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## Group takes Stewart complaints to state

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

A group calling itself Citizens to Save the (Plymouth Historical) Museum has sent certified letters to the Internal Revenue Service and Michigan Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land seeking investigations into alleged campaign violations by executive director Beth Stewart, as well as possible violations of the museum's nonprofit status by the Plymouth Historical Society.

Plymouth Township resident and former police chief Carl Berry identified himself as a member of Citizens to Save the Museum, but declined to name others, or indicate how many are attached to the complaint. Another source indicated Citizens to Save the Museum "consists of 10-20 people," and doesn't include two members of Republican 20th House candidate Mark Abbo's campaign — Mark Mandell of Northville Township, chairman, or Tom Hickey of Plymouth Township, finance direc-

tor — who leveled the same allegations with Berry on July 11. The complaint by Citizens to Save the Museum charges Stewart, a candidate for the seat in the 20th state House district, and members representing the museum "went on to jointly conduct prohibited political campaign activities in favor of Stewart to the exclusion of four other candidates." Among the grievances: ■ Stewart was allowed to use the mailing list of the Plymouth

Historical Society to send a museum newsletter that announced and promoted her candidacy. ■ Stewart's use of the Plymouth Historical Museum for her campaign, including June 12, at the same time a book signing was being held by former Gov. William Milliken. ■ Allowing Stewart to use the museum's nonprofit bulk rate mail permit. ■ Stewart's use of "the valuable name and goodwill of the Society" in her mailings and Web site.

"What they're doing is wrong," Berry said. "It's not dirty politics, it's a violation of campaign law, and I won't turn my back on it." "If independent sources say nothing is wrong, good," he added. "If something is wrong, they have to take steps to fix them." Stewart, on leave from her 17-year position since June 1 to seek the Republican nomination in the Aug. 8 primary against four other candi-

PLEASE SEE STEWART, A5

## Wilcox closure not bugging businesses Customers finding their way around road construction

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

When the decision was made to close Wilcox from Starkweather to Hines Drive, effectively closing one entrance into Old Village, the concern was businesses in that part of town might suffer. But despite the 10-week closure, business owners don't seem to be feeling much of a pinch. "We've had a slight drop in business, but what can you do when they're tearing the roads up," said Liam Collins, who owns Cassel's Little Café on Mill. "June and July for food service are always the worst anyway. A lot of people hit the road, so it's not terribly unexpected. Our customers don't seem to be having any trouble finding us." A \$29 million Consumers Energy project to funnel natural gas to customers through an 11-mile pipeline forced road closures affecting drivers who pass through Plymouth along Wilcox, Mill and Northville roads. Consumers spokesperson Debra Dodd said the project is using "directional drilling to minimize the impact to Hines Park," and is on schedule to be completed by the end of August. "Barring inclement weather for several days in a row or other problems, we're on

schedule," Dodd said. The project came at a tough time for Plymouth drivers, because of all the other road issues related to the reconstruction of M-14. For instance, Northville Road was already closed over M-14. But problems don't seem to be cropping up, according to city Manager Paul Sincock. "It's not like that whole end is cut off, folks have found a way around it on Starkweather," Sincock said. "People are adapting. I think you're getting a lot more locals driving through there who are aware of Old Village now, so that's a good thing." Collins said the lagging economy is a bigger factor than the construction, and that his usual customers are still finding the place. "We have a lot of people who like the fact we're here and not downtown," Collins said. "They're literally right across the street, and for them it's not a huge inconvenience to get to us. There's people on the other side of town who won't make the drive, won't go down Mill if it's blocked off. (Construction) hasn't horribly hurt."

Staff writer Tony Bruscatto contributed to this report.  
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The Speedway station, located behind the barricades for the construction, is one of many businesses in Old Village affected by construction.

## Vorva vows to end Lansing's 'status quo'

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Jason Vorva says if he's elected as the 20th House District's next representative, he's not going to Lansing to keep the status quo. In fact, the 31-year-old Plymouth resident said if voters elect him to office in November, it won't be business as usual for state government, if he has his way. "I want a 10-percent cut in state spending, across the board," Vorva said. "Is anyone going to look me in the eye and tell me there's not at least 10 percent waste in government? I don't believe so. If that 10 percent isn't enough, then we'll cut more. I think that it will encourage prioritizing." Vorva said he doesn't plan to stop there. "It's a good place to start, but we'll need to cut more to pay for the elimination of the Single Business Tax (\$1.9 billion), elimination of personal property tax on business and take all the sales taxes off of fuel," Vorva said. "Why are we double-taxing fuel? We already pay a gas tax." Vorva, a Realtor and mortgage officer, is one of five Republicans on the Aug. 8 primary ballot who want to succeed the term-limited John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township) in the 20th House district. The district includes Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville, Northville Township, Canton east of I-275 and the city of Wayne. Vorva said his campaign has a simple mission statement. "It's time to change Michigan politics and take the profit out of public service," he said. "We need fresh, new ideas. That's why I got into this race. I saw the people in it, and I didn't see anyone who would propose, or have the courage, to stand on anything different." Vorva said he attempted to get on the ballot as an independent, but because of state election laws he would have had to garner 600 petition signatures, instead of paying \$100 to file as a Republican or Democrat. "I'm a disgruntled Republican," Vorva said. "I'm a true conservative, which is limited government; doing only the essentials, which I consider roads, schools and crime. I don't need anyone else to hold my hand in a lot of areas of life." While many candidates admit to considering "tweaking" Proposal A to give school districts more state funding, Vorva isn't buying it. "We could easily take out 15-20 percent in administration costs," Vorva said. One of the few, if not the only, topics on which Vorva agrees with most of his opponents is the elimination of the Single Business Tax.



Vorva

PLEASE SEE VORVA, A5

## DDA director resigns; city will wait for search

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Downtown Development Authority will soon be searching for a new executive director. Bob Anderson, who was hired in August 2002, resigned last week to pursue a career in counseling. "We're going to coast a bit, and let the existing staff cover all the bases," said Mike Wright, DDA chairman. "(City Manager) Paul Sincock has approved whatever other sup-



Wilcox

port is needed to keep the initiatives rolling, and give us time to be thoughtful in the search." Wright said the DDA anticipates hiring another executive director, but isn't ready to commit to the qualifications "that make sense for the future." "It's a challenging position and needs a wide variety of skills," Wright said. "We certainly need someone who has a high level of

political, managerial, organizational and administrative skills. "The addition to the parking deck is going to be a priority, and we want to continue the great initiatives we have in place now, like the Friday night concerts, which are more successful than ever," he added. "We also need to concentrate on the recruitment and retention of downtown businesses. Despite how successful downtown is, it's not a cakewalk for them." Anderson, who was hired at an annual salary of \$57,000 four years ago, was earning \$63,500 when he left.

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**Sidewalk sales**

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce presents its annual "Plymouth Sidewalk Sales" July 28-30. The event takes place 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, July 28; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 29 and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, July 30. Plymouth's variety of unique shops and galleries will offer special discounts and bargains. In addition, the Farmer's Market is also open 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, July 29 in The Gathering across from Kellogg Park. For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

**Pet benefit**

Pet Spa Grooming, a Plymouth-based full service pet grooming salon, hosts a charity dog wash at noon Sunday, July 23. Pet Spa is located at 41124 Five Mile west of Haggerty.

Pet Spa will be donating all proceeds of any pet washed to Almost Home Animal Rescue, a West Bloomfield-based non-profit, no-kill agency "dedicated to finding loving forever homes for homeless animals."

Minimum donations can be made, by cash or check, according to the size of pet: Small \$20, Medium \$30, Large \$40, and \$5 extra for heavily coated pets.

Appointments for this event can be made by calling Jessie at Pet Spa Grooming at (734) 420-8930.

For other information, including directions, visit [www.almosthomeanimalrescue.org/groom](http://www.almosthomeanimalrescue.org/groom)

**Busch series car**

The Dick Scott Automotive Group sponsors a NASCAR Charger, car #4 of the Busch racing series.

The car, along with driver Auggie Vibovich, will be on display at the Dodge dealership in Plymouth, 684 W. Ann Arbor Road, noon-3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16.

For more information, call (734) 451-2110, Ext. 221.

**Blood drives**

The Plymouth Post Office hosts a blood drive 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2 for the American Red Cross at the main post office on Beck Road.

Appointments can be made by calling Barb Mitchell, (734) 453-6111, but walk-ins are also welcome.

The Plymouth Salvation Army hosts the American Red Cross Blood Mobile 2-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 26.

The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main in Plymouth. Donors can call (734) 453-5464 to schedule an appointment, but walk-ins are also welcome.

**Alice in Wonderland**

The Marquist Theatre in downtown Northville hosts a summer production of the musical "Alice in Wonderland" Aug. 7 to Sept. 24.

Performances are scheduled for weekdays (Aug. 7-11 and Aug. 14-18), Monday-Friday, at 10:30 a.m. and Saturdays (Aug. 12, 19 and 26) at 11:30 a.m., with Saturday and Sunday matinees scheduled



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**Song in their hearts**

Mike Zientarski and Raymond Wells play a Bill Withers tune, "Ain't No Sunshine" on a recent sunny day in Kellogg Park. James Lankton listens and joins in on the chorus.

Sept. 9-10, 16-17 and 23-24 at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$8; no children under the age of 3. For school reservations, birthday parties, group rates and reserved seating for 20 or more, call (248) 349-8110.

The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main in downtown Northville.

**Restaurant crawl**

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts its seventh-annual Old Village Restaurant Crawl 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9.

Eight participating Old Village restaurants — Station 885, Plymouth Crossing, Hermann's Olde Town Grille, Plymouth Fish & Seafood, Grecian Café, The Caboose, Cassel's and Crawford's Kitchen — will provide samplings of their specialties. Free horse-and-carriage rides will be available for ticket-holders.

Tickets may be purchased now at Plymouth Crossing,

Plymouth Fish & Seafood, Station 885 and the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail. The cost is \$15 per person; children 12 and under are \$5. Tickets can be purchased by phone using Visa, MasterCard or Discover through the Chamber office only, (734) 453-1540.

**Child seat clinic**

The Plymouth Township Police Department hosts a free child safety seat clinic 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12 at the department's new headquarters at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty.

The inspections will be by appointment only, and limited space is available.

Anyone who would like their seats inspected can make an appointment by calling Officer Jamie Senkbeil, (734) 354-3243.

**Orchestra auditions**

The Celebration Youth Orchestra holds auditions for

the 2006-2007 school year Aug. 25-26 at Evola Music, 7170 North Haggerty in Canton.

Auditions are open to string students ages 9 and older with at least one year of instruction and wind, brass, and percussion students ages 12 and older with at least three years of instruction.

Students may live anywhere in southeastern Michigan. Auditions must be scheduled in advance. Students are asked to prepare one scale in any key and a piece of their choice. Percussionists will be provided with a snare drum, but will need to bring their own sticks.

The CYO is the youth orchestra supported by the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society. In Fall 2006 the CYO will have two ensembles, the Celebration Sinfonia for string, wind, brass, and percussion students and the Celebration Strings. The CYO is dedicated to challenging and inspiring students through high level ensemble training and the performance of standard and new repertoire.

The Celebration Youth Orchestra is part of the Plymouth Symphony's Youth Outreach Education Program. Donations to the Symphony's No Kid without a Concert Education Campaign help to fund the CYO as well as many other programs for students throughout Southeastern Michigan.

To schedule an audition or for more information e-mail [jane@plymouthsymphony.org](mailto:jane@plymouthsymphony.org) or call the Plymouth Symphony office, (734) 451-2112.

**Glassmaker on TV**

Plymouth glassmaker Don Schneider will be featured on "Beads, Baubles &

Jewels," a PBS TV show airing July 30.

Schneider will be showcasing a technique called millefiori, which translates to "a thousand flowers." Schneider shows the first step in the process, then explains further using examples of the work in progress.

Schneider's work, from blown rare glass to delicate Christmas ornaments and beads, is available in his gallery, The Glassworks, 543 Deer Street in Plymouth. Schneider teaches at the Toledo Museum of Art, at his studio for Schoolcraft College, and privately.

For more information, call (734) 459-6419.

**Crafters wanted**

Crafters needed for Delta Kappa Gamma's 20th annual juried show Saturday, Oct. 21 at West Middle School in Plymouth.

The show will run from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; West Middle School is located at 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI.

Call Clara, (734) 254-0849 or e-mail to [sweisz59@comcast.net](mailto:sweisz59@comcast.net) for more information.

The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for its Craft Show that takes place during the Fall Festival Sept. 9-10.

This year the craft show will be moving to the lawn of the historic Wilcox House located at Ann Arbor Trail and Union Street. Ten-by-ten foot spots will cost \$75 per day or \$150 for the weekend.

Applications are available to download at [www.plymouth-fallfestival.com](http://www.plymouth-fallfestival.com) or for more info call Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614.

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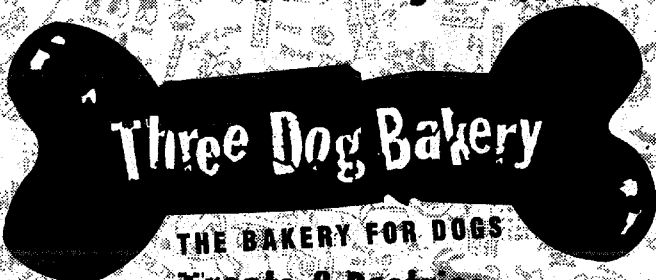


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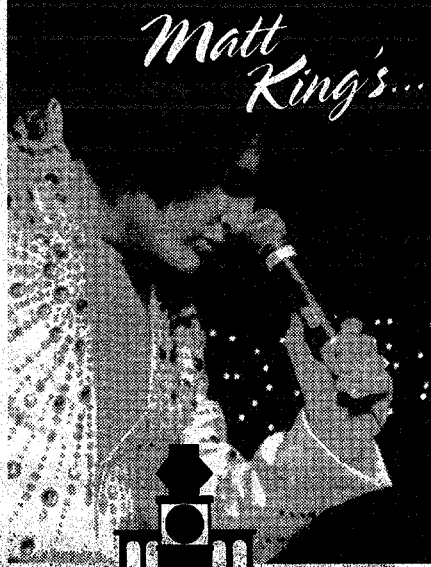
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# Reading the leaves

## Owner finds niche for new tea shop

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

After toiling for some 16 years in the corporate world, the last five at DP & Company in Farmington Hills, Colleen Cannon needed a change.

While contemplating her own move into the world of small business ownership, Cannon accompanied her husband, Patrick, on a business trip to Tennessee. While killing time between conferences, the Cannons happened into the Franklin (Tenn.) Tea Shop.

And Colleen suddenly knew what she wanted to do. And TranquiliTea was born.

"I was like a kid in a candy store," she said. "After 16 years, I just wanted something entirely different, without the deadlines and the up-and-down (nature) of that industry."

She wasn't entirely certain she could make a tea shop, selling leaf tea by the ounce, work. Cannon said most people have to go on-line to shop for tea, and "it's really a guessing game."

At TranquiliTea, customers can open the jars, smell the aromas, and know what they're getting.

"When you get customers opening the jars, it's a lot of fun," said Cannon, who grew up in Livonia. "For those who've never been exposed to that, it's like being a kid again."

Cannon soaked up advice from the owner of the Franklin Tea Shop she and Patrick walked into. She's talked to her about opening the store, and she met up with her not long ago at a World Tea Expo.

"She's been my mentor," Cannon said. "She's a great woman and she gave me some really good advice."

After getting the inspiration, the Cannons had to find a space. They knew they wanted to set up shop in downtown Plymouth, but "space was being snapped up," according to Cannon.

Finally they found the Westchester Square space, and



Colleen Cannon samples a whiff of Chocolate Mint Black Tea, one of her favorites, at her new TranquiliTea shop in Westchester Square.

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### TEA TOWN

- What: TranquiliTea
- Where: 580-3 Forest, in Westchester Square
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- When: Tuesday-Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, noon to 8 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Contact: Colleen Cannon, (734) 459-9686

the family went about getting it ready. Youngest son Patrick, 22, did a lot of the painting, hauling furniture and setting up displays - "the dirty work," his mom said, laughing - while eldest son Ryan, 24, is working some hours at the store while he's on a break from pursuing

his master's degree at the University of Michigan.

"It took us awhile to find the space," Cannon said. "I really like the aspect of a shopping community, and Plymouth really supports its downtown businesses."

TranquiliTea sells some 60 different kinds of tea -- Cannon said she's hoping to be at 100 soon -- with Grandma's Fruit Garden, a strawberry flavored tea made from dried fruits, reigning as the current favorite.

She wasn't entirely sure she could make a going concern out of a tea shop, but Cannon has seen the business grow.

"Every month we're gaining new customers and having more and more return customers," Cannon said. "I wasn't 100 percent certain it would work, but I knew how I felt when I walked into that tea shop."

Cannon said the family is "constantly testing teas," and she's been to the World Tea Expo to gain experience and insight. It's all been a blur for

her so far, but she's enjoying the ride.

"I'm having a great time, I love my customers, they have great stories and I really love that interaction," she said, breaking into a wide smile. "I don't miss the corporate world at all."

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# Credit helps AVL expand in Plymouth

Governor Jennifer M. Granholm announced the state is helping four companies — including AVL Powertrain Engineering Inc., in Plymouth Township, expand their operations and is investing in three brown-field redevelopment projects which are expected to create and retain 1,666 jobs and generate \$74 million in private investment in communities throughout Michigan.

The expansions and redevelopments are a result of assistance provided by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

"We are working our comprehensive economic plan to grow jobs today and jobs tomorrow and with these company expansions and downtown developments we are continuing to see that work paying dividends for Michigan," Granholm said.

AVL Powertrain Engineering Inc., will invest \$2.9 million in a new engineering technical center in Plymouth Township. The project is expected to create 157 new jobs, including 125 directly by the company.

A Single Business Tax credit valued at more than \$3.5 million helped convince the high-tech company to grow in Michigan instead of other out-of-state

sites. Plymouth Township is considering a 12-year tax abatement valued at \$375,154 to support the project. Township treasurer Ron Edwards said the issue is likely to be voted on at the board's Aug. 15 meeting.

The engineering technical center will serve clients throughout North America. The new facility will house several dynamometers, including at least one mobile dynamometer, allowing PMI to conduct advanced simulation on engines in the pre-prototype phase.

"This is great news for Plymouth Township and the state," said state Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township. "Bringing high-tech jobs to Michigan is a top priority."

A total of 125 new jobs will be added by PMI through 2011 as a result of the new engineering technical center. PMI designs, develops and provides engineering services for the development and testing of vehicle powertrain systems. "Michigan has been hit hard by the loss of jobs," Stewart said. "This tax credit is a move in the right direction toward a stronger economy."

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# Ohio band set for Kellogg Park stage

Kellogg Park plays host to a variety of concerts during the summer.

There's the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Music in the Park children's series Wednesdays at noon. The Plymouth Community Band boogies Thursdays at 8 p.m., and the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority's Music in the Air series plays Fridays at 7 p.m.

Next week, the DDA adds another special concert to the schedule when it hosts the Ohio Air National Guard for a 2 p.m. performance Sunday, July 30.

At this concert, attendees will see 3 ensembles: The jazz/big-band "Thunderbirds" under the direction of MSgt. Phil Smith; "Wingspan," a popular music band, directed MSgt. Teresa Hudson; and the concert band is under the direction of Lt.



The Ohio Air National Guard band makes a special appearance in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth 2 p.m. Sunday, July 30.

Col. Robert Krichbaum. The Air National Guard Band of the Great Lakes is part of the Ohio Air National Guard. The band is a recipient of the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. Being part of the Ohio Air National Guard, the band is eligible for 24 performances per year and has a

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■ **CONSTRUCTION UPDATES** — Check out the latest developments on the library's renovation project by going to [plymouthlibrary.org](http://plymouthlibrary.org) and clicking on the Building Blog. Current project updates and photos will take you behind the scenes.

■ **NEEDLECRAFTERS MEETING**, Monday, July 24, 7-9 p.m. — Knitters, quilters, needlepointers are all invited to attend this informal group gathering. Lessons are not provided, but ideas exchanged among attendees. No registration required. Bring your latest project!

■ **TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR MONEY**, Tuesday, July 25, 7 p.m. — The Plymouth District Library will host this basic budgeting and financial planning seminar for community residents. It will be presented by Beth Troost of Community Financial Credit Union. Register for this free program at the Reader's Advisory Desk, by phone at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4, or online at [plymouthlibrary.org](http://plymouthlibrary.org)

■ **BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, July 26, noon — This month's discussion invites members to read East of Eden by John Steinbeck. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch; beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Linda Pride at the Library, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 206 or e-mail [lpride@plymouthlibrary.org](mailto:lpride@plymouthlibrary.org)

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### Youth Programs

■ **BABY PLAY**, Monday, July 24 at 10 and 11 a.m. and Saturday, July 29 at 10 a.m. — This program is for babies ages 6-24 months. Baby Play is a less formal companion to our Lapsit program. Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interact with other children. Registration is not required.

■ **ANIMAL OLYMPICS**, Thursday, July 27, 2 and 7 p.m. — Fun games and contests using a variety of animal traits. Register after July 20 by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

### Teen Program

■ **SUMMER CRAFT PROGRAM**, Wednesdays at 3 p.m. — July 26, beading. Registration is required, call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **CHESS IN JULY WITH FRED LINDSAY**, Wednesday, July 26, 7 p.m. — Chess title holder Fred Lindsay returns to the Library for this series of workshops for teens at all levels of play. Younger children may attend if they are currently playing chess. Attend one or all workshops; call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 to register.

### Did you know?

- All Teen Zone programs are FREE — that means it costs you nothing to participate!

- The Friends of the Library provide FREE snacks and juice for every Teen Zone program

- All Teen Zone info can be found through the library website, [plymouthlibrary.org](http://plymouthlibrary.org)

All Teen Zone programs are designed for students in grades six through 12. For programs requiring

Advance registration, register at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by phone, 734-453-0750, ext. 4. For more information about any of the Teen Zone programs, contact Cathy Lichtman, 734-453-0750, ext. 230 or [clichtman@plymouthlibrary.org](mailto:clichtman@plymouthlibrary.org)

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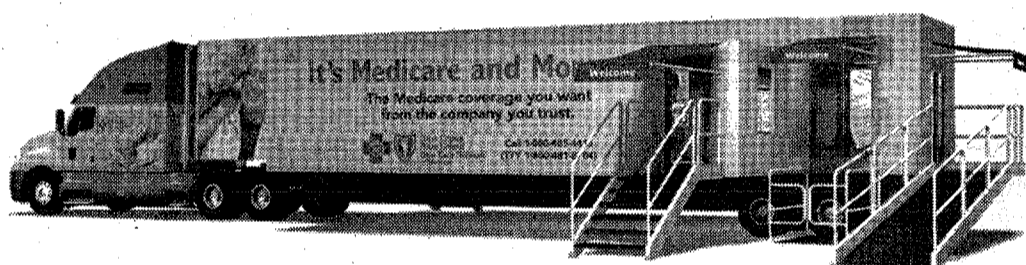
Plymouth residency is required for all attendees of the Library's computer training classes. All classes require registration except the Walk-in Computer Tutoring every other Saturday. Please register by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

**LABELS IN MS WORD**, Tuesday, July 25, 2 p.m. — Learn to create an address book, mail merge and make labels using MS Word. Prior experience with MS Word is required.

■ **GOOGLE TIPS**, Thursday, July 27, 7 p.m. — Join us to learn how to do so much more with this popular search tool. You'll learn how to access word definitions, measurement conversions, instant maps, stock quotes and more. Call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 to register for this class.

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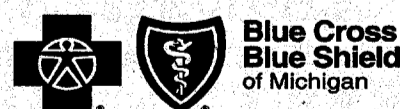
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International students seeking a host family include:

■ **Melanie, 18, of France.** She has two sisters and one brother. She enjoys groups sports such as volleyball and handball. Melanie loves being around children.

■ **Jasmine, 16, of Gothenburg, Sweden** has two brothers, ages 10 and 18. She loves writing, going to the movies and chatting with friends and family. She feels that being an exchange student in the United States will be "one of the most important experiences of her life."

■ **Konrad, 15, comes from Sweden.** He loves swimming but his passion is playing tennis. Konrad also enjoys building model airplanes and boats.

■ **Siebe is 17 and comes from the Netherlands.** He has a 15-year-old brother. Siebe enjoys playing basketball, soccer and computer games.

These are just four of the students from more than 40 countries around the world that will come to the United States for the 2006-2007 school year.

Local families interested in hosting a student or who need more information about the program, can call 1-800-522-4678 and ask for David Keating or email info@sts-foundation.org. www.stsfoundation.org.

## STEWART

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dates, said she paid \$75 to use the lower level of the museum to discuss the campaign with her supporters, but only after the Milliken event was over.

Stewart also produced a letter signed by interim executive director Sanford Burr, permitting Stewart to use the museum's bulk rate permit. Stewart said she paid regular bulk rate to the U.S. Postal Service, not the nonprofit rate, in sending her campaign materials.

Stewart said she was unaware of the complaints sent to the IRS and Secretary of State.

"I'm sure my opponents are behind it," Stewart said. "We have taken care of everything they've (the museum's board of

directors) asked."

Stewart said she complied with the request not to use the bulk rate permit, which was used for two mailings, for future campaign materials. She said she paid for the use of the museum's copy machine.

"I did send them money at the Kinko's rate for any copies," Stewart said. "I sent them \$25, but I only made 10-20 copies."

Citizens to Save the Museum has hired attorney Eric Doster of Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, which has offices in Lansing and Farmington Hills.

"You can't take charitable resources, like those given the Plymouth Historical Society, where people got tax-deductible donations and thought their donations were going to promote history, and then find out it's for promoting Beth Stewart's campaign," Doster said. "The

rules are there for a reason."

The Plymouth Historical Museum has plans to meet Wednesday in Plymouth with attorney David Thoms of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone. Thoms said he hasn't completed his investigation on all the allegations given to him.

"I don't believe the museum, as an institution, meant to do anything wrong," Thoms said.

A July 20 release by the Plymouth Historical Society said the Society does not support or endorse any candidate for political office.

"Ms. Stewart is on leave from her position as executive director at the museum, and has been advised that she may not utilize her office, any office equipment or other resources of the museum," the statement read.

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## VORVA

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"I don't believe business should have any special taxes levied on them, especially at a time when we're worried about jobs and economic growth," Vorva said. "Anything that's a hindrance to commerce and job creation needs to be removed."

Vorva's campaign war chest doesn't amount to much, and

he likes it that way.

"I'm not taking special interest money, because if I'm elected I'm going to be free," he said. "I'm not going to vote for any budget that increases spending. I'm not going to vote for anything that raises taxes or fees."

Vorva said any monetary cuts faced by the general population should also be borne by members of the state Legislature.

"We should have a 50-percent cut in pay for legislators," Vorva said. "Pensions for legis-

lators should be eliminated, and their staff should be cut in half. Government is too big.

"We have the highest-paid Legislature in the country, and we're at the back of the economic bus," he said. "You can't, as a leader, say I'm going to make you hurt, but, by the way, where are the tea and crumpets?"

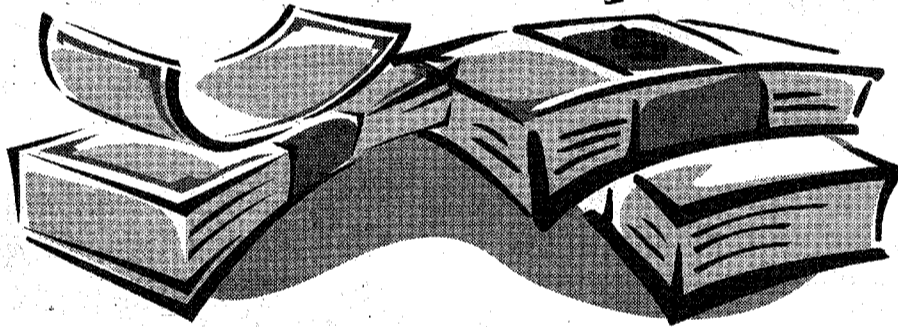
Vorva said if elected, he'll only accept a portion of the \$79,650 annual salary.

"I'm giving away half my salary in a lottery to residents of the district," he said.

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# Waiting, hoping, praying ...

## Livonia man awaits family's return from war zone in Lebanon

BY DAN WEST  
STAFF WRITER

Hussein Ammar was enjoying a day off work at his Livonia home July 12 when he received an anxious telephone call from his brother.

He was told to turn on the television and watch news reports as Israeli military planes dropped bombs on targets in the Lebanese capital city of Beirut — dangerously close to where Ammar's wife and two sons were visiting relatives.

"I immediately grabbed the phone and called over there," Ammar said. "I wanted to talk to my wife. I wanted to talk to the boys."

"One of my sons said he heard one of the bombs hit something."

Within hours, Zeinab Ammar and her sons Hassan, 13, and Bellal, 10, packed their

bags and headed 30 miles west of Beirut to take cover at a relative's summer home in the mountain town of Komatia. They took refuge there until they could find a way out of Lebanon and back to Livonia. From there, they have been able to talk to their husband and father by telephone several times a day.

"They are staying in this two-flat home with eight other families," Hussein, 40, said Thursday. "My wife said she just wants to get out of there."

### REUNION THWARTED

The trio had just left July 7 for a two-month trip to Beirut to visit Zeinab's mother and attend a family reunion that was attracting relatives from across the globe. For Zeinab, it was the first trip to her homeland in 10 years and her first travel experience without her husband since the couple were



Hussein Ammar's wife Zeinab and sons Hassan, 13, and Bellal, 10, are in Lebanon. He is trying to bring his Livonia family back home.

married in 1989.

"She was looking forward to this trip," Hussein Ammar recalled. "She was going to see a lot of people she hadn't seen for a long time."

For plenty of those relatives, this would be the first chance to see the boys: Hassan, who just completed seventh grade at Riley Middle School, and Bellal, 10, who just completed fourth grade at Adams Elementary School.

