx. 2.9 acres. Great master bedroom, hardwood floors, country kitchen & formal dining room. Large pond, a pond deck & gazebo. A must see!
\$579,000 (B66TER) 734 455 5600



ROCHESTER HILLS 2 Acres in Historic Area
Pond, gourmet kitchen, granite countertops, dual gas fireplaces, vaulted ceilings, braided w/ built ins, 2nd floor w/ wip/vat bath, 1st floor master w/ 2 walk in closets. Whole house first on system warranty.
\$599,900 (B90MIL) 248 652 8000



COMMERCE Entertainers Dream Home
Custom features, artfully decorated home. Wrap around porch, views of woods & pond. Formal & family dining, massive stone 2 way fireplace. Custom built in theatre and area. Finished lower level, open floor plan.
\$454,710 (G06WOO) 248 363 1200



BLOOMFIELD HILLS Spectacular
Six bedroom, 4 1/2 bath home on approximately 3 1/2 acres. Wide open floor plan, custom kitchen, all appliances and 2 fireplaces. Indoor/outdoor pools, hot tub, deck and 2 gas ages that hold 4 cars.
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NOVI Location! Location!
Large Novi colonial offers large rooms, high ceilings, neutral décor, rad oak floors, lush landscape and pine trees. Full basement and 3 car garage for added storage.
\$535,000 (B05BRO) 248 349 5600



PLYMOUTH Custom Built Dream House
Lovely 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath Colonial with 3 car attached garage, 2 1/2 fireplaces, finished walk out family room, library, master suite with jetted tub, dual staircase with 2 story foyer.
\$575,000 (B74FOX) 734-455 5600



ROCHESTER HILLS Fabulous Subdivision
Four bedroom, 4 1/2 bath brick Colonial. Two story great room w/ fireplace, living room w/ opening to floor w/ windows, basement finished with full bath & work out room. Three car side entry garage & a ground pool.
\$589,900 (B39CED) 248 652 8000



WHITE LAKE Heritage Hills Estate
On a quiet cul de sac. Three bedroom, 2 bath Colonial with hardwood floors, great room gas fireplace, cathedral ceiling, oak trim, kitchen with oak cabinets, work island, 3 season room, in ground pool. Walk Lake schools.
\$289,900 (B04WIL) 248 363 1200



BLOOMFIELD Fabulous Colonial
Newer construction. The 6 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath features MBR w/ sitting room, bath & spa. Hardwood floors, custom moldings & 4 car garage. Bright, bright schools. 4 Ryder cup tickets & 8 parking passes included.
\$1,395,000 (B86WED) 248 642 8100



WEST BLOOMFIELD Beautiful Chelsea Park
Tucked away in the Woods of Chelsea Park. Designer perfect. Neutral décor, Cook's delight kitchen w/ granite & hardwood formal LR & Dining area. First floor laundry, Jack & Jill bath and princess suite.
\$624,000 (B06CHA) 248 349 5600



CANTON Classic Elegance!
On approx. 1 acre. Foyer with wrought iron & wood staircase. 2 story great room with fireplace & crown molding, kitchen & master bath with granite tops. Three bedrooms have a bath & walk in closet. Walk out & 3 car attached garage.
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Revitalize your home

(NUI) - Are you bored with your home?
 If you're not ready to buy a new house, consider the next best thing - sprucing up the one you have. By renovating and redecorating, you can create a more livable space now and help increase your home's value for when it's time to sell.
 There are many decisions to be made when taking on a remodeling or redecorating project. If you're on a budget, don't fret. Small changes can do wonders for your home's appearance. Here are some cost-conscious tips for renovating and decorating your home with resale in mind from Robin Baron, a successful interior designer and chief executive officer of Robin Baron Home Inc., a home furnishings and interior design company.
 ■ Work with what you already have. Often giving an existing cabinet a new look or reaccessorizing a room is less expensive than re-doing it.
 ■ Stay neutral. For resale

purposes, play it safe by choosing timeless colors and designs that appeal to many tastes.
 ■ Choose products carefully. Are there less expensive alternatives that will give you the same look for less money? Combine a few expensive pieces with lower priced items to give the room a more upscale look.
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 Here are some tips from the Consumer Federation of America to reduce mold:
 ■ Keep dampness to a minimum. Reduce indoor humidity by venting bathrooms and dryers to the outside, using air conditioners and dehumidifiers, and using exhaust fans in your bathroom and kitchen.
 ■ Reduce the potential for condensation on cold surfaces, like windows, piping, exterior walls, roofs or floors, by adding insulation. In areas where there is a perpetual moisture problem, do not install carpeting.
 ■ Fix leaks and seepage immediately. If water is entering the house from the outside, your options range from simple landscaping to extensive excavation and waterproofing.
 ■ You cannot always control your environment the way you would like to, particularly when nature has other plans. In case of a flood, be sure to clean the affected area within 24 hours to 48 hours. After this period, mold begins to spawn rapidly in stagnant water and on soaked surfaces.
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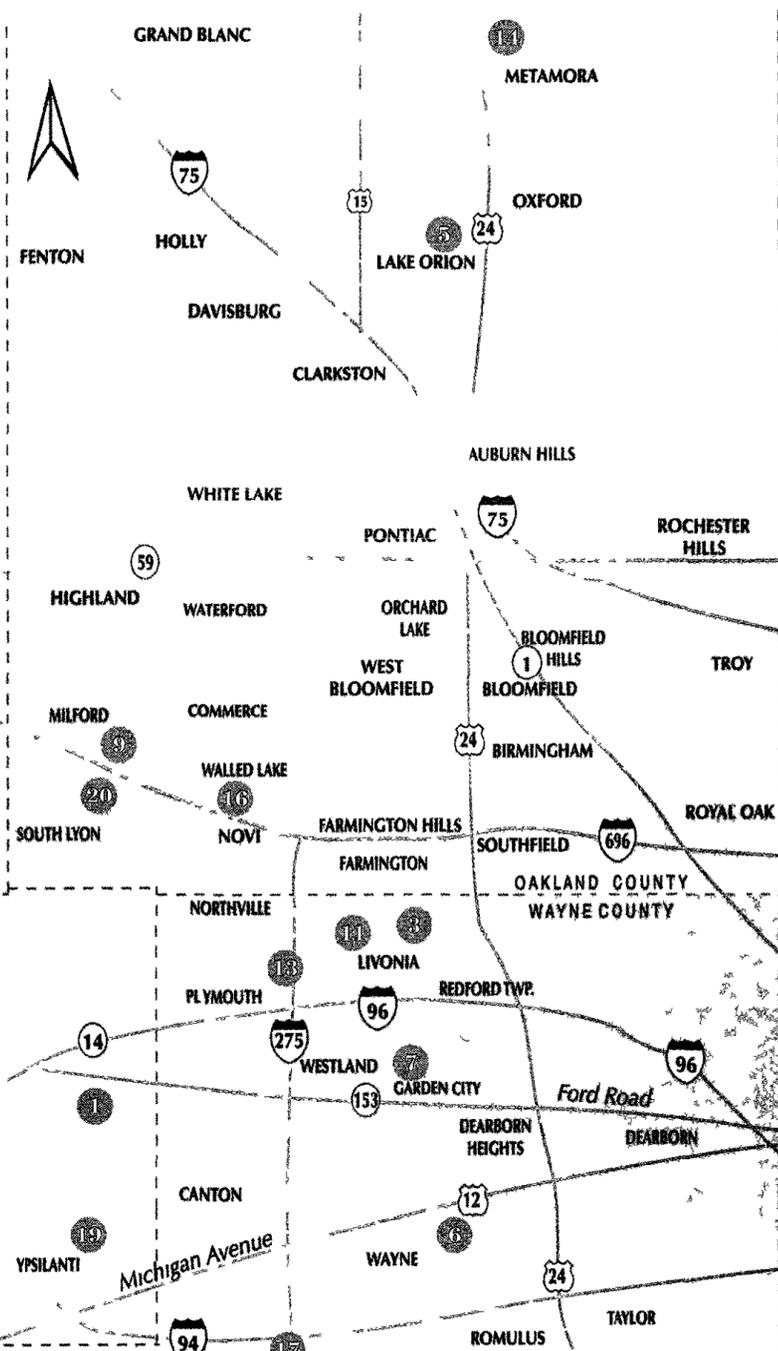
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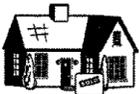
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"THE ENEMY IS US" Did you know that many people hire a Realtor to sell their house and then do things that prevent the Realtor from getting it sold? Yes, they actually work against the Realtor who is trying to help them. For this reason, I have named this week's article, "The Enemy Is Us!" Let me offer a few examples

