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Park likely no risk to nearby homes, offices

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

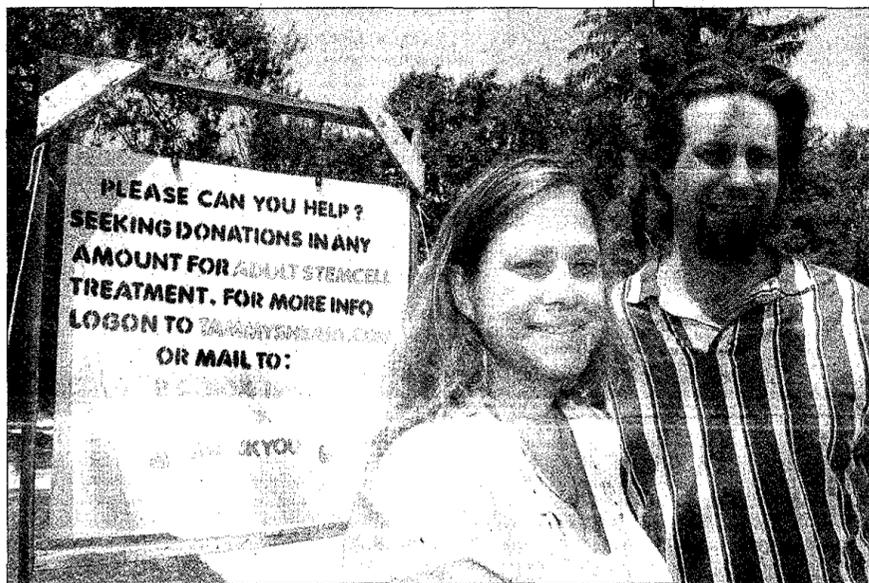
Beth Vens, project manager with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, estimated that three-fourths of the park has contaminants, and officials also said the latest results also found potential issues

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

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

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

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Tammy and John Henderson stand in front of the lawn sign, asking for donations of returnable bottle and cans.

Mending her heart

Benefits aim to send her to Thailand for stem cell treatment

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

People stop by to drop off returnables.

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

TAMMY'S HEART BENEFIT

Tammy's Heart Italian Dinner fund-raiser will be 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Wayne-Ford Civic League, 1645 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Dinner will be served 7-8:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$20 for adults and \$15 for children 12 years and under for salad, mostaccioli, vegetable, roll, dessert and beverage.

There also will be a disc jockey, cash bar and raffles 9-10 p.m.

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

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

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

Police seek info about carjacking

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

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

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

"A guy was going into the store and was ambushed by somebody who was waiting in the parking lot," Benson said.

The victim told police he was approached by a suspect described as a black male, 5-foot-11 to 6-foot-1, 175-190 pounds with a medium build. The assailant wore a black mask over his face.

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

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

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

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

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Judge orders trial in molestation case

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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



Pniewski

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

According to police, Pniewski performed various acts on the girls and made videotapes that police seized from his house, along with a camcorder and pictures. Authorities have said he has admitted molesting the girls.

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

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

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Family greets their returning hero

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Both David and his best friend Chad Lamb received the Navy and Marine Medal. To us,



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



Cpl. David Somerville (left) and his best friend, Cpl. Chad Lamb are all smiles after arriving at Camp Lejeune, N.C., Thursday.

all of them are heroes, I think for a solid hour I went and welcomed as many of them home as possible. David introduced us to his Gunny (gunnery sergeant), and he said, "You

should know it was a pleasure having David serve with me," and said, "You should know he is a hero."

Opposing slavery

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

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

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

Health expo

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

For more information or to obtain an application, call chamber President Lori Fodale at (734) 326-7222.

In concert

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

Medicare seminar

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

Summer luncheon

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

There also will be door prizes and tour of the facility. Seating is limited; so call Ashford Court at (734) 461-1155 by Monday, Aug. 13, for reservations.

Coffee Hours

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

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

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

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

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

Dine and donate

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

Golf Outing

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

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

Rotary Club

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

Annual picnic

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

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HEART

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Henderson had been cancer-free for 11 years, when she suffered a



BILL BRESLER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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

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

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

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

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

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

"She should know something by then," a hopeful Henderson said. The treatment would require

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

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

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

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

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

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greater."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sygo confirmed that state investigators conducted 94 borings into park soil.

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

Those lead levels ranged from 400

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

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

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

Although officials said that three samples of PCBs and one sample of mercury exceeded levels beyond what humans should encounter, those samples came from underground tests.

Mayor William Wild ordered the bulk of the park fenced off in January after he was appointed to replace Sandra Cicirelli, now a district judge. Cicirelli and county officials drew strong criticism last fall when it became known that the contamination issue had been known for years and wasn't publicly revealed.

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

Wild has said environmental experts for the city and county will need to analyze the latest test results, provided to officials during a meeting Wednesday.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Drive-in delight

Compuware screens drawing biggest crowds

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

KRISTEN PACHECO

weekends are jammed, no matter the weather.

"The weekends are absolutely packed, rain or not," Michlin said. "A lot of families come."

In addition to the family oriented fare the drive-in offers, families are attracted by the prices, according to Henry.

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

Children 3 and under are admitted free.

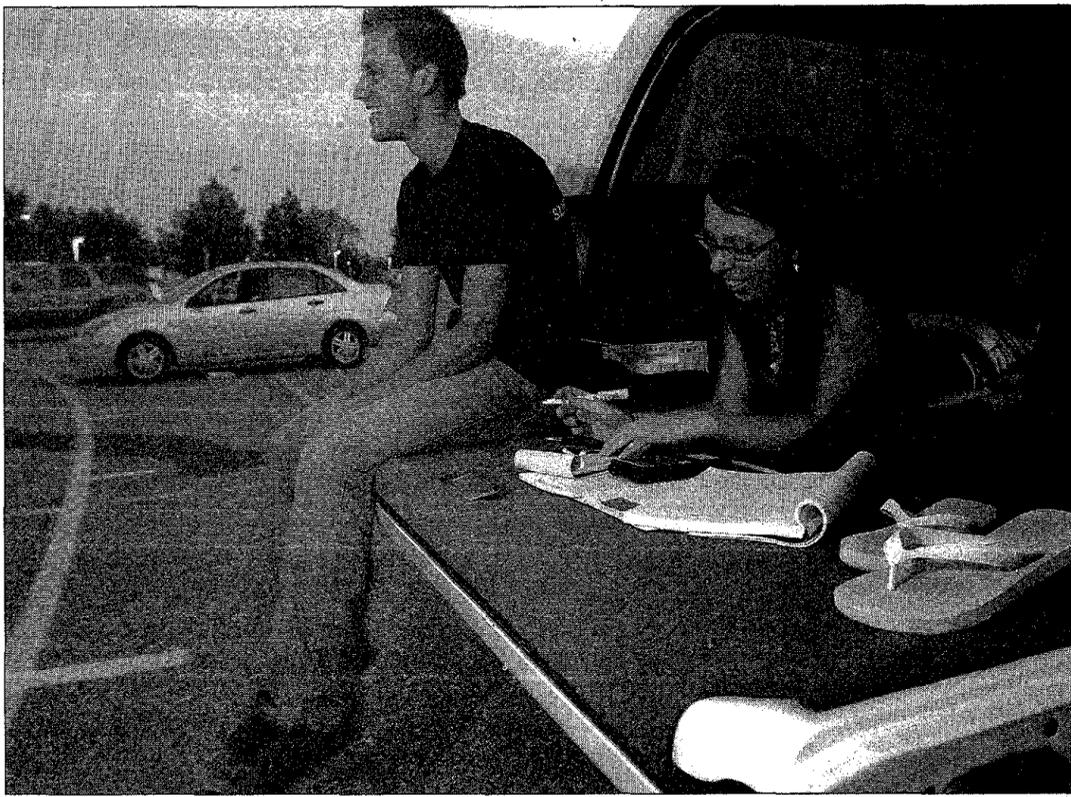
Movie goers can also get a dinner-and-a-movie package at Ginopolis on the Ice, the restaurant located at Compuware.

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

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

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

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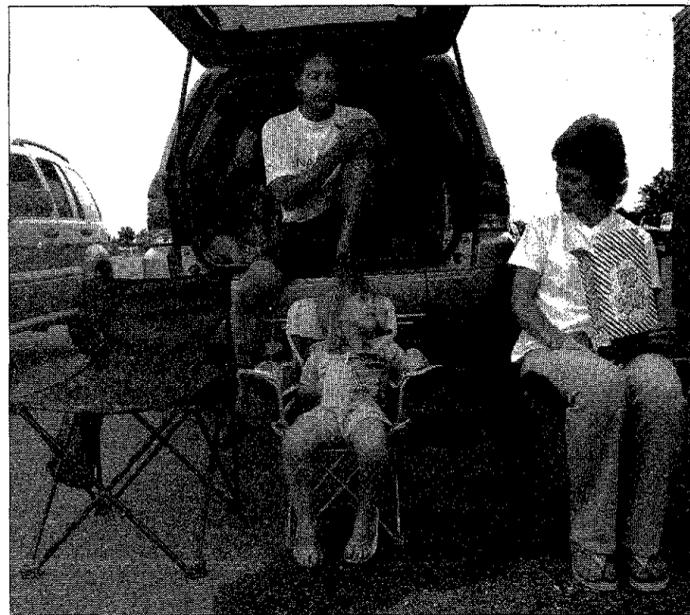


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Michael Susterka of Canton and Rebecca Lutker wait for the show to begin. Rebecca, a student at Grand Rapids Community College, studies for a culinary arts class.



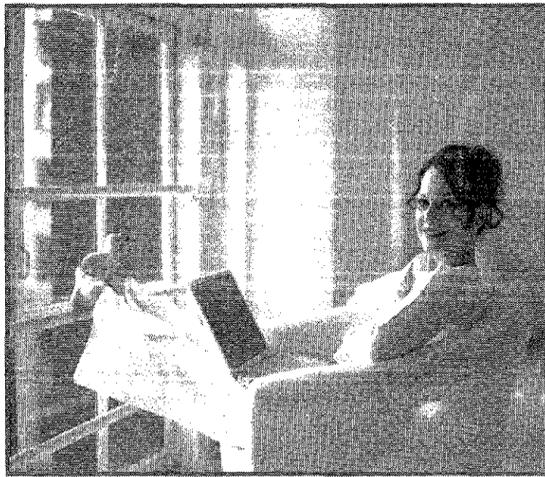
Alex Rhodes and Nick Boka play catch in the twilight while waiting for the show to start at the Compuware drive-in.



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

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FANTASY

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

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



ence-fiction-magic-science.html.) There seems to be general agreement on the fact that science fiction deals in, well, science, and fantasy deals in magic. The trick is differentiating between magic and science. After all, as the noted science fiction author Arthur C. Clarke points out: "Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic." (Anyone remember Twain's "Connecticut Yankee" claiming an eclipse as a miracle he created? There ya go.) Heck, entire series live on the science as magic trope - Pern's fantastic dragons are, in fact, genetically engineered fire lizards; Darkover's

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

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

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

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

quickly get a long list.

