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Parents decry budget

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Parents made last-minute pleas to save the job of Plymouth High School athletic director Terry Sawchuk and reduce the proposed 1-1/2 mile walking distance for elementary students during Tuesday night's public hearing on the Plymouth-Canton Schools 2007-08 budget, which includes \$4.2 million in program and staff cuts.

"To insure that all student athletes at P-CEP continue to receive the necessary athletic director services, this board should approve a yearly, one-time mandatory \$50 athletic director fee which shall be paid by every student-athlete who participates on a Plymouth-Canton Educational Park team," proposed Ron Goebel of Plymouth Township, the Plymouth High School baseball booster club president. "The total of all athletic director fees paid should directly support the cost associated with the maintaining of three athletic directors."

The Board of Education plans to cut one athletic director at the park, a savings of \$116,000.



For continuing coverage of local teams

in this weekend's state tournaments,

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The O'Shaughnessy family - Ann and John with sons Collin (left) and Eric.

A love story with lessons

Book tells of wife's fight against cancer

"How I wished I could be there with you. I hope you will always recall my love. I wonder how I got that message across. I love you all so much ... I did fight the cancer with all I had." Ann O'Shaughnessy In a letter to her son



Court revenue up 62 percent

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BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Chief Judge John MacDonald said there hasn't been a deficit at 35th District Court in the 22 years he's been on the bench, "and as long as I'm here there will be an excess amount of revenue over expenses."

After earlier projections the court would be in the red within three years, court officials told Court Authority members - representatives of the five communities served by the court - they've reversed the trend with cost-cutting measures.

"We're very cognizant of the revenue stream and the expenses," MacDonald said. "When we see the revenue stream dropping, then we have to make adjustments inhouse."

As a result, excess revenues split among the five communities totaled \$523,754 in 2006, a 62-percent hike from \$324,514 the previous year.

Canton Township, which had more than 58 percent of the 41,942 cases handled by the court in 2006, received \$101,602 in excess revenues. That's good news to Supervisor Tom Yack, considering Canton had to pay the court \$57,326 in 2005.

"We're headed in the right direction ... we've seen it in their willingness to dig into staffing," said Yack of recent cuts. "My own gut feeling is there's room to be more efficient; usually that means bodies."

Pam Avdoulos, 35th District Court controller, said the

Increasing the walking distance for elementary students would save the district \$206,000.

"The biggest concern is safety," said Amy Seibert of Canton Township, who will have a kindergartner enrolled at Hoben Elementary next fall, in protesting cuts in busing. "We would have to cross a major intersection, and there's not even sidewalks all the way to school."

Despite hearing more than an hour of discussion during the public hearing, trustees are expected to finalize the budget, as proposed, at the June 26 meet-

ing. "These are difficult decisions, and we've been told repeatedly by the state and the community to live within our means and do more with less," said board President Barry Simescu.

"Even though we cut \$8.3 million the last five years, and \$4.2 million next year, it doesn't get us out of the spot we're in," said Vice President Judy Mardigian. "The chronic lack of funding by the state has put us in this situation."

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BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

You can barely hear the pain anymore in John O'Shaughnessy's voice, the agony of those last few years spent watching his beloved wife, Ann, battle cancer not so much a faded memory as one put in its proper place in his heart.

The battle lasted some 41 months, until the cancer claimed Ann at the tender age of 41 in November 1998. The grief lasted a lot longer, until he learned how to deal with it. The lessons he learned, some from the battle but most from Ann herself, will last a lifetime.

They were important enough, O'Shaughnessy felt, to share in an effort to help others dealing with similar issues. That's why he's sure Ann will be watching Saturday when O'Shaughnessy launches his first book, The Greatest Gift: A Return to Hope, during an event at his Plymouth Township home.

"It's designed to help other people who are going to be going through what we went through those three and a half years," said O'Shaughnessy, a senior key account manager with Sealy Inc. "It's designed to make (readers) feel. You'll cry and, I hope, you'll laugh. I wanted people to enjoy it, so it's written as a love story with lessons."

The love story started in fall 1981, when the

One of Ann O'Shaughnessy's great joys was being Mom to Collin and Eric.

two met at The Dubliner, an Irish tavern in Lowell, Mass., John a 24-year-old trying to find his way and Ann a 25-year-old tricked by John's friend into striking up a conversation.

It continued through courtship and a wedding in May 1983, through the sharing of a life together and the birth of two sons. It not only continued, but grew in strength and depth after the devastating diagnosis came in June 1995.

Ann had been suffering from a sore shoulder, which had been misdiagnosed - a fatal mistake, as it turned out - as bursitis.

John remembers pushing, cajoling his wife to seek a second opinion, and the light-hearted way she questioned his judgment. "Should I start calling you 'Dr. John'?" she asked jokingly.

The pain persisted, and so did John, until Ann finally sought another diagnosis. This time, it was devastating: a three-centimeter mass in her lung.

"It was devastating," O'Shaughnessy remembers. "I cried for months on end. (Ann) was the strong one back then, and I was the weak one. Then it reversed itself."

Doctors gave Ann a year, maybe 18 months.

better projections are two-fold.

"We are writing more tickets, but we've been very aggressive in cost-cutting and being very careful on expenses," Avdoulos said.

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No more books

Salem High School's senior class listens to advice from Principal Jerry Ostoin during Sunday's commencement ceremony at Eastern Michigan University. For a list of Salem's grads and more photos, please turn to Page A8.

Mustang doesn't stay stolen for long

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Mike Duff is smiling today after his 1966 Ford Mustang coupe, truck and trailer were recovered a day after they were stolen from his Canton Township home sometime during the early morning hours Tuesday.

Duff, an automotive teacher at Plymouth-Canton **Educational Park, allows** his students to work on the Mustang, which Duff drag races and has driven to a number of checkered flags.

"I was working on the trailer and went to bed about midnight (Tuesday), and when I woke up they weren't there,'

Duff said. "I went inside and told my wife, I was so shaken I couldn't even dial the phone to call police."

After several television reports Tuesday night, the car was found in a westside Detroit garage covered by a tarp. The truck and trailer were recovered on the city's east side.

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"Police believe thieves were targeting landscaping trailers and equipment, and when they found the car inside dumped it off and tried to sell the truck and trailer," Duff said. "They said two people were arrested." Duff said when he pur-

chased the car 10 years ago for

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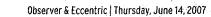
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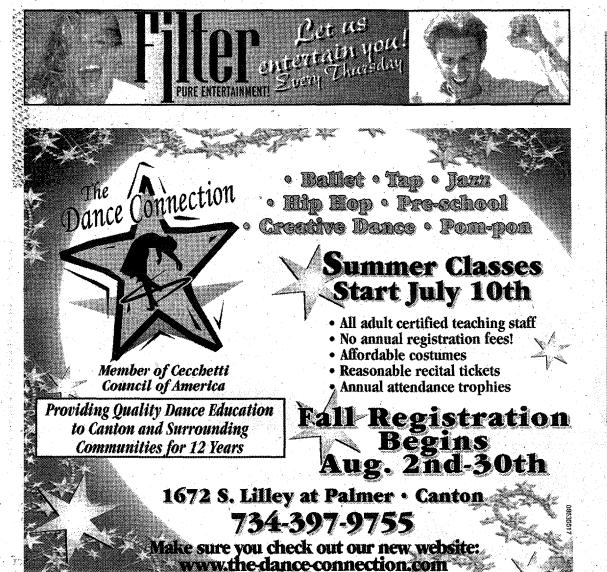
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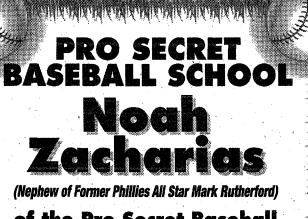


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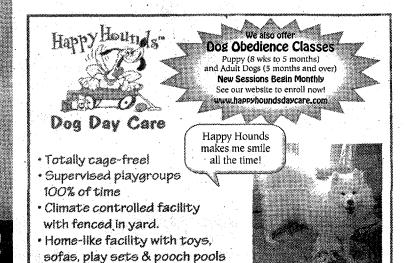
\$250 it was in two pieces and had no engine or transmission. "I bought it as a project so kids could work on it and learn after school or during lunch," Duff said.

Duff said the car is being held as evidence by Detroit police, and he's only seen the

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car on television. "It looks like some of the trim and grill were damaged, but it looks to be in good shape," Duff said. "The car isn't worth a lot, and I was worried they would take it apart and get a few pennies for it and we would be out all the priceless pieces these kids put together." tbruscato@hometownlife.com (734) 459-2700

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Board axes teacher charged in felonies

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

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The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education terminated Plymouth High School English teacher Orin Kennedy Tuesday.

Kennedy was arrested Feb. 22 at his Ypsilanti home on charges he used the Internet to proposition a minor and sent sexually explicit material over the Internet.

The Michigan Attorney General's office alleged Kennedy, 27, chatted online, propositioned and exposed himself to someone he

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the Kids Fun Run, ages 3-8, the

June 17, at The Gathering in

downtown Plymouth. The fes-

thought was a 14-year-old girl he met in a chat room. Kennedy, who is free on

\$50,000 bond, is charged with one count of using a computer to accost and solicit a minor for immoral purposes, a 10-year felony, and one count of using a computer to disseminate sexually explicit material to a minor, a four-year felony.

Kennedy's attorney, Holly Gottschalk of Detroit, said her client's pre-trial is scheduled July 5 in Washtenaw County Circuit Court.

"He had until June 4 to tell us whether he wanted a hearing by the board," said

Superintendent Jim Ryan. "We feel it's in the best interest of the school district to terminate this employee."

Five Plymouth-Canton Schools seniors were forced to miss Sunday's graduation ceremonies and senior party after being ticketed for disorderly conduct on the last day of school for seniors.

Ryan said four of the five were scheduled to meet with a counselor at Plymouth High School, but when the counselor wasn't in the office, they went on a tear.

"For some reason they went into a restroom and urinated on the floor and

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one defecated and rubbed it on the wall," Ryan said. "Because we had security cameras, we saw a fifth student waiting in a car who was drinking. The story fell apart rapidly.

"These are kids that have never been in trouble before, but made a poor choice that caused them not to participate in graduation ceremonies and the senior party," said Ryan. "It was a huge disappointment, but we had to protect the integrity of those who earned it."

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ID theft seminar

Our Lady of Good Counsel hosts a seminar designed to help people avoid becoming a victim of identity theft 10 a.m. Monday, June 18, in the church's social hall. Beverly Stanton and the **Plymouth Township Police** Department will conduct the seminar at the church, located at North Territorial and Beck.

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She stretched that to 41 months, but in the last few was told by doctors, after exhausting every radiation and chemotherapy treatment available, to prepare for the worst.

What John didn't know at the time was, Ann was already doing that. She kept a journal and videotaped messages to both her sons. The journal became an integral part of her husband's book.

Even the book itself was partly Ann's idea. During her illness, John spent a lot of time searching for information, books that could help him and his family deal with the situation, cope with Ann's illness, to no avail. He remembers complaining to his wife that no books were out there.

Her response: "Write the damn book yourself."

And so he has, using his wife's lessons, his own memories and insight from scores of friends and relatives to pen his love story as a way to help others learn the same lessons he's gotten. It started out as a "how-to" book, but neither O'Shaughnessy nor his publisher, Marian Nelson of Ferne Press in Northville, were happy with how it was going. When he turned it into the love story, it simply started flowing.

"When I changed it to a love story in 2005, it just started pouring out of me," said O'Shaughnessy.

He got a lot of help. First, he stumbled across the journal and knew "that's got to go in there." And he'd tell friends or relatives about a certain chapter, and they'd tell him, "No, that's not the way it happened."

The effort impressed his son, Collin, now 17. "He'd come down and read it to us," Collin recalled. "I didn't think he could write that well. It was great."

Once she convinced him it needed to be a love story, Nelson, the publisher, was impressed with the finish product.

"I think overall it tells a really tightly woven story, but it also can help all of us," said Nelson, owner of Nelson Publishing and Marketing. "Not one of us are going to get off this Earth without having some sort of loss or trauma. This book can

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John O'Shaughnessy

LAUNCHING A LOVE STORY

What: Launch of "The Greatest Gift: A Return to Hope" Publisher: Ferne Press, Northville When: 3-9 p.m. Saturday, June 16 -Where: 12085 Glenview, Plymouth Township Signing: Noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 23, Book Cellar & Cafe, downtown Plymouth Availability: Check Barnes & Noble, Borders, amazon.com or the publisher's Web site, www.nelsonpublishingandmarketing.com 🗮

help not only people who are grieving the loss of a loved one, but it gives lessons on how you can deal with it by making choices positively in the direction of getting through the grief and living on happily.'

That's what O'Shaughnessy is doing now, being a single dad to sons Eric, a third-year student at Michigan State, and Collin, who will enter Lansing Community College in the fall.

It wasn't hard, he said, to relive the tragedy as he researched the book, and he was able to get through it thanks in no small measure to the lessons his wife helped him learn.

"I wouldn't say it was joyful, but it was good to go back and reminisce," O'Shaughnessy said. "We had a good life. I could almost feel her pushing. me to get this done, saying, 'Finish this book."

He has, and it reflects, he hopes, his wife's message on 🖁 life.

"She more than anybody made me who I am today ... she kept me grounded and balanced. She had a knack for knowing what mattered. It wasn't the material things that make you happy. It's the love."

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of 300 selected runners for the Mackinac Bridge Labor Day Run 2007, www.michiganfitness.org. The 10K has been chosen as

part of the Michigan Runner Race Series. Race to win Michigan Runner of the Year.

All proceeds go to the Plymouth YMCA's Strong Kids Scholarship Campaign. Race photos can be found at www.plymouthpictures. com

Volunteers are needed, call the Plymouth YMCA, (734) 453-2904.

Rummage sale

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 is having a rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 14-16 at 43836 Cranford (on Cherry Hill) in Canton. The address is in the Cavalier subdivision, which will hold its annual garage sale at that time.

All proceeds go to benefit veterans. In the past, the money has been used to buy gifts for the Ann Arbor Veterans' Hospital

high school students to Boys' and Girls' State, provide veterans at the VA Hospital with evening entertainment of Bingo, prizes and

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Winter getaway

refreshments.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church parishioners and friends are organizing their third winter getaway cruise on a new Princess ship, the "Emerald Princess," for 10 days starting Tuesday, Jan. 15.

It will be a round-trip from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., visiting southern Caribbean ports including Aruba, Bonaire, Grenada, Dominica, St. Thomas and Princess Cays.

There will be an informational meeting about the cruise 3 p.m. Sunday, June 24, at Carlson Wagonlit Suncoast Travel, 44427-BW. Ann Arbor Road, in the Kroger Plaza at Sheldon. Tripgoers do not have to be members of OLGC to participate. The first two passengers to book a cabin

For more information, call the

church at (734) 453-0326.

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The City of Plymouth received \$89,069 in 2006, which is up about \$24,000 from 2005. However, Plymouth Township's share of excess revenues is down about \$3,000 - \$96,743 - from a year earlier.

unfortunately, we're writing more tickets, and we don't want to be punitive to our residents," Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said. "However, returning money to the communities is good because we still have costs associated with writing tickets, such as overtime for officers to be in court, and a prosecut-

"More revenue in the courts means,

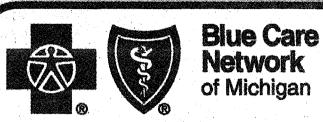
ing attorney to represent us. The revenue coming back doesn't cover all that."

Northville Township's share of excess revenues was \$192.640 for 2006, while the City of Northville received \$43,700.

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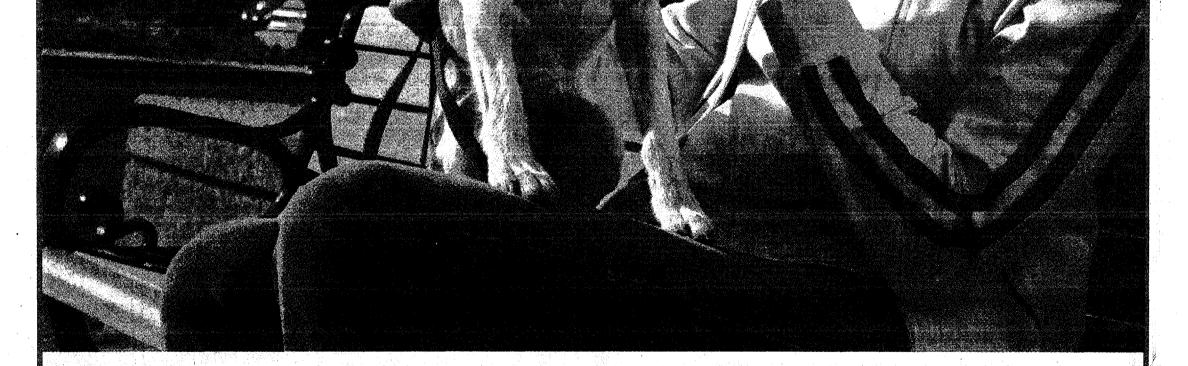
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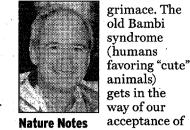
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atch her closely as she lumbers past your young tomato plants and methodically digs a hole with her hind feet near the petunias and you may think you are watching a beast of the Jurassic Period. And in some ways you are, for this turtle of Michigan, with stegosaurus-like plates along the back and tail predates the age of the great dinosaurs.

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The common snapping turtle is nearly invincible once it reaches adulthood, but life is risky now as spring races for summer. Even nature loving first-graders know of the ways of the snapping turtle: It snaps when threatened. Powerful jaws keep potential predators at bay, but down under water, it's generally a docile creature, content to scavenge on decaying flesh, plant matter, crayfish, fish and frogs. But when it slurps down a duckling or gosling paddling peacefully about kids cry and some adults



natures way. Jonathan way of the Schechter snapping turtle.

Crossing roads is not its way, but to survive snappers must often take on our world, an endeavor of great danger, something beyond their sense of understanding. There is no learning curve when it comes to the lethalness of automobiles. Many don't make it and in automobile-rich environments some ponds are losing all their turtle species.

For the past few weeks female snappers – often coated in algae - have been crawling ashore from their

water world of shallow lakes, marshes, lagoons and slow moving streams. And they must, for this is the season to lay eggs. But with the human habit of placing roads as close to lakes as possible, adding culverts and pavement, the soil in which to lay eggs is often a few hundred feet of a treacherous travel away.

The trek is nearly impossible. To make matters worse some folks – with good intent - "rescue" a snapping turtle

crossing a road and prod it back to the marsh with a stick to keep it safe: The wrong thing to do. If you want to help a turtle, help it get to where it is going not to where it came from. Instinct will force the turtle to try again, at increased risk.

Once soft earth is found, more often than not in a freshly tilled garden or lakeside lawn, but sometimes in roadside gravel, she laboriously digs a shallow depression to deposit 20 or more rubbery

The eggs that escape predation, or are not crushed, dry out in heat, or get washed out in torrential rains hatch in anywhere from 55 to 125 days according to herpetologist Jim Harding at the MSU Museum. And of the hatchlings, few survive for again they must cross roads, escape predators and find good habitat.

pingpong-sized eggs. With her maternal duties down, she leaves. And more often than not, the eggs are quickly consumed by raccoons or skunks. Fact of the matter is turtle eggs often become omelets within hours of their placement under ground.

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A snapping turtle faces the dangers created by man.

in anywhere from 55 to 125 days according to herpetologist Jim Harding at the MSU Museum. And of the hatchlings, few survive for again they must cross roads, escape predators and find good habitat.

Harding, being the turtle lover he is, emphasized a point in our early June turtle trivia exchange. "I think its neat that 99 percent of all turtles nest in practically the same way - nest cavities dug with hind feet and momma never sees her egg, just like the big loggerhead sea turtles that people pay good money to see nesting down South. We have the same thing here in Michigan (for free) if folks just watch the open sunny spots near any lake, pond or river."

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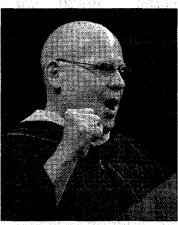
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Salem grads take next step along life's journey

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GRADUATION TIME

Today - Salem High School Sunday - Plymouth High School Thursday - Canton High School



Principal Jerry Ostoin's message to the graduating class is 'You. Will. Do. Well.'

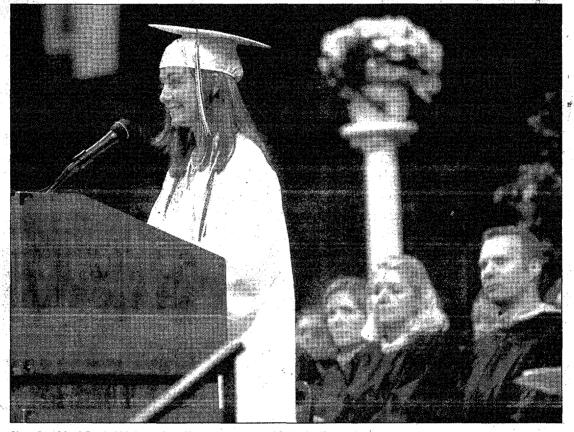
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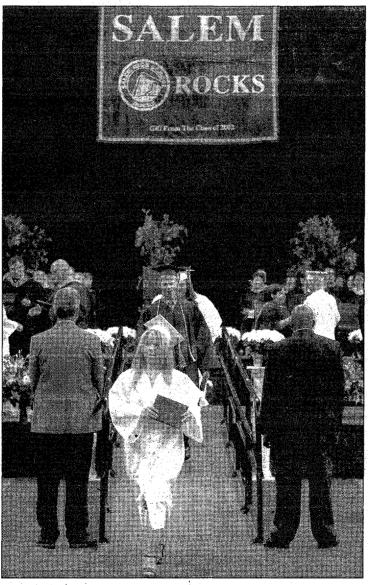
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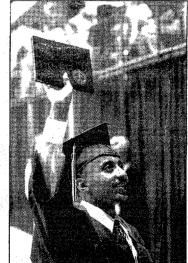


P-CEP Combined Choirs, joined by graduating seniors in their final performance, sing 'Like An Eagle.' The choir is directed by Jennifer C. Kopp.



Class President Rachel Pietron gives the commencement introduction.





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Diplomas in hand, Salem graduates walk down the ramp that leads to their future.

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During the recessional, graduate Ibraheem Algabry shows his diploma to his family.

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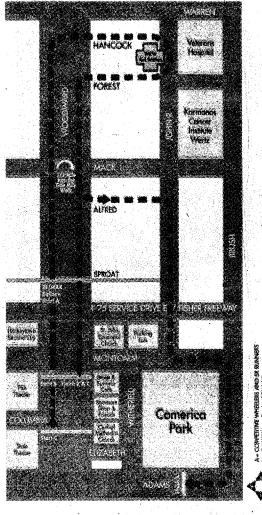
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30,000 expected for Race for the Cure

The 16th annual Komen Detroit Race for the Cure will be run Saturday, June 16, at Comerica Park in Detroit.

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An estimated 30,000 participants will



run in the 5K Run/ Walk and one mile walk to promote breast cancer awareness.

Komen Detroit Race for the Cure is a blend of purpose and entertainment, of beloved traditions and cool surprises.

Ten thousand pink ribbons will decorate the Woodward Avenue route from Warren to Comerica Park. More than 1,500 survivors are expected on the pink carpet, marching to the beat of Ford's Warriors in Pink drummers-a testa-

ment to the benefits of early detection and treatment of the disease.

A gospel choir has been added to the lineup of bands and performers that inspire racers and walkers along the walk and at Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

Detroit's Race is a top-tier event in the Komen Race for the Cure® series, the largest series of 5K runs/fitness walks in the world, which includes over 100 Races in the U.S. and Races in Germany, Italy and Puerto Rico.

For 25 years, the Komen Race for the Cure Series has been a celebration of life, hope and honor, giving a voice to millions of women and men and allowing survivors a powerful means to demonstrate to the world that breast cancer can be beaten.

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RACE FOR THE CURE

What: Komen Detroit Race for the Cure When: 7-11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 16 Where: Comerica Park Detroit Cost: \$15 to \$40, youth and senior discounts, with reduced fees online. Register online through June 14, 5 p.m. at www. karmanos.org and click the Race logo. Race day registration onsite until 9 a.m.

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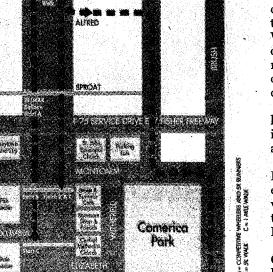
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OUR VIEWS

Cuts need stronger fix

It's always heart-warming to see parents take an active interest in the education of their children, something we see quite frequently in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Parents have taken that interest to higher levels in the discussion of the elimination of Plymouth High School athletic director Terry Sawchuk's job. Sawchuk's position (and its \$116,000 price tag) is among some \$5.5 million in cuts the board is considering. More than 100 parents and students were in the Plymouth gym a couple of weeks ago, trying to convince school board members to keep Sawchuk.

They were out in force again at Tuesday's school board meeting, urging board members to remove the AD position from the list of cuts necessary to trim projected budget deficits.

Among possible solutions parents want the board to look at are a \$50 hike in pay-to-participate fees to cover athletic directors at all three high schools or, failing that, allowing booster clubs to raise the \$116,000 it would take to keep Sawchuk for a year.

It's all part of an effort to convince the board Sawchuk is a quality guy whose impact on student-athletes is significant. But board members already know that. While Sawchuk's style reportedly hasn't won him a ton of friends outside the walls of his own building, everyone recognizes the kind of job he's doing.

The problem is this: Funding his position takes money. And the district doesn't have any. It's that simple.

Parents will say money is no problem, because booster clubs have become proficient at fund raising. Coaches have also offered to defer their pay in an effort to keep Sawchuk in his job.

While these are nice gestures, they're a bit misguided. Are booster clubs prepared to raise money every year just to save one man's job? Are donors going to be willing to continue emptying their wallets for personnel costs? Is the same effort going to be made to save the jobs of 70 teachers who were also pink-slipped?

The board is likely to shrug off the idea, and rightly so, of adding \$50 to the pay-to-participate fee. They're already hiking the fee to \$160 for the first sport and \$80 for subsequent sports, fees already among the highest in the area.

After staying away from the classroom while making more than \$8 million cuts over the last five years, board members are now making decisions that affect students directly. And taking a ton of heat for it.

Having two ADs cover three schools, and cutting 70 teachers, and adding a half-mile to the walk for some elementary school students are less-than-desirable solutions. But sky-rocketing personnel costs and unreliable funding from Lansing have left board members with little other choice.



The grand old flag

Heise a carpetbagger?

Opinion, May 31, 2007).

interests?

Bravo to Mr. Bill Nowacki, who clearly

sees through the local political she-

nanigans ("No support for Heise", O&E

Who is Heise anyway? I've never

heard of him, and certainly have never

seen him active in any PCCS activities,

or for that matter anything else in the

just some carpetbagger from Dearborn

Heights whose only interest is to get his

name out in order to further his political

And having only just recently moved

into our community, why would he want

to immediately "volunteer" for such a

a position on the school board? Good

questions! My wife and I cast votes in

Eggenberger, a capable and dedicated

educator. We also cast our votes, as did

most others, for Mark Slavens, to send a

I would urge the school board to con-

sult with Mark Slavens and to seek other

candidates for the open position, or

the school board election for Nancy

message, "NONE of the others.'

demanding and time-consuming job as

Plymouth-Canton community. Is he

Scouts from Troop 854 at St. Michaels Lutheran Church carry a 20 -foot-by-30-foot flag in the Canton Liberty Fest parade.

LETTERS

might have gone again. She had no bag at all.

I do not know for sure what or if anything the dog did. I called the city manager and was told nothing could be done because it was a park. I was told and have read it is a Memorial Park. I would like to see signs put up saying "No dogs," "No skateboards" and "No bicycles."

This is not a playground park, this is a Memorial Park for our veterans. I would also hope that all citizens would respect the park.

> Jean Van Boven Canton

IKEA experience

After reading Tiffany Parks' article on IKEA's first anniversary in Canton ("IKEA reaction varies as giant retailer celebrates 1st anniversary," *Observer*, June 7), I would like to share the most humiliating customer experience I've ever had.

As first-time customers of IKEA, my wife and I made a \$993 purchase, consisting of a bedroom storage unit and a mattress. The following day, I returned the defective unused because the length was several inches short. IKEA customer service refused to accept the mattress, saying they do not accept "opened" bedding. We argued back and forth until they called security to have me removed from the store. I then contacted IKEA headquarters, who investigated the matter. They determined the manufacturer had in fact mislabeled the mattress with the incorrect dimensions. The Canton store called to tell me I could now bring the defective mattress back to the store for a replacement. I asked them to deliver the replacement to my home and pick up the defective one, since I was thrown out of the store on my last visit. They refused. We have concluded IKEA is not serious about customer satisfaction. When a customer spends nearly \$1,000 on their first visit to your store, wouldn't you go that extra mile so that customer stays with you for a lifetime? We will never shop at IKEA again and we will go out of our way to share this story with all our friends.

this coming. This corrupt administration is in bed with big oil. What else can explain the record profits?

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There should be windfall profit taxes, more refineries should be built and these big oil companies should be broken up.

Talk about price fixing. Remember the old days, when gas prices would go up pennies at a time? Now it is a quarter a day. Shame on all of them! Congress, get to work and investigate!

