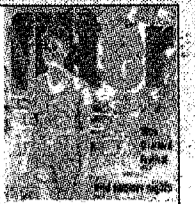




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City puts brakes on downtown building

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth City Commission has imposed a 90-day moratorium on new construction building permits for the downtown area until it can come up with a strategy on how to deal with parking constraints that result with new development.

While public parking has been among the top priorities for the Downtown Development Authority and the City Commission with the infusion of new restaurants the past

few years in downtown Plymouth, the planned three-story Park Side complex that will replace the Masonic Temple on Penniman Avenue - and its demands on parking - has put the issue at the top of the list.

The current ordinance allows the Park Side project to be built without providing parking for a planned first-floor restaurant or the nine condominium units on the second floor, according to Plymouth Building Official Jim Penn. However, Penn said the ordinance does call for developers to provide two parking spaces

for each of the nine third-floor condos. Penn said the project drawings have 21 underground parking spaces to accommodate the ordinance.

PARKING PROBLEMS

A proposed restaurant, which developer Fabian Ciavaglia said will seat between 170-200 patrons, will put a strain on downtown parking, especially during high-profile events downtown.

"There've been some buildings put up recently in downtown Plymouth that have generated a lot of concern

about available parking," said Mayor Dan Dwyer. "Some of the buildings going up meet the ordinances, but really could put a squeeze on parking.

"There are other concerns about how big and how dense we want the downtown to look like," he said. "We put a short time frame on the moratorium to get it done right, get it done quickly and get back into the business of issuing permits."

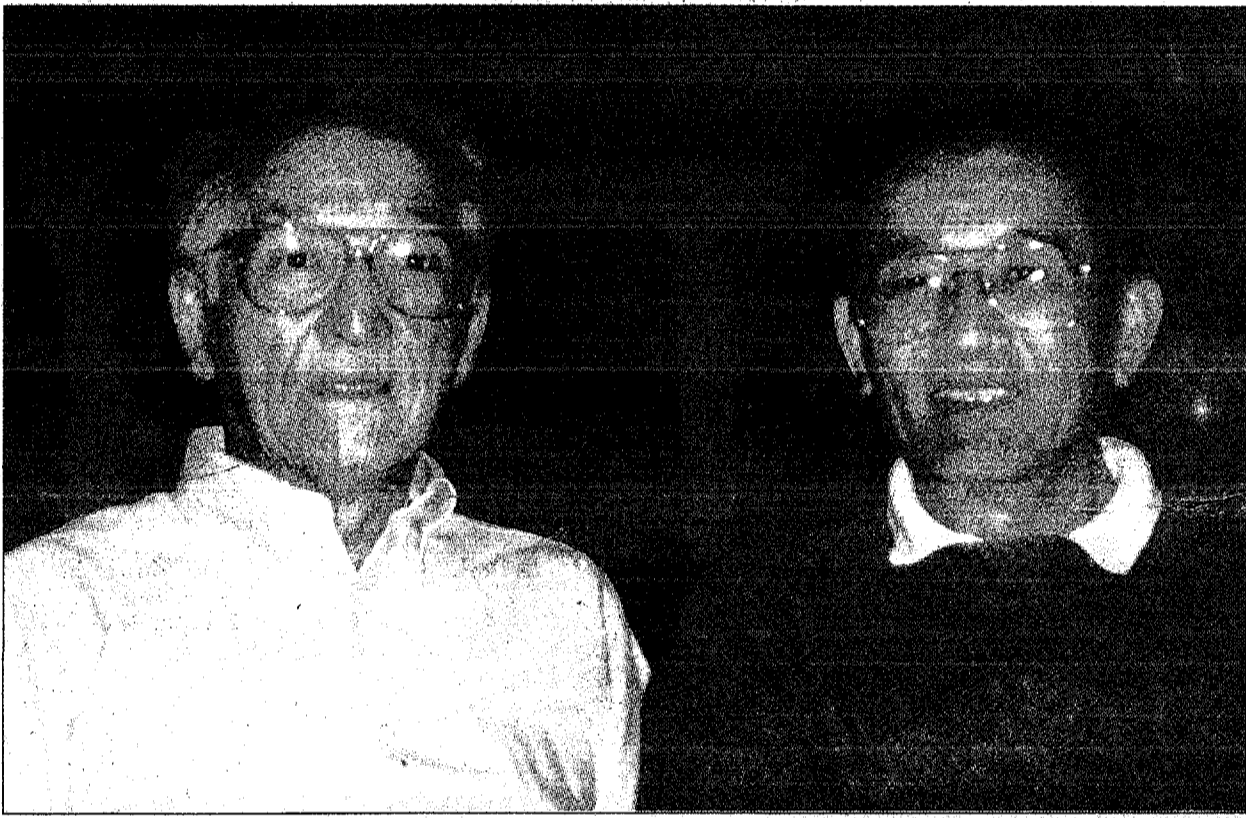
Commissioner Ron Loiselle said the city is trying to achieve a delicate balance in promoting and restricting development downtown.

"We're in a single-state recession, and Plymouth has been lucky that we have people that want to come and build in our community," Loiselle said. "But, if we start putting too many restrictions on building and parking on future development, we'll push the pendulum the wrong way and stop development."

STRIKING BALANCE

At one time, parking wasn't an issue in downtown Plymouth when

PLEASE SEE MORATORIUM, A5



Brothers Soichiro 'Pat' Hiram of Livonia and Akira Hiram of Denver get their diplomas from North Hollywood High School in California tonight (Thursday), more than 60 years after they were removed from the school by the U.S. government. Soichiro's daughter is Plymouth-Canton teacher Ann-Nora Hiram.

Much more than a diploma

Graduates are recognized more than 6 decades later

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Two weeks ago, Ann-Nora Hiram watched the seniors from the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, where she's a social studies teacher, collect their diplomas.

Tonight (Thursday), she gets to watch two more seniors do the same thing.

The twist? These "seniors" are senior citizens Soichiro "Pat" Hiram and Akira Hiram, Ann-Nora's father and uncle, respectively.

The brothers have been denied their diplomas for more than 60 years after being removed from public schools in California after then-President Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered all people of Japanese ancestry on the west coast into internment camps in the aftermath of the Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor. (Ann-Nora hates the term "internment," preferring to call them what she believes they were: concentration camps).

But because of a California law allowing school districts to issue such diplomas retroactively, the Hiram family is in California, where the brothers will accept their diplomas during the commencement ceremony for North Hollywood High School, where they attended school before being interned.

"I hadn't thought about the diploma; life moves on and I just never thought about it," said Pat Hiram, a Livonia resident. "This is an event that's kind of unusual. It doesn't happen all the time."

If the story ended right there, it'd have a fairy-tale



Brothers Soichiro and Akira Hiram mug for the camera with sister Mary in an undated photo family members believe was taken not long before the family was sent to Camp Manzanar in California.

ending, the 80-year-old Pat Hiram and his 79-year-old brother, who lives in Denver, getting their diplomas. But it doesn't end there. In fact, that's just where it gets started.

PLEASE SEE DIPLOMAS, A4

School board gives Ryan strong marks

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Jim Ryan received mostly high marks in his annual review by the Board of Education.

In seven goal areas rated by the seven members of the Board of Education, Ryan's scored ranged from a 2.5 to 4.4, on a scale of 5.0.

Ryan's highest rating of 4.4 came in goals associated with business services. According to the report, delivered by Vice President Judy Mardigian, "the board was very happy with the audit report that came back with an unqualified opinion; and the board is pleased with the consistent, timely and understandable financial reports" in a business services area the board considers strong.

Grades in other goal areas included 4.05 for curriculum and instruction; 4.0 for administrative services; 4.0 for community relations and marketing; and 3.5 for leadership.

Ryan's below-average marks were 2.8 for financial development, and a 2.5 rating for the district's master plan, which was delayed because of the effort put into the May 9 bond issue, which failed.

"This board, under your direction, has become truly focused on academics,

the students and curriculum," said trustee Joanne Lamar to Ryan, after the report was presented. "You have a wonderful reputation in the community, people like you ... and you bring integrity."

Trustee Carol Saunders joined the board at the same time Ryan, who was deputy superintendent, became the district's interim superintendent after the departure of Kathleen Booher in July 2002.

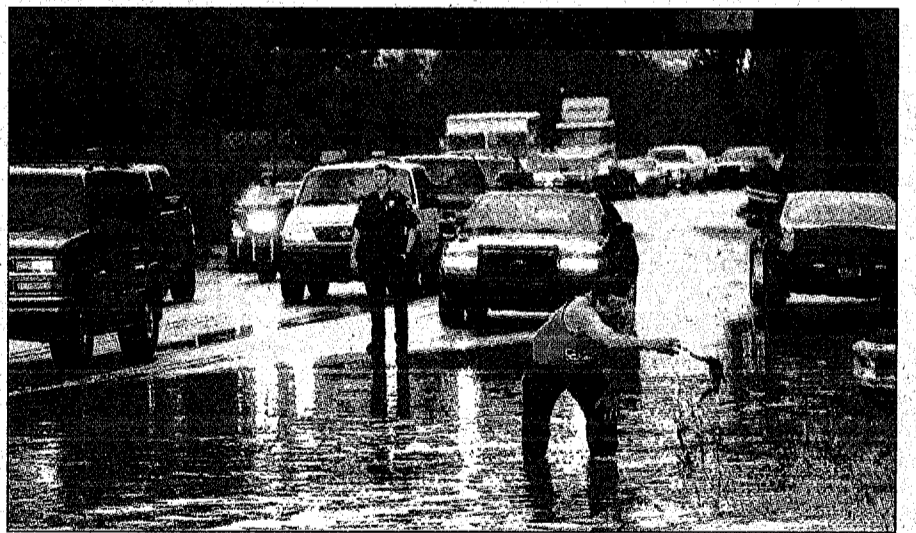
"We had a feeling he might be pretty good for the job, but we were taking a wait-and-see attitude," Saunders said. "Dr. Ryan, you aren't good at the job, you are excellent at the job."

Board President Mark Slavens cautioned against reading a lot into the numbers.

"This board is tough when it comes to evaluations," Slavens said. "Let's put those scores aside ... and let's make clear to the community and to the state you are an excellent superintendent. You are the best in the state of Michigan, your board completely supports you and you are doing a great job."

Ryan's annual salary will go from \$143,000 to \$149,000, mainly the result of the restructuring of fringe benefits.

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Rain, rain go away

Tuesday's heavy rains caused minor flooding in the community, including the intersection of Five Mile and Northville Road. Several cars stalled in the deep floodwater. A Wayne County Road Commission worker clears a blocked catch basin.

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Coming Sunday in HometownLife. Canine Crazy Part II. A look at the booming pet business and ways to pamper your pooch.

Glassmaker on TV

Plymouth glassmaker **Don Schneider** will be featured on *Beads, Baubles & Jewels*, a PBS TV show airing July 30. Schneider will be showcasing a technique called millefiori, which translates to "a thousand flowers." Schneider shows the first step in the process, then explains further using examples of the work in progress. Schneider's work, from blown rare glass to delicate Christmas ornaments and beads, is available in his gallery, The Glassworks, 543 Deer Street in Plymouth. Schneider teaches at the Toledo Museum of Art, at his studio for Schoolcraft College, and privately. For more information, call (734) 459-6419.

Kern festival

The Comic Opera Guild presents the Jerome Kern Festival July 7-9 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. The festival features concert performances of Kern's musicals, complete score with narration and dialog. Although Jerome Kern is an icon of the American Broadway stage, some of the shows in the Festival are rarely seen. This is the first time that all of these shows can be seen together. Sung by a repertory company of Michigan singers, the shows will be accompanied on the two pianos by the team of Adam Aceto and Patrick Johnson. This will mark the first time the Kern Festival will be held in Plymouth. These productions have drawn audience from across the United States. Guild officials are hoping interest in classic musicals will spur many more performances in the Plymouth area. As an introduction to the quality of Guild productions, these performances will be free of charge.

■ Friday, July 7, 8 p.m., "The Cat and the Fiddle," combines a good plot with thematic music, including "The Night Was Made for Love" and "She Didn't Say Yes."
 ■ Saturday, July 8, 8 p.m., "High Jinks by Rudolph Friml," the biggest hit of 1913, with a lively score featuring "Love's Own Kiss."
 ■ Sunday, July 9, 3 p.m., "Good Morning, Dearie," a Cinderella story that features bumbling gangsters. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted at all performances. The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 973-3264.

Saberette drive

The Plymouth Saberette pompon team holds its annual bottle drive 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 8. Team members will make their way through neighborhoods, raising money to help send the team to camp in Midland. For more information, call (734) 564-9946.

Crafters wanted

■ Crafters needed for Delta Kappa Gamma's 20th annual juried show Saturday, Oct. 21, at West Middle School in Plymouth. The show will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; West Middle School is located at 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call Clara, (734) 254-0849 or e-mail to sweisz59@comcast.net for more information. ■ The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for its Craft Show that takes place during the Fall Festival Sept. 9-10. This year the craft show will be moving to the lawn of the historic Wilcox House located at Ann Arbor Trail and Union Street. Ten-by-10 foot spots will cost \$75 per day or \$150 for the



House welcome

State Reps. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton (left), and David Law present Olympians Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto with a tribute on the House floor. The silver medal-winning ice dancers, who train in Canton, were welcomed by the full House and were presented with a tribute from LaJoy. The tribute saluted not just their skating success but their community service activities. "These two athletes have been a great example to young people who are working to reach their dreams," said LaJoy. "To get to this point has taken more than just athletic skill but heart and determination. We should be very proud of them and all they have accomplished." Before House session they also had an opportunity to meet with House Speaker Craig DeRoche.

weekend. Applications are available to download at www.plymouth-fallfestival.com or for more information, call Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614.

Fall fest meeting

The next meeting for the 2006 Plymouth Fall Festival takes place at Plymouth City Hall 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29. Community groups interested in operating a food booth must be in attendance at all meetings held before the festival. Booth applications are available on-line at www.plymouthfallfestival.com and they will also be available at this meeting. For more information, call Colleen Brown, (734) 455-1614.

Ice cream social

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging hosts its annual Ice Cream Social 1:30 p.m. Monday, July 10, in Plymouth Township Park, located at Ann Arbor Trail and McClumpha.

The social will be held in the pavilion overlooking the pond. There will be a "tai chi" demonstration, and tickets for the Sept. 21 Senior Fest will be available for \$6. Admission to the ice cream social is free for paid-up members, \$3 for non-members and guests, and reservations are required. To make reservations or for more information, call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

Senior Olympics

The Northville Senior Center hosts the Senior Olympics Aug. 21-25. Events include: Baking Contest, Fun Walk, 3K Walk, Bridge, Softball Throw, Ring Toss, Frisbee Toss, Football Toss, Soccer Kick, Euchre (sponsored by PCCA) Tennis, Horseshoes, Basketball Shoot, Volleyball, Shuffleboard, Swimming, Billiards, Pinochle and Bocce Ball. Register at the PCCA office. Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 for more information.

Media arts

The summer term at the Plymouth Media Arts Center begins in July and features offerings for students ages 14-18 years who are interested in gaining skills in the areas of screenwriting, film editing and image manipulation. All of the classes offered create a complimentary curriculum and are designed to ensure that students gain the necessary skills to produce and interpret media. All instructors are highly skilled and accomplished in their area of expertise. The Plymouth Media Arts Center is a program of the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Started in the fall of 2005, the PMAC offers a variety of media arts courses focusing on screenwriting, film editing and image manipulation. The computer lab used consists of a number of iMac machines complete with Photoshop and Final Cut Pro. The Plymouth Community Arts Council is a not for profit organization and is located at 774 North Sheldon in Plymouth. For more information visit the Web site at www.plymoutharts.com or call (734) 416-4278.

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.

Museum exhibit

The Plymouth Historical Museum reopened Wednesday with a new exhibit entitled "Creative Hands." The exhibit features the handiwork of both men and women dating back to the early 1800s in Plymouth or with ties to the Plymouth area. Many built businesses out of their handiwork with men dominating but several women had successful businesses as

Bikers wanted for parade

Organizers of the 10th annual Good Morning U.S.A. parade through downtown Plymouth are looking for some 100 youngsters ages 5-14 to lead the parade up Main Street on their decorated bicycles. The bicyclists, in what organizers are calling the "Pre-Parade Decorated Bicycle Rally," will take off around 7:20 a.m. from the parade starting point at Theodore and Main. Bicycles must be decorated to take part. Anyone interested in riding can call Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards at (734) 354-3214.

well. Museum hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Admission is \$2 for students, \$5 for adults and \$10 for families. For more information, call (734) 455-8940.

Women's expo

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

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Let's dance

Studio's new owner dances on her own two feet

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When Kristie Wyler was a young dancer, her mother used to tell her that she would work for her when she grew up to own her own dance studio.

Young Kristie used to scoff, dismissing her mother's remarks with a "Yeah, right Mom."

When Wyler walked through the door June 1 after buying Metro Dance in Plymouth, with her mother at the front desk, it proved one thing for sure.

Mommies know everything. "She was excited, and I love it," said Wyler, who works full time as a market center administrator at the Keller Williams real estate office in Royal Oak. "I am an organizer and a planner, and I love to teach. It's kind of the best of both worlds for me."

Studio ownership seems like the next logical step for Wyler, who has been dancing since she was 4 or 5. She was on the first dance team as a junior at Wayne Memorial High School and later coached the team. Her first year dancing, there were maybe seven girls on the team; when she coached it, there were 30.

She went to New York two years ago and tried out for the traveling Rockettes, but didn't get the gig. She was planning to go back, but this opportunity came along.

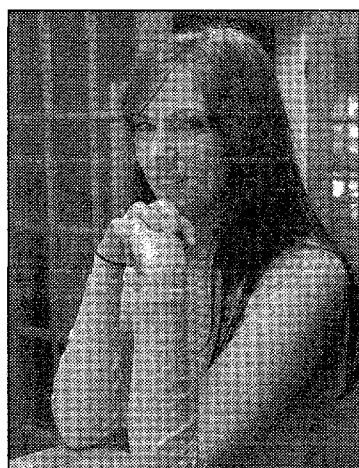
"My plan was to go when I went (two years ago), try out and see what it was about," she recalled. "Then I was going to go again last year, but then this just kind of happened."

She started the dance program for the City of Wayne's Parks and Recreation Department. She gave it all up when she got pregnant with her second daughter, Addison. By the time her eldest daughter, Anna, was ready to start dance, at 3½, Wyler discovered she missed it herself.

So Wyler, a Plymouth resident for two years after living in Canton for about 18 months, sent letters to dance studios in the area, looking for a job. Metro



Teacher Melissa Gross leads her tap class while student Graycen Bisinger follows along during a lesson at Metro Dance Studio in Plymouth.



After teaching at the studio for nearly a year, Kristie Wyler became the owner of Metro Dance in Plymouth on June 1.

Dance owners Gerilynn Feasle and Stephanie Plansker responded, and Wyler started teaching in July 2005. A few months later, Feasle and Plansker approached her about buying the studio.

"It was nice coming here, not having to worry about manage-

ment stuff and just be able to teach," Wyler said. "(But) I was ecstatic when they approached me. The chance to own your own studio is always something you think of when you're teaching. A chance to own one that's already successful makes it even better."

For their part, Feasle and Plansker saw professionalism - and potential - in Wyler. Plansker was looking to spend more time with her new son, Ian, now 2.

"I wanted to spend more time with my family," said Plansker, a Grosse Pointe resident. "Kristie has been very professional at our school. She seems more connected to the community because she lives here."

Wyler's experience leaves her qualified to teach jazz, tap, lyrical, hip-hop and ballet, the last being one of the strengths at Metro Dance. She plans on maintaining the existing curriculum and adding to it, with classes such as ballroom dance. She's looking forward to the

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opportunity, because it will lead to her favorite thing about teaching.

"I love when the kids 'get it,'" she said. "When you teach, you're with them 9-10 months and they're like your family. You watch them on stage and you tear up like it's your own daughter."

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Family frantically searches for parrot

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Is a bird in the hand worth two missing in the Plymouth-Canton area?

Apparently not for the owners of two lost parrots.

Katherine Scoll of Plymouth Township has been searching for Bernie - an orange-winged Amazon parrot she's had as a pet since 1982 - for nearly six weeks after the 13-inch-high bird flew the coop.

"She was being bird-sat in Northville (Haggerty and Five Mile) and flew out the porch door while it was open," said Scoll. "She's actually afraid to go outside, so it's a fluke she flew out. Since then, there have been many sightings, but thus far no luck."

Scoll, who has distributed about 100 fliers with Bernie's picture throughout Plymouth and Canton, thought her search was over when a Canton man found a parrot a week and a half ago at Warren and Lotz.

"Craig (McDaniel) called me and said he had my bird," Scoll said. "He was very sweet about it, and was very nice, but it turned out to be somebody else's bird."

"It's a green with orange on its wings, but it has white on top and is smaller than Bernie," she said. "What are the odds that two birds which look similar are lost?"

Which means there's a second parrot owner somewhere who is missing a bird.

"I saw the fliers and called her as soon as I could," said McDaniel. "I could have sworn when I found the parrot it was hers."

"I like the bird, and my daughter likes having it, too,



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but the right thing to do is give it back to its rightful owner," he said.

Scoll, who lives in Country Club Village, said there have been numerous sightings reported to her, but thus far no luck.

"Parrots are a one-family kind of bird, and are hard to warm up to other people," Scoll said of Bernie, who she thought was a male parrot until about 10 years ago. "She's not a real good talker, but can say 'pretty bird' and 'Bernie,' and does a great cat call, which all parrots do."

"They generally don't live beyond 18 years in captivity, so we want her back to have her remaining life with our family," she said. "I'm optimistic she's coming back home, and we're praying every day."

Anyone with information about Bernie can contact Scoll at (734) 634-7395.

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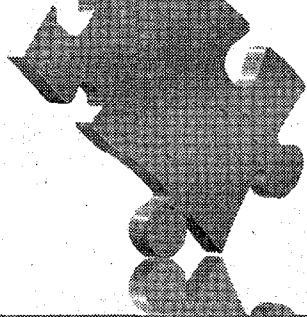
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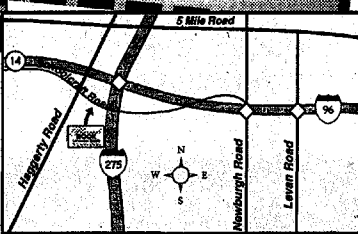


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Eighteen-year-old AmiAnn Bobo of Plymouth Township is Michigan's representative in the American Junior Miss competition — a college-bound scholarship program for high school girls — after winning the Michigan Junior Miss title in March.

Bobo said she's never competed in any type of pageant before, and wouldn't have competed in this one except for the fact it's based on many factors, none of which are beauty.

"This is the first and only pageant I've competed in, and that's because it's not a beauty pageant," said Bobo. "It's about scholarship, morals and how you present yourself. That's what the program was founded on; not about looks."

"There is too much emphasis placed on what kids look like, and that's the last thing girls my age need to worry about," she said. "That's not the first thing that should be on your mind when you wake up in the morning. I want to further my society and make a difference in the world."

Bobo has already earned a partial scholarship to Wayne State University, where she

"AmiAnn has always been a girl that was very conscious about being the best she could be, and influence those around her," said Angela Bobo, AmiAnn's proud mother. "She has extremely high moral values, and her character is so important to her."

"She's a beautiful girl outside, but even more beautiful inside," Angela Bobo said.

The American Junior Miss competition isn't new to Angela Bobo. She was Alabama's Junior Miss 29 years ago, competing in the nationals in her native state, and received a full scholarship to Troy State University in Troy, Ala.

"To be in the top eight would be wonderful, and a great accomplishment for her," said Angela Bobo. "Anything after that would be the cherry on top of the sundae."

AmiAnn said she's not feeling any pressure to win the top prize, considering the level of competition.

"There are 49 other girls who are brilliant, beautiful and going places in life, and I'm just privileged to form so many friendships," AmiAnn said. "I would love to go all the way, but I will be pleased if I do my best."

"The real thing I've learned (through the competition) is to not put a ceiling on yourself, that you can always do more and have faith those things will happen," she said.

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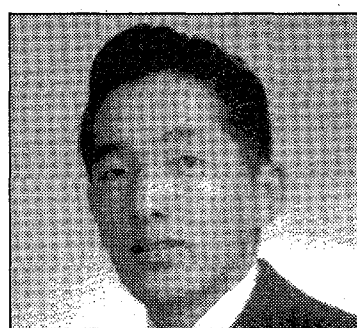
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To get the diplomas, the brothers had to fill out an application. Ann-Nora took care of that. During the course of that process, she had several conversations with Angela Hewlett-Bloch, an assistant principal at North Hollywood High. Ann-Nora just wanted to make sure she was following the right requirements, and making sure her dad's name was spelled correctly.

During one such phone call, Hewlett-Bloch asked if the family was coming to the ceremony. Ann-Nora and her mother, Cynthia, decided to make the trip. Then came yet another bombshell: Hewlett-Bloch asked Ann-Nora to deliver the speech to some 600 graduates. "I can't imagine what they were like as the kids I teach now. I don't know if I'm going to cry or laugh more, (but) I know it's going to be an extremely emotional day."

"My grandparents will be looking down through a hole in the clouds from above," she added. "I want to deliver a winner in this address. I feel very inspired."

Like many Japanese-American families in the early 1940s, life ended as they knew it for the Hiram family after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. Students in public school, Soichiro and Akira



Soichiro 'Pat' Hiram, father of Plymouth-Canton teacher Ann-Nora Hiram, in his school photo from Camp Manzanar.

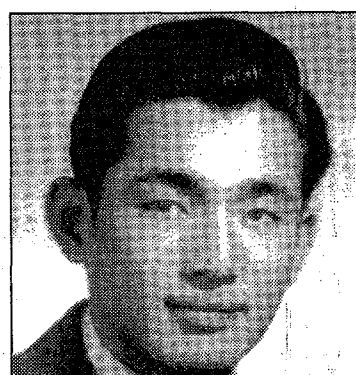
Hiram, sister Mary and their parents Kiyoyoshi and Yazuno Hiram were whisked into Camp Manzanar.

Upon their release, the family had to start over. Kiyoyoshi was denied citizenship until 1957. Yazuno was never granted the right to vote before she died in 1952, when her death certificate listed her citizenship as "unknown."

Soichiro got the nickname "Pat" from a teacher "who never bothered to learn how to pronounce his name," Cynthia Hiram said.

The family hopes to bury a little of the pain with a visit to Camp Manzanar during the trip. Soichiro has never been back, and Cynthia has never been there. Ann-Nora was there, with her sister Eileen, 16 years ago when the camp had been dismantled. Now it's been rebuilt and the family plans to return.

"Pat has never had any desire to go back," Cynthia Hiram said. "Now that this opportunity has come, I'm very glad to go back and see what's there. He's never talked about it, so I have a lot of questions. I don't know



Akira Hiram, who now lives in Denver, in his school picture from Camp Manzanar in California.

that I'll get any answers, but I'm still glad I'm going."

Soichiro spends little time thinking of such things — "Part of my cultural background is 'accept what you have to if you can't change it,'" he said — but they mean a lot to his daughter. Ann-Nora remembers driving up to the camp in 1990.

"Everything had been dismantled at that point, (but) it was very emotional for me," she recalled. "On the drive with my sister, I remember thinking, 'How did it feel for them on that bus?'"

She'll be thinking such thoughts when she makes her speech. She burns more openly than her father at the indignities suffered by her ancestors — "It's the Irish part of me," she said, smiling — but will try to put that aside in her address to the graduates.

"Forgiveness is the legacy of my dad's life for me," Ann-Nora said. "I have a lot of individual lines and themes (for the speech), but I'm going to talk about forgiveness, because that's the legacy of the Hiramis."

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store fronts were empty and the sidewalks rolled up at 5 o'clock. In fact, the city issued "parking credits" which allowed for developers to build without being required to include parking spaces for their establishments.

"The city went through a phase where it was anxious to encourage as much development as possible and liberalized parking requirements, imposing minimal requirements on developers," said Mike Wright, DDA chairman. "But, with the success of that strategy, we're now seeing some constraints when it comes to parking capacity. The moratorium gives the Planning Commission, City Commission and the DDA a chance to be thoughtful on what changes are appropriate to be made."

The DDA announced in April a \$3 million plan to add a third level to the present parking deck off Harvey Street, resulting in 142 additional parking spaces. That project is slated to begin in the



An artist's rendering of what the Park Side project, to be built where the Masonic Temple now stands, will look like.

winter of 2008.

"The proper balance at this time is publicly funded parking and privately funded parking," said Wright. "We're still comfortable that a third level on the central deck will alleviate parking challenges."

Commissioner Michele Potter was the lone vote against the moratorium on downtown building permits.

"Three months is a long time to make people wait if they're

interested in spending money and developing projects in our city," Potter said. "The people in the Planning Commission, and anyone else that wants to be involved in the process of looking at downtown and the perceived problems, should do it post-haste."

PUD PLAN

Commissioner Dave Workman suggested making the entire downtown a

Planned Urban Development (PUD) district, which would give the city more say and flexibility with developers.

"The area is hot enough that we need to control what happens down there," Workman said. "(A PUD) wouldn't be too steep and drive folks away. It would at least control something in front of us, like the situation we have at the Masonic Temple."

Oddly enough, the Park Side project might still be required to provide approximately 70 parking spaces for the proposed restaurant. The Liquor License Management ordinance requires any restaurant with a liquor license to provide adequate parking.

"The city needs to take notes with their counterparts in Northville," said Ciavaglia, referring to recent parking structures built in downtown Northville. "The DDA needs to create a strategy, and work together instead of putting the onus on the developer. I'll do whatever it takes to help them, but they have to have vision and work together as a team."

Meanwhile, Ciavaglia said he expects to demolish the

Masonic Temple building in the next 30-60 days and begin construction of the Park Side project. Ciavaglia said he's still negotiating with the Andiamo Restaurant Group and another unnamed restaurateur to lease first-floor space.

Andiamo CEO Joe Vicari said this week he hasn't talked with Ciavaglia for about six months about the Park Side project.

"As of right now, we're not going in there," Vicari said. "At this point, because of other projects, it would depend on timing and when the project would be ready. Then we'd have to make a decision. We still like the area."

Vicari said parking was an issue in looking at possible plans in downtown Plymouth, which at one time included renovating the Penn Theatre for his restaurant.

"We were concerned about parking because there was none except behind the building," said Vicari, referring to the public lot between The Gathering and Plymouth District Library. "No restaurant ever has enough parking."

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Four four-year nonpartisan seats on the Plymouth District Library's Board of Trustees are up for grabs in the Nov. 7 election.

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The filing fee or completed petitions must be filed by 4 p.m. Thursday, July 20, at the office of the Wayne County Clerk, Election Department, Room 502, Coleman A. Young Municipal Center in Detroit.

More details can be found on the Plymouth District Library's Web site at www.plymouthlibrary.org or at the Reader's Advisory Desk on the first floor.

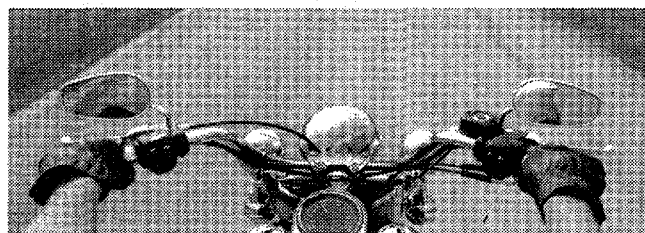
Five gardens featured in Northville on July 12

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transformed into "The Potting Shed" where complimentary home-made sweets and lemonade will be served. Tickets in advance (\$10) are available and may be purchased from Gardenviews, 202 W. Main in Northville. For more information, call (734) 591-0360.

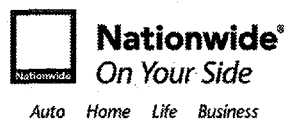
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'Super Kids vs. Momzilla'

Families take bedtime story way 'over the top'

BY STACY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

What started out as a simple bedtime story took on super powers of its own.

The story grew and grew, until it consumed an entire family, their friends and even part of their neighborhood.

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"The Super Kids vs Momzilla" was born through the creative genius of your average working-class dad and his two little kids who needed a bit of bedtime humor.

That's when the likes of "Spazboy" was spawned and "Crybaby" was created. These Super Kids were soon joined by others, with a common mission to overthrow the evil, chore-commander — Momzilla.