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

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

Highlighted Activities
Microsoft Word for Beginners: 7 p.m. Aug. 13.

Learn the basics of Microsoft Word, a word processing program that lets you create a variety of

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Intermediate Stamping with Carl: 7 p.m. Aug. 15.

Learn to incorporate paper folding and embossing techniques in your stamping projects. All supplies are provided, but seating is limited. Call (734) 326-6123 or stop by the library to register.

Information Central has been compiled by Jane Lowry, reference librarian and facilitator for the Science Fiction and Fantasy book discussion group. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

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Hospital sponsors wellness programs

Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, offers a weekly schedule of health and wellness programs for residents. The lineup this week includes:

Monday, Aug. 13

Childbirth Education (sixth of six classes) at 6 p.m. This six-week course prepares the expectant mother and coach for labor and delivery. Class runtime is 2 1/2 hours and there is a \$60 fee. Medicaid is accepted. A refresher course also is available. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.

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

Tuesday, Aug. 14

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

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

Wednesday, Aug. 15

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday, Aug. 16

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

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Liquor luges keep ice carver busy in summer

BY REBECCA JONES
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

"On a day like this, it's not a bad job," he said. Sokolowski, 39, who lives just four blocks away from his store on Six Mile, began carving ice sculptures on the side while working as a chef.

He learned the trade from classically trained culinary experts at Schoolcraft College. He graduated in 1988.

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

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

One bar asks him to design a new one each week.

On Tuesday, he was working on a motorcycle-shaped luge to help a Commerce Township man celebrate his 40th birthday. Sokolowski says he could have made a full-size replica of a Harley-Davidson. Instead, the design will fit on a table top.

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

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

"It's a novelty," said Breckenridge, who learned about Michigan Ice Carvers through its Web sites, www.michiganice.com and www.liceliquorluge.com.

Sokolowski was also working on a martini liquor luge for a wedding this weekend at Canterbury Village. Instead of putting their mouths up to the slide, guests can have their glasses filled neatly.

Luges range in price from \$80 to \$1,500.

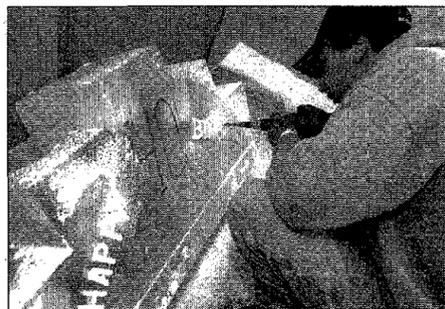
Sokolowski is a two-time gold medalist at the Plymouth Ice Festival. His apprentice and nephew, Jesse Levitt, who is still in high school, took home the silver medal this year.

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

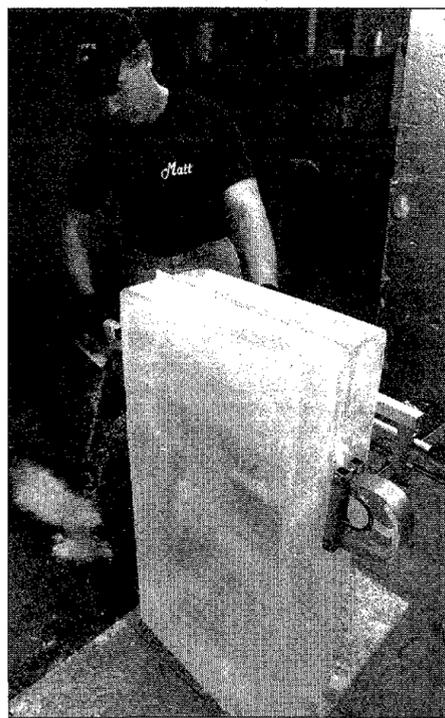
Personally, he prefers cold weather activities, like ice fishing and snowmobiling. Sokolowski said he would be fine with one week of warm weather each summer, so he can take his family to the beach and make sand castles for a change.



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



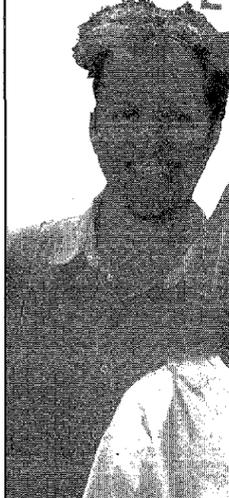
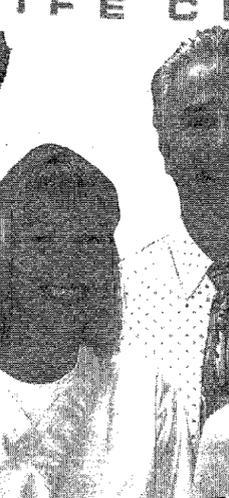
Matt Sokolowski of Michigan Ice Carvers uses a chain saw to cut a 300-pound block of ice in half for an ice sculpture he's designing.

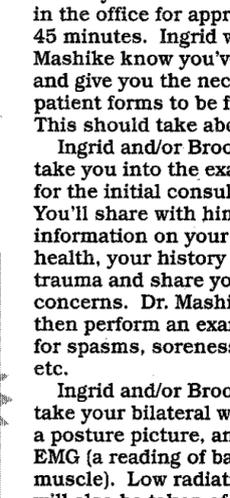
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Matt Sokolowski, owner of Michigan Ice Carvers, tests the water as a 40-gallon tub of ice is nearly finished freezing to form a carving block. It takes four days to form the 300-pound blocks.

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Book-lovers savor 'Potter,' other favorite titles

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For July, more than 90,000

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

EAGER READERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

ryline.

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

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

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

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

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

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

BOOKS AROUND

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

Readers meet 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at the library on Six Mile east Beech Daly.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TURNING PAGES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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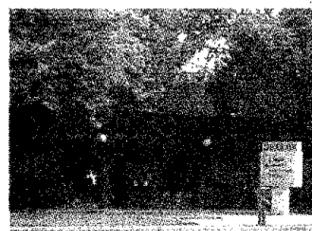
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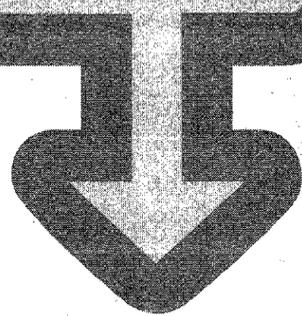
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The *Observer & Eccentric* and *Mirror Newspapers* are teaming up with Buddy's to present "Dining With the Stars" featuring Coco of "The Coco, Foolish & Mr. Chase in the Morning Show," which airs weekdays from 6-10 a.m. on FM98 WJLB.

The show is known throughout metro Detroit for its laughs, amazing prizes, hot topics, celebrity gossip and interviews, news and more.

In 100 words or less, tell us why you're a fan of Coco and would like to have lunch or dinner with her at Buddy's Pizza in August.

Send your fan letter to BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com and be sure to include your name, address, daytime phone number and e-mail address.

Deadline to enter the August contest is 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21.

A photograph of you and Coco will be published in the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Mirror Newspapers* and online at www.hometownlife.com.

"We want our winners to



Coco

dine with their favorite stars and feel like a star, too," says Marcy Brontman of Buddy's Pizza.

Buddy's will also present a check for \$500 to the Detroit Recovery Project, the charity of Coco's choice which supports individuals in identifying and resolving barriers to achieving a healthy and productive drug-free lifestyle.

The August winners will be treated to a limo ride, courtesy of Pro Tran Transportation, makeover from Beauty Salon by J. Lyle Ltd. featuring stylist and makeup artist Christine Fitzpatrick, a \$100 gift certificate to the Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield and a dance exhibition courtesy of Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

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

No purchase is necessary to enter. Buddy's Pizza will review all entries and select the top four "fan" letters.

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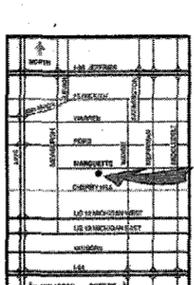
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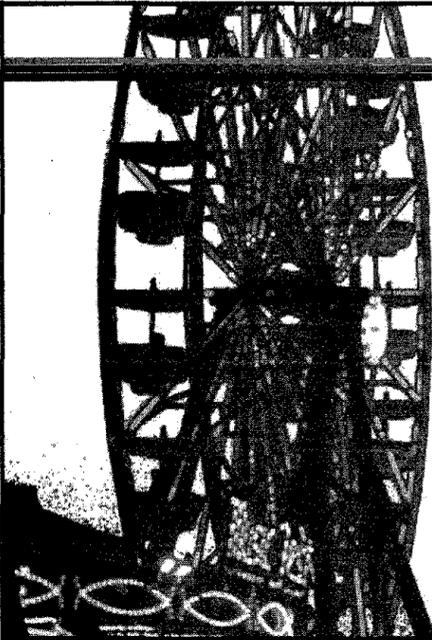
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Switching Roth IRA will not cause tax consequences

Q: I have a Roth IRA with TIA-CREF which is less than five years old. I am thinking of moving it to Vanguard to take advantage of their lower fees. Can I change custodians from my Roth IRA without tax consequences or will the IRS treat this as a distribution since the Roth is less than five years old?



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

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

You can have Vanguard transfer the money or you can do a rollover. In a rollover, you have 60 days from the time you receive the check to deposit that money with Vanguard. As long as the transaction is completed within 60 days, it is not treated as a

distribution for tax purposes and there are no tax consequences.

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

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

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

Just because the house is now worth less than the outstanding balance does not give

you the right to walk away from the property. You are legally liable for the debt. If you walk away from the loan, the mortgage company can come after you.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at money@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).

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1174- Jose Diaz- boxes,mattress,boxspring
1224- Sammy Williams Jr- couch,dresser,tv
1248- Anthony Mccarthy- couch,dresser,tv
1324- Kelly Ephram- kitchen table,chairs
1442- Michael Brown- dresser,totes,speakers
2038- Jean Kirby- bags,boxes, toys
2053- Rolanda Lee- couch,dresser,tv
2092- Gregory Griffin- bike,boxes,tv
2208- Mary Brinegar- boxes,toys,bags
2281- Veronica Peterson- totes,boxes,exercise equipment
2283- Tammy Butler- totes,boxes,pictures
2287- Deirdre Francis- bags,tv, mattress
2386- Faustine Amara- mirror,boxes,totes

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Bonus Card collection nets cash for Karmanos

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute has received a \$50,000 donation from Kroger on behalf of its new southeast Michigan shoppers.

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

Each participating customer

also received a free 2-liter bottle of Pepsi.

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

diseases is not far away."

The collection was limited to the first 10,000 shoppers and the promotion ended July 14 with the goal of 10,000 cards and a \$50,000 donation.

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

eradicate cancer."

