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## Park likely no risk to nearby homes, offices

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

People who live or work near Central City Park are not likely at risk despite new test results that show widespread contamination, mostly from lead, a state official said Friday.

Based on what is now known, residents and workers also aren't likely to be threatened by findings of contaminated groundwater or methane, a gas common to landfills, said Jim Sygo, deputy director for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

"I'd be more concerned about getting in my car and driving to church on Sunday than worrying about this being a risk to my life," he said.

Sygo's remarks came after the Observer, in conversations with city workers, was asked whether people are likely safe in Taylor Towers, a high-rise senior complex near the park's south eud, and in city buildings to the north, such as the Bailey Recreation Center, Westland 18th District Court and City Hall.

Workers also asked the Observer whether soil borings for lead and other contaminants should be conducted beyond the park.

"That's a discussion we're going to have to have with Wayne County and the city of Westland," Sygo said.

For now, the park that was ouce considered Westland's recreation jewel will remain closed indefinitely after state officials said new test results show widespread contamination, mostly from lead.

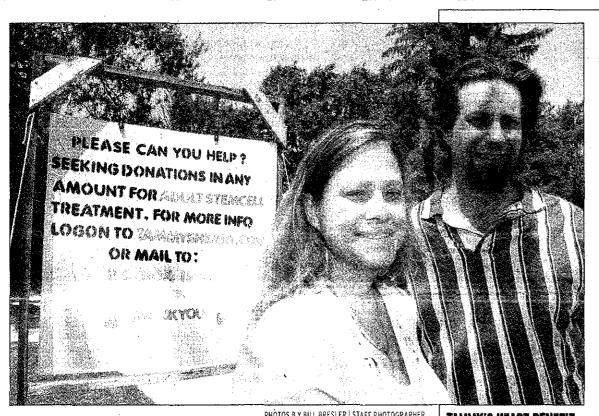
Beth Vens, project manager with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, estimated that three-fourths of the park has contaminants, and officials also said the latest results also found potential issues

involving groundwater and methane - findings they said need further analysis.

Soil borings also revealed three samples of underground PCBs and just one of mercury that exceeded acceptable residential standards, but state officials said the tests didn't indicate any evidence of industrial dumping.

There's not any widespread plume of poisons we didn't know about," Vens said. "For a park user, in general there aren't any new issues. It's just that the area that needs to be addressed is

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Tammy and John Henderson stand in front of the lawn sign, asking for donations of

### Mending her heart

Benefits aim to send her to Thailand for stem cell treatment



Kelly Moyer is hoping a Sept. 8 dinner fund-raiser will raise enough money to send her sister to Thailand for the stem cell therapy.

RY SUF MASON STAFF WRITER

t first blush, it's hard to believe Tammy Henderson is a hair's breath away from being on the heart transplant list. She doesn't look frail, she doesn't look sickly. But underneath the good exterior beats a heart that has been battered by treatments for Hodgkin's lymphoma, a massive coronary attack and two surgeries to install a heart pump and repair the mitral valve.

"Even the doctors say I look good, but my doctor says you can have a shot engine, but a beautiful car," said Henderson, who grew up in Westland and now lives in Garden City.

Henderson has managed to avoid the heart transplant by taking CoQ10, a supplement that has helped her heart beat faster, but she wants to do something more. She wants to have Vescell Adult Stem Cell Therapy, in which her own immature stem cells would be used to try to repair the damaged portion of

The only thing holding her back is the \$50,000 cost. The treatment isn't covered by insurance nor is it available in the United States. Henderson has to travel to Bangkok, Thailand, to get it.

A sign on the front lawn is a testament to the lengths her family has gone to get the money to send her to Thailand. It's the sixth one they've put out asking for donations of returnable bottles and cans.

People stop by to drop off returnables.

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### TAMMY'S HEART BENEFIT

Tammy's Heart Italian Dinner fund-raiser will be 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Wayne-Ford Civic League, 1645 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Dinner will be served 7-8:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$20 for adults

and \$15 for children 12 years and under for salad, mostaccioli, vegetable, roll, dessert and beverage.

There also will be a disc jockey, cash bar and raffles 9-10 p.m. Among the raffle items are a gift certificate for exterior detailing by Ziebart, a \$20 gift certificate from Angelo Brothers Restaurant, two large pizzas (eat-in only) at Rogala's Bar & Grill, six free oil changes with tire rotation and balancing from Belle Tire, free haircut and 13 free eyebrow waxings from Fouad's Styling Station and six bottles of wine from One Stop Liquor.

Tickets are available in advance by calling (734) 788-8690 or (734) 765-0771. They also are available at the door. Organizers will be collecting empty returnable bottles and cans at the event.

People who are unable to attend, but would like to make a donation, can send it to Tammy Henderson, P.O. Box 1584, Garden City, MI 48135.

### Police seek info about carjacking

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

A carjacking suspect remains at large after a 32-year-old man's vehicle was taken at gunpoint Monday night outside the Kroger at Michigan Avenue and Merriman Road, police said.

The victim also was struck by another car, possibly driven by an accomplice who wanted to stall him from going inside the store to seek help, police Sgt. Chris Benson said. The victim wasn't seriously injured during the incident, which happened about 10:30 p.m.

"A guy was going into the store and was ambushed by somebody who was

waiting in the parking lot," Benson said The victim told police he was approached by a suspect described as a black male, 5-foot-11 to 6-foot-1, 175-190 pounds with a medium build. The assailant wore a black mask over his

"He was lying in wait between cars and approached the victim as he was walking to the store," Benson said. "He pulled out a handgun, took the guy's wallet and car keys, and he took off with his car."

The stolen car, a 1992 Mercury Grand Marquis, hadn't been found as

"After the victim gave up his keys and wallet, he ran toward the store, at which time a white Chrysler Sebring or (Dodge) Neon pulled out of a parking space and struck the victim before fleeing the parking lot as well," Benson

Authorities believe the gunman and the man driving the white car were working together. Anyone who has information about the incident is urged to call the Westland Police Department at (734) 721-6311 or (734) 722-9600.

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### Judge orders trial in molestation case

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

A Westland man will face trial amid allegations he drugged two 12-year-old twin girls, molested them while they slept and videotaped it.

Raymond Pniewski Jr., 52, faces trial after he waived his preliminary hearing Thursday in front of Westland 18th District Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli.

His decision averted pretrial testimony as he awaits trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on six counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and three counts of child sexually abusive

Pniewski is accused of giving the girls prescription sleeping pills and molesting them while they lived at his house with their mother, who was once his girlfriend, police Sgt. Debra Mathews

The defendant is accused of molesting the girls numerous times between Dec. 1, 2005, and July 26 of this year at his home in the 7300 block of Mohawk, near Warren and Wayne. If convicted, he could face penalties ranging up to life



Pniewski

In court Thursday, Cicirelli refused to lower a \$1 million bond that has kept Pniewski in jail. According to police,

Pniewski performed various acts on the girls and made videotapes that police seized from

his house, along with a camcorder and pictures. Authorities have said he has admitted molesting the girls.

Pniewski was arrested July 27, one day after one of the girls woke up while he was allegedly trying to put more sleeping medication in her mouth, Mathews has said. The girl went to her mother, who took her to a hospital that reported the incident to police.

The mother and daughters had moved to Pniewski's house more than two years ago because they needed a place to live, Mathews said. The mother and Pniewski once had a relationship but more recently had only been friends, the detective said. Pniewski has known the girls most of their lives, Mathews said.

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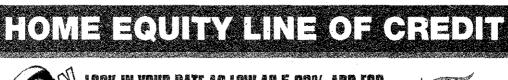
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## Family greets their returning hero

Editor's note: Like the parents of soldiers serving in Iraq, Bud Somerville has hoped and prayed his son David would return safe and sound from a second tour of duty with the 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines in Iraq. That day came Thursday, when the Somervilles greeted their returning "hero" at Camp Lejeune, N.C. The following is excerpts from e-mails Bud Somerville has sent about the trip.

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10:45 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 5: We leave Tuesday morning to go see the 3/6 come home. Many, many people have called me. City council members, the mayor, Sen. (Glenn) Anderson, State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, seems like anyone who has something to do with the city is always asking. Eileen DeHart also, so there is a lot of interest.

4:40 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8: Just wanted to let you know, we arrived in Jacksonville, N.C., around 1:00. We went and had lunch. When we checked in they made a mistake we were to get our room free for the whole week because Vicki's sister works for this hotel in Canton, so David and Brandy were supposed to get a room but had to pay for it. Well, everything for the whole week for both rooms is taken care of. So me and Vicki went to Wal-mart and bought a air mattress ... yeah, I have to sleep on it, gave the bed to Vicki and her Mom.

Anyway we are off to Camp Lejeune in a few to get our pass and hang our sign outside the gate, so about noon Thursday they should be pulling in. I am going to video tape it so if anyone wants to see it - no there won't be any garbage on it - just the troops coming home. Will send out pics ASAP of a moment we will never forget.

7:38 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 9: Well bere we are. A great day yesterday, except for the 103-degree temperatures - oh, man, was it hot. I swear we walked out of the hotel and it hit us like a sauna. By the time we got to the van - and we were parked in handicapped - we were dying. Terrible, and today it is going to be worse.

Anyway, last night we went to Camp Lejeune and hung our sign outside the base. Took a couple pictures. It was a rough night sleeping, the anticipation was overwhelming, BUT we are only a few hours away, so the time is near.



Cpl. David Somerville gets a kiss from his fiancée Brandy Smith after getting off the bus at Camp Lejeune.

The girl at the front desk is from Royal Oak. As we were carrying in our luggage and other stuff, she saw me carrying a bag of barbecue chips by Better Made. She went nuts, so I opened the bag and gave some to her. After I went back to the room I thought about it and said we should have given her the whole bag, so I went back down. She was waiting on a customer. I handed them to her, and I heard the customer say, "Oh, my God, I love those. I am from Michigan and I love

So as I am walking away and I just start thinking; I bet if I walk back, they BOTH will be sitting there eating these things.

6:43 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9: David is on American ground. He called us when they boarded buses at Cherry Point N.C., and said he was on the first bus, so we are all standing there, I am video taping and he wasn't on the first bus. So I said he must be on the other first bus, and sure enough, here it came. They arrived at Camp Lejeune at 3:00, the temperature was around 112 degrees ... I am not kidding. We were absolutely dying. Anyway it was well worth it.

Both David and his best friend Chad Lamb received the us to his Gunny (gunnery



A welcome home sign hanging from a balcony greeted David Somerville as he arrived by bus at Camp Lejeune.



all of them are heroes, I think for a solid hour I went and welcomed as many of them home as possible. David introduced Navy and Marine Medal. To us, sergeant), and he said, "You

should know it was a pleasure having David serve with me,"

Cpl. David

Somerville

(left) and his

best friend, Cpl.

Chad Lamb are

all smiles after

Lejeune, N.C.,

Thursday.

arriving at Camp

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and said, "You should know he

is a hero.'

### **AROUND WESTLAND**

### Opposing slavery

St. John's Episcopal Church's youth group will sponsor a "Not for Sale Carnival" noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, to raise money for the International Justice Mission, a nonprofit organization that aids victims of slavery, violence, sexual exploitation and oppression.

The carnival, at 555 S. Wayne, will include a taco bar by Qdoba Mexican Grill, music by Sunshine Entertainment, a moon walk for children, a pie throw and other

For more information, call (734) 721-5023.

### Health expo

The Westland Chamber of Commerce will have its fifth annual Health & Business Expo 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at Westland Shopping Center. Participants will have an opportunity to showcase their goods or services. Cost is \$125 for chamber members, \$75 for nonprofit organizations and \$175 for non-chamber businesses.

For more information or to obtain an application, call chamber President Lori Fodale at (734) 326-

### In concert

Tyrone Hamilton All Stars will hit the stage at the Westland Library Performance Pavilion located behind the William P. Faust Public Library at 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12. Concert-goers are encouraged to bring chairs or blankets to the free concert that will be rescheduled in the event of rain. The library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road and south of Warren.

### Medicare seminar

Ford Motor Company retirees will have the opportunity to get an explanation of Medicare Part D benefits during a free seminar 2-4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, at the senior Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh south of Ford in Westland. Call (734) 722-7628 to register.

### Summer luncheon

Ashford Court Senior Residence on Joy west of Newburgh, Westland, will host a Summer Celebration Luncheon at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15. The guest speaker will be Sandy Baumann, national speaker, author of Feed Your Brain for Learning, Feed Your Bones and Feed Your Brain for Memory and health columnist for the Mature Advisor newspaper.

There also will be door prizes and tour of the facility. Seating is limited; so call Ashford Court at (734) 451-1155 by Monday, Aug. 13, for reservations.

### **Coffee Hours**

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, will hold his next local coffee hour 9-10:30 a.m. Monday at the Westland Big Boy, 6360 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. Citizens are welcome to visit

with LeBlanc and discuss issues and/or concerns. The local coffee hour takes place on the third Monday of each month.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, also will hold local coffee hours in Westland and Redford Monday.

He will be at the Westland Big Boy 9-10 a.m., then move to Redford for a 10:30-11:30 a.m. coffee hour at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with Anderson but are unable to attend may contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI, 48933; by phone at (517) 373-1707; or by email at SenatorAnderson@senate. michigan.gov.

### Dine and donate

Stop by Buffalo Wild Wings ion Wayne Road on Monday and have 20 percent of your bill donated Westland's Kick's 4 Kids Soccer Project. Coupons are available in the Mayor's Office or at the Bailey Recreation Center. Buffalo Wild Wings is at 6677 N. Wayne Road, south of Warren.

### Golf Outing

The Glenn Wrestling Program will hold its 10th annual golf outing fund-raiser Saturday, Sept. 29, at Warren Valley Golf Course. The cost is \$85 for golf, lunch and dinner, \$65 for golf and lunch and \$25 for dinner only. Prizes will be awarded for best team score, longest drive and closest to the pin. A raffle also will be held.

Reservations are due by Sept. 15. For reservations or more information, call Judy at (734) 634--4595.

### **Rotary Club**

The Westland Rotary Club is having a fund-raiser at 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, at Joey's Comedy Club. The show, "Comedy for a Cause," will help the club support the Salvation Army, children at Jefferson-Barns and Lincoln elementary schools; veterans returning from Iraq; and other causes. Tickets are \$15 each. Anyone interested may call Mary Gregosky at (734) 729-5401.

### Annual picnic

The Western Wayne County Therapeutic Recreation will hold a picnic 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday. Aug. 16, at Nankin Mills Picnic Area in Westland, located at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive, for disabled Wayne County residents of all age and their families. There is a nominal charge of \$2 for a hot dog, chips and a small drink. All activities including Bobby's Bouncers Inflated Games, carnival games, and arts and crafts are free.

WWCTR is a county endorsed grant funded primarily through the Wayne County Parks millage in an effort to provide positive leisure services to those with disabilities. call (734) 722-7620 or visit them









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Even the Garden City High School swim team, doing a similar collection to buy new swimsuits, left the Hendersons three bags with a note, saying they needed the returnables more than the team.

There's also been garage sales, where people have bought \$10 worth of stuff with a \$50 bill and told the Hendersons to keep the change.

Her sister Kelly Moyer's employer has made a sizable donation and even her mother and father, Sandra and Donald Moyer of Westland, are raising money.

"My parents are regulars at the Red Apple Restaurant in Wayne and they're collecting for Tammy," said Moyer, who also lives in Westland.

All together, they've managed to collect \$13,000.

But Henderson is on borrowed time. All her doctors can tell her is she is stable. So to get her sister to Thailand, sooner rather than later, Moyer is organizing a pasta dinner at the Wayne-Ford Civic League Sept. 8, in hopes of raising the rest of the money.

"People have been so generous and helpful, the response has already been so overwhelming," Moyer said. "It just really gives you a different look at the person next to you.'

Henderson grew up in Westland and graduated from John Glenn High School. She married her high school sweetheart, John Henderson. They have two children, Colton, 8 and Cheyenne, 13.

But Henderson will tell you quite honestly that she's been through the wringer, and it all started in 1990 when she was diagnosed with stage II Hodgkin's lymphoma. She underwent radiation and chemotherapy, and in the middle of the treatment, put on a wig and a wedding gown to marry John.

Worried that the wig would come off from all the hugging, she removed it and wore a hat for the reception.

"Tammy has always had good spirits," John Henderson said. "All of the rest of us are more of a mess."

Henderson had been cancer-free



Tammy and John Henderson and their two children - Cheyenne, 13, and Colton, 8 - have turned their front porch into a drop-off site for can and bottle donations in an effort to raise money for the Vescell Adult Stem Therapy Tammy needs to repair her severely damaged heart.

massive heart attack July 23, 2001. Five days later, she had another "episode," and doctors operated to install a heart pump. That evening, she had a mini-stroke. The next day, she had emergency bypass surgery.

In January 2002, she was told by the Henry Ford Transplant Center to start the tests and process for a heart transplant. But she knew before then she needed a new heart.

"They sent an intern in and upon waking up from the bypass surgery, he told me that if I didn't have a heart transplant, I'd die in six months," Henderson recalled. "Nobody was around, I think they were all at my Mom and Dad's. I called them hysterical.'

She went through the process and was within a week of being added to the list when they determined she had improved her heart's pumping power by taking the CoQ10 supplement.

She also takes blood thinners, limits her fluids and sees her doctor every six months. Her next checkup is Aug. 28, when she plans to quiz her cardiologist about another patient who had the stem cell treatment in December.

"She should know something by then," a hopeful Henderson said.

Henderson to be in Thailand for 14 days. As soon as she arrives, blood will be drawn and sent to laboratories in Israel, where her own cells will be used to create immature stem cells.

"They'll reinject me and the stem cells will immediately go to where the damage is," Henderson said. "It could take one to six months. A lot who have had this get 76 percent pumping power. I hope my age will play a major role in my doing well."

Her goal is to go to Thailand in December. That's when her older sister, Sheryl Landskroener of Brighton, would be able to accompany her. Henderson admits it's hard to ask people for money, to even ask for help, but she "desperately" wants to live to raise her children with her husband.

"So many people want to help, so many people want to give," she added. "My original thought was 50,000 people giving \$1. I know it's a lot of money, but I'm determined to go."

People who would like to help Tammy Henderson can visit her Web site at www. tammysheart.com. More information about Vescell Adult Stem Cell Therapy can be found online at www.vescell.com.

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greater."

Sygo concurred, saying that "lead is still the biggest concern due to the possibility of direct exposure."

Although no one's drinking water is jeopardized, Sygo said, officials did find underground contaminants, such as PCBs, polyaromatic hydrocarbons and mercury, that he said could be a potential environmental threat due to groundwater.

"It's a concern where that groundwater is going," Sygo said. "If it's going to the Rouge River, it's an environmental issue that needs to be contended with. But, I don't think it poses any immediate danger to human health."

A new DEQ informational bulletin states that, "Risks to city of Westland drinking water are low, since the area is supplied with municipal water and (since) private residential drinking water wells are not utilized in this area."

Sygo and Vens also confirmed in separate interviews that methane was found and needs further analysis.

"Methane can be an explosive if it gets collected in an area that is contained," such as in buildings, Sygo said. "We don't know if it's moving (beyond the park) or not. If it's moving off-site, we should intercept it."

The latest tests, conducted earlier this year at the former dump site, also revealed arsenic, but officials cautioned that arsenic also is naturally occurring on land in southeast Michigan and is typically not a health threat.

The new findings point to a larger puzzle than some officials once thought.

"Clearly the cleanup is going to take a little bit longer than we anticipated," Sygo said, adding that Central City Park won't be ready to reopen this

The latest results also mean that county and city officials will have to rethink their cleanup efforts, which will now come with a higher price tag.

Sygo confirmed that state investigators conducted 94 borings into park

Of those, he said, 66 percent found levels of lead exceeding 400 parts per million — the level unacceptable in residential areas.

Those lead levels ranged from 400

ppm to 9,100 ppm, Sygo said. "We know that lead is pretty pervasive throughout the park.