> Mary Peters Westland

We need a broom in Lansing

With regards to the state of the budget, I encourage all residents to go to www.michigan.gov and click on the departments link. I think there you will see a glaring example of a big reason why we are in such a financial mess. I count 19 departments, but I could be off one or two. It's kind of hard to keep track as you scroll down the screen to the next page.

There are a few that stand out. The Department of Agriculture (I bet the farmers would do just fine dealing only with the thousands of federal Department of Agriculture employees). The list goes on and on. The Department of Civil Rights. The Department of Community Health. The Department of Civil Service. The Department of Environmental Quality. The Department of History, Arts and Libraries (I'm not kidding), The Department of Human Services (couldn't this be covered in the Department of Community Health?). The Department of Information Technology (that is catchy, I must admit). The Department of Management and Budget (I'm speechless). There are many more I did not list. Many, we all would agree, are needed. But even with those, I bet we would all cringe at the amount of apathy and waste. That is, if we had a media who would explore and report these details far more than they do. Most of us see it. I have a friend in Canada and all the city employees except the trash collection and police went on strike. After a couple of weeks, they rushed back to work and the bargaining table when it started to circulate just how little the average person noticed their absence.

Flag Day is time to pay homage to U.S.

"We take the stars from Heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing Liberty."

That's what George Washington once said about the newly created American flag during the American Revolution.

Authorized by Congress June 14, 1777, what we now know as the Stars and Stripes first flew over the walls of Fort Stanwix in the wilderness of upstate New York.

It is unlikely that the soldiers within those walls, who were taking on the most powerful nation in the world at the time, realized that the red, white, and blue American flag would become one of the most recognizable symbols in the world.

Although despised by some, the Stars and Stripes has inspired countless others in nearly every corner of the globe, especially where people have lived under tyranny. It isn't the design of the flag (though it is certainly handsome as flags go) that is inspiring. It is the very ideals the flag has stood for and represented since its inception: liberty, democracy, freedom.

While there have been plenty of times in our history that we have not lived up to those ideals, they have still been our guiding principles since the founding of this nation. Every June 14, we observe Flag Day to honor our national symbol. Most people probably don't know that. It certainly doesn't get as much notice as Memorial Day or Labor Day. People usually don't take off work or go on vacation for Flag Day. But in an age when our country seems sharply divided along political lines, it is good to take some time to celebrate what binds us together. We should give thanks that it, and the ideals it stands

for, still flies above our heads.

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would you like to hold another election? Coming in a distant third in a race does not entitle one to the first-place trophy should it be declined by the winner! We need a school board that is focused on the excellence of PCCS — not on some stepping stone to public office. School board members, please consider your selection carefully, with your eyes open.

Looking further to the source of Heise campaign funding (Patterson, Mauseth, Tressel, et. al.) isn't it strange that the money seems to be coming from the local Republican right wing?

I think, as Mr. Rogers would say, "Can you spell carpetbagger? Sure you can!" Come on Bill Nowacki, we really need to help these people! I'll go back to the "duck test" again. This again smells like the local Republican Party right wing.

Donald B. Bain Jr. Plymouth

Party thanks

On behalf of the West Middle School eighth-grade farewell party chairpersons, we would like to thank all of those who gave so generously of their time and talents to make this a memorial evening for our eighth-graders.

Many parents volunteered their time and money to ensure the kids had a great evening of fun activities and plenty of food to eat. Your efforts paid off as all who attended had a wonderful time with their friends. We would also like to acknowledge and thank those of the community who gave so generously, as well. Your support is greatly appreciated. Joanne Kokoska

party chair

Respect the park

I'm writing this letter to the city of Plymouth about the new Memorial Park in Plymouth.

I was there over Memorial Day, and sadly I saw a dog lift his leg and pee on the flowers. I said to the lady with the dog, "I hope your dog does not ruin the flowers, they are so nice." She said to me, "I hope not," then she and the dog went over to another area of the park, where they could not be seen, and I feel the dog John M. Vraniak Plymouth

Impeach Cheney

Iraq had nothing to do with Sept. 11, nor did they have weapons of mass destruction. Vice President Cheney, a former oil executive and former CEO of Halliburton, manipulated information and lied to the American people and Congress to force the U.S. to invade Iraq to take over their oil fields. Now he is doing the same thing to take over Iran's oil. He is pro-war and against diplomacy and it is past due that Articles of Impeachment are brought against him on behalf of the American people, the service men and women who have lost their lives, and the Iraqi people.

> Denise Berthiaume Canton

Shame, shame, shame

When the Bush administration took over and Cheney held his secret energy policy meetings, we should have seen

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A very good lesson. We don't need to replace the Single Business Tax. We need a broom.

> Rick Kennedy Livonia

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"My route home can be interesting, as I usually exit at Sheldon. So far I seem to have timed it right and have not found too many long backups, but we do slow down and the orange barrels seem to keep changing position, adding to the excitement."

- Laurel Gnagey, Plymouth resident on the challenges presented by yet another stretch of road work along M-14

OTHER OPINIONS

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State needs to fight fear with energy plan

ichiganders have probably never heard the name Terry Sanford, but for Michigan's future, never has one name been so important.

Sanford was the governor of North Carolina from 1961-1965. During that time, southern politicians routinely used race to divide and conquer otherwise stable political coalitions. To get elected in the south, conventional wis-



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dom said to paint the other guy was a civil rights sympathizer, and run on saving America from integration. George Wallace - America's most notorious segregationist perfected this craft to his disgrace.

Joe Hawver

Others punted the issue. More moderate than Wallace was Sanford's predecessor, a Dixiecrat named Luther Hodges. Hodges advocated

"compromise" between the NAACP and Ku Klux Klan. That one of these groups advocated obedience to law, while the other terrorism, mattered little in the Jim Crow south. In the 1960 presidential election, however, Sanford backed a known proponent of civil rights named John F. Kennedy. Although risky, Sanford supported Kennedy because he believed racism was wrong, and more astutely, saw him inventing a viable strategy for getting southerners aboard the integration bandwagon.

As Sanford noted, Kennedy tied the struggle for civil rights in America to a more universal proposition - the defeat of communism. In essence, Kennedy believed America could not promote human rights abroad, until it first protected human rights at home. Sanford shared Kennedy's view, and also knew North Carolina needed fundamental change to revive its faltering economy. Its three main industries - furniture, textiles and tobacco - had stagnated, along with social progress.

Sanford connected the dots between North Carolina's social regression, economic stagnation and his mission as governor. To him, the social and economic stagnation plaguing North Carolina stemmed from ignorance. He saw North Carolina perpetuating ignorance by neglecting its primary responsibility - public education. To address this, he offered an unpopular idea. He proposed dramatic funding increases for North Carolina's universities. After much ado from the bourgeois, Sanford pushed a tax-increase through the legislature with little public support.

When President Kennedy wanted to expand the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, he chose North Carolina's ground-breaking "Research Triangle."

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Established five years earlier, the Research Triangle promoted health, humanities and technology through North Carolina's triage of research-centered universities - the University of North Carolina, N. C. State and Duke. The Research Triangle eventually lured IBM and today employs over 40,000 North Carolinians in high-tech jobs.

While most of the south lags behind the rest of the country in education and employment, high-tech employment in North Carolina continues to rise today. These successes were spearheaded by Terry Sanford.

Why is this story important? Because there are parallels between North Carolina's struggles in 1961, and Michigan's today. Our economic woes are also aggravated by our politics. Fear-mongers feed Michigan's anxiety by playing the same evil game as Wallace and Hodges. "Government," they say, "not the will of man, is the problem." Fear is paralyzing social and economic progress.

But there's a lesson in Sanford's courage. People - no matter how backwards - will agree to radical change when it serves America's larger purpose in the world.

Today, Michigan must revive its economy by confronting the evils wrought by our dependence on foreign oil. To do this, Michigan must launch a National Energy Independence Initiative.

Like Sanford's initiative, a National Energy Independence Initiative could revolutionize Michigan and America forever.

Our universities recently stated their intent to emulate North Carolina's successes. However, they committed an inexcusable error when asking for more money from Lansing. Essentially, they demanded "money for nothin'." Jane Q. Taxpayer - pragmatist that she is - will rebuff any request for more money until it comes with a clear vision to move Michigan forward. And, contrary to popular belief, Jane is hungry for our leaders to demonstrate, what Sen. Barack Obama calls "the audacity of hope." Government can view this growing consensus for fundamental change as a threat, or as a gift. So far, like Hodges, they've punted.

Eventually, however, this consensus will overcome the politics of fear. And, what greater gift than freedom from terror? What greater need than to revive Michigan's economy? How severe does the energy crisis need to become before we commit to action?

The answer - for better or worse - lies in the will of man. I, for one, like to think we're better for having a destiny to shape. A National Energy Independence Initiative moves us closer to that end. And, closer to freedom from fear.

Joe Hawver lives in Plymouth and ran for state representative in the 2006 Democratic primary.

Doug Ross finds success educating Detroit students

o you think all politicians only think of what's best for themselves? OK. Now let's meet a man who turns 65 this week, one of the brightest members of his generation. He's had a big-time Michigan political career - state senator, Department of Commerce director, assistant secretary of labor, candidate

for governor.

And then he chucked all that to run a charter school in Detroit. His name is Doug Ross, and let him take the story from there.

"I lost the 1998 Democratic gubernatorial primary to Geoffrey Fieger," he said, actu-ally finishing third behind East Lansing's Larry Owen. Once the votes were in,

"I got to talking with Bill

Beckham, who was the head of the Skillman Foundation, about how disgraceful the Detroit schools were." For a quarter of a century, 70 percent of high school students had failed to finish.

"So since I had time on my hands, I agreed to go around the country looking at what urban schools actually worked.

"We decided that the problem in Detroit was an obsolete learning organization, not bad people. So we decided to lift one of the successful school designs from cities around the country, start a school to see if it could work in Detroit, and hope the Detroit Public Schools would, in turn, lift that design to improve the entire system."

That's the story behind University Preparatory Academy, which Ross founded in 1999. Last Saturday, it graduated 128 seniors, more than 90 percent of those who started there as freshmen. And nearly 100 percent of the graduates are going on to college.

If Detroit Public Schools could copy that model, the city would be a far better place. And as far as I'm concerned, while Ross is Jewish, he's also Michigan's top candidate for immediate sainthood.

By using passion, smarts, a big heart and vast energy, he has conclusively demonstrated that it's possible to take a bunch of inner-city kids and get them to perform at academic levels nobody would have believed. He is a man who indeed knows the Detroit schools.

Ross graduated from the University of Michigan and taught for a year and a half in the Detroit Public Schools, at McMichael Middle School and at Northeastern High. But then he was fired, "because I looked like a potentially troublesome person."

I've known Doug for a long time, and he always was among the smartest, most creative, articulate and all-round energetic people anywhere. But I never expected him to dedicate a decade of his life to helping a bunch of Detroit kids ... nor to succeed so enormously.

What's his secret?

"You start with two core beliefs," Ross says. "First, as an urban public school, you have absolutely to accept responsibility for developing college-ready graduates, regardless of what kind of background or educational deficits those kids bring with them.

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"Second, you have to do whatever it takes to help a student succeed, not just nine-to-five but whatever is necessary, whether it's evenings, trips to court, funerals, whatever.

"You then move on to operating principles. You have to have a deep knowledge of each child - academically, emotionally and socially - and have the flexibility to respond to that knowledge."

University Prep does that by making the fundamental leaning unit the "advisory," a group of 16 pupils who stay together with the same adviser as an extended family through i their entire school career. And "you have to organize the school so as to individualize learning. A ninth-grader who reads at the fifth-grade level is only going to deepen his self-doubts if he's faced with a ninth-grade book."

Ross started University Prep on the theory that if it worked, it would be a shining beacon and model other schools could copy.

So far, he's succeed in meeting the achievement targets set out by his financial backer, Bob Thompson, the Plymouth-based former asphalt-paving titan (and another proper candidate for canonization.) With Thompson's backing, Ross is starting up several more schools in Detroit, hoping that the model will gradually spread.

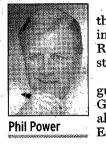
Frankly, I'm pessimistic about getting the Detroit Public Schools to voluntarily come along. Ross says that the requirements for his model to succeed - educational and budget decisions and hiring and firing - must rest in the hands of the individual school principals.

I doubt the centralized and bureaucratic culture of DPS would tolerate local decision-making. Nor do I believe the Detroit Federation of Teachers will tolerate someone else making personnel decisions.

But I would like it very much if I have to write a column in a few years saying, "OK, I, was wrong." What is clear is that Doug Ross is succeeding in one of the hardest and most centrally important tasks in all of Michigan. He deserves every one of the plaudits he's been getting in recent weeks. And while I'm sure the angels in heaven would be pleased to greet Doug Ross and Bob Thompson as they ascend to the cherubim, I hope they don't do so anytime soon.

Right now, we very much need both of them here.

Phil Power is president and founder of The Center for Michigan, a moderate think tank based in Ann Arbor. The opinions expressed in his columns do not represent official policy positions of The Center for Michigan. Powerwelcomes reader comment at ppower@hcnnet.com.



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Mortgage payoff depends on a person's financial goals

question I'm frequently asked is whether someone who has received an inheritance should pay off the mortgage. There are few absolutes in the financial world and the issue isn't what the majority of people should do, but rather what she should do.

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I've always been a believer that you need to look at your own individual situation and make the right decisions for you. That is why when it comes to investing, I don't have a standard portfolio. I invest based upon someone's personal financial goals and objectives. The same belief drives whether someone should pay off a mortgage.

The caller told me her inheritance was approximately \$170,000 and her mortgage was approximately \$130,000. I also learned the caller had approximately \$30,000 of other debt and a substantial portion of that was on charge



cards. The interest rate on the mortgage was 4.75 percent fixed and she was deducting her mortgage

Money Matters interest. The first Rick Bloom issue to be dis-

cussed was the taxation on the

taxation on the inheritance. Typically, when you inherit money, it is income tax free. The one exception to this is if you inherit a 401(k), IRA or other tax-deferred accounts. On those items, then you must pay income taxes at your ordinary income bracket. In this case, the money was not within an IRA or other tax-deferred account and so there were no income tax consequences.

The next issue concerned her individual financial situation. Her income did cover her living expenses and she has been able to save money. The charge card debt was something she incurred because of a divorce.

The next issue was whether she wanted to pay the mortgage or was she doing it because she thought it was a good financial move. Financially, in her situation; considering her interest rate and the fact that the interest was tax-deductible; she should not pay off the mortgage.

However, if one of her financial goals at this point in time was to be debt-free, then that would factor into the equation.

After taking everything into consideration, the obvious first move was to pay off the charge cards and other personal loans. The interest on charge cards averaged over 15 percent and that interest is not tax-deductible. I can't think of any investment that would pay someone a guaranteed 15 If someone is working and has the cash flow to make the mortgage payment and it's taxdeductible, then it makes sense not to pay off the mortgage early or make extra payments. It's wise to invest the money in a growth mode.

percent return net of taxes on a consistent basis.

Rather than use the rest of the money to pay off the mortgage, I recommend she establish a long-term growth portfolio. After taxes, her mortgage was costing her under 4 percent and by establishing a good growth portfolio, she should do considerably better over the long term.

If someone is working and has the cash flow to make the mortgage payment and it's tax-deductible, then it makes sense not to pay off the mortgage early or make extra payments. It's wise to invest the money in a growth mode.

By following this strategy, over time, more money will end up in your pocket exactly where it belongs. However, if one of your goals is to not have a mortgage payment, then that is something that must be factored into the equation.

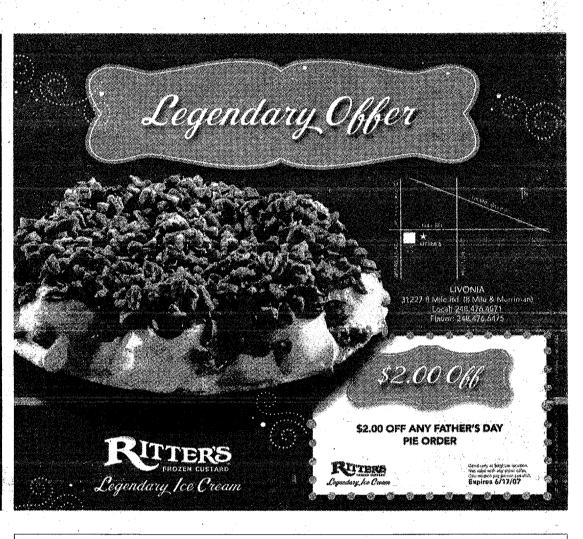
One last note in regard to the allocation. Considering that the individual was a long-term growth investor, I recommended a 70/30 split between stocks and bonds with 70 percent of the portfolio in equities and the remaining 30 percent invested in fixed-income investments.

The breakdown within the fixed-income investments included a corporate bond fund, an international bond fund, an inflationadjusted bond fund and a U.S. Government fund. On the equity side, I recommended keeping 20 percent invested internationally, including large and small companies. I also recommended, for diversification, she invest another 5 percent of the portfolio in an energy fund.

When it comes to personal financial planning, don't get caught in the trap of doing what everyone else does. My dad used to ask me when I was a kid, if everyone was jumping off the bridge, would I jump off the bridge? I believe that to be successful in the area of personal finances, you need to focus on your individual situation and stay away from generalities.

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





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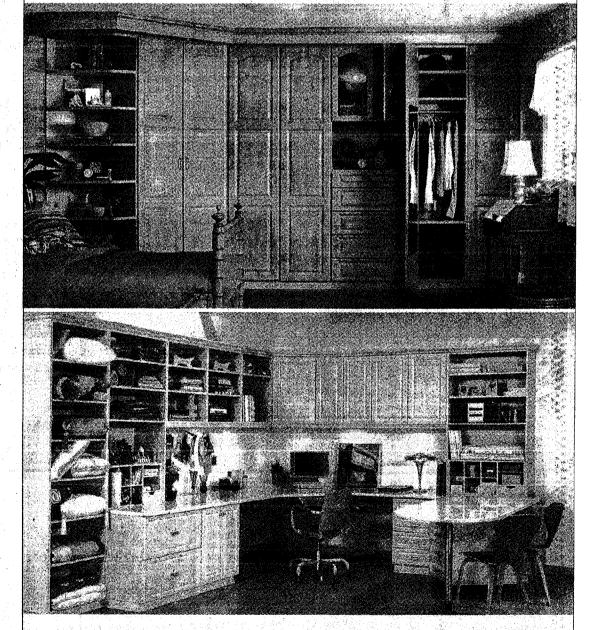
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RELIGION CALENDAR

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Strawberry festival

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5-9 p.m. Friday, June 15, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt. Cost \$4, includes strawberries, choice of cake, ice cream and beverage. Items can be purchased separately. Square dancing called by Randy Dietrich 6-8 p.m. Bake sale, boutique, homemade iellies, games for children and more. For details, call (734) 421-7620. Outdoor fun

Meet at 6:45 p.m. Friday, June 15, at. Sportsway of Westland, 38520 Ford road. Fun-filled evening of outdoor putting, batting cages and go-kart racing. Ticket price yet to be determined. For details, call Single Point Ministries office at Ward Church at (248) 374-5920.

Single Point biking

10 a.m. Saturday, June 16, meet at Willow Metro Park, I-275 south to exit 11A (South Huron Road), east on Huron to the park entrance, south to Washago Pond. Geared toward tourist-level rider but all ability levels welcome. For details call Single Point Ministries office at Ward Church at (248) 374-5920. Note: helmets must be worn.

Monthly breakfast meeting

For Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths, Saturday, June 16, at Leon's Family Dining, 30149 Ford road, next to Tim Horton's, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call (734) 513-9479.

Community garage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 16, * rent parking spaces for \$20 each (money raised from your spot is yours to keep), a limited amount of tables will be available for an additional \$10 charge, no weapon sales, at The Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, between Michigan Ave. and Palmer. For details, call (734) 722-3660.

Summer safety event

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Westland Fire and Police department staffs talk about safety to

kids. No charge. All invited. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

Father and Son dinner 4-6 p.m. June 16, Riverside Park Church of God sponsors a banquet for dads and their son. Cost is \$10 per adult; \$5 per child ages 5-12; age 4 and under free. Cost includes a full dinner, dessert and a free gift. Please register by June 13 at (734) 464-0990. The church is at 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia.

Building Bridges Farmington Hills Church of God presents a series to learn from each other, not just about each other. In understanding the similarities of our faiths, we can articulate the uniqueness of our faith as well. The Sunday sermons take place 9:30 a.m. June 17, There is Only One God, and 9:30 a.m. June 24, God is Everywhere. Guest speakers include Rabbi Nevins, Jewish guest, at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 7; Madan Kaura, Hindu guest, 6 p.m. Sunday, June 10, and Asim Khan, Moslem guest, 7 p.m. Thursday, June 21. The church is at 25717 Power Road, Farmington Hills, Call (248) 477-9144 or visit www.fhchurchofgod. org for details.

Summer camp Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School, 9600 Leverne, Redford is accepting applications for their summer camp. Care is offered for infants through 8th grade from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call (734) 646-4857 for more information.

The camps run 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday, June 18 to Aug. 24, for students in grades K-8, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Camps include Bible study, literacy lessons, field trips, games, activities. No charge, All invited. To register, call

A Wild Ride Through God's Word 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 18-22, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. The backyard of the church is being transformed into a Western town. There will be some new aspects of the VBS this year including a live band and dinner beforehand. Volunteers still needed before June 18 for painting and to get things ready. For more information, call (734) 464-6722.

St. Michael Catholic Church of Livonia invites all area Catholic moms to a Mom's Summer Retreat on Wednesday mornings this summerto enjoy prayer and adult discussion of topics relevant to their daily life. A Children's Ministry will be offered while moms enjoy Mass, a continental breakfast and conversation with other moms 8:30-11 a.m. June 20, July 11, July 18, Aug. 1, and Aug. 8, at the church located on the southwest corner of Hubbard and Plymouth roads. Discussion topics are Everyday Prayer on June 20th; Marriage, July 11th; Motherhood and Mary, July 18; Teaching Your Children the Virtues, Aug. 1, and Living your Faith Every Day, Aug. 8. Moms may register for as few or as many sessions as schedules permit, each at \$5 per meeting. Children's Ministry activities are \$2 per child per session. Contact (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207 or e-mail swilliams@livonistmichael. org for information and registration

details. **David Crowder concert**

7 p.m. Thursday, June 21, at NorthRidge Church, Plymouth. To purchase tickets go to NorthRidgeChurch.com/Events or for more information, call (734) 233-3694

Summer music ministry

Brass Quintet, June 21, and Cabaret, July 19, dinner at 6 p.m. (\$5), concert at 7 p.m. Thursdays, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. A love offering will be received for the Music Ministry at St.

Adapted Theater Presentation of David & Goliath 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 27, at First United Methodist Church, 3 Town Square, Wayne, A feast is provided at 6:30 p.m. A love donation is appreciated. For more information, call (734) 721-4801.

UPCOMING Concert

Tim Zimmerman and the Kings Brass will perform for a birthday celebration for our great nation 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 5, at First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial. The group will be playing sacred music and a special tribute to our nation's veterans. Call (734) 455-2300 for tickets and dinner reservations.

Avalanche ranch

Vacation Bible School 9 a.m. to noon July 23-27, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. \$25 for first child (includes music CD, \$20 each additional child (no CD). If you have western theme items we can borrow or for more information, contact Laura Kloiber at (248) 348-9675 or send e-mail to lfkloiber@ ameritech.net.

Messiah

Come sing in instant performances of the world's greatest choral music in Summer Sings 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 25 (Messiah by George Frideric Handel), and August 29 (Saint Nicholas by Benjamin Britten), at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham. No entrance fee or preparation necessary, no auditions required, no longterm commitment. For more information, call (248) 644-2040, Ext. 136.

Vacation Bible school July 28 to Aug. 1, at Bethel Baptist, 29475 Six Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 525-3664 or

visit www.BethelOfLivonia.com. Anniversary Mass

50th anniversary of Fr. Solanus Casey's death 5 p.m. Saturday, July 28, and 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Sunday, July 29, at St. Bonaventure/ Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit. For information, call (313). 579-2100, ext. 140 or ext. 169.

Church Women United Next meeting for Suburban Detroit-West is 12:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, at **Farmington First United Methodist** Church (please bring I salad for every 3 persons attending), and Area 2 Meeting: Stepping Up to the Plate with Mind; Body and Soul Friday, Sept. 28. at Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church, 3505 Walnut Street at Beech, south of Michigan Ave., Inkster (cost is \$10, call (248) 646-9574). Deadline for registration is Friday, Sept. 21. Cruise

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Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland, Sunday School for children. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

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Youth wanted

Tweens and teens age 12 and up are invited to join in various youth activities held at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Come to one of our regular classes on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. or Wednesdays at 7 p.m. For details, call (734) 464-0990. A healthy you

Join with others as we discover ways to keep our minds and bodies healthy through a four-week class that is

open to the public and free of charge at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Day and night classes available. To register, call (734) 464-0990.

Summer worship

Summer schedule for worship to Sept. 2, is 10 a.m. Sunday services (with nursery), and 7 p.m. Wednesday **Contemporary Service, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA)** 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org. Visitors welcome.

Sunday worship

10 a.m. at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

Preschool registration Ward Preschool now enrolling chil-

dren for the 2007-2008 school year. Morning and afternoon sessions available for ages 3, 4 and 5 by Dec. 1. Preschool is at 40000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. Schedule and tuition information can be viewed at www.wardchurch.org. For information, call (248) 374-5911 or send e-mail to carol.nowacki@wardchurch. ora.

Sunday services

Pastor Dan Strength leads services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of Inkster road on Plymouth road. Sunday School is 10 a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible study 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Call (734) 425-6360.

Worship services

Regular church services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with Nursery. Sunday School during 9:30 a.m. service, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. Adult Bible Study weekly on Tuesday and Sunday at 11 a.m. Visitors welcome. Visit www.holycrosslivonia. org.

Bible study

7 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in the rectory at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. The current study is the Gospel of St. John. For more information, call (734) 261-1455.



Age 87, of Livonia, died June 12, 2007. Beloved wife of the late Ronald E. Salkeld for 63 years. Loving mother of Ronald H. (Deborah) Salkeld and Patricia (Jim) Biasell. Dearest grandmother of ten and great-grandmother of ten. Also survived by her brothers Gab, Sam, Daniel and Joseph Roth; her sister Miriam Beck and several nieces and nephews. Preceded in death her sister Bertha and brother, Albert. Mrs. Salked worked for Redford Medical Center as a bookkeeper retiring after 33 years of service. She loved crafts, gardening, traveling and enjoyed volunteering at the Livonia Senior Center. A memorial service will be held 1:00 p.m., Monday, June 18, 2007 at COATS FUNERAL HOME, Waterford. Family will receive friends from 12 noon until the time of the service. To send a private condolence to the family, go to:

www.coatsfuneralhome.com and select Guestbook.



JOHN EDWARD MITCHELL

From Plymouth, Mi passed away June 11, 2007, John was born in Kincaid, West Virginia in July of 1921. He worked as a monitor runner in the coal mine in 1935 and worked his way up to loading temples. In 1955, he left West Virginia and the coal mines and found work at General Motors, where he worked from 1955 as an assembler until he retired as a ourneyman millwright from CPC.



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RAYMOND REGIS FLYNN

Age 85 of Bloomfield Hills, MI died in Scottsdale, Arizona on May 16, 2007. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Isabel "Ibby (nee Hoffmann). Also survived by size children: Marna Wilson (Steven) of Okemos, Heidi Jelasic of Bloomfield Hills, Jennifer "Duffy" Wineman (the late John) of Bloomfield Village, Martin Flynn M.D. (Sabine) of Marina Del Rey, CA, Frank Flynn (Julie) of Beverly Hills and Madeleine "Molly Dorais (Robert) of Malvern, PA Grandfather of Graeme Wilson, Joe Jelasic, Benjamin (Nicole), Andrew (Pam) and James Wineman Christopher and Courtney Flynn, Gus. Alexandra, Jake and Will Dorais, and reat-granddaughter Ava Wineman. Brother of Joseph Flynn (Marit) of Naples, FL, Rosemarie "Cleo" Gorman of Ryebrook, NY and Patricia Young of Vero Beach, FL. Brother-inlaw of Maureen Wilberding of Grosse Pointe. Also survived by many nieces and nephews as well as a multitude of friends. He was a member of the National Timberwolf Association of the 104th Army Division. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Monday 4-8pm. Rosary Monday 7pm. Funeral Mass Tuesday 10am at the Academy of the Sacred 1250 Kensington Rd. Heart, Bloomfield Hills. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorials to the Retired Religious of the Sacred Heart Kenwood Convent of the Sacred Heart, 799 S. Pearl St., Albany, NY, 12292 or the Michigan Animal Rescue League, 790 Featherstone, Pontiac, MI 48342 or the charity of donor's choice View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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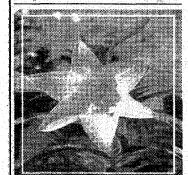
Women's retreat

BERTRANDA "BERT" DULUDE

Age 103 of Rochester Hills, June 11, 2007. Loving wife of the late Owen. Dear mother of Don (Dottie) Dulude and Bev (Bob) Jasinski. Grandmother Tim (Melanie) Dulude, Don (Kathy) Jasinski, Debra (Phil) Mann and Dianne (Scott) Waterworth. Great grandmother of Alyssa Jasinski, Ashley Mann, Kaitlin Jasinski, Victoria Waterworth, Tiffany Mann. Elizabeth Waterworth and Nicholas Waterworth Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Bert was an Auxiliary member at Crittenton Hospital for many years and a founding member of St. Irenaeus Catholic Church. The family will receive friends at the Potere-Modetz Funeral Home, 339 Walnut Blvd., Rochester. Thursday 3-9 p.m. Scripture service 7p.m. Mrs. Dulude will lie instate at St. Irenaeus Catholic Church, 771 Old Perch Rd. Rochester Hills, Friday at 10:30 a.m. with a funeral mass at 11 a.m. Inurnment White Chapel Cemetery. Suggested memorials to St. Irenaeus Building Fund or Crittenton Hospital Auxiliary Fund. Online guest book www.modetzfuneralhomes.com

GERALD E. EBMEYER D.D.S.