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

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Personal property described below in the matter of:
325- Christopher Ellis- 2 totes, books, toys
137- Donna Alexander- dryer,vacuum,totes
800- Gregory Bader Jr- bed,bike,mirrors
651- Taquana Brooke- bed,dresser,chairs
1014-Deborah L. Carr- couch,dresser,love seat
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1019- Lisa Tarolli - mattress,couch,boxes
945- Leantree Terry - refrigerator,tv,boxes
1004- Jessica Vernille- mattress,couch,totes
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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
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1991	Dodge	Stealth/2 Dr	Black	JB3XD54BXY015111
1987	Chevy	Astro/Van	Blue	1GNDM15Z6HB238171
1996	Ford	Contour/4 Dr	Black	3FALP653XTM142460
1994	Ford	Aerostar/Stwgn	Green	1FMDA31X1RZA46081
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1993	Pontiac	Grand Prix/2 Dr	Green	1G2WJ14TOPF313594
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1985	Mercury	Marquis/4 Dr	Brown	2MEBP95F5FX620468
1992	Dodge	Shadow/2 Dr	Blue	1B3XP48K7NN132871
1996	Ford	T-bird/2 Dr	Green	1FALP6241TH149962
1999	Chevy	Malibu/4 Dr	Silver	1G1ND52T0X6188727
1992	Chevy	PU Truck	Blk/Gray	1GCCS14Z0N0156522
1996	Ford	Escort/2 Dr	White	3FASP11JXTR150354
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All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time, where to the start of the auction.

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

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
		Mini-Motorcycle	Gray	JL1P39FMB05A530164
1981	Ford	Mustang/2 Dr	Bronze	1FABP15AXB149422

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2007-08 SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

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

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

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

Robert Freeman, Secretary

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B072- Michael Kowalski- 15 totes, boxes, tools
B118- Robert Smith- dryer, entertainment center, 2 end tables
B182- Cecilia Anderson- television, microwave, kitchen chair
B310- Melissa Henry- fan, bags, suitcases
B322- Jon Rhodes- microwave, bag, chairs
B331- Robert Lewis- vacuum, totes, old LP records
C039- Ali Yassine- boxes, mattress set, coffee table
D006- Celestine Henry- television, bags, bikes
D014- Rhonda Jackson- refridgerator, washer, couch
F043- Denise Beard- couch, washer, dryer
A001- Charlott Smith- chair,filing cabinet
A015- Pat Sullivan- office equipment
B028- Deborah Coe- washer,boxes,bags
B032- Shelanda Herron- washer,dryer,bike
B041- Deanna Taylor- tools,boxes,bags
B068- Perry T. Christy - desk,boxes,filing cabinet
B179- Richard Stefanik- Boxes
B188- Theresa Gamil- totes,bags,boxes
B198- Rick Landrum- chair,dresser,microwave
B218- Lenore Byrd- bags,clothes,totes
B222- Ebony Porch- bags,boxes
B226- Adt Security Services. Curity Services- misc. boxes
B271- Stacey Amis- tv,crib,toys
B276- Dorothy Crowder- mattress,boxspring,toys
B298- Monique Smith- sofa,totes,boxes
B327- Francisco Reyes- bags,suitcase,tools
B361- Daniel Page- bags,boxes,totes
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B381- Romare Redden- refridgerator, stove, tools
C015- Alaina Silagy- boxes,filing cabinet,
C016- Katie Day- toys,refridgerator, bags
C028- Gregg Smaltz- tires,doors, carpet
C030- Melissa Blevins- couch,tv,toolbox
C032- Levaughn Dial- couch,dresser,boxes
D043- Sharron Reed- toys,bags, sofa
D025- John Jackson- boxes,couch,sofa
D030- Aaron Daniels- refridgerator, toys, mattress
D042- Linder Magwood- boxes,bags,mattress
D043- Scott Szuba- boxes,bedframe,exercise equipment
E042- Sally Porter- boxes
F012- Martha Staley- dresser,microwave, mattress
F032- Antoine Williams- lawnmower,bikes, grill
F033- Phylandria Johnson- mattress,boxspring,bags
F040- Barry Tucker- bags, kitchen chairs
F043- Denise Beard- dryer,tv

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

August 30, 2007

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

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

Section 154.005, Definitions,
Section 154.067, Minimum Off Street Parking
Section 154.136, Automotive or Vehicles Sales
Section 154.163, Regulated Uses
Section 154.301, Permitted Uses
Section 154.352, Special Land Uses
Section 154.357, Development Standards

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

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

Paul C. Zelenak
Community Development Director

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Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage (formerly Shurgard) located at 9300 Pelhem Road, Taylor, 48180 (313) 292-9730 on 8/28/07 at 10:30 am. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

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6031- Timothy Gallagher- computer, boxes, cabinet
9029- Benjamin Williams- couch, loveseat, bags
4019- Dennis Cole- stove, stereo, Power washer
5089- Carl Hicks- washer, dryer, boxes
5079- John Reardon- love seat, mattress, television
5089- Sandra Church- boxes, bikes, luggage
6043- Gerald Field- chair, boxes, bags
9049- Natasha Vincent- vacuum, 4 chairs, toys
9056- India Hunter- couch
2079- Jacqueline Hamilton- tv,dresser,radio
3007- Kevin Wiacek- couch, speaker
3050- Becky Kirkland- boxes,couch,microwave
3032- Sarah Howard- boxes,couch,bags
3067- Tiffany Roots- bags,boxes
3082- Michael Height- bags and boxes
3091-Jason Dicks- dryer,radio,washer
4005- Cynthia Grassa- tv,bikes,boxes
4032- Frank Makdesion- tv,computer,mattress
4033- David Simmons- couch,bookcase,toys
4083- Chris Bastian- desk,couch,tv
5010- Matthew Smith- dvd's video games,bed
5026- Yvette Passament- boxes,loveseat,tv
6059- Judith Ryan- speakers,lawnmower,bike
6067- Joe Balavitch- dresser,microwave,sofa
6076- Shariese Hamilton- crib,bunk bed,mattress
6085- Kimberly Hughes- mattress,dresser,clothes
6123- Jean Koltuniak- fan,boxes,beachchair
6131- John Fluollen-misc. boxes
7029- Mansfield Sports Cards- sportcards
7038- Deborah Oakley- lamp,washer,couch
7058- Arthur Mesler- boxes
9025- Tyrta Henley- boxes
9029- Benjamin Williams- couch,fishtank,loveseat
9057- Jano Lopez- toys,boxes,tv
9059- Mark Bloom- boxes
9100- Aimee Shields- bags,box,tv

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Time we stepped up to protect our biggest asset

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

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

We recently visited my son, daughter-in-law and new granddaughter and enjoyed the thrill of being in a city again, a city with thousands of people who live, work and play in a place that offers world-famous architecture, shopping, a plethora of restaurant choices, cultural facilities second to none, spectator sports, mass transit and the natural beauty of Lake Michigan's shore.

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

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

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

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

Last week, the U.S. House voted 387-26 to urge Indiana to reconsider the permit. Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich has strongly objected to the dumping. A story on the *Chicago Tribune* Web site Tuesday said several lakeshore communities are banding together to form a Shoreline Mayors Task

Last week, the Michigan Supreme Court voted 4-3 with the conservative majority ruling that some plaintiffs in a suit against Nestle Waters North America did not have standing to sue over potential damages to a stream, lake and wetlands because they don't use those areas. This is a setback for environmentalists who argue that everyone is affected by water and air pollution and everyone should have standing. The narrow legal nature of the ruling means that the suit can go forward, but it also makes it harder for ordinary citizens to take action.

Force to address lake issues.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The high court ruled that land fenced off for a dog park by the city of Birmingham, called Springdale Park, violated a 1915 deed restriction that limited the use of that land for "strictly residential purposes only." The court defined "residential" as referring



Charlie Langton

to homes where people reside, not dogs.

In October 2006, an Oakland County Circuit Court judge nixed a proposed \$11.25 million sale of Rackham Golf Course to a developer who hoped to build 400 homes on the greens. The judge upheld a 1924 deed restriction that mandated Rackham land be used only as a golf course. That was the intent of Horace Rackham when he donated the land to Detroit in 1924.

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

Deed restrictions are not laws. Neither Congress, state Legislatures nor city councils enact them.

Instead, deed restrictions are created by homeowners, land developers, condominium or homeowners associations. Essentially, a deed restriction is a contract between a buyer and seller (or donor) of property.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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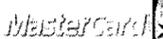
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Rams' bats silenced in AAABA tournament setback

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

COLLEGIATE BASEBALL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

reliever Justin Mazur, who worked the final two innings.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Ryan Smith, in his Redford Rebels baseball uniform, sits next to his grandfather Al Smith, who is holding a 1948 photo of himself scoring a run for the Detroit Northwestern Colts during the city championship game with Olympia Stadium in the background. Ryan's summer team recently played a game at Northwestern.

TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Generations of baseball rooted deep

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



Tim Smith

Believe it or not to those who are just now discovering the splendid summer sport thanks to the recent successes of the Detroit Tigers, no such shirts needed to be worn by members of many families during the 1940s, '50s, '60s and beyond.

Love of America's national pastime was absolute, unconditional, shifted from generation to generation with as much ease as a Placido Polanco single to right.

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

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Flag football youth league attracts K-5

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

Michigan Flag Youth Football is teaming up Wayne-Westland Community Education in the program.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ultimate Soccer Arenas 1 of kind complex

BY DAN STICKRADT
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

"It's the 5 o'clock on a Friday bogey question: How long does it take to get to your kid's game on a Friday afternoon through traffic," said Derderian, who along with

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Hearing impaired golfer sends message

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

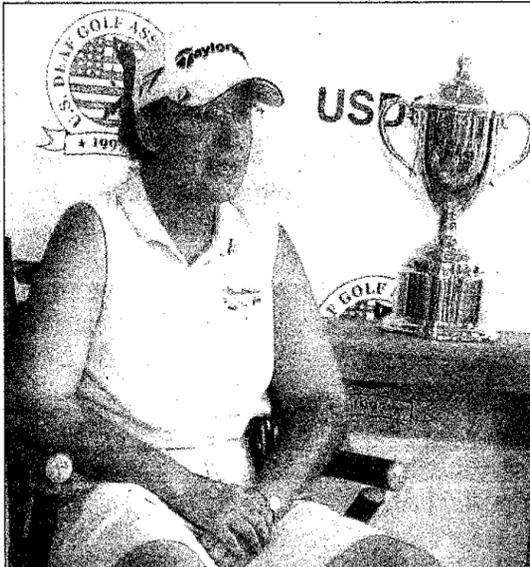
She went on to earn a degree at Lawrence Tech.

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

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

She also received another nice award when she was inducted

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

Sidelines

Whalers sign pair

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

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

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

Ignition Nov. 3

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

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

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

Meet C'ville Team

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

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

Golf hat trick

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ponikiewski is a regular at the Oasis Golf Center.

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

Ponikiewski was competing this weekend at the Women's Golf Association of Michigan Tournament hosted by the Saginaw Country Club. Her previous best GAM finish has been 21st.

