

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

When school board vice president Judy Mardigian greeted the audience at Tuesday's board meeting, she said, "No 6-6-06 jokes."

Then the board opened discussion on a potential bond proposal that, if the May election results are any indication, may have a devil of a time passing.

That's one reason, maybe the major reason, the board agreed to hire Ed Sarpoulus of Epic/MRA, a Lansingbased research firm, to conduct a survey designed to determine why voters turned down both parts of the May bond issue.

Sarpoulus, the veteran pollster who has conducted similar surveys all over the state, told the board Tuesday night the results of the next bond election, which is expected in February, will hinge on one thing: educating the public.

"The first thing a survey would do is tell you how much education is needed on your issues," Sarpoulus said. "Does the public understand your needs? If not ... what's it going to take to educate them? We're finding in most cases where (voters) voted no, it was because they were uneducated (on the issues) or they thought it was asking for too much."

School officials said the survey will likely cost the district between \$10,000-\$15,000. All six board members at Tuesday's meeting (Trustee Carol Saunders was absent) supported moving forward.

"I would welcome this kind of feedback," board Vice President Judy Mardigian said. "I don't think anyone knows why people voted no. I think we have some ideas, but we don't really know."

While the lagging state economy is frequently blamed for the loss of such bond issues, Sarpoulus said post-election surveys in districts like Northville, where two bond proposals totaling nearly \$71 million failed, revealed voters were using the economy to "cover the real reason they voted no."

In Sarpoulus' post-election survey, only 10 percent of respondents said the increase in taxes was a primary reason for voting no, compared to 18 percent who believed the bond wasn't needed and 16 percent who simply felt the district was asking for too much money.

Sarpoulus said surveys show bond issues have a better chance of passing if they stay within the 1-1.25 mill range. Plymouth-Canton was asking for some \$120 million, which would have raised taxes 1.08 mills had the district decided to levy the entire millage.

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Recreation plan works on parks

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth city officials plan to apply for a \$35,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to help pay for construction of permanent restrooms at Massey Field and covering for the bleachers.

It's part of a five-year recreation master plan approved by the city



City wants answers on dispatch pact

> BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

While the Plymouth city attorney mulls preliminary contract language submitted by Nour hville Township to provide the city police dispatch services, Mayor Dan Dwyer has asked Plymouth Township officials to submit a similar proposal within 30 days. Responding to an e-mail from

commission at Monday's meeting.

"The recreation master plan is a blueprint for what the city wants to do in the future for capital outlay, infrastructure development, programming and staffing," said Steve Anderson, deputy recreation director. "The document must be on file with the DNR to qualify for any state grants.

"The porta-johns at Massey Field are not an ideal situation," he added. "We want a good, quality restroom facility that can be used eight months out of the year."

Anderson said the state grant, if awarded to Plymouth, would require matching funds from the city.

The city has been successful in the past when applying for state grants.

"Because of the work we've done with the recreation master plan, we've earned over \$700,000 in grants for the city,' Anderson said. "And 2002 was the highlight, when we received \$650,000 from the DNR."

The city used the 2002 grant to make upgrades to the Cultural Center, including new locker room facilities and an energy-saving utility system.

Among other improvements in the five-year recreation plan are \$90,000 for improvements at Jaycee Park, including basketball and volleyball courts, shade trees and benches; up to \$150,000 to construct a dog park; construction of a recreation center; and improved programs for adults over 55 years old.

"I'm encouraged to see that in 2007 Jaycee Park is included, rather than delay it," Commissioner Gerry Sabatini

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PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Rudy Two Moon performs card tricks for IKEA shoppers. Stephanie Rock, Andrew White, Alex Miller, Amanda Reiff, Nathan Rock and Jenny Reiff traveled to Canton from Washington, Mich., for the IKEA opening.

Finally, IKEA throws open doors for throngs of excited shoppers

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

The parking lot looked and sounded more like a festival than a store grand opening: Motown music by a live band setting the tone for the thousands of people who were sharing coffee, camping, throwing flying discs in the air, cheering, talking and waiting. And waiting.

And waiting.

Until, just like that, at 8:45 a.m. (15 minutes earlier than scheduled), IKEA Canton finally opened its doors and the store's first customers entered the Swedish furniture superstore.

Nearly all 400 of the new IKEA Canton store employees lined up at the door, noisemakers in hand, to greet the line of 4,000 customers who had been waiting for hours — or days — outside.

"I can't remember a retail operation in the state of Michigan that has been greeted by as much anticipation," Township Supervisor Tom Yack said during the grand opening ceremony.



Plymouth resident Judy Barrett was part of the noisy welcome for IKEA shoppers at Wednesday's grand opening.

Audrey Seilheimer was first inside the store. The Canton resident had been camping in the parking lot for three nights, and as she entered the store at 8:45 a.m. sharp, she ran in a deliberate, theatrical slow-motion style and raised her arms, like a marathon runner crossing the finish line.

"I don't know what I was thinking (when I decided to camp out). But it has been fun," Seilheimer said. The prize for her troubles was a sofa, valued inside the store at \$300, and of course the experience of having spent three nights in a parking lot. She'll post a photo journal online — as soon as she gets a good night's sleep and a long shower — at www.audreyphotos.com.

It was the freebies that brought out thousands of shoppers. The store gave away 5,000 certificates, ranging in value from a free frozen yogurt up to \$250 worth of merchandise. And the first 100 people in line received a free chair.

The last person to earn herself a wristband entitling her to a chair was

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Dwyer to township Supervisor Richard Reaume, the board last week agreed to form a committee to begin negotiations with the city on dispatch services. The sides could meet as early as this week to start talks aimed at salvaging a partnership formed when the parties signed an intergovernmental agreement in 1999. That agreement expires in December.

The township board agreed to have a small committee — Treasurer Ron Edwards, trustees Bob Doroshewitz and Kay Arnold and Police Chief Tom Tiderington — meet with city officials to talk about remaining in the agreement. With the city currently mulling an offer from Northville Township, township officials were hoping to meet soon.

"It's competition between governments," Doroshewitz said. "They got a competitive quote (from Northville). We have to decide if we're going to be stubborn, or are we going to give them a competitive quote?"

In the e-mail, Dwyer told Reaume, "... a formal proposal from Plymouth Township would be given very serious consideration and if it is cost-effective, our continued partnership would be beneficial to both governmental entities."

Dwyer said he'd be happy to sit with the township's committee, but doesn't want to get bogged down in long, drawn-out negotiations, as happened when the sides tried to talk about their intergovernmental agreement for the joint fire department.

"We're going to meet with them," but I'm not going to get engaged in a prolonged dialogue for

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PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Milliken signing

Michigan's longest-serving . governor, William G. Milliken, will be signing copies of his biography, *Michigan's Passionate Moderate*, at the Plymouth Historical Museum 5:30-7 p.m. Monday, June 12. Author David Dempsey will also be present for the book signing.

The public is invited to attend the event. Books will be available for purchase at the book signing. Milliken served as governor from 1969-82. Milliken continues to actively advocate for the state, especially in regard to environmental issues.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located in downtown Plymouth at 155 S. Main. Further information may be obtained by calling (734) 455-8940 or State Rep. John Stewart, (517) '373-3816.

Women's expo

Participants can learn new, fun ways to stay fit and healthy at a women's expo event noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 8, at Jazzercise Fitness Center of Plymouth, 250 N. Main in Plymouth.

Students will meet Donna Gambino, author of On a Roll @ Home, Home Exercises for Core Strength and Massage on the Foam Roller, learn new fitness techniques and enter to win health prizes, get health and fitness information from local, women-owned business vendors, tour the Jazzercise Fitness Center and enjoy fitness demonstrations, enter the chance to win great prizes in

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multiple drawings for health and beauty items and experience body fat testing, blood pressure screenings, and other activities.

Gambino is a licensed physical therapist, Pilates Instructor, author, and owner of Infinity Health, LLC. Gambino will be signing her new book, "On a Roll @ Home, Home Exercises for Core Strength and Massage on the Foam Roller" at the event while her students offer demonstrations on the newest, most intriguing tool in core strengthening.

Admission and parking are free.

Youngest Artist Camp

Budding artists ages 5 to 8 have a chance to experience both performing and visual arts during a camp designed just for them at the Plymouth Community Arts Council June 20–23.

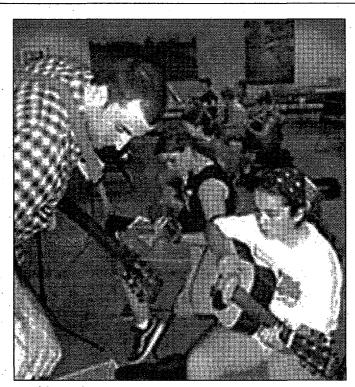
Campers will create artwork such as masks or puppets to use in a short play presented to family and friends at the end of the week. Camp time is 9:30 a.m. to noon, Tuesday through Thursday, and 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Friday. The cost is \$70 for PCAC members, \$85 for non-members.

To register or for more information, call (734) 416-4278 or come to the Arts Council at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth.

Garden walk

The 11th annual "Flowers are Forever" garden walk takes place noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, rain or shine. Tickets are \$7 pre-sale and

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Guitar camp

Students can learn guitar basics with Henry Bahrou at the Plymouth Community Arts Council June 26-30. Aspiring musicians ages 7 through adult will work on individual skills and a group piece as well as doing regular 'camp' stuff during this 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. camp. At the end of the week, a concert will be given for family and friends. Campers should bring their own guitar and music stand or may rent one from the Arts Council. For more information or to register, call the PCAC, (734) 416-4278 or stop by 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth.

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\$8 on the day of the walk. The Trailwood Garden Club, a branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, is the sponsor. Tickets are available from Garden Club members as well as Backyard Birds and Saxton's Garden Center, both in Plymouth.

The gardens have a variety of water features as well as many ideas that you can adapt to your own garden. There will be complimentary refreshments, a raffle, and perennial sale. Trailwood Garden Club's

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everyone 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, at 40600 Ann Arbor Road (next to Bally's), Suite 100.

The seminar is designed to help novice investors as well as experienced investors to become a better investor. Light refreshments & hors d'oeuvres will be served. The first 20 people to register will receive a copy of Gary Keller's book, *The Millioniare Real Estate Investor*.

RSVP to Rose Lang at (734) 751-8129 or Marge Tack at (734) 718-4003.

PCAC exhibits

The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents "Work of the Hand – Clay and Fiber," a collaborative exhibit featuring Carolyn Dulin, clay artist and the Cross Borders Weavers Guild, through July 7.

The two art forms, clay and fiber, present a contrast as well as an interesting juxtaposition of form and texture. A major theme in the clay sculptures and wall pieces of Carolyn Dulin is the natural landscape and the forces that have shaped it creating layers of strata, folds and textures. Abstracted versions as well as geometric pieces are included in this exhibit.

Dulin, a Rochester resident, has won many awards for her work and is represented in galleries across the country.

Members of the Cross Borders Weavers Guild hail from Southeastern Michigan and Canada. The handweavers express their interest in the fiber arts in a number of ways. These include flat pieces such as scarves, shawls, throws, table runners and rugs; garments made from handwoven fabric; quilts and beaded jewelry.

The group presents their work this month at PCAC in conjunction with exhibits being held all over the state. They will serve to promote the textile arts and highlight Convergence, the biennial, international conference sponsored by the Handweavers Guild of America June 25-July lin Grand Rapids.

Hours for the exhibit are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Call the PCAC at (734) 416-4278 for additional viewing times. The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth.

Gift certificates

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is once again plugging its "Plymouth

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The certificates, which chamber officials said "make great gifts for teachers, coaches or anyone special," can be purchased in any denomination.

For more information, call (734) 459-2700 or visit the chamber at 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

Summer in service

The Plymouth Family YMCA YVC Summer in Service is a free program for youth entering the ninth-12th grades.

Youth must be able to commit to an entire two-week session. The sessions run 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Parents/youth will be responsible for drop off and pick up at the Plymouth Family YMCA each day. Transportation to and from projects will be provided by the YMCA. The program is sponsored by the Wilcox Foundation.

The YVC will be working with agencies in the Plymouth area as well as surrounding areas. Projects include everything from working with kids to environmental work and fund raising for local non-profit organizations. Since the YMCA also believe in a healthy mix of work and play, the YVC will partake in a variety of recreation opportunities such as swimming and hiking. Summer In Service allows students to earn volunteer credit, gain job skills and create an unforgettable experience.

Session dates are July 10-July 21, July 24-Aug. 4, and Aug. 7-Aug. 18.

For more information or to register, call Jenny Roszel, Youth Volunteer coordinator, at (734) 453-2904.

King's brass

First Baptist Church of Plymouth hosts Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass June 8.

The event starts with dinner at 6 p.m. and the concert at 7 p.m. Dinner is \$6 per person; a free-will offering will be taken for the concert.

First Baptist Church of Plymouth is located at 45000 N. Territorial in Plymouth. For tickets and more information, call (734) 455-2300.

Family fun fest

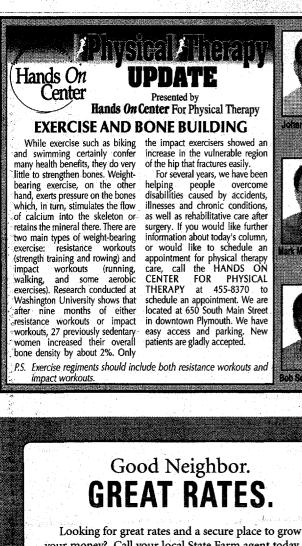
Station 885 in Old Village hosts a "Family Fun Fest" starting at noon July 2.

The event will feature a barbeque, car cruise and classic car show, live bands and more. a portion of the proceeds go to benefit the Lions Foundation. For more information, call (734) 459-0885.

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Team effort already evident at Workman Parents, teachers bond during playground build

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

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Wearing an old pair of blue shorts, a black T-shirt, blue Nike cap and brown work boots - all a bit dirt covered, showing signs of a hard day's work - Jim Burt sat on a concrete slab while taking a break on what would eventually become the K-2 playground at Workman Elementary in Canton Township.

Burt, the principal at Workman, and about 40 parents - mostly dads - teachers and Superintendent Jim Ryan spent Saturday constructing climbers for children who will attend Plymouth-Canton's 16th elementary school when it opens for the first time Sept. 5.

"It's getting people to make a connection with the school," said Burt of the day-long project. "It's not always easy to find to find things for dads to get involved in elementary schools. So, this is the perfect project for something like that."

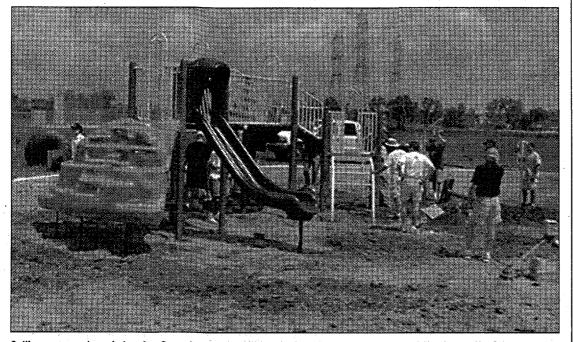
Jim McManus' third-grader will be attending Workman next year, riding the bus about a mile from their Central Park subdivision home, which will be much shorter than the 25-minute ride to Miller Elementary.

"This goes together very well, like some of that Sauder furniture you buy," said McManus of the playscape. "You drill the hole, everything lines up, you put the bolts in and it goes.

This is a good way to meet some of the people here, and the principal," added McManus. "It was nice talking to the superintendent."

Scott Szymusiac was impressed by the team effort put forth in the day's activities.

"It's nice to see the faculty and administrative staff with shovels and doing things," said Szymusiac. "It reinforces the community and everyone



Gallimore second-grade teacher Dana Jones, who will teach at Workman next year, spent the day on the future playground to soak up the entire atmosphere of opening a new school. 'It's kind of rare for a teacher to get the opportunity to open a new building, so I really want to take advantage and enjoy it,' said Jones.

working as a team."

Szymusiac, whose secondgrader will be at Workman next year, is excited about Burt as principal.

"Jim Burt hired my wife (fourth-grade teacher Michelle) 10 years ago at Allen Elementary, so I'm more than excited because I know what type of principal he is," said Szymusiac, whose oldest child also attended Allen. "When he was at Allen, he knew every student by name."

Educators Karen Huston, first grade at Isbister, and Dana Jones, second grade at Gallimore, will be teaching at Workman next year, and spent the day on the future playground to soak up the entire atmosphere of opening a new school.

"It's kind of rare for a teacher to get the opportunity to open a new building, so I really want to take advantage and enjoy it," said Jones. "I'm really interested to see how you take a piece of land and turn it into a thriving school community.

"Having a playground here before school starts is a great way to send the message to the community that we're excited to have them come here," she said. Huston remembered opening a new school when she taught in Florida, and said the community build helps bring

the Workman family together. "I know what it's like to bring people together, start new traditions," Huston said. "I came out to meet some of the families. We want them to feel comfortable when they come to the school.

"The kids come up to see what's going on and peak in the windows," she said. School namesake Tom Workman showed up early to

help out, and later in the day delivered a cement mixer to the site for volunteers.

The whole thing is very exciting for me," Workman said. "I know the anticipation the principal, teachers and kids have. This was a great idea to build

the parent-school relationship." Burt, 56, has been a teacher and administrator in the Plymouth-Canton district for 34 years, opening Miller Elementary as a teacher in 1972. He's been developing a plan to open Workman since March 2005, even while still principal at Eriksson Elementary.

"From a teacher's standpoint, that (opening Miller) was exciting for me," Burt said. "It's different being an experienced educator versus being a wet-behind-the-ears educator at that time. I feel this is an opportunity to pull together all the knowledge I've gained about being an administrator over the years and put it into something brand new.

"I'm not feeling an excessive amount of pressure, but I certainly fully realize people in this area have been waiting for a neighborhood school for a long time, and they have high expectations," he said. "I'm confident I can meet their expectations."

Canton woman thwarts kidnapping

Suspect may also have been seen in Plymouth

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Canton Police are reminding parents to be vigilant in keeping an eye on children, after a mother called police to report someone had tried to abduct her 1-year-old son.

According to Canton Police reports, the woman was holding a garage sale Saturday at her home in the 800 block of Mystic Court. During the sale, her son was playing in the driveway. A man who was at the sale picked up the toddler and began walking away with him.

The mother stopped him and without a struggle took her son from the man's arms, according to Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski.

Before the man left he told the mother, "He's cute. I'll be back."

And about five minutes later, the man did return and was walking toward the garage. The mother grabbed her son, and the man walked away, got into a white four-door car and left

the neighborhood.

The mother met with a sketch artist later that day, and told her that the man was 40-50 years old, about 5-feet 4-inches tall, 225 pounds with a stocky build. and is dark skinned, but white. He was wearing a white shirt, blue shorts, sandals and a gold necklace with a small charm.

"The mother has no idea who this man is," Pomorski said. Later in the day, the police asked the mother and a witness to look at a photo lineup, but neither were able to pick out the suspect. "What we're telling par-



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pounds with a stocky build, and is dark skinned, but white. He was wearing a white shirt, blue shorts, sandals and a gold necklace with a small charm.

ents now is the same advice we always give," Pomorski said. "Even though you feel most comfortable and safe at your home, in this day and age you unfortunately have to be vigilant."

Two hours after the incident, a Canton resident reported that she saw the suspect driving around her subdivision near Cherry Hill and Beck at approximately 2 p.m. A Plymouth woman reported that she also saw the suspect driving around her subdivision on Sunday, June 4. This woman said she believes that the vehicle may have been a white Plymouth Acclaim, or a similar looking vehicle.

Anybody with information or leads is asked to contact the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400.

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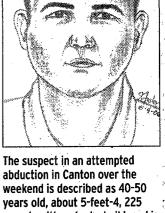
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DEATHS

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Brown, 95, of Farmington Hills, died June 1. C Albert Cherundolo Cherundolo, 95, died June 1.

Riley Danielle Church Church, 14, of San Carlos, Calif., died May 24.

Christine L. Cross (nee Owens) Cross, 88, died June 1. D

Gertrude "Kitty" Perkins Davenport Davenport, 76, of Bloomfield Hills, died May 27.

Audrey Irene Denman Denman, 85, formerly of Birmingham, died May 29. Joseph L. Dodd Dodd, 82, formerly of Farmington, died May 30.

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Shirley M. Fleckenstein Fleckenstein, 80, died May 29.

THEATERS

Michael G. Furlong Furlong, 74, died June 4. H Lauren A. Hart Hart, 18, of Clarkston, died June 5. K

Chris Patrick Killeen Killeen, 43, died.

Donald Holt Malloure Malloure, 80, died June 4. S Gerald Sledz Sledz, 67, formerly of Northville, died May 25.

Charles Norman Tanton Jr. Tanton, 84, formerly of Farmington Hills, died June 5.

Alfred Charles Wortley Jr. Wortley, 86, died May 30.

Walter Zanza Zanza, 90, of Rochester Hills, died May 31.

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page A18.

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Ryan Cosens of Plymouth (left) and Ben Wielechowski of Canton take a rest during their trek along the Appalachian Trail.

Local hikers make their way through Virginia mountains

Ben Wielechowski of Canton, Ryan Cosens of Plymouth, Mike Murphy of Livonia, and another friend set off to complete the Appalachian Trail at the end of March. They began their trip at Springer Mountain in Georgia, not far from Atlanta. They expect to complete their trip at the end of August in Maine. Wielechowski, a Salem High graduate, will be giving periodic updates of their progress to the Observer. He provided this update on May 30. For more updates and photos of their trip, visit their Web site, www.theathike.blogspot.com.

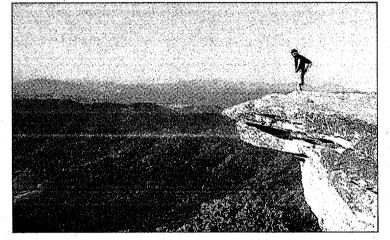
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warm as it is here in Virginia. We are supposedly reaching 97 degrees this afternoon. We have made it to Waynesboro so far and are headed out into the Shenandoah National Park today. We have traveled 840 miles and it has been quite an experience. We just finished a series of three 3,000 foot ascents -- grueling but fun. The weather is just beginning to change, so we are entering phase two of the trip: Unbearable heat and bugs. All of our bodies are hold-

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ing up good, though shin splints have become a recurring problem for all of us. Oh, and the snakes have come out (even more with the heat). We have observed



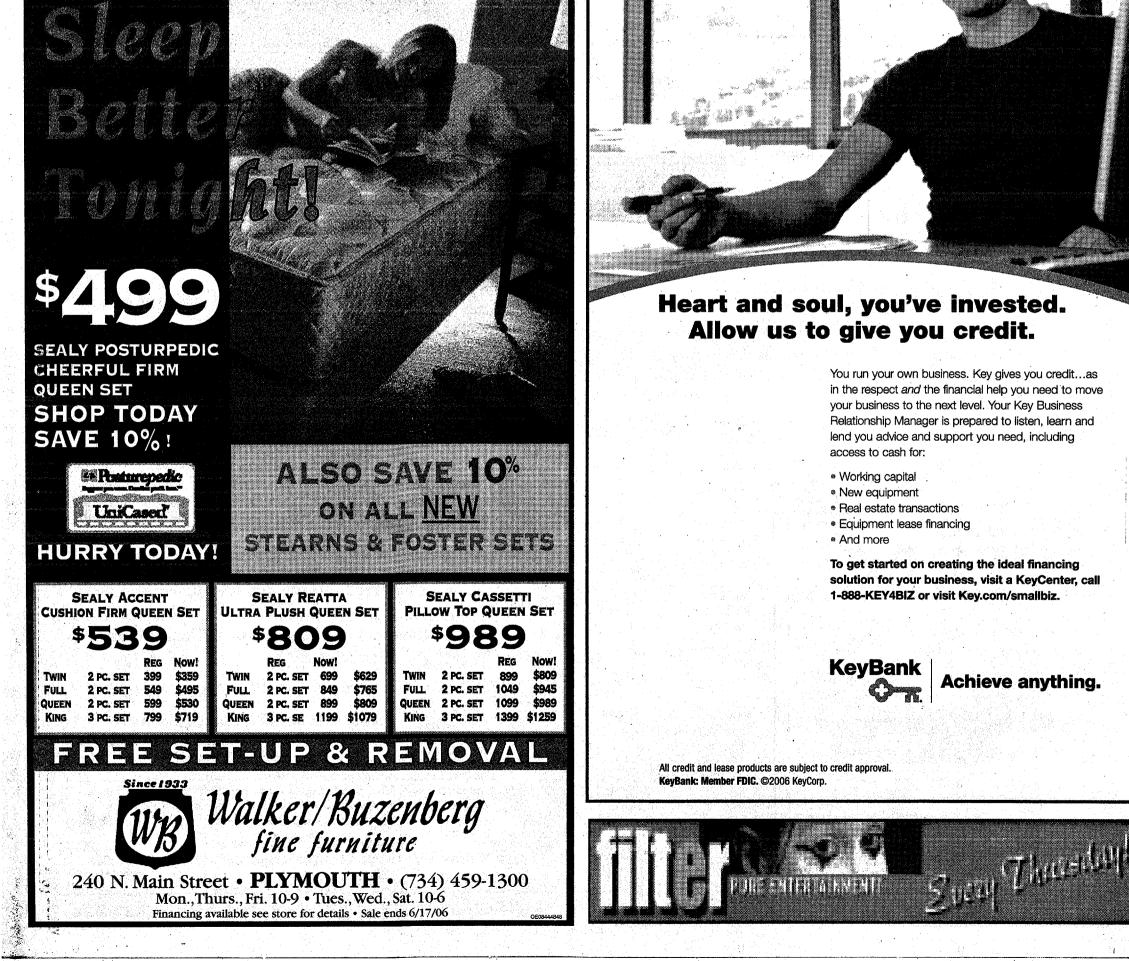
Ben Wielechowski of Canton looks over a precipice along the Appalachian Trail in Virginia.

our first copperhead, one of two poisonous snakes we may encounter out here (and a worthy adversary at that).

- Ben Wielechowski



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Local student completes pilgrimage

Jesse Varga, an Earlham College junior and son of Barbara Van Pelt and David Varga of Plymouth, has just completed Earlham's Camino de Santiago May Term 2006.

The course featured a threeweek peregrination across the original pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela in northern Spain, the third most-popular site in Medieval European cultures. This course focused on the pilgrimage, the history and culture of the pilgrimage and peacemaking.

Earlham is a selective, liberal arts college in Richmond, Ind. Engaging students with a changing world, Earlham is dedicated to the development of effective ways to integrate international perspectives in education. The college offers 40 majors in the sciences, humanities, and social sciences. More than 75 percent of Earlham's graduates pursue postgraduate study; many will go on to earn doctoral degrees. Earlham is a National **Collegiate Athletic Association** Division III school.

U-M honors

Adam Sonnanstine of Canton was among the recent honorees at the University of Michigan's 83rd annual Honors Convocation.

Sonnanstine, finishing his third year at the university, was

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terms. Sonnanstine's award was for five consecutive terms. He also received University Honors and is on the Dean's high honor list.

Also, the U-of-M's College of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science presented Sonnanstine with a Senior Scholar Award. This award is given to students who have attained senior status with a 3.9 GPA or greater. Seven students in the Computer Science **Engineering Department** received this award.

In addition to his academic awards, Sonnanstine is the

ON CAMPUS

Detroit, a Scottish benevolent society, has awarded Janna Leiby of Plymouth a \$250 William H. Kincaid Scottish Arts Scholarship to attend the Ohio Scottish Arts School, Oberlin College, Ohio, this summer.

This partial scholarship is to assist Leiby in improving her skills as a Highland dancer. The Ohio Scottish Arts School is an intensive weeklong program of study with world-class instructors. Jenna is a student of Cindy Kopenski in Plymouth. The WHK Scholarships are to assist youth and beginning

adults in Southeast Michigan in the study of the various Scottish arts. The Society is delighted to be able to make these awards: they are an investment in the future of our culture

This year, the Society approved 44 applications totaling approximately \$10,200 for 42 youth and two adults, of which 19 youth and both adults are first-time recipients; there are 31 Highland dancers, 9 bagpipers, 2 snare drummers, and 2 fiddlers. Among the youth there are two brother/sister sets and one each brother/brother. sister/sister, and twin sister sets. Eleven of the scholarship recipients will be attending Mid-Michigan Highland Dance Academy, Alma; 31 will go to Ohio Scottish Arts School, Oberlin College, Oberlin; and two will attend the Ontario School of Piping and Drumming, St. Andrew's College, Aurora.

This program was initiated in 1994 by Society member William H. Kincaid, who has directed it ever since; the society recently renamed the program in his honor.

Albion grads

Several local students are among Albion College's graduating Class of 2006. Commencement ceremonies honored nearly 420 students, one of the college's largest classes.

Jonathon Gordon received a degree in physical education. Gordon is the son of Gregory and Judith Gordon of Plymouth and a graduate of

cation. Paciocco is the daughter of Tarcisio Paciocco and Jennifer Paciocco of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

Ashley Rosaen received a degree in psychology. Rosaen is the daughter of Leslie Rosaen of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

Aaron Schmidt received a degree in physical education with a minor in history education with completion of requirements for K-12 teacher certification. Schmidt is the son of Richard and Martha Schmidt of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

Katherine Smith graduated cum laude from Albion College on May 13, receiving a degree in political science and speech communication and and a concentration in the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service. The honor of cum laude signifies that Smith graduated with a grade point average above 3.5. Smith is the daughter of Tonya Smith of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School.

New Liberty chief chosen for board

New Liberty Bank President & CEO Michael Weaver has been elected to the Michigan Banker Association Board of Directors.

A veteran banker of 27 years, Weaver organized **Plymouth Financial** Corporation, holding company for New Liberty Bank, in



Weaver is Weaver an active

member of the Plymouth **Community Chamber of** Commerce and a board member for the Plymouth **Community Arts Council.** He is also past president and member of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth.

The MBA represents member banks by advocating public policy issues, addressing

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product and service needs, and needs in the educational arena. As director Weaver will provide input and guidance in these areas.

Locally owned and operated in Plymouth, New Liberty Bank provides a full-range of personalized services for business and retail customers, including free online bill pay and 32,000 surcharge-free ATMs. New Liberty Bank reported total assets of \$81 million in March 2006.

PACE award winner

In the automotive supplier community, the award that is accepted around the world as the industry's symbol of innovation is the PACE Award.

SKF of Plymouth was one of 11 companies recognized at a recent ceremony to name the winners of the 2006 PACE Award. SKF won in the Product category for its new X-Tracker asymmetric

hub bearing unit which is used on a variety of vehicles, including the exciting new luxury, high-performance Cadillac STS-V.

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In its 12th year, the PACE (Premier Automotive Suppliers' Contribution to Excellence) Award is presented by Automotive News magazine, Microsoft, SAP and Transportation Research Center Inc. (TRC Inc.). The award recognizes superior innovation, technological advancement and business performance. It is open to suppliers that contribute products, processes, materials or services directly to the manufacture of cars or trucks.

Accepting on behalf of SKF was Cengiz Shevket, director, Technical Sales & Project Management, SKF Automotive Division, who commented on the collaborative efforts between SKF and its customers to develop the X-Tracker.

The award earned SKF a Special Tribute signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

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Sonnanstine is a 2003 graduate of Salem High School and is the son of Alan and Kathy Sonnanstine of Canton.

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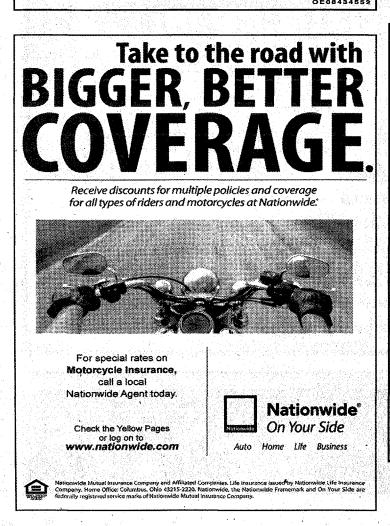
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Plymouth-Salem High School. Lisa Hall received a degree in biology with a minor in psychology. Hall is the daughter of David and Lynn Hall of Plymouth and a graduate of Mercy High School. Sarah Paciocco received a

degree in economics and management and speech communi-

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■ WRITING MY LIFE STORY: A SENIOR WRITING GROUP, Tuesday, June 6, 1 p.m. and Tuesday, June 20, 4 p.m. — Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Plymouth author, Jane Saylor. No previous writing experience or advance registration is required.

■ YOUR POETRY GROUP, Sunday, June 11, 1:30-3:30 p.m. — Roundtable readings of poems, your own or by others, are held on the second Sunday of the month. Reader's discretion of language is asked in the works read. For more information, contact Don Hewlett, (313) 272-3548, or donhewlett@aol.com

■ IDENTITY THEFT DETECTION AND PREVEN-TION, Monday, June 12, 10 a.m. — Senior Fraud Investigator Deborah Swimmer of LaSalle Bank Midwest will discuss scams, red flags, prevention and reporting mechanisms. Question and answer session will follow presentation. Register for this free program by calling the Reader's Advisory Desk, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ WOK AND ROLL, Thursday, June 15, 7 p.m. — Guest chef Ming Louie will lead participants in how to fill, roll and cook vegetarian egg rolls in the traditional Chinese manner. All supplies provided - just bring your appetite. Registration limited to 50 adults - call the Reader's Advisory Desk today at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

WANDER THE WEB FOR THE HEALTH OF YOUR CHILDREN, Tuesday, June 27, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. -While the children are attending the Summer Reading Program Kick-off, parents are invited to hear registered dietitians, Deborah Silverman and Monica Lowe. Silverman and Lowe will provide tips on how to get children to eat healthy foods and to motivate them to be physically active. Free tickets to this event may be obtained at the Reader's Advisory Desk.

■ ASTRONOMY DISCUS-SION GROUP, Monday, June 19, 7 p.m. — He loves the skies and after this informal gathering, you will too. Plymouth resident Mike Best leads a lively discussion each month ■ BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION, Wednesday, June 28, noon — This month's discussion invites members to read Shadow Divers by Robert Kurson. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch; beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Dixie Cocagne at the library, (734) 453-0750, or e-mail dcocagne@plymouthlibrary.or

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

LIBRARY GARDEN GROUP, Thursday, June 22, 7 p.m. — This popular group meets monthly to discuss common garden concerns, new ideas and how the current gardening season is progressing. Gardeners at all skill levels are invited – no registration is required.

■ BLOGS, PODCASTS, WIKIS and RSS – What are you talking about? Wednesday, June 28, 7 p.m. --You don't have to be a techie to enjoy this program with Electronic Resource Librarian Kathy Petlewski. Petlewski will discuss these new technologies in a way that nongeeks can understand. Registration is required for this free program – call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4

Youth Programs

The Library announces its popular summer reading program - Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales – Books, reading, prizes and fun!Starting on Monday, June 19th, all children are encouraged to come to the Library, sign up for the program and start reading. This program is designed for students aged 6-12. It has been developed to promote a love of books and libraries, encourage summer reading, and help maintain reading skills. A visit to the Library once each week will help reach these goals. A wide variety of programs are planned throughout the summer. Check the Youth section of our homepage - plymouthlibrary.org for events all summer long.

SUMMER READING

June 26, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Saturday, July 1, 10 a.m. — This fun program is for babies ages 6-24 months. Baby Play is a less formal companion to our Lapsit program. Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interaction with other children. This month, there will be no Saturday repeat program as it is the 4th of July holiday weekend. Registration is not required for Baby Play.

Teen Program

Teen Summer Reading Program

COME AS YOU ARE, June 12–Aug. 7 — Sign up begins on June 12. Participants are encouraged to read, attend cool programs and win prizes. Just a few easy steps:

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plymouthlibrary.org/ya.htm ■ THE MYSTERY OF THE

PHAROAH'S CURSE, Monday, June 19, 5:30 p.m. — Kick off the Teen Summer Reading Program by solving the mystery of prom queen Amanda, who is found at the foot of the stairs, injured and unconscious. Pizza, pop and DDR follow the mystery fun. Registration is required; call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4. Sign up early for parts in the mystery.

BOOKS & ICE CREAM, Tuesday, June 20, 3 p.m. — Read *Fever 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson. Sixteen-yearold Matilda Cook is alone in 1793 Philadelphia as she faces the horrors of the yellow fever epidemic. Register at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4. SUMMER CRAFT PRO-

■ SUMMER CRAFT PRO-GRAM, Wednesday, June 21, 3 p.m. — Make a dream catcher. All supplies provided for this free program, but registration is required. Call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

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BOOKS DISCUSSION, Wednesday, June 21, 7:30 p.m. — Members of this book discussion group are invited to read *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* by Jonathan Safran Foer. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. New members are welcome at any time. For further information, please call Sue Patterson at the Library, (734) 453-0750, or email spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org KICK-OFF PROGRAM — THE COMEDY OF SPOON MAN, Tuesday, June 27, 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m. — Laugh along with the wacky comedy of The Spoon Man. Pick up free tickets for this program beginning June 19 at the Reader's Advisory Desk.

■ LAP SIT STORYTIME, Monday, June 12, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Saturday, June 17, 10 a.m. — This 15-minute program is designed for the very young – babies ages 6-24 months and their caregivers. No older siblings, please. Registration is required – call on or after June 5 – (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

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Summer Tails: MHS offers kids day camp

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

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Youngsters with an interest in animals can learn more about their care and even make a disaster plan for their own pets during a week-long summer day camp being offered at the Michigan Humane Society's Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland.

The Summer Tails Day Camp for youngsters ages 9-11 will be offered in four one-week session the weeks of July 10, 17 and 31 and Aug. 7.

"We think it's really important that youngsters learn about having empathy with animals at an early age," said Kim Korona, main coordinator for the camp. "We've found that there's a tie-in with being kind to animals and being kind to people."

MHS has collaborated with other animal organizations to teach youngsters about companion animal care and the humane treatment of animals. They also will learn about ferrets from members of the Midwest Fellowship and rescued birds from representatives of Home Again Birds.

Canter Michigan, which rescues race horses, will make a presentation as will the Detroit Zoological Society which will provided information on the rescue of more exotic animals like lions, tigers, bears, horses and bald eagles.

"Some of the exotic animals people had in drug houses and when they were raided, they found these animals," Korona said.

There also will be a field trip to East Lansing and Michigan State University where campers will learn about the care of horses and observe surgery on a large breed animal.

And if that's not enough to do, youngsters will get to visit with one of the stars of Detroit's installment of "Animal Cops" on Animal Planet.

"The camp is for children who may be interested in working with animal shelters or in being a veterinarian," said Korona. "It'll be a good camp because they'll have a lot of time to be with the dogs and cats at the shelter. Each one will get a lot of quality time with the animals."

Campers also will have time to work on their own disaster kit for their family pets. The issue came to the forefront during last year's hurricane season when many people sheltered at home rather than leave their pets.

"People think of their pets as family and they are their family," Korona said.

The camp will be 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and cost \$135 per camper. Scholarships are available for disadvantaged youngsters interested in attending. According to Korona, the scholarships are a way of giving back to the community and make the program accessible to children of all income levels.

Children will have to provide their own lunches, but snacks will be provided. Enrollment is limited to 10 children per session and space is still available.

Registration and scholarship forms are available at the Berman Center, located on Newburgh south of Ford in Westland, or on the Michigan Humane Society Web site at www.michiganhumane.org,

For more information, call Korona at (248) 799-7400, Ext. 127, or e-mail her at kkorona@michiganhumane.org.

"We think the camp is important," said Korona. "One mom who was registering her son, said she was nervous around animals and was registering her son so she wouldn't have the same fear of animals when he grows up."

St. Mary Mercy's cancer center expansion begins

BY DAN WEST STAFF WRITER

Construction is under way on a \$10 million expansion and renovation of cancer treatment services at St. Mary Mercy Hospital — the first expansion of the Livonia facility in a decade.

More than 200 people gathered Sunday for groundbreaking ceremonies for the project that's expected modernize oncology services and add convenience for cancer patients. The groundbreaking culminated four years of planning and fund raising.

"Patients tell us when they are diagnosed with cancer, that they don't want to leave the community," said Kathleen Kittle, the hospital's service line administrator for oncology. "With this addition, they won't have to travel to several places to see various specialists because this will allow patients to see all their specialists in one place."

Construction will take about one year. The project entails \$6 million to construct and equip a 16,000-square-foot addition to the south end of the hospital. The other \$4 million will cover costs to renovate the existing cancer center, replace aging equipment and add 150 parking spaces to the campus this fall.

The new equipment will include precision radiation machinery that will better direct radiation treatment to cancerous areas of the body and minimize possible damage to healthy tissue. Also, the facility will have expanded capabilities to treat breast cancer patients with specialized surgeries and services.

Several new components that are to be added to the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Cancer Center include an image

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Participating in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital ceremonial groundbreaking are (from left) John Schwartz, manager, Radiation Oncology; Livonia Mayor Jack Engebretson; Dr. Harmesh Naik, director, Cancer Services; Dr. Amit Mohindra, Medical Oncology; Dick McDowell, chairman of the Board of Trustees; Tom Celani, president, Hearts of Livonia; Bishop John M. Quinn; Kathleen Kittle of Oncology/Cardiovascular Services; David Spivey, president and CEO; and Dr. Omar Magid, Radiation Oncology.

enhancement center to provide cancer patients with counseling, wigs and massages. Also, the cancer center will provide a cancer resource education center with computers and literature for patients and their families to research a diagnosis.

The expanded cancer center, which is scheduled to open in July 2007, will increase the hospital's capacity to treat cancer patients from about 600 a year to 950 a year by 2010.

Strategically, officials said this added capacity will help the hospital increase its market share of cancer patients who live in Livonia, Redford, Westland,

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Unit Displayed At COSTCO Plymouth, Canton and Northville. At this time, St. Mary serves 20 percent of cancer patients living in the service area.

"We treat some patients from outside our service area, but we want to provide better services to those who live inside our service area," said David Spivey, the hospital's CEO and president. "This project will help us solidify our capacity to do that." When the cancer center is complete, Spivey said he plans to add seven to 10 medical professionals to help staff the expanded facility.

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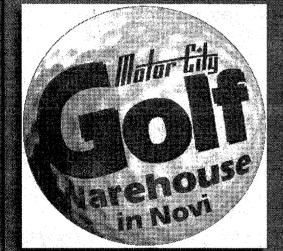
Construction will temporarily reduce parking spaces near, the emergency room. Spivey said the hospital will provide around-the-clock valet parking during the construction schedule so medical treatment is not delayed by a hunt for parking.



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Marcia Muirhead of Detroit, who arrived at 7 p.m. Tuesday night. She and her daughter waited in line overnight (it was her 16-year-old daughter's last day of school Wednesday, and the teenager opted for shopping), in order to check out IKEA for the first time.

Muirhead's shopping list was short, though.

"I'm really just looking for a mango slicer," she said. Local business owners hope

the rewards will be significant as well.

IKEA Canton is expected to draw some two million shoppers per year to the region, pumping approximately \$13 million annually into the local economy, as well as \$5 million in state sales tax every year.