Age 69, of Ypsilanti, died June 9, 2007. He was born October 24, 1937, in Flint. He attended the University of Michigan Dental School as an undergraduate, and later earned his M.D. in Oral Surgery from Georgetown University. He practiced as an oral surgeon in Westland for many years. He was a clinical associate professor at the University of Michigan Dental School. He attended Trinity Presbyterian Church, was a Mason, and was a member of the Canton Rotary Club and the American Dental Association. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, and outdoorsman, and at one time was a Little League coach. He is survived by his children. Brian (Jean) Ebmever. Cynthia (Charlie) Spurlock, and Kevin Ebmeyer; his grandchildren, Olivia, Benjamin, and Shane Spurlock, and Jake and Molly Ebmeyer; his brother, Robert (Ruth) Ebmeyer; and his niece, LeAnn Ebmeyer. Funeral from Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Friday, June 15, 10am. Visitation Thursday 2-5pm and 6-9pm. Contributions in memory of Gerald Ebmeyer, DDS may be made to the U of M Athletic Department at 1000 S. State St, Ann Arbor, MI 48109



Willow Run in Ypsilanti, Michigan in 1993. John enjoyed his family and friends. He is survived by his sister. Emma Shieler of Oakhill, West Virginia and his two sons, Charles Eugene Mitchell of Ypsilanti and Kim Edward Mitchell (Kathy) of Salem, Michigan. He is also survived by two grandchildren, Danielle LoGuidice and John Mitchell and five step grandchildren, Rhonda "Sue" Johnson (Richard) of Ypsilanti, Pamela Pfeifer (Ron) of Brighton, Beverly Childress of Canton, James "Randy" Bowden of Temperance, and Martha "Marty" Marr of Ypsilanti, Michigan. John is also survived by seven great-grandchildren. Visitation will be Thurs from 3-8pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main, Plymouth with a funeral on Friday (6-15) at 1:00pm at the funeral home.

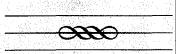


RAYMOND (RAY) CHAMBERLAIN

of Redford Township died June 10th at the age of 93. Ray pitched in the Detroit Tigers Farm System in the 1930s; he remained a lifelong fan. Upon starting a family, he settled in Detroit working for the postal service and retiring after more than 30 years. In 1953 the family moved to Redford Township. Following his retirement, Ray became very active in the community serving on the civil service board and advocating for senior issues. He was also a very active member of the Redford Senior Citizen Club serving a couple of terms as president. Ray worked as a part time travel agent, planning vacations for groups of seniors and traveling the world extensively with friends. Throughout his life, Ray was an avid coin collector, golfer and bowler. He is survived by his three daughters: Marjorie K. Chamberlain, Arlene J. Cook, Rayanne Chamberlain (Dave Holcomb), his grandson Todd Cook (Chris), adopted daughter Charlotte Wixom, sister Evelyn Dicker and numerous nieces and nephews. His beloved wife, Marjorie, preceded him in death in 2002. Family visitation noon Friday at Fisher Funeral Home, 24501 Five Mile Road: Memorial Service follows at 1p.m. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Heart Association.

> DONALD RAYMOND PASCHKE

MI. Age 85. Teacher at Wayne, Westland Schools for 33 years. Uht Funeral Home





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James. Call (313) 534-7730. Golf outing

St. Aidan's Catholic Church Golf Outing Saturday, June 23 (tee times begin at 9:40 a.m.), at Rolling Meadows Golf Club at N. Territorial and Sutton roads. Cost \$125 (due June 1), includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch catered by Thomas's of Livonia. Hot dog, chips and water given at turn. For information, call (248) 719-2535, (734) 748-1819, or (989) 400-7114.

Tribute to the stars **Capuchin Souper Summer**

Celebration 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 23, at Comerica Park, Detroit. For more information, call (313) 886-4600 or visit www.cskdetroit. org or www.ahee.com. Sponsored by Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers. No admission, but you must be 21 and older. Dressy summertime attire required. Raffle tickets can be purchased prior to event at Ahee Jewelers, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, or at Comerica Park during event.

Vacation Bible School Galilee By The Sea, a Holy Land Adventure weaving Bible points with the daily life of Jesus at the Marketplace, Synagogue and seaside takes place 9:30 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, June 25-29 (for children, adults, age 5 & under with adult, at Garden City First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman. For more information, call (734) 421-8628 and leave message.

Vacation Bible School Quest for Truth Bible school 6-8:40 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 25-29, for children age 3 through entering grade 6, hear Bible stories, sing, make artifacts, play fun games and enjoy snacks, at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverne, north of West Chicago, east of Inkster, Redford. Adults are invited to examine the same Bible stories as their children in small group. Families registering in advance will receive a VBS music CD. To register, call Debbie Pranschke at (734) 591-6367.

Vacation Bible School 9:30 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, June 25-29, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia, Call (734) 427-1414. Theme is SONFORCE Kids: Courageous Kids on a Mission for God! (for all children ages 3-12. Parents may register children ahead of time by filling out the online form at www.holvcrosslivonia.org. Children could also register Monday, June 25. Visitors Welcome. Dinner theater

11-day cruise of the Mediterranean on Nov. 3. Cruise departs Rome for Genoa, Monte Carlo, Valencia, Spain, LaValletta, Malta, Tunis, Tunisia, returns to Rome for two additional days. Cost is reasonable and includes airfare, many meals and all accommodations. For brochure and details, call (734) 425-5950 or stop at church office, 17500 Farmington, Livonia. Space limited.

Crafters wanted

St. Aidan Catholic Parish in Livonia is hosting a craft show to raise funds for their youth for their pilgrimage to Sidney, Australia for World Youth Day in 2008. Crafters are needed for a show 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at Monsignor Brunett Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Save your table today. Call Ruth McCarthy for an application (734) 464-5973.

Uplifting church services Want a unique church experience? Join us Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service. Can't wait for Sunday? Come to our open discussion 7 p.m. Wednesdays as we examine the Word of God. Classes available for all ages, child to adult. Riverside Park Church of God is at 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia,. Call (734) 464-0990.

ONGOING

Divorce recovery

Continue to 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, June 14, at First Presbyterian Church Emeritus Room (upper level), 200 E. Main, Northville. The cost of the workshop is \$45 (scholarships available). To register, call (248) 349-0911. J.O.Y. meeting

The J.O.Y. Builders (Just Older Youth, ages 50 plus) meet 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of the month for lunch, fellowship and fun, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All are welcome to join us. There is no charge, although we ask that you bring a luncheon dish to share. Higher Rock Cafe

Second and fourth Friday of the month, doors open at 7:30 p.m., live bands begin at 8 p.m. presented by Salvation Army of Wayne/Westland, 2300 S. Venoy, between Michigan Ave. and Palmer. For information, call (734) 722-3660 or visit www.tsa. higherrockcafe.4t.com. Worship service

10 a.m. Sundays, at The Lutheran

Farmington Women Aglow

Meets from 7-9:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) on the second Monday of the month in the Visitors Center (old Spicer House) at Heritage Park on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053 or (248) 890-5494.

Worship services

Praise and worship 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 6500 Wayne Road and Hunter, Westland. Contemporary music and casual dress. Children church and nursery. Çall (734) 254-0093. Doughnuts and coffee served.

Classes

NorthRidge Church Women's Ministry invites you to participate in a variety of exciting groups and classes that began Thursday, March 8, at the church, 49555 North Territorial, Plymouth. Choose from a self defense class, Scrap-booking, Mops, Bible studies, cooking and nutrition, quilting, book club, and much more. Register on line at http://www.northridgechurch.com/Women/.

Tiny Tots Preschool

Open registration at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

Recovery program

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate

Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from their hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday evening for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts). **Childcare during Celebrate Recovery** is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit www. celebratcrecovery.com and www. wardchurch.org/celebrate.

Bible study

The Gospels and You Bible Study began 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at The Basilica of St. Mary Orthodox Church activity center on the lower level, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. No charge. The study focuses on applying the Gospel of St. Luke to daily life. Sessions will be led by Rev. George Shalhoub and Jim King, the church's director of youth and outreach ministry. For information and to register, call (734) 422-0010.

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Sunday service

All are welcome to attend worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday in the sanctuary at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

Worship service

All are welcome to attend 11 a.m. worship service Sundays, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne at Hunter, Westland. Join us at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in November and December as Pastor Louise Monacelli introduces The Jesus Experience, a series of videos offering insight into the people and situations God used to expand the church around the world. For more information, call (734) 721-0800.

Worship services

Explore your destiny God's wonderful plan for your life. Sunday Worship



At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from 1 Peter. For more information, call (313) 255-6330.

Adult literacy classes

Available for those wishing to improve their reading and writing skills. Open to adults age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day and evening hours. Call (734) 421-0472. Leave your name and phone number and someone will be in contact with you.

Personal ministry

Due Season Christian Church is a nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Tuesday

night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. All are welcome. For information, call (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org. Scripture studies

From 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. **TOPS**

Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, the group meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information, call Margaret at (734) 838-0322.

Learner's Bible study

At 7 p.m. Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920. Church service.

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Loving God by loving people, meets

at 10 a.m. Sunday at Westwood Community Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. Doughnuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-0093.

Senior activities

BELIEFS & VALUES

Gathering for seniors 50 years and older at 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. For more information, 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.

Church activities

St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$5 prepared by Susan Navarro, The Cookie Lady, followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open from 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 be open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-5331.

Unity of Livonia

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

Shabbat services

The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh, a Conservative synagogue at 31840 W. Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan. Call (248) 477-8974.

Bet Chaverim

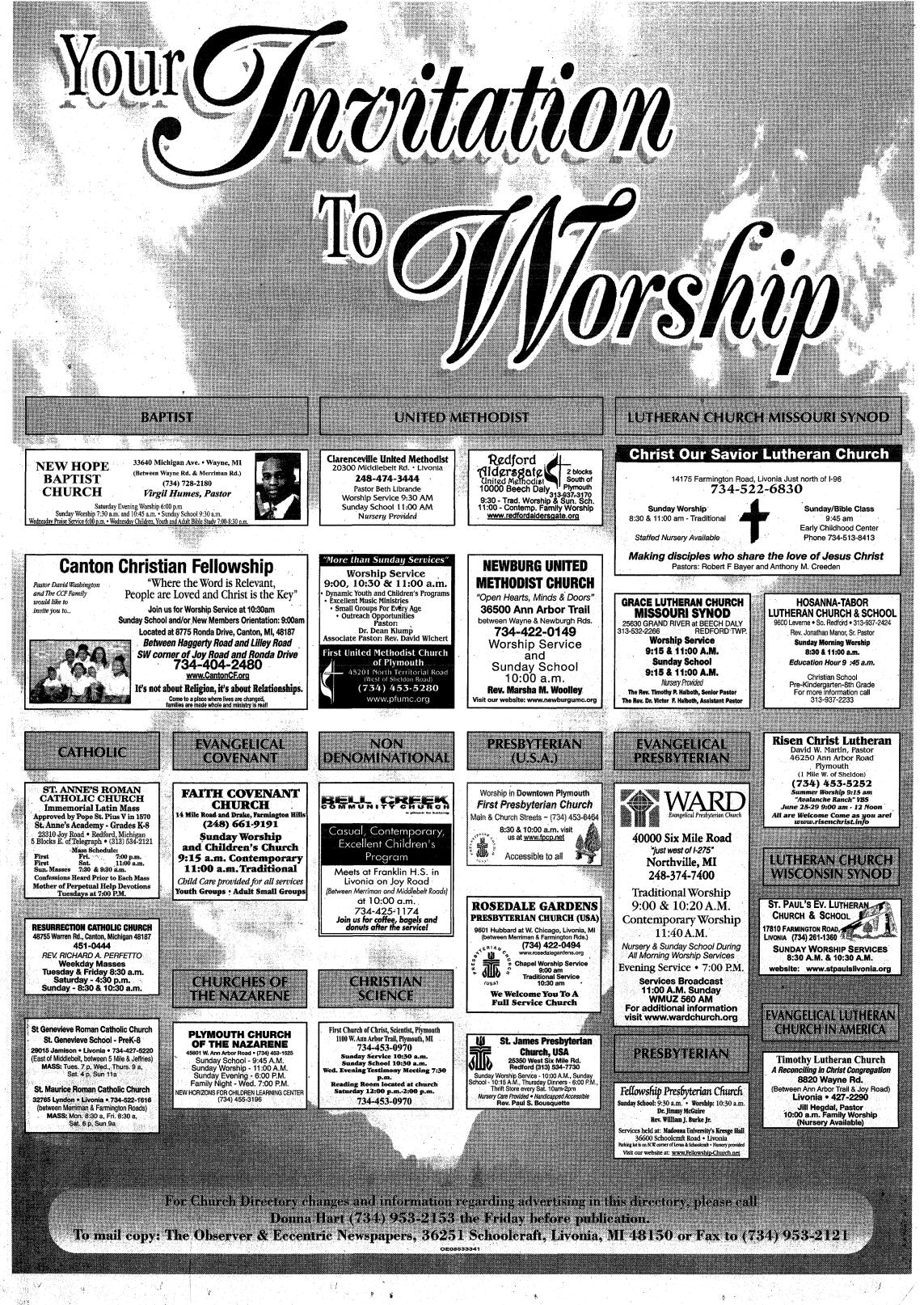
Services are open to all living in the western counties including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Northville. The congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism. Interfaith families welcome to attend services at 321 S. Ridge, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call (734) 646-3864 for information or visit www.betchaverim.com. Detroit World Outreach

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A nondenominational church with cutting edge drama productions, energized contemporary music, hightech video and lighting, programs forkids and teens, for college students, singles, married adults and seniors. Services are at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday (6:30 p.m. the first Sunday of the month), Sunday school for all ages at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Call (313) 255-2222.

Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday Services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Wednesday service at 6:15 p.m., Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages, at 11575 Belleville Road, (four miles south of Michigan Avenue), Belleville. Parents with Young Children Bible Study at 6 p.m. Sundays, includes dinner and child care. Call (734) 699-3361.



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The report was based on a study done by faculty members at iLABS, the U-M-Dearborn School of Management's Center for Innovation Research. Led by Lee Redding, assistant professor of business economics, the study estimated the economic impact of the airport on Wayne County and on the state as a whole, measured in terms of revenues, incomes and jobs.

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Within Wayne County, the airport's economic impact was more than \$100 million, generating more than 700 jobs and earnings of \$22 million.

Redding emphasized that the airport's impact is more than just the jobs it supports.

"Willow Run's true potential for supporting Michigan's future lies in the infrastructure it represents rather than simply the people employed directly at the airport," he said.

"A cargo airport like Willow Run is important to the economic revitalization of Michigan because it provides the necessary infrastructure for local businesses to expand," said Redding. "Air cargo ships high value products, and those air cargo products are what America is good at producing and exporting. The airport represents an important piece of the economic infrastructure of Michigan with the potential to have an even greater impact in the future."

In 2002, the federal Bureau of Transportation Statistics estimated that shipments by air were valued at approximately \$77,800 per ton in 2000 dollars, more than 120 times une comparable figure for truck transportation. Using this estimate and the estimated 2006 cargo volume, Willow Run is currently handling more than \$4 billion worth of cargo annually, according to the U-M-Dearborn study. Expansion of the airport's facilities would generate additional economic impact from construction expenditures immediately, and would increase the value of the infrastructure at Willow Run in the long run. This expansion can contribute to the development of proposed "aerotropolis," an area of economic development surrounding Willow Run and Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport. While our report quantifies the measurable direct effect of Willow Run Airport, the airport's most crucial value to the region lies in its ability to attract future businesses that produce high-value products that must be shipped by air," Redding said. "Air cargo represents a growing portion of the freight transportation industry. Further, goods transported by air are disproportionately highvalue items and ones in which American business excels." Willow Run is best known as a cargo airport, but more than 210,000 passengers arrived at the airport in 2006 on charter, corporate and private aircraft. The U-M-Dearborn study calculated the aggregate economic impact of those passengers, in addition to the value of freight shipments. A substantial fraction of Willow Run's passenger traffic is associated with Pfizer, so the number of passengers and their economic impact is likely to drop in the coming years as Pfizer closes its Ann Arbor-area facility, Redding notes. "Such challenges reinforce the necessity of having the transportation infrastructure necessary to create and attract profitable business opportunities," he said. Last July, UM-Dearborn released a similar study measuring Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) and concluded that activity there stimulated more than 71,000 jobs across the State of Michigan and an annual economic impact of \$7.6 billion.

Turning 65? New to Southeastern Michigan?

Medicare Advantage open enrollment begins in November, but you may be eligible to sign up right now if you:

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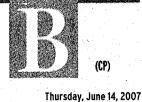
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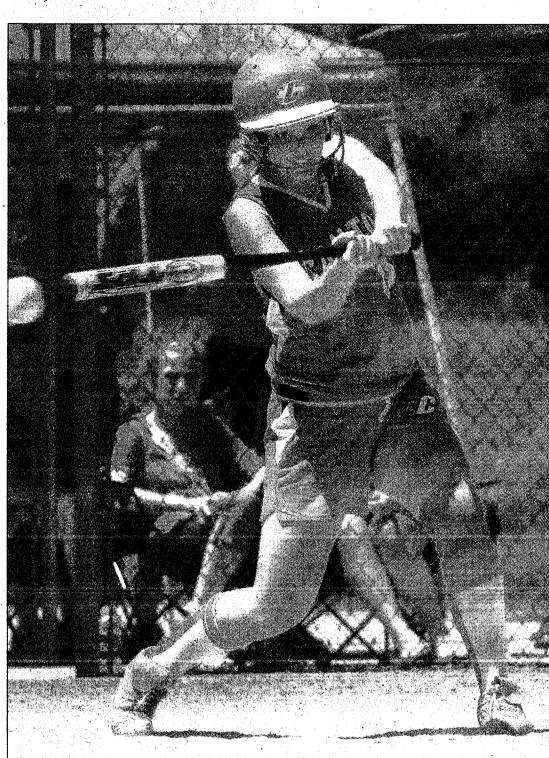


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Canton's Mary McWhirter takes a rip at a pitch during Saturday's Regional semifinal game against Farmington Hills Mercy at Novi High School. The Chiefs lost, 3-2, in a down-to-the-wire thriller.

Canton battles to end before falling to Mercy

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

The softball bounced sharply off the bat of Farmington Hills Mercy player Hannah Atkinson, hugged the first base line for dear life, then kicked up chalk all the way to the right-field corner during the top of the fourth inning of Saturday's Division 1 Regional semifinal game against Canton.

The Chiefs didn't know it at the time, but the ball carried their Regional title hopes with it.

ended Canton's season at 27-10 and brought the curtain down on the career of nine Chief seniors. "A lot of these kids -- Lauren Delapaz, Alyssa Johnson, Sarah

Anthony, Kim Beaudoin -- have been with me for a long time, so it's going to be hard to say good-bye," said Canton coach Jim Arnold, moments after the narrow defeat. "This year's team fought back from a lot of hard

times. They never gave up, they stayed together and worked through everything.

"The thing I'll remember the most about this group is their attitude of never giving up."

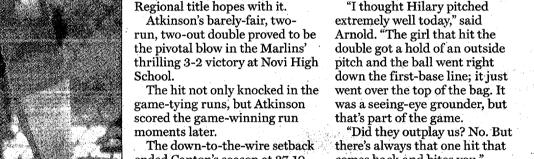
The Chiefs lost in spite of starting pitcher Hilary Payne's performance Saturday, not because of it. The junior lefthander yielded just five hits and no walks while striking out nine. Unfortunately for Canton, four of Mercy's five safeties came in the three-run fourth.

"I thought Hilary pitched

comes back and bites you."

Canton seized a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the third. Nicole Rago led off with a single and scored two batters later on Payne's hard-hit single. Stephanie Sadek knocked in the second run with a single.

Sadek's hit also knocked Mercy starting pitcher Amanda Hall



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90 Cards take title The Canton Cardinals boys 9U baseball team won the AA Michigan State Baseball Tournament held in 🦫

Canton on June 10. The Cardinals went 3-0 in pool play before knocking off Kalamazoo in the title game. The Cardinals

enjoyed stellar pitching the entire weekend from Kevin Anthony, Andrew Jossey, Aaron Madsen, Andrew Hejka, Seth Hubbard and Trevor McManus, all of Canton; and Cameron Stella, and Brett Lee, of Plymouth.

Connor Wherrett, Evan Claggett and Mike Groff (all of Canton) made several excellent defensive plays.

The team is coached by Dan Hejka, Kurt Anthony, Robert Lee, Michael Groff and Dave Madsen.

Track awards

The following awards were passed out June 6. at the Canton boys track team's annual banquet" at McClumpha Park in Plymouth Township:

Most Valuable Player - Andrew Manuel, Nick Moores and Eric Zech;

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Taylor Baptist Park had to work "extra" hard to upend Plymouth Christian Academy in Saturday's Division 4 Regional baseball tournament.

Trailing 7-6 heading into the bottom of the ninth inning, the Wildcats scored twice to pull out a thrilling victory over the Eagles, battled to the last out.

"We knew Baptist Park had a good team and we knew it would be an evenly matched game," said PCA coach Kurt Johnston. "We just needed one more break and we didn't get it."

The loss left the Eagles' record at 10-11.

PREP BASEBALL

PCA jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first on RBI hits from Brent Zinn and Charles Cane. Baptist Park answered with three runs of its own in the bottom of the first to grab a 3-2 lead.

The Eagles knotted the game at 3-all thanks to senior Matt Saagman's insidethe-park home run.

Trailing 5-3, PCA regained the lead in the top of the sixth when Cane delivered a two-run single and Mitch Geracz followed with a tie-breaking, run-scoring hit to make it 6-5. The Wildcats drew even with a single run in the bottom of the sixth.

Neither team scored in the seventh

and eighth innings, which set the stage for a dramatic ninth when Justin Govan singled, advanced to second on Josh Johnston's sacrifice bunt and scored on Trevor Zinn's double.

Unfortunately for the Eagles, BP countered with a pair of run in the bottom of the frame to advance to the Regional final where it lost to Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

PCA right-handed pitcher Trevor Zinn relieved starter Saagman with two outs in the third and went the rest of the way, yielding five hits while striking out eight.

Saagman ended his high school career in style, going 4-for-5 with a home run, RBI and stolen base. Brent Zinn and Cane were the other Eagles to register a

multiple-hit game for PCA. A short time before the game, Kurt

Johnston was informed that PCA's popular 7th and 8th grade baseball coach Kevin Hagelin passed away the night before of a massive heart attack. He was just 54 years old.

"After the game. I told the team about Kevin's death because he had coached a lot of them when they were younger," said Johnston. "It kind of put the loss in perspective. I told them don't hang your heads because this was just a game. There are a lot more important things in life than baseball."

Hagelin is survived by his wife, Cindy, and 14-year-old son, Matthew.

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Pheasant Run has plenty to offer

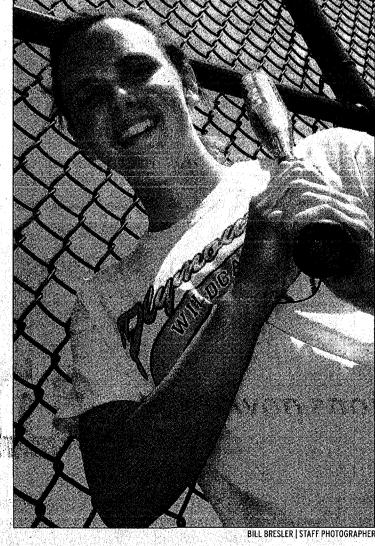
Pheasant Run, Canton's 27hole golf course, is offering several new programs and discounts. Among the acclaimed Arthur

Hills layout's programs are: A Beginning Ladies Golf clinic for women 18 and older. The clinic costs \$75 and is offered in June and July. Both weekday and weekend clinics are available.

A free "Family Range Day" will be held June 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The course will provide complimentary driving range balls for visitors. There will be contests, giveaways and refresh-ments, and the course's pro will conduct a demonstration followed by an introductory clinic.

Every Sunday during the summer is "Family Day." Families are invited to play a nine-hole round together after 5 p.m. on Sundays. Call the pro shop at (734) 397-6460 for tee times.

 A lunar golf outing will be held June 30 at night. The fairways and greens will be illuminated just enough so that you can see your ball. Call the number above to register.



Kim Klonowski recently completed a stellar four-year softball career at Plymouth during which she led the Wildcats to prominence from her shortstop position and cleanup spot in the lineup.

Klonowski did it all for Wildcats

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Kim Klonowski didn't drive the team bus to the games, nor did she work at the concession. stand between innings.

But the four-year starter did just about everything else for the Plymouth High School softball team since she first set foot on the Wildcats' diamond in the spring of 2004.

Klonowski is one of those players that blesses a program's roster about once a decade -- a nearly flawless defensive player who robbed opposing hitters with her golden glove and rocket arm, and terrorized pitchers with her smooth, powerful swing.

A three-time All-Western Lakes Activities Association performer, Klonowski's skills have been fueled by a competitive fire that first started sparking in elementary school.

"I've always been a very competitive person," said Klonowski, who has earned an athletic scholarship to **Division 1 Youngstown State** University. "When I was little,

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Prep Profile

I'd get bored when I had to play the outfield in the rec games because I liked being in the middle of the action. That's why I like playing shortstop so much -- because there's a good chance I'm going to be in the middle of every play.'

MOVING ON UP

Klonowski's first taste of high-level softball came in the sixth grade when she made the PC Lightning (currently the PC Pride) travel team.

'We made it to the Nationals every year and during my 14U season, we won the B Division at the Wide World of Sports complex in Orlando," she remembered. "During one

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Nick Sprosek, Adam. Hall, Michael Blake, The team is coached by Larry Kummer and Mike Hall.

Calille to MSU

Former Canton High School two-sport standout Dave Calille has been offered a scholarship and signed a letter of intent to join the Michigan State University track-andfield team.

Calille will join the Spartans this coming fall and will compete in both the indoor and outdoor track seasons in the 200- and 400-meter sprints as well as two relays.

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Godwin, Brian **Rakovitis and Jon** Rykalsky; Senior of the Year - Ryan

Langdon, Steve Paye and Eric Thornton:

🔳 Junior of the Year - Tim Belcher and Josh Etim: Sophomore of the Year -Duncan Spitz and Scott

Zech; and Freshman of the Year - Zack

Spreitzer and Keith Zech. The following athletes were voted captains for the 2008 season: Belcher, Etim, Derek Hoerman and

Kicks win Invite

McGinnis.

The Plymouth Kicks '98 White boys soccer team won the Midland Invitational last month in Midland.

The Kicks went 3-0 in pool play before edging the Michigan Rush, 4-3, in overtime in the championship match.

Team members include Sam Thomas, Gabe Gatzek, Max Kummer, Brian Oldani, Robert Callender, Jacob Moores Ian Schmitzerle.

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out of the game in favor of senior Kathleen Howard, who hadn't pitched in two weeks due to a bout with mononucleosis. Howard showed no signs of being ill as she retired 13 of the 15 batters she faced to earn the victory.

"The strike zone was low for both teams and she was keeping the ball down," Arnold said of Howard. "We've seen better, we just didn't adjust to her very well.

The scoreboard went unchanged following the Marlins' three-run fourth. Payne mowed down the final 10 batters she faced, six on strikeouts.

The only two Chiefs to reach against Howard -- Payne on a fifth-inning single and Beaudoin on a seventh-inning single -- didn't advance past first base.

Canton hit just one ball out of the infield against "Howard -- Sarah Anthony's fly ball to right fielder Brittany Stallworth that ended the game. Payne ripped three of Canton's seven hits, including a first-inning double.

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'A lot of these kids - Lauren Delapaz. Alyssa Johnson, Sarah Anthony, Kim Beaudoin – have been with me for a long time, so it's going to be hard to say goodbye. This year's team fought back from a lot of hard times. They never gave up, they stayed together and worked through everything. The thing I'll remember the most about this group is their attitude of never giving up." CANTON COACH JIM ARNOLD



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Hilary Payne fields a bunt by Mercy's Brittany Prior in a regional semifinal oame.



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game down there, I collided with a base-runner and fractured the bone just below my eye. I was in the hospital for a couple of days, but as soon as I got out, I went back to the team and started playing again."

Klonowski made a sudden impact on the Wildcats when she was handed the starting shortstop role by head coach Val Canfield in 2004. The task would have been daunting for some freshmen, but not for Klonowski, who played like a seasoned veteran from Day 1.

