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Jim and Suzanne Mazurek bring their 4-year-old daughter, Rachel, to watch 'Ratatouille' at the portable drive-in at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township. Rachel thinks that one of the best things about the drive-in is wearing your PJs and staying up late.

Festival organizers address noise, security concerns

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Visitors to this year's Plymouth Fall Festival will notice additional security on hand and new locations for some of the larger carnival rides as the Fall Festival board attempts to address concerns addressed earlier this year by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's Property Owners Committee.

In a letter sent to the Fall Festival board earlier this year, Rick Reid, chairman of the property owners group, noted two major areas of concern.

"A number of retailers and property owners are concerned the rides are disrupting downtown, to the point it's not beneficial," Reid said. "There's also a security issue with policing overall numbers of kids and people who are there."

Fall Festival manager Don McDurmon said they've hired additional security for both Friday and Saturday night of the event, which will be held Sept. 7-9.

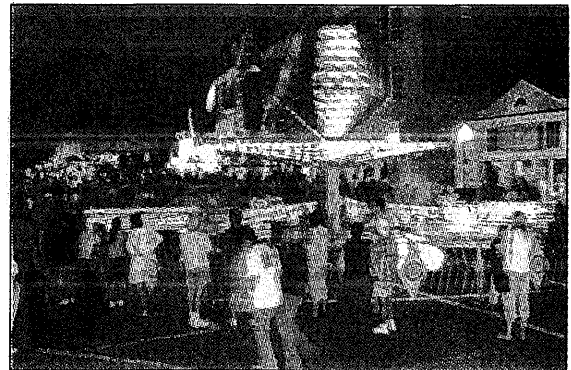
"We'll have six Wayne County reserve officers on duty each night from 8-11 p.m. to walk around the carnival and in nearby alleys to keep kids from congregating and keep them moving," McDurmon said. "Combined with the six Plymouth police officers, it should work out pretty well."

McDurmon said the price tag is a minimum \$500. Fall Festival board president Colleen Brown said an anonymous donation has been given to cover the cost.

"We talked to the carnival company and they will move some of the big rides away from the condos at the Mayflower Centre," Brown said. "We're really comfortable with the carnival company. They've been cooperative and professional in making sure the carnival fits into Plymouth."

The success of the carnival company is in direct correlation to the financial success of the Fall Festival, bringing in as much as \$25,000 to cover the bill the Fall Festival has to pay the city for police and municipal services.

Please see **FESTIVAL, A7**



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Friday night events draw good crowds to the carnival rides along Ann Arbor Trail during Fall Festival, but the festival board decided to move the rides after some business owners complained.

Drive-in delight

Compuware screens drawing biggest crowds

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Nine-year-old Dominique Pacheco had her big fluffy pillow spread out in the back of her mom's van, ready with three other youngsters who came with her mom despite the rain to enjoy one of Plymouth Township's burgeoning hangouts.

One wouldn't have known it by Tuesday's sparse crowd, kept down by the weeknight event and the rain that moved through the area around 9 p.m., but the portable drive-in theater screens at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township are being viewed in ever-increasing numbers.

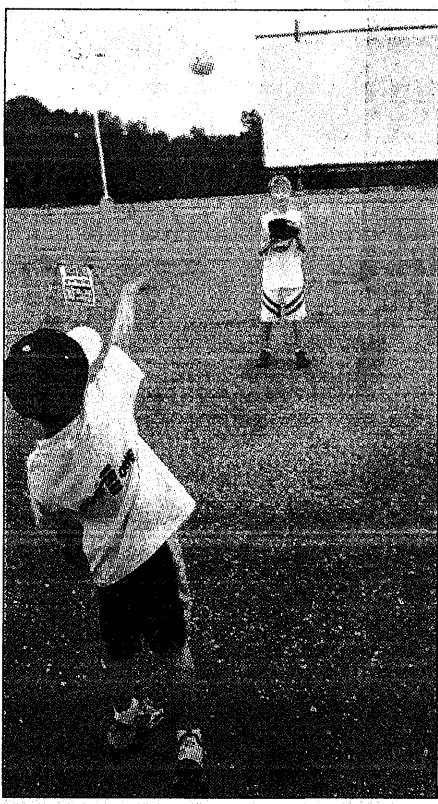
"I like being able to lay in the car," said Dominique, who was in the back of the car with 4-year-old brother, Antonio, 4-year-old sister Alyssa and fellow 9-year-old friend Madison

Oatman. "And I really like the big screen." Apparently, so do a lot of other people. According to the folks at Compuware, the drive-in is enjoying its best season yet.