Just off the IKEA parking lot, Singe Mohe said he has no idea how much the Shell station where he works will be impacted. He knew that by 6 a.m. Wednesday morning, he'd already brewed 16 pots of coffee - much more than usual but in the long term, he isn't

sure how the store will affect his business.

"We've already been busy with a lot of the store's employees who come in all the time," Mohe said. But that's only 400 workers, not the two million who are expected to drive into Canton to shop IKEA.

Wednesday morning, just 45 minutes after they entered the store, Sarah Youssef of Canton and her friend Sana Syed of Chicago emerged from IKEA. Syed carried a bag full of glasses for her kitchen and other small items, which set her back only \$13.

"Mostly I'm just here getting ideas for my apartment in Ann Arbor," Youssef said. "I'll come back and shop when I'm getting ready to go to school there (at the University of Michigan) this fall."

And did she get inspiration? You bet.

"I'll definitely come back. There were a lot of things I'll want for my apartment," she said.

IKEA Canton is located at Ford and Haggerty, just off I-275. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.



cmarshall@hometownlife.com | (734) 459-2700 Canton's Audrey Seilheimer was first in line and made a rock star's entrance to the cheers of IKEA Canton's employees.

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, IKEA store manager Mark McCaslin, and IKEA USA CEO Pernille Lopez saw the birch log to open the new store during Wednesday's grand opening.



Weary shoppers Liz and Phil Polderdyke of Canton stop for breakfast in IKEA's cafeteria. They were second and third in line for the grand opening, arriving last Sunday. They received a chair as a prize and what they thought would be a valuable gift certificate. The gift certificate entitled them to a free hot dog.





LOCAL NEWS

Salem student among essay winners

Lu Yiyang of Salem High School was among the winners when the MediLodge Group announce the winners of its scholarship program for 2006.

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Lu Yiyang, representing MediLodge of Plymouth, one of 17 MediLodge facilities, was presented a \$1,250 check and a certificate by Cathy Fisher, activity director of MediLodge of Plymouth. The \$10,000 grand prize was given to Gina Riebel of Armada High School.

The MediLodge Group, based in Washington, Mich., provides care and rehabilitation to more than 2,000 Michigan senior citizens. The scholarship program for high school seniors was created four years ago to empower youth in the school district that MediLodge serves to have a better understanding of the elders in the community and aging in general.

The winners were chosen

DISPATCH

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months on end," Dwyer said. "We've been working with Northville, and I have a general sense of what that cost might be. (Plymouth Township) ought to be able to tell us what the money is. If that makes further discussion

And while some board mem-

"It makes sense to maintain



extracurricular activities and a 500-word interview/biography about the life of an elder. Each facility chose a top winner from their applicants.

A luncheon reception was held to honor the \$1,000 scholarship winners and award the grand-prize winner. Family members, counselors and teachers, along with administrators and staff from each facility, attended the luncheon.

Frank Wronski, president and founder of the MediLodge Group, addressed the winners, explaining the nursing home industry was very young, only

City officials, in an effort to cut costs in the face of tough economic times, have been negotiating for months with the Northvilles to provide police dispatch services. Plymouth officials believe they can save some \$150,000 with the move.

Northville Township manager and director of public safety Chip Snider said unless Plymouth has significantly more resident calls and demand for service than the with Northville Township

50 to 60 years old, having started with the county poor houses that housed the indigent elderly in the early part of the 20th century.

"MediLodge is now a leader of the rehabilitation model and considers its community role to be a resource for others," Wronski told the winners. "It is our desire to continue to provide these scholarships as a legacy for the seniors who reside in MediLodge facilities to give back to their community.

Wronski went on to tell the winners the purpose of the essay contest was "a deliberate attempt to create awareness of the elderly and the contributions they have made in their lives and community." For more information.

regarding the MediLodge Group scholarship program, call Cathy Fisher, (734) 453-3983.

of the two cities. I'm not just talking crime, but calls for service.

Currently, Plymouth pays about \$250,000 of the \$1 million joint dispatch budget with Plymouth Township. According to statistics provided by the township, dispatchers fielded 6,448 calls for police service in the city, and another 858 fire department calls.

While the city is concerned

pretty much in line," Edwards said. "We have budget concerns, just like the city has. it's an exceptional value."

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School officials had said leading up to the May election they would only levy a total of 0.82 mills if both questions passed. The first question passed in Canton and in the city of Plymouth, but not in Plymouth Township. The second question failed in all six communities the district serves.

But Sarpoulus doesn't think it was necessarily the money. "On election day, a 'no' vote may not be a 'no' vote, it might be a 'status quo' vote because they didn't understand the

RECREATION

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said. "It's the largest recreational park in the city, and widely used and very crowded during the summer. I think (improvements) will be a great asset for the park. Anderson and Leah Goyh, a

consultant from Wade-Trim, were quick to point out the plan is only a start. "The recreation master plan

doesn't solve all the issues, it merely identifies them, documents them and presents a

need," Sarpoulus said. "You've had success getting things passed here, so when I saw a 'no' vote, I wondered how educated the voters were.'

Sarpoulus said he'd like to get the post-mortem on the **Plymouth-Canton election** done by the end of June, to allow the district to prepare a plan not only for when it would like to come back — Ryan has already suggested it could happen in February – but also what strategy it might use next time.

"You'll want to have your education plan in place before school starts," Sarpoulus told the board. "That way people still remember the election, they remember why they voted

road map for the work ahead the next five years," Goyh said. City officials held public workshops, focus meetings and talked with stakeholders in

March to help determine the recreation plan.

"There are a lot of possible projects for the community, as a whole, to get involved with," Anderson said. "A community pool was a resounding theme among the focus groups.

"A true, dedicated senior center was among the suggestions," he added. "Plymouth's senior facilities aren't up to the standards in other communities."

how they voted."

The consensus seemed to be the district needs to do a better job of educating people the next time, and the belief is Sarpoulus' survey will help.

"I think at the time we thought we'd done a good job and we certainly tried hard, but apparently we didn't or we would have won," said Nancy Eggenberger, who co-chaired the Vote Yes committee for May's election. "We didn't do as good a job as we should have. We need to find out what the community wants ... hopefully, (the survey) will help us. The more we know, the better off we are."

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While there's a five-year want list, in the end it will come down to having the money to pay for them.

"The master plan is a blueprint of what we want to do, and we'll look at any possible financial avenue to accomplish it," Anderson said. "Grants, help from service clubs, corporate sponsorships. We have to look outside the box to provide these quality of life things to residents.

"We may not always hit that goal, but we can come pretty close," he added.

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OUR VIEWS Concerts help define appeal

There are some who think Plymouth may be losing its small-town feel, what with the huge Mayflower Centre going up on downtown's main corner, another big building possibly going where the Masonic Temple is now and some of the area's businesses showing signs of economic struggle.

Anyone starting to feel like they're losing Plymouth's charm need not worry: With summer here, charm is back in bloom

Redhill, a modern Motown/rock-and-roll band which caused a buzz at Fall Festival, kicked off the summer's Music in the Air concert series Friday night, and all seemed right with the world again. Kellogg Park plays venue for two concert series throughout the summer -Music in the Air put on by the Downtown Development Authority and sponsored mainly by Community Financial; and Music in the Park, the kiddie series put on by the Plymouth Community Arts Council whose chief sponsor is New Liberty Bank.

Both series feature popular regulars. Local star Sarah Lenore is on tap for the DDA series, which takes place 7 p.m. Fridays; she'll be onstage June 23. The "Music Lady" Beverly Meyer opens the PCAC series (noon Wednesdays) June 21, and the popular Guy Louis makes a pair of appearances (June 28 and Aug. 16).

Kellogg Park by itself lends a small-town, community feel to the downtown area. When you add in the two concert series, plus the other things the park attracts - the annual Dog Jog, the Farmers Market every Saturday through the summer; it's the hub for Art in the Park and the Fall Festival - you begin to see Plymouth's hometown appeal.

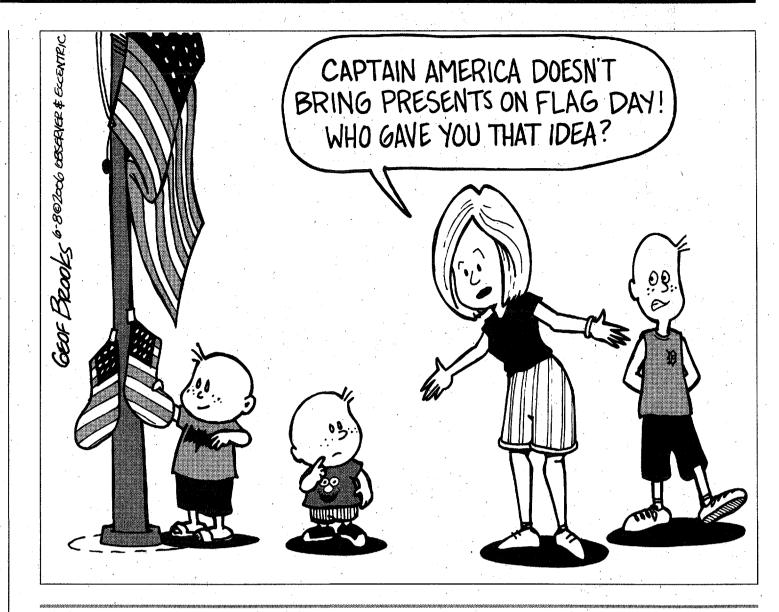
When the grownups pull out their blankets and lounge chairs and relax on a warm Friday evening, or when hundreds of kids fill the park, dancing in front of the stage to the Wednesday afternoon music, it's easy to understand why the downtown Plymouth area continues to grow as a destination.

There was some concern about downtown being dwarfed by the Mayflower Centre, and it seems to have survived that. There is reason to be concerned about the sluggish economy's effect on local business.

To survive and thrive, the community must draw on its strengths, and one of Plymouth's biggest strengths is its charm. Kellogg Park embodies that charm, and when the park is filled with the laughter of its children, it's easy to see why.

Flag amendment would desecrate U.S. Constitution

During most years, June 14 comes and goes without much notice. Most people probably don't even realize it is



Radio station thanks

We would like to thank the Plymouth-Canton community for its generous support during our 18th Radio Auction. Through the generosity of donors and sponsors, and the hard work of our students and parent volunteers, we raised nearly \$12,000.

I would especially like to thank New Liberty Bank for its title sponsorship of the auction. This is the third year New Liberty Bank has served as a sponsor for WSDP. Michael Weaver, president, and the staff of the bank deserve credit for their strong support of community events.

I would also like to thank the following businesses, individuals and families for sponsoring half-hours during this year's auction: Canton Computers, Rep. Phil LaJoy, Blackwell Ford, Sen. Bruce Patterson, Community Bank of Dearborn, AJM Software, Plymouth AM Rotary, Tom Yack, Tom and Linda Kelly, Joanne Lamar, Dairy Queen of Canton, Approved Mortgages, Community Financial, Plymouth-Community Arts Council, Marilyn Gunter, Atchinson Ford, Michael and Laurie Lazorka and Beth Stewart. As always, businesses from throughout Plymouth and Canton were very generous in donating items. We appreciate your consistent support of 88.1-FM. We would also like to thank all of our listeners who took time to bid on items. Your generosity is an encouragement to our students and me. We're currently planning for equipment upgrades. We also are providing three scholarship awards to deserving seniors. We're honored to be part of such a generous community.

LETTERS

or a policeman. These people can handle the matter in a professional and nonconfrontational way. And since there is a good chance that you are wrong anyway, you won't risk making an ass of yourself. G. Martin

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Ballenger bias

After too many years as a statewide kingmaker, Bill Ballenger's ego and published remarks require an intelligent rebuttal.

His remark, "The only thing I can figure is they evidently believe lightning could strike and a tsunami could come and have a Democratic landslide, sweeping one of them to victory," clearly displays his bias, his penchant for "off-thecuff" remarks and his disregard of the capabilities of the challengers who need to upset the incumbents in the Michigan state Legislature who shepherded our state into the economic doldrums we

turbing alternative version of Simcox's past and current activities.

In your article, Simcox denies that he is racist, but the Intelligence Project reports that the border vigilante groups, which Simcox helps to organize, are a magnet for white supremacist thugs, many of whom have criminal records. Simcox regularly addresses meetings of recognized hate groups as well as Republican groups. The Intelligence Project Web site states:

"Though Minuteman leaders reject charges of racism and xenophobia, they speak of an 'invasion' and of being 'under siege' by immigrants. Project co-founders Jim Gilchrist and Chris Simcox use the language of bigotry and fear to further their agenda, and allow racist material to be handed out alongside their own pamphlets and fliers."

Law enforcement officials are strongly opposed to vigilante border patrols. This is not the solution to homeland security or illegal immigration. If anyone was led to believe by the Observer's article that the Minutemen are respectable and lawabiding citizens helping out an overworked border patrol, please check out the Intelligence Project's Web site which meticulously exposes the extremist, racist and lawless nature of these vigilante groups. **Gillian Talwar Farmington Hills**

National Flag Day.

This year, however, people should take a little more notice of the holiday, which dates back to 1877 - the100th anniversary of the Continental Congress' adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the U.S.

The flag itself has become a hot topic lately, at least among politicians always eager to prove their patriotism to the American voter. Last month, a U.S. Senate judiciary subcommittee approved the Flag Desecration Amendment, which would amend the U.S. Constitution criminalize any "physical desecration" of the American ftag. The "flag burning" amendment will now go to the ftill Senate for a vote. The U.S. House of Representatives passed the amendment by a narrow eight-vote margin last year.

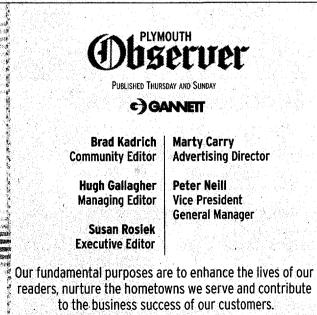
It is difficult not to be cynical about this amendment and its supporters.

There is probably no greater symbol of the freedoms and liberties Americans have revered and enjoyed for more than two centuries than the flag. Freedom of speech and expression are first among those civil rights it represents. Whether anyone likes it or not, burning a flag is a form of expression the Constitution protects.

According to the American Civil Liberties Union, which firmly opposes the idea of a flag desecration ban, if the amendment passes it will be the first time since Prohibition that the Constitution was amended to actually restrict American freedoms. The ACLU also points out that most Americans do not support a ban on flag burning if it means changing the Constitution.

But that hasn't deterred politicians like Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., from making it a political issue. But it isn't just Republicans. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, a Michigan Democrat who could be facing a tough reelection bid this fall, has gone on record saying she supports a flag desecration amendment.

Stabenow should join Michigan's other senator, Carl Levin, in opposing this assault on the Constitution.



Thank you!

Bill Keith

station manager, WSDP-FM (88.1)

Disability 'police'

I have had it with the "disability police." My wife has been disabled for 20 years — she has the X-rays, MRIs, lab tests, doctors' reports and vehicle hangtag to prove it.

She can, however, walk short distances unassisted and so when possible she prefers to leave her cane in the car. For this she endures glares and verbal abuse. Self-appointed guardians of the disabled have stalked her through stores and last night she was chastised in a restroom for being in the handicap stall.

The blunt fact is you cannot divine disability just by appearance. There is no "uniform" for the disabled and so expecting a wheelchair, a cane, braces or a limp is presumptuous and offensive. And I don't exempt the disabled from the guilt of stereotyping. The sanctimonious twitscreaming at my wife in the restroom was brandishing two canes.

Interestingly, the severely disabled are far less judgmental about physical appearance. Much of the abuse has come from the less seriously disabled - the "recreationally disabled" - who use their status as a club.

If you suspect abuse, forego the vigilante theatrics and just speak to someone in authority, such as the store manager

currently find ourselves in. Kenneth P. Spitz

Honor our soldiers

I have just read Brad Kadrich's article on lowering the flag for fallen soldiers and I cannot believe that some people think that it is not the right thing to do. I think that giving your life so that the rest of us can continue to have the freedom that we all at some time or another take for granted deserves at least that.

I have a nephew that spent a year in Iraq and luckily came home safe, I also have a nephew that is getting ready to leave for Iraq in July and although I am scared for his safety, I am also extremely proud of him.

I see these young men and women as our heroes and if they are putting their lives on the line to protect the freedoms for the rest of us, the least we can do is lower a flag when they and their families have given the ultimate sacrifice.

We need to show their families that we share in their sorrow and that their son, daughter, husband, wife, mother or father is not only mourned by them, but by all of us and that we will not forget the price that they have paid.

I would much rather have a flag lowered for this reason than any other, but this is only my opinion and me using my freedom of speech, the same freedom that they have fought to protect.

Sue Hatfield

Westland

Don't be fooled

The Observer report, "Minuteman leader defends border patrol" (May 28, 2006) says Chris Simcox "galvanize(d)" the Bloomfield Republican Women's Group recently with his stories of encounters with illegal immigrants.

Readers should be aware that the Intelligence Project of the Southern Poverty Law Center, which tracks the activities of neo-nazis and other hate groups, recently published a profile of Chris Simcox. The profile, "The Little Prince," which can be found at www.splcenter.org/intel/news, presents a dis-

Loss of liberties

Just asking, are we going to do away with the Pledge of Allegiance, since our Constitutional limited republic, liberty, sovereignty and justice are disappearing? And how about the Fourth of July celebration? Are we going to eliminate it also, since our independence is disappearing? Are the illegal invaders going to be marching to celebrate our interindependence waving Mexico's flag?

There is no slippery slope toward loss of liberties, only a long staircase where each step downward must be first tolerated by the American people and their leaders. Is this where America is heading for? Oh, America I cry for you!

Evelyn Sanavage

Livonia

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QUOTABLE "We're going to meet with them, but I'm not going to get engaged in a prolonged dialogue for months on end ... We've been working with Northville, and I have a general sense of what that cost might be."

- Dan Dwyer, Plymouth mayor, on potential talks between the city and township about dispatch services

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OTHER OPINIONS

'Driving while black' must be overcome in Canton/Plymouth

I nless you are a black male over the age of 15, you may have never heard the phrase "driving while black." DWI is short for "driving while intoxicated" and DUI is "driving under the influence." So, DWB is "driving while black." Yes, you can be stopped and pulled over for being black.

My family has lived in Canton Township for three years. When we moved here from Chicago, people said Canton/Plymouth was a great community. I have been stopped several times by the Canton or Plymouth police departments. Like

everyone who drives a car, there are times when I should have be



are times when I should have been stopped for a traffic violation and ticketed but got away with it. But I am speaking of those times when I was stopped with a flimsy excuse for "probable cause" in order to run my plates and check my license and insurance.

the Rev. Eugene Blair One evening, a policeman saw me and made a U-turn and came up behind me to pull me over. One of two license plate lights was

burned out, which he never would have seen unless he made the U-turn. Yes, the plate was lighted and could be seen by anyone. But I was stopped anyway.

The last time I was stopped by the Canton police, I had my 2-year-old and 6-year-old daughters in the car. I had just picked them up from school. We noticed a flurry of police activity on Joy Road east of Lilley. I was followed by two police cars and ordered to pull over. I was ordered to put my hands out of the window and get out of the car. I was searched and told that I "matched the description of a black male wearing a hat and sunglasses."

There are the magical words for DWB: "You matched the description." In this case, a black male wearing sunglasses and a hat. How many black males were going down Joy Road with a hat and sunglasses? The absurdity, and I might add the racism, should be obvious. What direction, in what kind of car, what make or model, what color, what color clothes? The officers had no answers to these questions. My 6-year-old daughter is now very afraid of the police.

The problem goes back to the founding slave holding fathers of our nation. Their guiding principle in forming our government was that the people should decide what is right and good for all. So they elected men, and no women, to form a representative government. The government decides what laws need to be passed for the good of the people. And the people, empowered by the law, hire police officers, usually white and male, to protect the people with the laws. This is where it breaks down: the police can decide how, when and where and against whom to enforce the law and its attendant policies of protection. When it comes to DWB, some have accused the police of the attendant and official or unofficial policy of "racial profiling." Depending on your point of view, we spend a lot of time and energy trying to prove it exists or it does not. If you are a black male over the age of 15, it is a moot point.

The city of Romulus recently locked down several elementary schools while the police searched for a robbery suspect. It was interesting to note that the media interviewed three black males who were stopped in this exercise and none of them "matched the description" of the suspect. Their link to the crime was that they were black males. I assert that they were DWB.

Our culture has forced upon itself the notion that the worst in the African-American race can be representative of the race. Yes, black men kill, maim, murder, and rob. No amount of social theory or cultural philosophy can explain away that reality. If we commit a crime, we should be arrested, prosecuted, and jailed to the fullest extent of the law. But we cannot judge all black men by the worst media examples available. That would be like saying we should judge all white males with shaved heads by Patrick Selepak, who along with his girlfriend, murdered a man, put the frozen body in the back of the victim's pickup truck and drove around with it for a couple of days, not to mention their torture and murder of two other white people.

From the White House to Joy Road in Canton, racism has us all tied in a knot. I read somewhere that metro Detroit is the most segregated area in America. Canton has a lot to offer in the way of schools, community pride, and economic growth and housing. While we like and enjoy living in our community, the ugly dragon of racism is still breathing its fire and threats. My first-grade daughter was called a nigger for the first time in her life in a Canton public school.

As Canton/Plymouth grows and the quality of life here is attractive, perhaps this community can rise above the rest and put into place policies, ideas, commissions, and community groups to kill the dragon before it gets too big to kill. Perhaps we can be different. As a United Methodist minister, I would suggest that the churches are the ones to give leadership to this effort. An ecumenical forum can be devised to call attention to the need for more than physical and tangible material goods, housing and services.

If people, government, and the police do not respect and protect each other equally, are we doomed just to be another white flight suburb of Detroit? Great housing, excellent schools, and economic vitality mean little if, in the words of Martin Luther King Jr., "we cannot learn to live together as brothers we will perish together as fools."

The **Rev. Eugene A. Blair**, of the Detroit Conference and United Methodist Church in Canton, is a Canton resident.

IKEA shopping trip stays with you - like Willie Wonka's candy

s I stood in line Saturday morning outside IKEA, I felt like Veruca Salt holding the golden ticket. She was the spoiled brat who won the opportunity to tour "the most eccentric and wonderful candy factory of all time" in the 1971 movie Willie Wonka S the Chocolate Factory.

While Veruca and her father were only two of 10 people permitted entry into the chocolate factory, my 7-year-old daughter and I were among 15,000



Kimberly

Mortson

that made our way through the 300,000plus square-foot Canton store Saturday. I have been referring to it as the chocolate factory of home furnishings. A Mecca of merchandise for anyone that has living space he or she wants to renovate, ornament or enhance. The excitement and

anticipation of Saturday's "Friends & Family" event escalated as I moved closer to the front door of the monstrous blue and yellow building. IKEA gave away thousands of black and white business card-size tickets as an employee perk for their relatives and acquaintances. It served as a dress rehearsal in preparation for the human avalanche of customers expected on opening day.

As we walked closer to the entrance I could hear IKEA employees cheering and clapping.

A couple hundred people ahead of us started the wave as they clutched blue store maps, tiny IKEA pencils and disposable measuring tapes that yellow polo shirt-wearing staffers handed out by the fistfuls to make shopping that much more productive.

Behind me stood a middle-aged couple from Canton who got their golden ticket from their daughter's friend. They had never been to any one of the 220 stores worldwide and wanted to see what all the hullabaloo was about while they had the chance.

"I don't see what the big deal is," said the husband, a professed nonshopper. "They take your money just like every other store."

I started to laugh like bratty Veruca. "Yes, but they take LESS of your

money. That's the beauty of IKEA," I said. He just chuckled, but I knew better. I had been to the IKEA in Schaumburg, Ill., last year with a girlfriend. I was wise The excitement and anticipation of Saturday's 'Friends & Family' event escalated as I moved closer to the front door of the monstrous blue and yellow building. IKEA gave away thousands of black and white business card-size tickets as an employee perk for their relatives and acquaintances.

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to the ways of IKEA and was eager to $\frac{100}{100}$ share my knowledge and adoration for $\frac{100}{100}$ the Swedish retailer.

It only took us 15 minutes to get through the line that snaked across the front of the store and all the way down the Haggerty Road side of the building. While Veruca reveled at the sight of chocolate rivers, giant edible mushrooms and lickable wallpapers, I filled my cart with a \$29 brushed nickel dining room light, an 18-piece set of children's silverware for \$1.49 and a \$7.99 wall-mounted storage bin. A few of my own "golden eggs."

I felt the jubilance the thousands of Canton IKEA shoppers were experiencing as they got their first glimpse of the store, its merchandise and the prices. I saw women using hand-held walkie talkies to give status reports on the contents of their carts, couples taking camera phone pictures of bedroom displays and men tapping stainless steel colanders to make sure they were the real deal.

I ended my spree in line with a couple hundred other patrons feeling exhilarated from our trip through home decorators heaven. Sandy Aristeo of Canton snacked on one of IKEA's infamous Swedish meatballs in the checkout line behind me.

"I can't wait to come back," said Aristeo in spite of having just spent three hours in the marketplace. "I can only fit so much in my trunk. I decided I'm taking Wednesday off to come back and shop some more."

She was euphoric with that Everlasting Gobstopper of a feeling the store leaves you with. Just like Willy Wonka's candy claimed – it lasts forever. Happy shopping, Canton.

Kimberly Mortson is a Westland resident.



COUNTY NEWS

Patterson aiming for comprehensive state energy policy

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

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In February, state Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, chair of the Senate Technology and Energy Committee, called together the first of three planned energy work groups to take a "long-range" look at Michigan's energy needs.

Patterson wanted to look at the whole picture – electric generation, heating, fuel for transportation, deregulation and costs. He called together a wide range of energy experts from utility company representatives, alternate energy suppliers, environmentalists supporting renewable energy systems and public policy academics. Their first task was to define "long-range."

"The first work group was to decide how long a period we would embrace and courageously they came up with a 30-year span, which is beyond what I expected," Patterson said. "They were smart enough to realize we would revisit this if for no other reason that technologies change, populations would migrate, we would have to be somewhat flexible though they did embrace the concepts of predictability and consistency that I kept haranguing on."

In April, they released a report outlining energy alternatives.

The second workshop was given their charge in May and divided into like-minded groups to file reports on their perspectives on the state's energy needs, forms of energy, future costs and regulatory policies. The results are due June 10.

In April, Gov. Jennifer Granholm issued an Executive Directive to the PSC chairman to draw up a state energy plan by Dec. 31.

ELECTRIC POWER DEBATE

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Sen. Bruce Patterson

On June 1, Patterson brought together three workshop members with divergent views on electric generation for a meeting with the Observer. Fred Shell, DTE Energy vice president for corporate and governmental affairs, represented the traditional public utility. Eric Schneidewind, former chair of the Public Service Commission and now a lawyer with Varnum, Riddering, represented Energy Michigan alternative electric suppliers. Mike Shriberg, director of Environment Michigan, represented environmentalists and supports of renewable energy.

Patterson said electric generation is a major area of contention, especially since the state legislature passed a law in 2000 partially deregulating the electric industry and allowing residential and commercial customers to choose alternate electric suppliers. Less than 10 percent of commercial customers now choose an alternate electric source. Only a handful of residential customers left the utility.

"On the one hand we've said we want to move away from a monopolistic system and toward deregulation, but on the other hand we're saying we need regulation or we're not going to get people to step up," he said.

He said he thought the utility was jeopardized under the current system.

"That could be our choice, but there will be consequences, intended or unintended," he said.

For Mike Shriberg, the issue is an overdemand for electrical energy.

"What we see is a solution that is pretty plain and simple, reduce energy usage and then when we are retiring the old coal fired plants, switching over to renewable energy and mandate renewable energy portfolio standards," Shriberg said. "The other side is arguing for building new coal-fired power plants, we are strenuously against that as just another way of importing energy from out of state."

Renewable energy includes such things as wind power and solar cells. DTE's Fred Small says that

as the state's major provider of

electrical power, DTE has to consider all forms of electrical generation including renewable, nuclear and coal.

"Our sense of it is that we're going to need everything, we're going to have to do everything," he said. "Certainly crafting a role for renewable and alternative energy but figuring out how that power is paid for because under current economics, it is more expensive than traditional power. We don't stand in the school house door and resist it. But we need to look at the question holistically."

He said even if the state maximized its renewable and alternative energy there would still be a need for traditional fuel-based electric generation. He said another problem was complying with environmental mandates.

"This requires substantial investment in capital across the whole range of energy," he said.

A BIDDING PROCESS

Eric Schneidewind said that the traditional model for regulated utilities "equates risk of building the plant with the profit the utility is allowed to make." He said changes now have customers recovering the costs before construction. He said his group favors a bidding process for providing electricity with the Public Service Commission selecting a winner. He said under this plan renewable energy would get special consideration. "There would he a pupter

"There would be a preference for renewables but preserve competitive cost pressures to make sure that the guarantee upfront wouldn't translate into excessive costs or poor performance," he said.

Small said the introduction of choice initially drew some commercial customers away from the public utility when alternative suppliers could offer a lower price because commercial prices were set artificially high by the PSC to keep residential rates low. He said there has been a migration back to the utility company and the movement back and forth has caused planning uncertainty.

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Patterson said that his committee wants to take "a global or cosmopolitan view" of all the state's energy concerns.

"I think there is a common thread that goes across electricity and the other alternative fuel sectors," said Shriberg. "The first strategy has to be energy efficiency and less use."

energy efficiency and less use." Patterson said his next step is to have the different groups confront and question each other to work toward some kind of consensus. He said he wants to have energy bills introduced by the end of this year.

"If we don't get this done, we've got real problems," he said. "Every business needs energy. We need to have a plan. I don't know if we'll get this done."

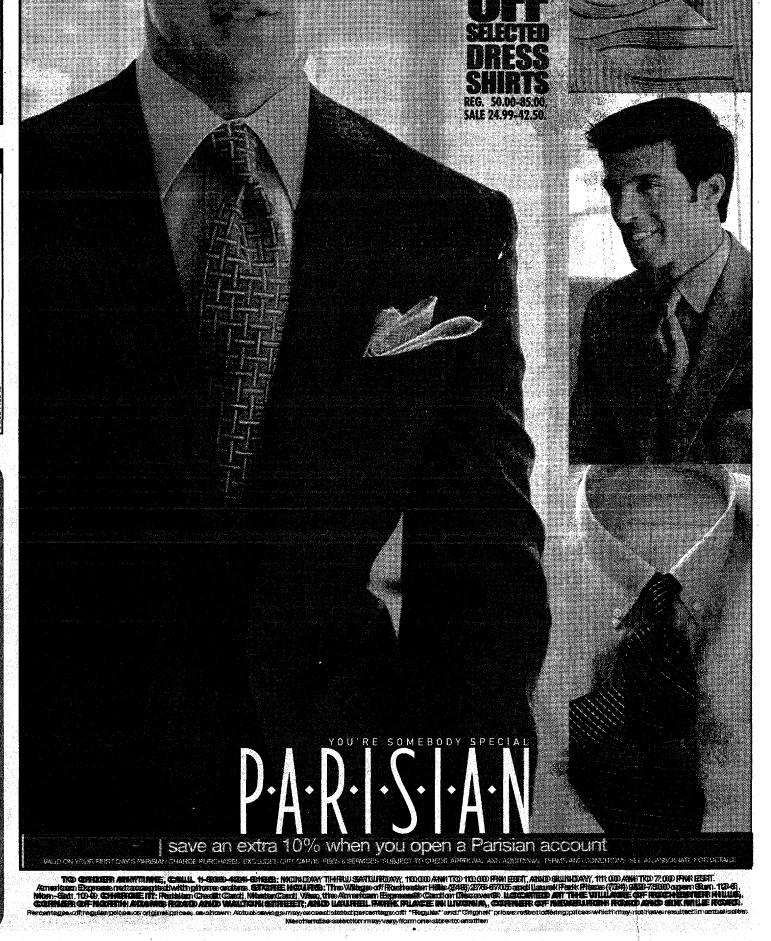
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COUNTY NEWS

Rouge Rescue celebrates 20 years of learning about the river

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Bill Craig gathered one of several small work teams Saturday morning at the entrance to Westland's Holliday Nature Preserve to give them their instructions for the day.

As part of the 20th annual Rouge Rescue, this team would be cleaning out fire pits and replacing them with trees. Craig warned them to take a long shower and clean their clothes when they were through doing their part. He warned about mosquitoes, poison ivy, and potential cuts and scratches.

"Anyone gets hurt, stop what you're doing. Safety is No. 1," he said,

Craig and the work team were part of a small army working along the Rouge River and its tributaries to clean out debris, pull weeds, replant native species and learn about the rich ecology of the Rouge watershed.

Craig of Livonia has been a leader in the program to protect and revitalize the Rouge and he's learned some lessons along the way.

"We can't do much with our hands to improve water quality, but we sure can educate people. As site coordinator, we have to do this in a safe way, in



an organized way ..." he said. "Whatever work we get done is a bonus. It really is a feel-good project. It's always here."

CHANGE OF PLANS

In past years, removing log jams was a major part of every Rouge Rescue. Not anymore.

"After a number of years, we became professional log jam removers and people really liked doing that," Craig said. "Then one of my friends from another state, Maine, said why are you taking the wood out of the river, that's important for the fish and insects. He's a fisherman. So it brought to mind the question, 'How come nobody's told us this is a bad thing?"

Patrick Kobylarcz, who lives a short distance from the Holliday Preserve and has volunteered with the Holliday Nature Preserve Association for 20 years, has adjusted to the new focus on junk removal, bank restoration and education.

"The focus has shifted from getting rid of log jams to getting rid of things that don't belong in a nature preserve ... garbage, trash, pulling shopping carts out of the water. removing invasive species like garlic mustard, things that aren't native to the area," he said.

A map at the park entrance shows an area invaded by garlic mustard where a team would be kept busy removing the unwanted plant.

PARK STEWARDS

Kobylarcz said the association does maintenance throughout the year, especially since cutbacks by the county.

"The association is kind of

ards, he said a big part of the Rouge Rescue is getting kids involved and teaching them



Schoolcraft Community College student Andy Brown helps remove rocks around the drain pipe at the Canton's Flodin Park.

Caitlin Minnick, 9, and

Zachary Minnick, 8, as part of Cub Scout Pack 852's annual participation. This was the second time for Star and her children.

"It's about appreciation for nature, to save what we have here and restore it, to hand it on to future generations," she said.

Jay Gilbert, Westland's community development director, said the Rouge Rescue isn't "glitzy," but it's still important to remind people of the need to preserve the river. And it's been a good partnership between the city and volunteers.

"We get more manpower and coordination by working together," Gilbert said.

WILDLIFE HABITAT

Canton's Flodin Park was a bustle of activity. Children were happily pounding away on nails constructing bird houses, while along Fellows Creek and a small pond children, teenagers and adults replanting native plants.

tle and told a wide-eyed circle of children and adults about the turtle's place in the someand its tributaries. She preeach with a story of its own. "We like to focus on bringing awareness to the habitats of the Rouge River," she said. "Not many people realize how much wildlife still lives in the river, so we show animals local to our area and make people realize how important a habitat it has been."

The River Day program at Flodin Park was partially sponsored by the International Transmission Co., which owns the property adjacent to the park and the large power transmission towers. For Grace Rush, marketing and communications associate for ITC, it's a win-win partnership.

"There's a drain that was eroding the banks of Fellows Creek and since that's our property, we partnered with them to remove that drain," she said. "We own the high voltage transmission system in southeastern Michigan. This is mutually beneficial. We try to





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Dan Lugwig digs a hole at Westland's Holliday Nature Preserve so that the volunteers can place a bench along the path.

be good neighbors in the communities where we have equipment."

Nicolle Labelle, 16, Kathryn Poma, 16 and Michael Haar, 17, all of Canton, were having fun but all agreed they enjoyed "helping out."

"I do it every year," Labelle said. "Three years, picking

weeds and pulling stuff out of the river."

Last year, Poma fell in the creek but was back again for her third year.

For many people, rescuing the Rouge has become a regular event.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Liberty Fest parade has evolved from humble beginnings

BY NANCY DEUTSCH CORRESPONDENT

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Back in 1999, there was no parade in Canton.

Fred Bolden, a Canton resident, loved the festive processions. So he would pack his kids into the car whenever he heard about a nearby parade, and off they would go.

"I thought, 'Man, Canton has 80,000 people and there's no parade," he says.

So Bolden approached township officials and asked them why Canton couldn't have one of its own. They gave him the go-ahead, but told him he'd have to work fairly independently.

A year later, with about \$3,000 of his own money, he put together Canton's first parade. It was short, running from the Summit to the Canton Public Library, and "a mess", he says. But the Liberty Fest Parade was born and it has only gotten bigger, better and cheaper (for Bolden, anyway) since. Canton Leisure Services has since contributed both money and manpower, and while Bolden is still a front runner in organizing the event, he is hardly doing it solo.

What started at the Summit moved to Canton Center Road, and is now on Ford Road, where it runs from near Canton Center Road (the starting point is Super Bowl this year) to Lilley.

"There's no exact science to it," says Debbie Zevalkink,

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

David Medley, ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188 (734) 394-5260

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-May 30, 2006

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, May 30, 2006 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 6.30 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo Staff Present: Director Conklin, Brad Sharp, Greg Hohenberger Guest: Fellows Creek Operations: Dan Ross Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, seconded by Kirchgatter to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all members present. <u>STUDY SESSION TOPIC</u> Item 1. Tour of Flodin Park - Located between Morton Taylor and Sheldon on Saltz Road. Item 2. Fellows Creek Golf Club Update, 2963 Lotz Road. The Board arrived at Fellows Creek Golf Club at 7:15 p.m. for the final plan for the proposed improvements: The proposed contact with the operator will be discussed in detail. Three options will be presented: a. One year lease terminating on October 31, 2006. b. Five year lease terminating on October 31, 2009. c. Ten year lease terminating on October 31, 2014. Bonding for improvements is an option; this would include a 45 day public referendum period following a board action to approve the bond process. Generally, the Board supported the 10 year contract. Other: The Study Session Meeting scheduled for June 6, 2006 is cancelled. The next Board meeting will be June 13, 2006, held in the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan, 48188. Adjourn Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin at 8:50 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried by - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. all members present. Bennett, Clerk -

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular assistant to Township Supervisor Tom Yack and coordinator of the Liberty Fest Parade.

Almost anyone who wants to be in the parade can be, but the township is cutting back on funds, so there will be fewer paid bands this year, she says. There will be more floats, though, with a total of 10 expected in the parade this year – seven more than last year. And IKEA will host a float for the first time -- a glass truck with a room of furniture.

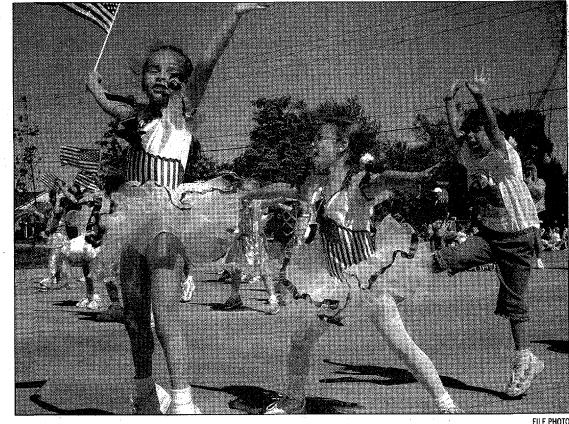
In addition to floats, there are unicyclists, dancers, cheerleaders and- for the first timerobots. The Plymouth Canton Educational Park will have a robotics team out there. And for the third year, eight members of the Canton Public Library Drill Team will repeat their popular routine that includes dancing around book carts, passing books to each other and shushing the crowd.

Marcia Barker, program coordinator for the library, leads the group.

"We have a good time," she says. "We won best of the

parade last year." The idea for a library drill team was developed by librarians on the west coast, and when Barker heard of it, she thought they should do it too. Participating is so fun, in fact, that there is a waiting list of people who would like to take

part. "The best part is, we hear people yell 'We love the library!'," Barker says.



Aurora Wernette (from left), Carolyn Springer and Kathrine Springer danced during a recent Liberty Fest parade. Many community groups will participate in this year's parade, which is scheduled for June 17.

The variety of acts make the Canton parade special, Zevalkink says. "We're trying to provide a diverse parade," she said.

The parade costs around \$3,000 and they are always hoping for sponsors, she notes. Different companies can have floats and carry banners, and the money can be used to sponsor contests such as Best Float or, Best Youth Entry, she says. Zevalkink is also hoping that one day soon a Canton company will sponsor a cold-air balloon to float just above the ground in the parade since those balloons are so fun to watch.

"We were hoping someone would step forward," she said, admitting those balloons aren't cheap- they cost about \$2000 to rent.

Still, the parade is a good

place to make the community aware of your business. Although attendance is impossible to measure, several hundred residents line the street Saturday morning to watch the annual parade.

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Bolden still attends the odd parade elsewhere but admits it's much less often than it used to be. After all, why venture far from home when "we have a nice one."



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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 19, 2006, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

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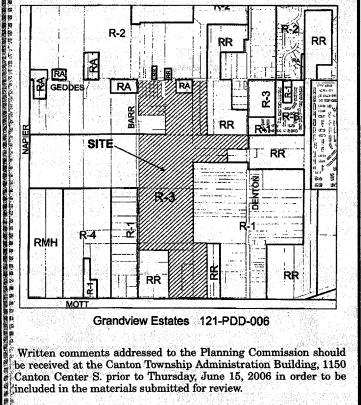
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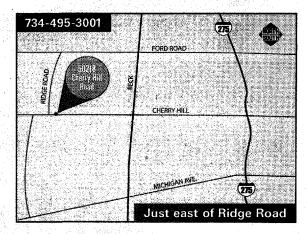
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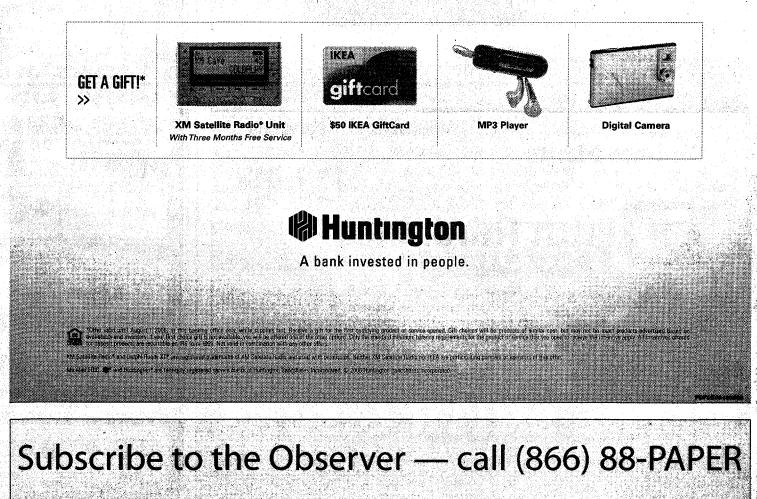
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LOCAL NEWS



Members of the Summit Senior Players will present 'Sandbag, Stage Left or One Dead Dolly' this weekend.

