

City staffers get pay hike

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Non-union Plymouth city employees will notice larger sums in their paychecks after they began receiving 3percent pay increases this weekend.

The city commission June 18 unanimously passed the recommendation by City Manager Paul Sincock, which is up slightly from last year's 2.75-percent wage hike.

'It is within our budget recommendations," Sincock told commissioners. "Two union groups are at 3 percent, and the other is in negotiation."

Mayor Dan Dwyer said the raise is welldeserved, as staff has been reduced dramatically in recent years and employees have been asked to do more work. The result has been budgets that have gone from projected deficits to bottom lines that are projected in the black. "The budget we just passed is greatly a result of all these people, and minimally they deserve that," Dwyer said. "They deserve every penny." On June 4, city commissioners gave Sincock a 3-percent pay increase, an adjustment of \$2,838. His annual salary is \$97,457.



Amelia Bartels looks pretty calm as stylist Kim Roulin prepares to trim her hair for charity.

A hair-raising experience Youngster donates locks to kids who have none

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

From the front, Amelia Bartels' hair didn't look all that different. But when the 7-year-old from White Lake got a look at the back of her head, a small shudder of surprise shook her small body before she let out a huge smile. Amelia's smile was even brighter than those on the faces of her parents, grandparents and hair stylist Kim Roulin, all gathered at American Beauty Salon in Plymouth Township so Amelia, a second-grader at Dublin Elementary, could get some 11 inches of hair cut off to donate to Wigs 4 Kids. a charitable group dedicated to providing wigs to children who have lost hair due to treatment for cancer. "Some of my friends did it," Amelia said of the decision to donate her hair. "I

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Sitting on the porch of her Frankfort home overlooking Lake Michigan, Ann Kuhn said she "cried more tears the last week of school" than anytime in recent memory.

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Kuhn, a former Canton resident, retired at the end of the school year, with all 17 years in Plymouth-Canton Schools as principal of Farrand Elementary in Plymouth Township "I really had a hard time leaving," Kuhn said. "Farrand,

has a wonderful parent community, the kids are great and the staff is unbeatable, they are simply the best people of earth to work with.

"The thing that was so exciting for me is that I spent size years with a lot of those kids, and sometimes more with their families," she added. "I helped some of those kids when they were babies. It's exciting to see them grow and their families grow. That's the best part of being in an

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Amelia Bartels holds up the 11-inch shock of hair she had shorn for charity.

Slavens sworn in as 3rd Circuit judge



Mark Slavens, with his wife Dian at his side, places his hand on the Bible as he is sworn in as Judge of the 3rd **Circuit Court by Chief Justice Marilyn** Kelly. Judge Michael Gerou, of the 35th District Court in Plymouth, listens in the background.

Former Plymouth-Canton school board President Mark Slavens of Canton began the month of June garbed in a graduation cap and gown as he proudly handed a diploma to his son, Patrick, and other graduates of Plymouth High School.

Slavens ended the month in a different robe, at his own investiture ceremony as his family helped him don the robe of a judge after he was sworn in as a justice of the 3rd Circuit Court. Many friends, his fam-

ily and elected officials gath-

ered June 29 at the Coleman Young Municipal Building in Detroit to see Slavens take the oath of office from Supreme Court Justice Marilyn J. Kelly. Former Supreme Court justice and mayor of Detroit, Dennis Archer, spoke of Slavens' character and aptitude for the court.

"It was very humbling to think I was going to get to serve the citizens of the county of Wayne, but it was also very exciting," Slavens said. "Once the proceedings got going, I felt almost electrified. Having

people like (Kelly and Archer) saying nice things about you, it was a pretty exciting day."

Slavens' father, the Rev. Tom Slavens, delivered the invocation and his minister, the Rev. Bryan Smith of Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton, gave the benediction.

'That was very nice," Slavens said of his father's invocation. "It was a very emotional moment for me when he got to do that. I thought he did a very nice job."

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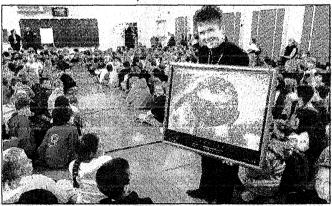
elementary building.

Plymouth-Canton Schools lost more than 100 years of educational experience when Kuhn and several of her colleagues retired at the end of the school year. Barbara Rodenberg, the assistant superintendent of instructional services, left with 24 years in the district; Ellison Franklin, principal at West Middle School, retired after 22 years; Peggy Brooks, principal at Smith Elementary, is gone after $11\frac{1}{2}$ years; Jane Van Steenis, Bird Elementary principal, served P-CCS for nine years; and Martha Giles, the program director for Early Childhood, served five years.

With 30 years in education, 22 of them in Plymouth-Canton, Franklin has taught at every level. However, she admits middle school has been her favorite.

"Having been at all levels, I've really enjoyed the unique characteristics of the emerging adolescent," Franklin said. "I love middle school because they're in an important transition in their life and they really need adults to influence their decision-making. It's really critical at middle school."

There are several educators and administrators who are on emeritus status, retired but hired as contract employees for a year or two without benefits, which helps the district with the transition to new leadership. They include Jerry Ostoin, Salem High School principal, 32 years; Marsha Hoff, East Middle School principal, 311/2 years; Sharon Strean, Salem assistant principal, 30 years; Carolyn Anulewicz, Salem assistant principal, 29 years; Jan Gooding, Salem assistant principal, nearly seven years; Mike Bee, Plymouth High School principal, six years; Jim Ryan, P-CCS superintendent, six years; Cassandra Smith, Canton High School principal, five years; and Ron Gooding, Plymouth assistant principal, five years.



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Bird Elementary Principal Jane Van Steenis was among a group of retirees who took more than 100 years of experience from the Plymouth-Canton schools with them.



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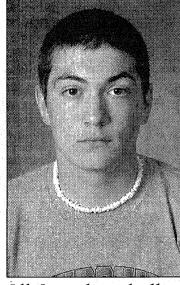
Kiwanis moves

The Plymouth Canton Kiwanis Club is moving its weekly meeting to the Canton Coney Island at 8533 N. Lilley Road in Canton.

Club officials say the new meeting spot offers a very central location just south of Joy Road that is convenient to both the Plymouth and Canton communities. In addition to an excellent location, the restaurant has several rooms for various meeting sizes and offers the opportunity for breakfast for the "early birds."

To kick off the new location, the club will host Brian Sullivan as a breakfast speaker July 17. Sullivan is the director of Sales, Marketing and

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All-Area basebal

Livonia Churchill sophomore catcher Tyler Bledsoe, a first-team All-Observer pick in baseball, was inadvertently omitted from the write-up in Sunday's edition (July 1) of the 2007 Spring Sports All-Area Teams. Bledsoe batted .337 for the Division 1 district champion Chargers. "Tyler was a fixture in our lineup in the three and four spot the entire season," Churchill coach Ron Targosz said. "Offensively, he led the team in at-bats (101), hits (34) and RBI (24). His arm strength is as good *as any catcher in the league. The good thing for us is that he is only a sophomore, so if he continues to Improve, then there is no telling how od Tyler could become in the next two years."

Communications for the Tooling Manufacturing & Technologies Association. He will discuss the "state of manufacturing" in the Michigan economy.

The meeting starts at 7:15 a.m. and coffee is provided. Breakfast is available for purchase prior to and during the meeting. The club would like to encourage interested parties to attend. RSVP via e-mail at info@pckiwanis.org or call (734) 981-0460.

Delta Kappa Gamma show

Delta Kappa Gamma's 21st annual scholarship craft and home show will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20 at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail (southwest corner of Sheldon and Ann Arbor Trail) in Plymouth. The show will feature more than 100 juried crafters and home vendors. Admission \$2.

Call (734) 254-0849 or email sweisz59@comcast.net for more information on the show or about exhibiting crafts.

CSI workshop

The Teen Zone of the Plymouth District Library will present "CSI: Facts and Myths" 7 p.m. Monday, July 9. Forensic artist Barbara A. Martin of the Oakland County

Sheriff's Office will share firsthand experience in this investigative field. Registration is requested;

call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 or register on-line at plymouthlibrary.org

Entertainment Books

■ The Plymouth Symphony League is selling Entertainment Books as one of its fund-raisers.

For only \$20, buy the 2008 Entertainment Book and receive a 2007 Book free. The book offers 50-percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events.

Buyers wishing to support the Plymouth Symphony and Orchestra Canton can purchase a 2008 Entertainment Book at the Plymouth Symphony Office, located next to the Cozy Cafe in downtown Plymouth, (734) 451-2112, or call Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016. The 2008



Like father, like son

Salem High School 2007 graduate and first chair saxophone player in the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Wind Ensemble, Corwin Stout, is this year's winner of the 2006-07 John Philip Sousa Band Award from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park bands. Announced at the PCEP Spring Band Concert, it was a particularly welcome family achievement as 33 years ago, his father, Charlie Stout, won the same award from his own high school band (Portage Northern High School in Portage, Mich.) for his work in the percussion section. The twin Sousa trophies are proud symbols of the family's appreciation for and dedication to music. The 17-year-old Stout, a former member of the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, lives in Plymouth with his parents, Charlie Stout and Carol Knauss. Stout will attend Western Michigan University this fall at Lee Honors College, double majoring in music performance and engineering.

Entertainment Book will be available for pick up in August.

■ The BeckRidge Chorale is also selling the books for \$20 to support their educational and charitable activities. Buyers who pre-order now get a 2007 book free. The 2008 books will be available Aug. 12. Call (734)

Historical walking tours

459-6829 to order.

The Plymouth Historical Museum, in partnership with the Plymouth Preservation Network, continues their historical walking tours with:

■ July 14, 10:30-11:30 a.m. - The History of the Railroads in Plymouth. Plymouth is the only place in Michigan where you can find railroad tracks that travel in all four directions of the compass. the Plymouth Historical Society and the Plymouth Preservation Network, discusses how the railroads changed Plymouth forever. This tour will also cover historical sites located in the north end of Old Village. Tickets are \$10 per person. July 21, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Gary Stone, member of both

- The Penn Theatre & The Albert E. Patterson House. Ellen Elliot, from the Friends of the Penn, will be the personal tour guide inside the historic Penn Theatre. Then it's just a short walk to the Albert E. Patterson House. Built circa 1930, this beautifully restored arts and crafts home is a treasure of the historic district. Due to small places behind the scenes at the Penn, this tour is limited to 10 people. Tickets are \$15 per person.

Tickets can be purchased at the Plymouth Historical Museum during museum hours (1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday) or through PayPal at www. plymouthhistory.org/walkingtours.html

Child seat clinic

The Plymouth Township Police Department hosts a free Child Safety Seat clinic 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday July 14, at the Plymouth Township Police Department, located at 9955 N. Haggerty.

The inspections will be by "appointment only," and limited space is available. If you would like to have your child's seat inspected by a national certified Child Passenger Safety Technician, please make an appointment by calling Officer Jamie Senkbeil at (734)354-3243.

Garden club estate sale

Plymouth Garden Club will be conducting an Estate Sale 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, July 12 through Saturday, July 14 at 42533 Postiff (southwest of Lilley and Ann Arbor Road) in Plymouth.

The event will include antiques, collectibles, retro, furniture and miscellaneous household items. Proceeds from the sale will support the Club's college scholarships awarded to local high school students.

Yo-yo contest

The City of Plymouth, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., Duncan Toys and other yo-yo manufacturers are sponsoring the Mideast Regional Yo-yo Contest, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, July 28, in front of the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth.

Recent Catholic Central High School graduate and future CMU student Jake Maloney (www.yojake.com) is organizing thes event. Jake, one of the top 10 yo-yo players in the world, is a member of the Duncan Crew (www.yo-yo.com/).

Children of all ages are encouraged to compete. There will be a sports ladder division with winners from all age groups – ages 2-102! Talented players may freestyle (one or three minutes to music) to show their best tricks and compete to win prizes. People are also invited to watch or learn these tricks.

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The Mideast Regional Yo-Yo contest is part of the League of Regional Yo-yo Contests and includes the following states: Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, western Pennsylvania, Kentucky, West Virginia and Tennessee.

The winner of the single yo-yo three-minute freestyle competition will get a seed to the National Yo-yo Contest in Chico, California.

Jake can be reached at www. yojake.com or by calling (734) 451-0115.

New Hope programs

With a revised summer schedule, New Hope Center for Grief Support, a Christianbased bereavement outreach center, offers support for widows and widowers with children on the second Tuesday night during July and August.

The group meets 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Kenneth's Catholic Church on Haggerty in Plymouth and is offered free of charge. New Hope for KIDZ meets at the same time and place and is for children ages 3–18.

New Hope also offers groups for widows and widowers of all ages, a group for parents who have lost a child and grief workshops several times a year, as well as other bereavement resources.

For more information call 248-348-0115.

Ice cream social

Plymouth Community Council On Aging hosts its annual "Ice Cream Social" 1:30-3 p.m., Monday, July 9 at the Plymouth Township Park, 46640 Ann Arbor Trail in the Pavilion overlooking the pond.

Reservations are required, tickets are available 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday at the PCCA Office, 201 Main, in downtown Plymouth. Ticket prices are \$1 for PCCA members and \$3 for non-members. There will be a special demonstration by "PAWS With A Cause" dogs trained to provide lifetime team support for people with disabilities and to encourage independence.

For any additional information call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

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Township, local bookstores gearing up for more Harry Potter madness

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

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Right up there with President Kennedy's assassination, the Challenger explosion and O.J. Simpson's Bronco. chase will be "Where were you when the Deathly Hallows was released?'

OK, maybe it won't be as widespread as knowing exactly where you were when the Twin Towers fell, but legions of giddy Harry Potter fans will be lined up across the globe at midnight July 21 in order to be among the first to clutch a copy of the much-anticipated book between their palms.

"Harry Potter is a big deal out there," said Sean Fletcher, Canton Leisure Services recreation and facilities supervisor.

Fletcher said the township is hoping to capitalize on the frenzy surrounding the final book in J.K. Rowling's famed series by partnering with As The Page Turns Bookstore to offer a release event at The

Village Theater at Cherry Hill. For \$10, series followers can attend a showing of Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire at

9:30 p.m. July 20. The seventh edition of the collection, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, will go on sale for \$37.05 at 12:01 a.m. Those that attend are encouraged to dress as their favorite Harry Potter character. Books are guaranteed for people that purchase in advance.

Nicole Jackson of As The Page Turns said she's geared up for the midnight rush.

"We are going to be a part of history," she said, adding that some fans have theorized that Harry will be killed in this book, while others believe that this isn't the end of the series. "People are pretty evenly split. Some people think she'll come back with another book in five years or will create a new adventure."

In addition to the release event at the theater, The Book Cellar in Plymouth is also getting in on the Harry Potter madness.

The store, located at 840 W. Ann Arbor Trail, will be open at midnight July 21 and will offer the book for 20 percent off at the door. Pre-ordered books will get a 25-percent discount.

"We've had about 200 preorders and I expect to sell the majority of them that night,' Book Cellar owner Bashar Salame said. "I equate the final book to the (final episode of) The Sopranos. Everyone is speculating about how it will end and are drawing their own conclusions."

The store will pepper its late-night hours with refreshments and prizes for best costumes.

"A lot of people want the book as soon as possible, so we will be open," Salame said.

To purchase tickets for the event at the Village Theater, call (734) 394-5460 or log on to www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater.

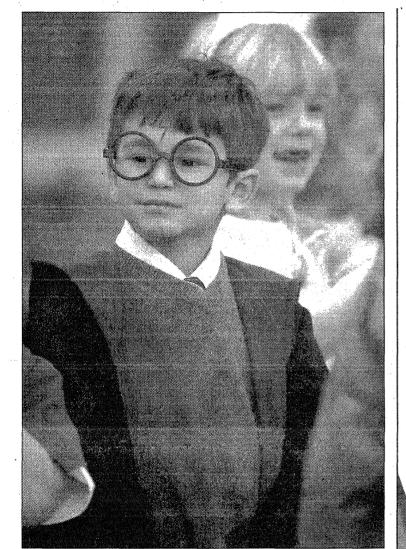


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Keeping the beat

Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps members Vinny Lizzio (left) and his brother, Zach, of Canton play the snare drums. Behind is fife player Vanessa Ruggio of Livonia and fife section leader Rachel Hendrian (right) who performed at the summer reading program at the Garden City Library.





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Music in the Park

The "Music in the Park" concert series is sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council. The schedule (concerts are noon Wednesdays in Kellogg Park, unless otherwise anoted):

- July 11 Biakuye Duo
- July 18 elmo THUMM July 25 - Harpbeat
 - Aug. 1 Equinox
 - Aug. 8 Candy Band

Aug. 15 - Guy Louis and the Chautauqua Express and Phoenix

Aug. 22 - Laz and the

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Gemini Good Mischief Band Music in the Air

The "Music in the Air" concert series is hosted by the Downtown Development Authority Friday nights in Kellogg Park. The schedule

(concerts start at 7 p.m.): ■ July 6 - Redhill, Detroit's original Detroit Country band.

July 20 - Randy Brock Group with the blues, the blues and nothing but the blues.

July 27 - Sarah Lenore Band, featuring Plymouth's hometown star.

Aug. 3 - Trilogy, where 30 years of great songs plus six great guys equals a great night.

Aug. 10 - Delta Rhythm Kings

■ Aug. 17 - Steve King and the Dittilies.

Aug. 24 - Lady Sunshine and the X Band brings their own brand of blues and soul. Aug. 31 - King Sweat clos-

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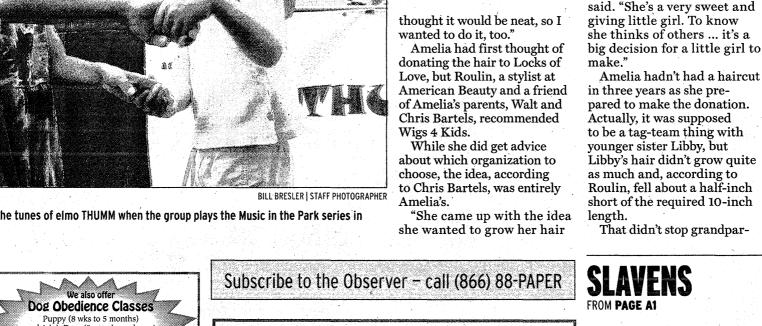
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Plymouth-Canton Supt. James Ryan talked about Slavens' dedication to the students of the district and his pursuit of more equitable school funding.

Many other members of the judiciary were present, including Judge Michael Gerou of the 35th District Court in

ents Frank and Jo Bartels of Plymouth and Ruth and Jim Strand of South Lyon, along with Amelia's family (including brothers Charlie and Mack), from joining Amelia

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for the trim Monday. "I thought it was wonderful," Jo Bartels said. "I feel so fortunate that we don't have children who need it."

Ruth Strand said she told her granddaughter whomever gets the hair will surely be thankful.

"I told her I'm sure whoever gets her hair will feel Amelia's generosity and sweetness. She's a great little girl."

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	Plymouth.
	Slavens thanked Gov.
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	Slavens will officiate in the
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Grandparents Frank and Joe Bartels and dad Walt Bartels are ready to record the big moment as stylist Kim Roulin

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **INVITATION TO BID**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 24, 2007 for the following:

> CANTON RELIEF SEWER PROJECT - PHASE I LOWER ROUGE RELIEF SEWER

Work to include: 8 acre Clearing and Grubbing, 4,000 L.F. 42-inch Sanitary Sewer, 3,500 ton Gravel Access Path, 150 each Tree Planting, 300 Live Twig Planting, Restoration, and related Work.

Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations: Charter Township of Canton Engineering Dept., 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188-1699 McGraw Hill Construction - Dodge, Plan Room, 20475 Woodingham Drive, Detroit, Michigan 48221-1260; Construction Association of Michigan, 43636 Woodward, P.O. Box 3204, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302; Reed Construction Data, Electronic Plan Room, (www.reedepr.com); Construction News Service, 1773 RW Berends Drive S.W., Wyoming, MI 49519; and Wade Trim Associates, Inc., 25251 Northline Road, Taylor, Michigan 48180.

Copies thereof for bidding purposes may be obtained at the office(s) of Wade Trim Associates Inc., 25251Northline Road, Taylor, Michigan 48180, starting on Wednesday, June 27, 2007, upon making a payment of fifty (\$50.00) Dollars if picked up or sixty-five (\$65.00) Dollars if mailed (checks or money orders only - payable to Wade Trim, no cash), none of which will be refunded.

Each Proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, money order, or bid bond, in the amount of at least five (5) percent of the amount bid, drawn payable to the Charter Township of Canton as security for the proper execution of the Agreement.

All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the Project Name, Bidder's name, address and telephone number, and the date and time of bid opening.

A mandatory prebid meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 10, 2007 at Canton DPW Building, 4847 Sheldon Road, Canton, Michigan. Representatives of OWNER and ENGINEER will be present to discuss the Project. Bidders are required to attend the prebid meeting.

The deadline for questions regarding the Project is Friday, July 13, 2007.

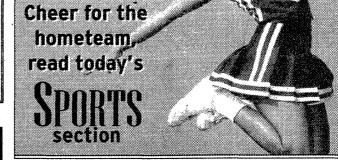
The Charter Township of Canton reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in any bids should it consider same to be in its best interest. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

Bids may not be withdrawn for the period of 60 days after date of receiving bids.

All inquiries shall be directed to Mark Schobert or Steve Kalinowski, Wade Trim (734) 947-9700.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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NOTICE **CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN 2007 SUMMER TAXES**

Summer taxes are due July 1, 2007 and payable through August 10, 2007 without penalty. Additional information appears on the reverse side of your tax statement. MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CITY OF PLYMOUTH. Fayments can be made at City Hall during regular business hours, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Treasurer's office. After hours, payments can be placed in the DROP BOX located in the Church Street lobby of City Hall or use the DROP BOX located next to the book return behind the Library.

Teresa Cischke, CPFA City Treasurer

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

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LOCAL NEWS

Madonna University

Seven Plymouth residents were among the graduates at last month's commencement ceremony from Madonna University in Livonia.

The students (with major) included Abigail Brown (secondary provisional program); Andrea Denkhaus (education); Sarah Dobias (nursing); Denise Gallarneau (nursing); Brooke Jabara (marketing); Kimberly Ledesma (sociology); and Jillian Posler (dietetics).

The following Plymouth residents were named to the Dean's List for the Winter 2007 term at Madonna: Suzanne Abdey; Julie Abunab; Whitney Allmond; Ashley Bartee; Ginger Binder; Daniel Bowe; Marianne Carter; Kendall Denski; Sarah Dobias; Denise Galarneau; Cristie Golson; Iseyedsaleiman Hajy; Lisa Hall; Rachel Hardy; Lindsey Head; Kendall Henaughen; Meghan Hill; Lisa Jacobi; Claire Kazen; Joelen Kersten; Douglas Kinney; Karen LeCarpentier; Barbara Loggins; Joshua Malinowski; Stefanie Mastic; Kassandra Nedock; Jolanta Nemanis; Michelle Pickard; Velorie Placinta; Jillian Posler; Laura Rembisz; Cynthia Richter; Derek Ryba; Madeline Salvaggio; Tamara

ON CAMPUS

Shirey; Jason Singleton; Joel Timm; Sheila Vander; Elizabeth Wallace; Amanda Weaver; Brandon Wilcox; Jem Shook; Rebecca Wrobleski.

Albion College

Several local students have been named to the Albion College Dean's list for spring 2007 semester.

Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the completion of the semester. This GPA must be based on at least three units in graded courses and a minimum of four units completed.

Jeremy Boothroyd graduated from Albion College, receiving a degree in economics and management and a minor in geology, with a concentration in the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Program in Professional Management.

He is the son of Scott and Belinda Boothroyd of Plymouth and a graduate of Canton High School.

Anthony Bosco will be a junior next fall, majoring in political science. He is the son of Donald and Gina Bosco of Plymouth and a graduate of Catholic Central High School. Laura Burton will be a sophomore next fall. She is

the daughter of Lewis and Karen Burton of Plymouth and a graduate of Salem High School.

Ryan Johnson graduated from Albion College, receiving a degree in economics and management and a minor in history. He is the son of Carlton and Phyllis Johnson of Plymouth and a graduate of University of Detroit Jesuit High School.

Nicole Rotondo will be a sophomore next fall, majoring in political science and Spanish, with a concentration in the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service. She is the daughter of Michael and Karen Rotondo of Plymouth and a graduate of Mercy High School.

Academic All-American

Nicole Widak of Plymouth has been named an Academic All-American at Schoolcraft College, with a 3.6 or higher grade-point average. Widak was a member of the 2006-07 women's cross country team.

The National Junior College Athletic Association, which honored the player, also named three of Schoolcraft's teams "Academic Team of the Year," because of their composite grade-point averages. They are the women's cross country team, the women's soccer team and the bowling team.

AROUND TOWN

Genealogical society

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m., July 12, at the Hamburg Historical Museum, 7225 Stone, Hamburg. A member of the Hamburg Historical Society will talk about the history of the Hamburg area and a visit to the museum. The public is invited. For more information, call Margaret, (810) 227-7745.

Academic Pathways preschool Academic Pathways Cooperative

Preschool, at 30330 Schoolcraft in Livonia, offers classes Tuesday and Thursday mornings for 3-yearolds, and Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings for 4-year-olds. Kindergarten readiness class will meet afternoons, Monday to Friday. Potty training not required. (734) 459-6689 or visit academicpathways. tripod.com.

Blood drive

Divine Savior Catholic Church will hold an American Red Cross blood drive 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, July 22, at the church, 39375 Joy, west of Hix, in Westland. Walk-ins are welcome or donors can call (734) 455-3620 and leave their name.

Mercy scholarships

Mercy High School is granting \$170,600 in scholarship money to students for the 2007-08 school year. Ten full-tuition scholarships from the Sisters of Mercy and 19 named scholarships are being awarded along with \$20,000 in scholarships provided by the Mercy Alumnae Association. Scholarships are awarded based on applications and student-written essays. For information on donating to the Mercy High School Tuition Assistance Fund, or establishing a new named Mercy scholarship, contact Director of Development Nadine Maynard at njmaynard@mhsmi.org or call (248) 893-3538.

Travel clinics

When traveling to a foreign country, a vaccination and travel consultation could be just as important as a passport. From diseases you may have already heard of such as hepatitis, to the more exotic illnesses like Japanese encephalitis, Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's TravelWise Travel Clinic can provide the vaccinations and information you need to consider. This new service from VNA provides inoculations for many common diseases including influenza, pneumonia, meningitis, tetanus and diphtheria, in addition to vaccinations specific to your travel destinations such as hepatitis A and B and typhoid. Additionally, VNA is a certified provider of the vellow fever vaccine. In order to prepare for

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VNA's travel consultation, individuals should bring their anticipated travel dates, itinerary and lodging plans. Past immunization records and a list of allergies and current medications will also help. For appointments, cost, on-site clinics and general information, contact the VNA TravelWise Travel Clinic at (248) 967-8755 or visit www.vna.org.

Heartland Hospice

Heartland Hospice, located in Southfield and serving the tricounty area, is looking for caring and compassionate individuals to register for volunteer training. Evening and day-time classes are available for anyone interested in being a support person for clients and their families during their endof-life journey. Office support is also needed. To register, call Mary, (800) 770-9859.

Register for St. Genevieve School

St. Genevieve Catholic School is accepting applications for the 2007-08 school year. The school, preschool through eighth grade, is accredited by the Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools. It's at 28933 Jamison in Livonia, east of Middlebelt, south of Five Mile, and offers full academic curriculum, full- and half-day preschool and kindergarten, extended-day program before and after school, CYO program and more. (734) 425-4420.

Waste to Watts

The Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum has extended the Waste to Watts exhibition through summer of 2007 due to popular demand. Waste to Watts shows how new environmentally friendly technology can turn our trash into electricity. Developed by Landfill Energy Systems of Wixom, Michigan, this one-of-a-kind exhibit demonstrates how methane gas recovery from landfills can be used as an alternative energy source, ultimately reducing our dependency on other fuels. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For information, visit www. aahom.org or call (734) 995-5439.

Card party/luncheon Victoria Chapter #290, OES, Livonia Masonic Temple hosts a card party/ luncheon noon to 3 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. Admission is \$6; event features table prizes and door prizes. The temple is located at 27705 W. Seven Mile in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 459-6063.

Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145. Literacy Council tutors

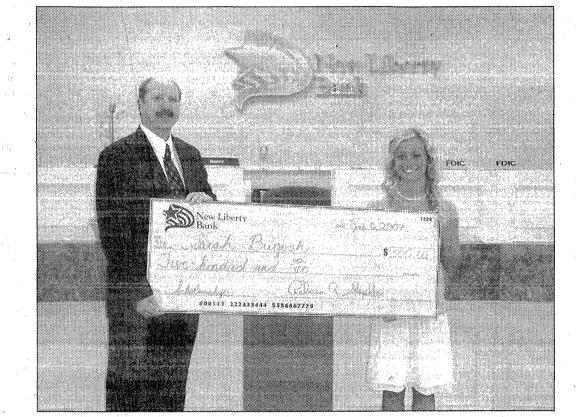
The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide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

Toastmasters meet

Do you have a fear of public speaking? Do you need to do presentations at work and don't know where to start? Or are you terrified of the thought of standing in front of a group of people to present that report? If you answered "ves" to any of these questions, then a Toastmasters is for you! Canton Communicators Club meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Canton Coney Island on Lilley, just south of Joy, in the Golden Gate Plaza. For additional information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237. **Grief support**

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

Easily fatigued? New, inexplicable physical complaints? History of paralytic or non-paralytic polio? Contact the Post Polio Clinic, 13850 E. 12 Mile, Warren, or call (586) 778-4505. The clinic sponsors support group meetings the fourth Saturday of every month (March through October) at 4328 Livernois in Troy. For more information you can also call (734) 765-8384.