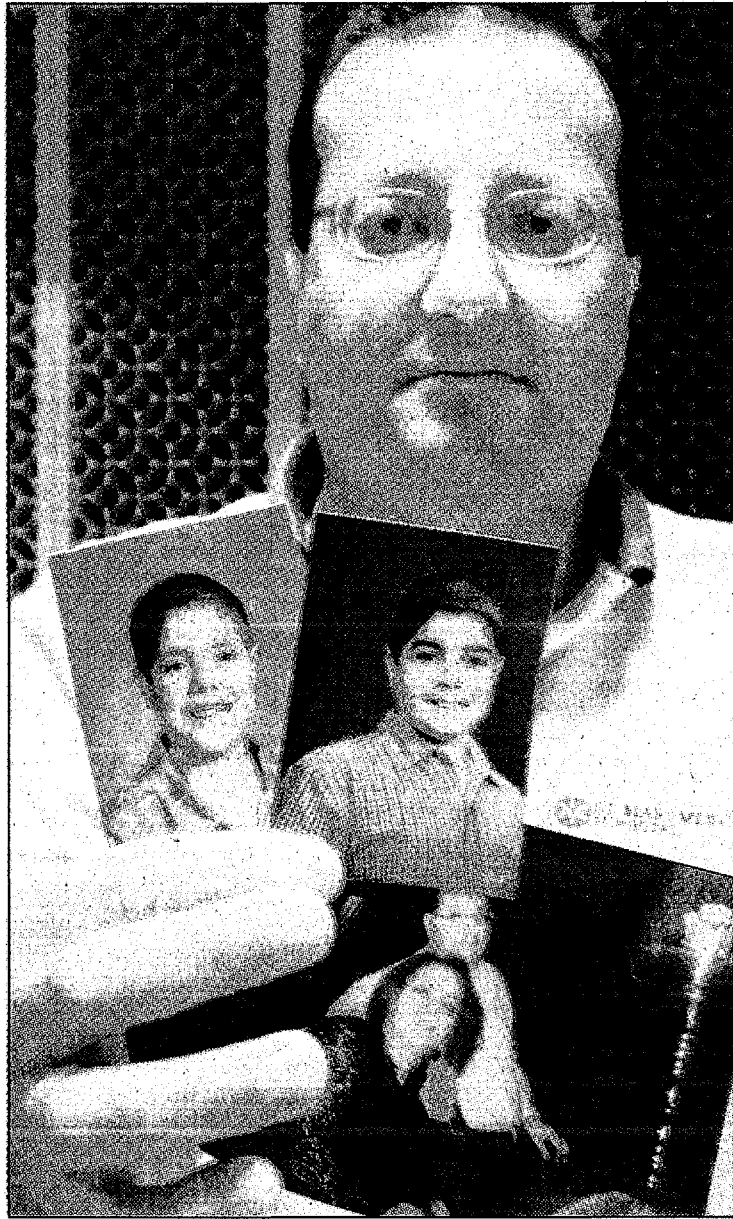
Hussein Ammar, who works as a food service coordinator at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, was scheduled to join his family in Lebanon for two weeks next month, "but I'm not going anymore," he said.

The country's civil war in 1983 motivated Ammar, then a teenager, to move the United States and live with one of his brothers, Mike, who lived in Livonia. Ammar has called this town home ever since.

In a visit to his homeland in 1989, he met Zeinab, fell in love, convinced her to marry him and join him in Michigan.

### ANXIOUS EVENINGS

Ammar has not slept much



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Livonia resident Hussein Ammar is working on a way to transport his wife, Zeinab, and sons Hassan, 13, and Bellal, 10, back home from Lebanon.

in recent days. He works his shift at the hospital, catches a nap in the evening, then he begins his new overnight routine. He visits his mother, Sound Ammar, who lives Westland to give her updates on his family's situation. They are frequently joined by Ammar's older brother, Mike, who still lives in Livonia, and

younger brother, Moe, who lives in Canton.

Then, Hussein Ammar returns home where he has two televisions, his computer and telephones stationed in one room. From there, he starts making phone calls at 10 p.m., when it is morning in Lebanon. While following developments on television

news broadcasts and Internet Web sites, he's on the phone talking to his family, the U.S. State Department, travel agents and other relatives.

Travel agents couldn't do much for him since there are tens of thousands of people from Europe, Canada and the United States who were trying to escape the violence in Lebanon as soon as possible.

The most frustrating part of this ordeal, Ammar said, was his contact with the State Department.

"Every time I called, I would get a different story about what to do," he said. "I'm trying to figure out how to get them out of there, but I couldn't develop plans because things kept changing."

He received a break this week when U.S. officials agreed to cover the tab for American citizens trying to leave Lebanon. Ammar said he was prepared to pay about \$10,000 to get his wife and sons back home.

"I'm not worried about the money," he said. "I'm worried about the safety of my wife and boys."

Zeinab, Hassan and Bellal were scheduled to be transported to a port town north of Beirut on Friday where they were to catch a cruise ship that would take them to the island nation of Cyprus. Ammar said the trio are to stay in Cyprus for several days and wait for an opening on a flight to the United States sometime later this week.

Ammar said he was becoming less tense with plans in place for his family's return, but he said will remain anxious until he's able to hug them and see them return home safely.

"I can't wait," he said. "I'm having a big party when they get back."

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**GRAND SAKWA MICHIGAN AVENUE COMMERCIAL CENTER SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A REGIONAL COMMERCIAL SHOPPING CENTER AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 17.03B.1 FOR PARCEL NOS. 131 99 0001 000 (4795 BECK S.), 131 99 0002 000 (4855 BECK S.), 131 99 0003 000 (47036 MICHIGAN AVE.), 131 99 0004 000 (47086 MICHIGAN AVE.), 131 99 0005 000, 131 99 0006 000 (47000 MICHIGAN AVE.), 131 99 0007 000 (46956 MICHIGAN AVE.), 131 99 0012 000, 131 99 0014 000, (46750 MICHIGAN AVE.) and 131 99 0015 000. Property is located at the northeast corner of Michigan Avenue and Beck Roads.**

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, August 3, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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# The Rouge River would be clean if we had saved some wetlands

I had one of those days last week that us fishermen long for every time we pick up the ol' fishing pole.

While fishing in a local river, I landed within an hour's time three northern pike in the 24- to 28-inch range, all of which thrashed around and fought with the tenacity the species is so well known for. They were the kind of encounters that get the blood boiling, and that we anglers hope for every time we cast our line. I also caught a fair number of rock bass and smallmouth bass.

Believe it or not, this local river is the Middle Rouge River in Hines Park.

I've actually had decent luck there over the years, and have seen the fishing continuously improve. In my opinion, it is a testament to how far the restoration of the Rouge River has come. In fact, this year is a huge milestone in that effort.

Last month, Rouge Rescue, the annual cleanup of the Rouge River, celebrated its 20th anniversary.

All indications are that the Rouge is becoming healthy again. Dissolved oxygen levels are up and dangerous e-coli bacteria have diminished. Aquatic insects, which are very sensitive to pollution, are coming back to many parts of the river where they haven't been seen in years. And, as my little excursion last week proves, the fish are also starting to thrive.

The Rouge's revival is a model for other communities trying to restore polluted rivers. As such, it has attracted national attention. Brian Williams of NBC was recently in town to shoot a segment about the Rouge. So, yes, there is much to be proud of.

Of course, all that changes every time it rains. It is then we see how urbanization of this watershed has and continues to impair the river. Our stormwater system — the sewers connected to our roads and parking lots — sends a rush of water directly into the river every time it rains. Along with massive erosion comes pollutants like motor oil, paint, anti-freeze and whatever else gets into the storm drains.

While I waded through the river the other day, every place in the river where any sand and sediment had collected, every mucky step brought up a terrible stew of pungent smells. It was almost as if someone had buried motor oil or some other form of industrial waste under the river bottom. Not exactly healthy. More like nasty. At least that is the word that came to my mind.

Each time that smell hit my nostrils, I thought about the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision concerning two Michigan cases involving the development of wetlands. The court sent the two cases, in which state and federal regulators enforced Clean Water Act protections against two developers who filled wetlands, back to lower courts. In so doing, the court re-opened the debate about what kinds of wetlands should be protected.

Growing public awareness and concern for

controlling water pollution led to enactment of the Clean Water Act in the 1970s. The Rouge River could have been the poster child for why a law protecting the chemical, physical and biological integrity of all the nation's waters was desperately needed.

Of course, developers complain that the law is too stringent, depriving them of their full property rights. One of their arguments is that the only wetlands that should be protected are the ones that are directly adjacent to navigable waterways, which is what Justices Antonin Scalia and John Roberts ruled. Fortunately, they were in the minority. At least this time.

Wetlands are really the lifeblood of any river system. To destroy a watershed's wetlands is akin to cutting off the roots of a tree. It doesn't matter how far it is from the main body of water. All those "ditches" and "drains" that some developers say shouldn't be protected are the headwaters that feed larger waterways downstream.

In the Rouge watershed, where most of the wetlands have been covered over with roads, subdivisions and shopping malls, the headwaters are really the stormwater drains. Instead of wetlands that filter and slow down rain water, we have sewer lines that send a rush of polluted water directly into the Rouge and its tributaries.

Frankly, I think we need more wetland protections, not less. We are still losing wetlands at an alarming rate, even still here in the Rouge watershed. Urban sprawl is particularly acute here in southeast Michigan, where development is occurring at at least twice the growth rate of the actual population.

Let's look at Canton, for example. Currently there are about 1,200 single-family homes and condos for sale in the township. Many sellers are growing increasingly desperate to sell their homes. Some are selling for far less than what they thought their homes were worth. The situation is one of the main reasons Loren Bennett, a longtime Canton politician, is running for Wayne County Commission this year.

Yet despite this grim housing market, developers, including Pulte Homes, have decided to build another 1,400 homes on Canton's southwest side, which means more vacant land will be carved up. More impervious surfaces will be constructed. And more water will be flushed into the Rouge River and its tributaries every time it rains. Not to mention it will be that much tougher for current sellers to unload their homes.

I don't mean to be picking on Canton, because the town is certainly not alone. And frankly, there is nothing a municipality can do to stop developers, except make them abide by zoning laws.

So, no, I don't think we've done enough to protect our waterways. And if you don't take my word for it, go head down to Hines Park and wade through the Rouge River. Make sure you plug your nose.

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Kurt Kuban

# Lawmakers strike out on state budget priorities for 2006-07

This week, lawmakers in Lansing will pat themselves on the back as they wrap up the fiscal year 2006-07 budget and send it to the governor, who will gladly sign the negotiated bill. They claim that the budget reflects priorities of Michigan residents. Unfortunately, if you are a resident who wants to live in a safe, well-functioning community, which can attract and retain local jobs, your priorities were left behind.



Daniel Gilmartin

This budget marks the sixth year in a row of massive cuts in funding to local communities across the state.

This funding, known as revenue sharing, is what local communities use to pay for police officers, firefighters, road repairs, trash removal, sidewalk repair and many other services that make our communities the types of places where people want to live and businesses want to locate.

The impact of these cuts on local community services cannot be underestimated. Michigan has nearly 1,500 fewer police officers on the street today than it did before the cuts started coming from Lansing. Those cuts now total more than \$2 billion.

Our governor and Legislature have failed to recognize the critical connection between economic development in Michigan and essential services in local communities. Who

wants to live or work in a community with crumbling infrastructure or a reduced police force? We must be able to offer business and residents quality communities in which to locate or we will never succeed in the race to attract jobs.

A recent survey conducted by CEOs for Cities showed that two-thirds of college educated 25- to 34-year-olds make a decision of where they want to live first, then look for a job within that area. Making all of our communities safe and attractive places to live and work must be a priority if Michigan is going to prosper in the new economy.

As Michigan seeks to move forward toward better economic days, lawmakers must take into consideration the financial health of our communities. Just like economic incentives, revenue sharing must be thought of as an investment, an investment in local communities that helps to attract and retain jobs by providing services that create a high quality of life.

So when legislators come back to their local communities this summer and boast about balancing the state's budget, you should ask them on whose backs did they balance it? If you would say public safety, infrastructure and quality of life in your hometown are priorities ... the answer is — yours.

Daniel P. Gilmartin is executive director of the Michigan Municipal League.

## LETTERS

### Fraud was committed

Let there be no doubt in anyone's mind that signatures were collected in a fraudulent manner in the petition drive regarding the affirmative action ballot proposal. As a member of the Board of Canvassers, there was nothing I could do but vote to put the issue on the ballot.

Because I knew there was fraud, I passed on the first vote and wrote a letter to the Legislature for review. The courts and the Michigan constitution are clear detailing the responsibility of the board of canvassers. If the language and signatures have been approved by the Secretary of State's office and affirmed by the courts, the board must vote to put it on the ballot.

Since the Legislature refused to consider the issue of fraud, and even though I disapprove of the process and the ballot proposal, I had to do my duty to vote to put MCRI on the

ballot. The two Democrats who fought to the bitter end are no longer on the Board of Canvassers.

There is an assumption on the part of Michigan voters that if the board of canvassers votes to put a ballot proposal on the ballot, that it has passed all the requirements and has not been tainted by fraud. This is not so. There is no process to deal with fraud when the Secretary of State's office and the courts mandate that a proposal be placed on the ballot. Only the Legislature can change that.

Ballot proposals have become big business. Campaign companies are paid millions of dollars to hire signature gatherers and run the campaigns. We are becoming more like California, where ballots are like books.

The Legislature should review this process on behalf of Michigan residents.

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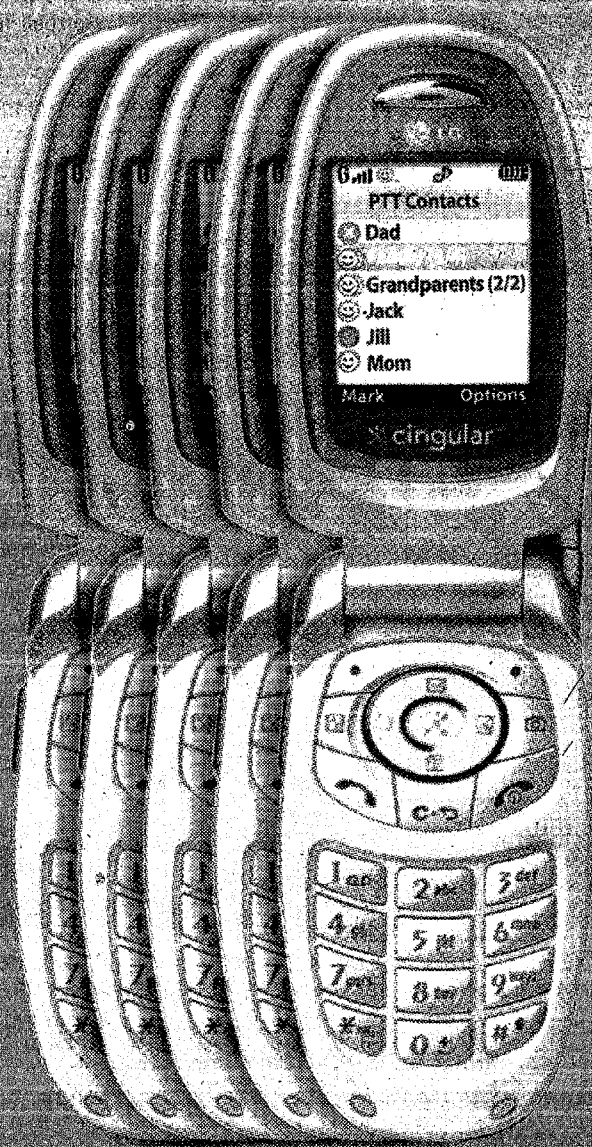
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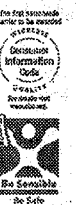
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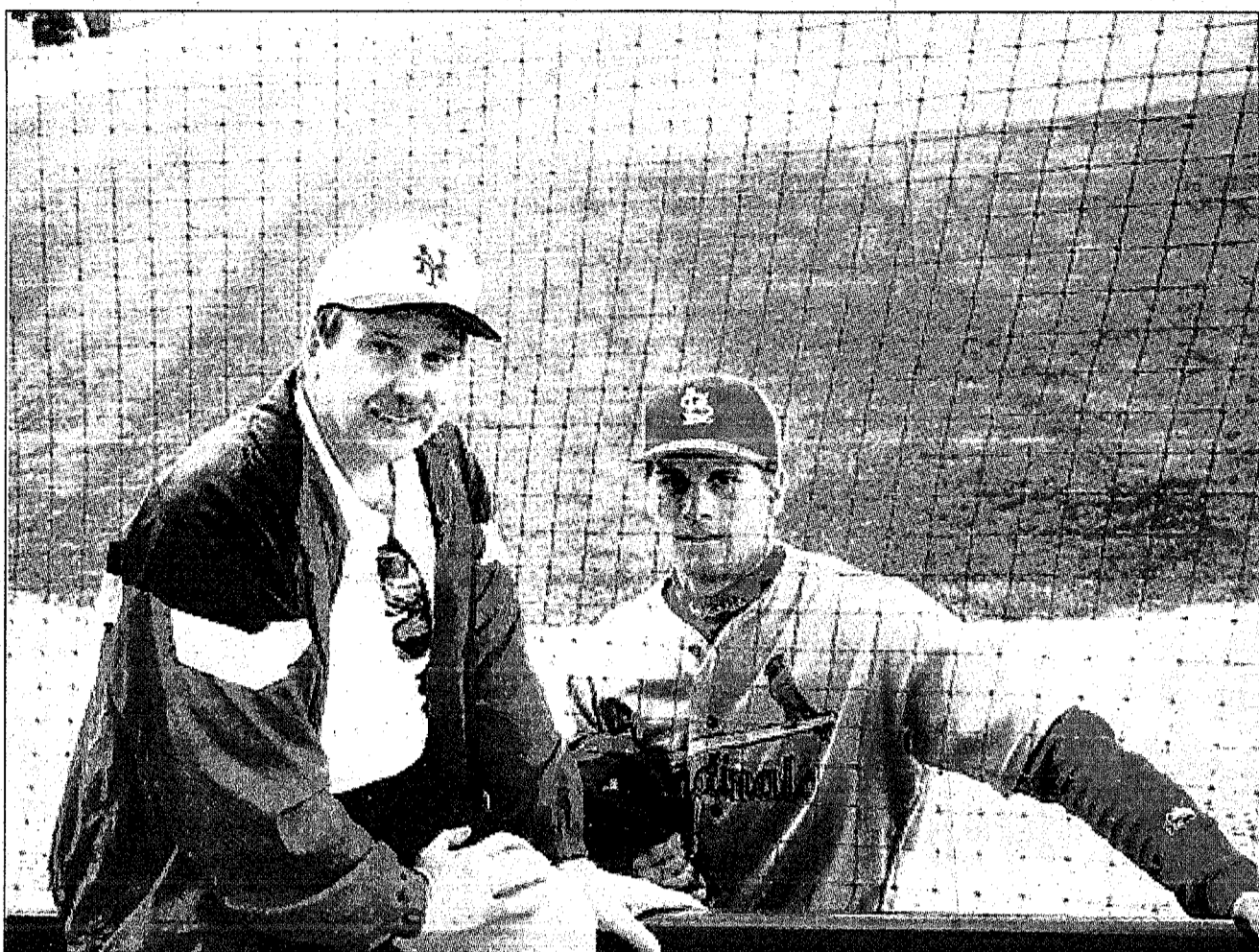
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Hank Klotz always maintained friendships with the players he coached at Redford Union, including Mike Stefanski. In this mid-1990s photo, Klotz meets up with Stefanski during the latter's playing career in the St. Louis Cardinals organization.

## Honoring Hank

Memorial fund to keep family man's baseball-loving legacy alive at RU

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

Nothing brought a smile to Hank Klotz's face more than wearing the blue and gold uniform of Redford Union's varsity baseball team and helping kids in the process.

The personable family man was an assistant baseball coach for the Panthers from 2003 until his death May 16 from melanoma (skin cancer) at the age of 64.

But even though his widow, Deanna, and three adult children recently insisted he never was about having the spotlight turned his way - he'd always put others first - that's what's happening with the newly created Hank Klotz Memorial Fund.

**'In New York, it was so big where we lived. I think he loved the small-town feel of Redford. He'd go into Your Better Market (On Six Mile) and he knew everybody in there.'**

Bill Klotz, eldest son  
About his dad's connection with Redford

"People obviously want to donate when someone passes away, and we were trying to think of things that he really would have wanted," said 30-year-old son Tom Klotz of Livonia, who

actually graduated from Redford Catholic Central but then redeemed himself in his father's eyes by marrying an RU girl (Jacklyn).

Hank's family, also including older sons Bill and Robert (1981 and 1986 Redford Union alums, respectively), approached RU head baseball coach Mike Taylor and athletic director Brett Steele about starting the fund in lieu of flowers or other donations.

"We'd like to enhance the facilities and honor Hank and his dedication to the program," said Steele recently.

### SAYING THANKS

Donations will help spruce up the Redford Union baseball field for future

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### DIAMOND GEM

**Who:** Hank Klotz, Redford Union assistant baseball coach (2003-06) who passed away from skin cancer in May.

**What:** RU is establishing a memorial fund in Klotz's name, with money possibly earmarked for improvements to the baseball field.

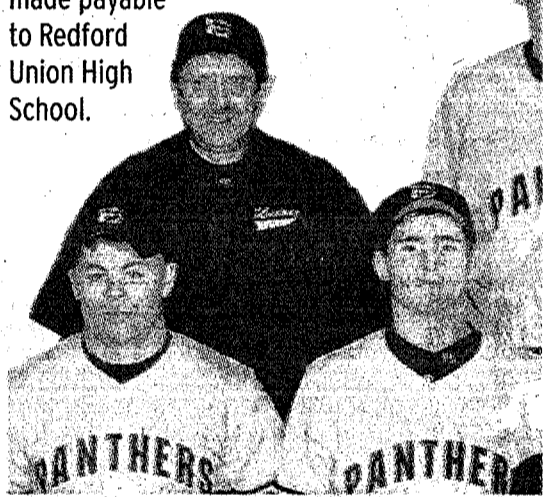
**Why:** The 64-year-old Klotz was a longtime recreation and school league coach in Redford Township who always had time for young people.

**Claims to fame:** Klotz played in a fast-pitch softball league against the legendary Eddie Feigner's "King and His Court" at Claude Allison Field; players he coached during the years included current Cincinnati Reds coach Mike Stefanski.

**Connection:** In addition to RU, he coached boys and girls basketball at Faith Lutheran Church in Livonia (1979-84), basketball for the Redford Township Junior Athletic Association (1979-90), baseball for North Redford Central Little League (1979-96) and baseball for Our Lady of Loretto in Redford Township (1998-2001).

**Donations:** Contact Redford Union athletic director Brett Steele at (313) 242-4270 for information on donating to the Hank Klotz Memorial Fund.

Contributions can be mailed to the Redford Union Athletic Department, 17711 Kinloch, Redford Township, MI, 48240. Checks must be made payable to Redford Union High School.



Being part of Redford Union's coaching staff was a dream come true for Hank Klotz, shown posing with players in an undated team photo. A memorial fund recently was established to honor his legacy.

## Sidelines

### Coaching vacancy

Garden City High School is looking to hire someone to coach the 2006-07 junior varsity boys soccer team this fall. Anyone interested in the position should contact athletic director Bob Dropp at (734) 762-8363.

### Cheer clinic

The Livonia Stevenson varsity cheerleaders will be holding a clinic for all girls between the ages of 8 and 14 on July 31 and Aug. 1 from 9 a.m. to noon at Stevenson High School. The cost of the clinic is \$40, which includes a T-shirt.

To register or for more information, contact Marcia Herrmann at (734) 516-9619.

### On a roll

Let's hear it for North Redford Central Little League's 9/10 All-Star Girls Softball Team, which as of Friday remained in the hunt for the Brownstown tournament championship.

The team ripped off four wins in a row to reach the semifinals and needed just one more win to make it to the championship contest. It is the furthest that a NRC squad has gone at the tournament.

Members of the team include Morgan Brenner, Danyelle Kelly, Kaitlyn Richards, Brooke Timlin, Allyson Anderson, Kelsey Klei, Rachel Bommarito, Jourdan Miller, Kamaria McFall and Raquel Urban.

### Get your kicks

Redford Soccer Club is accepting players 5-18 years old for the Fall 2006 season.

Meanwhile, teams are being formed until July 31, for those whose birthdays are before Aug. 1, 1998. Limited space is available for older players.

After Aug. 1, space will be limited for all ages. Registration forms are available at the Redford Public Library on Six Mile, or the Department of Parks & Recreation Office at the community center on Capitol, 1/4 mile west of Beech Daly. For more information, contact Nancy at (313) 534-5687.

### Arena promotion

Compuware Sports Arena general manager Matt Blasy has announced the hiring of Jim Vergona as assistant arena manager.

Vergona comes to Compuware from Yost Ice Arena in Ann Arbor, where he worked as a facility event manager. Vergona has a master's degree in Sports Science from the United States Sports Academy in Daphne, Ala., and a bachelor of arts degree in Social Studies/Political Science from Adrian College.

"We're happy to have Jim on our staff," Blasy said. "He brings a lot of experience to our facility."

## MHSAA: Steroid testing not in foreseeable future

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

A precedent-setting program in New Jersey that randomly tests high school athletes for performance-enhancing drugs won't be implemented in Michigan any-

time soon.

That was one of several important issues discussed at a state-of-the-Michigan High School Athletic Association media conference held Monday at Ford Field.

"One of the biggest questions

regarding testing high school athletes for steroids is, 'Would it be appropriate to test athletes and not non-athletes?'" said MHSAA Executive Director Jack Roberts. "We don't think so. That's like putting the athletes on a pedestal, something we're not in favor of.

"Plus, with drug tests, you're dealing with an invasion of privacy issue that a lot of parents aren't comfortable with. A lot of people have a problem with asking a high school athlete to go in a room with a stranger and (urinate) in a cup.

"Also, studies have shown that by far the biggest drug problems with high school athletes these days involve tobacco and alcohol. Steroid abuse is well down the list, so there isn't a groundswell of

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## Canton wrestlers pin down national tourney berths

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

When it comes to popular summer-vacation destinations, Cedar Point, Disney World and "Up North" take a backseat to Fargo, N.D., for high school wrestlers.

Fargo is the site of the USA Wrestling National Championships beginning today through July 30. It will also be the home-away-from-home for Canton wrestlers Corey Phillips and Brent Winekoff, both of whom will be competing against the nation's best grapplers as a part of Team Michigan, a statewide All-Star wrestling team.

Canton wrestling coach Casey Randolph, who was asked to serve as an assistant coach for Team Michigan, said the event not only attracts top-notch wrestlers, but big-time college coaches as well.

"This is the biggest event of the year for high school wrestling, so college wrestling coaches from



Randolph Phillips

across the country will be there," Randolph said Thursday night from his seat on the Team Michigan charter bus, which was in the early stages of the 15-hour trip to Fargo. "It offers great exposure for the kids.

"Three collegiate coaches have already told me that they're going to be watching Corey and that they want to talk to him out in Fargo. It's a great event. They have 17 mats set up in the Fargodome and that place rocks once the matches start."

Phillips, a three-time Division 1 Michigan high school state qualifier, will be competing at 140 pounds in the Junior Division (17- and 18-year-olds) in both Greco-

Roman and freestyle. He also competed in the national event in 2004 in the cadet division (15- and 16-year-olds).

"Corey has a shot at being an All-American (a top-eight finisher), it all depends on how well he wrestles and what kind of draw he gets," said Randolph. "There's no seeding - the brackets are determined by a blind draw - so you could have the best two kids in a weight class facing each other in the first round.

"Corey has the talent to compete with the best wrestlers in the country, so he should be right up there." Winekoff, who is the younger brother of former Canton wrestling standout Ryan Webb, also has a legitimate chance of earning All-American honors, Randolph said.

The freshman-to-be at Canton will compete at 130 pounds in the Cadet Division.

"Brent just beat a kid (8-0) from Jackson Northwest who

finished sixth in the state last year in Division 2, so he has what it takes to do well," said Randolph. "I've been working with Brent since he was in the fifth grade. It's been fun to see him progress and get to the level he's at now."

Winekoff gave his older brother credit for helping him excel in the sport. "Ryan has had a big influence on me," said Winekoff. "He's the one that got me into the sport and he's helped me a lot when it comes to learning new moves. He's also supported me a lot at tournaments and at practices."

Randolph, Phillips and Winekoff all participated in a wrestling camp at Eastern Michigan University last week. Winekoff said the camp served as a great preparation course for the national tournament.

"We had three practices a day, so it was a tough camp," Winekoff admitted. "It was actually harder than I thought it was going to be, but it definitely got me ready for Fargo."



### Medal-winning run

Reighan Fisher of Garden City continues to excel in track and field competitions. She proudly displays a medal earned when she recently placed first in the 1500-meter run at the USATF Regional Track Championships held in Ohio.



# Hot topic: Smoking at bowling alleys

The controversy grows: Should people be allowed to smoke in bowling centers?

Several states — and neighboring Ontario — have enacted laws that prohibit tobacco smoking in all public buildings.

What is the impact on businesses in general and bowling centers in particular?

Recent studies have been shown on television pertaining to second-hand smoke and its possible adverse health effects on other folks in the vicinity of the smoker.

Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

These new tests have indicated that second-hand smoke is even worse than we have previously believed. More and more smokers have been able to "kick the habit" in recent years, somewhat easing the problem.

Yet, there are lots of folks who do not go to the bowling centers

simply because of the cigarette smoke they are exposed to. Conversely, smokers have the right to enjoy their habit.

I decided to take a survey of people who are involved in bowling, and to take an impartial view of both sides of this burning question. There were 61 league bowlers at Country Lanes who responded to the questionnaire in one day. Nineteen of the respondents were smokers, 42 were non-smokers, a pretty good cross-section.