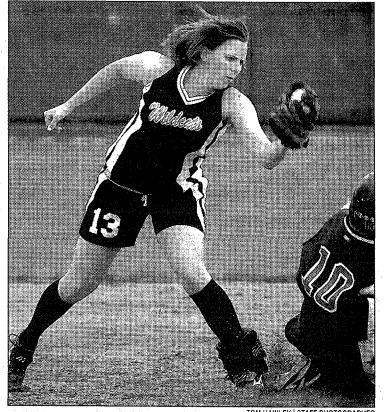
'The school was only two years old, so we didn't have any juniors or seniors yet," she remembered. "That made it a little easier on me. Also, the older girls on the team were very nice to me, which made it easy to fit in.

"I was a little depressed when I first found out I was going to be going to Plymouth because a lot of the girls I played softball with growing up were going to Canton. But my dad took me over to a Plymouth practice one day when I was in the eighth grade and I got to meet coach Canfield and some of the players. I knew I was going to the right school after that.

MILESTONE VICTORY

The Klonowski-led Wildcats won a District title during her sophomore season and a WLAA Western Division championship last year. One of the most memorable moments of a memory-packed career for Klonowski came last spring when Plymouth defeated the crosstown rival Chiefs for the first time in the school's short history.

We beat them in extra innings in a very exciting game," she said. "The whole team went to Applebee's after the game and instead of singing a 'Happy Birthday' song, the staff there made up a song about us beating Canton. It was pretty cool."



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Kim Klonowski is pictured applying a tag on Livonia Franklin's Nicole Emery during a game earlier this season.

TOUGH LOSS

The low point of Klonowski's high school career unfolded two weeks ago when Plymouth was upended by Salem in a District semifinal game at Livonia Stevenson.

'We were very disappointed," said Klonowski. "Salem was ready to play that day and we weren't as ready as we should have been. Plus, their pitcher pitched a spectacular game."

One of the things Klonowski will cherish the most about Plymouth's recently completed 25-win season was being able to play side-by-side with her sister, Stacey, a talented freshman.

"Like all sisters, we trust each other more than other people," said Klonowski. "So, when Stacey was playing third, when I couldn't get to a ball, I knew she'd be there to get it. If one of us was having a bad day, the other one would be there to pick them up.

"We're playing on the same travel team this summer, too, which is nice. It's going to

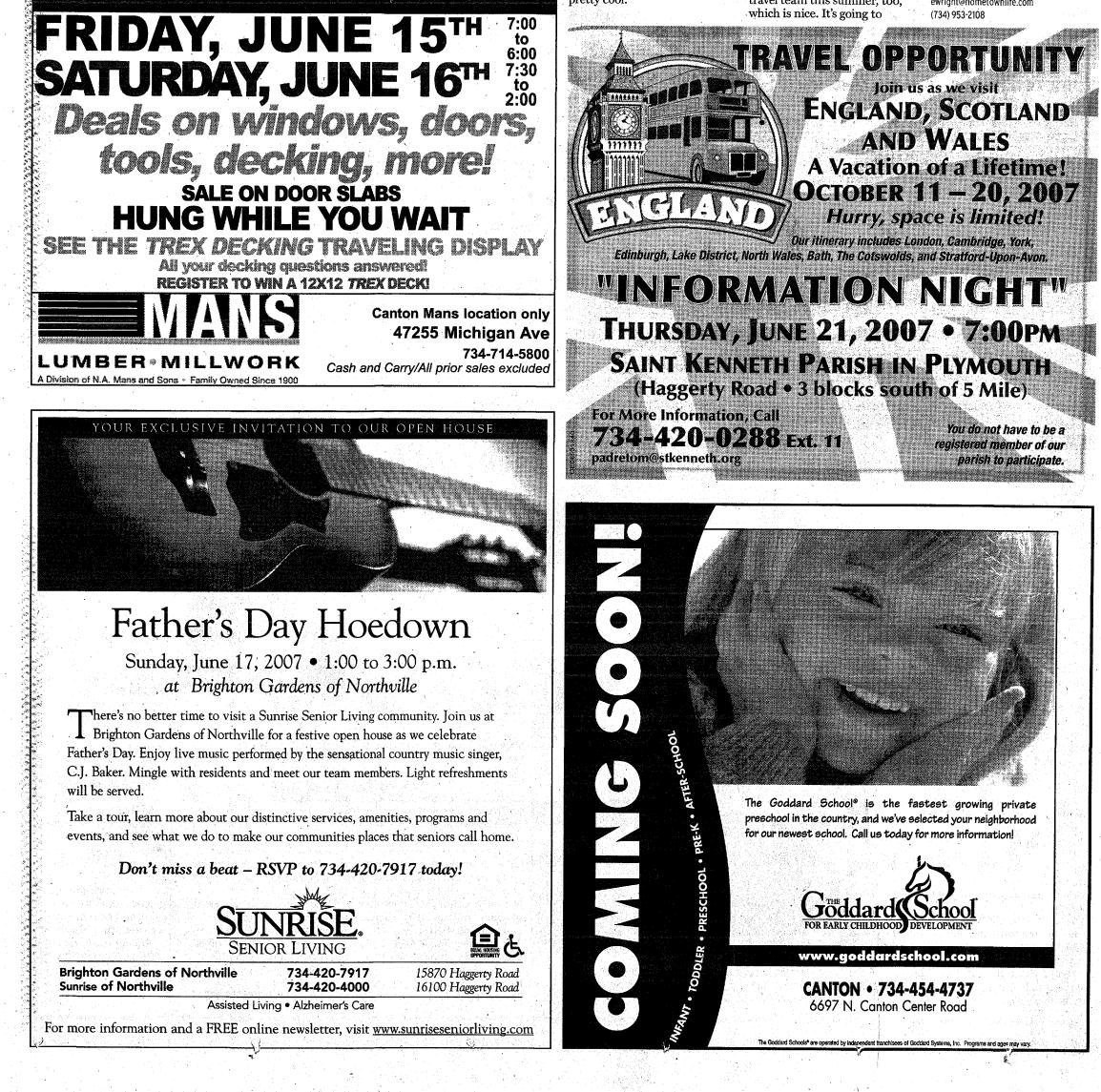
work out real well for my family because we can go to the weekend tournaments together this year. Before, she'd have a tournament one place and I'd have one somewhere else, so my mom would go to one and my dad to another. We'll be together this summer."

BRIGHT FUTURE

A 3.96 student, Klonowski has her sights set on earning a degree in chemical engineering at Youngstown State.

"I've always been a math/ science person, my dad's an electrical engineer and my uncle is a chemical engineer," Klonowski said, when asked about her desired major. "Youngstown State has about 16,000 students, which is the size of school I was looking for. I really like the coach and she said everybody on the team will have an equal opportunity to earn a starting position next year."

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Coaching opportunities

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Plymouth High School is looking for a varsity boys hockey coach. If interested, fill out the application that can be found at www.pccs.k12.mi.us and submit it to the Plymouth Athletic Department.

■ Canton High School is looking for a head coach and an assistant coach for its boys lacrosse team. Candidates for both positions need to be high school graduates, have experience in high school-level coaching or playing experience in the sport, have a time schedule compatible to that of the high school, have CPR training, and have the demonstrated ability to work with parents and their children.

Interested individuals who work within the school district should address a letter of intent for the position to the Athletic Office, 8415 N. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48187.

Interested individuals who are not employed by the school district must file a coaching

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application and include a letter of intent for the positions with the Athletic Office. All applicants will be notified as to their status regarding the positions.

For more information, contact Canton Athletic Director Sue Heinzman at (734) 416-2925.

Summer girls

hoop camps

The annual Canton/Salem girls basketball camps will be

held in June in the Canton and Salem high school gymnasiums.

A camp for girls who will be starting seventh, eighth and ninth grades in the fall of 2007 will be held June 18-22 from 1-3 p.m. The seventh graders will be at Salem while the eighth and ninth graders will utilize the Canton gym. The cost of the camp is \$70.

A camp for girls who will be starting fourth, fifth and sixth grades in the fall of 2007 will be held June 25-29 from 1-3 p.m. The fourth graders will be at Salem while the fifthand sixth-graders will utilize the Canton gym.

Campers will receive instruction from members of the coaching staffs of Canton and Salem high schools as well as from high school players.

Players can register through Plymouth-Canton Community Education, which is located at 40260 Five Mile Rd. in Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 416-2940.



STAFF WRITER

Kathleen Howard's Farmington Hills Mercy teammates did everything they could to keep her cool during a brief time-out in Saturday's Division 1 Regional final softball game against Allen Park.

One infielder fanned Howard with her mitt while another jokingly used her body to shade Howard from the blazing sun.

Unfortunately for the Jaguars, the Marlins' air-conditioning efforts didn't cool off Howard's fastball.

Led by Howard's clutch relief pitching, Mercy won its first Regional title since 2004 when it white-washed Allen Park, 4-0, at Novi High School. The Marlins earned a berth in the championship game by defeating Canton, 3-2, in a semifinal contest played earlier that day.

"We have some jokesters on this team, that's for sure" said a smiling Howard, who returned to the mound Saturday for the first time in two weeks after a bout with mononucleosis. "It's a fun team to play on."

Senior right-hander Amanda Hall, who pitched brilliantly in Howard's absence during last week's District tournament, started the final for the Marlins and no-hit the Jaguars over the first three innings. However, after Allen Park (13-23) opened the fourth inning with backto-back hits, Mercy coach Jack Falvo summoned Howard, who blanked the Jags over the final four frames.

"Kathleen is the type of pitcher you like to see in a tight situation because she can bear down and get out of it," said Falvo, whose team improved to 27-11. "She's just a gamer. She's one of those tough competitors who won't give an inch.

"Kathleen's been our No. 1 pitcher all year, but Amanda's like our 1-A. I give her a lot of kudos because she beat Northville, North Farmington and Farmington in the Districts to get us here. We wouldn't have been here today without her." The Marlins broke the scoring ice in the top of the fourth when they plated a pair of runs. Ellen Panetta and Missy Chomin opened the inning with infield singles. After Brittany Prior moved them over with a sacrifice bunt, Pannetta scored on a wild pitch. The second run scored on Hannah Atkinson's RBI groundout to make it 2-0. Mercy tacked on a pair of insurance runs in the fifth when Katherine Garry reached on a one-out bunt single and scored when the next batter, Alison Allen, ripped a triple up the left-center field gap. Allen later scored on an Allen Park error. "One of the keys for us today was the play of our slappers," said Falvo. "Specifically, Ellen Panetta and Hannah Atkinson. I told our three slappers in practice last week that they were going to do something significant and they did." Trailing 4-0, Allen Park nearly mounted a rally in the bottom of the sixth when the first two batters reached via Mercy fielding errors. However, Howard buckled down and retired the next three hitters with a popout and two harmless groundouts. Led by Allen's two-hit effort, Mercy outhit the Jaguars, 8-4. The defensive play of the game was turned in by Allen Park center fielder Danielle Wurta, who gunned down Prior at the plate following an Andrea Dieterle single in the second. In the semifinal thriller, Mercy trailed Canton, 2-0, before piecing together all the runs it would need in its three-run fourth. With one out. Panetta and Chomin both singled and scored on Atkinson's first base line-hugging double two batters later. Atkinson scored what turned out to be the game-winner when the next batter, Dieterle, reached on an infield single. Allen Park's third baseman threw the ball away on the play, bringing Atkinson home. Hall pitched the first 2.2 innings for the Marlins, yielding five hits and two runs. Howard came in with two on and a runner on second in the third and struck out the first batter she faced. She then went on to retire 13 of the next 15 hitters to close the door on the Chiefs.



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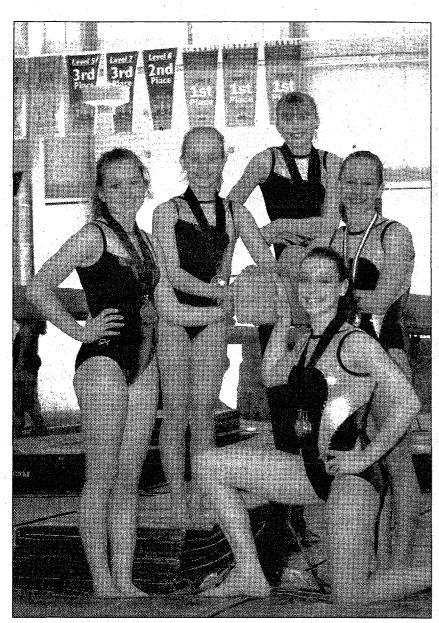
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The Splitz Gymnastics Level 8 team turned in a spectacular performance earlier this year at the Region 5 meet in Indianapolis. Pictured (clockwise from left) are Lindsay Williams, Kelly Valentini, Kayla Spicher, Megan Valentini, Lindsey Russell. Megan Valentini is a Level 9 gymnast who is a state champion on the floor.

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GYMNASTICS

Splitz gymnasts shine at regional in Indianapolis

The Canton-based Splitz Gymnastics Level 8 squad turned in a spectacular performance at a talent-laden Regional competition held earlier this year in Indianapolis.

On April 28-29, the gymnasts, who are coached by Eileen Spicher and Tony Angel, fared well against competitors from Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Michigan. Among those who excelled were:

Lindsey Russell (third on vault, 10th on bars, fourth on floor and seventh in the all-around);

Kelly Valentini (fifth on beam, 12th in the allaround and Regional champion on bars);

Kayla Spicher (fourth in all-around and

Regional champion on vault and floor); and Lindsay Williams (second on vault and bars; fourth on beam and seventh on floor).

Williams was the all-around champion with a score of 37.95.

Level 5 gymnasts shine

The Splitz Gymnastics Level 5 squad turned in a stellar performance at the state meet May 6 in Battle Creek. The team, which is coached by Anne Marie Walko and Patti Bovee, placed second in the state and had the following state championship efforts

Maddi Toal (beam and all-around);

- Rachel Nelson (floor);
- Kelsey Collins (vault and beam);

Kim King (co-state champion in all-around); and

Kirsten Smith (bars and beam).

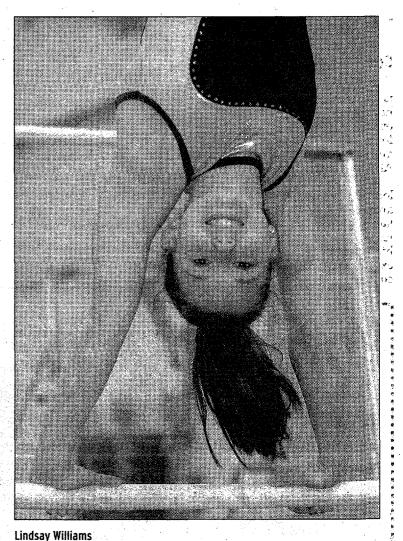
Other girls who placed for Splitz were Madeleine Burt, Hailey Hodgson, Emily Hogg, Hayley Kotulak, Haley Moores, Jocelyn Moraw, Alyssa Schiller and Shainna Yacoub.

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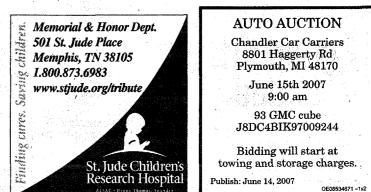
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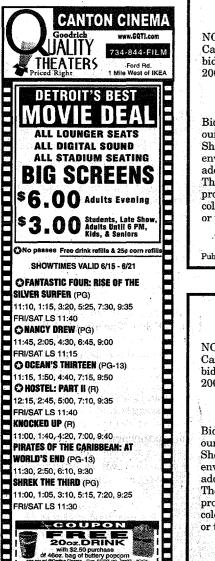
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Soccer champs

The Canton Celtic 93 White boys soccer team captured the top U14 division at the Canton Cup May 25-27 when it defeated the Carpathia Kickers, 2-1, in the championship game. Pictured are (front row from left) Tanner Cottrell, Sammy Ventura, Paul Hagemeyer, Evan Peters, Connor Smith, Jason Wensley, Alex Locke, (back row from left) John Hohner, Ryan Mettlach, Jimmy LaFontaine, Stephen Jahn, Justin Heck, Phillip Baciak, Doug Deykes, Mitch Yoder, Kyle Krause and coach Brian Adams.



The look of a winner

The Canton Celtic '94 Red girls community-based soccer team has compiled an incredible 148-26-12 outdoor record since forming five years ago. The team is made up primarily of Plymouth and Canton residents, but plays against squads that draw from much larger regions. The team finished its recent U13 season with a 32-3-6 record. It won the spring MSPSP Premier Division 1 title and was a State Cup guarterfinalist and Premier Division champion last fall. Team members are: Sarah Falvey, Claire Huddas, Nicole Ineich, Kristina Klusek, Abby Livingston, Emily Lundh, Robyn Mack, Megan McCormack, Kaitlyn Murphy, Taryne Pagel, Nadya Rebar, Mackenzie Rogers, Victoria Pepper, Domenique Sarnecky, Jessica Scott and Katelyn Watson. The team is coached by Andrew Crawford and Steve McCormack.

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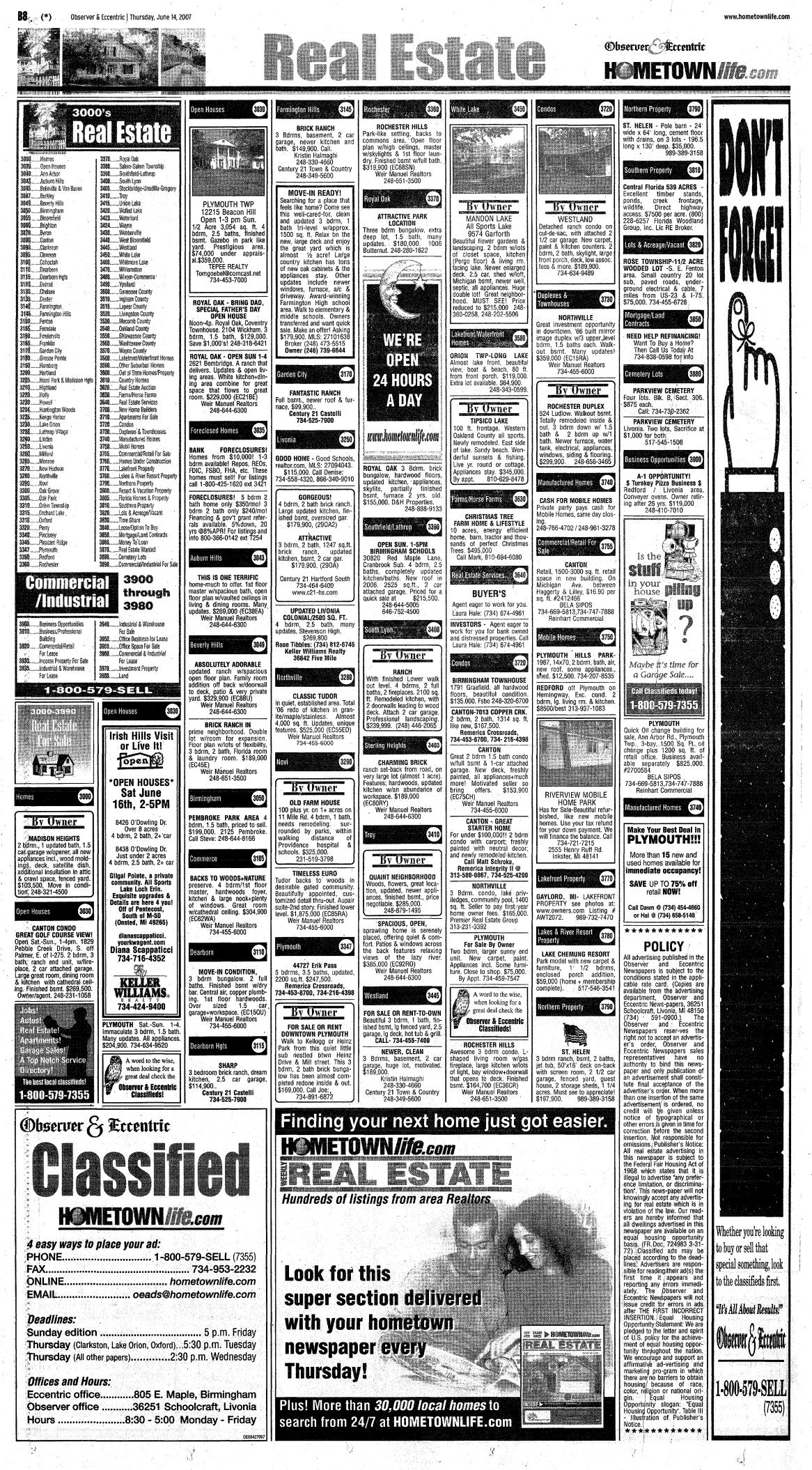
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SHIFTING GEARS AT 5



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Does the thought of careerchanging at 50-plus make you quiver? Hedge your bets by selecting a

receptive industry.

One of the best ways to determine which one might qualify is to look at its staffing level. Rikka Brandon, director of search firm Building Resources in Fargo, N.D., reports that 16 percent of jobs are going begging in the building industry. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, that means about 1.12 million of them, which makes employers more than willing to consider career-changers. Robert Freck, plant manager and **director of Operations at JMW Truss** L.L.C., in Yuma, Ariz., changed careers at *40, 52 and 54. He moved first from general plant management into semiconductor consulting, then into building and construction (window and door) and, finally, into the wood industry's trusses and wall panels. Brandon points out that this last is, indeed, a career change: "The building industry is so large that one person could go from flooring to windows. These are very different but fall under building materials." She estimates that four percent of candidates come from completely outside of the industry from such fields as high technology --"programmers and web designers who

on a keyboard" -- and "banking and finance people who are very professional, very white collar and want to sell or do project management and estimating."

George Nash, general manager at the Building Products Division of Ensigner Industries Inc., in Grenloch, N.J., careerchanged for the first time at 59 from windows and doors to products that improve thermal insulation in aluminum windows and doors. "This is a totally different product with a totally different company," he states with a lingering Scottish brogue.

TAKING CHARGE

Did they pull out Grecian formula to create a youthful look? The issue of age discrimination never arose. "In more senior positions," Freck says, "they want a breath of experience. Experience comes with age. They wanted me because I brought a larger world view and had the experience in other businesses to bring in new ideas." Nash didn't even think about it. "There's such a loss of expertise with early-retired baby boomers," he remarks, "that a lot of organizations are having to turn to older workers."

If they were passive over that issue, these two men weren't once on the job. For Freck, the challenge was to work in an environment lacking a systems structure for engineering, tracking and quality. That's one of the reasons he was brought on board. Nash faced a similar challenge -- to learn both the product and gain understanding of the marketplace. Because the New Jersey division of Ensinger is a relatively small part of a German company with 3,000 employees worldwide, he had a lot of work to do. He went to Germany to fill the learning gap as quickly as possible. Nash observes that many companies don't recognize that a senior person may require six months to get up to speed, and if they do recognize it, may not accept it.

Freck is enjoying the fact that his company is making a name for itself in systems

development. His challenge was to learn the business as he went along. "People here know things backwards and forwards," he comments. "They're technically brilliant, in many cases," but despite sophistication in their work, many lack the computer skills to use e-mail. He also had

to learn to work comfortably with people who aren't like him. He'd worked around college-educated, analytical employees previously and was now confronted with graduates of the School of Hard Knox. If anything, he was the oddball who learned to adjust to the different personalities and skill sets he encountered. He was also challenged by the stage of continuous improvement programs. "I call it my sandbox -- we're in Yuma, and we get quite a bit," he quips. "I can start over at the beginning. It's interesting and exciting for me." He just wishes that the industry would gain ground to maximize the increased

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Robert Freck (r) changed careers for the first time at 40, then at 52 and most recently at 54. He is plant manager and director of Operations at JMW Truss, L.L.C., in Yuma, Ariz. He and Gabriel Gomez (I) are discussing warehouse operations.

> developing. If they were to do it over, Freck would

> understand that "we need to learn as much as we have to teach, and that a lot of people don't want to share (their knowledge)." Nash would career-change earlier, not wait until semi-retirement. "When you're younger," he says, "you may have more tolerance for the inertia (of upper management politics). Then you say to yourself, 'Well, I have X years to rectify this.' At my age, I've got five." (Dr. Mildred L. Culp is an awardwinning journalist. Copyright 2007 Passage Media.)

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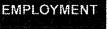
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CANTON 43635 Simsbury Dr. GARDEN CITY GARAGE 1 blk. S. of Warren, btwn Sheldon & Lilley, June 16, 10-4. June 17, 1-5. Furniture, piano, Jennair stove, fridge, SALE - 6/21-23 8am-6pm 30623 Dawson, Garden City, between Middlebelt & Merriman, Warren & Ford. upright freezer, & misc. CANTON GARAGE SALE GARDEN CITY Multi-Family Lg Multi Family! June 15-16, 9-5pm. 446 County Club Ln, S of Cherry Hill, btwn Beck Garage Sale has something

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June 14-16, 10-4, 32194 Maplewood, N. of Ford, S. of Warren. Baby furniture & Baby clothes & equip, e'). clothes, plus size career ware.

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Sale - Fri., Sat. & Sun., June 15-17, 9am-5pm. 37567 St. Martins, N_of 7 Mile/W of Newburgh. Teen Abercrombie LIVONIA - 20240 Whitby, S./8 Mile W/Gill Thurs -Sat 8-4 Organ, lamps, clothes, baby items, power tools, crafts, teacher books, jewelry, misc. LIVONIA 34058 Richland, S/ Plymouth, W/ Farmington. Huge Sale! Thurs-Sat, 9-6pm.

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btwn 5 & 6 Mi, E/ Middlebelt. June 13-16, 9-4, Household clothes. TV armoire, keyboard, allterraine bike. Big Sale!

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PLYMOUTH 39834 Birchwood, Ann Arbor Trail, E of I-275. June 15-16, 9am-4pm. Baby items, king futon mattress, antiques tools.

PLYMOUTH Garage Sale Antiques, decorator items, small old desk, hand tools, stereo, household items and interesting things! other Friday-Saturday, June 15-16, 8am-4pm, 129 N. Holbrook, south off Plymouth Road, 1 blk east of Lilley

PLYMOUTH- 4-families. Fri & W/Sheldon Rd.

REDFORD June 14-15-16, 10-4 pm, 26640 Glendale. E. of Inkster, S. of I-96. Households, Comics, PS2 games, col-lectibles, tools and crafts.

REDFORD Huge Garage Sale. Clothes, colletibles, Christmas items & much more. June14-15- & 16, 9-5pm. 19357 Lexington, btwn, 7 & 8 mile.

REDFORD 9932 Garfield. June 15-19, 9-4pm. Lots of ladies medium tops, teenage girl's jeans size 5. Boys size 10, XX men's lg. t-shirts, lots of misc. REDFORD June 16-17, 9-5pm. Estate/Garage Sale, Avon rep closing business. All 50% off or more! 17393 Centralia, 1 blk N of 6, 1 blk W of Beech Daly. REDFORD HUGE MOVING SALE-15518 Fox, Redford MI 48239 - June 14-16th, Thurs-

REDFORD June 15 & 16, 10-5pm, 15520 Meadowbrook, off 5 mile, btwn. Inkster & Beech Dalv.50's style furniture and antiques, Men & Womem

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SOUTHFIELD - GARAGE SALE 28417 Berkshire Drive (W. of Evergreen). June 15-17, 9am-7pm, Baby items, collectibles vintage jewelry & glassware.



SOUTHFIELD - HUGE SALE! 19324 Addison, S. of 10, E. o vergreen. Fri.-Sat., 9AM. Lots & lots of tools, household clothing, landscape equip, etc

TROY Sat & Sun, June 16 & 17, 9-5pm., 3138 Weathervane Lane. New snow blower, bunk beds, electric guitar w/amp. and kids items.

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Green Rd/Orchard Lake &

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14-16. Wrought iron, driveway gates, 1940s furniture, more.

ools ladies bike misc enter-

Holliday Park Coop. Lot-21

WESTLAND

34627 School St., Off Wildwood btwn Wayne &

Venoy, June 15-16, 9-4. Multi-Family Sale, Too much to list!

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Sale, June 16 and 17. Many

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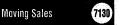
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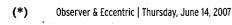
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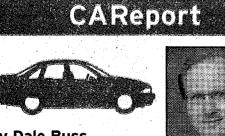
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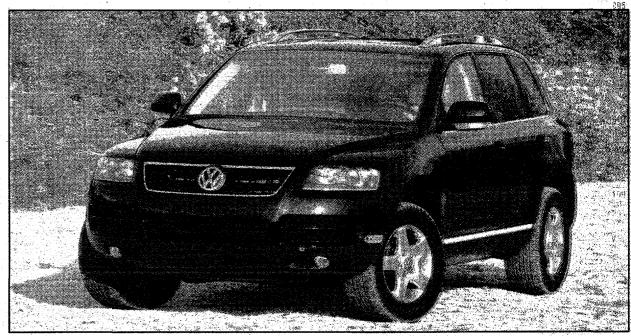
By Dale Buss

Volkswagen has had a long, complicated and sometimes tortured presence in the U.S. market, beginning with the Beetle a half-century ago, continuing through its ill-fated manufacturing venture in Pennsylvania and, most recently, resulting in the withdrawal of its extremely pricey Phaeton sedan. The heart of VW's problem in America has been that its executives have never really decided what they wanted the brand to represent here – and then when it seemed that they had made up their minds, they changed them.