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Scholarship while

Salem High School senior Sarah Bugosh, here with New Liberty Bank president Bob Krupka, was selected as the first recipient of the New Liberty Bank Scholarship. Bugosh was chosen for "her outstanding commitment to community." Bugosh held a 4.07 GPA, was involved in gymnastics, was chapter president of Health Occupations Students of America and volunteers at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Bugosh will attend Wayne State University in the fall and plans to be a pediatrician.

The Plymouth District Library offers the following programs during July:

■ LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP, Thursday, July 5, 1 p.m. - This group is for individuals for whom glasses are no longer sufficient. It is facilitated by a professional and is intended to be social as well as informative. Guest speakers cover a variety of topics - caregivers and friends are invited to attend. No advance registration is required; for more information contact Ellen Stross at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 232.

■ YOUR POETRY GROUP, Sunday, July 8, 1:30 p.m. -Roundtable readings of poems,

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your own or by others, are held on the second Sunday of the month. Reader's discretion of language is asked in the works read. For more information, contact Shirley Weimar, (248) 348-9953.

■ STARS, MOONS & PLANETS, Monday, July 16, 7 p.m. - Join Plymouth resident Mike Best in this lively discussion group each month. Mike shares his affection for the sky with adults and children over the age of 6. No registration is required. For more information contact (734) 459-BEST or starmikebest@comcast.net

CONTEMPORARY BOOKS DISCUSSION, Wednesday, July 19, 7:30 p.m. - Members of this book discussion group are invited to participate in this annual Book Lover's Choice. Bring a list of your favorite books and authors and take a list home after the lively discussion. New members are welcome at any time. For further information, please call Sue Patterson at the Library, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 241, or e-mail spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org

■ NEEDLECRAFTERS MEETING, Monday, July 23, 7-9 p.m. - Knitters, quilters, needlepointers are all invited to attend this informal group gathering. Lessons are not provided, but ideas exchanged among attendees. No registration required.





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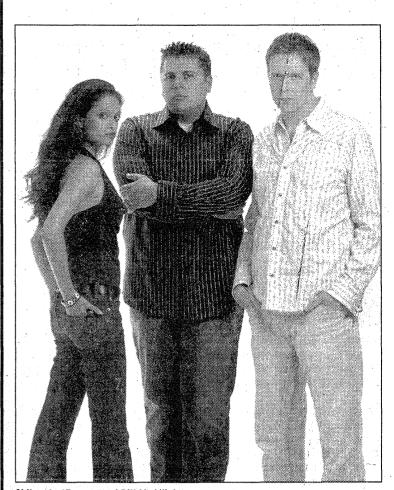
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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings -June 26, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, June 26, 2007, at 1150 Canton Center S. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: LaJoy Staff Present: Director Eva, Director Faas, Mike Rorabacher Staff Absent: Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as amended adding approval of June 19, 2007 Board Study minutes and removing Consent Calendar Item 4. Second Reading of Amendment to the Code of Ordinances Part I, Chapter 74 Entitled "Utilities", Article II, Division 2, Subdivision II entitled "Rates and Charges", Section 74-81, 74-82, and 74-83 and move to the General Calendar as Item 3A. remove Consent Calendar Item 5. Second Reading of Amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 74 Entitled "Utilities", Article III Sewer Use and Industrial Waste Pre-Treatment Requirements for Users Discharging to Detroit Water and Sewerage Department Sewage Treatment Plant to the General Calendar as Item 3B and remove Consent Calendar Item 6. Second Reading of Amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Part 1. Chapter 74 Entitled "Utilities", Article V, Entitled Installation and Maintenance of Grease Interceptors" to the General Calendar as Item 3C. Motion carried by all members present. Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Board Study Minutes for May 29, 2007. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Board Minutes for June 12, 2007. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Board Study Minutes for June 19, 2007. Motion carried by all members present. RECOGNITION: 1. RECOGNITION OF ZACHARY LAZANJA. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution recognizing Zachary Lazanja. Motion carried by all members present. CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR THE DURCON LABORATORY TOPS INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to set the public hearing for July 17, 2007, to consider the Industrial Facilities Exemption application of Durcon Laboratory Tops, Inc. for personal property at their facility located at 8464 Ronda Drive. Motion carried by all members present. Item 2. APPROVE SPECIAL EVENT STATUS FOR CANTON LEISURE SERVICES/DDA EVENTS. (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the special event status for Canton Leisure Services and DDA events occurring July 7 - September 30, 2007 Motion carried by all members present. Item 3. CONSIDER OWNERSHIP TRANSFER OF DRAINAGE EASEMENT FROM CANTON TOWNSHIP TO WAYNE COUNTY FOR TAX NUMBER 071-020-99-0009-000. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the transfer of ownership of the drainage easement from the Charter Township of Canton to the County of Wayne for Tax Number 71-020-99-0009-000, and authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to sign the document, assignment of permanent easement. Motion carried by all members present. **GÉNERAL CALENDAR:** Item 1. CONSIDER AZIZI REZONING **REQUEST.** (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for rezoning request of Mr. Jahan Azizi. Motion carried by all members present. Item 2. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST AND SITE PLAN FOR REAL LIFE NURSERY SCHOOL ADDITION. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for special use and site plan for Real Life Nursery addition. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 3. CONSIDER REPLACEMENT OF** COSTCO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (WALMART) AND SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR WAL-MART SUPERCENTER. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for planned development and site plan for Wal-Mart Supercenter. Motion carried by all members present. Item 3A. SECOND READING OF AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, PART I, CHAPTER 74 ENTITLED 'UTILITIES", ARTICLE II, DIVISION 2, SUBDIVISION II ENTITLED "RATES AND CHARGES", SECTIONS 74-81, 74-82 AND 74-83. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to remove from the table the AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, PART I, CHAPTER 74 ENTITLED "UTILITIES" ARTICLE II, DIVISION 2, SUBDIVISION II ENTITLED "RATES AND CHARGES", SECTIONS 74-81, 74-82 AND 74-83 with publication of July 5, 2007 and effective date of July 11, 2007. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, PART I, CHAPTER 74 ENTITLED "UTILITIES" ARTICLE II, DIVISION 2, SUBDIVISION II ENTITLED "RATES AND CHARGES", SECTIONS 74-81, 74-82 AND 74-83 with publication of July 5, 2007 and effective date of July 11, 2007. Motion carried by all members present. STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE CHAPTER 74 UTILITIES AMENDMENT TO THE SEWER USE ORDINANCE SETTING WATER CHARGES, THE CHARGES AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CODE OF ORDINANCES PART I, CHAPTER 74 ENTITLED "UTILITIES", ARTICLE II, DIVISION 2, SUBDIVISION II ENTITLED RATES AND CHARGES, SECTIONS 74-81, WATER CHARGES GENERALLY, SECTION 74-82, SEWER CHARGES GENERALLY AND SECTION 74-83, SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES; PROVIDING FOR CONSUMPTION RATES, TAP SIZES, CLASSES OF WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS, SEWAGE TREATMENT RATES, MINIMUM SEWER BILLS, INSPECTION FEES, SPECIAL STORM SEWER PROJECTS, AND ESTABLISHING THE SCHEDULES OR RATES AND CHARGES APPLICABLE THERETO; PROVIDING FOR THE SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND THE BALANCE OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR VIOLATION AND PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE **REPEAL OF ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND PARTS** OF ORDINANCES: PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **ORDAINS: SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO SUBDIVISION II RATES AND CHARGES.** Ordinance Chapter 74 is hereby adopted to amend Part I, Chapter 74, Article II, Division 2, Subdivision II Rates and Charges to read as follows: Sec. 74-81. Water charges generally. This section provides for consumption rates, water system equity charge, connection charge, front footage charge, tap and meter charge, water construction charge, water connection, tap sizes for multi-unit dwellings, fire lines, duplexes, attached condominiums development service, classes of water and sewer accounts. Sec. 74-82. Sewer charges generally. This section provides for sewage treatment rates, minimum sewer bills, sewer system equity rates, minimum inspection fee. special storm sewer projects, sewer finance obligations. Sec. 74-83. Schedule of rates and charges. This section provides for consumption rates, tap and meter charges, water system equity charges, water construction charges, water front footage charges, fire line meter systems, treatment rate charges, wastewater cost of service charges, minimum sewage disposal bills, sewer front footage charges, sewer connection charges, sewer lead inspection fees, industrial waste charge (IWC) rates, and industrial surcharge rates. SECTION 3. SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE OF THE ORDINANCE. This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance. SECTION 4. VIOLATION AND PENALTY. This section provides that any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than \$500.00 or imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the Court. SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance. SECTION 6. CONSTRUCTION OF ORDINANCE. This section provides that this Ordinance shall be liberally construed in such manner as to best effectuate its purpose. SECTION 7. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING SECTIONS. This section provides that portions of the Code of Ordinances, Part I, Chapter 74 are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this amendatory Ordinance full force and effect. SECTION 8. PUBLICATION. This section provides that the Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law. SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE. This section provides that this Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law. Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188 during regular business hours. Item SECOND READING OF AMENDMENT TO THE CODE 3R. OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 74 ENTITLED "UTILITIES", ARTICLE III SEWER USE AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE PRE-TREATMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR USERS DISCHARGING TO DETROIT WATER AND SEWERAGE DEPARTMENT SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to remove from the table the Amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 74 entitled "Utilities", Article III, Sewer Use and Industrial Waste Pretreatment Requirements for Users Discharging to Detroit Water and Sewerage Department Sewage Treatment Plant with publication and effective date of July 5, 2007.

Motion carried by all members present Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 74 entitled "Utilities", Article III, Sewer Use and Industrial Waste Pretreatment Requirements for Users Discharging to Detroit Water and Sewerage Department Sewage Treatment Plant with publication and effective date of July 5, 2007. Motion carried by all members present. STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, AMENDMENT TO WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM ORDINANCE, SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE CHAPTER 74 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE III OF ORDINANCE CHAPTER 74 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS; **PROVIDING FOR USE FACTOR SCHEDULES, TRANSITION** RULES, INDUSTRIAL WASTE CONTROL CHARGES, INDUSTRIAL WASTE SURCHARGE AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE PRETREATMENT; PROVIDING FOR DISCHARGE **PROHIBITIONS AND WASTEWATER DISCHARGE PERMITS; PROVIDING FOR MONITORING FACILITIES, INSPECTION,** SAMPLING, AND RECORD KEEPING, ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR COMPLIANCE WITH NPDES PERMITS; PROVIDING FOR RATE APPEALS, WATER AND SEWER APPLICATIONS, BILLINGS, ENFORCEMENT, INTERIOR METERS, EXTERIOR METERS, CONNECTIONS TO THE SYSTEM, A SUMP PUMP COLLECTION SYSTEM, AND WATER CONSERVATION DEVICES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF UNENFORCEABLE PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR PRESERVATION OF EXISTING CHARGES, **RATES AND ENFORCEMENT ACTION(S); PROVIDING FOR** PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE.

Article III of the Water and Sewer Ordinance, Ordinance Chapter 74, is amended to read as follows: ARTICLE III, SEWER USE AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE PRETREATMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR USERS DISCHARGING TO DETROIT WATER AND SEWERAGE DEPARTMENT SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT 74.161. - 74.175 and Appendices A, B and C. Industrial Waste Surcharge and Industrial Waste Pretreatment - Discharge to Detroit Water and Sewer Department. This Article provides for an industrial waste pretreatment program for discharges to the Detroit Water and Sewer Department, a delegation of authority to the DWSD, definitions, discharge prohibitions, fees, waste water discharge permits, monitoring facilities, inspection, sampling, record-keeping, confidentiality of certain information, statutes, laws, regulations, enforcement and appeal procedure. SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY. This section provides that any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court. SECTION 3. REPEAL. This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect. SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. This Section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance. SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE. This Section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance. SECTION 6. PUBLICATION. This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law. SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This section provides that this Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law. Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, during regular business hours. Item 3C. SECOND READING OF AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, PART 1, CHAPTER 74 ENTITLED "UTILITIES", ARTICLE V, ENTITLED "INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF GREASE INTERCEPTORS". (MSD)Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to remove from the table the Amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Part 1, Chapter 74 entitled "Utilities", Article V entitled "Installation and Maintenance of Grease Interceptors" with publication and effective date of July 5, 2007. Motion carried by all members present Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Part 1, Chapter 74 entitled "Utilities", Article V entitled "Installation and Maintenance of Grease Interceptors" with publication and effective date of July 5, 2007. Motion carried by all members present. STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE CHAPTER 74 ORDINANCE TO GOVERN THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF GREASE INTERCEPTORS AND AND MAINTENANCE OF GREASE INTERCEPTORS AND PROHIBITING DISCHARGE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING AN ARTICLE V, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF GREASE INTERCEPTORS TO **CHAPTER 74, UTILITIES; PROVIDING FOR REGULATIONS** FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF GREASE MEASURES INTERCEPTORS. EMERGENCY AND DEFINITIONS: PROVIDING FOR FATS. OILS AND GREASE **DISCHARGE PROHIBITIONS: PROVIDING FOR PENALTY;** PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR **REPEAL: PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE: PROVIDING** FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: The Charter Township of Canton hereby adds Article V to Chapter 74 Iltilities to read as follows: SECTION 1. Article V. Installation and Maintenance of Grease Interceptors; Discharge Prohibitions. Sec. 74-358. Definitions. This section provides for the definition of grease interceptor. Sec. 74-359. Design and standards. This section provides for the design and performance of grease interceptors. Sec. 74-360. Discharge prohibitions. This section provides that no non-domestic user shall discharge wastewater such that the concentration of fat, oil and/or grease in a grab sample that exceeds 100 mg/l. Sec. 74-361. Requirement regarding installation and maintenance. This section provides for the requirements regarding installation and maintenance of grease interceptors. Sec. 74-362. Requirement for testing. This section provides that the operators of existing and new establishments with grease interceptors shall be responsible for testing and independent certification. Sec. 74-363. Periodic clean out. This section provides for periodic clean outs of grease interceptors. Sec. 74-364. Posting of maintenance and repair log. This section provides that all facilities having a grease interceptor must post a maintenance and repair log. Sec. 74-365. Violations and penalties. This section provides for violations and penalties of an establishment who violates this ordinance. Sec. 74-366. Interim and emergency measures. This section creates new obligations, time periods fees and costs for establishing compliance with this ordinance. SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance. 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(PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following budget amendment to Police FY2007 to complete the federal requirement to spend \$51,622 received in October 3, 2005 to be used on drug enforcement communications, equipment, and training: Increase Revenues: Forfeitures – Drug Enforcement 207 000 655 0000 \$51.622. Increase Appropriations: Drug Enforcement Program 207 301 744 0000 \$51,622. This budget amendment increase the police fund budget from \$14, 765,677 to \$14,817,299. Motion carried by all members present. Item 5. BUDGET AMENDMENT - OVERTIME FIRE (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget transfer to cover fire overtime for 2007: Decrease Appropriations Fire Sworn Salaries 206 336 704 0000 (\$300,000) Increase Appropriations Fire Overtime 206 336 708 0000 \$300,000. This budget amendment will neither increase nor decrease Fire Fund Budget 2007. Motion carried by all members present. OTHER: There will be no study session on July 3, 2007. The next Board Meeting will be on July 10, 2007 at 7:00 at the Administration Building, Board Office, 1150 Canton Center S. Canton, Michigan, 48188: ADJOURN: Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board roval.



Shila, Jay Towers and Bill McAllister.

Meet and eat with crew of Motor City Middays

The Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers are teaming up with Buddy's to present "Dining With the Stars" featuring Jay Towers, Shila and Bill McAllister host of Motor City Middays, on Live 97.1 FREE FM.

In 100 words or less, tell us why you're a fan of the Motor City Middays crew and would like to have lunch or dinner at Buddy's Pizza in July with the trio from 97.1 FREE FM.

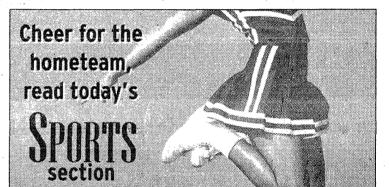
Send your fan letter to BuddysDiningStars@gmail. com and be sure to include your name, address, daytime phone number and e-mail address.

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Deadline to enter the July contest is 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 17.

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

Other upcoming dining with stars include August: CoCo of WJLB-FM (97.9) and September: Chuck Gaidica of WDIV-TV (Channel 4).



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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, July 19, 2007 for the following:

CARNIVAL ATTRACTION

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at <u>www.canton-mi.org</u>, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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COUNTY NEWS

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American economy still the envy of the world

ednesday, we celebrated the 231st birthday of our country and I believe we should take a step back and pat ourselves on the back for a job well done.

Our country is a work in



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we face, particularly here in Michigan, all we need

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an economic standpoint, there is no country in second place. Our economy is still the envy of the world and it dwarfs any other economy whether it is the Chinese, the Japanese or anyone else. Twenty years ago, people were talking that the Japanese economy would surpass ours. It didn't happen. People that predict that China will be the world economic leader in 20 years underestimate this economy and the American people.

Most think the strength of the U.S. economy is in giant multinational corporations. After all, they dominate the economic news. However, the strength in the American economy lies in everyday citizens who go to work each day. The American worker is the most productive and efficient worker in the world. The strength of the U.S. economy lies in the entrepreneurial spirit that is alive and well in America.

We see it in the small business person who adapts to change and looks for better and more efficient ways to run his/her business. It is the small business person who creates the majority of jobs in America.

Michigan has gone through

earn to ride safely

a difficult time and unfortunately has not started the recovery process. Last year, Michigan was the only state to post a reduction in gross domestic product. The state also saw a significant reduction in the number of our residents who have jobs.

The traditional manufacturing base of our Michigan economy is changing. In fact,

sometime in the near future, more Michigan residents will be employed in health care than manufacturing.

Just like 100 years ago, when the majority of residents worked in the agricultural sector then transitioned when the industrial revolution hit, so too will the Michigan economy change

Think about the massive

changes the national economy has gone through in the last 20 years. Whether it is in banking, obtaining mortgages or investing, Americans have adapted and prospered in this changing world. In this process, many Americans have been left behind and that is one of the great challenges we face today.

As we celebrate our coun-

try's birthday, we should all be proud of what our country has accomplished and we should all be confident as we face the future.

After all, when we look at things economically, we should always remember that history has taught us one thing for certain and that is, whoever bets against the U.S. economy always loses.

Celebrate the good old U.S.A., still the "land of the free and the home of the brave."

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OUR VIEWS

Board should heed will of the voters

On Tuesday, the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education will decide who will fill the board seat vacated by Mark Slavens, who was sworn in as Wayne County Circuit Court judge on Friday.

The board will have four candidates to choose from. Kurt Heise of Plymouth Township, John Nichols of Canton, John Jackson of Plymouth Township, and Greg Morrison of Plymouth all submitted letters of intent before Friday's deadline.

Heise, who finished a respectable third in the May 8 election, deserves the appointment, which will run through either May or November of 2008. Heise received more than 2,500 votes, finishing behind Nancy Eggenberger and Slavens, who pulled out of the race about a week before the election.

A number of Heise's supporters believe Jackson, who entered his name into the hat late in the game, has been hand-picked by board members, and they are already crying foul. Jackson, who finished in third place in his bid for a school board seat in 2006, is involved with the P-CEP band and is a big proponent of the school district. He did not run for the board this year, however.

Although he has lived in the district less than a year, Heise, who is the director of the Wayne County Department of Environment, has proven to be a polarizing figure, even though he has a solid record of government service. Some people perceive Heise as a right-winger, who will bring no-holds-barred politics to the board of education.

That probably has more to do with the fact he has aligned himself with local leaders in the Republican Party. In fact, Heise told the Observer last week that a current board member told him the board is not going to choose him because of the people with whom he is associated.

That's not a very good reason not to choose him. Besides, what exactly do people think Heise is going to do? He would only have one vote, just like everyone else on the board. If the rest of the board doesn't like his ideas, they can simply nullify him. And when the next election comes around, people can vote for someone else.

The fact is more than 2,500 Plymouth-Canton voters said they want Heise to represent them on the school board. Hopefully the board will have taken those voices into account when they make a decision on Tuesday.

There's no better vacation than a Michigan vacation

Sometimes, it is easy to take for granted the natural splendor of our Great Lake State. We forget about the breathtaking sunsets over Lake Michigan, the pristine beaches dominating the coasts of our wonderful peninsulas, the postcard towns and villages and the warm and friendly people that make up our state. With gas prices still over \$3 per gallon and chamber of commerce weather dominating our summer season, now is the perfect time for residents to reconnect with their home state and, as an old advertising campaign urged, "Say Yes! to Michigan." While vacation destinations are plentiful throughout the state, there is no denying the special appeal of spending a week or two "up north." From the Mighty Mackinac Bridge and Tahquamenon Falls to the Sleeping Bear Dunes and Grand Traverse Bay, northern Michigan is a playground unmatched for its State budget cuts have variety and accessibility. put the squeeze on every State budget cuts have put the squeeze on every department, but the need to department, but the need promote this great state as to promote this great state a vacation destination for as a vacation destination for the entire country has the entire country has never never been greater. Tourist been greater. dollars are the lifeblood for many towns and their residents, and we can help out those who preserve and protect our environmental jewels by spending our dollars in Michigan this summer. If you haven't vacationed in the state in a while, a good place to start for ideas is www.michigan.org, the state's official Web site. Or better yet, ask a friend or neighbor about their favorite place to vacation in Michigan. Mackinac Island, Saugatuk for its artist colony feel and Lake Michigan location, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore and Alpena on the state's "right coast" of Lake Huron are all can't-miss destinations.



Garden party

A special "thank you" to all who supported the 12th annual "Flowers are Forever" garden walk sponsored by the Trailwood Garden Club branch of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association.

Thank you gardeners, Saxton's Garden Center, Backyard Birds, Dilly Dally Deli, Mel's Golden Razor, Robin's Tips 'N' Toes, Glassworks, Barb Sheridan, Plymouth and Lake Pointe branches and all who helped.

Georgia Randinitis

Trailwood Garden Club

Loved Miller Woods

We recently had the pleasure of visiting Miller Woods during one of the annual spring wildflower walks. We are the great-granddaughters of Norman and Cornelia Miller, and had never before visited the woods. We drove my mother out after hearing about the

LETTERS

Unions are no benefit

In a recent letter to the editor, a writer states, "The benefits of a union contract usually include a decent wage, health care and other benefits..." Does she really consider \$71/hour including benefits to be a "decent" wage for unskilled workers? How's that working out for the Big 3?

She goes on to say, "Union members have a voice at work while non-unionized workers do not." I've worked for several non-unionized companies where I've had a say in what my salary would be, what hours I would work, and what benefits I would get.

The writer then claims, "Nobody is forced to join the union. Objectors may be required to pay a service fee to cover their share of the cost of negotiating and administering the contract from which they undoubtedly benefit. This is only fair; everyone pays, everyone benefits from representation, no freeloaders." This is ridiculous as well as false. First, if objectors are required to pay, they are forced to support the union, regardless of whether they officially join. Second, not everyone benefits from union representation. If a worker is able to negotiate a better salary or advance his career based on merit rather than seniority, he certainly doesn't benefit from the constraints of a union. The writer also states, "Unionization makes workers stakeholders." No, it doesn't. While employers are forced to keep the work force for the duration of the contract, workers are free to guit their jobs whenever they like. If the company's business is down that year, workers bear no responsibility for the losses. Those with enough seniority continue to collect their full salaries and benefits. She further claims, "It (unionization) also increases the spending power of consumers and helps raise the overall standard of living in the community." Of course, she conveniently omits the fact that higher labor prices drive up the cost of goods and services. In right-to-work states, the overall cost of living as well as products purchased tend to be lower. If these are the best arguments the writer can present in favor of unions, I will continue to support making Michigan a right-to-work state.

write: "Reliance on nuclear weapons for deterrence is becoming increasingly hazardous and decreasingly effective ... We endorse setting the goal of a world free of nuclear weapons and working energetically on the actions required to achieve that goal."

In August, it will be 62 years ago that we, in our aggression, changed the world scientifically and morally by dropping nuclear bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Let us never forget that tragic decision. All our members of Congress need to be reminded by us, their constituents, about the unacceptable financial and moral costs of nuclear weapons.

> C. Lawrence Redford

Bush is firm on decisions

I was very happy that George W. Bush stood firm on his missile deployment in Poland despite Russia's heated objections. Poland's president, Lech Kaczynski, knows that Russia has never been a friend of Poland, as proven in World War II when Germany attacked Poland in 1939 and the Germans turned over the captured Polish officers to Russia, who immediately marched them into Katyn forest where they executed 5,000 officers, 7,500 non-coms and over 10.000 Polish citizens that Russia thought would give Russia trouble. It wasn't until 1992 that Boris Yeltsin admitted that they indeed slaughtered the Polish prisoners. How did Poland get rewarded with fighting against the Nazis? Truman handed over Eastern and Central Europe to his friend, Uncle Joe Stalin, and they were ruled by Russia for over 50 years. With friends like the Democrats, who needs enemies? The one thing that I disliked Bill Clinton for was he never made a decision without having his political adviser, Dick Morris, take a poll to see what the American people thought. I like the statement made by a soldier from the series, "Band of Brothers," when he said about an officer, and that was, "He's not a bad leader for making bad decisions. He's a bad leader because he can't make any decisions." That fit Bill Clinton perfectly.

With summer in full swing, it's never been a better time to explore this great state and help the local economy at the same time.

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spring tour from my mother's cousin.

We had a wonderful time, listening to the tour guides from the Friends of Miller Woods talk about a piece of family history that was entirely new to us. We had no idea such an organization even existed! Imagine a group of people so dedicated to preserving a piece of my family history. I was amazed and in awe of their love for this beautiful piece of land. The trees in this ecosystem are truly unique – rare now in southeastern Michigan.

I would like to thank the Friends of Miller Woods for continuing to educate the community about our family history and his rare ecosystem and the Plymouth-Canton Community School District and Plymouth Township for turning it into a nature preserve.

Linda Hanson

Leslie **Marie Hensley** DeWitt

McCotter is disingenuous

In your June 7 edition, you reported U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter spoke at the Wake Up Livonia breakfast at Schoolcraft College. In your story, you stated that McCotter reminded the crowd he did not vote to authorize the war. If McCotter spoke those words, he is being very disingenuous and sneaky (and politicizing the occupation by downplaying his war mongering).

There were 23 senators and 133 (126 Democrats and six Republicans) House members who opposed the start of the war in the Oct. 11, 2002, vote on Joint Resolution 114. During McCotter's campaign he applauded those who voted to go to war. He wholeheartedly has supported this war and Bush on every decision about it. Be careful of this man who states the occupation should not be politicized - that's exactly what he does by lying about his beliefs in 2002. That is the main platform he ran on - support for the war. Good thing he's not running for president - heaven help us. Throw him out of office, for as he states, he is unfit to hold public office.

> P. Pondell Canton

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Nuclear lessons

Can these statistics be true? ■ It has been 16 years since the end of the Cold War.

The U.S. believes it must build new nuclear weapons before it can begin to destroy the over 10,000 "reliable" nuclear warheads we currently possess.

The U.S. is not adhering to their participation in the nonproliferation treaty working toward nuclear disarmament.

If you believe the above statements to be true, how will you work to ensure that those in government come to also believe that nuclear weapons are NOT useful as a way to "defend" the U.S. and that the doctrine of deterrence is not outdated and very dangerous to our entire world. Even such as Kissinger and Nunn

Robert Siedlik Livonia

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QUOTABLE "It's great for the economic posture of Michigan. When they make a commitment like that, it shows their long-term commitment to the state. For Plymouth Township, these workers will spend money locally and hopefully begin to look locally for housing. That's the encouraging thing for us."

- Richard Reaume, Plymouth Township supervisor, on the economic benefit to having Robert Bosch, LLC, move into the township

OTHER OPINIONS

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Moore's 'Sicko' – is it just what patient ordered?

ichael Moore's new film, Sicko, is a communal experience that begins the moment you stand in line to get tickets. It continues through the laughter and moans you hear during the film to the tears and outrage you see expressed as you exit the theater. This is more than a movie; it's an experience to



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share with others. Moore has done it again. He has sparked a hot conversation that has the potential to start a raging fire under our national politicians to actually do something about something that everyone admits is a problem. He has placed our system of health care

under a microscope for all to see - and the sight is not pretty.

Sicko shows that the only ones getting healthy under our system of care are the members of the health care industrial complex - giant drug companies, megahospitals and health insurers that victimize people to maximize profits.

The film is not about the 45 million Americans that do not have any health insurance, it is about the more than 260 million citizens who do and still receive inadequate care. It poses powerful questions about a health care system that rations care and debates who has to the right to life-saving procedures that may deprive the system of maximum profits. Some will argue the film is an unfair

assessment of our health care system and it is Moore at his demagoguery best. Others will say the film and the truth it shares will make you angry and sick.

TAPPING THE ANGER

As I stood in line to see Sicko, I could over hear people talking about their painful experience dealing with the "best health care system in the world." The anger seems to cut across all racial, age, social, class and political perspectives. As the movie ended, it seemed as though a spontaneous political protest might break out. The frustration from hardworking Americans fed up with a sick health care system is palpable.

Sicko seems to make the word "why" form on your lips. Why in such a great country, the richest country in the world, do we have the health care problems we do? Why are countless Americans, who "work hard and play by the rules," who are God-fearing, patriotic, flag-waving, red-white-and-blue-bleeding taxpayers, being neglected by the country they helped build? Why indeed?

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9/11, that tended to polarize an already polarized American public by inflaming the politically conservative right and making the political left rejoice as he took on General Motors, the NRA and bashed Bush, Sicko hits a raw, national, bipartisan nerve and could, and should, stir up strong grass-roots reform efforts. Sicko has the potential to galvanize people from both "red" and "blue" states to form a "madder than hell coalition" that is not going to take it anymore!

Sicko also shows us in scene after scene that it will be hard to fix our health care system in ways that will benefit average Americans, because our politicians are in the pockets of pharmaceutical, insurance and health care companies.

Moore concludes that change will only happen when we, the people, rise up and demand it — in ways that politicians will be unable to avoid.

Perhaps Sicko will be the catalyst to motivate us to finally address the health care crisis that polls show is the No. 1 domestic issue facing our nation.