Over several months, Todd Watson, his wife, Jill, their children, Duncan, who is 8, and Gwyneth, age 4 — a.k.a. Spazboy and Crybaby — added

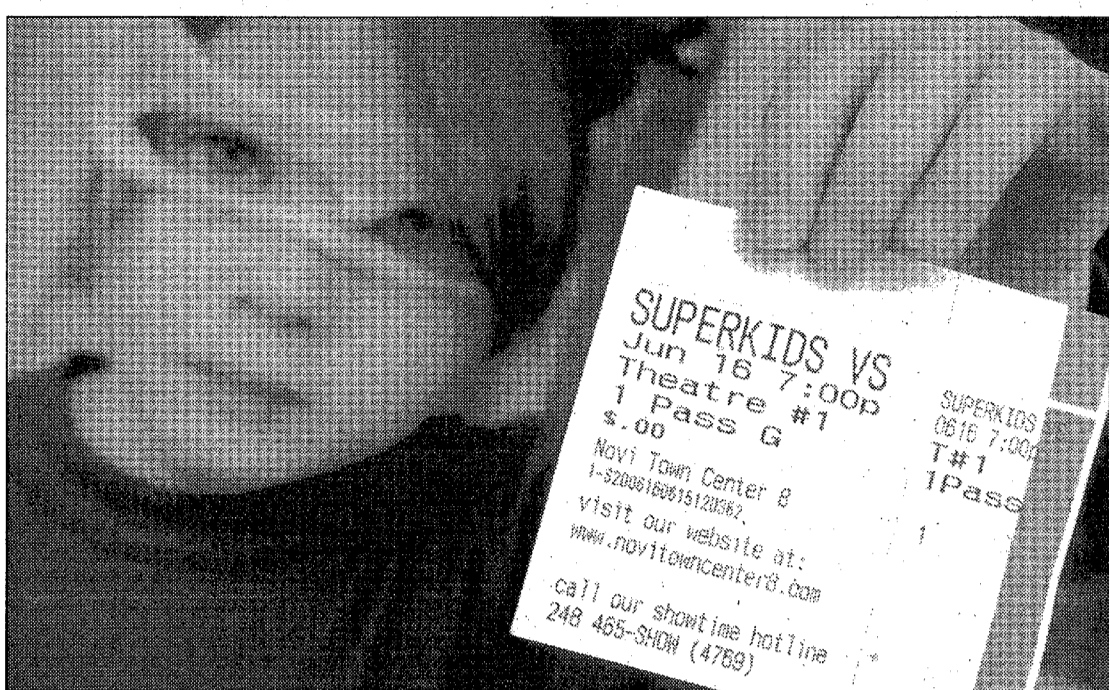
on to the story and decided to make a movie. With a video recorder and makeshift scenes and costumes, the crew enlisted their friend, Bob Finger, and his kids, Jake "Top Hat," 8, and Lexie "Spitball," 11.

Others soon joined the madness.

"This thing just kind of mushroomed," Todd Watson said.

The Watson's Farmington Hills neighbors Kaleigh Beauregard, 8, became "Red Shoes;" Stephanie Vietor, 9, became one of Momzilla's "brats;" Patrick Vietor, 6, played a double of "Top Hat;" Robert Vietor, who was just 4 months old at the time, made a cameo appearance with a good, loud cry; other "brats of Momzilla" were Sarah Cremering, 8, and Maria Cremering, 5.

Momzilla was played by none other than Jill Watson, who boasts she's "faaab-u-lous," throughout the 35-minute film, which was underwritten by grandma, Karol



Gwyneth "Crybaby" Watson shows off the official movie ticket from the premier party.

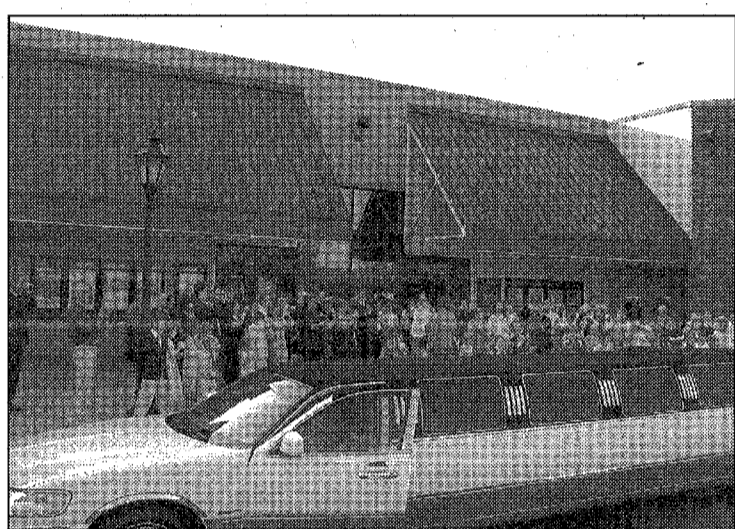
Foss. "It was so much fun and worth every penny," Foss said.

SUPER STORY

The story depicts a chore-worn mom whose children are unruly. Something magical happens to her when she receives an electrical zap while doing housework. She transforms into Momzilla and her powers are capable of making even the wildest child behave — and do their chores.

In utter revolt, the children band together to fight what they consider the wicked ways of Momzilla. Crybaby lobbs toxic diaper bombs on command, while Spazboy performs annoying and mesmerizing dances. Red Shoes is able to zip around town in a flash with her fast feet. Top Hat — poor Top Hat — tries hard to make magic come out of his hat, but never succeeds, except once. Spitball is armed with a giant spitball tube, which she uses on the front lines.

"It was a blast," Todd Watson said. "We had so much fun."



A crowd gathered outside the movie theater at the Novi Town Center to greet the Super Kids and Momzilla.

POSH PREMIERE

But, making the movie was only half the fun. Watching it — in high style — was the other half. "We thought we should have a party to show it when we were finished," Jill Watson said. So, naturally, arrangements were made for the movie to be

shown at a real movie theater at the Novi Town Center shopping plaza. From the limousines and the red carpet to a fabricated "paparazzi" equipped with disposable cameras, the movie premier was a true Hollywood moment. "We went as far over the top as we could," Todd Watson said.

But, the crowd waiting for their arrival was a bit much for these budding stars.

"We had the limo show up 10 minutes late, on purpose," Todd Watson said. "The red carpet was rolled out and all of the kids (actors) were terrified and they ran out of the limo and into the theater."

Duncan "Spazboy" managed to sign some autographs instead of running for his life. He's a natural.

"I have a lot of favorite parts in this thing," he said.

So, does he want to make another movie?

"You bet I do!" he said.

Stephaney Vietor said the movie premier was great.

"It was amazing seeing ourselves on the screen," she said. "It was really cool."

Jill Watson said the premier was the best ending.

"The party was so fun," she said. "You could just feel the excitement. The kids were just so enthused. This is something they are going to remember for the rest of their lives."

Taking on this project, with eight kids, was a heroic feat for the parents.

"It was the 'dad' attitude," said Todd Watson, who said the dads never gave up on the idea.

Jill Watson said she was "roped into" the project, but quickly made the best of it. She enjoyed the editing process, in particular.

"When I grow up, I want to make movies," she said, laughing.

These creative parents inserted tributes to relics such as "Monty Python," "Wonder Woman," "Star Wars," and "Caddyshack" — just for good measure.

"I loved it," said Judy Watson, who traveled with her husband, Roger, from Illinois to see their grandkids' production. "I hee-hawed all the way through the whole thing."

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Judith Howell
Howell, 63, of Westland, died June 23.

Robert J. McDonald
McDonald, 55, of Livonia, died June 22.

Ann C. "Billie" Oancea
Oancea, 71, of Bloomfield Township, died June 23.

Nancy R. Simescu
Simescu, 81, formerly of Plymouth, died June 25.

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Ark concert

Jan Krist, along with percussionist Alan Finkbeiner and guest guitarist Jim Bizer, will be performing at The Ark, 316 N. Main in Ann Arbor, on Thursday, June 29. The show begins at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12.

Grub crawl

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

Northville parade

The Northville Community Foundation hosts Northville's Independence Day Parade 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 4 in downtown Northville. Parade organizers welcome Scout groups, neighborhood groups, church groups, car clubs, clowns, classic and vintage cars. Anyone wishing to get into Northville's parade can call (248) 374-0200 to register. Cut-off is June 30.

Stewardship network

The Stewardship Network's Invasive Plant Control Certificate Workshop Series allows whomever takes all three workshops and completes 10 hours of volunteer invasives removal to receive the Stewardship Network's "Invasive Plant Control Certificate." You may also take any of these workshops individually. Anyone interested in learning more about invasive plants - their origin, their impact, best control practices and anyone who cares about our natural areas and wants to learn more will find these workshops valuable - should take the workshops: Saturday, July 15, Workshop 1, Invasive Plant Identification, Island Lake State Recreation Area field component. workshop may begin indoors at Kensington Metropark, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 19, Workshop 2, Site Assessment, Brighton State Recreation Area, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 9, Workshop 3, Hands-on Invasive Plant Control Techniques, Brighton State Recreation Area, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For additional information visit www.stewardshipnetwork.org

Movies in the park

Wayne County Parks and Recreation announced the schedule of movies for its popular Movies in the Park series, sponsored in cooperation with Dearborn Heights, Inkster, Northville, Redford, Trenton, Livonia and Westland Parks and Recreation departments. The schedule: Friday, July 14, "Looney Tunes: Back in Action," Inkster Park in Inkster; Friday, July 28, "Madagascar," Bell Creek Park in Redford; Friday, Aug. 11, "March of the Penguins," Canfield Community Center in Dearborn Heights; Friday, Aug. 18, "Racing Stripes," in Elizabeth Park in Trenton. For more information, call (734) 261-1990.

Healthy skin

"More Than Skin Deep," a program about healthy skin, will be presented 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 18, at the Holiday Inn on Plymouth Road at U.S. 23 in Ann Arbor. According to speaker Cindy Klement, "the health of the skin is a reflection of the health of our internal organs and overall nutrition. When you know the real secrets to natural beauty you can improve the health and appearance of your skin and improve your overall health in the process." Pre-registration is suggested, to ensure a seat and a handout. Cost is \$10. Contact the speaker, Cindy Klement, at (734) 975-2444 or go to www.cindyklement.com

Genealogical societies

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets July 6, with speaker Guenter Loepertz discussing "Records to Trace Your Ancestors in Connecticut." The meeting takes place at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 Grand River in Howell, with a help session at 6 p.m. The public is invited. For more information, call Margaret Bowland, program chair, (810) 227-7745.

Healthy living

St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers a class called "Healthy Solutions for Living," 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays beginning Aug. 1 at the St. Mary Mercy Community Outreach Department, Marian Professional Building, Suite 412. The program is designed to help participants lose up to four pounds per week and teach how to keep it off. For more information, or to register, call (734) 655-1783.

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. 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.

Charity golf

A summer days worth of fun never helped so many, which is just what what golfers at the fourth-annual Michigan, Tournament of Charities will do when they play at Fox Hills Golf and Country Club in 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, extension 120. Registration can also be done through the Michigan Tournament of Charities Web site, www.mtcogolf.org and indicate supporting Arbor Hospice & Home Care.

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.

Literacy Council tutors

The 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 mate-

rials, 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.

CLUBS

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.

Mosaic

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on child and family issues, has small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at (734) 207-0658 or resha@juno.com

Moms Club

Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth, Canton and Westland offers a variety of activities for stay-at-home moms and their children. For more details, call Birthe at (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248)231-6120.

DAR

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter-Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August. A group with ancestors who fought in American Revolution. Members participate in community work involving veterans' hospitals, schools and community service. Call (734) 420-2775 for further information.

German/American Club of Plymouth

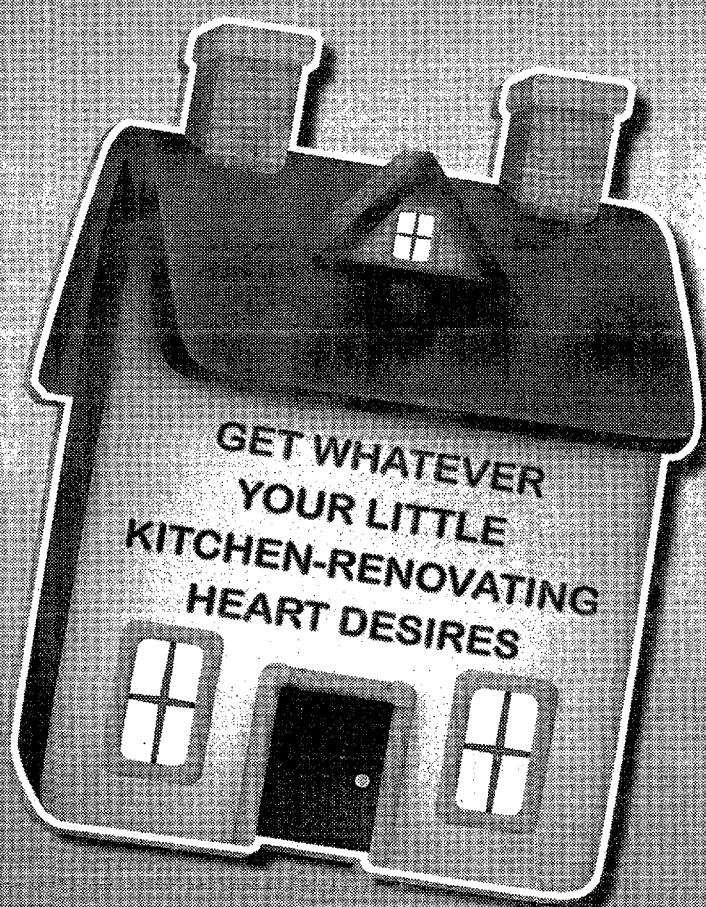
Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth. Call Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857 for further information.

American Legion

Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans, that served during any of the wars, are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information.

Women's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

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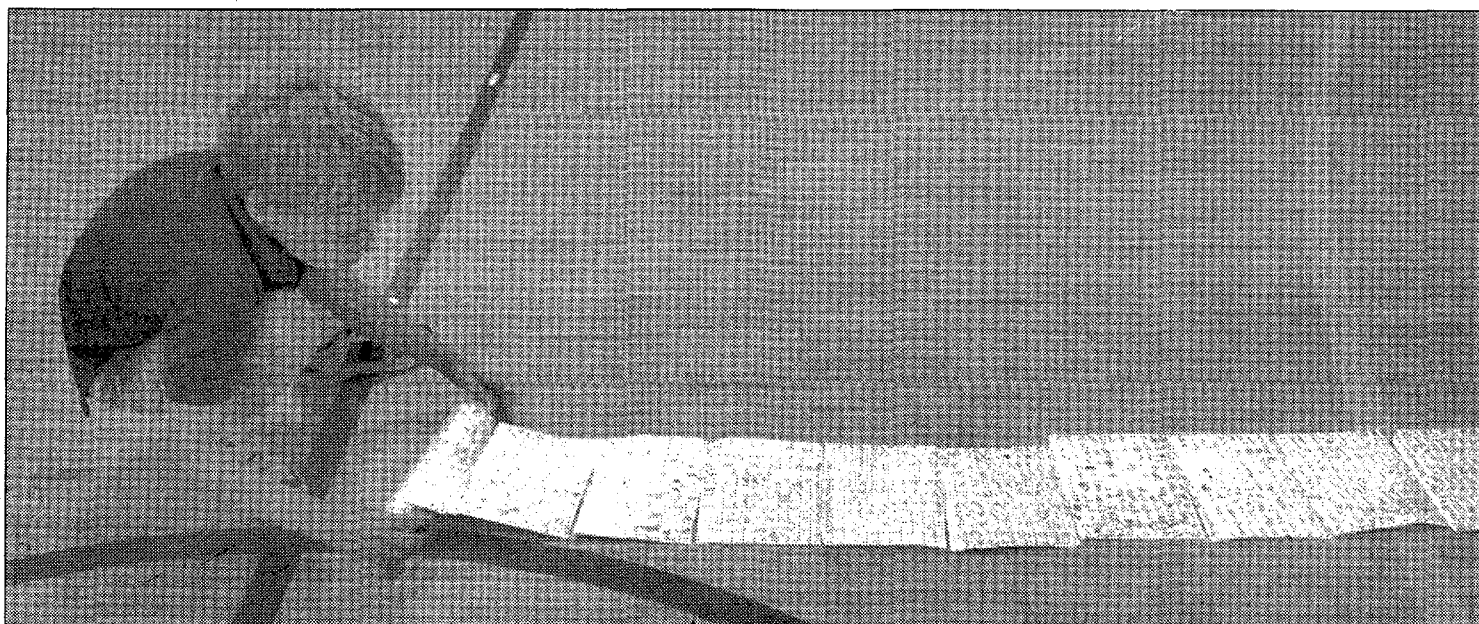
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Hunter Hall rolls out his number grids, which go up to 10,000 and nearly stretch across the entire length of the Dodson Elementary gym.

Penn pals get DTE challenge grant

DTE Energy Foundation has issued a challenge grant to Friends of the Penn in the amount of \$25,000 to support the renovation of the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth.

Friends of the Penn will receive the funds from the DTE Energy Foundation when they are successful in collecting \$25,000 in matching funds from the local business community. Qualifying matching funds would include any donations from the Downtown Development Authority, local financial institutions, retailers and other businesses within the Plymouth community.

Friends of the Penn would use the funds from the DTE Energy Foundation grant and equivalent matching funds totalling \$50,000 toward renovation of the theater, which Friends of the Penn hopes to reopen in September 2006. Projects now underway include the planning and reconstruction of the concession area, stage, lighting, projector and sound modifications, reinstallation of seats, roof repairs, painting, and crucial HVAC updates.

If successful with their fund-raising efforts, programming at the renovated Penn Theatre would include second run movies, arts and independent films, children's matinees, classic films and several live performances from the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and the Plymouth Community Band.

For more information about how to become involved in the effort to save the Penn Theatre, visit www.FriendsofthePenn.org

New director

Plymouth Financial Corporation, parent company for New Liberty Bank, has named Robert M. Beneson to

NEWS BRIEFS

its Board of Directors. Beneson, a long-time resident of Detroit, began his banking career at the National Bank of Detroit in 1968. He filled various management positions at NBD until moving to Oscoda, where he has been president and CEO of Huron Community Financial Services and Huron Community Bank since 1987.

"Bob is well-known and respected in the Michigan banking community," said PFC Chairman Michael Weaver. "His experience and reputation will serve us well as we grow."

He is trustee and finance chairman for Tawas St. Joseph Hospital and a director for the Isoco County Industrial Development Board. He is also a member of the Isoco County Economic Development Forum and director for the Kanotin Club.

Beneson attended Western Michigan University and subsequently served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army.

Platinum Club award

Citizens Bank announced Commercial Real Estate Product Manager Kirk Anderson of Plymouth has been named to the Platinum Club of the bank's Grand Rewards program.

Anderson is located at the Citizens Bank office at Novi Centre.

The annual award, which includes a vacation trip for the winners, is based on operational excellence, generation of new accounts and retention of existing accounts. The Grand Rewards program was created to recognize and reward staff members for their contributions to the continued success of the company.

Making sense of numbers

Dodson student takes math project to new level

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

It started as a school project for Hunter Hall — and he wasn't really even all that good at it. But this week, just a few days after school let out and he had completed the first grade, Hunter met a rather unusual goal he'd set for himself — he wrote his numbers, up to 10,000.

He started last year, with the rest of his class at Dodson

Elementary School. His teacher, Eric Stamper, asked the students to make a number grid — a page of 100 boxes, in which the students would write numbers in order.

The project is intended to help children build "numbers sense," Stamper said. The students begin to see patterns emerge, and become more comfortable with math concepts.

"I didn't do very well," Hunter said. "I only made it to

300." He was trying to write neatly, which slowed him down. It wasn't until he and a classmate created a little competition for each other that he really started taking interest in the grid.

Before a school break, one of Hunter's friends (who had written his numbers up to 1,000, compared to Hunter's 300) said that while he was on a plane to Mexico for a family vacation, he was going to write out 20 pages.

"Well, I wound up writing out 20 pages, and he didn't even write a single number," said Hunter, leaning back in his chair to laugh and slap his hand to his forehead.

That competition motivated the boys, who are both active athletes.

Long after most students lost interest in the project, Hunter kept going.

"His principal said he'd never seen a student go over 3,000," said Hunter's mother, Michelle Hall. But Hunter did (and the friend who started

competing with him wrote nearly 5,000 numbers, Hall added).

Hunter was driven. He'd stay up late at night sometimes to write his numbers. Sometimes he'd spend hours of a busy weekend writing pages of numbers.

"It became like a dream to me," Hunter said.

Until last week, Hunter hadn't unrolled the grid — at least not since he had written his numbers to 6,000 — because it was too hard to roll back up.

But the day after he wrote 10,000, he took the grid to Dodson's gym, and rolled it out on the floor.

The papers, which had been taped together, stretched across nearly the entire length of the gymnasium.

But Hunter isn't going to continue the project, and write another 10,000 numbers.

He shook his head and a laugh erupted from his mouth as he said, "No way. I quit!"

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July 10, 2006.

Terry G. Bennett
Clerk

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3020	Holt	Household Items
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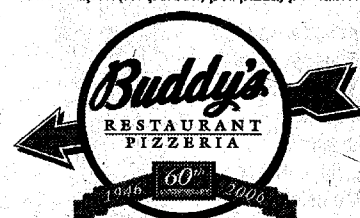
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Find a friend: MHS extends adoption hours

It's never been easier to bring home a new best friend, according to the Michigan Humane Society.

The MHS — the state's leading animal welfare organization — has started helping more dogs, cats, rabbits and other animals find new homes by providing new, extended adoption hours at its locations in Westland, Rochester Hills and Detroit.

"Our expanded adoption hours will include Sundays and weekday evenings, making it convenient for busy adopters to add companion animals to their families," said Cal Morgan, executive director for the Michigan Humane Society. "Opening our doors seven days a week will be instrumental in helping us reach our goal of 100 percent adoption of adoptable animals by 2010."

New hours at all three MHS shelters as of June 25 are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Shelters will be closed on major holidays. Check the Web site for scheduled holiday closures.

MHS shelter locations and phone numbers are the Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland, 900 N. Newburgh, south of Ford Road, (734) 721-7300; the Detroit shelter at 7401 Chrysler Dr., the south serv-

ice drive of I-75 at Exit 54, (313) 872-3400; and the Rochester Hills shelter, 3600 W. Auburn Road, east of Adams, (248) 852-7420.

For photos and descriptions of animals, visit the Web site at www.michigan-humane.org, Morgan said.

Adoptions include sterilization; age-appropriate vaccinations; a 10-day health plan; a medical check-up and temperament evaluation; and a heart worm test for dogs; a 20 percent discount on group dog training classes at the MHS Pet Education Center; a \$10 discount on "microchipping" at the time of adoption; and trained counselors to help adopters find their perfect companion.

Other services offered during the expanded shelter hours include stray animal reclaiming and animal intakes.

For more information, contact one of the three Michigan Humane Society shelters during the new adoption hours, visit the Web site or call the MHS administrative office at (866) MHUMANE (648-6263) 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

The MHS is a private, nonprofit organization which cares for over 100,000 animals each year at its three metro Detroit adoption and veterinary medical centers. It was established in 1877.

Plans finalized for wall's visit

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

When a smaller version of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial arrives Thursday in Westland for the city's summer festival, it will be a solemn tribute, during an otherwise cheerful event, to soldiers who died.

Known as The Moving Wall, it will stand for six days June 29 through July 4 on the east lawn of Westland City Hall, on Ford Road between Wayne and Newburgh.

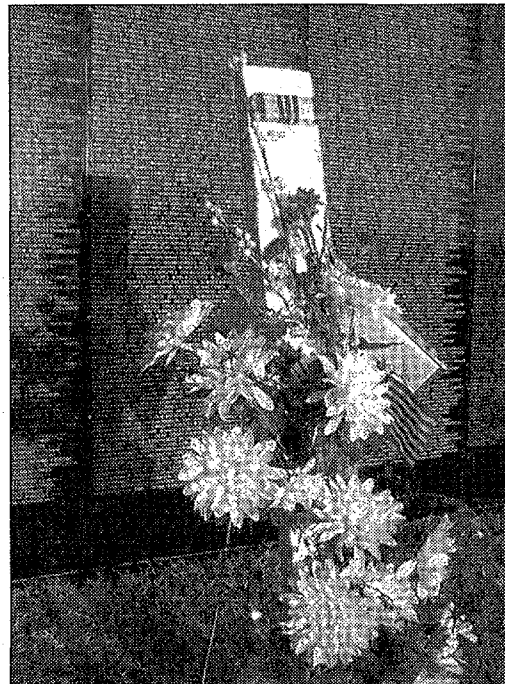
Many who view the wall call it a profound experience, and Kenneth Mehl, festival chairman and decorated Vietnam veteran, expects thousands of visitors from outside Westland.

"This is a really big deal for Westland," Mehl has said.

The Moving Wall will be erected June 29 in time for a 4 p.m. opening ceremony that's open to the public. It will be available for viewing 24 hours a day through the morning of July 5.

"There will be a high military opening ceremony," Mehl said.

The wall will be protected with barricades, and the first people allowed inside for viewing will be the Westland sur-



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Visitors to the Moving Wall leave wreaths, flowers, messages and mementos like this one left while it was on display in Hinesville, Ga.

vivors of soldiers who died in the Vietnam War, Mehl said.

The 252-foot-long wall will be guarded day and night by volunteers — many of them veterans. The site also will be decorated with numerous flagpoles and flowers, Mehl said.

The wall will come to

Westland from its last stop in Harrod, Ohio, and from here it will go to Illinois. It comes to town as Westland celebrates its 40th anniversary as a city.

The Moving Wall is a half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The original wall was dedicated Nov. 13, 1982, to honor all Vietnam veterans.

The Moving Wall emerged from the efforts of Vietnam veterans John Devitt, Gerry Haver and Norris Shears. Haver recently died, and this year's tour across

America is dedicated to him. The Moving Wall was first

displayed in Tyler, Texas, in October 1984, and it has since traveled to more than 1,000 communities. It also has been to Guam, Saipan, Marina Island, Puerto Rico and Canada, Mehl said.

The wall is dedicated to the 2.7 million men and women who served in Vietnam. As of Jan. 1, there were 58,248 names listed on the memorial, including some 1,300 soldiers still unaccounted for as prisoners of war or as missing in action.

The Moving Wall — like the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington — was built with contributions from the public. It is composed of 74 separate frames, each containing two silk-screened panels. Devitt decided that silk-screening was the best way to replicate the names.

The tallest panels of the wall contain 137 lines of names; the shortest panels at each end of the wall include just one line.

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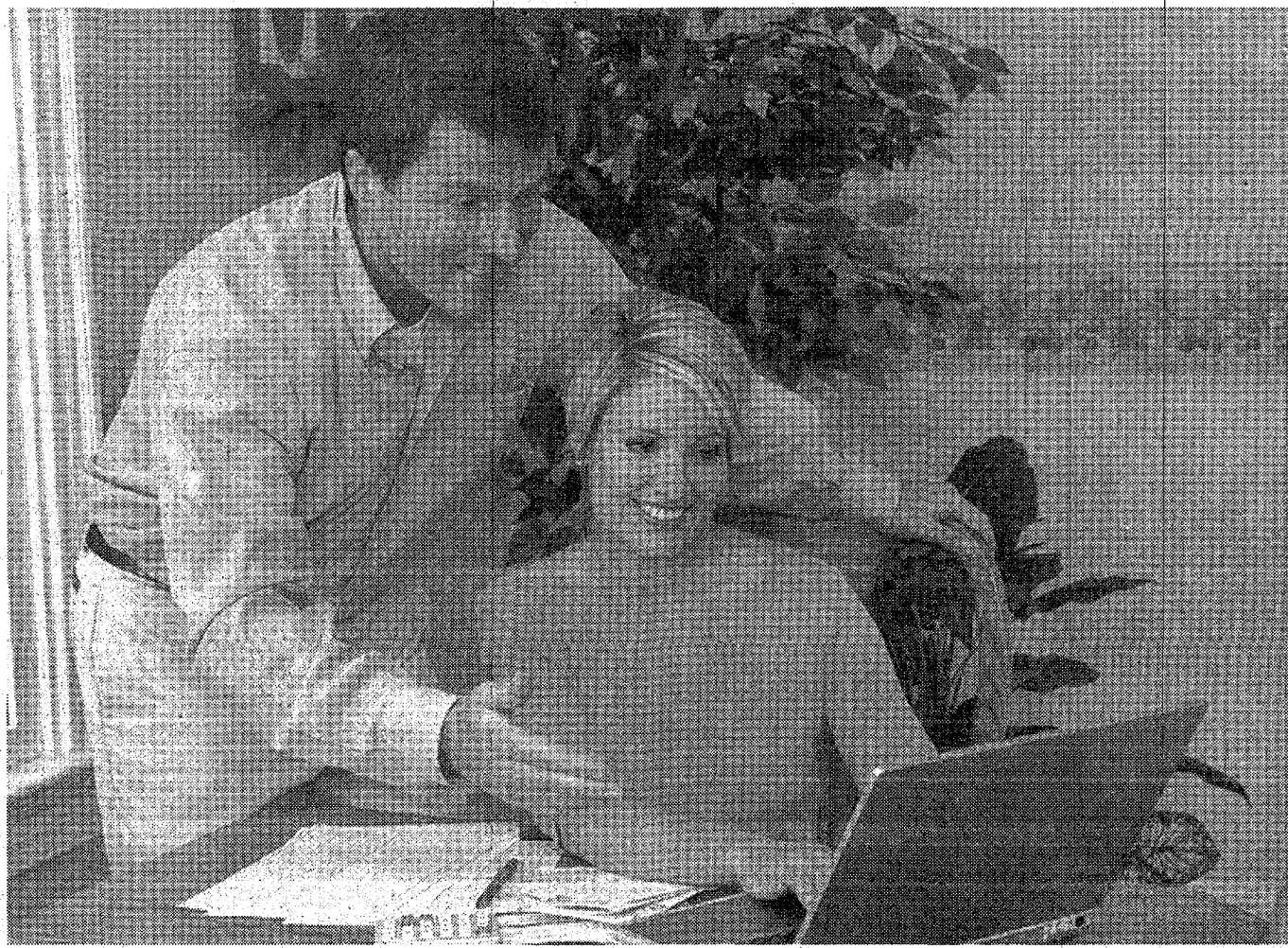
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OUR VIEWS

Celebrate happiness this Fourth of July

On Tuesday, we'll celebrate the pursuit of happiness. The 230th anniversary of the ratification of the Declaration of Independence reminds us again of Thomas Jefferson's revolutionary, earth-shaking preamble.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal and that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness ... that to secure these rights Governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed ... that whenever any government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. ..."

Jefferson curiously uses the word happiness twice. He borrows the phrase "life, liberty ..." from Adam Smith and John Locke, but replaces the word "property" with the less tangible "happiness."

Jefferson was not one to believe that governments could make people happy. In a very different age than ours, the gentleman farmer believed that the less government the better.

Commentators and scholars on the right and left disagree about what Jefferson had in mind. Those on the left see Jefferson as an advocate for social justice. Those on the right see the word as merely a substitute for the property that brought Jefferson and others their greatest happiness.

But happiness can also be seen in the context of freedom from government oppression and interference with private life and the "pursuit of happiness" that doesn't impinge on the happiness of others.

In a time when we are engaged in a fierce debate on the balance between security (a major function of government) and liberty and privacy, this Independence Day is a perfect time to think about the freedom we cherish so deeply and the limits we are willing to place upon it.

It's time to consider happiness.

Responsible driving doesn't take break

There is a reason why traffic has been so light as of late during morning and evening rush hours. School is out for the summer, and that means no teachers rushing off to work, no parents dropping kids off on their way to work and no buses picking up and dropping off youngsters.

It also means not having to deal with teenage drivers intent on their next date and not the driving at hand.

Stop before you celebrate too much the lighter traffic. Consider, instead, that all those thousands of kids are now at home. You can bet they're not all stuck in front of the TV. In fact, some post offices have issued proactive warnings to drivers and parents alike, encouraging them to watch out for roadside mailboxes — and young people anxious to see what the day's delivery may have brought them.

Rural and country-like settings where there are no sidewalks are cause for concern. Teens sometimes forget the rules for walking against traffic, or they weave on their bikes in the path of an oncoming vehicle.

Youths who live in subdivisions are no less prone to encounters with cars. Witness some who delight in rollerblading up and down inclines provided for those with handicaps.

Kids in all of these situations don't necessarily mean to cause havoc with drivers, but they also don't always think of the consequences of what they're doing.

So, guess what? Being responsible adults, it's up to those of us on the road to drive defensively. That means giving kids — or anyone else, for that matter — a wide berth when they're walking or biking on the same road.

It also means watching out for the unexpected kid who may be on the sidewalk when you first see him, but not for long.

Sure, these reminders are nothing new, but they bear repeating. As we hurry off to work or our next appointment, it's easy to forget to be mindful of these simple safety precautions. But keeping our young people safe is everyone's responsibility, from the parents who must teach kids how to maneuver on the road, to drivers who take on an awesome responsibility when they get behind the wheel.