"There seems to be a buzz going around the community about the Drive In," said Mike Henry, Compuware Sports Arena Sales and Marketing administrator. "We are providing a fun, safe, environment for families to enjoy the outdoors while at the same time giving them a chance to catch the blockbuster films of the summer. The Compuware staff is dedicated to providing a great service to the community and look forward to the rest of the summer at the Drive-In."

According to Henry, a typical evening viewing sees "a couple of hundred families" enjoying the first-run movies offered on the theater's screens.

Please see **DRIVE-IN, A6**



Alex Rhodes and Nick Boka play catch in the twilight while waiting for the show to start at the Compuware drive-in.

Local company reaps benefits of new Michigan Now! program

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Vimala Anishetty of Plymouth Township said she's "happy, excited and a little bit scared" as she and business partner, Dennis Karl, begin their own startup company.

However, the venture will be made much easier for Anishetty and Karl after Michigan Now! named their company, Environmental Compliance Office, Inc., the first recipient of a program designed to attract and retain startup and out-of-state established businesses in growth industries.

Please see **PROGRAM, A7**

Police to send stray dogs to Westland facility

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-area residents who are familiar with having their stray dogs found and delivered to Parkway Veterinary Clinic on Wilcox Road will soon have to travel to Westland to retrieve their pets.

The Plymouth and Plymouth Township police departments have been notified by Parkway vets that as of Sept. 1 their clinic will no longer be a dropoff for lost dogs. After that date, strays will be sent to the Michigan Humane Society shelter in Westland.

"We've had a very good working relation-

ship, and it's convenient and close for residents," Plymouth Police Chief Wayne Carroll said. "After hours, we had a key to put the strays in a back room. It will be an inconvenience for us to take an officer off the street in order to take a stray to Westland."

Chuck Bares, co-owner of Parkway, said it simply comes down to having enough space. "We're undergoing renovation and expansion, and we don't have the space to deal with that service anymore," Bares said.

"We're improving our service to the community, in one respect, but as a practical point of view we can't house the stray dogs."

Both Carroll and Plymouth Township

Police Chief Tom Tiderington said their departments find several dozen strays a year.

"Obviously, Parkway is convenient and provided a great service for us," Tiderington said, "but we're going to work out an agreement with the Humane Society for that service."

Stephanie Baron, Michigan Humane Society public and media relations coordinator, said state law mandates that dogs with identification be housed for seven days, while those without IDs be kept for four days.

"The boarding fee is \$25 a day, which includes feeding and exercise," Baron said.

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Coming Sunday in Health

Water safety doesn't end with summer



Plymouth After Dark

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce presents the sixth-annual Plymouth After Dark ... When the Stars Come Out! 7-11 p.m. Friday, August 10.

The paparazzi will be welcoming the "movie stars" into town as they arrive by limo to start the event off at 7 p.m. with an all-star parade through Kellogg Park. Expected to make appearances this year are The Simpsons, Audrey Hepburn, Marilyn Monroe, John Wayne, Barbie and others.

The event features free tours of downtown Plymouth in a luxurious limousine, free entertainment and refreshments, music on the street corners, \$5 horse-and-carriage rides and special street performances by Plymouth's community theatre company, Barefoot Productions.

For more information, call the chamber (734) 453-1540.

Financial seminars

Community Financial will host free financial education seminars Tuesday, Aug. 21 and Wednesday, Aug. 22. Both hour-long seminars, which are open to the public, will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the credit union's main office located at 500 S. Harvey in Plymouth.

The Aug. 21 seminar is titled "Take Control of Your Money!" and focuses on how to create

a spending plan, set realistic goals and track spending. It is estimated that most American consumers waste 20 to 30 percent of their money due to poor spending and planning habits.

This seminar has been designed as an interactive learning experience and will also help people identify budget busters that can destroy a spending plan.