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

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

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

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

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THE WEEK AHEAD

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

GIRLS GOLF
Tuesday, Aug. 14
Wayne at Milford Invitational (Preswick Village), 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 15
John Glenn vs. Belleville, Edsel Ford at The Woodlands (Van Buren), TBA.

Thursday, Aug. 16
Wayne at Birm. Seaholm Invitational

at Hudson Mills Metropark, 7:45 a.m.
Churchill vs. John Glenn at Whispering Willows, 2:30 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 17
Ladywood vs. Temperance Bedford at Giant Oak G.C., 8 a.m.
John Glenn vs. Northville at Tanglewood G.C., 2:30 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS
Thursday, Aug. 16
Stevenson at Adrian Invitational, 8:30 a.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Aug. 16
Madonna Alumni Game at Activities Ctr., 7 p.m.

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

Saturday, Aug. 18
MU Alumni Game at Greenmead Field, 2 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Aug. 18
MU Alumni Game at Greenmead Field, noon.

BASEBALL

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

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

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

Alley ball

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Talkin' Baseball

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

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

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

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

Why? Because he knows how the baseball bloodline flows.

"I play two other sports (at Redford Thurston), but baseball is my core, where a lot of my feelings come through," said Ryan recently. "It's through the blood, from my grandpa, through my dad (Chris) and just throughout the family."

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

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

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

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

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

Plain and simple

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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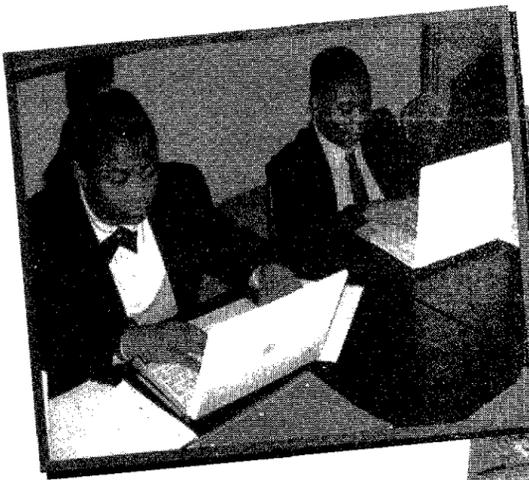
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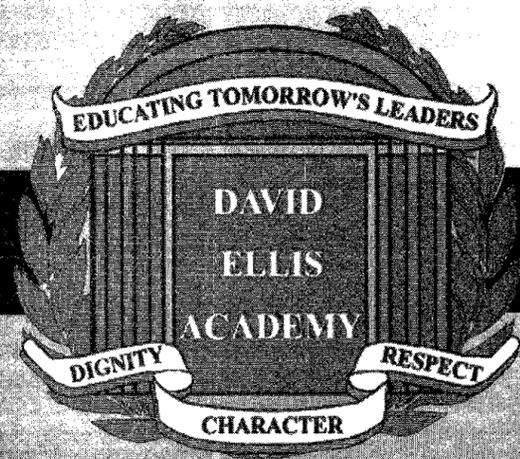


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State-of-the-art

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Around the corner

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

Many camps and clinics

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

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

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

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

Ultimate Soccer Arenas, which will have its main entrance off South Blvd. with a side entrance drive off Centerpoint Parkway, will be open as early as 7 a.m. on some days and remain open as late as 1 a.m., seven days a week.

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



Grand champs

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

Long Course Swimming Club



Stingrays car wash

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



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Boys are more at risk for some birth problems

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



Len McCulloch

Years ago an experiment was done to test the hypothesis that this higher rate of disorders for boys might be related to their being more at risk for brain injuries during the birthing process. It was considered that one way there might be greater risk would be if they had bigger heads that received more pressure during contractions through the birth canal. A group of one hundred newborns were measured, boys and girls, and the boys' heads were significantly larger than the girls.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

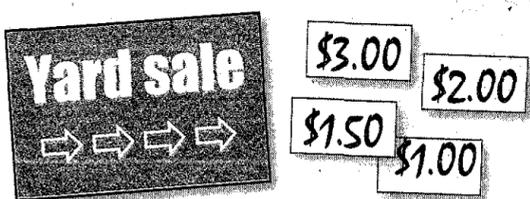
Also seen is the pattern of boys outnumbering girls in the incidence of childhood disorders so I still have not thrown out the hypothesis of the boys head bigger than girls' heads birthing risk.

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

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

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

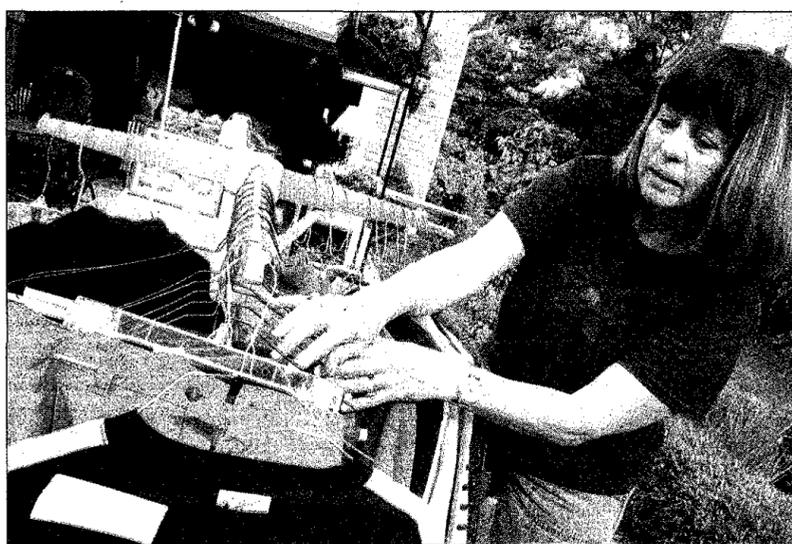
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Linda Mulari talks about running a garage sale at sister Cheryl Angel's home in Livonia.

GARAGE SALES

They're a popular pastime for shoppers



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



Alynn Campbell sets out items for the family's garage sale at their Farmington Hills home.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Dixboro Fair draws crowd for fun and games

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

Buster's a Lab mix and Sadie a shepherd mix. King and fellow volunteer Christina Zeisler of Ann Arbor, whose husband works in Canton, were busy seeking homes for dogs at the fair. If you'd like to adopt an animal, call (734) 662-5585 or visit www.hshv.org for information.

"We are trying to get more information out to Canton," Zeisler said, including on lost dogs from Canton often turned in there.

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

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

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



ED MARTIN

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

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

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

The Methodist church, believed to be the longest continuously operating Methodist congregation in Michigan, was open for tours conducted by Emily Vincent of Superior Township.

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

The building originally began in 1857; church members just finished an extensive renovation and were eager to display all that work and its results.

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

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

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sporting goods to sell in his upcoming garage sale.

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

MOVE QUICKLY

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

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

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

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

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

Marge Ross of Plymouth Township goes garage saling



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



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

"We look in the *Observer* and go from there," added her neighbor, Marlene Dennis.

"You never know where you find your best treasure. One time I found a bowl to match my daughter's expensive Christmas dishes."

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

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

Stephen Tomey didn't price



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

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

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

LEARNING THE ROPES

Lynn Tomey doesn't like being called the Queen of Garage Sales but admits there's an art to shopping. Lynn col-

lects old spoons from Europe.

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

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

bargain.

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

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

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

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

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

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Loretta Neville painted this watercolor titled Modern Matisse. It is one of the works in an exhibit at the Livonia Civic Center Library. A gala reception takes place 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, at the library on Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. The paintings were inspired by the Old Masters as part of a class led by Edee Joppich, an instructor for the Visual Arts Association of Livonia.

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BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

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

Homeowners hold Independence Day Parade for 42nd year

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

Everyone had fun cooling off after the picnic with the annual water balloon fight.

Dance students learn about Polish culture

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

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

From September to April practices are held on Wednesday nights at St. Linus Catholic Church in Dearborn Heights.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Professional gardener seeking energetic individuals for landscape crew. References & transportation necessary. Call Karen at (734) 455-8910

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Livonia area. \$10/hr. to start. Some exp. req'd. Leave Message at: (734) 576-3054

Leasing Consultant Part-Time

Needed at Westland apartment community. Availability to include both weekday & weekend hours. Must have sales experience & good computer skills. Enthusiasm & dependability a must. Please fax resume to 734-459-1719

MAIL DEPARTMENT MALE OR FEMALE

Farmington Hills Consulting Firm seeks someone for the Mail Room: Good driving record, good computer skills, outgoing personality. Contact Karen via fax at 248-563-5840

MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

For apartment complex in Redford area. Exp helpful. All around handyman (m/f). Fax resume to 313-531-2905

MIDNIGHT STOCK Part Time Experienced

Call Ron or Nick 7am-12pm Tues or Thurs. (734) 844-2200

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Commercial experience. Fax resume: (248) 437-0708

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Sales exp. a plus. 2 yrs. exp. a must. Call Job at: 1-888-655-8700

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PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

Mechanically inclined. Must have own transportation. Call: 313-538-3470

PURCHASING PERSON

Needed for non-automotive medium sized Manufacturing company. Must have exp in low to medium volume purchasing activity for the purchase of gears, metal bearings, machine parts, fabrications & forgings. Computer knowledge & the ability to adapt to new computer programs a must. Email resume to: Ref Box #1587 oesures@hometownlife.com

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Cargot Co. needs reliable hard worker for full time afternoon warehouse position. (10am-6pm approx). Good math skills, valid drivers license, ability to lift 70 lbs, hi-lo exp with carpet pole necessary.

Fax resume: 313-937-1823 Resume to: Code 1583 oesures@hometownlife.com

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Full time, for structural steel fabricator. Minimum 3 yrs. experience. Layout experience helpful. 734-261-0130.

ZAMBONI DRIVER PART TIME

The City of Birmingham is seeking individuals to perform janitorial duties, ice-making duties, and Zamboni operations for the Birmingham ice arena. This position requires ice rink experience, a demonstrated ability to operate Zamboni machinery, a valid driver's license, and an availability to work morning, evening, and weekend shifts. A 2 year background in sports and facility is preferred, but not required; the starting hourly wage is \$10-\$12 depending on the individual's qualifications.