Here are a few things you can do today:

Demand to know what health insurers are spending for lobbing activities at the state and national level.

Know what contributions your elected leaders are accepting from health insurers, health care providers and pharmaceutical companies and how they vote on health care legislation.

■ Write your U.S. representative and senator and call for universal, quality and affordable health care for all - now!

Demand to know how each presidential candidate is going to create a health care system that meets the health care needs of all Americans.

See the movie, get angry, harness the anger and take action.

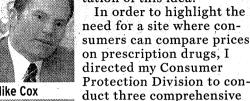
Tom Watkins is president and CEO of TDW and Associates, a business and education consulting company. He served as Michigan's superintendent of schools 2001-05, president and CEO of the Economic Council of Palm Beach County. Fla., 1996-2001 and director of the Michigan Department of Mental Health 1986-90. He we

Drug cost Web site will help consumer save money

ith both gasoline and milk at \$3 a gallon, many Michiganders will drive an extra block or clip newspaper coupons just to save a quarter. But what about a program that could save you tens, even hundreds, of dollars a month, right now?

There is such a program. It's a Web site that compares the cost of prescription drugs at all of the pharmacies in your city, county or ZIP code. Three years ago, I proposed the idea of creating just such a prescription drug Web site for Michigan consumers. Unfortunately, bureaucratic opposition to creating the

Web site delayed implementation of this idea. In order to highlight the



Mike Cox

directed my Consumer Protection Division to conduct three comprehensive

statewide drug price surveys. The results were startling:

■ The May 2007 survey conducted in Detroit found that Avandia, a drug used to treat diabetes, could cost as little as \$198 for a month's supply or as much as \$300. That is a difference of more than \$100 a month.

■ The May 2006 survey conducted in Kalamazoo revealed a large difference in the price of Gabapentin, a drug commonly used to treat acid reflux disease. At one pharmacy, a month's supply cost only \$58, while another pharmacy in the same ZIP code charged \$126.97, more than double the first pharmacy's price.

The February 2006 survey conducted in Saginaw found a drug that cost eight times more from one pharmacy to the next. Nasonex, a common allergy inhaler, was found to cost only \$12.99 at one pharmacy, while it ran for \$106.25 for a month's supply at a different location.

There is broad public support for a site that compares drug prices. According to a recent poll by EPIC/MRA, 87 percent of Michigan residents are in favor of legislation to establish a drug cost Web site.

That is why I was so gratified when, 36 months after I first called for a drug cost Web site, the Michigan Department of Community Health created a site that lists 118 drugs (www.michigandrugprices. com). The first day that the new drug Web site was up, DCH stated the site was "overwhelmed," receiving more than 200,000 hits.

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It's a good first step. But Michigan can do better. That is why I am strongly supporting a bill sponsored by state Sen. Roger Kahn of Saginaw that would greatly improve the DCH site:

■ It would list the cost of 150 prescription drugs, as well as their generic equivalent.

By broadening the number of drugs listed, such a site would include the price of drugs that treat illnesses such as Alzheimer's that are currently not listed on the DCH site.

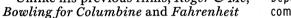
This legislation would also differentiate the prices between name brand drugs and generics. That's important to know, because the price differential between name brands and generic drugs can be substantial.

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By passing this drug cost Web site legislation, the Michigan Legislature will provide consumers with a powerful tool that can help them compare prices and save money. This is especially important for the 1.1 million people in Michigan who are uninsured, the thousands more that are unemployed and those seniors struggling to get by on fixed incomes. I urge readers to contact their state representative and state senator and ask them to support Senate Bill 525.

Mike Cox is the Michigan attorney general. He lives in Livonia.

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comes reader comment at tdwatkins@aol.com.









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COUNTY NEWS

National Train Show comes to Cobo July 27-29

The 17th Annual National Train Show, the world's largest model train show, comes to Detroit's Cobo Center July 27-29.

Each year the event is held in a different city and state in North America. The event will showcase all aspects of model railroading including the industry's newest and most unique products and services from manufacturers and retailers from the United States and around the world.

The event will cover 180,000 square feet of space and include 45,000 square feet of operating model train displays.

Highlights of the event are:

The Incredible Lego Universe. This 11,000square-foot area is dedicated to the creation of an originally designed display featuring operating model railroads, hundreds of train cars, various landscape settings and waterfalls, scale buildings, retractable bridges and more more, all made entirely out of millions of Lego pieces. This will be the largest Lego layout at a National Train Show to date.

Ask the Collectibles Appraiser. Have an old train set hidden away in the closet? Wondering what it's worth? Bring it to the show and find out from The Collectibles Expert. Model train appraisers Bob Sherlock and Butch Tanis will meet with individuals and examine their prizes



Cobo Center will be the site July 27-29 for the 17th Annual National Train Show.

possessions. Free to all attendees.

■ Children's Play Area. 1,200 square foot of fun including trains, games and more for children of all ages to enjoy during the show. This area is chaperoned and free of charge.

Hands-on Demonstrations. Learn how to get started on you own model railroad empire and find out the latest techniques from well-known

exhibitors and pros.

Visitors to the show can register to win a Thunderbolt electric train from Bachman Industries worth \$100.

The National Train Show is sponsored by the National Model Railroad Association, a not-forprofit organizations dedicated to the promotion of and education about the model railroading hobby.

Ready to wallow?

Wayne County's annual Mud Day is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, at the Nankin Mills Area on Hines Drive, just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland.

Mud Day is Tuesday

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Children, ages 12 and younger, are invited to participate in one of Wayne County Parks most popular events. Wayne County mixes more than 200 tons of topsoil and more than 20,000 gallons of water to ensure that the mud is just right and a muddy time is had by all.

Youngsters will be separated into categories based on age to participate in "Mud Limbo" and the wheelbarrow races. At the conclusion of the event, Mr. and Miss Mud will be crowned.

To ensure that parents and children are prepared for this day of dirt, it is suggested that parents make sure that children are wearing old clothes and shoes. Children also need to bring a clean change of clothes. An on-site cleanup area will be provided. Parents are also advised to bring a supply of towels, as there are no showers on site. Worried about how to transport the old clothes home? Don't panic, plastic bags will be provided to ensure that all dirty clothes are properly contained for the trip home.

Mud Day is sponsored by Fox 2 News.

To register groups of more than 15 children, call Kim Healy at (734) 261-9087.



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If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

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Concert

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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.

Cooking classes

Are you tired of feeling sick and tired? "Eating well, and feeling bloated afterwards? Suffering from acid reflux? So many different diets, how can you tell what is really healthy? Join in for a NEWSTART (Nutrition, Exercise, Water, Sunshine, Temperance, Air, Rest and Trust in God) cooking classes with lessons based on the 8 principles for Good Health with a complete vegetarian meal based on the nutrition guidelines recommended by NEWSTART 5-6:30 p.m. Sunday, July 8 and 15, and Tuesday, July 10 an 17, at Cherry Hill Seventh Day Adventist Church, 33144 Cherry Hill, east of Wayne Road, west of Venoy. Garden City. Call (734) 524-0880. Every class includes cooking demonstrations. samples, handouts and lectures at no charge. Other materials will be available for purchase. Seating limited, reservations requested. For reservations only, call (734) 326-6998. For more information and reservations, call Juanita at (313) 580-9081.

Carillon series

10:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. Sunday, July 8, July 15, July 29, Aug. 5 and 12, and Sept. 2, at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills. No charge. Call (248) 626-2515

Life celebration

St. Timothy Presbyterian Church will commemorate the death of Janet Noble-Richardson, pastor of the church. at the time she was killed in a rear end collision on the Ohio Turnpike on July 11, 2006. The Life Celebration will take place 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, at the church, 16700 Newburgh, south of Six Mile, Livonia, A memorial to Noble-Richardson will be unveiled at the end of the service. Noble-Richardson, 44, served as the church's pastor for 17 years. For more information, call (734) 464-8844

Women's retreat

St. Michael Catholic Church of Livonia invites all area Catholic moms to a Mom's Summer Retreat on Wednesday mornings this summer to 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. 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.

Blood drive 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, July 15, in the Parish Hall at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia, Walk-ins welcome. Call (734) 464-1222, Ext. 309. Wellness lecture/healing workshop With Dr. Saul Shaye, a chiropractor, presents the message: A Funny Thing Happened on my Way to Disprove God during services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, July 15, workshop 1-4 p.m. (suggested donation \$15), at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Shaye has demonstrated a special gift of spiritual healing. Personal appointments with him are available during the week. For more information, call (734) 421-1760.

Vacation Bible school

Lift Off! Soaring to New Heights with God! takes place 9:30 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, July 16-20, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster Livonia The sessions, for age 3 to children entering 5th grade, include story time and lesson. music, crafts, recreation and snack. The children will also learn about the sponsored mission - Heifer International, a charity that through donations, helps children and families around the world receive training and animal gifts to help them become self-reliant. All are welcome to attend. The cost is \$18 for the first child in the family, \$12 for any additional children. After July 8, there is an increase to \$20 for the first child and \$14 for additional children. For more information or to register, call (734) 422-1470 or e-mail: christianeducator@ sppc-email.org.

Soccer mini-camp

6:30-8 p.m. July 23-26, for boys and girls ages 5-12 (any skill level), at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington road, north of I-96, Livonia. Cost is \$20 per student, includes instruction, snacks and soccer ball to take home Fee payable at time of registration. Students may bring their own soccer ball or shin guards if desired. Items not required to enroll. Call (734) 522-6830.

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. Vacation Bible school Bible stories, crafts, games, puppets, snacks and prizes 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Monday-Friday, July 23-27, at Grace Baptist Church, 280 E. Lincoln at Edgewood, Birmingham. Bring your friends ages 2-17 and join us each day. For more information, call (248) 646-2000, Ext. 16.

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 Aug. 29 (Saint Nicholas by Benjamin Britten), at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maples, Birmingham. No entrance fee or preparation necessary, no auditions required, no long-term commitment. For more information, call (248) 644-2040, Ext. 136.

Media mania presentation

On Protecting Our Children who are overexposed to sex by way of television, music, magazines, and the Internet, often

communicating the wrong message. As part of the presentation Dr. Kevin Barber will give tips on how parents can protect their children. Barber is a Neurological Psychologist who owns **Psychological Evaluation and Consulting** Services in Livonia, and has a specialty with children. A practicing Catholic who is married with two children in Catholic school, Barber also coaches high school football. Presentation (with Q & A) is 7-9 p.m. Thursday, July 26, in Fellowship Hall (church building) at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950. Free of Charge

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.

Song ministry

The Rev. Bob Herriman, song evangelist, appears 10:45 a.m. Sunday, July 29, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All are invited to witness this ministry through word and song.

Summer Bible studies

Continue 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sundays in the gym at Christ Our Savior Lutheran (14175 Farmington road, north of I-96, Livonia). The public is invited to the a presentation of Answers with Ken Ham, a 12-part DVD series on the authority of the Bible. Visit www.christoursavior.org for more information.

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. Summer camp

RELIGION CALENDAR

p.m. Monday-Thursday, through 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 (734) 728-3440.

Sunday school classes New adult Sunday School classes began July 1, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. Classes include The Joy of Signing (sign language), Inside the Middle East, and Keys to Spiritual Freedom.

UPCOMING

Special services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, with Rev. Ron Scott, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Call (734) 421-1760. Vacation Bible school

Lift Off! Soaring to New Heights with God 6-8:30 p.m. Aug. 13-17, with a church picnic finale on Aug. 19, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All kids age 2 through fifth grade are invited. For more information, call (734) 464-0990. All are welcome to join us.

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 1 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.

Crafters needed

For Riverside Park Church of God's fall arts and crafts show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the church, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Rentals \$20 Saturday only, \$30 for both days, \$5 additional for table rentals. Applications now being accepted at (734) 464-0990.

Cruise St. Aidan Travelers embark on an 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.

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 children 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.org.

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.

Farmington Women Aglow

Meets 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. Call (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/.

www.hometownlife.com

Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren. between Canton Center and Beck), Canton, For more information, call Bible Study series: Heaven Can't Wait.

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

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 wo ship 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**

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

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.

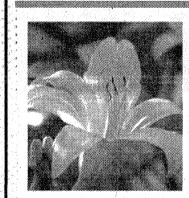
St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$5 prepared by Susan Navarro, The Cookie Lady, followed by Bible study at / p.m. and unancel unoir renearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the 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.

and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary), at

(734) 637-8160. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Adult Worship service

Adult literacy classes

The camps continue 10:30 a.m. to 3



SHIRLEY A., KRUEGER

of Bloomfield Hills, died June 30, 2007, age 76. Beloved wife of the late Carl M., Jr. Dear mother of Karen Duval (Roger) and Kathy Byers (Dane). Grandmother of Carly and Grace Byers. Sister of Patti Palmer. Family will receive friends at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver) Thursday, July 12, from 3-7 PM. Memorial Service Friday, July 13 – 10 AM at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Memorial Tributes suggested to Leader Dogs for the Blind, or Salvation Army Kroc Match.

RUTH G. WINGARD

Age 87, longtime resident of away June 30, Plymouth, passed away June 2007. Born May 4, 1920 in Plymouth to parents Erwin and Lois Hobbins. Married the love of her life, Edwin Wingard in 1937 and were happily together until his death in 2001. They were blessed with two children: daughter, Peggy Windard and son, Jack who passed away in 1991. She retired from Michigan Bell in the late 70's as a business office supervisor. After retirement Ruth and Edwin moved to Bradenton, Florida and then moved back to Plymouth in 1996. Survived by her wonderful grandchildren: Melinda Garchow, Mark Garchow, Larry (Kristen) Wingard, Russell (Michelle) Wingard, and Matthew (Lisa)Garchow. Great grandchildren: Patrick, Tyler, Emily, Abbey, and Jack. Memorial service from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main, Plymouth, Friday 11:00am. Memorial visitation Thursday 3-8pm. Memorials to St. Mary Mercy Hospital Foundation "Noda" program, 36475 Five Mile Rd, Livonia, MI 48154. Share memories at schrader-howell.com.



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STAILEY Age 45, of Dearborn Heights, MI. Uht Funeral Home

JOSEPH ANTHONY





CLEO "Klee" SAVAS

Age 71, July 2, 2007 of West Bloomfield. Beloved wife of Bloomfield. Beloved wife of Mitchell for 50 years. Amazing mom and best friend of Michele Schubot (Brian), Stephanie Thompson (Jody) and Kristen Ashker (Larry). "Yai-Yai of Justin, Zoe, Alex, Isabella, Mitchell, Zachary and Vincent. Sister of Michael Pantel and Gus Pantelides (Sherry). Aunt of Paul, Elena, Christiana and Mitchell. Great Aunt of Demi and Evan. Cleo and Mitch owned Mitch's Birmingham Coney Island for 15 years. Funeral service Thursday (today) 11am at St. George Greek Orthodóx Church, 43816 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. A.J. Desmond & Sons, 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



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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

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

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.

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). Child care 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.

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.

Explore your destiny God's wonderful plan for your life. Sunday Worship services are at 8 a.m. (traditional)

Eucharistic adoration

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

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Shabbat Rocks

A musical celebration precedes traditional Shabbat service once a month at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100 or visit www.adatshalom. org.

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Conversational English as a Second Language classes are being offered for adults of all ages and backgrounds at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tutors will work on a one-to-one ratio to help students better understand and speak the English language. No charge. To register, call (734) 525-0191 or (734) 522-6830. Sunday school

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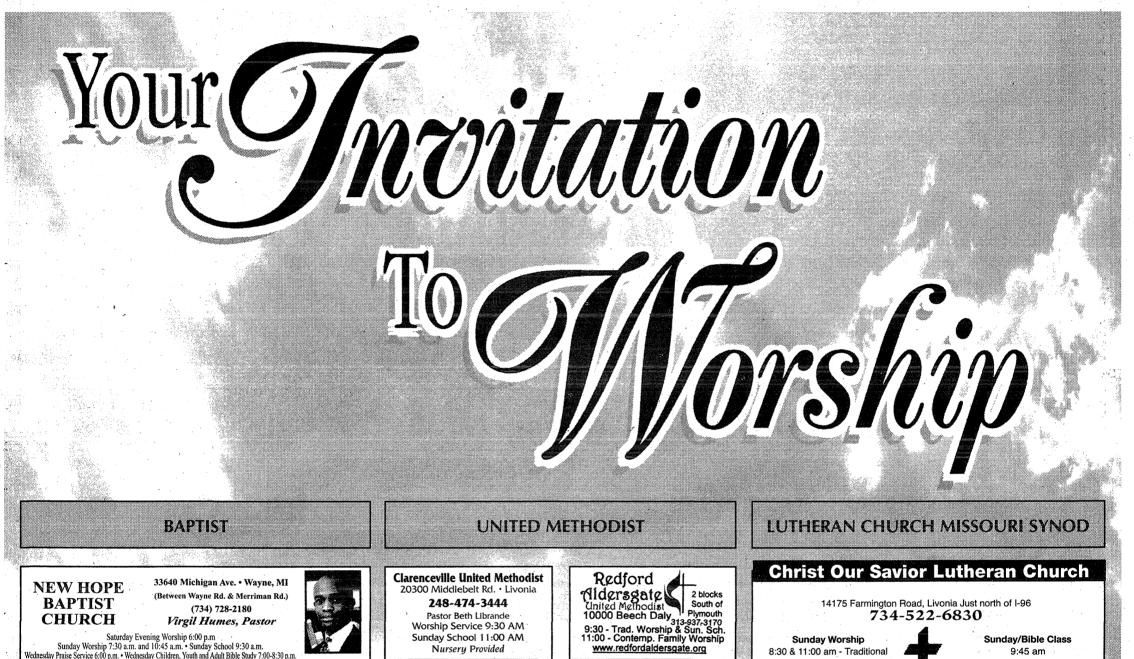
1119 Newburgh, Westland. Call (734) 728-9157. The Gap

A new youth Sunday School (God Always Present) at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford Road. Lessons are taught using various media, computers, storytelling, games, cooking, music and art, and a small theater complete with popcorn-making machine. Adult Bible study at 8:30 a.m. with a traditional service and The Gap at 10 a.m. Child care available. Mustard Seed contemporary service at 6 p.m. with refreshments served afterward. Call (734) 421-7620. Qigong

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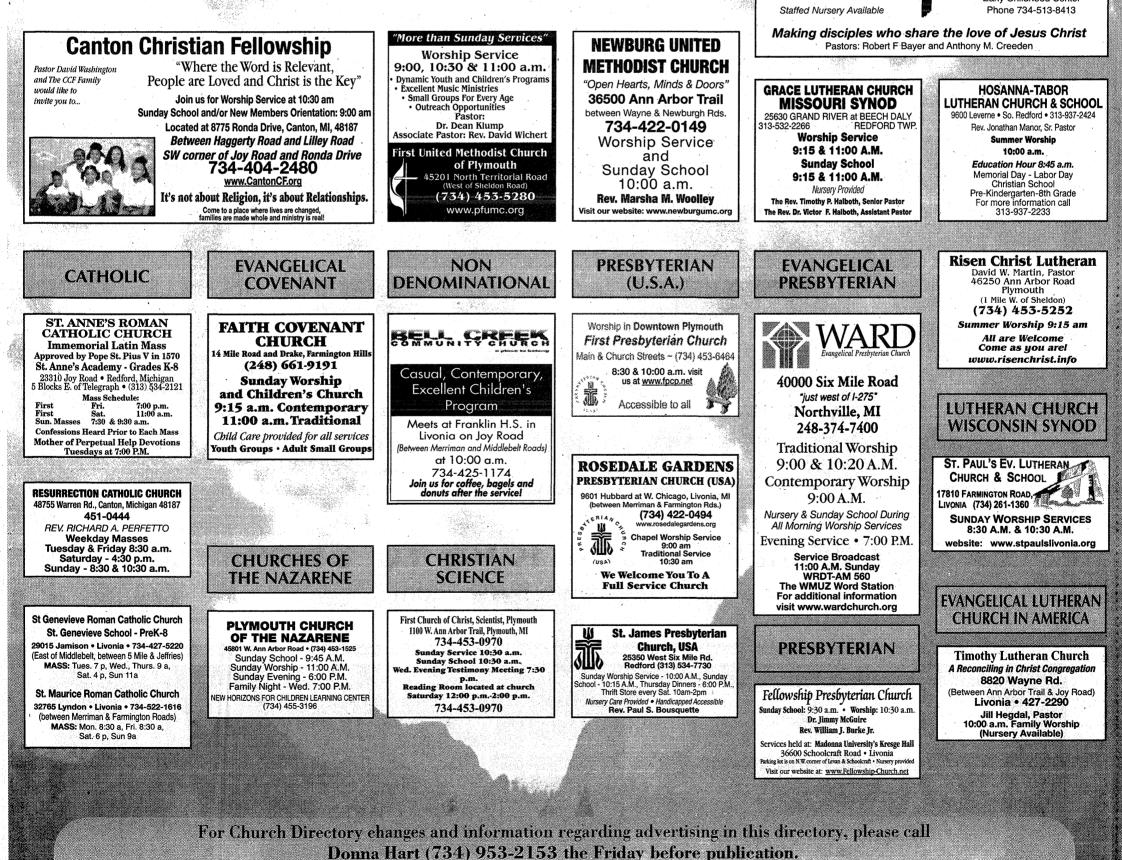
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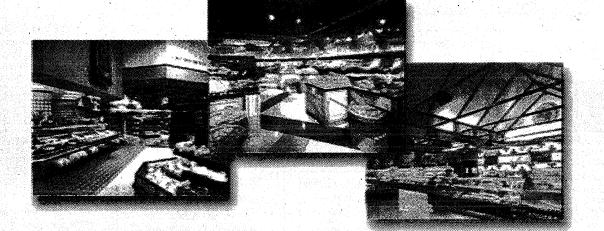
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Homenetmen Games capture true spirit

lenn Papazian had no chance of winning, but the 56-year-old Philadelphian stepped onto the Livonia Stevenson High School track



Brad Emons

Monday and gave it his best shot. Against runners 30 years his junior, Papazian clocked a blistering time of 37.8 seconds, good enough for last place.

He wasn't even close. "I'm a basketball player, but I said myself,

'What the hell,' I'll run the 200 for the heck of it," said Papazian, one over 600 competitors here this week for the North American Eastern Region Homenetmen Olympic Games.

Papazian takes his basketball seriously. He still plays the game and covers the "Big Five" in Philly's mecca of college basketball for various radio networks.

And while he's not chugging up and down the court in the Veterans Division (35-and-up), Papazian gives back to Homenetmen organization, which is dedicated to serving Armenian youth in athletics.

"It's a great thing to be involved in," Papazian said. "Number one, I enjoy the competition, and number two, it's the kids. It's all about them. I've coached many youth groups and I enjoy coaching

the kids.

"You see all the different uniforms. You meet guys from Chicago, Detroit, Boston, people you establish lasting friendships with. There are lot of families. My cousin (Rich Keshgegian) has his kids competing here - three sons and a daughter."

The four-day event, which started Saturday and ended Tuesday, shuttled back-and-forth between two sites (Stevenson and Schoolcraft College). The Homenetmen Games in Livonia featured boys and girls divisions for Pee Wee, Midget, Juniors, along with Seniors and Veterans men and women.

Aurelian Mardirosian, 28, has been competing since he was 12 in the

Homenetmen Olympic Games. He belongs to a large contingent from Boston, 120 strong, including 80 com-

petitors. Mardirosian competed this week in soccer, swimming and track.

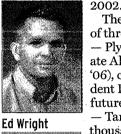
His goal was to return home wearing three different medals – a red band for first; blue for second; and orange for third.

"I've got a gold and a bronze, now I need silver to complete the set," said Mardirosian, a mechanical engineering student at Northeastern University. "They've done a good job all-around, there are not many competitions like



Strong family ties Harveys display togetherness through many difficult times

quipped with a camera, a bundle of energy and a ready smile, Tammy Harvey has been a fixture at Plymouth High School boys basketball and baseball games since the school opened in



The mother of three boys -- Plymouth graduate Alex (Class of '06), current student David and future Wildcat Sean -- Tammy has taken thousands of photos

for the memory books that are distributed at the teams' season-ending banquets. Fast-break layup. CLICK!

Players hitting the floor for a loose ball, CLICK!

Stand-up triple. CLICK! Tammy has been there to record all the action with her Nikon. weeks ago. "I was into sports growing up and my boys have always enjoyed them. I'm a firm believer in good grades, so I tell the boys that as long as they give me good grades, I'll support them in whatever they want to do."

The Harvey boys have done more than hold up their end of the bargain in the classroom. Alex was an exceptional student at Plymouth before moving on to Benedict College, an NCAA Division II school located in Columbia, South Carolina, where he earned a 3.9 grade-point average while excelling for the school's baseball team. David, a baseball and basketball player, has a 3.8 GPA and Sean is a straight-A student. "I couldn't be prouder of them,"

Tammy Harvey said. Nor they of her.

Responsible son

Alex Harvey displays a level of



MIAA honorees

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Among those honored recently on the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Academic Honor Roll for 2006-07 from Albion College include:

Amy Lindman (Canton), swimming; Andrew Lulek (Canton/Novi-Detroit Catholic Central), tennis; Carrie Oleszkowicz (Plymouth/Canton), cross country and track; Danielle Shepard (Plymouth/ Canton), soccer; Josh Silvernail (Livonia Clarenceville), football; Erica Stoney (Plymouth/Canton), cross country.

Other area honorees, who maintained a cumulative 3.5 gradepoint average or better included: Hope College's Taylor Fox (Canton/Plymouth), football; Saint Mary's (Ind.), Maggie McNicholas (Canton), swimming; Olivet College's Heather Michalsen (Plymouth/ Salem), swimming; Adrian College's Kim Olech (Canton/ Plymouth), basketball; Kalamazoo College's Ben Schroeder (Livonia Stevenson), baseball; **Olivet's Nick Stone**



Tammy Harvey is pictured with (from left) David, Sean, Alex and Nathan.

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Amazingly, until this spring, the single mother didn't miss one of her sons' home games at Plymouth — even though she holds down a full-time job at Ford and has been undergoing weekly kidney dialysis treatments for the past 11 years.

"I've always been one of those people that focuses on the positive, and I thank God every day for allowing me to do the things I'm able to do when I can do it," said Tammy, who nearly died in 2000 when a transplanted kidney burst inside of her just two weeks after the transplant.

Sports provide stability

"Sports have meant the world to our family," Tammy told me a few maturity well beyond his 19 years. Along with thriving academically and athletically at Plymouth and Benedict, he's seized the responsibility of being the oldest male in the Harvey household and run with it.

Ever since Tammy can remember, her oldest son has been a team player when it's come to helping her raise David and Sean.

"I had to grow up a little faster than most teenagers," he said, "but I've appreciated everything I've been through. I get everything from my mom because she's such a strong lady. She's been through so much already and she's made her own way regard-

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Dodgers win back-to-back tournaments

The nationally-ranked 16-and-under Concealed Security Dodgers are off to a fast start this summer with a pair of baseball tournament conquests.

During the weekend of June 23-24 in South Bend Ind., Concealed bounced back from an opening-round loss to the Duneland (Ind.) Flyers, 3-2, to win five straight games and capture the Northern Indiana Wood Bat Classic by defeating the same Flyers by an identical 3-2 score.

SANDLOT BASEBALL

The previous week (June 15-17), the

Dodgers took the Triple Crown Capital Classic in Lansing with a 5-0 record, including a 9-4 victory in the finals over the Farmington Hills-based Michigan Musrats, 9-4.

Concealed, No. 6 in the latest USA National Sports Rankings for 16-and-under teams, is coached by Dave Ruff, Jay Hansen and Britt Ponte.

Members of the Dodgers include: Tyler Cotter, Livonia Churchill; Sam Vomastek, Livonia Stevenson; Garrett Gumm, Livonia Franklin; John Firek, Jake Hansen, Mike McCann and Tony Thomas, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central; Adam Forester, Justin Forester, Jon Ponte, Alex Ruff, Jordan Shusteric, Dearborn Divine Child; Ian Francisco, Ypsilanti Lincoln; Andy Overholt, Belleville; Drew Pentico, Fowlerville; Marty LaRoure, University of Detroit-Jesuit.

Schoolcraft's Henry adds new recruits

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Things are beginning to take shape for new Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Randy Henry.

The 52-year-old Henry, who succeeds Mike Brown (now at Saline H.S.), has been busy recruiting, while holding open gyms from 3-5 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday.

Henry has eight players in the fold, along with two walk-ons, and one holdover - 6-foot-3 Jonathon Jacobson

COLLEGE HOOPS

from Kitty Hawk, N.C. – from last year's 23-9 Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA) championship team

Included in Henry's first class of recruits are a pair of Belleville High graduates, 6-foot-5 Anthony Wafer and

6-1 point-guard Darius Hardrick. They will be joined by Darnell Thurston, a 6-foot guard out of Detroit University-Prep; Andre Brown, a 6-4 forward from Detroit Crockett Tech; Alex Mason, a 6-4 transfer from Wayne State; Marvin Wafer, a 6-4 swing man from Highland Park; Michael Dabney, a 6-8 transfer from Concordia University (via Detroit Mumford); and Henry's son Eric, a 6-3 transfer from Bowling Green State (via Renaissance). Two walk-ons will also be available

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Whaler hockey camps offer wide variety

Youth hockey players looking to get a couple of strides ahead of the competition for the 2007-08 season can learn while having fun this summer with the Ontario Hockey League champion Plymouth Whalers.

The Whalers will be teaching several different oneweek schools starting July 30. The sessions will be led by Hockey Schools Director George Daniel and a number of Whaler players.

Following is the school schedule:

July 30-Aug. 3 (9-10:50 a.m.) - Beginner/Mini-mite (\$250): This five-day school is for players who have little or no organized hockey experience; previous skating lessons are required. Skills taught include forward and backward skating; stopping; basic stick-handling; and proper shooting and passing techniques.

July 30-Aug. 3 (11 a.m.-12:50 p.m.) - Power skating (\$250): This five-day school is for beginner and intermediate players and is designed to reinforce proper skating techniques.