Senior Players to make Village Theater debut

The Summit Senior Players are ready to take to the stage to present "Sandbag, Stage Left or One Dead Dolly" this week, June 9, 10 and 11.

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Now in their eighth season, the Senior Players will make their first appearance at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

The play is a murder-mystery courtroom comedy, in which the audience decides

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if the defendant is guilty or innocent.

The tickets are \$8, plus a \$1 service charge, and may be purchased at the Summit on the park any time prior to the performance, or at the Village Theater one hour prior to the performances. The performances are 7

p.m. June 9 and 10, and 3 p.m. June 11. Valet parking is free.

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

As Livonia Public Schools begins to downsize the number of elementary buildings it operates, an Adolescent Day Treatment Center will shift to a new location.

The Kaselemis Center, a program operated by Redford Union Schools, has most recently been housed at 36651 Ann Arbor Trail. The building, referred to as Rosedale School, is owned by Livonia Public Schools. As the district closes seven buildings to restructure its programs under the Legacy Initiative, the school is set to reopen as a K-4 elementary.

That means a moving day is in the future for students and staff at the Kaselemis Center.

We're moving down the road to Nankin Mills, which is four miles east on Ann Arbor Trail," said Neil Thomas, executive director of special education and early childhood programs for Redford Union School District.

Redford Union will call the building the Kaselemis Center. Even the sign is set to move. District officials are still discussing a formal lease agreement at Nankin Mills.

In the past Redford Union school officials have signed a fouryear lease to house their program in the neighboring district.

"Livonia has been very helpful in the site selection," said Thomas. "We've had a chance to go through the building beforehand. It will meet our

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, June 22nd, 2006 for the following:

TREE REMOVAL SERVICES - COMMUNITY PROPERTIES

A 5% bid bond will be required with this project. Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, from our website at www.canton-mi.org or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid title, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services

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needs very well. It's a great location in so many ways for a day treatment program."

Adolescent Day Treatment Center will move

Supt. Randy Liepa, of Livonia Public Schools, said the district is indeed looking into moving the program to Nankin Mills Elementary. "It's close to the (Western Wayne) Skill Center," he added.

Though Liepa said nothing has been finalized, he expects to bring the matter before the school board very soon.

In its 29 years of operation, this will mark the adolescent day treatment program's fifth relocation. It began as the Pearson Center, moved to Volney Center, then to Rosedale School (now demolished) in Livonia and to the former Johnson Elementary School.

In 1999 Livonia Public Schools re-opened the former Lowell Junior High School as the new Johnson Elementary. That's when the former Johnson school took on the name Rosedale.

In 2004, Redford Union rededicated the Rosedale building as the Gus Kaselemis Center for adolescent day treatment and special education students.

Making the move to Nankin Mills will be tricky, said Thomas. "Everyone is making the

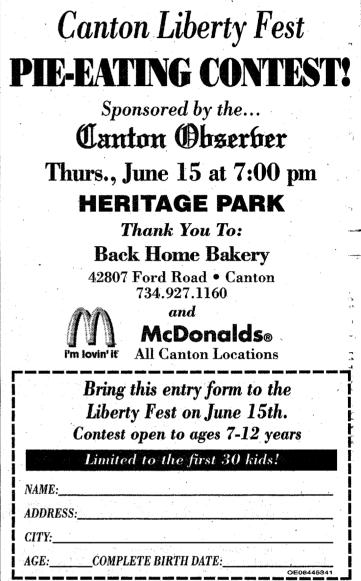
transition," he said. "They've been packing some of the boxes and moving computers

and equipment over." The Kaselemis Center accommodates more than 125 high school-age students who are referred from staff members in their home school districts in Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Garden City, Redford Township and Northville. Individuals with questions

about the program can call Bob Dietiker, director of student

services in Livonia Public Schools, at (734) 744-2615 or Neil Thomas in Redford Union Schools at (313) 242-3501. The Kaselemis Center can be reached directly at (734) 422-3717.





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Dance studio expands, Wayne County shoppers find money-saving options

More than furniture

TEC Furniture customers are welcome to bring an appetite to the store's upcoming Tent Sale. Held June 9-11 at the Westland Showroom, 35715 Warren Ave, the sale starts in the parking lot.

Look for the tent, complete with free balloons, hot dogs and drinks. Furniture in the store, and outside under the tent will be sold at markeddown prices. Additional stores inside Westland Shopping Center will also offer special promotions. Stop by TEC Furniture for lunch, festivities and furniture shopping for this annual event.

The right moves

It's official. Plymouth resi-

WHAT'S IN STORE

dent Kristie Wyler is now the new owner of Metro Dance, a local dance studio known for its strong ballet program.

Wyler took over on June 1 and plans to add a few new classes, including ballroom lessons. "Over the past nine years" the previous owners have

built an outstanding program that I am proud to continue," she said. "It's a family environment and I'm excited to start."

Wyler brings her extensive teaching background to the position. She has managed a city dance program, coached high school dance teams and worked as a teacher at Metro Dance.

Spring classes kick off this week. Wyler is also part-time

ballroom and gymnastic instructors. Those interested may forward resumes to Kristie@MetroDanceCompa ny.com.

Metro Dance Company office hours are 4:30-8 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The studio is located at 541 S. Mill Street in Plymouth.

For more information on the studio or class offerings, call (734) 207-8970 or visit www.MetroDanceCompany.c om.

Drawing crowds

Fans of the Swedish home retailer **IKEA** began lining up outside the Canton megastore Monday - all to get an early peek at the low-priced modern home goods.

The retailer expects to draw more than 2 million

shoppers annually, to the store. It's Michigan's first IKEA. Employees said the fervor surrounding an IKEA opening such as this can dissipate after a few weeks, or hold steady for the first six months.

Those ready to brave the crowds - all in the name of home renovation, will find IKEA at 41640 Ford Road, on the corner of Haggerty Road near I-275 in Canton. Ikea is open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Another Swedish-based company new to Michigan, H&M recently opened stores in both Ann Arbor and Sterling Heights. H&M, which first opened its doors in 1947, now sells low-priced trendy clothing and acces sories in 22 countries.

The company's philosophy

aims to "give the customer unbeatable value by offering fashion and quality at the best price." To achieve this, the European retailer buys in large volumes, and has its own designers, buyers and budget-controllers.

The smaller Ann Arbor store, located in the Sears corridor of Briarwood Mall, 100 Briarwood Circle, opened May 12 and stocks primarily women's clothing.

On Friday, June 2, H&M fever hit Lakeside Mall, 14000 Lakeside Circle in Sterling Heights. Also located in the mall's Sears corridor, this larger Michigan flagship location caters to men, women and children. Linen skirts were priced at \$9.90, while light-weight pajamas will set shoppers back just \$12.

The store was flooded with bargain-hunters on opening weekend. Each received a personalized H&M gift - like a duffel bag, journal or lunchbox. Thanks to the Swedes, let the love of shopping return.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about new and changing businesses for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. E-mail tips on your new, favorite Wayne County shop to scasola@hometownlife.com or call (734) 953-2054.

BULL BRESLER L STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER The IKEA banners are whipping in the

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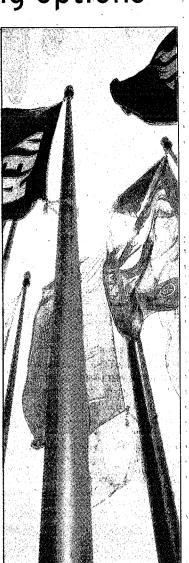
Wayne Parks Division and Friends of Wayne County Parks is hosting a public workshop to present the county wide trails and greenways trail information and maps gathered from all of the municipalities in Wayne County. Public officials and YOU, our citizens have the opportunity to verify this information, provide further input and identify missing links to develop a comprehensive greenways mapping system. Please come and share you ideas and suggestions for greenways in your community. We are planning for the future and your participation is crucial in our efforts to:

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AROUND TOWN

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Motor City Harley-Davidson presents the sixth annual "HOGS for Cats and Dogs" benefit for the Michigan Humane Society 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at Motor City Harley-Davidson, 34900 Grand River in Farmington Hills. An early bird breakfast will be held at 9 a.m. Breakfast and refreshments throughout the day provided by Gus O'Connor's Public House. An observation run departing from Motor City Harley-Davidson is open to all and starts at 10:00 a.m. - last bike in by 3:00 p.m. For more information call the dealership at 248-473-7433. Registration \$10 or \$5 with donation of a wish list item.

Ford Day Festival

Wayne County Parks hosts "Ford Days" at Nankin Mills 1-5 p.m. Saturday, June 10. Participants will discover how the mills played an important role in the developing automobile industry and what it was like to live in the early 1900s. A special addition to this year's Ford Day is the Recreation Expo, featuring on-site local community groups that will have information on their summer programs. Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is located on Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail. The event is free, except for \$40 per person for optional craft and games. For more information, call (734) 261-1990.

Fibromyalgia workshop

A local authority will be at the Carl Sandburg Library for a free workshop 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 28, to discuss what can be causing headaches, which he said is "often misdiagnosed and misunderstood." To register, call (248) 426-0201. Seating is limited.

Irish Genealogical Society

The Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan presents a program on "Beginning Genealogy" with Richard M. Doherty, president of the society, 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 17 at the Gaelic League/Irish American Club, 2068 Michigan Avenue in Detroit. Fenced-in parking is available. The lecture will cover What is Genealogy, how to get started, basic forms, sources of genealogy information, key research tools and final hints. For more information, call (248) 879-9352.

Homebuyers' workshop

Ross Mortgage hosts a live on-line Homebuyers Workshop 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, to discuss the ins and outs of financing your next home. Register on-line at www.rossmortgage.com. The workshop is free. For more information, call (248) 547-4700.

Northville garden walk

The Country Garden Club of Northville is inviting everyone to attend their annual garden walk, featuring five gardens in Northville, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Wednesday, July 12. After seeing the flowers, visitors are invited to stop by Mill Race Village, where Cady Inn will be transformed into "The Potting Shed" where complimentary homemade sweets and lemonade will be served. Tickets in advance (\$10) are available and may be purchased after June 12 from Gardenviews, 202 W. Main in Northville. For more information, call (734) 591-0360.

Alzheimer's anniversary

This year, the Alzheimer's Association celebrates 25 years of service to Michigan residents with a luncheon and awards program at noon June 14 at the VisTaTech center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. The program will feature recognition of special people and features keynote speaker Orien Reed, a television and radio consumer reporter and volunteer for the Alzheimer's Association. Tickets are \$25, and the public is invited. For tickets or more information, visit the Web site at www.alzgmc.org or call (800) 272-3900.

Zoo shot party

On Tuesday, June 20, the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan and the Detroit Zoo team up to offer "One Zoo of a Shot Party." fora convenient place to get children ages 15 and older immunized against bacterial meningitis and/or receive the new tetanus booster that offers increased protection against whooping cough, known medically as pertussis. The program is open to students age 15, high school seniors and college freshmen living in dorms. The meningitis shot costs \$105; the tetanus shot is \$50. The event takes place 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the main entrance to the Detroit Zoo; parking is free for those being immunized. For more information, visit www.vna.org or call (248) 967-8755.

Summer school

Summer courses are back in season at the Ann Arbor Art Center, offering favorites such as Drawing Fundamentals, Foundations, Painting 101, Basic and Continuing Watercolor, Exploring Watermedia and three levels of Ceramics. Semester dates run through July 10-Aug. 31 and discounts will be given for early registration by June 26. This summer the Art Center adds five new offerings in the celebration of art appreciation, ceramics, knitting and wine. Not only are these creative journeys, they are adventures in enlightenment. Debbie Kawsky, will share her art historical knowledge in a new class entitled He Said/She Said: Great Artistic Couples, which explores famous artistic couples like Pablo Picasso and Dora Maar, Edgar Degas and Mary Cassatt, for the shocking behind-the-scenes stories, their relationships, and the production of their most iconic works Session 1 is Wednesday, July 12 from

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Swedish fun

Heather Capote-Powell and Mark Powell acted out an old-fashioned silent melodrama as the Jenny Lind Club of Michigan held its annual fund-raiser event at the Plymouth Historical Museum and successfully raised more than \$1,000 for the club's music scholarship fund. The theme of the evening was 'Somewhere in Time.' More than 50 quests were given the option of dressing in any American time period, then enjoyed a candlelit dinner and the melodrama after touring the museum exhibits. The silent melodrama was written by the club's publicity chair, Mary-Louise Capote.

7-9 p.m. and Session 2 is Wednesday, July 19, from 7-9 p.m. Kawsky will also instruct two sessions of Art and Scandal. This lecture series will focus on the exciting, yet tumultuous lives of painters and sculptors including Edouard Manet, Vincent Van Gogh, and Camille Claudel whose passion in both their personal relationships and their works of art quickly led to obsession, hatred, and tragedy. Session 1 is Wednesday, July 26, from 7-9 p.m. and Session 2 is Wednesday, Aug. 2, from 7-9 p.m. Simone Jenkins of Morgan & York will offer Artful Tasting: Bubbles and Cheese, a fourweek class pairing cheeses and sparkling wines from around the world. The class runs Thursday nights at 6:30-8:30 p.m. from July 13-Aug. 3. Everyone has gone crazy for crocheting, and in the six-week Wearable Works of Art: Knit and Crochet for Pre-Teens and Adult, beginners can learn the basic stitches, materials and construction techniques for creating small projects and then expand to make their own. Wearable Works is

taught by Kristen Ham on Tuesday nights 6:30-8:30pm from July 11-Aug. 15 or Thursday mornings, 9:30-11:30 a.m. July 13-Aug. 17. The Ann Arbor Art Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to engaging the community in the education, exhibition, and exploration of the visual arts. For more information, explore www.annarborartcenter.org, visit the Ann Arbor Art Center at 117 W. Liberty Street in downtown Ann Arbor or contact Janet Torno at (734) 994-8004. Ext. 114

Charity golf A summer days worth of fun never helped so many, which is just what golfers at the fourth-annual Michigan Tournament of Charities will do when they play at Fox Hills Golf and Country Club near Plymouth Aug. 28. Registration and breakfast begin at 9 a.m., with the 18-hole shotgun start at 10:30 a.m. Arbor Hospice & Home Care joins Open Door Ministry, Detroit **Rescue Mission Ministries, For the** Kids Foundation, Joy of Jesus, Band of Angels, Children's Therapy Fund and

Promise Village: Home for Children in benefiting from the generosity of MTOC and participants of the golf tournament. This distinguished golf tournament concludes with a banquet and live and silent auctions. Everyone is encouraged to join the evening festivities, which kicks off at 4 p.m. To register for this event, please contact Arbor Hospice & Home Care at www.arborhospice.org, email laren@arborhospice.org, or call 734-662-5999, Ext. 120. Registration can also be done through the Michigan Tournament of Charities Web site, www.mtocgolf.org and indicate supporting Arbor Hospice & Home Care.

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Diabetes support

The Diabetes Support Group at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia hosts a presentation, "Diabetes and Neuropathy Pain Management" 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 14 in the hospital's auditorium. Guest speaker is Timothy Wright, M.D., Pain Management, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. There is no charge for the meeting, and pre-registration is not required. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 5 Mile and Levan in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 655-8961.

Creative writing workshop The Michigan Horror Writers presents its Spring 2006 writing workshop, "Revealing Character or What's in Your (Hero's) Wallet?" 3:45-6:15 p.m. Saturday, June 24 in the community room of the Madison Heights Fire Department headquarters, 31313 Brush, Madison Heights. Author Diane Burton offers tips for developing memorable characters which the reader will either root for or hiss at. Admission is \$25 for Michigan Horror Writers members, \$30 for pre-registered attendees, \$35 for registration after June 3 and \$40 for walk-ins. Attendees should submit a sample of their writing with their registration. For more information or to register email Shelby at president@michiganhorror.com

Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, Livingston and western Wayne counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting, patient transport/patient outings, errand running, grief support and clerical services. Spring volunteer training is approaching. For more information contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones at (888) 973-1145.

Summer internships Want to gain valuable knowledge through internship experience while being immersed in a vibrant creative setting? If so, the Ann Arbor Art Center is the place for you. Applications are now being accepted for internships during summer 2006

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at the Ann Arbor Art Center. Internships include positions in Education, Exhibitions, the Gallery Shop, marketing, graphic design, special events, development and operations. All internships at the Ann Arbor Art Center are unpaid. Additional detailed descriptions of all internships available can be found at www.annarborartcenter.org. To apply for an internship, forward all resumes to info@annarborartcenter.org with "Internship" in the subject heading. Alternatively, mail a resume and cover letter to Marsha Chamberlin at the Ann Arbor Art Center at 117. West Liberty, Ann Arbor 48104 or fax it to 734994-3610.

Literacy Council tutors

Thé Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information. **Grief support**

New Hope Center for Grief Support is

a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhopecenter.net.

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Rotary A.M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Mark Hammar, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 455-6620.

MOPS meet MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May, for moms and their children, newborn-kindergarten, at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information, call Crystal Johnson, (734) 459-1861.

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ALFRED CHARLES WORTLEY, Jr.

Age 86, May 30, 2006. Retired attorney. Husband of Elizabeth, father of James (Carole) and William Wortley, brother of Dr. John and Dr. Charles Wortley, grandfather of Kristen Wortley. Memorial service, St. James Episcopal Church, 355 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham, Saturday, June 10, 11am. Interment Good Hart, MI. In lieu of flowers, tributes to the Little Traverse Conservancy, 3264 Powell Rd., Harbor Springs, MI 49740 (1-231-347-0991). Arrangements, Wm. R. Hamilton Co., 1-248-644-6000

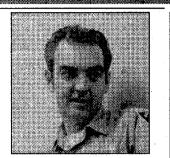
BETTY FITZPATRICK NEUBECK

Age 94, formerly of Plymouth, died June 4, 2006. in Douglas, Wyoming, She was a member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist of Plymouth. She is urvived by her grandchildren, Susan Quiroz, Margaret O'Hara, Julie Fizpatrick, and Kelly Fitzpatrick Thompson, several great-grandchildren also survive. She was preceded in death by her husband, Beman G. Neubeck, and her children, Leonard D Eitzpatrick and Joy Elaine Fitzpatrick visitation will be Monday, June 12, from 9 am until time of service at 10 am at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth. Memorials may be given to the New Horizons Rehab Service, 1814 Pond Run, Auburn Hills, MI 48326, or the Fowler Center, Inc., 2315 Harmon Lake Road, Mayville, MI 48744.



CHARLES NORMAN TANTON, JR.

Formerly of Farmington Hills. Died Monday morning, June 5, 2006, in Kalamazoo, MI. Charles was born February 11, 1922 in Detroit, MI, a son of Charles N. and LaVera (Edwards) Tanton, Sr. During World War II, Charles served as an intelligence officer in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He graduated from Michigan Technological University and worked for twenty-eight years as a metallurgist for the Ford Motor Company. On June 28, 1945, he was united in marriage with the former Marion Ruth Biasel. Charles and Marion moved from Farmington Hills to The Fountains in Kalamazoo in 2002. Marion preceded Charles in death on August 2, 2005. Surviving are: 3 chil-Iren, C. Russell (Stephanie) Tanton of Mission Viejo, CA, Patricia (Richard) Hewitt of Portage, MI, and Joanne (Ronald) Flitton of Traverse City, MI; 4 grandchildren, Chuck Hewitt, Angie Hewitt, Tom (Betsy) Flitton and Christy Hewitt; a sister, Kaireen Tanton of Canton: and several nieces ws. A memorial service will be held 3:00pm, Thursday, June 8, 2006, at The Fountains, 1700 Bronson Way, Kalamazoo, MI. Memorial con-tributions should be directed to the Kalamazoo Area Parkinson's Support Group. Arrangements were made by Langeland Family Funeral Homes, Memorial Chapel, 622 S. Burdick St. www.langelands.com.

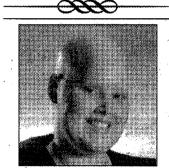


DALE M. BOWERMAN

Age 73, of Plymouth, MI and former-Lake, MI passed away Friday June 2006. Dale was born in McGregor, Michigan, a town named after his great grandfather John McGregor of Scotland. Dale grew up in a farming community and he really did walk miles to a one room schoolhouse. Dale's family moved to Livonia, Michigan during his teen years and he worked at Barnes, Gibson and Raymond for many years. Though he was offered the opportunity for advancement and security within the company, Dale didn't take it. In lieu of an office job, he chose to start his own company, "Dale's Decorators." In 1966, he became a firefighter for the Plymouth Fire Department. For seven years, he was a full time firefighter and a contractor on his off days. In 1970, 1970, he was recognized as Plymouth's "Fireman of the Year." He also was president of the firefighters union and active in the "Goodfellows" organization. Dale and his wife were long time members of Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia. Dale was active in sports at the church and bowled in several leagues. He once qualified to bowl on "Beat the Champ." After retirement, Dale loved gardening, hunting, fishing and gath-erings with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Dale also acquired a second home in Lake, great Michigan and had many friends there. He is survived by his wife of 52 years. Sylvia Bowerman. Also survived by his children, Dale A.(Shelley) Bowerman of Clarkston, Dianne(John) Magnusson of Plymouth, David M(Kay) Bowerman of Novi; grand-children, Jonathon Bowerman, Rachel (Preston) Phelps, Bonnie (John) Steen, Jeremy Bowerman, Mary Magnusson, Danielle Bowerman, John Magnusson l, Benjamin Bowerman and Jacob Great grandchildren Magnusson. Summer and Gracie Phelps. Sisters, Dorothy(Don) McAllister, Donnella (Hank) Zalewski, Dorace(Ted) Neaderbaomer and Dawn McKellar. Preceded in death by his brother Duane. A memorial service will be held at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, ivonia on June 17, 2006 at 11am. Memorial contributions may be made to Newburg United Methodist Church or In-House Hospice, 24293 Telegraph Road, Suite 102, Southfield, Michigan 48034. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home Plymouth. (734-453-3333)

PATRICIA WOOD HATTO

Patricia Wood Hatto, devoted wife, mother and friend to many, died June 5 at age 82. She suffered from congestive heart failure. A long-time resident of Ann Arbor, Patricia was born in Toronto, Ontario, on October 10, 1923. She was one of two daughters born to Gordon and Marjory Brindle, former Canadian citizens who settled in Ann Arbor in the early 1900s. She attended Ann Arbor High School. In 1943, Patricia married Wilbur Wood of Detroit. Between 1951 and 1970 the couple lived in Farmington where they raised two sons, Phillip and Mark. She divorced and returned to Ann Arbor in 1976, working and retiring from Ann Arbor Public Schools. She was very active at Westminster Presbyterian Church, loved by many who came to know her there. In 2003, at age 80, Patricia married Robert Hatto of Ann Arbor. The two had met in high school and became reaquainted shortly before they married. Robert, who was with her when she died, was very devoted and brought her much happiness in the last years of her life. Patricia was preceded in death by her sister, Charlotte Claypoole. She is survived by her husband Robert Hatto, sons Phillip and Mark Wood, and grandsons, Jeremy, Benjamin and David Wood.



LAUREN A. HART

Age 18 of Clarkston, passed away Monday, June 05, 2006 in Providence Hospital, Southfield. She was born to Allen and Katherine Hart on June 3 1988 in Royal Oak, attended the Clarkston schools, and graduated Cum Laude from Clarkston High School on May 31, 2006. Lauren was very artis-tic and loved music and band. Some of her artwork was used by the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital on ties & scarves that were sold in the gift shop as fund raisers. She particularly enjoyed her Japanese language class in high school. She is survived by her parents, Allen and Katherine Hart, her sister, Sarah Mackenzie Hart, and her brother, Jacob Allen Hart, all of Clarkston; her grandmother, Dorothy . Hart of Lakeport; her grandfather, Gerald D. Heusted of Lake Orion; two uncles, Scott (Jane) Heusted of Hazel Park and Gregg (Lori) Heusted of Linden; several cousins; and her beloved cat, Whiskers. Lauren was If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, *Observer Newspapers*, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

JUNE

ATTO Crosstalk

With Paul Clough addressing the issues raised by the book and movie, The Da Vinci Code 7 p.m. Friday, June 9, in Knox Hall, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Free childcare. Call (248) 374- 5920.

Dinner and concert

Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass 7 p.m., Thursday, June 8 (dinner at 6 p.m., \$6 per person), at First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon. Call (734) 455-2300 for tickets and information. **Bicycling group**

10 a.m. Saturday, June 10, Willow Metro Park, I-275 south to Ext 11A (South Huron Road), east on Huron Road to park entrance, south to Washago Pond. Single Point bike rides are geared to the tourist level rider but riders of all ability levels are welcome. All riders must wear a helmet. For more information, call Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5920

Relationship workshop 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 10, authors Ron and Danyelle Jones lead a workshop for singles called "How to Create the Relationship You Really Want in Life," at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. Eleven Mile Road in Warren. Tickets \$50 and can be purchased online at www.renaissanceunity.org. The Jones' workshops continue 1-4 p.m. Sunday, June 11 with "Yeah...I'm a Co-Creator...But." Tickets \$20.00. Workbooks (\$15) required and will be available at the Renaissance Unity Store on day of workshop. Discussions

Study and discuss questions of the current importance to the thoughtful Christian in a complex world 9:30 a.m. Sunday, June 11 (Should the Ten Commandments be Displayed in Public?), Sunday worship at 10:45 a.m., church school and adult study forum at 9:30 a.m., nursery care available, at Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland Ave., west of Farmington Road, north of Grand River, Farmington. Call (248) 474-6880. Sunday message series

Inspired by The Da Vinci Code 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 11, the second part to The Questions of Jesus' Identity; June 18, What about Mary Magdalene?, and June 25, Women, Jesus and Christianity, at Farmington Hills Church of God, 25717 Power; between 10 and 11 Mile roads.

RELIGION CALENDAR

midnight Saturday, June 16, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford. Cost is \$15, includes refreshments. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. For details, call (734) 261-5716. Choir concert

Sacred music by the High School Chancel Choir from Second Presbyterian Church, Bloomington, Illinois 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 16, at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 West Maple, Birmingham. A freewill offering will be collected to benefit Birmingham-First Music, a community music outreach organization which is sponsoring the event. Call (248) 644-2040, ext. 136.

Breakfast meeting

For Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths, 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 17, at Leon's, 30149 Ford, across from K-mart, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Call (734) 513-9479 **Trading places**

Vacation Bible School theme No matter where you are, Jesus makes a world of difference (for kids entering kindergarten through sixth grade, special program for parents also offered, 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, June 19-23, at Trinity Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road at Gotfredson, Plymouth. Call (734) 459-9550.

Also featuring Vacation Bible Extended Day Camp program June 19-23, kids can come as early as 8 a.m., attend VBS, then enjoy a fun filled day with a camp atmosphere with licensed directors noon till 5 p.m. (can stay as late as 6 p.m.). Cost is \$95, advance registration only.

Vacation Bible School Where adventure meets courage 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 19-23, for students entering kindergarten through entering seventh grade, inflatables, crafts and loads of arctic adventures, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. No charge. Call (248) 374-5975.

Holy Land adventure

Jerusalem Marketplace: Where Jesus Walked to the Cross, is the theme of this year's Vacation Bible School 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 19-23, at Memorial Church of God, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722. **Treasure Cove**

Vacation Bible School, vest treasure hunt ever for ages 3 to sixth grade, Bible stories, songs, games, crafts, and snacks (students 7th through 12th grade will enjoy being treasure seekers) 6-8:40 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 19-23, at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverne, north of W. Chicago, east of Inkster, Redford. Register in advance and

Wednesdays beginning July 12, at Vineyard Church of Farmington Hills 29200 Shiawasee (by Middlebelt and 9 mile). No charge. For information, call (248) 766-0143.

Vacation Bible School

- Fiesta: Where kids are fired up about Jesus 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, July 17-21, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$18 for first child, \$15 each additional
- child. A CD of the week's music may be pre-purchased for \$6. Call (734) 464-0211. Free event
- For students entering fifth through seventh grade, meet new friends, bring old friends, games, ice cream, make no-sew blankets for charity 7-10 p.m. Friday, July 21, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. RSVP to (734) 425-9333. Crafters wanted

For the St. Thomas a Becket Church Christmas Craft Show to be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at 555. S. Lilley Road, Canton. The church is now accepting applications for handmade crafts only. Call (734) 981-1333.

ONGOING

Learner's Bible study

- 7 p.m. Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920. Church service
- Loving God by loving people, meets 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Donuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-0093.

Bible study

Two classes meet 10 a.m. to noon the first and third Wednesdays, and 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursdays, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, on Plymouth at Hubbard, Livonia. The Wednesday group is studying Women of Courage in the Bible. The Thursday session is reading the Letters of St. Paul from prison. Based on Little Rock Scripture Series. Call (734) 261-1455.

School registration

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School is accepting applications for grades PK-8 for the 2006-2007 school year, at 9600 Leverne, Redford. After school care 3-6 p.m. Call (734) 937-2233 for information.

Bible study

Classes 9:30 a.m. Sunday, and 7 p.m. Wednesday, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. On Sunday Family Worship begins at 10:45 a.m.

Purpose Driven Life

Members, friends and neighbors of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Northville will be studying the best selling book The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren during Lent. Small groups will meet at homes in Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi and South Lyon on Wednesday evenings during Lent. All faiths are welcome. Call (248) 349-3140 for more information.

DONALD HOLT MALLOURE

Age 80, died peacefully at home June 4, 2006. Beloved husband of Lucille. Dear father of Joseph (Nancy) Malloure, Susan (Roger) Whitaker John (Suzanne) Malloure, and Paul (Barbara) Malloure. He was grandfather of thirteen grandchildren and great-grandfather of one. Born in Kennett, Missouri, he served in the U.S. Navy, graduated from U-M in Civil Engineering, and was President of C.A. Hull Co. since 1954. He erved on the Board of the Michigan Road Builders Association and was a life member of Birmingham Country Club. A memorial service is planned for the end of the month. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Angels' Place or charity of choice.



GERALD SLEDZ

Of Delray Beach, FL, formerly of Northville, passed away May 25th at age 67. Gerald is survived by his wife Gwen and children Anita (Darin) Whitney of Arlington TX, Karen (Randy) Miller of Northville and Ted Sledz of Nashville, TN. Loving Grandfather of Allie, Morgan, Samantha, Matthew and Luke. Gerald is also survived by his three brothers: Bob, Ted and John and one lonely sailboat. Services were held at Ascension Catholic Church in Boca Raton, FL.



J. Ernest (Ernie) Cooper Age 58, died peacefully on June 1, 2006 at his home in Lathrup Village. He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Bonnie; two sons Jordan (Stephanie) of Clawson, and Nathan of Portland, Oregon; his parents, Russell and Helen Cooper of Royal Oak; two brothers, and three grandchildren. A memorial service will be held Thursday, June 8 at 1 p.m. at Farina's Banquet Center, 2485 Coolidge, in Berkley. The family requests that contributions be made to Common Ground Sanctuary.

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Of Davisburg, formerly of Farmington; May 30, 2006

of complications of lung cancer; age 82; husband of Reta (Halsey) for 61 years; Father of Mary Walsh of Canton, Ruth (Dr. John Crossley) Dodd of TX, Reta (Kim) Forshee of Rochester Hills and Melissa (Bruce) Thayer of Belleville; also survived by six grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters. Commander Dodd served as a pilot in the Naval Reserve for 23 years. He served active duty in WWII from 1941-1945. He was a Registered Professional Engineer for the State of MI and retired from Teledyne Continental Motors, Muskegon in 1988. Celebration of Life Service was Saturday, June 3, 2006 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston where friends visited last Friday. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Andersonville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of MI. Online guest book @ www.wintfuneralhome.com

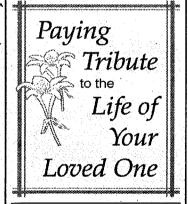


MICHAEL G. FURLONG

Age 74, passed away suddenly June 4 2006. Loving father of Gail (Ed) Montgomery, Pat (Sharon), Mike, Tim (Jessica), Mary (Don) Trefney Barbi (Jerry) Furlong-Thompson, and Peggy (Sean) English. Preceded in death by his infant son, Sean. Former loving husband of Barbara. Loving grandfather of 20. Dearest brother of Pat Ziemba, Kitty, Eileen Mahoney, Jim, Tom, and the late Daniel. of the University of Graduate Michigan, C.P.A. retired from Livonia Public Schools as Director of Finance Visitation at the R.G. and G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Wednesday, 5-9pm, and Thursday, noon-9pm with American Legion Stitt Post #232 Service and Scripture Service starting at 6:30pm. Prayers at the funeral home Friday, 9am, followed by Funeral Mass at St. Colette Catholic Church, Livonia, at 10am. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Kidney Foundation. Please sign the online guestbooks at www.rggrharris.com

preceded in death by her grandfather, Alden J. Hart, her grandmother, Patricia Boggio, her step-grandfather, Raymond Boggio, and her uncle, Richard Hart. The funeral service will be at 12:00 noon on Thursday, June 8, 2006 in North Lakeport Wesleyan Church. Pastor Drew Mills will officiate. Burial will follow in Burtchville Twp. Cemetery. Visitation will be on Wednesday from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Smith Family Funeral Home-North, 1525 Hancock St., Port Huron and on Thursday at the church one hour prior to the service. Contributions may be made in Lauren's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. To send condolences and messages

of sympathy, visit smithfamilyfuneralhome.com





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or toll free 866-818-7653 ask for Char or Liz Call (248) 477-9144 or visit www.fhchurchofgod.org. Patriotic/pops concert

> The Americana concert of familiar American music and favorite patriotic selections 7 p.m. Sunday, June 11, in the sanctuary of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. The concert features the Ward Chancel Choir and Orchestra and a bluegrass band called Cat n' Fiddle. We will honor our servicemen and. women and ask that they come in uniform, if possible. Bring the entire family. Ice cream social follows. Childcare provided through age 4. Call (248) 374-7400.

Vacation Bible school

Fiestal Join us 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, June 12-16 for 5 fun filled days of high energy, Christ-centered activities, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Fee is \$25, and includes Tshirt. For more information, call David Conrad at (734) 425-5950.

Preschool program

Begins 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Thursday, June 12-15, and runs weekly through July 17-20, for ages 3-5, at Mt. Hope Preschool, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Cost is \$80 per week, \$70 for second child, and includes snack. Special rates if parents assist in classroom. Topics include dinosaurs, kids in the kitchen, underwater adventures, on safari, and fun with science. Call (734) 261-9540.

Summer fun

Two sessions from 9 a.m. to noon and 12:30-3:30 p.m. begin June 12 and continue weekly through week of Aug. 21, at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 42690 Cherry Hill, Canton. Each week children will engage in activities including the sciences, math, health, music, arts, and exercise. For ages 4-10 (children who are 3 but have been enrolled in preschool are welcome. Cost is \$60 per week and includes T-shirt, snacks and field trip fees. Call (734) 981-0286.

Benefit concert

7:30 p.m. Friday, June 16, to sponsor medical mission trip to Togo, West Africa, at Memorial Church of God, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (248) 348-5471 for more information. Concert features Cameron Warne (violin) and Rachael Kerr (piano). Sock hop

Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization to provide near support to the divorred and son-

peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths 8 p.m. to

receive a VBS music CD. Adult helpers welcome. For more information, call (734) 591-6367 or (734) 422-3536. Treasure Seekers

Vacation Bible School to seek the treasure found in the Bible 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, June 26-29, also light dinner and adult Bible study, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt. Call (734) 421-7620.

SonTreasure Island

6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 26-30, Family Fun Night 6:30 p.m. June 30, at Bethel Baptist Temple, 29475 Six Mile, Livonia. (734) 525-3664.

Treasure seekers

Exploring God's Promise is the theme of the Vacation Bible School 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, June 26-29, each day children take part in an actual dig and find treasures that remind them of the Bible story and God's promise for that day, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford Road. To register, call (734) 421-7620. **Vacation Bible School** Treasure Cove theme 9:30 a.m. to

12:15 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 26-30, for ages 3-11, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. No charge. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org

The church's summer worship schedule continues to Sept. 3, with a Family Service at 8:30 a.m., Traditional Service at 10 a.m., both with Communion, Adult Study following at 11:15 am, from June 4 to Aug. 27 Wednesday Evening Service at 7:00 p.m., informal setting with Communion.

Scripture studies

7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

Fall registration

Spiritus Sanctus Academy is accepting registration for fall for its academies in Plymouth and Ann Arbor. The private, Catholic

schools grades K-8, are run by the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist at 10450 Joy Road, Plymouth, call (734) 414-8430, and 4101 East Joy Road, Ann Arbor, call (734) 996-3855.

UPCOMING

Bible and playtime For moms and tots 10-11 a.m.

Senior activities

Gathering for seniors 50 years and older 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Any questions, call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. First we enjoy a wonderful lunch together then we fellowship with some games and stories.

Bible study groups

The Wednesday group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the first and third Wednesday of each month, the Thursday group 7-9 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in the rectory at St. Michael's the Archangel Catholic Church, Plymouth and Hubbard, Livonia. The Wednesday group is studying Women of Courage in the Bible, the Thursday group The Letters of St. Paul from Prison. Classes are small and informal and based on the Little Rock Scripture Series. For information, call (734) 261-1455.

Church activities

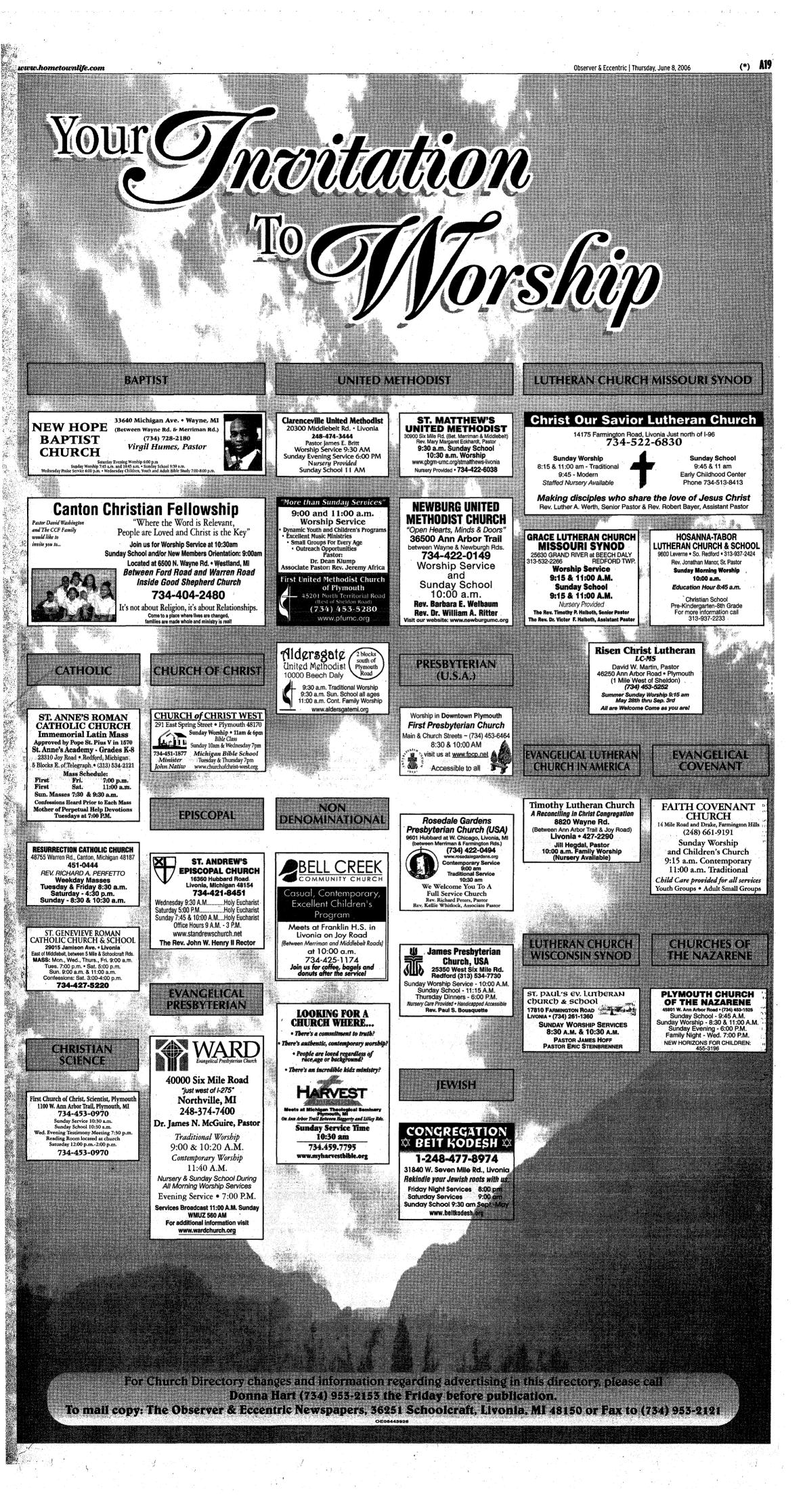
St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Wednesday luncheon every other Wednesday at noon; Thursday dinnen at 6 p.m. for \$4 followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m., at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Scripture from scratch

No previous Bible study required, began 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington, Livonia. The units include the New Testament (April 11, 18, 25 and May 2, and Gospels (May 16, 23, 30 and June 6). Each session includes video presentation, small and large group discussions. Be one of the first 10 to receive the participant's manual for \$5. After that, the cost is \$10. To register, call (734) 425-5950.

Kabbalah classes

Presented by the Sara Tugman Bais Chabad Torah Center, the classes began 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 5595 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. The classes are open for both beginners and more advanced students. Call (248) 855-6170 ext. 1 or send e-mail to BCTC770@aol.com.



COUNTY NEWS

Organizers say 15th Race for the Cure will be best one ever

Race organizers are plan-ning a mix of tradition and cool surprises for this Saturday's Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure at Comerica Park.

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Dubbed the "sporting event with a mission," the Detroit race and walk enables everyone in the community to participate in the fight against breast cancer. The national series sponsor is Yoplait. Detroit's Race is locally presented by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Participants can register online through today (June 8) at

www.karmanos.org/detroitrace forthecure or by calling (800) KARMANOS (1-800-527-6266) or on race day 7-8:45 a.m. on race day in front of the big tiger at Comerica Park.

Saturday's events include a 5K women's and men's run, 5K walk, or one-mile walk. People of all ages, athletic abilities, and backgrounds are welcome.

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute is named in memory of the Detroit native who married her high school sweetheart, Peter Karmanos, raised three sons, and helped launch a major international business. She died at 46, after an eight-year battle with cancer.

"Last year, a crowd of 30,000 helped us achieve record results," said Maureen Meldrum, chair of the Detroit race. "The Detroit race raised more than \$1.4 million including \$926,500 in local breast cancer screening, treatment and education programs and nearly \$300,00 for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Award and Research Grant Program."

Opening ceremonies recognizing breast cancer survivors and those lost to cancer begins at 8 a.m. Other events begin at 9 a.m.