But fortunately, VW seems to have found a home for all of the elements of its split personality in the mid-size, mid-luxury Touareg SUV. Having steadily refined the vehicle and its mission since the Touareg's introduction in 2003, Volkswagen has a 2007 version that offers the fun aspects of VW's DNA in its sturdy off-road capabilities, the high-tech appeal that has always been part of the brand in its amenities, and even aspirational and luxury facets in Touareg's styling, grace and overall presentation.

The Touareg I drove was on the low end of the packages that VW offers, with a suggested retail price of \$38,700, but it still represented the line well. The 2007 Touareg drives nimbly, with sufficient power. It offers plenty of interior cargo room and amenities that consumers are demanding in mid-size, nearluxury SUVs these days. It is more stylish on the outside and on the inside, in a conventional, Americanized way, than other VWs. And all of this positions it better than you might think to compete against the substantial competition that begins for Touareg's pricier versions – from the likes of Lexus, BMW, Cadillac and Mercedes – just above the \$40,000 mark.

Touareg is well-designed in that it appeals to its target market of upper-middle-class American consumers who want a smart-looking SUV. In that bow to conformity, Touareg's design is unlike most of the rest of VW's lineup. Even more surprising, actually, is that Touareg doesn't resemble a vehicle



The 2007 Touareg offers luxurious styling and interior amenities with great off-road capabilities."

with all of the off-road capability that it has. You just don't picture this SUV going up 45-degree inclines.

But it does: Among other things testifying to its off-road prowess, VW says that the Touareg can handle a 45-degree slope either straight on or traversing. The doors and headlights are sealed against water, and it can ford streams almost two feet deep. Ground clearance is almost a foot. VW even tweaked the 2007 version for extreme off-road demands by reconfiguring the oil pan and longitudinally mounting the drive belt.

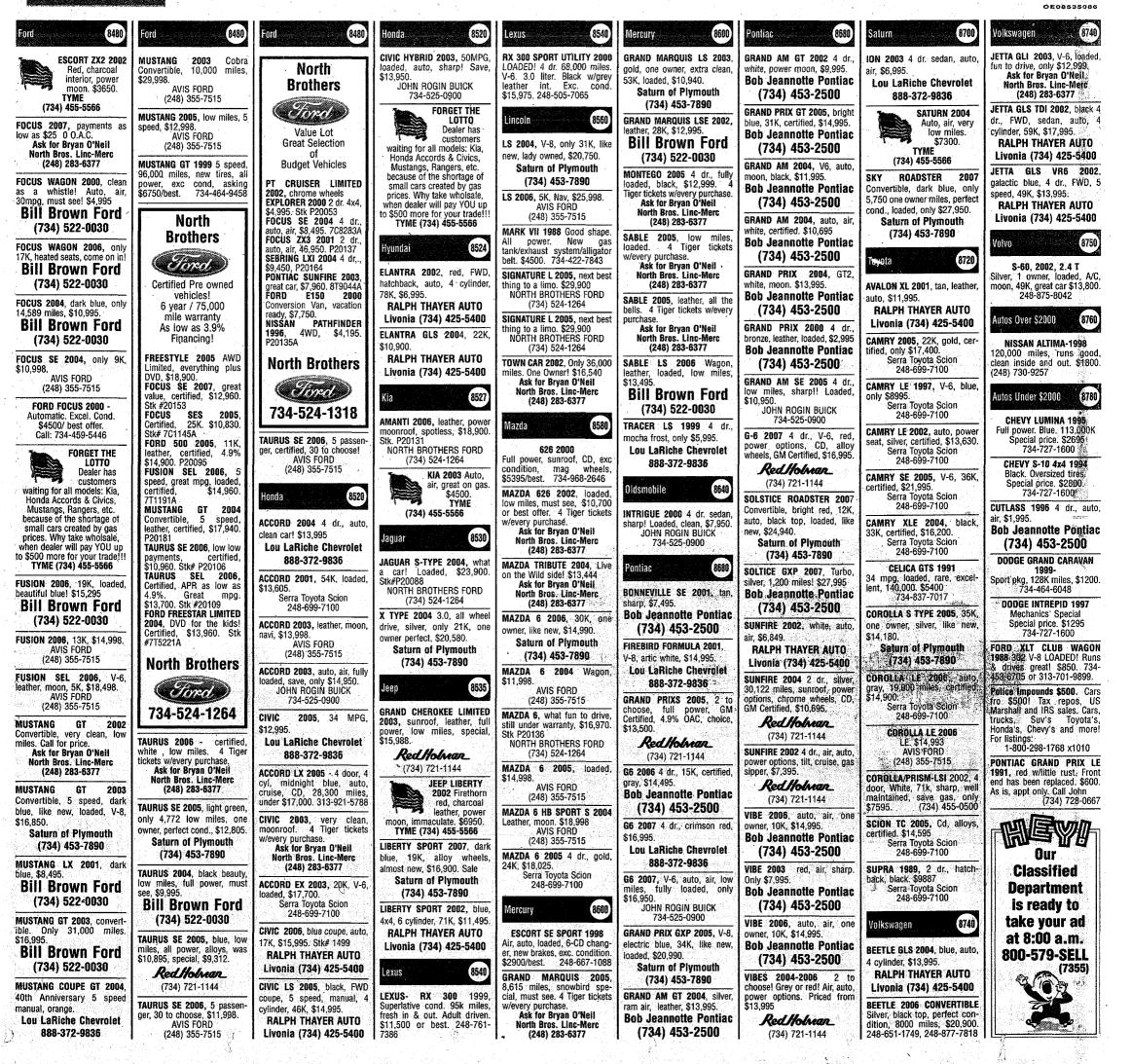
Of course, I couldn't tell you how all that worked in practice because the closest I came to going offroad in the Touareg was mishandling a curb in a parking lot. But I'll take VW's and the enthusiasts' word for it and assume that the vehicle is one heck of a transport off the highway.

Back on the highway, Touareg does some pretty impressive stuff as well. The 3.6-liter, six-cylinder engine that is standard is equipped with VW's advanced FSI direct injection for improved performance and fuel efficiency, and delivers 276 horsepower and 266 lbs./ft. of torque. The power train is more than adequate for most driving, and its 16mpg rating in city highway mileage and 20mpg on the highway are about average for its class.

Still, I'd love to drive the new version of the 2007 Touareg that sports a 4.2-liter * engine that produces 350hp and 325 lbs./ft. of torque. And now, VW has begun producing a V10 TDI ten-cylinder diesel engine which has been refitted to meet current emissions standards in 45 states. It also delivers 310 horsepower and goes 17mpg in the city and 22 mpg on the highway – on diesel, mind you, which is substantially cheaper than gasoline at this point.

Inside, Touareg's appointments are a pleasing combination of clear design lines and high-quality materials, including leather, even though there are a bit too many different materials for my tastes. I was a bit confused by the many knobs for climate control, the navigation screen and other center-console functions, though I'm sure I could have figured them out in time! And I was pleased by how large the knobs and labeling graphics were, a function that hasn't traditionally been a VW strength. Touareg also has lots of slots, compartments and pockets for all passengers, situated where they're handy – which is no mean accomplishment in itself.

Completing Touareg's capable execution of its split personality is its capacious cargo space. Sitting high in the driver's seat, as I like to do, I felt just a bit claustrophobic about how the roof downsloped to the rear, making my rear-view mirror feel crowded. But the space in the back was plenty big for most uses I could think of. Of course, I wasn't hauling an ATV off-road.





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Cooking with dear old dad

Readers share tales from the kitchen

Fathers often love to cook. Just don't try to recreate his favorites. It's his secret.

Cassandra Smith of Livonia knows that. She wrote that when she was growing up, her father, Gary Gray, also of Livonia, would make "the most amazing fudge."

"He would spend hours standing at the stove, stirring it to perfection," Smith wrote. "When he was done, he would pour it ever so slowly onto a special serving platter.

He often gave away the fudge when it was perfect. If it wasn't, or it didn't sit well on the platter, the kids were happy to oblige. When Cassandra developed an allergy to chocolate (Dad's favorite), he would make caramel, strawberry and vanilla fudge.

"Over the years, we have tried to get him to share his mom's (our grandma's) fudge recipe with us, but he never will. We have tried to make it ourselves but to no avail - it's just never as good as Dad's. Now he occasionally makes the fudge for special occasions and it's as good as ever."

The cutest letter we received came from Grace Manier, who goes to Longacre Elementary School in Farmington Hills. We left the sentence below unedited, just because it is so, well, adorable: "Me and my dad like to cook saled dressing. Here are ingredeaens: parsley, lemons, olivoil, red vinager.

"Are family likes it!!!" -Ken Abramczyk



Westland resident Debbie Purdue remembers her father with his favorite dish, Hobo Hash.

Recipes of a daughter's love

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Ernie Rach loved to fish. Summertime for him meant relaxing and fishing on Norway Lake in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, remembers his daughter, Debbie Purdue.

Purdue, who grew up in St. Joseph and now lives in Westland, learned about the outdoors at a young age and all about food from him.

"My Dad learned from his mother how to cook, then he taught my mother and he taught me how to cook, too," Debbie said. Her husband, Guy, is pastor of Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Westland.

When her father wasn't working in his welding shop, he usually could be found at his favorite fishing hole, Debbie wrote in her letter to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Twice a year, he went to the cabin.

November meant deer hunting and preparing Thanksgiving dinner.

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Great wines, great foods aid OCC's team

alnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon served oven-roasted Italian porcini with summer vegetables in a garlic and herb-infused oil. The Century Club Grill in Detroit featured crab cakes with chipotle

mayonnaise and apple pecan chicken. Dearborn Country Club dished out chilled gazpacho with tequila shrimp and black bean soup. The Dearborn Athletic Club served bronzed Scottish salmon, orange fennel saffron risotto on watercress salad with crispy pancetta fennel and orange supreme.

Eric Voight, pastry chef of Tribute in Farmington Hills, created a masopone pistachio mousse bombe with poached cherries and cherry gelee, and a flourless chocolate cake with gaguja.

This food was just a sampling of many dishes featured Thursday at the Great Lakes Great Wines wine tast-



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Judge Jeanette Merritt

Council samples a glass

during the Great Lakes

Great Wines event at OCC.

of the Indiana Wine Grape

ing fund-raiser at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. It was all a benefit for scholarships for students in OCC's Culinary Studies Institute and to help finance the travel expenses of OCC's culinary team competing in the American Culinary Federation's National Cooking Competition. But it was an event for many

OCC culinary grads like Voight and Century Club's chef George Hamel to give back to the culinary school.

"A lot of this event is the educational component of the whole thing," said Kevin Enright, culinary arts instructor at OCC. The guests get an opportunity to work with the different wines and pair the wine with foods, and the students are working

with foods we normally don't use. It's a great opportunity for the students and it gets people onto the campus of OCC. The wineries know about this event, too.'

Indeed, the OCC students cooked up barbecued pulled pork, along with Asian chicken shao mai, a delicious chicken dumpling dish with tastes of five-spice powder, cinnamon and ginger. These students were led and directed by chef Doug Ganhs. Enright's group of students erved orecchiette pasta with housemade Italiar

Father enjoyed cooking for family, firehouse

Cooking brings warm, happy when he competed in the Detroit

memories to the family of Don Koster.

Koster, a Detroit firefighter, cooked for the firehouse. He also often cooked at home, preparing "one of his signature meals that have grown over the years to become family favorites," his daughters Terri Wong of West Bloomfield, Gwenn Lund of **Bloomfield Township and Wendy** Relich of Grosse Pointe Farms wrote to the Observer & Eccentric.

These include Don's Firehouse Beef Stroganoff, the recipe for which the women shared with the paper.

[®]He had been cooking for the firehouse for years. He just put it together," said Wong, who teaches yoga in Farmington. "He liked to cook. He cooked for us."

Koster made his beef stroganoff

Fire Fighters Contest in 1961. He was a finalist in the competition.

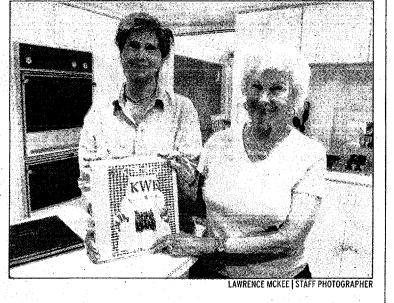
His brother, Robert, also a Detroit firefighter, competed too. The contest was sponsored by the Michigan Consolidated Gas Company.

"Many family dinners and stories were shared over great meals by the kitchen-savvy brothers," the women wrote.

"Whenever we make Don Koster's Firehouse Beef Stroganoff we reminisce about those days and all the great meals we shared."

Family members make the meal about five or six times a year, Wong said. These occasions include family reunions, which take place every year, attended by 40 to 80 people.

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Terri Wong and her mother Dorothy Koster hold up the family cookbook. The family still enjoys a beef stroganoff recipe created by Wong's father and Dorothy's husband, Don Koster, when he worked as a Detroit firefighter.

These blogs are worth bookmarking



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

logs have come a long way. In their early days, they were \square little more than online diaries filled with random blather that few people cared about — and even fewer bothered to read.

But somewhere along the way, blogs evolved into entertaining, informative, worthwhile destinations, with content that's often as rich and professional as what you'd find in a magazine.

(I'm living proof: I've been a maga-

zine writer for years, but now blogs comprise nearly half my daily workload.)

I've put together a list of some of my favorite blogs. If you'd like to share some of your own, please e-mail me at the address listed at the end of the column.

BUSINESS HACKS

No one likes hackers, the criminals who try to break into other peoples'

PCs, but "hacks" can be a good thing. In certain usages, the word refers to making tweaks or improvements, or just using something in an inventive way.

Business Hacks (blogs.bnet.com/ businesstips/) offers, well, hacks for business users. It's a daily dose of tips, tricks and tactics aimed at helping you succeed. (Nepotism alert: I'm a con-

Please see BROIDA, D2

and pesto cream. And, once again, the students shined.

The OCC alums stood out, too. Voight didn't have far to drive from his workplace, as Tribute is located at 12 Mile and Orchard Lake roads. "I went to school here and I love to come back here and do these events," Voight said. Voight and the other chefs donated their time, labor and food to the cause.

Other chefs included: Randy Smith (Walnut Creek), Mark Dixon (Dearborn Country Club), Steve Allen (Steve & Rocky's in Novi), Joe Beato (Via Nove) and David Raider (Chef David's Gourmet Pastries in West Bloomfield).

The event raises an estimated \$9,000 to \$10,000, according to organizer Darlene Levinson. That money will help with travel and hotel expenses for the OCC student culinary team, managed by Enright, which will compete July 23 in Orlando, Fla., for five days.

The team won first place and a gold medal at the American Culinary Federation (ACF) Central Region Competition, which took place March 25-27 in Milwaukee. The team won the ACF's Michigan Student Team Competition, Feb. 24 in Grand Rapids. The regional competition involved nine top teams from as far away as Texas and Nebraska.

To win the competition, the OCC team had to excel in four areas - cold buffet, a four-course dinner, dessert and a demonstration of skills in areas such as butchering and vegetable cutting. Team members are: Bradley Ball, Novi; John Clements, Waterford; Elizabeth Kallio, Redford; Kathryn Szczerba, Troy; and Norman Valenti, Clawson. OCC Culinary Studies Institute graduate Tammy Gauthier of Novi is the team's coach.

We're so proud of them," Levinson said. "We haven't competed in the nationals for 10 years. We're very excited for them."

And now with the help of some local wine lovers, the travel may get a little easier for them.

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One recent post, for example, shows you how to use your regular cell phone like a BlackBerry. Another demonstrates ways to burn calories at work.

JALOPNIK

We live in (or near) the Motor City, so obviously we need a killer blog devoted to cars.

Jalopnik (jalopnik.com) is that blog, leveraging its selfproclaimed "obsession with the cult of cars" to provide news, new-car sightings, and everything else under the automotive sun.

Some of the headlines alone make this site worth visiting (for example, "Be Careful of Wheelchair-Bound Hitchhikers When Driving Your Semi in Paw Paw").

LIFEHACKER

If Business Hacks helps you succeed in business, Lifehacker (Lifehacker.com) helps you succeed in life.

The site offers a daily deluge of ways to be more productive, most of them involving technology. Tips range from making better use of Google Calendar to combining all your discount and membership cards onto a single card.

PARENT HACKS

Starting to get the idea behind this whole "hacks" mentality? True to its name, Parent Hacks (parenthacks. com) serves up "everything that was left out of the instruction manual."

You'll find a wealth of childrearing tips, everything from easier diaper changes to book recommendations to using a pacifier clip as a bagel holder (http://tinyurl.com/2peb2s).

WIRED GADGET LAB

Love gadgets? You'll find a king's ransom of them at Gizmodo (gizmodo.com), one of the Web's most popular blogs.

However, I'd be remiss if I didn't mention a new favorite (and not just because I'm a contributor): Wired Gadget Lab (blog.wired.com/gadgets). These aren't just tech gad-

gets, though the site has plenty of those. The WGL also covers products like bicycles and power drills, all with concise reviews and ratings.

SLASHFOOD

Love food? Head to Slashfood (slashfood.com) and stuff your face with recipes, kitchen gadgets, nutrition news and lots more good stuff.

TUAW

The Unofficial Apple Weblog (tuaw.com) covers all things Apple, from Macs to iPods to everything in between. It's a great place to find

breaking news about new products, along with tips on using your hardware and software in innovative ways.

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GARDEN CALENDAR

Butterfly gardening

The Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association and the Detroit Zoo will host a butterfly gardening lecture and field trip Wednesday, June 20. The lecture, Re-establishing the Karner Blue Butterfly in Southeast Michigan, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 7 p.m. in the Ford Education Center at the zoo. It will be followed by a walking tour of the butterfly rearing facility. Enter the zoo parking lot through the gate on 10 Mile and proceed to the west end of the parking lot. Call (734) 326-0578 or visit www.sembabutterfly.com.

Perennial gardening English Gardens hosts free gardening

seminars at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in June at its six stores, including locations in West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506; Royal Oak-Troy, (248) 280-9500; Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; and Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900. Growing Beautiful Roses will be the topic June 20. Receive a list of new roses for 2007 and a list of English Gardens' favorites. Learn the best way to keep your roses beautiful, including care and maintenance, planting procedures, insect/disease control, pruning and fertilizing. The Cutting Garden will be the topic June 27.

Cleaning solves air conditioning problem

here is no way that I want you to think of me as an air conditioning expert, because I am not.

But at one time way back I knew a lot about the industry. The little bit of knowledge I've gained helped me fix a problem for an old Appliance friend the other

Doctor day. He called me Joe Gagnon and told me

that there was water all over the floor around his furnace. I went over and took a look-see.

The outdoor temperature was hot and the air conditioning unit was running full blast. The little condensate pump mounted on the side of the furnace had water just overflowing out of it.

All I had to do was clean the small plastic hose that directs the water across the basement

ceiling and into a laundry tub. This problem occurs many times with central air conditioning and it is quite costly to have a technician come to your home and fix it.

I showed my friend how to take a pint bottle of white vinegar and dump it into the condensate pump, and told him to do this every year when he starts up the A/C unit.

There is a little motor with an impeller in this condensate pump assembly, and a float switch activates that. The water comes from the A-coil or evaporator that is mounted in the furnace plenum.

The vinegar will help keep the whole system clean and free from mineral growth in the reservoir tank and the drain hose.

While at my friend's house I shut off the humidifier water supply and took out the filter, which I threw in the trash.

I cleaned the inside with a little water and vinegar, and informed him that next year at the start of the heating season, he should install a new filter in

the furnace humidifier. Next I took out the furnace filter, which was the cheap, washable type, and cleaned it with the garden hose.

I told him about the new style of filters made today that do a much better job of filtering air than his current one. He will be getting one of these in the next few days.

I then cleaned the outside condenser with the garden hose, and took his garden clippers and cut back the tree branches and plants that were blocking air movement around the condensing unit.

I explained the importance of free air movement, and said that if he didn't do this on a regular basis he would probably end up with a repair bill of \$2,000 to have a burnt-out compressor replaced. I think the dollar figure really caught his attention.

In the summer months ahead I won't be writing much about central air conditioning, except for maybe a few stories about the consumer ripoff that will happen to homeowners.

Oh yes, it still happens, and that's a big reason why you should know who should be called for repairs or new installations. It is always wise to get more than one estimate when you are contemplating the purchase of a new furnace or central air conditioning.

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Remember that in the dead of summer you may have to wait several days to get service because there is always a backlog of service calls that the industry can't handle.

The person who gets a checkup or tuneup now will be dollars ahead and cooler at the same time. 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.

Masculine, feminine decorating tastes can coexist

arah of Canton writes: "When selecting colors and fabrics for my master bedroom, how do I appeal to my husband's more masculine tastes, when I enjoy a much more feminine feel?"

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assured, Mars Terri Guastella and Venus can coexist togeth-

er by using color and pattern that appeal to both sexes.

PATTERN

Let's start with pattern. Select your comforter and window treatments first 🔌 before your paint color. If you are buying ready-made bed-

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ding, find the style you like best.

If you are drawn to a flowery print you will be able to make this work by injecting a stripe or plaid to downplay the floral.

Remember that the comforter will likely be the largest single pattern in the room, so your floral pattern may be best injected in smaller doses to prevent the flowers from overtaking everything else.

If you still want a floral pattern somewhere in the room, consider using darker colors instead of the more typical pastels. This will help to lessen the femininity of the floral.

There are some beautiful floral patterns that incorporate black or dark brown.

Once you have the bedding and window treatment patterns selected, then you can easily pull the wall color out of those patterns.

COLOR

Restful colors should be the choice in a master bedroom

where sleep and privacy are called for.

With that said, find common ground between you and your husband.

Pinks and rose colors tend to feel much too feminine for a man, and red tones are OK in small doses, but shouldn't be used as the dominant color in the bedroom.

Blue, which is usually thought of as a masculine color, can look beautiful in a bedroom and will easily mix with more feminine patterns and colors.

Green can also bridge the gender gap quite nicely. Be careful with gray tones

as they can become dreary.

Brown has become the new beige and is quite dramatic, but be cautious with brown if you have a small room or visually heavy furniture. Brown needs to be balanced with lighter colors for contrast.

There is a risk of being too careful, though, when choosing color for any room.

When you become afraid to

commit to a color scheme, you run the risk of a boring room sporting shades of beige and white. If you start with the least

flexible options in the room, such as ready-made bedding, and build your color scheme from there, you can't go wrong.

I encourage you to buy several comforter sets that you love and lay them out with acceptable window treatment options, and get paint swatches from your paint store that coordinate with these fabrics.

This will help you to pull together a picture of the room before committing to anything. It's much easier to be objective when the items are laid out before you to adjust and change as needed.

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Flying winemaker details flight pattern

s the global wine market expands, "flying winemakers" are becoming more numerous.

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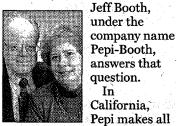
Who are these wine industry folks and how do they master winemaking on more than one continent?

Bob Pepi, who is partnered in his wine consulting business with veteran winemaker

Pepi-Booth,

the wine for

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Focus on Wine

Andretti, legendary race car **Ray & Eleanor** driver Mario Heald Andretti's

Napa Valley winery. He makes the wines at Shannon Ridge, a family owned and operated winery in the High Valley American Viticultural Area (AVA) of Lake County, founded in 2001. Grapes for the Two Angels brand (Sauvignon Blanc, Petite Sirah and a Rhone varietal blend), come exclusively from the Shannon Ridge Ranch vineyards in High Valley.

Similarly, he consults at **Rutherford Grove Winery** and Vineyards, a small, family-owned winery founded in 1993 in the historic Rutherford appellation of Napa Valley. It's owned by the Pestoni family whose Swiss-Italian roots go back five generations in the Napa Valley.

Then there's Goosecross, another small family-owned winery since 1985, located in the Yountville AVA of Napa Valley.

Pepi's wines from two more small California wineries have vet to be released.

OTHER THAN CALIFORNIA

To acquire the moniker "flying winemaker," Pepi must do that -- fly. He does to Canyon Wind Cellars in Colorado, where he has helped to put this boutique winery on the map.

To meet him off-shore as we did a few years ago, one must fly to Argentina and the valentin Blanchi winery in San Rafael, Mendoza, Argentina. He travels there several times each year to consult on grapegrowing, harvesting, winemaking and blending the array of Bianchi wines.

WINE PICKS

Chardonnay continues to lead consumer preference polls in white wines. The following represents the best between \$9 and \$70.

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\$20 2005 Dry Creek Vineyard Russian **River Valley \$20**

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If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor. or if it's a domestic wine, order it direct from the winery.

unable to use his family name on his own bottle of wine."

HOW IT'S DONE

We asked Pepi, how do you do all this? Shrugging off his extreme ettorts he said, "Well,

"Dad loved to cook almost as much as hunt," Debbie said. You never knew what was going to be in the skillet for supper. In addition to perfectly sautéed venison, such delicacies as bluegills, bullheads, pheasant, rabbit and even massive snapping turtle meat (snagged from the St. Joseph River) could be found." Debbie's mother, Sharon, often talked about how she was treated to pheasant dinner in the hospital after Debbie was born.

Rach also liked to hunt for mushrooms in the woods near St. Joseph.

"It was a treat to watch him carefully tending to a skillet of browning morels or puffballs, knowing these buttery morsels would be ready to eat soon," Debbie said.

Debbie joined him on the hunts and even found a puffball once, she said.

While in the UP, he har-vested the wild thimbleberries and raspberries that grow profusely along the curved lanes, and would bring them home and make jams, jellies and occasionally wine, Debbie wrote.

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Among the ingredients for the stroganoff are ketchup, Worcestershire sauce and perhaps because of the family's German heritage - poppy seeds. Since Don Koster died

DON'S FIREHOUSE BEEF

STROGANOFF 1 pound cube steak cut in strips 1 small onion, chopped ½ cup sliced mushrooms 1 can cream of mushroom soup 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce 2 tablespoons ketchup 1 cup sour cream 1 package wide egg noodles 1 to 2 teaspoons poppy seeds

bers put together a cookbook called KWE (Kooking With Ease). The letters also stand for family names Koster, Wasowicz and Easton. Recipes include Make It Don't Fake It - By Mary Klemic Lasagna. Brown meat and onion in a little oil. Add soup, mushrooms, Worcestershire sauce,

ketchup and a little water. Stir well and simmer on low for about 15 minutes or until meat is cooked. Take off heat, add sour cream and mix into sauce. Prepare noodles according to package directions while sauce is simmering. Drain noodles, mix in poppy seeds and serve Stroganoff over noodles. Serves 4.

Ing ABC (Anything But Chardonnay),

The Community House, 380 S. Bates,

Vinology continues its series of

classes about wine with Wines of

Italy, June 20; and Wines of France,

July 18. Classes are \$55 individually.

Vinology, 110 S. Main in Ann Arbor, is

Birmingham, (248) 644

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Vinology Wine Classes

FOOD CALENDAR

Cancer Prevention and Survival Cooking classes with chef Shawna Broida, 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, through June 20; Whole Foods Market, 7350 Orchard Lake Road West Bloomfield, sponsored by the The Cancer Project. To register, call Renee Mahon at (248) 538-4600, for information, visit www.CancerProject. org, (202) 244-5038. The Community House Attend Summer Whites on the Terrace, a series of summer wine tasting classes, taught by sommelier Nidal Daher, and Marc Jonna, includ-

Her father parboiled the turtle, then sauteed it, Debbie said.

"It was OK," she said. He enjoyed fish, generally bluegill, bullheads or sometimes coho salmon on Lake Michigan, His most requested meal

at deer camp was potato pancakes. "Dad was a purist who

frowned on recipes requiring baking powder," Debbie said. His recipe, one he learned from his mother, Hilda Rach, called for potatoes, onion, salt, eggs and a bit of flour, all he needed to make a perfect batch.

She loved her Dad's pancakes, but Debbie's favorite was his Hobo Hash. "A very forgiving recipe, it

can be on the table in less than 30 minutes," she wrote. Debbie continued making those trips Up North into adulthood. In 1997, she remembers her 5-vear-old daughter Rachel picking some wild raspberries at the cabin,

the same year she lost her father. He died that autumn at the place he loved. "This November marks 10

in 1991, the family has made

a concerted effort to keep the

memories alive. Family mem-

years since Dad passed away at his beloved deer camp." Debbie wrote. "I miss him very much,

Hobo Hash, surrounded by photos of Westland resident Debbie Purdue's father, Ernie Rach, who loved the dish. HOBO HASH

1 to 2 tablespoons oi	l or bacon
grease	
1 medium onion, cho	pped
4 to 6 medium potat	oes, peeled
and thinly sliced	
6 hot dogs, sliced	
1 can (15 to 16 ounce	s) whole kernel
corn, drained	
6 eggs, beaten	
In large heavy sk	illet or
Dutch oven heat o	

Dutch oven, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add onion and

and still occasionally make his potato pancakes and hobo hash. But you know, they just don't taste as good as his!"

"He was such a character,"

potatoes and cook until tender. Add hot dogs and cook until heated through and potatoes are starting to brown. Turn heat to medium.

Carefully stir in corn. Add eggs and let cook until slightly "set." Carefully fold mixture to mix well. Continue cooking until eggs are done.