THE ASKING PRICE Even though the Realtor spends considerable time and effort digging up the latest market information about recent sales of similar homes and a competitive evaluation of other homes now for sale, many sellers choose to ignore the facts and price their home higher than the market will allow

CONDITION We all know that first impressions are lasting ones. This is also true when a house goes on the market for the first time. It should be as clean, well decorated and maintained as possible so that the word will get around that this house is very desirable. Yet, some home owners refuse to spend a few dollars to paint and fix up the house prior to putting it up for sale

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Overqualified? Resigning not easy



WORKWISE Some people who absolutely hate their jobs can't wait to resign. They eagerly anticipate securing a new position or accrued vacation as their way out. The overqualified treated well in their workplace face a much more complex leave-taking

Before you go, make certain you've considered all of your options, advises Emory Mulling chairman of Atlanta's The Mulling Companies, a career transition firm. He differentiates between boredom, the need for more work and overqualification. He defines a "technically overqualified" individual as one performing tasks he was capable of much earlier in his career. One example would be the waitperson in a restaurant in a stopgap situation. In such cases, he recommends, "Smile, be congenial, and don't complain. You knew going in that you were technically overqualified and might be a misfit in the corporate culture."

In other situations, he suggests, "Go to your manager and show that you can be of assistance in other areas. Offer to do a more sophisticated project, something that's causing stress for the boss and will build up his confidence. Demonstrate that you're overqualified rather than state it. If you find out quickly that you need help, it's important to be very candid with yourself."

LEAVE-TAKING

There have always been good reasons to leave with dignity and grace, regardless of the circumstances. Not doing so can come back to haunt you in terms of lost opportunities and failed relationships. "There is risk today in every action employees take, including staying in a job they're not right for," maintains Evan Scott, president of Philadelphia's Evan Scott Group International, an

executive search and managerial consulting firm. The bottom line is that well-considered leave-taking is simply the correct kind to implement

The most important factor behind resigning in this spirit is that you may leave a void for co-workers (and others) left behind, which can't be entirely positive for them. If you did your job well, they'll feel your absence every time they don't have you to rely upon to help them with a task or lighten up the atmosphere. The flip side of the coin is that they may indicate in person, by e-mail or telephone that they want you to "keep in touch," but that, over time, they slip away of their own accord. People's lives are full, and almost everyone feels burdened by something. But relinquishing ties completely at the moment of separation can create a temporary cavern in your own heart that may shrink but never quite disappear.

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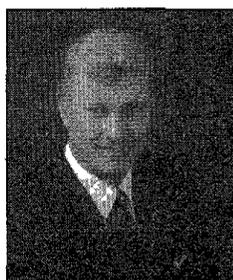
If you're not certain how to relinquish a tie, think for a moment about those who may experience your resignation as a rupture. In other words, personalize the situation. You'll recognize the catalyst for moving on, such as almost "losing it" with a co-worker or vendor, however justified. It's time to go, while you continue to regain mastery of your reactions.

Second, restore perspective by discussing this situation with someone whose judgment you trust. Overqualification may well have required you to depersonalize yourself by checking parts of you at the front door. While doing so is exceedingly difficult, reclaiming those parts at leave-taking is essential. Reintegration will give you the power to be your entire self again so that you can leave with dignity and grace.

Third, remember that you're not leaving a job as much as the people who share in it. Here are some examples of

what people do who break this rule

- Oblivious to e-mail as a public forum, they send a message rather than speak directly with their boss
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 - Invasive to damage to others' productivity and morale, they refuse a request to extend their stay to accommodate a project schedule.
 - Unaware of their potential to hurt others, they criticize the workplace and the people within it while they're on their way out
 - They fail to compliment the very people who made their workplace pleasant and compensation possible.
- Ultimately, your objective is to leave with decency. "Focus upon what you valued," advises management consultant Cheryl Green of Bethesda, Md.'s Green Resource Group. In that same spirit, you may well find that there are subsequent tangible rewards, too. You may be asked back to work there in some other capacity. You may have created a little network that you'll find of value, including someone you might hire or might help a colleague hire. Life delivers the unexpected. Set yourself up to reap its rewards, even when you have to move on.
- (Dr Mildred L. Culp comments upon the workplace in national media. Factiva, a Dow Jones & Reuters Co. Inc., makes her WorkWise column available to thousands of major corporations worldwide. Copyright 2004 Passage Media.)



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24 MOS. LEASE \$75*
Event Price \$15,594

2004 Explorer XLT 4 Door

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24 MOS. LEASE \$110*
Event Price \$18,209

2004 F-150 Super Cab XL

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24 MOS. LEASE \$130*
Event Price \$18,544

2005 Focus ZX4 SE

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36 MOS. LEASE \$168*
Event Price \$12,130

2004 Taurus SES Sedan

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24 MOS. LEASE \$178*
Event Price \$12,285

2005 Escape XLT Sport 4x4

V6 engine, automatic transmission, power steering, power brakes, air conditioning, tinted glass, power windows, power locks, cruise control, power windows, AM/FM stereo, CD player, 16" alloy wheels, 24 hrs. lease. **Was \$26,660**
24 MOS. LEASE \$191*
Event Price \$20,526

2004 Mustang

Automatic transmission, power steering, power brakes, air, tinted glass, power windows, power locks, cruise control, power windows, AM/FM stereo, CD player, 16" alloy wheels, 24 hrs. lease. **Was \$21,320**
36 MOS. LEASE \$206*
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2004 Freestar Limited