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Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020

Accounts Receivable Clerk

For fast paced property management firm, Farmington Hills. Email resume mwells@crescendo-homes.com or fax: 248-855-6265

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Part-time for fast paced Financial Co. with strong phone skills, proficient at MS Office and all other clerical functions. We offer competitive salary, medical and 401K benefits. Please email resume to: kiprice@usfs.biz or fax: 248-356-4707

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Canton, full time. Experienced, organized, knowledge of Microsoft Word / Excel required. E-mail resume with salary requirements. lsargent@energyintl.com

Administrative Assistant

Meadowbrook Church (Part Time) Skills required: MS-Office programs & bookkeeping. Candidate should be organized, detail oriented, able to work independently, handle multiple tasks & possess strong communication skills. Email cover letter/resume to: MCC@arounddetroit.biz or send to: 21355 Meadowbrook Rd, Novi 48375

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Grand Sakwa Properties Construction Department has a position available for an administrative assistant. Requirements incl. accounting with a strong background in job cost reporting. Please fax or email resumes: 248-955-0915 or jdemetriou@grandsakwa.com

BILLING COORDINATOR

Small Novi contractor. Candidate must be very detailed & organized. Knowledge of Excel and previous billing experience a plus. Competitive salary and comprehensive benefits pkg. Please send resume to: Box 1591, O&E Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, MI 48150 oesures@hometownlife.com (Code 1591)

BOOKKEEPER

For truck, body & paint shop. QuickBooks exp. a must. Competitive salary & benefits. Send resume: P.O. Box 700823, Plymouth, MI 48170

BOOKKEEPER/ RECEPTIONIST

F/T, for local CPA firm. Creative Solution exp. a plus. Reasonable compensation w/ benefits. Resume to: P.O. Box 700823, Plymouth, MI 48170

CLERICAL/ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

General office duties with emphasis on computer applications. Full time with benefits. Livonia office location. Send resume with salary history or expectations to Box 1578 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150

GENERAL OFFICE

Rochester company searching for an articulate, personable and detail-oriented individual with knowledge of medical billing and mid-level computer skills to become a member of our team. Duties include telephone based customer service related to our medical billing software. Must have excellent communication skills. Full time position. Hourly rate based on experience. Please fax resume to: (248) 651-9273

Help Wanted-Engineering 5030

Design Engineer

Needed for a high performing engineering company located in Plymouth MI. Successful candidate must be able to demonstrate experience in powertrain engineering including all aspects of machined components, casting design, and transmission design. Candidate must be highly motivated, hold a mechanical engineering degree and have at least three years post graduate design experience. CATIA 5 is preferred. Excellent salary and benefit package.

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Help Wanted-Dental 5040

DENTAL ASSISTANT & FRONT DESK

Exp. for Royal Oak dental office. Exp. with Dental software a plus. If you are organized, friendly & a team player call: (248) 544-9000

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Exp. or recent DA grad. Restorative practice with strong emphasis on cosmetic dentistry. We value your clinical, organizational & communication skills. NW - Thurs. only. Benefits. NW Livonia. email resume larryloewendts@sbcglobal.net

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Great opportunity for exp. DA in fun, modern, quality practice. FT. Mon. thru Thurs. Fax resume to 248-549-1180.

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Part time. Exp'd chairside assistant X-ray certified. Bingham Farms area. Mon 1-7p, Tues 8-3p, Weds 7:30-1p, Thurs 7:30-1p. Call 248-352-7722 ask for Marie

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Quality oriented Livonia Specialist office is looking for a full-time assistant. Exc. hrs. & competitive wages. If you are enthusiastic, friendly & dependable with 4+ hands-on dental assisting experience, call Ann: (734) 427-6181

DENTAL ASSISTANT WANTED

For upbeat general cosmetic dental practice in Bingham Farms. Approximately 30-35 hrs per week. Exp. preferred. Call 248-433-6000.

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Fun, upbeat office in Lathrup Village looking for exp'd person. Hours & salary negotiable. Call 248-552-0075

DENTAL HYGIENIST

Seeking part time Dental Hygienist for Farmington Hills general practice. With emphasis on periodontal disease. Candidate must have exp. gentle hands, excellent customer service skills. Be organized and have a great attention to detail. Fax resume to 248-932-7734

DENTAL OFFICE MANAGER/ RECEPTIONIST

Needed. A team-oriented specialty dental practice looking for an energetic, self-motivated, well-organized person to oversee dental team covering 2 locations. Experience in dental or medical a must. Insurance knowledge, collections, and word processing skills preferred. Fax resume to: 585-254-1169

Help Wanted-Medical 5060

ASSISTANTS & TECHNICIANS JOIN OUR MEDICAL TEAM

Busy multi location ophthalmology practice is seeking part & full time assistants & technicians. Exp./certification preferred. Fax resume to Kelley 586-254-3515

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Permanent part-time position Mon., Wed. & Fri., 2:45-7:30pm, & Sat., 8:45-1:30pm. Clerical skills & computer knowledge required. Willing to train qualified person. 27527 Joy Rd., 1/2 blk W. of Inkster, Westland. 734-522-5501

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For elderly. 2-3 days per week. Must have exp. & references. Call 248-350-8700

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Busy Livonia office needs MA with flexible hours. Must have experience in orthopedics. Please fax resume to: 734-464-0404

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Exp. MA for Rochester Allergy Office. FT/PT. Will train in allergy. Please Fax Resume to 248-651-5004

Medical Assistant

Medical office seeks experienced Receptionist. Must have strong computer & medical insurance knowledge. Full Time with exc. pay & benefits. Ann Arbor area. Fax resume to: 734-998-8767 or Email: a2drem@aol.com

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Some experience preferred. West Bloomfield location. Fax resume to: 248-539-9088.

Medical Office Check Out Specialists

Fast-paced Internal Medicine Practice is seeking two upbeat, outgoing candidates to join our administrative staff as Check-Out Specialists, with positions open in both our Ann Arbor and Canton locations. Requirements include medical office and computer experience, attention to detail, ability to multi-task and good reasoning skills. Billing experience helpful. Please email resume to dmurphy@limor.com

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST

For clinic in Royal Oak. 2 days/wk. Must be cheerful, attentive to detail, able to multi-task. Prior medical or dental exp. a plus. Starts at \$10/more for experience. Fax resume: (248) 647-9936 or email: tharbut@aol.com

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Exceptional full-time opportunity for an exp., energetic, caring, self-motivated, detail oriented assistant/technician (COA, COT preferred) with a growing solo practice in West Bloomfield. Competitive pay & benefits. Exc. team oriented staff and doctor. Send resume to visionmanagementsolutions@yahoo.com or fax: 989-885-6000

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Seeking motivated RPh to operate professional pharmacy in suburbs. No nights, Sundays or holidays. Partnership option. (313) 894-4300

RECEPTIONIST

Part-Time, 2-7pm, Mon-Fri. Alternating Saturday's 7:30-11:30am. Plymouth. Please fax resume to: (248) 615-0415

Help Wanted-Medical 5060

RN Medical Case Reviewer or CDE

A Rochester based preventive and wellness organization, seeks experienced RN Medical Case Reviewers for Medical Management and Certified Diabetes Educators. Experience with chronically ill populations a plus. Send your resume, cover letter and references to hr@mitteam.org or fax to 248-475-5777

RN OR LPN

For Livonia allergy practice. 10-20 hrs/wk. Exp. preferred. Fax resume to: 248-478-8425.

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BARSTAFF, WAITSTAFF, DOORMAN, BAR BACKS

Apply within Monday-Friday 9:30-7pm at: ank@ank.com 31268 Ford Rd., Garden City.

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Fine Dining (3) PRODUCTION CHEFS, (3-5 years exp) BUSSERS, BARTENDERS, SERVERS

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You will be responsible for approving orders to ship within customer requirements; ensuring that all customers' expectations are met; allocating inventory & tracking shipments from Hong Kong. In addition, you will liaise between the Sales, Planning, Warehouse & Accounting departments, as well as, coordinating return products and/or refused shipments with inventory Control.

HS Diploma. Exp. in a similar service industry a plus. Ability to multi-task, set priorities & meet deadlines, as well as possessing problem-resolution tactics. Efficient computer skills - Word, Excel, Pwpt. Knowledge of Outlook, Access, JDE, Cognos and EDI is a plus.

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To apply: please forward your resume which must include salary history to: talent@genewatch.com Please list Customer Support Associate-CD in the subject line of email. Geneva Watch Group is an Equal Opportunity Employer www.genewatchgroup.com

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REUNIONS

Garden City East

Class of 1977
Saturday, Oct. 6. Casual attire. Cost is \$35 per person. Contact Teri Harrelson (Falconer) at (734) 421-2286 or Kim Orsette (Gallinat) at (734) 762-6357 or GCEAST1977@aol.com.

Our Lady of Sorrow Farmington

Class of 1966
Celebrate their 41st reunion Friday-Sunday, Aug. 17-19. Contact Tom Goebel toll free at (800) 300-0112 or Tomgoebel@comcast.net for details.

Rochester Adams High School

Class of 1977

6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, at Great Oaks Country Club, 777 Great Oaks Blvd., Rochester. Proper attire. No jeans please! Cost is \$60 per person, includes dinner, entertainment and beverage tickets. R.S.V.P. today. Please make payment as soon as possible if you plan to attend. For more information, visit www.adamshigh1977.myevent.com or contact Kitty Manning at kittyadler@yahoo.com or call (248) 842-1590.

Andover High School

Class of 1957
A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 15, 2007, at Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester. Looking for alumni. Call Mary Lou Norkiewicz (Ehrmann) at (248) 375-5406, Jim Greenless at (248) 642-0290 or Janice Turnbull (Lane) at (248) 627-2447.

Berkley High School

Class of 1987

A 20-year reunion is planned for Nov. 24, 2007. Looking for all current contact info for alumni from class of 1987. Contact Kim (DeWilde) Everingham at (734) 422-0087 or e-mail info to kimiliasophia@gmail.com. Reunion Web site is www.BHSreunion1987.com for further information and details.

Birmingham Seaholm

Class of 1962

A 45-year reunion is planned for 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, 2007,

at Camp Ticonderoga Restaurant, Troy. For information: www.seaholm62.org. Contact: Greg Frontier at gfrontier@aol.com or Charlotte (Bosworth) Follis at cafolis@myblue-light.com.

Bishop Borgess

Class of 1977

A 30-year reunion Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007, at George Murphy's, Livonia. For more information, call (248) 685-8747 or by e-mail kharning@yahoo.com.

Class of 1987

A 20-year reunion, Sept. 15, 2007, at the Livonia Marriott. Contact borgess87@hotmail.com for more information.

Burt Elementary and Junior High

(Detroit)

Class of 1967

For information contact Contacts: Sandy Rhodes Luoma at sandysgardn2003@yahoo.com, Sue Smith Nykamp at suenykamp@yahoo.com or Margaret Hadcock Gallagher at edgallagher@prodigy.net

Clawson High School

Class of 1962

A 45-year reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Hilton Detroit-Troy on Crooks Road in Troy. Dinner, dancing and cash bar. Other weekend events will begin on Friday, Sept. 21, and will continue through Sunday, Sept. 23. For information, e-mail ClawsonHS62@aol.com or call Mary at (248) 593-6182.

Dearborn Fordson

Class of 1969

Planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kaynini@uol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core.com.

Detroit Chadsey

Class of 1957

A 50th Reunion is being planned for Sept. 29, at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor. Looking for January, June and Summer '57 graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Pat Gorski-Zielinski, (989) 366-9288.

