### Program studying older drivers' skills



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Analysis and selected in this area by the Occupational Therapy department at the Beaumont Hospital Rehabilitation Center in Birmingham.

Berleson was selected for the study because she is a Beaumont Physical Medicine Rehabilitation Advisory Council member and a long-time volunteer at the center who meets the age criteria. Other volunteers were solicited through newspaper articles.

The purpose of the study is to discover ways of efficiently measuring the attengths and reaknesses of drivers as those schillides diminish with ago. The Seat comists of two parts, plus a Meion test, a set of computer exercises that measure a number of sight items. The second part is a coad test—driving along streets and highways in the Birmingham Beverly Hills area, responding to instructions from the occupational therapist.

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"The individuals test results are kept in a confidential file by the National Public Services Research Institute and are only released to the participant, not to the local licensing department," explained Tamara Martin, occupational therapist. Part of the purpose of the test in Michigan is to match the results of the 100 volunteer drivers with drivers of the same age who have been referred by local and state police authorities because of a traffic violation or accident or by their family members.

"The Elderly Driver Reforral Project is a pro-active program. We are not going to arbitrarily remove driving privileges just because of age," and Al Bard, Program Development Section, Michigan Department of State.

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Training program
According to Bard, the state

"Right now 1'd be very upset if the state took away or restricted my driving license just because I'm 68 system of Beverly Hills.

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# Octogenarian deserves respect



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Sam has been playing duplicate bridge for so long that 17th Century Fox once considered staring him in one of its early talking pictures. His involvement in bridge got started, I think, some 60 years ago in Toledo.

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DBL 44 Passed Out Then there were a few years in Cleveland before Southfield, where he eventually settled forever. In each of these periods of his life, he took enough time away from the table to become a very successful home-builder and construction consultant.

Speaking of building homes, he

did a lot of that for himself, too, with his successful marriage to his "dear Ruth" and two lovely daughters, Debra and Wondy, But our lives have two sides, and to day Sam has a beautiful memory of his departed loved ones, and he is living with daughter Wendy and her family, which is a source of much comfort and joy to him. Sem's favorite compatitois at table are many, but the edge must be given to Gorden Harley, Ray Jacobstein and Al Gender, who have shared more victorious elams with him than anyone else. Today's expose with Ray—played at Farmington Hills' popural Bridge Connection last spring.

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At trick (6), his amall heart to dummy's ace, exposing the singleton situation. Now dummy's heart 10 covered by East's plock and ruffed. Next, a diamond to dummy's nine and the heart eight covered by East's nine and ruffed. At trick (10), a diamond to dummy's nine and the heart eight covered by East's nine and ruffed. At trick (10), a diamond to dummy's 10. Then the established heart seven pitching his losing club and the slam was home safe's light of the same was home safe's but our cumufacen would have none of that. As Ray later stated, Sam has always been chalirman of his ewn grievance committee and, belleve me, he was aggrieved. "Dad-blasted," he stated, "If I'd played my heart ace first I'd have made all 13 tricks."

Woody Boyd's column The

### Walktoberfest needs walkers and sponsors

The third annual Walktoberfest, a walk-a-thon held every year by the Michigan Affiliate of the American Diabetes Association, cted to attract more than 4,000 walkers and raise a projected \$282,000 for medical re-

diabetes.

The event will be held Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, at seven locations across the state. It will directly benefit the more than 600,000 people in

search aimed at finding a cure for diabetes.

The event will be held Saturbard amount of the sevent will be held seven

and Metro Beach Metroparks. To sign up to walk in Walktoberfest.

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# Lathrup Village. The forum provides an opportunity for youth to share feelings, thoughts and ideas about grief and loss. The free program is not specific to cancer but is open to all children who have asperienced the loss of a loved one. For more information or to register, contact the institute's hospice program at (810) 443-5825. the loss of loved ones. Kidspeak, a seven-week forum for youth ages 7-17, will meet 6-7 p.m. Mondays beginning Oct. 2 at the institute's Frankel Center, 18831 W. 12 Mile Road, in SHOW STOPPER This lover of plays, theater and musicals is seeking someone to help me paint the town red. You be smart, funny and spontaneous and so will i. 0123.

New support group to help kids

The Barbara Ann Karamanos Cancer Institute Hesples (formerly Michigan Cancer Foundation)
has established a new support group to help children cope with the loss of loved ones. 
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