V6 engine, automatic transmission, power steering, power brakes, air, tinted glass, rear wiper, power windows, power locks, cruise control, power windows, AM/FM stereo, CD player, 16" alloy wheels, 24 hrs. lease. **Was \$36,750**
24 MOS. LEASE \$245*
Event Price \$29,793

2004 Expedition XLT

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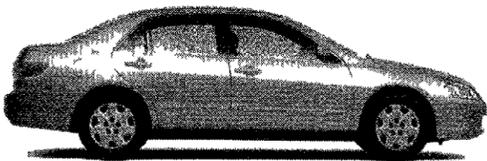
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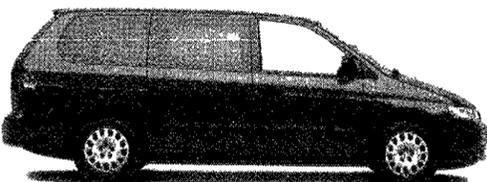


2004 ACCORD LX

Four door five speed
Mdl #cm5534plw/Sik #133531

36 MO. LEASE
\$169⁰⁰**

\$1,000 TOTAL DUE AT TIME OF DELIVERY

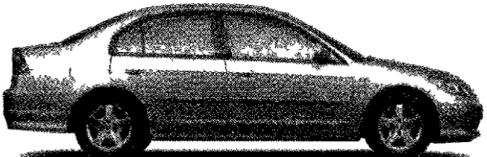


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Mdl #RL1854pkw/Sik #133688

24 MO. LEASE
\$219⁹⁹**

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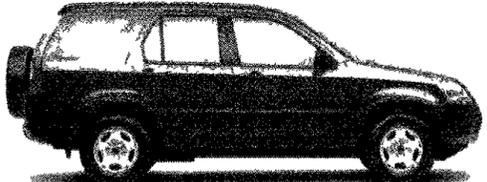


2004 CIVIC EX

Four door five speed
Mdl #es2574rmw/Sik #519119

36 MO. LEASE
\$199⁰⁰**

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2004 CRV LX

Four wheel drive
Mdl #rd7884jw/Sik #040522

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\$249⁹⁹**

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Mon & Thurs 8:30-9:15 Tues Wed Fri 8:30-6:15

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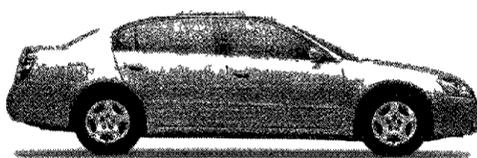


2004 NISSAN SENTRA

Sik #872961 #943572

SALE
\$11,660**

39 MO. LEASE
\$169*



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Sik #752446 #168943

SALE
\$17,250**

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\$199*



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Sik #839421 #396872

SALE
\$25,840**

39 MO. LEASE
\$322*



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SALE
\$23,943**

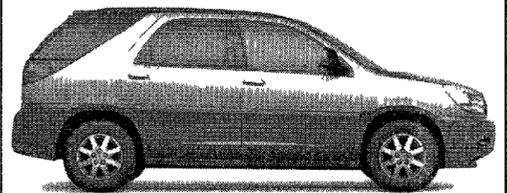
39 MO. LEASE
\$288*

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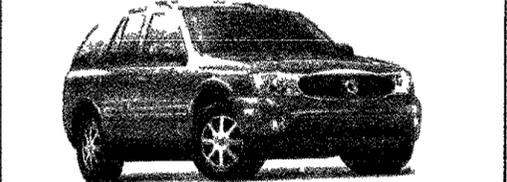
Air conditioning CD power windows cruise control
Sik #575438

GMS BUY
\$17,193**

GMS 24 MO. LEASE
\$143**

\$1,350 TOTAL DUE

P us tax title plates dest nation & state. 24 month lease based on approved credit. Total due \$1,350 except Must lease through GMAC



2004 RAINIER CXL

Leather 17 alloys CD/cassette
Sik #210314

GMS BUY
\$24,908**

GMS 24 MO. LEASE
\$219**

\$1,605 TOTAL DUE

P us tax title plates dest nation & state. 24 month lease based on approved credit. Total due \$1,605 except Must lease through GMAC



2004 LESABRE CUSTOM

3.8 V6 power windows CD
Sik #153798

GMS BUY
\$17,809**

GMS 36 MO. LEASE
\$300**

\$1,170 TOTAL DUE

P us tax title plates dest nation & state. 36 month lease based on approved credit. Total due \$1,170 except Must lease through GMAC



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Chrome wheels loaded loaded!

MSRP **\$40,720**

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 Attn: Richard Pierce

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 Local cleaning & restoration company has a career opportunity in marketing for an individual who is professional, has excellent oral & written communication skills & is a self starter and goal setter. Base+commission. Fax your resume to 248 427 1447

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 80 yr sales and service co. with 800 locations has an attractive position for individuals with past experience. Must be career minded and able to work without constant supervision.
 *Rapid Advancement
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SALES
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 For lighting showroom. Excellent benefits & pay. Apply in person. BROSE ELECTRICAL, 7 Mile & Newburgh Livonia 734 424 2211

SALES TRAINER
 80 yr old company w/14 000 customers in need of service in south east MI has need of a career minded individual w/ direct or retail exp. Mgt exp preferred to include hiring & training sales reps in a store front located in Livonia MI. Call 734 525 5656

Help Wanted-Sales 5120

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 Good organizer able to run errands. Eves & weekends 2 references. 313 532 0347/877 210 1804

Help Wanted-Domestic 5240

NANNY NEEDED LIVE OUT OR LIVE IN
 Looking to make money while going to school? Perfect hours for student. 3:30-9:30 M-F. Live out or live in our Bloomfield Hills home (near downtown Birmingham). Private living quarters with own bath. 3 older kids. References required. Interested? Call Diane 248 515 9685

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Job Opportunities 5310

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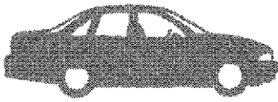
2004 Acura RSX Type-S gives you a lot for the money

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Honda's luxury arm has done it again with the new RSX Type-S

Acura has set its sights on building reasonably priced vehicles with all the luxury that Acura is well known for. It's like getting more than you expected for your money, actually. You get the quality that Honda and Acura are heralded with plus the price that the average Joe can afford.

I have only one major complaint regarding this vehicle and I've got to get it off my chest right away. For some reason, the six-speed manual transmission is just a bear to shift. You struggle to get it into gear and struggle more to get it into reverse. It actually was annoying toward the end of the week.

I thought it was because I just hadn't driven a manual shift in a while. But that couldn't be it. For Pete's sake, learning to drive a manual is like riding a bike -- no matter how long it's been, you can still get it going after a few popped clutches in the worst possible scenario.