The Komen Detroit Race for

the Cure is the largest race in Michigan. For more information on the Susan G. Komen **Breast Cancer Foundation**,

visit www.komen.org. Detroit's Race is presented locally by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, Michigan's first and only independent cancer center and one of the leading cancer research, treatment, and education centers in the United States. The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute is named in memory of the Detroit native who married her high school sweetheart, Peter Karmanos, raised three sons, and helped

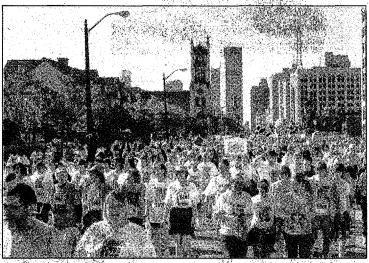
launch a major international business. She died at 46, after an eight-year battle with cancer. The Institute is the only major cancer center named for a woman.

On tap for this year's race:

The Team T-shirt Competition. Voting takes place at the Race Expo and also on Race Day by dropping a dollar in a basket corresponding to each T-shirt. Samples of each T-shirt in the competition will be on display.

The DSW "Sole Mate," awarded to the team with the most inspirational Co-Survivor story. A Co-Survivor is the key supporter(s) of a breast cancer survivor or patient - living or deceased - who is the team's inspiration.

Huntington Bank is the sponsor of this year's ribbons. More than 10,000 pink ribbons, many containing inspirational/memorial messages, will line the parade route. To volunteer to help hang the rib-



Walkers walk down Woodward during the Race For The Cure in downtown

Charter One

bons, go to http://www.karmanos.org/detroitraceforthecure/releases/pinkup.pdf. New this year:

Detroit.

Display from SunChips, the new sponsor of the National Volunteer **Recognition Program - "Hope**

shines on." 1965 Grammy Award winner Melissa Etheridge's "I Run for Life." Warriors in Pink, powered by Ford Motor Co.

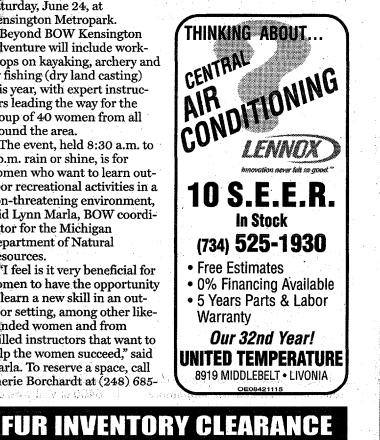
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Women urged: Get outside

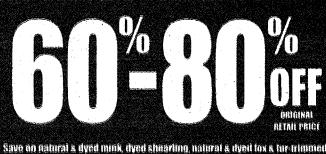
There are still openings for the annual Becoming an Outdoors Woman daylong workshop to be held on Saturday, June 24, at Kensington Metropark. Beyond BOW Kensington Adventure will include workshops on kayaking, archery and fly fishing (dry land casting) this year, with expert instructors leading the way for the group of 40 women from all around the area.

The event, held 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. rain or shine, is for women who want to learn outdoor recreational activities in a non-threatening environment, said Lynn Marla, BOW coordinator for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

"I feel is it very beneficial for women to have the opportunity to learn a new skill in an outdoor setting, among other likeminded women and from skilled instructors that want to help the women succeed," said Marla. To reserve a space, call Cherie Borchardt at (248) 6851561 to obtain a registration form. The fee for the daylong program is \$60 and includes all equipment and lunch.



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Division 1 District Softball Finals.



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Rachel Beaudoin drops down a bunt during Saturday's Division 1 District final game against Northville. The Chiefs won, 9-2, to earn a berth in this Saturday's Regional semi-final against Monroe.

Nobody does it wetter

Wave of hits leads Canton to District softball title, 9-2



Cougars eliminate 'Cats, 3-1

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

When rain forced umpires to halt Saturday's Division 1 softball district final between Garden City and Plymouth, Cougars head coach Barry Patterson couldn't help but get nervous.

After all, his team led 3-0 in the bottom of the fourth and only needed three more outs to make it an official game.

The untimely storm didn't let up. Patterson and the Cougars had to wait until Monday, when they finished off the 3-1 triumph at district host Birmingham Seaholm.

"We had a lot of momentum and I was real worried coming back because they (Wildcats) are a really good ballclub," Patterson noted. "They swing the bat all the way through the lineup. ... Plus another half inning and it was going to be an official game, so I didn't want to stop."

With a tally in the fifth, Plymouth (25-7-1) finally put a blemish on the pitching record of Garden City sophomore pitcher Hallie Minch - who nearly pitched a perfect game in Saturday's 1-0 district semifinal win over Livonia Franklin.

The Wildcats scored when junior Kim Klonowski (2-for-4) doubled home junior Madison Dresser, who walked.

But any hopes of a late rally were squashed when Cougars sophomore center-fielder Katie Torok made an excellent running catch for the final out.

Garden City (27-7), who now

Hockey schools

Summer is a time for breaks, vacations and having fun. The Plymouth Whalers and Compuware Sports are offering an opportunity to have fun this summer while learning from Whaler players and staff during the Plymouth Whalers Hockey Schools.

Running in one-week segments starting July 10 and running through Aug. 18, Plymouth Whalers Hockey School **Director Todd Watson** and Whaler players inject fun and enthusiasm to each clinic.

"I think we offer a lot for the money," said Watson. " We'll keep the kids moving throughout the sessions.'

Plymouth players scheduled to work the summer hockey schools include Dan Collins, John Vigilante, Ryan McGinnis, Chris Terry, Joe McCann, Jeremy Smith and Tom Sestito.

For more information on the schools, call 453-6400 or visit www.compuwarehockey.com.

PCA hoop camp

The Plymouth Chr

BY ED WRIGHT

The Canton softball team's District final showdown against Northville Saturday afternoon started with rain showers and ended with an ice-water shower.

In between the showers, the Chiefs saturated the scoreboard with runs on the way to a 9-2 dunking of the Mustangs.

A few moments after his team's convincing victory — which was delayed more than an hour due to wet weather — Canton coach Jim Arnold was the victim of a splash-and-run when four of his players dumped two Gatorade coolers filled with ice water over his head.

The resilient coach shook off the drenching much like his team shook off a demoralizing 2-1 loss to the Mustangs on May 22.

PLEASE SEE CANTON, B4

Canton softball coach Jim Arnold takes a direct hit from a Gatorade cooler. of ice water delivered by his players. The Chiefs were celebrating a 9-2 victory over Northville in the District championship game played at Novi High School.

advances to the Plymouth regional, scored all three runs in the first two innings Saturday against Wildcats' starting pitcher Claire Ostrowski.

Minch doubled, went to third on a sacrifice bunt by sophomore Christina Seward and scored on sophomore Kristina Susalla's ground-ball single to left.

The Mega Red co-champions padded their lead in the second. Junior Dee Clendening registered the first of her three straight hits and

PLEASE SEE COUGARS, B4

Academy Summer Basketball Camp, which will be presented by Perfect Play Inc., will be held June 26-30 in the PCA gymnasium. The camp for boys in grades 3rd through 8th will run from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The girls camp will follow from 12:30 p.m to 3 p.m.

The camp will focus on: offensive and defensive improvement drills (team and individual); fundamental drills; shooting lessons and techniques; scrimmaging and games; goal-setting and personal evaluations: and group devotions and motivational conversations with the pros.

The cost of the camp is \$89, which includes a Tshirt. The deadline to register is June 16. For additional information, contact Troy Coleman at (734) 341-1336.

Hawks fall, 3-2

In the United Soccer Leagues action last Saturday, the host **Chicago Gaels stormed** back for three secondhalf goals to earn a 3-2 W-League win over the Michigan Hawks in a women's soccer match played at the Lemont (III.) Community H.S.

Both teams are now tied for first place with 3-1 records in the Midwest **Division of the Central** Conference.

Tabitha Lowery's goal in the 75th minute broke a 2-all deadlock and gave the Gaels the victory.

The Hawks jumped out to a 2-0 halftime lead on goals by Salem High grad Marissa Sarkesian (Texas A&M) in the 12th minute followed by Maureen Pawlak from Kristi Swaving in the 40th minute.

Field-event athletes pace Chiefs at D1 meet

See complete Division 1 boys state track meet results on Page B2.

BY ED WRIGHT **STAFF WRITER**

Eric Thornton is a quick learner. He's not a bad high jumper either.

The Canton junior tied for fourth in the high jump at Saturday's Division 1 state meet held at East Kentwood High School. Thornton's effort of 6 feet, 4 inches which is just one inch less than his height - earned the Chiefs 4.5 points and helped them finished in 30th place for the second consecutive year.

Thornton's accomplishment is remarkable considering the first time he flopped over a bar for the first time was four short months ago.

"Eric was always a basketball player first, but I think he believes in track and field now," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "He started out jumping 5-10, then 6even, then he leveled out a little bit. But then he got 6-3 and eventually jumped 6-5. We're excited because all of the kids who finished ahead of him at the state meet this year are juniors."

Junior discus thrower Steve Paye also had a standout day for the Chiefs, placing sixth with a heave of 154-2. The Chiefs' other point came from its 1,600-meter relay team of Andy Rossow, Phaltiel Whitlock, Andrew Manuel and Cyrus Azizi, which placed eighth in 3:25.4.

"We knew Steve was going to be up there," said Richardson. "He made it to the final flight with the big throwers, so that was a great accomplishment for Steve. He always gives his best effort, which is all we ask of the guys." The Chiefs' other state qualifiers were pole vaulter Ryan Langdon, who jumped 12-1; Azizi, who ran a 50.64 in the 400-meter dash; and the 800-meter relay foursome of Rossow, Dalton Walser, Manuel and Azizi, who blazed around the track in 1:31.6.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Dana Eldred bundled up during track meets to keep her muscles warm. The tactic worked as the senior was one of the Western Lakes Activities Association's top multi-event performers the past four years.

No hurdle too high for Eldred **BY ED WRIGHT**

STAFF WRITER

Now that Dana Eldred's distinguished high school track-and-field career at Salem has come to an end, she can safely reveal some of the trade secrets that made her one of the area's most-talented hurdlers and long jumpers the past three years. For instance, why did Eldred wear more than one sweatshirt while she waited to compete in her events - even when the mercury on the thermometer crawled up into the 70s?



"Some of my teammates thought I was crazy for wearing two or three layers of clothes when it was 75 degrees out," Eldred said, smiling. "But I'd tell them, 'Warm muscles are happy muscles and happy muscles

don't pull." Judging by her long list of accomplishments as a four-year letter winner for the Rocks, Eldred's muscles weren't just happy — they were productive. Eldred placed sixth in both the 300- and 100-meter hurdles events at the Division 1 Regional meet held last month. At the Western Lakes Activities Association league meet one week later, the multifaceted senior placed in both the long jump and 100 hurdles. She also ran a leg on the Rocks'

fourth-place 400-meter relay team.

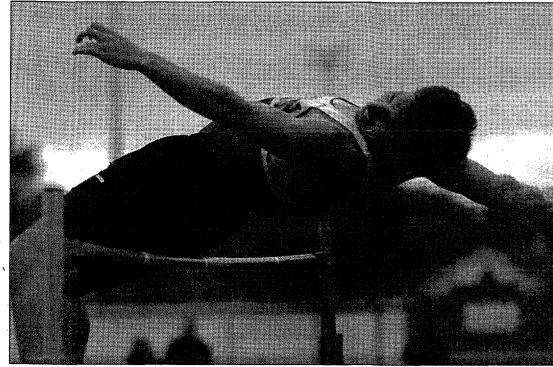
TEAM PLAYER

Eldred's senior-season exploits earned her co-MVP honors with fellow senior Allison Janda. The

PLEASE SEE ELDRED, B2

LOCAL SPORTS

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Andy Rossow, pictured above high-jumping in a meet earlier this season, was a member of the Chiefs' eighthplace 1,600-meter relay team at Saturday's Division 1 state meet held at East Kentwood High School. The Chiefs finished 30th for the second-consecutive year.

L.P. DIVISION 1 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (June 3 at Fast Kentwood H S) TEAM SCORES - 1. Saline 39.5; 2. Portage Central 30.5; 3. Detroit Mumford 30; 4. Ann Arbor Pioneer 28; 5. Southfield 27.50; 6. Romulus 27; 7. Temperance-Bedford 27; 8. Grand Blanc 25; 9. Detroit Cass Tech 25; 10. Detroit Murray-Wright 20; 11. Rockford 18; 12. East Kentwood 17.5; 13. (tie) Berkley 15; Bay City Central 15; 15. (tie) Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse 14; Romeo 14; Grand Haven 14; 18. (tie) Livonia Stevenson 13; Midland 13; Livonia Churchill 13: 21. Monroe 12.5: 22. Grosse Pointe North 12; 23.(tie) Dearborn 11; Northville 11: Jackson 11: 26. (tie) Pontiac Northern 10; Rochester Adams 10; Warren DeLaSalle 10; 29. Lake Orion 9; 30. Plymouth Canton 8.5; 31. (tie) Grand Ledge 8; Pinckney 8; Detroit Mackenzie 8; 34. White Lake Lakeland 7; 35. (tie) Detroit Pershing 6; Flint Carman-Ainsworth 6; Muskegon 6; Birminghan Brother Rice 6; East Detroit 6; 40. (tie) Milford 5; Midland Dow 5; Novi-Detroit Catholic Central 5; Muskegon Reeths-Puffer 5; 44. Southfield Swartz Creek 4; Howell 4; Detroit Cooley 4; 50. Portage Northern 3; 51. Brighton 2.5; 52. (tie)

Lathrup 4.5; 45. (tie) Fenton 4; Grandville 4; Owosso 2; Rochester Stoney Creek 2; Oxford 2; Ann Arbor Huron 2; Lincoln Park 2; Troy 2; Battle Creek Central 2; Ypsilanti Lincoln 2; 60. (tie) Taylor Truman 1; Sterling Heights Stevenson 1; Saginaw Heritage 1; Woodha

Saginaw Arthur Hill 1. SHOT PUT - 1. Vince Helmuth, Saline, 59-5; 2. Phil Swanson, Grand Haven, 53-4.75; 3. Darris Sawtelle, Birmingham Brother Rice, 52-8.75; 4. Michael Martin, Detroit Catholic Central, 52-5.75; 5. Dan Yonker, Portage Central, 52-3; 6. Brandon Foutz, Grand Blanc, 52-2.75; 7. Cameron Freeman, Owosso, 52-2,75; 8. Mychael King, Midland, 52-1.25. DISCUS - 1. Vince Helmuth, Saline, 180-1; 2. Dan Yonker, Portage Central, 160-4; 3. Derrick Flowers, Flint Carman-Ainsworth, 157-3; 4, Joev Hampton, Muskegon Reeths-Puffer, 157-0; 5. Brian Pagels, Howell, 156-2; 6. Steven Paye, Plymouth Canton, 154-2; 7. Deion Casey, Ypsilanti Lincoln, 153-5; 8. Jordan Rancour, Saginaw Heritage, 149-5.

HIGH JUMP - 1. Keonte Johnson, Pontiac

BOYS TRACK STATE FINALS RESULTS Thompson, Monroe, 6-3; Zach Nichols,

Brighton, 6-3; 8. Steve Perini, Sterling Heights Stevenson, 6-3. LONG JUMP - 1. Michael Stafford, Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse, 22-8.5; 2. Jeremy Kline, Rockford, 22-7; 3. Christopher Ubokudom, Southfield, 21-10.75; 4. Eric Williams, Saline, 21-8.5; 5. David Gardner Swartz Creek, 21-4.5: 6. Keonte Bell, Bay City Central, 21-3.75; 7. Mark Badowsky, Lincoln

Park, 21-2.75; 8. Tim Ferris, Portage Central, POLE VAULT - 1. Logan Lynch, Temperance-Bedford, 16-0: (New L.P. Division 1 Finals Meet record, Old record, 15-0, Ryan Santa, Livonia Churchill, 2005); 2. Luke Dinnan, Midland, 14-7; 3. Ryan Santa, Livonia Churchill, 14-1; 4. Mike Yassay, Northville, 14-1; 5. Brandon Secord, Midland, 13-10; 6. Will Utley, Grosse Pointe North, 13-10; 7. Justin Matsumura, East Kentwood, 13-10; 8. Phil Rancourt, East Kentwood, 13-7.

3,200-METER RELAY - 1. Detroit Mumford (Michael Barry, Cedric Everson, Isaiah Ward, Kendrick Price) 7:52.76 ; 2. Temperance-Bedford, 7:55.63; 3. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 7:56.71; 4. Dearborn, 7:56.93; 5. Saline, 7:57.82; 6. Portage Northern, 7:58.01; 7. Rochester Stoney Creek, 7:58.99; 8. Milford, 8:00.16. 110-METER HURDLES – 1. Nicholas McCampbell, Detroit Cass Tech, 14.15; 2. Shane Wells, Romulus, 14.17; 3. James Carter, Detroit Pershing, 14.34; 4. Gary Ferguson, White Lake Lakeland, 14.56; 5. Reggie Bridges, Grandville, 14 80: 6. David Hanss, Ann Arbor Pioneer 14.86; 7. Nathan Musch, Ann Arbor Huron, 14.91; 8. Deandre Henderson, Grosse Pointe North,

100-METER DASH - 1. Dimitri Banks, Detroit Murray-Wright, 10.75; 2. Yury Ratomski, Romeo 10.91: 3. Worlie Johnson, Muskegon, 11.02: 4. Trenton Robinson, Bay City Central, 11.04; 5. Michael Stafford, Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse, 11.09; 6. Tyler Thomas, Jackson, 11.10; 7. Nick Collier, Oxford, 11.11; 8. Lshane Bynum, Taylor Truman, 11.12.

800-METER RELAY - 1. Romulus (Darryl White Mario Crawford, Donzell Carter, Shane Wells) 1:28.07; 2. Southfield, 1:28.09; 3. Grand Blanc, 1:28.69: 4. East Kentwood, 1:29.06: 5. Rockford, 1:29.53; 6. Bay City Central, 1:29.67; 7. (tie)

4:21.31; 6. Matthew Rzepka, Livonia Stevenson, 4:21.84; 7. Brandon Grysko, Livonia Churchill, 4:21.96: 8. Stephen Walker, Midland Dow, 4:23.35

400-METER RELAY - 1. Livonia Stevenson (Nana Adomako, Kevin Murawsla, Pat Clossers, Brian Chandler) 42.79; 2. Portage Central, 42.85; 3. Southfield, 42.91; 4. Saline, 43.07; 5 Bay City Central, 43.24; 6. Milford, 43.26; 7. Battle Creek Central, 43.29; 8. Romulus, 43.40. 400-METER DASH - 1. Cedric Everson, Detroit Mumford, 48.74; 2. Darrin Trammell, Detroit Mackenzie, 48.97; 3. Ricky Fleming, Grand Haven, 49.56; 4. Kyle Wilson, East Detroit, 49.91; 5. (tie) Lyndon Johnson, Southfield, 50.01; Kevin Jackson, East Kentwood, 50.01; 7. Derrick Hunter, Southfield, 50.05; 8. David St. Amant, Livonia Churchill, 50.21. **300-METER HURDLES** - 1. Nicholas McCampbell, Detroit Cass Tech. 37.43: 2. Shane Wells, Romulus, 38.54; 3. David-Hanss, Ann Arbor Pioneer, 38.81; 4. Brandon Bufford, Detroit Cass Tech, 38.97; 5. Demetrius Addison Detroit Cooley, 39.31; 6. Dante Turner, Grand Blanc, 39.35; 7. John Lee, Troy, 39.47; 8. Emanuel Sledge, Saginaw Arthur Hill, 39.65. 800-METER RUN - 1. Brad Anderson, Rochester Adams, 1:54.21; 2. Paul Vance, Berkley, 1:54.25; 3. Stephen Surducan, Dearborn, 1:54.67; 4. Sam Marvin, Portage Central, 1:54.92; 5. Tyler Patterson, Saline, 1:56.01; 6. Mike Weisbuch, Ann Arbor Pioneer 1:56.22; 7. Ryan Matson, White Lake Lakeland, 1:57.40; 8. Andrew McKeachie, Milford, 1:58.06 200-METER DASH – 1. Dimitri Banks, Detroit Murray-Wright, 21.4: 2, James Jackson, Grand Ledge, 22.04; 3. Yury Ratomski, Romeo, 22.09; 4. Anthony Alexander, Grand Blanc, 22.14; 5. Dominique Endline, Midland Dow, 22.42; 6. Vince Hendon, Grosse Pointe North, 22.52; 7. James Smith, Ann Arbor Pioneer, 22,56: 8, Kvie Wilson, East Detroit, 22.68. 3,200-METER RUN - 1. Pete Loy, Warren DeLaSalle, 9:27.45; 2. Brendan Marcum, Pinckney, 9:36.26; 3. Rob Shinouskis, Lake Orion, 9:37.21: 4. Loren Ahonen, Temperance Bedford, 9:39.63; 5. Joe Dimambro, Fenton, 9:39.85; 6. Drew Collette, Lake Orion, 9:39.95; 7. Ross Solanskey, Berkley, 9:40.0; 8. Sam Breen, Brownstown Woodhaven, 9:42.31

ELDRED

FROM PAGE B1 awards were presented at Monday night's team banquet at Salem.

"Dana was a great role model for the younger kids," said Salem coach Julie Montgomery. "She was a very dependable leader and captain for us this season. Dana had a lot of enthusiasm for track and I always knew I could count on her for anything, whether it was helping with a team matter or running whatever event we needed her to run."

After two years of running in the shadow of good friend Andrea Lang, who graduated last year, Eldred was pumped about finally getting a chance to be the Rocks' No. 1 hurdler heading into this spring. However, she soon discovered after pre-season workouts started that fellow senior Brittany Lockhart - one of the team's top sprinters - had taken up hurdling as well during the off-season.

And, like Lang, Lockhart excelled in the event.

"It was hard and kind of frustrating at the beginning of the season," Eldred said, referring to getting relegated to the team's second-best hurdler status again. "But I got over it as the year went on. It was easier to accept, too, because Brittany is so nice."

Dana never let that get her down, at least as far as I could see," said Montgomery. "She was a great teammate and always stayed positive with the other girls."

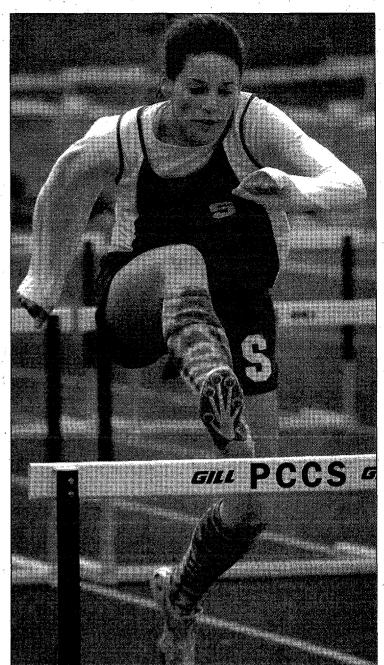
FIRST HURDLE: SPEED

Eldred said she had to overcome one glaring obstacle when her competitive track career commenced during the spring of her seventh-grade year at East Middle School.

"I wasn't particularly fast back then," she said, chuckling. "I decided to try hurdles in the seventh grade because it looked fun. I liked it a lot right away, even though I didn't have any form. I just ran and when I

got to the hurdle, I jumped. "After a while, I learned that when you're a hurdler, you have to have a certain mentality. You have to trust yourself that you can make it over the hurdles, especially when it's at the end of the race and you're tired."

When the spring of her ninth-grade year approached, Eldred debated whether to play softball or continue her track career. "Trying to decide what sport



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Dana Eldred has been a solid contributor to the Salem girls track team over the past four years both as a hurdler and long jumper. The senior also served as a captain for the Rocks this season.

to play was a little dilemma for me," she said. "But what it came down to was that I thought I'd be better at track. Looking back, I don't have any regrets.

FAST LEARNER

It didn't take Eldred long to make a mark.

Following a freshman season filled with improving times and heightened confidence, she won her first varsity event at the Bolger-Mangum City Meet as a sophomore.

"I beat a girl in the 100meter hurdles that I wasn't supposed to be able to beat." Eldred remembered. "She was pretty mad because she didn't think she'd lose to a sophomore."

who has worked her way to a 3.75 grade-point average.

Her future plans include pursuing a sports-management degree, possibly at Madonna University.

What advice would Eldred give an incoming freshman who yearns to excel in high school track and field?

"I'd tell them to work as hard as they can at the beginning of their career because it will definitely pay off at the end," said Eldred. "It's not always easy at the start. There are going to be times when they struggle, and they're going to have to run through shin splints and stuff like that. But what I learned is that if you push yourself, it's all worth it."

Northern, 6-7; 2. O.T. Brown, Jackson, 6-6; 3. Brandon Kimble, East Kentwood, 6-4; 4. (tie) Mychael White, Southfield Lathrup, 6-4; Eric Thornton. Plymouth Canton, 6-4; 6. (tie) Jay

Saline, 1:30.17; Portage Central, 1:30.17. 1,600-METER RUN - 1. Cole Sanseverino, Monroe, 4:16.85; 2. Peter Christmas, Ann Arbor Pioneer, 4:18.34: 3. Jasen Turnbull, Northville. 4:19.22: 4. Robbie Fisher, Grosse Pointe North, 4:20.52; 5. Alex Folk, Temperance-Bedford,

(Darien Lewis, Kendrick Price, Isaiah Ward, Cedric Everson) 3:21.41; 2. Grand Blanc, 3:22.51; 3. Rockford, 3:23.82; 4. Berkley, 3:24.02: 5. Livonia Churchill, 3:24.19: 6. Portage Central, 3:25.23; 7. Southfield, 3:25.42; 8. Canton, 3:25.63.

1,600-METER RELAY - 1. Detroit Mumford

Academics have been anything but a hurdle for Eldred,

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Too-Shay: Rams oust Park Athletic, 7-6 The Michigan Rams is off to a 2-2 start in the Livonia Michigan Collegiate Baseball League following Monday's 7-6 win over Park Athletic at Ford

Field. Ryan Shay, who went 3-for-4 with two RBI, brought home Mike Sacha from third with the bases loaded with a shot to deep right center to win the game for the Rams in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Matt Nickels, Eric Vojtkofsky and Andrew Stafford each added two hits and an RBI for the Rams. Steve Karchefske, who

worked the final 2.2 innings in relief, got the victory. Kyle Miller, who gave up the

game-winning run and allowed four hits over three innings, took the loss.

Brandon Thompson went 3for-3 with a double for Park

Athletic (0-4), while former Redford Union High standout Chris Rigley, Dave Cardenas and Josh Ivan added two hits apiece. Cardenas also had two RBL

CUBS 5-0, RAMS 3-7: In a doubleheader Sunday at Ford Field, the Oakland Cubs (2-1) and Michigan Rams (1-2) split.

In the opener, Carl McDevitt went six strong innings, allowing just five hits and no walks in a 5-3 Cubs triumph. McDevitt had six strikeouts and got offensive help from Chris Scott (2-for-3 with three RBI) and Dennis Jones (2-for-3 with a run). Losing pitcher John Fileccia (Albion College) gave up five runs, two earned on five hits over six innings. He struck out seven and

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Ryan Shay (Bowling Green) went 3-for-4 in the loss, while Scott Cain (Grand Valley State) was 2-for-3 with a double and RBI. Matt Nickels and Andrew Stafford also knocked in runs.

The Rams bounced back to win the nightcap, 7-0, as Ryan Mosher (Wayne State) and former Catholic Central ace Bobby Henderson (Eastern Michigan) combined on a four-hitter.

Mosher went the first 4.1 innings, allowing just three hits and two walks. Henderson, the lefty, went the final 2.2 to pick up the save and allowed just one hit while fanning five.

Mike Sacha (EMU) had two hits in the win, while Kyle Hurtt (Michigan State) knocked in a pair of runs.

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BULLS 1, RAMS 0: In Friday's season opener, Steve Teno pitched a five-hit shutout as defending 22-and-under division winner Michigan Bulls (1-0) downed the 20-and-under division winner Michigan Rams (0-1).

Teno struck out five and walked three in going the distance.

Losing pitcher Steve Karchefske, a right-hander from Wabash Valley CC (Ill.), gave up just one hit, but walked five and struck out five in six innings.

The Bulls scored their only run in the first on three walks and a sacrifice fly by Aaron Powell scoring Kyle Rhodes in the fourth.

Powell had the lone hit for the Bulls in the fourth inning.

The Rams failed to score with the bases loaded in the fifth and could not take advantage of two base runners in the sixth.

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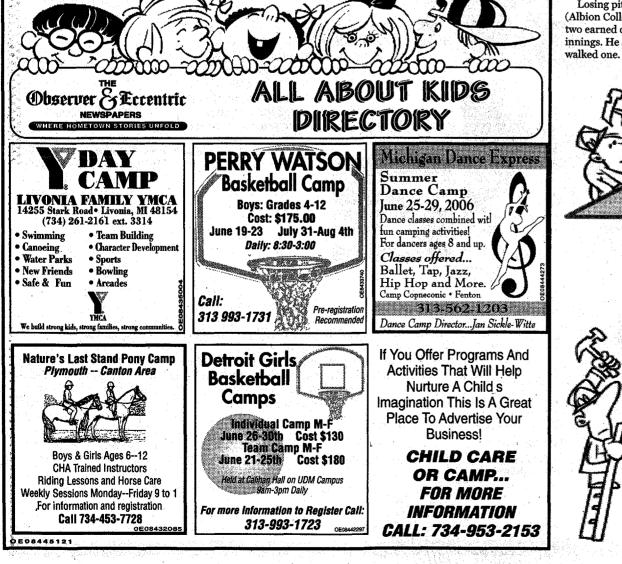
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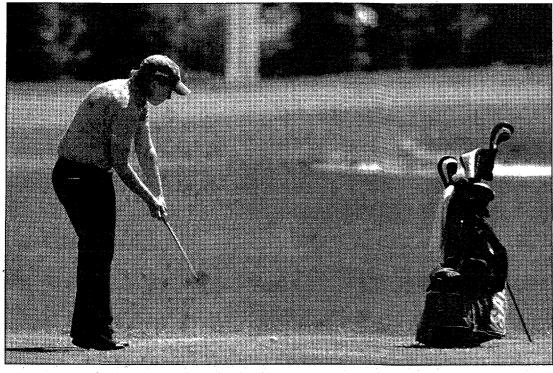
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Salem's Ashley Smith, pictured in a match from earlier this year, placed seventh at the Division 1 state meet held Friday and Saturday at Forest Akers East Golf Course in East Lansing. The two-time All-State performer carded rounds of 76 and 75 to finish 15 shots behind medalist Shannon Warner of Livonia Churchill.

Smith 7th at state tourney

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

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Ashley Smith's illustrious high school golf career ended like it should have Saturday at the Division 1 state tournament in East Lansing — with a birdie.

The Salem senior capped her four-year run as one of the school's all-time best players by shooting a two-round total of 151, which placed her in a tie for seventh place with Grosse Pointe North's Caitlin Bennett. Coincidentally, Smith and Bennett, who were paired for Saturday's second round, will be teammates in the fall on the Grand Valley State University women's golf team.

While Smith's seven-overpar total was impressive, it paled in comparison to medalist Shannon Warner's incredible eight-under 136. The Livonia Churchill sophomore out-distanced runner-up Amy Meier by 11 shots.

Smith was consistent during her two rounds on the challenging Forest Akers East layout, firing a 76 on Friday followed by a 75 on Saturday. The performance likely earned the

two-time All-State performer a third All-State medal, predicted Salem coach Rick Wilson.

"Ashley is probably the best player I've coach since I've been at Salem, and I've had three or four go on and play in college," said Wilson. "What sets Ashley apart from all the rest is that she's a two-time All-State player and will probably be a three-time All-State player after finishing in the top 10 this year. I've never had a player — either boys or girls — do that before."

Wilson said Smith could have finished at least a few places higher if her putter would have been a little more accurate.

"Ashley played solid golf both days, but she left a few putts out there," said Wilson. "She birdied the last hole, which was nice to see. It was a par five and she actually had a 20footer for eagle. It was a nice way to end a great career."

Along with Warner and Meier, those finishing ahead of Smith were Lake Orion's Darby Peters (147), Grand Blanc's Ashley Bauer (147), Ann Arbor Pioneer's Elise Swartout (150) and Flint Carman-Ainsworth's

GIRLS GOLF STATE FINALS RESULTS

L.P. DIVISION 1 STATE FINALS

(June 2-3 at Forest Akers East) TEAM SCORES – 1. Grand Blanc, 326-312-638; 2. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 324-330-654; 4. Traverse City Central, 323-333-656; 5. Brighton, 337-340-677; 6. Temperance-Bedford, 335-345-680; 7. Rochester, 343-344-687; 8. Clarkston, 340-353-693; 9. Saline, 360-346-706; 10. Northville, 357-350-707; 11. Holt, 357-354-711; 12. Grandville, 369-366-735; 13. East Kentwood, 357-38-737; 14. Rochester Adams, 368-373-741; 15. Troy Athens, 376 393-769.

TOP INDIVIDUALS – 1. Shannon Warner (Livonia Churchill) 69-67-136; 2. (tie) Amy Meier (Rochester) 77 -70-147; Darby Peters (Lake Orion) 72-75-147; Ashley Bauer (Grand Blanc) 75-72-147; 5. (tie) Elise Swartout (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 74-76-150; Stephanie Koske (Flint Carman-Ainsworth) 74-76-150; 7. (tie) Caitlin Bennett (Grosse Pointe North) 75-76-151; Ashley Smith (Plymouth Salem) 76-75-151; 9. Britney Hamilton (Lake Orion) 78 -74-152; 10. Jackie Schram (Clarkston) 77-77-154.

Stephanie Koske (150). Grand Blanc won the team competition by 10 shots over second-place Pioneer. ewright@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2108

Oakland Hills has storied tradition

akland Hills, in Bloomfield Township, is a club which itself belongs to a very special club: it has hosted, more than once, the U.S. Open. The modern era 'National

Opens' held at Oakland Hills were won by Andy North in 1985 and Steve

Jones in 1996.

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Links to the Game Michael Can be sure that members at Oakland Hills will linger a bit longer in front of the grillroom

ing closer attention to the championship, this year held at Winged Foot CC, than they would, say, The Memorial Tournament.

The reigning Ú.S. Open champion is Michael Campbell, a New Zealander, or "Kiwi" if you will, has a Michigan connection. Campbell plays out of an astonishing golf resort called Kauri Cliffs, located in the Bay of Islands area of New Zealand's north island.

Kauri Cliffs, ranked among the world's top-100 golf courses with world class lodging to match, was commissioned by Julian Robertson, an American billionaire who first fancied the facility a private retreat for his family and friends.

But the jaw-dropping views from high above of the gumdrop mountaintops jutting from the Pacific Ocean became a pot of gold at the end of one of the many brilliant rainbows that soar above the course on any given day.

So outrageous is the setting that one would expect King Kong to round the bend at any moment. (Kong's director Peter Jackson, a Kiwi, also shot the Lord of the Rings trilogy in New Zealand, if that gives you an idea of the landscape.)

Open to the public, Kauri Cliffs, designed by a relatively unknown, Orlando-based golf architecture firm, retains a very exclusive feel by hosting only 4,000 rounds each year. Imagine Michigan's Arcadia Bluffs GC on steroids and you'll envision Kauri Cliffs.

Robertson, like most billionaires, sought to repeat success, so he went looking to do it again – this time on 4,000 acres of wine country farmland on the opposite side of New Zealand, land that is perched on steep cliff tops 600 feet above the sea and across the bay from the art deco-style village of Napier.

But a worthy sequel is always a challenge to produce, so Robertson went looking for a golf architect who could handle the responsibility that accompanies tinkering with such a raw, natural and untouched landscape. Robertson's search ceased in Michigan when he selected Traverse City-based designed Tom Doak.

Doak, 45, who designed High Pointe, Black Forest, and Lost Dunes in Michigan, had a proven track record with sequels – in 2001 he built Pacific Dunes on the Oregon coast as a followup to the acclaimed Bandon Dunes, and ended up, by all accounts, outdoing the original course with one that debuted among America's top 10!

Doak did it again with the sequel course he created for Robertson in New Zealand – Cape Kidnappers Golf Club – which debuted in 2005 among the world top 30.

Doak's style has been described as "minimalist," and Cape Kidnappers is indeed a subtle, pure golf course. The clubhouse is a low rise, converted sheep-shearing shed that is the only man made structure visible from the course.

Make no mistake, though, there is nothing reserved about the Cape Kidnappers experience - this is one of the only golf courses in the world from which you could fall off! Narrow fingers of land jut out into the ocean with rocky, skyscraper sized gaps in between.

Doak resisted what must have been an obvious urge to force golfers to hit shots over these crevices, instead making golfers effectively walk the plank – sending them out to the ends and back on narrow, thrilling fairways.

"I've always felt I thought more about the average player," said Doak. "I try not to put things out there that are completely frustrating for them. I don't ensure they shoot a good score, but I want to make sure» they can get around." Getting around Cape Kidnappers is a bracing, full experience, especially when the wind is whipping through the sheep shed hard enough to create a haunting, whining howl. And the fivemile entry drive through a tow ering canyon, interrupted only,by wandering sheep, is like entering Jurassic Park.

The next Doak delight you'll hear about, Barnbougle Dunes, and slithers through the lower-lying. Tasmanian coast and is already, drawing the hearty down under.

"Coming back to Traverse City from a trip to New Zealand and Australia is like getting whiplash," Doak said with a smile. "I have to adjust to crossing eight time zones and sometimes go from winter to summer."

But Doak is always on the run. Your visit to the home of the U.S. Open Champion, like the one recently taken by Tiger Woods (who even tried New Zealand's unofficial national sport of Bungy Jumping) can be much more leisurely. After golf at Cape Kidnappers, you can enjoy wine tastings at the scores of scenic local vineyards and stroll through beachfront Napier, where a stay in the charming and lively County Hotel is like going back in time.

Because, in the cases of Kauri Cliffs and Cape Kidnappers, there are almost no words to describe the vistas, visit www.golfwinetravel.com to see the astonishing photos for yourself and find out how easy it is to follow Doak's footsteps from Michigan to points beyond, and lift a glass to toast his accomplishments. Michael Patrick Shiels, a bestselling author and internationally published golf writer, may be contacted at

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Canton's season ends with high-scoring loss

BY ED WRIGHT Staff Writer

Canton accomplished two things in Saturday's Division 1 District semi-final game against Northville that few teams were able to do this season.

First, the Chiefs clawed all the way back from a six-run deficit.

More impressively, they knocked Mustang starting pitcher Bryce Jenney out of the game in the fourth inning.

Both accomplishments were ultimately wiped out, however, when the Mustangs (24-7) rallied for five runs in the eighth inning to eliminate Canton from the state playoffs, 13-10, in a game played at Novi High School.

"I liked the way the kids competed from the first inning to the very last out," said Canton coach Scott Dickey, whose team finished 19-12. "They never quit and they kept battling.

"It wasn't a good defensive game by either team. We had opportunities to win in the sixth and seventh innings, but we couldn't come up with the big hit. A couple of times we had guys on second and third, but we couldn't squeeze because we had two outs."

Canton junior Kyle Gring made up for a rough outing on the mound with an Albert Pujols-esque day at the plate. Batting in the five hole, the lefty went 3-for-4 and accounted for the Chiefs' first five runs with a two-out, two-run double in the first and a towering three-run home run in the third.

Gring, who tamed the Mustangs' potent bats in a regular-season game in late-April, yielded seven runs — four

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earned — and seven hits before being relieved by Shawn Little with one out in the third.

"I liked our match-up with Kyle going in," Dickey said. "But they got to him — or at least their right-handed hitters did. Shawn came in and did a nice job of holding them down so that we could come back."

After giving up one run in the third, Little blanked Northville over the next four innings.

The Mustangs struck first in the top of the first when Charlie Thomas delivered a two-run single, scoring Anthony Hutting and Brett Spencer. Canton retaliated with two runs in its half of the frame when Gring's two-base hit plated Chris Woudstra and Little.

After taking a 3-2 lead in the second, Northville exploded for a five-spot in the third. The biggest hit was a two-run triple by No. 9 hitter Gerard Powell, who turned in a Gring-like linescore of three hits and four ribbies.

Gring ignited the Canton comeback with his three-run homer in the third that soared over the right-field fence with at least 20 feet to spare. The Chiefs narrowed their gap to 8-7 in the fourth on a walk, a fielder's choice and two Northville errors.

Canton appeared to grab its first lead with two outs in the fifth when, with runners on second and third, Woudstra hit a hard grounder down the third base line. Both bases runners crossed the plate, but were sent back when the ball was ruled foul. Woudstra eventually walked, but Spencer, who relieved Jenney in the fourth, got Little to ground out to short.

The Chiefs knotted the game at 8-8 in the sixth when senior catcher Tarik Khasawneh led off with a walk and advanced to second on Gring's bunt single. After Spencer retired the next two hitters, he walked Blaine Paden and Brad Barath to push home the tying run.

Both pitchers breezed through the seventh inning with no troubles, but the Mustangs erupted for five runs in the first extra frame thanks to two hits, two errors, a walk and a hit batsman.

The scrappy Chiefs brought home a pair of runs in their half of the eighth when Jon Puskar doubled in Gring before eventually scoring himself on a passed ball. They put two more base runners on before Jenney, who was brought back in to pitch the eighth, struck out the final two batters.

Altogether, Canton left 13 runners on base -10 in scoring position.

The Chiefs' No. 5, 7 and 8 hitters accounted for seven of their eight hits. Other than Gring, Puskar (2-for-5, two doubles) and Paden (2-for-3, double, two walks) were the only other Canton players in the multiple-hit club. Little had the other hit, a thirdinning single.

Spencer, who earned the win on the mound, also had a solid game at the dish, going 3-for-4 with three runs scored.

Northville ousted Novi Catholic Central in the district title game and advanced to Saturday's Regional semi-final where they will take on Monroe, which will carry a modest 15-13 mark into the game.

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Glenn's softball team a no-show at District

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

There were supposed to be four teams at Saturday's Division I girls softball district tournament at Birmingham Seaholm, but only three were on the premises.

The Observer learned that Westland John Glenn athletic director Brian Swinehart notified the other participating schools on Friday, along with Seaholm site manager Aaron Frank, that the 1-21 Rockets "regretfully and embarrassingly, due to certain circumstances," would not be able to field a team in the district semifinals.

Plymouth High (24-7-1) was awarded a forfeit victory, while Garden City defeated Livonia Franklin in the other semifinal, 1-0. Because of lightning and rain delays, the district final was not played until Monday with Garden City advancing to the Plymouth regional with a 3-1 victory over the Wildcats.

"It was a little bit weird, that's for sure," said Frank, who is Seaholm's A.D. "All I know is that they (Glenn) said they wouldn't be able to field a team because of graduation that day and some other circumstances."

Glenn, with nearly 2,200 students, does have a JV softball team. The Rockets had five returning seniors on this year's varsity squad.

Neither Swinehart or Glenn varsity coach Linda Willman could be reached for comment on Tuesday.

Willman, who just completed her second season as coach, is 6-53 overall.