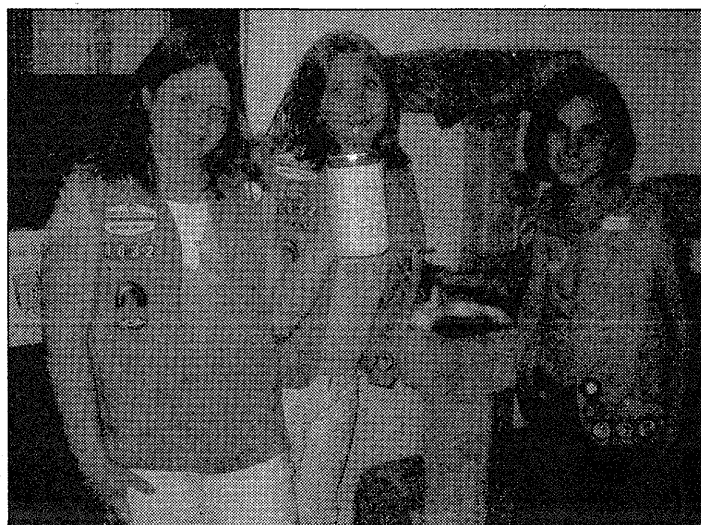
The second seminar on Aug. 22 is titled "Understanding and Improving Credit Scores." Participants will receive straightforward answers to a variety of questions including what's in a credit report; why you need a good credit score; how to establish and improve your credit score, and much more.

"These seminars provide an excellent opportunity for us to give members and others in our community the knowledge needed to better manage their finances and achieve greater peace of mind," said Bill Lawton, president and CEO of Community Financial.

Participants will enjoy refreshments and have an opportunity to win a \$50 gas card. To register for the free seminars, call 734-582-8702.

Chieftettes fund-raiser

The Canton High School Pom Pon team will be holding a car wash fund-raiser from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Aug. 18 at the Fastlane Quick Lube Oil Change at 5881 Canton



Collection for the critters

Girl Scout Troop 1632 from Hulsing Elementary in Canton recently donated the dues they have been collecting at their meetings all year to the Huron Valley Humane Society. Three of the girls from the troop, Megan Plave (from left), Elizabeth Fell and Amanda Brushaber, visited the shelter to donate the money on July 20.

Center Road, on the west side of the road, between Ford and Warren roads. Make a donation to show your support for the Canton Chieftettes and get your car cleaned in the process. For more information, e-mail Kimberly Mabie at kmabie@comcast.net.

Drive-In Night

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit is hosting a drive-in movie night Monday, Aug. 20, at the Compuware Sports Arena Drive-In Theatres in Plymouth. The theatre opens at 7:30 p.m. and inflatable toys and games will entertain children until movies begin at 8:25 p.m.

Cost is \$25 per car, and proceeds provide scholarships for kids to attend YMCA camps. Passes must be purchased on-

line. Visit www.ymcadeloit.org for more information and to buy passes.

Creative writing

Life and Writing Coach Jane Saylor offers creative writing classes that will help students enjoy writing more, feel more confident with their writing on a personal and business level, challenge themselves to learn, never be staring at a blank page and learn about themselves in a very unique way. Saylor teaches with one-to-one, individual attention, in classes set up according to the student's schedule, and provides a new perspective on writing. Saylor coaches in writing the same way she coaches in life, with the focus on the individu-

al as an entire being, including physical, intellectual, emotional and spiritual. Classes are fun and always upbeat.

Cost is \$150 for six weeks, which can be paid in three \$50 payments or use PayPal or check by mail.

To set up individual creative writing sessions, which will take place over the telephone and the internet according to the writer's schedule, e-mail Saylor at GrandSchemePress@comcast.net or call (734) 546-3260.

Historical walking tour

Join the Plymouth Historical Museum and the Plymouth Preservation Network for an historical walking tour around Kellogg Park 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 25.

Wendy Harless, Chairperson of the Plymouth Preservation Network, takes guests on an historical walk around the park. Have you ever stopped to wonder: Why do we have a park? What is the oldest building around the park? Why is the Wilcox house located near the park? These questions and many more will be answered. Arrive early and enjoy free Starbucks coffee!

Cost is \$10 per person with a limit of 25 people on tour. Tickets are available at the Plymouth Historical Museum or through PayPal on the museum's Web site at www.plymouthhistory.org/walkingtours.html. Contact the museum for more information at (734) 455-8940. The Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Tiny Tot program

The Plymouth Salvation Army still has openings for the Tiny Tots Preschool program. For 3-year-olds there is a Monday/Wednesday class or a Tuesday/Thursday class from 9-11:15 a.m. The cost is \$95 per month.