Among the non-smokers, Wanda of Farmington says "smokers should be in a special area."

Jacob, an 80-year-old from Detroit, said "They should have a special ventilated area."

Livonia's Pamela, 44, says "75 percent of adults are non-smokers and many of them stay away from bowling centers because of the smoke and the true bowlers who smoke would just deal with it."

Kim from Farmington Hills says, "I've come to expect it to be smoky in a bowling alley, but I would prefer no smoking."

Erika, 18, of Farmington Hills thinks smoking should be banned in public places to avoid

the risk of lung cancer.

Pete of Southfield says, "smoking stinks and is deadly."

Tom and Dolly Lehman of Redford indicated that they were not concerned either way.

Charlie from Farmington says, "studies have shown that second hand smoke can cause cancer."

Fran of Southfield says, "We should absolutely be allowed to bowl in a smoke-free environment."

To the question of whether smoking should be banned or otherwise restricted in bowling centers, almost all checked the "Yes" box. A 44-year old smoker from Livonia says, "I think the number of bowlers would drop and the lanes would suffer financially."

Another smoker, Bobbie, 43, says "close the tobacco companies." Petunia, 50 of Farmington Hills would continue bowling, but smoke outside the door. Tammy, 40, of Livonia indicated that she would quit bowling.

The majority of smokers who responded indicated that they would continue bowling and just not smoke where prohibited.

### HELPING ANIMALS

This Saturday, July 29 is the date for the "Bowl-4-Animal Rescue" taking place at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills. It will run from 4:30-to-7:30 p.m. and three former professional women bowlers will be on site — Aleta Sill, Michelle Mullen and Lisa Bishop.

The \$25 donation covers the entry fee and includes three games of no-tap bowling, food, rental shoes and ticket for the Lucky Strike Jackpot. Cash bar will be open. This one may be a full house, so if interested, get your name on the entry list quickly. Call for reservations: (248) 615-9060 or email: michellemullen@twml.rtr.com.

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support to start testing for them."

### 'ADDITIONAL REVENUE'

While drug-testing isn't on the radar screen, the appearance of brand-name logos on prep athletes' warm-ups, helmets and uniforms may be coming to high school gymnasiums soon as a revenue-producing option for financially strapped high schools athletic programs.

Roberts said he wouldn't have a problem with Coca-Cola or other companies paying a school to place a small logo on a team's warm-ups, but he cautioned that he would oppose the idea if the ads grew to NASCAR-like proportions.

"Good judgment would have to be used by the school's administrators and the ads would have to be in good taste," he stressed. "Obviously, alcohol and cigarette ads wouldn't be allowed. But I wouldn't have a problem with a small logo on a basketball warm-up."

### INVALUABLE INPUT

Roberts said the association has learned a lot about what student-athletes like and don't like about high school sports thanks to a student-athlete advisory council the MHSAA coordinated

last year.

"We assembled a group of junior and senior athletes and asked them to be a sounding board for us," said Roberts. "We asked them what they liked and didn't like about high school sports."

"On the positive side, we found that the students participate in high school sports for the three F's: fun, friends and fitness."

"We also discovered that one of the things the athletes dislike about high school sports is the pressure some coaches put on them to focus on one sport year-round. They don't have a problem with the length of the seasons — for example, basketball players like playing 20-some games. But it's the pressure to participate in out-of-season activities, especially during the summer, that they dislike."

To help alleviate the problem, the MHSAA has established a three-pronged program that features:

■ A seven-day "dead period" during the summer months that takes effect in 2007. During that period, schools will be prohibited from conducting open gyms or conditioning programs, and coaches will not be allowed to have instructional contact with student-athletes. The dead period does not apply to the regularly scheduled practices and competition of non-school summer baseball and softball programs. "Students would continue to

be free to pursue athletic activities off campus and without their coach present," Roberts added.

■ A "down period" for all sports, which will take effect beginning with the 2007-08 season. During this period, which will kick in immediately preceding the first day of allowable practices for a sport, "schools may not conduct open gyms that involve that sport, and no competition may take place between groups that resemble school teams at any locations with any of the schools' personnel present," according to an MHSAA release. The period would begin Aug. 1 for fall sports, March 1 for spring sports and 14 days prior to the first allowable practice for winter sports.

■ The MHSAA's representative council voted to prohibit the offering of single-sport classes beginning with the 2007-08 school year. If a class offers instruction specific to an MHSAA tournament sport, the class must offer instruction on at least two other topics in equal proportion taught to all students enrolled, and the class must be open to all students.

"It will be up to the schools to police themselves," Roberts said.

Michigan high school sports in set participation records for the third consecutive year in 2005-06 as 313,589 student-athletes took part in MHSAA-sponsored sports.

# Area courses feature unique design

"Hills" and "Forrest" seems like an appropriate name for a golf course architecture company — Arthur Hills/Steve Forrest and Associates. Anyone who plays golf in Oakland County is familiar with the design work of this creative company.

Founder Arthur Hills was born, raised and runs his operation out of Toledo, where the LPGA is wrapping up its Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic presented by Kroger this weekend.

But the Ohioan was educated at Michigan State University and the University of Michigan, and done most of his finest work right here in our state — "north of the border; if you will. In fact, Hills did restoration and redesign work at both the University of Michigan Golf Course and MSU's Forest Akers Golf Club.

The 76-year-old has designed more than 200 golf courses worldwide, including the famed Bighorn Golf Club and the TPC at Eagle Trace, both of which have hosted PGA Tour events, but Oakland County is where it's at if you're a Hills fan. So prevalent are the "works of Art" here that an "Arthur Hills Golf Trail" has been assembled to market the courses as a cluster.

But in Oakland County, specifically, golf courses such as Fieldstone, Shepherd's Hollow, Pine Trace, Lyon Oaks and Oakhurst come to mind, with Riverview Highlands, Canton's Pheasant Run, Fox Hills in Plymouth, and Taylor's Lakes of Taylor and Taylor Meadows not out of reach.

That's 10 golf courses in the

Metro Detroit area created by Hills! Only Donald Ross himself, the legendary Scotsman, can challenge that kind of proliferation here, having designed Oakland Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Franklin Hills, Detroit Golf Club, Rackham, Rogell, Warren Valley, Western Golf and Country Club and Grosse Ile.

Fieldstone Golf Club, operated by the City of Auburn Hills, is just across I-75 from The Palace. The site used to be home to Arrowhead Golf Course, but Hills says he never even saw Arrowhead before he replaced it with Fieldstone by using topographical maps.

"The process of laying one golf course over another is called 'palimpsest,' a word that originally refers to writing on papyrus over previous writing," Hills explained. The result is a golf course strong enough to host the Monday qualifying event for the PGA Tour's Buick Open each year.

Shepherd's Hollow, in Clarkston, has received a great deal of attention because it features 27 secluded holes on terrain most people assume you have to travel "up north" to find.

"There was almost more rolling terrain than could be utilized for a golf course — 160 feet of elevation change!" Hills recalled. "The ambience of the place is wonderful with beautiful, huge oaks and maples." Shepherd's Hollow was so named because it is built on land owned by an Order of Catholic Jesuit priests.

Hills credits developer Mike Bylen with the success of Rochester's Pine Trace, one of the area's original "up-scale, daily fee" course that brought a "country club feel" to public golfers when it opened in 1988.

"Bylen was ahead of the curve. He made his grounds around the clubhouse very pretty with flowers and lined the entrance road with pines. Some of the design details in the greens and some of

the strategic holes were a little more elaborate than the simple municipal courses Pine Trace was competing with at the time," said Hills. "Plus Mike instilled and enforced a rule that you had to play Pine Trace in no more than four hours and 15 minutes. If you didn't finish the front nine by a certain time, you were given your money back and respectfully asked not to play the back nine."

Hills went to high school in Toledo with a man named George Valassis, who would go on to become a Detroit industrialist. George's son Craig founded Oakhurst Golf and Country Club, a private facility and residential community in Clarkston which opened in 1998.

Like most Hills courses, each hole at Oakhurst is a thoughtful adventure, and the adventure is enhanced by the fact that popular celebrities and athletes from Detroit area sports teams — the Red Wings, Lions, Pistons and Tigers, frequent the place. When Kid Rock was dating Pamela Anderson, she was spotted at the pool from time to time.

"At the grand opening reception for Oakhurst I came across a gregarious golf fan named L. Brooks Patterson," Hills recalls. The Oakland County Executive decided he liked Hills' work and commissioned his company to build Lyon Oaks, a sophisticated yet affordable municipal course in Wixom.

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# RU-Klotz connection always strong

BY TIM SMITH  
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Between periods of a high school hockey game in early 2003, Mike Taylor found out he was the new Redford Union baseball coach.

Taylor quickly had an assistant coach, whether he wanted one or not.

"Hank found out I put my name in there," said Taylor, who himself started for the Panthers before graduating in 1999. "I came up to me at a basketball game and said, 'Have you got your staff together yet?' And I said, 'Not really.'"

"He said 'Well, you've got an assistant coach and I don't want any money.'"

The tandem couldn't have worked out better for either of them. It was a chance for Taylor to reunite with the man who actually was his coach at Redford's Our Lady of Loretto.

"Hank respected Mike (Taylor), he was almost like a son to him, the last couple years coaching with him," said Robert Klotz, 37, the second-born child of Hank and Deanna Klotz and a 1986 RU grad. "He respected Mike, who was like my dad in a lot of ways."

And Klotz loved coaching and spending time with young people.

"He loved kidding around with the kids, he kept them loose and made sure they enjoyed the game," said youngest son Tom Klotz, 30. "He wasn't a disciplinarian, he wasn't hard on kids."

Meanwhile, Tom emphasized that it was a kind of blessing in disguise that his dad had the chance to coach at RU when he did.

Shortly after his retirement from General Motors, Hank joined Taylor's staff and just a month or so into that first base-



Right up until his illness made it too difficult to continue, Hank Klotz made his presence felt as an assistant coach for Redford Union's baseball team.

ball season the skin cancer was discovered.

Being able to coach the Panthers at all was "a perfect fit for him," Tom added.

After the diagnosis of melanoma, that coaching job also provided a welcome distraction from the subsequent trials, tribulations and treatments associated with the illness.

In the three years that followed, Hank kept on fighting and showing impressionable teenagers what it takes to deal with adversity never faced on a baseball diamond.

### STILL SWINGING

For example, Deanna said doctors removed a huge growth from her husband's chest wall on a Friday. The next day, miraculously, he was coaching in full uniform.

"That's the determination he had," she said. "He tried to make every day count."

Examples of that abound. Given six months to live at

that point, Hank lasted three years. In April 2005, his life expectancy was about two weeks as he entered a hospice. Thanks to various treatments as far away as Pittsburgh, he managed to hang on another 13 months.

And his love for Redford Union baseball prevailed, right up to the final pitch of his valiant battle this spring.

At the beginning of the 2006 Panthers season, Hank suited up for some games and barked at the umpire as vociferously as always.

"He would still be telling them what to do," Taylor said.

Robert Klotz said his dad managed to get into uniform one last time for a game about three weeks before his death May 16 at age 64.

That dedication did not go unnoticed by the players.

Deanna Klotz said nine of them went up to give eulogies at the funeral home. "So we had a baseball lineup" of fitting farewells.

## HANK

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generations to enjoy, with any improvements pending school district and township approval, of course. Among ideas being kicked around is a new entrance that would feature a plaque bearing Hank's name.

"They said they'd like to start a memorial fund and obviously, we were all for that," Steele said. "We've received over \$3,000 through donations, and Mike and I are looking into things we can do."

Deanna Klotz shook her head in amazement about all that is being done to honor her late husband's memory. "He'd be very proud," she said, reminiscing with her sons in Tom and Jacklyn Klotz's back yard. "I think he'd be very humble about it, he was not the type of person to brag. But I think he'd be very proud."

Whatever can be done would serve as a way of saying thanks to someone who poured much of his time and energy into helping kids become better players and persons. It didn't matter whether they were his own or came from other families in the township.

Some of those "kids" showed up in droves at Hank Klotz's May 20 funeral at Faith Lutheran Church in Livonia to honor the small-statured but big-hearted man who died after valiantly battling his cancer for three years.

The 2006 Redford Union baseball team, with players wearing their uniform shirts, were among those who packed the church.

That turnout, and the memorial fund spearheaded by Taylor, perhaps signified a heartfelt payback for all the hours Klotz gladly spent coaching many of Redford Township's youngsters since moving his family from Long Island, N.Y. in 1978.

### TIME FOR EVERYONE

In the 1980s and early 1990s,

he'd routinely get home from his sales job with the international division of General Motors and trot out to neighborhood sandlots to coach in the North Redford Central Little League.

"Even working in the corporate world he found a way to get to the games by 4 p.m.," noted Tom Klotz.

Or, Hank would guide basketball teams with the Redford Township Junior Athletic Association or at Faith Lutheran.

At Faith Lutheran, according to 37-year-old son Robert Klotz of Royal Oak (a 1986 RU grad), Hank took the boys basketball program "to another level," winning two state championships and helping the teams qualify for a national tournament of Lutheran churches held in Indiana.

"He took castoffs that folks at RU didn't want on the basketball team and they played for him (at Faith Lutheran)," said Bill Klotz, 42, of Troy. "They weren't even Lutheran."

According to Klotz, there was no end to his dad's giving nature. He said if it were up to his dad, he would rather wear shoes with holes in them and give needy kids money to buy new footwear.

Hank would also connect with teenagers as if he were one himself.

"I'd show up at home and I'd have buddies sitting in the living room talking to my dad," Bill said. "And I was like, 'What are you guys doing here?' They'd said

they were shooting the (breeze) with my dad. They weren't there to see me. That's the kind of person he was."

"When I was in high school my dad was 37, so he was a young guy. So, he related with these kids, he was still a kid himself for the most part."

Yet nothing resonated in Hank Klotz's heart as much as his own family - especially grandsons Billy, 13 and Mike, 11 (whose parents are Bill and Sue Klotz).

"Very rarely did he miss one of my son's games," Bill Klotz said. "I had him at Billy's middle school basketball game in February, and we had to take him out of the gym, that's how sick he was."

And in early April, Tom chimed in that such games gave Hank reason to hang on, even when his health was failing.

"He had told our pastor his only regret - he was perfectly content with dying - was not seeing his grandkids play high school ball," Tom said. "That's what he wanted to see."

But Hank's sons insisted their dad did get to "see" something after all, when Tom used a lob wedge to sink a hole-in-one on Memorial Day. The brothers were enjoying an afternoon of golf at the Strategic Fox at Fox Hills in Plymouth.

"There was divine intervention," said Tom, wearing a wide smile. "There's no doubt in my mind that he helped put the ball in the hole."

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## Cougar Football Camp

Garden City High School's summer football camp is continuing through this week.

Remaining sessions (for players entering grades 9-12) are 5-7 p.m. on the following days: Monday, July 24; Tuesday, July 25; Thursday, July 27; Friday, July 28.

The fee to participate is \$40. For more information, call the Garden City High School athletic office, (734) 762-8363.

## Redford hockey

Young hockey players take note.

It's red-hot July, but fall tryouts for the Redford Township Hockey Association are just around the corner.

In the Pee Wee AA division, tryouts are 6-7:30 p.m. Friday, July 28 and 4-5:30 p.m. Sunday, July 30, both at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township (Redford Arena does not re-open until August).

Bantam A Raptors tryouts are slated from 6-7:30 p.m. Monday, July 24 and Thursday, July 27, at Suburban Arena in Farmington Hills.

## 12U girls tryouts

Fall tryouts for the Little Caesars Girls 12U AAA team will take place 8-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1 and 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, both at Redford Ice Arena (Beech Daly between Schoolcraft (Jeffries Fwy. service drive) and Plymouth roads.

The head coach is Scott Brickley, a member of the 1987 national champion University of North Dakota hockey team. Former St. Cloud University women's team captain Tina Ciraulo is the assistant coach.

For more information, contact team manager Tom

Strazzulla at (734) 497-7290.

## Coaches sought

■ Garden City High School is looking to hire someone to coach the 2006-07 junior varsity boys soccer team this fall. Anyone interested in the position should contact athletic director Bob Dropp, at (734) 762-8363.

■ Livonia Ladywood is looking for a girls junior varsity field hockey coach for the fall 2006 season. Please fax resumes to Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2386.

■ Redford Union High School is seeking qualified coaches for 2006-07 for the following positions: girls varsity tennis coach, assistant swimming and diving coach, assistant hockey coach, boys junior varsity soccer coach and girls varsity softball coach.

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■ Livonia Ladywood High

School has coaching positions available for the 2006 fall season in varsity girls competitive cheer and varsity dance cheer.

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

## St. Edith volleyball

■ Tryouts for the Catholic Youth Organization girls volleyball program at St. Edith, located at 15089 Newburgh Road (just south of Five Mile) in Livonia will start Monday, Aug. 14.

It is open to girls in grades 4-8 (this fall) who are members of St. Edith, St. Aidan, St. Colette, St. Kenneth and St. Maurice parishes.

■ A recreational volleyball program, 5-6:30 p.m. Sundays, July 9 through Aug. 14, at St. Edith, will be open to girls in grades 4-12. There is no fee, but a medical release must be signed by a parent or guardian.

■ St. Edith also offers adult recreation volleyball (ages 18-and-up) from 6:30-8 p.m. Sundays, July 9 through Aug. 13. No experience is necessary. The cost is \$3 per person. (Babysitting is available on site for a minimal fee.)

For more information, call Gary Smart at (734) 432-5959; or e-mail smart5959@sbcglobal.net.

## Benefit golf outing

Fox Creek Golf Course in Livonia will host the second annual Wolverine Sports and Conservation Club golf outing, set for Sunday, Aug. 27.

The outing features a scrambles format with a shotgun start, along with contests for longest drive and closest to the pin. Tee-off time is 11 a.m., with registration at 10:30 a.m.

Fox Creek is located at Seven Mile and Wayne Road in Livonia.

Cost is \$70 per person, due at time of registration. Included are 18 holes of golf, cart, hot dogs and beverages at the turn and dinner immediately following at Wolverine Hall (27531 Grand River at Inkster in Livonia).

For more information, call Benny DiCicco (734-427-3044) or Marty Knorp (734-261-4429).

Proceeds from the event will be used for continuing operations of Wolverine Sports and Conservation Club.

## 4-on-4 volleyball

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage a 4-on-4 co-ed sand volleyball tournament for ages 17-and-up beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

The registration deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4, at the LCRC.

The team registration fee is \$72. The one-day tourney included pizza lunch and prizes for the first- and second-place team. Warmup begins at 8:30 a.m.

Call Barb Gamber at (734) 466-2918.

## Gems auditions

Gems on Ice Synchronized Skating Teams are currently holding private auditions for the 2006-07 season.

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### RANKING THE MAJORS

So what is your favorite major?

With the just completed British Open (or just "the Open Championship"), I found myself wondering how would we rank the four majors in terms of importance?

For the American players, the Masters and U.S. Open are probably the biggest. The Masters after all has the most exclusive field on the most exclusive golf course. The U.S. Open is simply our national championship. Who doesn't want to win that?

For the Europeans and others, it begins with the British Open. This event has more tradition in golf than any other and is often played at or near the game's birthplace in Scotland.

The Europeans also seem to like the Ryder Cup a lot more than the Americans do. How else would you explain their recent dominance in the semi annual competition?

Here is how it all shakes out:

1. The Masters
2. The U.S. Open
3. The British Open
4. The Ryder Cup (calling it a major for the sake of argument)
5. The PGA Championship

Jeff Lesson hosts "Lesson on Golf" weekend mornings on WWJ Newsradio 950 and Saturday mornings 7-8am on 1270 XYT. He also co-hosts "Michigan Golf Weekly Saturdays at 6pm on CBS Detroit TV.

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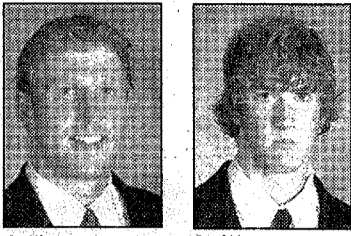
# Whalers hockey players enjoy busy summer

Several Whalers have been selected to participate on a world stage for various tournaments later this season.

Goaltender Jeremy Smith (Brownstown Township) was selected by USA Hockey for its Under-18 Select Team in the 2006 Under-18 Memorial of Ivan Hlinka Tournament in Piestany, Slovakia and Breclav, Czech Republic from Aug. 8-12.

Smith was excellent in the 2006 USA Hockey Select-17 Players Development Camp earlier this summer, leading all goaltenders with a 1.21 goals-against average and .966 save percentage.

"There were some difficult decisions to be made, as you have to build a team in a short period of time. We were looking to get a combination of size, speed, character and moxie," said USA Under-



Collins

Smith

18 Select Head Coach Ed Olczyk. "We've assembled a really good bunch of character kids. I'm humbled and honored to get the chance to coach these young men."

Whaler draft choices Vincent LoVerde and Nick Petrecki also made the team.

Earlier this summer, veteran Dan Collins received an invitation to tryout

for Team USA and James Neal for Team Canada for the 2007 World Junior Championships, which will be held Dec. 26, 2006-Jan. 5, 2007 in Mora and Leksand, Sweden.

Team USA is being coached by Ron Rolston, and assistants Phil Housley and Nate Leaman.

Sault Ste. Marie head coach Craig Hartsburg is running Team Canada this year.

"Nobody is guaranteed a position just because they were here last year," Hartsburg told the Sault Star. "We'll meet with the returnees separately and tell them that. They can't take anything for granted."

"We have a really good group of new players (including Neal) coming in. Our returning players have to take their

experience from last year and use it as a leadership role."

Canada won the gold medal at last year's World Junior Championship, held in Vancouver, BC. Whaler center Chris Terry was selected to attend Team Canada's National Summer Under-18 Team Selection Camp in Calgary, but declined the invitation to continue the rehabilitation of the knee injury he suffered at the end of last season.

Terry's rehabilitation is going well. He's expected to be ready for the Whalers training camp in late August.

## WHALERS HOCKEY SCHOOLS

Bill Morrison, from Westland, enrolled his 7-year-old son, Ray, during the first week of camps, which featured Collins (a Florida Panthers draft), Tom

Sestito (Columbus), goaltender Justin Garay and Compuware Sports Arena Learn-to Skate Director Susan Bottrell as instructors.

"The camp has been excellent for Ray," Morrison said. "He played novice last year and needs to improve on his skating. He's been able to do that this week. It's neat that there are some NHL-guys here helping out."

"Registration was very easy. We saw a mention of the camp in the *Observer & Eccentric* and faxed in our registration."

"The kids look like they're having fun," Collins said. "And they are improving. We're having fun, too."

The camps run through August 18. Check [www.plymouthwhalers.com](http://www.plymouthwhalers.com) for more information about the Plymouth Whalers Hockey Schools.



## Batbusters

The members of the Batbusters softball team are (front row, left to right) Chrissy Albrecht, Miranda Cleary, Leah Reinhold, Carly Lasagna, Jessie Thiek, (second row) Sara Cupp, Carlea Hazzard, Becca Cleary, Hillary Timm, Krista Hakola, coach Brant Engel, trainer Bonnie Cupp, (back row) manager Randal Hazzard and coach Mike Albrecht. Not pictured are players Hannah Atkinson and Ellen Panetta.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### GRIZZLIES TRYOUTS

The Plymouth/Canton Grizzlies 9U travel baseball team, which will be coached by Michael Murray and Tim Baechler, is holding tryouts for the 2007 season on Saturday, Aug. 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on diamond #2 at Plymouth Township Park, which is located on Ann Arbor Trail, just east of Beck Rd.

All players must be 9 years old or younger as of April 30, 2007, and reside or attend school in Plymouth, Plymouth Township or Canton.

For more information and to pre-register, send an inquiry to [terrimurray@sbcglobal.net](mailto:terrimurray@sbcglobal.net).

### WRESTLING CAMP

The annual Salem Wrestling Camp will be held July 31 to Aug. 3. Novice and advanced sessions will be offered for kids who are entering third through 12th grades.

The camp is run by Salem alumni, including former individual state champions Mike Goethe (2003) and Jeremy Henderson (2006), along with Salem staff and members of the 2006-07 squad.

Among other things, the camp will focus on techniques, strategies, drills and attitudes that will bring wrestlers success at all levels. Each wrestler will receive a T-shirt.

To register and receive session assignments, call Goethe at

(734) 718-6984 no later than Friday, July 28.

### FALL SOCCER

The Plymouth Family YMCA is accepting registrations for its fall soccer program for kids between the ages of 4 and 11. The program is filled on a first come-first served basis.

Practices will begin the week of Sept. 18, and games are set to start Saturday, Sept. 30. There will be eight practices and seven games.

The cost is \$68 for program members and \$85 for community members. All participants will be required to purchase a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey for \$15. If you are interested in participating or coaching your child's team, please call (734) 453-2904 for more details.

### CARDINALS TRY-OUTS

Tryouts for the 2007 9U and 10U Canton Cardinals travel baseball teams will be held soon.

Tryouts for the 9U team will be set for Aug. 6 and Aug. 9. Tryouts for the 10U squad will be held July 25 and Aug. 6.

For more information on the 9U tryouts, contact Dan Hejka at (734) 776-3918.

For more information on the 10U tryouts, contact Jim Hejka at 658-2446.

### GCYBSA SIGN-UPS

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association (GCYBSA) is cur-

rently accepting registrations for fall baseball for kids between the ages of 4 and 18. Games will begin the first week of September and run through the end of October.

The registration deadline is Aug. 15.

Registration forms are available at the Canton Softball Center and the Summit on the Park.

For more information, call the GCYBSA hotline at (734) 394-5489 or (734) 394-5358, or check the Web site at [csc.cantonmi.org](http://csc.cantonmi.org).

### CAR & BIKE SHOW

The Canton High School girls swim team will be holding its 2nd Annual Car & Bike Show on Tuesday, Aug. 22, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Home Depot, which is located at 39825 Ford Rd. (east of I-275) in Canton.

The first 50 individuals to register will receive free dash plaques and goodie bags.

Pre-registration (postmarked before Aug. 1) is \$10. The admission at the gate is \$15.

For more information, contact Jane at (734) 891-9909 or [gracker60@wowway.com](mailto:gracker60@wowway.com).

### CANTON SWIM FUND-RAISER

The Canton High School girls swim team will be holding a car-wash fund-raiser on Saturday, July 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Marathon gas station located on the corner of Warren and Lilley roads in Canton.



## ORDINANCE NO. 2006-2

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, GENERAL PROVISIONS SECTION 1-13, GENERAL PENALTY, PARAGRAPH (a)(5) AND ARTICLE VII, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, OF CHAPTER 18 BUILDING REGULATIONS OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH AND REPLACE WITH NEW SECTION 1-13 PARAGRAPH (A)(5) AND ARTICLE VII, OF CHAPTER 18, BUILDING REGULATIONS.

### THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

**Section 1.** Chapter 1 Section 13, paragraph (a)(5) General penalties and sanctions for violations of Code and city ordinances; continuing violations; injunctive relief. Is hereby deleted and the following paragraph substituted therefore:

(5) Sections 18-211, et seq., being the International Property Maintenance Code, 2006, and any amendments thereto and Supplemental Standards.

**Section 2.** Chapter 18 Article XIV, Vegetation, Division 3, Noxious Weeds, Section 18-751 and 18-752 are hereby deleted and the following paragraph substituted therefore:

#### DIVISION 3. NOXIOUS WEEDS

##### Sec. 18-751. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning; *Noxious weeds* includes Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), doddars (any species of *Cuscuta*), mustards (Charlock, black mustard and Indian mustard; species of *Brassica*, or *Sinapis*), wild carrot (*Daucus carota*), bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*), perennial sowthistle (*Sonchus arvensis*), hoary alyssum (*Berteroa incana*), quack-grass (*Synproprion repens*), crab-grass (*Digitaria sanguinalis*), poison ivy (*Rhus toxicodendron*), poison sumac (*Rhus vernie*), ragweed, goldenrod, and all weeds or grasses over eight (8) inches in height, on the average, or other plants or grasses which, in the opinion of the city commission, shall be regarded as a common nuisance.

**Section 3.** Sec. 18-752. Duty to cut.

It shall be the duty of every owner, occupant, or person having charge of any land within the city to cut down or cause to be cut down and destroyed all noxious weeds prior to May 15 in each year and to again destroy same prior to August 1, and as often as may be necessary to prevent same from going to seed or exceeding a height of eight (8) inches, on the average.

**Section 4.** Chapter 18, Article VII Sections 18-211 and 18-212 are hereby deleted and the following substituted therefore:

#### ARTICLE VII PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

##### DIVISION I. GENERALLY

##### Section 18-211. Adoption of Property Maintenance Code By Reference

That a certain document, three (3) copies of which are on file in the office of the Building Official of the City of Plymouth being marked and designated as "The International Property Maintenance Code, 2006" edition as published by The International Code Council, be and is hereby adopted as the Property Maintenance Code of the City of Plymouth in the State of Michigan; for regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures; by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use; and the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use, and the demolition of such existing structures as herein provided; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Property Maintenance Code on file in the office of the Building Official are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereof, as if fully set out in this ordinance, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in Section 18-212 of this ordinance.

##### Section 18-212. National Property Maintenance Code, Additions, Insertions and Changes.

That the International Property Maintenance Code 2006 is amended and revised in the following respects:

**Section 101.1 Title:** These regulations shall be known as the Property Maintenance Code of the City of Plymouth hereinafter referred to as the property maintenance code or "this code".

**Section 103.5 Fees:** The fees for activities and services performed by this department in carrying out its responsibilities under this code shall be as determined by resolution of the City Commission.

**Section 106.4 Violation Penalties:** Any person who shall violate any provision of this code or fail to comply therewith, or with any of the requirements thereof, shall be prosecuted under a Municipal Civil Infraction and shall be prosecuted within the limits provided by state or local laws. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served, in accordance with the terms and provisions hereof, shall be deemed a separate offense.