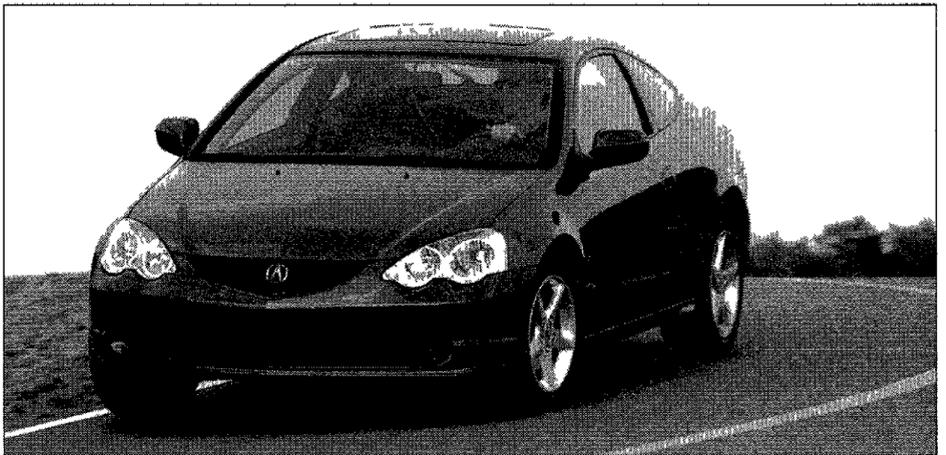
On the RSX base model, you can opt for a five-speed manual or a five-speed sequential SportShift automatic transmission that acts like an automatic, unless you want it to perform like a manual. The gear selection is yours to choose.

But if you want control, performance, excitement and a satisfying driving experience, nothing can be beat than driving a manual transmission. Hands down. Don't think I have to tell you that. Enough complaining.

Let's get to the nuts and bolts of this performance magnet. It's no wonder that the RSX has been chosen for a host of automotive industry awards, considering its styling -- both on the inside and the outside -- and its performance, quality and fun-to-drive attributes.

There are two models to choose from: RSX and RSX Type-S, which is the high performance model. I tested this week. With its fun-loving 16-valve dual overhead cam 2.0-liter I-4 VTEC four-cylinder engine that delivers 160 horsepower, the RSX Type-S will give anyone a run for their money.

Ride and comfort in a long drive will surprise you in the RSX. As small as this vehicle seems, you would expect a



2004 Acura RSX Type-S. Vehicle Type: Subcompact. Power: 2.0-liter DOHC 4-cylinder. Mileage: 24 city / 31 highway. Where built: Suzuka, Mie, Japan. Price as tested: \$23,865.

rougher ride in some respects -- if only because of its high performance moniker that tells you you'll feel the ultimate in control.

Thanks to high-mounted rack and pinion steering, struts that were made exclusively for the RSX, double wishbone suspension in the rear and firmer suspension in the rear, the RSX delivers a form of comfort usually reserved for the ultra-luxury models.

Slip out of the front seat and take a slow walk around. Soft curves, well-defined lines and a distinctive front and rear treatment that gives the RSX a look that tells you it has full command of the road in front of it. Its styling is really pretty -- but not in the feminine genre. More like pleasing to the eyes. I should say I guess.

OK, now slip back into the driver's seat. Notice that everything is positioned toward the only person who matters in this vehicle -- the driver. Metallic gauges are large, buttons and knobs are not abnormally small for a big guy or gal to operate and everything is in easy reach and even easier to understand. Joyful, joyful, joyful.

Safety features have not been forgotten and include dual stage front air bags, anti-lock braking system, front seat belt pre-tensioners, front and rear crumple zones, side impact door beams, anti-theft and remote keyless entry and five-mile-per-hour rated front and rear bumpers.

And you would think the cargo space in back of the rear seats is nothing to write home about. Nothing is further from the truth. During the weekend, with the prospect of

having two eager children at home willing to help me re-landscape our front yard, we hopped in the RSX for a trip to The Home Depot. A couple of hours later, we were driving up the driveway with 18 bags of black mulch, 8 bags of top soil, 10 beautiful Hostas and a water fountain. The only inconvenience we had to deal with was putting my 12-year-old in the front seat for the mile-long ride home. The 10-year-old was still in the back seat, sharing it with the split-fold seat next to her that held the water fountain.

Like I said before, the amount of standard luxury features you'll find in the RSX will really surprise you and make you think twice about the next vehicle you purchase.

I'm not talking about just stuff like an automatic climate control system with air filtration or adjustable driver's seat or even power windows and door locks here.

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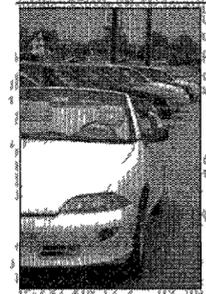
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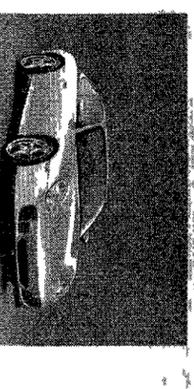
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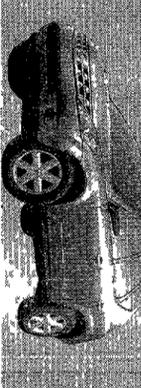
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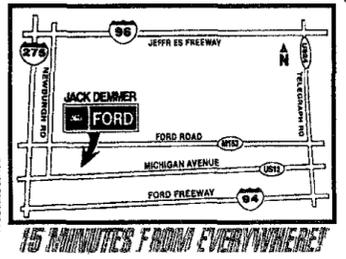
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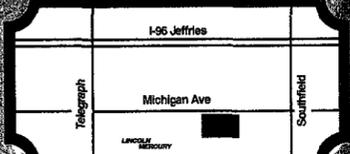
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Q I can never find any cool laptop bags. All the ones I've seen are masculine and mundane. Do you have any idea where I might score some fashionable one online? Something fun, please!

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geek-chic laptop bags do exist

A I hear ya! The stores where you buy your laptops from never seem to carry anything other than the drab black or blue masculine bags, but fortunately designers and companies have started recognizing the lackluster selection and are doing something about it

A great place to start your search is at casuri.com, where you can find cute cases in pink, kwi, red, navy, grape and silver. Fully padded and made of water-resistant polyester, you can choose from bags in a variety of sizes and reasonable prices (\$54-\$106)

Continue your search at acmemade.com, where you can discover sleek bags in sophisticated leather, funky designer fabrics and simple solid shades. Polka Dot Pink and Green

Circles are faves. All bags are lined with quilted satin and have leather handles (\$80-\$270)

If you're looking for something truly uniquely different, more sporty than designer, scope out everquestdesign.com. Everquest Design crafts limited-edition bags with the actual materials used during some of the most adventurous events in history, such as America's Cup sails and space-mission parachutes. They also offer a personalized laptop bag using your own relics or famous materials (\$145-\$195)

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For a delectable mix of girly and functional, check out jzmo.com's Think Pink bag, made of pink leather and suede (\$249) - 100 percent of the net profits are used to support breast cancer initiatives

Increasing in price and exquisiteness are Talene Reilly's bags. The Katie bag (\$358) has a removable laptop sleeve, two CD pockets, nickel feet and a business card holder. The fabric is Teflon-coated and there's a pocket for your power cord, too. The Reese bag is equally functional and fashionable (\$276). Find both at talenereilly.com

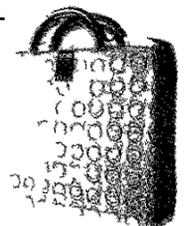
Lastly, and possibly one of the hardest and most costly options to resist, is the Marka collection at markaonline.com. Billed

as "luxurious everyday handbags for women who work, travel and lunch," these bags expertly combine fashion and function.