Scores of park users were tested earlier this year for lead exposure. Ultimately, no one was found to have levels considered a health threat,

county officials said. The county owns the 100-acre park and leases it to the city. It isn't known how the cost of cleanup efforts will be

Although officials said that three samples of PCBs and one sample of mercury exceeded levels beyond what humans should encounter, those samples came from underground tests. Mayor William Wild ordered the bulk of the park fenced off in January after he was appointed to replace Sandra Cicirelli, now a district judge. Cicirelli and county officials drew strong criticism last fall when it became known that the contamination issue had been known for years and wasn't publicly revealed.

However, officials only now are beginning to realize the extent of the

problem. Wild has said environmental

experts for the city and county will need to analyze the latest test results, provided to officials during a meeting Wednesday. Westland City Council President

Charles Pickering confirmed Thursday that once the results have been studied, he wants to schedule a public meeting to share the findings and allow citizens to ask questions.

"The sooner we do it, the better," he said. "The longer we wait, it just adds to the speculation."

Assistant Wayne County Executive Alan Helmkamp said officials are encouraged that the new studies didn't point to a problem of industrial wastes.

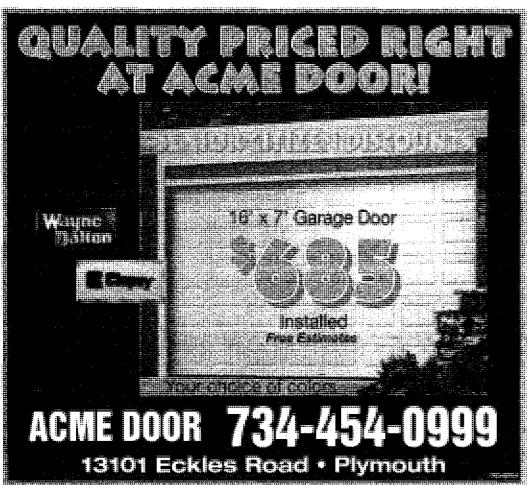
Pictures first published in the Observer in December showed much debris, including 55-gallon drums.

After the test results are further studied, Helmkamp said, county and city officials will consider how to proceed with the park issue.

Meanwhile, Vens said citizens may go online and find an informational bulletin about Central City Park. The easiest way to find it is to log in at www.michigan.gov, look for the search engine under Gov. Jennifer Granholm's picture and type in Central City Park.

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### Drive-in delight

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### Compuware screens drawing biggest crowds

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Nine-year-old Dominique Pacheco had her big fluffy pillow spread out in the back of her mom's van, ready with three other youngsters who came with her mom despite the rain to enjoy one of Plymouth Township's burgeoning hang-

One wouldn't have known it by Tuesday's sparse crowd, kept down by the weeknight event and the rain that moved through the area around 9 p.m., but the portable drive-in theater screens at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township are being viewed in ever-increasing numbers.

"I like being able to lay in the car," said Dominique, who was in the back of the car with 4-year-old brother, Antonio, 4-year-old sister Alyssa and fellow 9-year-old friend Madison Oatman. "And I really like the big screen."

Apparently, so do a lot of other people. According to the folks at Compuware, the drivein is enjoying its best season yet.

"There seems to be a buzz going around the community about the Drive In," said Mike Henry, Compuware Sports Arena Sales and Marketing administrator. "We are providing a fun, safe, environment for families to enjoy the outdoors while at the same time giving them a chance to catch the blockbuster films of the summer. The Compuware staff is dedicated to providing a great service to the community and look forward to the rest of the summer at the Drive-In."

According to Henry, a typical evening viewing sees "a couple of hundred families" enjoying the first-run movies offered on the theater's screens.

Jenna Michlin of Farmington Hills, in her first summer as a cashier for Compuware's driveins, said weeknights aren't quite as crowded, especially in weather like Tuesday's, but that

"I remember coming to a drive-in as a kid, and then they closed most of them. But then we heard they were opening (Compuware). We usually come a couple of times a year. I love the convenience, and being able to relax in the car. KRISTEN PACHECO

weekends are jammed, no matter the weather.

"The weekends are absolutely packed, rain or not," Michlin

said. "A lot of families come." In addition to the family oriented fare the drive-in offers, families are attracted by the prices, according to Henry.

Prices range from \$8 for everyone 13 and older to \$6 for children 4-12 and \$6 for stu-

Children 3 and under are admitted free.

Movie goers can also get a dinner-and-a-movie package at Ginopolis on the Ice, the restaurant located at Compuware.

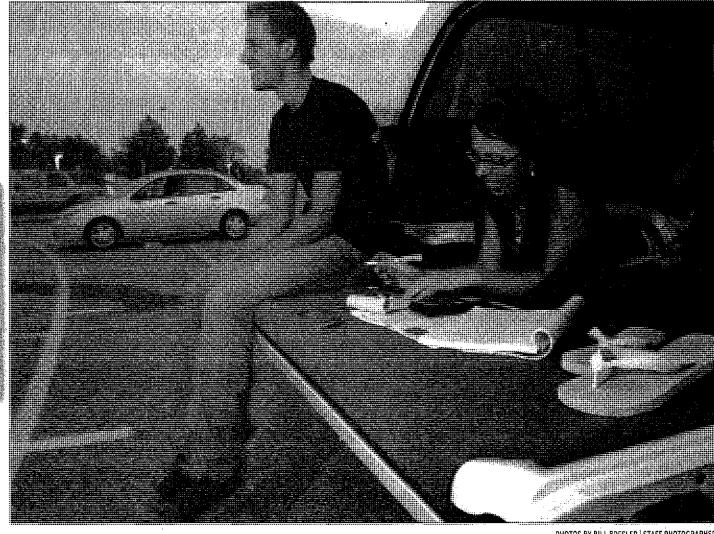
It's all part of the attraction for families, many of whom are regular visitors. Such is the case Kristen Pacheco's family from Livonia. For Pacheco, the screens harken back to her youth.

"I remember coming to a drive-in as a kid, and then they closed most of them," said Pacheco, who was hoping the weather would hold off Tuesday (it did). "But then we heard they were opening (Compuware). We usually come a couple of times a year. I love the convenience, and being able to relax in the car."

More information on the drive-in is available on the Web at www.compuwarehockey.com and clicking on the "Movies at the Drive In" link, or by calling (734) 453-6400.

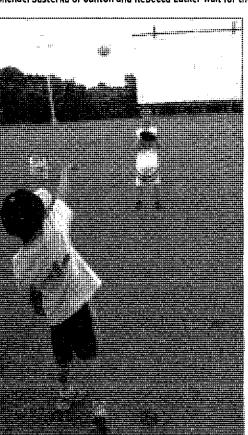
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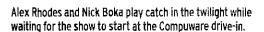
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Michael Susterka of Canton and Rebecca Lutker wait for the show to begin. Rebecca, a student at Grand Rapids Community College, studies for a culinary arts class.

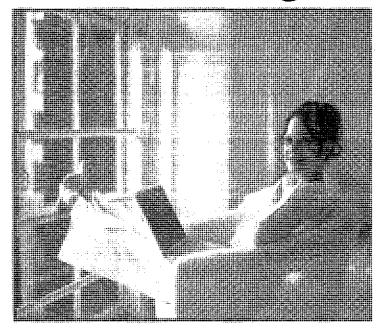






Jim and Suzanne Mazurek bring their 4-year-old daughter, Rachel, to watch "Ratatouille" at the portable drive-in at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township. Rachel thinks that one of the best things about the drive-in is wearing your PJs and staying up late.

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### FANTASY

Oh, where to start. Understand, the debate on what constitutes Speculative Fiction (which will be simplified to SF in this article), generally used to lump Science Fiction and Fantasy together, has been going on since, well, since people started writing SF. To further tease a part science fiction and fantasy ... well, it just gets more complex.

Heck, even SF/F AUTHORS have a problem with it. Consider the recent article quoting authors Sarah Monette, Ted Chiang, Jeff VanderMeer and an Evil Monkey. (No. I'm not kidding. Right here: www.sfsignal.com/archives/003322. html, and the Evil, Frozen, Inebriated Monkey is here: vanderworld. blogspot.com/2005/12/fantasy-sci-



ence-fictionmagic-science. html.) There seems

to be general

agreement on

the fact that

science fiction deals in, well, science, and fantasy deals in magic. The trick is differentiating between magic and science. After all, as the noted science fiction author Arthur C. Clarke points out: "Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic." (Anyone remember Twain's "Connecticut Yankee" claiming an eclipse as a miracle he created? There ya go.) Heck, entire series live on the science as magic trope - Pern's fantas-

tic dragons are, in fact, genetically

engineered fire lizards; Darkover's

magicians spring from cross-breeding humans with the telepathic original inhabitants of the planet.

INFORMATION CENTRAL

Alternative histories (arguably its OWN subset in SF) frequently rely on future technology being sent to the past, where it SEEMS magical, and changes history. (Harry Turtledove's "The Guns of the South," and, yes, "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court," and all the attendant spinoffs

Possibly the easiest explanation. at least for a veteran SF reader, it that you know a fantasy when you read it.

Ask any fan to define a fantasy, and you'll probably get a huge, convoluted explanation, such as Eric Walker's epic definition at greatsfandf.com/apologia-.php. Ask a fan to NAME a fantasy, and you'll very

quickly get a long list.

So, to make a long explanation short; why not just READ a few fantasies? Come visit the Reference Desk, and we'll point you in the right direction.

Oh, and since you're reading fantasy, why not come out to the Science Fiction/Fantasy Discussion Group? We meet at the library on the last Wednesday every month. See our Web site at www.westland.lib.mi.us or the SF/F Blog at sfwestlandlibmius. blogspot.com) for details.

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register. Active Parenting (sixth of six classes) at 7 p.m. Learn how to positively influence your children and receive energy and support from your family in this series of six 2 hour sessions. There is a \$50 fee, Call for (734) 458-4330 for more information or to

reaister. Tuesday, Aug. 14

Diabetes Self-Management Education (first of four classes) at 9:30 a.m. This comprehensive series is planned to help people Live Well With Diabetes. Participants tearn self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. The program is certified by the Michigan Department of Community Health to assure quality and compliance with State and National Diabetes Education standards.

Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans, Call (734) 458-3481 for more information or to register.

Wednesday, Aug. 15

Free blood pressure testing for senior citizens at 10:30 a.m. The staff of Garden City Hospital's Community Services offers blood pressure testing free of charge every other Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Maplewood Community Center on Maplewood just west of Merriman. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

CPAP and BIPAP Mask Fitting Clinic at 5 p.m. Attention, CPAP and BIPAP users: Did you know that most insurances cover new supplies every year? Have you been wanting to try a new style of mask, but don't know how to get one? Garden City Hospital's Sleep Disorders Center can help. Visit the Sleep Disorders Center in Room 329 at Garden City Hospital, 5-6 p.m. any Wednesday for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. Call (734) 458-3330 with any questions or for more information.

Diabetes "Summer School" at 6 p.m. During the summer months, Garden City Hospital will be offening its annual Diabetes Summer School as an alternative to the Diabetes Support Group. This group meets at Garden City Hospital's Allan Breakie Medical Office Building, Lower Level Classrooms, 6-8 p.m. the fourth Wednesday

of the month during the summer months. There is no fee. For more information or to register please call our Community Education Department at (734) 458-4330 or our Diabetes Educator at 734-458-4334.

CPR -Adult at 6 p.m. Approved by the American Red Cross, the class provides hands on training to adults. Participants are prepared to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies in victims aged 8 and above. The class is offered at Garden City Hospital's Health and Education Center at 6701 Harrison just north of Maplewood. There is a fee. Participants will receive certification upon successful completion. Call Community Education at (734) 458-4330 for more information.

Eating Disorders Support Group at 7 p.m. This support group is for those individuals with anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive and binge eating disorders. Both males

and females are invited to attend. This meeting is held in the Garden City Hospital Auditorium. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

Thursday, Aug. 16

**Diabetes Self-Management Education** (first of four classes) at 6:30 p.m. This comprehensive series is planned to help people Live Well With Diabetes. Participants learn self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. The program is certified by the Michigan Department of Community Health to assure quality and compliance with State and National Diabetes Education standards. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-3481.

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### Liquor luges keep ice carver busy in summer

BY REBECCA JONES STAFF WRITER

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Would you prefer your martini shaken, stirred or sent down a slide?

This time of year, liquor luges account for most of the business at Michigan Ice Carvers in Redford.

It may be 85 degrees outside, but inside, snow piles up behind Matt Sokolowski, who's wielding a chain saw to cut a 300-pound block of ice in half. The freezer is kept at 20 degrees, and he wears a snowsuit to work.

"On a day like this, it's not a bad job," he said. Sokolowski, 39, who lives just four blocks away from his store on Six Mile, began carving ice sculp-

tures on the side while working as a chef. He learned the trade from classically trained culinary experts at Schoolcraft College. He gradu-

Demand for ice sculptures grew, and he left the food service industry behind. First, Sokolowski worked out of his home, but 12 years ago, he opened Michigan Ice Carvers, which now employs four workers.

In addition to ice sculptures, the company sells 500 to 600 ice luges per year. "It makes the liquor ice cold," said Sokolowski, who doesn't drink. "(Years ago), a customer asked me to do a luge. I had never heard of it."

One bar asks him to design a new one each week. On Tuesday, he was working on a motorcycleshaped luge to help a Commerce Township man celebrate his 40th birthday. Sokolowski says he could have made a full-size replica of a Harley-Davidson. Instead, the design will fit on a table top.

"Stuff like this keeps me artistically challenged," Sokolowski said. It will take about two hours of sculpting with various chisels and power tools. Birthday celebrant Jason Breckenridge also

ordered an ice bar, which will keep five fifths of liquor chilled throughout the night. He said he saw a full-sized ice bar in Las Vegas in February. "It was the coolest thing I'd ever seen."

"It's a novelty," said Breckenridge, who learned about Michigan Ice Carvers through its Web sites, www.michiganice.com and www.iceliquorluge.com. Sokolowski was also working on a martini liquor

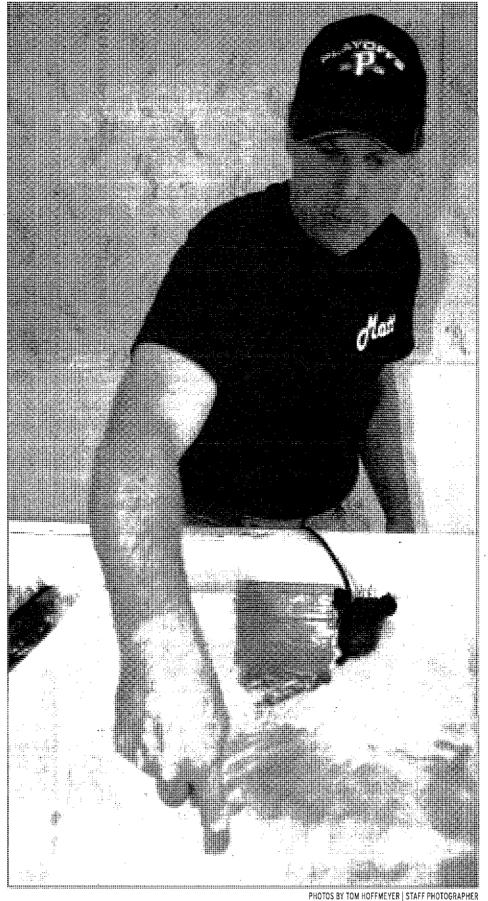
luge for a wedding this weekend at Canterbury Village. Instead of putting their mouths up to the slide, guests can have their glasses filled neatly. Luges range in price from \$80 to \$1,500.

Sokolowski is a two-time gold medalist at the Plymouth Ice Festival. His apprentice and nephew, Jesse Levitt, who is still in high school, took home the silver medal this year.

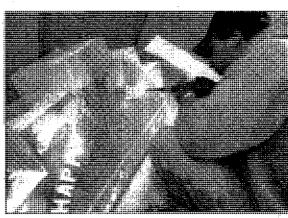
Sokolowski said there's such a market for ice sculpting in the Detroit area because of all the talent available locally. "It all stems from Schoolcraft

Personally, he prefers cold weather activities, like ice fishing and snowmobiling. Sokolowski said he would be fine with one week of warm weather each summer, so he can take his family to the beach and make sand castles for a change.

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Matt Sokolowski, owner of Michigan ice Carvers, tests the water as a 40-gallon tub of ice is nearly finished freezing to form a carving block, it takes four days to form the 300-pound blocks.

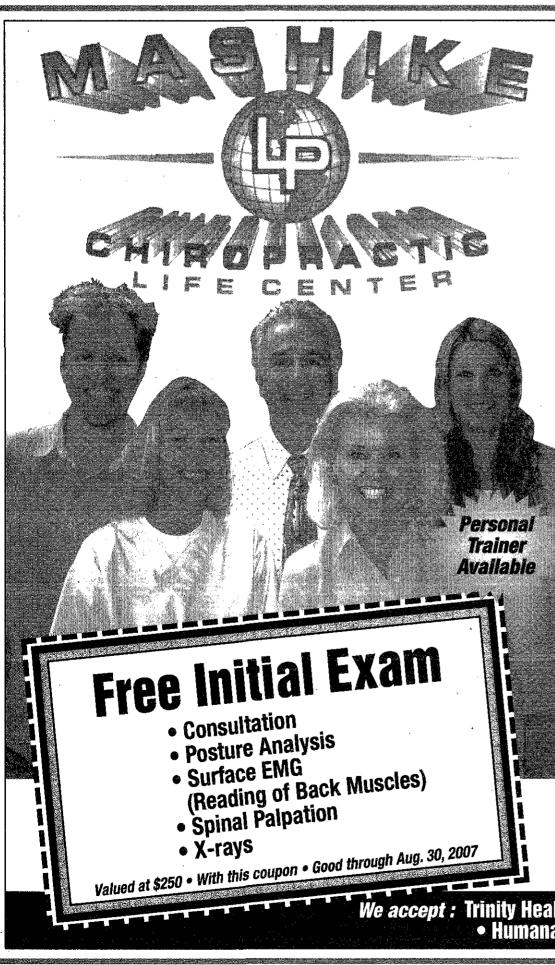


Matt Sokolowski carves a birthday message into an ice bar for an upcoming party.



Matt Sokolowski of Michigan Ice Carvers uses a chain saw to cut a 300-pound block of ice in half for an ice sculpture he's designing.

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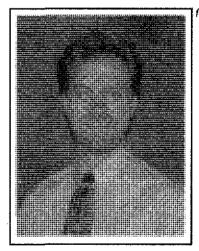
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### Book-lovers savor 'Potter,' other favorite titles

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Summer's traditionally a time for "beach books," but local readers tackle more serious fare as well.

Gerry Barlage, adult service coordinator at the Plymouth District Library, reports A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini, a native of Afghanistan, is popular.

"It's the same guy that wrote The Kite Runner. Anybody who read The Kite Runner is coming back for that," she said of the fiction title.

Harry Potter has grabbed the headlines lately, attracting readers of all ages.

The newest fiction tome, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows by J.K. Rowling, is "a biggie with our adult patrons, as big as the kids," she said, noting even "senior seniors" are tackling it.

"I got the impression from the people this morning (who reserved the book) that it was because of their grandchildren, that they don't want to appear not to know," Barlage said.

"The 'Diana' book is very popular." That's The Diana Chronicles by Tina Brown. "We have a large Anglophile community," with a lot of interest in the British royal family, said Barlage, who agreed "beach books" have boosted adult reading this summer.

"We've certainly had a lot of that this summer." This year, the library had Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce certificates for restaurants and stores, with weekly drawings for winners. "They really do like those \$20 gift certificates," she said. "That's gone over really big."

"We want to support the rest of the community. The community certainly supports us."

Other nonfiction titles popular in Plymouth include Hillary, A Woman in Charge: The Life of Hillary Clinton by Carl Bernstein, and The Reagan Diaries edited by Douglas Brinkley and written by the late President Ronald Reagan.