There is nothing routine on the road for drivers going about their rounds during these summer months. Don't let an apparent lighter volume of traffic lull you into unsafe speeds or a casual approach to what lies ahead.

There can be no vacation from responsible driving.



LETTERS

Supports Slavens

Last Saturday, as I rolled out of bed to get to the Liberty Fest Parade, I had to stop and ask myself, "Why are you up at 7:30 to march two miles through the blistering heat?"

I quickly reminded myself of the answer — to march for the man I know will help to positively change the current face of our state. Mark Slavens is running to be the next state senator from our 7th District.

Besides being a family man and all-around great guy, Mark has a history of integrity, level-headedness and the ability to bring together diverse groups of people to get the job done. He has been doing it on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education for the last seven years, serving the last two as president.

It truly is commendable that under Mark's leadership and the hard work of many community members, we have one of the best school districts anywhere, despite gross underfunding from the state.

On a personal note, when I decided to run for Plymouth-Canton school board trustee, it was Mark who took me under his wing and encouraged me throughout the campaign. As many criticized me for running due to my age, it was Mark who told me to keep on fighting for what I believed. He encouraged me, as a young person, to stay involved and to voice my opinions and speak from my heart.

Well, after my race has finished and I can say that I spoke only about what I knew to be right and true, it is time for me to stand up and do the same for the man who encouraged me to do it.

I believe whole-heartedly in Mark Slavens and I encourage everyone to stand up for your children, your jobs and for this community by joining me in standing together with Mark Slavens for state Senate. Mark gets the job done and we deserve a leader with his integrity and level-headed style representing us.

Brandon Hynes
Canton

Stewart gets vote

I am writing to ... inform readers of the excellent qualifications Beth Stewart possesses that would make her an excellent state representative.

Beth is the director of the Plymouth Historical Museum and is active in civic and philanthropic causes. She serves on the board of directors of the Phoenix Mill "Women's Historical Museum" and is president-elect of the Plymouth A.M. Rotary Club.

In her endeavors at the museum and the Historical Society, she has enabled the museum to make an outstanding chronicle of history for the Plymouth-Canton area. Under her leadership, volunteers guide visitors from all over the state to view museum exhibits and artifacts.

Always gracious, she greets people well and extends to them a warm welcome. People who work with her know she will follow through on projects.

As the wife of current Rep. John Stewart, she has been a gracious hostess at various civic functions. This relationship has also allowed her to have an insight into the affairs of state government.

Both John and Beth are very knowledgeable of current events and are advo-

cates for a strong school system in the state. Beth has instituted a meaningful liaison with local school systems and has given children a knowledge of history and government.

Family is an important part of her life. She is proud of her two daughters, Laura and Sarah. I have enjoyed talking and working with Beth. I know she would be an excellent representative from our district.

Mary Fritz
Plymouth

Ban aspartame

Good news is the "nation's largest soda companies agreed to stop selling soft drinks in elementary and middle schools, and limit soda sales in high schools to diet drinks," (*Plymouth Observer*, May 7). But is that enough?

Diet drinks, such as Diet Coke and Diet Pepsi, contain aspartame, an artificial sweetener which, many medical experts admit, is highly neurotoxic and carcinogenic. Objective studies show it has been linked to brain damage, cancer and serious eye problems in people, including high school students.

FDA lists 92 symptoms of aspartame poisoning which include asthma, irritability, seizure, vision problems, brain cancer, weight gain, fatigue and death. A number of people who consume aspartame have reported developing neurological disorders such as Lou Gehrig's disease, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and multiple sclerosis.

Aspartame users can also experience memory loss, sexual dysfunction, blindness, blood sugar imbalances, varying degrees of dementia, headaches, dizziness, nausea, behavioral problems, numbness, tinnitus, vertigo and digestive problems. Aspartame is used in many foods often under different labels such as NutraSweet and Equal. Some labels just state "contains phenylalanine." Other labels such as "flavors," "artificial flavors" and "natural flavors" could indicate unstated presence of aspartame.

According to many doctors, scientists and lay people, aspartame disease is an underlying cause of chronic ill health in this country. The evidence of this is documented in *Aspartame Disease: An Ignored Epidemic*, by H.J. Roberts, M.D.

Before approval, the FDA knew about the dangers of aspartame, and only approved it after then-CEO of Searle Laboratories where aspartame was discovered, Donald Rumsfeld, used his political influence for getting it approved.

In New Mexico, legislation has been introduced that no food containing the sweetener starting July 1. Hopefully, for the sake of the health of our people, Michigan will follow suit.

Other artificial sweeteners to avoid are Neotame, Splenda (sucralose), Saccharine, Cyclamates. Can be used in small amounts High Fructose Sweeteners, Sorbitol and Acesulfame-K (Sunette, Sweet&Safe, Sweet One).

Joseph Wira
Plymouth

Barn support

Thanks for your support of the barn, as well as the recently deceased trees along

Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty.

Your editorial is important because the barn has been saved, but your note summed up what happened. Hopefully, the barn and the Penn Theatre will be prototypes of how to save those things which should be preserved.

You wrote that the barn is in "excellent condition." When Darrin Silvester's class made the presentation, I got to go back into the barn. It's been years since I had been inside and assumed it was falling apart. It is in great shape, the craftsmanship is a history lesson in itself and it's beautiful. You wrote, "I suspect, years from now, they will remember this project more than others from high school." They will. Darrin is a great teacher, but he's also given them a gift that I know they won't forget. He and all the students have my admiration. I love their enthusiasm. I don't have to worry about becoming a really old lady, knowing that there are people who will take care of the town. I can start to focus on other important things, like going to movies at the Penn. And here's to Mr. Boyer, one of the angels who steps forward to preserve history and for listening to a group of history students who did their homework. Thank you!!!

Debra Madonna
Plymouth Township

Save gas on your own

With all due respect to the gentle lady who in (a recent) *Observer* suggested a reduction in the highway speed limits as a way to deal with the current gasoline "crisis," the last thing we need to do is to return to the failed policies of the Carter administration.

When gasoline was well under \$2 a gallon, I purchased an American-made five-passenger sedan that gets 32 miles per gallon at "passing lane" freeway speeds, so the rise in gasoline prices over the last year or so has not affected my driving habits or my lifestyle. Should anyone feel their family's budget would benefit from the modest 5 percent to 10 percent savings gained by driving slower than the posted speed limit, they are welcome to do so. But while you are saving your \$6 to \$9 a week, please move over to the right lane and allow the rest of us to go about our business and spend no more time than necessary on Michigan's poorly maintained roads.

James A. Kidd
Livonia

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- Paul Sincock, City manager, on the city's ability to pave residential streets

This Fourth of July, describe freedom, describe democracy

Standing among hundreds of thousands of student protesters in the nation's capital in 1989, I was forced to reflect on what "freedom and democracy" truly mean. Pondering this question sends shivers down my spine to this day.

No, I was not standing on the Mall, between the Washington Monument and the Capitol in Washington, D.C., nestled among other Americans watching Fourth of July fireworks. I was standing with thousands of students calling for greater freedom and democracy in Tiananmen Square in Beijing, China, the capital of the People's Republic of China.

Many of the students had ripped bed sheets tied in headband fashion with such menacing Chinese slogans as "Beijing Normal University," and other university logos like you would see when attending a college football game. My personal favorite was "Mama, mama — don't worry about me."

I happened to be traveling in China when, for a few brief weeks, the call to loosen the heavy grip of repression of the people was as thick as the smog that clogs your nose and makes you weep.

I trolled the crowd of young Chinese students looking for someone who spoke English. Suddenly a student called out, "I speak a little English." A small crowd quickly engulfed me, perhaps six to eight students deep, and a hush fell over the bubble encasement that became my world for what seemed like eternity, but was only a few minutes.

The silence was pierced with a volley of successive questions punctuated with my "Fourth of July moment," when the student representing his fellow protesters and countrymen asked me in halting English, "Describe freedom; describe democracy."

My life seemed to stream through my consciousness like a 45 rpm record being played at 78 rpm. I remember talking about the ability to choose where we live, what type of work we do, where to go to school if we choose to, who to marry, how many children to have, the freedom to express one's faith in God or not, and to petition our government. It was as if my entire high school civics lesson was coming up in one huge MEAP belch. Attempting to communicate what democracy and freedom means when it is often taken for granted was like trying to tell someone how you begin to breathe when you wake up in the morning. As effortlessly as we take our freedom for granted, the breath of hundreds, if not thousands, of students was taken away only a few short weeks after my civic reminder that eerie night in Beijing.

Growing up in our nation's capital in the late '50s and early '60s, I spent much of my childhood on Pennsylvania Avenue and Capitol Hill as my playground. I recall the sailors from the

shipyard, the bustling streetcars, the old Penn and Capitol Hill movie theaters with the president's home not too much further up the street. There were never any overt signs of discrimination in the theaters, that I recall, but the attitude still prevailed and many a person, both black and white, would tell you which theater the "colored kids" should go to.

Awash in flames and disorder, our nation's capital took on a hotter and meaner look during the riots of 1968. Just 14 years old at the time, my consciousness was seared with the anger I saw in the faces of people tearing up and burning down the city.

As the 1960s merged with the 1970s, our nation's capital once again took on a different hue in my consciousness. The Vietnam War and the protests became less abstract and more of a reality as I marched closer to my 18th birthday and the bingo-like selection of a draft number loomed on the horizon. The anger and hatred of the Viet Cong faces that entered my home through one of only three television news broadcasts at the time mirrored the emotions I saw in the faces of the rioters a few years earlier.

Ongoing lessons of freedom and democracy are further etched in my consciousness through the rhetoric and actions of Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Bobby Kennedy. They stood for the ideals that made America great and democracy and freedom a reality for many of my generation.

Much has happened since my childhood that has impacted our freedom. Certainly, 9/11 and the Iraq War are bringing the questions of freedom and democracy to the forefront of today's consciousness.

As we approach the July 4 weekend and the International Freedom Festival, all of us should reflect on the question the young Chinese student posed to me in 1989, to "Describe freedom, describe democracy."

What does it mean to you, to be free and to live in a democratic society as we flow into the 21st century? Take this simple freedom test:

- Are you registered to vote?
- Have you regularly voted in all elections?
- Do you speak out on issues of local, state and national importance?
- Have you volunteered to make your community better?

We cannot take our freedom for granted. In order to maintain freedom and our democratic way of life, we all must take an active role. We know that freedom is not free. For freedom lovers the world over, let's embrace and honor the freedom and democracy we are blessed to have so that someday that student in China can have his question answered.

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Michigan needs more economic growth and less economic development

I am writing in response to Phil Power's column, "Replacing SBT revenue sure to be a contentious issue." In the article, Mr. Power writes that there are three areas of concern with the debate: process, substance and politics. With the issues of process and politics, I share the concern and think Mr. Power hit the nail right on the head and thank him for speaking out. However, with the issue of substance, I disagree with his assessment.

As laid out by Mr. Power, the SBT currently generates between \$1.8-\$1.9 billion in revenues, only 4 percent of Michigan's \$48 billion annual budget. The current debate is leaning toward decreasing the intake of revenues by around \$500 million to \$1.4 billion, only 1 percent of Michigan's annual budget.

At first glance, the tax cut is a nice reduction in revenues, but as applied to the individual business, as expressed by Mr. Power, some businesses will pay only around \$700 less in taxes — a change in taxation that is not very exciting. However, let us back up for a second and refocus on the \$500 million reduction. When you make tax cuts, you need to make spending cuts; therefore, we must ask, what are we to cut?

The Granholm administration has asserted that education, health care and unemployment are on the outs in result from the tax cut. Nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, we should not be surprised to see education receive extra spending when the revenues are re-appropriated.

Then what will receive the mighty ax? The answer is the endless bureaucracy that centrally plans the Michigan economy. The biggest problem for Michigan today is that Michigan overly depends on economic development rather than economic growth and, yes, there is a difference.

Economic development is a process where a person or persons guide the development of an economy. Meaning there is a right way (winners) and a wrong way (losers) and the only way is the right way which, in actuality, usually is the wrong way. The Granholm administration, which is a strong advocate of economic development, has completely smothered economic growth.

The Michigan Economic Development Corp., a central planning bureaucracy which dictates how, when and where a company can open for business in Michigan, leads such economic development programs. The MEDC is central to Gov. Granholm's "go anywhere, do anything" job plan.

That job plan is based on the premise of traveling the world, finding companies willing to relocate to Michigan and using the MEDC's Michigan Economic Growth Authority to entice companies to come to Michigan. The problem with such a plan is two-fold.

First, the MEDC taxes all businesses in order to give selected businesses through MEGA tax relief, or a process more aptly called picking the winners and losers. Now why would any business want to come to Michigan if the Granholm administration did not select that business as a winner and in turn faces taxation in order to give tax relief to favored

businesses? The only businesses coming to Michigan are businesses selected by the governor and her economic development project and not through simple economic growth.

The second problem is that cloning is illegal. If cloning were legal, we could accomplish two things — we could create 10 Jennifer Granholms and create enough cash to use as both direct and indirect subsidies for the governor's plan to work.

Unfortunately, for Michigan, cloning the governor is illegal, and only one Jennifer Granholm cannot be everywhere, and do everything fast enough, to keep up with the transition of the Michigan economy.

At bottom, Michigan needs a program of cohesion between economic development and economic growth and not just one or the other as we have now.

What we need to make clear is that programs such as MEGA and others similar, are the bureaucracies that are plaguing Michigan and keeping it in recession. The biggest problem with Michigan is not the SBT or the tax structure, but the bureaucratic mess led by the MEDC.

What that \$500 million tax cut essentially does is not give huge sums of money back in the pockets of businesses or, for that matter, cut spending to education, but kills the bureaucracy dragging down the Michigan economy. Now don't get me wrong, there is virtue in economic development, but only when combined with economic growth.

Unfortunately, the state of Michigan has no such virtue because economic growth does not exist and when there is only economic development, then only vice remains. The difference between economic development and economic growth can be summed up best this way: economic development is growing a flower in a treated garden; economic growth is growing a flower in the wild. One is man-made, the other natural.

Now no one in this discussion is saying kill labor laws, workers' rights or anything along those lines, but what we are saying is that Michigan needs bureaucratic-free economic growth. Businesses should not feel that they could only come to Michigan if the governor gives them the OK on one of her extravagant trips. Instead, they need to feel that they can come to Michigan out of their own free will. Michigan has all the intangibles and as such should reallocate revenues from the bureaucracies to education and other beneficial programs and allow more economic growth. Michigan has the ability to quickly relieve itself from the current single state recession it faces, but that will take a more pragmatic leadership style, not one set upon simple plans of economic development. The tax cut of the \$500 million with the repeal of the SBT is substance because it begins to place Michigan down a different path, one less dependent on a destabilizing bureaucratic central planning scheme and more accessible to the virtues of economic growth.

That, Mr. Power, is why the \$500 million tax cut is substance.

Brad Dizik is a Farmington Hills resident and recent graduate of James Madison College at Michigan State University where he received a B.A. in political theory and constitutional democracy and a specialization in political economy.



Tom Watkins



Brad Dizik

SAINT JOSEPH MERCY HEALTH SYSTEM
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2006 St. Joe's Pro Am Golf Classic presented by Huron Valley Urology Associates raised \$210,000!

Thanks to the generous support of community and corporate donors and the hard work of the Golf Classic Steering Committee, chaired by Jeff Scott, this year's event raised more than \$210,000 and surpassed the Committee's fund-raising goal. Proceeds from the event supported the purchase of a *da Vinci* Surgical System, a state-of-the-art robotic system that will allow St. Joseph Mercy Hospital to offer patients a wider range of minimally invasive surgical treatment options and continue to provide a remarkable care experience.

Due to severe thunderstorms, play was canceled, but that did not dampen the spirits of participants who joined celebrities, including legendary U of M football coach Bo Schembechler (Honorary Chair for the ninth consecutive year), Hockey Great Ted Lindsay (Chair Emeritus), former Detroit Red Wings assistant coach Joey Kocur and Red Wings goaltender Manny Legace, for hors d'oeuvres and lunch at the Summit on the Park in Canton. In addition, many of the 51 Michigan PGA Professionals, who were recruited to play golf with the foursomes, also attended the lunch and program.

Special recognition and gratitude is given to the lead sponsors of the 2006 Golf Classic. Huron Valley Urology Associates served as the Titanium Presenting Sponsor. Dick Lewiston of the Lewiston/Etterbeek Families has generously supported this event since it began nine years ago and once again served as a Titanium Sponsor. Dick Scott Automotive Group, a long-time supporter of the Golf Classic, made the generous gift of a Jeep Cherokee — this is the second vehicle he has donated to be used for the Hospital's K-9 Security program. Intuitive Surgical, Inc. served as the Graphite Sponsor for the event premium — an Odyssey White Hot putter and major support came from Ashley Capital. In addition, Gil Ruicci of Gil-Mar Manufacturing, who has participated in the outing since its inception, supported this year's event with sponsorships and in-kind gifts. Together, their gifts inspired others in the community to become involved in the 2006 Golf Classic and support a vital Hospital project.

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System recognizes and commends the organizations and individuals who gave their support for this year's Golf Classic. Thank you for your continued generosity and partnership.

Thank You!

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Golf Classic sponsor Gil Ruicci of Gil-Mar Manufacturing (back row, far left) with guests including Joey Kocur, former assistant coach for the Detroit Red Wings (front row, second from left), and Hockey Great Ted Lindsay (front row, far right).

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Livonia woman finds New Orleans still reels from Katrina

Elaine Chalom of Livonia visited her son, Ron, in New Orleans in April. This is her account of what she saw in the city six months after Katrina.

BY ELAINE CHALOM
CORRESPONDENT

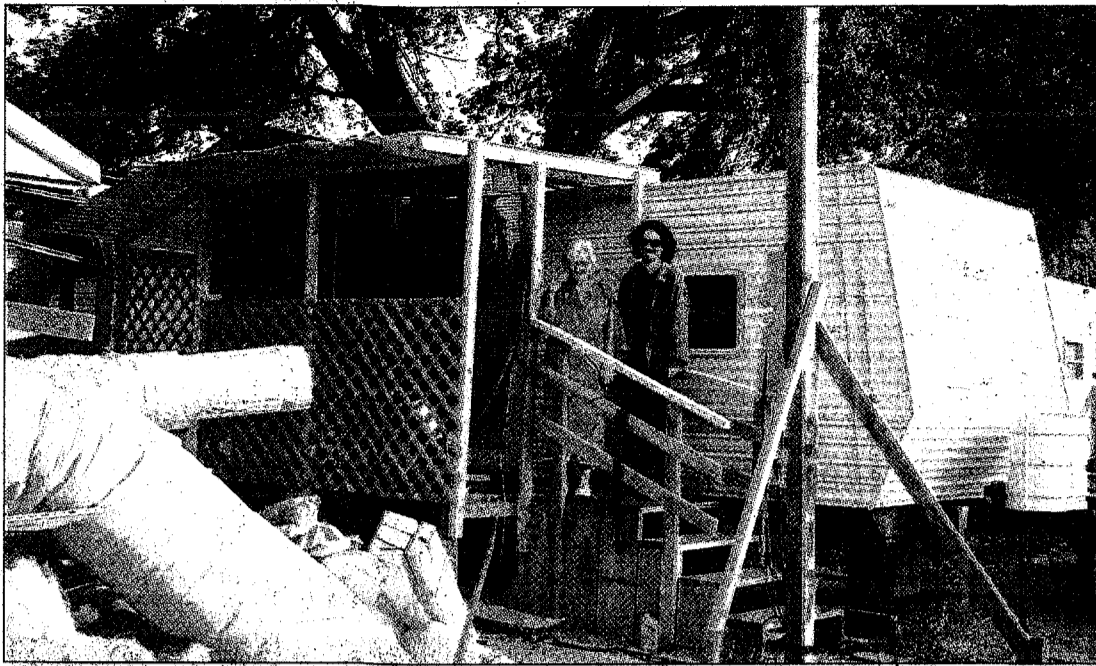
I followed the news of Katrina's effects on New Orleans with a heavy heart and was overwhelmed at seeing it for myself in April, my first trip there since the hurricane.

I have come to consider New Orleans my second home. The reason for my trip is that in 1997 my son, Ron, decided to buy a 150-year-old house in a historic district called "The Treme." Fortunately for him, this area is two blocks from the French Quarter, which was built on the highest ground available (only 10 feet below sea level). Thus, his home is still standing and water did not infiltrate his house. He sustained wind damage and the effects of some unwelcome looters who did their best (worst) to make their presence noticeable.

The French Quarter and downtown New Orleans weathered the storm with relatively minor damage. Streets were cleared, debris was removed, fallen trees trimmed, businesses were put back into commerce and many homes were made habitable again. It was said that the area was used to cleaning up after a storm since they have had to do it every year after the havoc of Mardi Gras.

I understand that out of 22,000 businesses, only 2,000 have reopened their doors. A tourist arriving today and staying in the French Quarter wouldn't even know that there was massive devastation in sections of the city - in 80 percent of the city to be exact.

As we drove through the residential neighborhoods on my visit, it was apparent that homes were abandoned. Some floated off of their foundations and were either left half way in the street or pushed up against the homes of their neighbors. Some of the more substantial homes made of brick or adobe seemed undisturbed. However, water lines can be seen marking the height of the standing



Ron Chalom visits his friend, Mae, at her FEMA trailer, which she has been living in since shortly after Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans.



Cars were still buried in rubble in April months after the Aug. 29 storm.

Most of New Orleans, between the Mississippi and Lake Pontchartrain is located below sea level. Therefore, the city is totally surrounded by levees. The levees themselves did not fail. Much of the fault lies with the floodwalls that lined the canals. They gave way when the storm surge that swept into the lake eroded the soft, marshy layer of peat into which the sheet pilings had been driven.

lies with the floodwalls that lined the canals. They gave way when the storm surge that swept into the lake eroded the soft, marshy layer of peat into which the sheet pilings had been driven. It was human error, rather than a random act of God that is blamed for the catastrophic flooding.

The flooding of the majority of the city was the result of what has been called "the largest civil engineering disaster in the history of the United States." Despite all the rebuilding efforts that you hear about, most of the city remains uninhabitable. In parts of the city closest to where the floodwalls gave way, houses were totally washed away or damaged so seriously as to be beyond repair. The storm knocked over hundreds of live oak trees, many of which were centuries old. The population of Greater New Orleans dropped from 1,338,000 to between 160,000 and 202,000.

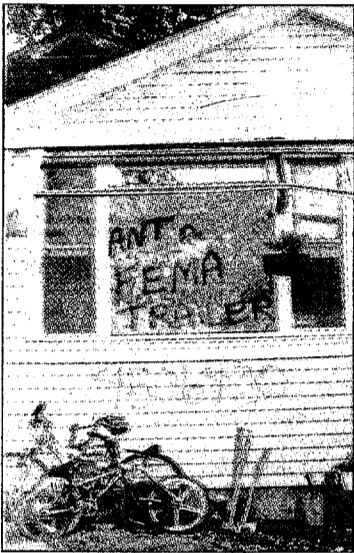
The death toll from the

Katrina disaster now stands at 1,400 people, approximately 60 percent of them age 65 and older. There are still bodies being found, more than eight months after the storm.

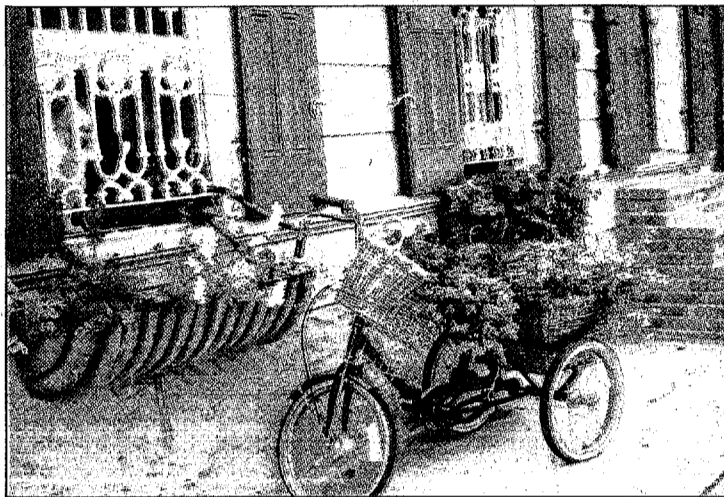
My visit was a sobering one. Sadly, the lack of tourists is most apparent, particularly in the French Quarter. Stores have reopened, only to have the owners give up when it was apparent that the business is just not there. The neon lights burn bright while many restaurants and hotels are sadly quiet.

The city is "open for business" and invites back conventions and tourism. The governor of Louisiana and Mayor Ray Nagin are trying very hard to restore the city back to its former glory.

I will continue to visit New Orleans as long as my son lives there. The city has been known as "The Big Easy" for many reasons, but what the residents experienced last August was anything but "easy."



This message tells of the frustration with FEMA's response to the storm, saying 'I want a FEMA trailer.'



Some sections of New Orleans, including the historic French Quarter, were spared the worst of Katrina's wind and water damage.

floodwater. In some places, holes in the roofs can be seen where survivors hacked their way through their attics with axes to await rescue from the tops of their homes. These homes sit exposed to the world - stripped of their sheetrock, appliances, furnishings and personal belongings that made it a home. Each community appeared to be one "ghost town" after another.

FEMA TRAILERS

A good friend of my son,

Mae, decided to be pro-active and hung a heavy wooden board on the front of her house and wrote with bold letters, "I WANT A FEMA TRAILER." She also wrote a phone number where she could be reached. Within days, she was informed that she was getting a trailer. She welcomed the news, but was told that it would take a least three weeks before she was supplied with electricity, water, etc. and could inhabit her new home.

She is now living in her trailer, next to her home which is now only a shell. A group of volunteers from a Billy

Graham organization volunteered their time and energy to dismember her home. They then collected money among themselves and presented her with a \$100 gift certificate to Wal-Mart. Many caring church groups are doing the same all over New Orleans.

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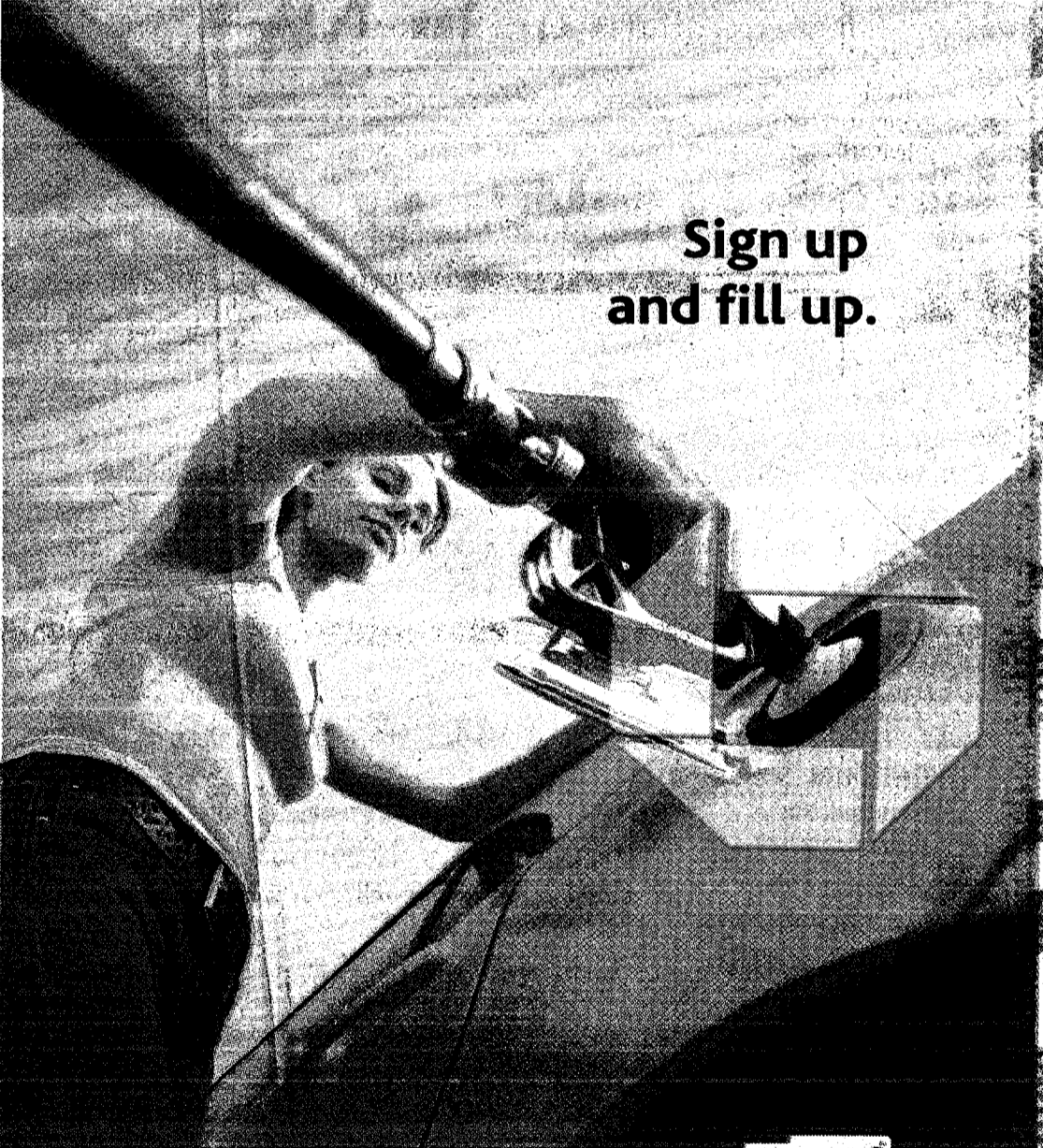
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ON CAMPUS

Michigan State grad

Lindsey Birchmeier received a degree in Zoology from Michigan State University. Lindsey, who plans to attend veterinary school in the fall, is currently working at the North Carolina Zoo on an internship. A graduate of Mercy High School, Lindsey is the daughter of John and Marly Birchmeier of Plymouth.

Albion College

Several local students have been named to the Albion College Dean's List for the spring 2006 semester. Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the completion of the semester. This GPA must be based on at least three units in graded courses and a minimum of four units completed. **Matthew Baciak** is a first-year student at Albion College and is a member of the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service. He is the son of Jan and Iлона Baciak of Canton and a graduate of Canton High School. **Candace Bean** was named an Albion College Fellow at the completion of the spring 2006 semester. The honor of Albion

College Fellow is given to students who maintain a 3.7 or better GPA for three successive semesters. Bean is a sophomore majoring in German and theatre and minoring in Women's studies. She is the daughter of Michael Bean of Detroit and Cathy Crowley of Plymouth and a graduate of Canton High School. **William Fitzsimmons** is a sophomore at Albion College. He is the son of Joseph Fitzsimmons, Jr. and Julie Fitzsimmons of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School. **Ryan Johnson** is a junior majoring in economics and management and minoring in history. He is the son of Carlton and Phyllis Johnson of Plymouth and a graduate of University of Detroit Jesuit High School. **Sarah Jose** is a first-year student at Albion College and is a member of the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Program in Professional Management. She is the daughter of Richard and Deborah Jose of Canton and a graduate of Salem High School. **Carrie Oleszkowicz** was named an Albion College Fellow at the completion of the spring 2006 semester. The

honor of Albion College Fellow is given to students who maintain a 3.7 or better GPA for three successive semesters. Oleszkowicz is a junior majoring in chemistry and minoring in cell and molecular biology with a concentration in neuroscience. She is the daughter of Mark and Cynthia Oleszkowicz of Plymouth and a graduate of Canton High School. **Aaron Schmidt** graduated earlier this month from Albion College, receiving a degree in physical education and minoring in history education and is completing the K-12 education program. He is the son of Richard and Martha Schmidt of Plymouth and a graduate of Canton High School. **Danielle Shepard** was named an Albion College Fellow at the completion of the spring 2006 semester. The honor of Albion College Fellow is given to students who maintain a 3.7 or better GPA for three successive semesters. Shepard is a junior majoring in speech education and completing the elementary education program. She is the daughter of Chuck and Carol Shepard of Plymouth and a graduate of Canton High School. **Katherine Smith** was named an Albion College Fellow at the completion of the spring 2006 semester. The honor of Albion College Fellow is given to students who maintain a 3.7 or better GPA for three successive semesters. Smith graduated earlier this month from Albion College, receiving a degree in political science and speech communication. She is the

daughter of Tonya Smith of Canton and a graduate of Salem High School. **Erica Stoney** is a junior majoring in mathematics education and completing the elementary education program. She is the daughter of Matthew and Susan Stoney of Plymouth and a graduate of Canton High School. **Laura Burton** holds an Albion College Webster Scholarship worth \$11,000. This fall, Burton will be a first-year student majoring in economics and management. She is the daughter of Lewis and Karen Burton of Plymouth and a graduate of Salem High School. **Sara Fifield** holds an Albion College Trustee Scholarship worth \$14,000. This fall, Fifield will be a first-year student majoring in economics and management communications. She is the daughter of Debra Fifield of Plymouth and a graduate of Salem High School. **Ashley Hayes** holds an Albion College Webster Scholarship worth \$11,000. This fall, Hayes will be a first-year student majoring in economics and management. She is the daughter of Roy and Judy Hayes of Plymouth and a graduate of Salem High School. **Nicole Rotondo** holds an Albion College Presidential Scholarship worth \$12,500. This fall, Rotondo will be a first-year student at Albion College. She is the daughter of Michael and Karen Rotondo of Plymouth and a graduate of Mercy High School.