Graves is new MU hoop coach

Madonna University Athletics Director Bryan Rizzo announced recently that Carl Graves has been named the new head women's basketball coach at Madonna University. Graves begins his duties, effective immediately.

Graves comes to Madonna from Carleton Airport High School (Carleton, Michigan) where he has served as girls varsity coach for the past six seasons. In his time at Airport, Graves guided his teams to a 88-39 record, including a school record for wins with 19 in 2005.

No stranger to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, Graves played collegiately at Concordia University under then head coach Chip Wilde. While with the Cardinals, Graves was named a 1996 NAIA Academic All-American and Academic All-Conference honoree.

"We are very excited to bring Coach Graves on board as part of the Madonna Family," stated Rizzo. "I think his experience,

work ethic and personality are going to make him an excellent addition to our staff. I believe he is the right person to continue building on the success of our women's basketball program. The future of Madonna Women's basketball is in good hands."

Graves, who holds a masters degree in Social Work and is a school Social Worker in the Monroe County Intermediate School district, is also excited about his new opportunity.

"I am very excited at the opportunity that Mr. Rizzo and Madonna University has given me," Graves told players in their first team meeting Sunday. "I believe there are a lot of positive attributes to build on, and a lot of things to improve on. I am ready for the challenge."

In addition to his time at Airport, Graves has also worked several collegiate coaching camps including; Concordia University, Eastern Michigan University, University of Cincinnati,

University of Kentucky and Rutgers University.

His lone collegiate coaching experience was as an assistant under Wilde at Concordia from 1996-98 where he was responsible for postplay, practice planning, game strategies and camp direction.

Graves' mentor and former coach Chip Wilde called the appointment, "a great day for Carl Graves and even better day for Madonna University."

Graves takes over a Madonna program from Marylou Jansen who resigned March 23rd after 10 years as head coach. He inherits a program that has made two trips to the NAIA National Championships (1997, 2003), has secured three WHAC regular season championships (2001, 2002, 2005) and was the 2003 WHAC tournament champion.

Graves will make his Madonna debut with the 2006-07 Crusaders November 1, 2007 when MU hosts Rochester College.

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FROM PAGE B1

Ostrowski hit senior Holly Clendening with a pitch.

Patterson then brought in senior Kaira LaClear and sophomore Karen Greficz to pinch run and both wound up scoring. LaClear scored on Seward's groundout and Greficz came in on a single by junior Kelly Floetke.

That's how it stayed until Monday as the Cougars finished off the Wildcats to win their first district title since 2004.

Minch (five hits, seven

CANTON FROM PAGE BI

"Coming into this game, I felt we had a good team and that if we played good defense and hit the ball hard, we'd have a good shot at beating (Northville)," said a smiling Arnold, his shirt still dripping from the ice-water shower. "The key for us was determination. The girls wanted to prove they could beat Northville and that they knew how to play this game." The win earned the Chiefs a

berth in Saturday's 10 a.m. Regional semi-final contest at Saline High School against Monroe (26-8). Belleville (17-13- which defeated the Chie last year's Regional final, will take on Southgate Anderson in the other semi-final match-up. The championship game is scheduled for 3 p.m. Sarah Anthony came up huge for the Chiefs - both with her arm and bat. The junior righthander limited Novi to four hits in Canton's 5-2 semi-final triumph. In the title game, she went 3-for-4 with five RBI at the plate, including a scorching bases-loaded, bases-clearing triple that landed six inches fair down the right-field line. "I didn't even watch the ball after I hit it," said Anthony, referring to her clutch threebagger. "I looked at my coach and started running. I kept running until my coach told me to stop." Anthony's heroics came while she was serving as the Chiefs' flex player, a role that keeps her on the bench when she's not hitting. "I yell a lot and cheer for my teammates when I'm on the bench," said Anthony. "That's how I stay into the game." "Sarah's been hitting the ball real well," said Arnold. "Lately, we've been switching off between her and Stephanie Sadek as our flex player. We got lucky and picked the right one today." In an effort to offset his team's cold-hitting woes against Northville starting pitcher Jenna Dumbleton on May 22, Arnold shuffled around the top five hitters in his line-up, shifting usual No. 3 hitter Rachel Wade to lead-off and normal clean-up hitter Lauren Delapaz to No. 3. The moves paid dividends immediately as the Chiefs exploded for three runs in the first on Anthony's clutch, twoout triple, which scored Delapaz, Kimmie Keppen and Rachel Beaudoin. After the Mustangs struck for one run in the second off Canton starting pitcher Hilary Payne, the Chiefs answered with one in the third when Anthony singled in Keppen, who had reached on an infield single.



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Plymouth's Madison Dresser slides hard into third base as Garden City's Tricia York waits for the ball to arrive during Monday afternoon's Division 1 District softball championship game at Birmingham Seaholm High School. The Cougars won, 3-1, to advance to Saturday's Regional tournament at Plymouth.

> strikeouts) got out of early trouble, striking out batters with the bases loaded in each of the first two innings.

To get to the final, it was just about all Minch. She absolutely shut down Franklin (16-14), striking out 10 and taking a perfect game into the seventh.

The Patriots finally got a baserunner when Heather Jaroh singled with one out.

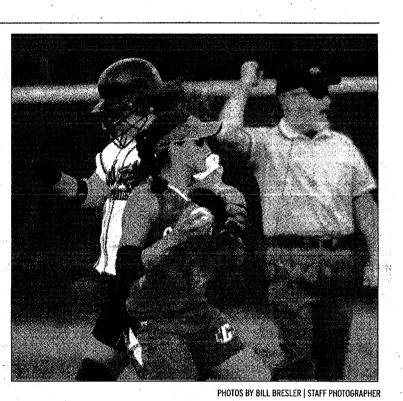
"She (Minch) was very dominant in that game and she had the game-winning hit, too," Patterson said.

It was scoreless until the top of the seventh, with Minch dueling against Franklin pitcher Kim Topolewski. Dee Clendening led off with a single and pinch-runner Melissa Demitrivich was sacrificed to second by Holly Clendening. After Torok grounded out, Minch knocked in Demitrivich with a single between third base and shortstop.

It was Minch's second hit of the game. Also collecting two hits for the Cougars was Susalla.

Next up for Garden City is Saturday's regional semifinal against Allen Park at Plymouth. The game is slated for 1 p.m.

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JULY 10-16 • TPC MICHIGAN • TICKETS: 866-FSPC-TIX *Included in price of admission. Canton put the game away in the fifth when it pushed across five runs against Dumbleton. Canton shortstop Lauren Delapaz looks at first base after getting a force at second during Saturday's District final victory over Northville.



Canton junior Sarah Anthony was all smiles Saturday afternoon after knocking in five runs in the Chiefs' 9-2 District championship game victory over Northville.

Anthony and senior right-fielder Alyssia Johnson delivered RBI singles in the offensive outburst, which included five hits and two Northville errors.

Payne, a sophomore, scattered nine hits and two walks while striking out eight in her complete-game victory.

The most significant defensive play of the afternoon came in the top of the fourth when center-fielder Beaudoin squeezed a medium-depth flyball off the bat of Christie Badeen then threw a strike to catcher Tiffany Quiroz, who tagged out Sarah Roundsifer, who was attempting

to tag up and score from third. Joining Anthony in the Chiefs'

hit parade were Keppen (2-for-2, two walks, three runs), Delapaz (2-for-4, two runs) and Payne (2-for-3, run). Beaudoin reached based three times and scored a pair of runs.

Canton racked up 14 hits against Dumbleton, who went the distance. Northville clean-up hitter Laura Zima paced the Mustangs' offense with two hits and two runs scored.

ON DECK: MONROE

What: Division 1 Regional softball semifinal between Canton (27-4-1) and Monroe (26-8). When: Saturday, 10 a.m.

Where: Saline High School, 1300 Campus Parkway, Saline, MI. What's at stake: A berth in Regional final against the winner of Saturday's 12:30 game between Belleville and Southgate Anderson. About the Trojans: Monroe's top hitter is senior third baseman Jenna Kloster, who hit around .310, according to head coach Vince Rossi. Their top two pitchers are junior Jessica Irwin and senior Nicole Kachar. Coach's comments: "We only have one senior

starter, so we're a very young team," said Rossi. "The girls started believing in themselves after we beat/Taylor Kennedy, 1-0, in a/17-inning game back in May."

■ Title tilt: The Regional championship game is set for 3 p.m. at Saline High School. The Regional champion will advance to Tuesday's Quarterfinal round at Chelsea High School.

AAGR GRID CAMP

The Ann Arbor Gabriel **Richard Champions Football** Camp will be held June 26 and 27 for boys entering 5th through 8th grades in the fall. The camp will be directed by Gabriel Richard head coach Ed Maloney, his staff and former University of Michigan standout Ron Simpkins.

Along with assisting with area camps, Simpkins is the director of the Wayne State Volunteers, **Administrators and Coaches** Program, which focuses on the development of coaches, administrators and volunteers who work with young athletes in the Detroit area.

The camp will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days. The cost is \$50. All participants will learn skills for all positions and the basic fundamentals of the sport.

For more information, visit the school's Web site at www.fgrhsaa.org.

YMCA HOOP

The Plymouth Family YMCA will be hosting a basketball camp the week of July 24-28. The camp, which will be run by a former collegiate basketball player and current high school coach, will help players become familiar with the ball and develop a love for the game.

The camp will run from 9 a.m. to noon for 6- to 8-yearolds and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for kids between the ages of 9 and 11. Contact the YMCA office (734) 453-2904 or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

BASEBALL CAMP

The Canton Chiefs summer baseball camp still has openings. The camp, which is for

kids aged 7 and up, will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. June 19-23 at the Canton varsity baseball field.

The cost of the camp is \$100. Registration forms for the camp can be obtained at the Web site www.cantonchiefsbaseball.com or by contacting Debbie Neu at (734) 454-9144.

GIRLS HOOP CAMPS

The Salem and Canton girls basketball teams will be sponsoring two upcoming summer camps.

A camp for girls entering 7th, 8th and 9th grades in the fall of 2006 will be held June 19-23. Seventh-graders will attend the camp from 12:45-2:45 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School. The time and site for the eighth- and ninth-graders will be 1-3 p.m. at Canton High School.

A camp for girls entering 4th, 5th and 6th grades will be held June 26-30. The camp for fourth-graders will be held from 12:45-2:45 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School. The time and site for the fifth- and sixthgraders will be 1-3 p.m. at Canton High School.

The cost of both camps is \$70.

The coaching staffs for both camps will consist of Salem's Fred Thomann, Bill Mair and Julie Nicastri; and Canton's Brian Samulski, Scott Samulski and Jimmy Reddy. Players from both programs will serve as camp counselors. For more information, contact Community Education at (734) 416-2937.

SOCCER CAMPS

Detroit's newest professional soccer team, the Detroit

Ignition, is taking over the popular Goose's All-Star Soccer Camps, which were started four years ago by former professional goalkeeper Bryan "Goose" **Finnerty**

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Although the camps are being shifted into the Ignition's care, they will still be operated by Finnerty and former teammate and camp director, Droo Callahan. The coaching staff will include former professional and collegiate players who are all licensed trainers with various clubs, including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, Brighton and CW3.

The locations of the local camps are as follows:

June 12-16 - Bicentennial Park in Livonia:

June 26-30 - Independence Park in Canton;

July 10-14 - Pioneer Park in Farmington;

July 17-21 - Independence Park in Canton; and

Aug. 7-11 - Plymouth Lake Soccer Park in Plymouth. Each camp will run from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The \$139 fee includes a free ball and T-shirt.

To register, visit www.Goose22.com. **VELOCITY CAMPS**

Velocity Sports Performance, which is located on Michigan Avenue in Canton, will be offering several camps this summer that will be geared toward making athletes faster, stronger, more powerful and more explosive.

The summer schedule includes:

Speed and Agility Camp -Session 1 will be held June 26-29 and Session 2 will be held July 31 to Aug. 3. Among other things, campers will learn proper running form and mechanics. Each of the four sessions will last two hours

Football Speed and Agility Camp - Session 1 will be held July 10-13 and Session 2 will run from July 17-20. The four two-hour sessions, which are for athletes 14 years old and up, will go from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Junior Football Speed and Agility Camp - This four-day camp, available to athletes between the ages of 8 and 13, will run from July 24-27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information on the camps, visit www.velocitysp.com/canton.

YMCA SPORTS PROGRAMS

The Plymouth Family YMCA is currently accepting registrations for its spring soccer program. Programs are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Volunteers, referees and anyone else needing more information should call the YMCA at (734) 453-2904.

Other upcoming YMCA programs include:

Summer baseball -Leagues are forming for children between the ages of 4 and 11 years old. Practices begin the week of June 26 with games starting Saturday, July 8. There will be one practice and one game per week. The cost is \$68 and all participants need a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey, which costs \$15.

Summer softball — Leagues are forming for children between the ages of 8 and 11 years old. All leagues are machine pitch. Practices begin the week of June 26 with games starting on Saturday, July 8. There will be one practice and one game per week. The cost is

\$68 and all participants must purchase a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey for \$15.

Summer flag football Leagues are forming for children between the ages of 6 and 11 years old. Practices begin the week of June 26 with games starting on Saturday, July 8. There is one practice and one game per week. The cost is \$68 and all participants must purchase a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey for \$15.

For more information on the summer youth sports leagues, call (734) 453-2904.

SAND VOLLEYBALL

For the second-consecutive year, a pair of sand volleyball tournaments featuring area high school players will be held this summer in Northville. Teams from Plymouth, Saline, Ann Arbor, Carleton, Northville and Novi competed in the 2005 Summer Challenge, which drew 14 squads. This year's Summer Challenge varsity events will be held Sunday, June 25, and Sunday, July 23. There will also be a Freshman/Sophomore Challenge on Saturday, July 22.

Details about the tournaments can be found at

www.onlywins.com/SandVolley ball.

YOUTH GOLF

Plymouth's Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center will serve as one of 105 national qualifying sites for the 2006 Mutual of Omaha Drive, Chip & Putt competition. The event, a free golf skills competition for kids between the ages of 7 and 14, will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, July 20, at Fox Hills.

More than 35,000 youngster throughout the country are

expected to compete in the DC&P. Winners from each local event will have the opportunity to compete in regional championships and possibly represent their hometowns at the national championship in October.

For more information, including a complete schedule and registration form, visit www.TheGolfChannel.com.

TOP 50 GOLF

The popular Top 50 Jr. Golf Tour, which is organized by the non-profit National Golf Scholarship Association, has added 10 events in southeastern Michigan to its 2006 schedule. The tour will offer 27 events throughout Michigan for its participants.

Players compete in the following divisions: girls 15 and under; girls 16 and over; boys 15 and under; and boys 16 and over. The tour offers free golf and scholarship opportunities for its member players.

Registration is now open for local boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 18 years old. Interested students and parents can visit www.Top50jrTour.com or call (248) 321-9900 for more information.

Among the southeastern Michigan events is a stop at Fox. Hills Golf Club in Plymouth on June 22-23.

Each event is comprised of an 18-hole qualifier and an 18-hole. tournament. The top 40 players at each qualifier play in the tournament for free. The top 10 finishers at each tournament are exempt into the following tournament and they will play for free. The 2006 tour kicks off June 15-16 at Bay Pointe Country Club in West Bloomfield.



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ESSON ON G

by Jeff Lesson

Buick Golf has announced that Tiger Woods plans to play in the Buick Open scheduled for July 31-August 6th at Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club in Grand Blanc.

This does not mean that Buick is guaranteed of a Tiger appearance in the event, only that he plans to play. Tiger does not normally formally commit to a tournament until the week before, making it difficult to promote his appearance.

The Buick Open has been burned by this before. In 2001, they erected billboards with a picture of Tiger and the words "scheduled to appear" below his name. In fact he was "scheduled to appear" then just as he is now. But when Tiger decided not to play the event in 2001, it created a mess for Buick given what their billboards seemed to promise.

Could Tiger decide to pull out again this year? Yes, but he is likely to play. Woods enjoys both the course at Warwick Hills and the way he is treated by both the crowds and the staff.

He also does not like playing in tournaments the week before a major. He much rather get to the venue hosting the major early to practice. Knowing this, Buick changed the dates of their event from one to two weeks before the PGA Championship-the last major of the year. Since then, Tiger has played in the Buick Open every year.

Expect that streak to continue this year.

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



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CHEER ON THE HOME TEAM Widowed WJF, 56, N/S, loves life, cruising, walking, reading, con-certs, football, baseball, and basketball. Seeking adventurous WM, 55-66, N/S. 2938734

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trustworthy, dependable, outgoing, likes home-cooked meals, simple fun. Looking to meet a nice lady w/similar qualities and interests. **2975299**

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?

SM, 36, enjoys working out, keeping active, classic movies, listening to music, more. Seeking loving honest, loyal lady friend, 19-25, levelheaded and goal-oriented to share the good things in life. 2978738

NICE GUY SWM, 66, 5'6", 150lbs, manufacturers' representative, Libra, N/S, works out, enjoys movies, restaurants, and summer festivals. Seeking SWF, 50-65, N/S. Shirley, please call back. 2708126

A SPECIAL GUY DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. **2**269646

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TAKE A LOOK

SM, 41, 6', brown/blue, proportionate, social worker. Looking for meet sweet, spontaneous lady not afraid to live life and have fun. 2975058 TRY ME

SBM, 19, 5'11", muscular build, athletic, looking for a cool, easygoing, fun-loving, good-humored SF, to chill with share good times. **2**976121

ARE YOU THE ONE

SBM, 50, 5' 8", 195lbs, smooth face, slender build, seeks strong, independent woman, 41-50, for friendship, possible romance. **2**977177

HARD MAN TO FIND

Fit, affectionate SM, 5'10", 180lbs. Seeking attractive female, 35-55. Enjoys outdoor activities, movies, cooking, camping. Looking for same qualities, and interests, for LTR. 2972650

COULD IT BE YOU? SWM, 40s, 6', 175lbs, N/S, homeowner, auto worker, easygoing, honest and secure, enjoys hunting, Harleys and the outdoors. Seeking attractive slim/fit woman, 30-50, N/S, D/D-free, comfortable in high heels-tennis shoes 2798519

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MUSCULAR

AND ATHLETIC Tall, athletic SWM, 44, 6'2", 209lbs, brown/blue, never married, no dependents, college-educated. clean-cut, good sense of humor, outgoing, seeks friendly SF, for fun. Age/location open. 2587540

SPECIAL KIND OF FEMALE Professional SBM, 43, 5'5", 160lbs, seeks slim, educated BCF, 25-40,

N/S, good SOH, no dependents, likes arts, has great outlook on life. **1**973273

SWEET GUY Good-looking SWM, 52, 6'1", 197lbs, college graduate, financial-

ly secure, homeowner, bodybuilder, seeks petite SWF, 35-50, sexy, attractive, to enjoy dining out, movies, for serious relationship, maybe marriage. 2255073

BIG THREE ENGINEER

Attractive SBM, 6', 220lbs, N/S, occasional drinker, 40-ish, very laid-back, family-oriented, likes dinner, movies, and going to the gym. Seeking SF, 20-45, race open, H/W proportionate, for friendship, possible LTR. 2822912

TAKE A LOOK SWM, 40, 5'9", 220lbs, clean-shaven financially stable, spontaneous, outgoing, seeks WF, 25-45. must like children, and good conversation, for friendship first, maybe more 2966662

GROW FROM FRIENDSHIP SBM, 31, Libra, N/S, enjoy reading,

drawing, walking, seeks woman, 21-50, for friendship, possible romance. 2972545

HIT ME UP

SBM, 26, seeking SBF, 20-29. Must like going to movies, reality t.v., church, and having fun. 2967301

TRUE GENTLEMAN

SBM, 52, 5'8", 185lbs, looking for a medium to full-figured SBF, 46-54. Someone who is worldly, nice, loves to laugh and just enjoying life to the fullest. 2912726

WANTED ...

single full-figured WF, 45-65, who believes in Jesus Christ, sought by DWM, 62, 5'10", 175lbs, cleanshaven, brown/brown, N/D, for LTR. **2**954253

SECURE

WM, 58, tall, slim, good-looking, would like to meet a nice, sweet, kind woman to go out with and see what happens from there. **2828139**

SIMPLE REQUEST

WM, 59, 5'8", 170lbs, dark/blue, looking for an attractive woman to go out and have a good time with. Age open. 27833911

OUTDOORSY KINDA GUY

DWM, 64, 5'11", 190lbs, self-employed, N/S, socially drinker,

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STOP HERE

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SEARCHING

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LET'S TALK

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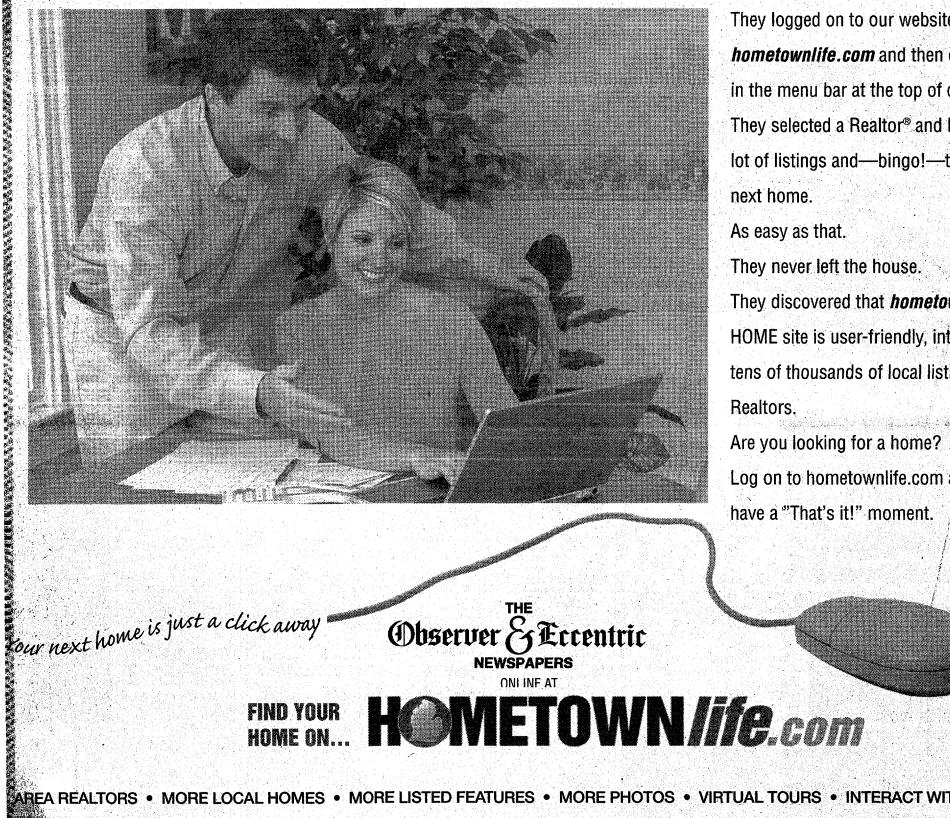
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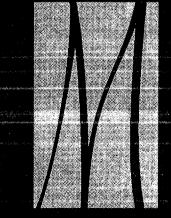
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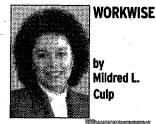
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Many American minorities believe that their heritage undermines their

employment prospects, from being hired or promoted to functioning well on the job. The fact that women and people with disabilities experience difficulties in this process does not, unfortunately, make the problem any less acute. Our national social challenge consists of more than integration of all groups of people. It only begins there.

George Noralez, network consultant at PCS International Inc., in Schaumburg, Ill., sets up networks and firewalls. He is black, from Belize. Noralez maintains that minorities need to outperform job seekers, especially in corporate, where people talk about working through issues of racial inequality, for show. Companies are required to hire a certain number of minorities, who are usually brought in (compensated) at the low end and don t realize it until later, say, in conversation with an HR person. RECRUITMENT

Kenneth Roldan is CEO of Wesley, Brown & Bartle Co. Inc., a New York City-based executive search firm specializing in minority placement. He is Puerto Rican and the author, with Gary Stern, of Minority Rules: Turn Your

Ethnicity into a Competitive Edge (Collins, forthcoming, September, \$22.95). Minority placement has become approximately a billion-dollar industry, he reports, several hundred firms, spanning not just New York but such major markets as San Francisco, Chicago and Cleveland. He mentions that industry leaders such as Korn/Ferry and Heidrick & Struggles have active diversity and inclusion practices responding to client requests. His own firm predates Affirmative Action, back in the 1970s.

Many of the job hunting problems Roldan discusses apply to people of all backgrounds. Lack of education is what the industry is about, he concedes. It s a hidden weapon for people of color. He points out that the small percentage of people of color in executive positions makes it difficult for this population to learn how to job seek. In addition, many search firms with limited experience wont get the hidden talent.

Roldan encourages people to analyze your specific industry, functional expertise and level you need to aspire to. Then, persist. Specifically, this means:

- -- developing a plan for your advancement;
- -- determining how to enhance your candidacy by making ethnicity a value-added;
- -- networking with a brief infomercial to a dozen individuals whenever you enter a roomful of people;
- -- finding a mentor, mainstream or

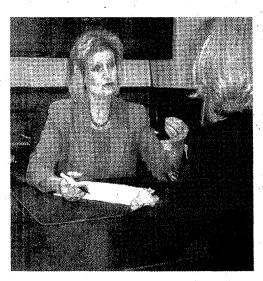
otherwise; and

-- exploring both diversity and mainstream executive search firms. JOB SEARCHES

Tolu Adeleye, an African who relocated to Vancouver, B.C., secured good jobs, including that of biotechnology research and development scientist, despite her triple-whammy as a minority, wife and mother of three. Today she is owner and consulting partner of Contemporary Lifestyle Consulting, where she coaches clients in transition. Be flexible and open-minded, she advises, even if a position pays a little less. She points out that a good fit may come with an unexpected title. Explore all options.

Adeleye further recommends networking with HR people attending seminars or courses about various facets of job hunting. They have the potential to connect you with unadvertised jobs in vour desired industry, she observes. Write a report targeted to your industry of interest that may help the executives to better achieve one or more management goals. Send it and request an opportunity to meet for further discussion.

Noralez advises gaining confidence in your skill level and the experience you bring. He says that preparation is extremely important, because you can t necessarily predict interview questions. Have a base of questions normally asked, he recommends. Then practice, recognizing that your ability to communicate and the skills you bring



George Noralez, network consultant at PCS International Inc., sets up networks and firewalls.

will determine whether you re hired.

Attitude is critical. You have to accept the fact that you ll be turned down, Noralez continues. Sell yourself. Convince the person that you are the one for the job by reflecting willingness and enthusiasm for the job.

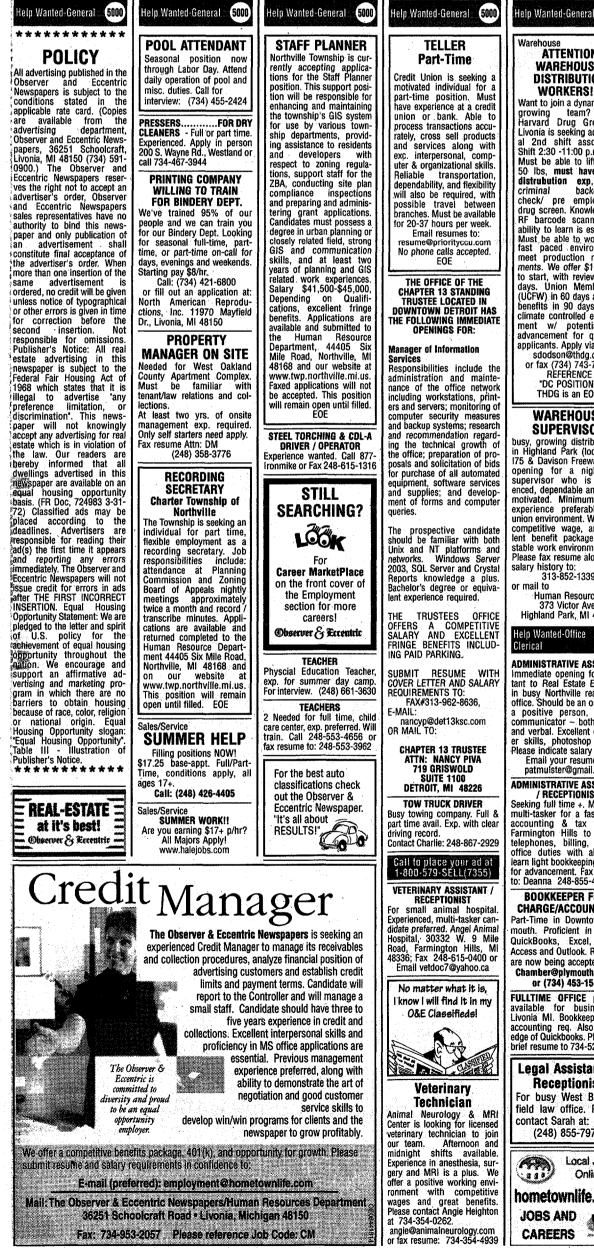
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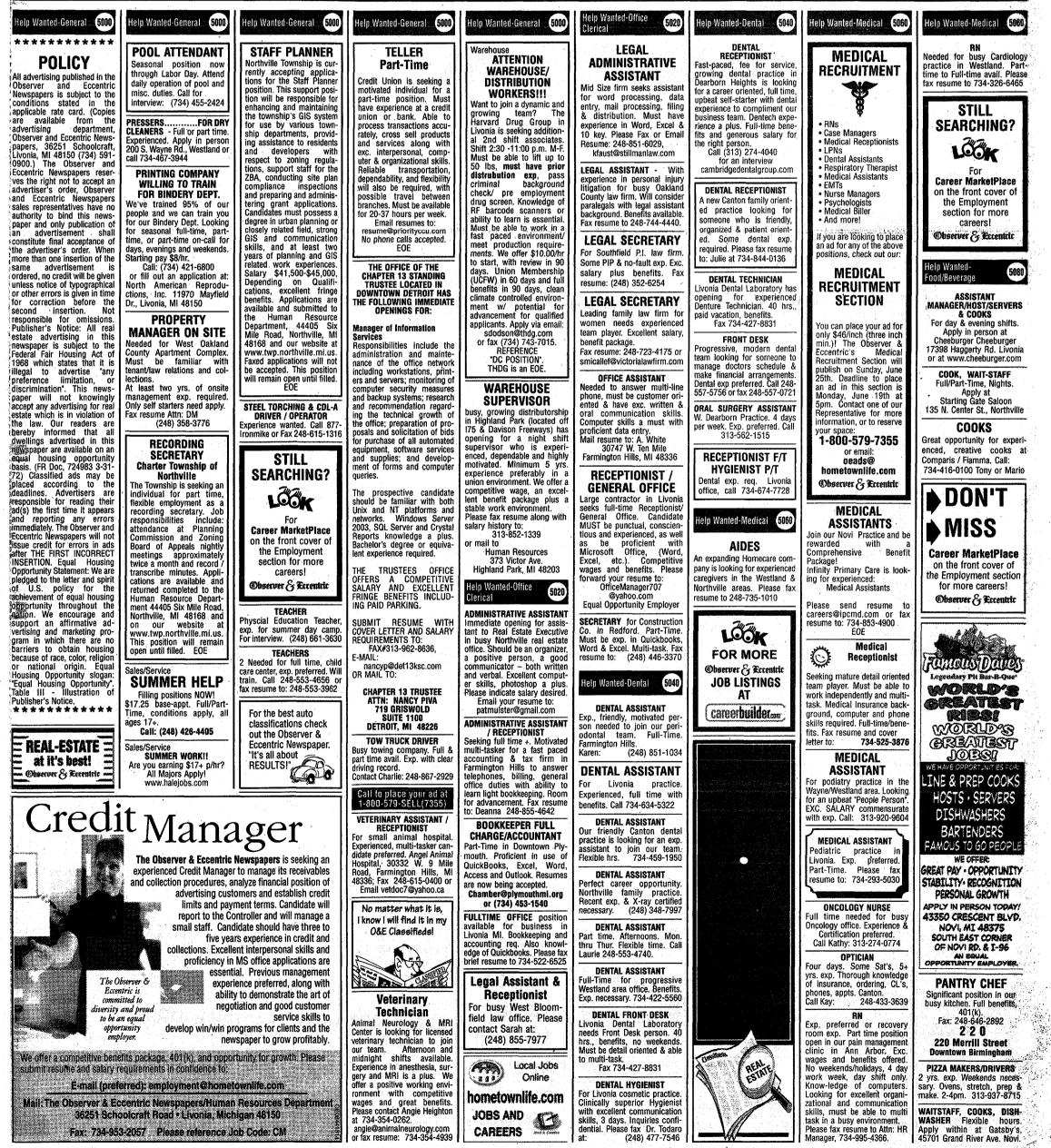
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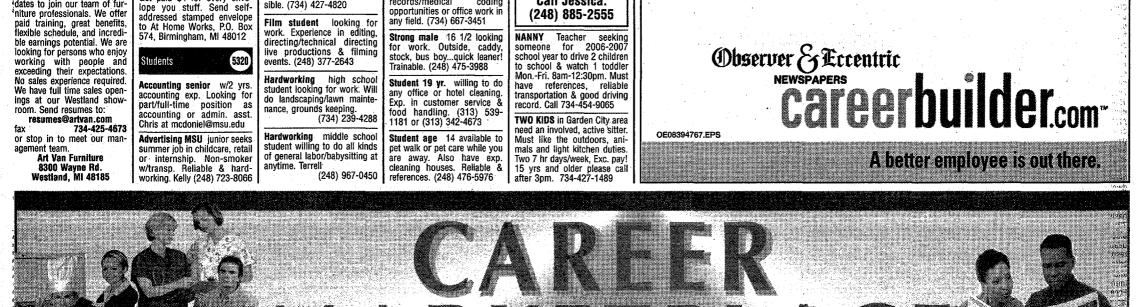
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LAKE ORION Neighborhood garage sale, June 8, 9, 10. Silverbell Oaks sub., located

LIVONIA Thurs-Sat., 8am-4pm, 37923 Donald St. Lots of

more. Sunday, June 11. 8-8. 25981 Radclift Place. OAK PARK ALL KINDS OF STUFF! Fri-Sat., 9am-4pm

Colony Farms Condo Association, W. of Beck, S. of Ann Arbor Road, off Colony Farm Drive. June 8-10. 8-4pm PLYMOUTH TWP- TRAIL

June 10th, 8am-1pm. 30409 Brentwood, 1 block E. of Greenfield, S. of 13 Mile Rd.

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ROYAL OAK 2611 Trafford Some antiques, furniture odds & ends. Thurs. & Frit

WESTLAND Large Sale. Fri. & Sat., June 9 & 10, 9am-5pm.

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS GROUP	Oak, off Outer Dr., btwn. Ford	items. Orion Road between	N. of 5, E. of Levan.	front dresser, deco sewing	9000 Pine Trail Ct., behind	Huge Sale. 18 homes. Bikes,	Westland, West of Carison,	of Pontiac Trail, 1/4 ml. Noof
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9am-noon. 6112 Lantern	furniture, collectibles, jewelry,	Garage Sales. 27821 Santa	Westbrook. June 8-10; 9-	chrome headlight. Nintendo		clothing variety (New and gen-	interest interest in a second	SOUTHFIELD - Moving Sale.
Lane, Maple & Telegraph,	gifts, home dec, records,	Barbara & 18449 San Jose.	5. FIVE-FAMILY SALE.	64 bundle, yarns, crafts, much more. Cool, Unusual,	REDFORD - June 8, 9 & 10.	tly used), computer monitor,		Curio cabinet, sofa, cháir, ottoman, like new. Misc
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BLOOMFIELD HILLS Fri-Sat.	DEARBORN HTS - 7827		misc. furniture, table	DAK PARK 5 family sale!			ture, clothes, toys, and lots	er/bedding, linen, household
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ing goods, electronics, house-	urines. June 10-11, 10-4pm.	Clothes, sm. appliances, household, sport goods, more.	hold items. Take 7 Mile		(SW corner of 5 and Beech)		[5]	Road, S. of 10 Mile, left. on Larkins, right on Sunnypointe:
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The 2006 Saab 9-3 Convertible

Advertising Feature



BY DALE BUSS

It's more or less summertime, and with the general privilege of enjoying the season comes along another, very specific one: the thrill of driving and riding in convertibles. And fortunately, I've been able to enjoy one of the world's great convertibles already this season, long before summer returns in earnest.

Actually, I'm happy to say, this is my new favorite car: the Saab 9-3 Aero Convertible. Just a few days of driving around in this sleek, powerful, sexy and yet surprisingly practical automobile finally revealed to me a vehicle that could actually nudge out the Audi TT Roadster as my favorite.

I've held the TT in my highest regard for a few years now. I get to drive one just about annually, and the experience invariably reinforces my conviction that the little pocket rocket is the best combination on the road of power, style, and sizzle.

And I didn't have any particular expectations of the Saab 9-3 convertible. I enjoy and respect Saab automobiles, but as a brand I don't necessarily revere them. So I wasn't sure what to expect from the 9-3. But I sure was happy with what I got.

Put concisely, the 9-3 exceeds every reasonable expectation of a convertible and then adds several pleasant surprises on top of that. Overall, it is visually striking. It performs elegantly and seemingly without effort. It is roomy and convenient. And it turns heads. Let's start outside the car, as much as I'd like to hop in right away. The 9-3 isn't the most remarkable-looking vehicle that you may ever have encountered; its styling per se doesn't necessarily grab you. It's shaped in an understated wedge that creates visual satisfaction but which really leaves plenty of room for the rest of the car to make a statement.

However, when this car is rendered in a color called Electric Blue Metallic, which was the case with the 9-3 I drove, the hue itself bumps up the car's appeal several notches. I got comments all over the place just about the color. I'd like to believe it's because it matched my eyes, but I'm smart enough to know the appeal lay in the unusual deepness and liveliness of the color.

Under the hood lay the most remarkable component



The Saab 9-3 Convertible gets 17 mpg in the city and a bonus of 28 mpg on the highway.

of this vehicle: the 2.8-liter, six-cylinder, 24-valve DOHC engine, a high-output turbo model that cranks out 250 horsepower. This powertrain gave me all the oomph I could handle whenever I needed it, whether it was taking off from a standing start or changing lanes. Gasoline mileage of 17 mpg in the city and 28mpg on the highway was a bonus.

Just as important, at cruising speeds the engine worked as quietly and effortlessly as any I can remember driving in the several years I've been doing these reviews. Everyone who rode in the car remarked the same way: We were booking, but it seemed like the 9-3 was doing hardly any work at all.

Handling was impressive as well, thanks in large part to the car's sport-tuned suspension and all-season tires on 17-inch alloy wheels. In fact, every aspect of how the car responded to the driving challenge and to the road was simply superlative.

Once you're inside, 9-3 is a delight for the eyes as well. The version I drove had two-tone leatherappointed seating, with a nifty blue stripe running down the middle of the seats that matched the car's exterior color. The other most notable interior feature was a 300-watt stereo with a six-CD changer whose audio quality held its own even with the top down and the winds swirling.

Just as significant as how nifty the interior looks is that the Saab 9-3 provides lots of room throughout. You know how some convertibles severely crowd you both front and back? Saab 9-3 blows that stereotype away. Engineers took maximum advantage of the car's wide exterior stance by creating a very ample space in the front of the vehicle, lending the feeling of spaciousness that you'd get with any good-sized sedan. Maybe even more important, 9-3 actually sports a relatively usable back seat. Not only is there room enough back there for two people perhaps even of normal stature, but they could actually sit in the rear without banging their heads on the cloth roof when the top was down.

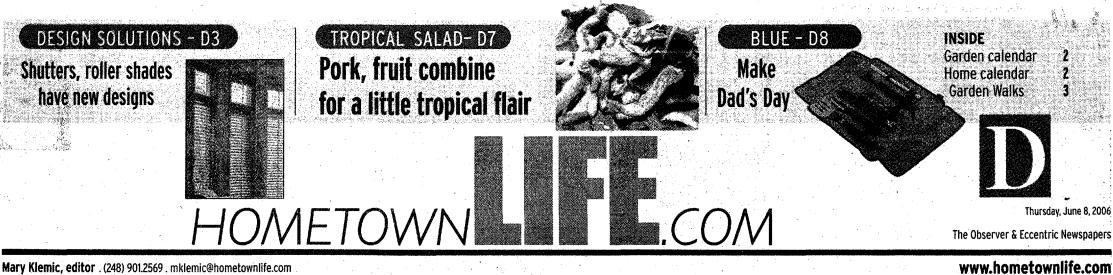
And that brings me to one of the most noteworthy things about 9-3: Its roof is totally automatic, something I've not experienced on any other convertible. For the mechanically challenged like me, that was maybe the biggest blessing of all.



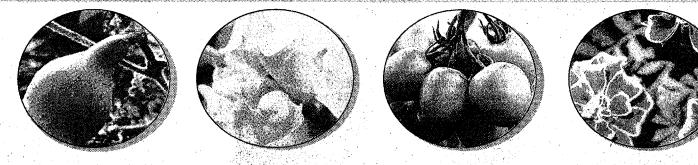
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Better late than never

Go ahead and plant and watch your garden grow

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

K. You've bought your tomato and squash plants, snapdragons and magnolias, and you're struggling to finish planting for this summer season.

It was too cold in May as you scrambled to cover your babies to protect them from the ravages of frost, so you waited. And then, a few days later, Memorial Day weekend was just too darn hot. Don't fret.

You can keep planting," said Jim Slezinski, staff horticulturalist at Goldner Walsh in Pontiac.

"It was always thought that you had to plant everything by Memorial Day, but that's not the case. You can plant right up until the end of June."

So if you are a late bloomer in gardening this year, remember when planting that you need to follow a few basic steps that are obvious, yet easy to forget. Water your plants daily. That rule is

critical.

"Especially if they are newly planted, you should water every day for the first 10 days to two weeks," Slezinski said. Vegetables especially need regular con-

PLEASE SEE PLANT, D5



Retailers wait for IKEA's impact

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

IKEA will be welcomed by the masses as the company's heralded inaugural store in Michigan opened in Canton on June 7.

That big blue box along I-275 will bring throngs of shoppers to the store.

"It will have a very positive impact in Canton as a development area," said Kenneth Dalto, market consultant and retail analyst with Kenneth J. Dalto & Associates of Farmington Hills.

"IKEA is a destination store, and people will drive for miles to shop there. It will have an impact in bringing high-quality niche retailers to Michigan."

With the success of the big box stores (Wal-Mart, Target, Sam's Club, Costco), Dalto believes more big box stores are in Michigan's future.

Once that happens, some of the furniture stores may be driven out of business in the next two to five years, Dalto believes.

Survival is dependent on either becoming like a big box store or a well-positioned niche, like a gourmet specialty store is in the food market, Dalto said.

"You have to define a market niche or get eaten up," Dalto said.

Many in the furniture business believe that IKEA won't take away loyal customers who look for more personal service.

A few miles north of IKEA in Plymouth, Eric Buzenberg owns Walker Buzenberg.

don't know if it will be the same as ours. It is good for retailing in the area.

"We're going to give you a more personal experience. Being a smaller retailer you have to give customers that individual service, and train employees how to offer that service."