For July, more than 90,000

items were checked out in Plymouth's library, including DVDs and the like. "It is a record. It's the first time we've broken 90,000 in one month," Barlage said.

### **EAGER READERS**

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Ellen Pare, adult services/ reference librarian at the Canton Public Library, also reports a record-setting summer.

"We have had record checkouts and participation in our summer reading programs at all levels," Pare said. "It's been a busy summer."

"Even with adults, Harry Potter is huge. It's the book of the summer," Pare said. "They're just really good stories. I think that's probably the fundamental attraction of it. They're just fun to read."

The newest Harry Potter has over 50 copies at Canton's library, and there's still a wait list for it, she noted.

A Thousand Splendid Suns is popular there as well. Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search for Everything Across Italy, India and Indonesia by Elizabeth Gilbert, a nonfiction title, is being read in Canton. "That one's very popular, too," Pare said of the book.

Canton adults are also reading The Diana Chronicles, and a mystery by Janet Evanovich, Lean, Mean Thirteen, part of a

She agreed people read lighter stuff in the summer. "When people are traveling, they just want something entertaining, Pare said. The Canton library did weekly drawings for adults on a travel theme. The grand prize drawing for a Northwest Airlines certificate (\$400) is this coming week; the library has also given gas cards, a luggage package, and Cedar Point ticket package.

Jan Smith, interim director for the Garden City Public Library, reports James Patterson and Michael Ledwidge's *The Quickie*, about a police officer trying to get revenge on her husband she suspects of cheating is wellread. "Something goes terribly wrong," Smith said of the sto-



At the Plymouth library, Susan Goodman checks out a few short books from Brendan O'Carroll's Irish series about Agnes Brown as well as 'Breakpoint' by Richard A. Clarke for her husband.

A Thousand Splendid Suns and Harry Potter are top picks in Garden City as well.

"I love Harry Potter. It has all the elements you're looking for in a book," said Smith, citing mystery, romance and danger. She and other readers are sad that series is ending.

"I think everybody's waiting for something spectacular" from Rowling.

Also popular with young adults in Garden City is the follow-up third part of a trilogy, The Inheritance Trilogy. Aragon was the first, Eldest by Christopher Paolini the second, Smith said. Author Frank Herbert's (Dune series) son Brian wrote Sandworms

of Dune, very popular with science fiction fans. The younger Herbert and Kevin J. Anderson write science fiction titles that are popular.

"Everybody's looking for a good beach book," said Smith, who likes author Clive Cussler's adventure novels.

### **BOOKS ABOUND**

Brooke Somerville, in the adult services department at the Redford Township District Library, said it's been busy there. "We started a book club just recently and we've gotten a good response." The Redford Recreational Readers will discuss Florence of Arabia on Sept. 12, by Christopher Buckley. Redford Recreational

Wednesday of the month at the library on Six Mile east Beech

"It's a humorous book," said Somerville of Florence of Arabia. The heroine promotes women's rights in the Middle East in that fiction title.

"We have so many holds on that," she said of Harry Potter. "It's always been popular. Everybody wants to read it to see how it turns out."

They want something easy," she said of summer readers. God Is Not Great by Christopher Hitchens is a popular nonfiction title in Redford.

"It's kind of a provocative look at religion. He's a very humorous author," said Somerville, who read his last but not this one. Also popular there are A Thousand Splendid Suns and Lean, Mean Thirteen.

At the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, department head for adult services Marilyn Kwik reports 'We have a fair number" reading Harry Potter. "It's always popular."

The Janet Evanovich and James Patterson books do well in Westland; also liked is The Secret by Rhonda Byrne, a selfhelp type book. "This year, we also have a lot of people reading You - The Owner's Manual: An Insider's Guide to the Body That Will Make You Healthier and Younger. It's by Michael Roizen."

That nonfiction book deals with health issues, Kwik said, adding A Thousand Splendid Suns does well there.

At Westland, the adult summer reading program's been popular, with its ".007 James Bond" theme. "Their mission was to complete the passport." Readers were rewarded if they read such things as spy novels. The adults had programs that supported the theme, such as belly dancing and handwriting analysis. The Spy Tech shop in Rochester had a speaker come to Westland on different spy equipment available for purchase.

"It was a very good summer. We had a really high attendance," said Kwik. Also

Readers meet 7 p.m. the second popular are Philippa Gregory's The Other Boleyn Girl and The Boleyn Inheritance series titles, especially with women. "It's really obvious that people are still interested in reading. Books are still very, very popular," Kwik said.

### **TURNING PAGES**

At the Livonia Public Library, City Librarian Kathleen Monroe said "It's been extremely busy for everybody." Livonia has done an adult summer reading program for several years. "It's been very successful." Organizers have gift baskets with different themes from area businesses, and hold drawings for those at the end of summer.

Adults who read at a certain level are eligible for a drawing at the end of the summer. Kids in Livonia also have programs to encourage reading throughout the summer, with special programs at the end.

Harry Potter is "hot, hot, hot" with related programs tying into the new movie and book. "I haven't had a chance to read it yet," Monroe said.... To get kids to read something at that length's amazing, she

"I think it's been a wonderful thing. I think it's helped to make them lifelong readers."

As an administrator, she doesn't see directly popular titles among adult readers. "We've kept the citizens of Livonia busy," said Monroe, doing some reading herself.

"I'm revisiting Jane Austen." Sense and Sensibility, which she read in the past, is included. "I like all those 19th century authors, and I go back and read them."

At the large Civic Center branch in Livonia, for July this year over 50,000 items circulated. The library has two other full-service branches. "July was the big month of the summer," the city librarian said.

'We're just glad we're here to kind of fill that gap in the summer." People of all ages have more time for leisure reading in the summer. "I think it's a wonderful service," Monroe



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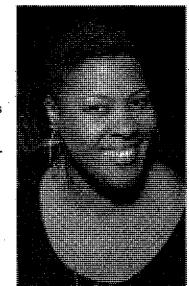
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Other upcoming "Dining With the Stars" include Chuck Gaidica of WDIV-TV (Channel 4). Attorney Geoffrey Fieger, Florine Mark of Weight Watchers, health and fitness guru and OSE columnist Peter Nielsen, Ruth Spencer of WDIV's "Ruth to the Rescue" and Trudi Daniels of WRIF-

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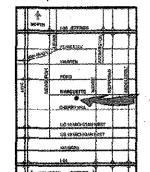
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### Switching Roth IRA will not cause tax consequences

Q: I have a Roth IRA with TIA-CREF which is less than five years old. I am thinking of moving it to Vanguard to take advantage of their lower fees. Can I change custodians from my Roth IRA without tax

Money Matters apply.

Rick Bloom

consequences or will the IRS treat this as a distribution since the Roth is less than five years old?

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, August 12, 2007

A: There is no problem in switching from TIA-CREF to Vanguard. Since the money is staying within a Roth IRA, it is not considered a distribution and the five-year rule does not

You can have Vanguard transfer the money or you can do a rollover. In a rollover, you have 60 days from the time you

receive the check to deposit that money with Vanguard. As long as the transaction is completed within 60 days, it is not treated as a

distribution for tax purposes and there are no tax consequences.

Q: I have four rental homes on seven-year ARMs (adjustable rate mortgages) with American Home Mortgage about two to three years old. My wife is employed, and I am retired. Our credit score is 735, and we are in the zero tax bracket. Unfortunately, the loans are about to exceed appraised value. Jim Cramer, from CNBC, says to walk away from such loans. What are the consequences?

A: Although it would be nice to say that you can walk away from the loans without any consequences, that's not the case.

When you obtained the mortgage, you entered into a legally binding contract which states the terms of how the loan has to be repaid. Nothing in the loan documentation deals with the value of the home.

Just because the house is now worth less than the outstanding balance does not give you the right to walk away from the property. You are legally liable for the debt. If you walk away from the loan, the mortgage company can come after you.

In Michigan, there is a procedure known as Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure. This allows you to shortcut the foreclosure procedures and voluntarily surrender your property back to the mortgage company.

In many cases, even though the property may be worth less than the outstanding mortgage, lenders will accept the deed and not pursue any legal recourse. However, this is not always the case. In situations where the property is a rental, as opposed to someone's personal residence, mortgage companies are sometimes more difficult.

The other issue is taxes. When someone is forgiven a debt, this creates a taxable event. The money that is forgiven is considered taxable income. Of course, the house you are

turning over to the mortgage company has value which would partially offset the loan being forgiven.

My advice is contact your mortgage company. Every mortgage company has departments set aside to handle problems. By working with the company, you may be in a better position to reach an equitable deal as opposed to walking away from the loan and letting the mortgage company foreclose.

Whether it is the IRS or a creditor, the key is to be proactive. If you wait too long, you will lose all leverage in dealing with your

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM

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Personal property described below in the matter of:

- 3012- Samco-Office furniture and equipment.
- 1058- Fred Day- boxes 1174- Jose Diaz- boxes, mattress, boxspring
- 1224- Sammy Williams Jr- couch, dresser, tv 1248- Anthony Mccarthy- couch, dresser, tv
- 1324- Kelly Ephram- kitchen table, chairs
- 1442- Michael Brown- dresser, totes, speakers 2038- Jean Kirby- bags, boxes, toys
- 2058- Rolanda Lee- couch, dresser, tv
- 2092- Gregory Griffin-bike,boxes,tv
- 2208- Mary Brinegar- boxes, toys, bags 2281- Veronica Peterson- totes, boxes, exercise equipment
- 2283- Tainmy Butler- totes, boxes, pictures
- 2287- Deirdre Francis- bags,tv, mattress
- 2386- Faustine Amara- mirror, boxes, totes

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Personal property described below in the matter of:

- 325- Christopher Ellis- 2 totes, books, toys
- 137- Donna Alexander- dryer, vacuum, totes 800- Gregory Bader Jr- bed, bike, mirrors
- 651- Taquana Brooke- bed, dresser, chairs
- 1014-Deborah L. Carr-couch, dresser, love seat 813- Amanada Costa- washer,dryer,toolbox
- 654- Raymond C. Dennis- refridgerator, toolbox,golfclubs
- 325- Christofer Ellis- books, totes, toys
- 106- Deanna Harper- Bed, mattress, couch, tv
- 600- Alicia Jackson- mattress, microwave, totes 833- Amy Kellogg- Boxes,toys
- 647- Rikki Manning- bike, dresser, tv 322- Amy McComas- chair, couch, ent. center
- 1101- Lashunda Miller- bike,chair,vacuum 1134- Gerald Ouellette- bed, mattress, couch
- 101- Mathew Jordan Relter- camero
- 617- Nicole Rhodes- bags,boxes 1133- Eleni M. Segos- dolly, wheelchair, boxes, totes
- 927- Yianni Stathis- bedframe,dresser,golf clubs
- 1019- Lisa Tarolli mattress.couch.boxes 945- Leantre Terry - refrigerator, tv.boxes
- 1004- Jessica Vernille- mattress, couch, totes
- 158- Rachael Wesley- bed, mattress, chair 1116- Jennifer Wheeler- mattress, chair, couch
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### **NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING** ON THE 2007-08 SCHOOL BREAKFAST **PROGRAM**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on August 20, 2007 at 6:45 o'clock in the evening at 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District will hold a public hearing in regard to the 2007-08 School Breakfast Program.

In order to be in compliance with Section 380.1272 of the School Code as amended in December 1993, the School Board must operate a school breakfast program or opt out following state guidelines. Local school districts can opt out of offering a breakfast program in buildings where less than 20% of the student enrollment is eligible for free or reduced price lunches. The public is invited to offer their opinion at the August 20, 2007 Board of Education meeting.

This notice is given by order to the Board of Education.

Robert Freeman, Secretary

### Bonus Card collection nets cash for Karmanos

The Barbara Ann Karmanos also received a free 2-liter Cancer Institute has received a \$50,000 donation from Kroger on behalf of its new

southeast Michigan shoppers. Former Farmer Jack Bonus Card holders were asked to turn in their Bonus Cards to a newly opened Kroger store, including two Kroger stores at Cherry Hill and Merriman and Middlebelt and Warren. For each Bonus Card, \$5 was donated to the Karmanos Cancer Institute to support breast and ovarian cancer research.

Each participating customer the cure for these devastating

bottle of Pepsi.

"Kroger has a long history of supporting organizations within the communities we serve and we're proud to partner with the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute on a continual basis – this time to offer former Farmer Jack customers the opportunity to help support breast and ovarian cancer research," said Bruce Macaulay, president of The Kroger Co. Great Lakes Division. "We hope that with the support of our customers

diseases is not far away." The collection was limited

to the first 10,000 shoppers and the promotion ended July 14 with the goal of 10,000 cards and a \$50,000 donation. "We are very grateful for

the outstanding commitment

of Kroger, its customers and Farmer Jack customers, for their support to help save lives," said Nick Karmanos, vice president of development for the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. "Together we can make a positive impact, raising the awareness and resources to help

eradicate cancer."

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute is one of 39 National Cancer Institutedesignated comprehensive cancer centers in the United States. Caring for more than 6,000 new patients annually and conducting more than 700 cancer-specific scientific investigation programs and clinical trials, the Karmanos Cancer Institute is among the nation's best cancer centers.

For more cancer information, please visit www. karmanos.org or call (800) KARMANOS.

### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On AUGUST 21, 2007 the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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L987	Chevy	Astro/Van	Blue	1GNDM15Z6HB238171		
L996	Ford	Contour/4 Dr	Black	3FALP653XTM142460		
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L991	Mercury	Topaz/2 Dr	White	1MEPM31X6MK604502		
L993	Pontiac	Grand Prix/2 Dr	Green	1G2WJ14T0PF313594		
1993	Cadillac	Deville/4 Dr	Blue	1G6DW527XPR719109		
1991	Chevy	Beretta/2 Dr	Maroon	1G1LV13G6ME200914		
L991	Honda	Accord/2 Dr	Blue	1HGCB7157MA007345		
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1985	Mercury	Marquis/4 Dr	Brown	2MEBP95F5FX620468		
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1996	Ford	T-bird/2 Dr	Green	1FALP6241TH149962		
1999	Chevy	Malibu/4 Dr	Silver	1G1ND52T0X6188727		
1992	Chevy	PU Truck	Blk/Gry	1GCCS14Z0N0156522		
1996	Ford	Escort/2 Dr	White	3FASP11JXTR150354		
1993	Ford	Taurus/4 Dr	Turquois	1FACP5241PG249808		
All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles wil						

start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

30 DAY NOTICE OF ACTION

Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after SEPTEMBER 11, 2007 unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time.

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Personal property described below in the matter of: B072- Michael Kowalski- 15 totes, boxes, tools

- B118- Robert Smith-dryer, entertainment center, 2 end tables
- B182- Cecilia Anderson- television, microwave, kitchen chair B310- Melissa Henry- fan, bags, suitcases
- B322- Jon Rhodes- microwave, bag, chairs
- B331- Robert Lewis- vacuum, totes, old LP records C039- Ali Yassine- boxes, mattress set, coffee table
- D006- Celestine Henry- television, bags, bikes D014- Rhonda Jackson- refrigerator, washer, couch
- F043- Denise Beard- couch, washer, dryer A001- Charlott Smith-chair, filing cabinet
- A015- Pat Sullivan- office equipment B028- Deborah Coe- washer, boxes, bags
- B032- Shelanda Herron--washer,dryer,bike
- B041- Deanna Taylor- tools, boxes, bags B068- Perry T. Christy - desk, boxes, filing cabinet
- B179- Richard Stefanik- Boxes
- B188- Theresa Gamil- totes, bags, boxes B198- Rick Landrum- chair, dresser, microwave
- B218- Lenore Byrd- bags, clothes, totes B222- Ebony Porch- bags,boxes B226- Adt Security Services. Curity Services- misc. boxes
- B271- Stacey Amis- tv,crib,toys B276- Dorothy Crowder- mattress, boxspring, toys
- B298- Monique Smith-sofa, totes, boxes B327- Francisco Reyes- bags, suitcase, tools
- B361- Daniel Page- bags, boxes, totes B367- Sharmanya Jamison- dresser, chair, stove
- B381- Romare Redden- refridgerator, stove, tools C015- Alaina Silagy- boxes, filing cabinet,
- C016- Katie Day- toys, refridgerator, bags C028- Gregg Smaltz-tires, doors, carpet
- C030- Melissa Blevins- couch,tv,toolbox C032- Levaughn Dial- couch, dresser, boxes
- D043- Sharron Reed- toys,bags, sofa
- D025- John Jackson- boxes, couch, sofa D030- Aaron Daniels- refridgerator, toys, mattress
- D042- Linder Magwood- boxes, bags, mattress D043- Scott Szuba- boxes, bedframe, exercise equipment E042- Sally Porter-boxes
- F012- Martha Staley- dresser, microwave, mattress F032- Antoine Williams- lawnmower, bikes, grill
- F033- Phylandria Johnson- mattress, boxspring, bags F040- Barry Tucker- bags, kitchen chairs

F043- Denise Beard- dryer,tv

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### CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

August 30, 2007

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, August 30, 2007, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road. Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

ZA 07-001, The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on proposed text amendments to the following sections of the Zoning Ordinance.

Section 154.005, Definitions.

Section 154.067, Minimum Off Street Parking Section 154.136, Automotive or Vehicles Sales

Section 154.163, Regulated Uses Section 154.301, Permitted Uses Section 154.352, Special Land Uses

Section 154.357, Development Standards

The proposed text amendments would add sections to the Zoning Ordinance to allow and regulate automotive and / or vehicle rental establishments in the Central Business Zoning District. Existing language would be revised for consistency with the proposed new automobile and / or vehicle rental establishment regulations.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135. The sections provide that the Ordinances shall take full force and effect upon publication. Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the Community Development Department, Garden City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135, during regular business hours.

> Paul C. Zelenak Community Development Director

August 12, 2007 August 13, 2007 Posted:

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Personal property described below in the matter of: 3032- Sarah Howard- sofa, boxes, kids toys

4054- Judy Younce- 14 totes

- 6014- Jacquelyn Rice- TV, dresser, beds 6031- Timothy Gallagher- computer, boxes, cabinet
- 9029- Benjamin Williams- couch, loveseat, bags 4019- Dennis Cole- stove, stereo, Power washer
- 5069- Carl Hicks- washer, dryer, boxes 5079- John Reardon- love seat, mattress, television
- 5089- Sandra Church- boxes, bikes, luggage 6043- Gerald Field-chair, boxes, bags
- 9049- Natasha Vincent- vacuum, 4 chairs, toys 9056- India Hunter- couch
- 2079- Jacqueline Hamilton- tv,dresser,stereo 3007- Kevin Wiacek- couch, speaker
- 3050- Becky Kirkland- boxes, couch, microwave 3032- Sarah Howard- boxes, couch, bags
- 3067-Tiffany Roots-bags,boxes 3082- Michael Height- bags and boxes
- 3091-Jason Dicks- dryer, stereo, washer 4005- Cynthia Grassa- tv,bikes,boxes 4032- Frank Makdesion-tv, computer, mattress
- 4033- David Simmons-couch, bookcase, toys 4083- Chris Bastian-desk,couch,tv 5010- Matthew Smith- dvd's video games,bed
- 5026-Yvette Passament-boxes,loveseat,tv 6059- Judith Ryan- speakers, lawnmower, bike 6067- Joe Balavitch- dresser, microwave, stove
- 6076- Shariese Hamilton- crib, bunk bed, mattress 6085- Kimberly Hughes- mattress,dresser,clothes 6123- Jean Koltuniak- fan, boxes, beachchair
- 6131- John Fluollen-misc. boxes 7029- Mansfield Sports Cards- sportcards 7038- Deborah Oakley- lamp, washer, couch
- 9025- Tyrita Henley-boxes 9029- Benjamin Williams- couch, fishtank, loveseat 9057- Jano Lopez- toys,boxes,tv

7058- Arthur Mesler-boxes

9059- Mark Bloom- boxes 9100- Aimee Shiolds- bags,box,tv

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### Time we stepped up to protect our biggest asset

rom Grant Park in the south to Lincoln Park in the north, the Chicago lakefront is a bustle of activity in the summer. Bicyclists, in-line skaters, joggers, mothers and fathers pushing baby strollers, sunbathers at the Oak Street Beach, tennis players and boaters at several marinas take full advantage of the great city's site along the southern shore of Lake Michigan.