**Section 302.4 All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of eight (8) inches in height. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees and shrubs as further delineated in Section 18-751 of this Article, provided; however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens.**

**Section 304.12 Insect screens:** During the period from April 1st to October 1st, every door, window and other outside opening required for ventilation of habitable rooms, food preparation areas, food service areas, or any areas where products to be included or utilized in food for human consumption are processed, manufactured, packaged or stored, shall be supplied with approved tightly fitting screens of not less than 16 mesh per inch (16 mesh per 25mm) and every swinging door shall have a self-closing device in good working condition.

**Section 602.3 Heating supply.** Every owner and operator of any building who rents, leases or lets one or more dwelling units, rooming units, dormitory or guest rooms on terms, either expressed or implied, to furnish heat to the occupants thereof shall supply heat during the period of October 1 to May 1 to maintain a temperature of not less than 65°F (18°C) in all habitable rooms, bathrooms and toilet rooms.

**Section 602.4 Occupiable work spaces.** Indoor Occupiable work spaces shall be supplied with heat during the period from October 1 to May 1 to maintain a temperature of not less than 65°F (18°C) during the period the spaces are occupied.

**Section 5.** Inconsistent Ordinances Repealed:

That Title VIII-Building Regulations Chapter 18, Articles VII of the General Building Regulations of the City of Plymouth and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**Section 6.** Savings Clause:

That nothing in this Ordinance or in the Property Maintenance Code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Section 2 of this Ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.

**Section 7.** Effective Date:

That the City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and cause the same to be published as required by law; and this Ordinance shall take full force and effect Twenty-one (21) days after the date of final passage and approval.

Made, passed and adopted by the City Commission of the City of Plymouth, Michigan, this 17th day of July, 2006.

DANIEL DWYER, Mayor

LINDA J. LANGMESSER C.M.C., City Clerk

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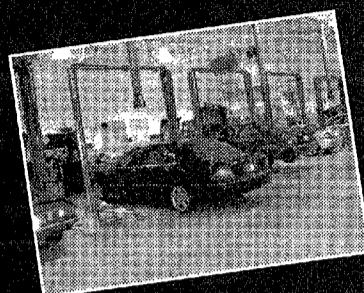
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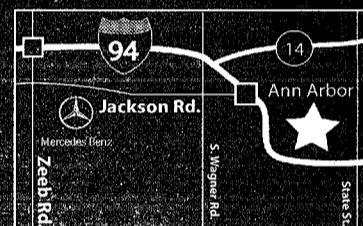
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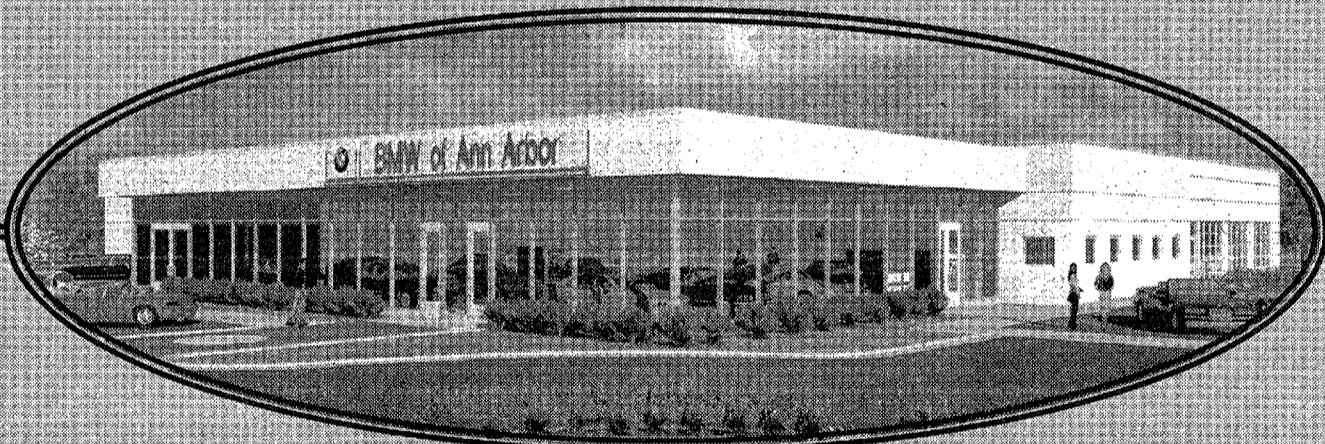


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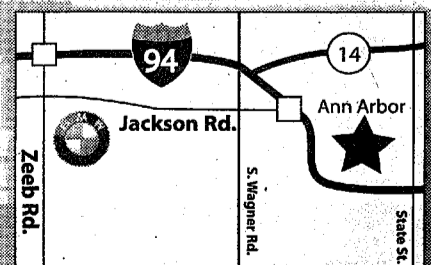
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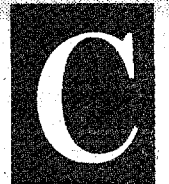
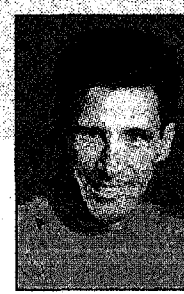




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# Zone out of parents' arguments

**What should I do if my mom and dad are always fighting (arguing) over very, very minor things?**  
Fed Up in Garden City

It sounds like you're worried about your parents and their relationship. It's hard to hear your parents argue — especially if it happens a lot! The best thing you can do is take care of yourself. When your parents are arguing, go outside, listen to your radio or iPod with headphones, or go to a different room in your house. Try not to focus on what they are saying to each other; instead, focus on your music or a good book. All people disagree at times and arguments are bound to occur. In fact, arguing itself can be one way of making your opinion known.



Monica Fulton

However, arguing is a problem when the people involved stop respecting each other and begin to call each other names, put each other down, or physically hurt each other. If you're concerned that your parents' arguments are signaling a future disaster, sit down and talk with them. Let them know how you feel when they argue and how it affects you. Ask them to find another way to work out their differences. If they don't seem to be able to do that, suggest that the family meet with a family counselor that can help everyone handle their disagreements better. Sometimes a "referee" is needed to help us get past our differences.

**What can I do to get rid of my depression without taking pills?**

Drug-free in Garden City

Depression is a serious condition that can be very difficult to cope with; it should be taken seriously. If your symptoms of depression have been around for more than two weeks, you should talk to your parents about them. Symptoms of depression include having a depressed mood most of the day nearly every day, losing interest in things you used to enjoy doing, large change in weight, change in appetite, trouble sleeping or sleeping too much, feeling restless or feeling very slowed down, loss of energy, fatigue, feeling worthless, being unable to concentrate or make decisions, and thoughts of death or ideas of suicide. A professional counselor, social worker, or psychologist can determine if you are clinically depressed and can help you overcome your depression. Sometimes, just talking to someone about how you're feeling and what's going on in your life is enough to ease the symptoms of depression. Exercise and healthy eating can help, too. Many times, we don't manage the stress in our life correctly, which can lead to depression. By practicing relaxation techniques, we can reduce stress and impact our feelings of depression.

Try taking some time to relax and focus on deep breathing while you visualize your favorite vacation spot. However, it is very important to take depression seriously; for some people, these holistic approaches are not enough to combat depression. For these people, medication is the only thing that allows them to enjoy their life and be productive. Please talk to your parents and find a professional you feel comfortable with.

There are professionals who will work with you to treat your depression holistically, using medication as a last resort if other methods don't work.

**A couple of my friends want me to smoke with them and I don't know if I want to because I feel like they'll tell everyone if I do or not. What should I do?**  
Confused in Garden City

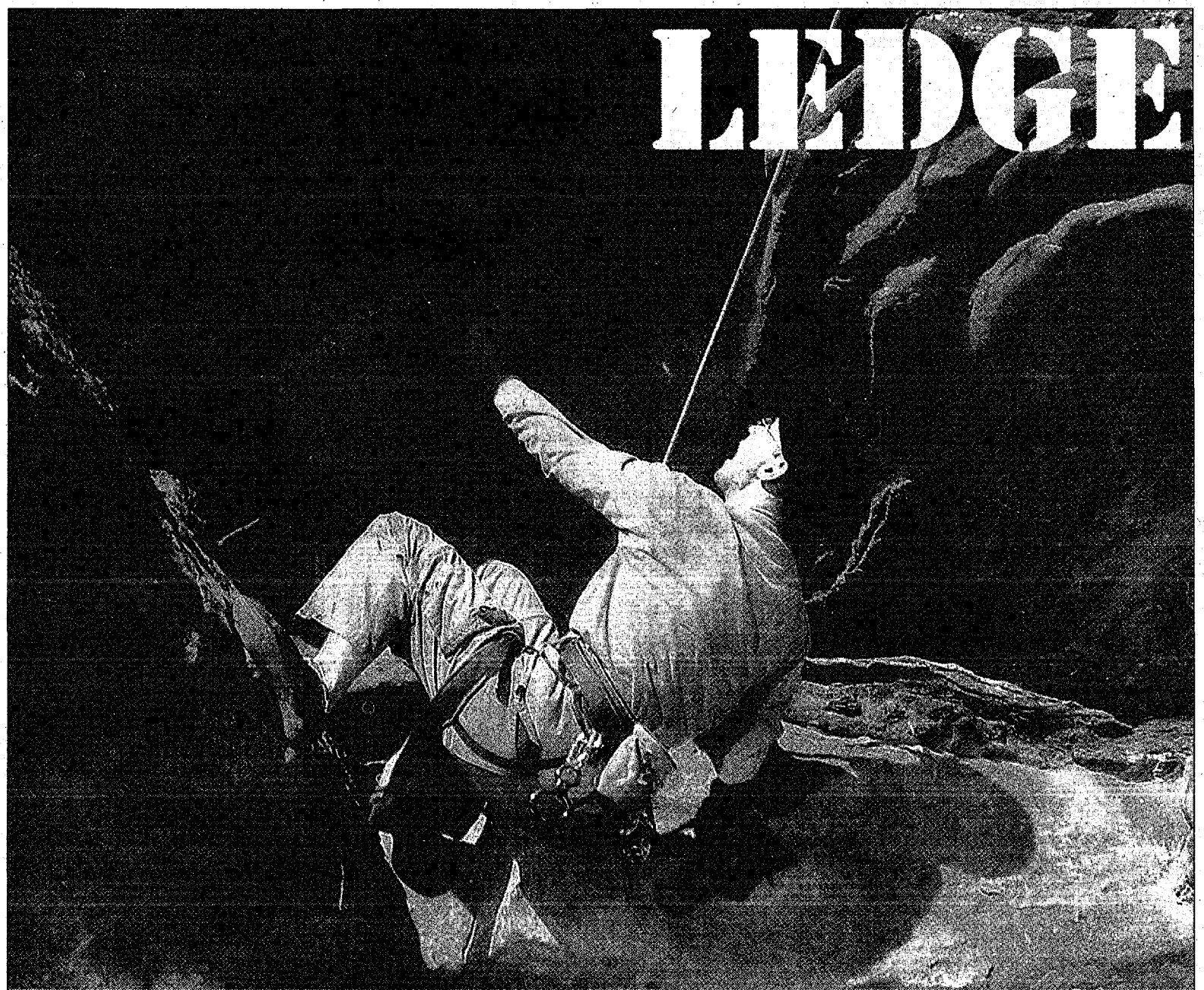
If your friends are pressuring you to do something you don't want to do, you need to ask yourself if these friends are truly your friends.

It sounds to me like you aren't interested in smoking and would be embarrassed if other kids found out that you smoked. If that's the case, stick to your guns! Don't smoke!

Tobacco is very addictive and causes lots of health problems (which I'm sure you know). Why would your friends want you to hurt yourself?

Be strong and resist the pressure! Tell your friends that you have no interest in starting that disgusting habit. Let them know that smoking is not cool, it smells bad, and that you don't want to be addicted to anything. If your friends make fun of you, it's time to find new friends!

Monica Fulton is the supervisor of the Family Resource Center in Garden City working on youth and family problems. She can be reached by e-mail at monicafulton@sbcglobal.net.



# Out on a LEDGE

The cliff along the Grand River in Grand Ledge is a favorite rock climbing destination for Kevin Flohr, an instructor at the Livonia Recreation Center.

## Rock climbing challenges body and mind

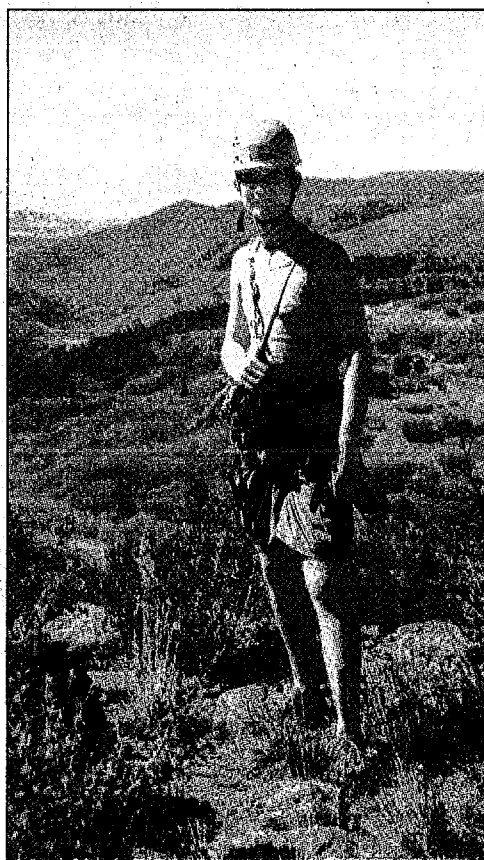
BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

The view 100 feet above Red Rock Canyon is so breathtaking that Kevin Flohr would be willing to climb twice as high for just a glimpse of the Colorado landscape. Flohr can't get enough of rock climbing especially in the great outdoors where ledges and formations test the body and mind. When Flohr isn't teaching the sport at the Livonia Recreation Center, the 20-year-old is climbing the cliff along the Grand River in Grand Ledge.

Flohr says he's loved the outdoors since he was old enough to go camping with his parents. He was introduced to rock climbing as a member of Boy Scouts Troop 782 at St. Andrew's Church in Livonia.

"When you climb indoors it's a controlled climate and very few things can

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Kevin Flohr especially enjoys rock climbing out west where ledges and formations test the body and mind.

## Indoor facilities prepare climbers for great outdoors

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Kristina Pruccoli would more than likely be a regular visitor to REI-Recreational Equipment, even if she didn't work there. The Troy store's three-dimensional pinnacle helps Pruccoli stay in shape for outdoor rock climbing. Indoor facilities such as REI in Troy and Northville, the Livonia Recreation Center, and Planet Rock in Ann Arbor and Pontiac not only offer instruction, but a place to climb.

"It's good for parties," said Pruccoli who first took to rock climbing as a middle school student in Birmingham. "Groups of over 5 and up to 12 can climb for \$20, 6-8 p.m. Monday evenings, groups of 13-14 for \$40."

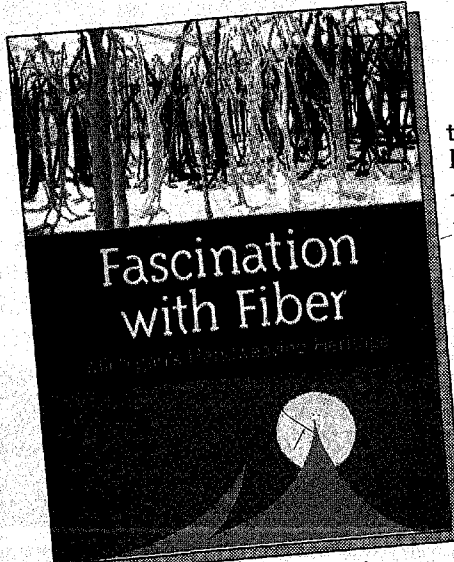
"For members of REI we offer rock climbing for free and discounts on adventure tours that go all over the world with different levels of climbing. There's a climbing trip in Africa and a three-day trip to Virginia coming up."

REI membership is \$15. For more information,

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# Authors weave lively tale about fascinating fiber

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER



Co-authors Marion Marzolf and Marie Gile formed a great friendship while working on the book detailing Michigan's handweaving heritage.

Authors Marie A. Gile and Marion Marzolf knew they had a good story to tell about the history of handweaving in Michigan. The result is their book, *Fascination with Fiber: Michigan's Handweaving Heritage*, published in May this year by the University of Michigan Press in partnership with the Michigan State University Museum.

"We're both fascinated by the process of weaving," said Marzolf, like Gile a weaver and fiber artist. Gile is textile specialist and research associate at Michigan State University Museum in Lansing. Ann Arbor resident Marzolf is professor emerita in the Department of Journalism and Communications at the University of Michigan, having retired in 1995.

"I got involved about four years ago," said Marzolf of the project Gile had started in 1998. "The last two years were very intense. We worked very well together. We formed a really good friendship."

The paperback includes material on the Cranbrook Educational Community in Bloomfield

Hills, where the Academy of Art, opened in 1932, became a place for handweaving to flourish. Finnish architect Eliel Saarinen was named president and head of the architecture program. His wife, Loja Saarinen, "established her own weaving studio and the school's first weaving classes," the book notes. Most of the weaving in her studio in the early years was created for the school buildings.

Also described in the book is Hartland, where J. Robert Crouse Sr.'s Hartland Area Project, proposed in 1931, recommended a village center with schools, music, drama, handicrafts, library and health/welfare services.

Crouse bought the Hartland Grist Mill and renovated it in 1934 to be the first home for Crouse Crafts, the heart of his new village. As it grew, it moved to an old tavern on Avon Street, which was the weaving center's home for the next 40 years.

The book notes that Hartland was one of the largest producers of handwoven fabrics in the U.S. outside Appalachia in the 1930s and 1940s. The authors go back earlier in history, describing the immigrants who brought skills with them across the

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**INDOOR**

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For more information on the tours which are available for a variety of sports including hiking, kayaking and cycling, visit www.REI.com and click on adventures.  
Scott Spahr recommends taking a few classes before attempting outdoor rock climbing.  
The Livonia Recreation Center offers instruction for ages 6 and up on Saturdays and Sundays. Call (734) 466-2900.  
For experienced climbers, open wall time runs 5-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, noon to 7 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.  
"Instruction is the same regardless of age excluding the Wall Crawlers (ages 6-12) that don't learn how to belay or act as a safety person," said

Spahr, fitness and wellness coordinator for the Livonia Recreation Center.  
Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts can earn merit badges by taking a 3-4 hour course to cover safety and climbing techniques for \$26 per person.  
"We offer other activities on the wall including a Rock the Wall Climbing Social 5-9 p.m. every Wednesday for \$3 per climb," said Spahr.  
To keep things exciting every so often the staff changes the routes that climbers take up the 42-ft. high wall.  
"One unique feature is an 8-inch specialized cushion floor. In the event of a fall there is some protection, but we've never had anyone fall," said Spahr. "We've been injury-free since we opened in April 2003."

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**CLIMBING**

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go wrong. Outdoors it's a thrill like riding a roller coaster," said Flohr. "I like the feeling of being off the ground. It's adventurous, a great exercise. Vigorous climbing can be compared to running with a comparable calorie loss and you're working your arms and legs. And it's a great social activity. I meet a lot of people when I'm climbing."  
Since climbing is a partner sport, Flohr usually climbs with his best friend Patrick Oakley of Livonia. The two take turns climbing while the other remains on the floor. When Oakley's not available a staff member at the rec center will belay or act as the safety person for Flohr.  
Rock climbing is not as dangerous as it's thought to be if the proper precautions are taken. Outdoors helmets are worn to protect the head from falling objects. Indoors all that's needed is a harness and pair of tennis shoes. The only time a climber doesn't need a harness is when bouldering or moving sideways 10 ft. above ground.  
"It's definitely a lot of fun for people of all ages, from about

age 6 and up," said Flohr, who's studying environmental technology at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. "It's something to challenge yourself."  
Scaling mountains gives Mike Wolf a sense of personal accomplishment. For many years he climbed in the Pacific northwest and lived 40 minutes from Mount St. Helens in southwest Washington state. Today, he coordinates activities on the Livonia rec center wall.  
"It's a challenge to do things that are incredibly uncomfortable, to push yourself past your physical best," said Wolf, a 56-year-old Plymouth Township resident who once a month climbs to do maintenance work on the Livonia wall. "I encourage people to become involved with it as a lifelong sport, but it is a risk sport, a high-risk activity. Education is important. A bad way to start is with your friends. Climb with a professional climber. The stress needs to be on safety."  
While Katie Jones emphasizes safety as a rock climbing instructor at the Livonia rec center, the Garden City resident is just as apt to focus on team building skills. Only last week a group of

lifeguards took her class to learn to work together. Jones climbed regularly when she was a reporter for a news station in Morgantown, West Virginia, but was introduced to the sport on the wall of the recreation center at Wayne State University where she was a student.  
"There are many rocks to climb in West Virginia," said Jones, 23, who grew up in Canton and graduated from Plymouth Salem High School. "Outdoor climbing is a big thing. You don't find too many indoor gyms. That's the mountain state. Indoor is meant to get you prepared for outdoor."  
Jones says that anyone attempting rock climbing needs to be open minded. According to Flohr one of the biggest challenges he faces as an instructor is getting people to let go of the wall once they reach the top so they can be lowered to the ground on a rope.  
"They need to let go and have fun," said Jones, who begins studies to finish her broadcasting degree at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield in the fall. "A lot of people are afraid of heights. They need to let go of all fears

and inhibitions."  
Kristina Pruccoli was a middle school student in Birmingham when she was invited to a birthday party at Planet Rock in Pontiac. While she loved climbing, it wasn't until 2004 that she began to take the sport seriously. Since then she's climbed in Grand Ledge, Joshua Tree in Calif., and Cooper's Rock, West Virginia. During the winter she visits Planet Rock in Ann Arbor and Pontiac when she isn't scaling the three-dimensional pinnacle at REI-Recreational Equipment in Troy where she works. REI also offers a 25-foot high wall at its Northville store. The Troy pinnacle is 27-ft. and free standing.  
"Usually customers come in and see people on the wall and say they'd like to try it and we give them an introduction," said Pruccoli, 26. "We show them how to put on a harness, tie the knots, let them experience the climb first. The challenge is more than physical, but mental to reach the top. They don't have to be in the best physical shape. It doesn't matter the body type. Age and body type have no relevance. It's your determination and your heart!"

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

NOTICE IS HEARBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 7, 2006 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

Taco Bell/KFC - Michigan Ave. 134-SLU-089b

**TACO BELL/KFC SPECIAL LAND USE AMENDMENT**  
CONSIDER REQUEST TO REMOVE SPECIAL LAND USE CONDITION FOR CHANGE OF HOURS OF OPERATION AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 27.03B.12 FOR PARCEL NO. 133-02-0075-306 (44570 MICHIGAN AVENUE). Property is located.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, August 3, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA  
AUGUST 10, 2006**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2006 AT 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON, MI 48188. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag  
Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Cathy Johnson, Vicki Welty and Steven Johnson.  
Acceptance of Agenda

1. James A. Bolton of Jan Signs, Inc., 5395 Cogswell, Wayne, MI 48184 representing Hungry Howies, 30300 Stevenson Hwy, Madison Heights, MI for commercial property located at 44275 Ford Road, SE corner of Ford and Sheldon Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-35, (4), b, update logo on existing sign.  
Zone C-2  
Parcel 057-01-0001-000 (Building)
2. Swadad Carremm, 238 Nassau Ct., Canton, MI 48187 for residential property located at same address, north side of Palisades Dr. between Brittany St. and Corrine Avenue, appealing Buildings and Building Regulations Chapter 78, Article 5, Section 78-131, (4), a, fence variance.  
Zone R-5  
Parcel 060-03-0083-000 (Building)
3. Bryan L. Amann of Amann, Demopoulos & Persiconi, 355 N. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48187 representing ERC, Inc. of Rose's Restaurant, 201 N. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48187 for commercial property located at 201 N. Canton Center, Canton, MI 48187, west side of Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill and Saltz Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-35, (4), a, ground sign variance.  
Zone C-2  
Parcel 064-99-0017-703 (Building)
4. Sign Fabricators, 43984 Groesbeck, Clinton Twp, MI 48036 representing Ted Zuchlewski of Dunkin Donuts, 40827 Village Wood, Novi, MI 48375 for commercial property located at 41439 Michigan Ave., west side of Haggerty Road between Michigan Ave. and Bituminous Drive, appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-35, wall sign variance to do face change.  
Zone C-3  
Parcel 137-99-0012-712 (Building)

Approval of the July 13, 2006 Minutes  
Written comments need to be submitted prior to 5:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188.  
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**AROUND TOWN**

**Grub crawl**

The Northville Chamber presents the second-annual Northville Grub Crawl 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 25. Join 300 hungry patrons as they make their way through some of the best restaurants in the Northville area. Twelve restaurants are offering free samples of appetizers and signature items along with cash bar specials for our "Crawlers". Participating restaurants are Bahama Breeze, Bonfire Bistro & Brewery, Brann's Steakhouse & Grill, Deadwood Bar and Grill, Edward's Café and Caterer, Five Restaurant, Genitti's, George's Senate Restaurant, Little Italy Ristorante, Mackinnon's, Poole's Tavern, and Uno Chicago Grill. Highlights: Free event T-shirt, free shuttle transportation courtesy of Independence Village of Plymouth, grand prize drawing for Char-Broil Barbeque Grill courtesy of The Home Depot. Tickets are \$35 (must be 21 or over) and can be purchased at Gardenviews, Good Time Party Store or the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

**Genealogical Society**

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m. Aug. 3, with guest speaker Linda Wright talking about "Scandinavian Research." A help session takes place at 6 p.m. The meeting takes place at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 Grand River in Howell. For details, call Margaret Bowland, (810) 227-7745.

**Alzheimer's walk**

The Alzheimer's Association's annual Memory Walk for Alzheimer's disease takes place Saturday, Aug. 26 at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak. It marks the 15th-annual Memory Walk to benefit the metro Detroit Region of the Greater Michigan chapter. Nearly 4,000 people are expected to participate in this year's 2k fun walk to raise funds and promote the progress surrounding Alzheimer's. To register for the walk or to make a donation, contact the Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan Chapter at www.alzgm.org or call (248) 351-0280.

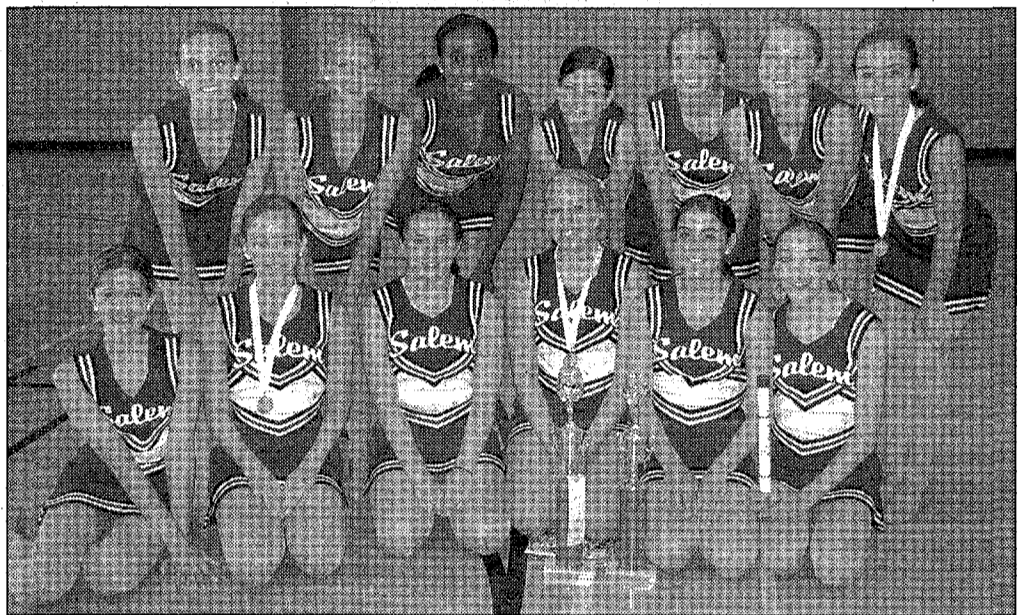
**Hospice series**

Heartland Hospice announced a new support group for widows and widowers. The Sharing & Caring Coffee Hour begins 10-11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, at Heartland Health Care Center, 7025 N. Lilley in Canton. The focus of the group will be on the later stages of grief, with an emphasis on learning to live with the loss. This group is ongoing and will be held the first and third Wednesdays of the month. The group is open to anyone grieving the loss of a spouse. There is no charge to attend. For additional information, contact Ann Christensen, Heartland Hospice Bereavement Coordinator,



**Dance camp success**

The Salem varsity and junior varsity Rockettes dance teams recently competed in the Universal Dance Association Camp at Oakland University. Both squads earned numerous awards for their efforts. The varsity team (top) took the Choreography Award for team routine, second place home routine, and the Superior Trophy. There were also nine all stars chosen from the team. The junior varsity squad (below) took second place in home routine, earned the Superior Trophy, and had three all stars selected. Both teams were awarded the Spirit Stick every day of the competition.



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**Sibling harmony**

Welcoming a new baby into the family can be an adjustment for big sisters and brothers. The Marian Women's Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer a Sibling Tour 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 19 in Classroom 1. There is a \$10 fee per family. Pre-registration is required by calling (734) 655-1159. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 34675 Five Mile, at Levan, in Livonia.

**Childhood health**

The National Wellness Foundation

hosts a local expert on common childhood health problems, including falls, traumatic birth, ear infections, etc., during a workshop 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 26 at the Carl Sandburg Library. To register for the free workshop, call (248) 426-0201. Seating is limited.