The Triangle Foundation of Detroit is organizing the state's first licensed day camp for gay, bisexual, transgender high school students.

Gay camp is a first for Michigan

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN
STAFF WRITER

Forget about day camp. Some high school kids are going to gay camp this summer.

Camping. OUT will be the first licensed day camp in Michigan for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender (GLBT) and allied youth in grades eight-12. The Triangle Foundation, a statewide civil rights group based in Detroit, is organizing the weeklong outing. "We've been looking into the possibility for a couple of years, and then the idea resurfaced in September," executive assistant Greg Varnum explained. "It's a way for young people to get involved - and have a lot of fun."

The camp runs Aug. 13-18 and about 20 kids have registered so far. Varnum will serve as camp director. He's a board member with the American Camp Association of Michigan and an experienced camper. Since announcing the summer camp, Varnum has been in contact with professionals from around the country who want to offer their assistance. "We've got camp counselors, former camp directors ... people from Maine and California who are all applying to volunteer at this camp. A lot of them said it's a great program and something they can identify with in terms of its value."

Along with kayaking and canoeing, campers can participate in group discussions on issues affecting the GLBT community. Several prominent speakers from around the country are expected to talk at the camp about civil rights and other related issues. "There are so many young people working to become engaged in our community," Varnum said. "They're a wonderful, untapped resource that want to become involved in the political process and become influential in their community ... and this is a positive way for them to learn about this."

Campers will pick and choose which discussion they want to participate in. The location itself is being kept confidential for the safety of the campers. Parents will provide the transportation - a prudent idea, Varnum said, since many of them will undoubtedly want to inspect the campground facilities and meet the staff. The camp is only licensed to handle 50 kids, and word of mouth is generating a lot of interest. Varnum said a kid from New York registered last week. Scholarships are available for any campers who are unable to pay the full \$500 registration fee. Information about the camp is available on the foundation's Web site at www.tri.org, or by calling (313) 537-3323, Ext. 108.

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Schoolcraft's career summer camps reach youngsters in math, science

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Patti Green, a middle school science teacher in Clarenceville, gave new meaning to the idea of adventure camps this summer.

As director of Adventures in Career Exploration, Green earned a federal grant worth \$248,000 to create a program targeting students with interests in math and science, and those who come from single parent homes or qualify for free or reduced lunch programs. It took a year to plan and a year to implement. The program is in action this week at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Green's passion in the project stems from her own experience at a career camp when she was a child. "This is very personal for me," she said.

The camps themselves were personalized for the 120 students who were chosen to participate, after the application process was complete. The kids come from schools in Livonia, Redford, Farmington, Plymouth, Canton and Northville.

Ranging in grades 5 through 9, students were divided into different camp programs based on available space and interest. The camps include: Robotics, health occupations, aviation, environmental science and Michigan



Twelve-year-old Fiona Greenshields (Center) of Garden City learns how to insert an IV with help from instructor Kirsten Thulin, a University of Michigan nursing student, and Robyn Davis, 12, from Canton waits her turn. The girls were part of a health careers camp held at Schoolcraft College.

ecology. Each day this week the campers were scheduled to travel around the metro area to meet with experts in the field, tour facilities most people will never see, and share hands-on activi-

ties - all in a college setting. Dawn Bourbeau, health occupations instructor, planned a full schedule for the 20 students in her camp. Throughout the week the group would visit a cardiotho-

racic surgeon and view a video of an open heart surgery. They would meet an occupational, a speech and a physical therapist, and see a Med Flight helicopter. As a full-time nurse at St.

Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor, Bourbeau was able to bring connections to the program and show students aspects of the health industry they would not otherwise have access to visit.

"I think it's great," she said. "This is a great opportunity for them to jump in at this age." But it's not easy. Green said "Kids are working. This is six straight hours of go."

Andrea Kelch, a participant from Canton, said she heard about the program from her father and was interested in learning more about the aerospace program. She said she was sure she'd enjoy the field trips the most.

Participants like Andrea received free shoulder bags, snacks and writing utensils. "I feel like I'm in college," she said.

That's another facet of the program. Students tour Schoolcraft's campus and learn what it takes to earn a degree in their field. They meet experts and explore all the different options available.

More than 800 students applied for Adventures in Career Exploration by February, thanks to aggressive efforts to spread the word

about the program in area schools. A meeting for parents and students was held in November, and Green said representatives passed out information at holiday school events. Children interested in participating were required to write an essay and obtain two recommendations. Green, a Plymouth resident, said the difficult part came in choosing who would participate, and in what camp.

"They had to jump through a lot of hoops," she said. But the children in the program certainly want to be there, she added.

Though the federal grant ends this year, the camps will go on and become part of Schoolcraft College's Kids on Campus summer programs. The Kids on Campus program has been running for 27 years and draws 1,500 students from grades 1 through 9.

Sandy Fisher, coordinator for the Kids on Campus program, said her programs will benefit from the supplies provided under the Adventures in Career Exploration grant. She and Green see this as a self-sustaining endeavor.

"Hopefully it will continue for many decades," said Green.

Hostelling group paddles to symphony concert

Hostelling International-Michigan Council is inviting all Detroit Symphony lovers for an evening of fun and friendship.

On Friday, July 7, the organization will be canoeing across Kent Lake in Kensington Metropark to listen to the Detroit Symphony.

Paddle to the Symphony is a yearly event hosted by Hostelling International-Michigan. Children ages 7-12 years of age, when sharing a canoe with two adults are charged \$9. Admission is \$18 per adult. The admission includes a light box dinner and canoe rental. For more information, please contact Laura at (248) 545-0457.

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Distracted drivers cause of many traffic accidents

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

With the summer driving season in full swing and a new crop of student drivers taking to the road, a new study by a major insurance provider shows that a large number of drivers on the road don't know the basic rules for driving.

The GMAC Insurance National Drivers Test, which gauges Americans' knowledge of driving rules, shows that 18 million American drivers couldn't pass a license test.

In the test, Michigan drivers are the 17th most knowledgeable in the nation, with Oregon coming in first and Rhode Island coming in last.

The test was in two parts, a multiple-choice test that simulated a standard written driver's test and an evaluation of rules of the road knowledge in specific situations. The survey was done on 5,288 people ages 16 to 60, balanced male to female across all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Vice President of Engineering for the Traffic Improvement Association Bob DeCorte said the big place in Oakland County for traffic accidents in 2005 was the intersection of Telegraph and 12 Mile Road. And no, it's not about the freeways.

"It has nothing to do with the freeways," he said. "There are 138,000 vehicles a day going through that intersection. There's a high volume and a high amount of driveways and signals."

What that means, he said, is that there's a lot of "conflict points" with other drivers - incidents where one vehicle crosses the path of another. Freeways have very few conflict points. While 50 percent



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of all of the miles driven in Michigan are on freeways, only 8 percent of fatal accidents happen there.

More vehicles plus more driveways plus more Michigan left turns plus on and off ramps mean that drivers are crossing each others' paths all the time.

This, he said, is where diminished attention to the road shows its toll. In these cases, he said, it's not about what your hands are doing

either. "The problem is where the mind is, not what the hands are doing," DeCorte said. "Studies show that talking on the phone is as bad as drunk driving."

The GMAC survey shows that people are not paying attention when they're behind the wheel. Calling drive time the new "down time," the report says people are eating (62 percent), talking on a cell phone (71 percent), sending text messages (24 percent), shuffling their iPods (20 percent), putting on makeup or changing clothes (8 percent each), reading (4 percent) or sending e-mail (1 percent).

"It points out what people are using their drive time to do," said Anne Readett of the Michigan Office of Highway

Safety Planning.

She said it's information like that found in the GMAC survey that drives the state to push safety belt use. A person can be the best driver in the world, but that doesn't protect him or her from every other driver on the road.

Interestingly, she said most people do think they're the best drivers in the world.

"We talk about things people should be doing and they agree," Readett said. "But they take it to mean we're talking about other drivers. People believe they're good drivers and the advice isn't for them."

She said the only really successful driver's safety initiatives are ones backed by enforcement.

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Summer program keeps young musicians in tune

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

String players don't have to worry about going out of tune this summer. Usually young musicians become rusty when classes cease until September, but not this year. The Livonia Youth Philharmonic Summer Strings Program will keep budding players practicing during a series of four classes 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Thursday, June 29, July 6 and 20, and Aug. 17, at St. Kenneth's social hall, 14951 Haggerty.

The cost is \$125. For more information, call (734) 525-7520 or send e-mail to summer@www.lypm.org.

There are no age restrictions.

"We're going to work on theory, technique, ensemble playing," said Julia Kurtyka who's conducting the program. Kurtyka has been directing the Livonia Youth Philharmonic symphonic and concert string orchestras for the last four years. In addition to the two string orchestras, LYPM is composed of a wind ensemble, flute ensemble and philharmonic.

"We (LYPM) try to offer different opportunities for students. One of the reasons

we devised the program was to develop the highest quality of musicianship.

"At end of sessions students should have maintained if not increased their skills and gained performance experience."

Kurtyka is planning to have the students play at different venues including a concert 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 26, at Shain Park in Birmingham with the Birmingham Bloomfield Strings Honor Orchestra, a group she founded this year.

Kurtyka has plenty of experience as a musician and hopes to pass that on to students. In addition to conducting the Pointe Area Youth Orchestra in Grosse Pointe, and serving as concertmaster of the Grosse Pointe Symphony, Southern Great Lakes Symphony (Downriver), and assistant concertmaster with the Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra, she co-founded the Lexington Bach Festival now in its sixth year. The event begins Thursday, Sept. 14 and continues to Sunday, Sept. 17, with Alexander Zonjic and musicians from as far away as Ohio and Indiana.

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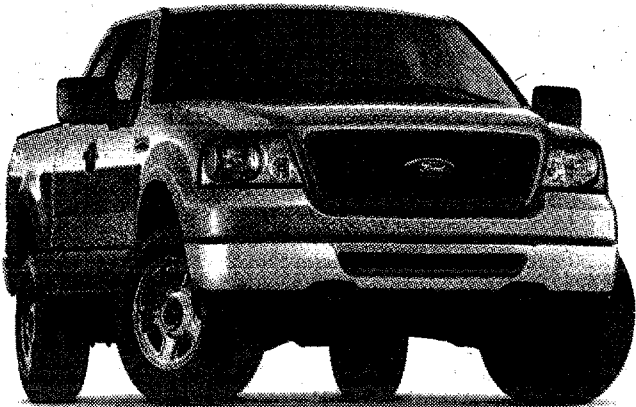
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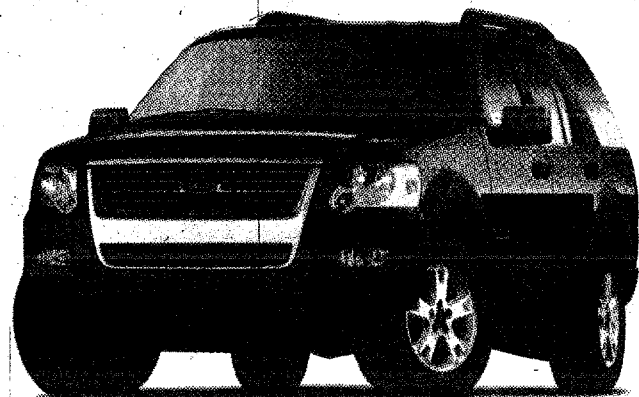


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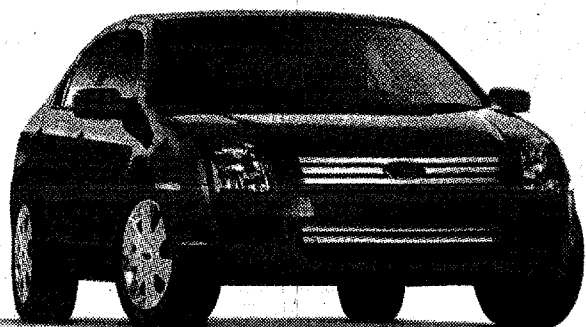


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JUNE

Murder mystery dinner

Death in Them Thar Hills, an evening of suspense, laughter and a meal 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 30, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Tickets \$15, and must be purchased in advance. Call (248) 374-5920.

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, Plymouth, call (734) 414-8430, and 4101 E. Joy, Ann Arbor, call (734) 996-3855.

UPCOMING

Bicycling group

10 a.m. Saturday, July 1, at Newburgh

Point, Hines Drive, west of Newburgh, Westland. 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.

Holiday picnic

Noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 4, at Rotary Park. Tickets \$5 adults, \$2 children under age 12, includes hamburgers and hot dogs (12:30-2 p.m.) and beverages. Please bring a dish to pass. No alcohol or gambling. Presented by Single Point Ministries at Ward Presbyterian Church. Call (248) 374-5920.

Classic car show

Livonia Church of Christ will hold its 5th Annual Classic Car Show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 8, rain or shine. Classic car enthusiasts are invited to attend this event benefiting Angela Hospice in Livonia, with programs serving terminally ill patients and their families.

Spectators can attend the car show for free and participants can enter a car for \$15, includes a meal ticket. The first 100 entrants will receive a dash plaque and goodie bag. Entrants will also have the chance to vote for class awards. Judging will take place from noon to 2 p.m., with the presentation of class trophies, Best of Show, and People's Choice at 3 p.m. The event will also feature a DJ, refreshments and door prizes. Livonia Church of Christ is located at 15431 Merriman Road, north

of 5 Mile in Livonia. For more information, contact Mike Bennett at (248) 380-8078 or visit www.angelahospice.org.

Vacation Bible school

Faith Covenant Church in Farmington Hills invites all children ages 3 through grade five to join in at SonTreasure Island VBS 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, July 10-14, at 35415 W. 14 Mile at Drake. For more information or to pre-register, visit www.4fcc.org or call (248) 661-9191.

Meditation classes

Begins 7-9 p.m. Monday, July 10, 2006, and continues to Aug. 7, Elizabeth Cleeland will lead the class on various meditation practices at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No pre-registration necessary. A freewill offering will be taken at each class. For more information, call (586) 353-2300, or visit www.renaissanceunity.org.

Bible and playtime

For moms and tots 10-11 a.m. Wednesdays beginning July 12, at Vineyard Church of Farmington Hills 29200 Shiawassee (by Middlebelt and Nine Mile). No charge. For information, call (248) 766-0143.

Breakfast meeting

For Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian denominations, 9:30 a.m. Saturday, July 15, at Leon's, 30149 Ford, across from Kmart, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Call (734) 513-9479.

Blood drive

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 16, at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. Call (734) 464-1222, Ext. 309.

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 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.

Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, July 21, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 22, at St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 23300 W. Chicago, Redford. Call (313) 538-1142.

Feast day service

7 p.m. Thursday, July 22, at S.S. Simon & Jude Catholic Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. For more information, call (734) 722-1434 or send e-mail to em2bott@att.net.

Vacation Bible School

For ages 4-12, kids travel to Mexico, Brazil, Poland, China and Kenya to trade places with children from other countries and learn about biblical heroes who traded one place in life for another 6:30-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 7-11, at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, between Plymouth and West Chicago. Call (313) 937-3170 to preregister.

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, Canton. The church is now accepting applications for handmade crafts only. Call (734) 981-1333.

ONGOING

Worship schedule

New schedule continues to Sept. 3, 10:30 a.m. Sunday summer worship, coffee hour follows in Fellowship Hall. Sunday school has been canceled for the summer, nursery is still available for infant through 2-years old, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. Call (734) 422-6038.

TOPS

Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, the group meets 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m. We are a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information, call Mary at (734) 394-1328.

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. Doughnuts 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 2006-07 school year, at 9600 Leverage, 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.

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. Lunch is served followed by 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 dinner 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.

Eucharistic adoration

The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-5331.

Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. Service is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday with an education hour for all ages at 9 a.m. Call (734) 422-1470.

Unity of Livonia

Services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays, at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760.

Shabbat services

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Scripture from scratch

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Services

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Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship services 10 a.m. Sundays at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

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Aerobic class

Trinity Church of the Brethren, 27350 W. Chicago at Inkster, is offering a Women's Low Impact Aerobic Class to the community every Monday and Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the church basement. To participate in this free, 30-minute class, wear comfortable exercise attire (floor mats optional). For more information, call the church office, (313) 937-1199.

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Contemporary service

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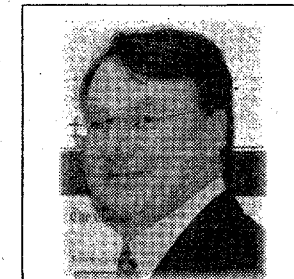
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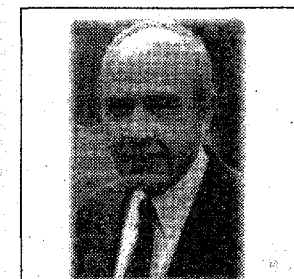
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ALFRED E. JOHNSON

Age 58 of Annapolis, MD, formerly of Plymouth, MI, passed away suddenly on Sunday, June 25, 2006. Loving husband of Cynthia Johnson, son of Thelma Miller, father of Jeffrey Johnson (Sarah), Dawn Peggie (Kenneth), Elizabeth Chuba (Matthew) and Jacob Miller, grandfather of Youssef Darwich, Benjamin Chuba, Kimberly Stokes, Daniel Chuba, Anna Chuba, Michael Johnson, Summer Peggie and Julie Johnson, brother of Wayne Stein (Cecily). Cremation has taken place. A celebration of his life will be held at St. John's Retreat Center, 44011 Five Mile Road, Plymouth, MI on Friday, June 30, 2006 from 3 to 6 PM. Donations in his name may be made to Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI, 48150.



ALFRED W. GAULZETTI

June 27, 2006 Age 74 of Beverly Hills. Husband of the late Shirley Ann (nee. Rose). Dear father of Lisa Gaulzetti (Rich Plonkey), Janita Gaulzetti and Joseph Gaulzetti (Tracy). Grandfather of Elizabeth and Nicole Tennent, John Plonkey, Jaime Gaulzetti and Drew Gaulzetti. Also survived by 4 brothers and 1 sister. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile), Friday 1:00pm until funeral service 7:00pm. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to Hospice of Michigan, 400 Mack, Detroit, MI 48201. View obituary and share memories at www.desmondfuneralhome.com

COACH EDDIE J. BENDER

Age 90, life-time resident of the Northville-Plymouth area. Coach Bender was a teacher in the Plymouth-Canton school system where he was also a football coach. He was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church, the Plymouth Knights of Columbus, the Plymouth Elks, and was a charter member of the Plymouth Lion's club. He was an alumnus and golden alumnus of Concord University in West Virginia. Beloved husband of Mary Kathryn, loving father of Michelle (Skip) Dorrington, Peter (Nancy) Bender, and Thomas (Susan) Bender. Cherished grandfather of Patrick (Holly) Dorrington, Michael (Nadine) Dorrington, Mandy Bender, and Meredith Bender. Great-grandfather of Cass Dorrington. Funeral service will be held Friday, June 30, 2006, at 9 am at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth. Visitation will be Thursday, June 29, from 4-9 pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, and on Friday at church from 8:30 am until time of service at church. Memorial contributions may be given to Arbor Hospice or Concord University. To leave an on-line condolence, visit us at www.schrader-howell.com

JUDITH HOWELL
June 23, 2006, age 63, of Westland. Beloved wife of Donald Howell. Dear mother of Lori Dominick, Larry (Wilma) Hahn, Ronnie Hahn, Jimmy (Tiffany) Hahn and the late Randy Hahn. Grandmother of Crystal, Randy, Zachary, Amber, Brittany, Cyle, Kenny, Devin and Owen Hahn, Ashley and Shaina Dominick, Christopher Gabbard and Cody Bettiol. Services were held Tuesday at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland. Cremation rites were accorded. Please visit and post a tribute at: www.uhtfuneralhome.com

LOUISE A. CREWS

Age 60, June 25, 2006. Beloved wife of the late James Ray, Jr. Dear mother of Donald (Mary), Thomas, Tammy (Shawn) Peters, the late Arthur and the late Peggy. Grandmother of 9 grandchildren. Sister of Lucille (Frank) Kannaiinen, Arthur (Pat) Bellotie, Cheryl (Larry) Donofrio, and the late Lillian Snellson. Daughter-in-law of Gladys Crews. Sister-in-law of Allen Crews. Dearest friend of Donna Larabell.

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NANCY R. SIMESCU

Age 81, longtime resident of Plymouth and Atlanta, MI, passed away June 25, 2006, in Superior Twp. Beloved wife of the late Eugene M., dear mother of Barry (Dorothy), William, and James Simescu. Loving grandmother of Daniel, Tyler, Will, and Layne. Sister of the late Shirley Gray. Mrs. Simescu retired 15 years ago from the South Redford School District where she was a secretary for many years. Funeral services will be held Friday, June 30, at 11 am at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, visitation will be Thursday 3-9 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Tri-Township Ambulance Service or to Independence Village to their activities fund. To leave an on-line condolence, visit us at www.schrader-howell.com.

MR. WILLIAM G. GALINET (Widower of Florence)


Muskegon

Mr. William G. Galinet, age 85, passed away Monday, June 26, 2006 at a local hospital. He was born on February 22, 1921 to Peter and Freda (Mueller) Galinet in Milwaukee, WI. Mr. Galinet worked for Ford Motor Company as a manager in the Design Center. He was a Navy Veteran of WW II. On October 27, 1943, William married the former Florence Brace, whom he met at Alma College, and shared a marriage of 61 years together; she preceded him in death on March 26, 2005. They had a love of playing golf together. SURVIVORS include 4 children, Cheri Muenchhausen of The Woodlands, TX, Laurie (Robert) White of Muskegon, Greg (Geri) Galinet of Novi, MI, and Brett (Theresa) Galinet of Milford, MI; 6 grandchildren

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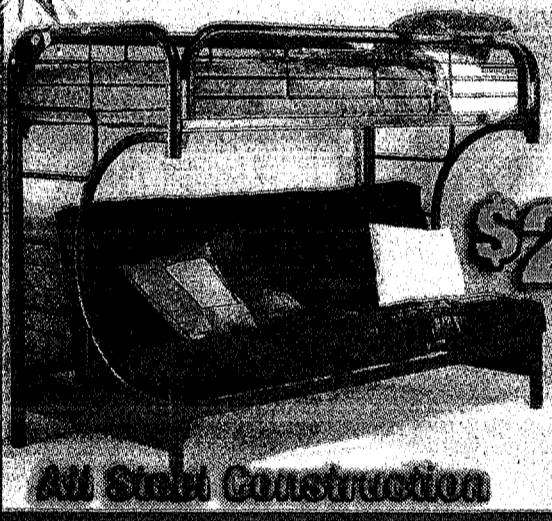
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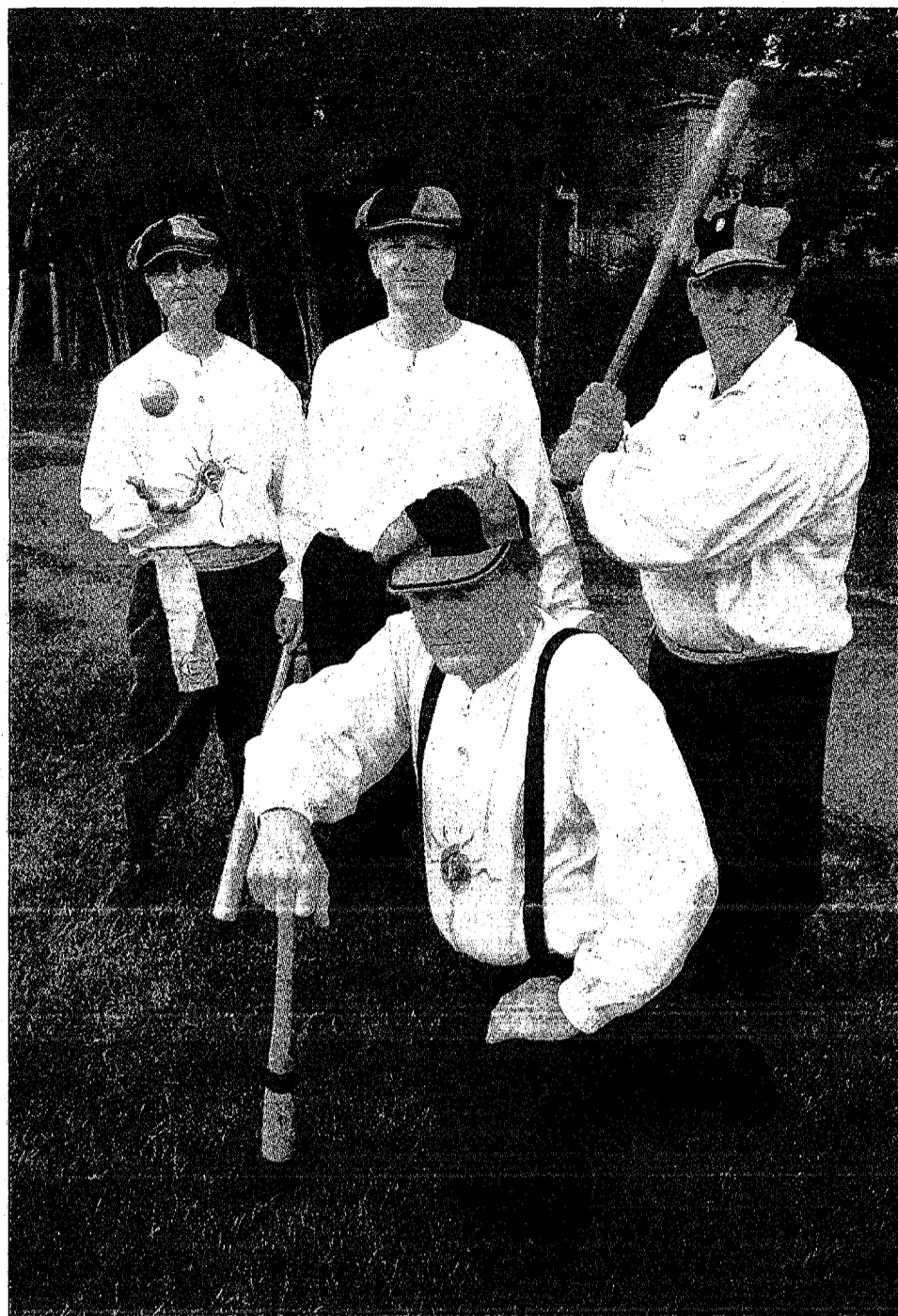
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David "Bender" Newhouse, a resident of Plymouth Township, connects with a pitch as Canton resident Greg "Inky" Palovich looks on.



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A time machine won't be necessary to revisit 1869 on Tuesday when the Plymouth Lone Stars take on the Eclipse Base Ball Club of Northville in a vintage baseball game at Northville's Ford Field. Pictured are Northville players Ed "Preacher" Fleming (kneeling), (standing from left) Greg "Inky" Palovich, David "Bender" Newhouse and Mike "Tater" Ladwig.

Seems like old times

Vintage baseball game will take spectators back in time to 1869

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The last time the Plymouth Lone Stars and the Eclipse Base Ball Club of Northville squared off, baseball players didn't wear mitts, bang-bang plays were calmly arbitrated by the base runner and the fielder, and fans didn't have to wonder if their favorite sluggers were bulking up with steroids.

Yes, times have changed over the past 137 years.

Baseball fans can see how much they've changed on Tuesday at 1 p.m. when the Lone Stars and Eclipse — both of whom are made up of area residents — square off in a vintage 1869-style game at Ford Field, which is located on Griswold Street, just north of Main Street, in downtown Northville.

The two teams will be decked out in complete 1869-era uniforms and the players will use bats and balls that are nearly identical to the ones the players used in the original post-Civil War contest.

The last time the two squads met, Northville won, 53-36, in a game that surely tested the depth of both teams' bullpens.

"Baseball was a much more gentlemanly sport back then," said Eclipse player Ed Fleming, a resident of Livonia

and charter member of the three-year-old club. "There was even a rule that stated players weren't allowed to swear, spit or scratch during a game. We always joke that that's just about all professional players do these days — swear, spit and scratch."

GAME ON

The game will be the debut of the present-day Lone Stars, who were formed in March after several Eclipse players gave a vintage-baseball presentation during a Plymouth Rotary A.M. meeting.

"The members of the Northville team encouraged us to form our own team and they challenged us to a game like the one played in 1869 between Plymouth and Northville," said Lone Star manager Beth Stewart, president-elect of the Rotary Club. "We were able to round up 18 players and we've been practicing once a week with the Eclipse team, which has helped because there are a lot of new rules to learn."

"We've purchased 12 vintage baseballs and four bats, so we've already made a \$500 commitment to the equipment. Everybody is really looking forward to Tuesday's game."

PLEASE SEE VINTAGE, B2

A WALK INTO THE PAST

- **What:** Vintage baseball game (circa 1869) between the Plymouth Lone Stars and the Eclipse Base Ball Club of Northville.
- **When:** At 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 4.
- **Where:** Ford Field in downtown Northville. The field is located off Griswold Street, just north of Main Street, behind the Mill Race Village. The game will be played on the grass, north of the baseball field.
- **Why:** To re-enact the game the two teams played in 1869. Northville won the earlier game, 53-36.
- **Things to look for:** Both teams will be wearing 1869-era uniforms and vintage baseballs and bats will be used. Among the unique rules of that period were that batters were ruled out if fielders caught hit balls on one bounce, and there were no called strikes or balls.

Pair of Whalers selected early in NHL draft

When National Hockey League scouts came to the Compuware Sports Arena last winter, they invariably asked the same question: "How are John Armstrong and Tom Sestito doing?"

Ironically, Sestito and Armstrong were selected within two spots of each other in the 2006 National Hockey League Entry Draft, held Saturday in Vancouver.

Sestito, 18, was selected by Columbus in the third round (85th overall) and Armstrong by Calgary 87th overall.

Sestito joins Whaler teammate Jared Boll — drafted by Columbus in the fourth round (101st round) last season — as future Blue Jackets.

Sestito was named Plymouth's "Most Improved Player" last year after scoring 10 goals with 10 assists and 167 penalty minutes in 57 regular-season games. Some of Sestito's best work came in the playoffs when he scored five goals with two assists in 13 games.

Sestito credited Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci and assistant Todd Watson for helping him in all areas. Sestito has developed into an excellent penalty killer and is an improving scorer.

"It all started during my first year with coach Vellucci and coach Watson," Sestito said. "They really

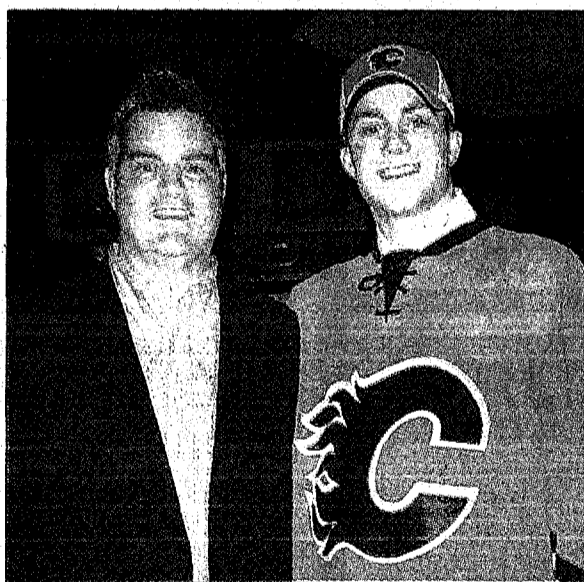
stuck with me early and gave me a chance to work on the defensive side of the game. There aren't many big guys that can do that job."

Vellucci credited Sestito and Armstrong for working hard in their development as players.

"We're excited for both of them," said Vellucci, who attended the NHL Entry Draft. "Tom Sestito has worked very hard in two years to develop into someone who was taken in the third round in the National Hockey League Draft. John Armstrong has been one of our most consistent players over the last two years. Both players are expected to continue to improve next season."

Armstrong scored 14 goals with 23 assists while racking up 75 penalty minutes in 65 games last season. Like Sestito, he saved some of his best work for the playoffs, scoring four goals with seven assists.