Ŝkills taught include starts, stops, edges, crossovers, piv-

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Plymouth Whalers player Chris Terry is pictured with a young player during last year's Whalers summer hockey schools. This year's schools offer something for skaters of all ages.

Kalamazoo's Jon Smart (Plymouth-Novi CC), football; and Alma College's Christine Wheatley (Canton/ Salem), soccer. **Meijer placers** Canton golfers Glenn

(Westland John

Glenn), swimming:

Canton golfers Glenn Piot (Boys 9-10) and Zach Conrad (Boys 13-14) placed in their respective age divisions last week at the Meijer Junior Players Tour (Event No. 6) held June 26 a the BlueGolf Golf Club at Thornapple Point in Grand Rapids.

Piot carded a 44 for nine holes, tied for first with Nick Carlson of Hamilton, while Conrad shot an 82 for 18 holes en route to runner-up honors; three strokes behind winner Robert McBride of Tecumseh, Ontario.

Hole-in-one club

Using a 7-iron, Rick Ashburn of Livonia carded an ace on the 128-yard, No. 14 hole June 29 at Idyl Wyld Golf Course.

Asburn, who has been playing golf for 45 years, shot an 18-hole round of 101.

Another no-no

Backed by several key defensive plays, 10-year-old Shane Raymond pitched a complete-game, nohitter Saturday for the Red Sox in a 5-1 win over the Tigers in the Canton Little League's Minor Division season finale at McClumpha Park.

Raymond threw 78 pitches, fanning 13 and allowing just one walk. Only three runners reached base.

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The Falcons (ages 9-10) finished the regular season with a 16-1 record, including an 11-1 mark to win the City G-Major title in the Livonia Junior Athletic League. Cameron-Mount Campbell was the team's leading hitter with a .625 average. Other members of the Falcons, who will play 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 30 at Rotary Park in the playoffs, include: Kyle Way, C.J. Weiss, Derek Rotter, Frank Carlin, Jay Hopson, Gordon Ferguson, Vinny Jennaway, Jack Ferguson, Nick Copperstone, Alex Cleaver, Scott Mims, Jimmy Seewald, Heath Stillwell, Matt Boris and Sean McCann. The coaching staff includes Jim Hopson, Mike Rotter, Jeff Ferguson and Ken Way.

Demolition wins division, await playoff destination

The postseason playoffs now await the Midwest Division champion Detroit Demolition of the Independent Women's Football League.

The 7-1 Demolition wrapped up the title Saturday with a 21-6 triumph over the host Chicago Force in a game played at the Holmgren Athletic Complex at North Park University.

After a scoreless opening half, the Demolition tallied all three touchdowns over the final two quarters on a 3yard run by quarterback Kim Grodus, a 39-yard scamper from Kiana Dennis, and a 12yard run by Bridget Porter, who took turns alternating at quarterback with Grodus. Dennis ran for team-

best 105 yards, while the

Demolition defense, led by middle linebacker Misty Findlay (13 tackles) held the Force to 65 yards rushing and 81 yards passing.

The loss dropped the Force, who lost for the sixth consecutive time to the Demolition dating back to last season, including their third defeat this year, to 5-3.

The Demolition have been given a bye for the July 14 round of the IWFL playoffs. They await the winner of the Sacramento Sirens (7-1) vs. Seattle Majestics (8-0) game on that date.

If Sacramento wins, they will play the Demolition in the Western Conference championship game July 28 (tentatively set for Livonia Stevenson High School). But if Seattle wins, the Demolition will travel to Seattle.

The winner of the Western Conference championship plays in the IWFL title game Saturday, Aug. 11 in Atlanta, Ga. against the Eastern Conference winner.

Demolition golf outing

To help defray costs for two possible upcoming road trips, the Detroit Demolition will sponsor a four-person golf outing Saturday, July 7 at Southmoor Country Club, located at 4312 S. Dort Highway Burton.

Included in the \$50 cost is 18 holes (with cart), lunch, prizes, 50-50 drawing, raffle and silent auction. For more information, or to

register, call Diane Balbaugh at (989) 737-8851.

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including 5-11 guard Larry Wilson and 6-5 forward Ryan Matthews. Dabney led the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference in blocked shots, while Walker is a combination guard who jumps well.

Mason is an intriguing catch. He did not play high school basketball, but showed plenty of promise during the open gyms. "We had tryouts and he

(Mason) played hard and played very well," Henry said. "And Wilson is a tough kid with a great attitude. We're still recruiting. We'll have some of our guys play at St. Cecilia and hopefully they'll all be ready by August (when classes begin)." Henry said it's unclear

whether any of the three holdovers other from last year's team – Jerome Hutchins, Kenyawn Patterson or Duncan Jones (Westland John Glenn) - will return.

He has put together coaching staff which includes Keith Bennett, who assisted Henry last year at Detroit Renaissance High, along with Joe Wallen, who works in Media Services at Schoolcraft, and former University of Detroit Mercy center Bryan Alexander.

Bennett will serve as the assistant head coach.

The 6-8 Henry is no stranger to Detroit area basketball circles.

He played in the Detroit PSL for Elbert Richmond at Mackenzie, spent a year playing junior college ball in Iowa before going on to Illinois State where he played two seasons under Will Robinson and one under Gene Smithson. Henry was a teammate at ISU with former NBA coach and player Doug Collins. Henry was drafted and had a pair of tryouts with the Pistons before going on to teach at Detroit Northwestern High.

He also served as an assistant coach at the University of Detroit (under Willie McCarter), Highland Park CC and Orchard Lake St. Mary's College (under Glen Donahue).

(His daughter RanDee played two seasons at UDM and two at University of Nevada-Las Vegas where she scored over 1,000 points and earned All-America honors in 2004. She currently is playing overseas in Athens, Greece.) In 1982, Randy Henry embarked on a career in television under a minority hiring program where he worked under sportscaster Eli Zaret and Dick Purtan (Purtan's People).

He currently produces and directs in-studio WDIV's Local 4 Morning Powercast, which includes Guy Gordon, Ama Daetz, Beth McLeod and Kim Adams.

"I go into work at 2:30 (a.m.) and get off by 11 (a.m.)," Henry said. "It makes for a long day. I try and sleep in between, when I can. We'll practice from 4-to-6 (p.m.)."

Henry, who served five years as JV coach at Renaissance before taking over the varsity for Marc White last season, guided the Phoenix to a 20-4 record last season and reached the PSL semifinals along with the regional semifinals (losing to eventual state champion Detroit Country Day).

Henry plans to work Schoolcraft's camp (July 29-Aug. 3), but has yet to finish his recruiting.

"We'd like to get three or four more, but right now we have a nice set of guys," he said.

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less of the situation. "She's always infused that

strength in me." Alex said the golden opportunity to play college baseball at Benedict was accompanied by some reluctance.

"It was hard moving away because I was kind of the man of the house the past few years," he said. "I knew when I left that I'd be passing down a lot of responsibility to my younger brothers and I didn't want to just cut out like that. But I' called my mom and brothers a lot and made sure everything was OK."

Tough times

The Harvey family was jolted in early May when Tammy was hospitalized for 32 days after an infection infiltrated her body at the entrance site of the dialysis treatments.

The crisis was compounded by the fact that Alex -- her right-hand man -- was thou-

right-hand man -- was thousands of miles away at college. With the help of Tammy's mother, Tammy's ex-husband Nathan, and David, who displays the accelerated maturity level of Alex, the family persevered. "It was pretty bad," said Tammy, of her hospital stay. "I missed almost all of Dave's baseball games. I actually cried at the first one I was able to

attend." "I called my mom two or three times a day when she was in the hospital," said Alex, who is currently home on summer break. "I told her and my brothers that if anyone was getting too stressed out to call me because I'd drop whatever I was doing and come home." David dedicated the baseball

season to his mom.

"I thought about her all the time during the games and I wanted to get a hit for her every time I was up," said David.

He nearly did during the season's final two weeks, as he hit close to .500 and helped lead the Wildcats to their best season ever.

Prayers appreciated

The Harvey family could use your prayers now. When I talked to Alex last Thursday, he informed me that Tammy had re-entered the hospital last week. Tests were being run throughout the weekend to determine a diagnosis.

Here's hoping Tammy gets well quickly and regains the energy that has been a fixture at high school athletic contests at Plymouth the past five years.

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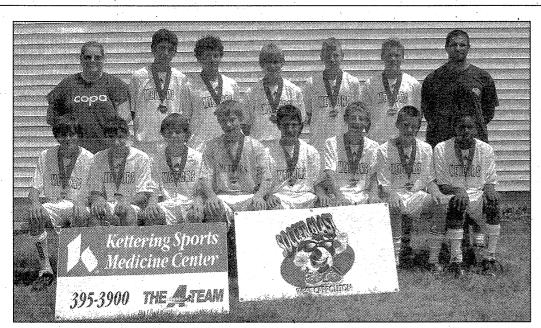
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Blast champs

On June 9-10, the Livonia Meteors under-14 team captured first place in their division at the 15th annual West Carrollton (Ohio) Soccer Blast Tournament. Team members include (back row, from left) assistant coach Shannon Buckler, Dominick Grima, Trey Douglas, Matthew Aube, Nolan Mullett, Aaron Rife, coach Mano Vagnini; (from row, from left) Nick Wood, Brad Tatro, Zachary Schultz, Justin Vincent, Alessio Vagnini, William Rori, lan Zukowski and Trevor Hart.

Oakland Hills proves too much for local British Open hopefuls

BY JIM TOTH STAFF WRITER

After 36 holes at Oakland Hills Monday, neither Michael Harris nor Tom Gillis knew which was north or south.

Looking to grab one of 12 qualifying positions for this year's British Open, Harris, a native of Troy, and Gillis, a native of Lake Orion, found both the North and South courses of the historic club trying and treacherous.

"It's a major championshiptype of golf course and they (Royal & Ancient) wanted to set it up like a major championship," said Harris, who opened his day with a 74 on the North Course and closed with a 75 on the South. "They moved the tees back (on the South Course) and now you're hitting 5 irons into greens you're supposed to hit 9 irons into.'

Harris' total of 149 left him eight shots off the final qualifying number, which was set at 141.

Nine players totaled rounds between 136 and 140, led by

Michael Putnam who followed his sterling 69 on the South with a stellar 67 on the North.

Six players finished tied at 141, forcing a sudden-death playoff to secure the final three berths into the July 19 Open at Carnoustie Golf Links in Scotland.

"I thought if I could shoot three under on the North, and come here and hang on for three over, that would have been 140 and that would easily been good enough," Harris said. "But I got off to a bad start and bogeyed four of my first six holes. The pins were tucked and I just didn't hit it that well."

"It was tough," agreed Gillis, who a little more than 12 hours earlier than his 8:22 a.m. tee time was wrapping up play in the fourth round of the Buick Open held in Grand Blanc.

"I didn't hit the ball good all day and I struggled. But I hung in there quite a bit - until I doubled (bogeys) the last two holes."

Gillis, who showed promise of shaking his slump with

four solid rounds at the Buick, began his day with a 2-over 72 on the North.

He concluded with a 6-over 76 on the South.

"The South Course is definitely toughest," Gillis said. "They have it set up probably a little too hard for a qualifier. They don't have quite enough marshalls with the amount of rough and the greens are in good shape, so they're really tough.

"It's a great track," he continued. "It just takes little long to play when you're playing 36 on a course that tough. I'm really not that tired - just frustrated."

For Harris, missing out on qualifying means back to play on the Canadian Tour, along with various stops throughout the Midwest.

"I always think good golf is right around the corner and it just hasn't happened," the Troy High alum said. "I'll pick and choose (tournaments) and try to make a living.'

For Gillis, life will continue down south in Florida competing on the Gateway Tour.

Brueck, Kathleen Hoehn,

Sweep eludes the Rams as Bulls rally in 8th inning

The Michigan Rams couldn't convert the sweep of Saturday's Livonia Collegiate Baseball League doubleheader as the Michigan Bulls scored the game-winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning of the nightcap for a 2-1 triumph at Madonna University's Ilitch Ballpark.

The 20-and-under Rams took the opener, 4-2, and were tied 1-1 through seven innings before Nick Brennan knocked in Nick Thurman with the game-winning run for the 22and-under Bulls, now 12-5-3 in the LCBL

Rams closer Steve McCatty, who walked two in the eighth, took the loss. Ryan Gunderson started and

allowed just one unearned run in 4.1 innings. He struck out

this. The only thing disap-

pointing is that they don't have

Hagop Kozelian, also 28,

The Bostonian, who has also

competed in the Homenetmen

Games since age 12, holds the

Armenian World Games triple

jump record at 47-9. He also

does the high jump and long

In 2002, Kozelian earned

Armenian World Games in

Beruit, Lebanon, capturing

the high jump and running the

He credits Detroit organiz-

ing chairman Sonny Gavoor,

the Schoolcraft College wom-

en's cross country coach, for

tor, he's more than a coach."

Kozelian said. "We've kept

in touch going back to the

(World) Olympics. I have so

"Sonny's been like my men-

pivotal third leg in the victori-

two gold medals in the

ous 4 x 100-meter relay.

much of his success.

knows a thing or two about

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four, walked six and allowed three hits. Sam Yashinsky then pitched 2.2 innings of scoreless relief.

Winning pitcher Will Kennedy (Madonna University) went all eight innings. The Westland John Glenn High grade allowed just five hits, walked five and struck out five.

Eric Vojtkofsky and Drew Churchward each collected two hits in the setback as the Rams fell to 10-8-2. Frank Persichino knocked in the lone run for the Rams in the first inning.

In the opener, Nick Urban went 2-for-4 with the gamewinning RBI run scoring Nick Plinka in the fifth inning for the Rams, who out-hit the Bulls, 8-6.

Kyle Hurtt went 2-for-2 with an RBI, while Yashinsky added two hits. Persichino also knocked in a run.

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Aaron Powell went 2-for-4 with a homer for the Bulls. Kevin Zerbo also knocked in a run.

Steve Karchefske was the winning pitcher in relief. Over the final 3.1 innings, Karchefske did not allow a hit or run. He struck out three. Starter Justin Mazur went the first 3.2 innings, allowing two runs on six hits and three walks. Mazur fanned four.

Losing pitcher John Feliccia gave up four runs on seven hits in 5.1 innings. He walked three and hit a batter. Reliever Bryan Weeks finished up, allowing just one hit and a walk in 1.2 innings.

much respect for him. He cried after we won that (4×100) relay."

Kozelian, who works as a company supervisor and coaches high school soccer in the Boston area, also gives back to his Homenetmen chapter.

He reminded a young competitor not to "look over" when you're running a race. "You lose time, when you look around, look straight ahead," Kozelian urged in the Stevenson High infield.

"I've been doing it my whole life, since I was 12," said Kozelian, who plays senior basketball and soccer, and coaches junior hoops and track and field. "But now I'm doing it for the kids."

Homenetmen is about heritage.

It was established in 1918 in Armenia, soon after the 1915-1918 genocide by the Ottoman Turks.

The organization has held the North American Regional Games every year since, and the World Athletic Games every four years. The next

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World Games are scheduled for 2009 in either Armenia or Athens Greece where over 9,000 athletes are expected to participate.

Among the chapters participating this week in Livonia included Toronto, Chicago, New Jersey, Boston, Philly, Atlanta and Miami.

"The hosts have done a good job, very organized, everything starts on time," Kozelian said. "The referees are there. The buses are on time. Things are done quickly, on schedule.

They've done a very good job." The camaraderie, the friendships and preserving their culture. You see guys like Churchill High's Raffi Markarian being urged on by the crowd to finish in the 800 and brings a smile to your face.

And it keeps guys like Glenn Papazian coming back year after year.

"Thirty-seven, point-eight seconds," Papazian said. "Sonny told me that's not a bad time."

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Storm places 3rd in ASA tournament

Despite injuries and illness, the Livonia Storm 16-andunder travel team made a respectable third-place showing in last weekend's Junior **Olympics ASA Class A State** Tournament held in Mount Pleasant.

Playing against elite and select teams, the Storm won five straight games to advance to the winner's bracket championship game, but suffered their first tournament defeat

ots, agility and speed training. July 30-Aug. 3 (1-2:50 p.m.) - Squirt Elite (\$250): This five-day school is geared for the accelerated player looking for a combination of on-ice as well as off-ice drills and training. Professional instructors will conduct a high-intensity on-ice workout followed by dry-land conditioning with Dennis MacDonald, the Whalers' athletic therapist. **Aug. 6-10 (9 a.m. to 3:50**

GIRLS FASTPITCH

the Storm, 6-0.

Members of the

Hollandsworth, include

Amanda Paison, Lauren

Emily Hollandsworth, Laura Deacon and Jamie Johnson, as eventual champion Team all of Livonia Stevenson: Brittany Taylor, Briauna Michigan overcame a sevenrun deficit with eight runs in Taylor, Alecia Geraghty and Natalie Polakowski, all of the final inning to win, 8-7. Finesse then avenged an ear-Livonia Franklin; Annie lier 5-4 setback to eliminate Hollandsworth, Chelsea; Genny Kotyuk, Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard. Storm, coached by Tim Assistant coaches include

Tom Hollandsworth, Reno Taylor and Kevin Deacon.

p.m.) - All-Day School (\$399): This five-day school will balance on-ice instruction with off-ice development. The focus will be on power skating, stick handling, shooting, passing and game situa-

tions. ■ Aug. 13-17 (9-10:50 a.m. or 2-3:50 p.m.) - Mite Preseason Tune-up (\$250): This five-day school focuses on power skating, agility, balance, stops and starts, and game situations.

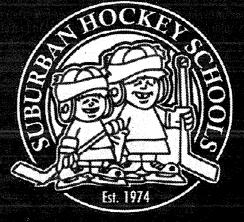
■ Aug. 13-17 (noon to 1:50 p.m.) - Squirt Preseason Tuneup (\$250): This five-day school focuses on power-skating, agility, balance, stops and starts, stick handling and game situations.

■ Aug. 20-24 (11 a.m. to 2:20 p.m.) - High School (\$300): A challenging camp designed to enhance the players' overall skill set. Players will be able to utilize the Whalers' training facility, including the weight room and locker room. Instructors include the Whalers' coaching staff as well as high school coaches.

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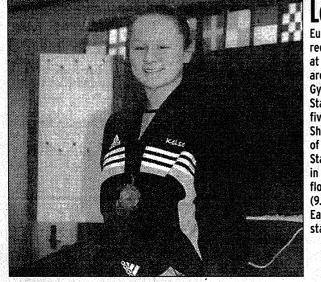
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Level 8 champ

Eurostar gymnast Kelsey Stamm, who recently completed her ninth-grade year at Plymouth High School, captured the allaround championship at the Level 8 Regional Gymnastics Meet held April 28 in Indianapolis. Stamm outpointed 51 other gymnasts from a five-state area with a total score of 37.275. She also placed first on the vault with a score of 9.45.

Stamm, who has been training at Eurostars in Canton for six years, was seventh in the floor routine (9.35), eighth on the uneven bars (9.25) and eighth on the balance beam (9.25). Earlier this year she placed second at the state meet.



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WSSL Rec champs

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The Livonia YMCA Soccer Club Rockets, an under-14 team, captured the Western Suburban Soccer League's Recreation Division on June 9 with an 11-0 win over Hartland. The Canton Cup champs, made up of players primarily from Livonia, finished 12-0 overall, posted nine shutouts while allowing just three goals. Team members include (standing, from left) assistant coach Rod Hassinger, Jeff Dombrowski, Eric Martoia, Kyle Keller (West Bloomfield), John Falkowski, Scott Vasko, John Sheppard (Farmington Hills), Philip Worley, Tyler Brown, James Hassinger, Jake Allen, Tyler Ruchala, Kevin Francisco, Joe Flanagan, Zachary Miller, assistant coach Steve Vasko; (kneeling) head coach Todd Francisco. Team members not pictured include Daniel Lobo, Josh Schwartz and Tim Talty.



Youth Triathlon

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage its fourth annual youth triathlon Saturday, Aug. 18 at Clements Circle Park.

The bike, run and swim is offered to boys and girls, who will compete separately.

Those eligible are Livonia residents or those who reside in the Livonia Public Schools district.

Early registration is \$10. Race day registration is \$15. All participants will receive a specially designed T-shirt.

Age divisions, race times and registration will be: 8and-under, 8:30 a.m. start (8 a.m. check-in); 9-10, 9:45 a.m. start (9:15 a.m. check-in); 11-12, 11 a.m. start (10;30 a.m. check-in); and 13-14, noon start (11:30 a.m. check-in). All participants need a swim

suit, bike, bike helmet and running shoes.

Distances include 2-mile bike, three-quarter mile run and 150-yard swim (ages 13-14); 1.5-mile bike, half-mile run and 100-yard swim (ages 11-12); 1-mile bike, half-mile run and 50-yard swim (ages 9-10); half-mile bike, quartermile run and 25-vard swim (ages 8-and-under).

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

Judo juniors

The 2007 U.S Judo Federation Junior Nationals will be Saturday-Sunday, July 14-15, at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center in Ypsilanti. The officially sanctioned

event will feature Livonia's Alexandra Joseph, who will compete in the 13-year-old girls bracket, and Nicholas Joseph, who will be in the 9-10 year-old boys division.

For more information on the Junior Nationals, visit www. MichiganJudo.org.

Motor City Jr. Golf

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The Motor City Junior Golf Championship for ages 12-17 is

SPORTS ROUNDUP

scheduled for Wednesday, July 25 at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia.

The 18-hole event is sponsored by Caddy Shack and Top Flite Golf.

Included in the \$49 entry fee is one practice round (prior to the event), one bucket of driving range balls (the day of the event), lunch ticket and gift pace.

Entry forms must be fill out in full, signed and returned by Wednesday, July 18 to Whispering Willows, located on Newburgh Road just south of Eight Mile Road.

Tee times will be announced after noon on Sunday, July 22. For more information, call (248) 476-4493.

Baseball lessons

The Bernie Carbo Pro Secrets Baseball Academy will be staging individual, small group and team skill sessions in power pitching, hitting and fielding.

Marketing showcase sessions for high school players are available.

Former Phillies minor league All-Star Mark Rutherford will be the featured instructor.

For more information, call (734) 421-4928.

Soccer openings

The Waza FC Soccer Club has open positions for the following teams: under-8 (boys and girls), under-10 (girls); under-11 (boys); under-12 (boys and girls); under-13 (boys).

Practices will be held at Livonia's Bryant Field, located on Merriman between Six and Seven Mile roads.

For more information, call Jim Debolski at (734) 637-1730; or visit www.WazaFC. com.

Soccer clinics

High Velocity Sports in Canton will be offering summer soccer clinics after the 4th of July.

The clinics are once a week for eight weeks.

The cost and day of the week for each class varies per class from \$60 to \$90. All classes include a free T-shirt.

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The available clinics include "Future Stars" (2- and 3-yearolds), "Small Stars" (3-4), "Kicks With Kids" (4-5 and 6-7), a Skill Acceleration Camp (8-9 and 10-12), "Beginning Booters" (8-11) and a women's clinic for adults.

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HVS will also offer skill development classes with Detroit Ignition players on Thursdays beginning June 14 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 for those who are already registered for spring or summer clinics at HVS or \$10 for anyone else.

Finally, HVS will offer a summer soccer camp for kids between the ages of 5 and 12 June 25-29 from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$110. All HVS summer camps are buy one, get one half off.

F5 Running Club

The F5 (Faith, Fitness, Family, Friendship and Fun) Running Club will be running each Sunday through Aug. 13.

The club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot on the east side of Hines Dr., approximately a half-mile north of Six Mile.

The group runs on the nearby cross-country course, which is part of the Bennett Arboretum (also known as Cass Benton).

The club also meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Hines Park near the soccer fields on the north side of the road, just west of Haggerty.

"All athletes are welcome to join the club, whether they plan to run cross country in the fall or if they simply want to stay in shape," said Steve Spreitzer. "There will be runners and walkers of varying ability, making a comfortable space for everyone." For more information,

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LESSON ON GOLF By Jeff Lesson

I played in the Buick **Open Pro-Am last** Wednesday preceding the Buick Open. I was paired with Charles Howell III (the #24 ranked player in the world), actor Jeff Daniels, another media guy and a manager from General Motors.

I was hoping just to have a nice anonymous round of golf. But that all changed due to the pairing with Daniels. There were lots of folks who were very interested in watching him play golf. Many others wanted to see Howell play. Suffice to say, they were not there to watch Jeff Lesson play. Still, once the

The Buick Open Pro-Am

announcement came from the starter on our first hole ("Please welcome from Lesson On Golf, Jeff Lesson. Let's see if he can bring his game to the course."), it all changed. All of a sudden, I was no longer anonymous. People wanted to see if "Lesson On Golf" could hit a golf ball.

I quickly announced to the crowd, "those who can do, those who can't talk about it on the radio." That brought a chuckle, but it was time for me to deliver a tee shot. My shot was well struck,

albeit in the left rough. At least I got it up in the air with the masses watching.

Charles Howell III could not have been a nicer or friendlier guy. He is very good friends with Tiger Woods and discussed his friendship with me. He was not surprised at all that Tiger opted to miss the Buick Open due to the birth of his daughter. He also said the Buick Open is the easiest on tour to score at because the greens are the softest out there.

Jeff Daniels too was a nice guy. He readily

signed autographs for fans in between holes. He also is a pretty good player and takes the game quite seriously.

We were rained out after 15 holes but had a great time.

Jeff Lesson is a WWJ Sports Anchor/Reporter and host of the award winning feature "Lesson on Golf" on WWJ Newsradio 950 weekend mornings at 5:45, 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45 AND every Saturday morning 7-8 am on 1270 XYT The Sports Station. Don't forget to check out

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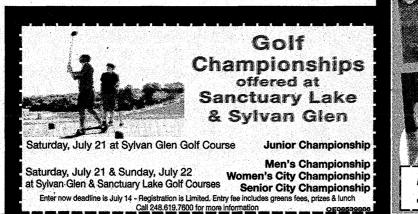
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Larger

companies may well be losing their glow, according to a white paper by Hale Cochran.

executive advisor at Polachi, an executive search firm in Framingham, Mass.

Polachi has placed approximately 1,000 senior executives -- about 50 percent of its successful candidates -- in small companies. Cochran maintains that this market trend is more favorable than when the Internet bubble burst.

Two individuals with no connection to the search firm reflect the trend. Mick Gilbert is vice president, Strategy and Business Development, at Global Green Solutions Inc., headquartered in Vancouver, B.C. Gilbert is developing a market for products and services that will reduce global warming. His previous company had 35,000 employees worldwide; Global Solutions has 25 employees from Johannesburg to Vancouver.

Esther LaBovick practices law at LaBovick & LaBovick P.A., in Jupiter, Fla., where she specializes in personal injury, wrongful death and false claims. Her last organization had 1,000 employees; her current one has 20.

ENVIRONMENT

Both now work in completely different environments. The home office Gilbert

uses in White Plains, N.Y., is right where he needs it to travel. The content of his work is very different, too. He worked in strategy ("I was a back-office guy") at the larger organization. Now, he says, his skills and responsibilities are "aligned with the (central) activities of the business. I'm in energy and environmental business strategy in an energy and environmental company. I'm in the core of value creation here."

LaBovick seems to have had her hands tied in her previous organization. Her staff was large and, because the company was strong financially, she didn't have to worry about costs. Still, she reported to the company's board of directors and couldn't implement a legal decision without the approval of non-lawyers. Worse than that, she says, "I had very little autonomy and could not make any decisions on my own." She describes her current situation as "somewhere in the middle," permitting her to make decisions but lacking significant resources, human or financial. Now she can tackle a problem immediately rather than wait for approval from a bureaucracy. Her approach to her basic work is clearly different: "I pick and choose which cases we handle and my caseload." She's paid on contingency by private individuals -- very different from her previous non-profit, where she received a salary, regardless of case outcome, and where clients were corporate.

BOTTOM LINE

Gilbert describes his change as strategic, enabling him to "do something different and differently." Both he and LaBovick

are intimately involved in the details of their work. Gilbert mentions that when something goes wrong with technology, he can't call someone in IT to fix it. While they both use the phrase "more hands-on" to describe their work, Gilbert comments, "You end up doing things as a great learning opportunity. There's no one's turf to step on."

The two also agree with the white paper that there are: -- fewer established procedures

(Global Green is still developing them); -- increased P&L responsibility (current

or projected) and cross-functional involvement; and

- greater involvement with the board of directors and external parties.

However, they differ on doing more internal selling, which Gilbert does, to get ideas through the system. "Our company is early-stage. We're going from a concept developed in a lab and we're trying to convert that to a commercial opportunity." LaBovick has greater latitute to act without discussion.

One interesting feature of smaller companies that Gilbert, LaBovick and the white paper never mention is that of quirkiness. Larger companies seem to

Mick Gilbert is in his home office, where he's establishing a market for Global Green Solutions Inc., whose mission is to reduce global warming. He is vice president, Strategy and Business Development and travels domestically and internationally to meet with prospects and customers.

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stifle individuality more; smaller ones, draw it out.

LaBovick "doesn't miss anything" in her old company. Gilbert confesses to having found the correct spot for himself: "I feel that my entire brain and capabilities are being engaged," but he misses the socialization that came through work.

Nonetheless, he adds, "This is what I should be doing. I'm not looking back."

(Next week: The appeal of large companies.)