The city's foresight in preserving a large section of its lakefront for recreational use is one of the factors that has kept

Chicago a vital, vibrant city. We recently visited my son, daughter-in-law and new granddaughter and enjoyed the thrill of being in a city again, a city with thousands of people who live, work and play in a place that offers world-famous architecture, shop-Hugh Gallagher ping, a plethora of restaurant choices, cultural facilities second

to none, spectator sports, mass transit and the natural beauty of Lake Michigan's

But this isn't another column about how depressing Detroit is in comparison — though, of course, it is. Chicago has its own problems that make large sections of the city as miserably poor, decayed, crime-ridden and hopeless as Detroit. It also has a racial divide within the city, where the Chicago River is as clear a demarcation as Eight Mile. The difference is that it has retained a vital middle class, black and white, who value what only a big city can provide.

This is, instead, about an environmental threat to that city and to the other cities and towns along Lake Michigan's shoreline and about the compromises some people are willing to make for short-term economic growth.

BP oil won approval from Indiana to exempt the company from state environmental laws. BP requested the exemption to make way for a \$3.8 million expansion of its Whiting, Ind., refinery to refine heavier crude oil from Canada. BP is already a major polluter of the lake and the new permit allows it to release 54 percent more ammonia and 35 percent more suspended solids. The permit also gives the company until 2012 to meet federal limits on mercury discharge.

The new levels are below federal water-quality standards, but still represent a break from attempts to rein in pollution of the lake.

Last week, the U.S. House voted 387-26 to urge Indiana to reconsider the permit. Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich has strongly objected to the dumping. A story on the Chicago Tribune Web site Tuesday said several lakeshore communities are banding together to form a Shoreline Mayors Task Last week, the Michigan Supreme Court voted 4-3 with the conservative majority ruling that some plaintiffs in a suit against Nestle Waters North America did not have standing to sue over potential damages to a stream, lake and westlands because they don't use those areas. This is a setback for environmentalists who argue that everyone is affected by water and air pollution and everyone should have standing. The narrow legal nature of the ruling means that the suit can go forward, but it also makes it harder for ordinary citizens to take action.

Force to address lake issues.

Michigan's Congressional delegation unanimously supported the resolution. Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who has often talked about the central importance of the Great Lakes to Michigan, had yet to publicly comment on the issue as of Friday.

It is shameful that the federal Environmental Protection Agency, Indiana regulators and Indiana's governor would defend this action for the sake of a few jobs and BP profits. Yes, we need to have oil, but it can not be, should not be at the expense of our greatest asset. The lakes provide water, food, recreation opportunities, access to the world for our natural resources and much more. They are a far greater economic asset than the oil that BP will refine in Indiana.

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This is a time for those who care about these Great Lakes to stand firm, even as we struggle to get our economic engine running again.

For Michigan, the lakes define who and what we are. The governor needs to step up and lead; the state needs to put protection of our water resources at the top of its economic plans.

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### Don't like deed restriction? Change them - courts won't

hat do dog parks and golf courses have in common? Answer: A recent Michigan Supreme Court ruling that kept a dog park out of Birmingham could also keep a Detroit-owned golf course in Huntington Woods. And why? Deed restrictions, even old deed restrictions.

The high court ruled that land fenced off for a dog park by the city of

Springdale Park, violated a 1915 deed restriction that limited the use of that land for "strictly residential purposes Charlie Langton only." The court defined "residen-

Birmingham, called

tial" as referring

to homes where people reside, not dogs. In October 2006, an Oakland

County Circuit Court judge nixed a proposed \$11.25 million sale of Rackham Golf Course to a developer who hoped to build 400 homes on the greens. The judge upheld a 1924 deed restriction that mandated Rackham land be used only as a golf course. That was the intent of Horace Rackham when he donated the land to Detroit in 1924.

So why are decades old deed restrictions getting so much court support? Is it that most judges like dogs and golf? Probably, but not legally.

Deed restrictions are not laws. Neither Congress, state Legislatures nor city councils enact them. Instead, deed restrictions are created by homeowners, land developers, condominium or homeowners associations. Essentially, a deed restriction is a contract between a buyer and seller (or donor) of property.

Enforcement of deed restrictions, by courts, generally is thought to enhance the value of land and preserve the freedom to make contracts. The restrictions will continue to regulate how the land is used, forever, unless they violate law, public policy or are changed. The rules for changing deed restrictions are usually contained within those

deed restrictions themselves, i.e. a vote of the majority of subdivision homeowners or associations.

Most homes are subject to deed restrictions. From the subtle such as the color of your front door, swimming pools, basketball hoops or even whether one can hang an outdoor cloths line, to the more substantive use of the property, residential vs. commercial ... the list goes on and on. Deed restrictions are recorded in the county clerk's office. Any title search, a standard requirement at a real estate closing, will reveal the deed restrictions and thus the limitations on what the buyer can or can't do with the property.

The Supreme Court in the dog park case was asked to interpret a deed restriction. It did - and the dogs lost. If Springdale Park residents want a dog park, the Park Association must be convinced to change the restriction. Dogs in the park are unlikely anytime soon since it was the Park Association that sued the city to enforce the anti-dog deed restriction.

Although the Rackham case is currently being reviewed by the appellate courts, and the issues are complex, I would guess that Mr. Rackham's intent to keep his donated property as a golf course would be upheld. If Detroit wants to sell the property to a developer, find the Rackham heirs and convince them to lift the deed restrictions. especially since the land reverts to those heirs if Rackham is not used as a golf course.

The bottom line: If you don't like the deed restrictions, change them – or don't buy the property. Courts will generally enforce the restrictions even though millions of dollars are at stake and poor little Fido can't romp in a park.

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Katie Warner likes Henry Ford Community College so much that she's continued to work here while she completes her bachelor's degree at EMU. "I'm really glad I came to HFCC first. It's a nice, small, homey atmosphere." University campuses are bigger, spread out, not as personal." The visual arts major also appreciated the one-on-one attention she received from her HFCC instructors. "They had a very positive energy, which allowed me to be creative and experiment. I feel that I have an advantage as an artist because I've attended two schools and seen two different perspectives." Visit us at www.hfcc.edu to find out how we can help you.





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### Rams' bats silenced in AAABA tournament setback

BY BRAD FMONS STAFF WRITER

It was three and done Wednesday for the Michigan Rams, who were ousted by Buffalo (N.Y.) Meridian Medicine, 5-2, at Roxbury Park in the All-American Amateur Baseball Association Tournament held in Johnstown,

The 20-and-under Rams opened the double-elimination tournament Monday with an 11-4 triumph over the Columbus (Ohio) Big Kats before blowing an 8-3 lead in the ninth inning Tuesday and losing to Johnstown Realty of Altoona (Pa.), 14-10.

A two-out single by Ryan Shay followed by Drew Churchward's two-run homer staked the Rams to a 2-0 first-inning lead against

**COLLEGIATE BASEBALL** 

Buffalo. Meridian Medicine got a run back on the bottom half of the first on Pete Lusk's RBI single off Rams starter Steve Teno, a pick-up from the LCBL Michigan Bulls.

Meridian Medicine starter Tom Hasley then slammed the door shut on the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League representatives, who collected only a total of five hits after racking up 23 in the first two games of the AAABA tourney.

Cory Brownsey, who led Buffalo with three hits, clubbed a three-run homer in the fourth inning to give Meridian Medicine the lead for keeps, 4-2.

Buffalo added its final run in the fifth when Jim Banks delivered an RBI single off Rams

reliever Justin Mazur, who worked the final two innings.

Hasley gave up a pair of hits in the fifth, but kept the Rams off the bases and off the board until the seventh when Kyle Gendron led off with a double.

Reliever Cary Johnson then entered the game retired nine straight batters, including a pair of strikeouts, to pick up the save and preserve the win for Hasley.

In seven innings, Teno gave up all five runs (four earned) on 10 hits and six walks. Teno, who struck out three, was charged with the

The Rams, who made only one error during three tournament games, turned a pair of double plays. But they left runners on base in four different innings.

"After Drew (Churchward) hit the homer, we had runners, second and third, first and second, and couldn't get a run in," Rams manager Rick Berryman said. "We just could not get the extra runs in. Their pitcher did a nice job keeping the ball down and away."

Joe LaDucca also had three hits for the victors, while Banks went 2-for-4.

Churchward was ejected in the eighth inning for arguing with umpires after throwing his helmet.

"It was a bad call, but we were pressing after the (Johnstown) loss," Berryman said. "To a fault, we were over-trying. It's not a negative thing We just wanted to make up for yesterday's defeat. I've never seen a loss like that. It was numbing. You didn't know what to do."

### Generations of baseball rooted deep

here is a T-shirt with the catchy phrase "Baseball Is Life, The Rest Is Just Details."



Tim Smith

Believe it or not to those who are just now discovering the splendid summer sport thanks to the recent successes of the Detroit Tigers, no such shirts needed to be worn by members of many families dur-

ing the 1940s, '50s, '60s and beyond. Love of America's national pastime was absolute, unconditional, shifted from generation to generation with as much ease as a Placido Polanco single to right.

And, believe it or not, baseball was big in the city of Detroit, at places such as Northwestern High School, where future Tiger slugger Willie Horton slammed homers onto nearby Grand River Avenue. It remains to

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## Ultimate Soccer Arenas 1 of kind complex

BY DAN STICKRADT STAFF WRITER

Ryan Smith, in his Redford Rebels baseball uniform, sits next to his grandfather Al Smith, who is holding a 1948 photo of himself scoring a run for the

Detroit Northwestern Colts during the city championship game with Olympia Stadium in the background. Ryan's summer team recently played a game at

Ever tried to rush to your kid's soccer game at 5 p.m. on a Friday - in rush hour traffic? Never an easy task to make it on

George Derderian and four of his partners are trying to help change that - and create something in the athletics community that will create plenty of envy.

The Ultimate Soccer Arenas are coming close to a reality, with the opening date set for Nov. 2 of this year. The complex should

kid's game on a Friday afternoon through traffic," said Derderian, who along with

be the largest in the country built to date. "It's the 5 o'clock on a Friday bogey question: How long does it take to get to your

Jon Murad, Rick Tapper, Tom Korpela and Mark Major, are the developers and managing partners of the complex, located at 867 South Blvd. in Pontiac, just west of Opdyke in the heart of Oakland County.

TOM HOFFMEYER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

We had to find a place where it would be easy to get to, without having to sit in traffic for an hour," added Tapper. "This is what we came up with. If you look at it, the traffic is flowing the other way if you're trying to get here at that time of day."

So the five partners came up with the idea in the summer of 2006 and found the ultimate location where people can go opposite of traffic and spend 25-30 minutes in a vehicle to get to a world-class soccer facility.

'We timed it. It takes about 25 minutes to get here from a lot of cities and you're

actually going the opposite way of the traffic during rush hour in most cases," offered Derderian. "It's 25 minutes from Shelby and 25 minutes from Highland. It's even less from Rochester or Lake Orion and it's right around the corner from Bloomfield Hills and Troy."

The motto for the complex, which is quite different of any other soccer complex in Michigan, is "We don't play indoor soccer, we play soccer indoors...

"This is something completely different," said Derderian. "These are not indoor soccer fields with boards. These are real fields

The complex is being developed on an old brownfield redevelopment property.

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### Hearing impaired golfer sends message

STAFF WRITER

Lauri Ponikiewski got into the game of golf a little late, but the Livonia native is making up for lost time.

"I've been playing for 12 years," said the 44-year-old Ponikiewski, who is a Senior Designer at the General Motors Tech Center in Warren. "I played different sports, racquetball and softball. After college I was kind of bored. All the people at work were playing (golf) and I thought it was kind of boring. I wish I had signed up for golf a long time ago."

Ponikiewski has become an impressive 6-handicapper, but that's only half of her story.

"People don't know golf is out there for the deaf, especially for women all over the United States," said Ponikiewski, who was coming off a runner-up finish at the U.S. Deaf Golf Championship, July 17-20, in Caseyville, Ill.

One of three children of Joe and Henrietta Ponikiewski, Lauri was diagnosed with a 60 percent decibel hearing loss as an infant. She wore two hearing aids as a youth while going through numerous tutoring and speech therapy programs provided the Redford Union Schools.

She went on to earn a degree at Lawrence Tech.

Golf serves as a refuge for Ponikiewski, who is completely hearing impaired in one ear and has only a 15 percent decibel hearing level in her other ear.

Ponikiewski has become a fixture in the Midwest Deaf Ladies Golf Association where she has won the title seven times. In her most recent tourney, July 31-Aug. 2, at The Oaks in Springfield, Ill., Ponikiewski carded rounds of 80-79-81, to place first.

She also received another nice award when she was inducted

Piease see GOLFER, B2



Lauri Ponikiewski was runner-up in the U.S. Deaf Golf Championships, July 17-20, at Far Oaks Golf Club in Caseyville, Ili.

Whalers sign pair

Plymouth Whalers president, general manager and head coach Mike Vellucci recently announced the signing of two players from the 2006 Ontario Hockey League Draft including forward Chad Rutkowski, who was selected in the fifth round (93rd overall), and 16-year-old defenseman Josh Bemis, who was selected in the 14th round (273rd overall).

The 6-foot-2, 193pound Rutkowski, 17, tallied 12 goals and two assists in 25 games last year for the Belle Tire Midgets.

Bemis, a Clarkston native, had originally committed to play at Western Michigan University. The 6-foot-1. 180-pound defenseman was the youngest player last year in the U.S. Hockey League playing for the Chicago Steel. He recorded two assists in 38 games. The Whalers open training camp Aug. 29 with the first preseason game 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1 against the Windsor Spitfires at Compuware Sports Arena.

### Ignition Nov. 3

The Detroit Ignition will open its Major Indoor Soccer League season Nov. 3 against the defending champion Philadelphia KiXX at 7:35 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3 at Plymouth's Compuware Sports Arena in a rematch of the MISL championship

The Ignition will play a total of 15 regular season matches at Compuware.

For ticket information; call 1-888-436-GOAL.

### Meet C'ville Team

Livonia Clarenceville will stage its Meet the Team Night for all fall sports athletes, parents and coaches from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15 at the high school gymnasium. Topics include athletic and academic eligibility, sportsmanship, season schedule, team rules and consequences, team policies and banquet information.

General procedures will also be covered followed by break-out session with each coaching going over policies and answering questions.

### Golf hat trick After winning the

City Golf Challenge and the JAWS Classic on the Adams Junior Tour, Canton's Zach McCurley captured his third tournament in as many weeks Thursday at the Herb Fowler Memorial Junior Championship held at Huron Hills in Ann Arbor. With the support and help of caddy and friend Nick Watson, the Belleville High School senior shot rounds of 69-64-70-203 to edge Brighton's Jimmy Dewling by a stroke.

### attracts K-5 Flag football is coming to Wayne-Westland in the form of a co-ed five-on-five version for boys and girls entering grades K-5 in the fall of 2007.

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Michigan Flag Youth Football

is teaming up Wayne-Westland Community Education in the program.

Although the league will be held at Wayne-Westland Schools, players do not have to live in or attend a school in the district. Players and teams from private and public schools in surrounding communities are welcome.

Teams will be formed districtwide by school and grade. Each team will have a maximum roster of 10 players to ensure plenty of playing time for all participants.

There are no weight or height restrictions for the non-contact program. Practices, one per week, will begin the week of Sept. 16. Team coaches will select their practice day and time. Practice locations will be at either Walker-Winter, Patchin, Roosevelt or Hicks elementary schools.

Games will be played Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at Marshall Middle School. The eight-week season starts Sept. 22.

Players will develop the skills to run and cover patterns, pass the ball, blitz the quarterback, receive the ball, defend the pass and run the ball. Children will learn the fundamentals of teamwork, responsibility and sports-

The entry fee is \$95 (includes team jersey). A mouth-gnard is required. Cleats are optional.

To register, visit www.Michiga nYouthFlagFootball.com; or call (248) 481-8251 for more information.

into the MDLGA Hall of Fame, an honor which completely caught her off-guard.

The last time Ponikiewski competed in the U.S. Deaf Golf Championship was four years ago in Pinehurst, N.C. where she finished fifth.

But when the U.S. tourney was staged two years ago in Denver, Colo., Ponikiewski withdrew in protest of the rules, which required all participants to remove all or any hearing aid devices.

"They made us them take out, and I was upset about it," Ponikiewski said. "It's a totally different atmosphere, but it was not as bad as I thought. It was weird not hearing the birds or the traffic, but I think it helped me focus on my game and I surprised myself. But I still believe the rules are wrong."

Ponikiewski duked it our for four days with Susan Zupnik of Maplewood, N.Y. before losing on the third hole of a sudden death playoff when she had a triple bogey.

"It was an unbelievable experience all week," said Ponikiewski, who shot rounds of 83-85-79-84. "The course (Far Oaks G.C.) was 6,040 yards, a very difficult, and hilly course.

The rough was very thick, making it hard to hit the ball out of the thick rough. The bunkers were huge and deep, and the wetlands were everywhere on almost every hole. The greens are very fast and very hard to read. Our tournament director (Rob Strano) changed our tee markers every day and made it difficult and challenging."

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On the 72nd and final hole of regulation, Ponikiewski was in position for a breakthrough

"I played very well at the U.S. Championship considering the heat, the course conditions and the pressure," she said. "But my putting was off. I had a total 14 three-putts. I had a six-footer (on No. 18 of the final day) for a birdie. I could have won right there. It was the most thrilling, but nerve-wracking playoff I ever played."

Despite the heartbreaking runner-up finish, Ponikiewski qualified to play in the World Deaf Golf Championship, Sept. of 2008, in Perth, Australia.

In the meantime. Ponikiewski will continue to hone her game.

"I work so hard on my swing," she said. "I practice a lot, many hours on my short game and putting, too. I take a lesson once a month and practice three or four times a week. It's practice, practice. I get frustrated. I have to learn more patience."

Ponikiewski is a regular at the Oasis Golf Center.

"I want to say a special thanks to my longtime instructor, Dick Gray, for working so hard with me," Lauri said. "And also Dave Wall, for helping me with many aspects of the game."

Ponikiewski was competing this weekend at the Women's Golf Association of Michigan Tournament hosted by the Saginaw Country Club. Her previous best GAM finish has

"I hope to be in the top 20," Lauri said. "I hope to build off my experience (U.S. Deaf Championship) and gain confidence. My goal is for a deaf women to win the Women's GAM (Golf Association of Michigan) or Mid-Amateur tournament."

Ponikiewski counts Lorena Ochoa and Jay Haas as her favorite women's and men's touring pros.

The U.S. Deaf Championships also had a special entrant when Cincinnati native Kevin Hall, an Ohio State grad and America's top deaf golfer, competed and ran away with the men's title.

Lauri Ponikiewski also hopes to stand on the podium some day as women's deaf champion. It's never too late.

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### THE WEEK AHEAD

**BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY** Wednesday, Aug. 15 Tommy Titan Tuneup at Cass Benton, 6:30 p.m. GIRLS GOLF

In Golf!

Tuesday, Aug. 14 Wayne at Milford Invitational (Preswick Village), 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15 John Glenn vs. Belleville, Edsel Ford

at The Woodlands (Van Buren), TBA. Thursday, Aug. 16 Wayne at Birm. Seaholm Invitational Churchill vs. John Glenn at Whispering Willows, 2:30 p.m.

at Tanglewood G.C., 2:30 p.m

Thursday, Aug. 16

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Wednesday, Aug. 15 (Exhibition) Madonna at Schoolcraft College, 2 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 18 MU Alumni Game at Greenmead Field, 2 p.m. **WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER** 

Madonna Alumni Game at Activities Ctr., 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 18 MU Alumni Game at Greenmead Field, noon

be seen if the sport will ever again rise as a rite of passage at least in urban centers, where basketball hoops have taken over from sandlots as the activity of choice.