Armstrong and Sestito join fellow NHL draftees Ryan McGinnis (Los Angeles), James Neal (Dallas) and Dan Collins (Florida) on a Whaler team that won the West Division last season and is expected to contend next season. In addition, Boll (Columbus), Evan Brophay (Chicago) and Justin Peters (Carolina) could all return as overage players.



Plymouth Whaler John Armstrong is pictured with Whalers President, General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci after getting selected by Calgary with the 87th overall pick in Saturday's NHL Draft.



Plymouth Whaler Tom Sestito is pictured in his Columbus Bluejacket sweater a short time after the NHL team selected the 18-year-old in the third round of the NHL draft Saturday.

Witherspoon earns nod as best coach

Please see All-Observer softball team, Page B3

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson girls softball went somewhere that 22 other Spartan teams hadn't gone before.

This season, the Spartans reached the Division I regional final before losing 2-1 in the bottom of the seventh inning to Garden City.

That left the Spartans with a final record of 20-12, but more importantly, they were back on the radar screen when it comes to areas girls softball.

"Overall this season was satisfying to watch — to see the seniors do what they did and the way they developed the past four years," said Stevenson's Rob Witherspoon, who was selected Coach of the Year by the Observer sports staff. "I was pleased how they played and the efforts they made in the preseason and during the season. They set high goals for the teams to come."

Witherspoon guided the Spartans to their first district championship

PLEASE SEE COACH, B2

Sidelines

All-Star football

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park will be well-represented at the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association All-Star football game July 22. Canton head coach Tim Baechler has been selected as the head coach of the East squad. Among his assistants will be Canton assistant coaches Jake Houser and Tom Garrett.

The East roster includes recent graduates Ryan Jonik of Canton and Kevin Bradley of Salem.

Kickoff for the annual All-Star contest is set for 2 p.m. on July 22 at Michigan State University's Spartan Stadium.

Hawks tie Thunder

The Michigan Hawks Women battled the Minnesota Lightning to a 1-1 draw Saturday night at Livonia Stevenson High School.

The first-place Hawks are 5-1-2 in the Midwest Division of the W-League's Central Conference, while the Lightning are 3-3-1.

Both teams attacked during the first half with the Hawks outshooting the Lightning, 10-5. But neither team could find the back of the net.

The Lightning's Caroline Smith, on an assist from Sarah Johnson, finally put the ball past Lindsey Wredde (Michigan State) at the 25-minute mark in the second half.

Two minutes later, Kristi Swaving (Oakland University) notched her 10th goal of the season from a severe angle for the Hawks.

The Hawks return to W-League action 7:30 p.m. Friday against the Cleveland Internationals at Stevenson.

MU adds recruit

Madonna University women's soccer coach Mark Zathay announced recently the addition of Howell High standout Kaila Moore to the women's soccer program.

Moore has officially signed her letter-of-intent and will enroll at MU this fall.

"Kaila is another great addition to our program as we continue to add to what should be a very good 2006 team," Zathay said. "She is a good soccer player and a good person, two ingredients that are very important to me."

Moore lettered for three years in soccer and twice in volleyball at Howell. She was an All-Kensington Valley Conference Academic selection as a senior while being named team captain.

Moore is the ninth player to sign a letter of intent with Zathay for the 2006 season which gets under way Aug. 21 at Houghton College (N.Y.).

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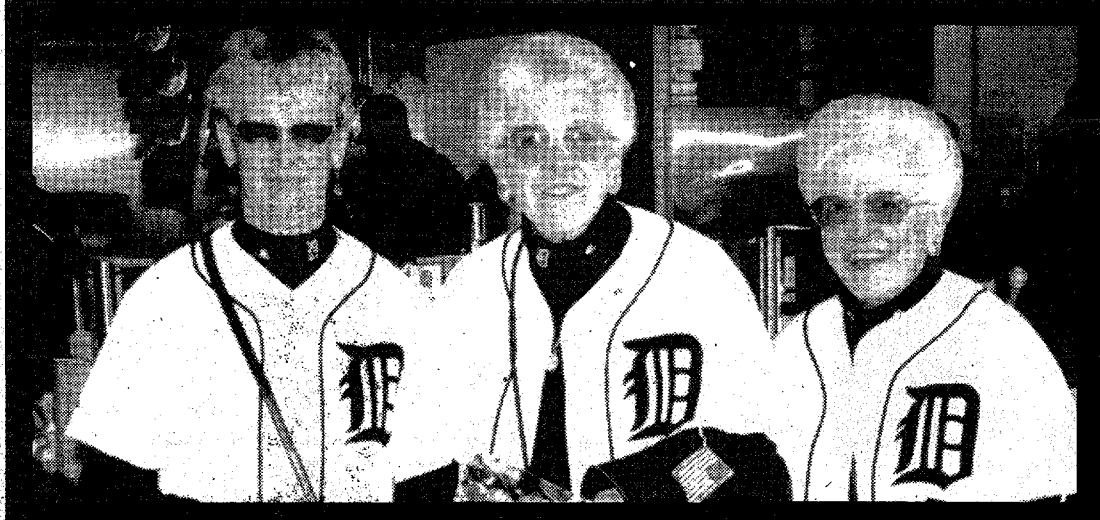
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TRAVEL BASEBALL

Northville plays a 20-game schedule, traveling as far as Rochester, N.Y., for games. Like teams in the 19th century, players from both sides meet before the game to agree on the ground rules.

"Back in 1869, the rules of the game were different in every city," said Eclipse player Mike "Tater" Ladwig. "So the two managers would meet

'Men used to have to pay five cents to get into the games back then. They let the ladies in for free because they figured the ladies would keep the men in line.'

Ed Fleming

before the matches and decide, for instance, if the ball could bounce once before it was caught and still be considered an out.

"The rules became more uniform everywhere in the United States as the years went on and people started taking it more serious."

Unlike the 1869 game between the two teams, there will be no admission fee at Tuesday's game.

"Men used to have to pay five cents to get into the games back then," Fleming explained. "They let the ladies in for free because they figured the ladies would keep the men in line."

Greg "Inky" Palovich, a resident of Canton, said the club sticks to the 1869 time frame as much as possible.

"We do use e-mail to communicate, though," he said, grinning. "I don't think they had that back in 1869."

To learn more about the Northville Eclipse, visit the team's Web site at www.eclipsebbc.com. Or — better yet — check out Tuesday's game.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Greg 'Inky' Palovich displays one of the hand-sewn balls and a bat that will be used in Tuesday's vintage baseball game between the Plymouth Lone Stars and the Eclipse Base Ball Club of Northville. The first pitch is set for 1 p.m. at Ford Field in Northville.

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Pictured is the flier that is being used to promote Tuesday's vintage baseball game between the Plymouth Lone Stars and the Eclipse Base Ball Club of Northville. In the lower left-hand corner is the box score from the teams' last game in 1869.

COACH

FROM PAGE 1

since 1984 with a 6-1 win over Farmington in the finals following a 10-inning, 6-5 semifinal triumph over nemesis Livonia Churchill, the Western Lakes Activities Association champion.

"We had consistent pitching and experience on the field," said Witherspoon. "And this year, Jamie Johnson, pitched better than her 10th-grade status."

Witherspoon, in his sixth year with the Livonia Public Schools, is a fifth-grade teacher at Johnson Elementary School. He also coaches football at Livonia Churchill High.

The Allen Park native played baseball, football and basketball at Allen Park High School and graduated in 1998 from Eastern Michigan University.

The 34-year-old Witherspoon, who just completed his fourth season, has gradually put Stevenson softball back on the map. The Spartans went 14-16, his first season in 2003, followed by a 15-18 mark in 2004.

In 2005, the Spartans cracked the 20-win barrier with a 21-10 record before going 20-12 this season.

Witherspoon credits the team's rise because he is ably assisted by three coaches — former Churchill and Bentley varsity coach Dana Hardwidge, along with Jessie (Jenkins) Hans and Roger Jenkins.

"Without them, we wouldn't be where we are today," said Witherspoon, who is 70-56 overall. "They're a solid staff of coaches. They work as hard as anybody and we're able to give players the one-on-one attention that they need."

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All-Area Girls Softball Team takes the field

FIRST TEAM

Hallie Minch, Soph. P, Garden City: The youngster did it all for the Cougars, leading the team to a share of the Mega Red title and subsequent district and regional championships. She pitched brilliantly, compiling a record of 24-6 with a 1.32 earned-run average. And at the plate, she was the catalyst with a .451 batting average and a team-high 26 runs.

"Hallie did an absolutely fantastic job for us," said Garden City head coach Barry Patterson. "And not just as a pitcher."

But on the mound, Minch improved her velocity and command and nearly outdueled Harper Woods Regina's Nicole Nemitz in the state quarterfinal, losing just 1-0.

"Her game savvy she's gotten much better at," Patterson added. "She's very unflappable, there's no fear."

Minch was the team MVP and earned selection to the All-Mega Red, all-district and all-region teams.

Claire Ostrowski, Jr. P, Plymouth: Ostrowski excelled on the mound and at the plate, compiling a 27-6-1 record (1.40 ERA) and a .364 batting average for the Wildcats, who won the Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division. Ostrowski tossed three no-hitters, bringing her career total to five.

"Claire is a very determined athlete who always strives to succeed," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. "She has gotten stronger every season."

Bridget Long, Sr. P, Liv. Churchill: The senior went 19-11 with an ERA of 0.58 as the Chargers won the Western Lakes Activities Association title. She had 250 strikeouts and walked 95.

Long, an All-Western Lakes pick, also had a .913 fielding average with 49 assists, 14 putouts and six errors.

At the plate, Long batted .255 (22-for-86) with five doubles and one triple.

"Bridget is a powerful, intelligent pitcher who has gotten us out of a lot of jams," Churchill coach Carrie Korican said of the four-year starter. "She has been calling her own pitches since she was a sophomore before I trust her knowledge of the game. She has an arsenal of pitches to us, and she mixed all of them up to keep batters off balance. This year her changeup was quite effective. She has worked hard all year-round to be the play she is and to help her team be successful. She conditions and hits all year-round, and she plays summer travel ball. Bridget has tremendous stamina."

Lauren Taylor, Jr. P, Ladywood: The junior went 14-9 with a 1.86 earned run average. In 193 innings, Taylor struck out 147, walked only 35 and allowed just 45 runs on 97 hits.

The Division II first-team All-Stater led the Blazers to the Catholic League title and third straight trip to the state quarterfinals.

The All-Catholic League selection was the only pitcher to pin a loss on two-time Division I state champion Harper Woods Regina.

"Lauren pitched very, very well going into the Catholic League playoffs and pitched as well as she had the last three years in the tournament," Ladywood

2006 ALL-OBSERVER SOFTBALL FIRST TEAM
 P-Hallie Minch, Soph., Garden City
 P-Claire Ostrowski, Jr., Plymouth
 P-Bridget Long, Sr., Liv. Churchill
 P-Lauren Taylor, Jr., Liv. Ladywood
 C-Roya St. Clair, Sr., Liv. Stevenson
 C-Lauren Watts, Sr., Garden City
 INF-Cat Sidor, Sr., Liv. Churchill
 INF-Jill Schulz, Sr., Ladywood
 INF-Kim Klonowski, Jr., Plymouth
 INF-Erin McLaughlin, Jr., Ladywood
 INF-Lauren Delapaz, Jr., Canton
 INF-Brittney Scero, Sr., Canton
 INF-Rachel Wade, Sr., Canton
 OF-Deanna Clendening, Jr., Garden City
 OF-Brittany Taylor, Fr., Liv. Franklin

SECOND TEAM
 P-Hilary Payne, Soph., Canton
 P-Jamie Johnson, Soph., Liv. Stevenson
 C-Madison Dresser, Jr., Plymouth
 C-Amber Holod, Jr., Liv. Churchill
 C-Donna Mainella, Sr., Ladywood
 IF-Kirsten Gwizdata, Sr., Redford Union
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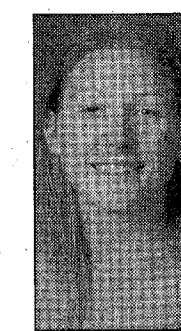
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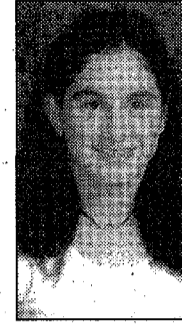
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Garden City



Brittany Taylor
Franklin

our team. She's in the weight room all year-round."

During her illustrious career, St. Clair had a total of 19 homers and 137 RBI. She posted batting averages of .547 (freshman), .429 (sophomore), .495 (junior) and .522 (senior).

"It's going to be very different without her next year," Witherspoon said of the scholar-athlete, who carries a 3.3 GPA.

Lauren Watts, Sr. C, Garden City: Few base runners took liberties against the third-year starting catcher, who nailed 13 of 21 would-be base-stealers. She also gave her teammates plenty of confidence with solid defense (just six passed balls) and the ability to come through in the clutch at the plate.

Watts batted just .305, but coach Patterson said she led the team in key hits, with six game-winning RBI - including the decisive hit in the regional final victory over Livonia Stevenson.

"She really brought a stability to our team," Patterson said. "When the game was on the line, there was certainly no one else that I wanted up at the plate."

Cat Sidor, Sr. 1B, Liv. Churchill: A starter since her freshman year, Sidor finished her senior season with a .466 batting average including 10 doubles, five triples and two homers.

Defensively, Sidor made 186 putouts and had 13 assists with six errors for a .971 fielding average.

"Caitlyn is a consistent fielder and a remarkable first baseman who creates outs by her ability to scoop low throws and stretch for high throws," Korican said of the All-Western Lakes and All-State selection, who is bound for Madonna University. "Offensively, she has a powerful bat. She has a lot of extra base hits because she is so strong.

She single-handedly kept us in the (WLA) conference championship game by hitting a homer run early on in the game.

"Caitlyn works hard all year-round by conditioning, hitting, playing indoor tournaments in the winter, and playing summer travel ball."

Jill Schulz, Sr. SS, Ladywood: The Central Michigan University signee-earned first-team All-Observer honors once again after finishing the year hitting .376 (46-for-117) with 26 runs scored and 20 RBI.

Schulz doubled seven times and tripled three times. She fanned only five times all season.

In 110 chances defensively, Schulz accumulated 65 assists and 38 putouts with only seven errors for a .936 fielding average.

"Jill's a good athlete, but what impressed me more than anything is the way she took control of the team and the way she showed leadership," Lulek said of the four-year starter. "She was my coach on the field."

Kim Klonowski, Jr. SS, Plymouth: The junior's spectacular season was capped off when she was voted onto the Division I first-team All-State team earlier this month. Klonowski hit .595 with a team-leading 30 runs batted in. She also anchored the Wildcats' defense with solid play from the short-stop position.

"Kim is just an unbelievable athlete," said Canfield. "She has a very bright future ahead of her."

Erin McLaughlin, Jr. 2B, Ladywood: The junior second baseman hit .344 (32-for-93) with one homer, three doubles and 20 RBI.

Defensively, the first-team Division II All-Stater and All-Central Division

pick had a total of 135 chances, with 66 putouts and 59 assists with nine errors for a .932 fielding average.

"Erin got a lot of action at second base," Ladywood coach Bob Lulek said. "She fields the bunt situation as well as any player I've coached. I was also happy with the way she moved runners over, and still hit the ball for power."

Lauren Delapaz, Jr. SS, Canton: A three-year starter at shortstop, Delapaz enjoyed another stellar season for the Chiefs, hitting .444 with five doubles, six triples, two home runs and 36 runs batted in. The WLA All-Division performer struck out just four times in 99 plate appearances and committed just five errors in 34 games.

"In all the years I've been at Canton, Lauren is probably the best overall athlete I've coached," said Canton coach Jim Arnold. "She's very fluid and professional-looking, both in the field and at bat. She knows the game inside-out. Lauren is one of those players that comes around once in a coach's career."

Brittney Scero, Sr. 3B, Canton: Scero enjoyed an exceptional year as the Chiefs' lead-off hitter, compiling a .443 batting average with four doubles, five triples and 15 RBI. The Madonna University-bound third baseman struck out just eight times in 97 plate appearances and provided the team with solid play at the hot corner.

"Brittney is a tough young lady with excellent leadership qualities," said Arnold. "She plays goalie in hockey, so she wasn't afraid of the ball when she played in at third. Brittney was a great lead-off hitter for us the past two years and will be very difficult to replace next season."

Rachel Wade, Sr. 2B, Canton: Wade, who will take her softball talents to

Ferris State in the fall, capped off her high school career with another excellent season, hitting .400 with five doubles, three triples, 17 RBI and 21 runs scored. Wade committed just three errors in 34 games.

"Rachel can do it all," said Arnold. "She's a hard-nosed player who can bunt, slap and hit with power. She has a bright future ahead of her at Ferris State."

Deanna Clendening, Jr. OF, Garden City: When the season began, coach Patterson already had confidence in Clendening as an outfielder. But he didn't know that she was about to enjoy a fine year at the plate, batting .344 and driving in 21 runs with plenty of power.

"She really had a breakout season for us," Patterson said. "I knew we'd get a steady job from her in the field but she made really great strides on the offensive end and she had a ton of key hits."

Many of those were for extra bases, as she clubbed five doubles and three triples.

Brittany Taylor, Fr. OF, Liv. Franklin: The ninth-grade center fielder earned All-Western Division, All-District and All-Region honors as she batted .404 (40-for-99) with eight doubles, three triples and two homers. Taylor also scored 23 runs and knocked in 21. Her on-base percentage was .464.

Defensively, Taylor had 37 putouts, seven assists and only one error for a .978 fielding average.

"Brittany has unbelievable range in the outfield and an incredible throwing arm," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said. "She's very coachable, modest, and always willing to learn more. Her enthusiasm is contagious while placing her teammates first in everything she does."

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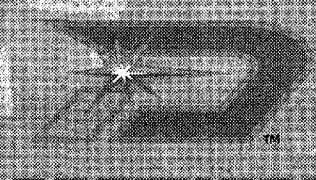


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Rams secure lead with sweep

A weekend sweep enabled the Michigan Rams to stay in the hunt for first place in the Livonia Michigan Collegiate Baseball League.

On Sunday, the 20-and-under Rams swept a double-header from the 22-and-under league leading Michigan Bulls, 3-2 and 6-2, at Livonia's Bicentennial Park.

The Bulls still have a two-game edge in the standings at 13-3, but the Rams are right on their heels at 11-5.

In the opener, Scott Martin sparked a two-run sixth-inning rally when he drove home Wayne's Eric Vojtkofsky (Detroit Catholic Central) with the game-winning run. Vojtkofsky reached base on a single, advanced to second on Rob Campbell's hit and took third on Mike Sacha's sacrifice fly.

Campbell and Andrew Stafford also knocked in runs for the Rams.

Winning pitcher John Fileccia (Albion College) went the first 6.2 innings, allowing two runs on eight hits and one walk. Chris Rusin (University of Kentucky) came on to get

the final out on a grounder to short with the tying run on second base.

Kevin Zerbo went 2-for-3 and had two RBI to lead the Bulls' eight-hit attack. Joel Marshall also added two hits.

Bulls starter Andre Benjamin went all six innings, allowing three runs on four hits. He walked six and struck out five.

In the nightcap, winning pitcher Ryan Mosher (Wayne State) went six innings, scattering six hits to pick up the victory.

He struck out five and did not allow a walk before giving way to Rusin, who closed out the victory by striking out two of three batters he faced in the seventh to earn the save.

Losing pitcher Will Stewardson gave up six runs on nine hits in 6.1 innings. He struck out eight and walked six.

Ryan Shay led the Rams' offensive attack, going 3-for-3 with an RBI. Scott Cain knocked in three runs, while Vojtkofsky and Max Miller each added an RBI.

Livonia Stevenson High grad

and Central Michigan University catcher Brian Campbell went 2-for-3, while Mike Lepor added two hits and one RBI. Zerbo homered in the loss.

RAMS 8, PARK ATHLETIC 7: Pinch-hitter Mike Sacha helped celebrate Livonia's Spree Friday night at Ford Field with the game-winning RBI single to right center, scoring Scott Cain as the Rams (9-5) turned back Park Athletic (3-10-1).

Sacha's hit, coming with two-out in the top of the seventh, capped a three-run Rams rally.

Ryan Shay went 3-for-4 with a double, triple and two RBI. He also scored two runs. Scott Cain knocked in three runs, while Andrew Stafford scored three times.

Kyle Karup went 3-for-4 with an RBI for Park. Andrew Todd added two hits and one RBI. Josh Ivan and Jeremy Cooper each added a hit and RBI.

Bobby Henderson (Eastern Michigan) was the winning pitcher in relief of starter Steve Karchefski. Henderson went two innings, allowing two runs (one earned) on six hits and a walk.

Ryan Burzycki was the losing pitcher in relief of Matt Shoemaker. Burzycki gave up three earned runs in two innings on three hits and one walk.



Relatively new to the market, Topps Heritage baseball cards are pricey. But modeled after Topps' 1957 edition, they provide a nostalgic jolt to anybody who collected cards during the 1950s and '60s - often considered the golden age of the hobby. Topps also sells regular cards for under \$2 a pack, to lure younger buyers.

Topps tries to lure youths back to cards

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

ANYONE GOT A MANTLE?

Baseball cards used to be the lifeblood of youth among American boys, when packs of Topps cost a nickel and featured cards dusted with delicious, pink bubble gum.

Fast forward several decades, however, and the baseball card-collecting landscape is much different. For starters, a pack of Topps' 2006 set runs for \$1.75 and there's nothing to chew but plastic-coated cardboard.

It is so different that the industry launched the first-annual National Baseball Card Day on Saturday. At area hobby stores such as Comics Archives in Redford Township and Fanatic U in Garden City, it was a chance to hopefully find new customers or turn older ones back on to the pure fun of collecting.

"It's a good idea because baseball is our national sport and it's important that we get kids back into the hobby," said 42-year-old Jeff Patterson, an employee at Comics Archives on Plymouth Road east of Beech Daly. "If (stores) don't offer them something to get interested in the hobby, it will die."

Another employee at Comics Archives, Mike Polvi of Dearborn Heights, said he endorses the concept of National Baseball Card Day.

"If it creates interest and buzz and people come in then I think it's excellent," said Polvi, 49.

Where Topps used to be the only choice a young consumer had back in the 1950s and '60s, arguably the heyday of the hobby, today's consumer has an endless string of options.

Cards today aren't bought for the fun of it, to fill checklists. Instead, they are investment opportunities for adults. And youngsters aren't flocking to party stores the way Polvi did as a kid.

Enter promotions such as Saturday's intended to get folks to at least kick the tires. The job of helping today's eight-year-olds discover baseball cards is far from automatic, however.

Many people of all ages became turned off to the hobby over the past 20 years because baseball cards became more about plastic portfolio sheets than shoe-box fare.

Topps had plenty of company, such as Upper Deck, Fleer and Donruss, and each of those companies flooded the market with too many choices for people to consider.

"I think the people who started making the cards forgot what it was supposed to be, a hobby," emphasized Patterson, a Livonia resident. "They priced the kids right out of it."

Cards still are pretty pricey, especially compared to Polvi's boyhood experience of visiting his neighborhood party store and shelling out a quarter for a fistful of packs.

"I tried to get one of everybody and trade with kids in the neighborhood to complete the set," Polvi said. "Nobody cared about value back then."

But they cared about baseball cards then. Patterson and Polvi can only cross their fingers that efforts such as National Baseball Card Day (not to mention the re-awakening of the Detroit Tigers as a competitive force) will start the pendulum going the other way.

To that end, Comic Archives ran newspaper ads offering free packs of cards to the first 300 customers on Saturday. But as of late afternoon, only about 100 had taken advantage. And there were no kids in the store.

"We had quite a bit of traffic earlier today," Patterson said. "We had a lot of adults coming in with their kids."

Although Fanatic U, located at 30409 Ford Road, did not have an official promotion on Saturday, the store also is trying to get kids interested in baseball cards. Current Tiger gum-chewing pitcher Nate Robertson is scheduled to sign autographs and probably blow bubbles from 7-9 p.m. Thursday.

Patterson and Polvi undoubtedly hope those who stopped by Comic Archives would check out the current cards and pick up a pack or two.

They could buy Topps Heritage packs for \$3.49 and enjoy cards designed to look like the 1957 edition - tugging on the impulse-buy-heartstrings of aging baby boomers who did exactly what Polvi did with their weekly allowance.

Kids without much disposable income could buy packs of the 2006 Topps regular set, for \$1.75. Apparently, that is considered a bargain, especially when a pack of one high-end-brand sells for \$11.50.

According to the employees, economics dictate that the hobby will never completely revert back to its innocent heyday. For stores to pay the bills, high-priced cards need to be produced and sold to those who do buy them for investment purposes.

Yet there is room to bring in the younger set, perhaps to the point where "national days" won't be needed.

"I have nieces and nephews and I buy them cards for their birthdays," Patterson said. "They like 'em."

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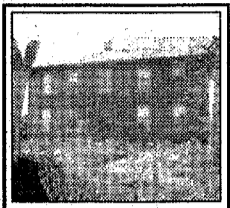
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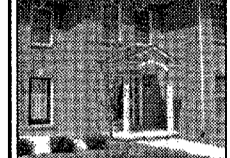
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- 44 Sun blocker
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- 50 Ominous
- 54 Royal decree
- 57 1980s Chairman
- 58 Weather system
- 60 Cosmic force
- 61 Question starter
- 62 Door sounds
- 63 Eavesdrop

DOWN

- 1 Dehydrated
- 2 Environmental prefix
- 3 Common Cause founder
- 4 Conspicuous
- 5 And, to Ovid
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- 8 Graceful wrap
- 9 Funny Charlotte —
- 10 Cast a vote
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- 16 Brings to a conclusion
- 18 Fix potatoes
- 20 Closes the drapes
- 22 Elf cousin
- 23 Wall climbers
- 24 Rascal
- 26 Where fishes play
- 27 Port near Hong Kong
- 28 Take turns
- 31 Handle dough
- 34 Cozy place to sit
- 36 Lofts
- 39 Unit of force
- 41 Plunder
- 45 Skewers
- 47 Switch positions
- 48 Fling
- 50 Yuppie's auto
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- GRAY PINK YELLOW

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

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CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

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CAREER BLUES IN YOUR 50s?



WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

Is your career boat rocking? Have you settled into a job that became boring, unpredictable or downright uncomfortable?

Is entrepreneurship beckoning? Get some hard-nosed advice about the ultimate career risk.

Jennifer Kalita of The Kalita Group, an entrepreneurial consulting firm in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, approaches the issue with rigor. Baby boomers with a long career face numerous challenges over younger entrepreneurs, she points out. When you're 30 and a new venture flops, you have plenty of time to rebuild and recover. Boomers don't have that luxury and need to protect the assets they've built up. Visit with a CPA and crunch the numbers.

Meanwhile, she advises evaluating your idea over the course of six months to a year. At least three months should be apportioned to market research. Talk to people around town, she suggests. Visit with your would-be competition. Read trade publications. Attend seminars. If you want to open a photography business, but three photographers have closed up shop in the last six months, find out why. Brush up on business management skills.

Bill Morin, CEO of WJM Associates Inc., has built his outsourced corporate service to 103 counselors across the nation. This virtual company, based in New York City, asks clients a litany of questions, including:

- How long have you researched your idea?
- If you've done it before, how long ago was it?
- What is the ultimate service that your dream provides to others — what you'll do to make a living?
- How many people have you reached out to who'd utilize the service?
- What's wrong with the picture?
- Why would your dream fail?
- Will your family, supporters and deep pockets hang in with you?

He speaks of the person who wanted to open a marina but knew nothing about insurance costs.

Michael McCann would say something else. Last year, at 54, he opened McCann Protective Services L.L.P., after careers with the New York Police Department and United Nations, where he was chief of Security. He sees pensions as a safety net while tapping into a robust emerging market.

His market research, conducted during his previous careers, indicated growth. He chaired the International Policing Division Steering Committee for the International Association of Chiefs of Police. He'd belonged to a number of other organizations, including the International Security Management Association and the American Society of Industrial Security. Over the years, he explains, I was able to see people leaving the Secret Service, CIA and FBI, and what they did having left. I felt that there was a need for high-end security for high-profile individuals, industries, private schools and corporations.



Michael McCann at 54 switched careers and started his own business.

MAJOR TRADE-OFF

Morin left his previous company 10 years ago, at 53, when his bid to take the company in a new direction was rejected. Overlooking his career asset, an international reputation, I walked around for a month feeling sorry for myself, he recalls. Like McCann, he was solid financially. A few telephone calls produced offers to work with him, invest capital with him or hand over a business to run. Many of his clients have accepted buyouts of two million dollars or more, which means that entrepreneurship for them is not a matter of economics. He points out that failure to understand the marketplace, and the investment of time and energy to

succeed, can eat away at the buyout, and to business failure.

Morin brings uncommon perspective about the major trade-off a person makes when going off on his own. One pays a price to do something one wants to do. You can have the greatest life, but you must understand what you give up to get what you want to do. This is a big psychological hit, because we do think a lot about money. It's a privilege to do something you like. To break loose and go off on your own... it's a privilege.

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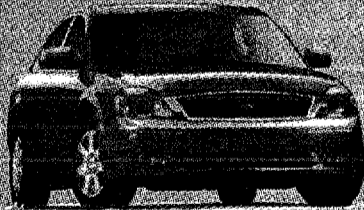
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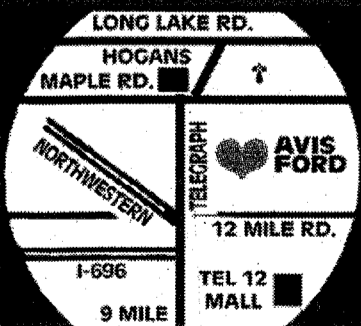
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The Hummer H2 SUT

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BY DALE BUSS

Give General Motors credit for at least one thing: Since they bought the Hummer brand several years ago, GM executives have not rested on the larger-than-life aura that was created by the military heritage of the original vehicle and by the high-five-figure price tags for Hummer —by which the mammoth machine clearly separated the haves from the have-nots.

GM gobbled up the Hummer brand and got to work on making it a broader marque that would work for the long term. H2, smaller and a bit more fuel-efficient and more humane-looking, came out a few years ago. And now there's an H3 which, to my liking, is almost too small to call itself a Hummer. In the meantime, perhaps you've also noticed that you almost never see an original Hummer on the road anymore—even a used one. Not even around metro Detroit!

If the H2 was GM's best refinement of the Hummer experience and products, the H2 SUT may be the one that causes you to scratch your head the most. Essentially, the SUT version of the H2, which came out last year, takes the back half of the existing H2 and turns it into the very short bed of a pickup. So it turns out neither very useful as a serious pickup, nor satisfactory as an SUV.

Now, to be sure, H2 SUT retains all the many charms of the original H2. I love the fact that this vehicle, whose pricing starts in the mid-\$50,000s, creates a ripple effect as it goes down the road. You're up about as high as you can be unless you're on a double-decker bus. The vehicle's long windows give you a fantastic view of everything around you, although some argue that the side windows are too narrow.

Also, there is plenty of power in the six-liter V8 monster that powers the H2 SUT. And yet there's drivability present as well, including a turning radius that is amazingly tight, considering the huge proportions of the H2 family. There's still a lot of style and energy associated with anything in the Hummer brand—even the H2 SUT, which



The Hummer H2 is great fun!

somewhat resembles some of the dump trucks I played with as a little kid.

Of course, with any Hummer you also get the incredible superlatives in performance that bespeak the brand's origins as the most dependable workaday vehicle in the U.S. military's fleet. Thus, in the H2 SUT as with the H2, you can ford 20-inch-deep strams, climb 16-inch steps or rocks, travel sideways along a 40-degree grade without turning over, and climb a 60-degree grade. And if you did any one of those things in your lifetime, that would be something to write home about!

What H2 SUT can't get around, however, are a couple of integral problems. First, there's that nasty gasoline-mileage thing. It seems to have relegated the original Hummer to a place in automotive history rather than out on the road, and things don't get much better with either version of the H2. The SUT, like other big trucks, doesn't carry official U.S. mileage ratings, but reports put the SUT's fuel efficiency at a gas-hogging 10 miles a gallon. You simply have to have deep pockets if you want to drive one of these things anywhere other than to the supermarket.

The external configuration of the H2 might be an even bigger problem. Designers left the SUT with space for only a 35-inch pickup truck bed, which I found barely big enough to haul my lawn mower—and I had to turn it sideways across the bed to fit. I'm not sure what logic reduced the SUT designers to this choice. The exposed bed makes for a lousy trunk; the sunlight melted a few frozen packages of groceries taking them home in the back of the SUT from Meijer the other day. And in the standard configuration, such little space hardly gives you any capacity to carry any of the really big things that you'd think a Hummer driver might want to tote around.