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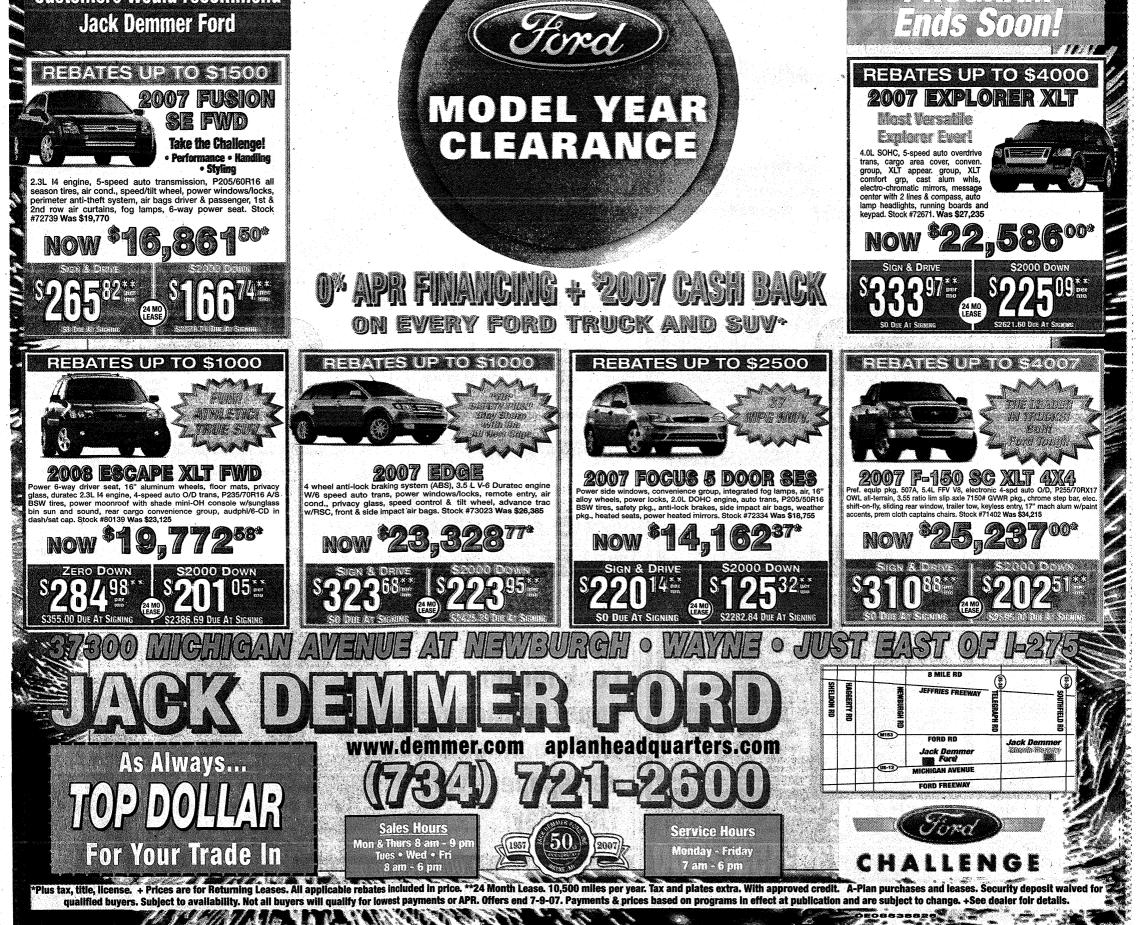
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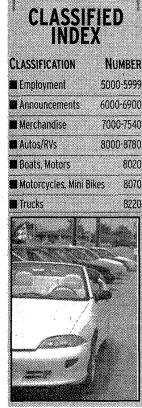
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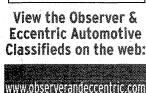


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By Dale Buss

Mini vans have become the Rodney Dangerfields of the automotive world: They get no respect -- but a lot of people like them.

Some auto makers, many industry pundits, and millions of American consumers seem to have written off mini vans for good. Lacking the stylishness of the hot new crossover genre, and suffering from a lack of new-product news, mini van sales have fallen off dramatically this year from 2006, to below a one-million-unit rate, and seem to be acquiring still more downward momentum as the year goes along.

Yet, there are reasons to believe that sales of the Chrysler Town & Country, Dodge Grand Caravan, Honda Odyssey, Toyota Sienna, Nissan Quest and Hyundai Entourage can remain viable, collectively, even for the long term.

The reasons for optimism start with the inherent strengths of mini vans: utility, convenience, flexibility, drivability and fuel economy, which remain unmatched in combination by any SUV or even crossover vehicle. By this fall, Chrysler intends to enhance those strengths by debuting overhauled 2008 models. Honda plans a newly tweaked Odyssey as well.

"In terms of raw, efficient carrying of people and stuff, there's still nothing better - there just isn't," said Steve Bartoli, Chrysler's vice president of global product marketing. "And some people will always appreciate that." From the day that former Chrysler CEO Lee Iacocca introduced this completely new vehicle type in 1984, after

borrowing the concept from his days at Ford Motor Co., mini vans have enjoyed a great ride. They almost singlehandedly restored Chrysler in the Eighties. Mini vans created a new industry segment that boomed just as boomers were having kids to fill them. Import makes validated the category and penetrated the market during the Nineties.

They offered a car-smooth, front-wheel-drive ride; fuel economy that could bust 30 mpg on the highway; sliding doors that provided by far the easiest way to get babies and small children in and out of vehicles; legitimate



A removable table fits between the second and third rows of the new Chrysler mini vans

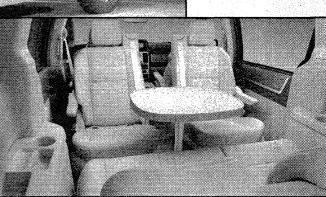
seven- or eight-passenger comfort; and an image of sensibility and even wholesomeness that became an integral part of their appeal.

At some point, soccer moms and mini vans became synonymous. And in another beneficial twist, many grandparents bought mini vans: Even today, from 25% to 40% of mini van sales, depending on models, are to customers 60 years old and older, according to Toyota.

Then, as boomers aged, demographics began to work against the segment. As gas prices eased, SUVs took over as the preferred family-hauling vehicle for many Americans - especially because they came without the mini van image that had become stodgy. Now, new crossovers such as the GMC Acadia and Saturn Outlook offer the biggest challenge yet, from another segment, to the appeal of mini vans, including a car-like ride and the ability to walk from the second to the third row of seats.

Town & Country and Grand Caravan sales have tanked this year in part because Chrysler is readying the 2008 models for introduction - and is expecting a big uplift from them. The company has regularly improved the style, quality and functionality of its mini vans over the years, with enhancements such as the Stow 'n Go folddown second- and third-row seats that debuted in 2005.

This time around, noteworthy new features include a front-center storage console that slides back and



cantilevers so that second-row occupants can use it. An optional new DVD-entertainment system can play different disks on separate second- and third-row screens. "It will totally change how kids think about entertainment in the car," said Chrysler's Bartoli.

Second-row seats swivel for easier entry to and exit from the vehicle, and to set up a conversation pit with third-row occupants. And a removable table can sit between the two rows for game-playing or for sharing snacks.

All mini van producers also are counting on an uptick in interest from the so-called Millenials generation, the offspring of boomers. But the Millenials generation is only about 70% the size of the boomer generation. "Interest remains fairly good in the age group that would be oriented toward mini vans," said Art Spinella, president of CNW Marketing Research, an automotive-research firm in Bandon, Ore. "But the framework is that you're dealing with a much smaller base."

If they can continue to sell around one million mini vans annually for the next few years, auto makers will be happy. They seem confident they can. Bartoli, for example, recalled that "people said the segment was dead" in the mid-Nineties - but that was just before Chrysler debuted a driver's-side passenger door and revived sales. "Are we on the precipice again? I don't think so."



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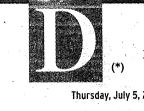


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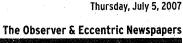


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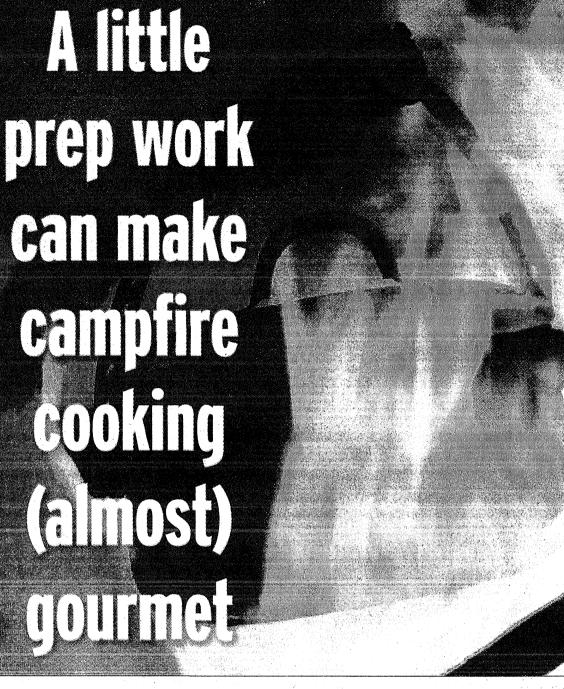
National gardening expert Melinda Myers will visit English Gardens locations in West Bloomfield, Dearborn Heights and Eastpointe Saturday and Sunday, July 7 and 8, to present a free seminar, Summer Container Gardening.

Known for her gardener-friendly and practical approach, Myers will show how to select a winning combination of plants and assemble a beautiful container garden, and will provide tips on keeping it looking good all season long. Myers, who is appear-

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"Many people don't realize that you can still be successful at gardening at the high point of summer," she said. "It really is a perfect time to spruce up your containers with new colors and plants."

Myers has written 19 gardening books, including Can't Miss Small Space Gardening. She hosts Great Lakes Gardener, which is seen on PBS throughout the United States, hosts syndicated radio shows and writes syndicated newspaper columns.



BY ANNMARIE TIMMINS FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

If hot dogs and hamburgers don't inspire you to hit the hiking trail and camp, how about sausage jambalaya bubbling over a fire followed by hot berry cobbler?

It's possible, it's easy and it's fast. Thanks to improvements in camping cooking gear and a bounty of easy-prep and in-store ingredients, the days of settling for the utilitarian campfire cooking of vestervear

equipment and prepping ingredients before you leave home.

First, the equipment. The key is to keep it light. Though cast-iron pans offer campfire cachet, you wouldn't want to hike with one on your back. Reserve those for camping in which you will drive to your tent site. The rest of the time stick with aluminum.

And choose just one versatile pan. Don Jacobson, author of

now that newer, lighter aluminum models offer a packable alternative to the more common cast-iron behemoths.

When a campfire isn't an option, camping stoves are the way to go. Single-burner stoves can weigh less than a pound. Most run on white gas (sometimes called camp fuel) or butane and can handle anything from pasta to stir-fry to stew.

"Why are we going out in the irst place? Because it's better than being at home," said Jacobson, who became a campfire gourmet after eating one too many boring meals while leading Boy Scout expeditions. "Why would you take that wonderful experience and ruin it by having a bad meal?"

MAKE IT EASY

Whatever your camping and cooking style, here are some easy ways to jazz up your campfire meals:

Look for dried foods, such as pesto, hummus, even beans and rice, which can be easily rehydrated on the trail and used to dress up or accompany other ingre-

grilling also can be used for all these things.

If you have a sweet tooth, bake some simple desserts at home (cookies and brownies, for example), wrap them well in plastic wrap and freeze. They not only satisfy your trailside cravings, they also help keep other foods

cold.

are gone.

"There is almost nothing you can't do on the trail," said Don Philpott, who with wife Pam wrote The Trailside Cookbook and is a fan of campfire jambalaya. "People don't think you can have a threecourse meal around the campfire."

The trick to making that happen is forethought - getting the right

campfire cookbook The One Pan Gourmet, says that with just a frying pan and utensils, he can cook walnut chicken, stir-fry and coconut fruit cups. If he brings the Dutch oven instead, he can turn out lasagna or hot berry cobbler. The Dutch oven — which can

serve as a griddle, a cook pot or an oven — is a favorite, especially With your gear settled, focus on

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dients.

Dried salad dressing mixes offer tons of flavor and weigh almost nothing. They can be added to rice. or pasta, mixed into baked potatoes or used to season meat. Spice rubs intended for

Bring ingredients that have multiple uses. Peanut butter is great in a sandwich, tossed with warm noodles (think pad thai) or mixed into oatmeal. Likewise, jam can accompany peanut butter, make a tasty vinaigrette or glaze meat.

Water wonders

The Michigan Koi Pond Club will present its 10th annual Pond/Water Garden Tour 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 14, in the Rochester area.

Water features and gardens will be shown at eight homes, rain or shine. The selfguided tour will start at the Older Persons Commission (OPC), east off Second Street in downtown Rochester at 650 Letica Drive. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the OPC.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 5-15. Tickets and booklets are available at the OPC, Barson's Greenhouse in Westland, Bordine Nursery in Rochester, The Pond Place in Milford and Wiegands Nursery in Macomb Township. On the day of the event, tickets may be bought only at the OPC.

For more information, call Bruce E. Modetz at (734) 425-7490.

New ways to play your music, wherever you may roam

et ready for a musical feast. A bunch of new services lets you enjoy your music library like never before, whether it's being piped from your PC to your home theater or streamed across the Web.



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

For example, suppose you're sitting in your office at work wishing you could play your new Amy Winehouse album - the one that's stored on your PC at home.

One great option: Lala.com. Originally a CD-swapping service, the new Lala scans for

music on your hard drive, then makes those tunes available for playback via any Web-connected PC.

That means you can listen at work, a friend's house, or wherever, and your PC at home doesn't even have to be on.

It's not a perfect system: Any songs not already on the Lala servers have to be uploaded from your PC, and that can take a long time

depending on the size and diversity of your library.

The new Lala is still in beta, and it shows. The interface can be confusing at first, and I had trouble getting certain tracks to play. But it's easy to see how incredible this service will be once it's more fully developed.

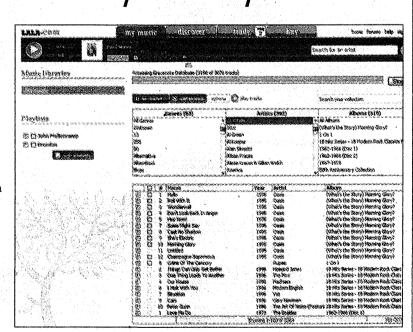
Most amazing of all, Lala is free. Give it a try and let me know what you think.

While you're at it, take nutSie (nutsie.com) for a spin. It's a similar service, but designed expressly for iTunes users (nutSie is an anagram of iTunes).

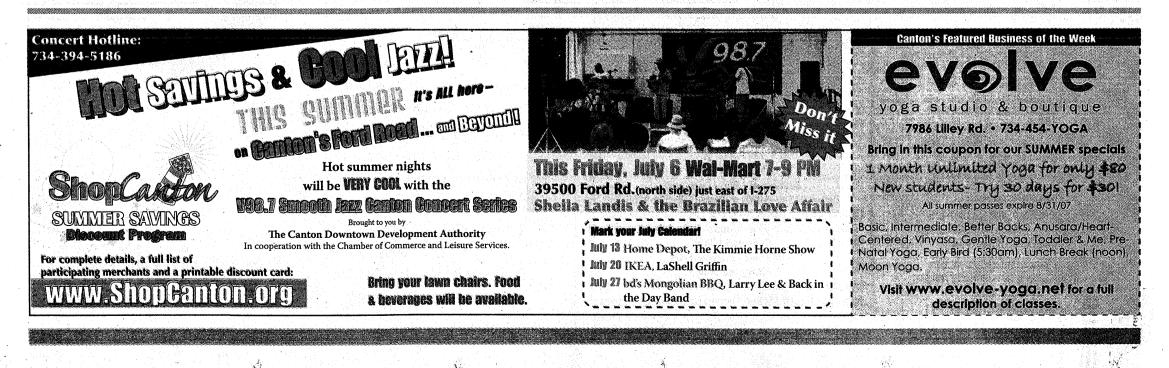
Like Lala, nutSie compares your song library with its own and makes any matches available for streaming. However, nutSie doesn't upload the songs it doesn't have; you're just outta luck on those.

What's more, although nutSie does support individual playlists, it can only shuffle-play your songs. That is, you can't select specific albums or tracks.

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Mold, odor big problems in front load washers

any of you know that a year ago we had a new front load washer and dryer installed in our basement laundry room.

I didn't want these products ______ because our

30-year-old

washer and

dryer were

working just

fine, but as you

know, love can

strange things.

Valorie likes

make you do

all the bells

and whistles

and has been

quite pleased



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

with the products, except when the washer didn't clean the bed sheets after granddaughter Haley ate too much ice cream and cake on a recent sleep-over. Oh, what a night that was.

Valorie has kept me appraised every few weeks on

her feelings of washability, etc. The other day she said, "If I forget a load of clothes in the washer after it's done and it's a day later, I have to wash them over again. They have a terrible smell, and this wouldn't have happened in my old washer."

I told her that I have to report all her comments to the readers of this column and so now, here are the facts.

My research on several different Web sites finds that many people are experiencing mold and odor problems across this country. At a recent meeting I

attended, I was in the presence of more than 50 appliance service technicians who verified that this problem is big time in front load washers. They also don't have a solid cure to stop the problem, and this is becoming a public relations nightmare in the appliance industry.

I am getting a ton of phone calls on my radio show and much e-mail showing the displeasure of homeowners who have spent big bucks for a simple washing machine. Well-known columnist Nolan Finley recently wrote that the government is to blame for this debacle. He could be correct, which means it will take a long time to straighten out the problem. This e-mail from Cathy gives

the typical example of what consumers are going through: "I have a first had make

"I have a front load washer and dryer about 1 1/2 years old. I have always used a small amount of High Efficiency Tide and left the door open when not in use. There is a foul smell coming from the washer... like a musty sewer-type smell. We went back to the dealer and they told us there is a small hose that needs to be drained on the lower left front of the machine. We did that. There was really no backup of water... They also said that there might be a buildup of soap on the drum. We have been doing a sanitary wash

with bleach every other week to try to clean that, but the smell is still there."

I have no doubt today that mold and odor are a serious problem in front load washers, and I don't believe that manufacturers have a clue on how to get rid of it.

I was the guy screaming eight years ago, "Leave the washer alone!" But who am I that anyone would listen?

Well, there is an answer, but don't expect the maker of your washer to contribute any dollars towards the cure. You will have to do it yourself.

This column has never been used to advertise a business or product, and it is just not the policy or the ethical standards of this fine newspaper to do so. I'm going to bend the rules by telling you that I interviewed a man in Minnesota who has invented a cleaner. From what I have checked out, it works.

Try it and let me pass your comments on to readers of this column. Go to smellywasher. com. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on Talk Radio WAAM 1600 at 8 a.m. Saturdays and on WDTW-AM 1310 at 6 a.m. Sundays. He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP). His phone number is (734) 971-1600, Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to mklemic@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Hosta showticThe Michigan Hosta Society willKaconduct an American Hosta Societymaaccredited hosta show 1-4 p.m.ThSaturday, July 7, at the Plant and SoilSoScience Building, Bogue and WilsonAuat Michigan State University in EastThLansing. Admission is free.DoHundreds of hosta leaves will be onTedisplay, ranging in size from less thannaan inch to more than 15 inches tall, asbewell as miniature container gardensPr

featuring hosta. A large collection of hostas, from classic hostas to the newest introductions, will be available for sale. Garden staging

Learn how to stage your garden for all year in Staging Your Garden for All Seasons, a class scheduled 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Cost is \$19, plus a \$5 materials fee payable to the instructor in class.

For registration and other information, call (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com. The instructor will be certified master gardener Michael Saint, who owns Good Earth Landscape Institute in Clarkston.

Rain gardens

Rain Garden Design and Maintenance: A Forum for Home Gardeners, a free program, will take place 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 26, at the Auburn Hills Community Center, 1827 N. Squirrel Road. Seating is limited. Advance registra-

GARDEN WALK CALENDAR

Redford Visit several lovely gardens on the Redford Garden Walk, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 14. Tickets are \$5. Tickets and

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But it does have a big ace in the hole: It can stream music to your cell phone.

For now this option is limited to just over a dozen models (the Motorola RAZR and Nokia E62 among them), but they'll be adding more in the future.

At the moment, I know of no other service that can stream your iTunes library to your phone. Even the iPhone doesn't offer that option. tion is requested. To register, call Karen Bever at (248) 288-5150 or email LFDean@aol.com. The program is sponsored by the

Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA). The speaker will be civil engineer Donald Carpenter, Ph.D., of Lawrence

Technological University. SOCWA native landscape volunteers will also be featured. Presentation topics will be benefits

of compost for water retention and water quality, rain garden plant selection, maintenance tips from SOCWA gardeners, rain garden benefits for the Rouge River, and research results of water infiltration and soil mixes.

Vertical gardening

English Gardens will host free seminars at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in July at all 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. Vertical Gardening: Adding Color Between the Lines will be the topic July 11. Learn how to fill in the spaces in your garden with plants and flowers that provide vertical interest. Gardening in the Shade will be the topic July 18.

For more information, call the stores or visit www.englishgardens.com. School of Gardening

The Michigan School of Gardening presents a variety of classes for different levels.

GARDEN WALK CALENDAR

maps of gardens are available at the Community Center (12121 Hemingway), Township Hall (15145 Beech Daly) and the Redford Public Library (25320 Six Mile). The event is sponsored by the

Finally, there's MediaMaster (mediamaster.com), another free music-streaming service. This one requires you to upload your entire library, which can take quite a bit of time if you have a big one.

Fortunately, it offers unlimited storage space and support for the big-three audio formats (AAC, MP3 and WMA).

Cooler still, you can embed a MediaMaster widget in your blog or Web site so others can stream your music.

The only real downside is that songs play at a relatively low bit rate (64Kbps), which is For registration and other information, call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit www.michigangardening.com. Classes include Practical Gardening Tips, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 26, in Rochester (cost is \$29).

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Rose programs

Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses in Sumpter Township, offer a series of public programs at the nursery, 49875 Willow Road between Rawsonville and Sumpter roads.

The schedule includes Japanese Beetle Control for Roses, a free lecture and hands-on demonstration, 1 p.m. Sunday, July 8 (repeated 11 a.m. Monday, July 9); and Rose Propagation Workshop, 1 p.m. Sunday, July 15 (repeated 11 a.m. Monday, July 16).

Reservations are required for the rose propagation workshop, which has a \$25 material fee. Participants in the workshop will prepare and root roses from cuttings and learn other techniques for easy at-home propagation. Each presentation lasts about 11/2 hours. Dress for the weather. For more information, call (734) 461-1230 or visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com.

Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Mary Klemic, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, e-mail mklemic@hometownlife.com, fax (248) 644-1314.

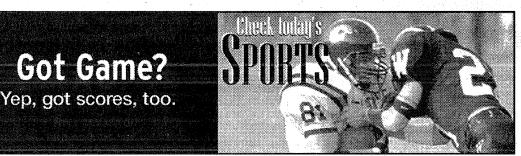
Redford Township Beautification Commission. For more information, call Janet Watson at (313) 255-5293 or Dorothy Morris at the Redford Senior Center, (313) 387-2788.

a step below FM radio quality. I'll cover some home-stereo music-sharing options in a future column, like the incredible Sonos Digital Music System and the DLO HomeDock Music Remote. Stay tuned!

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She got her goggles at a garage sale...

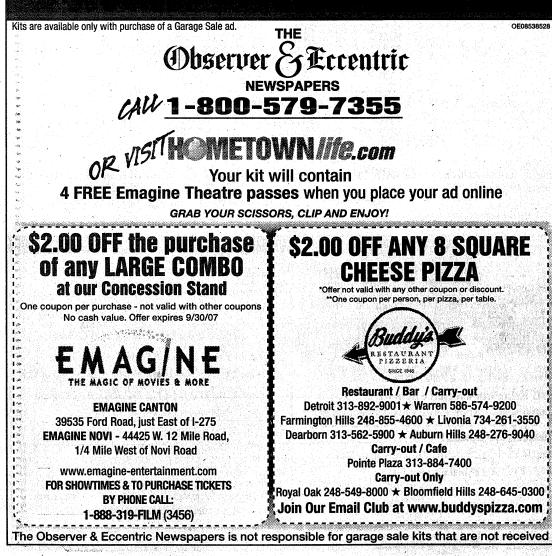
...along with a lava lamp, trampoline and a pair of hiking boots. Some people will buy anything, so if you have anything to sell, call us and we'll place your ad, give you some great free stuff, and hope this lady comes to your sale.



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Interest in petite sirah rebounds CAMPFIRE

f you're still confused about syrah and shiraz being the same variety, don't let this column about petite sirah confuse you further. Do, however, let these big and powerful red wines tantalize your palate.



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In California for many years, petite sirah was the mystery grape. Apparently, mystery grapes made into wine don't fare well among

today's con-

sumers as the

following stats

detail. In 1976,

Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

petite sirah acreage in California peaked at 14,000 acres. By 1995, it had dropped to 2,400. Today, though, interest is again on the rise. That's because it's no longer a mystery grape.

In 1997 Dr. Carole Meredith, professor emerita at the Department of Viticulture and Enology at the University of California, and her research team determined that petite sirah is the same as the French variety durif. In 1998, the same research unit using DNA paternity analysis methods, just like those used with humans, determined that syrah is the father of petite sirah and thus it's related to the true syrah of France's Rhone Valley.

Impressive research, but what do varietally-labeled petite sirah wines taste like?

PETITE SIRAH TASTES

First, petite sirah does a heck of a lot better in California than in France under either alias. Independent of appellation, California versions are deepcolored, full-bodied wines with a big dollop of tannins, which can either come off as burly and rustic or big and round.

Burly petites are not to our liking. The discrepant word association is bothersome as is the bitterness of high tannin

FOOD CALENDAR

Eastern Market Tour Join Freeman E. Gunnell, instructor at The Community House, for a tour of Eastern Market where you can browse open-air stalls of fruit, vegetables and herbs, tour specialty gourmet food shops and visit a restaurant supply store where Gunnell will assist with kitchen tool selections. Meet at 8 a.m. July 14 in front of the R. Hirt, Jr. shop, where Gunnell will hold a sign for The Community House Tour, \$34, for information and to register, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, www. communityhouse.com.

WINE PICKS

Several weeks ago, we recommended some Italian wines imported by Empson & Co. You liked them. Here are more that you'll like at some very attractive prices. WHITES: 2005 Santa Anastasia Sinestesia IGT, Sicily \$27 -- 50/50 inzolia and sauvignon blanc. Interesting flavors, nice finish. 2005 Pieropan Soave Classico, DOC \$18 -- floral, white-fleshed fruits, nice finish.

2005 Lagaria Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie \$10 2005 Lagaria Chardonnay Delle Venezie \$10 2005 Farnese Trebbiano d'Abruzzo \$7 2005 Farnese CasaleVecchio Pecorino \$15 -- 100% pecorino (not the cheese but the grape of

the same name) 2005 Santadi Villa Solais Vermentino di Sardegna \$11 **REDS**:

2003 Santa Anastasia Montenerro IGT, Sicily \$39 -- nero d'Avola, cabernet sauvignon and merlot. Big steak wine. 2005 Farnese Casale Vecchio Montepulciano d'Abruzzo \$15 2005 Farnese Sangiovese, Farneto Valley \$7 2004 Farnese Don Camillo Sangiovese, Terre di Chiete \$15 2003 Farnese Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, Colline Teramane \$21 2005 Farnese Edizione Cinque Autoctoni \$37

If a retailer doesn't stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor.

levels. We're excited by those petite sirahs that are powerful expressions of dark fruits but with a more finesseful finish. In search of the latter, we did a focused tasting of 30 petite sirah bottlings from many regions of California.

HOME CALENDAR

Outdoor entertaining

Smith & Hawken and Cottage Living magazine will present Inspiration for

They ranged in price from \$8 to \$55. The following are highly recommended, listed by region and price.

Best of the Best: 2004 Epiphany Rodney's Vineyard, Santa Ynez Valley \$30. Lake County and Mendocino

2005 Guenoc \$20 2004 Marr Cellars \$25. Order online at www.marrcellars.com

2004 Rosenblum Redwood Valley Rhodes Vineyard \$25 Lodi and Livermore

2004 Mettler \$25 2004 Earthquake \$28 2004 Concannon Reserve

\$30 2004 Silkwood \$39

2004 Concannon Heritage \$50

Napa Valley and Neighbors 2005 Two Angels High Valley \$28

2005 Girard Napa Valley \$28 2005 Rosenblum Pickett

Road \$35 2004 Stags' Leap \$38 2005 Ballentine Fig Tree

Vineyard \$35 **Paso Robles and Central Coast**

2003 Novella \$12 2004 Concannon Limited

Release \$14 2004 EOS \$18

2004 EOS Reserve \$25 (big structure)

2004 Vina Robles Jardine Vineyard \$26 2003 EOS Cupa Grandis

\$55 **Russian River Valley**

Foppiano \$23

Food Pairings

The following foods make excellent matches with Petite Sirah: grilled rack of lamb with sautéed wild mushrooms; grilled lamb chops with a cherry sauce; barbecued baby back ribs with chipotle sauce; a big, juicy steak and sharp cheeses.

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Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe

Shores includes: Garden and Grounds Exploration, 11 a.m. Friday, July 6, and Saturday, July 21; The Secrets Behind the Paintings, 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 11; and Staff Life on the Estate, 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 18.

the food. Start by figuring out what you'll need. If you'll be hiking, canoeing or otherwise expending more energy than usual, you'll need to plan your

meals around supplying those extra calories. The menu also will depend on the type of camping you do. Staying put at a state park allows you to lug more and heavier gear (including coolers) and food than a backcountry trek from tent site to tent site.

Most good camping cookbooks suggest menus to help with this. In Philpott's book, for example, a four-day menu under the "Pack Light" section includes bacon and eggs, pizza, stew, pasta, chocolate fondue and lemon couscous. Emily Mitchell, an education programs coordinator for the Appalachian Mountain Club, says learning which foods pack and keep well under camping conditions is essential. As is learning the correct order in which to eat them.

Fresh peppers and spinach, for example, are delicate and

Campfire fare more than just burgers and dogs

combine all ingredients (break-

ing up the frozen chicken cubes

as needed) in a frying pan set

over a medium campfire. Cook,

stirring often, until the chicken

Can be served with quinoa,

Recipe from Don Jacobson's "The

One Pan Gourmet," Ragged Moun-

HUNGRY HIKER PARCELS

This recipe is easily adapted to your

tastes. Mix your favorite seasonings

into the ground beef before forming

it into patties and freezing. Garlic

powder, Italian seasonings or a bit

Start to finish: 40 minutes (10 min-

¼ cup ketchup or tomato paste

1 large potato, peeled and cut into

1 large carrot, peeled and cut into

1 large onion, finely chopped

Salt and pepper, to taste

of paprika would be nice.