Recipe can easily be doubled. Yields 4 generous servings

Recipe courtesy of Debbie Purdue.

Debbie said. "He was a lot of fun to be around and I loved him a lot.

"I never met anyone quite like him."

Don Koster (right) and his brother, Robert, competed in the Detroit Fire Fighters Cooking Contest, sponsored by the Michigan Consolidated Gas Company, in 1961. One of Don Koster's specialties was his recipe for beef stroganoff. His family still prepares it today.





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EPONYMOUS

With all this on his career plate, Bob Pepi also knows what it's like not to own his own name.

In 1994, when his parents sold the Robert Pepi Winery (named after his father) and located in the Napa Valley, the brand name lived on under the properties of Jess Jackson, of Kendall-Jackson fame.

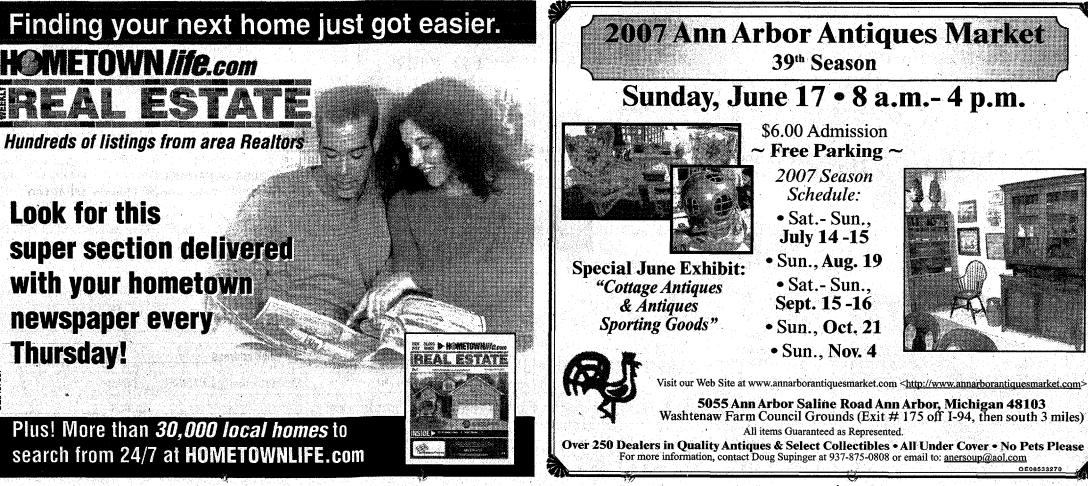
Thus Bob Pepi cannot put his name on a wine label and he does also make his own wine! As a reflection of both his serious winemaking side and his belief that wine should also be fun, he created the brand Eponymous, a play on the formal dictionary definition of one for whom or which something is or is believed to be named. He defines it "my play on words by one who is

first, I have a winemaker partner. Perhaps the biggest challenge is at Bianchi where, 12 years ago, the owners wanted a greater export fraction. To do this, I needed to make an Argentine wine that would appeal to both U.S. and U.K. consumers. I still consult there, so I assume the owners are pleased."

You will be too if you search out wines made under the direction of Bob Pepi -- one talented guy! The following are available locally: 2005 Two Angels Sauvignon Blanc \$15; 2005 Two Angels Petite Sirah \$26; 2004 Eponymous MacAllister Red Wine \$45 (a Bordeaux varietal blend); and 2003 Eponymous \$58 (100 percent cabernet sauvignon).

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BY ELIZABETH A. KATZ SPECIAL TO THE OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC

Clean house, do laundry, cook meals, shuttle kids to music and ballet lessons and make sure they're off to school on time. A mother's work is never done, it's true. But now there's a rare and

slowly expanding breed of primary caregiver: the stay-athome dad who's taking over for mom as she goes off to work. More men these days are learning about how challenging it is to do what's traditionally considered womens' work and how that job is arguably still misunderstood.

"It's been very valuable and worthwhile and wonderful, but also very challenging and very eye-opening," said Mark Melesky, 52, of Lathrup Village, who's been a stay-at-home father for 13 years. "It's generally undervalued and taken for granted. I wasn't socialized to be undervalued."

Melesky is primary caregiver to sons Drew, 12, and Reid, 8, while his wife, Charo Hulleza works as managing director of the Center for Urban Studies at Wayne State University.

"By and large, most people would wonder what I do all day," he said. "The people who know me well don't have those misunderstandings.



Bill Schwab works out of his Dearborn home as a professional photographer, and cares for son, Evan, 3, while mom works.

NEED SOME HELP?

Hey, Dad! Are you feeling lonely? Out of your comfort zone? Want to share stories about keeping those kids in line? Here's a few online resources to help you commune with other stay-athome dads: www.dadstayshome.com www.athomedad.com

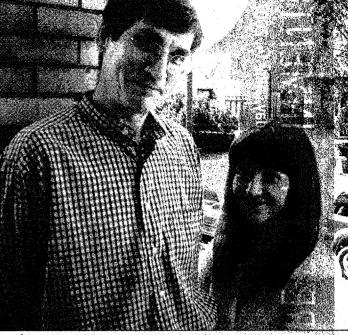
after Drew was born, but then decided to take a back seat to his own career so that his wife

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for two hours is just as taxing and challenging as planning a large corporate meeting for professionals in the corporate world," he said. "We had a great time. That's the stuff you plan on your calendar rather than a corporate meeting."

And when the world of work, housekeeping and childcare merge, some dads realize prioritizing is crucial to keeping their sanity.

Bill Schwab, 47, a professional photographer in Dearborn, runs his own business out of his home while caring for son, Evan, 3. His wife, Cathy Kavanaugh, works as a fulltime journalist.



Christopher Przybycien of Detroit always gives his daughter, Rebecca, great

Fabulous Fathers

PINK readers share why they're 'daddy's girl'

In honor of Father's Day, we asked 'PINK Tank' members to share something wonderful about their dads. The response was overwhelming, which speaks volumes not only about the fathers in our community, but the talented and loving daughters they've raised. Here's a look at some fabulous fathers:

Christopher Przybycien, **Detroit**, Tool & Die

"In short, he is my hero. He provided a secure, strong foundation for me while my mother was sick with cancer, and after she died. He was, and continues to be, my steadfast cheerleader, co-survivor and voice of reason when I went through my diagnoses. He goes estate sale-ing with me every weekend even though the dusty stuff makes him sneeze and eats crazy vegetarian meals with me even though he'd rather have a steak."

Rebecca Przybycien, Detroit, Co-Chair, Komen Detroit Race for the Cure

Tony Cianfarani, Hazel Park, Retired from the Auto Industry

"My dad's cool. He's 74, comes to Mydols concerts and never complains if the room is dark or

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ago, but he is always with me, especially in my car as I cruise around town, kind of like a St. Christopher medal. He would go out of his way to drive down a tree-lined street. His pace, something that vexed me as a teenager, was slow enough to take in the houses, wave to the kids and the gardeners. He'd shun expressways where people drove too fast and ignored one another. With gas prices hitting meteoric rates I ease off the accelerator, take more surface streets. Somewhere in that big gas station in the sky, dad is smiling." Maureen McDonald, **Detroit, Freelance Writer**

Gary Otsuji, Farmington, Doctor/Residency Director, **Providence Hospital**

PHOTO BY CATHERINE KAVANAUGH

Melesky said he worked out of the home as a massage therapist and designer of massage tables for the first few years

could go forward with hers. "I support ... my wife so that she can do what she needs to do," he said. "My wife and I



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other caregivers."

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Mark Malesky and sons Reid, 8, and

knew from the beginning that

kids rather than sublet them to

we wanted to raise our own

Dave Smith, 51, a former bank executive who resides in Birmingham, took over childrearing and housekeeping nine years ago. Smith's day usually begins around 6 a.m., when his son, Ryan, 17, gets up to go to school. Daughter Dana rises soon after and Smith sees his wife, Rebecca off between 7-7:30 a.m. as she leaves for her job as a region president at Huntington Bank.

Smith walks the dog each day, cooks, cleans, serves on the school PTA, takes care of the yard and tinkers on his computers as he throws in a load of laundry. He said he knows of two other stay-at-home dads just in his neighborhood.

Smith recalls recently organizing a party for almost 30 of Dana's schoolmates – a task he likens to planning a corporate event.

"Planning a party for 28 kids

"You have to pick and choose what is the most important," he said. "When you start thinking 'it's going to hurt my business,' you have to think about what's really important. My relationship with (Evan) is priceless.'

And while the three stayat-home dads say they have a greater appreciation for the hard work their moms put in, they say many people don't quite grasp the value of the stay-at-home dad.

"It's really not something that's a real accepted part of society," Schwab said. "I don't think there's anybody from my generation who can say 'I had a stay-at-home dad.' The book is still being written.

"I'm pretty much a mom with testosterone."

Elizabeth A. Katz is a metro Detroit freelance writer. Comment on this story at www. hometownlife.com.

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smoky. AND he's never asked if the music could be turned down! He sits in the audience and pretends he's being entertained because, even at 47, I'm still his little girl.'

Judy Davids, Royal Oak, Guitarist for The Mydols, Author of "Rock Star Mommy" (Citadel Press, April 2008)

Hilliard L. Hampton, Jr., Inkster, Mayor of Inkster

"My dad has taught me the true meaning of drive, dedication and passion. His infectious personality encourages me to not only dream, but to live my dreams. With his love and compassion for life, family and friends naturally, you are inspired to be a greater visionary and person."

Defausha Hampton, Inkster, Franco Public Relations Group

Dennis W. Cleary, **Farmington**, Attorney

"My dad and mom, Ann, raised me in Farmington, one of the best places to grow up, which is reason number one why my dad is so cool for choosing a great place for our family. Number two and three are things that inform every day of my life: he taught me the importance of speaking properly and clearly, and he taught me that pretty much everything could be looked at with a sense of humor. Oh! And four, he instilled a voracious love of reading and writing in me - which is one of my passions to this day. Love you Dad!"

Meghan Cleary, New York City via Farmington, America's Shoe Expert (www.missmeghan.com)

William McDonald, Sun City Center, Fla., Design Center for Ford Motor Company, Retired "My dad died seven years

"In a house with so many girls, he never once complained about all the hair products, purses and shoes. He encouraged us to be individuals and pursue whatever makes us happy. He supports our endeavors and encourages us to create our own adventures."

Amy Slitti, Emily Tabor, Molly Otsuji and Kimberly Otsuii: Livonia. Canton. Plymouth, London; full-time moms, nurse and teacher (respectively)

Edward Derbabian, Bloomfield Hills, Accountant/ **Business Broker**

"My dad is an incredible model of love, kindness, intelligence, strength and hope. He adores his wife of 49 years, his three children and three grandchildren. He inspires us all to think, strive, laugh, feel loved, and never give up. We all are blessed to have him in our life." Anahid Lisa Derbabian, **Birmingham, Owner, Integrity**

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Jerry Krasicky, formerly of Clinton Township (passed away Aug. 17, 2005), Carpenter "My dad was a great leader and worked hard every day to send us to Catholic school so we could learn the values he wanted us to live. He gave us everything and asked for nothing but our love in return. A carpenter for 37 years, he raised a family of four and came home every day to eat dinner as a family. For nearly 30 of those years, he also coached softball and baseball teams at St. Angela's in Roseville, teaching the fundamentals of baseball and of life to so many young boys and girls.'

Janine Krasicky, Ferndale, Public Relations and Marketing

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Only a few things are certain with 'Sopranos'

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

"We decapitate and we deal with who's left," Phil said.

And in the end, Phil was one the decapitated. Great observation

by fellow reporter and co-Sopranos junkie Alex Lundberg.

Tony Soprano didn't go out with a bang, but his life goes on. The only difference is that we aren't invited to watch.

Lana Mini And in the end, Tony's

key FBI contact admitted he secretly cheered for Tony - taking Jersey's side in the mob war against New York.

Christopher was reincarnated into a cat, finally winning Tony's admiration. The last scene of Paulie was reminiscent of one from the early days: sunning himself outside the meat market.

AJ, who was ready to save the world, easily bought into the Sopranos' system when Tony offered a job as a filmmaker, plus a BMW. Meadow is dating an attorney who in the future could either help legally and thus prosper - or wind up dead if she chooses to become a prosecutor.

I'm accepting bragging rights in that I predicted the end could be non-definitive with Tony just continuing on.

But I love what Lundberg said about the final episode:

"What's funny to me is that a number of people all around the country wondered if their TV service cut out in the final seconds," he said.

I was one of those people.

"The thing I'm most concerned about is the possibility of more *Sopranos* prod-ucts," Lundberg said. "The thing I liked most about the end of Six Feet Under was the definitive nature of the final 15 minutes. No matter what else, there was no possibility of another series."

Lundberg and I were both satisfied that the characters returned to their original states.

'Tony can get no closure, his mother and uncle are beyond reconciliation. Tony's sister has not changed. Tony's old

friend Sylvio is in limbo (so Tony has paid some sort of price for his life) but Paulie is back on the reservation, calling Tony "my liege" a-la Shakespeare. AJ will forever be an appendage of his family - trapped in the amber of Tony and Carmela's unwillingness to force him to grow up and become an adult."

"Maybe (creator) David Chase was telling us that the characters, like real people, don't have definitive changes in their lives all the time. Maybe he was being contrarian and saying 'you can't predict what the ending is.' Maybe that last segment was his acknowledgement that so many people didn't want the story to end. The cut came a millisecond after the line "don't stop" in Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'."

So bye-bye Sopranos, and I think I'm glad it's over. The narcassistic and sociopathic habits of every character were starting to make me feel ill. But ... what will replace them? What will grab a nation's attention next?

Jumping late on the band wagon, I just started renting Lost (just finished season one) and Entourage; we can talk about that another time. And into the world of new show John from Cincinnati, well, are we really going to be interested in a burntout, angry surfer family whose sidekick characters seem like a ripoff from any David Lynch endeavor?

Maybe. The surfing scenes after the family squabbles did seem cathartic.

Summer concerts begin in Farmington

Summer concerts begin in Farmington Hills on Thursday, June 21 with a show that celebrates Motown.

The weekly concerts (except on July 5 and 19), at Heritage Park, begin at 7:30 p.m. Bring a blanket, lawn chair and a picnic basket.

Serieux, a group that often performs at the Greektown Casino and recreates the famous Motown sound, is an ensemble of 10 men who sing hits from 1960s and '70s. The remaining Thursday Stars in the

Park concerts include: Barbara Bailey Hutchison (folk vocal/

instrumental), June 28

No concert, July 5 Rock and Soul (vocal/instrumental),

July 12



No concert, July 19 Farmington Community Jazz Band (instrumental), July 26 Randy Brock Group (blues vocal/instrumental), Aug. 2 Chris Roach Band (country/ English rock 'n roll), Aug. 9 Farmington Community Chorus,

Aug. 16 Saline Fiddlers (youth/instrumental country), Aug. 23

Heritage Park is located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads in Farmington Hills. Rainout site is the Costick Center located at 28600 W. 11 Mile Road in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 473-1856. All shows are free.

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HOT TICKET -3

8 Days in June' celebrates music, including classical, jazz, chamber music, spoken word, film and more, all under the theme of Creation and Conflict.

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'Our Polish Story,' the second of Keith Famie's documentaries, is set to air Saturday on WXYZ-TV.

FAMILY- 5

Take a ride to the east side and cruise Gratiot Saturday.

COVER - 6

'Nancy Drew,' played by Emma Roberts, is set to solve a mystery in a new movie.

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Try some sushi and other delights at Kenzi of Southfield.

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Cultural connections DSO ready for 8 Days of music, film, art

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

This month the Detroit Symphony Orchestra breaks new ground - launching a brand new festival that moves beyond musical boundaries. 8 Days in June, organizers said, is meant to challenge traditional ideas about classical music and symphony orchestras, and rather, to reach out to a broader, more contemporary audience. Its programs link classical music to other genres and art forms, expanding on its meaning and its place in the cultural world.

' Like all symphonies, the DSO is aware that its future survival is resting on its abil-



of patrons and supporters," said Marilou Carlin, assistant director of public relations for the DSO. "And while we have been steadily increasing our offerings of diverse and youth-oriented concerts, 8 Days in June takes that trend to the next level. 'This is a solid week dedicated to

finding new audiences."

With a spoken word performance by Hip Hop legend Chuck D.; a return to American jazz roots guided by Wynton Marsalis; and a novel, provocative telling of Kurt Vonnegut's A Soldier's Tale through the eyes of a Detroiter, the festival aims for the unexpected. A full roster of events is set for June 21-28. This new

endeavor follows the theme Creation and Conflict. According to David Dredla, the DSO's artistic plan-

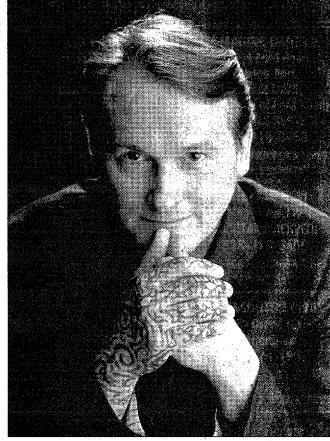
ning manager, the theme is a timely one. Conflict may be political, social, economic or race related. Dredla said this theme connects all different art forms, and may be something that interests audiences of all ages

The impetus for a new festival came from Peter Oundjian, the DSO's artistic advisor and guest principal conductor. Planning began last fall.

The events and performers chosen were modeled after the many different series the DSO offers throughout the year. Dredla called it a "microcosm of what we offer."

8 Days in June encompasses everything from classical to jazz, spoken work to film. It also coincides with the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival and Detroit International River Days.

"I think we have a little bit of something for everybody," said Dredla. He anticipates crowds will be drawn by something familiar, and experience something new.



WENDY LYNCH

Pianist Christopher O'Riley performs the songs of Radiohead on June 23 during the 8 Days Festival at the Max M. Fisher Music Center.

Thanks to a collaboration with the Museum of Contemporary Art - Detroit, and Center for Creative Studies students, the Max M. Fisher Music Center will transform into a trendy spot for the roving crowds. Video art installations will be on display in the lobby atrium and in Alessee Hall, which will have a lounge feel. Artist Jon Strand's 16-piece exhibit is also on display. The Jonny Strange Series depicts a man who escapes to a mythical planet. Carlin said it fits nicely into this year's theme. It will be accompanied by a video and music by Detroit's own Judy Adams.

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Christopher O'Riley puts classical twist on modern music

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFE WRITER

When Christopher O'Riley comes to the Max M. Fisher Music Center this month, as part of the 8 Days Festival, he'll perform an entire show of material he's reinterpreted thanks to his love of the band Radiohead.

'I consider myself a player," said O'Riley, during a phone interview from San Francisco. "I'm drawn to certain types of music.'

It just so happens the popular classically-trained musician prefers. the music of British rock darlings Radiohead, as well as he does the music of ill-fated singer-songwriters like the late Nick Drake and the late Elliot Smith.

O'Riley has transcribed the music of all of these artists, most recently releasing the CD Second Grace: The Music of Nick Drake.

When putting together such projects, he said, it comes down to the songs he's listening to at the moment.

In transcribing Radiohead songs, he paid particular attention to texture. With Smith's music, it was a

matter of layering. Some songs come together with simplicity, while others may take days to arrange.

O'Riley's love of music began at a truly early age.

"What happened was not a music experience, so much," he said. "My mother taught me how to read at a very young age. When I started kindergarten, the teacher at my school thought I would be bored."

She gave him two options - to learn French or play the piano. "My mother

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Famie finds the flavors of Poland

BY GREG KOWAI SKI STAFE WRITER

Gourmet chef, world traveler, TV show star and producer, Keith Famie ranks as more than a survivor, although he may achieved the most attention for his appearance on the hit TV show of that name.

But that was several years ago. Now, he's embarked on a new adventure, creating a series of programs highlighting the diverse ethnic groups of the metro Detroit area.

Earlier this year, he produced a highly commended show on the Italian community. Next up are the Poles, who will be featured on Our Polish Story, which will air Saturday, June 16.

Our Polish Story will be an encompassing look at the local Polish community, its culture, heritage and history.

"What makes this special is that there is no script," Famie said, as he sat in the editing room in the production studio in Southfield.

Just two weeks before the air date, Famie and the staff are working long hours to put the final touches into the program. The story is carried along by the subjects, and subject matter, each meticulously collected and assembled like a complex mosaic.

"We build on hours and hours of interviews," Famie said.

Some 70 hours of videotaped recorded



Keith Famie went to the source for his production of "Our Polish Story." Part of the taping was done in Poland.

interviews done over the last 10 months will be distilled down into an hour. It will run a full 60 minutes when broadcast with no commercials.

And it will cover a lot of territory - literally. Famie and his crew have been videotaping across the metro Detroit area at various Polish churches, fairs and events. They were at the Paczki Day celebration in Hamtramck, the Polish Cultural center in Troy, Christmas Eve Mass at St.

Albertus Church in old Poletown in Detroit, and even made a trip to Poland where long-separated friends were reunited in an emotional meeting.

As the last pieces are connected in the editing room, what is emerging is a cohesive, encompassing and fascinating look at this segment of the culture. The story is skillfully told by the people and places it features. He asks questions and lets the answers propel the story, drawing the personal responses and emotions from the subjects.

"I go into these interviews with a great deal of curiosity," he said.

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Famie is no newcomer to the production



Keith Famie works in the editing room of his Southfield studio with Greg Meloche as they put the finishing touches on "Our Polish Story."

'OUR POLISH STORY'

What: Documentary on local Polish heritage, history and culture produced by Keith Famie. When: 7 p.m. Saturday, June 16 (Channel 7)

business. He had his own cooking show on TV, did 32 episodes of a program for Food Nation that took him around the world, and he has his own production company.

"It's all about the wisdom of our elders," Famie said The idea for the Flavors of ... originated with his own father. As he neared death, Famie spent a lot of time with him and listened to the many stories his father had to tell, especially of his World War II experiences.

"He had these wonderful stories," Famie said. But they were never recorded.

That led Famie to wonder who else had great stories to tell, and considering the metro area's diverse ethnic population, Famie connected the two points to create the "Our Story Of ... " series.

The Italians were first to be featured in a show that has garnered four Emmy nominations. The Poles will be followed by the Arab-American and Greek communities later this year.

Famie finances the productions, which cost hundreds of thousands of dollars each, through donations from organizations and individuals.

The main sponsor of the film is the Piast Institute; A National Institute for Polish and Polish-American affairs based in Hamtramck.

Executive director of the Piast Institute Virginia Skrzyniarz, who coordinated the Institute's support and the assistance with resources and fundraising for the documentary, said the film will allow all generations and different waves of immigration to better understand each other's experience.

"This would be a first step in building the next stage of our community which is exciting for us. The Piast Institute's major goal is the building of new Polonia for the 21st century," she said.

Thomas the Tank show visits Fox Theatre

The most popular train in the world is coming to The Fox Theatre for four shows Saturday and Sunday, June 23 and 24.

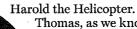
It's the first live touring stage show for Thomas & Friends' Thomas Saves The Day, a 90-minute musical with a 15-minute intermission, that's all about how the feisty engine learns to work well with others to prepare for Sodor's Magic Lantern Festival.

Many adventure s unfold while Thomas, Percy and Diesel share stories that help encourage life lessons such as discovery, cooperation and friendship.

It's a show aimed at pre-schoolers, which is Thomas' main fan base. The theatrical performance includes all of his railway friends including Sir Topham Hatt, controller of the Railway; Percy, the little green engine, and the high flying

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Thomas, as we know, lives on the island of Sodor where teamwork awaits his every turn. He's so popular that Thomas & Friends is the biggest selling pre-school toy in the U.S. The show is a musical and dra-

Family matic presentation in eight acts and features 10 performers while Thomas is represented on stage with an animatronic face. There's also a story narrator and many special effects, pops and video.

Tickets are \$18-\$40. Purchase at www.olympiaentertainment.com, the Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box offices, Hockeytown Authentics in Troy (without service charge) and at all Ticketmaster locations, including Macy's and Ticketmaster.com. For additional information, call (313) 471-6611.

- Lana Mini America's favorite train comes to the Fox Theatre.

Cruisin' on the east side

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

If road construction doesn't satisfy your Graticraving to sit in traffic jams while be t paying almost \$4 per gallon of gas, then head out to the east side next week for the first huge car cruise of the season. Or heck, make things easier on yourself

Or heck, make things easier on yourself by parking your car at the cruise and then watching all the classic cars drive by. That will be a lot less stressful, cheaper and even fun.

Cruisin' Gratiot in Eastpointe draws annually more than 150,000 visitors from across the nation who have a love for muscle, hot rods, classic and custom cars.

In dedicated "cruise lanes," car lovers get their engines running and show off their rides as they motor down Gratiot Avenue from Eight Mile to 10 Mile Road. This year the cruise itself is from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 16. But all week long (events actually started on Tuesday), there are tons of other activities leading up to it including "American Idol" type singing contests, car shows, parades and more.

It's called the *original metro-Detroit*

car cruise, since people have been cruising Gratiot since the 1950s. A warning for drivers, don't even think of cruising Gratiot in neighboring Roseville. You will be ticketed. Residents there don't want any part of the cruise.

However, in Eastpointe, car lovers can find family-friendly activities in "Fox Country" as 106.7 The Fox comes on board as the official FM radio station supporting the 9th Annual Cruisin' Gratiot event. Motorists must register their vehicle to cruise, or else park the car.

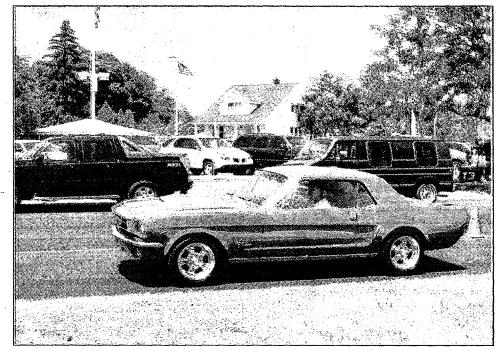
Registration (\$35) is available online and on cruise day at Colonial Dodge in Eastpointe.

The ninth annual Cruisin' Gratiot isn't only about driving. Here's a look at other events happening along Gratiot Avenue:

Thursday, June 14: Villa Restaurant's Car Show, 4-9 p.m.

■ Friday, June 15: Colonial Dodge Car Show, 4:30-9 p.m. At 9:30 p.m. families can watch the classic "Grease" on a 20foot screen in First State Bank's parking lot. Bring your lawn chair. Free popcorn.

■ Saturday, June 16: Cruisin' Gratiot Day and Cruisin' Gratiot Idol Finals (announcement of Adult & Youth Division winners), 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.



Check out classic rides like this Mustang at Cruisin' Gratiot on Saturday, June 16.

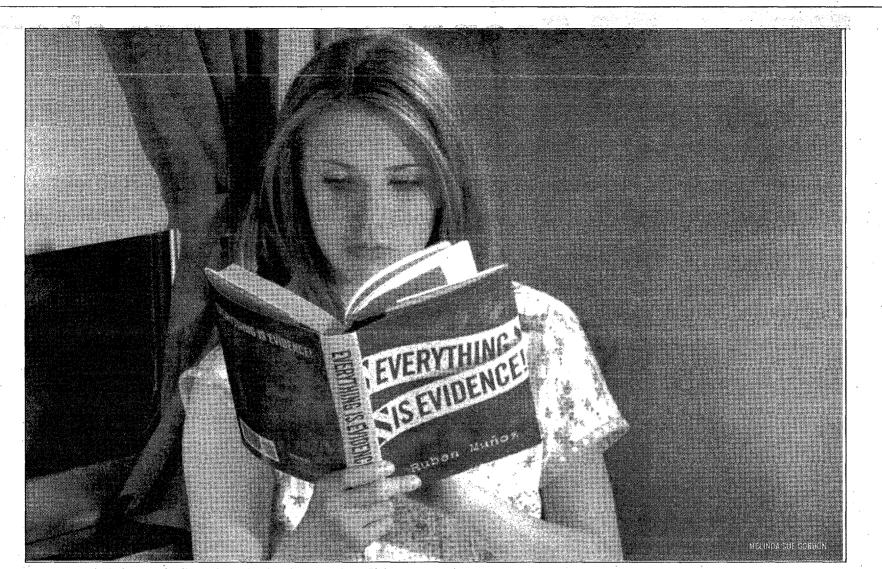
And if you're over 21, head on over to Erin Pub after the cruise to check out the show by Detroit rockers Sponge (see related story). Or, drive east on Nine Mile Road to Lake St. Clair. Once you're at the water there are tons of waterfront restaurants to enjoy along Jefferson Avenue, just north of Nine Mile Road.

For more information on car registration and a full list of the scheduled Cruisin' Gratiot activities, visit www. cruisin-gratiot.com.





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Nancy Drew returns in a new family mystery adventure by Warner Bros. Pictures.

Emma Roberts shines as Nancy Drew

BY STEPHANIE A. CASOLA STAFF WRITER

t 16, Emma Roberts is already well established in the world of acting. As the daughter of actor Eric Roberts and niece of mega-star Julia Roberts, it comes as little surprise that she should choose the same path.

"I've always been on sets and I liked the whole idea of telling a story," she said, during a phone interview June 5. "I've been on sets my whole life so it made an impact on me."