But things were different in Horton's prep career during the late 1950s. And they were certainly much different a decade before that, when my dad, Al Smith, was an All-City star at Detroit Northwestern.

Throughout Smith's high school years, when he earned seven varsity letters in baseball, football and basketball combined, he and Colts teammates such as future bigleaguer Harry Chiti played hard and played often.

### Alley ball

As kids, they smacked it around in alleys as wide as an office hallway, giving them the ability to hit the ball up the middle.

"If you hit the ball straight over second base, it's a base hit," said Al. about the philosophy behind the allevantics.

They bounced rubber balls against porch steps and learned about hand-eye coordination and being quick on their feet.

When it came time to graduate to the high school field, all of those little games yielded big-time skill that opened up eyes. My dad batted .400 as a rule, and was a fluid second baseman while Chiti caught. Eventually, a Brooklyn Dodger scout inked Smith to a contract, although an injury during the 1950 spring training derailed his pro hopes.

"If I was any good I would have made it," is what dad always said to us while growing up in a Redford Township household where baseball was the main course and all other sports vied for the crumbs of attention.

He worked my brothers and I to death trying to make us into the kind of player he was,

Stevenson meeting

for sport specific break-out

throwing batting practice until his arm practically hit the dirt. Unfortunately, although we all had our moments, we never approached his level of ability.

### Talkin' Baseball

Of course, baseball continued to dominate conversation throughout the subsequent decades, as we got married and had children. More than five decades after Al Smith was a Detroit Northwestern icon, his grandson - Ryan Smith of Redford - recently had the chance to play at that high school as a member of the Redford Rebels travel baseball team.

Ryan, like his grandfather a three-sport athlete (baseball, basketball, football), and his teammates squared off against the Detroit Eagles.

Ryan went 1-for-2 and walked, but his team took it on the chin against the Eagles.

Still, to mark the occasion, Ryan made sure someone took a photo of him swinging the bat in a pose reminiscent to one Grandpa Al fashioned back in the day.

Why? Because he knows how the baseball bloodline flows.

"I play two other sports (at Redford Thurston), but baseball is my core, where a lot of my feelings come through," said Ryan recently.

"It's through the blood, from my grandpa, through my dad (Chris) and just throughout the family."

Indeed. If family members weren't playing baseball, they were immersed in it. For example, Al's mom, Marie, would soak in every second of radio broadcasts in the pre-TV era.

"She always sat next to the radio, listening to Harry Heilmann and Ty Tyson," my dad continued.

Although the Rebels had a disappointing game in the city, the younger Smith realized at the time that it was a moment to cherish. "Yeah, it was a special thing,

really a privilege to play where my grandpa played when he was a kid," noted Ryan, who just turned

**SPORTS ROUNDUP** 

senior athlete and parents will

16. "... I told all the guys my grandpa played at that field when the scouts came and told him to break (snap) his wrist, to let his wrist go. Then he was jacking home runs out to left and center, out onto the road."

### Plain and simple

That road, Grand River, isn't quite the same. And much-revered Olympia Stadium, which stood proudly in the late 1940s, is long gone thanks to the wrecking ball.

Physical evidence of a bygone era is gone or nearly gone. But nothing can weaken family ties built from memories and a common bond, something many Detroit-area families certainly share. In fact, after Ryan's Detroit experience, he made sure to talk about it with his grandfather, now 75 and still living in Redford.

"I told him he was a great player," Ryan said. "But he just talked about it, about the games he played and the plays he made."

When told of what Ryan had to say, Al Smith responded with a shoulder-shrug of a response - not surprising given that he grew up in the era of athletics where it was all about the team, not massive egos or self-glorification.

He merely loved playing baseball, nothing more, nothing less.

"You always thought, there's always going to be work," Al said. "But baseball and high school, that's truly once in a lifetime.

"Even though I needed the money, I didn't work, I played ball. And, you always had the dream that you would play for the Detroit Tigers." He didn't realize that dream, and Ryan probably won't, either. But for them, any time spent on a baseball diamond is the same as a cherished family gettogether. The two are one and the same and as good as it gets.

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at Hudson Mills Metropark, 7:45 a.m.

Ladywood vs. Temperance Bedford at Giant Oak G.C., 8 a.m. John Glenn vs. Northville

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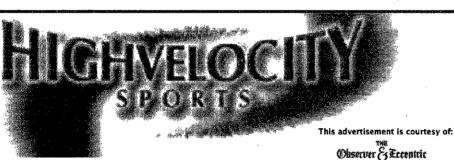
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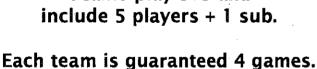


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#### Livonia Stevenson will stage. be meeting in assigned rooms its Meet the Team Night from from 7:45-9 p.m. following the 7-9 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20 at introduction meeting at 7 p.m. the high school auditorium. All ninth- and 10th-graders, along with newcomer athletes and parents, should arrive

Topics include athletic and academic eligibility, new athletic participation fee of \$200, sportsmanship, varsity letter requirements, physical infor-

tures, medical information and general department guidelines. Student (\$35) and family (\$70) event passes, along with

rules and policies, team pic-

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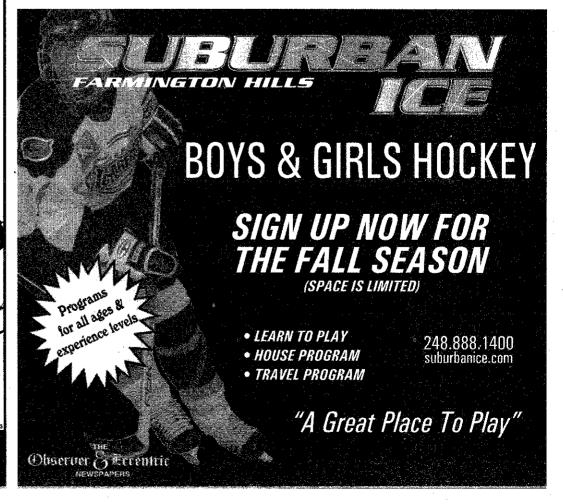
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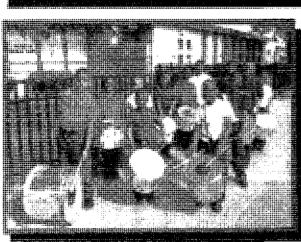
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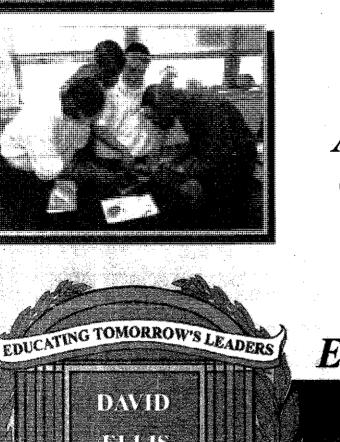
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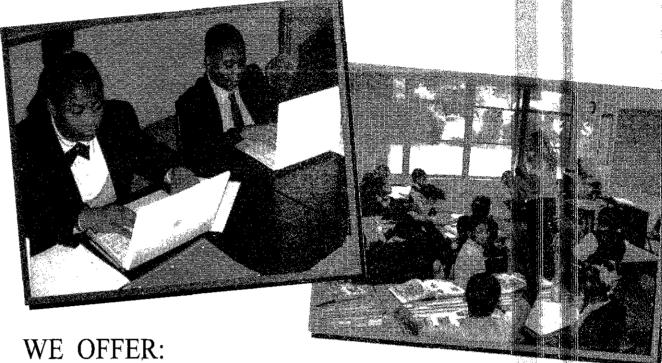
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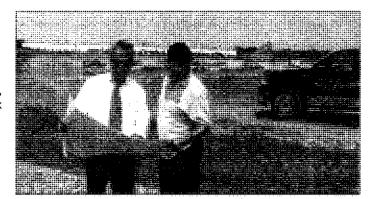
The Ultimate Soccer Arenas, a 266,400 square-foot complex on a 15.8-acre site, will feature two full-sized soccer fields and one full-size lacrosse field, along with 450-plus parking spots (plus five for buses) and many other amenities.

The FIFA (Federation International Football Association) fields feature state of the art Astro-Turf GameDay Grass-XPE with anti-bacterial Turf Aide built-in, the latest upgrade to turf fields. Under 72-foot ceilings, the two soccer fields are 110 yards by 75 yards and will be joined by one full-size lacrosse field at 85x47

Also aboard will be a 3,000 square-foot Strength, Speed and Agility Training Center, full-service restaurant, European coffee shop, pro shop, arcade game room, snack and ice cream shop, party rental and meeting rooms, large rest rooms and separate keyed locker rooms, coaches offices, 5,000 square-foot viewing area to all fields, including a viewing deck, and reception area. Plans on having wireless Internet and alcoholic beverages for parents will also be available, although those details have not been finalized.

One soccer field will also boast a 2,000-seat arrangement to host high-level games.

"No other (soccer) facility is like this one," boasted Derderian. "The ceilings are high enough for regular soccer.



Developers George Derderian Jr. and Richard Tapper take a look at the plans of the Ultimate Soccer Arenas complex. The Pontiac facility will serve the Detroit area and will be the largest in the country.

These are fully constructed steel buildings, not these air domes. They will all have air conditioning and heat. There is state-of-the-art lighting -everything will be top-notch."

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And regional. "We're using a lot of Oakland County or Michigan products,' added Tapper. "We tried to make it as local as possible."

### Around the corner

Two-time national Premier Developmental League national finalist Michigan Bucks men's soccer team, a minor league affiliate of the Columbus Crew of the Major League Soccer, will play its home games at the complex in 2008, while numerous youth club teams, high school, collegiate and recreational teams and leagues are kicking on the door to use the facility for training sessions and contests. All-American Lacrosse will be the main client for the lacrosse facility.

Many camps and clinics

for both sports will also be part of the program. The field can be split in half for practice training sessions, to accommodate more teams.

With construction moving along at a fast rate, word is getting around to thousands who are involved in the sport in Southeastern Michigan.

"There's at least 100,000 people in the area playing the sport. It's one of the biggest youth sports in the country," said Tapper. "It's big in the high schools and colleges and there are a ton of adults who play in leagues."

"My wife and I have both been soccer parents for many years and Jon (Murad) is a player. We know how important something like this will be to Detroit area, the city of Pontiac, everyone involved with soccer," offered Derderian, who noted that they have been contacted by officials in other states on perhaps building similar facilities in other metropolitan areas.

Ultimate Soccer Arenas, which will have its main entrance off South Blvd. with a side entrance drive off Centerpoint Parkway, will be open as early as 7 a.m. on some days and remain open as late as I a.m., seven days a week.

"It will be open almost all the time. We'll get as many teams and leagues, camps in here as possible," said Derderian. We've already been talking to a lot of club teams that want to use this facility and a couple of colleges have spoken to us about hosting a game here. We'll have some big tournaments here. We're expecting this to be a huge success.'



### **Grand champs**

The Livonia Stevenson varsity pompon team were awarded Grand Champs at recent camp sponsored by Mid American Pom at Northwood University. Members of the Spartans, coached by Lyndsey Domm and Laura Scheel, include Juliann Bermudez, Carly Bernadotte, Amanda Brindley, Alison Chludzinski, Kim Cornelissen, Deanna Diponio, Paige Frey, Allie Goodrich, Jaciyn Henderson, Jillian Henderson, Megan Hill, Emily Jankowiak, Emma Knox, Katie Kretunski, Paige McMullen, Courtney O'Neil, Megan Pietila, Rachel Sager, Shaylyn Sikorski, Jennifer Smith, Katelyn Stafford, Sam Turner, Jennifer Verba, Leah Winn and Tiffany Yu.



### Stingrays car wash

The Farmington Family YMCA Stingrays will stage a car wash from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25 at the Farmington YMCA, 28100 Farmington Road, just north of 12 Mile Road. The fund-raiser will help pay for the Stingrays' trip to Fort Lauderdale, Fla. for the YMCA Short Course National Meet. The Stingrays came away with four titles at last week's YMCA Long Course National Meet led by Katya Bachrouche (Farmington) in the 200- and 400-meter individual medleys. The Stingrays also won both the 200 and 400 medley relays which also included Megan Bender (Allen Park), Brynn Marecki (Livonia), Bachrouche and Laura Timson (Livonia). The Stingrays also finished second overall in the women's high-point standings.

# BLLE TIRE



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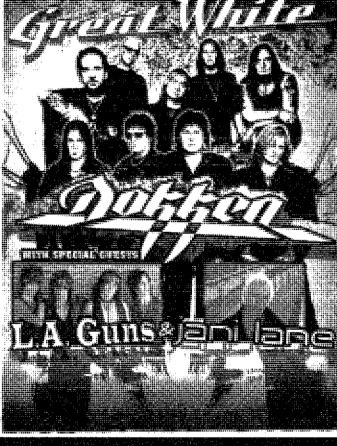


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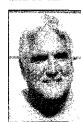
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### Boys are more at risk for some birth problems

t has long been acknowledged that boys generally outnumber girls by about three to one in the incidence of childhood mental disorders such as learning disabilities, behavioral problems, autism, attention deficit hyperactive disorders, and so on.



Len McCulloch

Years ago an experiment was done to test the hypothesis that this higher rate of disorders for boys might be related to their being more at risk for brain injuries during the birthing process. It was considered that one way there might be greater risk would be if they had bigger heads that received more

pressure during contractions through the birth canal. A group of one hundred newborns were measured, boys and girls, and the boys' heads were significantly larger than the girls.

To test out whether or not this was causing any type of brain injury, spinal taps were done on the hundred boys and girls and in a significantly higher rate of boys there was found traces of blood in the cerebral spinal fluid, indicative of minor brain bleeding.

Unfortunately, the research wasn't followed up on to examine the same children five to 10 years later to see if the boys outnumbered the girls in terms of rates of various childhood mental behavioral and developmental abnormalities.

Also unfortunately, the size of heads of boys and girls cannot be controlled and neither is it advisable to have all births by C-section to avoid risking new birth minor brain bleeds that might eventually show up as disabilities later in life. And, there are certain conditions that exist in some pregnant mothers that are known to be detrimental to the developing baby which cannot be wished away.

Mothers with epilepsy is an example. Being born to a mother with epilepsy may affect developmental outcome of the offspring in several ways. Prenatal exposure to some anti-epileptic drugs is said to be associated with an increased incidence of major malformations. Genetic factors may also contribute. Exposure to prolong and multiple maternal seizures are additional risk factors.

However, there are many factors that are under every pregnant woman's control to increase or decrease the risk of mental health issues in their offspring. Common sense tells the mother to be healthy, eat right, sleep well, and take care of her unborn as she would herself.

Unfortunately, many teen and young mothers-to-be are not always educated enough to the deleterious effects of alcohol, cigarettes and second hand smoke, drugs, medications, and stress on the mental health of their offspring. All of these can be controlled by prevention.

In my work with the Social Security Administration doing disability determination evaluations on thousands of children over the years I have seen a high correlation of youngsters with common disabilities such as learning disabilities, mental retardation, autism, brain damage, etc. and the use by their mothers, when the child was in utero, of any or all of these various "substances."

Also seen is the pattern of boys outnumbering girls in the incidence of childhood disorders so I still have not thrown out the hypothesis of the boys head bigger than girls' heads birthing risk.

Another major factor is stress. A mother under high amounts of stress throughout pregnancy may be producing excessive cortisol, a hormone known to have harmful effects on healthy brains, let alone premature developing brains and a newborn's brain having been bathed for nine months in high levels of this hormone, and perhaps others that are related, may be prone to develop schizophrenia, say some.

The important thing is early education to our mother's-to-be about the dangerousness of "substances", stress, and related factors that common sense would tell them could be harmful to them and therefore to their new child.

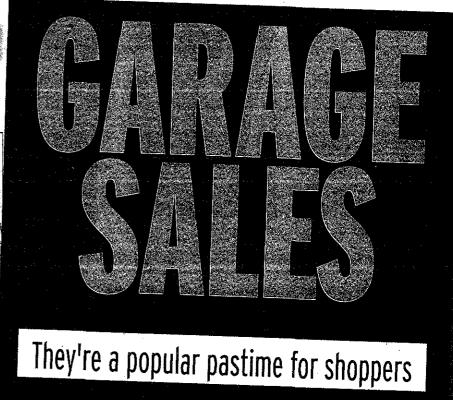
We are seeing so many disabilities in children probably traceable back to damage done to them, in utero. We cannot get too early of a start on preparation of our children's mental health.

**Len McCulloch** is a Diplomate of The American Psychotherapy Association and holds credentials in mental health, brain injury, addictions and social work. His monthly column "Our Mental Health" has appeared in the Observer and Eccentric newspapers and various other publications for six years. He can be reached at 248 474-2763 ext. 22.





Linda Mulari talks about running a garage sale at sister Cheryl Angel's home in Livonia.





Jane Casey arranges items in the garage sale at her Plymouth home.



BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

🐃 heryl Angel and her sister, Linda Mulari, opened at 8 a.m. to attract early birds to their garage sale in Livonia. Thursday is a popular day with serious bargainhunters. By 10 a.m., the two had sold \$250 worth of items. One man bought glassware for his cottage; others took home collector dolls. Lisa Hoffman spent \$45 for a Detroit Red Wings jacket.

"My sister is downsizing," said Cheryl Angel, who'd been working on the sale for several days. Angel needed a permit

to hold a garage sale in Livonia, but requirements vary by community so she suggests people check beforehand. "It's all accessories for the home. My husband's 85-year-old aunt lives with us and figures it's time to let go (of her dolls). My sister and I go through it, decide what she would pay for it at a garage sale, what I would pay, and then compromise on a price."

"I tell people make me an offer if you're interested," adds Mulari, who moved from a Canton condo into an apartment. "We wheel and deal. Rugs have been going. Antique jewelry went like hot cakes. What hasn't sold is pictures. People look but don't buy."

"You never know what's going to sell," said Angel.

Lisa Hofmann of Livonia loves going to garage sales.

We go out every week," said Hofmann as she modeled the jacket for daughters Elyssa, 10, and Julia, 8. "I'm going to wear it to Red Wing games and any other place I can."

Ken Hawkins of Livonia was looking for hunting and fishing gear, tools and

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### Dixboro Fair draws crowd for fun and games

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Donna King of Plymouth Township had her hands full Saturday, Aug. 4, but didn't mind a

The Humane Society of Huron Valley volunteer was out at the Dixboro Fair that day with dogs Sadie and Buster, trying to get them adopted together. "We try to do that if you can have room in your home for two," she said, noting the dogs were found in a trailer without electricity or running water.

"I've got four dogs" at home, added King, who enjoys volunteering with the Humane Society of Huron Valley "right up the road," she said, pointing, in Dixboro, west of Plymouth and Canton in Washtenaw County.

Buster's a Lab mix and Sadie a shepherd mix. King and fellow volunteer Christina Zeisler of Ann Arbor, whose husband works in Canton, were busy seeking homes for dogs at the fair. If you'd like to adopt an animal, call (734) 662-

5585 or visit www.hshv.org for information. "We are trying to get more information out to Canton," Zeisler said, including on lost dogs from Canton often turned in there.

"That'd be wonderful," she said of Buster and Sadie possibly being adopted at the fair. "They've been through a lot." Plenty of other pets at the shelter need loving homes.

The Dixboro Fair was held on a warm, sunny day and drew people to the grounds of the presenting Dixboro United Methodist Church. Kari Dorr of Ypsilanti brought son Gavin, 3, daughter Karli, 1, and a friend, their first time at the annual event.

We heard there was a petting zoo and some games," Kari Dorr said. "We thought it'd be a fun



Games were part of the fun at the Dixboro Fair. If you'd like to adopt an animai, call (734) 662-5585 or visit www.hshv. org for information.

day for the kids. I think it's wonderful. The kids are enjoying themselves."