GM's solution to this is that, if you need to haul longer payloads, you can fold down the rear seats of the SUT and open a mid-gate at the back of the cab to lengthen the bed to 73 inches. That's akin to the Chevrolet Avalanche. But having a big hole in the rear of your vehicle isn't a great hauling solution during the winter time.

So think of the H2 SUT, like its Hummer predecessors and siblings, as mostly a vehicle for great fun—and you won't be disappointed.

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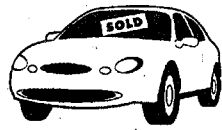
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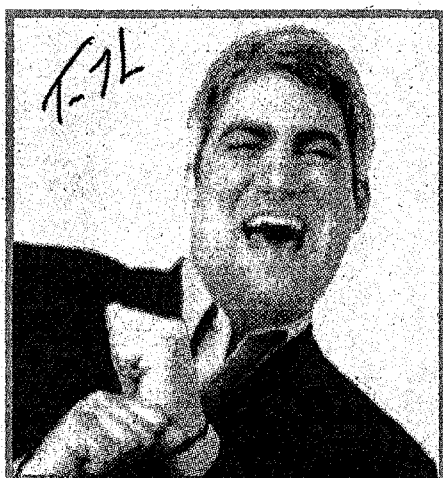
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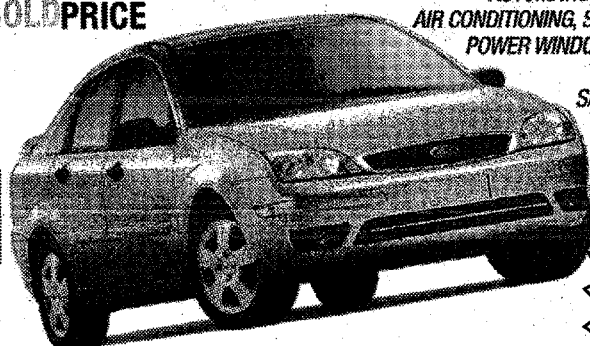
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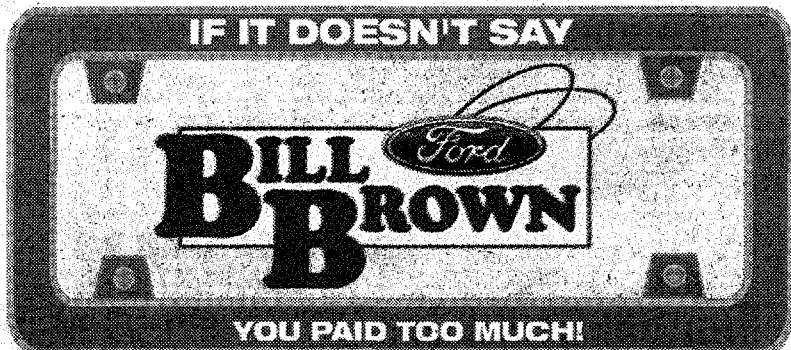
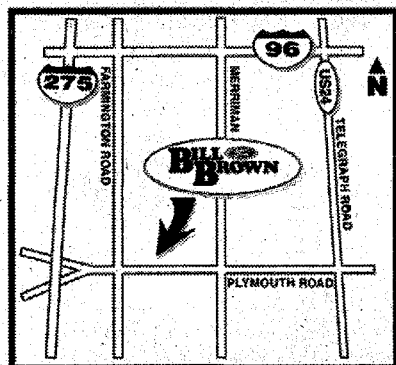
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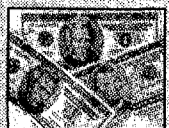
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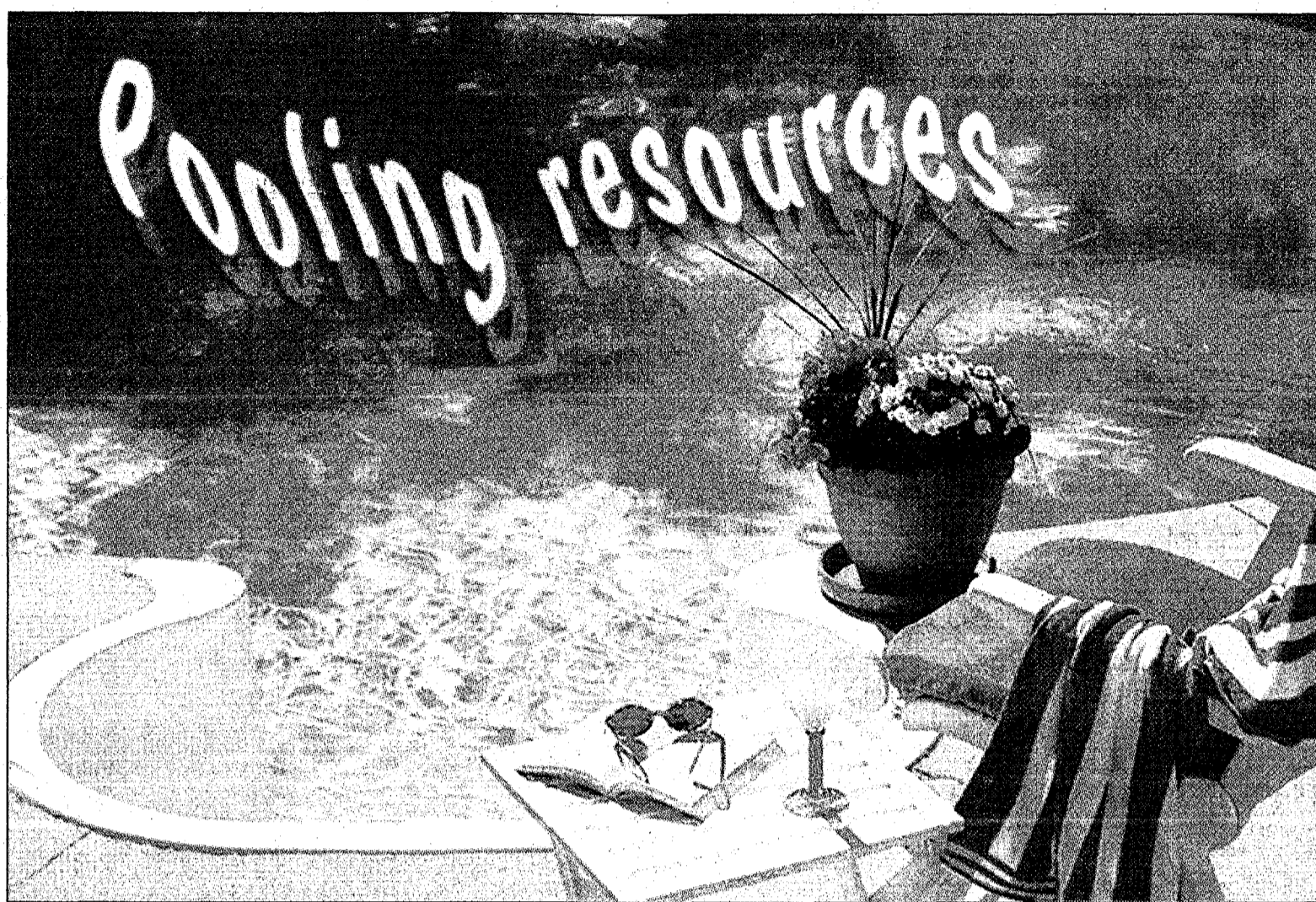


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Pools provide comfort from the summer heat.

Lower maintenance is the new trend

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

When commuters look to escape from the daily rat race, many of them go directly to their back yard.

The yard turns into an outdoor room, and quite often homeowners buy a pool to create a grand centerpiece.

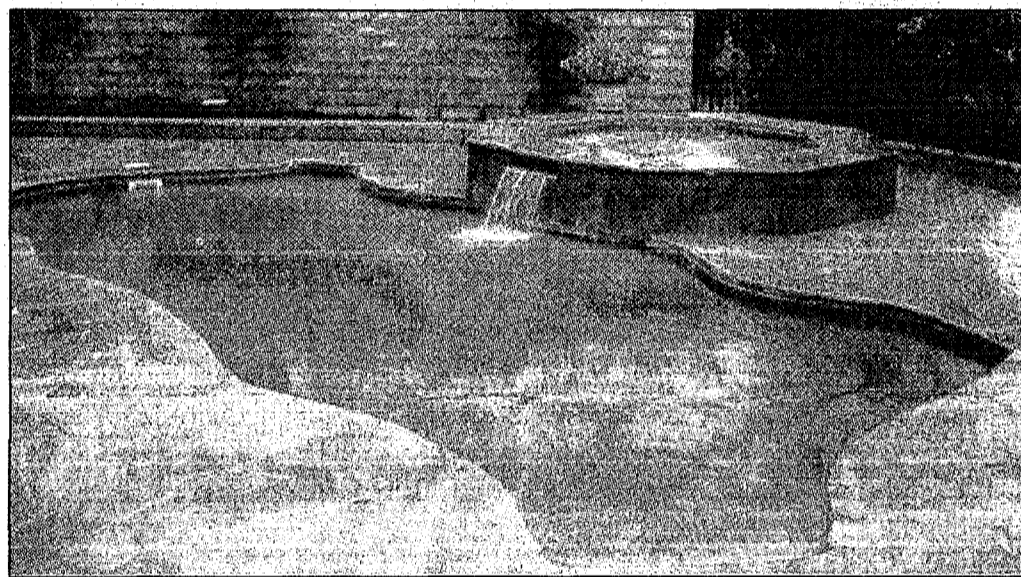
They create a haven of relaxation, a place to take a dip to cool off, or a place for an early-morning or evening swim, a little stress-busting exercise to soothe those frayed nerves.

"They like having a pool in the back yard and use it every day versus going up north to a vacation spot, where the first thing you have to do when you get up there is cut the lawn," said Jerry Jason, sales manager of Midwest Fiberglass Pools in Grand Blanc and Utica.

"It's just easier to use the pool every day, especially with the price of gasoline the way it is."

Fiberoptic lighting, little waterfalls and massage jets are options in many in-ground pools. The invisible edge pools, prominent on the East and West coasts, aren't seen much in Michigan, Jason said.

PLEASE SEE POOLING, D3



MIDWEST FIBERGLASS POOLS

A waterfall adds to the soothing water experience in the back yard.



A pool in the back yard gives homeowners a chance to relax during the warm summer months.

BEFORE PUTTING IN THAT POOL

Check with your local municipality or township on pool installation requirements. "They need to know what regulations are for the city with what the setbacks are (in distance) from the house, fencing and overhead wiring," said Jerry Jason, sales manager of Midwest Fiberglass Pools of Grand Blanc and Utica.

Check on any contractors during the pool installation. "Make sure you do your research on your contractors," said Joe Durnell of Durnell Construction in Livonia. "There's a lot of shady characters out there. Ask to check their references on jobs that the contractor has done in the past."

OFF THE AIR WITH DICK PURTAN & PURTAN'S PEOPLE

No joking, but fighting words, this week

Longtime readers of this column (*Editor's note: this is the third column*) know it has been our mission to deliver a weekly dose of humor (*Editor's note: we're still waiting, but remember, this is only the third column*).

Anyway, from time to time we may take a respite from the "hilarity" to address bigger issues. This is one of those times.



Dick Purtan

If you'll indulge me for the 300-plus or so words that I believe I have left, I'd like to take a moment to thank you.

Over the years, you've been kind enough to invite me into your life via the radio, and along the way we've shared the good times and bad times together.

That being said, many of you who tune in on a regular basis know that our family has been battling cancer for more than nine years.

My incredible bride Gail has courageously prevailed over ovarian cancer in defiance of the odds. With your support, we have taken our private battle public in an effort to help eradicate this silent killer.

Every year, approximately 25,000 women are diagnosed with ovarian cancer.

The good news is that when it's detected early, the recovery rate hovers around 90 percent. The bad news is that ovarian cancer is one of the most difficult cancers to detect.

As a result, of those 25,000 new diagnoses, more than 16,000 women will succumb to the disease, making ovarian cancer the deadliest of all gynecological cancers.

Despite these disturbing statistics, ovarian cancer continues to lag significantly behind in terms of public attention and funding. Frustrating — to say the very least.

As with all forms of cancer, we desperately need to do more research in the hope of expediting ways to detect, treat and cure this dreadful disease.

That's why we created the Gail Purtan Ovarian Cancer Research Fund at the Karmanos Cancer Institute. Over the last few years we have, through the kind generosity of our listeners (and readers!), raised more than \$850,000.

Words, on the radio or in this column, aren't enough to thank you for your support.

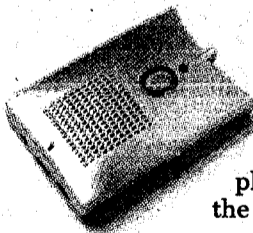
Our family has been blessed as we continue to fight the fight against ovarian cancer. But, as anyone who has faced cancer in their life knows, it's a battle that must never end.

Back next week with a little lighter fare!

Join Dick Purtan & Purtan's People for the ninth annual Dick Purtan Golf Classic to support the Gail Purtan Ovarian Cancer Research Fund, Monday, July 10, at the prestigious Scharf and Katke-Cousins golf courses of Oakland University. Go to WOMC.com for details.

Dick Purtan & Purtan's People can be heard 5-10 a.m. every day at The Motor City's 104.3 WOMC.

Hands-free phone kits let you keep both hands on the wheel



The Mvox MV900 works not only in your car, but anywhere you need a speakerphone to go with your cell phone.

As someone who spends a fair amount of time driving in and out of Detroit, I was actually pleased about the cell phone ban that was passed by the city council in May.

Dialing while driving is inherently dangerous, as is steering with one hand while the other mashes a phone against your ear.

Still, I'm as guilty — and unsafe — as the next driver,



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

which is why I appreciated being legally nudged into doing the right thing: Buying a hands-free kit.

Although the ban doesn't

allow a police officer to stop and ticket you solely for talking on a handset, you can get slapped with a \$100 fine for it if you're stopped for something else.

Thus, going the hands-free route will not only keep yourself and other drivers safer, but also potentially save you money.

The easiest and least-expensive option is a wired headset. Many phones come with them; if yours didn't, you can probably pick one up for around \$20.

But wired headsets can be somewhat unsafe, as you have to futz with an always-tangled cord and juggle the phone while trying to plug in the connector.

Plus, I find that those little earbuds get uncomfortable pretty quickly.

That's why I opted for a more high-tech solution. Because my phone is equipped with a Bluetooth wireless radio, as

PLEASE SEE BROIDA, D4



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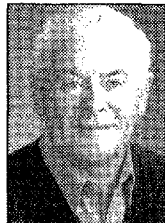
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Clean your refrigerator's condenser

Just gave Valorie 15 caps to wash in our new Maytag Neptune washer. The last bunch she did come out so clean and undamaged I decided to bring home a bunch of them from the cottage in Canada.



Appliance Doctor
Joe Gagnon

A few of these I bought more than 30 years ago, and the only water that has ever touched them was rainwater. I will let you know how they come out.

The washer is still in the test stages at our house and Valorie is still in love with it. She continues to show me stains that are removed during a wash cycle, and tells everyone how wrinkle-free clothes are when they come out of the dryer.

I continue to stick my nose inside the front door opening and I can't detect any odor that is offensive.

It appears the past problems of this front loader are gone and it's getting an A-plus rating from our house.

Make sure you pull the power cord before you do any of this.

CLEAN THE CONDENSER

Summer is here. It's time for me to point out that the hardest thing on your refrigerator is the heat factor.

I recently talked to a service man who told me they are very busy with no-refrigeration calls. At this time of year, consumers sometimes have to wait several days before a service technician shows up at the door.

The one common maintenance aspect that the homeowner needs to perform to prevent needless service rendered to a refrigerator is: Clean The Condenser.

Usually located underneath the refrigerator (some are on the back), this condenser is the method used in the refrigeration process to remove the heat from the food.

If the condenser is dirty, you can expect warmer food temperatures, and a compressor (which will be overheated) will use excessive electricity and possibly fail, causing a \$600 repair bill.

Cleaning the condenser can be done by most homeowners, even those who have never held a screwdriver.

You need a condenser brush, which is available at most hardware stores or appliance parts and service shops. It's a skinny, long-handled brush with stiff bristles that you gently stick and prod into the black steel coils under the refrigerator.

You need to use the vacuum crevice tool alongside this brush to remove all the dog and cat hair and dirt and dust that accumulate on the coil.

I have many times in years past filled brown paper grocery bags with the huge amount of dirt under there, and I can't stress enough how hard that is on the operation of the compressor.

Many thousands of homeowners each year are having a compressor replaced because it is all plugged up. Once these people dish out \$600 to have these repairs done and the service technician tells them it was caused by a dirty condenser, the lesson has been learned the hard way.

I can assure you that most folks clean it on a regular basis, which I recommend every three or four months.

I would also suggest that if the condenser hasn't been cleaned from the backside of the refrigerator in the past three years, do it from there as well.

Pull out the refrigerator and remove the cardboard cover at the bottom, and make sure you put it back on when you're all done.

Also clean the fan blades of lint and dust. The extra weight on the fan blades can cause the condenser fan motor to turn slowly and also burn out the motor.

The cleaner it is under the refrigerator, the longer it will last, the temperatures of the food will be colder, and you'll save \$5 to \$10 every month on your electricity bill.

One last thing before I go: Make sure you pull the power cord before you do any of this. 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 question 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.

GARDEN WALK CALENDAR

Northville

The 13th annual Gardens of Northville Garden Walk will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 12. The Country Garden Club of Northville, a member of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, is sponsoring the event.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, available at Gardenviews, 202 W. Main in Northville.

Five gardens will be featured. Cady Inn at Mill Race Village will be transformed into The Potting Shed, where complimentary, homemade sweets and lemonade will be served. Music will be played as local vendors offer a selection of plants and garden items. Raffle tickets will be available at Mill Race Village only on the day of the event.

Water gardens

The Southeast Michigan Koi and Pond Club's ninth annual Pond Tour will take place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 15.

For information and tickets, call Bruce E. Modetz at (734) 425-7490 or visit www.mkpc-se.com. Ten ponds clustered in the Milford and Highland Township area will be featured. Partial proceeds from the event will be donated to local charities. The Michigan Koi and Pond Club is a not-for-profit organization.

Northville and Novi

The Gardeners of Northville & Novi will present The NO-NO's Gardening Adventure 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 15.

Tickets are \$10 in advance. They are available at www.gardener-snorthville-novi.org. Anglin Nursery in Novi, Backyard Birds in Plymouth, Gardenviews and Water Wheel Health Club in Northville, Bordine Nursery in Brighton and Saguro in Whitmore Lake. They are also available by mail: Gardeners of Northville & Novi, P.O. Box 344, Northville 48167.

The event will feature six exceptional home gardens and 17 individual gardens at the Tollgate Education Center. Gardening lectures and demonstrations will take place throughout the day (the ticket book lists the time for each session). Plant and garden art vendors, garden-related displays from local organizations and artisans, a quilt exhibit, a raffle of garden-related items, and homemade refreshments will also be featured. The plant vendors will have a selection of the plants shown in the gardens.

South Lyon

The Four Seasons Garden Club of

South Lyon is sponsoring the eighth annual South Lyon Garden Walk 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 15. Tickets are \$10 and will be available the day of the event at McHattie Park, off Pontiac Trail south of 10 Mile, starting at 10 a.m.

For information, call (248) 437-8751 or visit www.hometstead.com/fscc/gardenwalk.html.

Six private country gardens will be featured, and garden treasures and plants will be sold in the park. Proceeds will be used for community beautification and horticultural education.

Canton

The Canton Garden Club's eighth annual Garden Walk will take place 1-6 p.m. Sunday, July 16, rain or shine.

Visit beautiful private gardens in the Canton area. Shop for garden-related items from vendors at the Garden Market on the grounds of the Canton Historical Museum, where the Country Lines Michigan Heritage Quilt is displayed.

Free admittance to the Garden Market and the museum. Garden Walk tickets are \$6 in advance, \$7 the day of the event. They are available at Backyard Birds, Gray's Greenhouse, and Plymouth Nursery Home & Garden Showplace, all in Plymouth; Crimboli Nursery & Sweetwater Village, Keller & Stein Florist and Greenhouse, and Mary's Farm Market, all in Canton; and Feather Your Nest Antiques in Superior Township.

Tickets will also be available July 16 only at the museum and each garden location.

For more information, call Dianne at (734) 254-1023.

Shelby Township

Garden Walk 2006, sponsored by Shelby Gardeners Club, will take place noon to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 20.

Tickets are \$8 in advance (available from club members, Shelby Parks and Recreation and Shelby Library), and \$10 the day of the event at Heritage Gardens, 52700 Van Dyke (Jack Millard Boulevard), south of 24 Mile. Advance tickets are also available by mail (send check before Monday, July 10, to: Shelby Gardeners Club, P.O. Box 183324, Shelby Township 48318).

For ticket information, call Ivy Schwartz at (586) 781-6742 or Pat Franks at (586) 781-4151.

Visit eight beautiful Shelby Township gardens. See artists painting on site, then participate in a silent auction at Shelby Library from July 24 to Aug. 13.

Open Days program is called success

The six gardens in Oakland County's Open Days Program this year had 1,600 visits.

"We're so pleased with the results of this year's Oakland County Open Days held on June 11," said Erin Plimley, Open Days Coordinator at the national office of the Garden Conservancy in Cold Spring, N.Y.

"This event continues to be one of the highlights of the Open Days Program in the Midwest.

"We also send our sincere appreciation to all of the garden owners, volunteers, visitors, and the press who made the day such a terrific success."

"There is no doubt," said Alice R. McCarthy, regional representative for the Conservancy, "that many of the visitors to the six magnificent gardens shown on June 11 believed these were among the most beautiful in Oakland County."

For more than 10 years, the Open Days Program has opened the gates to hundreds of America's very best private gardens by working with volunteers to coordinate schedules, and to collect and release information.

Many of these gardens are rarely, if ever, otherwise open to the public.

"The Conservancy tour gives gardens national recognition," McCarthy said.

Founded in 1989 by the distinguished American gardener Frank Cabot, the Garden Conservancy works in partnership with individual garden owners and public and private organizations, and uses their legal, financial and horticultural resources to secure each garden's future.

Hundreds of gardens across this country and Canada have benefited.

The Conservancy works with the individual garden owners and established garden organizations on issues as diverse as

fund-raising approaches to horticultural practices, landscape restoration plans and public relations strategies.

"It is the generous outpouring of talent and resources of garden owners and of volunteers that produce thousands of visits nationally to outstanding gardens," said McCarthy.

For information about the organization of Open Days and how to become involved, write the Garden Conservancy, P.O. Box 219, Cold Spring, NY 10516; phone (845) 265-5384; fax (845) 265-5392; e-mail opendays@gardenconservancy.org.

GARDEN CALENDAR

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. Admission is free. Reservations aren't

required. 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 Garden Preparation and Planting of Roses (1 p.m. Sunday, July 2, repeated 11 a.m. Monday, July 3) and Japanese Beetle Control for Roses (1 p.m. Sunday, July 9, repeated 11 a.m. Monday, July 10). The preparation and planting program will feature a slide lecture and hands-on garden demonstration. The beetle control program will feature a lecture and hands-on demonstration by Roger Lindley.

Hydrangea Fest!
Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac, will present Hydrangea Fest! 1 p.m. Saturday, July 15. Admission is \$15. Call (248) 332-6430 for reservations. Discover exciting new and colorful hydrangeas with Goldner Walsh manager Joel Miller. Register to win a Big Daddy hydrangea that is valued at \$50. Refreshments will be served. Miller will review effective techniques for successfully growing hydrangeas, and dispel myths. Goldner Walsh carries

more than 20 different varieties of hydrangeas.

Master gardener

The Michigan State University Extension-Oakland County Master Gardener Training Program will begin Aug. 22 and run through Nov. 14. Seats will be offered on a first come-first served basis. The application fee is \$25 and the class fee is \$300. For an application, call MSUE-Oakland County at (248) 858-0887, or go to the MSUE Web site at www.msue.msu.edu/oakland and look under horticulture and gardening.

The 13-week class will meet 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the MSUE offices in the Oakland County Service Center, 1200 N. Telegraph in Pontiac. Each session will focus on a different horticultural topic that will prepare participants to fulfill a 40-hour community service commitment to earn master

gardener certification.

Outdoor living

English Gardens will host free seminars 7 p.m. Wednesdays in July at all six stores, including locations in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506), Royal Oak-Troy (phone (248) 280-9500), Dearborn Heights (phone (313) 278-4433) and Ann Arbor (phone (734) 332-7900). Create the Garden of Your Dreams will be the topic July 5. Learn how to maximize your outdoor living area. Gardening in the Shade will be the topic July 12.

Hidden Lake Gardens

The Royal Oak Garden Club will go on a field trip to Hidden Lake Gardens in the Irish Hills 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2. The tour bus will leave from the Mahany/Meininger Community Center, 3500 Marais in Royal Oak. Cost is \$7, which includes the tour bus,

admission and boxed lunch.

Space is limited, so register early. Call Sherry Jurva at (248) 280-2540.

The 755-acre botanical garden features a greenhouse complex, a lake, a picnic area, a 6-mile paved scenic drive, and thousands of labeled trees, shrubs and flowers. Indoor plants include bamboo, banana, cocoa, coffee, sugarcane, tapoca and vanilla. A visitor center has informative exhibits.

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.

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Spas are built to last longer

Don't want a pool? Try a spa.

You can use them year-round and they take up less space.

Today's spa uses plastic synthetic materials, and not the wood of old. In fact, none of the hot tubs on display at a recent Backyard and Spa Show in Novi were made of wood.

"Nowadays people are concerned about putting it outdoors, that they want something that will last," said Bryan DeGayner, CEO of Lifestyles HotSpring Spas, headquartered in Fenton, with locations in Ann Arbor, Canton, Novi, Rochester Hills and Utica.

"They want every efficiency, and they want the latest gadgets and music."

The speaker in the SpAudio system is built into the shell, and adds the rhythm of the spa itself.

"So you're feeling and hearing it at the same time," DeGayner said.

"It's a balance with everything, whether it is hot tubs or cars, to match the right amount of jets with what's comfortable. More jets isn't always better, less jets isn't always better."

Jets are varied in power and size.

"Some jets will have more pressure than others. The pump only has a certain amount of pressure." If there are too few jets for that pressure, "it will hurt," DeGayner said. "More variety in the jets will give you the therapy you are most looking for."

One unit has seven varieties of jets.

"Two jets start at the top and

go to the bottom with a sweeping motion," DeGayner said. "Jets also mimic fingers on a message. There's jets for calves and feet. There's a big jet that can be stopped for a sore spot. There are jets with seven spots specifically aimed for the shoulder blades."

The spas are now enclosed with Everwood, a plastic encasement for all four sides.

"It gives the spa an outdoor furniture look. It's low maintenance, and there's no staining required. It can be stained (for looks), but it doesn't require stain every year," DeGayner said.

Spas include waterfalls and LED lighting.

"The light is a rotating color wheel," DeGayner said. "You can find the color or the mood you'd like, and it stops. It also has a dimmer switch."

The price range is \$3,000 for basic to \$11,000 for a fully-loaded unit.

Another basic unit has an indoor/outdoor option: The Solana TX lists for \$4,000.

"It has the same features as a big spa, but it is built for a compact space. You have the option of putting it indoors."

"That spa often appeals to empty nesters or one- or two-member households. It can fit in the corner of a deck."

Dave Fritz, manager of Insideout Home Recreation in Canton, said music, waterfalls and custom lighting are the new rages in spas.

"The lighting and waterfalls really change the whole experience in the back yards," Fritz said.

Spas have changed over the past five years.

"There's a lot more movement to the jets. There's more ways to give a more penetrating massage."

Spas range in price from \$4,000 to \$12,000. The spas use aromatherapy, chromatherapy and reflexology, all part of hydrotherapy in the spa experience.

Between new outdoor furniture, spa and grill islands, homeowners can create a fun oasis in the back yard for their families, friends and party guests.

"That's really been well received," Fritz said. "It gives the back yard a unique look, a place where you don't want to leave it."

Don't want to get wet? Here's another option:

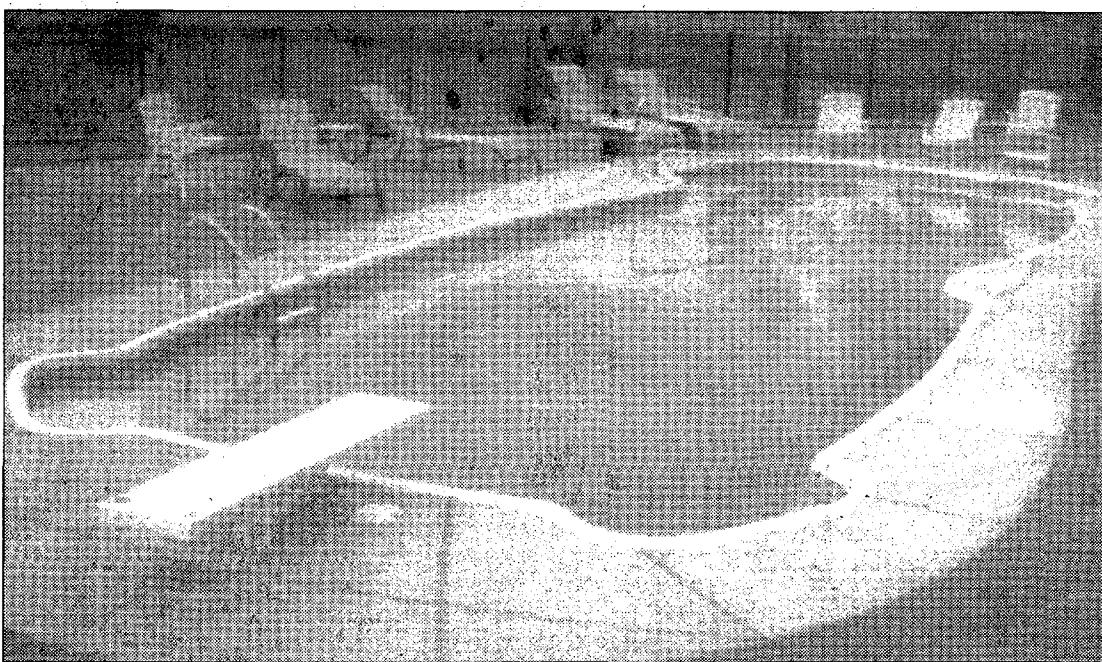
The dry wave spa (\$6,000) gives a massage. The person lays on top of the spa, and a jet runs a track from the user's heels to the bottom of his or her neck. The jet operates underneath the surface.

"You can stop it in one area," DeGayner said.

SOURCES

■ Lifestyles HotSpring Spas, 42647 Ford Rd., Canton (734) 844-1795; 3310 Rochester Road, Rochester Hills (248) 852-2620; 42875 Grand River, Novi (248) 735-2700

■ Insideout Home Recreation, 41915 Ford Rd., Canton (734) 404-2440; 35630 Van Dyke, Sterling Heights (586) 365-3080



MIDWEST FIBERGLASS POOLS

Fiberglass inground pools can be dressed up with concrete and brick pavers.

POOLING

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"That requires a reservoir to sit below the pool," Jason said.

Pool owners are dressing up the back yard, too, around the pool. Tile and mosaic are used on walkways adjacent to the pool.

"They're putting fancy concrete around it," Jason said. "Stamped concrete is made to look like cobblestone. It gives it a totally different feel around the pool. It really makes it a backyard getaway."

Pools cost approximately \$200 a month between heating, electrical and paying for chemicals, Jason said. Jason installed a Viking pool at his home in Livonia.

"People are installing pools just for a place to relax," Jason said. "A lot of (customers) are grandparents buying them for their grandkids."

AMENITIES

While there isn't much new in terms of amenities within the last few years, pool owners want ease in maintaining the pool. Working couples want the pools, but they don't want to have to skim and vacuum them every day.

More pool buyers want the automatic cleaners, said Grant Hord, manager of Pools & Spas A Go Go in Rochester Hills.

"The automatic cleaners vary in prices in different pools from \$150 to \$1,500," Hord said. "It takes the place of the vacuum."

The cleaners put dirt into the return or pick it up and put it into bags, or sweepers work to put debris into floor drains.

Other people want the non-chlorinated pools, using a

hydrogen peroxide for sanitation with periodic checks rather than dumping chlorine in the pool every day, Hord said.

Salt generators also are used for cleaning. The salt is split creating a sodium and hydrochloric acid, which cleans the pool. The units run \$400 to \$1,500.

Pools & Spas A Go Go sells above ground pools. Hord doesn't see many amenities in those units in terms of waterfalls or lighting.

"(Waterfalls) will add \$3,000 to \$4,000 extra. They use more water, because you lose water to evaporation when it is free-falling. You also lose chlorine."

Rising gas prices have pool owners using more portable solar collectors.

"It costs far less than what you pay to run your gas furnace," Hord said.