**Golf outing**

The Division of Kinesiology at the University of Michigan holds its fourth-annual Movement for Life Golf Invitational Monday, Aug. 21 at the University of Michigan Golf Course. Registration starts at 9 a.m., with a

shotgun start scheduled for 10:30 a.m. The day's festivities include 18 holes of golf, a continental breakfast and lunch, followed by dinner and a live auction and raffle. The cost for the day is \$200 per golfer. Pre-registration is required by calling Jim McIntyre, (734) 615-4272.

**Art/craft festival**

The Ann Arbor Women's City Club

hosts its 23rd-annual Art & Craft Festival 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 at the AAWCC, 1830 Washtenaw Avenue in Ann Arbor. There will be 50 juried exhibitors from Michigan in attendance. Admission is \$3, children 12 and under are admitted free (no strollers). For information, contact Penny O'Malley, (734) 429-8137 or e-mail pennyomalley@aol.com

**Health savings accounts**

Gail Perry-Mason, author of "Money Matters for Families" and co-author of the national best seller "Girl, Make Your Money Grow," does a free presentation and Q&A session about financial control through HSA's (health savings accounts), a new health care option that combines a qualified high-deductible health care plan with a tax-free savings account. An H.S.A. results in a health care option that empowers people to save pre-tax income, in an account much like a 401(k), for use toward future medical expenses. The seminar takes place 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, July 25 at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois in Troy. For more information or to register, visit the Web site at www.whatishsa.com/seminar

**Ciccarelli golf outing**

Former Detroit Red Wing Dino Ciccarelli hosts his seventh-annual Celebrity Players Tour Invitational to

benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The event begins Friday, July 28, with a Pairings Party Gala at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester, followed by two days of golf at the Orchards Golf Club in Washington. Thirty teams will participate, and each are comprised of four amateurs and a different celebrity each day of golf. This year's celebrity list already includes actor and comedian Jackie Flynn, "Fresh Prince" actor Alfonso Ribeiro, former NFL player Ed Marinaro, and former major league pitcher Pat Hentgen. Teams are mostly from the metro-Detroit area, but a few are from across the nation. There are still a few openings for teams, which are \$6,500 and include two days of golf, tickets to the Gala on Friday evening, food and beverage for the weekend, a color team photo each day, and four premium gift packages. All participants are invited Saturday evening to Club 22 in Shelby Township, Dino's new nightclub that features cocktails and dancing to "Decades of Music." Anyone interested in forming a team, placing an ad or another type of sponsorship, please visit the Web site at www.dinoandfriends.com or contact tournament staff at (248) 756-6100.

**RIVER PARK HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION REQUEST FOR BID**

River Park Home Owner's Association in Canton is looking for a qualified electrician/landscaping company to do the following:

- Replace & Beautify Electric Meter Mounting
- Replace Main Shut-off and Circuit Breaker for Light and Sprinkler
- Replace Light Bulb in Subdivision Light
- Pull necessary permits, as required by law and contact DTE as necessary.

Submit Bids to: River Park HOA  
PO Box 87171  
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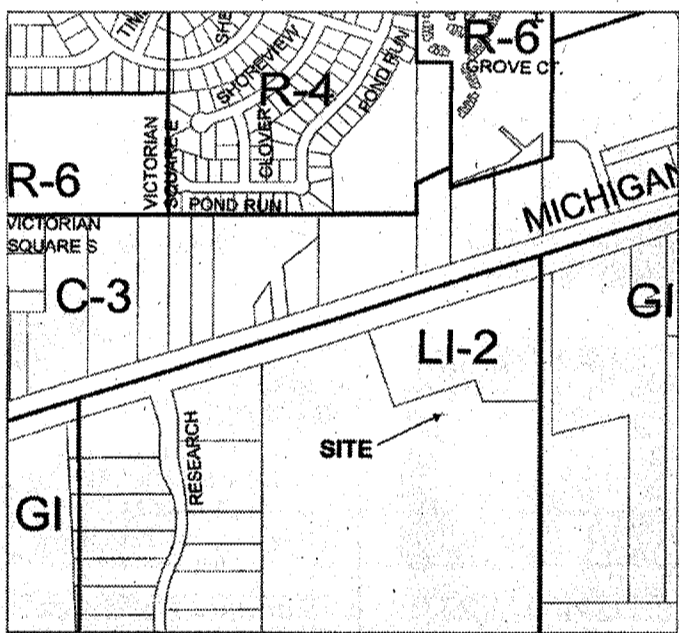
For details on the project, contact Sandra E. Commager at 734-397-9651.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 7, 2006 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:



T-Mobile Monopole 131-SLU-084

**T-MOBILE SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A COMMUNICATIONS TOWER AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 22.02B.14 FOR PARCEL NO. 131 99 0016 701 (46555 MICHIGAN AVENUE).** Property is located south of Michigan and west of Belleville Road within Victory Park.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, August 3, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

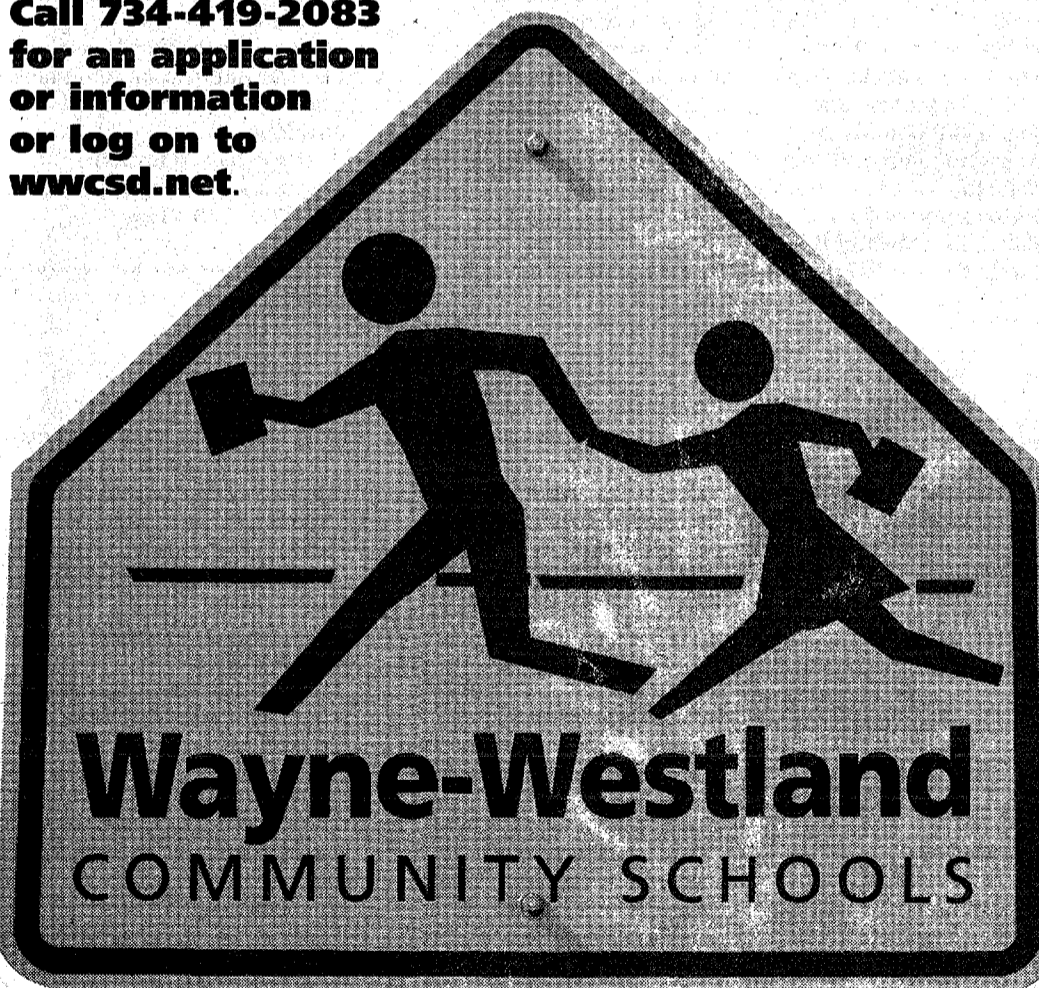
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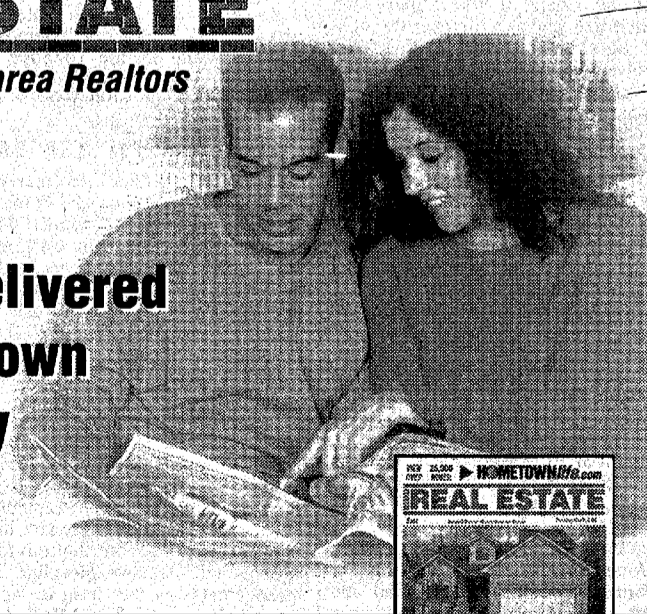
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## ENGAGEMENTS

## Douglass-Mason

Jeffrey and Linda Douglass of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter Leslie Anne Douglass of Westland to Jesse Mason of Ypsilanti.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and a 2005 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a degree in vocal performance. She is currently working on a master's degree in vocal performance at Bowling Green State University in Ohio.

The prospective groom is the son of Joseph and Sharon Mason of Saline. He is a 2005



graduate of Eastern Michigan University and is currently working on a master's degree in physics education at EMU.

A June 2, 2007, wedding is planned at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville.

## Hill-Lake

Becky and Dick Hill of Vernon Hills, Ill., announce the engagement of their daughter, Kacey Joy Hill, to Bryon Edward Lake, son of Jim and Kathy Lake of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a 2006 graduate of the Illinois Institute of Art Chicago with a bachelor's degree in Fashion Marketing and Management. Kacey is working at Claire's Stores Inc., as a Marketing Coordinator.

The prospective groom is a 1998 graduate of Canton High School and 2002 graduate of Taylor University with a bache-



lor's degree in Business Administration, International Business. He works at PowerShares as a Portfolio Consultant.

Their August wedding will be in Chicago, where the couple will make their home.

## Richeson-Kelly

David and Nina Richeson of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter Heidi to Andrew Kelly of Howell.

The bride-to-be graduated from David Pressley in 1999 and is employed as a hair stylist in Walled Lake.

The prospective groom is the son of John and Karen Kelly of Howell. He is currently enrolled in the culinary arts program at Schoolcraft College.

A September 2006 wedding is planned at the Oak Pointe



Country Club in Brighton. A honeymoon will follow in Hawaii.

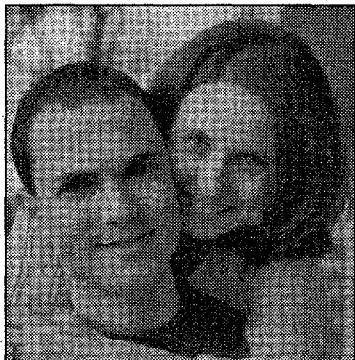
The couple will make their home in Howell.

## Tyminski-Warren

James and Suzanne Tyminski of Redford Township announce the engagement of their daughter Jennifer Ann Tyminski to Joseph Lister Augustus Warren of Redford Township.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Thurston High School and a 2004 graduate of Schoolcraft College. She is employed as a radiology coder by the Visiting Physicians Association in Farmington Hills.

The prospective groom is the son of Alvin and Nancy Warren of Ewen, Mich., and Josephine and Dan Hendrix of Traverse City. He is a 1991 graduate of Traverse City High School, a 1995 graduate of the University



of Michigan-Flint and a 2001 graduate of Michigan State University School of Medicine. He is employed by ER/One Oakwood Healthcare System.

An Oct. 7, 2006, wedding is planned at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. The couple will make their home in Redford Township.

## Brown-Hardin

Richard and Katherine Brown of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter Erin Nicole Brown to David Matthew Hardin of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Franklin High School and a 2004 graduate of the College for Creative Studies.

The prospective groom is the son of Wendy Hardin-Spreder of Grosse Pointe Woods and Bill Hardin of Canton Township. He is a 2000 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School and a 2004 grad-



uate of the College for Creative Studies.

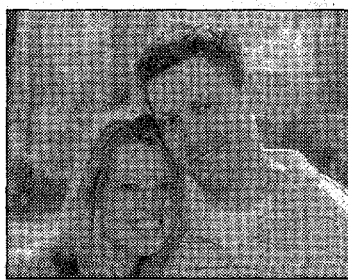
A summer 2007 wedding is being planned.

## Thomas-Kuhns

Mr. and Mrs. Chet Arington of Ann Arbor announce the engagement of their daughter Jayme Marie Thomas of Ann Arbor to Timothy Donald Kuhns of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be has a bachelor's degree in psychology from Michigan State University. She is employed as a human resources generalist with DTE Coal Services in Ann Arbor.

The prospective groom has a bachelor's degree in economics and master's degree in civil



engineering from Michigan State University. He is employed as a project engineer by Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment Inc. of Livonia.

A September wedding is planned.

## McIntosh-Tigner

Paul and Linda McIntosh of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Marie McIntosh, to Daniel Jason Tigner.

The prospective groom is the son of Rick Tigner and Evelyn Burns of Coleman. He is a 1996 graduate of Michigan Technological University with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, and earned an M.B.A. from Eastern Michigan University in 2004. He is employed at Ford Motor Co.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Madonna University with a bachelor's



degree in graphic design. She is employed at Excelda Manufacturing as a graphic designer. She operates her freelance design business from her home in Plymouth.

A September 2006 wedding is planned in the Traverse City area.

## Mandler-Barr

Darcella Gray of Livonia and Rick Mandler of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter Dori Lynn Mandler to Daniel Barr of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She is employed at a travel consultant for TQ3 Navigant.

The prospective groom is the son of Finula Barr of Westland and John Barr of Rochester Hills. He is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. He is employed with Aim Vending and Breeze Freeze.



An Oct. 6, 2006, wedding is planned at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia. A reception will be held at the Hellenic Cultural Center. The couple will honeymoon at the Riviera Maya in Mexico.

They will make their home in Livonia.

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## BIRTH



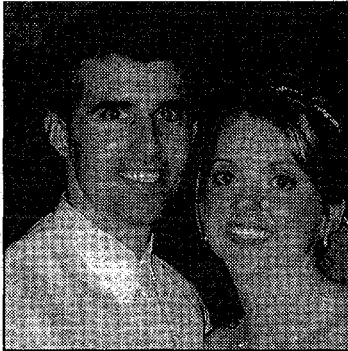
## Julia Rose Griese

Bill and Michelle Griese of Allen Park announce the birth of their daughter, Julia Rose Griese, born May 31, 2006.

Julia was born at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. She weighed in at 8 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 21 inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Joan Zawislak of Livonia and Bill and Carole Griese of Overland, MO.

## WEDDING



## Creehan-Murfey

Chris and Jan Murfey of Livonia announce the marriage of their daughter Erin Nicole Murfey to J. Scott Creehan, son of James and Rose Creehan of Brighton, formerly of Livonia.

They were married March 4 at the Shrine of Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

Erin is a 1994 graduate of Churchill High School, a 1998 graduate of Hillsdale College and a 2002 graduate of Georgetown Medical School. She is currently a family practice physician in Jackson, MI.

Scott is a 1994 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1998 graduate of Michigan Tech University. He is employed as a mechanical engineer at Advics Corp. in Plymouth.

## How to submit announcements

Local engagement, wedding, anniversary and birth announcements run in the Sunday editions of the *Observer*.

There is no charge to submit an announcement.

To obtain a copy of our forms for engagements, weddings, anniversaries and births email Hugh Gallagher at hgallagher@hometownlife.com.

Or send the following information to Hugh Gallagher, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150:

For engagement announcements, include:

- Names, addresses and cities for the bride, groom and both sets of parents
- Where bride and groom attended (or attend) high school and college and years graduated
- Where bride and groom are employed
- Wedding date

For wedding announcements, include:

- All of the above, plus
- Clergy's name
- Names and cities of all attendants
- Reception location
- Honeymoon location
- City where couple will reside

For engagement announcements, please submit at least 45 days before the wedding.

Please send photos in a vertical format. If you are e-mailing a photograph, please send it as a "jpeg."

Photographs may be picked up after publication; or enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

If you have questions regarding your announcement, call (734) 953-2149.

## CLASS REUNIONS

As space permits, the *Observer* & *Eccentric* Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, *Observer* & *Eccentric* Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48170. Please include the date of the reunion, one contact person, and a telephone number.

## REUNIONS

## Belleville High School

All Class Reunion for Belleville High School, 3-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Belleville High School Cafeteria. For information, contact Mildred Baker, chairperson, 139 Clarence St., Belleville, MI 48111; (734) 699-5231. Plans are in the works for the 7th Annual Alumni Banquet for Belleville High School. Committee members are planning for a tour of the high school, social time, and a dinner. Representatives from classes in the 1930s and on are arranging for alumni to return to their high school to reacquaint themselves with former classmates. Representatives are needed for several classes and addresses are being collected of alumni, so contact Chairperson Mildred Baker if you can provide information.

## Berkeley High School

**Class of 1971**  
A 35-year reunion, 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, at Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 37529 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills, \$65 per person, spouses/guests welcome. Reservations due by June 15. Register and updates at

www.berkeleyalumni.org.

## Class of 1956

A 50-year reunion 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Embassy Suites, 850 Tower Drive, Troy, Cost \$45. Send checks to Janice Broquet Pope, 8222 Coral Creek Loop, Hudson, Fla. Call (727) 868-8222 or email jppope14.tampabay.rr.com.

## Bishop Borgess High School

## Class of 1976

A 30-year reunion 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, Fifth Avenue Ballroom and Billiards (second floor), 25750 Novi Road in Novi. You must reserve a spot in advance, contact reunion committee at bb76reunion@yahoo.com for ticket information and details.

## Cass Tech High School

## Class of 1955-57

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## All classes ending in 6

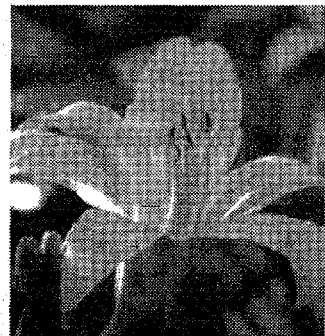
The Cass Tech Alumni Association is hosting its annual Alumni Reunion Weekend, Aug. 4-6. This year they'll celebrate all alumni that graduated in a year ending in six. The three-day event includes a picnic, golf outing and much more! The CTA is also searching for all Cass alumni. Contact Stephanie L. Jones (313) 804-8019 or sjones@casstechalumni.org or www.casstechalumni.org.

# Passages

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## ELIZABETH (Betty) DUGAN

(nee Wallace), Age 88, July 17, 2006, in Cincinnati, OH, where she had lived for the last five years. Prior to her move to Cincinnati, she was a resident of Bloomfield Hills for 45 years. She was born June 13, 1918, in Watertown, MA, to William and Bessie Wallace. Betty married James J. Dugan on April 6, 1942, in Pittsburgh, PA. He preceded her in death. Education was a large part of Betty's life. As a young adult, she earned a B.S. Degree in Education from the University of Pittsburgh, and later in life, as an educator, earned a M.Ed. Degree in Business Education from Wayne State University in Detroit. She taught business classes in the Bloomfield Hills school system for 28 years, retiring from her profession in 1987. During her tenure as an educator, Betty was highly regarded among her peers and educational community on local and state levels, receiving numerous awards and commendations. She was a leader in secondary school business education during her teaching career. Betty actively participated for many years in the Bloomfield Hills Schools Credit Union as an officer of the organization, as Chair of the Supervising Committee, and as a member throughout her career. Betty retained her involvement even after retiring from the school system. Betty was an avid Bridge player, and over the years played in several Bridge leagues. She started Bridge leagues in her neighborhood, among professional peers, and others interested in learning and playing the game of Bridge. She most enjoyed participating in the Church of St. Owen's Sunday Singles Bridge party and league, which she organized. Betty is survived by two daughters and a son, Deborah (Michael) Keating of Palo Alto, CA; Richard (Judy) Dugan of San Jose, CA; and Cynthia (William) Michels of Cincinnati, OH. There are six grandchildren. Mass will be celebrated Monday, 11am, at the Church of St. Owen, 6869 Franklin Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Visitation at church begins at 10am. Burial will be in the family plot in Pittsburgh, PA. Memorial tributes, in lieu of flowers, to American Diabetes Association. For information, call A.J. Desmond and Sons, 248-362-2500. View obituary and share memories at [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)

## In Memory Of

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## VIRGINIA E. FOWLER

Of Waterford, July 19, 1929 to July 19, 2006; Age 77; Virginia was loved and cared for by the Benner's, McFall's, Smith's, her aunt Laura, her brother Robert and her nephews Tom, Randy, Ricky, Robbie and Tim. Ginny's creative enthusiastic spirit touched the lives of many - her family, her friends, her teaching colleagues and the children she taught for over 40 years as an educator in the Pontiac School District. She graduated from Fordson High School Class of 1947 and from Eastern Michigan University. Her travel adventures took her all over the United States and to many countries. She will long be remembered as the one to gather her loved ones or friends together for holidays and special occasions. She will long be loved for her sense of humor and her dedication to her family and friends. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Pontiac and was a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Professional Sorority. Funeral Services will be Monday, July 24, 2006, 10:00 a.m. at the RIVERSIDE CHAPEL, Simpson-Modetz Funeral Home, 5630 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford. Officiating Pastor Roy Langwig. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Sunday 1-4 p.m. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Creative Art Center of Pontiac. Online guest book [www.modetzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.modetzfuneralhomes.com)

## ADAM JOSEPH SCHUBEL

Age 91, of Marshall (formerly of Birmingham, Dearborn, and Franklin), died July 18, 2006. In June of 1940, he married the former Jean Carlson of Chicago. She preceded him in death on September 27, 1997. He had been employed with Shedd-Bartush and Beatrice Foods. He retired in 1981 as a Divisional President of Beatrice Foods. Survived by sons Richard (Lucille) Schubel of Tucson, AZ, and Jeffrey (Dian) Schubel of Marshall; a daughter, Lynne (Charles) Saperstein of Birmingham, MI; grandchildren, Adam (Stephanie) Schubel, Regan Schubel, and Joshua Saperstein. Private graveside service are being planned. Memorial contributions to the Jackson and Oaklawn Hospice Care. Arrangements by the Craig R. Kempf Funeral Home, Marshall, MI. To leave a personal message and sign the online guest register, please visit [www.kempffuneralhome.com](http://www.kempffuneralhome.com)



## RUTH J. JANDA

Age 84 of Canton, formerly of Western Springs IL passed away on July 21, 2006. She was the loving wife of the late Benjamin, the beloved mother of David (Libby) Janda, cherished grandmother of Allison and Kathryn, and devoted sister of Evelyn Milcezny. She is also survived by cousins, Vivian Rice; Kevin Rice; and Lorraine Stanek. As a proud graduate of the University of Illinois "The Fighting Illini!!", she taught History in Chicago Public High Schools. Ruth was integral in the establishment of the B.H. Janda Construction Company. Funeral will be held Thursday 8 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor, (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth, with visitation Thursday 3-9 PM, and interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Forest Park, Illinois. Memorial contributions may be made to the Institute for Preventative Sports Medicine, P.O. Box 7032, Ann Arbor MI 48107. To leave a message of condolence, [www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

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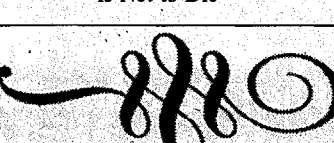


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ocean.

The authors found there weren't books that told the story of 20th century weaving, although there were books on the colonial era. "There's nothing that really shows our whole history," said Marzolf, who cited one book on Appalachia that's in the Michigan book.

"You get stories about the textile mills" which led to a decline of handweaving, she added. "We thought we would try to expand it to look at the whole history of the state."

Lively characters such as Mary Atwater, a gun-carrying weaver from Montana who helped to organize the industry, fill the pages. There are plenty of photos as well, and the authors' interviews and reliance on oral histories provide an in-depth look at the art form.

The authors describe guilds which began in the 1920s and 1930s and came on strong with the craft revival after World War II.

"Those guilds sustained an interest in handweaving," Marzolf said.

A committee of women helped gather the oral histories which enrich the book. Marzolf would like to see other states and regions take on such a project.

The book has been well-received, with Gerhardt Knodel, Cranbrook Academy of Art director, saying it: "is a well-documented history, with consequence! The authors reveal surprising continuity in relationships, with results that are far-reaching. Readers will be moved beyond border as they come to realize the extensive influences generated in Michigan."

Cost of the book is \$24.95. Information is available online at [www.press.umich.edu](http://www.press.umich.edu).

**CONCERT SCHEDULE**

**MUSIC IN THE AIR**

Here's the schedule for the Music in the Air concert series, sponsored by the Downtown Development Authority; concerts are 7 p.m. Fridays in Kellogg Park:

- July 28 - Westrin and Mowry, acoustic rock and pop
- Aug. 4 - Retrospect Band, modern hits, new to the lineup
- Aug. 11 - Rodeo Drive, modern country and radio hits, new to the lineup
- Aug. 18 - Fifty Amp Fuse (formerly the Crackerjack Band)
- Aug. 25 - Steve King and the Dittlies
- Sept. 1 - Lady Sunshine and the X Band

**MUSIC IN THE PARK**

Here's the schedule for the Music in the Park concert series for kids, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council, New Liberty Bank and McCully Educational Resource Center; concerts are noon Wednesdays in Kellogg Park:

- July 26 - Hometown Kids Concert featuring Phoenix, PCAC's Plymouth Uptown Players and more
- Aug. 2 - elmoThumm
- Aug. 9 - Gemini
- Aug. 16 - Guy Louis, Chautauqua Express
- Aug. 23 - Matt Watroba

**Acting coach comes home**

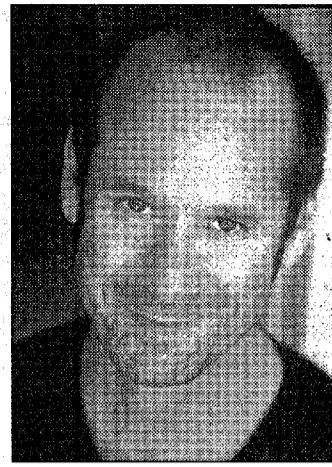
BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Gordon Michaels has come a long way since graduating from John Glenn High School in Westland. Back then he was known as Gordon Smith. Today, film and television stars such as Dylan McDermott simply call him Gordon whenever he coaches them.

Michaels returns to Michigan to help budding actors learn the ropes during an intensive two-day workshop 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 29, and 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 30, at Genitti's Little theater, 108 E. Main, Northville. The fee is \$175. For more information, call (734) 776-1045 or (310) 663-7909, or send e-mail to [GordonMichaels22@aol.com](mailto:GordonMichaels22@aol.com).

The workshop covers audition techniques such as on-camera and cold reading, head shots and resumes to name a few topics. Students should bring their head shots and resumes, and prepare a simple nursery rhyme not to exceed one minute. A prepared monologue is not necessary.

"It's about the business of show business," said Michaels who spent seven years acting on the stages of New York City before moving to Los Angeles. "It's for people who want to get



Gordon Michaels returns to Michigan to lead an intensive two-day actors workshop July 29-30.

involved in those different markets, the dos and don'ts."

These days Michaels is doing well in the business. He's still coaching McDermott, formerly of the television law series "The Practice" along with celebrities such as rapper Snoop Dogg. In between sessions, Michaels and McDermott are currently writing a one hour drama.

Michaels hopes that one day soon his Westland friends will be able to walk into a movie theater and see his first film "Unbeatable Harold" which is currently traveling on the festival circuit. In the meantime, he continues to help aspiring actors reach their dreams.

**LIBRARY PICKS**

Every week, the Plymouth District Library staff provides the Observer with their list of Best Sellers based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons. The books are available by placing a request with the library at (734) 453-0750 or on-line at [www.plymouthlibrary.org](http://www.plymouthlibrary.org)

**FICTION**

1. "Twelve Sharp," Janet Evanovich
2. "Coming Out," Danielle Steel
3. "Can't Wait to Get to Heaven," Fanny Flagg
4. "Danse Macabre," Laurell K. Hamilton
5. "Beach Road," James Patterson

**NON-FICTION**

1. "Godless," Ann Coulter
2. "Marley and Me," John Grogan
3. "The One Percent Doctrine," Ron Suskind
4. "Godless," Ann Coulter
5. "Dispatches from the Edge," Anderson Cooper

**PARENTS' CHOICE**

**NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS**

1. "Little Dog," Lisa Jahn-Clough
2. "Martha Moth Makes Socks," Cambria Evans
3. "Down the Back of the Chair," Margaret Mahy
4. "Room of Wonders," Sergio Ruzizier
5. "Miko Wants a Dog," Brigitte Weninger

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

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

David Medley, ADA Coordinator  
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**CITY OF PLYMOUTH  
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JULY 28th, 2006 - 11:00 a.m.**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabulating equipment to be used for the Primary Election on Tuesday, August 8, 2006. The test will take place on Friday, July 28th, 2006 at 11:00 a.m., in the Commission Chambers, City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

This test is open to all interested parties. City Hall is in compliance with the American Disabilities Act and is handicapped accessible. For further information contact the Clerk's Office at 734-453-1234, ext. 234.

Linda Langmesser  
City Clerk

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

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 7, 2006 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

**JANKOWSKI REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 043 99 0004 000 AND 043 99 0017 000 (5845 LILLEY N) FROM O-1, OFFICE DISTRICT TO C-2, COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL.** Property is located north of Ford and west of Lilley Road.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, August 3, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Jankowski Rezoning 043-RZ-082

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## On a roll Physical therapist saving one back at a time with book

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Donna Gambino is on a mission to save one back at a time with her new book of exercises performed on a roller. She started using the foam apparatus to treat physical therapy patients with back and shoulder problems 15 years ago.