Choose from three different styles, the ultimate being the Denyn Sleeve (\$355). Sleek and compact, with enough room for your makeup, cell phone, PDA and power cords, the Denyn is made of luxurious quilting with suede trim. Hidden layers of thick foam and sturdy elastic straps keep your laptop safe and secure.



Jzmo.com urges women to think pink instead of the same old drab



Laptop totes from acmebag.com feature funky fabrics like this green dots pattern

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Hometown Communication's publication for women was named the best new fashion special section in the nation by the Inland Press Association on July 9. PINK competed against daily newspapers across the country to take first place for fashion in the highest circulation division — over 100,000. Second place in the same division went to The Florida Times-Union of Jacksonville, Fla., and third place was awarded to The San Francisco Chronicle.

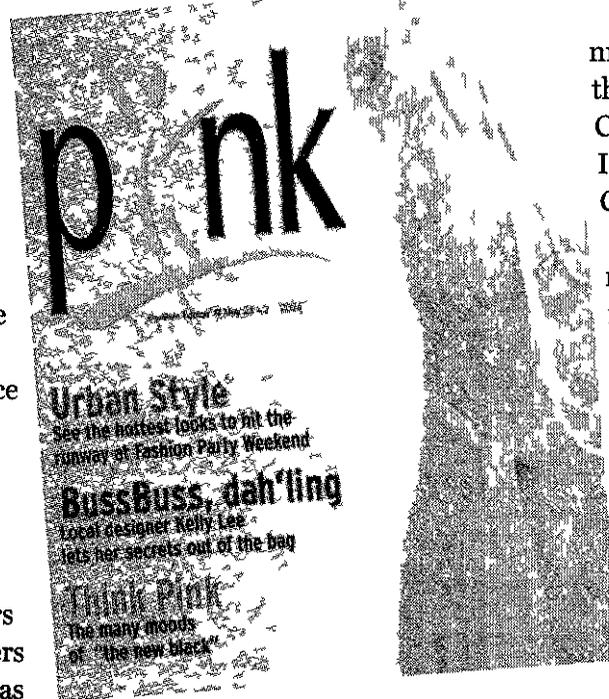
The IPA's 2004 Newspaper Special Sections & New Product/New Revenue Contest recognized efforts by newspapers to capture readers and advertisers by implementing fresh, bold ideas.

Entries had to appear June 1, 2003-May 30, 2004. PINK's first edition, published May 23, squeaked

under the deadline just in time to be recognized by the prestigious judges.

Contest winners will be recognized at an awards banquet at the Hotel InterContinental Chicago, at the opening of the IPA's 2004 Special Sections Conference.

PINK has a circulation of more than 153,000. It appears in Sunday Observer & Eccentric newspapers in Birmingham, Rochester, Southfield, Troy, West Bloomfield, Livonia, Plymouth, Farmington, Canton, Westland, Garden City and Redford. It also is distributed in racks throughout Novi and Northville.



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Clockwise from top: Rhonda Freya English (Power Woman), Kimberly Vanbiesbrouck (Soap Star), Judy Dery (Earth Mother) and P.J. Jenkinson (Iowa Housewife) make up the Detroit cast of "Menopause the Musical." Currently playing to sold out crowds at the Gem Theatre in Detroit, "Menopause" offers comic relief for symptoms of "The Change."

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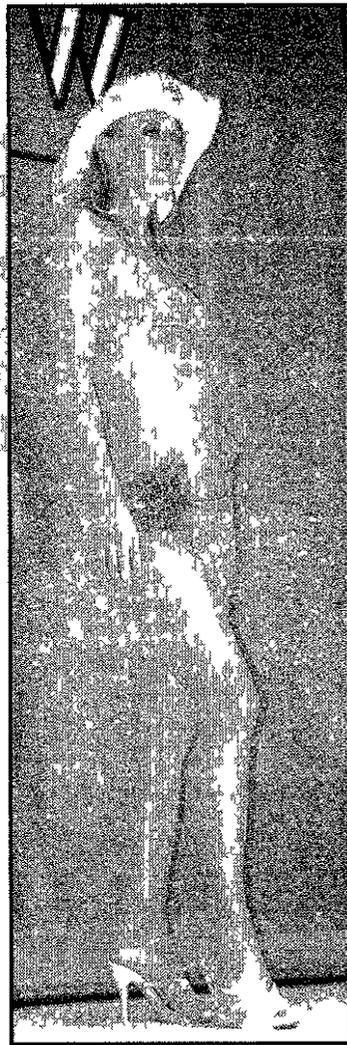
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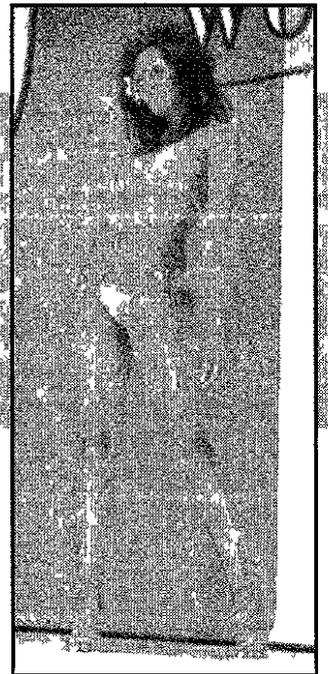
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Accessories spice up basic bikini



This option still uses shocking pink for contrast but here it's sprinkled in with oversized 80s style plastic hoop earrings and a flower pin. A straw cowboy hat looks good on anyone and is the trendiest way to protect your face from freckling. Match it with a pair of wooden pumps and you've got a look that's as hot as the July sun.



Here, A fuchsia leather belt tied at the hip, and a yellow flower tucked behind the ear add contrast, while matching strappy sandals and a rhinestone belly button ring push the ensemble over the top.

If your body is in bikini shape, there are plenty of fun bathing suits to choose from — and most of them are on deep discount by this time of year. Whether you shop sales to buy a brand new suit, or eke one more year out of your old one, don't forget to accessorize. We saved some Rosa Cha Swimwear looks from the Fashion Party Weekend runway show that reflect how accessories can spice

up your poolside presentation. Belly button rings are an increasingly popular way to glam up the belly-baring season — but earrings, necklaces, belts and carefully chosen shoes can also complement your bathing suit. They may be a little impractical, but whoever said fashion was functional? You'll look great enjoying a virgin Piña Colada at the cabana bar. Just don't forget to remove them if you dare to take a dip.

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Meet-and-greet swimwear sets go from pool to patio

By Samantha Critchell
Associated Press Writer

The buzz at the beach this summer is more about covering up than baring all

Sure, some swimsuits are still sexy and show plenty of skin, but even those suits are likely to be paired with sportswear-inspired cover-ups that take wearers from the water to the snack bar — and maybe even the grocery store

Lands' End recently launched its Beach Living Collection, which Tanya Thorson, the company's women's swimwear merchant, describes as "swimwear beyond the beach."