This month she stars as the clever young sleuth Nancy Drew in the new adventure comedy of the same name. But it's far from her first film. Roberts appeared in *Blow*, alongside Johnny Depp and Penelope Cruz,

when she was just 9. By 2004 she had nabbed her own Nickelodeon series, *Unfabulous*. In the ongoing show she stars as Addie Singer, a role that's also led to singing and performing her own music. Roberts said the television series prepared her for the professional world – going to work every week. Last year she appeared in the kid-friendly comedy *Aquamarine*, where two young girls encounter a mermaid. All the while Roberts is juggling school with an ever-heightening career. And though she's dabbled in recording, she's not ready to leave the acting world to become a full-time musician.

"I love TV and film," she said. "They're really the same. You travel more for film. For TV you're in the same studio. Singing is completely different. I think I like acting better."

Her role in *Nancy Drew* came from a meeting at Warner Bros. Roberts said she thought the movie was a great idea. "The

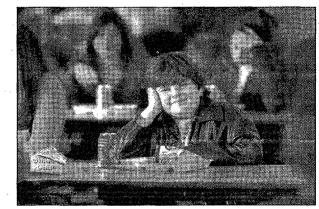
script was really good." Though she hadn't read the Nancy Drew books when she was younger, she was excited to take on this part, a character she called "very independent" and full of "girl power." Her hair was dyed brown for the role, and her makeup was done to suit the character. Roberts said it all helped her

understand Nancy that much better. She described the finished product as "very exciting, very action-adventure."

She hopes audiences recognize the core message of the film. "It's really OK to be yourself," said Roberts. "Stay true to yourself."

There are already hints of a sequel floating around the Internet, and Roberts said she'd love to do a second *Nancy Drew* film. "It would be so much fun to

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MELINDA SUE GORDON

Josh Flitter stars as Corky in the new film about a familiar sleuth, "Nancy Drew."

solve another mystery."

For now she's preparing for a third season of *Unfabulous*, set to air in Sept. 12, working on a film called *Wild Child* in production this summer, and concentrating on "finishing 10th grade."

For a review of the film, visit www.hometownlife.com

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rare acoustic show June 16 at the Erin Pub, 18339 E. 14 Mile Road in Fraser. Tickets are \$20 at he door, ages 21 and over only. For more information, call (586) 294-1440.

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Sponge plays rare show

It's always a good night in the "D" when Vinnie Dombroski takes the stage.

Things should get interesting Saturday, June 16 when Dombroski and his band Sponge perform a rare acoustic show.

Sponge, the 1990s hit-making band that opened for KISS on that band's legendary reunion tour at Tiger Stadium, are of course the creators of nationally recognized songs like Plowed, Molly, Wax Ecstatic and Have You Seen Mary.

The band is performing at the intimate Erin Pub in Fraser and will videotape the show for an upcoming documentary. Singer Dombroski, with his raspy voice, heart-on-his-sleeve lyrics and lanky rock star style is one of those charismatic frontman worth seeing live.

Alternative rockers Project Gift, along with other guests, will open the show.

Sponge is now Dombroski, plus Billy Adams, Tim Krukowski, Kyle Neeley and Andy Patalan.

They gained international attention in 1995 with the debut CD Rotting Piñata that went gold, and videos for *Plowed* were heavily rotated on MTV. The band toured with Soundgarden, Alice in Chains and Live and performed Lollapalooza in 1995 and 1996.

They are currently completing a live disc titled Sponge Alive in Detroit, to follow up their critically acclaimed CD For All The Drugs In The World.

Tickets are \$20 at the door, ages 21 and over only. Hear them at www.spongetheband.com The Erin Pub is located at 18339 E. 14 Mile

Road, Fraser. For more information, call (586) 294-1440.

- By Lana Mini

DSO offers 8 days of music, more

Vhat: 8 Days in June will present classical, jazz, chamber music, poken word, film and more, all under the theme of Creation and conflict. This is the first summer festival venture for the Detroit symphony Orchestra in 15 years, and the first event of its kind in he country.

Vhere: All events take place in Orchestra Hall, unless otherwise ioted, at 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

ickets: \$20 to \$65, passes \$300, call (313) 576-5111 for more information: Visit www.8daysinjune.com and see ighlights at http://youtube.com/watch?v=gS2rPqoaDk4. **Events include:**

■ 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 21

nside the Festival with Tom Allen and Peter Oundjian. At 8:30).m. the DSO: Music Shocks opens with Beethoven's Symphony Vo. 5 and Stravinsky's Rite of Spring inspired outrageous udience reaction, shocking music into a new direction.

#10:45 a.m. Friday, June 22

he Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival presents a program in he Music Box whose centerpiece is a work by Gunnar Johansen ubtitled Pearl Harbor.

■8 p.m. Friday, June 22

Vynton Marsalis and drum master Yacub Addy bring together he Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra and Addy's group Odadaa or Congo Square. In addition, the DSO New Leaders hosts 2nd @ 8, a benefit event.

I free family program, Water Ways, is set for Detroit nternational River Days Festival, with music inspired by bodies of vater, like Duke Ellington's Giggling Rapids, John Williams' Adventures on Earth and Strauss' On the Beautiful Blue Danube. Times have not yet been announced.

■8 p.m. Saturday, June 23

lear how music helped composer Brett Dietz survive a massive troke and rebuild his life as he presents Headcase. This multinedia musical experience is paired with rock band Radiohead's edgy angst, as interpreted by pianist Christopher O'Riley.

■5 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, June 24

The mysteries of Beethoven are unraveled in the documentary ilm Beethoven's Hair in The Music Box. At 7 p.m. learn more ibout Beethoven through artifacts, the famous lock of his hair ind hear two of his piano sonatas, performed by Christopher



Wynton Marsalis performs June 22 at 8 Days in June.

O'Riley.

■8 p.m. Monday, June 25

Chuck D, leader and co-founder of Public Enemy, goes beyond rap music to offer social commentary with the same explosive impact with Race, Rap, Reality and Technology. A latenight poetry slam follows at 10 p.m. in The Music Box.

■8 p.m. Tuesday, June 26

The attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 have transformed our lives, and the lives of artists around the globe. Hear 9/11, a program of works by the DSO that are reflective and healing, titled Music Rebuilds.

■8 p.m. Wednesday, June 27

Don't miss a rare chance to hear Kurt Vonnegut's telling of Stravinsky's A Soldier's Tale, about a Detroit soldier during WWII. Actor Colm Feore will perform.

■6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 28 The festival concludes with two works that are the musical embodiment of Creation and Conflict: Shostakovich's String Quartet No. 8 in The Music Box, followed by a discussion with host Tom Allen at 7:30 p.m. in Orchestra Hall, and then Symphony No. 11 in Orchestra Hall.

- Compiled by Stephanie A. Casola

thought I had perfect pitch," he said. "I could latch onto reading music."

Like most young students, he admitted he didn't practice very regularly. And while he was exposed to classical music early on, other genres of music became interesting too. "I couldn't play guitar but I did start a rock band," he recalled.

By the end of high school he'd found an affinity for playing everything from pop to jazz.

O'Riley attended the New England Conservatory in Boston and stuck with the style he found most challenging and most rewarding — classical. He began transcribing classical music into solo piano pieces.

Around the same time O'Riley began using those transcriptions during his radio program, From the Top.

From there, his broad range of influences began to shine through.

"I was listening to a lot of Radiohead," he said. "Clearly, I was playing it in a classical style."

His listeners were surprised to find out these songs were

not his own creation, but that of a popular British rock band. "I liked the idea of really loving what I play," he said. "As an instrument, the piano is capable of lot."

And so he used it to approximate the sound of a full rock band. He doesn't consider it an original idea.

"It's always been a magic box," O'Riley said. "Beethoven or Mozart would do the popular tunes of their day."

Still, these performances have him booked with an extensive cross-country tour, playing rock clubs and symphony halls.

In Detroit, he'll treat audiences to a night of Radiohead and another night of Beethoven. On June 23, rock fans can listen for songs like 2+2 = 5, Everything in Its Right Place and, as an encore, Exit Music. Classical fans in attendance on June 24 will hear Piano Sonata in C Major and Piano Sonata No. 32 in C Minor.

His audiences range from classical music fans to curious spectators.

In addition to the tour and album, PBS has launched a weekly television series based on his radio program, From The Top. The show is taped live from Carnegie Hall, visit www.youtube.com/user/classicalkids for highlights.

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Japanese seafood and steak house satisfies

BY ELAINE PERLIN CROSSLEY CORRESPONDENT

Some like their Japanese meals hot and sizzling, while others crave them cool and raw. Whatever your preference, Kenzi presents a spectrum of flavorful choices - from hibachi grilled selections to fresh sushi creations to original desserts. Complement your food choice with Table a premier Japanese beer, a glass of plum wine or a cup Hoppiny of Asian pear sake. This past

January, Young Ku Kang and Young Rim Kang, a local Korean-

born couple, opened their attractive Southfield restaurant with the help of Matt Choi, the savvy manager who comes with seven years of Japanese-style culinary experience.

Situated on Southfield Road just north of 12 Mile, it's a convenient location to many surrounding vicinities.

We wanted to bring genuine Japanese food to this area because there are no other restaurants

of this kind here. And we hope people feel as though they are dining in Japan," Choi said.

With a seating capacity of 250, a spacious contemporary décor is enhanced by dark wood trim to create a feel of understated elegance in an airy and comfortable setting.

Teppan tables are ready and waiting for grilled preparations, while

regular dining tables accommodate devotees of other items such as sushi, teriyaki, tempura and udon (noodle bowls). Or, how about a bento box with compartments

containing a smorgasbord of Japanese delicacies? Other amenities include a sushi bar, stylish cocktail bar and private areas for parties and special events.

Teppanyaki is a house specialty, and to assist with the English translation, Choi explained, "'Teppan' is a noun, meaning the big grill on which the food is prepared, and 'yaki' is the action of cooking it.

KENZI

Where: 29267 Southfield Road (just north of 12 Mile Road in the Southfield Commons), Southfield (248) 569-9404 Open: Lunch: 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Monday-Friday; Dinner: 4:30 to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 4:30 to 10:30 p.m. Friday, noon to 10:30 p.m. Saturday, noon to 9 p.m Sunday.

Food: Japanese-style preparations of appetizers, soups, teppanyaki, sushi, other specialties and desserts. A full cocktail bar, sushi bar and spacious group settings are also available.

Price Range: Lunch \$7-\$12; Dinner \$14.95-\$32

Special Perk: A keepsake photo of your teppan table celebration, upon request.

Those seated communally around a teppan table are not only in store for a gratifying meal, but also an amazing display of skills by experienced



The French Roll served at Kenzi in Southfield consists of lobster salad, deep fried shrimp and cucumber wrapped in tuna and salmon and is served with a natural orange, eel and white peanut sauce.

chefs who use knives, spoons and spatulas as props in a flamboyant culinary show. Grilled choices include filet mignon, NY strip steak, lobster, shrimp, scallops, tuna steak, chicken or various combinations. Veggie lovers can enjoy a medley of freshly cut seasoned vegetables, sautéed and served with noodles.

Remoteled On Daniel And Have A Brand New Menu Wo Accompaniments consist of Japanese clear soup, house salad, shrimp appetizer and steamed rice, or fried rice is an option for a nominal extra charge.

Sushi abounds in all forms, from hand rolls to nigiri to sashimi.

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"Our new special fusion rolls have een very popular, and a big seller," Choi aid.

Seafood, vegetables, rice, sauces and ther ingredients are blended into tasty urprises.

The White Roll, for example, contains simple fusion of lobster salad, avocado nd cucumber topped with white peaut sauce. The heartier sushi appetite, lowever, may opt for the Kenzi Roll with una, salmon, eel, avocado, vegetable alad, cucumber, crab and tamago (egg), ll topped off with a spicy white peaut eel sauce. And the popular Ginja, **Caterpillar and Volcano Rolls delight** vith personality and punch.

An international selection of wines, hampagnes and beers are on hand. apanese beers include Asahi, Kirin chiban, and Sapporo Gold, and special akes tempt, served hot or iced.

Desserts range from traditional American favorites like chocolate cake r cheesecake to Japanese sweets. ndulge in green tea, red bean, ginger r plum wine ice cream, or banana empura ice cream made with deep ried bananas.

An example of the many diverse dinng spots of metro Detroit, Kenzi is a velcome choice for any occasion, from . down-to-business lunch to an upbeat linner party - Japanese-style.

Fleming's offers top 100 wines

Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar recently

announced the 2007 Fleming's 100 - its annual listing of 100 wines by the glass

The new list boasts what Fleming's calls "the best vintages from around the globe' including offerings from the world's flourishing wine regions and hard-tofind selections from small but celebrated wineries.

'The Fleming's 100 is nothing less than an honor roll of excellence from around the world," said Marian Jansen op de Haar, Fleming's director of wine. "More than half of this year's selections come from smaller, family vintners. No matter what size the winery though, we look for balanced wines that complement our food, have a sense of place and are values at any price."

Many of the new wines featured on this year's Fleming's 100 come from boutique wineries across the globe. From South Africa, the Ken Forrester, Chenin Blanc Stellenbosch Petite Chenin, 2006 offers a fruit forward wine with honeydew melon, citrus and pineapple flavors. For red wine lovers, France's M. Chapoutier, Cotes du Rhone Belleruche, 2005 debuts on the list, as does Napa Valley's Hall, Cabernet

Sauvignon, 2004. Returning to the list is Kim Crawford, Sauvignon Blanc from Marlborough New Zealand. This wine consistently ranks on Fleming's Top 10 list RITES of guest favorites and receives a score of 90 points or higher in the Wine Spectator with every vintage.

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Several wines on the list have celebrity ties including Greg Norman's Cabernet-Merlot blend from the Limestone Coast in Australia. MacMurray's Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir, with grapes coming from the ranch of the late actor Fred MacMurray, also makes the list. MacMurry's daughter Kate, a traveling ambassador for MacMurray Ranch, grew up there and still makes it her home. Lastly, Francis Coppola's Diamond Series Claret Black Label, the No. 1 selling wine by the glass at Fleming's restaurants nationwide, is an obvious choice for the Fleming's 100.

Selected by Jansen op de Haar in conjunction with local Fleming's wine managers, the Fleming's 100 is selected from tastings of more than 5,000 wines. The final selections are tasted by the Fleming's wine team to establish their taste profiles for proper placement on the progressive wine list. The wines by the glass list is comprised of 60 selections that are available in every Fleming's restaurant across the country, and 40 selections chosen on a local basis to respond to regional consumer preference and demand. Additionally, Fleming's has a selection of dessert wines and ports as well as over 80 wines from the world's most exceptional vinevards on its Reserve List (these wines are available by the bottle).

Fleming's has two Detroit area locations - 323 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham (248) 723-0134 and 17400 Haggerty Rd. in Livonia (734) 542-9463.

For more information about Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar and the Fleming's 100, visit www.flemingssteakhouse.com.

BISTRO MENU IS A DEAL

Greg Goodman, chef/owner of Cafe Bon Homme, 844 Penniman, in Plymouth offers his summer bistro menu once again.

For \$30 a person, guests can enjoy an entree, soup or salad and dessert. Some of the entrees offered include Tenderloin Tips Pappardelle, Maryland Crab Cakes, Pan Roasted Atlantic Salmon, Grilled Shrimp Caesar, Pacific RIm Pork Tenderloin, Grilled Chicken and Roasted Red Pepper or Gorgonzola Steak.

For information or reservations, call (734) 453-6260.





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ART EXHIBITS

Cranbrook Art, Museum: Hot House: Expanding the Field of Fiber at Cranbrook 1970-2007. June 17-Oct. 14: Material Memory: World Textiles from the Collections of Cranbrook Art Museum and Gerhardt Knodel, June 17-Dec. 30, (248) 645-3300. www.cranbrookart.edu, Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The museum is closed Monday Tuesday and select holidays. Detroit Institute of Arts: While the museum is closed for renovation, enjoy mini golf on the front lawn Wednesday-Sunday, Summer Music & Film Series through July 29 in the Detroit Film Theatre, all at 5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org. Flint Institute of Arts: Artists of the Great Lakes: 1910-1960, through Aug. 19, \$7, free admission to permanent collection galleries, 1120 E. Kearsley (off-1-475 in the **Cultural Center Park between University** of Michigan-Flint and Mott Community College, Flint, (810) 234-1695, www.flintarts.org

Wayne State University's Community Arts Gallery: Michigan Water Color Society's 60th Annual Exhibition, June 22 to July 20, opening reception 5-8 p.m. June 22, at 5400 Gullen Mall, Detroit. Call (313) 577-2423.

Eastern Michigan University University Gallery: 100 Years of Emil Weddige, June 18-Aug. 10, honors Widdidge's 100th birthday with display of stone lithographs over past 60 years, reception for exhibition 4-7 p.m. June 21, 900 Oakwood, Ypsilanti (734) 487-4065.

University of Michigan Museum of Art: Out of the Ordinary/Extraordinary: Contemporary Japanese Photography, June 16-Sept. 16, exhibition of 11 photographers challenges Western assumptions about Japanese culture; curator's tour, 3 p.m. July 22; 1301 S. University, Ann Arbor (734) 763-UMMA.

ART GALLERIES

ArtCraft Custom Framing: Art on the Avenue, an exhibit featuring works of the Colored Pencil Society of America-Detroit Chapter 104, through June 23, 32410 Woodward, Royal Oak, (248) 549-9000. Cass Cafe: Disposable Heroes, paintings by Ron Zakrin, exhibit runs through June 16, 4620 Cass, Detroit (313) 831-1400. Cranbrook Art Museum: 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3300, www. cranbrookart.edu. Hours 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The museum is closed Monday-Tuesday and select holidays.

David Klein Gallery: Bo Bartlett, Recent Paintings, through June 16, 163 Townsend, Birmingham (248) 433-3700, dkgallery.com Kresge Art Museum: Circus: The Art of the Strange & Curious, through July 27, museum is located at Physics and Auditorium roads on the campus of Michigan State University, East Lansing, (517) 355-7631, www.artmuseum.msu.edu.

Lawrence Street Gallery: Ceramic and Fiber Art, Suk Jin Choi and Jung Yeon Choi, opening reception 6-9 p.m. July 6, exhibit July 3-28, 22620 Woodward Ave., Suite A, (east side of Woodward, two blocks south of Nine Mile), Ferndale, (248) 544-0394, www.lawrencestreetgallery.com Lemberg Gallery: A Changing Exhibition, June 15-Aug. 11, reception 5-7 p.m. June 15 and 5-7 p.m. July 18, 23241 Woodward,

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Ferndale (248) 591-6623, www.lemberggallery.com

Paint Creek Center for the Arts: Mino Watanabe-Dunning, paintings, through June 16, First Floor Gallery; Main Gallery, 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110 or visit www.pccart.org. Paint Creek Center for the Arts: Student and

Paint Creek Center for the Arts: Student and faculty art show, through June 16, 407 Pine, Rochester (248) 651-4110. The Print Gallery: Mark Wolak, Abstract Paintings, through July 14, 29173

Northwestern Hwy, Southfield (248) 356-5454, www.EverythingArt.com, www. MonaLisaMania.com River's Edge Gallery: SLAW, Detroit's king of

retro paintings, meet artist at martini party, 6-10 p.m. June 15, exhibit through July 9, 3024 Biddle, Wyandotte, (734) 246-9880, e-mail riversedgegallery@wyan. org, or Web site www.artattheedge.com

ART, ETC.

ArtBLAST: Formerly Summer Solstice, a summer arts celebration for entire family, art workshops, artist demonstrations, dinner with Michigan favorites, fireworks, event begins at 7 p.m. July 3, advance tickets available through June 25, \$100 for family, \$45 adults, \$30 for seniors and children under 16, fund-raiser for Birmingham Bloomfield Arts Center, 1516 S. Cranbrook (between 14 and 15 Mile roads), Birmingham, www.BBArtCenter. org or call the BBAC at (248) 644-0866. Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: Adult Art Camp, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 9-13, instruction in mixed media, painting with color, metals and ceramics, 1516 S. Cranbrook (between 14 and 15 Mile roads), Birmingham, for details, visit BBArtCenter.org

Orchard Lake Fine Arts Show: Aug. 3-5, campus of Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 3535 Indian Trail (corner of Commerce and Orchard Lake roads), artists preview party, 6-9

p.m. Aug. 3, tickets \$25 at www.TicketWeb. com, free admission on Saturday and Sunday, www.HotWorks.com for information.

Paint Creek for the Arts: Creativity Camp, children 6-11 work with professional teaching artists in visual and performing arts, June 18-June 29, 407 Pine Street, Rochester, (248) 651-4110.

CHORUS

Celebration Youth Orchestra: Auditions, 10:20 a.m.-7:45 p.m. June 15, 10:20 a.m.- 12:15 p.m. June 16, Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty, Canton, must be scheduled in advance, call (734) 451-2112.

CLASSICAL

Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival: through June 24, celebrating Beethoven and Leon Kirchner, performances at St. Hugo of the Hills: 2215 Opdyke, Bloomfield Hills; Temple Beth EI, 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills; Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills; and the Seligman Performing Arts Center, Detroit Country Day School, 22305 W. 13 Mile Rd., Beverly Hills; visit www.greatlakeschambermusic. com or call (248) 559-2097 for tickets.

CLUBS

Big Rock Chophouse: Outdoor patio now open 7:30 p.m. Thursday nights with Girls Night Out, June 21 and 28; and Brian Macias, Eric Rowland and Eric Stoddard, June 14, July 12, Aug. 16; 245 S. Eton, Birmingham, (248) 647-7774 or visit www.bigrockchophouse.com.

The Blind Pig: CD release party for Powertrane's Beyond the Sound with The Sights and The Muldoons, June 16, \$8-\$11, 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Bosco: Enjoy noWax nights at 7 p.m. every

Wednesday, no cover, 21 and over only, 22930 Woodward in Ferndale, www.thebosco.com, (248) 541-8818.

Eden Nightclub & Ultralounge: Friday night party with DJ Ryan Richards, 10 p.m. guest celebrity hosts and DJs; DJ Urban Chris in the Garden Room, DJ Pannos in the Ultralounge accompanied by percussionist Jared Sykes, 10 p.m. Saturday, 22061 Woodward Ave, Ferndale (248) 541-7674.

Firefly Club: Pianist Steve Richko, bassist Paul Keller, and drummer Pete Siers, To Oscar With Love: A Tribute to Oscar Peterson CD release celebration, 9 p.m. June 8, 207 S. Ashley Street (one block west of Main between Liberty and Washington), Ann Arbor.

O-Zen Lounge: Formerly the Buddha Lounge; Hot 'N Ready with DJ U.N.I. hip hop soul, Thursday; Insomnia Music, hip hop, soul, old school, Friday; Super Sonic Smooth Music with DJ Shug, Saturday; karaoke with Chez, Sunday; '80s and Rock N Roll; bring your CDs, Tuesday; and Energetic House with DJ Tony Bell, Wednesday; www.ozenlounge.com, 21633 W. Eight Mile, Detroit (313) 535-4664.

Cliff Bells: Scott Gwinnell and his 16piece jazz orchestra, 9:30 p.m. every Wednesday, 2030 Park (near Comerica Park), Detroit (313) 961-2543. Ginopolis on the Grill: Don Swindell and Shuffle Play, with Swindell, Sheila Brown, Mike Lorenz and Jake Reichhart, 7:30-11:30 n.m. Friday and Saturday, 27851 Middlebelt at 12 Mile in Farmington Hills, no cover, (248) 851-8222. Main Street Billiards: DJ Matt Fox, June 15-16, 215 S. Main, Rochester (248) 652-8441, www.mainstreetbilliards.net O'Mara's: Blackthorn, 9:30 p.m. June 19, at 12 Mile and Coolidge, in Berkley, call 48-399-6750 or visit www.blackthornl.com Pi Restaurant: Ed Stone, June 15-16: Sheila Landis, June 22-23; Johnnie Bassett, June 29-30; D-Lee Group, July 13-14; Ed Stone, July 20-21; Michael Gabriel, July 27-28; Sandra Bomar, Aug. 3-4; Jessie Palter, Aug. 10-11; Shahida Nurullah, Aug. 17-18; Sheila Landis, Aug. 24-25, 28875 Franklin Rd. (southwest corner of 12 Mile Road and Northwestern Highway, Southfield, (248) 208-7500, www.piofsouthfield.com Seldom Blues: Big Band Wednesdays with Johnny Trudell and his 18-piece band, 7-11 p.m., playing a mix of jazz favorites, located in Tower 400, Level 1 of the GM Renaissance Center next to the Marriott, call (313) 567-7301.

Sky Club: Tango, salsa, and Latin dancing every Wednesday beginning at 8 p.m., located above Sangria's Restaurant, 401 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, (248) 543-1964. Station 885: Tony Ruda and Pat Smith play jazz from 7-10 p.m. every Thursday (bass and piano), 885 Starkweather, Plymouth, (734) 459-0885.

COMEDY

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase: Billy Ray Bauer. June 15-16; Mike Armstrong, June 21-23; Mark Knope, June 29-30; all at 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor; (734) 996-9080. Civic Theater: Improv-Ability features spontaneous comedy from up-and coming and veteran improvisers like Simply Coney, Left of Center, and Group Date. Shows 8 p.m. Thursdays in June, at 33332 Grand River, Farmington, \$10, call (248)546-9315. JD's House of Comedy: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com. Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle: Pat Godwin. June 14-16; Lamont Ferguson, June 21-23; Steve Hofstetter, June 28-30, Steve lott. July 5-7: Patrick DeGuire, July 12-14: Dave Landau, July 19-21, J.R. Remick, July 26-28: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak (248) 542-9900.

Detroit Opera House: Dennis Miller, June 28, performance is benefit for JVS, a nonprofit human service agency, \$45-\$500, available at the Detroit Opera House box office and at all Ticketmaster outlets, including Macy's, to purchase tickets contact 248-645-6666 or www.ticketmaster. com, VIP tickets available through JVS (248) 233-4225, www.jvsdet.org. The Second City: Michigan Impossible: All Laid Off & No Place to Go, 42705 Grand River Avenue in Novi, (248) 348-4448, www.secondcity.com; Register now for Adult classes, \$200 for an 8-week course, call (248) 348-4448. Class sizes are limited, and registration is processed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

DANCE

Dancing in Summer: Dancing in Summer will showcase works by Lourdes Bastos, Megan Marie Brunke, Heather Glidden, Erika Hassan, Aimee McDonald-Anderson, Beth Wielinski, and Suzaane Willets-Brooks. June 27 through July 1, Performance Network Theatre, 120 E. Huron, Ann Arbor, Tickets \$17-\$25, call (734) 663-0681. Summer Ballroom Dance Camp: 8-15 year-olds can learn waltz, fox trot, tango, rumba, salsa and merengue, noon-1 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, June 18-July 12, Fred Astaire Dance Studio, 2510 S. Telegraph, Suite 200 (corner of Square Lake Road), Bloomfield Hills, (248) 454-1715.

FAMILY

Detroit Zoo: HimalAmazon: The Extreme Log Ride, photo-realistic animation with digital surround sound, (248) 541-5717 or visit www.detroitzoo.org.

Disney's High School Musical: The Ice Tour, inspired by movie, Feb. 29-March 2, 2008, tickets \$17-\$28, on sale, call (248) 645-6666, www.ticketmaster.com.

FILM

Commerce Township 14: Dale, documentary on NASCAR legend Dale Earnhardt, June 19-21, 26-28, \$10, 3033 Spring Vale Dr., also at Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty, Livonia and Forum 30 with IMAX, 44681 Mound, Sterling Heights, www.dalethemovie.com Reford Theatre: Till the Clouds Roll By, June 22-23, The Best of Years of Our Lives, July 6-7; King Kong, July 20-21; Shall We Dance? Aug, 3-5; On The Town, Aug. 17-18, at 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit.

Landmark Main Art Theatre: Midnight movies: The Big Lebowski, June 15-16; Wet Hot American Summer, June 22-23; The Goonies, June 29-30; Buffy Sing-A-Long live show, July 6-7; Dynamite Warrior, July 13-14; Trey Parker's Cannibal! The Musical. July 20-21; Army of Darkness, July 27-28; Suspiria, Aug. 3-4; In 3-D, Creature from the Black Lagoon, Aug. 10-11; A Clockwork Orange, Aug. 17-18; Serenity, Aug. 24-25; and Brazil, Aug. 31-Sept. 1.

Rochester's Movies in the Moonlight: Happy Feet!, July 7; Christmas with the Kranks, July 14; preshow begins at 8:30 p.m., East Third and Water, one block east of Main, free admission, bring your own chairs, concessions available, (248) 656-0060, www.DowntownRochesterMl.com.

FUND-RAISERS

Komen Detroit Race for the Cure: 5K run/walk, one mile walk, 7 a.m. June 16, Comerica Park, to register, volunteer or donate to the Komen Detroit Race for the Cure, visit www.karmanos.org/detroitraceforthecure.

A Salute to Gerhardt Knodel: A benefit for the Gerhardt Knodel Scholarship Fund begins at 6 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at Cranbrook Academy of Art and Art Museum, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, reserve tickets at (248) 645-3032. Includes a preview of Hot House: Expanding the Field of Fiber at Cranbrook, 1970-2007. Out of Africa: Sunset at the Zoo: This annual

Detroit Zoo benefit features a strolling supper, zoo-themed martinis, live entertainment, dancing, and live and silent auctions, 7-11:30 p.m. June 15 at the zoo. Tickets \$125 to \$500 per person, call (248) 541-5717 ext. 3750.