While at least two technical books instruct professionals in their therapeutic applications, none has been written for the average person or patient interested in using the roller to strengthen the core muscles necessary to maintain good posture. Good alignment and posture is key to preventing back problems. *On a Roll@Home: Home Exercises for Core Strength and Massage on the Foam Roller* provides the means to not only improve posture, but stretch tight muscles.

Gambino lines up her spine on the roller to demonstrate a few of the exercises at Master's of Dance, the Canton studio where she teaches Pilates, a series of exercises to strengthen the core muscles in the abdomen, back, buttocks and inner thighs. Gambino incorporates the roller even in warm-up exercises so students can work on balancing muscles on both sides of the body. The lack of good alignment and a flexible spine cause problems and pain.

Instead of lying totally flat against the roller, Gambino points out the arch in her back. The roller keeps the curve naturally. She says everyone needs this curvature for the spine to remain healthy. Gambino encourages students to try to keep a neutral spine instead of jamming the back into the floor when strengthening.

"All energy transferred to arms and legs is coming from the core," said Gambino, a physical therapist who lives in Canton.

"With the roller, you can control pain and spasms. If you have sciatica, pain down the leg and spasms, you can massage the muscles by sitting on the roller. If you're on a computer a lot, it can massage the neck and shoulders. Runners can massage calves and gain upper body strength. Skaters can use it for the outside of the thigh."

Gambino recommends using the roller for massage techniques to treat fibromyalgia as well. As a physical therapist, Gambino can tell by looking at someone's posture and movement where their weaknesses and strengths lie. Several of her Pilates students have gone through physical therapy before taking the class. It was during her career as a physical therapist that Gambino began using Pilates to treat patients and noticed them improving faster. She recommends not waiting until problems develop to get in shape.

"You heal faster if you're strong and have a healthy spine," said Gambino, who worked at Southwest General Hospital in Cleveland for seven years, then at Providence and Oakwood hospitals before going into private practice.

Marilyn Isaacs praises Gambino for writing the book, which she can suggest to patients so they can exercise on the roller at home. As a physical therapist, Isaacs regularly uses the roller to treat patients at the Botsford Total Rehabilitation & Athletic Conditioning Center in Novi and Providence Medical Center in Livonia.

"It's a safe way of exercising and getting progressive exercises," Isaacs said. "Donna is very meticulous in her setups and precautions. One can progress well and still get a good workout. For a couple of exercises, she puts a precaution, an indication not to do them, but for a large

majority it is good for people with back pain."

Gambino listened to her students when writing the book. She kept the content simple and text large so it could be used while working out on the floor. She begins with simple warmups and progresses to more difficult exercises. She cautions that those with acute pain need to seek the permission of their physician before beginning any exercise program.

Carolyn Anulewicz says the combination of doing Pilates and using the roller for massaging her muscles "really does help relieve the pain" in her back. Even though she takes Pilates classes with Gambino, she bought the book to make sure she is "doing everything the right way" at home.

"I have lower back issues," said Anulewicz, an assistant principal at Salem High School in the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. "When I was diagnosed, they told me it was good to build core strength to support my back. I use the roller almost every day or three to four times a week. It depends on my back."

Eddie Harmon could only drive his car for five minutes before he had to stop so he could walk around to relieve the pain from his sciatica. Harmon, 58, had been playing hockey last July and fell. He had gone to several specialists and been through therapy twice without success. Then he learned about the roller from his wife Sheryl, who takes Gambino's classes.

"Donna told Sheryl this is what he has to do. I did the exercises like she said. I could tell I was getting better right away," said Harmon, who owns NC

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Westland and is active in several hockey and baseball leagues. "I now do it for preventative maintenance and to keep me stretched. I call her Dr. Donna. I was cured in four weeks. I tell my baseball friends, this is what worked for me."

Until Gambino began using the roller, she suffered with back problems after the birth of her second child. After exercising with the apparatus for a year, she was pain free. Today, Gambino does jazzercise, yoga and Pilates with the roller to keep her six-foot frame flexible and fit. And she follows the ABCs of good posture and alignment — abs, back and chin. Gambino says to focus on the abs and pull the belly button in and up, the shoulders back and down, and the chin back and lengthen the neck — that's in addition to working with the roller two to three times a week for strengthening.

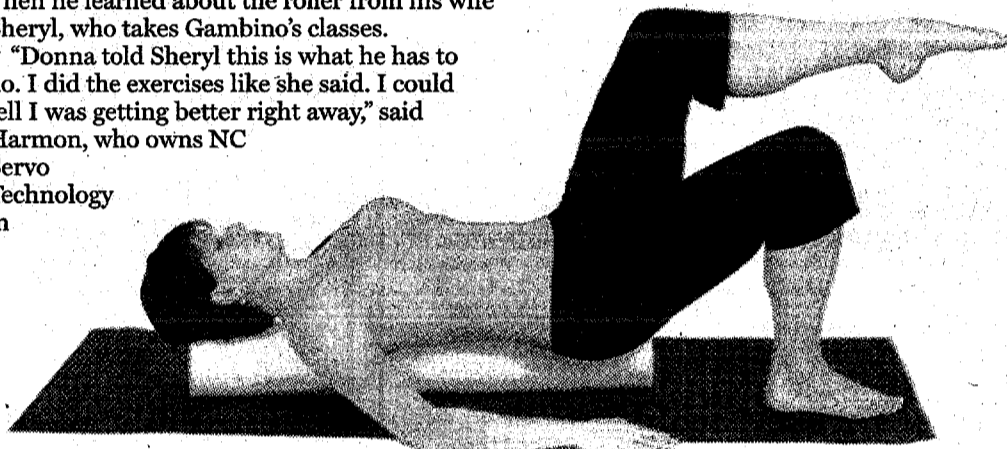
The 36-inch long apparatus can be purchased online (Gambino includes a list in the back of the book), or from Fitness Now in Plymouth. Prices range from about \$16.95 to \$30.

For more information about Gambino's book, call (734) 377-1055 or visit [www.infinityhealth.org](http://www.infinityhealth.org).

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Physical therapist Donna Gambino takes the foam roller out of the clinic and Pilates studio and brings it into the home with her new book.



Donna Gambino performs one of the exercises in her new book. Single Hip Hinges strengthen the core, hip muscles and improve balance. The Canton physical therapist recommends 5-8 repetitions of this level one exercise.

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# Fiber key to losing weight



**Peter's Principles**

**Peter Nielsen**

Liz from Howell e-mails that she's tired of gimmicks and wants a weight loss program that won't cost a fortune. Liz, one word could be the answer to your prayers, fiber. Some of the material in fiber your body just can't digest, and most of it comes from plants. Americans eat an average of 15 grams of fiber per day instead of the recommended 30 grams. Fiber slows the absorption of food in the stomach and gives you a sense of fullness. A new study from Tufts University shows that people who get an additional 14 grams of fiber per day can expect to lose four pounds and cut food intake by 10 percent within four months. It doesn't matter if you get the fiber from food or supplements either. And, one good strategy is to take a fiber supplement 15 minutes before a meal. It's a simple and inexpensive weight loss method you can really take to the bank!

down with series stomach cramps! She e-mails asking what to do about it. Erin, chances are it's not the jelly beans, it's what is in them. Some sugar free foods are sweetened with sugar alcohols. Research now shows that the sugar alcohols can lead to cramping and diarrhea. Some of the alcohols appear under names like Lactoid, Mautol, Mannitol, and Sorbitol. As little as fifteen grams can trigger digestive upset. That's approximately the amount you'll find in just two servings of sweets. Check the label for the ingredients I mentioned and you should be able to avoid an unsettling experience!

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, e-mail Peter at [www.peternielsen.com](http://www.peternielsen.com). Catch Peter daily on WDIV-NBC 4 & WWJ News Radio 950. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

Erin from Troy has a problem with sugar free jellybeans. After eating them, she comes

# Organization urges parents to quit smoking

Sunday, July 23, is National Parents' Day and the Smoke Free Society is asking parents who smoke to quit and is providing several free ways to do so on its Web site at [www.SmokeFreeSociety.org](http://www.SmokeFreeSociety.org). The nonprofit organization is offering free eCards for children and loved ones to send to parents to pledge their love, support and involvement in helping them quit. Smoke Free Society also offers a free online download of its Proven Stop Smoking Technique to help smokers quit in just 17 days without any substance or drug.

There is no safe level of secondhand smoke. The Surgeon General's newly released report states even a few minutes of inhaling someone else's smoke harms nonsmokers. Over 125 million nonsmoking Americans are regularly exposed to secondhand tobacco smoke and tens of thousands die each year as a result including more than 35,000 from heart disease. The 670 page study cites "overwhelming scientific evidence" that secondhand smoke causes death from heart disease, lung cancer and a host of many other illnesses.

Parents are the most important role models in their children's lives. Research indicates that children whose parents smoke are twice as likely to

become smokers as children of nonsmoking parents. Every day in the U.S., nearly 4,400 children as young as age eight start smoking. More than 6.4 million children living today will die prematurely because of a decision they made as adolescents to smoke cigarettes. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), exposing children to the hazardous poisons in secondhand smoke can hinder the growth of their lungs and put them in danger of severe respiratory diseases, effects that can last a lifetime. Children whose mothers smoke during pregnancy are 31- to 40-percent more likely to have poor lung function than children born to non-smokers.

The effects of smoking during pregnancy lasts up to age 12, while exposure to cigarette smoking after birth further worsens lung function.

The good news is that one of the best things parents who smoke can do to improve their children's health, wealth and quality of life is to quit smoking and Smoke Free Society can help. Support is one of the keys to helping smokers quit and remain smoke-free. Research shows smokers are up to eight times more likely to be successful when participating in a smoking cessation and support program.

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### JULY

**Stress reduction workshop**  
6:15 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, lecture by Dr. Michael Brackney, D.C., at Brackney Chiropractic, 8524 Canton Center Road. Call (734) 455-4444.

**Divorce support**  
Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, Co-Parenting Effectiveness Education, a workshop on how to co-parent effectively in divorce situations with Ellen M. Crain, JD, MSW, ACSW, at Women's Resource Center, Room 225, McDowell Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

**Asthma education**  
7 p.m. Thursday, July 27, Asthma and Living a life without limits (includes discussion on appropriate activity and exercise for children), in the Southfield Public Library auditorium in the complex at 26300 Evergreen. Kathleen Felice Slonager, an RN, presents the programs. Slonager is executive director of the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, Michigan Chapter. While parents and caregivers attend sessions, children ages 2 1/2 to 5 are invited to a story time and craft program with a librarian in the meeting room. No charge. Call (248) 796-4224 or visit [www.sfdlib.org](http://www.sfdlib.org).

### Weight loss presentations

Brian Rosso, a registered dietitian, gives a series of presentations on healthy dieting for the public and residents at American Houses 3 p.m. Monday, July 31, at 27577 Lahser, north of I-696, Southfield, (248) 353-5835; Tuesday, Aug. 1, at The Village, 367 S. Adams, north of South Boulevard, Rochester Hills, (248) 853-6000; Wednesday, Aug. 2, American House Parkway, 36725 Utica Road South of Metro Parkway, Clinton Township (586) 792-7231, and Thursday, Aug. 3, at 26600 Ann Arbor Trail, west of Telegraph, Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-6430. Each session is followed by low-cal, healthy refreshments featuring fresh fruits and vegetables. Rosso is food and beverage director for American House Senior Living Residences.

### Water aerobics classes

For moms and senior citizens, sponsored by Health Alliance Plan (HAP), continue through August noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, at Sheldon Pool, 3123 Van Court, Livonia, and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, at the Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen. No charge for registration information, call (313) 664-8420.

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However, a host of other musculoskeletal problems remain such as rheumatoid arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, and recurrent pain and swelling in the arms and legs. These problems come under the care of a rheumatologist.

In addition, other bone and joint conditions occur which may be treated by either an orthopedist, a sports medicine physician or a rheumatologist. This includes a sudden swollen knee, a sore shoulder, ankle swelling, or a sore hand. In problems of the feet, overlap in training comes into play between podiatrists, and rheumatologists.

The area of care that physicians ask for the assistance of a rheumatologist are bone and joint problems that depend on medication for long term treatment and are expected to last for years. The best example is rheumatoid arthritis. In this condition the medications available are changing, the drugs are powerful, and they require constant supervision. Furthermore, the arthritis will last for years, often a lifetime. Other examples of such chronic conditions are systemic lupus erythematosus, gout and psoriatic arthritis.

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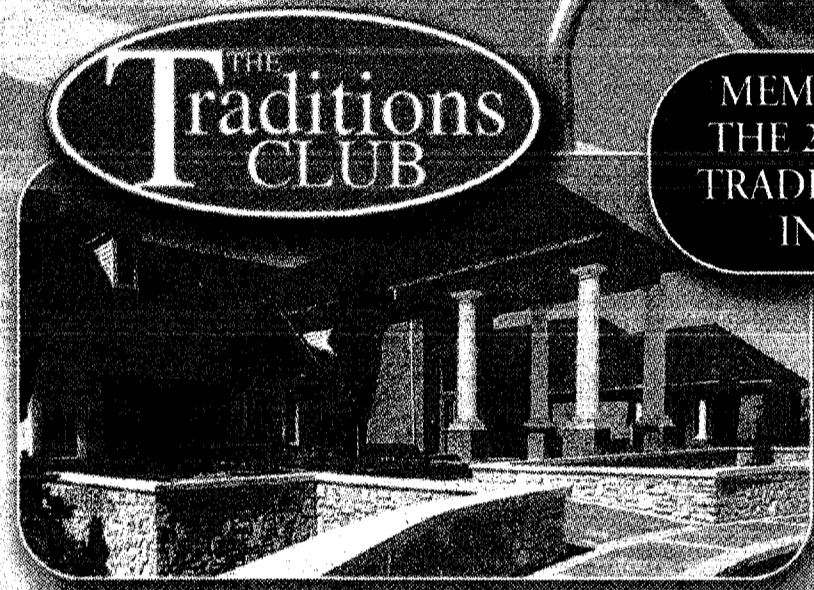
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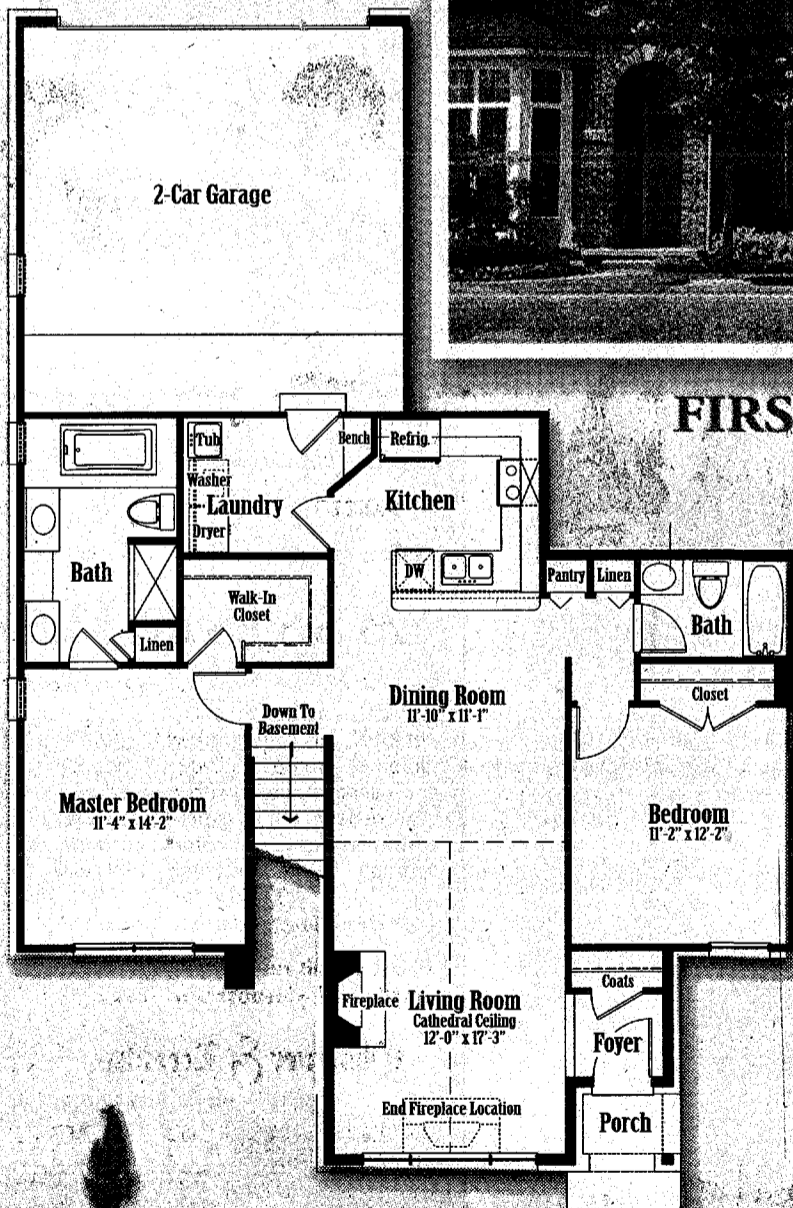
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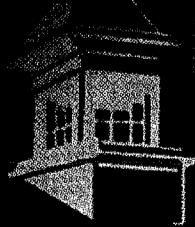
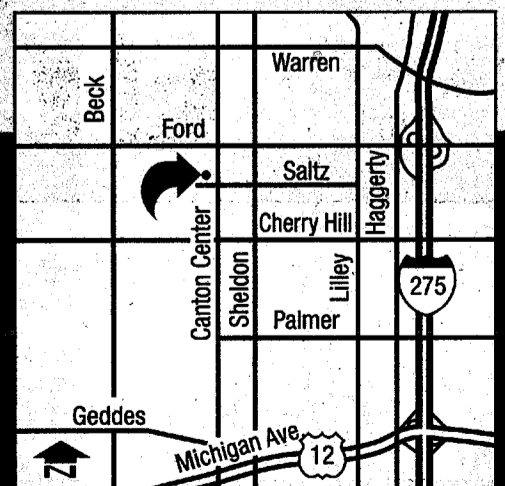
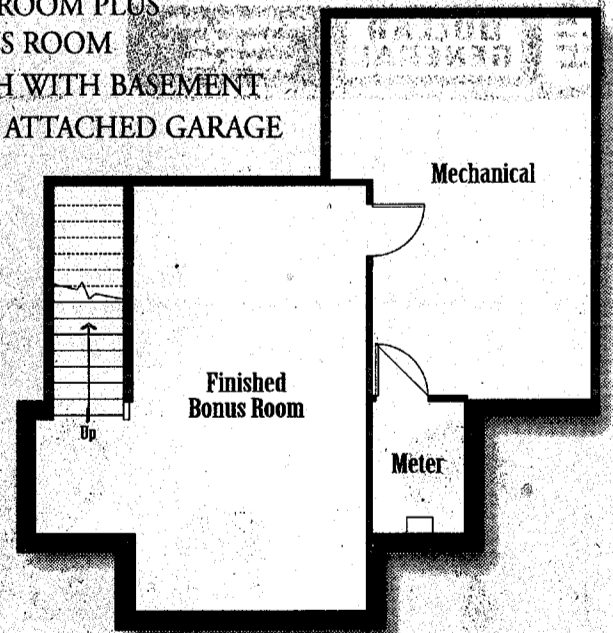
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## Looking for career longevity? Jewelry is forever

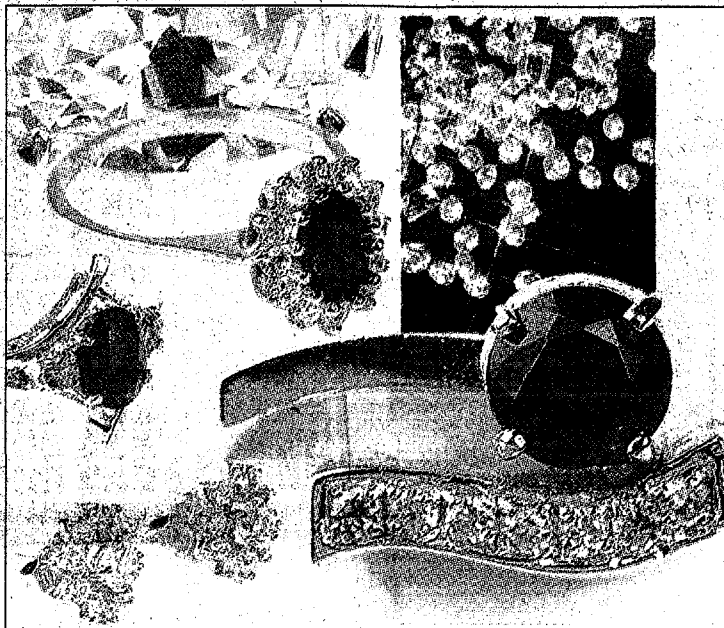
(NAPSI) — Want a career with staying power? Consider this: A recent Bureau of Labor Statistics report cited many occupations expected to decline severely between now and 2014 as advances in technology further eliminate the need for human interaction in the production process. Jewelry is one occupational sector where BLS projects excellent employment. Why?

Jewelry is big. Today's worldwide jewelry industry is conservatively estimated to be a \$120 billion-plus business. It employs people in science, manufacturing, distributing, designing, marketing and many other functions.

Jewelry is human. Jewelry is inextricably part of what makes us human, something inherited from our Cro-Magnon ancestors, like art, music or speech. Expression through personal adornment is hardwired into the human psyche.

Jewelry is made by people. In other industries, technological advances can eliminate jobs, but much of jewelry making can't be automated. Jewelry, like art and music, begins as an idea and requires the skills of designers and craftsmen to bring it to reality.

Jewelry will always be acquired by someone from



someone. The retail environment is changing with the Internet, discount stores and shopping networks working with a relatively small sales force. But these same distribution channels also increase demand for jewelry, offering new opportunities for skilled jewelers and gemologists. Many consumers prefer to purchase high-ticket, luxury goods from jewelry professionals they know and trust.

A changing population creates demand for jewelry and jewelers. According to the BLS,

the increasing numbers of affluent individuals, working women, double-income households, an upcoming "bling" generation and fashion-conscious men will keep jewelry sales strong. And as more jewelers retire, the need for trained and skilled jewelers will continue.

Jewelry is accessible. Nearly everyone can own a piece of personal jewelry at an affordable price. Everyone is a potential jewelry customer.

Jobs in jewelry are accessible, too. If you'd like to work sur-

rounded by beautiful gems and precious metals and help people celebrate their happiest moments, check out the jewelry industry.

To learn more about your options in the gem and jewelry industry, you can attend the GIA Jewelry Career Fair, the industry's annual career day, where you can meet potential employers and other industry professionals, as well as attend workshops and seminars on jewelry careers. The event is free and open to the public. Visit [www.careerfair.gia.edu](http://www.careerfair.gia.edu) for more information.

You can check out [www.gia.edu](http://www.gia.edu) to learn more about the education and training you need for a career in the jewelry industry. Or go to the Bureau of Labor Statistics to learn more about jewelry as an occupation at [www.bls.gov/oco/ocos222.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos222.htm).

■ About GIA: An independent nonprofit organization, the Gemological Institute of America (GIA) is recognized as the world's foremost authority on gemology. Since 1931, the Institute has worked to ensure the public's trust in gems and jewelry through its nonprofit research, education, instrumental development and gemological laboratory services. Visit GIA at [www.gia.edu](http://www.gia.edu).

## Recruiting costs up, efficiency down, but candidates are complaining

(PRWEB) — Recruiting costs have increased, efficiency has decreased and New Hire Quality measurement has climbed from 2 percent of participating organizations to 40 percent. In spite of these gains, job candidates are increasingly unhappy with recruiting and retention practices across the board.

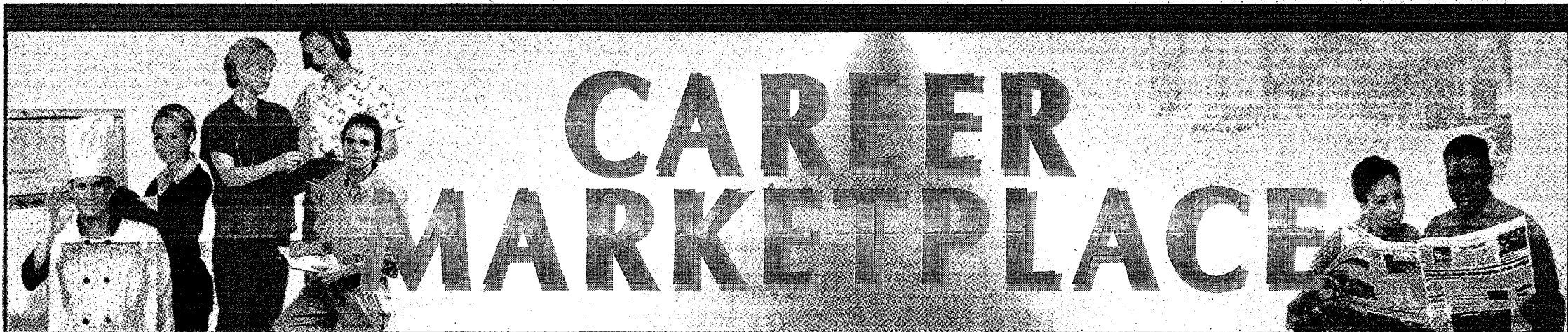
Retaining the best and the brightest is going to become increasingly more challenging, and only those organizations that choose to work hard to keep the best people they have will succeed. Released this week, the Staffing Performance Report breaks out 13 industry specific reports containing the latest information to help organizations compare their performance data with their competitors. Hundreds of employees and job seekers also lent their experiences, positive and negative, to provide a fuller snapshot of surviving the work-a-day world.

According to the report, 40 percent of organizations surveyed, measure New Hire Quality — a drastic improve-

ment from seven years ago, when less than 2 percent measured their performance. That number is expected to increase as quality remains the top priority for over half of organizations surveyed.

The average Time-to-Fill open positions for all industries examined increased from 51.5 days to 53 days. The fastest industry to fill open positions is banking, with an average of 19 days to hire for retail positions. Slowest is the biotech and pharmaceutical industry, with an average of 198 days needed to complete the same task.

"By learning what it takes to hire the right person the first time, industries are improving their New Hire Quality and decreasing their New Hire Costs across the board," said Nick Burkholder, founder of [staffing.org](http://staffing.org). "By employing good communication and a clear process, second-tier organizations are now outreaching top-tier organizations in catching the best available candidates."



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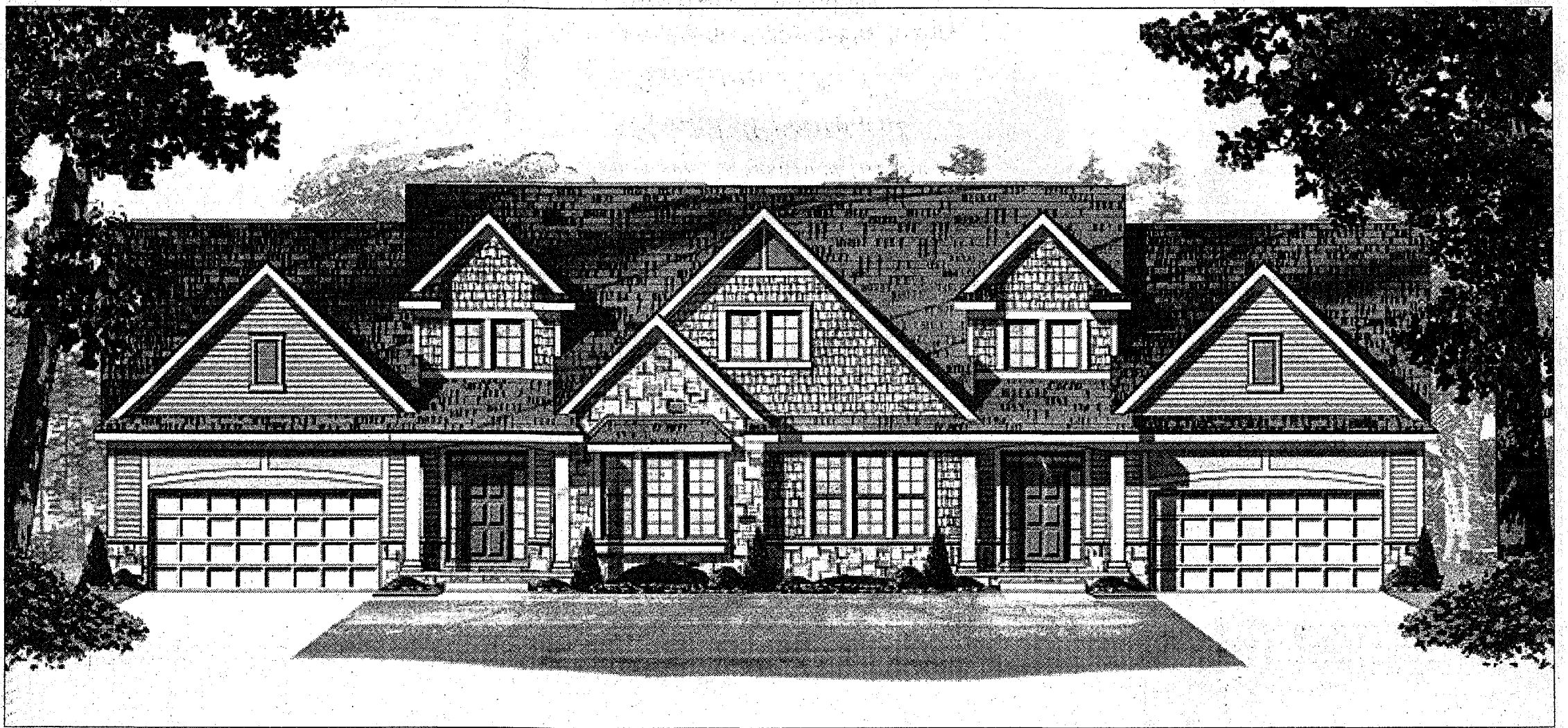


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The GreenBriar, Commerce Township's newest residential development, features a variety of duplex ranches starting at around \$200,000.