2 pounds around beef

is cooked through, about 20

couscous or brown rice.

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BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Campfire cooking needn't be limited to burgers, dogs and s'mores. With a bit of advance work before heading out, it's easy to have great grub on the trail.

STICKY CHICKEN

Start to finish: 20 minutes Servings: 2

2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts ¼ cup peanut butter 1 tablespoon honey 2 tablespoons soy sauce ½ teaspoon garlic powder ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper 1 tablespoon ketchup Salt and pepper, to taste

Before you leave home, cut the chicken into 1-inch cubes. Wrap the cubes in a packet of heavyduty foil, then freeze. Just before leaving for your trip, loosely wrap the frozen packet in a second layer of foil. The chicken will keep 24 to 36 hours.

trip. But hard cheeses, carrots

bread.

not only can be used for sandwiches, but also make great pizza dough.

freeze-dried meals, both agree three days.

"There is an absolute reason for freeze-dried meals to exist," said Jacobson. "They are called Day 4, Day 5 and Day 6." How you pack your ingredients also matters.

Jacobson and Philpott suggest taking only what you need for each menu, which means transferring spices (a must) and oils into smaller containers (taking just what is needed for your recipe). Restaurantstyle condiment packets also are a great idea.

If ingredients can be mixed ahead at home, do it. Soups, for example, could be made

When you're ready to cook,

that meal.

Two days before you leave home, cut four large squares of heavy-duty foil.

In a small glass, mix the ketchup with 2 tablespoons water. Spread a quarter of the ketchup mixture in a small circle at the center of each of the squares of foil.

Divide the beef into four patties and place one over the ketchup on each foil square. Set aside.

In a medium bowl, combine the vegetables, then divide equally among the four patties, mounding them on top of the meat. Tightly wrap the foil over the meat and vegetables, then freeze.

Just before leaving for your trip, loosely wrap the frozen packet in a second layer of foil.

When you're ready to cook, start a campfire and let it burn down to hot embers. Place the packets directly in the hot embers and cook for about 30 minutes.

Recipe adapted from Don and Pam Philpott's "The Trailside Cookbook," Firefly Books.

home. His book explains how to dry and rehydrate foods, though both steps take hours. To make cooking at the site easy, Jacobson packs a sepa-

during a canoe trip by towing

it in a bag under his boat. But

he prefers dehydrating ingre-

dients, even whole stews, at

the camping trip. Each bag contains additional bags, one for each meal of

rate bag of food for each day of the day. Each of those contains all the ingredients needed for

and, unless he has a cooler, counts on them being good for 24 to 36 hours. Mitchell suggests cooking cubed chicken at home, but only if you plan to eat it the first night. Philpott once kept meat cold

ahead at home, then divided

into zip-close plastic bags and

frozen. These are easy to thaw

and reheat, plus they help keep

Meats and perishables need

portions his meats out for each

recipe and freezes them in foil

for the trip. He wraps them in

foil again just before leaving

other foods cool in the mean-

special attention. Jacobson

time.

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so should be eaten early in the

and potatoes will keep longer and can be saved for later. And try to select foods that do double duty, such as pita

Mitchell says pita rounds

Though Philpott and Jacobson favor fresh foods to the meals have their place on camping trips, especially outings that last beyond two or

The Community House

Several classes will be offered this summer at The Community House in Birmingham. For information and to register, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates at (248) 644-5832, or visit www.communityhouse.com. Classes include: Salads and Vinaigrettes with Freeman E. Gunnell, 7-9 p.m. July 16, \$34; Quick and Easy Summer Appetizers with Pam Gustairs, 6:30-9 p.m. July 25, \$29 with \$6 material fee; Grilling with Chris Jones, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Aug. 1, \$34 with \$6 material fee; Summer Lunch on the Patio with Jennifer DeMay (lunch will be served at this class), 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Aug. 8, \$39; Tasty Tempting Thai Cooking with Lawan Chandraung, 7-8:30 p.m. Aug. 13, \$29 plus \$4 materials fee; Tomatoes with chef Gunnell, 7-9 p.m. Aug. 20, \$34

Vinology Wine Classes

Vinology continues its series of classes about wine with Wines of France, July 18. Classes are \$55 individually. Vinology, 110 S. Main in Ann Arbor, is a wine bar and restaurant owned by the Jonna family. Call (734) 222-9841 for reservations or more information. Learn to safely can food

Michigan State University Extension - Oakland County is offering a sevenweek correspondence class in food preservation, covering the basics of food safety and low-acid canning with a pressure canner, canning high-acid foods, jams and jellies, pickles, freezing and drying methods. Detailed instructions, worksheets and U.S. Department of Agriculture-tested and approved recipes and methods are used for this course. The class is \$30 and includes all handouts, printing and mailing charges. For information and enrollment forms, the food and nutrition hotline at (248) 858-0904 or visit www.msue.msu.edu/oakland.

If you have an item for the food calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to your event to Ken Abramczyk, **Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805** E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com, or fax (734) 591-7279.

Outdoor Entertaining in Style, free sem inars offering quick tips for outdoor decorating and creating easy tabletop centerpieces, Saturdays, July 14 and 28, at Smith & Hawken in Birmingham and Rochester Hills.

Call the stores for times and additional details. The Birmingham store is at 284 W. Maple; phone (248) 593-6010. The Rochester Hills store is at the Village of Rochester Hills, 184 N. Adams; phone (248) 375-1976.

Table runners

Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, offers home decor classes for different sewing levels. For registration and other information, call (248) 541-0010 or e-mail ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com. The schedule includes Art For Your Home II: Table Runners, 5:45-8:45 p.m. Thursdays, July 12-26 (cost is \$60). Ford House

The summer schedule for the Behind the Scenes tours at the Edsel and

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Behind the Scenes tours are \$10. An optional general tour of the house's interior can be added on for \$7.

Reservations are required; call (313) 884-4222. The house is at 1100 Lake Shore Road.

On the tours July 6 and 21, guides will lead guests through the immense gardens and grounds of the estate, including areas that aren't often visited (such as Bird Island).

Visitors on the July 11 tour will delve into the secret stories behind the great art at Ford House and the individuals who helped the Fords amass their collection, and get a glimpse of paintings in the attic and basement not on display. Guests on the July 18 tour will have

the opportunity to explore the spaces where staff lived and worked.



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Women's Caring Program

Volunteers gear up for annual garden gala

> BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK STAFF WRITER

f you thought planning your Fourth of July barbecue was bad, imagine throwing a garden party for 800 of the area's most discerning women. Now picture doing it every summer!

For the last 27 years, Carol Walters has opened her 10-acre property in Milford for "Twilight Gathering," the single larg-est fund raiser for the Women's Caring Program. When Walters threw her first party in 1979, it was attended by a small handful of friends. Over the years it has grown into a signature event of the season, drawing women from around the state. The whole affair is designed to raise money to help low-income women afford quality child care while they work. We asked the hostess with the mostest to tell us how she prepares for the soiree.

How do you throw a cocktail party for 800 people?

The sum of it isn't any different that if you're throwing a party for 100 people. It's a fund-raiser and people are paying a lot of money to come. They want to have a great time in a nice setting. Our difficulty is that we want to make 10 acres look perfect. Pete, my husband, and my sons, Joe and Matt, they all pitch in.

Do you have any gardening tips?

You start planning early in the spring to make the gardens look perfect in July. To minimize your work - mulch, mulch, mulch - all the time, as early and as thick you can. That will keep your weeds down. Add color with annuals because in early July sometimes you don't have a lot of color in your garden I deadhead flowers continually se hopefully they'll re-bloom in time for the party.

THE TWILIGHT GATHERING

What: Women's Caring Program will host its 28th annual Twilight Gathering, a garden party featuring entertainment, a silent auction, drinks, tastings and the company of 800 like-

minded women from all Walters over the state.

When: 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, July 12 Where: Carol Walters' Milford Home Tickets: \$100 in advance; \$125 at the garden gate; to benefit childcare for low-income working moms

Information: (248) 415-1442, e-mail RSVP@ WomensCaringProgram.org or visit www. WomensCaringProgram.org

flowers on every table. We cut a lot of flowers from my garden. The caliber of food, the creativity of the menu.

Speaking of food ...

All the food is donated to keep our expenses down. Chef Mary Brady works with a lot of generous food and beverage donors.

How do you make people feel welcome at the party?

We try and touch as many people as we can. We have greeters so you have someone to talk to when you walk in, and if you haven't been there before you're told where everything is, so you know your way around. Interestingly enough the silent auction started as a way to give women who came alone an opportunity to meet other women. They go into the tent and start talking about what they might want to purchase. It has turned out to be very profitable for the cause.

I bet those handsome waiters help I think the male waiters



of guys. What other kinds of help do you get?

We need a lot of volunteers to make this

very hard. They're serving 800 people.

help clean up. They're a tremendous bunch

successful. We have about 130-140 volunteers. We start around nine in the morning and by three o'clock we're ready for the event. People that come from out of town shower at my house and the neighbor's house. They bring clothes, and the second story of my house is like a dormitory. There isn't anybody on the board that's paid a dime. The actual administrative expenditures for WCP are less than two percent.

Why do you do it year after year?

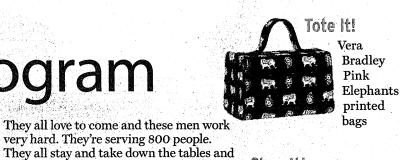
Long-term studies on'the effect of preschool show that every dollar spent to make a low-income child ready for school saves \$13 later on in tax money. They use less drugs, go to college, stay in jobs, do better in jobs. Last year we raised just over \$250,000, but because child care is so expensive that only helped about 130 families, so we're interested in growing our corporate and individual contributions.

Do you think women who attend Twilight Gathering relate to the cause?

All moms relate to how important it is that when you go to work that you're not worrying about your children. We've shown that just in our small program with the clients we serve, they're missing fewer days of work because their children are safe in a licensed childcare setting. Our guests and volunteers return every year because they believe in the cause. Plus, they love the setting, and the fun of the party is seeing old friends. We have women who come early and get the same table and meet up with their friends every year.

And now, most importantly, what does one wear) a garden party

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MANICURES @ SIVE

5ive restaurant is hosting "Martinis & Manicures" every Monday night through the summer. Grab the girls and get polished as you enjoy cosmos at the bar. Manicure services are provided by Northville's Salon Marzejon for 1/2-off. 5ive is located within the Inn at St. John's, Five Mile and Sheldon roads in Plymouth. Call (734) 357-5700 or visit www. theinnatstjohns.com.



"Christmas in July Sidewalk Sales" July 12-14. Festivities include shopping, strolling carolers and a Santa's Workshop Kids Zone open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. each day, featuring holiday music, face painting, plant-a-pine, crafts and more. A Child ID Kit will be available for parents. In conjunction with the theme, "Christmas with the Kranks" will be shown at Movies in the Moonlight on July 14, with a tree speed-decorating contest at 8:30 p.m. prior to showtime. Call (248) 656-0060 or visit www.DowntownRochesterMI. com.

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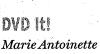
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NORDSTROM GRAND OPENING

Nordstrom will kick off the opening of its second Detroit-area store with a fashionable fete 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26. Guests at the gala will enjoy hors d'oeuvres, dinner and dessert buffets, cocktails, live entertainment and the opportunity to do some "sneak preview" shopping in the new 165,000-square-foot specialty store, which opens at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi Friday, Sept. 28. The highlight of the gala will be a runway fashion show featuring fall designer collections, held in a tent adjacent to the store. Tickets, \$100, benefit the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the metro Detroit chapter of The Links. Call (313) 576-5590.





What are some touches that can pull an outdoor party together?

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I think elegance helps. Cloth tablecloths,

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"The Valet,"

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touch. Many of them wear tuxedo shirts and ties with their shorts. These are men who fly from Atlanta, New York, Chicago, Boston. If a company contributes \$2,500 or more, and they have a sense of humor, they can send a man to bar tend or serve.

Many women come straight from work in their suits. A lot of women come in cocktail garden attire, like flowered sundresses or flowing skirts. I tell everyone to come in flat shoes, otherwise your heels sink in the grass!

Here's the best part: I paid

less than \$800 per ticket when

My hotels never cost more

included private bathrooms.

They are The Esmeralda, 4

Rue Saint Julien Le Pauvre

- and The Suez Motel, Hotel

De Suez, 31 Boulevard Saint-

Both are set in the Latin

Quarter near Notre Dam and

nearly every good French film

shows this area at least once.

For more Paris tips check

out Pink online at www.home-

Lana Mini is a constant trav-

eler and an entertainment

reviews and feature stories

writer. See her weekly movie

every Thursday in Filter, the

Observer & Eccentric's enter-

Michel, 75005 Paris.

townlife.com.

I visited Paris in May and

than \$125 per night and

September.

SYDITTY CLOTHING LAUNCH

Celebrate the launch of the Syditty clothing line July 6 at Envy Nightclub, 234 W. Larned in Detroit. Ferndale-based Syditty creates casual, urban glam tees and hoodies for women. The launch party, \$10 at the door, will feature DJ Mobeatz, Hot 102.7's Suga Rae, and a live performance by L. Renee. Ladies wearing Syditty get in free. For more information, visit www.sydittyclothing.com.

A THOUSAND BONES

Michigan natives Kristy and Kelly Montee will

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sign copies of their new novel "A Thousand Bones" at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, July 8 at Barnes & Noble, 2800 S. Rochester Rd. Rochester Hills; 7 p.m.

Monday, July 9 at the Book Connection, 19043 Middlebelt Rd., Livonia; and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 10 at Barnes & Noble, 17111 Haggerty Rd., Northville. This fun summer read is the eighth mystery novel by the sisters, who team up under the pen name P.J. Parrish, and features new heroine Joe Frye. For information, visit www.pjparrish.com.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Get a head-start on holiday shopping while wearing shorts and flip flops at Downtown Rochester's



LIMEADE RETURNS

Wyandotte milliner Gena Conti just got back her chapeau 'Limeade' after it spent a year in the Kentucky Derby Museum's prestigious 2006-07 Derby Hat Exhibit. Limeade was among 20-30 hats selected to represent the spirit of the Kentucky Derby in the exhibit. The Kentucky Derby Museum,

located at Gate 1 of Churchill Downs, gets more than 200,000 visitors a year. This marks the fourth year one

of Conti's hats has been chosen for display.

For more information, visit www. derbymuseum.org or www.genaconti.com.

Post events relating to style, including trunk shows, grand openings, sales, fashion shows and gift-with-purchase promotions to the PINK List. E-mail Pink Editor Wensdy Von Buskirk at wvonb@hometownlife.com; fax (734) 953-2058; or mail information to: Pink, The Observer Offices, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150.

dedicated entirely to 330 works by surrealist Salvador Dali; Musee de L'Erotisme in Pigalle near the Moulin Rouge is a five-floor museum devoted to the erotic art collections of antique dealer Alain Plumey and French teacher Jo Khalifa. The Jardin du Luxembourg is home of Bartholdi's model

Building.

for the Statue of Liberty. Not far is also a tree planted in honor of the victims of September 11.

La Fritterie Cafe in the Latin Quarter is a wonderful

the Louvre. Focusing on big

landmarks is like saying you

know New York just because

you've visited the Empire State

Try these places: The Espace

Dali-Montmartre, a museum

French films inspire trips to Paris - cheap! tiny cafe where locals enjoy budget of \$100 per day. • In restaurants, the wait-Here's tips and myths that staff won't check on you very their morning coffee (shot of espresso) and croissant.

hopefully will put the city on often. Service is seemingly your travel wish list: slow because they expect that • The French aren't rude. you want to linger - so enjoy it. They just behave differently. • Paris is more than the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame and

Refined, calm and helpful, but also polite. They will greet you upon coming and going. Americans need to see a big smile to feel appreciated, but grin for no reason at a stranger in Paris and well, they might think you're a fool.

• They will help. If you need directions, no problem. But ask in French.

Even if you speak it horribly, Parisians appreciate the attempt. Most speak English, but if you assume it, they just may pretend not to understand.

• The subway is clean and yes there are actually musicians playing accordions on some.

• At least twice someone tried to pick my pocket. No problem, just be aware.

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A \$500 shopping spree at Westland Mall!

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PURE ENTERTAINMENT! Thursday, July 5, 2007



The Transformers White Stripes' latest The Polyphonic Spree Win concert tickets Hit the Town Tavern More on Stratford

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There's nothing like listening to a favorite band at an outdoor venue, kicking back on a blanket under the stars, or dancing in the crosswind of a summer breeze. Filter wants to hear about your best outdoor concert memories -- and help you make new ones -- with our Front Row with Filter ticket giveaway. Filter has two pairs of front-row seats to give away HIGH to lucky readers for the following shows:

DTE Energy Music Theatre

July 14 - Solid Gold Dance Party featuring Village People, Thelma Houston, Taste of Honey, Peaches & Herb, Trammps, France Jolie, Anita Ward and the Solid Gold Dancers and Band.

■ July 29 - 2007 B.B. King Blues Festival featuring Al Green, Etta James and Roots Band

🖬 Aug. 12 - Aretha Franklin Meadowbrook Music Festival

■ Aug. 11 - Nickel Creek with Fiona

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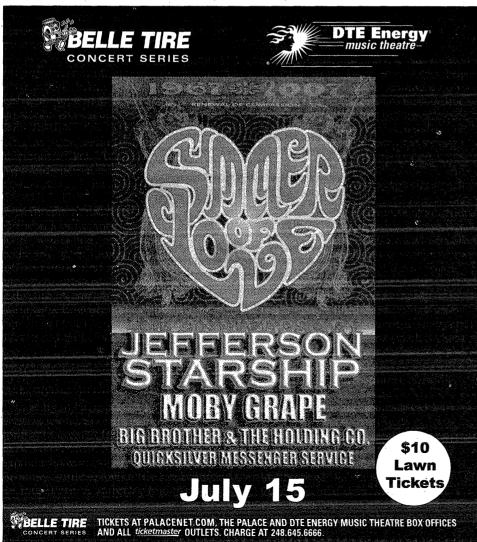
Aug. 17 - David Sanborn and Tower of Power

■ Sept. 15 - Gordon Lightfoot Enter to win by sharing your most memorable concert experiences from DTE Energy Music Theatre (formerly Pine Knob) and Meadowbrook Music

Festival. Were you there when Iggy & The Stooges reunited in 2003, or Christina Aguilera closed her "Stripped" tour in 2004? Perhaps you recall the Red Hot Chili Peppers in the early 1990s, or Bob Seger rocking a week's worth of sold-out shows in the early '80s? Did you splash in the

rain during a reggae concert, or experience romance while the DSO played onstage? Whatever the decade or genre of music, tell us in 50 words or less why the memory persists.

E-mail your entry, along with your name, age and address, to frontrowcontest@hometownlife.com through noon, Sept. 1. Entrants will remain eligible to win all remaining tickets, and winners will be chosen and notified at least nine days before each concert. All entries may be published in upcoming editions of Filter. Call (734) 953-2019 for more information.



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Get front row with Filter White Stripes return with 'Icky Thump'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

Well it's been a while since we've heard from our favorite peppermint candy-colored garage rock two-some. Two years in fact, since the release of Get Behind Me Satan

And it's been a long road since Detroit natives Jack and Meg White first banged out that raw guitar and drum-driven

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sound at dives like the long-shuttered Gold Dollar in Detroit.

Ten years ago, the duo paved the way for the Detroit garage scene and put the world on notice. This month The White Stripes returned, with fervor

a n d the Third Man release Icky Thump. It's the band's sixth studio album and comes on the heels of a hiatus that found rock's favorite divorcees moving away from the Motor City.

Jack White kept busy as new husband, father and member of The Raconteurs, which also features Brendan Benson. Meg reportedly moved to Los Angeles. But it sounds like the break served the band well.

Fans of early White Stripes will find plenty of evidence of that familiar bluesinfused, battered guitar, cymbal-slicing sound on Icky Thump.

Songs like Bone Broke and 300 M.P.H. Torrential Outpour Blues evoke images of the sparser *DeStijl* era Stripes. You



The White Stripes recently unveiled 'lcky Thump' on Third Man Records/Warner Bros.

Don't Know What Love Is sheds traces of White Blood Cells, with a country bent. There are hints of the past here, and telltale signs of the present, too.

Little Cream Soda seems to comment on the scope of success and yearning for simplicity. It builds with dark chords and Jack's intermittent story-telling vocals announcing: "There was a time when all I wanted was my ice cream colder and a little cream soda/ Oh Well Oh Well."

While stomping out new territory, the first singles, *Icky Thump* and *Rag and* Bone, manage to show separate sides of the band. The first poses some sort of primal scream while the second finds Meg and Jack bantering back and forth. Let's just hope that conversation goes on and on.

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Outdoor music series begins

Bring a lawn chair and picnic. The Farmington Hills Stars in the Park series begins next week, which means free music outdoors at Heritage Park.

Rock and Soul performs on Thursday, July 12, from 7:30-9 p.m.

Rock and Soul, a high energy duo with a talented back-up band that sings oldies and pop.

Singer Teresa Marbury of Rock and Soul will also heat up the concert with jazzy numbers from her new CD. She has performed at venues such as Detroit's Annual International Auto Show and the Super Bowl. Bruce Pooley, also with the band, is a Farmington Hills resident, and has performed all over the world with Jerry Lee Lewis, Chubby Checker, and the Irish Rovers. Marbury and Pooley are nictured here.

The remaining concerts in the free Stars in the Park:

July 26, Farmington Community Jazz Band

Aug. 2, Randy Brock Group (Blues/ Rock)

Aug. 9, Chris Roach Band (Country & English Rock & Roll)

Aug. 16, Farmington Community Chorus (Pop, Jazz, Classical Vocal)

Aug. 23, Saline Fiddlers Heritage Park is located on

Farmington Road between Ten and Eleven Mile Roads in Farmington Hills. Concerts are held in the natural amphitheater at Heritage Park beginning at 7:30 p.m. and last approximately 90 minutes.

For more information, call (248) 473-1856

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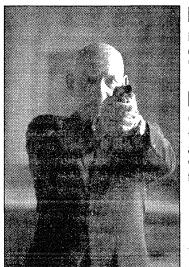
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Summer break — so much to do, so little time.

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Join the choir

The Polyphonic Spree makes a joyful noise

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

The Polyphonic Spree

It seemed like an unorthodox concept for a rock band. Still, adding a choir full of voices and a host of symphonic sounds has made The Polyphonic Spree into a critical success and a musical wonder

since its debut in 2000. The band, currently 23 members strong, has just released its third

full-length album. TEREL Brilliantly titled The Fragile Army, the record finds its founders Tim DeLaughter and Julie Doyle picking up where they left off with joyful messages from Together We're Heavy, and building songs with a more rockoriented structure. Still, the voices are strong, and stirring - all in unison.

"When we came up with the Spree, Tim was not really concerned about putting together a rock band, if it would tour or if we would record an album," Doyle recalled.

The two had initially joined forces in the band Tripping Daisy, but the group disbanded after guitarist and friend Wes Berggren died of an overdose.

DeLaughter had long been inter-

ested forging a symphonic sound into modern music. What sounded so new felt like a sensible transition to Dovle. The initial idea for The Polyphonic Spree was to spin a traditional rock band lineup into a new musical force with 10 (yes, 10) lead singers, strings, horns and percussion.

It started out as a few friends singing and joining in on instruments, about 13 people in total. They wore nondescript robes to hold focus on the music, rather than the

band itself. 'We're a band that developed on the road,"

said Doyle. And it happened fast. From their living room to the U.K. to Japan and then a record deal.

"Our first record was our demo," she added. The band released The Beginning Stages of The Polyphonic Spree in 2002. It was recorded in three days, thanks to some leftover studio time from the Tripping Daisy days. "There were still no song titles," Doyle recalled. "It was just for us."

But band members shared it with friends, and people began to show an interest. It only made sense to release it.

The Polyphonic Spree debuted at

THE POLYPHONIC SPREE

Special guest: Jesca Hoop

When: 8 p.m. Friday, July 6 Where: The Majestic Theatre, 4120-4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets: \$18-\$20, for this all-ages show. Call (313) 833-9700 or visit www.majesticdetroit.com More on the band: www.thepolyphon-

icspree.com

Austin's South By Southwest in 2002, then moved on to David Bowie's Meltdown Festival in the U.K. "That's how it all started," said Doyle. The Spree spent the next two years on the road. The band's second release, Together We're Heavy, was a direct result of constant touring.

But The Fragile Army, Doyle said, shows a clearer representation of the Spree. "This band live is a lot different than the first two recordings," she said. "This time we wanted to capture that feeling of high energy intensity."

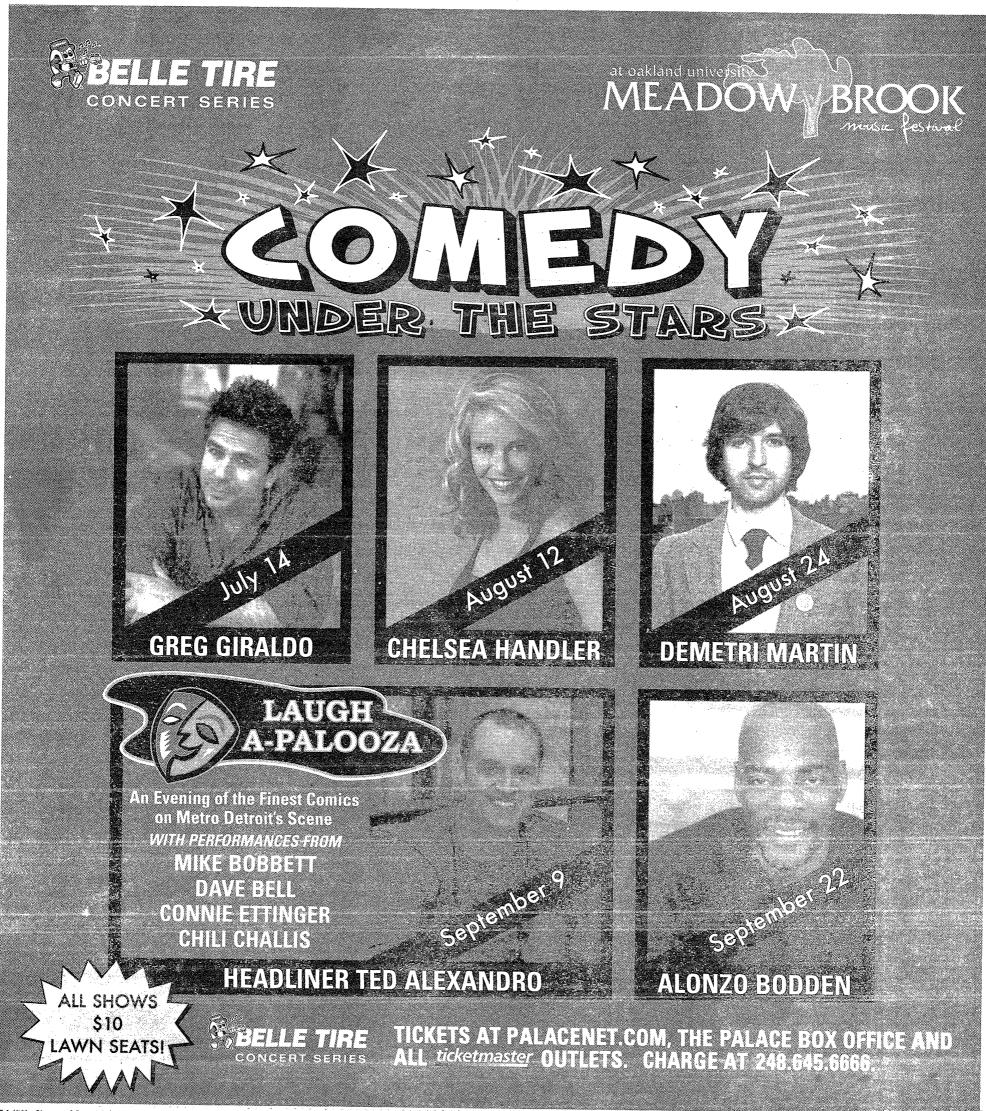
The Fragile Army also encompasses a more political point of view, a reaction to a world Doyle describes as "out of control." Songs like Overblow Your Nest and The Championship usher listeners to stand up and let their voices be heard.

The title was coined by Director Mike Mills, while working with DeLaughter on music for his film Thumbsucker. "When he said it, it

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'Oklahoma' dazzles, 'Merchant of Venice' is muddled

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

The Rogers and Hammerstein musical *Oklahoma* is a more optimistic view of ranch life than *Of Mice and Men* (also at Stratford and reviewed in Filter on June 30), but not without

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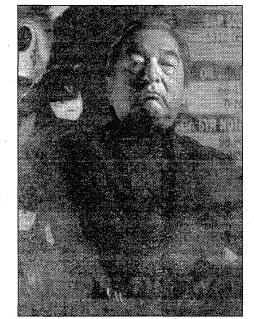
its conflicts and perils. It's Stratford's big musical this year, played on the large Festival stage. Oklahoma is a rich blend of

a rich blend of sweeping music, sophisticated and complex dance,

cornball comedy and wrenching drama. Director Donna Feore presents a musically rich, enthusiastically danced production that falters only in the drama of sexual tension that set *Oklahoma* apart from the fare of its day.

From the first accent-thick strains of **Oh What a Beautiful Mornin**' Dan Chameroy plays the optimistic, confident cowboy Curly with a big voice and an easy manner. Not the typical square-jawed figure, he is a more realistic and charming Curly.