At the petting zoo, kids had a chance to get in line and milk the cow, or visit with other animals. There were a number of artists showing their wares, and the Superior Township Fire Department was there with a fire truck.

There was also entertainment and plenty of tasty food. Proceeds supported the Humane Society of Huron Valley, Habitat for Humanity in Washtenaw County and restoration of the Dixboro Schoolhouse project.

The Methodist church, believed to be the longest continuously operating Methodist congregation in Michigan, was open for tours conducted by Emily Vincent of Superior Township. The building originally began in 1857; church members just finished an extensive renovation and were eager to display all that work and its

Nearby the Dixboro Fair, area businesses were appreciative of the crowds visiting the community. "There's a lot of people they bring into town," said Steve Dani of Plymouth Township, who with wife Brenda owns the Dixboro General Store. "I think it's a good thing for the whole area." His wasn't the only business in Dixboro that benefited, he said.

"It's nice to see the cars up and down Plymouth Road," Brenda Dani added. "It brings people to Dixboro. It's nice to bring a lot of people into the area."

sporting goods to sell in his upcoming garage sale.

"I'm interested in anything that strikes my fancy," said Hawkins. "I have a lot of guy stuff for my sale. I had one (sale) last year in June and didn't do well, but I'm going to give it a try and see what happens."

#### **MOVE QUICKLY**

Jane Casey was hoping to make \$600 at her garage sale in Plymouth. Casey remembers years ago when her mom's garage sales lasted 10 days in a row. She advises shoppers "if you see something you want to take it. Otherwise it will be gone." For sellers, she says to price items depending on whether you value it or if you just want to dump it.

"I always had garage sales with my mom for 40 years.

Mom passed away last year and I have her furniture, household goods," said Casey. "You have to be organized. When I clean and find an item I haven't used in several years I put it in a box then place it in the garage sale area in the attic."

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Sarah Carter of Westland was searching through Casey's items for kids stuff.

"I go every Thursday usually with three to four of my teacher friends to look for toys and items for the prize box in my third-grade classroom. Students have to earn 10 points for turning in their homework to choose something from the box. Every summer I have to replenish it," said Carter, who started going to garage sales with her mom as a kid growing up in Plymouth, "I get deals. Instead of paying several dollars for an item, at 25 cents I can get more."

Marge Ross of Plymouth Township goes garage saling



Sarah Carter of Westland (right) and her cousin Heidi Stabb (left) browse garage sales frequently during summer. Carter is a school teacher and likes to look for items she can use in the classroom.

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with her neighbors every week. "We go when we can just because you might find something we really love. I make a list of things. I bought lots of tovs for grandkids," said Ross, who is choir director for Silver Linings so she's always looking for red shirts and blouses for members to wear while performing.

"We look in the Observer and go from there," added her neighbor, Marlene Dennis. "You never know where you find your best treasure. One time I found a bowl to match my daughter's expensive Christmas dishes."

Social worker Hilda Heath regularly visits estate and moving sales looking for items for clients in need. She bought chairs, end tables, blankets, and household goods at a sale hosted by Kathy Tomey and her brother, Stephen Tomey, at their mother's home in Farmington. Their mother moved in with Kathy after being diagnosed with lung cancer.

"I saw the sign on my lunch hour," said Heath. "I like estate and garage sales. They'll be moving out of town and you can bargain.

Stephen Tomey didn't price



Lisa Hofmann of Livonia puts on the Detroit Red Wings jacket she just bought at a Livonia Garage Sale and models it for her daughters 10-year-old Elyssa, and 8-year-old Julia.

items but instead was telling buyers to make him an offer.

"One guy loved to barter," said Stephen Tomey of Livonia. "The idea is to keep everything out and keep it organized. Don't place much in a box. People tire of looking through it if there's too much stuff."

### **LEARNING THE ROPES**

Lynn Tomey doesn't like being called the Queen of Garage Sales but admits there's an art to shopping. Lynn collects old spoons from Europe. "I used to go an average of

once a week," said Lynn Tomey, Stephen's wife. "Thursday is the best day. You have to go early cause things get picked through. But there are advantages and disadvantages. Friday midday and Saturday you can try and talk people down."

Lynn said one of the biggest mistakes shoppers make is buying items they don't need because they couldn't pass up a

"You end up with too much clutter," said Lynn. "It can be like gambling. I had no control. I'd be going to the bank and taking out about \$20 to \$40 at a time."

Lynn offers advice as well for anyone trying to hold a successful garage sale.

"The rule of thumb is to price them 10 to 15 percent of the cost of the item. And you have to put up a lot of signs. Put them on every corner and every entrance to the sub. Signs attract people, colorful signs with smiley faces, not plain white signs."

Over the years, Denise Crossland has become an expert on garage sales. As a classified saleswoman for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, she offers advice on placing ads in the garage sale section.

"You can attract people by listing antiques, tools first, said Crossland. "I look for silver. Today a lot of people are going to garage sales and then selling it on eBay (for more money)."

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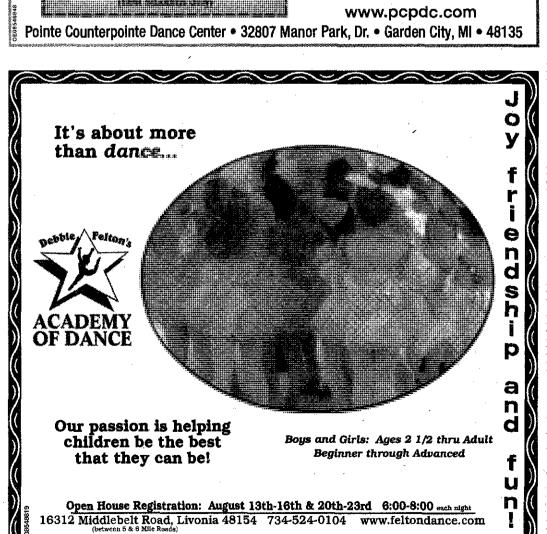




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### **BIRTHS**



### Ella Jane Craggs

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Ella Jane Craggs was born June 29, 2007, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

Parents are Erin and Kirk Craggs of Canton, Sibling is Cooper, age 3.

Grandparents are Jane LeSage of Livonia; Kenneth LeSage, Dearborn, and Richard and Donna Craggs of Brooklyn, Mich.



### Riley Albert Ballard

Riley Albert Ballard was born on April 7, 2007, weighing 9 pounds, 12 ounces and measuring 22 inches long.

Parents are Susan Sarafian and Dave Ballard. His siblings are Jordan, 9, and Taylor, 6. Grandparents are Al and Janet Sarafian of Livonia, and Joyce Ballard of Oxford.

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### **Balint-Destrampe**

Stephen and Libby Balint of Westland announce the Dawn Marie, to Jason Robert Destrampe, the son of Robert and Susan Destrampe of Westland.

The bride-to-be graduated from Franklin High School in 2001. She is employed by Servicing Solutions in

uated from Wayne Memorial High School in Wayne in

A May 2008 wedding is planned at St. Damian's, followed by a reception at Joy Manor.

The couple plans to live in Westland after returning from a honeymoon cruise.



Bill and Bonnie Van Proyen of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda, to Jeff Brouwer, son of Dr. Lynn and Betty Brouwer of Holland, Mich.

The prospective groom is a Holland Christian High and Grand Valley State graduate, and is employed as a CPA.

planned.

engagement of their daughter,

Southfield.

The prospective groom grad-2001. He is employed by Rush Trucking in Wayne.



### Van Proyen-Brouwer

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Canton High School and Calvin College, and is employed as a world languages teacher.

An October wedding is being

### Root-Peters Mr. and Mrs. Norman L. Root, Jr. of Livonia announce

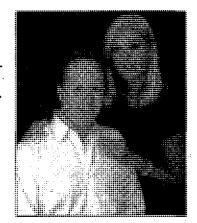
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the engagement of their daughter, Amy Teresa, to Robert Lawrence Peters III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Peters, Jr. of Livonia. The bride-to-be earned a

Master of Arts in Curriculum from Michigan State University. She is a teacher in the Wayne-Westland Community School District.

The prospective groom is a senior IT consultant at PMA Consultants LLC.

A July 2008 wedding is planned for St. Francis Xavier



in Otisville, Mich., followed by a reception at Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth. The couple will make their home in Livonia.

### Keda-Smith

Tom Sr. and Barbara Keda of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara Jean, to Jesse Charles Smith of Lansing, son of Kevin and Marie Smith of Lincoln Park.

The bride-to-be graduated from Allen Park High School in 1999, and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sign Language Studies from Madonna University in 2004. She is currently employed as a sign language interpreter for Plymouth Canton Schools.

The prospective groom graduated from the Michigan Automotive Academy in 1999, and is employed by Toyota of Lansing.

A wedding is planned for July 2008, at Bloomfield Hills



Baptist Church, followed by a reception at Wabeek Country Club in Bloomfield Hills. The couple will honeymoon in French Polynesia/Tahiti.

### Borenski-Terwellen

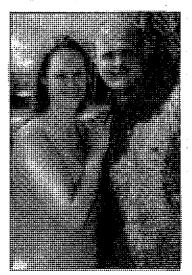
Mr. and Mrs. David Anderson of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Carrie Lynn Borenski, to Richard Keith Terwellen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hoffmeyer of Dearborn.

The bride-to-be received her CDA and is a teacher at Tutor Time in the Plymouth Canton School District.

The prospective groom is an electrician at Van Buren Electric in Plymouth.

The marriage will take place in October 2007, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church,

Plymouth. After their honeymoon in



Hawaii, the couple will reside in Westland.

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Age 60. Loving mother of Jeff and Mike. Memorial visitation Wednesday

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pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home,

25450 Plymouth Rd., Redford, 48239.

Age 92, of Burton and Troy, died Wednesday, August 8, 2007 at Beaumont Hospice, Royal Oak. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Monday, August 13, 2007 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 404 N. Dayton St., Davison, Rev. Fr. Andrew A. Czajkowski celebrant. Burial will follow in New Calvary Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be 12 NOON to 8 PM Sunday at Allen Funeral Home, 9136 E. Davison Rd., Davison. A Rosary will be prayed 7 PM Sunday. Memorial contributions may be made to Beaumont Hospice, 1200 Stephenson Hwy., Troy, MI 48083. Lucille was born in Flint on July 18, 1915, daughter of the late William and Anna Kruger. Lucille and Thomas A. Guith Sr. were married on October 30, 1937. Thomas preceded her in death on September 10, 1991. Lucille retired from the Flint Public School system in 1978 after serving 15 years with the Senior Citizens Services Program. Above all else, she was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Lucille is survived by her children, Thomas "Tim" A. Jr. (Donna) Guith, Melinda (Larry) Brawner, Mark G. (Bonnie) Guith. Also surviving are eight grandchildren, six & half greatgrandchildren and her sister, Betty Kane. She was preceded in death by three sisters and a brother.

### EUGENE M. MITCHELL

Age 76, longtime resident of Farmington Hills, died in Farmington Hills, Michigan, August 8, 2007. Mr. Mitchell is a noted philanthropist, U.S. Government Economist, member of the Scarab Club, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, MENSA and is the nephew of Margaret Mitchell, author of "Gone With the Wind". Eugene is survived by Virginia (nee: May) his beloved wife of 32 years; his brother, Joseph R. Mitchell; and cousins, Marion R. Powell and Russell and Maria Powell. Visitation Sunday, August 12th from 3-7 PM at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Road (btwn 9-10 Mile Roads, just N. of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200); and at Patterson Funeral Home at Spring Hill, 1020 Spring St., Atlanta, GA (404-876-1022) on Thursday, August 16th from 3-7 PM with an evening scripture service. Funeral Mass Friday, August 17th, 10:30 AM at the Cathedral of Christ the King, 2699 Peachtree Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30305. Those who wish to further honor Eugene's memory may do so by making contributions to the American Cancer Society. heeney-sundquist.com

### JOHN H. SCHMIDT August 9, 2007, Age 44 of Rochester 76, of Bradenton, Florida, died unex-

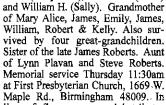
pectedly Saturday, August 4, 2007. John is survived by his children and Hills. Beloved wife of James. Dear their spouses, John Chandler Schmidt and Mary Hannington of Detroit, and Dr. Rebecca Schmidt Abel and Daniel Abel, of Morgantown, West Virginia, his former wife, Joan Bowes, of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan and his step-children, Tom, Tracey and Carolyn. He was preceded in death by his wife Elizabeth and his parents, Myrtle and Harold Schmidt. Born in Detroit, John left many fiends in Traverse City, Michigan to move Bradenton, Florida in 2002, where he and Liz enjoyed the year-round sunshine and John became immersed in Bridge Club and Fantasy Football. John's love for fun and the joy he found in his many friendships were surpassed only by the prided he felt in the accomplishments of his children. Memorial services will be held in Detroit and Bradenton at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the West Virginia Rural Nephrology initiative created by his daughter at Box 9165, West Virginia University School of Medicine, 26506. Arrangements by Covell Cremation & Funeral Center,



### JIGGER SMITH Marilyn Shores Smith, known to her

friends and family by the nickname "Jigger," passed away on August 7, 2007 at home, surrounded by her family. She and her husband, Alvie, have been residents and active members of the Birmingham community since 1955. Born January 27, 1927 in Waterloo, Iowa, Mrs. Smith also lived in Janesville, Wisconsin and Kankakee, Illinois. After graduating from high school in Kankakee in 1944, she earned a bachelor's degree in political science at the University of Wisconsin in 1948. She married her college sweetheart, Alvie Smith, in July 1948 and moved to East Lansing, Michigan when her husband accepted a position at Michigan State University that year. The family moved to Birmingham in 1955 when Mr. Smith joined the public relations staff at General Motors (an association that continued until his retirement in 1988), and the couple continued to live in Birmingham until the present time. Mrs. Smith was very active in charitable work, particularly in areas involving young people. She was a member and one-time president of the Women's Association of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan. She also was an active participant in projects supporting the Cranbrook Educational Community, including regular involvement with the annual Giftorama fund-raiser for Kingswood school. An honorary alumna through the Kingswood Past Parents group, she also served as president of the Kingswood Mothers Council. She was a member of the Village Club of Bloomfield Hills, serving for a time on the program committee of that organization, and also of St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook. She is survived by her husband Alvie; her children Randall (Sharon) Smith, Diane (James) Adair and Amy Lynn Smith; and her grandchildren Nicholas Adair, Erin Adair, Kevin Smith and Scott Smith. A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers family suggests memo-

rial tributes to The Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan.



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BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

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Mackenzie Parrent and Sarah Gardener celebrate the Fourth of July by marching in their subdivision's annual parade.

### Homeowners hold Independence Day Parade for 42nd year

Haley
Briscoe
took first
place for
the Statue
of Liberty
costume
handmade
by her
mother.



For the 42nd year in a row, Livonia's Schanhites Manor Subdivision near Plymouth and Inkster held their 4th of July parade. Neighbors gathered together and kids decorated their bikes and themselves in red, white, and blue. Before the block party potluck picnic winners were chosen for their patriotic spirit.

Best decorated bike winners were Morgan Parrent (first place), Kasie Griffin (second), and Makayla Bowling (third). Best float (wagons, strollers) went to Nicole Brey (first place), Barry Parrent (second), and Patrick and Justin Lynch

(third). Best costume: Haley Briscoe (first place), Madison Eisenhauer (second), Mac and Morgan Parrent (tie for third).

Briscoe was definitely the most patriotic dressed in a Statue of Liberty costume handmade by her mom.

Parade organizers Patricia, Amy and Billy Holcomb organized more than 75 kids and their families to ride bikes or march in the parade.

There are many parents who were in the parade when they were children and now march with their kids.

Everyone had fun cooling

off after the picnic with the

annual water balloon fight.

### Dance students learn about Polish culture

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

When Patricia Steven was younger she learned about Polish dancing as did her children when they came along. Now the director of the The P.R.C.U.A. Syrena Dance Ensemble is looking for children (age 3 and up) who would like to learn about their Polish heritage through song and dance. The Polish dance school is affiliated with the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America which was established in 1873 to unite and help Polish immigrants.

From
September to
April practices are held on
Wednesday
nights at
St. Linus
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Church in
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'Kids are going in all different directions now. We want to get them back into their heritage to find out where their ancestors came from.'

the year, students perform at a variety of venues and present a recital in April.

"Kids are going in all different directions now. We want to get them back into their heritage to find out where their ancestors came from," said Patricia Steven whose grandparents immigrated from Poland. "Dance is very important. It teaches fundamentals of different dance styles for different regions of Poland.

"Kids get a deeper appreciation of their heritage so they can readily appreciate the talents of other nationalities and cultures."

Registration for the 2007-2008 dance season begins Sept. 5. For more information, visit www.syrenadance.com or call Patricia Steven at (313) 563-1761.

This year Syrena celebrates 32 years of educating children about their Polish heritage. The cost is \$35 a month for one child, \$50 for two or more children.

"When I danced we only had 4 schools. We now have 10 schools," said Steven who's been director of the ensemble for 10 years. "Kids come from Farmington and Farmington Hills, Plymouth, Canton, Garden City, Dearborn, Riverview. They learn a few songs and about their costumes. Different regions have different styles of costumes."

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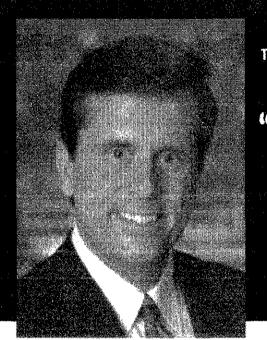
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### REUNIONS

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#### **Andover High School** Class of 1957

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#### Birmingham Seaholm Class of 1962

A 45-year reunion is planned for 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, 2007, at Camp Ticonderoga Restaurant, Troy. For information: www. seaholm62.org. Contact: Greq Frontier at ofrontier@aol.com or Charlotte (8osworth) Follis at cafollis@mybluelight.com.

### Bishop Borgess Class of 1977

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### Class of 1987

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A 45-year reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Hilton Detroit-Troy on Crooks Road in Troy, Dinner, dancing and cash bar. Other weekend events will begin on Friday, Sept. 21, and will continue through Sunday, Sept. 23. For information, e-mail ClawsonHS62@aol.com or call Mary at

#### (248)593-6182. Dearborn Fordson Class of 1969

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A 50th Reunion is being planned for Sept. 29, at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor. Looking for January, June and Summer '57 graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact

### Pat Gorski-Zielinski, (989) 366-9288. **Detroit Central High School**

Class of 1947 A 60-year reunion, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, 2007 at Drake Park, between Maple and 14 Mile Road in West Bloomfield. Contact Jack (Jake) Ginsburg at (248)842-1738 or Paul Davidson at (248)851-2355.

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### **Detroit Cooley**

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#### **Detroit Denby** Class of 1947

A 60th reunion will be held noon to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at Lakeland Banquet Center, Contact Lucille at (734) 427-0579.

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A 50th reunion is planned for Sept. 7, 8, and 9, 2007, at the Thomas Edison Inn. Port Huron. Seeking lost graduates, January/June classes. If you are not yet on the mailing list, please e-mail maroonfowl@aol.com or call (248) 642-0249.

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#### highschool.com. Detroit Holy Redeemer Class of 1957

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### Fordson High School Garden City High School

Class of 1972 A 35-year reunion is planned for Saturday Oct. 13, 2007. For more information, contact Lori Howe Richardson at (734)421-7808 or Ihowerich@hotmail.com or Sharon Burke Parkila at (734)421-3108 or sparkila72@aol.com.

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### Class of 1966, 1967

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Class of 1966 Aug. 17, 18 and 19. For more information, call Pat Ormsby LaPlante at

### (248)476-0634, Redford Thurston High School

Classes of 1957, 1958 A 50-year reunion is planned with several events Sept. 14-16 at Embassy Suites, Livonia. For information, contact Ron Beller at (989)652-9724 or e-mail at Admiral741@vahoo. com or Marian Keegan Hierholzer at (248)349-2697 or e-mail at Mamia@

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### **WOMEN SEEKING MEN**

PRETTY IN PINK SWF, hard-worker, likes gardening, working-out, movies, music and painting, seeks a SWM, 45-58, honest, caring, with similar interests, for com-58, honest, caring, with similar interess panionship, maybe more. \$\frac{12212319}{TALIAN/SICILIAN MAN...}

wanted. 40-year-old SBF, 5'8" looking for hand-some, fun, cider Italian or Steilian Mate, 40-55 years old I like shopping, movies, and cooking. 32218623

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COULD YOU BE THE ONE?