"You can put it on in the morning and wear it until the end of the day," she says "Swimwear hasn't kept up with busy women's lifestyles, this is an answer for when you have to multitask, or are going to get ice cream."

At J C Penney, John Tighe, divisional merchandise manager for casual and swimwear, says he's heard the trend called "meet-and-greet swimwear," so you can jump up from the pool or backyard chaise to answer the doorbell without making a pit stop to change

This doesn't mean, though, that swimwear has become dowdy or stale. Instead, look for bright colors and prints, flattering fabrics and athletic touches to make up for the more conservative style. Among the most popular trends are pink, brown or turquoise, blue-brown



print combinations, stripes and polka-dots, and the skirted bottom and board skirt. There also are a lot of halter tops and collar necks that resemble sportswear shirts

"People want to be dressed head to toe when they go to beach now

It's much more about the fashion than about showing skin," says Thorson, who wonders if women might be embracing the covered-up look because they're heeding medical advice to avoid too much sun exposure

"We're offering a coordinated look, and there's an infusion of the sportswear element into swimwear," says Roger Taylor, J C Penney's swimwear and activewear buyer

Most of the elements of this look always have been in stores — flip-flops, tote bags, towels, cover-ups — but retailers are displaying them together, in coordinated color palettes, to suggest complete swim outfits, he explains

The influence and acceptance by the public of casual chic collections, such as Juicy Couture, can't be ignored as trendy terry cloth pants and zip-front jackets become the preferred attire for the mall and movie theater.

"The old cover-ups were either old T-shirts or maybe a pareo," says Taylor, but now the cover-up is designed in conjunction with swimsuits so they'll complement each other

"This is lifestyle merchandising. A solution for end use," he adds

Thorson also notes advances in fabric technology that make the swimsuits more flexible and flattering — important factors to women who want to feel confident walking on the beach and socializing with friends

She recommends Tricot fabric, which stretches four ways — up, down, left and right — instead of Rochelle, which either stretches horizontally or vertically but not both

New "control" fabrics that blend Lycra and Modulus work like a rubber band, expanding and retracting when needed, Thorson explains, and when those fabrics are used in a ruched or gathered style, the result is particularly favorable.

Thorson also says the "don't-wear-horizontal-stripe rule" is wrong. "A horizontal stripe can give the illusion of a waistline. The contrast of the lines helps keep your eye wandering so you're not focusing on any one body part," she says

The industry also has moved away from one-piece suits or prepackaged sets in favor of separates so shoppers can choose different sizes and styles to best match their figures, Thorson says

"This is a very sensitive purchase. We want to give her as many options as we can



Hot flashes, and grow

... what's so fun

'Menopause the Musical' m

By Lindsey Pa

The Gem Theatre buzzes with the voices of 400 women while the four men in the audience sit with terrified glazed expressions on their faces. No, that's an exaggeration. There are at least nine men who accompany the hundreds of women to see the play that everyone's been talking about: *Menopause The Musical*.

Since its debut in March 2001, *Menopause The Musical* has attracted millions of women — and men — to its nine locations. The play is currently running in Detroit, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, Cleveland, Boston, Denver, Kansas City, Mo. and Scottsdale, Ariz. Three new

locations — Easton, Penn., Miami, Fla., and Fort Smith, Ariz. — will be added soon.

"Menopause The

Musical" came to Detroit on March 16 of this year, and set the Gem Theatre sales record for the highest advance ticket sales before the show opened. It continues to be an enormous success, setting several other sales records for the Theatre, according to Scott Myers of the Gem.

"It continues to blow everything else away," Myers said.

At this time, *Menopause* is on an open run at the Gem, meaning that shows will be added as long as interest continues its current trend. Myers said they expect the show will be at the Gem for a long time to come.

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Women flock from around the state to see Menopause the Musical. Here, Jennifer Sach of Bloomfield Hills, Joanne Nicholls of White Lake, Patty Wischmeyer of Livonia and Julie Tarsney of Traverse City recap the musical in the lobby of the Gem Theatre.

"I loved it because it normalized menopause," Tarsney said. "These women were absolutely great. The women up there were all up there genuinely wonderful."

"It talked about all the stuff that wasn't talked about generations ago. It made it fun. It made you proud to be a woman," said Sach.

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What makes the play such a hit? The overwhelming response from women who have seen the play said the attraction is in

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Common themes of hot flashes and incessant bladder urges cause the audience to burst out in laughter and applause

The women who see

Menopause The Musical are young and old, friends and family. The beauty of the play is that all women can find solace in the fact that they are not alone in this stage of life — and that was the point of the play in the first place.

So even if you're not going through "The Change" yet, Menopause The Musical provides a night out on the town where women can gather and acknowledge a topic that used to be taboo. And husbands, why don't you go along? You will definitely learn something about your wife.

Find out more about the play at www.menopausethemusical.com or www.gemtheatre.com.



WHAT: Menopause The Musical

WHO: Four actresses play a Power Woman, an Iowa Housewife, a Soap Star and an Earth Mother who meet in New York at Bloomingdale's and share their experiences with "The Change"

WHERE: The Historic Gem Theatre, Detroit

WHEN: All shows through Aug. 8 are sold out. Tickets are on sale now for Aug. 10-Sept. 12.

TICKETS: Available through the Gem box office, 313-963-9800, or Ticketmaster, 248-645-6666, www.ticketmaster.com

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Luxe owner Sandra Soka (center) and her assistants Carly Katz (left) and Carleen Kashat were the stars during the store's opening night soiree

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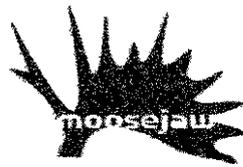
BIRMINGHAM — Luxe, the latest boutique to hit downtown Birmingham, held its grand opening celebration June 24. Owned by Sandra Soka, the men's and women's clothing and accessory shop carries many hard-to-find-in-Michigan designs, as well as items that are exclusive to this casually elegant new shop. Be sure to check out jewelry by Melonee for DRW at Luxe. These gems shine only here and L.A.'s Fred Segal. Luxe is located at 340 E Maple, Birmingham. Call 248-594-0050. — K Snyder

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MADISON HEIGHTS — Moosejaw Mountaineering — an outdoor adventure retailer based in Madison Heights — is holding a unique contest to let customers determine its next T-shirt style. Now through Aug. 1, anyone can vote for the design at www.moosejaw.com.

During the first phase of the contest, patrons submitted designs to the company for consideration. Almost all of them made it to the Moosejaw Website to be voted on. Designs include the Moosejaw logo, the company's mascot, Moosejaw, or Checkpoint 19, the checkpoint Moosejaw "mans" in adventure racing competitions.

Customers e-mail us with ideas all the time. We just turned it into a contest. I was blown away by the number of people who submitted designs, but I am even more amazed by the number of people voting. It is literally hundreds of people a day. So far, number 33 is in the lead," said Robert Wolfe, founder and co-owner of Moosejaw.



So far this design is in the lead for Moosejaw's new T-shirt.

This is the second Design-a-T-shirt contest that the company has sponsored, prompted by an overwhelming response to the first contest. The winning design voted on by customers in the first contest depicts a kangaroo silhouette under the Moosejaw logo. It has been dubbed the "Low Carb T" and is currently being offered alongside other Moosejaw brand apparel.