Buzenberg said he had never been in an IKEA store. His store offers furniture in traditional, transitional and contemporary, so it isn't the exact merchandise.

"We're looking forward to them coming to the area, and getting more people to come to the area. That's what we're hoping for."

Chris Morrisroe, director of communications, Art Van, believes that IKEA's opening will affect business in the furniture industry.

"Every time a company comes into the market, it affects business, and it ties up opportunities at another level," Morrisroe said.

But she's quick to add that Art Van has faced competition before from Crate & Barrel, Target, Wal-Mart and Sam's Club, companies that "whittle away at the furniture business."

As a result, Art Van has worked on updating customer service and following trends, such as this summer's rattan and wicker pieces along with the Sorbet style. That natural element is popular this summer, Morrisroe said.

"Art Van is the No. 1 furniture retailer in Michigan. and we intend to stay there," Morrisroe said. "Ready-to-assemble fur-

TOIL AND SOIL

Here's a list of quick hits for your garden: Water regularly all of your newly

planted flowers and vegetables. • Don't plant in 90-degree temperatures.

Control pests.

- Keep on weeding.
- Compost or use slow-release
- fertilizer in your soil before planting. Feed your plants with slow release fertilizer.

"They're more of a big box retail store, and it's not really the same as what we do," Buzenberg said.

IKEA specializes in a Scandanavian-style, soft contemporary look, supplying everything from quilt covers and towel racks to accessories for every room in the home. IKEA doesn't sell traditional furniture.

"It's good in a way for the communities of Plymouth and Canton to bring people to this area, who might not otherwise come here and shop here," Buzenberg said.

"But as far as whether we have the same customers, I

niture is not our core business. Full service and quality of our furniture is, and what (IKEA) has is a little different than what we carry.

"They pretty much center on a younger audience, and they're important to us, too. First-time homeowners are important to us, and we run the whole gamut from first-, second-home buyers to everyone on up, who like traditional or contempo- >. rary or leather furniture.

"With us, you don't have to go down a million aisles, and we'll deliver to your house."

Practice safe computing in Wi-Fi hotspots

uy walks into a coffee shop. He fires up his notebook, connects to the free Wi-Fi network, and spends a couple of hours working, checking e-mail and visiting Web sites.



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

The next day, his computer goes haywire: popups all over the place, a hijacked

Web browser, maybe even some corrupted files. A few weeks after that, a credit card bill arrives with thousands of dollars in mysterious

charges. These and other disasters can strike your notebook if you're not careful about hotspot security.

For the uninitiated, hotspots are Internet access points you can tap into with your Wi-Fiequipped notebook computer.

These handy zones have popped up all over: cafes, airports,

libraries, even entire cities.

But with convenience comes risk: Hackers may try to access your data; crackers may try to steal your passwords; and thieves may try to steal your notebook outright.

Fortunately, it's not hard to protect yourself from the perils of the local hotspot. Here's how.

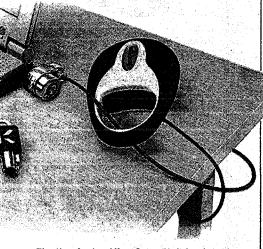
INSTALL A FIREWALL

A firewall is a software utility designed to block your computer from outside intrusions.

If your system is running Windows XP SP2, you've already got a pretty effective firewall. Just make

sure it's running, which you can do by launching

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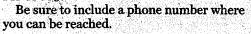
Now that vacation season begins for many families, soon many of us will head to those summer places we dream about all winter long.

Many head to cottages "up north" to enjoy the warmer temperatures, the smell and sounds of the pines, the friendly small towns, and take in a little rest and relaxation.

What do you do? Do you have a summer cottage or home? How do you enjoy the summer there?

Send us a photo of Your Summer Place and we'll run it in the hometownlife.com section. E-mail it to

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GARDEN CALENDAR

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Daylily sale

The Southern Michigan Hemerocallis

Society will sponsor its annual summer Daylily Plant Sale 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 10, rain or shine, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road at Woodward in Bloomfield Hills. Cash sales only. Admission is free. The huge selection will feature modern daylily forms, including gold or contrasting edges, frilly doubles, bold eyes and patterns, spiders and unusual forms that reach 10 inches. Among the color choices will be pink, lavender, purple, rose, red, cream,

white, yellow and gold. Come early for best selection. · Club members and local hybridizers

will be present to answer questions. For more information, visit www.daylilyclub.com, call (248) 363-7517, or e-mail frogsleap1@juno.com.

Hill & Dale Garden Club

The Hill & Dale Garden Club will have a general meeting, with installation of new officers, 6 p.m. Thursday, June 15. at the Heritage Park Visitors Center, on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile. The public may attend. For more information, contact Mar Scawly at (248) 333-3108 or stemar@comcast.net.

Junior gardeners

The Hill & Dale Junior Gardener's Workshop, featuring Wise Old Owl, will take place 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 17, at the Downtown Farmington Library.

The workshop is for ages 5-12, parents and younger siblings. Pre-registration is required. Call the library at (248) 553-0300.

Buying plants

Learn how to choose and plant the best trees, shrubs and flowers in Landscape Plants: Buying Wisely, a class at The Community House in Birmingham (Wednesday, June 21; cost is \$22).

To register and for more information, call (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com.

The class will be taught by master gardener Heidi Cook, owner of Liberty Street Gardens, which performs maintenance and design services in and around Farmington.

Seminars

English Gardens hosts free gardening seminars for the public 7 p.m. Wednesdays in June at its six stores, including locations in West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506; Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; Royal Oak/Troy, (248) 280-9500; and Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900. Gardening in Container and Other

Small Spaces will be the topic June 14. Tips on plant varieties that work well in containers and small garden spaces, and plant care information. will be featured.

Rose programs

Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, present a series of educational programs for the public. The popular programs are at the historic 1890s barn and display garden at Great Lakes Roses, 49875 Willow Road in Sumpter Township, seven miles south of Belleville. Each presentation lasts about 1-1/2 hours. Dress for the weather. For information, visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com or call

(734) 461-1230. The schedule includes Yesterday's Roses for Today's Gardens (1 p.m. Sunday, June 11, repeated 11 a.m. Monday, June 12) and Insect and Disease Control for Roses (11 a.m. Sunday, June 18, repeated 11 a.m. Monday, June 19).

Admission is free. Reservations aren't required.

The Yesterday's Roses program will feature a slide lecture and guided garden tour by Nancy Lindley. The Insect and Disease Control presentation will feature a slide lecture and a tour of the Lindleys' garden as they show how to recognize and treat the common insect and disease problems of roses

Bring leaves from your garden in a plastic sandwich bag for problem identification. Special emphasis on natural and cultural controls to prevent and eliminate problems. Volunteers sought

Do you live in a condo or apartment

and miss gardening? The Royal Oak Garden Club is seeking volunteers (club members only) to tend these Royal Oak community gardens now to October: Gilda's Garden, Community Center Garden, Community Center Iris Garden, Cemetery Garden and the Zoo Garden. Club membership is \$10 per year. Call Sherry Jurva at (248) 280-2540.

School of Gardening The Michigan School of Gardening

presents a variety of classes for different levels at The Community House in Birmingham, 380 S. Bates; Michigan School of Gardening, 29429 Six Mile in Livonia, just west of Middlebelt; Troy Continuing Education, 201 W. Square Lake Road; Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor; and Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac, north of Square Lake Road and east of Telegraph.

Register early. Seating is limited. Some classes have pre-requisites. Special class sessions can be arranged for groups of 15 or more. For more information, call (248) 4-GAR-DEN or visit www.michigangardenina.com.

The schedule includes: Ornamental Grasses and Alternative Lawns, Thursdays, June 15-22, in Livonia (fee

Service technicians should find, fix leaks in central air conditioning units

Some of you reading this column won't totally understand the picture I'm trying to create, and some will think that I must be older than sin.

As you know, we are testing a new front load type washing machine at our place and my tester (Valorie)

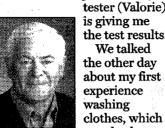
the test results.

We talked

the other day

clothes, which

washing



Appliance Doctor

that's how we got clothes clean. We even used the same tub for taking a bath without the scrub brush.

Next came the wringer washer with the hand-cranked rollers to get the water out of the clothes, before you hung them on a clothesline that traveled by pulleys on each end across the width of the back

BROIDA

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clicking Security Center. For even stronger protection, consider installing a program like Zone Alarm

(www.zonelabs.com), which also blocks any spyware or viruses that may be hiding on your PC from communicating with the Internet.

The freeware version of the program provides robust security, though you may want to invest in the \$30 Pro version: it adds protection against spyware incursions, identity theft and "unknown" networks.

If you find all this firewall talk daunting and don't want to mess around with complex software, there's a plug-andplay security solution you may find more appealing:

Kensington's Personal Firewall

yard. Then the standard top loader used for the past 40 years, which managed to do the job according to industry standards. It has been quite a circle and we're not even at the end yet.

I'm getting comments from both ends: Valorie with her reports, and readers and radio listeners with unquestionably low patience levels.

I can only go so fast, there are only so many clothes to wash, and I've got a job besides.

Here are the latest test scores on performance and wash ability of the Maytag Neptune washer.

Stains report: The washer did an excellent job of removing the salad dressing from the front of my shirt. Valorie used a thumbprint of detergent as a prestain just before putting the item into the washer.

She did the same with the caramel topping that fell off my ice cream sundae and landed on my pants, with the same result.

Valorie believes that this new machine does a better job of removing stains.

She also likes to use the gen-

tle cycle, and tells me the clothes aren't all wrinkled up when they come out of the washer.

The amount of soap to use has been a question mark since we received the machine, because the instruction book doesn't tell you how much except to say, use a little.

I found an instruction sheet from another manufacturer that converts soap usage from the top loader to the front loader.

From what I can gather, use 2 tablespoons of soap for a normal load and 3 tablespoons for a large load.

I have to admit that my argument that soap for front loaders will add an extra expense because it costs more is wrong. The opposite is true. You will definitely save money on soap usage.

As you can tell, things sure have changed since the days of stagecoaches and wringer washing machines. Stay tuned for the next report.

AIR CONDITIONING

I'm getting calls from homeowners who are having problems with their central air con-

ditioning units and telling me that service technicians are charging the units with refrigerant, charging them for the work done and not fixing any apparent leaks.

As a consumer you should be aware that a qualified licensed refrigeration technician who works on HVAC would also have the electronic equipment necessary to find the leak in the system.

It is that person's responsibility to not only find it, but to repair it as well.

Paying to have someone replenish the refrigerant knowing full well that it has to be done again next year is what I call a rip-off.

Let me know if it happens to you. I would be interested. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on Talk Radio WAAM 1600 at 8 a.m. Saturdays. He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of **Consumer Affairs Professionals** (SOCAP). His phone number is (734) 971-1600, Ext. 28. Do you have a guestion about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to mklemic@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

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Make sure to enable the firewall that's built into Windows XP SP2.

bound communications. Many offices provide VPNs to employees who work at home or other offsite locations. If yours doesn't, you can create

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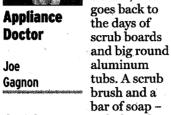
The \$30 Kensington MicroSaver Portable Notebook Lock (www.kensington.com) combines a retractable 4-foot cable with a key-based T-bar lock; it works with any notebook that has a security slot (most models do).

Just wrap the cable around a bolted-down table leg or some other fixed point, and chances are good a thief won't even bother trying to nab your notebook.

USE COMMON SENSE

The last rules of hotspot safety are the same as the rules of everyday Internet safety:

Keep your anti-virus and anti-spyware software up to date; set your operating system to automatically fetch and install the latest security patches; create passwords that are impossible for cracking software to guess (made-up combinations of letters and numbers work best); and when typing these passwords into your PC, remember that you're in public. A sharp-eyed hacker can learn your password just by watching you type.



Perennial gardening will be the topic June 21



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This \$50 gizmo plugs into one of your notebook's USB ports and provides all the advantages of a firewall - without the need to install software.

USE A VPN

VPN, or virtual private network, is one of those terms that sounds more complicated than it is.

When you connect to a public hotspot, all the data that's sent and received from your notebook - e-mails, instant messages, files and the like floats around the ether for anyone to intercept - even if you're using a firewall.

A VPN is essentially a protected Internet "tunnel" that secures your inbound and out-

your own by installing iPIG (www.iopus.com).

This software utility (the amusing name is short for iOpus Private Internet Gateway) offers surprisingly strong encryption - 256-bit AES, the same kind used by corporations and government agencies - to keep your data

safe. Nevertheless, it requires almost no configuration - it's either "on" or "off." Even more amazing, the program is free of charge.

PAY FOR IT

Free hotspots tend to have little or no security. However, if you're willing to pay for Wi-Fi access, like the kind offered at most Starbucks stores, you can enjoy fairly bulletproof Internet access.

HOME CALENDAR

stolen.

Arts and crafts place 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, at First Methodist Church, 50/50 raffle, a bake sale and a food booth.

summer camp scholarships for spe-

You take steps to protect your home, your car and your money. A few extra steps is all it takes to enjoy safe, secure Internet access at the world's Wi-Fi hotspots.

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Education & Professional Development at (734) 462-4448 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu. weeks beginning Thursday, June 8 (cost is \$67, senior cost is \$53.60).

Detailing walls

Interior design and decor are among the subjects of Continuing Education & Professional Development classes from Schoolcraft College this spring. For more information, call Continuing The schedule includes Detailing Your Walls, which will take place for four

The Needlework and Textile Guild of Michigan will have its annual Potluck Luncheon and Fashion Show at 9:45 a.m. Tuesday, June 13, at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple in Birmingham.

Needlework and Textile Guild

Guests are welcome. Contact Joan Koelsch at (248) 549-4237 or joank4361@wowway.com to reserve a place.

The guild meets the second Tuesday of the month at First United Methodist Church. Guests are welcome at all

meetings.

Women of Bloomfield's 22nd annual juried Arts and Crafts Show will take 1589 W. Maple, between Cranbrook and Southfield roads in Birmingham. About 75 artists are expected to participate. The show will also feature a

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cial needs children and to the Oakland **County Child Abuse and Neglect** Council for Care House. Beach bag Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in

Royal Oak, offers a variety of home decor classes for different sewing skill levels. Call (248) 541-0010, e-mail ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com or visit www.HabermanFabrics.com. The schedule includes Kids Beach Bag, for ages 8-11 (Saturdays, June 10-17; cost is \$40).



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Shutters, roller shades have new designs

onnie of Ann Arbor writes: "My family has just moved into a new home and I need to cover the windows with something for privacy, right away. I do not like the typical

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mini blinds and vertical blinds. They seem so outdated. What is new and different in window coverings?" The window

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Guastella new and innovative designs to

address the homeowner's need for privacy and light control. You are correct that mini

blinds and most vertical blinds are outdated.

One thing that has been highlighted in many of the window coverings publications is the new roller shade.

This isn't the spring-loaded, white vinyl shade of the past. The new shades have gorgeous fabrics and open weaves. They have continuous cords to raise and lower them.

The look can be sleek and contemporary, or in a more traditional home, these shades are just the first layer of a built-up window dressing. They can roll up almost out of sight.

Many manufacturers are producing these new shades, such as Hunter Douglas, Castec and Sheer Weave.

Another option that is getting a lot of hype is really not new at all, but a new take on

an old design. It is shutters. The look is clean and uncluttered, and can transition into almost any design style.

I spoke with Chris Barber, Hunter Douglas shutter specialist, about what's new with shutters.

Chris says that shutters, also known as plantation shutters, are the fastest growing segment of the window covering industry. They have a timeless look and have some real practical value as well.

Shutters allow you to control light, which is a very important element in managing the heating and cooling of your home. You can also control warm summer breezes, as well as the cool autumn winds.

Many companies offer shutters made from hardwood or more modern materials like composite or vinyl.

There are many framing options and louver sizes that will complement your new windows perfectly.

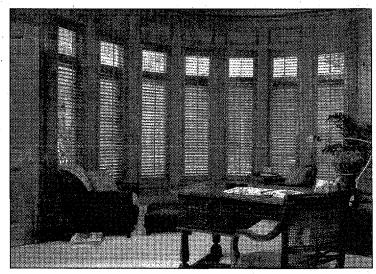
And according to Chris, today's shutters are painted or stained with state-of-the-art methods to produce beautiful furniture-like finishes with a wide array of color choices and styles.

The cost of owning shutters is a much bigger investment than disposable mini blinds. They are an architectural element in the home and truly a long-term investment.

There are many variables and considerations when selecting shutters that will affect the price.

Be sure you have a qualified installer and that accurate measurements are taken for proper fit.

Keep in mind that shutters



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Shutters, also known as plantation shutters, are the fastest growing segment of the window covering industry. They have a timeless look and are practical, too.

add value to your home. According to Chris, shutters are fine furniture for your windows and I couldn't agree more!

Terri Guastella, an interior designer

and a Canton resident, specializes in space planning, design and color consultation. Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella at www.exclusiveinteriordesign.com.

GARDEN WALK CALENDAR

Huntington Woods

Summer Garden Walk will take place 1-4 p.m. Sunday, June 11, in Huntington Woods, Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 Sunday. Call (248) 224-3351.

Open Days

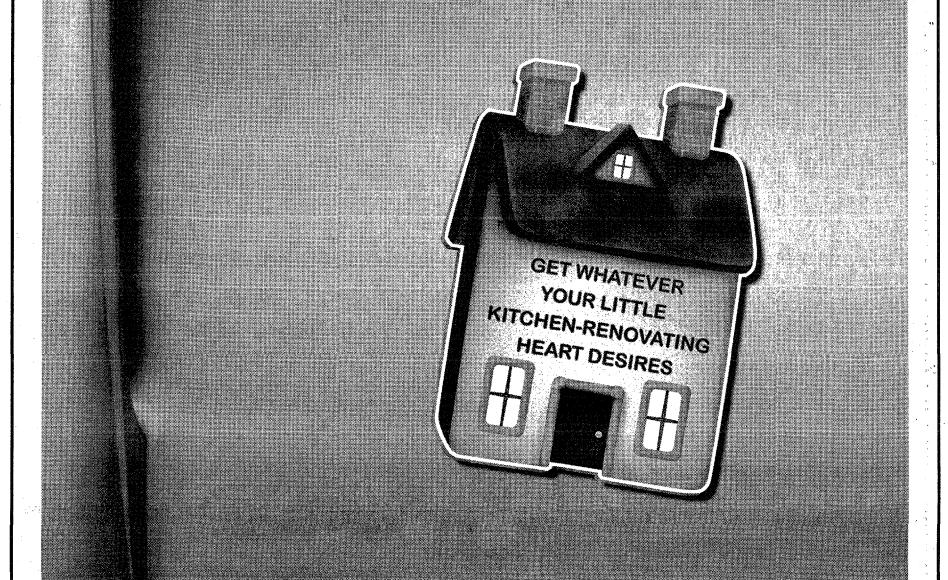
The Open Days tour is scheduled 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 11. It will feature private gardens in Beverly Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Pleasant Ridge and Troy, and public gardens at **Congregational Church of Birmingham** in Bloomfield Hills, Cranbrook House & Gardens in Bloomfield Hills and Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester. Tickets are \$5 per garden visit, six for \$25. Visit www.gardenconservancy.org or call (888) 842-2442.

Franklin

The 21st annual Franklin Garden Walk is scheduled 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, June 14. The event will feature six private gardens, artists at work in the gardens, a salad luncheon and garden vendors on the green. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 tour day. Visit franklingardenclub.org or call (248) 626-8293.

Sylvan Lake

The third annual Sylvan Lake walk will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, June 17. It will feature the Owl House, a 1900s kit home, a house with country art, and three lakefront homes. Tickets are \$10 for groups of 10 or more, \$12 prior to the day of the event, \$15 tour day. They are available at Sylvan Lake City Hall, LaRosa Market and Detroit Garden Works. Call (248) 681-8624 or (248) 681-2750, or visit



www.sylvantour.com Farmington

The Farmington Garden Club will host its biannual garden walk, A Garden Party, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 24, rain or shine. Tickets are \$10 and available at Steinkopf Nursery, 20815 Farmington Road. They will be available on the day of the event at the Visitors Center in Heritage Park, off Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile.

Eight private gardens and one public garden will be featured. At the Visitors Center, club members will serve complimentary refreshments and Steinkopf Nursery will sell a wide variety of beautiful plants. A box lunch or salad will be available for a nominal charge between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

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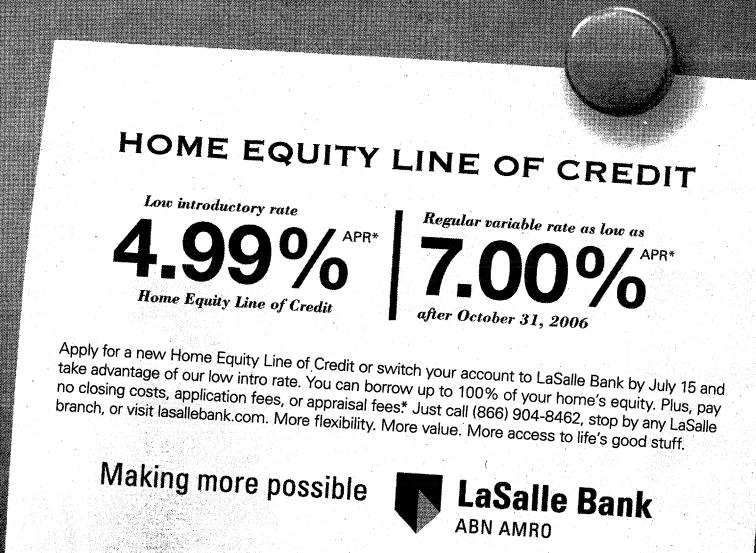
Livonia

Friends for the Development of Greenmead will present its 17th Annual Garden Walk 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 24, featuring seven gardens and yards of homes throughout Livonia. Proceeds benefit the restoration and preservation of Greenmead Historical Village. Tickets are \$9 in advance, \$10 the day of the walk. They are available at any Livonia library, the Civic Center Library Gift Shop (the library is on Five Mile, just east of Farmington Road), the Greenmead office (on Eight Mile, just west of Newburgh) and the Department of Community Resources on the fifth floor of Livonia City Hall. Call (734) 466-2540 or (734) 425-4855. Plymouth

The Trailwood Garden Club will present the 11th annual Flowers Are Forever Garden Walk noon to 8 p.m., rain or shine, Tuesday, June 27. Several lovely gardens in Plymouth will be featured. Complimentary refreshments will be served. Tickets are \$7 pre-sale, \$8 the day of the walk, half off for ages 12 and under, free for "little gardeners" carried in arms (strollers aren't permitted in gardens). Raffle tickets are \$1 or three for \$2. Tickets are available at Saxton's Garden Center, (734) 453-6250; at Backyard Birds in Plymouth, (734) 416-0600; and from Marilyn Detmer, (734) 454-4625.

Northville

The 13th annual Gardens of Northville Garden Walk will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday, July 12. Tickets are \$10 in advance, available after June 12 at Gardenviews, 202 W. Main in Northville.



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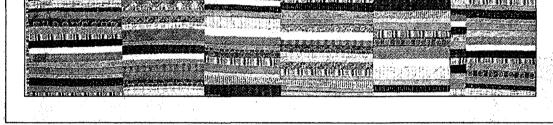




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sistent watering. Watering inconsistently creates cracking in the vegetable, and can result in diseases and a poor taste.

"If the plants are in pots, it's the same way," said Slezinski. "Sometimes you have to water them daily even after the two weeks."

And if the thermometer hits 90 degrees, don't plant, Slezinski said.

"It's better to plant when temperatures are in the 80s and 70s. When it's up in the 90s, it's better to wait for cooler temperatures."

SOIL

There are steps you can take to improve the soil.

Use compost to assist in breaking up the clay ground before planting.

"That has organic nutrients to help the plant absorb water," Slezinski said. "It puts microorganisms to help the plant grow real well."

Cow manure or rotted leaves also can be used, if compost isn't available.

"We like to recommend a slow-release fertilizer (such as Osmocote or Lesco) and put that in the soil," Slezinski said. "There are different formulas - for plants, trees, shrubs or vegetables. All you have to do after that is weed and water."

Preen also can be used to prevent weeds from seeding, but that garden product isn't effective on the roots of weeds that remain in the ground.

Those taproots can be killed with Roundup, but that should be applied at least five days before you plant your flowers and vegetables.

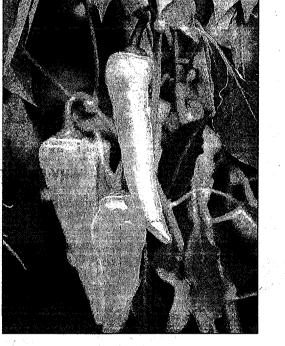
PESTS

Pests can destroy a garden. Cutworms, aphids and scale can be controlled with insecticidal soaps, Slezinski said.

"It's safe to use on vegetables," he said. Alice Humphrey, who works at Graye's Greenhouse in Plymouth, believes gardeners have most of their planting done by June.

"It's important to keep abreast of insects and diseases," Humphrey said. "With all the damp weather we've had, you should look for fungal problems. It's easier to deal with these problems at an earlier stage.

"You should water the ground, not the



leaves. That's how fungus can get a toehold. "You should also keep ahead of the weeding.

There's a lot going on, and you get busy and pretty soon, you've got a mess. "If it gets 'leggy,' you should cut it off now."

That includes zinnias, cosmos and annuals, Humphrey said.

Connie Graye, Humphrey's sister-in-law and co-worker at the greenhouse, added that spring bulbs should be deadheaded, now that they've bloomed.

Potted plants with bug problems can be moved into shade, Graye said.

"If you have buggy plants, you can buy the good kind of ladybugs (lady beetles) or praying mantis," Graye said.

Lady beetles eat aphids, mealybugs and spider mites, along with soft-scale insects.

Spiders also can help resolve a pest issue on a plant, Graye said.

SOURCES

Graye's Greenhouse, 8820 N. Lilley, Plymouth (734) 453-1220

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Count on experience and tradition

Because new is news, we're frequently guilty of overlooking wineries with experience and tradition. Not good when a winery has improved its wines or has reinvented itself in tune with modern wine tastes.

One such winery is Sebastiani, where currently, winemaker Mark Lyon is making the best wines that Sebastiani has ever produced.

REINVENTION

Only a few years ago, Sebastiani was producing over 8 million cases of wine per year under three different labels: Vendange, Talus and Sebastiani. Then in 2001, the winery made a striking move, discarding the notion that big is better, selling off its commodity labels, returning to just the family name, and downsizing to a 250,000-case production.

Sebastiani has also made big investments in winery technology, barrels, vineyards, and replanting with modern clones. The thing that pleases most is the reasonable prices for the quality in the bottle.

"We have the best vineyard sourcing in Sonoma County," Lyon explained. "With our 700 vineyard acres plus those under contract we have access to outstanding fruit to make our wines. We've decreased our production in order to focus exclusively on making wines from Sonoma County, and we're doing very concrete things to produce world class wines.

"As a result, we're making more concentrated, complex wines in all four product tiers – Sonoma County Selection, Appellation Selection, Vineyard Selection and Proprietary Wine Selection. It's exciting to be at Sebastiani these days."



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TRADITION

Samuele Sebastiani, who emigrated from Tuscany in 1895, founded the winery in 1904. This was a time when wine was sold directly from the barrel off the back of a horse-drawn wagon. Life was hard, but Samuele was willing to do the necessary work. He was also a generous man who kept his workers employed through both Prohibition and the Depression by canning peaches and constructing buildings around the square in the city of Sonoma.

Today the fourth generation of Samuele's family is stepping up to run the family business. Samuele would be very proud of the rebirth and reorganization that was accomplished in order to take Sebastiani winery into the 21st century. WHAT TO BUY FROM

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■ 2004 Sebastiani Dutton Ranch Chardonnay \$25. Low yielding, small chardonnay grapes, grown on welldrained soils in the cool Green Valley of Sonoma County, produce this rich wine with supple elegance. Apple, pear, peach, toast and buttery aromas and flavors will pair well with clam chowder or fettuccini Alfredo. Great value.

■ 2003 Sebastiani Alexander Valley Merlot \$24, shows that California can make a Bordeaux-style merlot. Black cherry and cranberry with touches of vanilla from French oak lead to an elegant long finish. Pair with lamb, burgers or Italian sausage.

■ 2003 Sebastiani Sonoma County Zinfandel \$13. Aromas of raspberry, boysenberry and shades of vanilla are followed by flavors of jammy bramble bush fruit. The finish is mellow with lingering berry nuances and toasty oak. Enjoy it with pasta, pizza or barbecued meat.

■ 2003 Sebastiani Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir \$17 sports black cherry, rose petal and brown spice in a generous, balanced and flavorful rendition. A steal at this price.

■ 2003 Sebastiani Secolo \$30 is a Bordeaux-style blend marked by black cherry and toasty, smoky aromas. Flavors mirror aromas with added notes of herbs and earth with a long supple finish. This wine cries out for beef.

■ 2003 Sebastiani Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon \$30. Mellow tannins say "drink me now," yet cellaring will be rewarded. Flavors and aromas of black-

SPIRITS PICKS FOR FATHER'S DAY

Scotch-loving dads will be happy to receive one or both of these new single malt scotch whiskies. Highland Park 15 Years Old Single Malt (about \$60/750mL) is powerfully rich and depthful, sporting smoked cherry wood notes and hints of exotic incenselike spices. It finishes smooth and mellow. Glenrothes Select Reserve (about \$45/750mL). This marriage of casks from different vears showcases dried fruit and vanilla aromas, complemented by hints of brown spices, vanilla notes and a touch of citrus that finishes mellow and creamy. All products mentioned are available in the metro-Detroit area.

berries, tea, olives, cassis and fresh herbs highlight a rich wine that lingers on the palate with cherry and coffee notes. Best with a grilled steak.

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If you have an item for the Taste calendar, please submit at least two weeks prior to your event to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com or fax

International buffets

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International buffets: Mediterranean/Middle Eastern, June 8, and Regions of North America, June 15, \$12 per person per meal, 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m. in Fifty One O One, Student & Culinary Arts Center, Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn, for reservations, call (313) 845-9651

Beginning series

Valerie Wilson teaches vegetarian, whole foods cooking classes, learn about tofu, tempeh, seaweed vegetables and miso, 6-9 p.m., Tuesdays, June 13, 20 and 27, \$120 for series, \$30 per class, class is held in Garden City, visit www.macroval.com or call (734) 261-2856.

Middle Eastern cooking

Summer 2006 series of healthy cooking classes by Valerie Wilson, 6-9 p.m., June 14 and 21, \$60 (\$30 each class), and Middle Eastern cooking, 6-9 p.m., Friday, June 23, \$30; class is held in

TASTE CALENDAR

Garden City, visit www.macroval.com for details or call (734) 261-2856. **Thai cooking**

Learn to make pad Thai, chiang rai eggplant and hot and sour soup, 7:30 p.m., Monday, June 19, instructed by Lawan Chandruang and her husband Adirek, who own Bangkok Bistro in Troy and Sterling Heights, \$30, The Community House, 380 S.Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, www.communityhouse.com.

Summer salads

Take herbs and vegetables and turn them into salads and learn how to use leftover barbecue in "salad" sandwich ideas, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, instructed by Julie Djurich, The Community House, 380 S.Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, www.communityhouse.com. **Wine classes**

Summer tasting of wine regions in series of four sessions at 7:30 p.m., instructed by Nidal Daher and Marc Jonna, with the following classes scheduled: sauvignon blancs, Thursday, June 8; ABC (anything but Chardonnay), June 15; Mediterranean Region Wines, June 22; All American wines, June 29, \$28 each session, \$98 for all four, The Community House, 380 S.Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, www.communityhouse.com.

Top steak grinders with mango relish

BY J.M. HIRSCH Associated Press Writer

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) – There is a right way and a wrong way to prepare a mango. I favor the wrong way.

That's because virtually every food expert and cookbook I have consulted advocates using the "right" method, a process I consider stupid, wasteful and dangerous.

But before delving into the ontology of mango preparation, let's talk about the fruit itself. I concede that getting at the flesh of a mango isn't easy. Most mangoes sold in the United States resemble large green and red eggs with a thick, bitter skin. Inside, tender yellow flesh surrounds (and firmly attaches itself to) a large, oblong pit.

To free the flesh from the skin and pit, most experts suggest cutting the mango into three pieces lengthwise so that the pit mango splitters. These great little gadgets resemble those round apple corer-slicers that you push down over the apple.

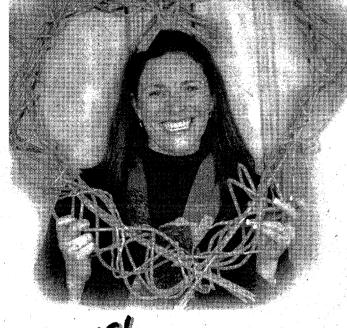
The mango version carefully cleaves the flesh from the pit. Follow my directions for peeling, then use the mango splitter instead of the knife. Wonderful invention.

Now that you've got your mango flesh, use it to prepare these amazing pepper steak grinders. These pack an intense (but not overwhelming) bite that is mellowed by a simple relish made from mango and shallots. And because these grinders call for ultra-thin, quick-cooking steaks, they can be prepped in just minutes.

PEPPER STEAK GRINDERS WITH MANGO RELISH AND PROVOLONE

Two-foot-long baguette, cut into four sections Dijon mustard 1 large mango (1/2 mango needed for this recipe) 1 large shallot 3 tablespoons coarsely ground black pepper 2 tablespoons kosher salt 12 thinly sliced eye round steaks (sometimes called steak medallions) Cooking spray

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is contained in the middle piece. This leaves you with two sections that are flat on one side and rounded on the other. Discard the pit.

Next, use a paring knife to score (in a crosshatch pattern) the flesh of the two remaining sections. Be sure to cut down to, but not through, the skin.

Now flip each section inside out so that the scored mango flesh is jutting outward and the skin side forms a shallow bowl. Still with me? This is where it

gets dangerous. Holding one of the inverted (and slippery) sections in one

hand, use the paring knife to carefully cut the cubes of mango flesh (and perhaps your own) from the skin. You won't get it all. Don't bother trying.

You'll now have a pile of oddly shaped mango cubes and will have little choice but to throw out about a third of the fruit. If you'll pardon the expression, what were those people smoking when they came up with that technique?

So here's my way. Use a vegetable peeler to remove the skin from the entire mango. Go a bit deeper than you normally would, as the skin is thick. Stand the mango end and use a knife to cut the sides away from the pit.

This should leave you with two large chunks of flesh. Now use a paring knife to trim the flesh away from the ends of the mango pit.

It's that easy. You're left with large slabs of mango flesh that can be cubed, sliced or otherwise prepped as you like, and with little to no waste.

To make life even easier, consider investing in one of the new 6 deli slices of provolone cheese, cut in half

Preheat grill or grill pan to high.

Cut each baguette section in half lengthwise. Slather one half of each section with mustard. Set aside. Use a vegetable peeler to remove the skin of the mango, then use a paring knife to cut the flesh away from the pit. Use¹/₂ mango for this recipe; reserve remaining mango for other use.

Combine the^{1/2} mango and shallot in a food processor and pulse until finely diced. Spread this mango relish over the mustard, dividing it equally among the sections. Set aside.

Combine the pepper and salt in a shallow bowl. Firmly press one side of each steak in the salt and pepper to coat well. If you like, coat the second sides, as well. But be warned, this makes them quite potent.

Lightly coat the grill or grill pan with cooking spray. Grill the steaks for 2 to 3 minutes, or until cooked through. Flip once after about 1 minute.

Lay half a cheese slice on each steak. Close the lid of the grill or cover the pan, turn off the heat and let the steaks sit for 1 minute, or until the cheese melts.

To assemble the grinders, set 3 steaks over the mango mixture on each baguette section, then top with the other half of the section.

Makes 4 servings.



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The variety of fruits in Tropical Pork Salad creates a colorful presentation that suggests a tropical sunset.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Pork, fruit combine for a little tropical flair

Fruit is not just for dessert or snacks. It can be the centerpiece of a savory dish using a modest amount of meat that acts almost like a condiment. yet is adequate in providing needed protein and nutrients.

This approach fits health experts' recommendations on diet. Cancer researchers recommend cutting back on meat and increasing consumption of fruits and vegetables to help reduce the risk of cancer, heart disease and other chronic health problems.

A diet emphasizing plantbased foods supplies the health-protective phytochemicals that help protect us from serious and chronic health problems. Research on the relationship between nutrition and cancer, for example, shows that specific phytochemicals protect us from particular aspects of the cancer process. And because certain phytochemicals are found only in specific foods, eating a wide variety of vegetables and fruits, as well as other plant-based foods, is the best way to protect

against the many different types of cancer.

Lycopene, for example, is only found in red fruits like watermelon, pink grapefruit, and in tomatoes and tomatobased products. It helps protect against prostate cancer, and possibly breast cancer. Another phytochemical, cryptoxanthin, which is linked to a decreased risk of cervical cancer, is abundant in many orange fruits, like mango, tangerines, oranges and papaya. In some cultures, fruit is a

common ingredient in main courses. Many Asian cooks, for example, use fruit to contribute a sweet element to the hot-sour-sweet-salty-bitter balance of taste they try to achieve.

Vietnamese fish soup, for example, often includes pineapple along with tomatoes and bean sprouts. Fruit is a common ingredient in Chinese sweet-and-sour dishes, and in stir-fried rice, too.

Different fruits offer different textures and flavors as well as phytochemicals. Pears and

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apples add crunch. Pineapple, berries, oranges and grapes contribute bursts of tangy sweetness. Peaches, nectarines, plums and mangos offer a range of juicy textures.

The variety of fruits in the following entree creates a colorful presentation that suggests a tropical sunset. And the flavor of pork nicely complements the rich interplay of flavors.

TROPICAL PORK SALAD

- 2 medium peaches, sliced 2 nectarines, sliced 1 small mango, peeled and diced 2 plums, sliced
- ⅓ cup orange juice *tablespoon reduced-sodium
- soy sauce ½ teaspoon ground ginger Pinch of hot pepper flakes
- (optional 8 ounces pork tenderloin, trimmed of visible fat, and cut into thin strips 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 2-3 drops sesame oil (optional) 6 cups mixed salad greens

Salt and freshly ground black pepper 3 tablespoons slivered almonds, toasted

Place prepared fruit in a large bowl.

Combine orange juice, soy sauce, ginger (and hot pepper flakes, if used) in a small pot. Warm over low heat; do not boil. Mix into the fruit and set aside.

Heat the oil(s) in a medium skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Add the pork and stirfry, stirring, 3-5 minutes, until cooked through. Transfer meat to a dish and set aside to cool. Combine fruit/juice mixture with salad greens and toss. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Divide mixture among four dinner plates. Top with pork and sprinkle with toasted almonds. Serve.

Makes 4 servings. Per serving: 291 calories, 8 g. total fat (1 g. saturated fat), 40 g. carbohydrate, 17 g. protein, 7 g. dietary fiber, 178 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Grilled shrimp tacos make for quick meal

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Grilling can be a quick way to get a meal together if you've got the right recipe and ingredients at hand.

Here's a smart recipe that takes only 30 minutes to make and doesn't let taste get overlooked in the rush to the table. Your speedy dish can still be mouthwatering enough to maintain the cook's credibility - and a touch of Mexican style will do that for most people these days.

These grilled shrimp tacos are minimal work to prepare, maximum pleasure to eat. Diners can enjoy the combination of seasonings, the creamy texture, spiked with cumin, garlic and lime, tomatillo salsa (ready-made to save time) and shredded cabbage to give crunch.

The recipe is featured in Real Simple: Meals Made Easy (Real Simple Books, 2006, \$24.95). The cookbook is a well-designed and illustrated collection of some 82 recipes, grouped according to their special advantages, in chapters on one-pot meals, no-shop meals and reliable sides, among oth-

Tip from Real Simple's editors for this recipe: Skewer your shrimp twice - that way, they'll lie flat on the grill and won't spin when you turn them. First spear the shrimp through the tail, then bend the shrimp and spear it through the head.

You'll need to have wooden skewers at hand, soaked in water for at least 30 minutes. The length of skewers available will vary, and there's no one right size. You might use 12, for example, of the type often bought in a large bag of 50 or

The editors don't specify how many shrimp go on each skewer, either, because the number of shrimp in 1¹/₂ pounds may vary slightly. In the end it really

Skewer your shrimp twice that way, they'll lie flat on the grill and won't spin when you turn them.

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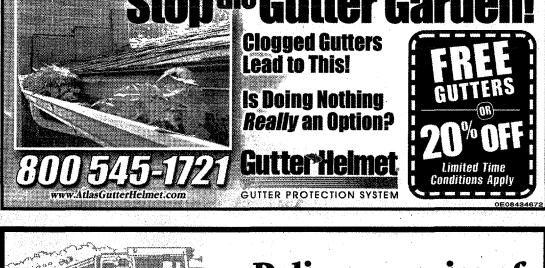
doesn't matter because you're taking the shrimp and limes off the skewers and placing them onto tortillas. Just alternate lime wedges and shrimp, the editors say.

QUICK RECIPE

GRILLED SHRIMP TACOS	. '
½ cup sour cream	
3 tablespoons mayonnaise	
3 tablespoons milk	
½ teaspoon ground cumin	
3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted	
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped	
1½ pounds large shrimp, peeled and deveined	000 - 111 - 111
4 limes, guartered	
½ teaspoon kosher salt	
Eight 6-inch corn tortillas	
3 cups shredded green cabbage	203
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(tomatillo) salsa	ο.
In a small bowl, whisk toge	th-

er the sour cream, mayonnaise, milk and cumin; set aside. In a separate bowl, combine the butter and the garlic.

Heat a grill or broiler. Rinse the shrimp and pat them dry with paper towels. Place the shrimp and lime wedges on the skewers. Brush the shrimp with the garlic butter. Grill or broil until the shrimp are cooked through and the limes are browned, about 3 minutes per side. Season the shrimp with the salt. Transfer to a plate. Grill or broil the tortillas until warmed, about 30 seconds per side. Place them between clean towels to keep warm. To serve, remove the shrimp from the skewers, divide them evenly among the tortillas, and top each with the cabbage, sour cream mixture, and salsa. Serve the lime wedges on the side. Makes 4 servings.







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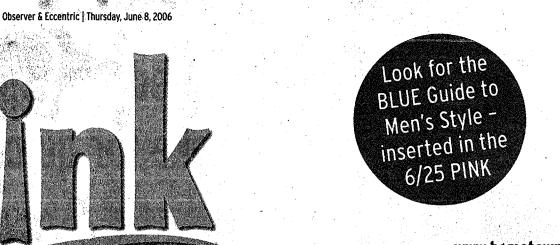
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Dad works so hard all year, what he probably wants most this Father's Day is a break. Let him prop his feet up and take a load off this June 18. A little peace and quiet is the best gift you can give, but don't let the day go by without a token of appreciation for everything he does. Here are a few suggestions from PINK:

Grilling Essentials Cookbook

If your dad enjoys cooking family meals out on the deck, the Williams-Sonoma



Collection Revised Essentials of Grilling will challenge him to go beyond

burgers and franks. This hardcover cookbook includes 130 recipes for meat, poultry, seafood, veg-

gies, apps and pizzas. It also includes essentials such as

starting a fire, using a rotisserie and smoking foods. \$29.95 at www.williamssonoma.com.