For 4-year-olds there is a Monday/Wednesday/Thursday class from 12:15-2:30 p.m. The cost is \$120 per month. There is a one-time registration fee of \$35 for all classes.

For more information call (734) 453-5464 or stop by the office at 9451 S. Main in Plymouth.

YMCA board

The Plymouth Family YMCA is looking to grow its Board of Advisors.

This is an opportunity for members of the Plymouth, Canton or Northville communities who are looking to get more involved in their community. There are monthly meetings from September through June. Responsibilities include advocacy, fund-raising and expertise.

Anyone interested in getting more information can contact Josh Landefeld at (734) 453-2904 or jlandefeld@ymcadeloit.org

School supply drive

The Plymouth Salvation Army is collecting school supplies to provide to needy families in its Plymouth-Canton-Northville-Belleville service area.

All types of school supplies are needed; however, Salvation Army officials are especially hoping to collect backpacks.

For more information, call (734) 453-5464.

CORRECTION

The player who scored the game-winning run in the A's 2-1 victory over the Reds in the championship game of the Capitol Park Senior League (ages 13-15) was misidentified in the Aug. 5 issue of the *Observer*. Erik Ellrich scored the deciding run in the July 27 championship game at Redford's Capitol Park.



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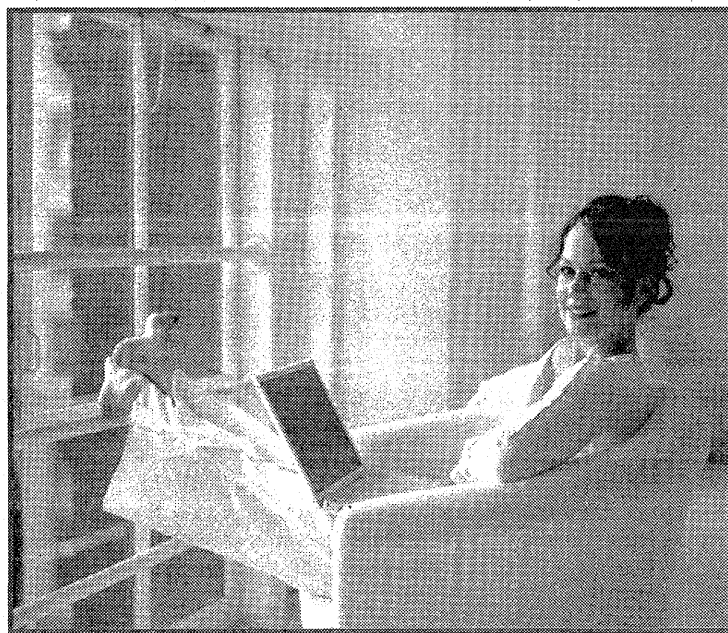
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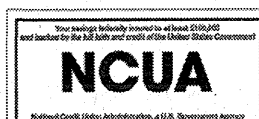
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The 'stars' will come out Friday to Kellogg Park

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Paparazzi from around the world will be ready with their flash and video cameras Friday evening when Marilyn Monroe, Eric Clapton, Lucille Ball and the Simpsons arrive in downtown Plymouth.

The celebrities (actually people in costume) will be on hand for the seventh annual Plymouth Chamber of Commerce "When the Stars Come Out" from 7-11 p.m.

The event features free limousine rides, free entertainment and refreshments, \$5 horse-and-carriage rides, balloon artists and street performances by Plymouth's community theater company, Barefoot Productions.

Chamber organizer Sandy Marulis, owner of Michigan Made on Ann Arbor Trail, said people will be able to take pictures with the stars.

"The Simpsons will arrive by limo at 7 p.m. and walk through Kellogg Park during the concert, and then linger around town," said Marulis, who will be notice-

able with her Simpson's Moe the Bartender costume. "Stores will be open until 9 p.m., with about a dozen staying open until 11 p.m. There will be a Bingo sheet of characters which can help customers win a \$50 gift certificate from the Chamber."

Johnny and June Carter Cash will be on hand, otherwise known as Mike and Nancy Ball, owners of Hands On Leather on Forest Avenue.

"My husband didn't care who he was as long as he could bring his guitar," Nancy Ball said. "We've been sort of practicing some songs - 'Jackson', 'Ring of Fire', 'Folsom Prison' - but it won't be like paying to see an impersonator."