Detroit Central High School

Class of 1947

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

Detroit Cody

Class of 1957

A 50th reunion at the Embassy Suites, Livonia Oct. 5, 2007. Cost is \$90 per person, complete with dinner, open bar, memory book, CD, champagne toast and much more. This invitation is to all 50s graduates. Call 800-859-9502 or email loret@wideopenwest.com for details. Cost is \$90 per person, complete with dinner, open bar, memory book, champagne toast and much more.

Detroit Cooley

Class of 1957

A 50-year reunion, Sept. 28-29, 2007, Sheraton Novi Hotel. Contact: Sharon (248) 334-7641 or Sue (734) 632-0350 Email: shadden@med.wayne.edu.

Classes of 1967, 1968

Reunion 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, 2007, at Laurel Manor, Livonia. Discounted tickets before March 1. Contact Dave Junquist at (810) 667-9131, Web site www.geocities.com/cooleyreunions67. All classmates are encouraged to register for inclusion in memory book at www.classreport.org/usa/mi/detroit/cooley/1967

Detroit Cooley

Classes 1960-63

6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, 2007, at St. John's Armenian Cultural Center, 22001 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. For information and tickets, call Joyce (Karagozian) Obenhoff (586) 754-3984, Sharon (Wiand) Wiltberg (586) 977-1469 or (586) 864-2352, Roger Avie (248) 476-5400 or Robert Postoian (248) 788-2746.

Detroit Denby

Class of 1947

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

Class of 1957

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

Detroit Girls Catholic Central

Class of 1967

Searching for classmates of the class of 1967 for a 40th reunion this summer/fall. Contact Diane Kangas (Krok) at (586) 446-9011 or Mary Mezzardi (Winowiecki) at mmezzardi@hotmail.com.

Detroit Henry Ford

Class of 1967

A 40th reunion will be held 6:30-11:30

p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Laurel Manor Special Event Center in Livonia. Seeking January, June and summer graduates from 1967. For information, call Ellen (Neihoff) VanderRoest at (248) 684-7705 or email chuckandelvan@comcast.net.

Class of 1977

Looking for classmates for a 30-year reunion. Information at henryford-highschool.com.

Detroit Holy Redeemer

Class of 1957

A 50-year reunion, Oct. 12, 2007, at O'Kelley KofC Council, Dearborn. In interested in attending or know the whereabouts of former classmates, contact John Duff at oliverlynn@aol.com or phone (734) 261-3346.

Detroit Mackenzie

Class of 1957

Looking for graduates to attend a reunion scheduled for Oct. 19, 2007. Call Eleanor at (734) 425-8278.

Detroit Osborn

Classes of 1970, '71, '72

Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007. Best Western Sterling Inn, Sterling Heights. Alumni can update their addresses by either calling Sharon at (734) 261-3264 or e-mailing celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com. Visit Web site at ctrinc.dvincinet.com

Detroit Western

Class of 1962

A 45-year reunion will be held in Sept. 15, 2007 at Warren Valley Country Club, Dearborn Heights. Seeking information on classmates from that year. All other classes welcome. Contact Helen Knights at (734) 285-4927 or Ralph Brighton at (734) 513-7499.

Classes of 30s, 40s, 50s

Sept. 21, 2007, Dearborn Hills Golf Club. \$25. Contact Simon Hachigian at (313) 565-4997.

Detroit Redford

Class of 1967

A 40-year reunion, Friday, Aug. 17, at Embassy Suites, Livonia. Buffet dinner with cash bar. \$60 per person. Contact Sandi911@comcast.net or call (248) 646-8134.

Detroit Southwestern

Class of 1957

A 50-year reunion is being planned for September 2007. Looking for January and June graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Angie (Conz) Maccani at (313) 532-4379 or Ken Suski at (313) 291-5450.

Detroit St. Theresa

Class of 1961

Sept. 22, 2007. For information, contact Dick Johnson at Stheresa1961@aol.com.

East Lansing High School

Class of 1957

A 50-year reunion, Aug. 24-26. For information, contact Linda Foster at (517) 543-3041.

St. Mary of Redford

All classes

St. Mary of Redford School Alumni "All Class Sock Hop" (Reunion) will be held Saturday, October 6; 4 p.m. Mass, 6 p.m. Reunion. For further information, please contact: Dave DiPonio at ddiponio@wadetrin.com or (313) 363-6153 or Jamie Sloan at jes521970@aol.com or (248) 391-0607. The Sock Hop will be held in the "Old" SMR Gym on Mansfield in Detroit. Reservations required by Sept. 14.

Fordson High School

Garden City High School

Class of 1972

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

Class of 1987

Searching for all class of '87 Alumni for a 20-year reunion. Need to find current information on alumni (name, address, phone, email, etc.). Contact GCHSClassof87reunion@comcast.net or call Sheryll (Pietryka) Catton at (734) 367-0898.

Class of 1989

Need classmates to register online with names, addresses and email addresses to Paula at gch-s1989reunion@hotmail.com and check out web site at www.myspace.com/gchs20threunion. The reunion date has not been set yet. In addition to our class we are also looking for members in the classes of 87, 88, 89 for a combination reunion.

Grosse Pointe North

Class of 1991

Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylorreunions.com or e-mail: info@taylorreunions.com.

Lakeland

Class of 1982

A 25th reunion 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Nov. 24, 2007, at The Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth. Limited amount of rooms at a discount until September. Ticket purchases due by

Oct. 15. Contact Lisa (Perna) Hartman for tickets at musicmuse@comcast.net or Laura Lovelace at lauralee@comcast.net for more information.

Livonia Franklin

Class of 1969

A reunion is in the pre-planning stages for 2007. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kaynini@uol.com.

Class of 1966, 1967

A 41st and 40th reunion will be held Oct. 20, 2007, 6:30 to midnight. Tickets are \$50. Call Tom Kujath at (248) 888-9535.

Our Lady of Sorrows

Class of 1966

Aug. 17, 18 and 19. For more information, call Pat Ormsby LaPlante at (248) 476-0634.

Redford Thurston High School

Classes of 1957, 1958

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

Classes of the '80s

Thurston High School's '80s Reunion Committee will host a 2007 THS Multi-Year Reunion from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Hyatt Regency, in Dearborn. A limited number of first-come/first served tickets at \$59 per person will be available and no tickets will be sold at the door. E-mail Andrea Gambotto (Class of '86) at andshaffer@netscape.net or Dan Phillips (Class of '82) at DanielP422@yahoo.com. Representatives from graduating classes of '80, '82, '88 and '89 are sought.

Rochester Adams High School

Class of 1977

A 30-year reunion. 6:30 p.m. Aug. 18, Great Oaks Country Club, 777 Great Oaks Blvd., Rochester, Mich. Cost \$60 per person. For more information, go to www.adamshigh1977.myevent.com or contact Kitty Manning at kittyadler@yahoo.com or (248) 842-1590.

Inkster Roosevelt High School

Class of 1957 and 1958

A combined reunion on Sept. 21-22, 2007, at the Marriott Hotel in Romulus. All classes welcome. For information, contact Yvonne (Guertin) Mack at (734) 464-7748 or email ymack@twm.rr.com or Stan Pientack at (734) 475-2797.

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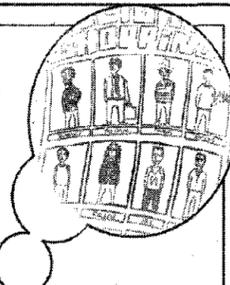
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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

PRETTY IN PINK
SWF, hard-worker, likes gardening, working-out, movies, music and painting, seeks a SWM, 45-58, honest, caring, with similar interests, for companionship, maybe more. ☎212319

ITALIAN/STICILIAN MAN...
wanted, 40-year-old SWF, 5'8" looking for handsome, fun, older Italian or Sicilian Male, 40-55 years old. I like shopping, movies, and cooking. ☎218623

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?
Loving, youthful SWF, 37, trim, shapely, very attractive, energetic, happy, enjoys dining, travel, amusement parks, the outdoors, festivals, nature, family-friends, theater, more. Seeking like-minded gentleman to share these. ☎121526

LOTS OF LOVE TO GIVE
SWF, 66, 5'6", blond, N/S, good sense of humor, enjoys life, dancing and dining, seeking a W/HM, 66-75, N/S, sincere and humorous, for companionship, maybe more. ☎207151

REAL FRIENDS
SWF, 57, bl, blonde/blue, Troy area, seeking a lovely lady for tender times. Let's share our many interests. ☎216993

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL
Attractive SWF, 50s, 5'7", 120lbs, loves all life, animals, arts, family, nature, spirituality, Masters helping professional. Seeking big-hearted, financially/emotionally secure, intelligent DPM, 48-68, for fun, friendship, depth, etc. ☎392242

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...
45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 45-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. ☎962317

CLASSY AND ATTRACTIVE
SWF, 40, curvy, seeking a SWM, 40-50, masculine, who likes walking, movies and having fun. No head games. ☎217813

CAN U KEEP UP?
Energetic, petite blonde, 48, 120lbs, 5'2", mother w/grown children, employed, dog owner, enjoys cycling, sports, baseball, cards, keeping active, dancing, dinners, ISO SWM who wants to share fun and friendship. ☎211245

LOOKING FOR ME?
SWF, 48, 5'8", dark complexion, slim, cute, looking for tall, attractive, sweet guy, kind and understanding to share all the good things life offers. ☎216297

BUSY GIRL
Very cute SWFP, 48, looks 36 on a bad day, 5', 115lbs, brown, wavy long hair, looking for someone to spice up my life, take a chance and leave message. ☎218823

READ THIS AD!
SWF, 61, N/S, homebody, enjoys cuddling, scary movies and antiques, searching for a SWM, 52+, with various interests and qualities. ☎164114

HIDDEN TREASURE
I'm the needle in the haystack, and there you will find true love. Seeking SWM, 65+, ☎212790

MAYBE US
SWF, 42, 5'6", pretty smile, enjoys weekend get-aways, seeking a SWM, 37-48, N/S, to share interests and companionship. ☎214333

SINCERE ONLY
SWF, 36, feminine, beautiful, sexy, seeks confident, similar lady to share nights on the town, good talks and simple fun. Will it be you? Friendship first, possibly more. ☎210970

HELLO GENTLEMAN
SWF, 38, 5'2", 135lbs, looking for SWPM, to hang with, get to know and just have some fun. Interested? ☎213418

WHY NOT CALL?
SWF, full-figured, seeks a SWM, 37-80, for friendship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. ☎217234

LOOKING FOR MY SOULMATE
Cute SWF, mother of 2, enjoys movies, sports and dining in/out. Seeking techy, career type SWM, 35-45, race open, N/S, attractive inside and out, humorous, cuddly, responsible, family-oriented, kids ok. ☎980301

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

BIG HEART
SWF, 46, 5'5", 160lbs, brown/brown, sincere, enjoys movies, music, the outdoors, sports, cuddling and walks. ISO SWM, 37-53, for friendship first. ☎213660

A GOOD WOMAN 4 U
Laid-back, nice SWF, 42, N/S, N/D, loves music, movies, bowling, relaxing by the water, quiet times home. Seeking like-minded lady, feminine and fun-loving, to share friendship and possibly more. ☎209055