Barbecue Tool Set

Nothing will motivate dad to stoke up the coals more than some shiny new tools. This kit from Crate & Barrel includes the requisite turner and tongs, the new must-have basting brush, an all-purpose knife, two extendable forks and even bamboo skewers. They're all wrapped up in a red nylon roll-up case so he can 'cue on the road for tailgating, camping and picnics. \$47.95 at www.crateandbarrel.com.

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will thrill experts and novices alike. Complete launching instructions are included, along with 80 feet of flight line. \$25 at www.redenvelope.com

Golf Wallet

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Parisian Laurel Park Place in Livonia will host a Father's Day shopping event June 10, featuring 20-percent-off shopping passes, free gift wrapping, a Father/Child fashion show at 11 a.m., refreshments from Max & Erma's, and register-to-wins from Oasis Golf, Red Robin, Bahama Breeze, Northville Car Wash, Mr. Green Lawncare and Charisma Salon. Join Parisian's Loyalty Program golfers will be given a Pro Tour Rewards Card and recieve a stamp for every \$25 purchase. After 9 stamps, shoppers receive a dozen Callaway Big Bertha golf balls.

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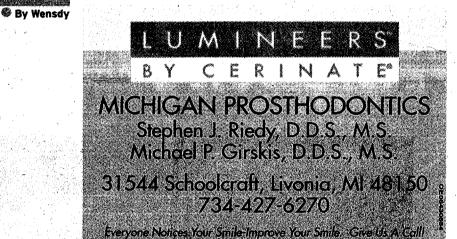
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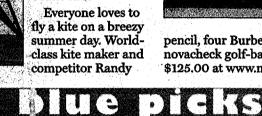
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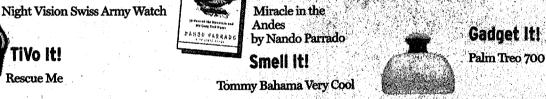


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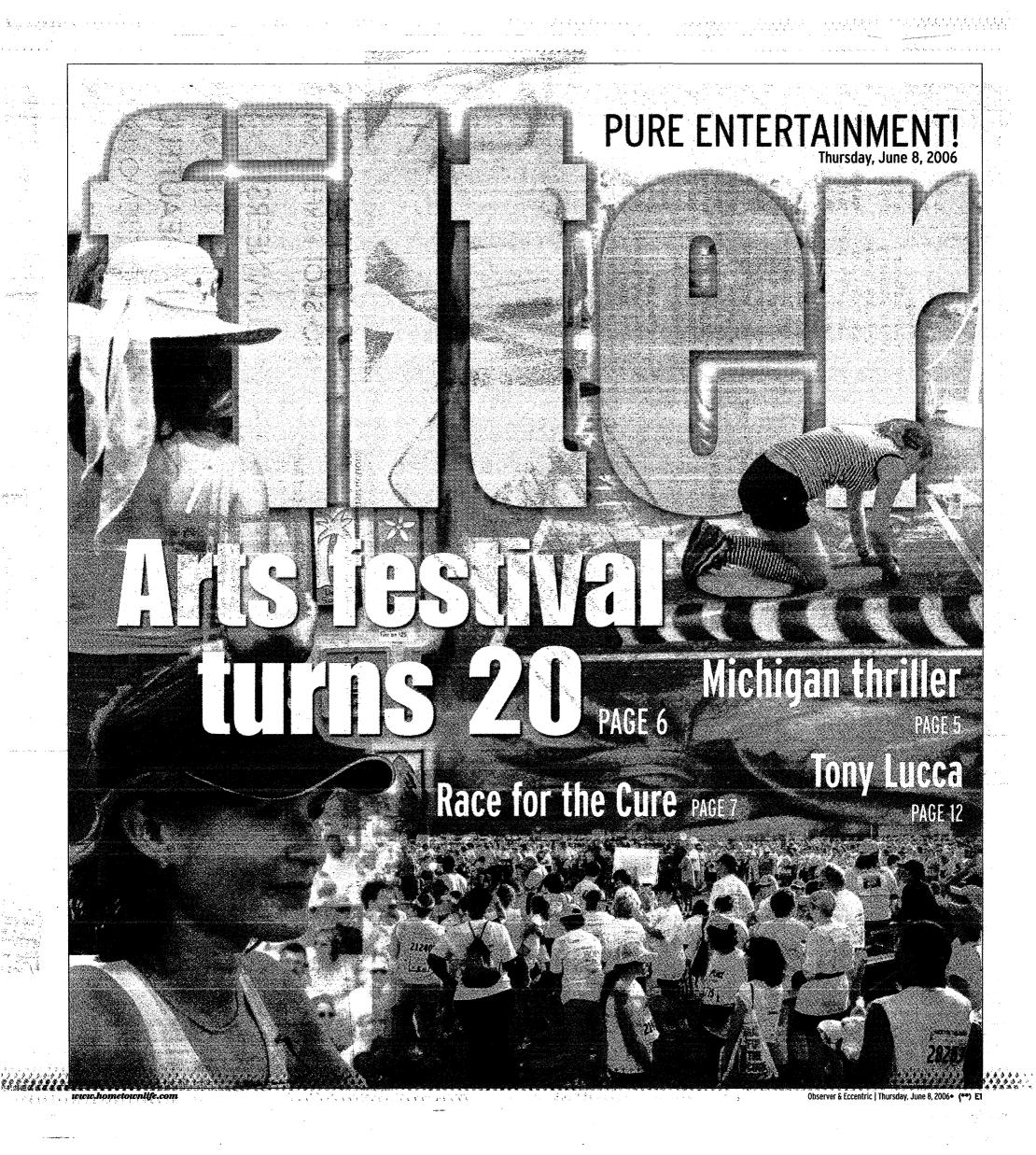
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Chamber festival showcases first commissioned work

BY NICOLE STAFFORD STAFF WRITER

Most summer festivals revolve around fine art or Shakespeare's theatrical works.

But the Great Lakes **Chamber Music Festival** brings the intimate experience of chamber music to metropolitan Detroit's classical music fans.

This year's festival, slated June 10-25, offers 17 concerts at seven local venues, including Kirk in the Hills Refectory, Temple Beth El Chapel and St. Hugo of the Hills Chapel, all in Bloomfield Township, and Kerrytown Concert House in Ann Arbor and the Detroit Institute of Arts.

New this year is a performance of the festival's first commissioned work, composer Paul Schoenfield's trio for clarinet, cello and piano based on themes by Mozart. Artistic director James Tocco believes the commission is an important step for the festival because new music is what keeps chamber music alive.

"Since its inception 13 years ago, the festival has been dedi-



What: 13th annual Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival. When: June 10-25 with afternoon and evening concerts; performance start times vary by concert and location. Where: Performance venues are the Seligman Family Performing Arts Center, Beverly Hills; Kirk in the Hills Refectory, Temple Beth El Chapel and St. Hugo of the Hills Chapel, all in Bloomfield Township; Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor; the Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit; and Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, Grosse Pointe.

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cated to performing contemporary chamber music, in addition to the traditional repertoire," said marketing coordinator Barbara Teasdale. The Schoenfield work will be

performed June 15-16 at Kirk in

The 2006 festival also show-

their 250th and 100th birthdays,

Four contemporary composers

cases the music of Mozart and

Shostakovich in celebration of

– Gabriela Frank, Michael

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respectively.

performances of their work. Performers new to the festival include violist Toby Appel, soprano Audrey Luna, clarinetist Alexander Fiterstein, and the Ciompi String Quartet. Returning festival favorites include Wu Han and Jeremy Denk (piano), Chee-Yun and sisters Ani and Ida Kafavian (violin).

Tocco, a favorite among festival goers, will perform in 14 of the concerts, with a solo recital set for June 18 at St. Hugo's Chapel.

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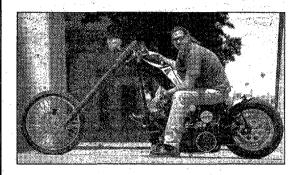


Festival favorite Wu Han returns to perform at this summer's Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival.



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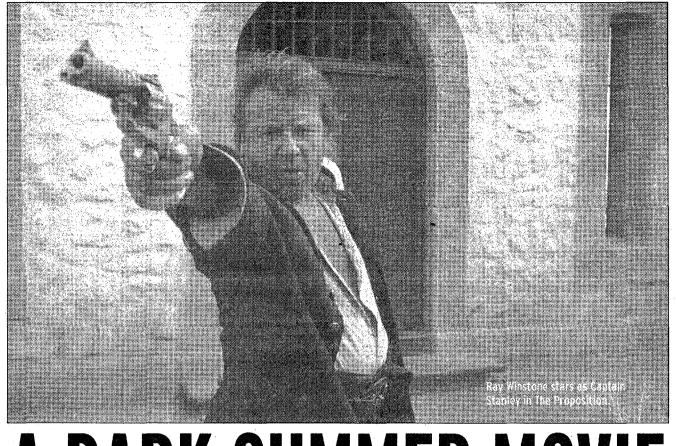
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A DARK SUMMER MOVIE 'The Proposition' evokes the American western, Aussie style

BY LÁNA MINI STAFF WRITER

The dark Austrailian western The Proposition premiered at the Landmark Maple Cinema in Bloomfield Hills last week, quietly and elegantly.

Many good summer movies, such as this, will be overshadowed by the massive marketing chaos of a few big budgeted Hollywood films; so don't let The Proposition slip past.

The film is written by innovative musician/novelist Nick Cave (of the alternative band Bad Seeds and also formerly of The Birthday Party) who also composed the film's haunting music. It's directed by John Hillcoat and starring Ray Winstone (Sexy Beast) Guy Pearce (Memento, LA Confidential), Danny Huston (The Constant Gardener), John Hurt (The Elephant Man) and Emily Watson (Breaking the Waves.)

Amazingly, Cave wrote the script in less than a month, at Hillcoat's encouraging.

"I have always wanted to make an Australian western," Hillcoat said. "I became convinced that through both the mythic force of the rugged Australian landscape and the

'THE PROPOSITION'

What: Movie written by Nick Cave, directed by John Hillcoat, starring Ray Winstone, Guy Pearce, Danny Huston, John Hurt and Emily Watson

Running time: 104 minutes, Rated R. Heavy violence Where: Landmark Maple Art Cinema III, 4135 W. Maple, Bloomfield Hills (248) 263-

Details: www.thepropositionfilm.com.

country's brutal history, the legendary power of the Western genre could be reinvented in a specifically Australian context."

There are the epic themes of conflict between the law and the outlaw. the oppressor and the oppressed, man and nature, Hillcoat said. "The cruel reality of the Australian frontier is the story of violent conflict: white on white, white on black, black on white, and black on black. Our mission was to depict this Australia as never seen before.'

The Proposition is a violent tale of



and retribution, similar to an American western, but grittier and set in the sparse, hot, flyinfested, unforgiving Australian outback during the 1880s. In *The Proposition*, Charlie Burns (Pearce) is a tormented renegade liv-

ing in Australia's lawless, and seemingly heartless, frontier. He along with his two brothers, is wanted for rape and murder in a tiny town - but did hey, or they, do it?

After being arrested by Captain Stanley (Winstone), Burns is told that his younger, weak-spirited, naive brother Mikey (Richard Wilson) will be executed by the law - unless he tracks down and kills his older, psychotic brother (Huston) who police believe is the ringleader of the murder.

And he has just nine days to search the bleak outback, knowing his brother could be hiding in any cave or crevice and also knowing at any moment he himself could be murdered by other renegades looking in

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Check out these new choppers at fund-raiser

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Warm weather always brings the usual summer staples: Bikes, barbecues and blues.

All of that combines for a benefit for the Detroit Institute of Children 1-8 p.m. Sunday, June 11, at the Sea Grille in West Bloomfield. Bikes, Barbeques and Blues will be inside and outside the restaurant, rain or shine, with handcrafted choppers and motorcycles on display.

Eric Gorges makes handcrafted choppers for clients at Voodoo Choppers, 313 South St., Rochester. The choppers and motorcycles will be displayed at Sea Grille. Providing entertainment that day is the Wiley Coyote blues band. A silent auction also is scheduled with all proceeds going to the Detroit Institute for Children.

The Detroit Institute for Children assists children with disabilities, where children can have all their needs met

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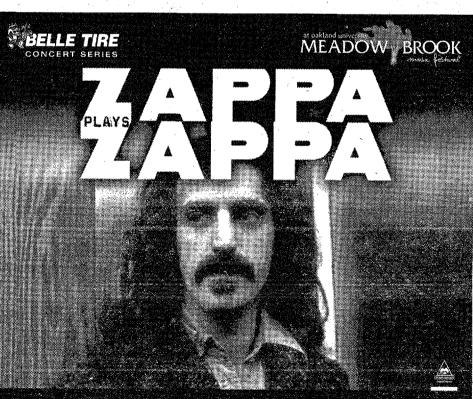
What: Bikes, Barbeques & Blues, a benefit for the Detroit Institute for Children Where: Sea Grille, 6199 Orchard Lake Road (north of Maple/east of Orchard Lake), West Bloomfield When: 1-8 p.m. Sunday, June 11 Cost: S40 per person, includes dinner, two bar drinks, featuring Eric Gorges and his Voodoo Choppers, live entertainment with the Wiley Coyote Band, silent auction and prizes.

under one roof, during one visit. In the past year, 1,517 disabled children were treated at the DIC. The DIC is dedicated to helping patients improve their lives.

"It's a good cause and they're good people," Gorges said. "Anything we can

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Setting a 'Trap'

Michigan filmmakers bring thriller home

BY LÀNA MINI STAFF WRITER

Hollywood is grueling for artists. So when local talent returns to town with a latest work, we should show a little support.

Writer/director James Bonner, of Ann Arbor, and Royal Oak, are bringing their low-budget, locally filmed thriller *Trap* to the Emagine Theatre in Novi, Thursday, June 8, and as part of Planet Ant's Film Festival in Hamtramck on Thursday, June 15.

Trap is the story of four spouses who become entangled in a game of manipulation, murder and redemption.

For Bonner, an Emmy award-winning short filmmaker, local lighting wizard and basement monster-maker, completion of the 83-minute film is the fulfillment of a dream.

The idea originated during his college years, but was shot only recently, on mini-DV. The cast and crew were drawn exclusively from Michigan, a fact the filmmakers are extremely proud of.

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What: Indie thriller film When: 8:30 p.m. Thursday,

'TRAP'

June 8, and at the Planet Ant's Film Festival, 2357 Caniff Avenue, Hamtramck at 8 p.m. Thursday, June 15 **Where:** Emagine Novi, 44425 W.

12 Mile Road, Novi **Tickets:** \$9 for adults and \$7 for students and seniors. To purchase, visit www.emagine-entertainment.com or call 888-319-FILM.

Details: www.trapmovie.com and www.planetant.com

"Our film community is not huge, but it has a lot of heart," producer Cheklich said. "This screening is a way for us to thank them for their support, and encourage other local filmmakers to pursue their own cinematic dreams."

The result is the essence of independent filmmaking: an overworked, bloodsplattered cast and crew deliver a

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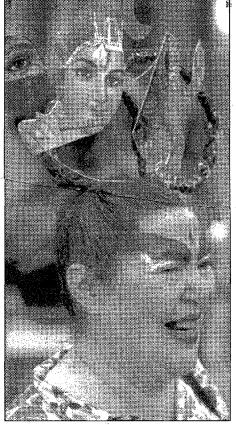
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DETROIT FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

The Detroit Festival of the Arts, located in Detroit's university-cultural district, explores art and traditions from around the world. This year's Detroit Festival of the Arts marks the event's 20th year.

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DETROIT FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS HITS A SECOND DECADE

BY NICOLE STAFFORD STAFF WRITER

If the Detroit Festival of the Arts has reached its 20th year, there simply can't be

anything new and exciting going on at this year's event, right?

Wrong. The extravaganza of live performance, art, crafts,

children's activities and food has two big additions about which to boast.

Slated June 9-11 in downtown Detroit's university-cultural district along Woodward Avenue, the festival is hosting a free, live performance by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra (3 p.m. Sunday, June 11).

The other new major component is a Mexican cultural village that gives visitors a comprehensive look at the nation's geography, literature, cuisine, art and cultural traditions.

"The idea is to take a specific culture each year and really explore it," said Maureen Riley, Detroit Festival of the Arts director, adding that this year's village is a prototype for future programs. Depending on the response, subsequent festivals will include larger and more intricate cultural villages.

"We are all about embracing multi-culturalism. We want to educate young people and, really, everyone about particular cultures," Riley said. "The festival was born out of the desire to bring people into the university-cultural center and expose them to this area of the city and culture. And our mission has not changed."

The festival, spanning 20 square blocks, is set between

Anthony Wayne on the western edge of Wayne State University's campus and Brush, which is just east of the College for Creative Studies, the Detroit Institute of Arts, the International Institute, the Scarab Club, New Detroit Science Center and Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History.

More important, all of these institutions remain open during the festival with many offering special programs and extended hours. For instance, festival patrons can tour the Scarab Club's private artist studios — a program not usually available to the public.

Of course, there's plenty to do and see outdoors, and the festival's signature street scene — spontaneous street performers, multi-ton sand sculpture and Italian street painting — are set to return.

For kids, the GO Read Garden, sponsored by Macy's and set up in front of the Detroit Public Library, and nearby Children's Fair will be in full force. The fair alone contains 60 interactive art activities. The children's performance lineup is just as impressive: the Grammy Award-winning children's folk duo, Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer (5:30 p.m. Saturday) and Grammy Award-winning children's singer-songwriter Tom Chapin (5:30 p.m. Sunday).

The festival's nine other performance stages will host such artists as R&B singer Soloman Burke (9:30 p.m. Saturday), jazz's Roy Hargrove Quintet (9:30 p.m. Friday) and Teddy Afro, known as the new Bob Marley (7:30 p.m. Sunday). In all, about 60 live stage performances are planned.

"One of the things that the

CITY FEST

What: 20th annual Detroit Festival of the Arts. When: June 9-11 – 4-11 p.m. Friday, noon to 11 p.m. Saturday and noon to 9 p.m. Sunday. Where: Detroit's university-cultural district, downtown Detroit.

Admission: Free. For details, visit www.detroitfestival.com.

festival does is give families an opportunity to enjoy cultural activities together," Riley said, adding that many of the festival's live performances, including the DSO's, will appeal to the parents and kids. "And it's not all that common for parents and kids to go see the DSO together."

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Come one, come all

Race for the Cure touches everybody

BY NICOLE STAFFORD STAFF WRITER

In its 15th year, the Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure combines purpose and entertainment, spirituality with physicality.

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Set for Saturday, June 10, along Woodward Avenue between Comerica Park and Midtown, the foot race raises more than

CURE FOR ALL

What: 15th annual Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure. When: 6:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 10. Where: Comerica Park and Woodward Avenue, downtown Detroit. Admission: Race registration ranges \$14-\$40, but other activities and entertainment are free. For more information or to register, call (800) KARMANOS or visit www.karmanos.org. Registration is available through race day.

everybody," said Maureen Keenan Meldrum, race chair. "But what most surprises people when they come is how emotional it is in a really wonderful way. They might come thinking it's just another race."

But it's not.

In addition to a race crowd of about 30,000, there are 10,000 pink ribbons along the 5K route, a sea of survivors donning pink T-shirts and a band playing live at just about every block.

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SUSAN G. KOMEN DETROIT RACE FOR THE CURE

The Detroit Race for the Cure is Michigan's largest foot race. The event raises money for breast cancer research, screening and education programs.

pants, a 5K timed competition, a 5K walk and a one-mile walk. Registration continues through to the day of the race.

"Ours is one of the bigger races (of the Komen Race for the Cure events), and I think the music, along the route, makes the race unique," said Meldrum, a resident of Lathrup Village who is in her fifth year as race chair.

About 20 bands, from garage rock to wedding singers to warrior drums, have volunteered to play during this year's race.

There's also a children's play area where kids can pick up goodie bags, do arts and crafts and visit with the Detroit Shock's Zap and Paws of the Detroit Tigers.

This year, more than 25 photographers are donating their time to take literally thousands of pictures of the event. The snapshots ultimately will be posted on a Web site and be available for purchase to benefit Race for the Cure.

"It's fun and exciting, and the emotional part is very uplifting," Meldrum said. "It's

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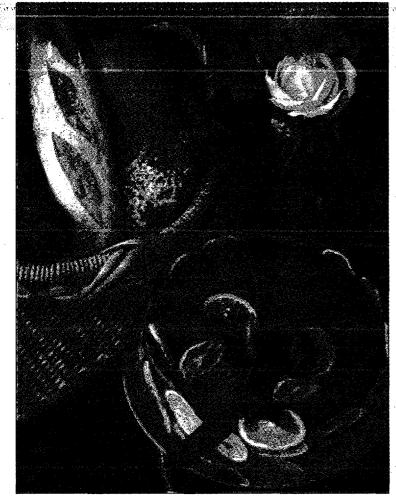
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Oui, Oui Parisian-style cafe brings Europe to Birmingham

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BY NICOLE STAFFORD STAFF WRITER

The next time you're in downtown Birmingham, head over to Cannella Patisserie & Creperie and partake in an almond-filled croissant.

Trust me. Nobody doesn't like them. And, everybody oohs, ahhs, sighs and umms.

There's a chocolate version with almond that's equally delightful for chocolate fans.

But the straight almond-filled croissant is the most popular item at the Parisian-style cafe, which opened about a year ago in downtown Birmingham.

"I didn't think it would be the one," said owner Matt Knio of his best seller. "But it is."

Perhaps Knio, a master pastry chef from France who now lives in West Bloomfield, is surprised because his special talent is working with chocolate. Knio worked on a cocoa plantation for seven years in Ivory Coast before training to become a chef at the Academie de Versailles.

"I know a lot about chocolate," he said. But Knio, who practiced his craft at the Ritz Carlton before opening Cannella Patisserie & Creperie, may have yet to stumble on his greatest creation. Knio plans to start sell-

ing handmade chocolate candies soon. Currently, he offers sweet and savory croissants and crepes, tartes, flans, mousse and other desserts, several varieties of bread, baguette or brioche sandwiches, soup, omelets and salads. Patrons can also nibble on their

favorite French cheese or custom-order a cheese plate. Knio keeps about 40 French-imported cheeses in stock, as well as

a selection of French mustards and relishes, for those wishing to make a meal of bread and cheese the way the French do.

Cannella is a perfect spot for a morning meeting

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or coffee stop, as well. Select from the day's pastry's selections - Knio and his apprentices bake everything fresh each morning starting at 2:30 a.m. Or, ask for a slice of bread and marmalade, along with a cup of coffee or cappuccino, of course.

SO EUROPEAN

What: Cannella Patisserie & Creperie, a Parisian-style cafe and bakery Hours: 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 7 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday and 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Live music, 8:30-11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday Where: 300 Hamilton, downtown Birmingham Information: Call (248) 203-9704 or visit www.cannellapatisserie.com.

Friday and Saturday nights are by far the busiest nights partly because weekend nights have inspired a ramble-around-town ethic in downtown Birmingham these days. Knio also brings in live music for the Fridayand Saturday-evening crowds. "You can't get a table. People wait

25 minutes to get one," said Knio. There's only a handful of wroughtiron and glass tables inside but each is dressed with a tiny bouquet of mixed flowers.

For lunch, consider a crepe with blue cheese, pear and walnut or a classic ham and gruyere croissant and pair your meal with a Lorina

French lemonade. Filled croissants and brioche run \$2.50 to \$5, baguette sandwiches start at \$6 and even the smoked salmon savory crepe is priced at less than \$10.

Meal and dessert offerings are ever-changing because Knio is constantly experimenting, from a papaya and pastry cream tarte with an almond crust to a green plum and chocolate concoction.

And, if unusual flavor combinations whet your appetite, stay tuned for Knio's handmade chocolates.

"I will be using unusual items, lots of herbs, spices, different liquors and fruits," he said. "It's going to be a little different."

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Morton's The Steakhouse is located at 1 Towne Square in Southfield and 888 W. Big Beaver Road in Troy.

Dinner is served from 5:30 p.m. until 11 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. on Sundays.

For information and reservations, call (248) 354-6006 for the Southfield location or (248) 404-9845 for Troy.

WINEMAKERS DINNER

Enzio Lucca, the owner and winemaker of the Northern Piemonte estate of Dessilani, Italy, will be appearing at a Piemontese Winemakers Dinner at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, at Little Italy Ristorante in

Northville

Piedmont has been mostly noted for the world-class, Nebbiolo-based Barolos and Barbarescos.

These wines are produced in the southern part of the region by

some of the most talented and visionary Italian winemakers. Lesser known, but just as 🔬 notable, are the Nebbiolobased wines from Northern Piedmont, particularly in the area of Novara near the Vercelli hills. One vineyard owner and wine-

maker that has stood above the others in Northern Piedmont - for its

resources, vineyards, and visionary techniques - is Dessilani, owned and led by Enzio Lucca, a member of the nine-generation Dessilani family,

The dinner features eight courses and seven wines for \$75 per person. The reception begins at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$75 per person, which includes a glass of each wine and all courses with gratuities extra. For reservations, call (248) 348-0575 or visit www.littleitalynorthville.com. More info on the wines of Dessilani is available at www.winesfrombedford.com/suppliers/ dessilani.php



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ART EXHIBITS

University of Michigan Museum of Art Rethinking the Photographic Image: The Best of Photography from the George Eastman House Collection, through June 25, 525 S. State, University of Michigan campus, Ann Arbor, suggested donation \$5, (734) 763-UMMA or visit www.umma.umich.edu.

Detroit Institute of Arts

African American Art from the Walter O. Evans Collection, through July 2, Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. S5-\$10. call (313) 833-7900 or visit www.dia.org.

Cranbrook Art Museum

An exhibit of Philip Treacy's hats for muse Isabella Blow, runs through Aug. 27, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, \$4-\$6, call (877) **GO-CRANBROOK** or visit www.cranbrookart.edu

Metalsmithing

Critical Mass: Metalsmithing at Cranbrook under Gary Griffin, through Oct. 15, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, \$4-\$6, call (877) **GO-CRANBROOK or visit** www.cranbrookart.edu

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Teapots: Universal Adoration, through July 14, east and west galleries. 10125 E. Cadillac. Detroit, call (313) 822-0954 or visit www. pewabic.org.

Screenprints

The Art of Screenprint, at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit, \$3-\$6, (313) 833-7900 or visit www.dia.org.

ART GALLEBIES

Artful Framer

Artist's Reception for Steven Mitchell's show Explosion of the Senses, 7-10 p.m. Thursday, June 9. As part of the show, Mitchell will donate art for a silent auction to benefit Debbie Schell, daughter of an Artful Framer employee who needs a heart transplant. Bid on the piece between June 9 and June 30. 6525 Sashabaw Road, (248) 620-9724.

Arnold Klein

Gallery's 35th anniversary celebration, urban views exhibition with Arms, Christo, Mershimer, Murphy and others, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 32782 Woodward, Roval Oak, (248) 647-7709.

Cameron Scott Gallery

Rolls Royce and Bentley, 10 local artists paint Rolls Royce or Bentley, 1933 20-25 Rolls Royce Coupe on display in gallery, while other Rolls Royces will be parked on Townsend on June 8 for Rolls Royce owners club meeting, display open to public June 9 through July 8, 167 Townsend, Birmingham, (248) 203-7167.

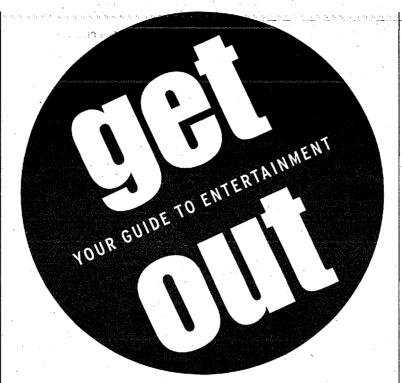
Johanson Charles Gallery Marvalisa Coley's *Objects in Motion*, artist's reception and opening 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 9, exhibit open through July 1, 1345 Division in Eastern Market (between Russell and Rivard), (313) 483-1158, www.marvalisa.com.

David Klein Gallery Landscapes Real & Imagined, new paintings by Victoria Adams, William Glen Crooks and Brad Durham, through June 17, 163 Townsend, Birmingham, (248) 433-3700, dkgallery.com.

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p.m. Friday, June 16, part of Downtown Rochester Gallery, reception is free and open to the public, 111 W. Second St., Rochester, (248) 601-4422.

Detroit Gallery of Contemporary Crafts Welcoming Spring, works in glass, clay, fiber and metal by American artisans, through

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The Spirit of Trees, artist Jay Maggio's exhibit through June 9, 102 E. Main, Midland, www.northwood.edu, (989) 837-4310.

Meadow Brook Art Gallery

Oakland University, 208 Wilson Hall, Rochester Hills, free, call (248) 370-3005 or visit www.oakland.edu/mbag.

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Oakland Community College

Student Art Show. Paintings, ceramic works and arts and crafts items by students of the Highland Lakes Campus. At the campus at Woodland Hall Library, 7300 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Plymouth Community Arts Council

Work of the Hand - Clay and Fiber, exhibit fea turing clay artist Carolyn Dulin and the Cross Borders Weavers Guild, through July 7, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth, (734) 416-4278.

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MUSIC

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Roy Scoutz, 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, George "The Kat" plays saxo-phone, 7-10 p.m. Thursdays, 380 Main, Plymouth, (734) 416-0100.

Ginopolis on the Grill

Don Swindell and Shuffle Play, with Swindell, Sheila Brown, Mike Lorenz and Jake Reichhart, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 27851 Middlebelt (at 12 Mile) in Farmington Hills, no cover, (248) 851-8222.

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Thursday, June 8, Benny & the Jets; Friday, June 9, Ultra Violet; Saturday June 10, Robert Noll; Thursday, June 15, John & Sal; Friday, June 16, Killer Flamingos; Saturday June 17, 33338 Grand River Avenue,

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Sky Club

Tango, salsa, and Latin dancing every Wednesday beginning at 8 p.m., located above Sangria's Restaurant, 401 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, (248) 543-1964.

Token Lounge

28949 Joy, Westland, (734) 513-5030. 313.jac/Jacoby's

624 Brush Street, Detroit (313) 962-7067, Friday, June 16, Undercurrents: Detroit Singer-Songwriter, 10 p.m. doors \$5 cover 21 and over. Featuring: Scott Kinson, Matt Dimitts, The Bloids-Leah Carla Gordone.

Paychecks

2932 Caniff, Hamtramck, (313) 874-0254, Saturday, June 17, Bullcock CD release party. 9 Bullcock, The Zimmerman, Twins-Doop & The Inside Outlaws, Jimmy Doom.

COMEDY

Kathy Griffin

Performs 8 p.m. Friday, June 23, at Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, \$20-\$50, call (313) 576-5111 or visit www.detroitsymphony.com.

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase

Comedy Jamm, open mic night Thursday nights, starting 8 p.m. through October, Ron Feingold, June 9-10; Elvira Kurt, June 16-17; Cal Verduchi, June 23-24; Michigan Comedy Survivor The Audition Night, Michigan comedy competition, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 29 (tickets \$5); Nathan Thimmel, June 30-July 1, all advance tickets for shows are \$8 except where indicated, \$10 at door; 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 996-9080.

JD's House of Comedy

Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday, \$10-\$15, 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmas-

Second City

Bobble Heads of State, performances are Wednesday-Sunday, \$15-\$20, 42705 Grand River, Novi, call (248) 348-4448. For tickets, call (248) 645-5555 or www.ticketmaster.com.

Wise Guys Comedy Club 40380 Grand River, Novi, (248) 919-3216.

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle Stand-up, 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com.

Joey's Comedy Club Stand-up at two locations: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 261-0555, and 5070

Schaefer, Dearborn, (313) 584-8885: www.ioevscomedv.com.

COUNTRY

Rascal Flatts With Gary Allen, Friday, June 9, go to Palacenet.com for details.

DANCE

Detroit Opera House 1526 Broadway, Detroit, \$23-\$73, (313) 237-SING or www.MichiganOpera.org.

Eastern Michigan University Eight choreographers perform in Say, What's New experiments in dance, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, June 16-17, Hemmelgarn-Crum Dance Studio, 106 Warner, on the EMU campus,

www.hometownlife.com

ART Visit the Women of Bloomfield's 22nd Annual Juried Arts and Crafts Show, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, at the First Methodist Church, 1589 Maple (on the southeast corner of Pleasant and Maple roads), Birmingham. Pictured here from last year, Dee Miller creates wooden flowers and vases. There will be more than 75 artists, 50/50 raffle tickets, bake sale and food booth. Proceeds are donated to SCAMP Summer Camp Scholarships for Special Needs Children and the Oakland County Child Abuse and Neglect Council for CARE HOUSE. free, donations accepted, (734) 604-8222. FAMILY 3750 **Planetarium shows** FILM Star Talk and Larry Cat in Space, Saturday and Sunday through June 25, University of Michigan Exhibit Museum of Natural History, 1109 Geddes, Ann Arbor, \$3.75, (734) 764-0478.

Children's theater

Jack and the Beanstalk, June 15-17, Wild Swan Theater, 416 West Huron, Ann Arbor, \$8-\$10, call (734) 995-0530 or visit www.wildswanthe ater.org.

Cranbrook Institute of Science

Plaving With Time, runs through Sept. 4, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, \$5-\$7, call (877) GO-CRANBROOK or visit www.cranbrook.edu.

Detroit Science Center

Exhibits include As Time Goes By, new exhibit about the aging process, and A Journey to Our Future, now open to accompany center's new permanent Space Laboratory exhibit. 5020 John R, Detroit, \$6-\$7, call (313) 577-8400 or visit www.detroitsciencecenter.org.

Detroit Zoo

The Peregrine Falcon: Return of an Endangered Species exhibit with photos, interactive displays and videos, runs through Sept. 8, open daily during regular zoo hours, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at no additional charge, zoo admission \$7-\$11, (248) 398-0900, www.detroitzoo.org. Sunset at the Zoo Annual fund-raising event for Detroit Zoological Society features strolling supper,

live entertainment from Jerry Ross Band, Detroit Zoo's main picnic grove, 7-11:30 p.m. Friday, June 16, \$125-\$500, (248) 541-5717, Ext.

2006 Planet Ant Film & Video Festival 80 films, runs June 14-17 at multiple venues in Detroit and Hamtramck including Planet Ant Theatre 2357 Caniff Hamtramck for information, call (313) 365-4948 or visit www.planetant.com/festival.

Emagine Theatre Novi

Trap, Indie thriller by Michigan filmmakers, 8:30 p.m. June 8, 44425 W. 12 Mile, Novi, \$7-\$9, www.emagine-entertainment.com or call (888) 319-FILM.

FIREWORKS

Salute to America

Detroit Symphony Orchestra returns to Greenfield Village, fireworks display, pre-concert Old Time Fun Festival with pie-eating, watermelon seed-spitting and balloon tossing, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 30-Monday, July 3, call (313) 576-5111 for more information or visit online at www.detroitsymphony.com, or contact (313) 982-6001, visit www.hfmgv.org.

IAZZ

Father's Day Brunch

Noon Sunday, June 18, VisTaTech Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty (between Six Mile and Seven Mile), Livonia, \$25 tickets available, (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454, http://MichiganJazzFestival.homestead.com

Windsor Detroit Jazz Club

Ongoing gigs in Oakland County. Presenting Chuck Moss and the Paint Creek Jazz Society Band, 1-4 p.m. first and third Saturday of every month. Shield's Pizza. 25101 Telegraph (northwest corner of 10 Mile and Telegraph). Southfield, \$8 cover, (248) 478-0172.

Jazz and dinner

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"Kind of Blue Tuesdays," at Lola's, Harmonie Park. Led by the Gerard Evans Quartet, the shows help musicians play with the core group at 9 p.m. every Tuesday, 1427 Randolph St. in Detroit's Harmonie Park, for dinner reservations or information call (313) 962-0483

Gary Burton's Quartet Revisited

With Pat Metheny, Steve Swallow and Antonio Sanchez at Music Hall. Sunday, June 16, \$45-\$75 at all Ticketmaster locations, and (248) 645:6666.

MORE MUSIC

Liza Minnelli

Performs at the "Fifth Annual Cars and Stars" gala to benefit Music Hall, 7 p.m. Friday, June 9, 350 Madison, Detroit, \$55-\$85, call (248) 645-6666 or visit www.ticketmaster.com.

Folk Festival

Jill Jack the Rev. Robert Jones, Matt Watroba Ann and Will Rowland, 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.) Saturday, June 10, First United Methodist Church, 320 W. Seventh St., Royal Oak, \$15, WhosAtFirst.org, (248) 541-4100.

Mishehavin'

Detroit Together Men's Chorus, 24th annual spring concert, evening of blues and jazz from hit musicals with Miss Peggy Lee, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 17, Southfield Lathrup High School, 19301 W. 12 Mile (between Southfield and Evergreen roads), Lathrup Village, \$12-\$20. www.dtmc.org, (248) 544-3872

89X Birthday Bash

Dashboard Confessional, AFI, Guster, The Yeah Yeah Yeahs, Hawthorne Lights, Mindless Self Indulgence, We Are Scientists, Love Arcade, Say Anything, Ashes of Soma & Bedouin Soundclash. Doors 3 p.m., showtime 4 p.m., Sunday, June 18, at the Fox Theatre, Tickets \$40. Call (248) 645-6666 or purchase online at 89Xradio.com

KerryTown

415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor, reservations recommended, (734) 769-2999, www.kerrytownconcerthouse.com

Station 885

Tony Ruda and Pat Smith play jazz 7-10 p.m. every Thursday (bass and piano), 885 Starkweather, Plymouth, (734) 459-0885.

Trinity House

Reservations recommended for 87-seat concert house, 38840 W. Six Mile (just west of I-275), Livonia, shows 8 p.m., No alcohol, no smoking, (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org.

John Cowley & Sons Irish Pub

33338 Grand River Avenue, downtown Farmington, (248) 474-5941, Friday, June 9, Ultra Violet; Saturday June 10, Robert Noll; Thursday, June 15, John & Sal; Friday, June 16, Killer Flamingos; Saturday, June 17, Grevious Angel: Thursday, June 22, Benny & the Jets; Friday, June 23, Last Man Standing; Saturday, June 24. Over the Line; Thursday, June 29, The Hummingbirds and Friday, June 30, Passage.

The Magic Bag

Thank You for Smoking, June 8; The Prime Ministers, Friday, June 9; The Hard Lessons, Saturday, June 10; Tony Lucca, June 13; Legendary Pink Dots, June 14: Nils Lofgren,

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MUSEUMS

Henry Ford Museum 20900 Oakwood Blvd., west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. Additional charges and varying hours for entry to Greenfield Village, Ford Rouge Factory Tour and IMAX Theatre. For more information, call (313) 982-6001 or visit www.hfmav.org.

Cranbrook Science Museum

Featured exhibit is It's a Nano World. Permanent exhibits include planetarium, nature center and Bat Zone Conservatory, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, general admission is \$5-\$7, planetarium, \$1-\$3, (248) 645-3200 or www.cranbrook.edu.

Detroit Science Center Premiere of Magnificent Desolation: waiking on the Moon narrated by Tom Hanks and new planetarium show, Journey to the Edge of Space and Time, \$6, shows run indefinitely, 5020 John R, Detroit, \$6-\$7, (313) 577-8400, www.detroitsciencecenter.org.

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm

1927 Dairy Barn, 1850 and 1840 furnished farmhouses with permanent and temporary exhibits about regional history. General admission \$5 adults, \$3 seniors and students, (248) 656-4663, www.rochesterhills.org.

OPERA

Detroit Opera House Salome, closes opera season, ends June 10, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, \$23-\$113, call

Ticketmaster at (248)645-5555 or visit www.MichiganOpera.org.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Kid's Expo

30 cultural and educational groups, choir, Candy Band, puppet show, noon to 4 p.m., Thursday, June 8, Bishop Park, Wyandotte.

Rochester history

Rochester Hills Museum and Rochester Avon Historical Society interpret architecture and events of Rochester, established in 1817, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, June 8, \$3-\$5, meet at Rochester Mills Beer Company, 310 Water St., Rochester, (248) 656-4663 to register.

Bikes, Barbeques and Blues

Eric Gorges and his Voodoo Choppers (custom-made motorcycles) displayed at benefit for Detroit Institute for Children, 1-8 p.m. Sunday, June 11, also Wiley Coyote blues band, a silent auction and prizes, at Sea Grille, 6199 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, \$40 (248) 663-BIKE.

Drive-In movies

Compuware Sports Arena, double features. June 15-Sept. 3, \$6-\$8, 14900 Beck, Plymouth Township, (734) 927-3284.

Chancel Choir Tour

High School Chancel Choir from Second Presbyterian Church in Bloomington, Ill., concert of sacred music, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 16, First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham, free, offering collected to benefit Birmingham First Music, (248) 644-2040, Ext. 136.

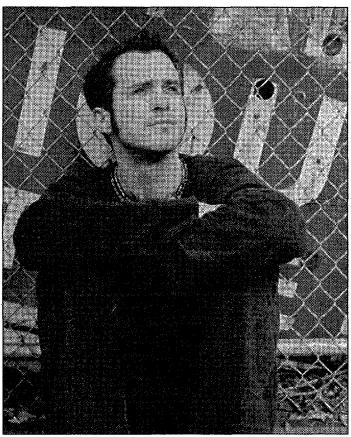
Harleyfest 2006

Begins with "Ride for Hope," Motor City Harley-Davidson, 34900 Grand River, Farmington Hills, at 11 a.m., to Freedom Hill County Park in Sterling Heights, Saturday, June 17, festival at Freedom Hill features 50 Cent Headrush Radiocraft Government Honey, for info on Harley Fest, visit

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Tony Lucca returns home for Magic Bag show FILM



Tony Lucca performs at the Magic Bag with Cole Garlak of Calling Marvin.

Tony Lucca has toured with Marc Anthony and N'Sync, sold more than 10,000 CDs and headlined sold-out shows at the Whiskey in L.A. and the House of Blues.

His street team, online and nationwide, is almost 1,000. Die-hard fans workfeverishly to spread word of his thought-provoking music.

Still the name Tony Lucca, right now, is mostly unknown in Michigan, his birthplace.

Lucca, formerly of Pontiac, is a singer/songwriter who has built a national fan base despite his independent status. He's performing Tuesday, June 13, at the Magic Bag in Ferndale.

Those who surf music online might know the song *Honestly For You*. It was chosen for an MP3.com compilation titled 103 of the Best Songs You Have Never Heard.

Lucca's music has also been featured in the WB television show *Felicity* and numerous independent films. Throughout his career, he has shared the stage with Macy Gray, Alanis Morissette, Sheila E and Jonny Lang. In 2002, he opened for both N'Sync and Marc Anthony.