"We've done something different every year, from Julie Andrews to Harry Potter, and we have a blast," she said. "And, the customers seem to like it. Everybody comes in with a sense of expectation that it will be fun."

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Organizers of the 12th annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off and Motorcycle Bike Show are promising the food - and the action - will be hotter than ever when the competition returns to downtown Plymouth Sept. 30.

And they're looking for chili chefs to make it so. And, as usual, it's for a good cause: This year's event benefits Western Wayne County Habitat for Humanity.

The Chili Cook-off will feature a traditional Red Chili, a Green Chili and a Salsa competition. This portion of the cook-off is recognized by the International Chili Society (ICS) and will follow all ICS rules. The winners in each category will advance to the 2008 World Championship Chili cook-off next fall.

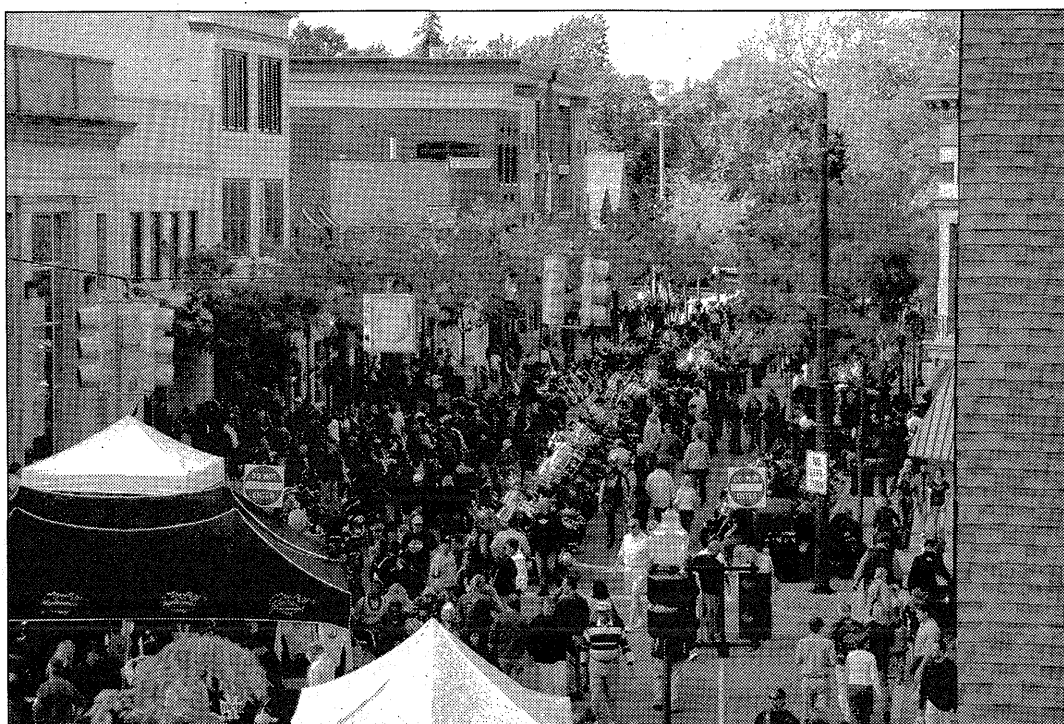
A fee is charged to participants wanting to try their best to create a winning pot-of-chili. Top winners receive trophies and prizes. Chili samples will be available at 1 p.m. for a \$1 donation per sample.

The GLR Chili Bike Show is a ride-in show with 17 different bike categories including Harley and non Harley classes. There is a \$10 fee to enter a bike and all first place winners will receive a trophy with judges' choice winning cash prizes. The bike show takes place noon to 4 p.m. on Main Street at Kellogg Park.