Moosejaw Mountaineering, Inc. is one of the Midwest's leading outdoor adventure retailers, offering the finest outdoor gear and apparel as well as expert advice to adventure enthusiasts. Based in Madison Heights, the company operates six locations throughout Michigan and Chicago.

All 'The King's' women

NEW YORK - Three generations of Presley women are featured on the cover of August's Vogue, which is subtitled "the age issue," and all are in Rochas. Elvis' ex-wife Priscilla Presley wears a metallic blue, long-sleeved taffeta dress, daughter Lisa Marie Presley is in a purple off-the-shoulder taffeta top and evening skirt, and granddaughter, Riley Keough, is in a long white camisole with rosette and tulle skirt.

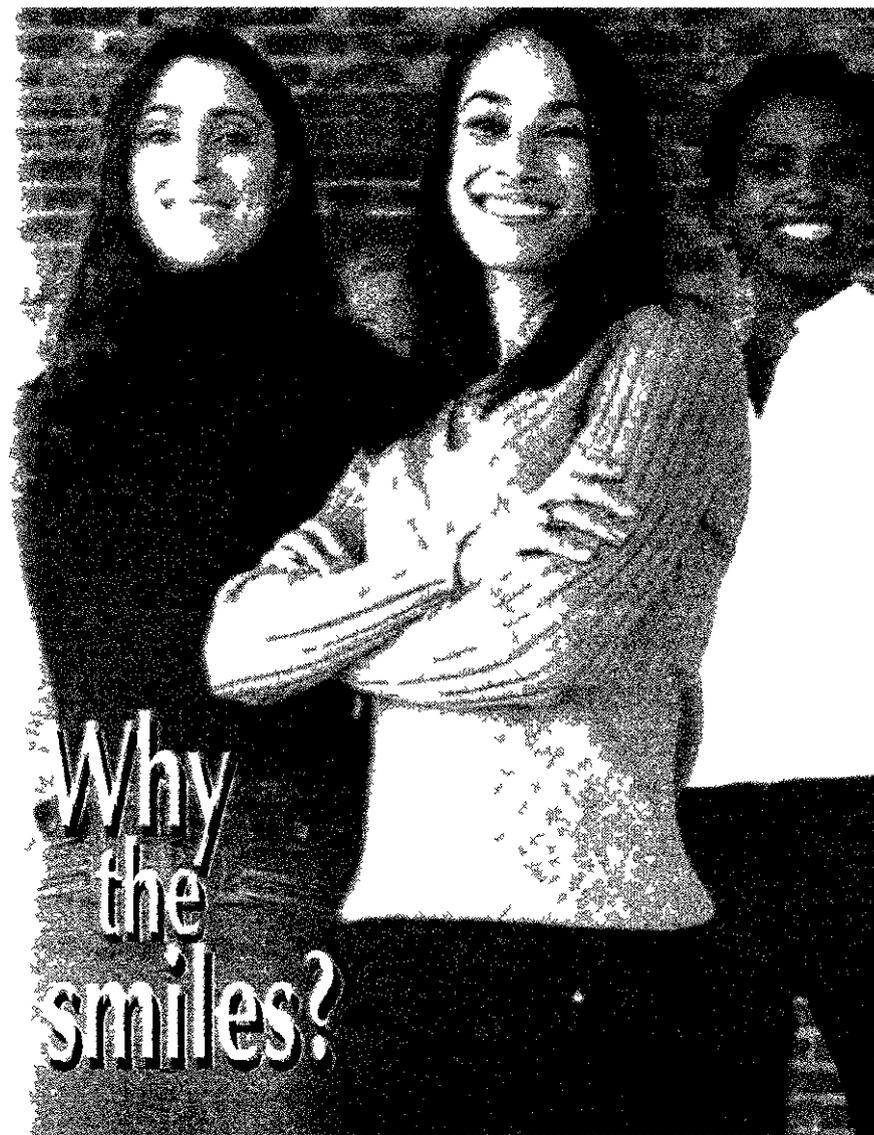
Riley told the magazine she has been interested in fashion since she saw her mother on the cover of Vogue eight years ago.

"I just remember that Donatella (Versace) dressed her and it was a really pretty dress with stones sewn onto it. That's when I think I started to really like fashion," she said.

Then, when I was 12, my best friend's older sister was a model, and I thought she was gorgeous and I always wanted to be like her. When I was going through that little stage my mom called and said that Tommy Hilfiger wanted me to do something, and I was really excited. I have no idea how he knew about me."

Since appearing in that Hilfiger ad, 14-year-old Riley has signed with IMG Models and will appear in a John Galiano for Christian Dior campaign.

Vogue's annual age issue features chic women spanning several generations, this year the magazine includes Alice Temperley, Stella McCartney, Kate Spade, Carolina Herrera, Patti Hansen and Marisa Berenson. — Associated Press



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Red Haute at Marshall Field's

Beginning this month, Marshall Field's stores are exclusive carriers of Red Haute, the newest line from MAC Cosmetics. The couture-inspired, luxe rouge roster of reds for lips, eyes and cheeks will be available only at Marshall Field's MAC counters through Sept 16, when it will expand to other retailers.

Meadowbrook Concours d'Elegance Fashion Show Luncheon

Presented by Saks Fifth Ave., featured designer Monique Lhuillier, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Friday, July 30, champagne reception, runway show and lunch, \$125 general, \$170 patrons, \$200 benefactor. Meadowbrook Hall, Oakland University, Rochester 248-269-7672 meadowbrookconcours.org

Makeover Madness

Dorian Salon will host Makeover Madness 3-8 p.m. July 19 to benefit Animal Rescue. Haircuts, make-up, manicures, anti-aging experts and pet psychics will be available for a minimum donation of \$29, with all proceeds benefiting homeless and abused animals. Dorian Salon is located at Northwestern Highway, north of Franklin Rd., Franklin 248 352-4884 www.home-fur-ever.com

Most Beautiful Hair contest

Salone Nadwa and Day Spa is searching for Michigan's most beautiful hair. Michigan women with gorgeous locks are invited to compete for a \$300 gift certificate for hair services at Salone Nadwa, and a professional photo shoot valued at \$700. Submit photo, contestant information and phone number by Sunday, Aug 1 to Salone Nadwa and Day Spa, 43236 Eleven Mile, Novi Town Center, Novi, MI, 48375

Turn Back the Clock

Sephora will host "Turn Back the Clock" Saturday, July 24, with lectures on reversing the effects of aging presented by local cosmetic surgeon Dr. Gregory Roche from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., and personalized skincare consultations noon-6 p.m. Appointments are recommended. Sephora, Somerset, 2800 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy 248 458 0100

Post events relating to style — including trunk shows, grand openings, fashion shows and gift with purchase promotions to Pink's Style Calendar. E-mail pink@homecomm.net fax 248 901 2553 or mail information to Pink The Eccentric Offices 805 E Maple Birmingham, MI 48009

■ HOROSCOPE:

By Miss Anna

■ ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Anything that you have previously started needs to be pushed to the next level now so get on with it. Your personal life takes precedence this week, so don't hesitate resolving any troubling situations.

■ TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)

You have a very sensible and practical philosophy on life, as long as you can avoid getting into a rut. Take a few chances. With just a little extra effort, you can charm most of the people around you to your way of thinking.

■ GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)

Support for your ambitions will come from both your family and your friends. Money matters in general are not looking real bright lately. Take the time to re-evaluate just where you spend your money.

■ CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)

Your feelings towards those you love are deep, but you don't always agree with their ideas and actions. Having the tendency to go to extremes will cause some friction at home — let moderation be the key.

■ LEO: (July 24- August 23)

It's time to let go of some of your past problems, which will bring a soothing influence on your present thinking. It may be best to modify your behavior in the workplace before problems arise.

■ VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)

There may be conflict with someone you love, but it can be avoided if you listen before you speak. While you are practical by nature, you would never know it this week, since you seem to be spending money everywhere you go.

■ LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)

Balance is really what works for you, so exercise moderation when dealing with your relatives and family members. Make your time count, especially when dealing with children. You seem to be taking a whole new look at yourself — rebuild your image in a positive way.

■ SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)

A smile will go a long way — so try to be tolerant of others, even if you strongly disagree with them. There are new doors of opportunity being thrown open for you, so be aware before the chance passes you by.

■ SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)

Make changes now in your financial picture, and money matters will start to look better almost immediately. Try to go against your most extravagant nature and steer towards conservative thinking instead.

■ CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)

Your partner or members of the family may be impatient, so you should be at your best to deal with them correctly. Clear up any misunderstandings as soon as possible. You seem to have plenty of mental energy this week, use it to your advantage in the workplace.

■ AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)

Avoid any impulsive spending, or it will put you more in the hole than you can imagine. But do follow your hunches in money matters, especially those in which you do not have much experience. Be candid in your communications and it will smooth out any snags.

■ PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)

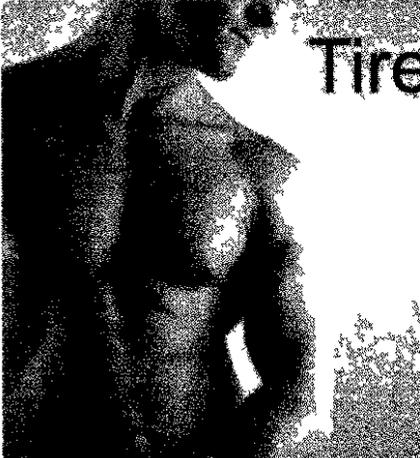
You are in tune with the feelings of someone you love, making it easy to do just the right thing — how nice. If you are feeling a bit depressed and out of sorts, don't sit around and mope, start making new friends instead. The truth is hard to get at this week.

style scope

By K Snyder

If this week is your birthday

Transitioning from crabs to lions this week in the Zodiac could make for one heck of a crazy time. So, be sure to maintain peace on your birthday by planning an intimate soiree with close friends at home or at your favorite restaurant. No need for an out-of-control party, just some bubbly and good conversation. Try a bottle of hard to find — but well worth the hunt — Billecart Salmon Champagne, along with in-season finger foods, including various cheeses and fruits. Of course, you want to look your best while kicking off your new year, so jump start those peepers with the secret quick fix, Shiseido Benefiance Eye Treatment Mask Patches. These babies will get those eyes looking years younger instead of one year older in no time (not to mention waking them up the next morning if the Billecart flows a little too freely). Cheers!



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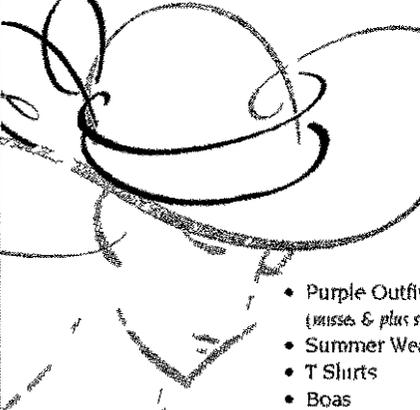
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Experience It!

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By K Snyder

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PAULA SPRINGER

Adoption offers opportunities for lives filled with love

By DeAnna Belger ■ Pink

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Paula Springer, director of Adoption Associates, Inc in Farmington Hills, has devoted her life to helping domestic newborns and international children find homes. Springer was excited to find a non-profit, Christian organization that holds the same ideals as she — to educate people about adoption. She is very passionate about promoting a greater understanding of adoption. Springer believes "Not only is adoption a wonderful choice, but birth mothers really need to be respected and given the credit they need. A lot of people in our culture criticize birth mothers because they misunderstand them. People need to understand that she does this out of great emotion and care for the baby, wanting only the best. It is probably the hardest thing she has ever done. She makes this choice out of love." Springer and her staff are willing to visit schools, church groups, crisis centers and any other organizations that would like to learn more about the benefits of adoption. Busy, busy Springer met with PINK to answer additional questions.

■ Who can consider adoption?

Couples approved by a licensed agency can adopt domestically and single females can adopt international newborns and children through our agency.

■ How many children have you found homes for?

At the end of May, we had a total of 88 international children adopted and 33 domestic newborns for the year. Last year, we helped find families for 128 domestic newborns and 234 international children. We place more children than any other agency.

■ Why should families consider adopting internationally?

Internationally there are never enough families for the children that need to be adopted.

The programs abroad have children waiting for families.

■ What countries abroad do you work with?

China, Russia and Guatemala.

■ Do birth mothers have a say in who adopts their child?

In domestic adoption we want to find the right parents for the children. Birth mothers have the opportunity to pick the family. After the families get approved and a home study is done, we have the families do a profile with a picture for the birth mother to pick the right family for her baby. She may look for a certain religious background or a stay-at-home parent, or maybe she is looking for the child to have siblings.



■ Can people pick the gender of the child?

Not in domestic adoptions, because the birth mother picks the family. With international adoptions, people can choose. Girls are probably the most popular.

■ How long do families have to wait for a domestic newborn baby?

Right now, we have 77 families waiting for domestic. Of the waiting list, 90 percent of our families have a placement in under a year. That is because we do so many placements.

■ Why is adoption a good idea?

It is a win-win situation for everyone. Domestic adoption allows the birth mom the positive situation of knowing she can bring the child life, and give them the gift of a wonderful family, permanency, stability — and it allows her to complete what she needs to in her own life, whether it is finishing school or raising her other children.

■ How can people learn more about adoption?

Every month we hold free information meetings geared to adoptive families. People can check online for our meeting schedule at www.adoptassoc.com. The best thing to do is come to an information meeting and then set up an individual consultation.

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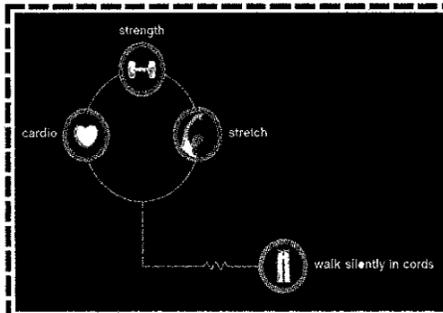
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