FORMER MODEL
SWF, 50, 5'8", slender, intelligent, creative, passion for music and dancing. Seeks partner, 38-50, who is attractive and fit, to share his interests and more. ☎900106

FRIENDS FIRST
SWF, 68, 5'8", 145lbs, friendly, honest, happy, likes comedy films, country cooking. Looking for outdoorsy, active man affectionate and warm-hearted, to share the good things in life. ☎199719

OLD SCHOOL GIRL...
looking for old school guy, SWF, 41, has a good sense of humor, N/S, seeks nice guy, for dating and possibly more. ☎186672

LIFE IS TO SHORT
SWF, 41, 5'7", outgoing, fun, enjoys all sports, the outdoors and warm climates, seeking a caring, romantic, handsome SWM, 35-70, with similar interests, for companionship, romance and more. ☎189112

GOOD TIMES
Hard-working, mature, respectful, ambitious, attractive, SWF, 38, educated, D/D-free. In search of SWM, with same qualities, for friendship and casual fun. ☎159358

MATURE AND SEXY
Open-minded, mature, attractive SWF, 49, knows when to be serious, but has a sense of humor as well. Live and live is my policy. ISO understanding, fun-loving good-hearted guy. ☎199372

SEEKS NEW FRIENDS
Tall, sexy ebony artist, enjoys culture, music, the outdoors, the ocean, bookstores, coffeehouses, biking, sports, searching for a SWM, 18-45, who can enjoy the same. ☎199795

WILD AND SOPHISTICATED
Ebony woman desires shared love relationship for mental, emotional, physical, spiritual and financial uplift. 40-50. ☎147056

ARE YOU OUT THERE?
Employed, easygoing SWF, 48, mom, pretty smile, golden complexion, brown/brown, attractive, independent, warm-hearted, loves R&B, soul, classic cars/car shows, concerts. Seeking warm-hearted, independent SWM, intelligent and good-humored for companionship, happiness. ☎203926

CLASSY LADY
SWF, 36, 5'3", N/S, seeking a SWM, 35-49, who enjoys sports, dining, traveling and movies, for friendship first, maybe more. ☎192050

SEEKING FRIENDSHIP
SWF, young 60s, w/good morals, caring, nice-looking, 5'3", 158lbs, N/S, N/D, N/Drugs, clean, honest living, party retired, enjoys art, card playing, casinos, and movies. Seeking honest man 50-60, race open. ☎134426

CLASSY LADY
SWF, 33, 5'5", 160lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, looking for a loving SWM, to share talks, good times, shopping, dancing laughter and simple times. ☎213013

TRY ME
SWF, 33, 5'5", 160lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, looking for a loving SWM, to share talks, good times, shopping, dancing laughter and simple times. ☎213013

LET'S TALK
SF, 31, 5'9", brown/blue, Pleasant enjoys romantic dinners, movies, nice talks, quiet walks, simple fun. Looking for a nice, easygoing, simple guy to share friendship and fun. ☎213820

ARE YOU SEEKING?
DWF, 63, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet N/S WM, 58-70, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. ☎630606

LET'S TALK SOMETIME
SBFC, 38, 5'6", 120lbs, smoker, loves jazz. Seeking BF, 30-45, smoker, for dining out and moving for friendship, possible romance. ☎152399

LOOK OUT HERE I COME
Somewhat shy SF, 34, pet owner, works hard but loves to have fun, simple times, good company. Seeking nice SWM, to share a little fun and friendship. ☎139829

PERSONAL AND SPECIAL
SWF, retired, talented, fun-loving, attractive, 132lbs, 5'6", blonde, seeks well-groomed gentleman, 65+, to share life and enjoy each others company. ☎218623

SOUND LIKE YOU?
SF, 26, fun-loving, enjoys sports, romance and trying new things. Seeking honest, easygoing man to share talks, good times, friendship and fun. ☎207369

CALL ME SOMETIME
Loving, compassionate, romantic lady, 34, enjoys day trips, good talks, togetherness, casinos, time with family. Seeking a loving, respectful, level-headed man to share the good things in life. ☎209752

MAKE ME LAUGH
DWF, 54, 5'9", N/S, outgoing, enjoys comedy, theater, soft rock, dancing, dining, outdoors. ISO tall, SDW, like like good-humored, honest and spontaneous. ☎209874

HOP TO HEAR FROM YOU
W/HW, 57, homeowner, independent, a little lonely, dog owner, enjoys quiet times, good talks and togetherness. Seeking a kind man to share these. ☎211330

TAKE ME GOLFING
Tidy SWF, 60, enjoys fine dining, traveling. Seeking golfer, best friend, confidante, 58-70, widower a plus. Honestly trust, a must to make a relationship work. ☎207614

SOULMATE SEARCH
Slim, attractive, 57-year-old JF looking for her soul-mate, any sincere, successful JM, between the ages of 54-84, please respond. ☎588875

COULD IT BE YOU?
SWF, 74, very active, 5'11", brown/brown, loves life, travel, music, festivals, good company, nice walks, scenic drives. Seeking compatible, kind SWM, solid build, who enjoys the same. ☎210844

WORTH YOUR CALL
SBF, 22, 5'4", light complexion, brown/hazel, dimples, 200lbs, enjoys horror films, hanging with friends. Looking for a nice, smart, compassionate, goal-oriented man to share the good things in life. ☎201967

OUTGOING AND OUTSPOKEN
SWF, 19, 5'10", likes dining, movies and relaxing at home, seeking a SWM, 19+, with various interests, lets get together and talk over dinner. ☎208077

QUEEN SEARCHING FOR KING
SWF, 23, searching for a SWM, 25-35, outgoing, sensitive, open, understanding, good sense of humor, who likes to go out and have fun. ☎208814

LADY IN THE WOODS
SWF, 50, looks younger, nice smile, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, employed, educated, home owner, dog lover, seeking compatible, out-doorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. ☎210247

NURSE
Attractive SWF, 64, 165lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, hair skin, looking for N/S, honest gentleman, 60-70, who has numerous interests including history, traveling, and home life. ☎409879

POSSIBLE LTR
SWFP, 68, 5'7", athletic, slender, athletic, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks SWPM, 55-62, N/S, college degree, healthy, SOH, possible LTR. ☎933361

DO YOU EXIST?
DWF, 68, 5'7", slender, very attractive, college-educated, enjoys movies, theater, sports, concerts, dining and travel. Seeking widowed/divorced SWM, 55-63, athletic, healthy, tall, N/S, D/D-free, with good sense of humor. ☎200296

LOOKING FOR YOU
Attractive SWF, 59, 5'7", outgoing, with a loving heart, seeking a SWM, christian, 45+, N/S, D/D-free, who enjoys the simple things in life. ☎206291

NO DRAMA
SWF, 28, outgoing, down-earth, loves shopping, bowling, shooting pool, more. ISO a special man, 20-38, with life interests, to share special times. ☎172726

GIRL NEXT DOOR
SWF, 22, 5'11", seeking a SWM, 18-27, for dinner dates, phone conversations, walks in the park, or just hanging out watching a good movie. ☎186347

ARE YOU MY MATCH?
SWF, 29, 5'5", easygoing, laid-back, D/D-free, seeking a SWM, 26, honest, caring, for friendship, maybe more. ☎209055

LET'S TALK
SWF, 53, 4'11", likes romantic walks, dining and movie, seeking a SWM, 54-59, honest, respectful, who enjoys the same, for friendship, maybe more. ☎159372

GIRL NEXT DOOR
SWF, 22, 5'5", brown/hazel, seeking a SWM, 22-35, who likes movies, dining and more. Let's get together. ☎182872

FROM HEAVEN
SWF, 21, loving, caring, kind, compassionate, generous, attractive, honest, seeking a SWM, 25-70, with similar qualities, to spend time with, go out to dinner or just movies. ☎201386

HOW ARE YOU?
SWF, 29, mom of 2, N/S, fun-loving, caring, compassionate, likes cooking, painting, walks, beaches, family time. Seeking a nice guy with zest for life, to share a little happiness. ☎200770

GET TO KNOW ME
Loving, open-minded, SWF, 41, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SWM, 57-65, N/S, Possible LTR. ☎963760

LET'S MEET
SWF, curvy, slender, outgoing, self-employed, seeking a busy SWM, 48-60, who likes concerts, traveling and dining. Let's get together and talk. ☎206297

SEEKING MR. RIGHT
Classy SWF, hoping to meet mature SWM, 45-60, I'm a very positive, affectionate, loving person, who enjoys a variety of activities. If you're seeking your soulmate, why not try me? ☎985734

READY FOR A FRESH START?
DWF, 47, 5'5", 120lbs, ex model/blue, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6'1", 225lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, travels, outdoorsman, adventure, mainly gentlemen. ☎206292

I NEED A LOVE,
charming WF, 40, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. ☎568059

VERY CUTE
SWF, 58, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 45-58, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. ☎113198

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT
W/HW, 45, 5'11", 220lbs, is easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/outdoor. Looking for LTR, with the right person. ☎2665340

WORTH YOUR TIME
Attractive, clean-cut SWM, 46, 5'11", 155lbs, self-employed, respectful, open-minded, enjoys cooking, music, movie, comedy shows. ISO attractive, pleasant SWF, 28-42, D/D-free, slender-medium build, classy, kind, compassionate and caring, for friendship/LTR. ☎217334

SOMETHING BETTER
SWPM, 40s, N/S, good-looking, 5'8", athletic, degree, homeowner, great cook, respects and appreciates women, enjoys everything, including romance. Seeking SWF, 28-50, good-looking, H/W proportionate, who's seeking a passionate LTR. ☎214514

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 66, 5'11", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, widower of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. ☎289648

SEARCHING FOR LADY LOVE
SM, 51, 5'11", 185lbs, enjoys the outdoors, boating, dining out, music, long walks, etc. Seeking honest, caring SF, who enjoys same activities, for companionship, friendship and romance. ☎146912

ARE YOU MY LADY?
SBM, 54, N/S, loves R&B, jazz, simple times, romance and time with someone special. Seeking a loving, fit, nice, fun, full-figured, to share all life's simple pleasures. ☎210024

VANILLA SEEKING CHOCOLATE
Call me if you desire a nice shape, SWM, blue-eyed blonde, 60-year-old, 180lbs, desires SBF for friendship and definitely romance. ☎777324

THE REAL DEAL
SWM, 69, handsome, N/S, blond/blue, 6' 9", 165lbs, Catholic, down to earth, easygoing, seeks WF, 42-65, N/S, physically fit, with classy and style. ☎134098

WORTH A CALL
SBM, 28, 5'8", 150lbs, enjoys home-cooking, Italian food, time with friend, good company, music, and more. Seeking a nice, open-minded SF to share the good times. ☎213010

SOMEONE WHO LOVES LIFE
SBM, 61, 250lbs, outgoing, romantic, likes movies, dining and traveling, seeking a woman, 35-45, who likes long walks and good conversations. Let's talk. ☎218163