His on-again, off-again girl Laurey is played by Blythe Wilson as a prim young



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Graham Greene is Shylock in 'The Merchant of Venice.'

women yearning to let her flirty side out. Wilson has a fine voice that does not reach into the operatic heights, again giving a more down-to-earth interpretation. Notable performances also come from

Nora McEllan as a smiling, life loving Aunt Eller, Kyle Blair as a snappy Will Parker and Lindsay Thomas as the comic flirt Ado Annie, who mugs confidently through *I Cain't Say No*.

The weak part is the portrayal of the pornography loving Jud Fry who hungers after Laurie and invites a tragic confrontation. The conflict is never as fully presented and menacing as it should be to carry the story.

But with songs like Surrey With the Fringe on Top; People Will Say We're In Love, Kansas City and the rousing title song and dazzling dancing, this production is a winner.

Merchant of Venice

Directors love to put their stamp on Shakespeare by updating, pruning and twisting. Sometimes it works, often it fails miserably.

Director Richard Rose fails miserably is his interpretation of Shakespeare's most troubling play. He adds elements that are sledge hammers to drive home his reinterpretation of the Bard's play. He attempts, as have others, to save the Bard from being seen as the anti-Semite that his play suggests he was. Rose also adds annoying loud music, pointless motion and often muddled diction and action.

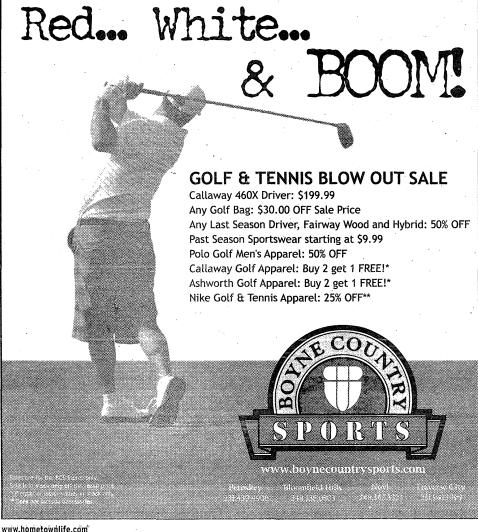
The opening parts of the play are hard to follow because they are either

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Laurey Williams (played by Blythe Wilson) is courted by Curley (Dan Chameroy) in Oklahoma!





A Filter guide to summer fun

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BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

Summer vacation is short and there's much to do in metro Detroit. We want to help you pack as much into your break as possible.

For teens, there's enough to do and see to fill your calendars every day. And, aside from obvious things like hanging out at the mall, going to Starbucks or your local park we decided to suggest things a bit out of the norm.

Maybe you want to meet new people by visiting other cities. Or maybe you're without a car and need to stay in your own town. Heck, maybe you don't feel like leaving the house once in a while and want to find fun online beyond chatrooms.

Here are our suggestions, and tune back to Filter throughout the summer. There's always something in it for teens.

MORE THAN MINIATURE GOLF

Putt-putt places are everywhere and they're loads of fun. Here's some miniature golf spots that either feature attractions, or are super-challenging.

ROYAL OAK

At Royal Oak Golf, the 18-hole miniature golf course includes rocks, waterfalls and is known for being one of the "less easy" courses around - making the competition extra intense for you and your friends. Cost is \$6.25 for those over 12 years old and it's open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. every night, weather permitting. Check it out at Royal Oak Golf, 3500 Edgar Avenue, Royal Oak, (248) 549-4653, www.fourseasonsgolf.center

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If you haven't been to the Joe Dumars Fieldhouse, plan an all-day adventure with your pals. Not only is there miniature golf designed with plants native to Dumars' homestate of Louisiana, there's also ponds and a waterfall that you can walk under. The fieldhouse has Laser Tag, a bungee trampoline, wall climbing, an inflatable shark slide, mini-bowling, Slot Car racing, a high

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You'll jump, sweat and dance to the wild beats of rock/punk/gypsy band Gogol Bordello at the band's all ages show Saturday, July 14.



ropes climbing course, and a lot more. Visit it at Joe Dumars Fieldhouse, 45300 Mound Road, Shelby Township, (586) 731-3080

PLYMOUTH

It's only \$3 and there's waterfalls and ponds and curvy grounds at the Oasis Golf Center, 39500 Five Mile Road, Plymouth. And if that isn't challenging enough (which it will be), there's also a driving range. (734) 420-2228, www. oasisgolfcenter.com

GOLF LOVERS

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If full-size courses are more your bag, the Pheasant Run Pro Shop is hosting Take Your Daughter to the Course Week July 9-15. Daughters play for free with one paying adult. Then golf one day a week, for five weeks on Tuesdays, beginning July 17 at the Pheasant Run Junior Golf Academy. The program consists of lessons, range time and nine holes played on Pheasant Run's North Course. Students will be grouped by age and experience. Fee is \$180. Junior golfers should have a basic understanding in golf and have had at least one year of on course experience. You will need a Fairway wood, 8 iron, pitching wedge, and putter.

Pheasant Run is located west of Canton Center, south of Cherry Hill, on 105 acres, and includes an amphitheater, splash playground, soccer fields, softball fields, pavilions, play equipment, picnic areas, gazebo, ponds, sand volleyball courts, football field, fishing pier, walking paths, restroom facilities, and a veterans memorial. Call the Pheasant Run Pro Shop, (734) 397-6460.

NATURE FUN

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Of course there's the big parks that you already know about like Kensington, Stoney Creek and Metro. A park with fewer crowds is at Hines Park at Newburgh Lake in Livonia with paddleboats, a bike and hiking trail and clean grounds for picnics. The Paddleboat Concession is located on Hines Drive west of Newburgh Road (734) 261-1990.

TROY

The Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center is a great place to spend an afternoon, at 6685 Coolidge Highway, about 3/4 mile north of Square Lake Road (248) 524-3567. There are 100 acres of land home with plants, wildflowers and wildlife, along with trails, wetlands and a gift shop. Admission is free. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday; and noon to 7 p.m. Sunday. (248) 524-3518 for facility opening status due to weather.

www.hometownlife.com



The Displays are an indie band trio from Royal Oak featuring Brandon Mallon, Guitar/Vocals; Andrew Hecker, Bass/Vocals and Scott Ryan, drums. The band performs at the Royal Oak Music Theatre on Wednesday, July 11 with Monkey Jacket and Stolen Liberty. The Displays also play on Saturday, July 21 at New Dogdge in Hamtramck. Visit myspace.com/thedisplays for details.

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Don't miss the Splash Park at the Plymouth Township Park, 46640 Ann Arbor Trail, just east of Beck Road. It's free and a popular destination. Just touch the fire hydrant to start the water fun! Children 12 and under must be supervised by an adult at all times. Water sho are recommended.

GO SWIMMING

Some cities have public pools, othe don't. Here are a few pools that we' residents and non-residents.

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There's a lot more than swimm the Livonia Parks & Recreation world. There's a leisure pool, we inner-tubes, wall climbing and lot more. Located at 15100 Ht at the southeast corner of Hubt 5 Mile roads, (734) 466-2900, ht ci.livonia.mi.us

WEST BLOOMFIELD

The West Bloomfield Family Aquat. Center is open every day from noon to 7 p.m. It's \$3 for residents and \$5 for nonresidents. The outdoor pool, with swirming noodles, usually isn't too crowd and the staff is very friendly. (248) 451-1902, 4640 Walnut Lake Rd Bloomfield.

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There's a lot more to do than s Summit on the Park, 46000 Su Parkway, Canton. There is a fix 25-yard lap pool, zero-depth le with play features, a lazy rive spa, steam room and sauna v variety of pools has someth who enjoys the water, visit canton-mi.org/ for more in

OFF-THE-WALL AT THE LIBRARY Southfield

For teens in grades six through 12, at the Southfield Public Library at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 12 there's a program that's as they create a fictional crime scene investigation. Teens can analyze evidence, conduct imitation blood testing, examine fingerprints and handwriting samples and then put it all together in a mock trial. Located in the Meeting Room.

Kids (again grades six-12) can participate in Harry Potter-related activities to celebrate the release of the newest Potter book at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 26. There will be a costume contest, trivia, potionmaking projects and foods enjoyed by the Hogwarts.

It's Family History Craft day at 7 p.m. Aug. 2. Bring family photographs and facts to create your own family history in an album that you can take home.

Get physical at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, and learn the ancient martial arts of Tae Kwon Do for safety and fitness benefits. Located at the Southfield Public Library, 26300 Evergreen Road, Southfield (248) 796-4200.

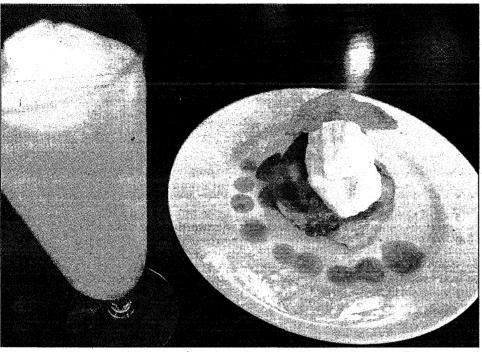
NASCAR FANS

NASCAR and Dale Earnhardt fans across the country will have one final chance to see the only Earnhardt family-authorized documentary on "The Intimidator" through Earnhardt's own words and images. Narrated by Paul Newman, this 100-minute documentary begins at 7:30 p.m. July 19.

Tickets for this one night event are available now for \$10 at

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Town Tavern Classic and new in Royal Oak



LAWRENCE MCKEE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

End your dinner on a sweet note with Strawberry Shortcake and Fresh Whinped Cream served with a creamy cold Greachonner

BY ELEANOR HEALD CORRESPONDENT

Upon entering the newly opened Town Tavern in Royal Oak, one might question, "Has this spot always been here? Did someone just spiff up this

joint?" The building has been

there and once housed a camera shop and after that an Italian restaurant.

"My aim," said proprietor Bill Roberts, "was to create an old 1930s tavern that had recently been remodeled and brought into the year 2007."

Classic mohair booths and bench backings, bentwood chairs (with thick seat padding), hand-shellacked rosewood walls, re-sanded original ebony flooring and an antique gold, rough-finished ceiling announce classic. Flat screen TVs at the bar state modern-era.

Waitstaff in classic white shirts, long black ties, black slacks and long white aprons connect the themes.

Restaurant designer Ron Rea of Ron

& Roman in Birmingham interpreted Roberts' concepts brilliantly and Fenton builder Bren Mar, put it all together in just over three months.

To place Town Tavern squarely in Royal Oak, Roberts and Rea spent time at the Royal Oak Historical Society Museum with curator Muriel Versagi, who helped locate reproducible historic

photos gracing the walls. Additionally, Royal Oak High School (before it was called Dondero) sports team photos from the 1930s, '40s and '50s are among other notable wall art.

MODERN TAVERN EATS

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Patrick Roettele, Roberts' veteran chef at Beverly Hills Grill on Southfield Road in Beverly Hills, collaborated with his boss on the Town Tavern menu, which complements the comfortable tavern look and feel.

Among Bar Plates, which could be

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called "small plates," are Short Rib Tacos, soft ones with salsa fresca and black bean purée; Five Spice Calamari with Asian Aioli and Steamed Mussels in garlic and white wine.

French Onion Soup, topped with a Swiss-Parmesan cheese mix and baked in a crock, makes a meal when teamed with one of the side salads, such as Caesar with house-made croutons tossed in garlic compound butter. Chopped Tavern salad takes on a unique spin with radicchio, garbanzo beans, basil chiffonade, crunchy cucumbers and red onions.

Decadent and creamy Lobster Mac & Cheese is among Tavern Favorites along with Southwest Shrimp (satisfying Chef Patrick's penchant for Southwest-style food).

Fresh Seafood of the day is listed on a chalkboard.

Among steaks with unique sauces is classic Steak Diane, which has all but disappeared in steak houses. Tenderloin medallions in a brandy sauce -- welcome back, you decidedly retro dish.

Like fries? New-age Parmesan Truffle Fries don't accompany the 8-ounce Tavern Cheeseburger with your choice of bleu, cheddar, jack or Swiss, so substitute the "comes with Tavern Fries" for an additional cost. You will thank me.

TOWN TAVERN

Where: 116 W. Fourth, Royal Oak

(248) 544-7300. **Open:** Monday-Wednesday 4-11 p.m., until midnight Thursday-Saturday and until 10 p.m. Sunday.

Food style: Familiar and innovative American fare. Reservations: Currently not accepted.

Smoke free.

MORE

An easy-to-navigate one-page wine list has some neat selections. Codax Albarino 2006 from Spain at \$8 by the glass or \$32 per bottle is a refreshing white. Whether your preference is low rise, boot cut or slim fit, Blue Jean Red from California at \$7 by the glass and \$28 per bottle is a well-priced flavorful red.

Keeping it local among desserts is the Ray's Ice Cream of Royal Oak flavor of the day and BHG (Beverly Hills Grill) Chocolate Brownie with Ray's Vanilla Ice Cream and Sanders Hot Fudge.

Taverns of the 1930s may be an archetypal memory but the food was never as good as today's Town Tavern.

Eleanor Heald is a nationally published writer and Troy resident who writes about restaurants, food, wine and spirits for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Contact her by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

'Women of spirit' feted

Morton's The Steakhouse, 888 W. Big Beaver Rd., in Troy celebrates women, wine and goodwill as they partner with the American Red Cross to recognize "women of spirit" with a special dinner by that name at 6:30 p.m. July 19.

Tickets are \$150. Morton's will donate a portions of ticket proceeds and 100 percent of silent auction proceeds to the American Red Cross. The Women of Spirit dinner will be hosted by winemaker Danielle Cyrot of St. Clement Vineyard. Cyrot will present her signature wines to accompany a four-course dinner prepared by Morton's chefs. For information, www.mortons.com/womenofspirit or call (248) 404-9845.

Potbelly restaurants have turned over a literal new leaf.

The Chicago-based restaurant chain now offers salads, which includes a variety of vegetables such as marinated artichoke hearts, roasted red peppers, blue cheese and dried cranberries. The new salads cost \$5.29 and are A Wreck Salad, Chicken Salad Salad, Italian Salad and Veggie Salad. Dressings are buttermilk ranch, Potbelly vinaigrette, nonfat vinaigrette, 100 Island and Asian sesame. For more information and to locate the nearest Potbelly, visit www.potbelly.com.



Full Kilt Pub and Restaurant hosts its first annual Celtic Feast and Beer Tasting Dinner at 6 p.m. July 9.

Five courses (which will be predominantly Irish) will be paired with crafted brews, which guests

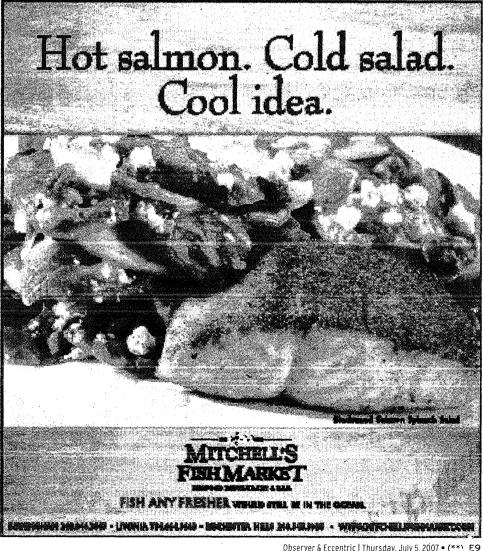
will be educated on how each brew was made and paired with each

dish. Courses include a Baked Brie with Fruit and Bagette Appetizer, Cream of Potato and Leek Soup, a Wentworth Caesar Salad, a choice of entree of Chargrilled Lamb Chops, Jameson Salmon or Shamrock Grilled Chicken, and a Chocolate Lava Divine Dessert.

Dessert. Tickets are \$30 each and available at Full Kilt Pub and Restaurant, 143 N. Main St., Mt. Clemens or www.fullkilt. com. Call (586) 307-8450.

The dinner will be hosted by Jon Piepenbrok of International Beverage Company and Full Kilt.





Send, fax or e-mail items for consideration in Get Outl at least two weeks in advance to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, fax (248) 644-1314 or e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com. Be sure to include a short summary with details of the event, address of the event location, date and time, a phone number and/or Web site that members of the public can contact for more information. Visit hometownlife.com for more listings.

ART EXHIBITS

Cranbrook Art Museum: Hot House: Expanding the Field of Fiber at Cranbrook 1970-2007, through -Oct. 14; Material Memory: World Textiles from the Collections of Cranbrook Art Museum and Gerhardt Knodel, through Dec. 30, (248) 645-3300, www.cranbrookart.edu. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday and 11 a.m. to 5 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

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 A ollege, Flint, (810) 234-1695, www.flintarts.org

Majestic Cafe: Make Nice Things About Detroit, featuring 15 artists and crafters kicks off with an opening reception 8-10 p.m. Thursday, July 5, Majestic Cafe, 4120 Woodward Ave. Detroit. Show is free and runs until Aug. 27. Visit www.handmadedetroit.com.

Wayne State University's Community Arts Gallery: Michigan Water Color Society's 60th Annual Exhibition, through July 20, at 5400 Gullen Mall, Detroit. Call (313) 577-2423.

Eastern Michigan University University Gallery: 100 Years of Emil Weddige, through Aug. 10, honors Weddige 100th birthday with display of stone lithographs over past 60 years; Tom Voorhees: the Beer Lady, digital photomontages, Aug. 20--Sept. 26, reception 5-7 p.m. Sept. 11, 900 Oakwood, Ypsilanti (734) 487-4065.

University of Michigan Museum of Art: Out of the Ordinary/Extraordinary: Contemporary Japanese Photography, through Sept. 16, exhibition of 11 photographers challenges Western assumptions about Japanese culture; curator's tour, 3 p.m. July 22; Persian Visions: Contemporary Photography from Iran, Sept. 29-Dec. 30; 1301 S. University, Ann Arbor (734) 763-UMMA.

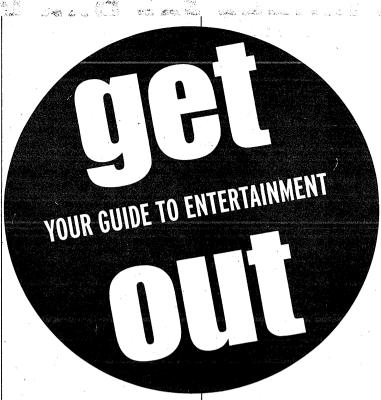
ART GALLERIES

B. (Gallery): New Works by Matt Lewis, through Aug. 31, 235 Willits Alley, Birmingham (248) 540-0046. Franbrook 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.

Cass Cafe: New Expressions, Stephanie Sturton, Andrew Blake, through Sept. 22, 4620 Cass, Detroit (313) 831-1400. **David Klein Gallery:** fresh with works by Brian Barr, Ben Hall, Dalton Jamieson, Ben Kiehl, Mary Kim, Kelly Reemtsen, Lauren Semivan, through Aug. 4, 163 Townsend, Birmingham (248) 433-3700, www.dkgal-Jerv.com

lery.com Flatlanders Art Galleries: A Summer Series, including exhibition of oil paintings by Kim Taylor; artwork from tattoo culture, comic book art and mixed media prints by

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Dustyn Bok, opening reception with artists July 22, runs through Aug. 24, 11993 E. U.S. 223, Blissfield,

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.

The Janice Charach Epstein Gallery: Through the Eye of the Needle - Fabric of Survival, tapestry exhibit of Esther Krinitz, who survived Nazis in Poland and relocated to United States, through Aug. 9, located in the Jewish Community Center on Orchard Lake Road and Maple in West Bloomfield, meet daughters Bernice Steinhardt and Helene McQuade, 2 p.m. July 15.

Lawrence Street Gallery: Ceramics and Fiber Art, Suk Jin Choi and Jung Yeon Choi, opening reception 6-9 p.m. July 6, exhibit through July 28, 22620 Woodward Ave., Suite A, (east side of Woodward, two blocks south of Nine Mile), Ferndale, (248) 544-0394, www.lawrencestreetgallery.

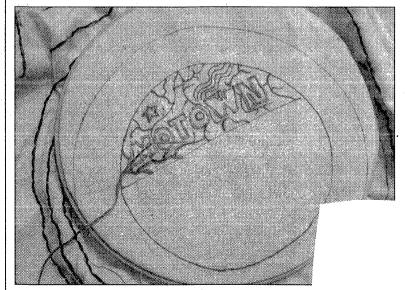
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through Aug. 11, reception 5-7 p.m. July 18, 23241 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 591-6623, www.lembargaallory.com

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Northville Art House: Nature's Garden: A Plein Air Juried Exhibition, July 6-Aug. 12, preview event 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. July 6, 215 W. Cady St., (248) 344-0497. Paint Creek Center for the Arts: Israel Davis (ceramic works), July 6-Aug. 4, opening reception 6-8 p.m. July 13; Jan van der Marck, July 6-Aug. 4, opening reception, 6-8 p.m. July 13; juror's gallery talk, 2 p.m. July 14; 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110 or visit www.pccart.org. paulakotula projects: New exhibit runs through July 14, 23255 Woodward, Ferndale, www.paulakotula.com, (248)



Alicia Dorset's embroidered Motown record will be featured as Nice Things About Detroit, an art show opening today, 8-10 p.m Majestic Cafe, 4120 Woodward Ave. Detroit. The show is free, p Handmade Detroit, and runs until Aug. 27. For more information handmadedetroit.com.



Smooth jazz artist Randy Scott celebrates the release of "Breathe," his new CD, with two shows July 10 at Seldom Blues. Call (313) 567-7301 for more information.

544-3020.

The Print Gallery: Mark Wolak, Abstract Paintings, through July 14, 29173 Northwestern Highway, Southfield (248) 356-5454, www.EverythingArt.com, www. MonaLisaMania.com River's Edge Gallery: SLAW, Detroit's king of retro paintings, exhibit through July 9, 3024 Biddle, Wyandotte, (734) 246-9880, e-mail riversedgegallery@wyan.org, or Web site www.artattheedge.com

ART, ETC.

Art in the Park: Art Fair, 10 a.m. 5 p.m. July 14-15, Warren's New City Square, east of Van Dyke, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile roads, Warren Cultural Commission, Warren Tri-County Fine Arts.

County Fine Arts. Bagley Housing Gallery: The Canadian/ Columbian Connection, paintings by Patricia R. Edie and Jeanne Poulet, through July 14, 2715 Bagley, Detroit (313) 964-5942, www.bagleyhousing.com 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 **Detroit Artists Market:** Baseball as Art,

through July 14, 4719 Woodward Ave., Detroit (313),832-8540.

National Institute of Doll Artists: Gallery Night, 6:30 p.m. July 12; show and sale 1-4 p.m. July 15, free admission, Concord Ballroom of the Downtown Courtyard Marriott, 333 E. Jefferson, Detroit, www.niada.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.

Orchard Lake Framing & Gallery: Enrichment

853-9855; 7 p.m. July 9, Book Connection, 19043 Middlebelt Rd., Livonia (248) 471-4742; 7 p.m. July 10, Barnes & Noble, 17111 Haggerty Rd., Northville (248) 348-0696.

CAR SHOWS

Troy Museum & Historic Village: Motoring Memories, second annual car show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., July 14, classic cars, trucks, motorcycles and bicycles, vintage hat show at 1 p.m., exhibit of model cars, special children's activities, food for purchase, trophies for exceptional cars, live entertainment, \$3 per person donation, children under 10 free, 60 Wattles Road (on northwest corner of Livernois intersection), park at Zion Lutheran Church, 3668 Livernois, south of Wattles, and ride the free shuttle to the museum (248) 524-3570, www.troymi.gov/museum. Heritage Car Cruise: Antique and classic

Heritage Car Cruise: Antique and classic car owners invited, registration 11 a.m., cruise, 3 p.m. Aug. 26, Howell High School freshman campus (corner of Grand River and Highlander Way), \$15, proceeds go to Heritage Hope Foundation to help Livingston County charities, (517) 546-6440, www.heritagecarcruise.com

CLASSICAL

Seven Mondays at 7 Carillon Series: Anne Kroeze, 7 p.m. July 9; Tin-Shi Tam, 5 and 7 p.m. July 16; Toru Takao, July 23; Jim Fackenthal, July 30; Baird Carillon, Burton Memorial Tower, 881 N. University, Ann Arbor, (734) 764-4414

CONCERTS-THIS WEEK

DTE Energy Music Theatre: Toby Keith, July 5-6, call (248) 645-6666 or visit palacenet.com.

The Palace of Auburn Hills: John Mayer, July 5; visit palacenet.com or call (248) 645-6666 for tickets.

CONCERTS-FUTURE

DTE Energy Music Theatre: Summer of Löve 40th Anniversary Tour with Jefferson Starship, The Music of Moby Grape with Jerry Miller, Big Brother & The Holding Co. and Quicksilver Messenger Service, July 15; Moody Blues, July 20; Def Leppard, July 24; B.B. King Blues Festival, July 29; Opie & Anthony's Traveling Virus, Aug. 4; Bryan Adams with George Thorogood & The Destroyers, Aug. 8; Velvet Revolver with Alice in Chains and Kill Hannah, Aug. 27; Rush, Aug. 28, call (248) 645-6666 or visit palacenet.com. **The Magic Bag:** Chris Duarte, July 15; **Meadowbrok:** Blues Traveler, July 24, (248) 645-6666.

The Palace of Auburn Hills: The Police, July 17; Dave Matthews Band, Aug. 23, visit palacenet.com or call (248) 645-6666 for tickets.

Joe Louis Arena: Screamfest '07 with T.I. Ciara, T Pain, Lloyd and Young Joc, Aug. 16, (248) 645-6666, OlympiaEntertainment. com

CLUBS

The Ark: Carrie Rodriguez, July 5; Tcheka, July 6, Feufollet, July 7; Ramblin' Jack

Killer comedy earns laughs for Ben Kingsley

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

His name is Frank Falenczyk and he's an alcoholic. But it takes this unlikely protagonist a good half-hour into John Dahl's black comedy You Kill Me to admit that.

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Frank's issues run deeper than his addiction to the vodka bottle, though. Just so happens he's a contract

killer with a conscience. And as of late, his drinking has been interfering with his work.

When Frank, portrayed in all his frozenfaced glory by Ben Kingsley, passes out waiting to take down an Irish mob boss, his Uncle Roman (Philip Baker Hall) sends him to San Francisco to drv out.

Dahl takes an idea audiences will find somewhat familiar, thanks to movies like Grosse Pointe Blank, and delves deeper into the recesses of human frailty. He shows it all with a biting comic edge.

Once Frank sets up shop in San Fran, he's greeted by a morally bankrupt real estate agent played by a pudgy Bill Pullman, and a calm, supportive Alcoholics Anonymous sponsor named Tom (Luke Wilson).

Forced to work in a morgue, the dead bodies are no bother, of course. But the alcohol-soaked wakes pose a dilemma.

Still, Frank manages to fall in love post-funeral, with a sharptongued brunette named Laurel (Téa Leoni).

Here's a guy whose black wardrobe and over-arching stature paint him into a rather foreboding villain. Kingsley humanizes this cold character first showing the way he bristles

during AA meetings, then revealing his tactics with women. He asks Laurel: "If nobody dies, maybe we could get coffee sometime.' She's harsh, a dry wit, and a seemingly his perfect match. During their first date, Dahl shad-

ows them in a half-light, indicated that there's a side of these two that's kept hidden from one another.

But as the film moves on. with scenes flitting between San Francisco and Buffalo, N.Y., Frank reveals his truth and tries to "make amends."

But tensions are escalating back in Buffalo, as the aforementioned Irish mob boss Edward O'Leary (Dennis Farina) gains ground over Uncle Roman and his family. Frank must make a move and right his wrongs - in this case failing to whack. O'Leary in the first place.

But how will it all impact his relationship with Laurel? Audiences will have to wait and see. A dark, witty delight, You Kill Me is in theaters now.

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tuming is bizarre as well, suggesting a world taken over by Yves St. Laurent on a bad day.

The acting here is uneven. Graham Greene as Shylock delivers his lines more clearly and naturally than the others, but often seems too stiff in his interpretation. As the merchant Antonio, Scott Wentworth's voice sometimes never clears the stage. The low comic clowning of Gobbo, played by Ron Kennell, isn't funny and seems disconnected. No one laughed at his hurried word plays.

The best performances come from Severn Thompson, who plays an elegant Portia and, in drag, the advocate for

PURE ENTERTAINMENT! Sweet Threasday!

the merchant who outwits Shylock, and Raquel Duffy as her maid and confidante Nerissa. In fact the Portia scenes play better than the rest, though I've seen funnier versions. And the transformation of Portia from a ditz fluttering over her marital choices and the competent legal mind and shrewd wife at the end is unconvincing.

In the end Merchant is still a problem play and this muddled attempt at political correctness doesn't add anything to the discussion.

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Above, Ben Kingsley shoots for laughs in 'You Kill Me.' The new

IFC Films black comedy features a killer cast including (at left) Luke Wilson, Téa Leoni and Kingsley.



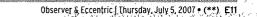
muttered or spoken too quickly.

The play is primarily about the pursuit of a rich young women named Portia and a deal made by her preferred suitor to obtain money. He asks a merchant friend to loan him a sum of money, which the merchant borrows from a Jewish moneylender and business rival, Shylock. When a series of shipwrecks prevent the merchant from making good on the loan, Shylock demands his forfeit – a pound

of flesh. Meanwhile, Shvlock's daughter elopes with a Christian and denies her father.

Shakespeare gives Shylock a beautiful speech Hath Not a Jew that reminds his listeners that Jews are human and have been much abused. But the play clearly means Shylock to be the villain and the Christians to be in the right.

Rose, as have others, turns this around. The opening is a bizarre pig roast with everyone wearing pig masks. As unreasonable as Shylock is, everyone else seems more venal and coarse. The ending suggests regret by the wayward daughter that is not in the text. The modern cos-







www.FathomEvents.com and at participating movie theatre box offices. Locations are: Livonia 20 Theater, 19500 Haggerty Rd., Livonia, and Commerce Township Stadium 14, 3033 Springvale Dr., Walled Lake.