For a 15,000-gallon pool, three 2-by-20-foot panels are required, at \$360 per panel. The panels can be placed on a garage roof, but they require southern exposure.

The only drawback is your pool temperature is beholden to the sunlight.

"If you have four bad days and the sky is overcast on Friday, you won't be able to heat it up for that Saturday party," Hord said.

If the weather cooperates with sunlight, pools with a solar cover can maintain that heat at night that was absorbed by the panels during the day.

Pool owners dress up pool surroundings with black aluminum, chain link or wooden fencing. Often they will use shrubs to beautify the area.

"But when you have bushes, you have more bugs and mos-

quitoes," Hord said.

Joe Durnell, owner of Durnell Construction in Livonia, installs and services usually custom pools with vinyl liners.

"We're seeing the automatic vacuum and automatic chlorination and less and less lighting features," Durnell said.

More families with young children are interested in buying pools, so they often focus on swimming during the daylight hours and aren't interested in lighting as much, Durnell said. More slides are being installed by pool owners, he said.

They also dress up the yard with large concrete areas.

"They really vary," Durnell said. "We see about the same amount of regular concrete, stamped concrete and brick pavers."

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■ Midwest Fiberglass Pool Distributors, 3090 W. Cook Road, Grand Blanc; 6991 Auburn Road, Utica (800) 450-7665

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BROIDA

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many phones are nowadays, I can pair it with any number of Bluetooth hands-free kits.

Two companies were generous enough to send me their products for review.

I spent the last few weeks testing the \$99 Parrot EasyDrive (parrot.biz) and \$129 Mvox MV900 (mvox.com), and came away with mixed feelings about both.

PARROT EASYDRIVE

The EasyDrive consists of a trumpet-shaped speaker that plugs into your cigarette lighter and a microphone/controller that's tethered to it.

There are no batteries, which is nice, but you have to find a place to mount the controller using double-sided tape.

In my compact Chevy Cavalier, I had a hard time finding a suitable spot — and the tape wouldn't stick to the dashboard.

Furthermore, the EasyDrive can be tricky to use, its name notwithstanding.

There's no screen that shows mode or status; the system relies on voice-driven menus that you navigate using a large dial. Thus, setting up features such as voice recognition can be cum-

bersome.

Fortunately, once you've got everything configured to your liking, you'll rarely need to delve into those menus again.

The real problem I had with the EasyDrive was audio quality. All callers said I sounded "terrible," and at my end it was hard to get the volume up to a sufficient level.

Granted, my car lets in a lot of road noise, but ultimately the EasyDrive was almost unusable when I was tooling down the highway.

When I moved into my wife's much quieter Ford Explorer, things improved considerably. I'd recommend the EasyDrive, but only for drivers with relatively quiet cars.

MVOX MV900

The feature-packed Mvox MV900 is about the size of a deck of cards and can clip to your overhead visor — a much more convenient placement.

It relies on a rechargeable battery, which provides four hours of talk time and 200 hours of standby, according to the company.

During my informal tests, callers said I sounded reasonably good, though not great. At my end, volume was more than sufficient — almost too loud, in fact, resulting in some distortion.

Regrettably, the volume controls are terrible. A jog dial adjusts the

level, but there are no markings to indicate which direction is volume-up and which is volume-down. Plus, when you make a change, the MV900 beeps and the speaker momentarily cuts out.

The MV900's features include voice commands, voice dialing and Caller ID (in which the unit rapidly announces the phone number of the incoming call).

As an added bonus, the device is designed to double as a speakerphone — ideal for phones that lack that feature or have weak volume. You can even connect it to your PC and use it as a speakerphone with Skype and other voice-over-IP services.

Except for its volume problems, the MV900 worked well, even in my noisy car. It's a product I can wholeheartedly recommend.

There are lots of hands-free solutions out there. I strongly advise adopting one, because the roads are plenty dangerous without trying to juggle a phone in one hand.

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Dig into classes at School of Gardening

Do you love to garden and want to learn more? Did you just move into a new home and are wondering how to keep your landscape beautiful? Are you yearning for practical information? Check out classes this summer at the Michigan School of Gardening.

Summer is a great time to take classes because gardeners are active in their gardens and encounter questions daily.

What better way to answer those questions than to take a class and interact with other gardeners, while learning from knowledgeable and enthusiastic instructors?

The Michigan School of Gardening conducts classes throughout the year in Ann Arbor, Birmingham, Livonia, Pontiac and Troy.

This summer, these popular classes are offered:
In Ann Arbor — Mixed Borders, Doubling Up Perennials, and

Perennial Combinations.
In Birmingham — Drought-tolerant Plants, and Bulbs: Tips on Choosing and Using.

In Troy — Keeping Your Garden Fresh, Renovating a Garden, and Ornamental Grasses.

Classes take place in the evenings on weekdays, and range from \$22 to \$42. For the schedule, the full curriculum and registration information, call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit www.michigangardening.com.


The Michigan School of Gardening has been providing classes in gardening, design and horticulture since 1996.

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Instructors include rose expert Nancy Lindley and author, educator and professional gardener Janet Macunovich.

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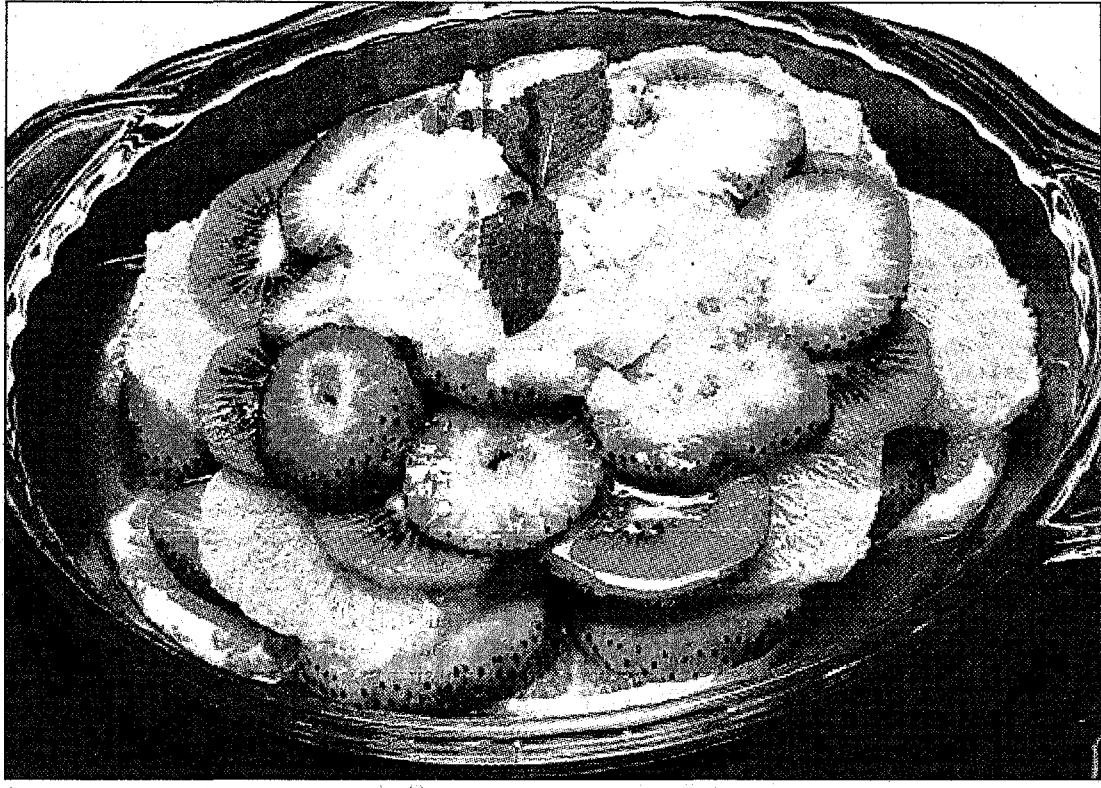
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This version of ambrosia calls for oranges, strawberries, kiwi and pineapple, making it an especially colorful dish.

Ambrosia a sweet, colorful treat

BY DANA JACOBI
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

How do you satisfy a sweet tooth without eating sugar? Fruit is the easy answer.

When other kids were dipping chocolate sandwich cookies into glasses of milk, my mother kept me happy without serving foods made with sugar. She put pecan-stuffed dates into my school lunch box and served ambrosia as an after-school snack. This sweet and tart dish can be served as either a salad or dessert. It also has many variations.

My mother's version was distinctive because she used honey, while most recipes call for sprinkling the fruit with super-fine granulated or confectioners' sugar. I prefer the latter, sifting it evenly over the fruit, because it does not pull out as much liquid. Using a small amount, plus some vanilla, makes the fruit seem sweeter.

I do follow Mom's lead in using unsweetened shredded dried coconut. You can, today, find it made without sulfites and even with reduced fat at natural food stores.

In classic literature, ambrosia was the food of Greek gods, eaten to preserve their immortality. In early American society, ambrosia was a popular dessert in the South that combined oranges and coconut, and traditionally served for Christmas dinner. Later, other fruits were included, such as pineapple, bananas, grapes and even berries, but oranges and coconut always remained the base.

This version of ambrosia calls for oranges, strawberries, kiwi and pineapple, making it an especially colorful dish. For the pineapple, I prefer using canned crushed pineapple because it looks pretty and is less expensive than fresh.

Ambrosia has a jewel-like glow. To show it off at its best, assemble it in a glass container either a large glass bowl (or even a clear pie plate) or individual glass compotes or the kind of footed dishes used for sundaes, mousse or parfaits. Add mint for garnish and, if used as a dessert, serve it with vanilla yogurt for guests to dollop on.

AMBROSIA

- 3 navel oranges, peeled and cut into thin slices
- 4 teaspoons confectioners' sugar
- 9 large strawberries, hulled and sliced
- 1 kiwifruit, peeled and cut into 7-8 slices
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 3-4 drops vanilla extract
- 1 tablespoon unsweetened shredded coconut
- 1/2 cup canned crushed pineapple, drained
- Fresh mint sprigs, for garnish
- 16-ounce container low-fat or fat-free vanilla yogurt (optional)

In individual clear glass bowls or a serving dish or pie plate, arrange orange slices to cover bottom.

Place the sugar in a small strainer and sprinkle some of it lightly over the oranges.

Cover the orange with the strawberries and sprinkle on some sugar. Add another layer of orange, then one of kiwi. Finish with the remaining strawberries, sprinkling each layer with some sugar.

Combine the orange juice and vanilla in a small container. Drizzle evenly over the top of the fruit.

Add a layer of pineapple. Top with the coconut and sprinkle on any remaining sugar.

Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate 2 to 12 hours. Using a turkey baster, remove excess juices from bottom of each dish. Garnish with the mint and serve chilled. If

desired, stir the yogurt and pass it as a sauce to drizzle over the Ambrosia.

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In the case of Gallo, big is not bad. In fact, it's very good. Gallo has the capital to do things right and they do. They've invested millions in vineyards, wineries, technology and state-of-the-art equipment, all to bring the highest quality wines to the market at affordable prices.

GALLO IN SONOMA COUNTY

In Sonoma County alone, where Gallo wines are grown, they account for over 3,000 acres of vineyards. Gallo's viticultural experts know exactly where to grow grapes and what varieties to plant where.

Their Two Rock vineyard, for example, is located in Sonoma's most exciting appellation, the Sonoma Coast. Its cool, windy climate in the rolling hills near Petaluma, is ideal for growing cool climate varieties like chardonnay, pinot gris and pinot noir. When is



Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

the last time you had a pinot noir or chardonnay for \$13 to \$15 that tastes like it cost \$30?

In the warmer reaches of Sonoma County, Dry Creek and Alexander Valleys, Gallo grows cabernet sauvignon, zinfandel, merlot and other varieties that prefer warmth.

The other great thing about Gallo's viticultural practices is that they leave the land better than they found it. They are recognized internationally for their environmental management practices.

Q & A

You may ask, "how can such a large vineyard and winery make wine with an artisanal approach?" The answer is that at each large winery, Gallo has created a small winery-within-a-winery to make wines in very small batches to test fermentation and blending techniques. Results of these experiments permit better decisions in the vineyard, too. Gallo farms its

vineyards in small blocks of 10 to 12 acres and the grapes harvested are kept separate and monitored through pressing, fermentation and aging.

"Scaling up artisanal winemaking techniques gives us more focus," explains third generation family winemaker Gina Gallo. "It helps us make wines that are delicious, accessible and lets the grapes speak for themselves."

Gallo has created a new name and label art for their flagship brand around the world. As current wines are sold they will be replaced by Gallo Family Vineyards Sonoma Reserves and eventually by an entire range of wines from \$5 to \$75. This will include Single Vineyard and Estate wines as well as the value label known as Twin Valley.

"We're in transition now as the last vintage of wines with the previous names and labels are selling out, and the new vintages, with the new name, are arriving on store shelves and wine lists," said Stephanie Gallo, director of marketing.

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■ 2003 Gallo Family Vineyards Sonoma Reserve Chardonnay \$13. A balanced touch of toasty oak introduces a tasty melange of citrus, lime and melon, ending smooth and rich. A real value.

The Healds are contributing editors for the internationally-respected *Quarterly Review of Wines* and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, and restaurants for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

WINE PICKS

Cabernet Sauvignon enhances any grilled red meat you may serve on July 4. Here's how we ranked the best in a recent tasting.

SUPERIOR

- 2002 Grgich Hills \$58
- 2002 Raymond Generations \$75
- 2003 Napanook \$39
- 2003 Chateau St. Jean, Sonoma County \$27 (best value)
- 2003 Flora Springs Trilogy \$60

EXCELLENT

- 2001 Rodney Strong Reserve \$40
- 2002 St. Supery Napa Valley \$28 (top value)
- 2002 Wattle Creek Alexander Valley \$50
- 2002 Clos du Val Stags Leap District \$52
- 2003 Franciscan Oakville Estate Napa Valley \$28 (top value)
- 2002 Frank Family Napa Valley \$40

WALLET PLEASERS

- 2003 Bogle \$11
- 2004 Inca Cabernet Malbec (Argentina) \$9

If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor or order it direct from the winery.

FOOD CALENDAR

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 (734) 591-7279.

Wine classes

Summer tasting of wine regions, instructed by Nidal Daher and Marc Jonna, with the following class scheduled: All American wines, 7:30 p.m. June 29, \$28, The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, www.communityhouse.com.

Grapevine

The schedule of classes from the Grapevine School of Wine, includes Cabernet Sauvignon: The Velvet Hammer, 7 p.m. July 10, Royal Park Hotel, 600 E. University Dr., Rochester,

\$32; Wonderful Red Under \$15, 7 p.m. July 11, Big Rock Chop House, 245 S. Eton Street, Birmingham (includes valet parking), \$35; Pinot Noir: The Seductress of Red Wine, 7 p.m. July 25, Quarter Bistro & Tavern, 300 S. Maple, Ann Arbor, \$35, register online at www.grapevineschoolofwine.com. For additional information, call (248) 990-4613.

The Community House

Cooking classes will be taught this summer at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. To register, call (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com

Vintage Wine Tasting

Viewpoint Estate Winery, 151 County Road 50 East, Harrow, Ont. hosts Southwestern Ontario Vintners Association 2006 Vintners Wine Tasting, 1-4 p.m. Aug. 12, tickets \$50, available at SVOVA wineries, visit www.vintagegasting.com

HOME CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 12.

Cost is \$25, plus a \$2 material fee payable in class. Bring 1/4-inch graph paper, a No. 2 pencil with eraser, a ruler, and some inspirational design photos to discuss.

To register and for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com.

Instructor is interior designer Mary Antenucci, a founding member of the Designer On Call program of the Michigan Design Center.

Detroit walking tours

Preservation Wayne presents guided walking tours of five historical areas of Detroit (downtown, Eastern Market, Midtown, Auto Heritage and the

Cultural Center), 10 a.m. Saturdays now through September.

It also presents Tuesday After Work tours in downtown Detroit 5:30 p.m. every week.

Tours of the New Center area are available by appointment.

Each tour offers a blend of the history of the area and what is happening now. Cost is \$10. Visit www.preservationwayne.org or call (313) 577-7674.

Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Mary Klemic, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail mklemic@hometownlife.com, fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314.

HOME CALENDAR

Bolster, triangle pillows

Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, offers a variety of home decor classes for different sewing skill levels.

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Puree fresh cilantro, basil, parsley and a chopped green chile with orange juice and a touch of low-fat mayonnaise, then serve with shrimp.

Fresh herbs can make a great sauce

BY DANA JACOBI
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

When I first learned to cook, using herbs meant garnishing dishes with parsley and using dried herbs in cooked dishes. Nobody ate the parsley sprigs—except me. If you wanted fresh herbs, you usually had to grow them and most of us bought dried dill and chives, not realizing how little their flavors resembled fresh.

For me, this changed when I lived in Paris in the early 1980s. At the local street market, Mme. Epice, as she was known (French for spice), sold every kind of herb fresh and I quickly learned how much better they taste compared to dried. When I complained that using fresh thyme was too much work, Madame explained that you could toss whole sprigs into the pot for soups and stews rather than laboriously picking off the

leaves from the stem. At the end, you could just pick out the woody stems, as you would a bay leaf.

Later on, traveling in Italy, I fell in love with two sharp green sauces made with fresh herbs: Salsa Verde, from northern Italy, includes parsley, anchovies, capers, garlic and vinegar. Salmoriglio, from Sicily, uses parsley, oregano, and garlic, plus lemon juice. Both are great with grilled, roasted or poached fish or chicken.

Recently, I created my own refreshing herb sauce, perfect for warm days.

Simply whirl together fresh cilantro, basil, parsley and a chopped green chile with orange juice and a touch of low-fat mayonnaise until pureed.

Serve this bright green sauce with grilled, broiled or poached fish or chicken. It also makes a great dipping sauce to accompany boiled shrimp, as a change from the usual red

cocktail sauce. With all we now know about the benefits of carotenoids and the concentration of other health-protecting phytonutrients in herbs, this sauce is a great way to use them generously.

CHILLED SHRIMP WITH GREEN SAUCE

- 4 tablespoons fresh orange juice
- 2 tablespoons reduced-fat mayonnaise
- 1 cup cilantro leaves, packed
- ½ cup basil leaves, loosely packed
- ½ cup flat-leaf parsley, loosely packed
- 1 serrano chile pepper, seeded and chopped*
- Salt and freshly-ground black pepper
- 1 pound medium shrimp, cooked, shelled and deveined

Place the orange juice and the mayonnaise in a blender or food processor. Add the cilantro, basil, parsley, and chile pepper. Process until the mixture is a

pulpy puree. Season the sauce to taste with salt and pepper. Transfer it into a small bowl, cover and refrigerate until it is chilled and thickened, 3 hours to overnight. (Use within 24 hours.)

To serve, bring the sauce and the shrimp to room temperature. If using for hors d'oeuvres, transfer the sauce to a serving bowl and place in the center of a large serving plate.

For individual entrees, divide the sauce among 4 small bowls to place on 4 dinner plates. Arrange the shrimp around the bowls. For appetizers, use one large plate and bowl for a buffet-style meal, or use 8 small bowls and plates for individual servings.

*For a hotter sauce, do not seed the pepper.

Makes 4 entrees or main servings, or 8 servings as an appetizer. Per main serving: 145 calories, 3 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 4 g. carbohydrate, 24 g. protein, less than 1 g. dietary fiber, 239 mg. sodium.

Orange-crumbed baked chicken is a low-fat dish

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Orange-crumbed baked chicken packs health and taste benefits from so many of its ingredients it's almost too much to believe it could also be a low-fat dish.

But it is, so it's a good item to include in a family buffet or pack in a picnic basket for those on a careful diet.

The recipe has a good pedigree, shared with about 500 others in the third edition of *Weight Watchers New Complete Cookbook* (Wiley, 2006, \$29.95). Recipes are handily laid out in a sturdy ringbound volume, some shown in color photos, all with nutrition details, seasoned with sidebars of cooking and healthy-eating tips.

Beyond the stocks and sauces, through appetizers, pasta and pizzas, main dishes to desserts, there's a chapter on holiday baking around the world — so that even traditional feast days can be free of diet guilt.

To add to the nutrition in this flavorful dish, the cookbook's editors say, be sure to use whole-wheat crackers. And if you prefer, substitute lemon juice and zest for the orange.

ORANGE-CRUMBED BAKED CHICKEN

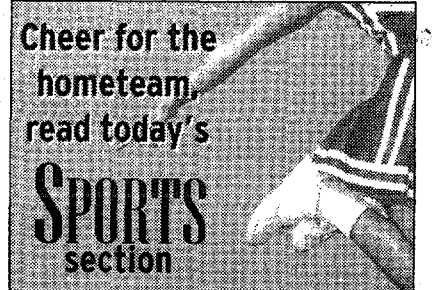
- 2 tablespoons orange juice
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup whole-wheat cracker crumbs
- 1 tablespoon grated orange zest
- 1 shallot, finely chopped
- ¼ teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- Four 3-ounce skinless boneless chicken thighs

Preheat the oven to 350° F; spray a nonstick baking sheet with nonstick cooking spray.

In a small bowl, combine the orange juice, mustard and salt. On a sheet of wax paper, combine the cracker crumbs, orange zest, shallot and pepper. Brush the chicken on both sides with the mustard mixture, then dredge in the crumbs, firmly pressing the crumbs to coat both sides. Place the chicken on the baking sheet. Bake 15 minutes; turn over and bake until cooked through, 15 to 20 minutes longer.

Makes 4 servings (1 thigh each).

Nutrition information per serving: 179 cal., 4 g total fat (1 g saturated), 59 mg chol., 518 mg sodium, 20 g carbo., 3 fiber, 16 pro.





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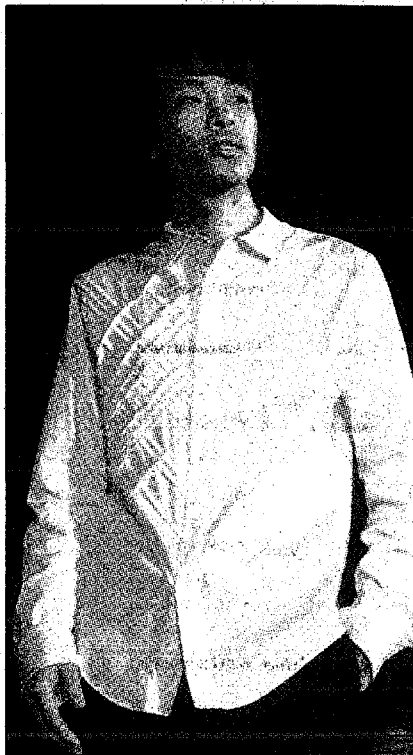
Watch for Carl Christian Dahlstedt's name coming soon to a label near you. The 25-year-old Bloomfield Hills native is making a name in the world of fashion, and has designs on producing an international clothing label.



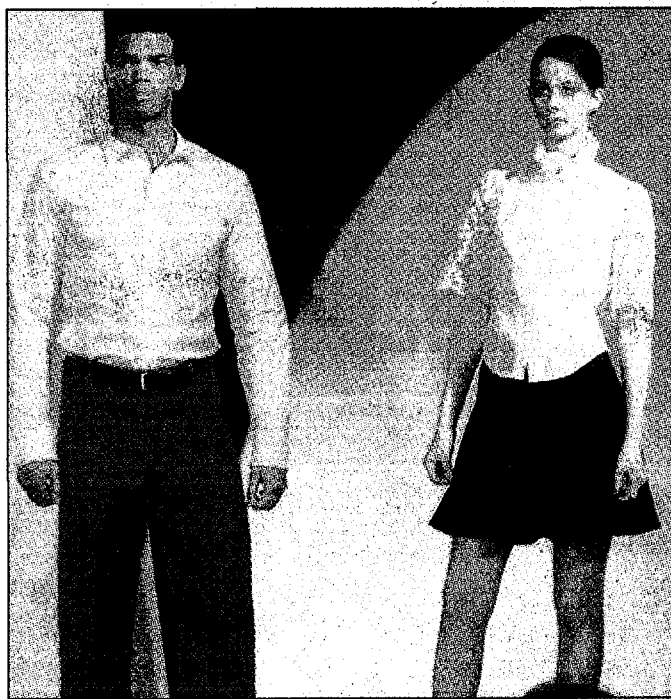
Dahlstedt graduated from Chicago's Columbia College on May 14, and sewed up his senior year by taking first place the Richard Driehaus Foundation Award for Fashion Excellence in Chicago. He competed in the invitation-only fashion show, held in a loft in the South Loop, against 23 other students from the Illinois Institute of Art, Columbia College, International Academy of Design and Technology and the Art Institute of Chicago. His Spring 2006 line for men earned him the \$3,000 grand prize.

The collection features nine impeccably crafted garments in black and white, with simple shapes and sophisticated detail. "It's contemporary," Dahlstedt says. "It's kind of a neutral palette right now, very crisp and clean and very wearable at the same time."

Pin tucks add texture throughout the collection. Dahlstedt twists, layers and crosses them,



Dahlstedt crosses hand-sewn pin tucks to create a pattern on this men's shirt (\$252).



Dahlstedt's Spring 2006 line features wool flannel pants (\$265) and a white shirt with folding pin tucks at the rib (\$252) for men; and a 12-panel pleated and pin tucked skirt (\$1,054) with gathered lace collar and lace sleeves (\$339) for women.

or edges them with cashmere for a subtle, couture effect on women's dresses and skirts, men's shirts and the back pocket of men's cotton twill pants.

"I'm really into the construction of the garments. There's a lot of hand-stitching," he said. "There's a lot going on, but you can still wear it anywhere."

Dahlstedt started sewing his junior year at Lahser High School, encouraged by a coun-

selor. When he signed up for classes at the Oakland Technical Center, he found a mentor in Dr. Horst Griesser.

"He encouraged me, taught me a lot," Dahlstedt says.

Dahlstedt quickly excelled and won first place in the Oakland Technical Fashion Show two years in a row.

Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley recently invited Dahlstedt to display his work at a Chicago

City Council meeting.

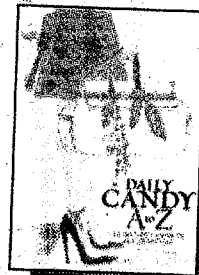
"He's trying to push fashion there, have all the designers stay there and not move to New York," Dahlstedt says.

So will Dahlstedt settle in the Windy City?

"I'd like to have a storefront in Chicago soon and then I'd like to get my clothes everywhere — Detroit, L.A., Europe and Asia. I'm working on all that right now," he says.

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most sought after designers with her eye on the international market. Her work will be displayed through Aug. 11, with an opening reception 8-11 p.m. June 30. Bullock recently took over the Design Lab from former director Sarah Lapinski, who left to pursue her men's clothing line Wound full-time. Bullock says she wants to showcase Detroit designers and help them compete in other, larger metro areas. The Design

Lab is located at 158 W. Congress in downtown Detroit. Call (313) 961-8320 or visit www.puredetroitdesignlab.com.

BBAC artBlast Looking spend a fashionable Fourth? Try the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center's artBLAST, 7-11 p.m. July 3. Before watching the fireworks at Lincoln Hill Golf Course, duck inside the BBAC to learn Shibori silk painting on

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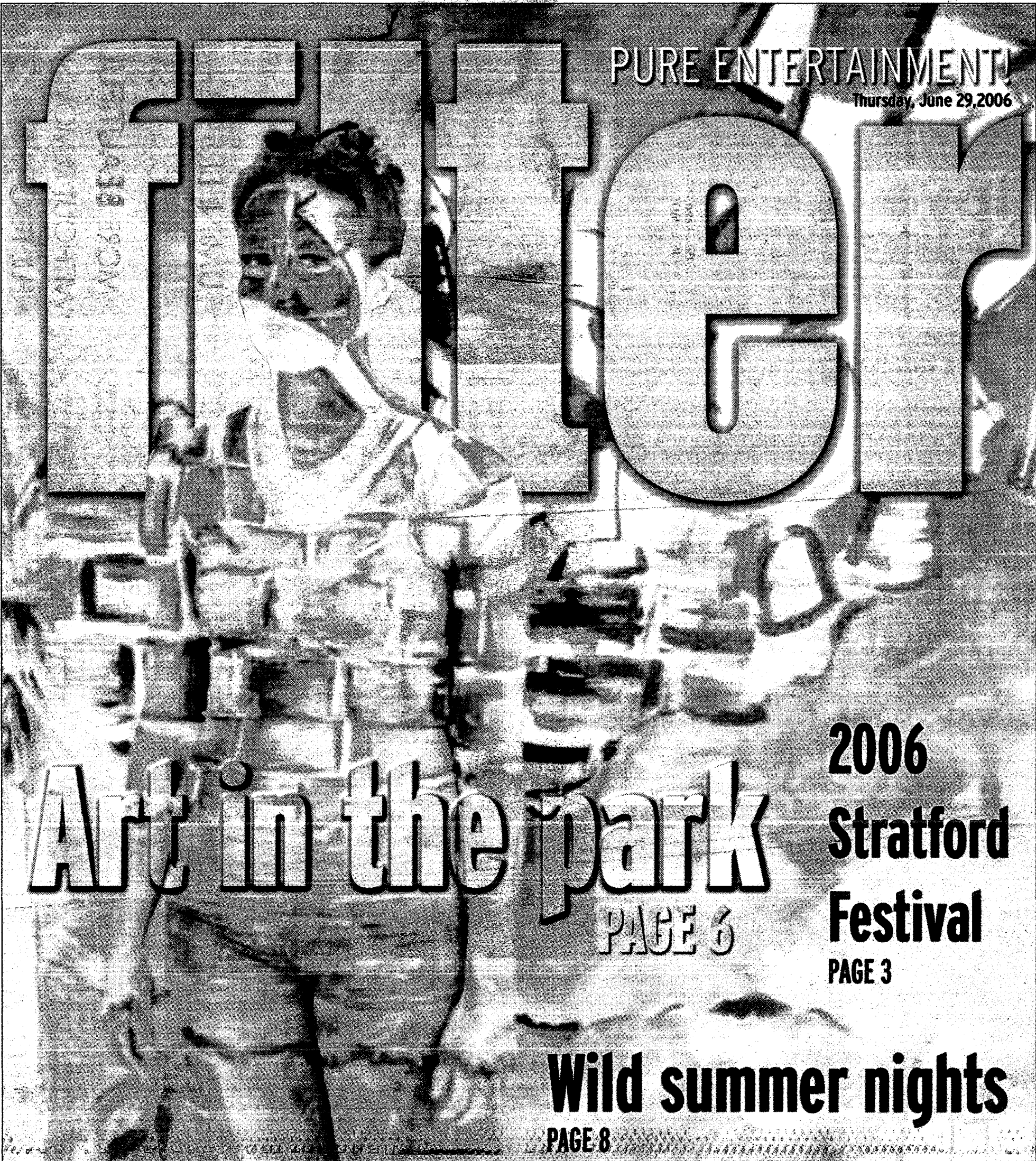
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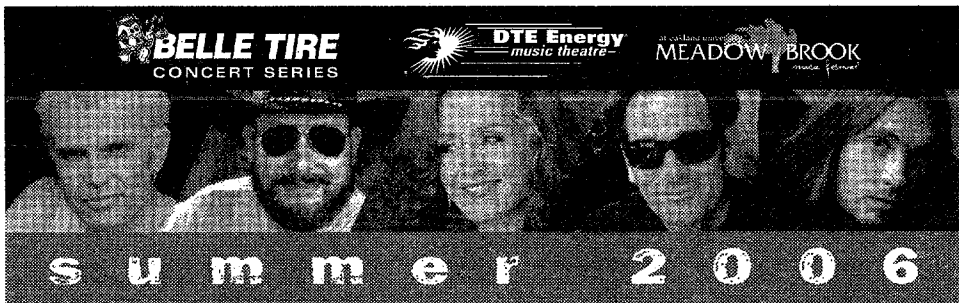
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Zox brings its unique sound on tour with Rusted Root.

Violin-fueled music fills St. Andrew's Hall

St. Andrew's Hall is the place for hardcore, hip hop and alternative music ... but a four-some violin-led band? Yes. The band is called Zox, an eclectic band that's on tour with Rusted Root and coming to St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit on Saturday, July 1.

Rusted Root, the Pittsburgh sextet, performs a sound that mixes reggae and Far Eastern music. Some have called frontman Mike Glabicki a "Michael Hutchence (INXS) sound-alike."

Zox is fresh off a run on the Vans Warped Tour in support of its new CD *The Wait* (SideOneDummeY Records). The album follows its 2004 debut *Take Me Home* that sold more than 13,000 copies. *The Wait* has already sold 10,000 and debuted at No. 7 on *Billboard's* Internet Album Chart.

The California-based band distinguishes itself by using the electric violin as a lead instrument.