BETRAYED ME TOO
SWM, 48, 6'11", 190lbs, N/S, handsome, sincere, educated, honest, seeks attractive woman, 38-50, for friendship, sharing, fun and romance. ☎217955

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SBPM, 43, 5'11", 215lbs, H/W proportionate, respectful gentleman, looking for professional SF, 30-45, N/S, for LTR. ☎578139

HI LADIES
Simple, honest SM, 35, 5'6", brown/hazel, medium build, 150lbs, father, honest, non-judgmental woman to share talks dates, fun and more. ☎217053

EASYGOING
Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. W/LM SWF, for dating and fun times. ☎187814

CUTE, CUDDLY COWBOY
Fair and kind SWM, 46, enjoys simplicity, art, flea markets, festivals. Seeking the company of a lady with similar interests. ☎200459

HI LADIES!
DHM, 48, kind, hard-worker, N/S, seeks a H/WF, 37-57, N/S, for sharing of conversations, dates, fun and more. Possible LTR. ☎218527

IT'S NO FUN BEING ALONE
SWM, like camping, biking, dining, walks, romances and having fun, seeks a W/BF, 45-60, who enjoys the same, for companionship, maybe more. ☎216421

HOP TO HEAR FROM YOU
SBM, 44, 5'11", 215lbs, H/W proportionate, cooking, beach walks, sunshine, soft rock, gourmet music. Seeking a loving, happy lady to share the special times in life. ☎151943

IT'S NO FUN BEING ALONE
SWM, 36, 210lbs, h/w, brown/brown, hard-working, loyal, honest, compassionate, humorous, enjoys anything outdoors, seeks a SWF, 35-40, attractive, active and caring. ☎216329

A GOOD CATCH
DWM, 60s, N/S, social drinker, good sense of humor, likes dining, traveling, shows, walks in the park, seeks a mature SWF, 50s-60s, N/S, 5'11", 5'6", petite, active, for companionship, maybe more. ☎163394

LOOKING FOR A SOUL MATE
SBM, 60, caring and thoughtful. Likes movies, travel, dining out and more. Seeking a SF, age and race open, for LTR. ☎132859

MAN WITH CUTE DIMPLES
Friendly, affectionate, warm, respectful BM, 43, N/S, in search of a easygoing, honest, active woman, with God in her heart, h/w, for friendship, romance and more. No head games/drama. ☎165436

NICE GUYS DO EXIST
SBM, 61", 250lbs, likes walks on the beach, calzones and movies. Searching for a H/WF, 18+, 4'11", attractive, caring. ☎212428

I'M YOUR MAN
SWM, 39, 5'9", brown/brown, stocky build, seeking a woman, 18+ to spend time with. ☎214317

HOP TO FIND U SOON!
SBM, 51", 170lbs, black/brown, brown complexion, enjoys playing chess, walks, concerts, plays, more. Looking for drama-free, romantic, kind lady, good-natured and fun-loving to share the good things in life. ☎210113

CALL THIS MAN!
Easygoing, expressive DWM, 43, nice looks, no kids, enjoys traveling, outdoors, romantic evenings. Seeks warm-hearted SWF. ☎112288

LIVING ON THE EDGE!
SWM, 28, tall, 160lbs, outgoing, seeks a similar cool girl, for motorcycles, loud music, tattoos and wild adventures! Let's meet and have some fun! ☎229933

ENJOYS GOING TO CHURCH
SBM, 28, 5'11", N/D, N/S, N/S, slim build, brown complexion, glasses, likes movies, long walks, Jesus, cooking, music, bowling, mexican food, styness, seeks SBF/HF, 25-28, N/S, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎904043

LET'S HAVE FUN
SM, 18, enjoys working on cars, painting, seeks a SF, 18-22, for movies, fishing and having fun. ☎217283

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
SM, 20s, 6'1", likes watching suspense films, fitness, romantic times with someone special. ISO genuine, nice lady, good-looking, intelligent, to get to know, share a little fun and romance. ☎217356

ENJOY THE VIEW
Romantic, thoughtful SWM, 39, is looking for love, enjoys hugs, kisses and cuddling, seeks kind, attractive SWF, age and area open. ☎113835

ROMANTIC & ATTRACTIVE
DWM, 60, 5'11", 190lbs, seeks nice-looking lady to help share her interests, and, likes daily adventures. ☎146279

TALL, ATHLETIC
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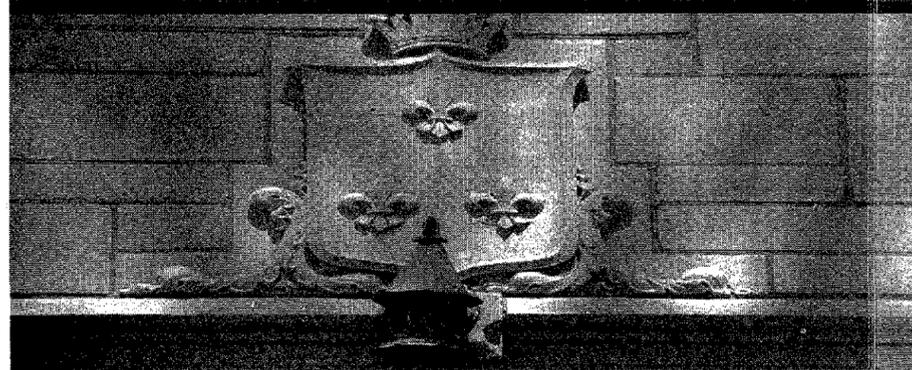
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Spice up your food to fight Alzheimer's

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

Jerry, try spicing up your foods. A new study found a chemical in the spice turmeric helps rid the blood of a brain plaque protein, which causes Alzheimer's.



Peter's Principles

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Researchers took the blood of Alzheimer's patients. In some samples they added the turmeric compound, the others they left alone. They discovered the blood was better at deleting the disease causing protein when the turmeric chemical was present. Researchers hope it may be possible to give Alzheimer's patients blood infusions of the turmeric chemical to help their immune system delete the brain plaque ingredient.

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

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

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

Vigilance doesn't end with summer

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

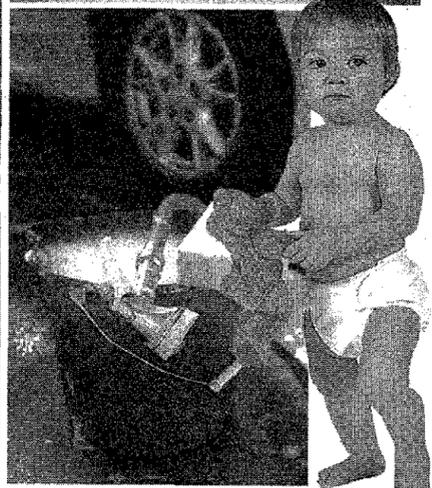
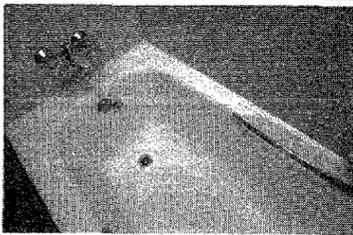
Drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury death in children, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics.

As little as a few inches of water can pose a drowning hazard for children.

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

"There's a danger around the house, especially

Water safety



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

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

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

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

During the summer, Markman takes her

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

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

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

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Optometrists offer no-cost infant eye assessments

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

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

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

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

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

valuable program.

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

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

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

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

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

AUGUST

Health camp

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

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

17 (students in grades 2-5).

Benefit golf outing

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

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

Holiday cards

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

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

Divorce support group

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

Sharing & Caring event

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

Camp for kids with epilepsy

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

Bariatric seminars

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

Dental practice workshop

Peak Performers, Inc., a dental staff

and consulting firm, is inviting dentists who are considering selling their practice within the next five years to a special sellers workshop 1-4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, at Fifth Third Bank, 217 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. Dentists will have the opportunity to hear from a panel of legal, tax and financial professionals who have personally assisted with the planning and sale of dental practices. They will discuss how to ensure the successful sale of a dental practice for the benefit of seller, buyer, staff and patients, including avoiding common mistakes and unnecessary fees. Cost is \$49, includes 3 continuing education credits (CEUs). Reservations requested by Friday, Aug. 17, by calling (888) 477-7325 or send e-mail to kensmith@peakdental.com.

Plus-size clothing sale

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

Memory walk

Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak. The Alzheimer's Association event raises awareness and funds to fight the disease. To start a team or make a donation, visit www.alzgmcc.org or call (248) 351-0280.

Upcoming

Walk'n Roll benefit

Sunday, Sept. 9, at Kensington Metropark in Milford and Stony Creek Metropark, Shelby Twp. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with walk kick-off at 10 a.m. Presented by ALS of Michigan to raise funds for Michigan programs and services to benefit people with Lou Gehrig's Disease. For information and to register, call (800) 882-5764 or visit www.alsomichigan.org.

Dawn Farm fund-raiser

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

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

Educational classes

The Alliance for the Mentally III begins the fall Families in Action 10-week series of educational classes 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, for family members in the tri-county area whose loved one is experiencing some form of mental illness. At St. Regis parish center in Bloomfield Hills. The objectives of the program are to help families understand the basis of mental illness and discover ways to cope more effectively and help their loved one be as healthy and independent as possible.

The cost for 10-sessions is \$20 per person, \$30 per couple, includes a workbook. Since space is limited, call (248) 348-7196 for program and registration information, or register on the AMI website at www.ami.oakland.org.

Post-polio conference

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

Kadima benefit

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the Max M. Fisher Music Center in Detroit. Features the music of Joshua Nelson and the Koshel Gospel Singers. Cost is

\$100. Call (248) 559-8235, ext. 128. All proceeds will allow Kadima to continue to provide comprehensive treatment programs for people who suffer from mental illness.

Diabetes Review

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

Library, 32901 Plymouth Rd., Livonia.

H.U.G.S. support group

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

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Rheumatoid nodules in the lung present problems for physicians. The chest x-ray has features that mimic a cancer. At times the only way to differentiate a lung cancer from a nodule is to undertake a lung biopsy, which is no small procedure.

Some people with rheumatoid arthritis are subject to large numbers of nodules; they appear in crops on the hands and arms and over the legs and feet. Why some people will develop nodules and other individuals will have a few or even none, is not understood. In general, patients with a large number of nodules have more severe arthritis than patients with few or no nodules.

Treatment for rheumatoid nodules includes injection of a steroid into the middle of the nodule; this therapy is not uniformly successful. Surgeons can remove the nodules, but the nodules tend to return in several months. No medicine as yet, has proved successful in preventing nodules or removing them.

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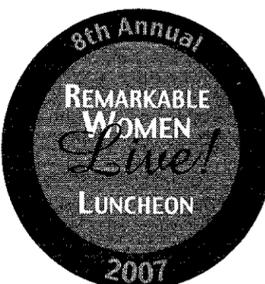
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