GIRL SCOUT CAMP

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Kayak, swim, explore nature and more. Space is still available in day or overnight camp for girls ages 5 - 17. Girl Scout Camp is all about fun, friendship, and frolicking in the summer sun. Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council have a variety of programs at its Camp Linden site in Livingston County. There's also sports, horseback riding and arts and crafts. All girls are invited to register for camp whether they are current Girl Scouts or not, and financial aid is available. Call (800) 49-SCOUT.

MUSIC

SOUTHGATE

If you love live underground music, this is your place. The Modern Exchange,



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12219 Dix-Toledo Rd. in Southgate, is a concert house, vintage clothing store and cafe all for teens who like rock, punk, ambient and metal. Performing on Monday July 9, for \$7, is band the Airports, a power pop rock band from Southgate, plus the alternative experimental Brazilian band Mister Christopher and Detroit garage rockers The Rebels. On Tuesday for \$8 it's all hardcore metal. The cafe has veggie sandwiches, chips, soup cookies, espresso drinks, and fountain drinks. Visit the Web site, www.themodernexchange.com, to see the full schedule or call (734) 284-2547.

DETROIT

One of the most energetic bands in the punk scene today is Gogol Bordello who will perform an all ages show 7 p.m., Saturday, July 14 at the Majestic Theatre. This underground gypsy punk band is emerging fast - so catch the band before it explodes into mainstream popularity. Singer/lyricist visionary Eugene Hutz and the rest of the Gogol create an intense energy at their shows - everyone participates. It's a mix of gypsy music, rock, Flamenco and other types of rebel music. \$18 in advance, visit www.gogolbordello. com for more info.

CANTON

Lighter style music can be heard in Canton. Thursday night summer concert series at the Heritage Park Amphitheater. Concert goers are encouraged to bring blankets or folding chairs. Light concessions will be on sale. These shows are weather-dependant. All shows scheduled 7:30-9 p.m.

July 19, The Gratitude Steel Band Reggae/Island Music, it's a Luau Celebration! Caribbean-themed fun for all ages. Free. July 26, Sun Messengers, Motown/R & B. Donate a new/gently used item of clothing and receive one free small popcorn. Free

Tuesdays it's a Youth Concert Series for younger kids. Grab your sack lunch and a blanket, and get ready to enjoy our lineup of children's entertainers Performances begin at noon and run for 30-45 minutes. On July 10 it's Jasen Magic the magician. On July Aug. 7, it's Harpbeat. Located west of Canton Center, south of Cherry hill. http://leisure.canton-mi.org

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GET ACTIVE!

Help take care of animals, make root beer floats for the Easter Seals, help at the Woodward Dream Cruise or talk to teens who need emotional support. If you want to help repair houses for those in need, you can do that too. For animals, visit www. guardiansforanimals.org, for Easter Seals visit www.essmichigan.org, or to help your peers in a crisis center for phone visit www. commongroundssanctuary.org. A Web site lists scores of groups that need teenage volunteers is www.volunteermatch.com

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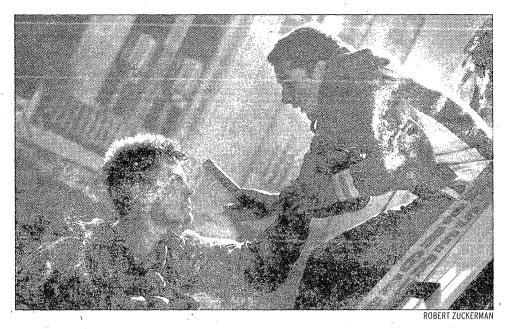
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Westland's Concrete Jungle Skate Park is open and ready for all skaters. Admission for adult Wayne County residents is \$5 per session and \$8 for a day pass. For children who live in Wayne County, the cost is \$3 per session and \$5 for a day pass. The Concrete Jungle is located at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road, behind Westland City Hall. For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

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At 8 p.m., on Friday, July 20 is the Blue Lake Exchange Program with the Austrian Kids' choir, orchestra, and dancers performing at Oxford High School. Admission is \$5. Visit www.orionartcenter. org for more information.



Captain Lennox (Josh Duhamel, left) and Sam Witwicky (Shia LaBeouf, right) join forces when they are attacked by an alien race in 'Transformers.'

Transformers serves up all-ages summer fun

BY JEFF VON BUSKIRK CORRESPONDENT

Another addition in the line of recent movies adapted from popular cartoons, Transformers is designed for young teens to mid-twentysomethings, but also appeals to the nostalgia of the older crowd who grew up watching the original cartoon and playing with the boxy plas-Ime tic toys. A demographic home run, this production is perfect for Hollywood, GIGU but comes with the problem of how to satisfy the demands of this varied group.

This problem is handled fittingly by producer and director Michael Bay, responsible for such blockbusters as *The Rock, Armageddon, Pearl Harbor* and *Bad Boys*. Bay's love affair with high-flying action sequences, slow-motion military images and fastpaced dialogue was a good match for this content. What he communicated best was the environment created by towering robots battling to the death around the viewer. The action sequences were filmed at ground level and were somewhat scattered and confusing, which gave a realistic human viewpoint.

The effects were convincing where the robots were concerned. They often wreaked unintentional havoc on the surrounding area as they transformed back and forth from robots into cars, airplanes and tanks. But the writing was bland, withmuch of the back story explained with narrative sequences, and the characters were campy and exaggerated. They seemed to be taken from stereotypes of other char-

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acter stereotypes in other movies, and cast accordingly. Notwithstanding the unlikely, curly-haired, muddling teenage hero who, let's hope, does not become a new stereotype we will have to live with. Even the heroic speeches in the movie were stereotypes of other speeches in other movies. Courage, fear and freedom were

thrown into the dialogue haphazardly, seemingly without any real relevant plot involvement or consequence, though the personality of the robots was consistent with the original show. The comic relief was predictable -clueless parents and overbearing law enforcement -- but also included timely and political jabs at overseas call-help centers, a nap-

ping, Ding-Dong eating President, and Spanish-speaking Americans.

Finally, the gratuitous product placement in the film at times seemed to blur the line between Hollywood blockbuster and slick GM car commercial, complete with soundtrack and damp pavement.

In the end, *Transformers* is not Bay's best work, but his signature non-stop camera motion and a heavy helping of CGI make the subject matter visually stunning. It is the typical Hollywood summer release; what it lacks in sophistication, it makes up for in fast-paced fun and provides the audience with what it is looking for.

Detroiters will particularly get a kick out of identifying local spots downtown where the movie was filmed.

Now we will have to consider whether Will Smith and Steve Buscemi will make a good Destro and Cobra Commander respectively, and if the Hummer can be tricked out enough for GI Joe.

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was such a beautiful thing," said Doyle. "It opened our minds to this universal idea as a human race."

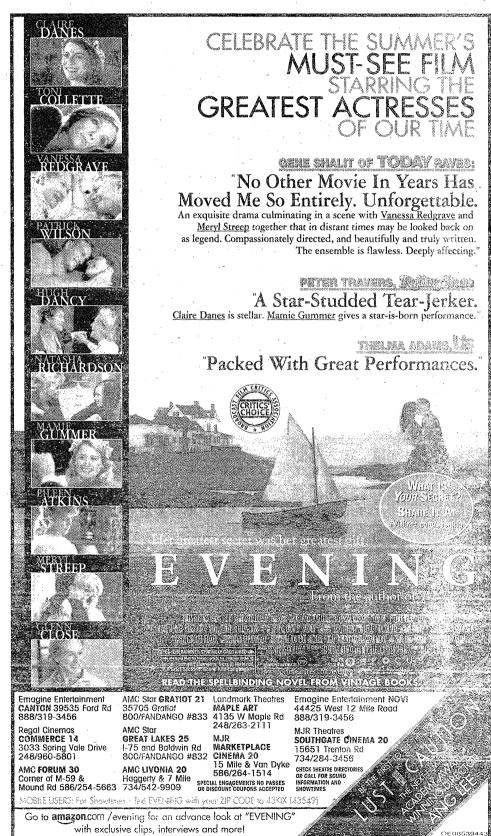
It also spawned a new ok. The band traded in robes for matching military attire.

The Polyphonic Spree is more than a band, Doyle said, it's a way of life. Members usually arrive by way of friends and other bandmates. "It would be our wish, and I'm not kidding, to have 50 people in the choir," said Doyle.

But the Spree is confined by space - on stage, on tour buses, everywhere. The Polyphonic Spree considers touring in itself a major victory. "There are all kinds of things we deal with. With the crew and kids we're 32 people. Our tour is an event."

For those experiencing The Polyphonic Spree live for the first time, Doyle said "be prepared for some explosions, a celebration, and a chance to join in."

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DRIVE-IN MOVIES

CANTON

You can visit a drive-in just like your parents did back in their day. On Friday, Aug. 10 at Independence Park from 6 -11:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 10. Southwest corner of Denton and Proctor roads, 80 acres, including 12-game soccer fields, eight practice soccer fields, and a playscape area.

Énjoy a family movie in the comfort of your automobile. Lawn seating is also available. Concessions will be sold. In addition, family entertainment will take place prior to the movie. No pre-registration required. Space is limited.

PLYMOUTH

Everyday in Plymouth, movies can be viewed under the stars. The Compuware Sports Arena operates the Compuware Sports Arena Drive-In Theatre. Seven days through Sept. 2.

Movies will include Surf's Up, Spider-Man 3, Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End, Wild Hogs, Nancy Drew, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and more. Call (734) 927-3284 or visit www.compuwarehockey.com

Prices range from \$8 for ages 13 and older, \$6 for children 4-12 and \$6 for students (Sun.-Thurs.). Children 3-and-under are admitted free.

The restaurant at the arena – Ginopolis on the Ice - is offering a "Dinner and a Movie" package. For \$29, two people can choose meals from a select menu and enjoy a double-feature afterwards at the Compuware Sports Arena Drive-In Theatre.

ONLINE

THE ENVIRONMENT

On July 7, during the globally televised Live Earth rock concerts, the world will be introduced to The GREENS - the edgy, engaging new Web site that empowers eco-minded kids to make a difference, brought to life by the award-winning WGBH Interactive Kids Group.

But, before The GREENS' intriguing



crew of animated environmental advocates meet the anticipated audience of 2 billion Live Earth viewers, here's a sneak peek: http://www.meetthegreens.org The GREENS explore an array of kid-

friendly green topics and offers concrete ways kids can take action. Issues include sustainability, ecology, environmental care and social equity, The GREENS' animated, episodic adventures, Web blog, Flash games are upbeat and fun.

PIANO LESSONS ONLINE?

It's tough trying maintaining a full load of courses, being involved in school sports and trying to keep your skills and practice in music going. Not only that, but piano lessons with good teachers are expensive and it's often really difficult to schedule lessons. So now you can take piano lessons on the Internet. In classic piano lessons, students and teachers vie for a certain number of limited time slots. With the Internet, students download workbooks and listen to flash audio files anytime they want.

Personal music lessons with a good piano instructor usually run \$25 to \$35 per half hour session. Online music lessons with Weiss cost \$19.97 a month.

Edward Weiss, a pianist/composer from San Diego, is one of the online teachers

"My students move a computer or a wireless laptop right next to their piano," he explains. "With the Internet, students just click on the piano lessons they want to take and work their way through the instructions. They practice on their own for the most part. Then when they have a question, they e-mail me."

According to Weiss, the future of music instruction is on the Internet. A You Tube video demonstration film of. Weiss giving a piano lesson. Lesson 82: "December Twilight", a left-hand ostinato pattern going on while the right improvises melody. The left hand plays a few bass notes - then two chords - A Major and D Major at http://www.quiescencemusic.com/art13.html

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ART, STARS, ANIMALS AND MORE Bloomfield Hills

Ah, Cranbrook. Some of the prettiest

On August 1, the **Family Values Tour** comes to DTE, featuring Droid (pictured here) and also Korn, Evanescence, Atreyu and others. It's a festival focusing on metal, speed metal, 2-step, Crunk, romance metal, hardcore and other heavy sounds. Visit www.palacenet.com for details

gardens in the state with hidden nooks and crannies and sculptures. A science, a museum, art museum and planetarium is all on Cranbrook's campus.

Visit Cranbrook Institute of Science any Friday for an evening of science until 10 p.m. for "Starry Night" Fridays.

At 7 p.m., discover the Stars of the Pharaohs. A 30-minute program takes you on a journey to ancient Egypt to see how science was used to tell time and align huge buildings. Learn about the connection the ancient Egyptians felt with the stars and various astronomical phenomena. Finish with a viewing of the most spectacular temples and tombs of the ancient world recreated in their original splendor.

At 8 p.m. discover what you will see when go outside tonight. Michigan Sky Tonight is a live-narrated program about what's happening in the current night sky from constellations to comets, planets to pulsars.

At 9 p.m. is Rock Hall of Fame 2, an intense and revolutionary entertainment program that brings down the house with full dome high-resolution computer animation. Based around a Rock Hall of Fame theme.

A new planetarium program debuts this month, "The Future Is Wild," which gives audiences a glimpse at what might be the future of the animal kingdom on planet Earth.

An international team of researchers has been looking into how animals and plants will change and evolve over the next 5 to 200 million years. A team of 100 animators and scholars transformed their ideas into creatures that fly, walk and swim on the earth of the future. Cranbrook Educational Community is located at 39221 Woodward Avenue in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

ART FOR PRE-TEENS

FARMINGTON HILLS

The City of Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division offers art camp.

New this year is fine art camps, which will add a creative blast to the summer. Explore the world of art, music, and performance while enjoying the beauty of Heritage Park. A Half Day Fine Art Camp is offered 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Aug. 6-10 featuring photo adventure and music discovery. (Early drop-off is available for an additional fee.) The fee is \$105 for residents and \$110 for non-residents.

Kids can have fun learning and creating art projects in camps with art instructor Faina Lerman. Using a variety of media including pottery, painting, and drawing, kids can enroll in "Art Explorers: Art Around the World." Camps are Aug. 13 - 17. Ages 5 -7 attend the morning sessions (9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.); ages 8 - 12 attend the afternoon sessions (1 - 4 p.m.) Camps are held at the Heritage Park Stables Studio. Fees are \$90 residents and \$95 non-residents. Supplies will be provided.

Young Rembrandts, Junior Zoo, Pirate Camp, and Anime Cartoon Camp provide kids the chance to learn to draw animals, cartoon characters, and pirates and treasure ships using pencils, color pencils, markers, and sharpies. Junior Zoo Camp (for ages 5 - 7) will be held July 17 - 19 or July 24 - 26 from 9 - 10:30 a.m.; Anime Cartoon Camp (for ages 7 - 12) runs July 17 - 19 from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; Pirate Camp (for ages 7 - 12) will be held July 24 - 26 from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fees for the Young Rembrandts camps are \$58 residents and \$63 non-residents. Camps will be held at the Heritage Park Stables Studio; fees include all supplies.

The popular Step-by-Step Drawing Camps will be offered with instructor Mary T. Schmidt, July 30 - Aug. 3. These camps allow kids to learn, apply, and combine the basic elements of shape; older children learn the fundamentals of the three-dimensional technique. Camp for students ages 5 - 6 is held 9-10 a.m.; students ages 7 - 8 attend 12:15 - 1:15 p.m., and ages 9 - 12 attend 10:15 -11:45 a.m. Camps for students ages 5 - 6 and 7 - 8 are \$46 for residents and \$51 for nonresidents. Camps for ages 9 - 12 are \$66 residents and \$71 non-residents. Camps will be held at the Heritage Park Stables Studio; fees include all supplies.

In addition to the camps listed above, the Cultural Arts Division offers group Violin Lessons for Beginners and Intermediate students (ages 5+). Parents are encouraged to attend the class with their child.

Violin rental and purchase of additional materials and equipment is required. Beginning Violin classes are held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 - 8 p.m. on July 16, 18, 23, 25, 30 and Aug, 1 and 6. A performance class will be held on Sunday, July 29, at 4 p.m. Intermediate Violin classes (for those with prior experience through the schools or private or group lessons) will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings form 7 - 8 p.m. on Aug. 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27 and 29 with performance class on Sunday, Aug. 26, at 4 p.m.

Fees for violin classes are \$125 for residents; \$130 for non-residents.

To register for any of the camps or classes, call (248) 473-1857/1859 for a registration form, download a form from the city's Web site at www.fhgov. com or stop in at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

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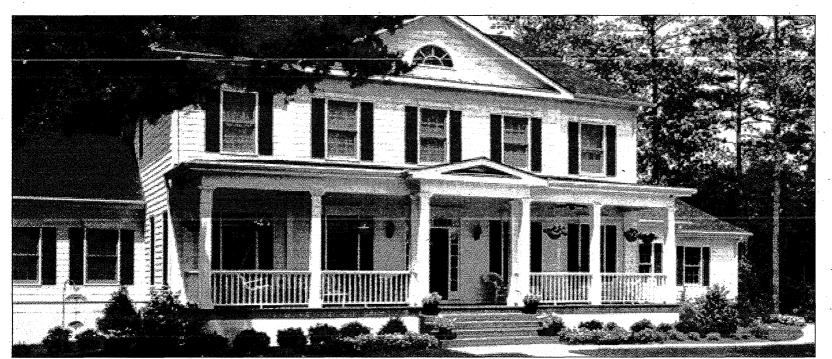
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Sprucing up your home's front porch can add a touch of personality to your property.

A personalized porch adds to home's charm

(NewsUSA) - The front porch is making a comeback as more Americans seek ways to enjoy the outdoors and connect with their neighborhoods from the comfort of their own homes. In fact, 53 per-



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cent of new homes are now built with front porches, according to the National Association of Home Builders.

This trend reflects an era in which there was seemingly more time to kick back, which is why homeowners are showing a growing preference for lowmaintenance front porches, as the need to relax grows along with their busy schedules.

Homeowners also want to give their porch style and unique appeal, as nothing spells monotony like a street full of homes with the same facade design. Creating a fresh look can be done in a variety of ways, such as using vinyl post wraps, a quick and convenient way to update your porch by wrapping wood

porch posts to improve their look and longevity.

One problem that home-owners want to avoid is planks, balusters and railings that peel and rot and have to be maintained and eventually replaced over time. While several low-maintenance alternatives to wood are available. some, such as CertainTeed's vinyl and composite railing and decking clearly stand out.

The company's new Panorama Composite Railing eliminates maintenance woes. Unlike wood railings, Panorama is a fully wrapped composite rail with a vinyl cap for a finish that replicates smooth, painted wood from all angles. Because of its tough exterior, it is easy to clean and not susceptible to termite infestation. Plus, it is codeapproved, which homeowners can't get with traditional wood railing. So, it is as utilitarian as it is attractive.

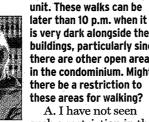
For homeowners wanting to refashion their front porch, the addition of new cladding can also do the trick. Siding is now available that emulates classic siding styles - be it board and batten, or cedar shakes - without the long-term maintenance cost.

After refurbishing the front porch, homeowners can kick off their shoes and enjoy some extra outdoor time in style.

For more information, visit www.certainteed.com or call 800-782-8777.

Recourse limited on dog walker/co-owner

Q. A co-owner walks his dog at various evening times using the grassy areas between the buildings and sometimes behind and around those buildings. His walk is very disturbing since it results in a person suddenly appearing outside my window and behind my



is very dark alongside the buildings, particularly since there are other open areas in the condominium. Might there be a restriction to these areas for walking?

such a restriction in the **Robert Meisner** typical condominium documents other than

the fact that no one shall engage in any obnoxious or offensive activity. The fact that a co-owner is walking on the common elements, even late at night, may

not be a violation of any restriction, and it would be hard to enforce same in any event. I would suggest, therefore, you bring to the attention of the co-owner in question your concern about him walking between the buildings and that you would prefer him to walk somewhere else.

Q. I am aware of a homeowner who has allowed a group of high school students to hold a party on their premises despite knowing that they were underage and drinking. The homeowners allowed the party to take place on their property knowing that underage party guests were consuming alcohol, but they did not supply the alcohol and did not supervise or prevent its consumption. Do we or the homeowners have any liability?

A. In a recent case out of Wisconsin, the court held that it was reasonably foreseeable that permitting underage high school students to legally drink alcohol on

the homeowner's property would result in harm to some person or something; thus, the court held that the homeowners had a duty to refrain from knowingly permitting underage high school students to engage in illegal alcohol consumption on their property. To the extent that the association's property is in any way involved and/or condoned such conduct, it may also be liable. You are best advised to consult with an attorney.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.



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www.qualitygmac.com/mls=27108456 NORTHVILLE - Like new 2 bedrm, 2 bath condo w/ upgrades galore! Offers master ste w/ cathedral ceilings, kitchen w/lots of counter space + built-in snack bar, covered balcony off living rm & master ste, fastastic clubhouse w/ gym, pool, etc! \$179,800 (113Car) www.qualitygmac.com/mls=27066818 PLYMOUTH - Custom Rossi built 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath cape cod backing to commons! 1st fir mstr w/luxury bath, irg bdrms w/ walk-in-closets, 2 story great rm & foyer, beautiful ktchn w/huge island, wet bar/ butlers pantry, fin'd bsmnt, etc! \$499,000 (112Coo)

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FARMINGTON - Charming 2 bedrm starter home. Updated: ceramic bath, ktchn w/ lots of counters, cabinets & 7x3 walk-in-pantry, wndws, roof, A/C, furn, siding, plumbing + award winning landscaping! \$139,800 (L09Vio)

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251 Deering St

6188 Lathers St

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 5-9, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

Canton	
43026 Arlington Rd	\$206,000
7992 Brampton Dr	\$425,000
45757 Bryn Mawr Rd	\$252,000
8475 Chatham Dr	\$530,000
324 Cherry Stone Dr	\$135,000
48297 Chesterfield Dr S	\$392,000
6687 Devonshire Dr	\$190,000
1290 E Crystal Cir	\$268,000
7142 Foxcreek Dr	\$280,000
45929 Graystone Ln	\$238,000
42007 Greenwood Dr	\$213,000
1159 Hampshire Dr	\$155,000
45575 Hanford Rd	\$268,000
48391 Inveraray Rd	\$435,000
39717 Lynn St	\$160,000
41141 N Maplewood Dr	\$201,000
2110 N Woods Ct	\$345,000
455 Robert Ct	\$280,000
6591 S Lambeth Ct	\$275,000
2209 Stanton St	\$338,000
631 Tyler Ln	\$235,000
1935 Wentworth Dr	\$335,000
Farmington Hills	
25538 Arden Park Dr	\$219,000
25749 Castlereigh Dr	\$276,000
25184 Dunham Ct	\$184,000
37082 Dunstable Ct	\$385,000
29315 Fieldstone	\$386,000
21154 Gill Rd	\$253,000
30128 Kimberly Ct	\$95,000
31010 N Park Dr	\$235,000
22115 Purdue Ave	\$135,000
28838 Ravenwood St	\$230,000
30341 Rockshire Ave	\$287,000
30078 Shiawassee Rd	\$146,000
21965 Tulane Ave	\$136,000
30368 W 11 Mile Rd	\$150,000
29860 W 12 Mile Rd	\$89,000
21811 Whittington St	\$55,000
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31045 Marquette St \$125,000 Livonia 33763 Eight Mile Rd \$94,000 36682 Angeline Cir 19403 Antago St \$188.000 \$133,000 11305 Arcola St \$159,000 \$260,000 \$157,000 20425 Reatrice St 11018 Brookfield St 19119 Canterbury Dr \$100.000 12061 Cardwell St 18275 Doris St \$130,000 \$150,000 36200 Fairway Dr \$113,000 \$152,000 \$166,000 9321 Harrison St 14333 Harrison St 14230 Ingram St \$194,000 19667 Ingram St 18670 Lathers St \$155,000 \$154,000 10218 Laurel St \$265,000 \$201,000 \$215,000 35467 Southampton St 28858 Vassar St 29427 W Chicago St \$166,000 19541 Westmore St \$107,000 Milford 2324 North St \$175.000 4522 Pommore 630 Woodside Dr \$153,000 \$155,000 Northville 47576 Manorwood Dr 15972 Morningside \$659,000 \$180,000 16304 Mulberry Way \$384,000 16407 Mulberry Way 17491 Rolling Woods Cir \$410,000 \$550,000 19519 Whitman Ct \$153,000 Novi 45114 Bartlett Dr \$133,000 45191 Bartlett Dr \$278,000 47302 Bramblewood Ct 41454 Chattman St \$274,000 \$267,000 220 Endwell St \$122,000 27519 Harrington Way \$315,000 40647 Lenox Park Dr \$252,000

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Career Seminar

Keller Williams Realty will be hosting Career Seminars 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, and Thursday, July 26. Seminars will take place at the Plymouth Market Place, located at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, a half block West of I-275 adjacent to Bally's Fitness Center. Please call in advance to reserve a seat: (734) 459-4700.

Investors

Dr. John Hayes, president of HomeVestors, will discuss the state of the real estate industry and what it takes to be successful in any kind of market at the monthly meeting of the Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on July 12, 5:30-9:30 p.m. at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747 6742.

Auction July 25

The Auction Services Group of Benj. E. Sherman & Sons, a Chicago-based national real estate auction company, will be conducting the sale of eight single family homes, seven condominiums and 56 home sites throughout metro Detroit. The auction will be held in the ballroom of the

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First International Mortgage	(248) 540-1065	6.375	0	6.125	0	J/A		
Gold Star Mortgage	(800) 203-1546	6.5	o	6.25	0	J/A/V/F		
Golden Rule Mortgage	(800) 991-9922	6	1.875	5.5	2.375	J/A/V/F		
Group One Mortgage	(248) 282-1602	6.625	o	6.375	0	J/A/V/F		
LaSalle Bank Midwest	(800) 466-3800	6.375	- 2	6.125	2	J/A/V/F		
Mainstreet Mortgage	(800) 900-1313	6.625	0	6.25	0	J/A/V/F		
Manufacturers	(586) 777-1000	6.25	1	. 6	1	J/Ą		
Michigan Schools & Gov. C/U	(586) 263-8800	6.875	0	6.625	0	J/A		
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Troy Marriott, 200 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 25.

Neumann Homes Inc., a Chicagobased national home builder, has elected to auction these properties to reduce the marketing time necessary to sell them in a slow marketplace."We have experienced the same slowdown that other builders have experienced throughout metro Detroit," said Neumann President and CEO Kenneth P. Neumann. "We've made a business decision to utilize the accelerated sales method to complete a close-out of several of our communities which will allow our team members to concentrate their efforts on our most recently developed communities in the four regions around the country that we are building in.

"This will be the second auction that we will have conducted for Neumann Homes in metro Detroit," said Robert Roggeveen, president of The Auction Services Group of Benj. E. Sherman & Sons. "Last year, we sold 66 properties for over \$8,000,000."

All of the homes and condominiums will be open for viewing during the following scheduled open house dates and times:

Thursday, July 12, 7-9 p.m., Sunday, July 15, 1-4 p.m., Sunday, July 8, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, July 21, 1-4 p.m.

To receive an auction brochure, call the company auction line at (888) 442-8008.

Builder pre-license classes

Oakland Builders Institute is presenting a 16-hour comprehensive seminar to give students the help needed to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination.

The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building tradespeople who want to work legally in Michigan. This seminar is comprehensive, teaching math as well as blueprint reading. Oakland Builders Institute teaches building courses in 16 school districts in Michigan. For a free brochure and current schedule of all classes including evening sessions, call toll-free (800) 940-2014 or (248) 651-2771. A 16-hour comprehensive seminar will be offered by Henry Ford Community College in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute. The seminar is scheduled for Tuesday/Thursday, July 10, 12, 17, 19, from 6-10 p.m. at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights Campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights.

The cost of the seminar is \$189 for residents plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions, or \$208 for non-residents plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions. Preregistration with payment is required no later than Thursday, July 5, to Henry Ford Community College. Please call (313) 317-1500 to register 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

Builders pre-license class in July

Oakland Builders Institute is presenting a 16-hour comprehensive seminar to give students the help needed to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination. The seminar is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, July 21 and 22, at the Best Western ConCorde Inn of Rochester Hills, 1919 Star-Batt Dr., Rochester Hills.

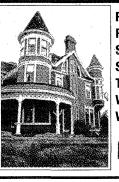
The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building trades people who want to work legally in Michigan.

The cost of the seminar is \$205 and includes the manual, sample questions and the test application. A \$25 deposit is required no later than Thursday, July 19, to Oakland Builders Institute, 1277 Dutton Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48306. Call toll-free (800)-940-2014 or (248) 651-2771 to register Monday -Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or register online at www.buildersinstitute.com

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Getting rid of ants, the most common home invader

(NAPSI)-When the weather temperature rises, homeowners are more likely to see an increase in pest activity--the most common are ant infestations.

A research study conducted by the National Pest Management Association (NPMA) shows that 25 percent of homeowners say ants are their main pest concern. This same study revealed that more than half of all homeowners have had problems with ants--making them the most prevalent pest nationwide. In addition to being a general nuisance, these bothersome pests can cause significant damage in your home by destroying wood and contaminating your food.

Although encountering an ant infestation can be unnerving, it is important to deal with the problem quickly and

effectively. The first step is to properly identify which ant species is present in the home.

Most ants thrive in warm and moist conditions and can be controlled with cleaning methods and bait systems. In some cases, the only way to completely remediate an ant infestation is to promptly locate and remove the identified species' nests.

Some of the most common home invaders include:

Odorous House Ants: These ants get their name from the unpleasant odor they give off when crushed. It's

grease and even shoe polish. They live in extremely large colonies and keep warm near artificial heating sources like baseboard heaters and ovens.

Carpenter Ants: This species hollows out nests in both dry and moist wood, though they prefer the latter. They can be particularly hard to remove from the home since their nests can be more difficult to locate.

Fire Ants: At least 32 deaths in the U.S. can be attributed to severe allergic reactions to fire ant stings each year.

Fire ants can chew through the insulation around electrical wiring and have also been known to kill small animals. They currently infest 14 states throughout the Southeastern U.S.

Pest professionals can identify particular ant species and other pests in the home, treat to remove them and can recommend steps homeowners can take to prevent reinfestation.

For more information on ants and pest prevention tips, visit www.pestworld.org

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