Zox's sound blends rock, reggae, pop and tinges of classical. Violinist Spencer Swain approaches his instrument with a zeal and attack that rivals many guitarists.

The band has an ability to blend rock/new wave/progressive sounds – with ska, punk balladry, and a bit of baroque with a psychedelic edge.

"We take a little bit from a lot of different sounds and try to make it our

RUSTED ROOT AND ZOX

Where: St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (313) 961-8137

Tickets: \$24, www.ticketmaster.com, (248) 645-6666

When: 9 p.m. Saturday, July 1, all ages welcome

Hear Zox earlier that day: Free show at 1 p.m., Record Time, 262 W. Nine Mile, Ferndale, (248) 336-8004.

Details: www.zoxband.com and www.rustedroot.com

own," said Zox singer/songwriter Eli Miller. "We play in front of indie rock crowds, jam band crowds, college rock crowds, punk rock crowds, and different fans react to different elements in our music."

Think of their songs as mini-symphonies – from sweaty rock to introspective songs.

Zox is Miller, Dan Edinberg on bass and vocals, John Zox, drummer, and Swain, the band's violinist and vocalist.

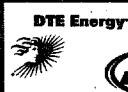
"Our first album had more of a college rock meets reggae vibe," Miller said. "It was a bit sunnier musically and lyrically. *The Wait* is heavier, more emotional, more rock-based. We're older, I guess; we've spent more time being a band and listened to a lot more music."

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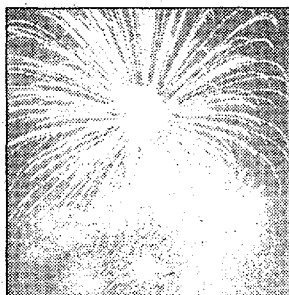
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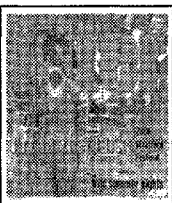
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SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

2006 Stratford Festival offers wide variety

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Shakespeare is the heart and core of Ontario's Stratford Festival and has been since its earliest days as a tent show featuring Alec Guinness as *Richard III*.

But Stratford has long since encompassed the whole range of world theater, offering theater-goers plays for all moods and giving actors a chance to stretch their theatrical muscles in roles as rich and varied as life itself.

This year's mix of light and dark Shakespeare, farce and romance, musicals and modern dramas presents the challenge that any great repertory company relishes and that few meet as successfully as Stratford.

Here is a sampling of this year's productions:

Long before we had movie stars, theater created matinee idols. This year a matinee idol who emerged from Stratford returns triumphant. In Hollywood, Colm Feore is often cast as the slick villain. On Broadway he was the lean and hungry Cassius to Denzel Washington's Brutus in *Julius Caesar*. But at Stratford he is a versatile leading man equally at home playing *Hamlet* or *Henry Higgins*.

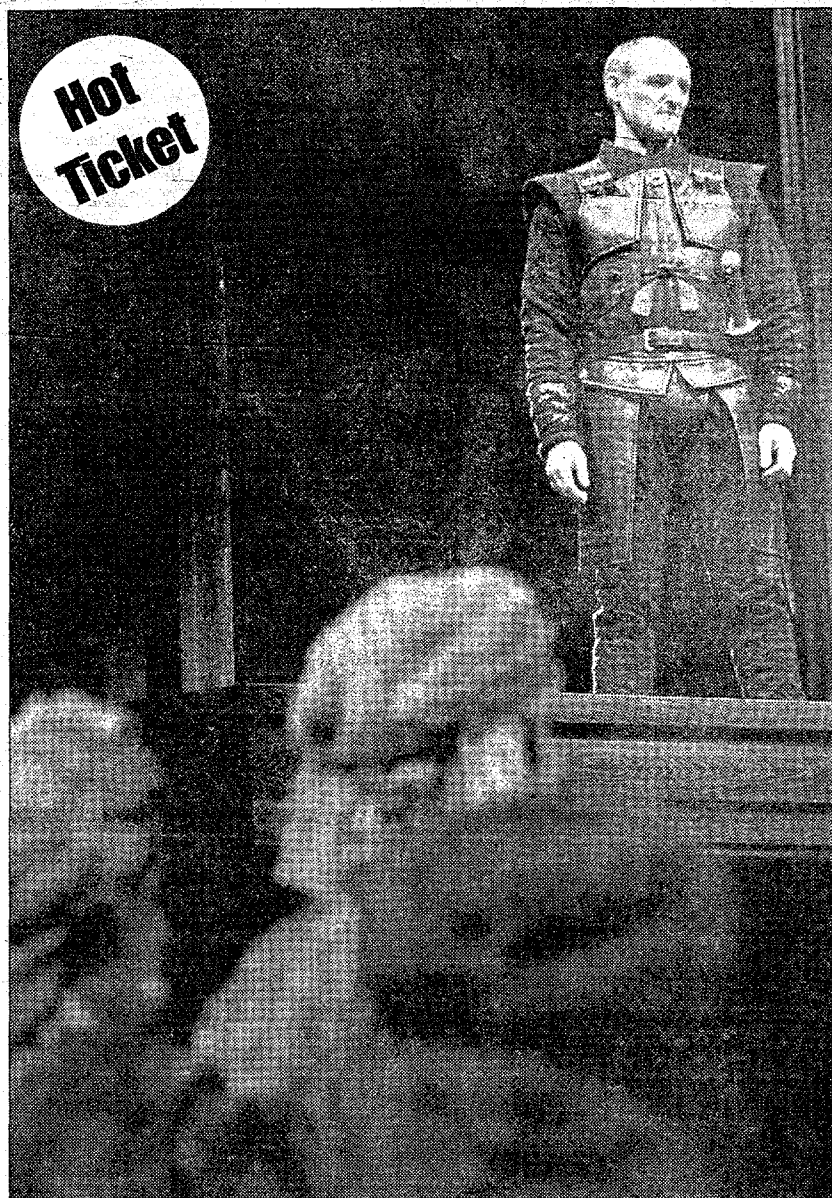
This year he stars as Coriolanus, plays Lionel Bart's kinder and gentler Fagin in *Oliver!* and, later this summer, plays the dashing Don Juan in Moliere's version – in both English and French productions. Whew!

CORIOLANUS

Shakespeare's last tragedy, *Coriolanus* has never been one of the Bard's most popular works. But in recent years, the conflicting political ideas have resonated with directors and given new attention to the play.

Coriolanus is a courageous, even recklessly brave Roman soldier. But he is also an arrogant patrician, scornful of the common people and skeptical of democracy.

After returning triumphant from battle he is offered the position of



DAVID HOU

Colm Feore stars as Coriolanus at The Stratford Festival of Canada this summer. "Coriolanus" runs until Sept. 23.

consul, but he must offer himself to the people and their two tribunes in the Senate.

He disdains to curry favor with the rabble, who are spurred to indignity by the manipulative tribunes. He is banished and returns to wreak revenge. The play has no great soliloquies and Coriolanus' major speech catches the modern ear as proto-fascism. But the byplay of conflicting values is interesting to watch. Director Antoni Cimolino keeps the action straightforward (with some lively and loud battle scenes) and the arguments clear and appropriately testy.

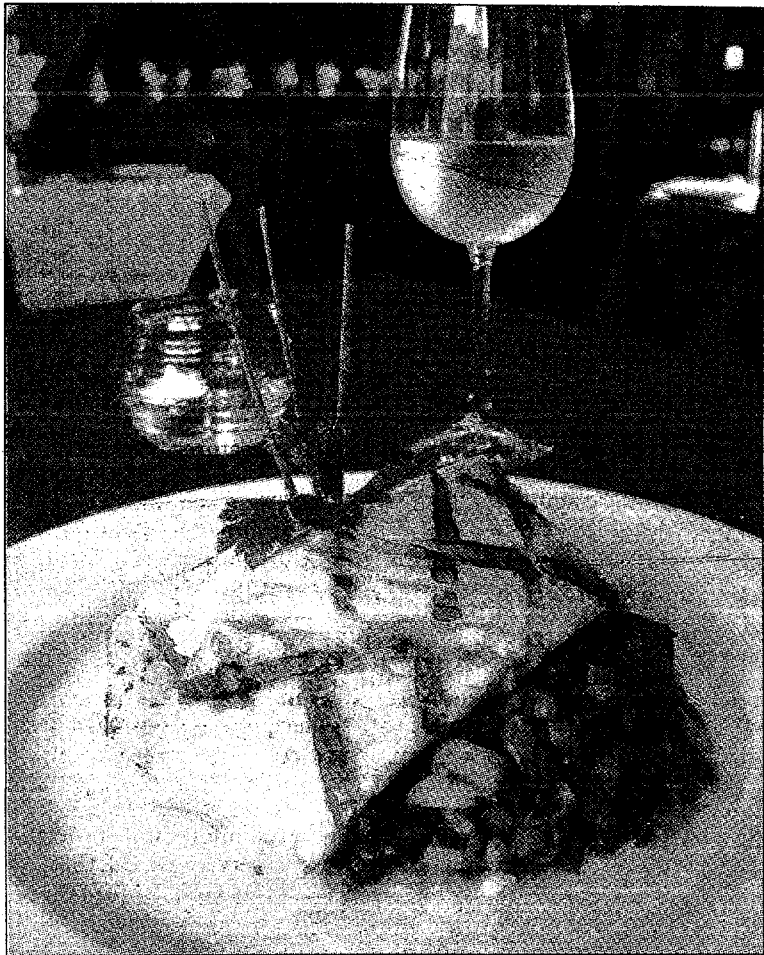
Feore is perfect for Coriolanus (after all he played Caesar in a recent ABC miniseries).

His inability to humble himself is both arrogant and proud. Feore's body tenses, his eyes rivet on to some distant point, his chin holds rigid, a man above other men.

Stratford grande dame Martha Henry is Feore's match as his bloodthirsty and ambitious mother. Henry has a way of curling her tongue around a line, drawing out every last morsel of venom. The whole theater got a chill when she was on.

Other standouts are Graham Abbey as Aufidius, Coriolanus' battle rival, and Bernard Hopkins as the most vocal and sanctimonious of the tribunes.

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Mackinnon's features Atlantic Salmon Provençale served with beurre blanc on house potatoes. The sauce Provençale contains red onions, capers and tomatoes.

A day on the town

Northville has plenty of good eats

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Whether you live in western Wayne County or Oakland County, a fun, relaxing way to spend a day — or evening — in the summer is to take a drive to Northville.

There's plenty of activity in downtown Northville.

Northville features a farmers market every Thursday through Oct. 26. Art galleries are open 6-9 p.m. for the First Fridays Art Walk. The summer concert series features musicians every Friday 7:30-9:30 p.m. (Check out www.downtownnorthville.org for more information).

There's no shortage of restaurants, either, whether you walk downtown or drive on Haggerty.

The beauty of downtown is there are no chain restaurants here with the exception of Quizno's. Helen's Uptown Cafe fits the downtown scene perfectly, and the locals enjoy this place, judging from the busy lunchtime crowd. The grilled salmon salad features iceberg lettuce, tomatoes, onions and cucumbers with a sweet raspberry vinaigrette, and

it fits the bill for freshness with a nice light lunch in a casual place.

Want a place that's a little more special for dinner? Mackinnon's Restaurant, now run by executive chef Ian Mackinnon, son of restaurant founder and chef Tom Mackinnon, has an atmosphere that reflects the European country cuisine.

Entrees feature native themes such as the Lake Superior Whitefish Grenoble or Slow Roasted Duckling highlighted by a Michigan raspberry demiglace with American Spoon Raspberry Spoon Fruit.

Emily's owner Rick Halberg features French-inspired cuisine in a romantic and friendly setting. Emily's is often named as one of the Detroit area's top restaurants in surveys and reviews.

Halberg changes the menu with the seasons. Currently his menu features seven main courses, including Alaskan Halibut (studded with slivers of garlic and rosemary, roasted and served on a bed of potato "risotto" with English peas, sweet corn and truffle butter and topped with an herb bath), Duck and Pheasant.

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Great restaurants aren't exclusively downtown. Cut the heat this summer with a great gazpacho at Rocky's. This chilled tomato soup is served up in a tall glass with crunchy croutons and finely chopped veggies with a generous dollop of sour cream. (It's not too spicy hot, either.)

Enjoy the great outdoors with game dishes at Deadwood Bar & Grill, including Buffalo or Venison Chili.

Driving down Haggerty will take you past several chain restaurants, among a few independents. Bonfire Bistro serves a great Cherry Chicken Salad (and brews up some good beers). PF Chang's (yes, it's a chain, but it has great food) with its famous Chicken in Lettuce Wraps, Shrimp with Lobster Sauce and many other dishes. Not too far away is Papa Vinos and Brann's. If you're in the mood for a coney, there's always the Senate farther south on Haggerty.

Anywhere you drive in Northville, you're bound to find something to your liking.

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Northville nosh

Are you visiting Northville? Here's a list of some of the restaurants you may want to try.

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- Baja Fresh, 17933 Haggerty (248) 347-3500
- Brann's, 39715 Six Mile (734) 420-1400
- Charlie's Grill, 16873 Haggerty (734) 420-1600
- Dandy Gander, 333 E. Main (248) 348-1920
- Deadwood Bar & Grill, 18730 Northville Rd. (248) 347-4353
- Edwards Cafe and Caterer, 115 E. Main, (248) 344-1550
- Emily's Restaurant, 505 N. Center (248) 349-0505
- Genitti's, 108 E. Main (248) 349-0522
- Helen's Uptown Cafe, 160 E. Main (248) 449-4040
- Joseph's Coney Island, 113 W. Main (248) 380-6111
- Little Italy Ristorante & Bacchus Bar, 227 Hutton, (248) 348-0575
- Mackinnon's Restaurant, 126 E. Main (248) 348-1991
- Michelle's Hearth, 43053 Seven Mile (248) 374-6244
- PF Chang's China Bistro, 17905 Haggerty (248) 675-0066
- Papa Vinos, 17107 Haggerty (248) 449-4664
- Pizza Cutter, 340 N. Center (248) 348-3333
- Poole's Tavern, 157 E. Main (248) 349-1715
- Rocky's, 41122 Seven Mile (248) 349-4434
- Rebecca's Restaurant & Ice Cream, 134 N. Center 348-2660
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Catering company launches new division

Forte-Belanger Catering in Troy has launched a new corporate picnic and barbecue division for this summer season.

This division is geared toward casual, corporate occasions, such as work and family events.

Forte has created varied menus highlighted in a picnic brochure that is now available.

As an off-site caterer, Forte-Belanger can operate at office courtyards or lawns, picnic or park grounds, and private or residential sites.

Forte-Belanger barbecues on-site with large grills, decorated buffets and staff.

For more information or a copy of the brochure, call (248) 288-3300.

Grande City Grille now serves a Gospel Sunday Brunch 11 a.m.-4 p.m. every Sunday.

The brunch features fried chicken, fried catfish, honey baked ham, black eyed peas, baked yams, peach cobbler and other items for \$20 per person.

The brunch will be accompanied by gospel music.

The Grand City Grille is on the first floor of Detroit's Fisher Building, located at the corner of East Grand Boulevard and Second Avenue in Detroit's New Center area. For more information or to make reservations, call the Grand City Grille at (313) 556-9993.



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Thousands of art lovers will gather to enjoy Plymouth Art in the Park July 7-9.

Plymouth Art in the Park

Fair adds nighttime entertainment

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Art in the Park just got bigger.

Already one of the state's largest summer art fairs, the annual event, slated for July 7-9 in and around Kellogg Park in quaint downtown Plymouth, now includes nighttime musical entertainment in a party-like atmosphere.

"It's going to be a big party," said Dianne Quinn, founder and director of the fair in its 27th year. It's complete with cocktail party tables and party decorations, added Quinn, a Plymouth resident and artist.

The event boasts the work of more than 400 artists working in a range of media who come from across the country, street entertainment during the daytime, children's activities and more. But with attendance during the

PARK PLUS DOWNTOWN

What: 27th annual Plymouth Art in the Park.

When: July 7-9. Noon to 8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Where: In and around Kellogg Park, downtown Plymouth.

Admission: Free. Shuttle parking located at the Visteon plant, 14425 Sheldon Road. For more information, call (734) 453-1540 or visit www.artinthepark.com.

weekend between 200,000 and 300,000, Quinn decided to kick it up and give attendees something to do in the evening.

"We have all these people at the event, and maybe some have just arrived. Others might want to just relax and go have a drink or spend the evening there."

So libations and food will be

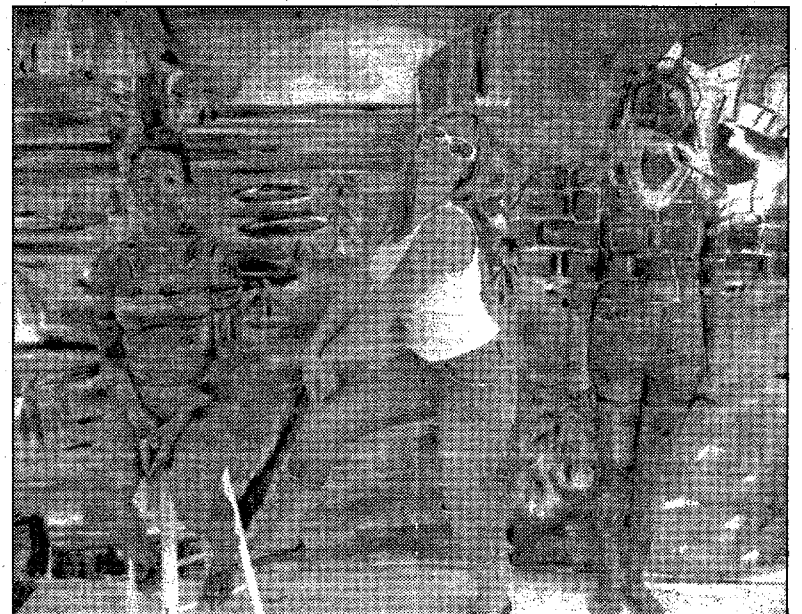
offered under large tents outside E.G. Nicks near a performance stage. And, if all goes well, the party will carry on into the nighttime hours.

"We've always had entertainment, but it's been secondary to the art. Now, it's become part of the art show," Quinn said.

Live music is scheduled to run until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 4 p.m. Sunday. The lineup runs the gamut from rock and jazz to reggae and calypso. Performers include Damage Control at 8 p.m. Friday and the salsa, Cuban and Caribbean sounds of Saoco at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Of course, the event's art offerings have grown, too. This year, visitors can expect to see art in the making.

"We're going to have all these random acts of art all over the park," Quinn said. "It's great art being done right before you."



Kristen Dillenbeck brings her own version of body painting and mural painting to life at Art in the Park.

For instance, a New York artist will paint the portraits of live models into a "living mural." A mural that kids can paint and street painting by artists with chalk are also planned.

While the Plymouth art fair is larger than any one of the several events that collectively make up the Ann Arbor Art Fairs, it's hard to believe that Plymouth's

hometown, homegrown event has grown as large as it has.

"We started with 30 artists, and now we take over the city," said Quinn. "The funny thing is it rained that first weekend of the first art fair, and we said, 'OK, we'll just have it again next weekend,' and we did."

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Fireworks Displays

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Monday, July 3, Lincoln Hills Golf Course, 2666 W. 14 Mile Road, www.ci.birmingham.mi.us

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CLAWSON

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Down under and wild nights

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BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

When it comes to wild and truly spontaneous entertainment, the Detroit Zoo has most places beat.

This summer, the zoo continues its Wednesday night live music series, *Wild Summer Nights*, and launches a new and permanent wildlife exhibit, the *Australian Outback Adventure*.

Wild Summer Nights runs July 5 to Aug. 30 and features concerts at 6 p.m. and extended zoo hours until 8 p.m.

Australian Outback Adventure allows visitors to literally walk amongst the jumping kangaroos and be part of their habitat.

"Many times, they will hop right onto the path," said Patricia Mills, communications manager at the Detroit Zoo, located in Royal Oak. "It's an immersive exhibit where you can get as close to the animals as you might in the wild."

With several acres and a zigzagging, quarter-mile walking path, the exhibit doubles the size of the zoo's original kangaroo display. Only knee-high wire cables along both sides of the trail separate visitors from the big

red kangaroos, which jump around at will.

"Any time we can provide a close encounter for the public and, at the same time, not interfere with the animals is a reason to celebrate," said Detroit Zoological Institute director Ron Kagan, who came up with the idea after going on safari in Australia.

The exhibit features outback-style structures with tin roofs and sun-baked exteriors, aboriginal-style artwork and educational signs with information about kangaroo history, range, habitat, diet and behavior.

There's even a "kangaroo jump" where children can compare their jumping skills with that of a kangaroo.

The red kangaroo is the largest of all marsupials and hails from Australia's arid interior region. The male, called a buck or a boomer, stands about 6 feet tall and weighs up to 150 pounds. The female, called a doe or a flier, grows to a height of about 3 1/2 feet and



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One of the Detroit Zoo's kangaroos is a little joey. And, the baby kangaroo sometimes leaves his mother's pouch for short periods of time.

weighs approximately 65 pounds.

Best of all, the zoo currently has a little joey kangaroo to show off. Born within the last six months, the joey is starting to make brief forays out of mother's pouch to the delight of zoo visitors.

But, the joey has yet to be named. "We don't know if we have a he or a she," Mills said.

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What: Wild Summer Nights at the Detroit Zoological Institute featuring live entertainment and extended hours.

When: Wednesdays from July 5 to Aug. 30 with extended hours from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; concerts start at 6 p.m. Regular summer zoo hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Sunday.

Where: Detroit Zoo, 10 Mile and Woodward, Royal Oak.

Admission: Adults ages 13-61, \$11, senior citizens, \$9, children ages 2-12, \$7, and kids under age 2, free. For more information, call (248) 398-0900 or visit www.detroitzoo.org.

GOING ON AT THE ZOO

■ *Australian Outback Adventure*, a new exhibit of kangaroos with visitor walk-through and access into the animals' habitat, ongoing, permanent.

■ *The Peregrine Falcon: Return of an Endangered Species*, through Sept. 8.

■ *Portraits of a MicroWilderness: Michigan's Backyard Invertebrates*, photo exhibit of Michigan back yard insects, through Sept. 13, Wildlife Interpretive Gallery.

Sandler creates more juvenile mayhem

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Capsule reviews of films that opened last weekend:



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Adam Sandler's latest comedy overflows with the juvenile hijinks that made him the cinematic god of idiocy among 13-year-old boys of all ages. The movie also ventures into the adult territory Sandler has tentatively

mined with *Punch-Drunk Love* and *Spanglish*. As an overworked family man who's given a remote control that magically allows him to take command of his messy home and office life, Sandler spends much of the movie engaging in mean-spirited, Three Stooges-like mayhem. But as tiresomely sub-moronic as the first half of the movie often is, Sandler and director Frank Coraci manage to craft genuine pathos toward the end out of a character who comes to regret taking the easy way out as the remote leaves his life in ruins. Christopher Walken's a hoot as the salesman who provides the remote. Kate Beckinsale, David Hasselhoff, Henry Winkler and Julie Kavner co-star. PG-13 for language, crude and sex-related humor, and some drug references, 107 min. Two stars out of four.

- David Germain, AP Movie Writer

Leonard Cohen: I'm Your Man

This concert documentary gathers solid interviews, anecdotes, recitations and tribute performances that present a fairly engaging portrait of the wry, dark poet who became a distinct voice in pop music. Director Lian Lunson's film is unlikely to appeal much beyond Cohen's loyal fans or bring

converts to the brooding whimsy and dense wordplay of his songs. But the movie does a far better job than a couple of 1990s tribute albums in matching Cohen's sobering lyricism with kindred spirits who can do justice to the tunes during a concert in his honor in Sydney, Australia. Fellow somber travelers such as Nick Cave, Kate and Anna McGarrigle, Rufus and Martha Wainwright and Beth Orton are among those covering songs that span most of Cohen's 40-year career. The reclusive Cohen offers warm and amusing recollections, though interviews with the performers - including U2's Bono and The Edge - are a mixed bag. PG-13 for some sex-related material. 103 minutes. Three stars out of four.

- David Germain, AP Movie Writer

The Road to Guantanamo

Part documentary, part dramatization, this chronicle of three British Muslims held without charges for two years at the U.S. military prison in Cuba will make some Americans ashamed to be Americans, or at least ashamed of things the three young men say were done in America's name. Yet it's one that Americans should see, a story that puts sympathetic faces on the bystanders caught in the unyielding war on terror. Directors Michael Winterbottom and Mat Whitecross skillfully mix interviews by the three - Asif Iqbal, Ruhai Ahmed and Shafiq Rasul - with narrative segments using actors to re-create the men's journey from Britain to Pakistan and Afghanistan, where they were captured and eventually shipped to Guantanamo Bay. Told from the victims' point of view, it's a one-sided affair, but given the news accounts of prisoner abuse and recent suicides at the Cuban prison, it's difficult to accuse the filmmakers of overstating the hardship, maltreatment and degradation the film depicts. R for language and disturbing violent content. 95 minutes. Three and a half stars out of four.

- David Germain, AP Movie Writer

Bosco serves up creative drinks

By now you probably know the Bosco lounge in Ferndale is one of the hippest places in metropolitan Detroit.

Swanky in appearance (and yet its crowd of creative-types is laid-back),

THE BOSCO

Where: 22930 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 541-8818, www.thebosco.com.

Ambiance: Hip, casual, 21 and over.

Highlight: Outdoor patio.

Hours: Tuesdays through Saturdays, 8 p.m. - 2 a.m.

To help: Donation envelopes are available to make donations to The Barbara Ann Karmanos Institute.



The Bosco is known for its unique music and interesting drinks ... it was one of the first in the area to serve a mojito - rum, tonic water, lime,

sugar and fresh mint leaves.

The drinks here are so innovative, the lounge has been featured in *Food & Wine* magazine and *Fine Living Network*.

Now the Bosco has unveiled a new drink, the Pink Cocktail, and owner

PINK COCKTAIL

3/4 shot Svedka Clementine Vodka
1/4 shot Svedka Citron Vodka
Long splash grapefruit juice
Splash cranberry juice

Pour vodka in glass, then top with grapefruit juice and cranberry juice.

Daniel Haberman is donating portions of proceeds to The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute to assist in the fight against breast cancer.

Haberman, who has always been willing to share his drink recipes (confident that people will still come for the lounge's stylish ambiance), is also giving the recipe to other bars and restaurants nationwide in hopes they will join the fight.

Aside from the Pink Cocktail, it's also serving new creations that took bartenders there countless hours to create. For example, the new Bombayde is made with Bombay Sapphire, mint, lemon and sugar. The Banana Bar is made with Cruzan Banana Rum, Crème de Cacao, Crème de Banana and cream. Delicious!

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STRATFORD

FROM PAGE E3

OLIVER!

In Lionel Bart's musical of Dickens' *Oliver Twist*, the master of pickpockets and corrupter of youth Fagin is a warmer and more troubled figure than in the novel. He is a father figure to the boys he trains to be thieves. He is given to moments of regret and hopes for a change of lifestyle.

Feore plays Fagin with the appropriate warmth and charm and without the demeaning Jewish stereotype mannerisms that have made the role so controversial. His den at times resembles Peter Pan's Neverland treehouse.

Any production of *Oliver!* depends on the successful casting of the two major children's parts, Oliver and the Artful Dodger. Director Donna Feore (Colm Feore's wife) has succeeded in finding perfect actors for the roles. Tyler Pearse has an angelic face and singing voice as Oliver, but he also shows a mature stage presence and understanding of his character beyond his 9 years. In the flashier role of the Artful Dodger, Scott Beaudin is all bounce and bravado, a real street tough (with a heart of gold). The stage business and dancing of these two and the other young thieves is outstanding.

Blythe Wilson has a fine, full voice as Nancy but lacks the poignancy that the role demands. Her *As Long As He Needs Me* is beautiful but not sad.

The show has some fine group singing and dancing to *Consider Yourself*, *I'd Do Anything* and *Who Will Buy*.

Despite a murder scene and a slightly bawdy tavern revel, this is a good introduction to theater for older children.

SOUTH PACIFIC

Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical of intolerance opened on Broadway in 1949 when its beautiful songs and dramatic references to the recently ended war made it one of their longest-running and best-loved musicals.

Even more than in other musicals, the songs carry the weight of a slim plot, taken from three James Michener short stories. Finding love in a difficult time is the main theme, racial intolerance is a subtheme.

Stratford's premiere musical performer, Cynthia Dale is the cockeyed optimist from Little Rock, Ensign Nellie Forbush, a dynamic young woman wanting to break from her Southern roots.

Dale brings charm and exuberance to any role she plays and here is no exception whether she's leading a humorous chorus through *I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Out of My Hair* or crowing *I'm In Love With a Wonderful Guy*.

Mysterious plantation owner and soldier of fortune Emile deBecque is in love with the much younger Navy nurse. Theodore Baerg takes on the nearly operatic vocals, doing a standout performance



DAVID HOU

Tyler Pearse plays Oliver at The Stratford Festival of Canada. "Oliver!" will be performed at Stratford through Oct. 29.

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DAVID HOU

Cynthia Dale is Nellie Forbush in "South Pacific" at The Stratford Festival of Canada this summer. "South Pacific" runs until Oct. 28.

LONDON ASSURANCE

Don't go looking for any deep meaning in Dion Boucicault's *London Assurance*, just sit back and be entertained by a goofy comedy written in 1841 and still funny today.

Brian Bedford directs and stars in this comedy of manners. He plays that maven of style Sir Harcourt Courtly. Think Liberace or Elton John. Bedford, a master clown, hams it up in high style as this self-deluded fop, who really believes that women swoon when he passes because he is "style."

Sir Harcourt, 63, is betrothed to 18-year-old Grace Harkaway, whom he's never met. She is a self-assured young woman willing to go through with the wedding to save her fortune and because she thinks she disdains young men.

Meanwhile, Sir Harcourt's son Charles has been faking a shy scholarly personality to his father while he goes out roistering through the taverns of London. By a series of circumstances he and his father arrive at the Harkaway country estate at

the same time and Grace falls for the younger Courtly.

Bedford's timing and mannerisms are impeccable. He was nominated for a Tony when he performed the role on Broadway in 1997. He is matched in comic invention by Seanna McKenna as Lady Gay Spanker, a horsewoman who henpecks her husband (but with love and good humor). Bedford and McKenna are pros at this sort of silly comedy and play it for all its worth.

Other fine performances are given by Sara Topham as the conflicted Grace, Brian Tree as the fidgety henpecked husband and Keith Dinicol as the long suffering, and well-named man servant Cool. McKenna and Topham are also paired in Tennessee Williams' tragic *Glass Menagerie*.

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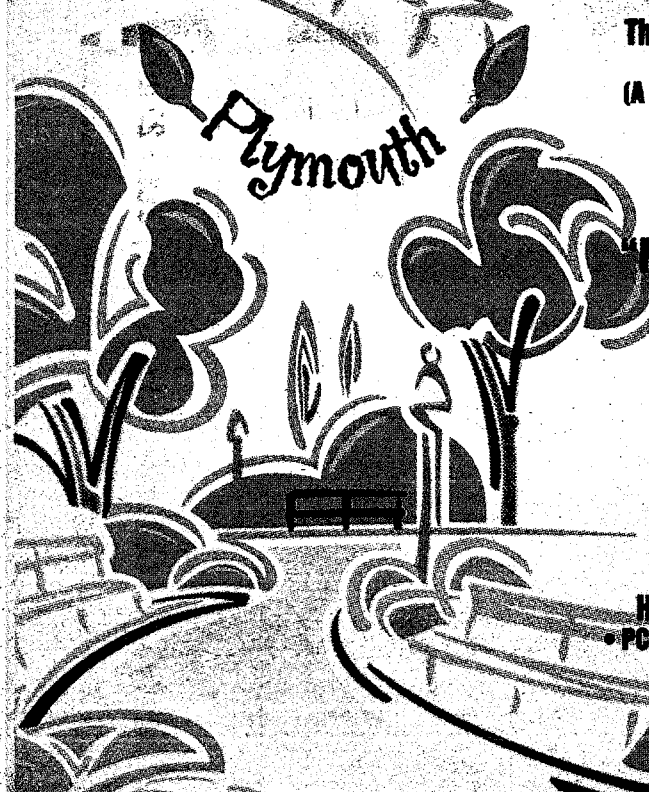
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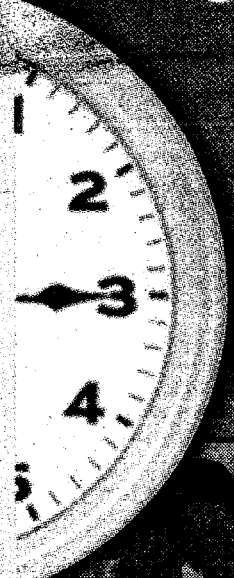
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