## Commerce gets new development at a discount

BY JOE BAUMAN  
STAFF WRITER

Southeast Michigan's softening real estate market has prompted one area builder to lower the prices of new homes under construction in Commerce Township.

Officials for Farmington Hills based Phoenix Home Building say the new sales prices for its GreenBriar development in Commerce Township represents an unprecedented value for

would-be buyers.

The first model home was unveiled Saturday. As an additional incentive, home buyers who sign a purchase agreement by Aug. 15 will receive their choice of up to \$3,000 worth of free upgrades as well as one year of paid homeowner association fees, which carries a value of \$1,800.

GreenBriar features 102 duplex ranch and lofted ranch homes in a choice of two floor plans. The Sawgrass is a single-story 1,608

square foot home priced from \$199,900. The second option is the 2,000 square foot The Augusta, priced from \$214,900.

Scott Drumm, vice president of Phoenix Home Building Company, said GreenBriar was originally forecasted with an entry price point in the \$260,000 range.

"With a prestigious Commerce Township address, low tax base, excellent schools and scenic setting of western Oakland County, GreenBriar

is a tremendous value and offers more house for the money," said Drumm. "Our homes retail at an average of \$116 per square foot compared to competing developments averaging \$160 per square foot and less total space."

GreenBriar is located at the intersection of Wixom and Loon Lake Roads. The area boasts a number of lakes, parks, shops, restaurants, golf courses and entertainment all easily accessed by M-5 and I-96. Children

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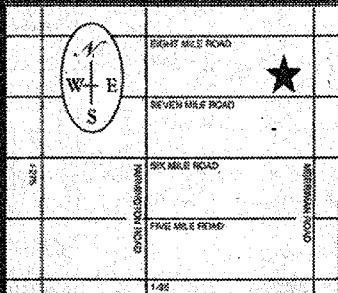
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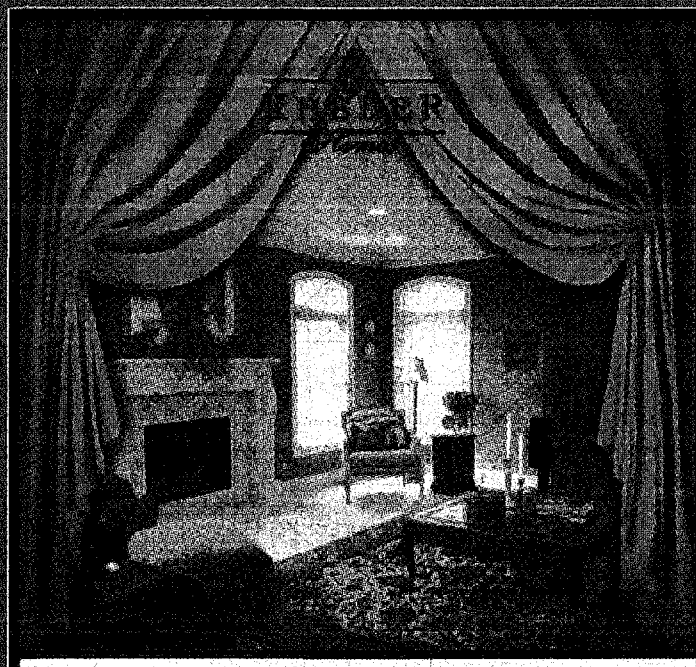


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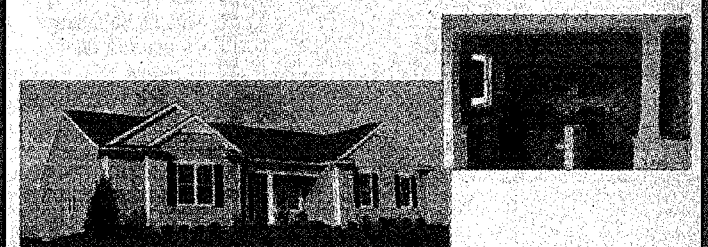
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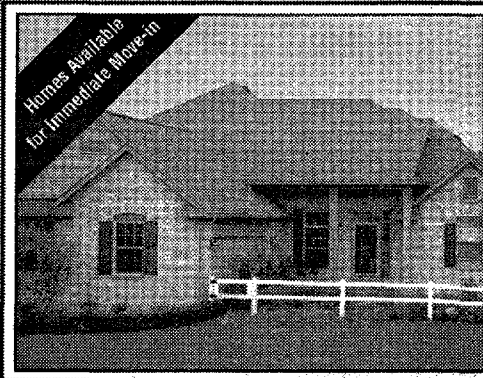
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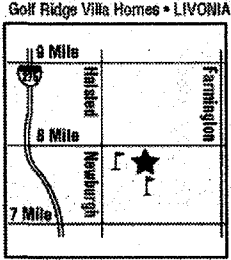


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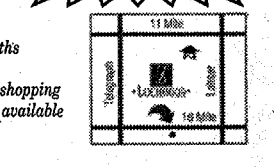
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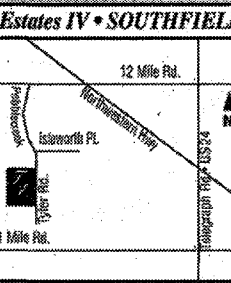


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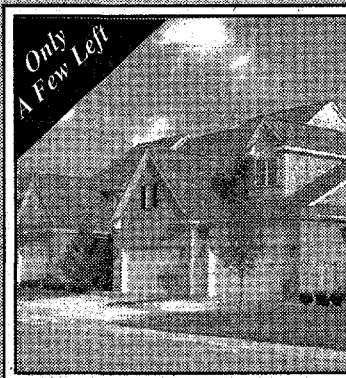
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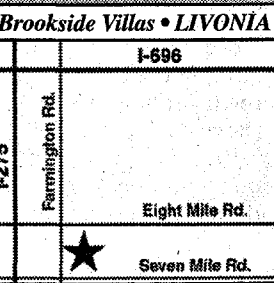


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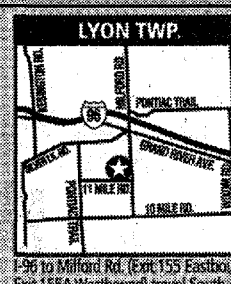
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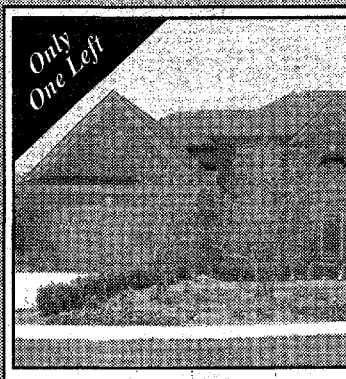
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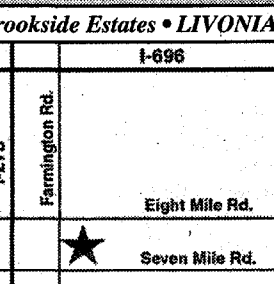


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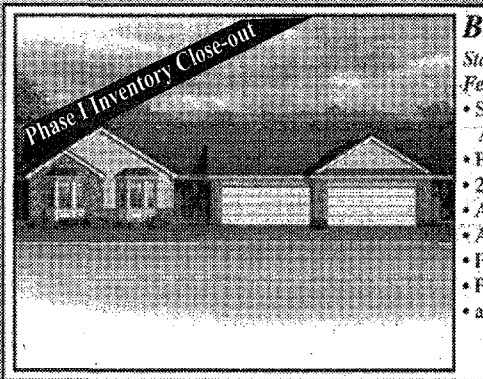
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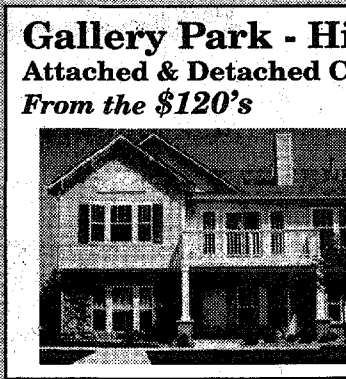
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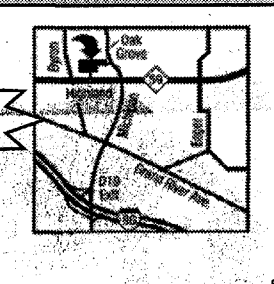
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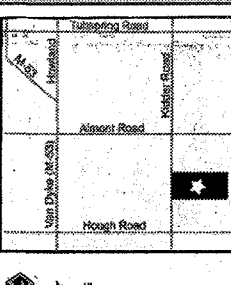
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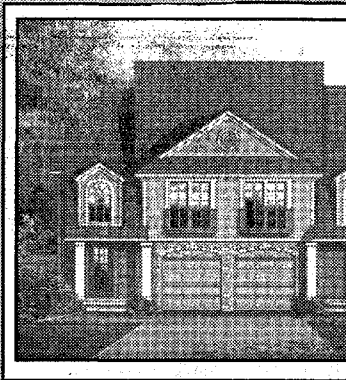
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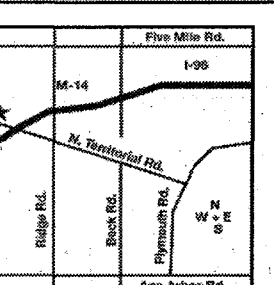


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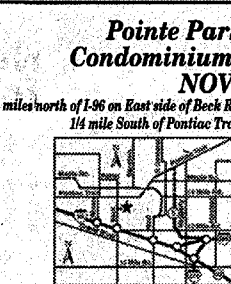


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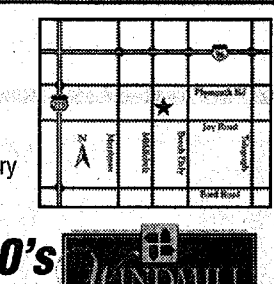
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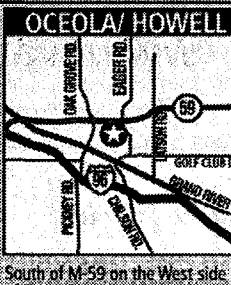
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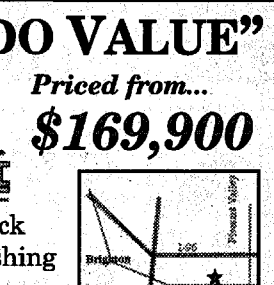


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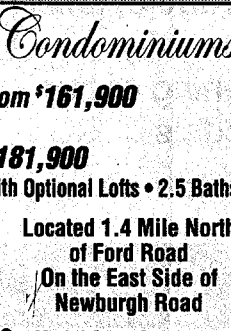
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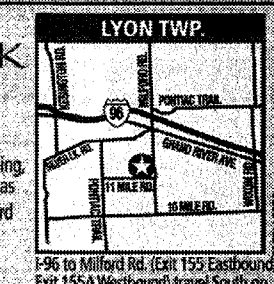
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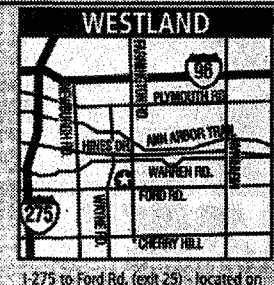
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# Deciding what repairs to make to sell your home

What repairs should I make before I sell my house?

You want to be able to command as much money as possible for your house; however, you wish to not spend more money than you have to in order to do so. Where is the line?

You should certainly fix the things that don't cost that much money to fix. Some examples are:

- Replace burnt out light bulbs
- Do minor paint touch ups
- Clean off smudge marks

One of the first things buyers see when they get to your house is the front door. I just recently showed a house where I had a very hard time unlocking the door. This does not create a good first impression for buyers.

Also, some front doors are smudged and look dirty. Consider repainting the door.

What happens if something major needs major repair? I would suggest fixing it. Legally you must disclose problems in your Seller's Disclosure Statement. Even if you hide it, the problem will most likely come out during the private inspection.

It's better to deal with issues like this openly and honestly in the beginning rather than the buyers finding out that you have been trying to hide it, which could kill the deal.



Michael Aldouby

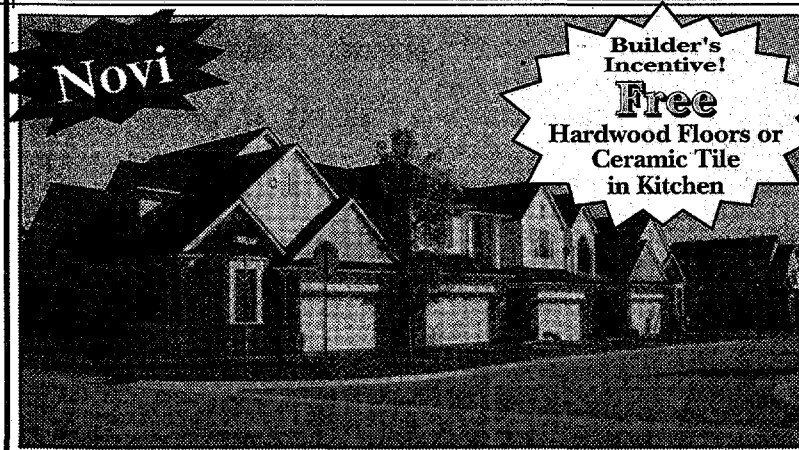
Is it worth fixing a major needed repair or adjusting the price? I suggest fix it if you can. Buyers generally like to buy homes that are in move in condition. It's not just about the money. They don't want to bother spending the time and effort to get something fixed. Of course, you probably don't want to, either.

Remember, in this market there are a lot of homes for buyers to choose from out there. You need to make your house as appealing as possible.

What if you have a really old furnace, is it better to replace it or to lower the price? That is a tough call. It depends on how old the furnace is.

It is a buyers' market. The onus these days is on the sellers to make their house as appealing as possible. Certainly make the repairs that cost little money. Not that many sellers do this and they end up torpedoing their own potential sale.

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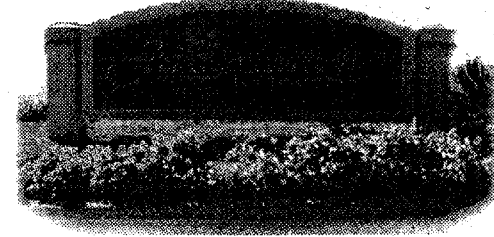
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**REDFORD** 12280 San Jose, 2 bdrm., 1 bath, attached garage, 1 acre lot, country setting. \$850 mo. Call 313-937-7933

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**REDFORD** 3 Bdrm. home on Woodworth. Garage & part finished bsmt. Call for details. 734-521-0198

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**ROCHESTER HILLS** 2300 sq.ft., 3 bdrm colonial, appliances, near shopping, major freeways & the university. \$1550/mo. 248-376-0175

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**WAYNE** 2 bdrm, 1 bath, bsmt, 1 car garage, hardwood floors, \$650/mo., lease w/option. 734-968-6348, 734-422-0629

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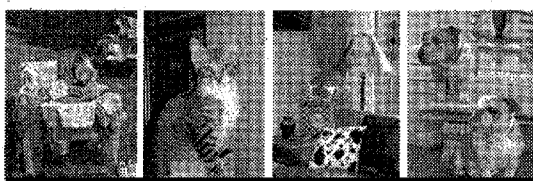
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**Garage Sales** 7110

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS** July 28-29, 9-2. 6575 Halyard (Maple/Inkster). Furniture, tools, antiques, toys, household, & clothing.

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS** Sat. & Sun., July 29-30, 9:00am to 6:00pm. 916 Candlestick Ct., corner Eastways and Candlestick Ct. Mower, Fuji bikes, 2001 Jeep, household, clothes, toys, antiques

**CANTON** Garage Sale June 27-28, 9am-5pm. Furniture, clothing, household goods. 42161 Hartford Dr.

**CANTON** July 27-29, 9-5. 6 garages opening. 41549 Haggerty at Haggerty wood court. Furniture, seasonal items, misc from A-Z.

**CANTON/DEER CREEK SUB-DIVISION SALE** Fri. & Sat., July 28 & 29, 9am-5pm. Off Lotz, N of Palmer. Clothes, furniture, toys, books, more!

**FARMINGTON HILLS** STRATHMORE SUB SALE! Thurs., Fri., Sat., 9am. 13 & Haggerty

**FERDALE** YARD SALE Sat., July 29, 10am-4pm, 631 St. Louis. Variety of items. Crib, household, etc.

**GARDEN CITY** 3 family sale, Thurs., July 27, 27-28, & 29. 30215 Hennepin. Washer, dryer, desk, clothes of all sizes/genders, books, video games & much, much more!!!!

**LAKE ORION** 3975 Kaelaes (off Silverbell btwn Adams & Lapeer), 7/27-28-29, 9-6. Two family, boys clothes, toys, furniture, infant thru 6 yrs. Household items, trundle bed, entertainment center, much more!

**LIVONIA HUGE SALE!** 15422 Golfview, at 5 Mile & Levan. July 27-28, 9-5. KLING bdrm. set w/desk, antique glassware, contemporary/antique furniture, crocks, framed pictures, ATARI 2600 w/games, nautical items, golf clubs, power/small tools, household items, and MUCH MORE!

**LIVONIA** Jewelry, china, various items. July 26-28, 9am-5pm, 17748 Woodside, btwn 6 & 7 Mile / Levan/ Wayne.

**LIVONIA** July 27-29, 9am-5pm, 14679 Park Ave., S of 5, E of Levan. Tupperware, glassware, misc. household, games, coins, sports cards, records, comics, etc.

**LIVONIA Multi-Family Garage & Yard Sale.** Lots of items! 35610 Elmira, between Wayne & Levan, 1 block S. of Plymouth Rd. July 22-27, 9AM-4PM

**NORTHVILLE** Comd-wide Garage Sale. Links of Northville. Bird Rd @ 6 Mile. July 27, 28, 29 / 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

**PLYMOUTH** Four family, July 22-23, 9-6. Huge Sale. Great Variety. 14136 A Dr in (Plymouth Hills Sub).

**PLYMOUTH** Great Garage Sale Multi-Family, Fri. & Sat., 9am-5pm. 279 Irvin, N/Wilhelm. Used & new items - salesmen's samples in lawn & garden. New Bird baths and pots. Come early for best selection.

**PLYMOUTH TWP.** Huge 3 family! Furniture, tools, jet ski, garden, art. 7/27-7/28, 9-4pm; 7/29 9-1pm. 11900 East Hills btwn Ridge/Napier off Powell.

**Garage Sales** 7110

**PLYMOUTH TWP.** Wed.-Fri., July 26-28, 9-5pm. 9405 Ridge Rd., N. off Ann Arbor Road. Furniture, name brand kid's clothes, household items, maternity clothes, tools, boat.

**PLYMOUTH: PROCEEDS TO BREAST CANCER 3-DAY** Sat., July 29, 8-noon, 1370 Pennington, corner Evergreen. Household, furniture, misc.

**ROCHESTER** Thurs-Sat., S. of First St., July 27-29, 10am-5pm. Multi-family sale, furniture, antiques, clothing, and miscellaneous items.

**SOUTH LYON** Yard Sale July 27, 28, 29. 9am-5pm. 65490 W 8 Mile East of Rushton

**WEST BLOOMFIELD** COMPULSIVE SHOPPERS Have cleaned house! Slightly used Designer Clothing, Shoes, Purses. Household Goods. American Girl Doll Items. Toys & Sporting Goods. New HANDMADE Scarfs. Floor mats and Carpets. Thurs-Sat, 10 am-4 pm; 5718 Swan Lake Dr. S off Walnut Lake, W of Middlebelt.

**WESTLAND BIG GARAGE SALE!!!** 32551 MACKENZIE - Kids' clothes (baby and toddler), furniture, washer and dryer, electronics, collectibles, and much more! Thurs.-Sun., 27-30th.

**Moving Sales** 7130

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS** July 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 2627 Hunter's Bluff, 10-5. Whole house of furniture, 2002 Mountaineer, household. Everything goes!

**FERDALE** Antiques, 1800s oak table, cast iron bed, mirrors, ceramics, JVC stereo, A/C, 165 E Hazelhurst, Apt. 3, S of 9 Mile, E of Woodward. Mon, 12-7; Tues, 9-5.

**Clothing** 7140

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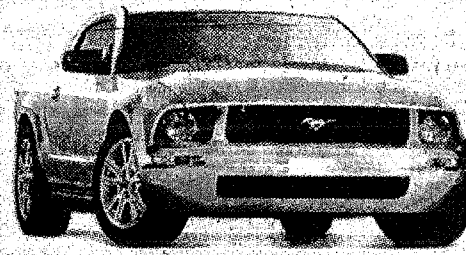
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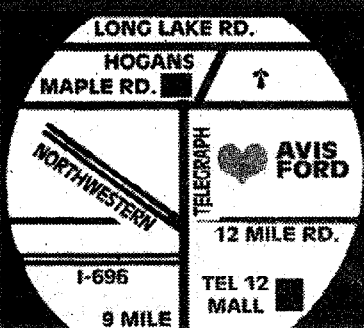
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## Ford F-150 Harley-Davidson Super Cab is manly, yes, but ladies like it, too

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### CAReport



By Dave Menard  
Avanti NewsFeatures

I could swear that just getting near the 2006 Ford F-150 Harley-Davidson Super Cab gave me a rush of testosterone that made my voice deeper and my beard grow faster. Fortunately for me, it didn't affect my wife in quite the same way (I'd hate to have to share my razor with her), but she did let out a slow whistle. That's what this truck will do to you—before you even get inside or start the engine.

I got to do both, and I can tell you the rush continues when you get behind the wheel. The interior is rugged in a classy sort of way (does that make sense?), and the throaty roar of the engine lets you know this truck means business.

But it's the outside of the truck where you get your first impression, and the impression you'll get when you see the F-150 Harley-Davidson is one of power.

It comes in only one color—black—which makes all the red and chrome trim just jump out at you. Harley-Davidson is spelled out in red script lettering along the side, and the front end features a chrome boxed billet grille and blacked-out headlamps.

Chrome-accented side tubes are located between the wheel wells, and in the rear there are dark-tinted smoked-out tail lamps and a Harley-Davidson F-150 badge. The rear look is completed with the slash-cut chrome exhaust tips.

This version of the F-150 gets some impressive-looking wheels—22-inch polished aluminum rims with a five-spoke design, and exposed lug nuts. Fog lamps are included, as well.

Inside, the package is equally impressive. The first thing you notice is the instrument panel. Unlike regular Ford trucks, the Harley-Davidson version of the F-150 has a turned metal-faced instrument cluster with unique pointers for the gauges, reminiscent of—what else?—a Harley motorcycle instrument panel.

The interior is all black and chrome, with Harley-Davidson badging in the center console that includes your vehicle identification number and production date.

The black leather seats are unique to this version of the F-150, too. They're high-backed captain's chairs with the Harley-Davidson logo embedded within. The power seats are quite comfortable and provide good support, although the front shoulder belt seemed to cut into me and was hard to adjust for comfort.



**2006 Ford Harley-Davidson F-150 Super Cab. Vehicle class: Pickup truck. Power: V8 engine. Mileage: 14 city/18 highway. Where built: Dearborn, Mich. Base price: \$38,285. Price as tested: \$42,765.**

The leather-wrapped steering wheel contains both audio and climate controls, minimizing the need to reach for the dash.

The center console is deep for storage, and there are four cupholders within easy reach. In other nods to Harley, the pedals are chrome, and even the owner's manual is embossed with the Harley-Davidson logo, as is the bed liner.

There's plenty of room up front, but even in this Super Cab with small rear doors, room can be a little tight for those in the back. If the front seat passengers insist on putting their seats all the way back, expect adults riding in the rear to be cramped.

The rear seats themselves, though, are quite comfortable. Air-conditioning is standard here, as are tilt-wheel, cruise control, power windows, and remote keyless entry. Power sliding rear window, power sunroof, and heated seats are available as options.

The standard audio system is an AM/FM/single disc CD system; you can upgrade to six-disc changer and get one that includes a satellite radio receiver with six months of service.

The system sounds fine, with booming bass and rich highs, but it shares what I think is a shortcoming with most Ford (and some other) audio systems—no way to tune to an individual radio station if the signal isn't strong enough to be caught by the system's seek and scan buttons.

When you do start the engine, the first thing you'll notice is it gives you a little bit more of a roar than the standard powerplant. That's a cute way of saying this thing is louder than average.

I'm not a lover of loud engines, but for some—including, I suspect, many of those Ford is trying to attract with this package—volume means power. And this truck does have power. The 5.4-liter 3V Triton V8 engine is rated at 300 hp and 365 lb.-ft. of torque.

It's mated with a four-speed automatic overdrive transmission. You get pretty good acceleration off the line and the transmission shifts pretty smoothly. In fact, you'll be tempted to speed; it just doesn't seem like you're going as fast as you actually are.

Gas mileage is always the downside to all this power; it's rated at 14/18 mpg, although its own on-board computer showed an average mpg of just a little over 13. At least it doesn't require premium fuel, but with a 35-gallon fuel tank, you'll be shelling out a lot at each fillup.

You can get the Harley-Davidson version of the F-150 as a 4x2 or as an on-demand all-wheel drive. The ride is fairly smooth, for a truck.

The front suspension is a coil-over-shock, long-spindle, double wishbone system with sport-tuned shocks and a stabilizer bar. In the rear, it's a Hotchkiss-type, non-independent live, leaf spring system with sport-tuned shocks.

The steering is power rack-and-pinion and the truck is generally easy to handle, although backing up, like with any large truck, is always dicey.

Four-wheel ant-lock brakes are standard, along with traction control, and side-impact airbags.

The 2006 Ford Harley-Davidson F-150 Super Cab starts at a little over \$38,000. Add the upgraded audio system, heated seats, tow package, garage opener, power sunroof and power rear sliding window and you're at about \$41,000. That might be a lot for a Ford truck, but if you're into Harleys, or you just like the chrome-and-black look of power, you might want to slip into a Ford dealer and check one out.

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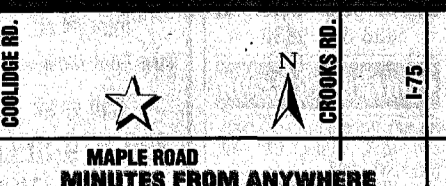
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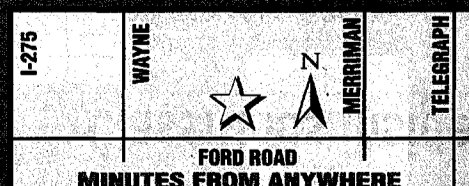
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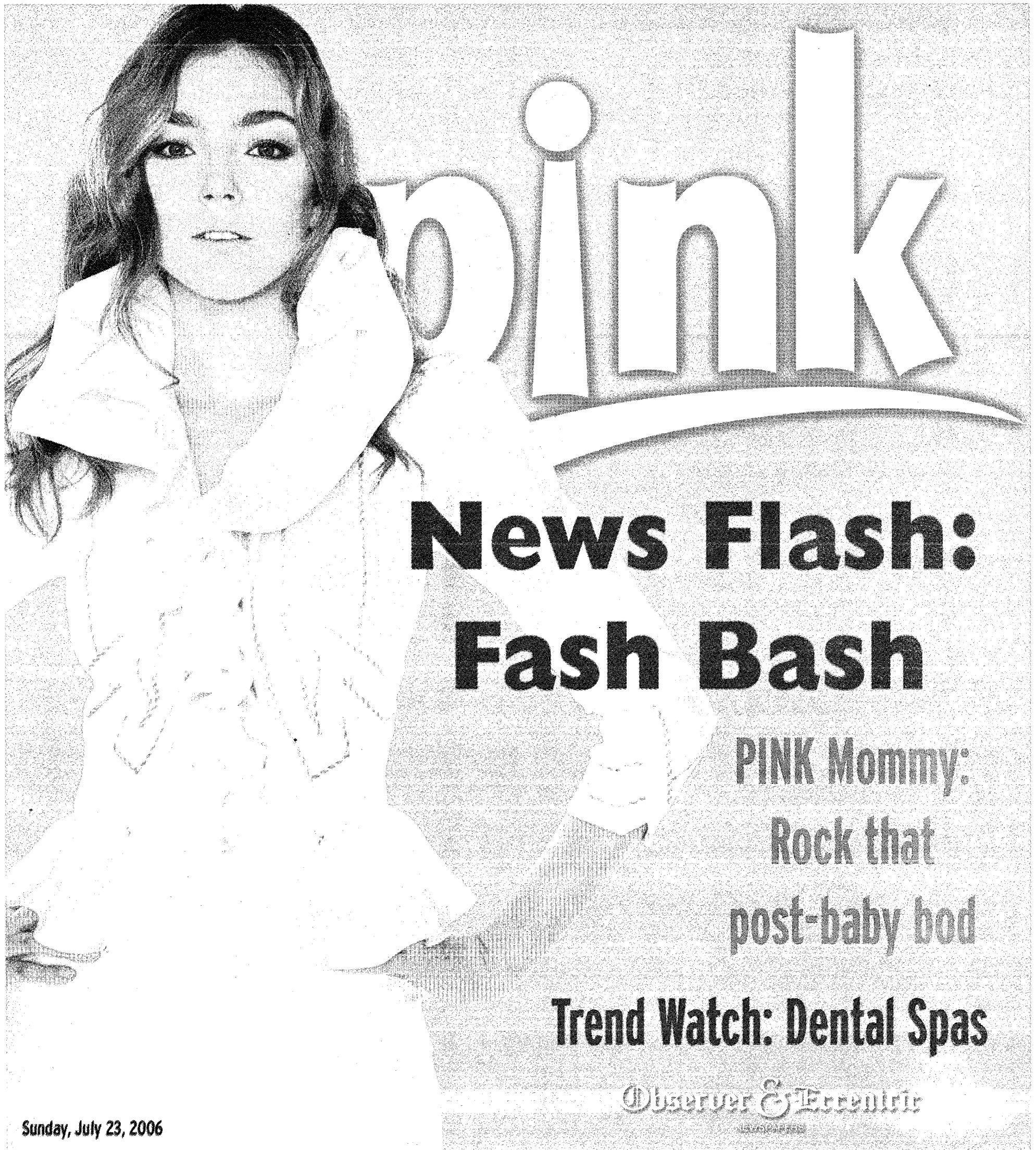


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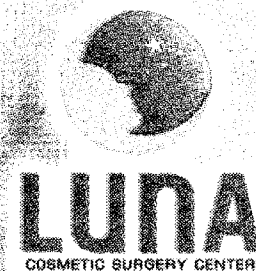
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Susan Dahlstedt,  
Bloomfield Hills

Dear PINK –

I would like to thank you for the AWESOME prize that I picked up the other day (PINK Heart Prize Package). All I can say is "Wow!"