Broadway Lights, Woodward Nights: Galafund-raiser featuring Conductor Thomas Wilkins and the DSO, 7 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at Max M. Fisher Music Center,

3711 Woodward (313) 576-5111 www.detroitsymphony.com Benefit on the Bay: supports Capuchin

Kitchen of Detroit, dinner dancing and entertainment, 5:30 p.m. Aug. 17, \$50, Mac & Ray's Harbor on Lake St. Clair, 30675 N. River Rd., Harrison Township, (313) 579-2100, ext. 201 for ticket information

GOSPEL

Aretha Franklin: Revival with Pastor Smokie Norful, Cissy Hoûston and others for Detroit's Greater Emmanuel Institutional Church of God in Christ, 7 p.m. June 14-16 (Franklin appears June 15), 19190 Schaefer, Detroit.

z and dinner: "Kind of Blue Tuesdays," at la's, Harmonie Park. Led by the Gerard ans Quartet, the shows help musicians y with the core group at 9 p.m. every esday, 1427. Randolph St. in Detroit's rmonie Park, (313) 962-0483.

Idsor/Detroit Jazz Club: Ongoing gigs, 1-4 n. first and third Saturday of every with, Shield's Pizza, 25101 Telegraph withwest corner of 10 Mile and legraph, Southfield, \$8 cover, (248)

ne Park Amphitheatre: Norman Brown, 8 n. June 20, 2600 Atwater, Detroit, \$10-5, (313) 393-7128.

EUMS

nbrook Science Museum: Featured exhibit It's a Nano World. Permanent exhibits :lude planetarium, nature center and t Zone Conservatory, 39221 Woodward, pomfield Hills, general admission \$5planetarium, \$1-\$3, (248) 645-3200 or w.cranbrook.edu. :roit Institute of Arts: DIA is closed; will

roit Institute of Arts: DIA is closed; will open Nov. 23 after the completion its renovation, at 5200 Woodward enue, Detroit. Call (313) 833-7971. roit Science Center: Our Body, The iverse Within, features real, preserved man bodies, extended run through pt. 3, 5020 John R, Detroit, exhibit sts \$19.95-\$24.95, call (313) 577-8400 visit www.detroitsciencecenter.org. ibit Museum of Natural History: University Michigan, 1109 Geddes Ave., Ann Arbor, 34) 764-0478.

sty ford Museum: 20900 Oakwood Blvd., st of the Southfield Freeway and uth of Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. ditional charges and varying hours for try to Greenfield Village, Ford Rouge story Tour and IMAX Theatre. Call (313) 2-6001 or visit www.hfmgv.org. mouth Rides the Rails: through Nov. 1,

tifacts, model trains, \$5 adults, \$2 stunts, \$10 families, \$1 AAA discount, 155 Main, Plymouth (734) 455-8940, www. mouthhistory.org.

shester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm: ithers, Daughters and Leaders of kland County, Rochester Hills Museum Van Hoosen Farm, through June 16, p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays; D5 Van Hoosen Road, off Tienken Road, e mile east of Rochester Road, (248) 6-4663, rhmuseum@rochesterhills.

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ngregational Church of Birmingham UCC: akuye Unity Ensemble, 8 p.m. June 15, D Comma Cafe, \$15, 1000 Cranbrook, comfield Hills, proceeds benefit the urch's young adult mission trips, (248) 6-4511 or e-mail ccbchurch1000@ colobal.net.

Annual Allied Media Conference:

Jependent media movement, train-35, discussions and parties, including cess to low power FM radio, zine-3king, online organizing, June 22-24, Gregor Conference Center, Wayne ate University, Detroit, www.amc2007.

sige Art Museum: Sorrow Unmasked: ages of Grief, Mourning and membrance, open through July 27, 8 Kresge Art Center, Michigan State liversity campus, (517) 339-7964, or it www.integrace.line.crs

sit www.integraonline.org troit Derby Girls: Pistolwhippers vs. Dnk All-Stars, June 23; Detroit Derby rls Championship Bout, July 21, all at issonic Temple Drill Hall, 550 Temple, troit, \$15, www.detroitderbygirls.com. chigan Elvis Fest: Honoring Elvis Presley, Ily 13-14, Riverside Park, Depot Town, isilanti, www.mielvisfest.com mingham Historical Museum & Park: Allen

hometownlife.com



Golf Fore!Fun at the Detroit Institute of Arts on 10 miniature holes designed by artists and architects. Cost for one round is \$5 for adults, \$4 for DIA members, and \$3 for kids 12 and under. For more information, visit www.dia.org.

House kitchen, restored to reflect 1920s decor, also exhibits on artifacts and history of schools in Birmingham, \$2 admission, museum open from 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 556 W. Maple (at Southfield Road), (248) 642-2817. **Detroit Historical Society:** Offers tours of historic spots, cost is \$20-\$25 per tour, call (313) 833-1405, or go to www. detroithistorical.org/thingstodo. **Historic Ford Piquette Ave. Plant:** Tour the Birthplace of the Model T, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., every first and third Saturday of the month, through October, 461 Piquette Ave., Detroit, call (313) 868-2377

Preservation Wayne Walking Tours: Walking tours of Downtown Detroit are hosted

10 a.m. Saturdays through September, various starting locations, \$10, call (313) 577-3559 or visit www.preservationwayne.org.

THEATER - COMMUNITY

The Hats Off Players: The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged), July 12-15, \$11, Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron St., Ypsilanti, www.riversidearts. org, 810-229-2315 or emailing medel3@ sbcglobal.net

Michigan Theatre Festival: Festival celebrates works of local and other national playwrights, June 15-17, Boll Family YMCA Theatre, hosted by Plowshares Theatre Company, Planet Ant Theatre and Abreact Theatre, 1401 Broadway at John R and Grand River, Detroit, (313) 872-0279 for information. **Oakland Theatre Guild:** Starlight Theater, between Claire's and Kohl's stores, Summit Place Mall, Waterford (248) 335-1788, www.starlighttheater.net **The Ringwald:** Who Wants Cake? presents Southern Baptist Sissies, through June 25 (Fridays-Mondays) except June 8 and 9, 22742 Woodward Ave. Ferndale, call (248) 556-85810 or visit www. WhoWantsCakeTheatre.com. **Stagerafters:** A Chorus Line, through June 17, \$16-\$18, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak (248) 541-6430, also auditions for Thoroughly Modern Millie, 11 a.m. registration for noon-5 p.m. auditions), also at Baldwin Theatre, www. stagecrafters.org for details. **StarBrite Productions:** The Foursome, through June 16, cocktails and dinner at Guiliano's Guilian's Italian Ristorante in Premier Entertainment Center, show is at The New Premier Theater, 33151 23 Mile Rd., 2 miles east of 1-94, in Chesterfield Township, www.starbriteprod.com for information or call (586) 725-2228 for reservations. **Village Youth Theatre Productions:** Cinderella's Glass Slipper, performed in association

Glass Slipper, performed in association with the Village Players of Birmingham, through June 23, \$10, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham (248) 644-2075, www.birminghamvillageplayers.com

THEATER-HIGH SCHOOL

Avon Players Youth Theatre: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, June 22-24, 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. matinees Saturday and Sunday, S10, (1185 Washington Rd. (one mile east of intersection of Tienken and Rochester roads in Rochester Hills, (248) 608-9077 Madonna University:

Musical theatre workshop for high school acting hopefuls (grades 10-12) with New York casting director Kevin Kennison, 9 a.m.- 8 p.m. July 8-14, \$690 (commuters)-\$795 (boarders), 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, for more information, (734) 432-5715, bwiltsie@ madonna.edu.

THEATER - PROFESSIONAL

Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts: An Evening of Classic Lily Tomlin, June 21, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, \$27.50-\$58.50, call (248) 645-6666.

TICKETS ON SALE

DTE Energy Music Theatre: Doobie Brothers/Peter Frampton, June 14; Barenaked Ladies, June 15; The Fray, June 16; Def Leppard, July 24; Ted Nugent, June 22; Chicago and America, June 29; Toby Keith, July 5-6; Moody Blues, July 20; B.B. King Blues Festival, July 29; Opie & Anthony's Traveling Virus, Aug. 4; Bryan Adams with George Thorogood & The Destroyers, Aug. 8; Rush, Aug. 28, call (248) 645-6666 or visit palacenet.com. The Palace of Auburn Hills: John Mayer, July

The Palace of Auburn Hills: John Mayer, July 5; The Police, July 17; Dave Matthews , Band, Aug. 23, visit palacenet.com or call (248) 645-6666 for tickets.

For Theatre: Alison Krauss & Union Station, July 31; tickets at OlympiaEntertainment. com or (248) 433-1515, for information, call (313) 471-6611.

Gem Theatre: Respect: A Musical Journey, until July 1, (313) 963-9800, Ticketmaster charge by phone (248) 645-6666, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Gem.Theatre box office and all Ticketmaster locations.

WINE EVENTS

Norton's The Steakhouse: Women of Spirit Wine Dinner, 6:30 p.m. July 19; Morton's The Steakhouse in Troy, (248) 404-9845, www.mortons.com.

Rock 'n' Roll Wine: An amplified wine tasting paired with live music 6:30 p.m. June 28 featuring The Bob Skon Trio, at Arbor Brewing Co., 14 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. Visit www.rocknrollwine.com. Cost is \$30-\$35.

Vinology Wine Classes: Vinology, 110 S. Main in Ann Arbor, is a wine bar and restaurant owned by the Jonna Family, price is \$45 each for all six classes, \$50 per class for a four-class package or \$55 per class individually. Classes are Wines of Italy, June 20; Wines of France, July 18; call (734) 222-9841 for reservations or more information.

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Popular Amadeus show extended

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BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

If you haven't had a chance to see *Amadeus* in Ann Arbor yet, there's still chance this weekend.

The Performance Network Theatre has extended the show for three more days because audience demand has been so high.

Show dates are 8 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, June 14, 15 and 16 in the intimate 139seat theater.

Amadeus, by Peter Shaffer, is directed by the respected Malcolm Tulip who also stars as Salieri and features the talent Chris Korte and Aphrodite Nikolovski.

Salieri is a royal court-appointed composer who lives and breathes music and yearns for unfounded musical talent. When he finds it is bestowed upon the wild Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (Chris Korte), his heart turns toward vengeance.

"What you will see (in our production) is neither the Amadeus of 1981 nor the Amadeus film-goers are very familiar with," Tulip said. "(Our) Amadeus is the culmination of rewrites by Peter Shaffer considered over many years and actualized in 1998 when Sir Peter Hall directed the play for a second time."

There has been an ongoing debate in the theatrical world as to which version is "best."

To quote Peter Shaffer, "Perhaps the last word on all this belongs to Peter Hall, who is in a position to know the piece rather well, having directed all leading stage versions in England and America. He regards the play now, in his own

words, not only as 'immeasurably improved' but also 'finished." If I don't

agree with him here publicly in print, it is only because I may well ask him to direct it again in an other 20 years, and would have to have something in reserve with which to tempt him."

Reservations are suggested. Call (734) 663– 0681 or online at www.performance network. org. Tickets range from \$20 to \$37. Seniors receive a \$3 discount. Student rush tickets are available at half price. Performance Network is located at 120 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor.



Amadeus was held over through this weekend at the Performance Network Theatre.120 E. Huron in Ann Arbor.





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Night owls can flock to the Main Art Theatre

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Cult comedy and horror fans, your time has come.

The Landmark Main Art Theater in Royal Oak has kicked off its annual summertime Midnight Movie tradition. Every Friday and Saturday through Sept. 1, the theater hosts a late showing of some favorite films.

^aWe do choose movies based on audience input and staff selections," said Valarie DeGarmo, theater manager.

Some of the anticipated films this summer include *Cannibal! The Musical*, a spoof of horror and musicals by funnyman and South Park creator Trey Parker, and the classic Dario Argento spookfest *Suspiria*, in which young girl encounters much more than the education she bargained for at a remote dance school.

"We were excited to do *Buffy Sing-A-Long*," said DeGarmo. A new offering this year, the film is actually a musical episode from the cult hit TV show *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*. It features words at the bottom of the screen so the audience

can sing along as well as Buffy trivia and a karaoke contest, complete with goody bags. DeGarmo compared it to the participation-friendly cult experience of showing

Rocky Horror Picture Show. Admission costs \$6.50 per movie. Buffy

Sing-A-Long costs \$12. The films are shown in the largest auditorium,

so there is usually no need to purchase tickets in advance. All shows begin at midnight at

the Main Art Theatre, Main Street at 11 Mile in Royal Oak:

- The Big Lebowski, June 15-16
 Wet Hot American Summer, June
- 22-23
- The Goonies, June 29-30
- Buffy Sing-A-Long, July 6-7
- Dynamite Warrior, July 13-14 ■ Trey Parker's Cannibal! The Musical,
- July 20-21 Army of Darkness, July 27-28
- Suspiria, Aug. 3-4
- Creature from the Black Lagoon, in 3-D, Aug. 10-11
 - A Clockwork Orange, Aug. 17-18
 - Serenity, Aug. 24-25
 - Brazil, Aug. 31 to Sept. 1

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Movies under the Detroit stars

What a fun way to spend an evening in Detroit - an outdoor movie downtown at Campus Martius Park. Watch the sunset on the river

at Hart Plaza, have a drink at the nearby Hard Rock Cafe for a Green Day T-shirt (see related story) and then enjoy that summer feeling in the green grass.

The Comcast Summer Film Series returns again at Campus Martius and features popular movies this season.

A new film at Campus Martius Park is Saturday evening, beginning on June 16 and running through Aug. 18. Kicking it off is Will Smith's *The Pursuit of Happyness*.

This film is the moving tale inspired by the true story of Chris Gardner, a San Francisco salesman struggling to build a future for himself and his five-year-year-old son Christopher, played by Smith's real life son, Jayden.

Other interesting films are *Happy Feet!* the 2006 Oscar winner of best animated film and a great one for the kids to see.

And there's also Rocky Balboa, Charlotte's Web and Stomp the Yard. Those are the fun films.

More serious tones include

Freedom Writers, featuring Hilary Swank, inspired by the true story and diaries of real Long Beach teenagers dealing with racism.

And, *DreamGirls* is also coming to the park. Expect an audience that's singing and dancing during the film starring Oscar winners Jennifer Hudson and Eddie Murphy.

Movies scheduled are:

June 16 - Pursuit of Happyness June 23 - Tyler Perry's Daddy's Little Girls with a special guest

appearance by Louis Gossett, Jr.

June 30 - Happy Feet July 7 - Rocky Balboa

July 14 - Stomp the Yard

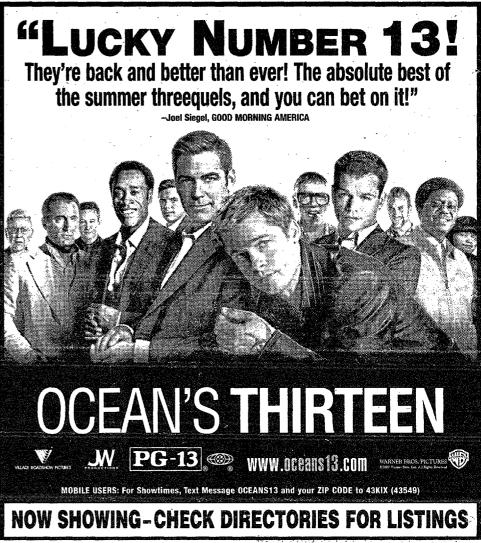
July 21 - Resurrecting the Camp,

advance screening July 28 - Charlotte's Web August 4 - Daddy Day Camp August 11 - Freedom Writers

August 18 - Dreamgirls

The series is free. At 8 p.m. each Saturday before the movies begin, live music by local musicians are scheduled. The films begin at dusk at about 9 p.m. Campus Martius is located on Woodward Avenue, between Fort Street and Michigan Avenue, in Detroit.

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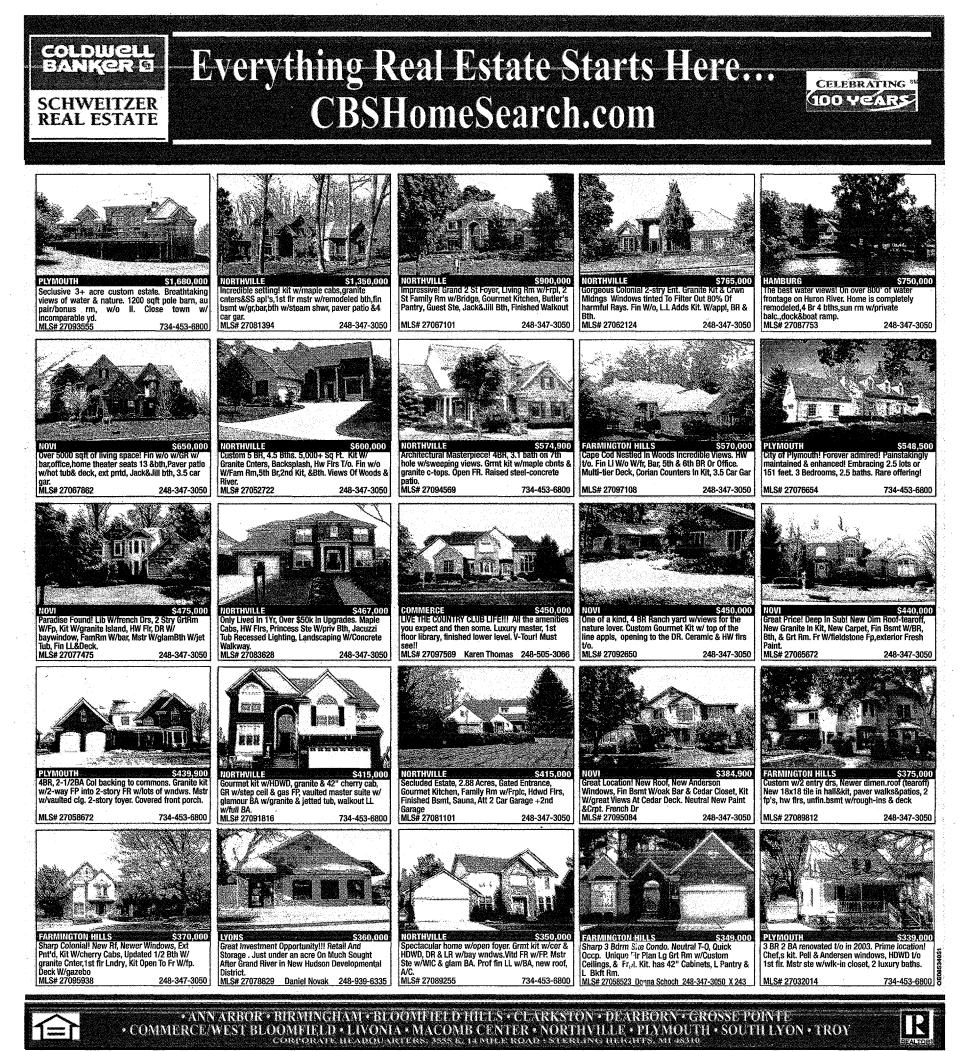
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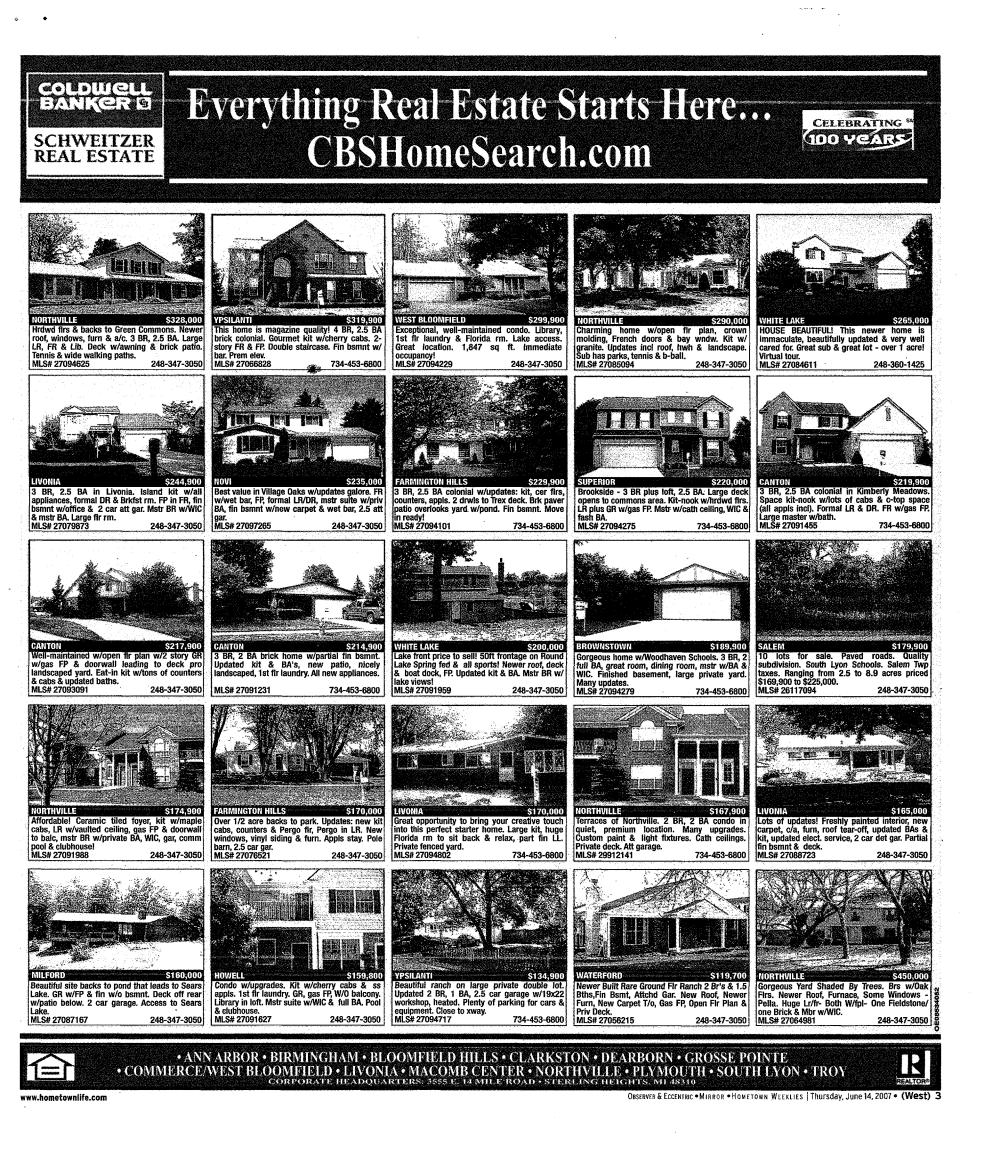
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Seminars are offered at the following

dates and locations:

A seminar is scheduled for Tuesday/ Thursday, June 19, 21, 26, 28, from 6-10 p.m. at Adams High School, 3200 Tienken Road, Rochester. The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building trades people who want to work legally in Michigan. The cost of the seminar is \$199 plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions.

Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Friday, June 15, to Rochester Community Education. Please call (248) 726-3165 to register

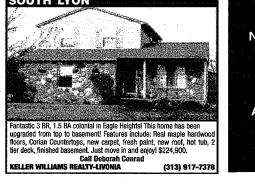
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A seminar is scheduled for Saturday/ Sunday, June 23 and 24, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Best Western ConCorde Inn of Rochester Hills, 1919 Star-Batt Drive, Rochester Hills. The cost of the seminar is \$205 and is all-inclusive. The manual, sample questions and the test application are all included.

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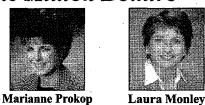


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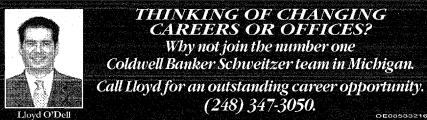


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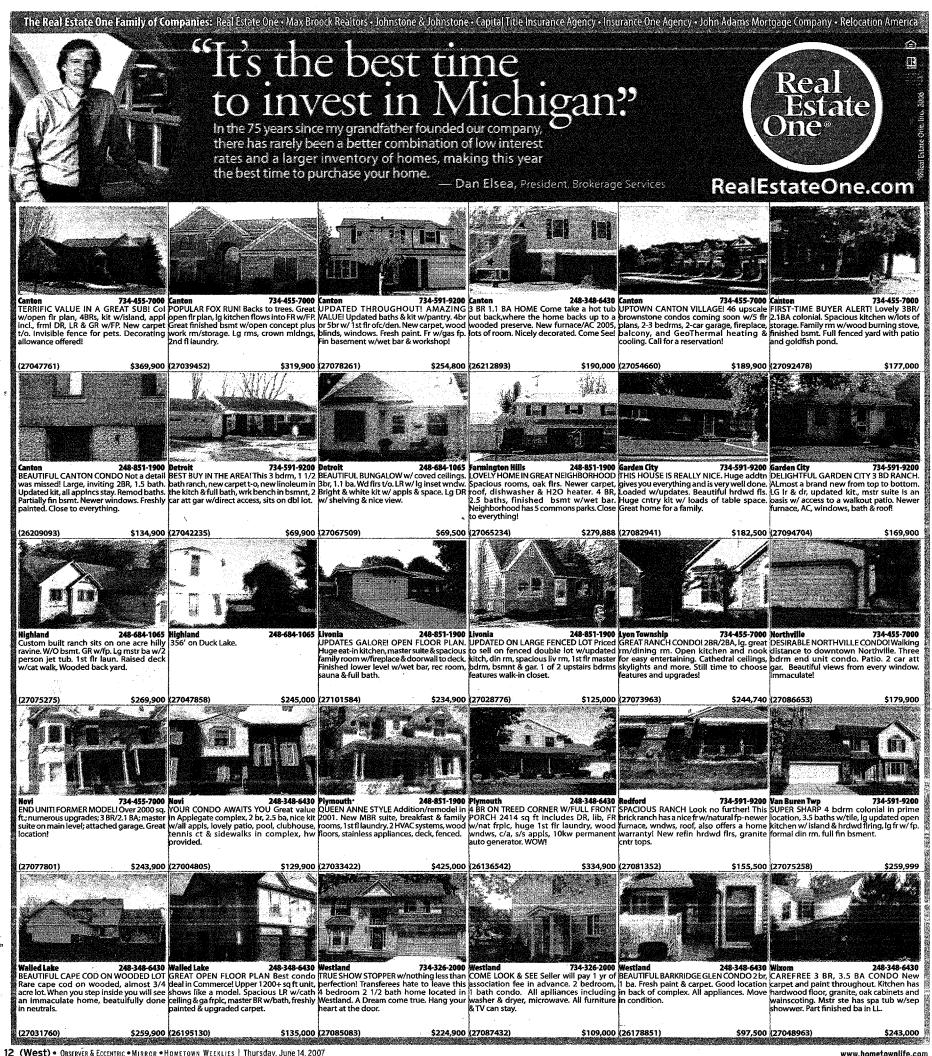
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Atlantis Mortgage	(248) 985-60			6.25	0	J/A			
Benchmark Lending	(586) 463-22			6.125	0	J/A			
Brink's Goldstar Mortgage				6.25		J/A/V/F			
Charter One Bank	(800) 342-53			6.625	0	J/A/V/F			
Client Services by Golden				5.625	1.875	J/A/V/F			
Co-op Services Credit Un				6.5	. 0	J			
Countrywide Home Loans				5.75	3	JANF			
Dearborn Federal Savings	• .			5.875	0	A			
DFCU Financial	(800) 739-27		1	6	2	J/A			
Earth Mortgage	(877) 327-84			5.875	1	J/A/V/F			
Flith Third Bank	(800) 792-88			6.25		J/V/₽			
First International Mortgag				6.25	0	J/A			
Gold Star Mortgage	(800) 203-15	46 6	i O	6.25	0	J/A/V/F			
Golden Rule Mortgage	(800) 991-99	22	6 2.375	5.5	2.375	J/A/V/F			
Group One Mortgage	(248) 282-16	02 6.7	5 0	6.375	0	J/A/V/F			
LaSalle Bank Midwest	(800) 466-38	00 6.2	5 2	6	2	J/A/V/F			
Mainstreet Mortgage	(800) 900-13	13 6.	5 O	6.25	0	J/A/V/F			
Manufacturers	(586) 777-10	00	3 2	5.75	2	J/A			
Michigan Schools & Gov.	C/U (586) 263-88	00 6.62	5 O	6.375	0	J/A			
Mortgages by Golden Rule	e (800) 991-99	22 6.	5 0	6.125	0.125	J/A/V/F			
Michigan United Mortgage	(810) 844-22	22 6.2	5 1.25	5.875	1.25	J/A			
National City Bank	(586) 825-08	25 6.37	5 1.625	6	1.875	∕ J/A			
Northlawn Financial	(249) 988-84	88 6.	s o	6.125	D	J/A/V/F			
Pathway Financial LLC	(800) 726-22		1	6.125	0	J/A/F			
Shore Mortgage	(800) 678-66	63	3 3	5.625	3	J/A/V/F			
United Mortgage Group	(586) 286-95	00 6,	5 0	6.125	0	J/A			
York Financial Inc.	(868) 839-96	75 6.	s o	6.25	0	J/A			
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