Loving, youthful SBF, 57, trim, shapely, very attractive, energetic, happy, enjoys dining, travel, amusement parks, the outdoors, festivals, nature, family-friends, theater, more. Seeking like-minded gentleman to share these. 20121526

naure, name, nearer, more. Seeking like-minded gentleman to share these. \$\frac{\text{Text}}{21525}\$ LOTS OF LOVE TO GIVE SWF, 66, 56°, blond, N/S, good sense of humor, enjoys life, dancing and dining, seeking a W/HM, 66-75, N/S, sincere and humorous, for companionship, maybe more. \$\frac{\text{Text}}{220161}\$ REAL FRIENDS SWF, 57, bl. blonde/blue, Troy area, seeking a lovely lady for tender times. Let's share our many interests. \$\frac{\text{Text}}{2216993}\$ LET's share our many interests. \$\frac{\text{Text}}{2216993}\$ LET's loves all life, animals, arts, family, nature, spirituality. Masters helping professional. Seeking big-hearted, finencially/emotionally secure, intelligent DPM, 48-68, for fun, friendship, depth, etc. \$\frac{\text{Text}}{2892242}\$ SEARCHING FOR A MAN...

45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 45-year-old who's bright, spunky and preity, Only Jewish men please. \$\frac{\text{Text}}{2962317}\$ CLASSY AND ATTRACTIVE

CLASY AND ATTRACTIVE
SBF, 40, curvy, seeking a SBM, 40-50, masculine, who likes walks, movies and having fun. No head games. \$\frac{\text{T2}}{12}\$ CAN U KEEP UP?

CAN U KEEP UP?

Energetic, petite blonde, 48, 120lbs, 5'2", mother w/grown children, employed, dog owner, enjoys cycling, sports, baseball, cards, keeping active, dancing, dinners, ISO SM who wants to share fur and friendship. 22:211245

LOOKING FOR ME?

SBF, 46, 5'8", dark complexion, slim, cute, looking for tail, attractive, sweet guy, kind and understanding to share all the good things life offers.

22:16:297

Very cute SWPF, 48, looks 35 on a bad day, 5', 115lbs, brown, wavy long hair, looking for someone to spice up my life, take a chance and leave message. \$\frac{\pi\_2}{218523}\$. READ THIS ADI

SWF, 61, N/S, homebody, enjoys cuddling, scary movies and antiques, searching for a SWM, 52+, with various interest and qualities. 27164114 HIDDEN TREASURE

I'm the needle in the haystack, and there you will find true love. Seeking SM, 65+. \$\frac{1}{2}212790\$

MAYBE US

SEE 42 555 and the results of the second and the results of the second and the second SBF, 42, 5'6", pretty smile, enjoys weekend getaways, seeking a SM, 37-48, N/S, to share interests and companionship. \$\frac{\pi}{214333}\$

SINCERE ONLY

SBF, 36, feminine, beautiful, sexy, seeks confident, similar lady to share nights on the town, good talks and simple fun. Will it be you? Friendship first, possibly more. \$\frac{32}{210970}\$

HELLO GENTLEMAN

SBF, 36, 5'2', 135ibs, looking for SWPM, to hang with, get to know and just have some fun. Interested? \$\frac{32}{213418}\$

WHY NOT CALL?

SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-80, for friendship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. \$\frac{32}{217234}\$ SINCERE ONLY

LOKING FOR MY SOULMATE.

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Cute SWF, mother of 2, enjoys movies and dining in/out. Seeking teddy bear type SM, 35-45, race open, N/S, attractive inside and out, humorous, cuddly, responsible, family-oriented, kids ok.

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SIMPLE REQUEST SIMPLE REQUEST
Are you honest, trustworthy, down-to-earth? SBF,
40, N/S, seeks SBM, 27-57, N/S, who knows
how to take life one day at a time. **27**508061

BIG HEART

SWF, 46, 5'5", 160lbs, brown/brown, sincere,
enjoys movies, museums, the outdoors, sports,
cudding and walks, ISO SWM, 37-53, for friendshib first. **27**213860

cudding and walks. ISO SWM, 37-53, for friend-ship first. 32:13660

A GOOD WOMAN 4 U

Laid-back, nice SBF, 42, N/S, N/D, loves music, movies, bowling, relaxing by the water, quiet times home. Seeking like-minded lady, feminine and fun-loving, to share friendship and possibly more. 32:209055

FORMER MODEL
SWF, 50, 56", slender, intelligence, creativity, passion for music and dancing. Seeks partner 38-50, who is attractive and fit, to share this interests and more. \$2600,106

ests and more. TECOTIOE

FRIENDS FIRST

WIWF, 68, 5'8", 145lbs, healthy, honest, happy, likes comedy films, country cooking. Looking for outdoorsy, active man affectionate and warmhearted, to share the good things in life.

OLD SCHOOL GIRL...
looking for old school guy. SBF, 41, has a good sense of humor, N/S, seeks nice guy, for dating and possibly more. 27:1865.72

LIFE IS TO SHORT

SWF, 41, 5/7, outgoing, fun, enjoys all sports, the outdoors and warm climates, seeking a caring, romantic, honest, handsome SM, 35/70, with smillar interests, for companyionship, romance.

lar interests, for companionship, romance and more. 27189112 GOOD TIMES

Hard-working, honest, respectful, ambitious, attractive, SBF, 38, educated, D/D-free. In search of SBM, with same qualities, for friendship and casual fun. 27159358

Open-minded, mature, attractive SF, 49, knows when to be serious, but has a sense of humor as well. Live and let live is my policy. ISO understanding, fun-loving good-hearted guy. SEEKS NEW FRIENDS

Tall, sexy, ebony artist, enjoys culture, music, the outdoors, the ocean, bookstores, coffeehouses, biking, sports, searching for a SM, 18-45, who can enjoy the same. 27198785 wild AND SOPHISTICATD

Ebony woman desires shared love relationship
for mental, emotional, physical, epiritual and
financial uplifting, 40-50. 22147056

Employed, easygoing SBF, 48, morn, pretty smile, golden complexion, brown/brown, attractive, independent, warm-hearted, loves R&B, soul, classic cars/car shows, concerts. Seeking warm-hearted, independent SBM, intelligent and good-humored for companionship, happiness.

CLASSY LADY

SEF, 36, 5'3", N/S, seeking a SBM, 35-49, who enjoys sports, dining, traveling and movies, for friendship first, maybe more, 12 192050

SEEKING FRIENDSHIP

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SBF, young 60s, w/good morals, caring, nicelooking, 5'3", 156ibs, N/S, N/D, N/Drugs, clean,
honest living, partly retired, enjoys art, card playing, casinos, and movies. Seeking honest man
50-60, race open. 21'134425

CLASSY LADY
SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining,
movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-68,
N/S, good sense of humor and good
values/morals. 21'207254

TRY ME
SBF, 33, 5'5", 160lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, looking for a loving SM, to share talks, good times, shopping, dancing taughter and simple times, 72213013 I'LL MAKE U SMILE

Loving, open-minded, spontaneous SBF, 18, D/D-free, NS, no children, looking for SW/HM, to share friendship, fun times, talks laughs a little romance and see what happens next. \$2212804

LET'S TALK

SF, 31, 5'9', brown/blue, Pisces, enjoys romantic dinners, movies, nice talks, quiet walks, simple fun. Looking for a nice, easygoing, simple guy to share friendship and fun. \$\frac{\text{T2}}{2}\$ 13820

ARE YOU SEEKING?

DWF, 63, 5'2', Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes, theater travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet N/S WM, 58-70, financially secure, eaeygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. \$\frac{\text{T2}}{2}\$830808

LET'S TALK SOMETIME SBCF, 38, 5'6', 1201bs, smoker, loves jazz.
Seeking BF, 30-45, smoker, for dining out and movies for friendship, possible romance. 21 152399

LOOK OUT HERE I COME

Somewhat shy SF, 34, pet owner, works hard but loves to have fun, simple times, good company. Seeking nice SM, to share a little fun and friend-

PERSONABLE AND SPECIAL SWF, retired, talented, fun-foving, attractive, 132lbs, 5'5', blonde, seeks well-groomed gentieman, 65+, to share life and enjoy each other's company. \$2891247

company, 25/89/247.

SOUND LIKEYOU?

SF, 26, fun-toving, enjoys sports, romence and trying new things. Seeking honest, easygoing man to share talks, good times, friendship and try \$507.255.

fun. 12207859 CALL ME SOMETIME Loving, compassionate, romantic lady, 34, enjoys day trips, good talks, togetherness, casinos, time with family. Seeking a toving, respectful, level-headed man to share the good things in life.

MAKE ME LAUGH MAKE ME LAUGH

DWF, 54, 57', NS, outgoing, enjoys comedy, theater, soft rock, dancing, dining, outdoors, tSO tall, S/DWM, like age, good-humored, honest and spontaneous. TP209652

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

WIWF, 57', homeowner, independent, a little lonely, dog owner, enjoys gulet times, good talks and togetherness. Seeking a kind man to share these. TP211330

these. 2211330

Take Me GOLFING
Tidy SWF, 60, enjoys fine dining, traveling.
Seeking golfer, best friend, confidente, 58-70, widdower a plus. Honesty, trust, a must to make a relationship work. 25976914

SOULMATE SEARCH Slim, attractive, 57-yr-old JF looking for her soul-mate, any sincere, successful JM, between the ages of 54-64, please respond. 2589875 COULD IT BE YOU?

SWF, 74, very active, 51", brown/brown, loves life, travel, music, festivals, good company, nice walks, scenic drives. Seeking compatible, kind SWM, solid build A+, who enjoys the same. 22:10844

WORTH YOUR CALL
SBF, 22, 5'4", light complexion, brown/hazel, dimples, 200lbs, enjoys horror films, hanging with frends. Locking for a nice, smart, compassionate, goal-oriented man to share the good things in life. 22:01997.

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OUTGOING AND OUTSPOKEN
SBF, 19, 5'10", likes dining, movies and relaxing at home, seeking a 'SM, 19+, with various interests, let's get together and talk over dinner. 25/208077
QUEEN SEARCHING FOR KING

SWF. 23, seaching for a SBM, 25-35, outgoing, sensative, outgoing, understanding, good sense of humor, who likes to go out and have fun. LADY IN THE WOODS

LADY IN THE WOODS

SWF 50, looks younger, nice smile, blonde/.
hazel, 5'5:, average build, employed, educated, home owner, dog lover, seeking compatible, out-doorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. \$2210247

good hearter male to snare the good things in life. \$\frac{\text{T2D247}}{2D247}\$

NURSE

Attractive SWF, 64, 5', 135lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, fair skin, looking for \( \)\frac{\text{N}}{2}, honest gentieman, 60-70, who has numerous interests including history, traveiling, and home life. \$\frac{\text{T4}}{2409879}\$

POSSIBLE LTR

SWPF, 58, 5'7', attractive, slender, athleftc, \( \text{NS}\$, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seaks SWPM, 55-62, \text{NS}\$, college degreed, healthy, SOH, possible LTR. \$\frac{\text{T8}}{2593381}\$

DO YOU EXIST?

DWF, 58, 5'7'', slender, very attractive, college-educated, enjoys movies, theater, sports, concerts, dining and travel Seeking widowed/divorced WPM, 55-63, attletic, healthy, tall, \( \text{NS}\$, \)
\( \text{D/D-free}, with good sense of humor, \( \frac{\text{T2}}{200296}\$

LOOKING FOR YOU

Attractive SWF, 59, 5'7', blond/green, with a loving heart, seeking a SWM, christian a+, \( \text{N/S}\$, \)
\( \text{D/D-free}, with enjoys the simple things in life. \( \frac{\text{T2}}{206291}\$)

NO DRAMA
SBF, 28, outgoing, down-to-earth, loves shopping, bowling, shooting pot, more. ISO a special man, 20-38, with like interests, to share special times. 27172726

GIRL NEXT DOOR
SBF, 22, 5'1", seeking a SM, 18-27, for dinner dates, phone conversations, walks in the park, or just hanging out watching a good movie. 1218347

just hanging out watching a good movie. 17186347
ARE YOU MY MATCH?
SBF, 29, 5°5°. easygoing, laid-back, D/D-free, seeking a SBM, 21-36, honest, caring, for friend-ship, maybe more. 218890?

LET'STALK
SBF, 53, 4°11°, likes romantic walks, dining and more, seeking a tail, caring SBM, 54-59, honest, respectful, who enjoys the same, for friendship, maybe more. No head games/drama. 27190972
GIRL NEXT DOOR
SWF, 22, 5°5′, brown/hazel, seeking a SM, 22-35, who likes movies, dining and more. Let's get together. 37192872

SENT FROM HEAVEN

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SBF, 21, Ioving, caring, kind, compassionate, generous, attractive, honest, seeking a SM, 25-72, with similar qualities, to spend time with, go out to dinner or the movies. \$\foxed{T}\)201386
HOW AREYOU?
SBF, 29, mom of 2, N/S, fun-loving, caring, compassionate, likes cooking, painting, walks, beaches, family times. Seeking a nice guy with zest for life, to share a little happiness. \$\foxed{T}\)200770
GETTO KNOW ME
Loving, open-minded SB, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, iSO honest, compassionale SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR, \$\foxed{T}\)3563760

LTH. 22963760 LET'S MEET

SBF, curvy, short, pretty, outgoing, self-employed, seeking a busy SBM, 48-60, who likes concerts, traveling and dining. Let's get together and talk. \$205287

SEEKING MR. RIGHT
Classy SBF, hoping to meet mature SBM, 45-60.
I'm a very passionate, affectionate, loving person, who enjoys a variety of activities, if you're seeking your soulmate, why not try me? 23985794

READY FOR A FRESH START?

DWF, 47, 5'5', 120lbs, long blonde/blue, well-proportioned, very leminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6'1"+, 225lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic travelse, outdoorsman, adventurer, manly gentleman. 25692549

INEED A LOVE...

to keep me happy, Attractive, classy, delightful, charming WF, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. 25568059

VERY CUTE

SBF, 56, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 45-58, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. 25113198

### MEN SEEKING WOMEN

LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT
WIWM, 45, 5"11", 220lbs, is easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/outdoor.
Looking for LTR, with the right person. 22:265340
WORTH YOUR TIME

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Attractive, clean-cut SM, 46, 5'11", 155lbs, selfemployed, respectful, open-minded, enjoys
cooking, music, movies, comedy shows. ISO
attractive, pleasant SWF, 28-42, D/D-free, stender-medium build, classy, kind. compassionate
and caring, for friendship/LTR? 22:17334

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SOMETHING BETTER
SWPM, 40s, N/S, good-looking, 5'8", athletic, degreed, homeowner, great cook, respects and appreciates women, enjoys everything, including romance. Seeking SWP 29-50, good-looking, H/W proportionate, who's seeking a passionate

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 56, 5'10', handsome and secure, seeks
honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys

travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, con-certs, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. 17269646

SEARCHING FOR LADY LOVE
SM, 51, 511, 185/bs, enjoys the outdoors, boating, dining out, music, long walks, etc. Seeking honest, caring SF, who enjoys same activities, for companionship, friendehip and romance. 12146012

ARE YOU MY LADY?

SBM, 54, N/S, loves R&B, jazz, simple times, romance and time with someone special seeking a loving lady, medium build/full-figured, to share all lifes simple pleasures. 22210024

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Call me if you desire a nice shape, SWM, blueeyed blonde, 50-year-old, 180lbs, desires SBF
for triendship and definitely romance. 27777324

THE REAL DEAL
SWM, 59, handsome, N/S, blond/blue, 5' 9",
165lbs, Catholic, down to earth, easygoing,
seeks WF, 42-65, N/S, physically fit, with classy
and style. 73134098

and style. \$7134098

WORTH A CALL

SBM, 28, 5'6", 150lbs, enjoys home-cooking, italian food, time with friend, good company, movies, music and more. Seeking a nice, open-minded SF to share the good times. \$7213010

SOMEONE WHO LOVES LIFE

SBM, 6'1", 250lbs, outnoting swarptin life.

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SBM, 61'l', 250lbs, outgoing, romantic, likes
movies, dining and traveling, seeking a woman,
35-45, who likes long walks and good conversations, let's talk, T216163
BETRAYED? METOO
SWM, 48, 6'1", 190bs, NS, handsome, sincere,
educated, honest, seeks attractive woman, 3650, for friendship, sharing, fun and romance.
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HANDSOMELY HUMBLE

SBPM, 43, 5'11", 215lbs, H/W proportionate, respectful gentleman, looking for professional SF, 30-45, N/S, for LTR. E578139

Simple, honest SM, 35, 5°C brown/hazel, medium build, seeks nice, kind-hearted, non-judgmental woman to share talks dates, fun and more. \$2217053

EASYGOING

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Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. WLTM SWF, for dating and fun times. \$\frac{\pi}{2}\$187614

CUTE, CUDDLY COWBOY
Wise and kind SWM, 46, enjoys simplicity, art fairs, flea markets, festivals. Seeking the company of a lady with similar interests. \$\frac{\pi}{2}\$200459

HI LADIES!

DHM, 48, kind, hard-worker, N/S, seeks a HWF, 37-57, N/S, for sharing of conversations, dates, fun and more. Possible LTR. \$\frac{\pi}{2}\$216527

SWM, likes camping, biking, dining, walks.

SWM, likes camping, biking, dining, walks, romance and having jun, seeks a W/3F, 45-60, who enjoys the same, for companionship, maybe more. \$216421

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

SBM, 44, 5'9", 150lbs, father, enjoys gournet cooking, beach walks, sunshine, soft rock, much more. Seeking a loving, happy lady to share the special times in life. \*\*21151943\*\*

IT'S NO Full BEING ALONE
SWM, 38, 210lbs, hwp, brown/brown, hard-working, loyal, honest, compassionate, humorous, enjoys anything outdoors, seeks a SWF, 35-40, attractive, active and caring \*\*42:16329\*\*

A GOOD CATCH
DWM, 60s, N/S, social drinker, good sense of humor, likes dining, traveling, shows, walks in the park, seeks a mature SWF, 50s-60s, N/S, 51"-56", petite, active, for companionship, maybe more. \*\*22:16394\*\*

LOCKING FOR A SOUL MATE
SBM, 60, caring and thoughtful Likes movies, travel, dining out and more. Seeking a SF, age and race open, for LTR. 27132859
MAN WITH CUTE DIMPLES

Friendly, affectionate, warm, respectful BM, 43, NS, in search of a easygoing, honest, active woman, with God in her heart, hwp, for friendship, romance and more. No head games/drama.

SBM, 6'1", 250lbs, likes walks on the beach, casinos and movies. Searching for a H/AF, 18+, 4'11"+, attractive, caring, \$\overline{\pi}\$212428

daisnos and movies. Searching for a NAT, 184, 41174, attractive, carring, \$212428

"M YOUR MAN

SWM, 39, 5'9", brown/brown, stocky build, seeking a woman, 184, to spend time with. \$2214317

HOPE TO FIND U SOON

SM, 5'11", 170lbs, black/brown, brown complexion, enjoys playing chess, walks, concerts, plays, more, Looking for drama-free, romantic, kind lady, good-natured and fun-loving to share the good things in life. \$2216113

CALL THIS MAN!

Easygoing, expressive DWM, 43, nice looks, no kide, enjoys traveling, outdoors, romantic evenings. Seeks warm-hearted SWF, \$2112288

LIVING ON THE EDGE!