I will use the "Love Sticks" from Allie Oop on my desk at work to instill positive messages to those who have negative energy when they enter. I will enjoy the nice dinner at Little Italy with my husband of almost 20 years ... he deserves it! The Michael Stars T-shirts are very cute; and the Trollbeads bracelet from Alexander J. Bongiorno Creative Jewelers is beautiful. I don't own anything like it (I usually get mine from Kohl's on clearance!) I am always entering contests through the Observer (PINK, Filter, and contests directly in the paper). I really enjoy them.

Thank you again for the nice prize. Pink is always fun to read each week. You should be proud!

Mary Beth Conger,  
Livonia

Dear PINK –

Thanks for all your hard work on PINK. I appreciate knowing that there's still a vibrant, well-dressed world out there while I'm home with my boys wearing T-shirts and jeans, playing Candyland and Monopoly Junior.

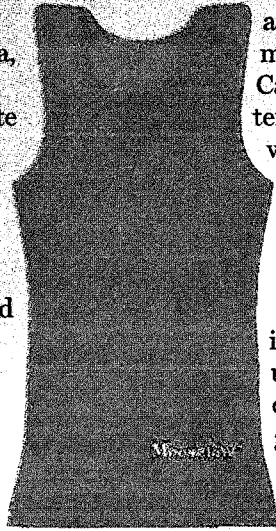
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● By Wendy White

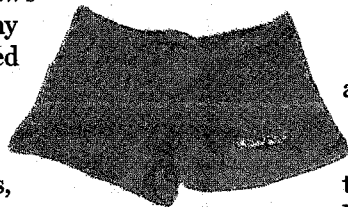
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Three's Company shorts, \$9.

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Havaianas Golden Flowers flip-flop, \$15.50.

● Camelback water packs

In the great outdoors, accessories should be more practical than pretty. Camelback backpack systems let you skip the bulky water bottle and get that ever-important hydration hands-free.

● Convertibles

Convertible pants turn into shorts with two quick unzips. Dorky when they debuted, convertibles are getting cooler. The women's pants now zip higher above the knee for shorter shorts, and feature cute little cargo pockets for added flair. "They're great for traveling," Wolfe said.

● Prana yoga gear

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Moosejaw was launched in 1992 by siblings Julie, Jeffrey and Robert Wolfe. Stores are located in Birmingham, Rochester Hills, Grosse Pointe, East Lansing, Ann Arbor and Chicago. Shop online at moosejaw.com.



Prana Phebe halter, \$37.



On the Cover

Stay chic and cool in white, summer's hottest shade. This Ralph Lauren Collection suit from Marshall Field's features a ruffled and embroidered jacket, \$1,198, and pencil skirt, \$598.

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# Elie Tahari designs headline this year's Fash Bash

● By Wensdy White

Fashionistas have long known Elie Tahari's couture can take a woman from career to cocktails, but who knew it could carry her from campground to camera-ready? Leave it to Cheryl Hall Lindsay to make the discovery.

As Director of Fashion, Special Events and Marketing for Saks Fifth Avenue, Lindsay says she recently interrupted a camping trip to promote Fash Bash 2006, which will feature Elie Tahari's Fall 2006 Collection on the catwalk Saturday, Aug. 26.

When the time came for the Fash Bash press conference, she unzipped her tent, zipped up an Elie Tahari dress and drove straight to the rooftop of General Motors' new Beaubien Place parking structure in downtown Detroit, where the event will be staged against the scenic backdrop of the Detroit International Riverfront skyline.

"It was an Elie Tahari little black dress with a V-back and a long jacket. I felt like a million bucks," Lindsay says. "It still looks great, like I pulled it off the rack a week ago. That's the beauty of Elie Tahari I think."

Before Lindsay gushes on about one of her favorite designers, she clarifies her version of 'camping.'

She and family had actually pitched their tent on the grounds of the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club with one of her son's annual soccer team outings, within close range of the pool and powder room. But that didn't diminish her reliance on a great Elie Tahari dress to transform her.

Lindsay says she is a long-time fan.

"I met Elie Tahari about 20 years ago. He was in Detroit shortly after he launched his line under his own label. He is one of the most charming men I've ever met. He's soft spoken, and very, very focused — and so amazingly talented," she says.

Elie Tahari began his design career in the 1970s, after immigrating to the United States from Israel, where he was raised in an orphanage.



Elie Tahari's Fall 2006 printed cami features a delicate ribbon belt. It looks great with jeans for a night out, or peeking out from under a business suit. Available at Saks Fifth Avenue.

Upon his arrival in New York, Elie Tahari found work selling clothes from a boutique in Greenwich Village. His determination to learn, combined with his attraction to the energy of New York's famed club scene, inspired designs that propelled him into the 'who's who' of fashion. At 25, he became one of the foremost figures in fashion with the opening of his first boutique on New York's now-illustrious Madison Avenue.

In the '80s, he turned his attentions to women's tailored suit — an effort that redefined a decade. Today, Elie Tahari is known for creating feminine clothing with attention to embellishment and detail that makes his garments valuable and timeless.

In partnership with his wife, Rory, he has grown his line into a \$500 million business, with a presence on five continents, in more than 600 U.S. stores and in five free-standing boutiques.

"I think what he does better than any designer I've seen in his niche, is he takes what is very luxe and special — a fabric, a design detail, an embellishment — and

turns it into something wearable and affordable for the everyday woman," Lindsay says.

Lindsay, along with SFA General Manager Kim Nye, scored a coup when they recruited Elie Tahari for this year's Fash Bash.

The annual fund raiser, hosted by the Detroit Institute of Arts' Founders Junior Council, has a 35-year history of being one of Metro Detroit's most anticipated fashion events, but it has taken on even more glamour since SFA signed on as fashion partner.

Last year, Saks featured the Fall 2006 collection from Brazilian designer Carlos Miele.

This year, guests will see Elie Tahari's women's wear, replete with lacy blouses and blazers with ribbon cuffs and sashes, fur-trimmed vests, skirts and skinny pantsuits. The show will also mark the Detroit debut of Elie Tahari's menswear line.

"There is going to be a real men's presence in this event and we're really excited about it," Lindsay says.

*Fash Bash, set for Saturday, Aug. 26 at the General Motors World Headquarters, begins with a Patrons' Private Reception at 6:30 p.m. and continues with the runway show at 9 p.m. For tickets, \$125-\$750, or information, call the Fash Bash Hotline, (313) 833-6954 or visit [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org). Founders Junior Council is a group of young professionals dedicated to attracting people to the Detroit Institute of Arts.*



This Elie Tahari look puts a twist on Fall's trends with an embellished belt and a luxe vest of fur and ruffles.





## PINK mommy

### How to dress your post-baby bod

If you're a new mommy like me, you are probably having trouble finding anything to wear. Stick with me and I'll help you find clothes to fit when you are three sizes (OK, four sizes) bigger than you were pre-baby.

#### Problem: The Tummy

**Solution:** Accentuate the positive! You may have a lingering baby bump, but you also have a fuller bust than you did before, so why not show it off? Fortunately for us new mommies, empire waist are hot right now. Look for tops with sweetheart necklines that draw the attention to the bust line, while fabric flows at the bottom hiding the tummy. Trapeze style tops are also great. Choose a style that is cut narrow in the underarms and hits just above the cleavage. To keep it from looking like an '80's maternity top, make sure it hits no lower than the hip.

#### Problem: Upper Arms

**Solution:** Insecure about baring

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#### Problem: Attitude

**Solution:** Come on ladies — give yourselves a break! Stay positive and know that with a little work, you will fit into those cute jeans again. Probably just in time for baby number two!

*'PINK Mommy' is by Wendie DeLano, a Livonia-based writer, photographer, wife and mom to Lilly, 8 months. Her column will appear monthly in PINK!*



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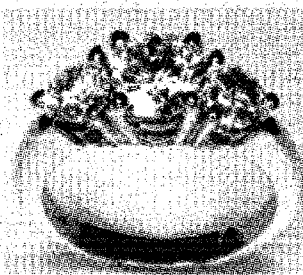
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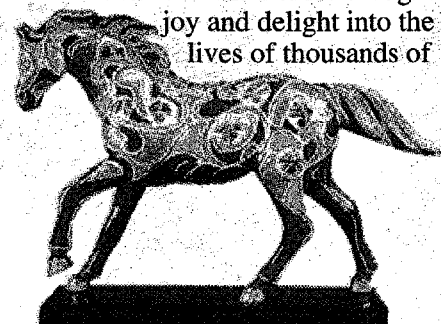
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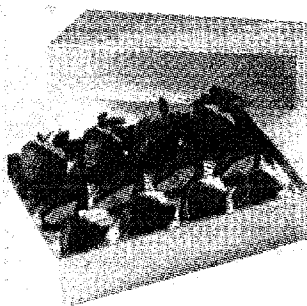


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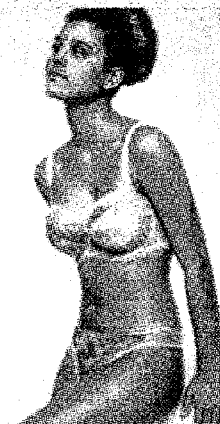
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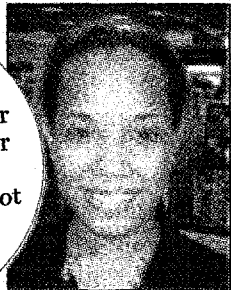
# Beach Reads

By Wendy Pierman Mitzel

It was a sunny Monday afternoon when PINK took to Farmington Hills to check out the latest in beachwear and accessories. A cowboy hat to block the sun? A must. Jeweled thongs? For sure. A skirted cover-up? Of course. But still there was one big question that was left to be answered so it was off to Borders on Orchard Lake to ask ...

**What summer read is going in your beach tote?**

"It'll probably be 'The Coldest Winter Ever' by Sister Souljah. I read it over and over again. It's a real story. It's not sugarcoated."  
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"That's easy. Janet Evanovich's new one 'Twelve Sharp.' I'm taking that on vacation with me. I love her main character. She is so funny."  
Linda Green, Farmington Hills



"'The DaVinci Hoax' (by Carl E. Olson). With the movie out now there's a lot of questions and because I'm a person of faith I want to have answers."  
Theresa Weiler, Farmington Hills



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By Wendy

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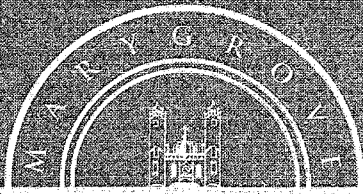
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# Do the shop-bop at Telegraph and Maple

I grew up in a great neighborhood with a little corner store that stocked everything a kid could need - bubble gum, candy bars and Popsicles. Today, all across the metro area, neighborhood shops and little malls still conjure a sense of community and convenience. On the corner of Telegraph and Maple in Bloomfield Hills, mainstays thrill and news brews. From haute couture to casual wear, fine crystal to garden whimsy or a cutting-edge coif to a barber's quick snip, this corner brims with an eclectic mix of goods, services and taste sensations.

## West Side

"Shop, dine and escape" at the **Bloomfield Plaza**, and begin at **Studio 330**, with fabulous treasures for the home. Find the latest vogue or vintage designs in crystal, china, silver and more. Crystal baby animal sculptures enchant, and note **Lalique's** spectrum of floral art vases or alluring heart paperweights. Bride-to-be? Register here!

After 50 years, **Robert Mann Furs & More** still entices with lush furs, leathers and shearlings. And there really is "more." Venture beyond the window to find a high-end boutique with a large selection of chic European clothing designs.

**Don Thomas Sporthaus** now appeals even more to the active, sporty spirit. Find equipment and garb for tennis, lacrosse, water sports and more. No more patio furniture, but how about a bright red kayak, the fun of a water trampoline, or an in-line skating work-out?

A one-stop shop for kids' closets and rooms, **bec & sam's** always charms. Don your kids in designer duds, or have their rooms professionally decorated with amazing furnishings, lighting and accessories. Check out the personalized wall plaques and popular Squish-Art.

It's far more than frames at **Frames Unlimited**. This upbeat contemporary location is full of whimsical garden effects, arty mirrors and lamps, splashy ceramics and other home accents. How about a Plexiglas display box, complete with hanger, to exhibit your favorite championship tee? (Go Tigers!)

**Breath of Spring** is just that! Gorgeous flowers, plants and upbeat garden paraphernalia have captivated patrons for 26 years. Planning a wedding or special event? Owner Bruce Bolton is a floral designer extraordinaire.

**Liquid Salon** goes to great lengths when it comes to hair and lash extensions, great stylists and colorists, manicures, pedicures and facial waxing.

For everyday needs, hit **Sav-On**, **DOC Optique**, **Kroger**, **GNC**, **Ace Hardware**, and don't forget the convenient shoe repair and **UPS** stores.

## East Side

**Scott Gregory** "wows" with upscale designs by Bianca Nero, Chan Luu, Tahari, Theory, and many more. And check out the fabulous **Isabella Fiore** handbags. Of course, **Gap** always has happening trends, and nearby, the brand new **Fitness Experts** offer the latest in work-out equipment.

North of Maple, **Lee's Specialty** is a "must" for the latest creations in invitations, greeting and holiday cards, darling personalized baby gifts, and other items.

## Nibble Nooks

Take a break over a magazine and a light mocha "frap" (my fave) at **Barnes & Noble**.

Calling all foodies! Satisfy your cravings with the superb savories and sinful pastries at **Bonnie's Kitchen**. The display case alone will drive you wild.

Coffee, tea and light bite spots dot the area, such as **Starbuck's**, **Caribou**, **Einstein's**, **Leo's**, and in close proximity, **Big Boy** and **Burger King**.

Serious dining adventures include **Steve's Deli** for a mile-high deli sandwich, great hot comfort food, humungous salads or a hunk of cheesecake. **Andiamo Italia West** is revered for delectable Italian fare accompanied by a martini or glass of wine, and **The Gallery** offers casual, hearty meals.

Other favorite dining spots and watering holes include **Beau Jack's** and **Hogan's**. And, watch for the opening of **Crust** for hand-crafted pizza and great wine selections.

Then, kick off your shoes, relax and take in a movie at the **Maple Art Cinema** - and try to stay awake after all that shopping and munching!

*Elaine "Lainey" Perlin Crossley is based in West Bloomfield but shops far and wide for PINK finds. Call her with hot retail tips at (586) 612-7177.*

## List

### Concours d'Elegance Fashion Show Luncheon

Preview the classic glamour of the St. John Fall 2006 Collection as Saks Fifth Avenue presents the Concours d'Elegance Luncheon Fashion Show on Friday, Aug. 4. St. John is known for creating elegant looks for professional women. The fall collection features exquisitely tailored dresses, suits and jackets with timeless styling. The Fashion Show Luncheon will move this year off the grounds of Meadow Brook and into the luxe Royal Park Hotel, 600 E. University Dr., Rochester. Tickets, \$50-\$175, benefit Meadow Brook Hall and Oakland University. R.S.V.P. at (248) 269-7672 by July 28.

### Make It Work

Don't miss the final runway competition in Metro Detroit's version of *Project Runway*, hosted by Haberman Fabrics. Sixty-five local designers entered the Royal Oak fabric store's "Make It Work" contest and were winnowed to 10 finalists, who will present their final garments during a runway show 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1. Judges Kara Janx of *Project Runway Season 2* (pictured); Susan Howes of HOUR; and Ken Dewey of Saks Fifth Avenue will award prizes, including a design critique from *Project Runway's* Tim Gunn. The public is invited to attend, and bid for a trip to the *Project Runway* finale at Olympus Fashion Week in NYC. Tickets, \$20, are only available in advance, and benefit the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. Call (248) 541-0010 or visit habermanfabrics.com.



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### Back To School

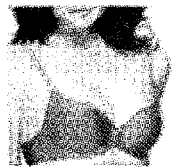
Get a glimpse of the latest in fall fashion for kids (like these clothes from Zoey 101) during Back to School Week at Von Maur Laurel Park Place in Livonia. Visit the Children's Department Saturday,



Aug. 19-Sunday, Aug. 27 and receive a free "School Days" picture frame with any full-priced children's wear purchase of \$100 or more. Register to win a \$250 Von Maur shopping spree, a collegiate football jersey and a Thomas & Friends Mountain Overpass Set. Don't miss a special guest appearance by a 'Groovy Girl' noon-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26. Call (734) 432-6949.

### Wacoal Fit for the Cure

Beat bra bulge and stock up on undergarments while supporting a good cause as Parisian hosts Wacoal Fit for the Cure. For every fitting, Wacoal will donate \$2 to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, plus \$2 for each Wacoal, DKNY Underwear and Donna Karan Intimates bra purchased at the event (PINK loves the Wacoal Ultimate T-shirt Bra). Visit the Intimate Apparel Department at Parisian Rochester Hills on Thursday, Aug. 24 or Parisian Laurel Park Place on Friday, Aug. 25 for your free fitting.



### Fashion Overload

Stimulate your senses with style as local designers and retailers present Fashion Overload at Via Nove restaurant in Ferndale. The fun begins with the Fashion Overload Runway Show, 10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, hosted by Kyle Kavanagh of *America's Next Top Model* and featuring clothing by Carolyn Ferrari, House of Cedi, Mark England De Mode, Betsey Johnson and Shapes. See something you simply must have? Shop the

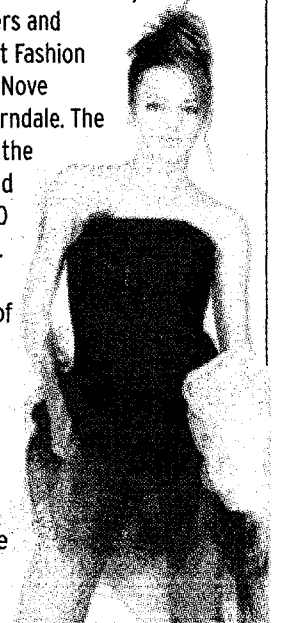


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collections the following day as the Fashion Overload Outdoor Market opens on the patio of Via Nove starting at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26. Presented by Cameron Scott Entertainment. Call (586) 873-2505 or visit cameronscottparties.com for more information.



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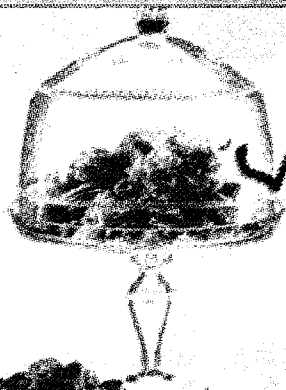
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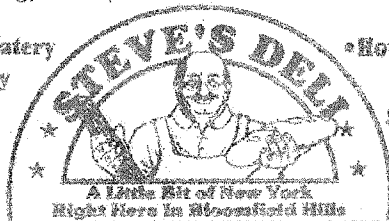
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# Dental spas are growing trend

● By Wensdy White

Metro Detroiters are sinking their teeth into a new trend — dental spas.

A select group of local dentists are catching onto a national trend, and starting to offer spa-like services in an effort to make visits less daunting.

Dr. Dolores Baran is celebrating the one-year anniversary of her new dental practice in Royal Oak, which she affectionately calls “The Rodeo Drive of Dentistry.”

In the lobby, calming earth tones, artwork, waterfalls and dim lights set a soothing scene. Patients help themselves to gourmet coffee, bottled water or juice, then plug into high-speed Internet connections, or watch the plasma screen TV while they wait.

Some opt to hit the “relaxation room” and chill out in the Brookstone massage chair for a full-body Shiatsu.

“If someone is apprehensive, this helps. We light a candle, let them choose the massage they want. When patients are relaxed, the anesthesia works better and everything goes more smoothly,” Baran says.

Inside the examination rooms, TV monitors hang in front of every chair where patients can watch their favorite DVD. Before lying down, they might dip their hands into paraffin wax and slip on some heated mitts, to treat their skin along with their teeth.

Baran practiced dentistry in Berkley for 12 years before moving her practice to its new location on Main Street last year. She oversaw all aspects of construction on the new office, adding architectural details, modern lighting and plenty of win-

dows to give it a comfortable vibe.

“I had a vision of the way I wanted to practice dentistry,” she says. “Dentistry shouldn’t just be ‘drill and fill.’ We are trying to create an experience.”

Much of Baran’s inspiration came from Dr. Debra Gray King, who has appeared on *Extreme Makeover* and attracts celebrities to her Atlanta Center for Cosmetic Dentistry with hot rock massages, warm neck pillows and “Dental Zen Chairs.”

“But I really think our office is even nicer,” Baran says.

Across town, Dr. Maureen Gierucki is incorporating similar spa touches to her West Bloomfield practice.

Gierucki also offers refreshments in the waiting room and movies with headphones in each exam room. She applies flavored balm to her patients’ lips before procedures, and gives them a steaming hot linen towel treatment afterward. Both Gierucki and Baran are in the process of opening massage rooms, and hope to have masseuses ready to pamper patients this fall.

According to the International Dental Spa Association, there are about 150-250 dental spas in operation across the country, offering services ranging from aromatherapy and sea salt scrubs to microdermabrasion and makeup application. The roots of spa dentistry can be traced to the ’70s, when the Holistic Dental Association started using massage and acupressure to remedy pain.

Gierucki believes the increase in dental spas coincides with the grow-



ing popularity of cosmetic dentistry. These days, people go to the dentist for more than cleanings and crowns — they’re on a quest for the perfect smile. Today’s patients can have their teeth whitened in one visit. In just two visits, Lumineers can fix stains, uneven spacing and misshapen teeth painlessly. Invisible aligners can straighten a crooked smile within 6-12 months.

“Cosmetic dentistry is gaining popularity because it gives you a more youthful appearance, and that is our society’s trend, to be more youthful,” Gierucki says.

Dr. Steven Riedy of Michigan Prosthodontics in Livonia agrees that modern patients desire to look younger and more attractive. He offers Lumineers, metal-less crowns, DenMat Rembrandt whitening and ceramic fillings — but he doesn’t plan to add spa services anytime soon. Instead, he relies on relationships to keep clients coming back.

“I try to use a lot of patient interaction — talking with them, asking how their families are — to get them to loosen up. I think it’s a way of relieving the stress of going to the dentist,” he says. “People develop a relationship with their dentist. He knows you, what stage of life you’re in. They like that.” ●

## Get a great smile

These are some of the modern cosmetic dentistry procedures that can give you a great new grin:

### TEETH WHITENING

● **In-Office Procedures:** Dentists use several methods to whiten teeth that are stained, yellowed or discolored due to age, or drinking coffee, tea, red wine and cola. Systems like Zoom!, BriteSmile, and DenMat Rembrandt use light-activated gels to brighten teeth in one visit, often followed by a take-home treatment. If teeth are stained from smoking or medications, results might be less significant. Cost: \$500-\$1,000.

● **At-Home Bleaching:** Dentists take impressions of patients’ teeth during an initial visit. During a second visit, trays are fitted and patients are sent home with prescription-strength whitener to be applied nightly. Results can be seen in a few days, with optimal whitening in two weeks. This method is losing popularity to over-the-counter whitening. Cost: \$400-\$500.

● **Over-the-Counter Kits:** Commercial kits whiten teeth using hydrogen peroxide, and most dentists agree they are effective. Crest Whitestrips Premium Plus, for example, consists of gel strips applied for 30 minutes, two times daily. Cost: \$34.99 for 40 strips. GoSMILE uses tiny glass ampules topped with a brush. Users activate the ampules, then brush onto teeth two times a day for 14 days. Cost: \$75 for 30 ampules.

### COSMETIC PROCEDURES

● **Lumineers:** These new, contact-thin veneers can be applied to the teeth in two 45-minute visits, spaced 2-3 weeks apart. Trained dentists take impressions during the first visit. During the second visit, Lumineers are applied to correct discoloration, gaps, stains, broken or misshapen teeth without painful grinding of original teeth. They can be applied directly to crowns and bridgework. Cost: \$1,000-\$1,500 per tooth.

● **Adult Orthodontics:** The ideal time for orthodontics is puberty, but many adults opt to straighten their teeth later in life with traditional or clear braces applied by an orthodontist. The new Invisalign option corrects teeth without braces, using clear “Aligners” that are worn 6-12 months. Cost: Varies widely.

● **All-Ceramic Crowns and Fillings:** Many patients opt for all-ceramic crowns on front teeth, because they reflect light in a more natural way than crowns containing metal. Cost: \$1,000-\$1,500; insurance covers portions. Many people also opt to replace silver fillings on back teeth with composite resins or ceramic inlays. Cost: Varies.

● **Gum Lifts:** Laser gum lifts can make small teeth appear bigger, or correct uneven gumlines without surgery or painful recovery. Cost: About \$2,000 for upper and lower gums along the smile line; insurance may cover a portion of the cost.

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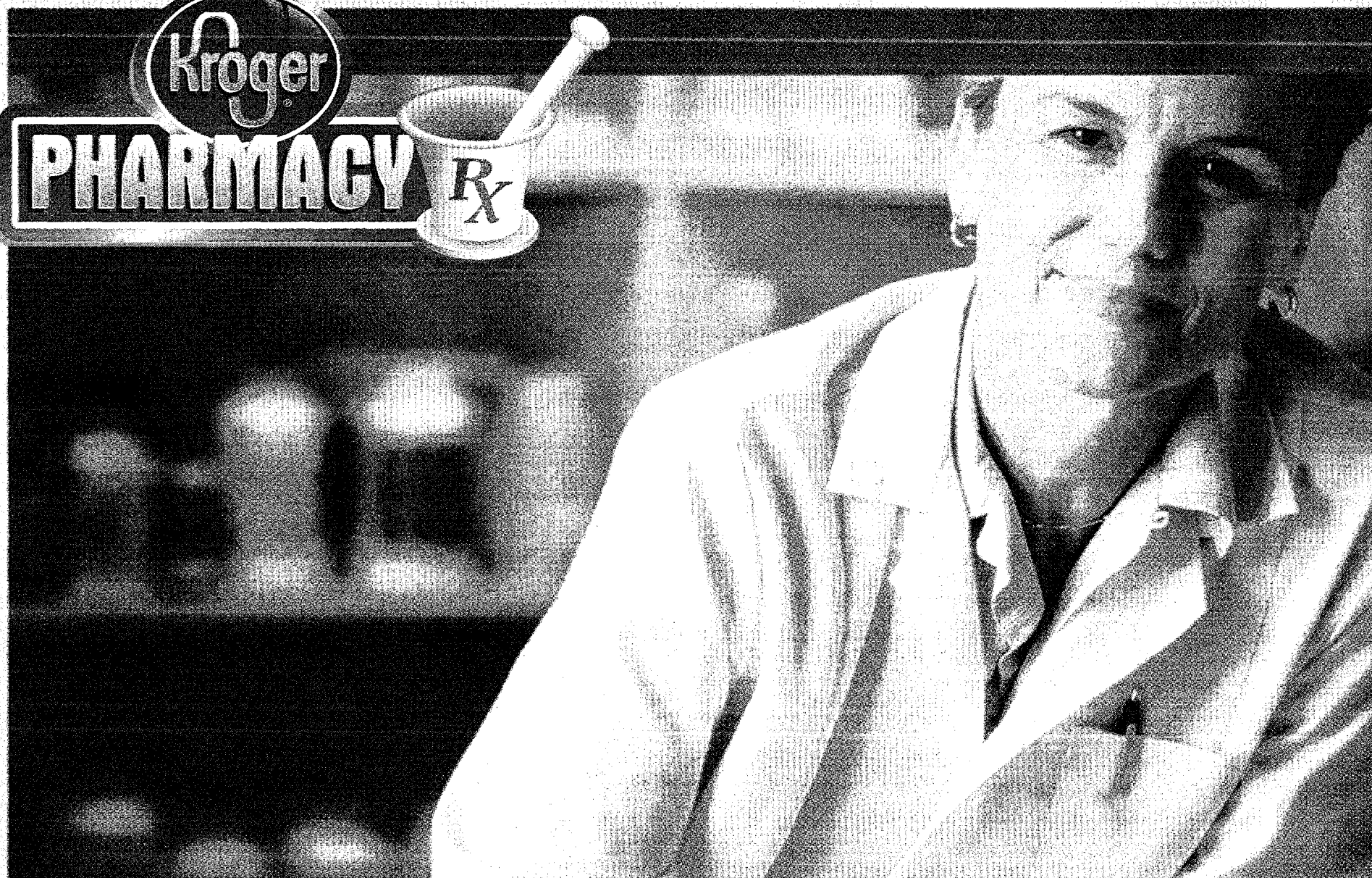
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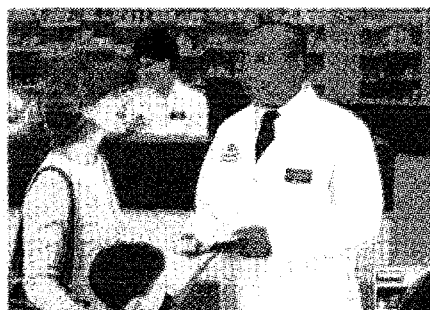
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