The musician was raised in a large



TONY LUCCA

Genre: Singer/songwriter When: 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 13 Where: Magic Bag Publicity, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale, (248)

544-1991 Web: www.themagicbag.com Tickets: \$10 Details: www.tonylucca.com

music making family his grandfather was renowned Detroit pianist Jimmy Stevenson. At age 3, Lucca himself started singing and playing guitar.

When he was 15, he was a mouseketeer on the Disney Channel's *All New Mickey Mouse Club*, where he received national exposure and acclaim.

After high school and the show's cancellation, he moved to Los Angeles where he landed a role on Aaron Spelling's prime time drama, *Malibu Shores*.

In 2001, Lucca garnered the LA Music Award for best male singer/songwriter of the year.

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transcendental film about husbands and wives ... killing each other.

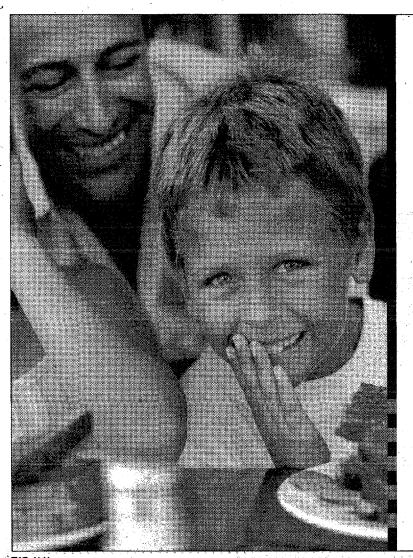
The movie has been on the film festival circuit since its premiere at the San Francisco Independent Film Festival recently, where it was heralded as a "cult classic" by festival programmers: After three additional

After three additional festivals and acceptance into July's New York Cinema Market, the filmmakers want it shown in their hometown.

So far, *Trap* has shown at the Muskegon Film Festival, the Northern Lights Film Festival and the Flint Film Festival.

It has been featured in several film periodicals, including *Screen* magazine, *Indiewire.com* and *Variety* magazine.

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need of a horse.

Captain Stanley's personal problems aren't easier. He and his wife Martha (Watson) are trying to settle in Australia after leaving their pleasurable life in England. They, a refined couple, are trying to live life in the lawless, dirty, drunken town where the townspeople and even fellow law enforcement officials shun them.

That area of Australia, where the renegade Aborigines are located, is violent. White man against the Aborigines, and the Aborigines fighting back.

Few characters in the film seek redemption. It leads to a grisly, emotional climax.

The partnership of director Hillcoat and writer/composer Cave make The Proposition even more intriguing.

Cave is a pioneer of alternative music and successful composer. Hillcoat is a successful music video director and writer who has worked with Cave, Depeche Mode, INXS, Suede, Robert Plant and others

The two co-wrote the film Ghosts...Of the Civil Dead (1998) that tackles the

rough state of prisons in the U.S. and Australia - a topic Hillcoat researched for three years. Violence is a topic neither Cave nor Hillcoat glorifies. The Proposition is a multi-layered story, not a

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Hollywood western shoot 'em up. "The film is an elegy of violence that runs thematically through the narrative,

the central characters, the climate, the visual style, the light, the color, and the soundtrack. Violence is the core of the frontier, as nations are built upon carnage. However, the film deliberately focuses on the aftermath, upon the actual consequences of violent actions."

Initially Cave's role was chiefly as the music writer for the film. But, Hillcoat said Cave became frustrated at how long

it took Hillcoat to write the film. "So I suggested that Nick write it himself," Hillcoat said.

And he did, in less than a month. Cave is also author of the critically acclaimed novel And The Ass Saw The

Angle. Visually beautiful, moral dilemmas

and strong violence. . . and different from the mainstream summer films, The Proposition doesn't leave you with happy feelings, but it may be one of the best films of the season.

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and This movie is not just for sports fans <u>but for anyone who's ever followed a dream.'</u> Pete Hammond, Maxim "You'll want to stand up and cheer!" Andy Culpepper, The Hollywood Beat "A feel-good family film." "A gem of a movie! **Uplifting** and brilliantly done." Larry King HUA __ DREAM BEGINS PG Distributed by BUENA VISTA PICTURES DISTRIBUTION ©BUENA VISTA PICTURES DISTRIBUTION goalmovie.com STARTS FRIDAY. JUNE 9 AMC FORUM 30 AMC STAR FAIRLANE 21 AMC STAR GREAT LAKES 25 AMC STAR SOUTHFIELD 20 **EMAGINE CANTON**

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Discovery Channel series, Biker Buildoff, a TV show where two motorcycle makers face off.

Gorges said motorcycles are

a "passion."

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The event helps the Detroit Institute for Children continue the "life-changing work that they do," said Rick Wade, event founder and chairperson. "The Detroit Institute for Children is dedicated to helping all families - even those with financial constraints, and because of this, they need support."

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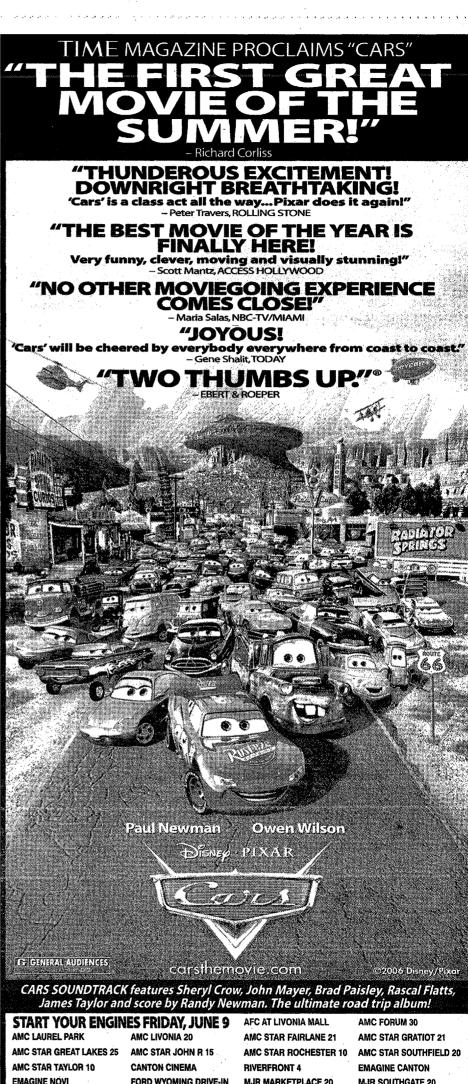
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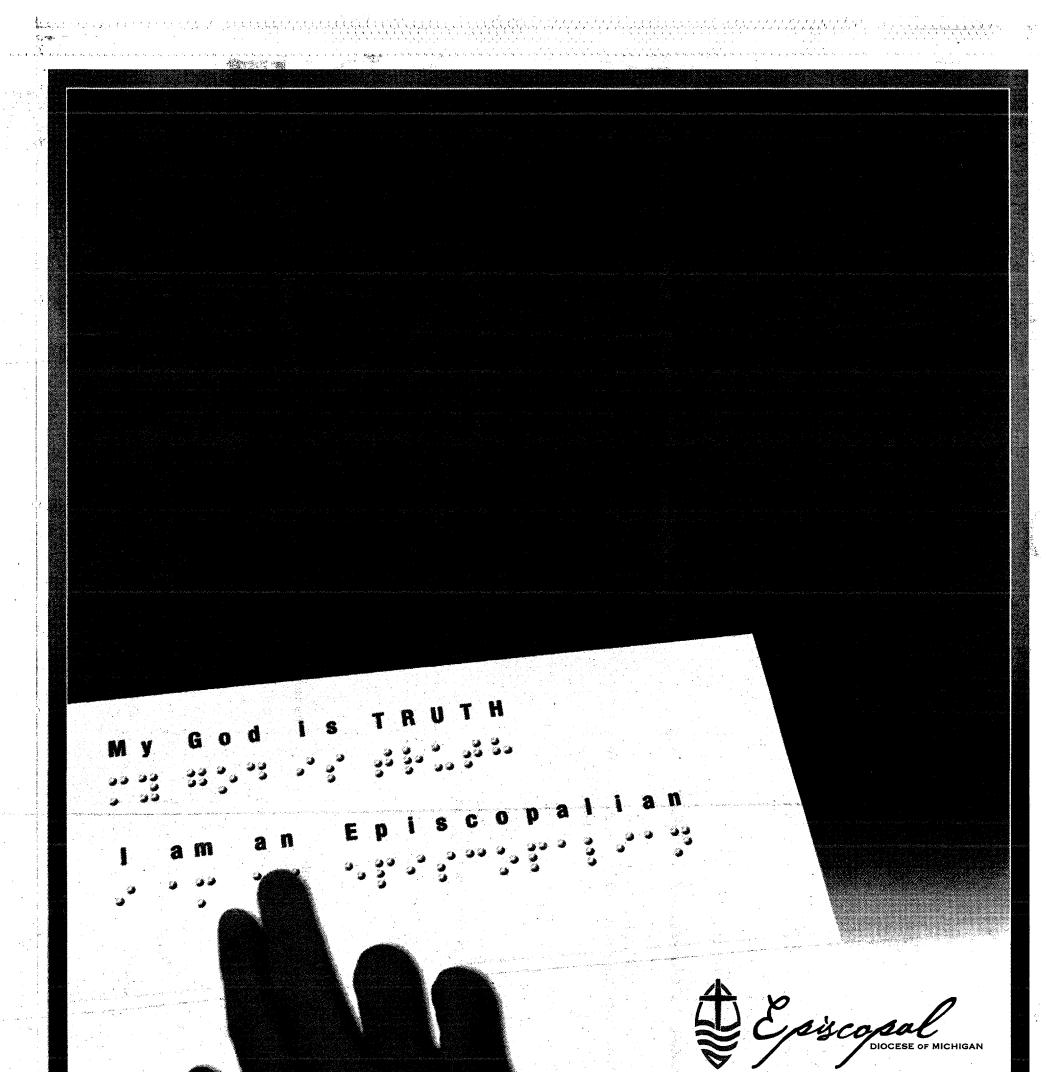
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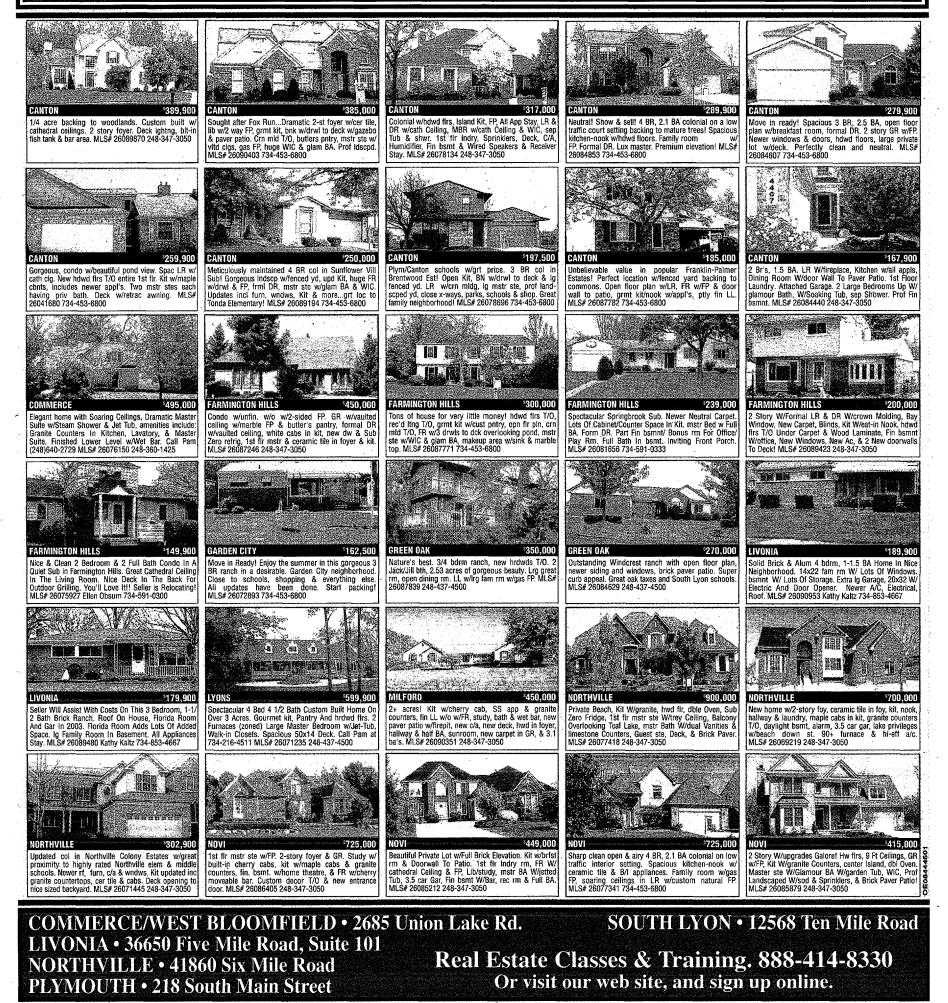
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Plan ahead, sell that home of yours

Recognizing the challenging metro Detroit economy and its effect on the residential real estate market, the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors offers the following tips for consumers planning to list their home.

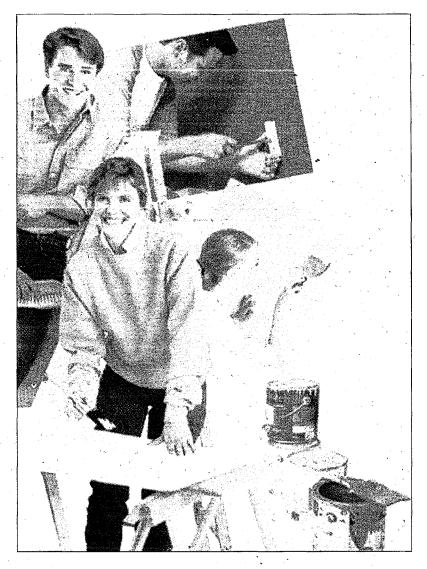
1. What is the time frame for selling my home? Realizing that we are in a challenging economy, ask yourself if there is something driving your need to move right now: a transfer, a death or the need for expansion? If you need to move on a deadline, you'll need to price your home competitively. Or, are you looking at the market and determining that this is a strategic time to move because you're likely to get an excellent value in the home that you buy? If so, take the time to make small improvements that will maximize the value of your home before it's listed.

2. Should I wait to list my home until the economy improves? Probably not. Just do the math and take the transaction of buying and selling in totality. If you're making a move

into a higher priced home, your savings will be proportionally larger on the purchase of a home than any potential loss in value on the sale of your home. For example, if home values are down 10 percent, you may sell a \$300,000 house for \$270,000 - a difference of \$30,000. If you then buy a \$500,000 home at 10 percent less, you've saved \$50,000. In total value, you've recognized a net gain of \$20,000.

3. How will I go about selling my home? First get in touch with a Realtor who can determine how to maximize your property value before it is listed. Realtors are held to higher standards than even required by law. Once your home is officially for sale, it will be important to know how your home is being marketed, what kind of feedback potential buyers have had, the importance of this feedback and what you should do in response. Your real estate agent can evaluate what he or

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Realtors boost scholarship effort

Twenty-four of the area's best students were honored at the 23rd annual Realtors Association Scholarship Fund Awards Ceremony held May 23 at LaSalle Bank headquarters in Troy.

The ceremony recognizes the Fund's honorees and gives them the opportunity to meet one another and with the trustees that administer the Fund.

"Every year, it's amazing to see the quality of the scholarship applicants," Fund Chairman James Sand said. "This year especially, we had some really outstanding students meeting with us. They're very involved with their schools, their families and their communities. It's enough to motivate you to do more yourself."

The Fund received 151 applications this year, interviewed 53 finalists and awarded scholarships to 24 students planning to attend universities as large as the University of Michigan and

Scholarship Fund honorees gather outside LaSalle Bank headquarters in Troy following the award ceremony. Kneeling and seated in front (left to right) are principal Fund contributors Maurice L. Richards, Dorothy McLachlan and B.F. Chamberlain.

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the weeks of Jan. 16-20, 2006, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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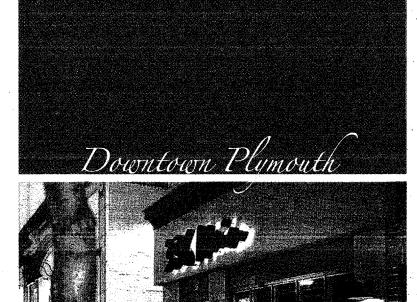
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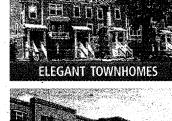
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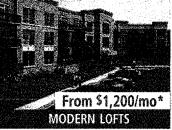
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she is hearing and determine whether it is a price objection, or something that you can do nothing about.

4. How can I maximize my property value?

a. Pricing. Price your home competitively when it is first listed, based upon a solid marketplace analysis from your Realtor and your time frame for moving.

b. Condition. Make necessary improvements or maintenance updates that will add value to your home. A fresh coat of paint, a new lighting fixture and flowers in the yard can make the difference to a potential buyer.

c. Staging. Know your market – different audiences have different expectations and your home should be staged to not clash with them. Memorable experiences on home showings are not always a good thing: the boa constrictor curled up on your bed needs to be removed, regardless of how much you may like him. The same goes for the papier-mache zebra and any controversial art.

5. Should I lower my listing price? If you've had fewer than 10 showings in a three-week period, then price of your home is probably prohibiting possible buyers from walking through the door. If you've had more than 10 showings and still have not received an offer on your home, it's time to do something different. This may include pricing, or it could mean making some key updates to outdated or worn features of your home.

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For information, visit the MCAR Web site, www.mcaronline.com



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Look for special grill features

Modern grills are available with a wide variety of features. Know which options you want before you shop (some are only available on specific types of grills). Lowe's reports these:

heat tent: Minimizes gas flare-ups by directing grease away from the burners and vaporizing drippings.

split lid: Allows two different types of food to be cooked at different temperatures simultaneously (available with gas grills).

rotisserie: Rotates meat while cook-

ing for even results. This feature can be purchased as a separate accessory as well

easy-start ignition: Simplifies the gas starting process; can be electronic or push-and-turn.

tank drawer: Keeps a gas grill's fuel tank accessible, yet out of sight.

ash pan: Makes for easy cleanup of wood or charcoal ashes.

wheels: Offer easy mobility-important if a machine will be stored during cooler months.



SCHOLARSHIP

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Michigan State University and smaller colleges such as Hope College and Kalamazoo College. Among those awarded were students from Kimball High School in Royal Oak, Ferndale High School and Rochester Adams High School.

The Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors administers and supports the Fund.

"This scholarship program is just one of the ways local Realtors support their communities," MCAR CEO Walt Baczkowski said. "And it's also intended to support the state itself, as our hope is that many of these students stay in the state after college and raise its already top-quality workforce even higher."

The Fund features three awards named in honor of local real estate figures and Fund contributors: the Maurice L. Richards Award, the B.F. Chamberlain Award and the Dorothy McLachlan Award.

The purpose of the Scholarship Fund is to encourage local high school seniors to continue their formal education at Michigan institutions of higher learning.

The Fund was established in 1973 by the South Oakland County Board of Realtors, and the first awards were presented in 1984. Since that time, SOC-BOR merged with the Birmingham-Bloomfield, Rochester and Macomb County Associations of Realtors to form the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors, serving Oakland County and Macomb County communities.

Ferndale High School graduate Abigail Ashmore will be attending Hope College in the fall. Kimball High School (Royal Oak) graduate Amelia Clapp will be attending the University of Michigan in the fall.

Rochester Adams High School graduate Jason Wentzloff will be attending Michigan State University in the fall and is also among the winners.

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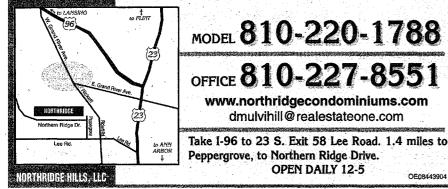
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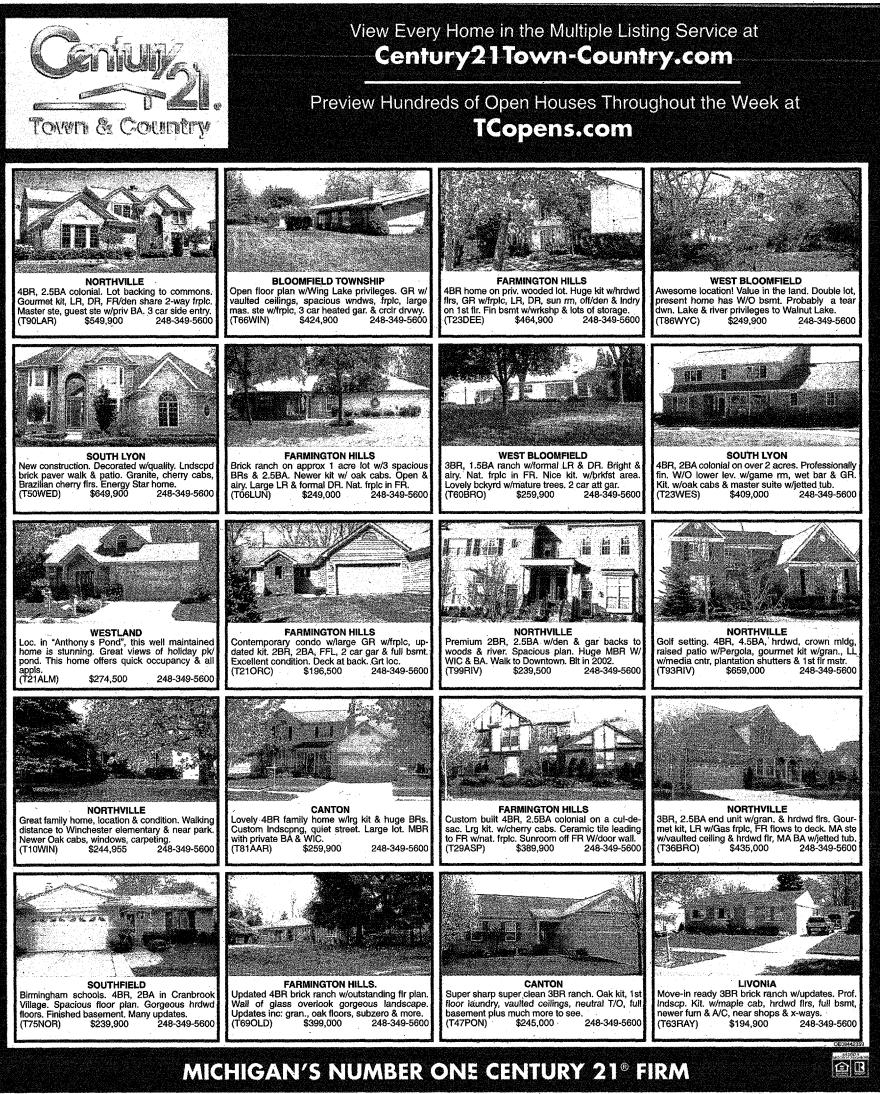
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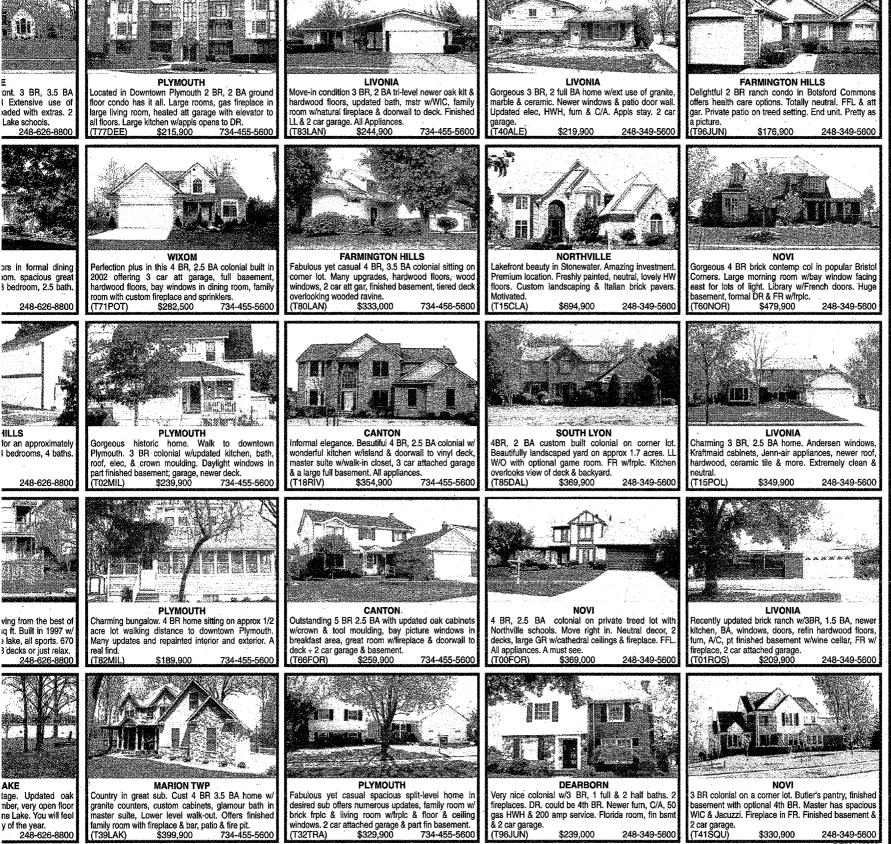
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Use home equity carefully

Americans who recently purchased homes using home equity loans run the risk of owing more than their house is worth due to rising interest rates, according to RealEstateJournal.com, The Wall Street Journal's guide to property. Home equity borrowing has been a boon to consumers in recent years, allowing them to turn their houses into cash machines.

However, higher rates are fueling an increased interest in a different type of home equity borrowing: loans, which offer a lump sum and a fixed rate, instead of credit lines. Newly popular features let borrowers lock in a fixed rate on some or all of their line of credit.

The cost of tapping your home's equity has climbed dramatically as the Federal Reserve Board has boosted short-term interest rates 15 times over the past two years. Some borrowers are consolidating their adjustable-rate mortgage and lines of credit into fixed-rate mortgages.

This strategy - known as "cash-out refinancing" - doesn't make sense for everyone, according to RealEstateJournal.com. Borrowers considering it should look not only at the rate and size of their credit line, but also at their overall mortgage picture

Borrowers who took out a home equity line a few years ago may be able to get a new one with a lower rate. Another option is to lock in a fixed rate on a portion of your credit line and then unlock it if rates move lower. Homeowners who opt to lock in could still see their monthly payments increase, however.

That's because borrowers with home equity lines often make interest-only payments. Borrowers who lock in a fixed rate on their credit line typically make both principal and interest payments.



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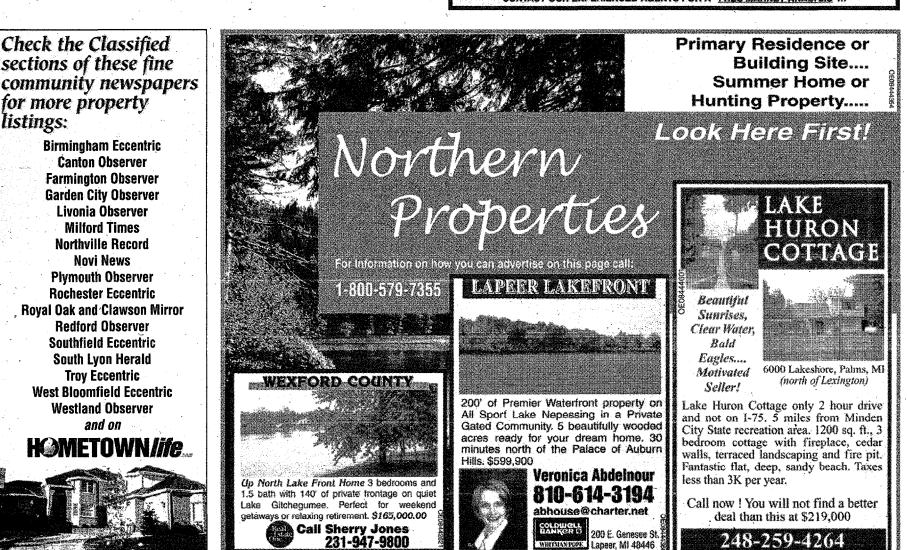
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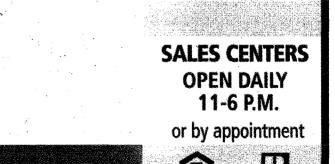
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Watters joins RE/MAX

Matt Watters has joined the RE/MAX 100 real estate office. He has been in real estate for three years and is a Quality Service Certified agent, said broker/owner Crystal Halley.

Watters comes to RE/MAX from Real Estate One. RE/MAX is at 8800 Commerce Road in Commerce and serves the surrounding communities. "RE/MAX is where all the top

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SOUTH LYON'S TANGLEWOOD Backing to the 1st Fairway of West Golf Course, this home features two-story foyer; 10 ft. ceilings in living and family rooms; natural fireplace in family room; cherry cabinets in kitchen with nook; master bedroom suite with tray ceiling, two walk-in closets and separate shower and rub; hard-wood floots; finished lower level with rec room and office w/closet; deck and paver walks and recip. \$485,000 cabinets and granite counters; three fireplaces; hardwood floors on most of first floor; finished el walkout with great room, wet bar, 5th , full bath & office: dual staircases: multideck and paver patio and wall natio \$485,000

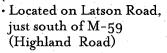


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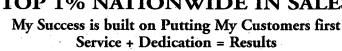
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fessional than the service results achieved with past clients," said Larry D. Romito, president and CEO of QSC.

Yaldoo has been a RE/MAX associate for the past 11 years of his licensing career. He has many professional designations and accreditations.

Homebuyer Class

There will be a free Homebuyer Class 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, at

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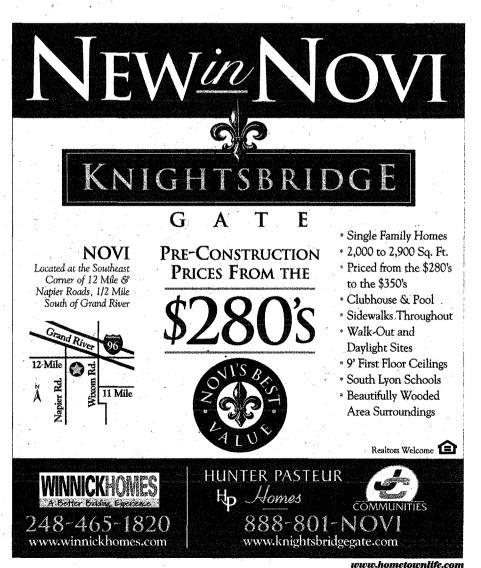
The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will present:

■ Mid-Year Business Perspective 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, June 15, on "Where Are We Now That We're Halfway Through 2006?" at the Marriott-Pontiac at Centerpoint, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway in Pontiac. David Sowerby, vice president and portfolio manager of Loomis Sayles & Co., will present the program, which will include what to expect in 2007. Fees, including lunch, are \$40 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$60 for guests and nonmembers. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ BIA's Remodelors Council is sponsoring a Certified Graduate Remodelor seminar, "Customer Service," 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, June 15, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Chuck Breidenstein of Builders Professional Services Group Inc. will present the program, which will include insight into customer expectations and behaviors and techniques for working with customers. Fees are \$140 for Remodelors Council members, \$160 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ A Certified Graduate Builder seminar, "Energy Efficient Construction," 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, June 9, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in

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Farmington Hills. Chuck Breidenstein of Builders Professional Services Group will identify the principles of energy transfer and heat flow, energy and flow measurement and energy consumption. Fees, including breakfast, lunch and course materials, are \$140 for Remodelors Council mempers and \$160 for BIA members and ruests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ BIA's Sales & Marketing Council s sponsoring a seminar, "Closing Mastery with Roland Nairnsey, CSP, of New Home Specialists," 8:30-10:30 1.m. Wednesday, June 14, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Nairnsey will provide the fundamentals. Fees are \$59 for SMC members, \$79 for BIA mempers. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

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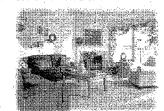
A development site tour 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, at Stonewater in Northville. Transportation is available at 30100 Telegraph, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Bingham Farms. Beverly Moceri of Michael Moceri Design/Build will offer a tour and insight into the award-winning home

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Berkley opens houses to draw buyers

BY MARTHA WOOD STAFF WRITER

As he has watched school enrollment declining and the real estate market drop to a sluggish pace, Berkley Councilman Dan Benton decided to take action.

With the help of numerous volunteers, Benton has organized a citywide open house for Berkley, which will display homes for sale throughout the city. Benton said so far he has about 100 homes signed up, and he expects more as the event nears.

Anyone who has a house for sale can sign up, and it's free to all involved.

Benton has enlisted the help of city staff and local volunteers to represent the city.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 25, potential homebuyers can come to the Berkley Public Library, where they will receive a map of all the houses participating and meet city representatives. Berkley has around 300 houses on

the market and Benton said he remembers a time when his neighbors' homes would fly into new ownership.

During a council work session in April, Benton announced that he'd had an idea to promote the city and, hopefully, get some houses sold.

He wanted to ask residents who were selling their homes why they were leaving.

He said if he found a common thread, the City Council might be able to take action and fix the problem, should there be one.

But within a few weeks, Benton said, that idea spawned what he thought was an even better one.

"It just morphed into this idea that we could have an open house to promote the various attributes of the city," he said.

During the event, many representatives will be there to answer questions for potential homebuyers, such as Chief of Public Safety Richard Eshman, Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Price, City Manager Jane Bais-DiSessa, Berkley School District Supt. Tresa Zumsteg, state Rep Andy Meisner, D-Ferndale, representatives from every youth athletic league and various other city officials.

Benton said this entire event has been all-volunteer, even city staff members in attendance are volunteering, so no city funds have been used.

Randy Roy, a 43-year Berkley resident and Realtor at Real Estate One in Royal Oak, said potential homebuyers could find a variety of houses in Berkley, from 1,000-square-foot bungalows to 3,000-square-foot homes.

Roy said the average selling time in Berkley and surrounding areas is 90 to 120 days. Although, he said, if a home is in "pristine" condition, it can go easily in 30 days.

For homes sold in 2005, Roy said, the average price was about \$183,000, with the lowest price at \$75,000 and the highest at \$372,500.

Roy said he had never heard of a citywide open house to showcase homes for sale and he thinks, "It's a great idea."

Cities in the area have held events to promote renovation of older homes in hopes of keeping residents.

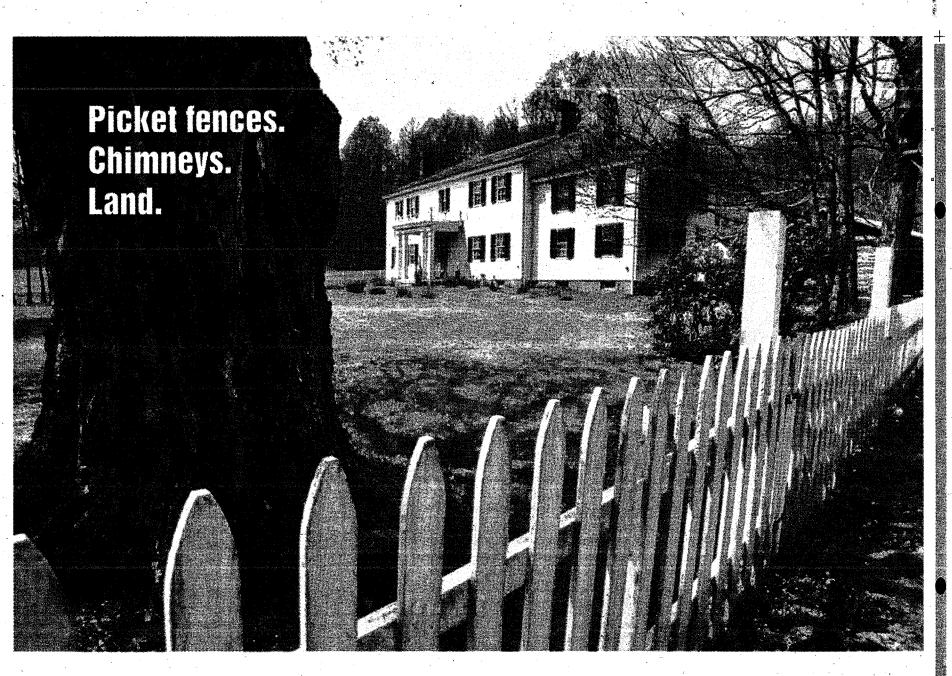
Royal Oak holds a Dream Home Expo every year for residents, with experts on hand to give advice on renovation and how to apply for permits.

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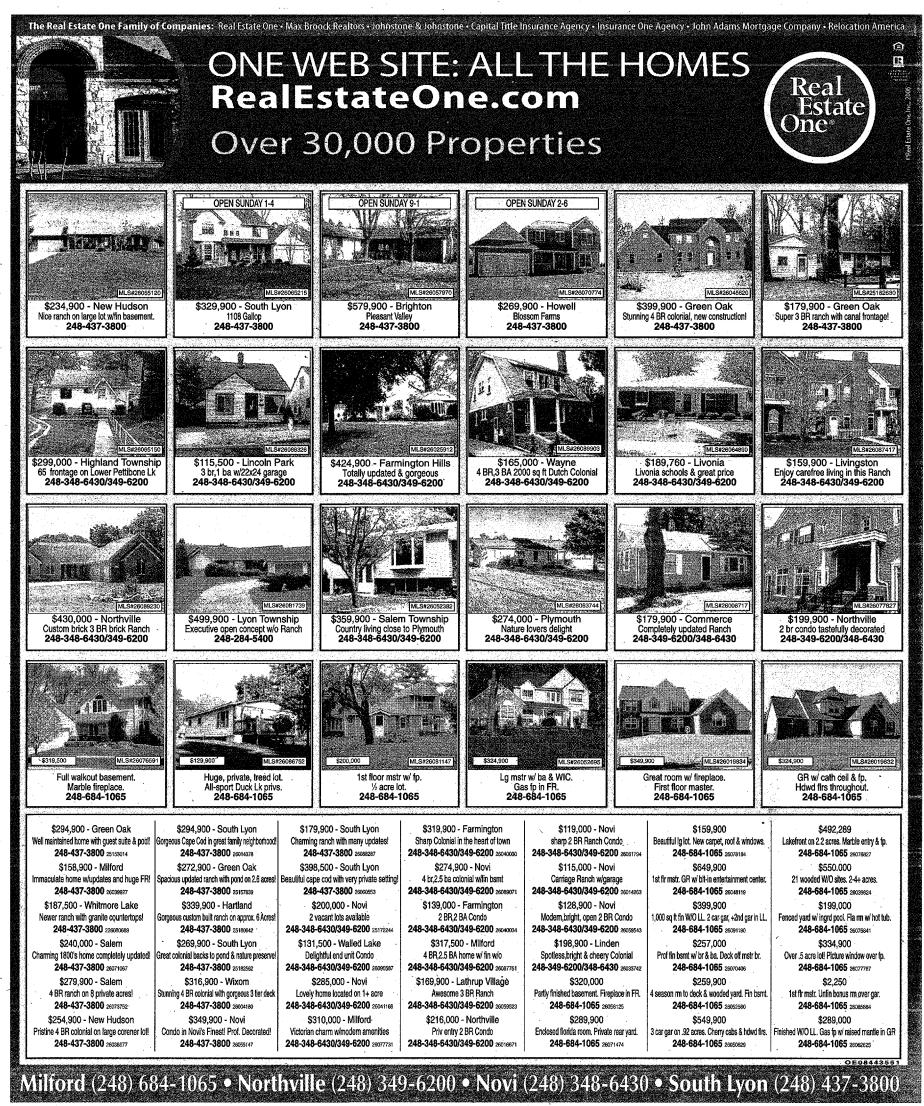
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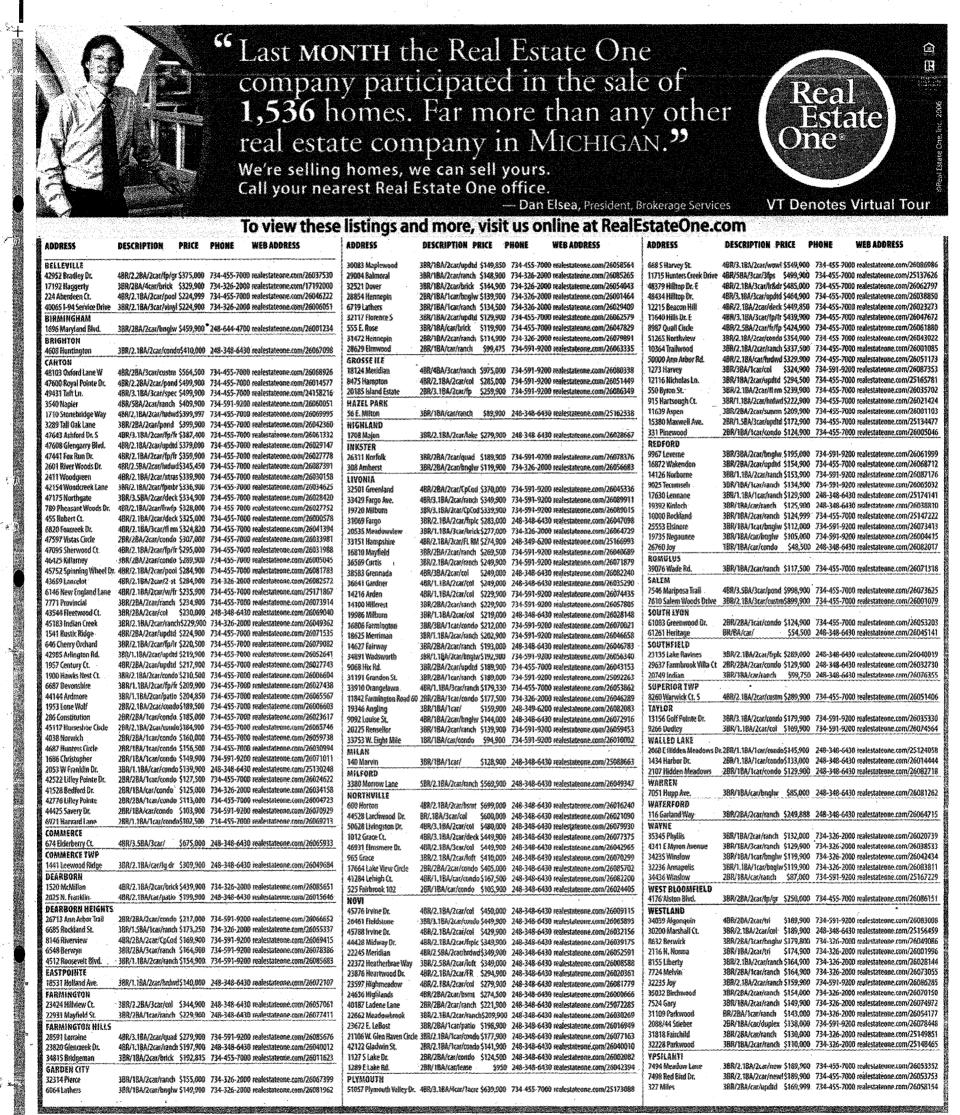
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