SWM, 28, tattoo artist, guitar player, seeks a similar cool girl, for motorcycles, loud music, tattoos and wild adventures! Let's meet and have some fun! \$229933

funi \$229933

ENJOYS GOING TO CHURCH

SBM. 28, 6', 173lbs, N/D, N/kids, slim bulld, brown complexion, glesses, likes movies, long walks, Jesus, cooking, music, bowling, mexican food, shyness, seeks SB/HF, 25-28, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. \$2980453

LETS HAVE FUN

SM. 18, enjoys working on cars, painting, seeks

SM, 18, enjoys working on cars, painting, seeks a SF, 18-22, for movies, fishing and having fun.
22/217283

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

SM, 20s. 6'1", likes comedy, and suspense films, fitness, romantic times with someone special. ISO genuine, nice lady, good-looking, intelligent, to get to know, share a little fun and romance. \$\mathbf{T}217356\$

ENJOYTHE VIEW
Romantic, thoughtful SWM, 39, is looking for love, enjoys hugs, kisses and cuddling, seeks kind, attractive SWF, age and area open. ROMANTIC & ATTRACTIVE DWM, 60, 511\*, 190lbs, seeks nice-looking lady to help share each others heart, and lifes daily adventures. 32146279

adventures. 37148279

TALL, ATHLETIC

SWM, 47, 6'2", 200ibs, part-time personal trainer, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. 37531308

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED

SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. 375932418

LETS GET GOING!

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SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. \$\mathbf{T}\$128302

ROMANTIC GUY

SWM, 48, 5'10", brown/brown, fun, adventurous, N/S, seeks the same in a woman, 25-62, N/S, fit, attractive, who's in good shape, for fun and adventures. Give me a call. \$\mathbf{T}\$218526

WM, 45, above-average looking, brown/bjue, athletic, honest, good sense of humor, seeks compatible woman, with same interests, age opsn. \$\mathbf{T}\$131277

TAKE A CHANCE

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LONELY & READY

SWM, 49, average build, Italian, heart of gold, Virgo, N/S, seeks WF, 45-55, with a nice build, ready for LTR. Serious replies only. Redford Area. 2260305

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SCM, 34, 57", 170lbs, brown/brown, medium build, student, employed, sociable, fun-loving, friendly, enjoys music, writing, hockey, football, more. Seeking nice lady to share talks, good times, friendship and possible LTR. 12:21236

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SWM, 52, in shape, sober, enjoys singing karaoke, playing guitar, animals, the simple things. Seeking SF, 30-45, in shape, no kids, and a good country singing voice for friendship, more. 25'168597

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SWM, 33, father, enjoys bowling, shooting pool, TAKE A CHANCE

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SWM, 56, black/brown, clean-shaven, N/S, adventurous, seeking a SWF, 45-58, for friendship, maybe more. \$\frac{72}{2518593}\$

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SWM, 30, 5'8", N/S, enjoys the beach, the outdoors and traveling, seeking a woman, 21-40, active, in good shape, with similar interest, for friendship, maybe more. \$\frac{72}{25186087}\$

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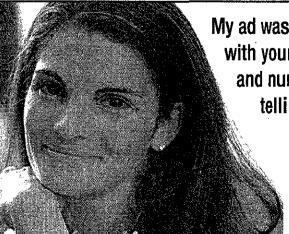
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Try this easygoing, lovable SWM, 50, good listener, who enjoys book stores, coffee shops, nature and concerts. I seek a like-minded counterpart for where ever it goes. 27200890

LET'S GET TOGETHER
DWM, D/D-free, east area, great sense-of-humor, interested in music, outdoors, pets, gardening and evenings in front of a fireplace. ISO WF, 35-55, with similar interests for friendship, possible LTR. 27202143

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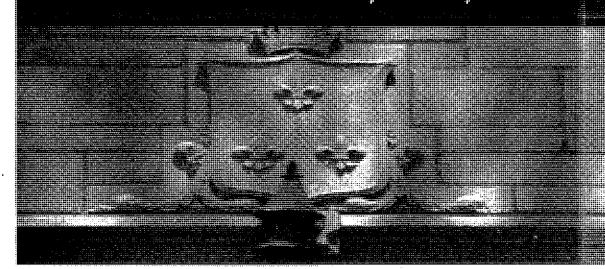
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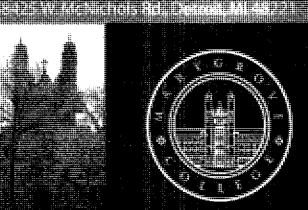
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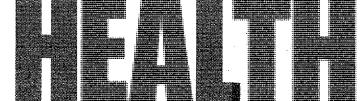






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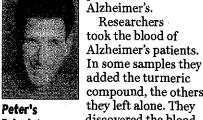
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### Spice up your food to fight Alzheimer's

Jerry from Ypsilanti e-mails asking if there is anything he could add to his diet to help fight Alzheimer's disease?

Jerry, try spicing up your foods. A new study found a chemical in the spice turmeric helps rid the blood

of a brain plaque protein, which causes Alzheimer's. Researchers



Peter Nielsen

compound, the others they left alone. They discovered the blood **Principles** was better at deleting the disease causing protein when the turmeric chemical was

present. Researchers hope it may be possible to give Alzheimer's patients blood infusions of the turmeric chemical to help their immune system delete the brain plaque ingredient.

Ann from Lincoln Park e-mails asking with all the fruits and vegetables in season right now, which ones are the best to eat?

A team of researchers looked at more than 1,000 foods to see which ones pack the most antioxidants. Antioxidants are the good stuff in food that can help fight off disease. Topping the list of the most powerful antioxidant foods are blackberries, strawberries, cranberries, raspberries, blueberries, walnuts and artichokes. The researchers also determined cooking appears to increase the antioxidant potential of most foods, except for grains such as pasta and

if you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, e-mail Peter through his Web site www.peternielsen.com. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

### **Water safety**

### Vigilance doesn't end with summer

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

ust because summer is almost over, Dr. Lisa Markman isn't letting her guard down when it comes to water safety. Markman is keeping an eye on her two young daughters just as her mother did when she was growing up in Southfield.

Emma, 6, and Charlotte, 3, need constant supervision, whether it's around the pool, a bathtub, or containers which hold water or other liquids. That includes toilets and dog bowls, but especially five-gallon buckets used for chores in the home.

Safety doesn't end with summer when a child can drown in one of these white plastic containers, even if only half full.

About 25 children around the country drown annually in buckets, and many more are hospitalized according to the Detroit Medical Center. The tragedy happens when a child goes to play in the water and falls in, but is not strong enough to pull

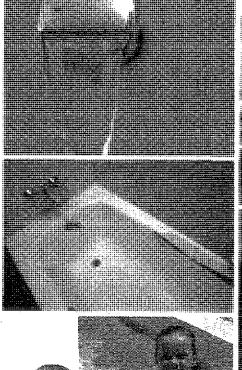
"Parents still need to be concerned," said Markman, a pediatrician at the DMC. In late July, the DMC came out with a bucketful of children's safety tips and information to keep kids safe at home or around pools in community recreation centers all year long.

"Kids who first start walking, 9 to 18 months, can trip and fall into the bucket and can't get themselves out, and are more apt to fall in because the bucket is heavy," Markman said. "You think those are things that can never happen to you, but if you're the parent of a child who dies like that the number is 100 percent for you."

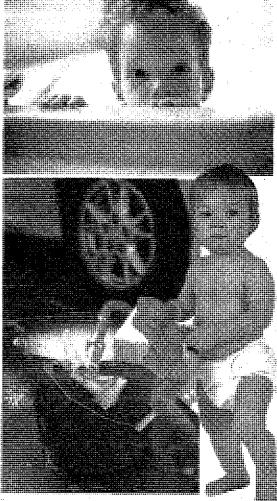
Drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury death in children, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics. As little as a few inches of water can pose a

drowning hazard for children. Markman can think of two cases of near drownings she encountered while covering the emergency room in a Chicago hospital. One child recovered without devastating injuries. Another child was resuscitated, but suffered severe brain

damage. "There's a danger around the house, especially







with small children under age 2 with the bathtub," Markman said. "Never ever leave children unattended in the bathtub. You need to plan, have your towels, washcloths, soap there. Don't answer the phone or door, and don't let another child be responsible for a child in the

Markman cautions parents to be wary of bath seats, which are not foolproof. Children could slip out if left unattended.

"Before I had kids of my own, I never imagined how kids could drown," Markman said. "Now I realize it's easy to get distracted. You have to be vigilant."

And when away from home, don't depend on lifeguards at community recreation centers, or hotel/motel pools while on vacation.

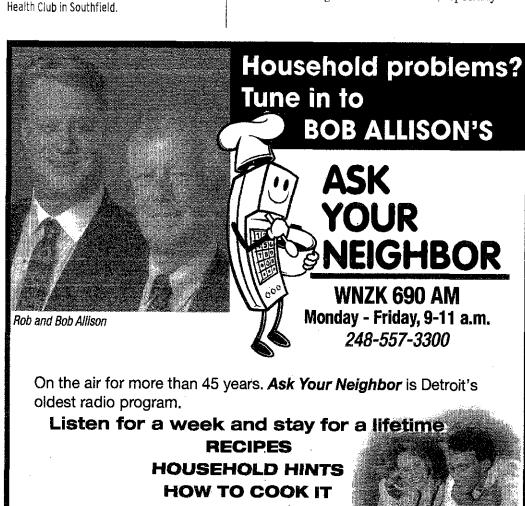
During the summer, Markman takes her

daughters to an outdoor pool in Ann Arbor two or three times a week.

"The important thing is even if a lifeguard is on duty, lifeguards are watching lots and lots of children. It's up to you to keep them safe," Markman said. "We have a rule — if the kids are leaving the area, they need to let us know if they leave the pool or sandbox. It's easy for parents to get distracted. People are talking and eating.

"I think parents get reassured when children can swim," she added. "Just because a child can swim, they can get fatigued. Sometimes there's rough play in the pool and they can get disoriented. Even with good swimmers, there's a potential for something bad to happen."

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### Optometrists offer no-cost infant eye assessments

Optometrists from the Michigan Optometric Association (MOA) recommend infants receive a one time, comprehensive eye assessment through InfantSEE. The program, designed for infants during their first year of life, is supported by a network of more than 300 MOA members and offers early detection of potential eye and vision problems at no cost, regardless of

According to MOA, 1 in 10 children is at risk from undiagnosed eye and vision problems. Visual development is most dramatic between 6- and 12-months of age and early detection can prevent and help reduce the threat of serious vision impairments. If left untreated, vision

problems can make learning difficult and may lead to permanent vision impairment.

"Parents take their children to the dentist to help prevent a future of cavities. Likewise, parents should consider taking their infants to the optometrist to help prevent a future of eye and vision issues," said Dr. Barbara Horn, O.D., and member of the MOA InfantSEE committee. "I strongly encourage all parents of infants to visit an optometrist for an InfantSEE eve assessment during the first year of their infant's life."

Since its inception in June 2005, InfantSEE assessments have shown that one in 20 babies were found to be at risk for an abnormal prescription status, reaffirming the need for this

valuable program.

Although infants cannot respond verbally, the first year-of-life is an ideal time to conduct an eye assessment. Not only is this a critical time for eye and vision development, but generally children at this age are not afraid of the doctor. During the assessment, infants typically sit on their parent's lap as the optometrist performs the exam. The optometrist uses lights and other hand held objects to check that their eyes are working together and that there are no significant issues that may impede proper vision development. The optometrist may also dilate the baby's pupils to ensure the health of the eve.

Following the assessment, in addition to sharing

findings with parents, the optometrist may send summary information to the infant's pediatrician, family physician or other health care provider to report and explain any significant condition diagnosed during the exam.

"Optometrists, through their clinical education, training and experience, have the means to provide the most effective primary eye and vision services to children, as a complement to routine well-care exams given by pediatricians,"

To locate a Michigan Optometric Association InfantSEE optometrist in your area, visit www. infantsee.org and click on the doctor locator at the top of the page.

### **MEDICAL DATEBOOK**

### **AUGUST**

### Health camp

Students can learn about their bodies at a camp at the St. Joseph Mercy Health Exploration Center in Canton. For information and to register, call (734) 398-7518.

Awesome Asthma is designed to improve self-image and promote independence in kids with the disease. Campers learn about medications, risk factors and self-management Aug. 13-

#### 17 (students in grades 2-5). Benefit golf outing

The 7th annual Michael Yendick Foundation Golf Outing will take place at the Wabeek Country Club Monday, Aug. 13. The majority of the proceeds benefit the annual Camp Oasis of the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, Michigan Chapter (CCFA) for youngsters with Crohn's disease or

ulcerative colitis. The Foundation was developed by family members in memory of Michael Yendick, who was very active with CCFA and loved children. The event will feature driving range privileges, outing souvenirs, refreshments, lunch, a snack, dinner and an awards program with a guest speaker followed by a silent auction. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. with a 12 noon shotgun start at Wabeek Country Club, 4000 Clubgate Dr., Bloomfield Hills. Cost is \$235 per golfer or \$900 for a foursome. For information and to register. call (248) 569-7283, or send e-mail to

### Holiday cards

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The American Lung Association of Michigan (ALAM), a part of its efforts to raise funds to support lung health research, education and advocacy, is selling holiday cards in a variety of styles and price ranges. Interested customers may request an album to examine, and cards may be customized with individual's, family's or company's name. Purchases made before Sept. 30, will be entitled to a 20 percent early buyer discount. Large quantity discounts also available. To see samples

of the cards, visit www.buyholidaycards.com. To preview an album or for information, contact Betty McNeil at (248) 784-2030 or toll free at 1-800-543-5864.

### Divorce support group

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14, Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come, first served basis, in the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. For information, call (734) 462-4443.

### Sharing & Caring event

Brassiere Bazaar with bra fittings, information on prosthesis options, complimentary skin analysis by Advanced Skin Care, make-up tips for maintaining a healthy glow 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, in Nordstroms Lingerie Department, 3rd floor, the Somerset Collection. Reservations required. Call (248) 551-8585.

### Camp for kids with epilepsy

Camp Discovery, the only specialized camp in Michigan for children with seizure disorders, takes place Aug. 19-23, at Sherman Lake YMCA Outdoor Center in Augusta, Mich. All children who attend build self-esteem, challenge themselves physically and mentally, and form lifelong friendships and memories. To send your child to camp, volunteer as a counselor, or to sponsor a camper. call (800) 377-6226, ext. 1231.

### Bariatric seminars The Michigan Bariatric Institute (MBI)

at St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers three laparoscopic (minimally invasive) surgical weight loss options including Gastric Bypass, Adjustable Gastric 8anding, and Sleeve Gastrectomy. Learn more at one of the next free monthly Educational Seminars 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22, or Tuesday, Sept. 18, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Call (734) 655-2693 or toll free at 1-877-Why-Weight to register for free

### Dental practice workshop

Peak Performers, Inc., a dental staff-

ing and consulting firm, is inviting dentists who are considering selling their practice within the next five years to a special sellers workshop 1-4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, at Fifth Third Bank, 217 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. Dentists will have the opportunity to hear from a panel of legal, tax'and financial professionals who have personally assisted with the planning and sale of dental practices. They will discuss how to ensure the successful sale of a dental practice for the benefit of seller, buyer, staff and patients, including avoiding common mistakes and unnecessary fees. Cost is \$49, includes 3 continuing education credits (CEUs). Reservations requested by Friday, Aug. 17, by calling (888)

#### peakdental.com. Plus-size clothing sale

Michigan Bariatric Institute patients at St. Mary Mercy Hospital are selling plus-size clothing they no longer need. There will be gently used clothing for women (sizes 12-32) and men (sizes 38-60, and up to 5XL) 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, on the St. Mary Mercy Hospital grounds and in the auditorium at 36475 Five Mile at

477-7325 or send e-mail to kensmith@

### Levan, Livonia,

Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak. The Alzheimer's Association event raises awareness and funds to fight the disease. To start a team or make a donation, visit www.alzgmc.or or call (248) 351-02B0.

### Vocomina

### Walk'n Roll benefit

Sunday, Sept. 9, at Kensington Metropark in Milford and Stony Creek Metropark, Shelby Twsp. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with walk kick-off at 10 a.m. Presented by ALS of Michigan to raise funds for Michigan programs and services to benefit people with Lou Gehrig's Disease. For information and to register, call (800) 8B2-5764 or visit

#### www.alsofmichigan.org. Dawn Farm fund-raiser

1-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at Dawn Farm, 6633 Stoney Creek Road, Ypsilanti.

Jamboree includes pony rides, moon bounce, farm animals to pet, entertainment for the family and tours of the 74-acre working farm. Live and silent auction. Admission is free. Funds raised through the auctions help Dawn Farm to provide care for recovering addicts and alcoholics who have no financial resources. For more information, call (734) 485-8725 or visit www. dawnfarm.org.

Educational classes The Alliance for the Mentally III begins the fall Families in Action 10-week series of educational classes 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, for family members in the tri-county area whose loved one is experiencing some form of mental illness, at St. Regis parish center in Bloomfield Hills. The objectives of the program are to help families understand the basis of mental illness and discover ways to cope more effectively and help their loved one be as healthy and independent as possible. The cost for 10-sessions is \$20 per person, \$30 per couple, includes a workbook. Since space is limited, call (248) 348-7196

for program and registration informa-

tion, or register on the AMI website at

#### www.ami.oakland.org. Post-polio conference

Presented by Michigan Polio Network, a nonprofit providing information and education on the late effects of polio, Friday-Saturday, Sept. 21-22, at Soaring Eagle Casino Conference Center, Mt. Pleasant. Keynote speaker is Dr. Daniel Ryan, medical director, St. John Post-Polio Clinic. Cost is \$45. Pre-registration required for conference and hotel reservation. Call (248) 476-2477 or (313) 885-7855.

### Kadima benefit

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the Max M. Fisher Music Center in Detroit. Features the music of Joshua Nelson and the Kosher Gospel Singers. Cost is \$100, Call (248) 559-8235, ext. 128, All proceeds will allow Kadima to continue to provide comprehensive treatment programs for people who suffer from mental illness.

### **Diabetes Review**

The American Diabetes Association and Great Lakes Medical Supply hold a series of free, one-hour educational seminars, at the Jewish Vocational Service (JVS), 29699 Southfield Road. Diabetes Review is designed to educate people with the disease about proper diabetes self-care. A certified diabetes educator will speak about diet, exercise, medications, stress, the importance of glucose testing and A1C testing. To register, call Felicia McGee at (888) DIABETES, Ext. 6697. Locations and dates include 11 a.m. to noon Sept. 29, at Walsh College, 3838 Livernois. Troy; 6-7 p.m. Oct. 9, Royal Oak Public Library, 222 E. 11 Mile, and 11 a.m. to noon Nov. 3, Alfred Noble Branch

Library, 32901 Plymouth Rd., Livonia. H.U.G.S. support group

Help, Understanding and Grief Support Group and counseling for parents who have suffered a pregnancy or newborn loss, meet 7-9 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month, at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce, For information, call (248) 937-4847. There is no pre-registration required.

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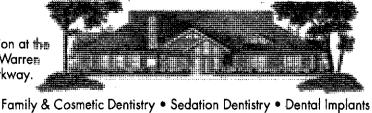
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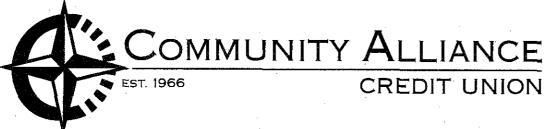
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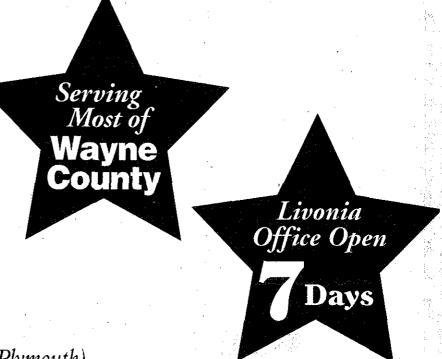
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