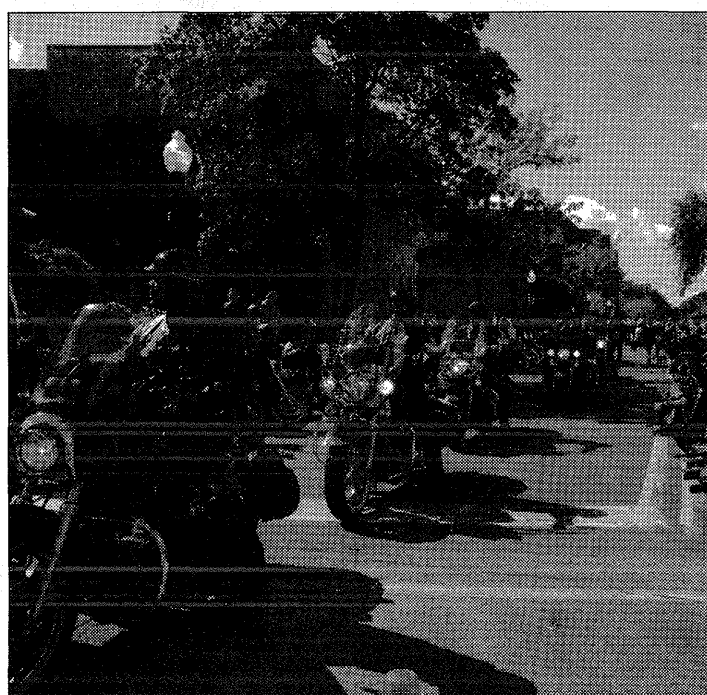
The Chili Ride, in its second year, begins at MotorCity Harley Davidson in Farmington Hills and ends up in downtown Plymouth at the Chili Cook-off. A \$10 fee gets participants VIP parking at the event on Ann Arbor Trail, plus \$5 in 50/50 raffle tickets. Another ride is planned to begin at the BMW dealership on Ford Road for all BMW bikers.

The Restaurant Chili Challenge takes place 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. along Penniman and

Heating things up Cooks needed to spice up chili festival



Throng fills the streets of downtown Plymouth for the annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off and Motorcycle Bike Show.



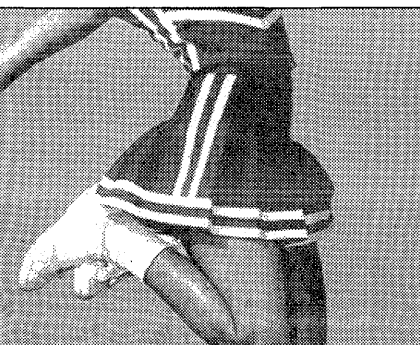
Hundreds of bikes are expected to roll through Plymouth as part of the 12th annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off and Motorcycle Bike Show.

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tainment noon to 5 p.m., along with performances from dance teams, a children's activity area and the "Hottest Dog in the Coolest city" costume contest judging at 2 p.m.

Anyone interested in cooking in the Red/Green/Salsa or Restaurant Chili Challenge should contact Annette Horn at (734) 776-9669 or GLR chili @sbeglobal.net. Bike Show & Chili Ride inquiries should be directed to MotorCity Harley Davidson, (248) 473-7433 www.motorcityharley.com. Sponsorships and Vendor spaces are still available.

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Volatile stock market is the norm

Several times a year, I write a column to remind people the sky is not falling and that volatility in the stock market is the norm.

At a seminar last week in the Farmington Hills Library, I asked the audience: "How many people believe we're in a bad stock market?" A number of people raised their hands and I asked them why. They answered: "Look what has happened to the market over the last few weeks."

I explained how the stock market has performed since the beginning of this year and last year. When they



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

considered the numbers, they had a different opinion of the stock market.

Good stock market or bad market — it really all depends upon the time period.

As investors, short-term time frames are relatively immaterial. What happens over a few weeks or a few months does not give a true picture of the market. After all, it was February when the Dow Jones Industrial

Average suffered a 400-point loss. The doom and gloomers and many in the media jumped on the story and were comparing it to the crash of 1987. Investors who let the hype dictate their investment decisions rushed out of the market and missed a very nice run up to new all-time highs.

It's ironic that I'm writing a column encouraging investors not to panic when only a few weeks ago the Dow broke through the 14,000-mark and I was warning investors not to be overly giddy and excited.

The Dow went from 13,000 to 14,000 in record

time and once again the news media was blaring about the great market.

As I told investors when the markets were setting record highs that they should not jump in hoping to make a short-term killing, neither should investors now jump out of the market in order to prevent a short-term downturn in their portfolio.

It would be great if we could time the market knowing when to buy and when to sell. It certainly would make life much easier. However, no one can time the market.

During volatile times, investors need to keep their

emotions in check.

I recognize when it comes to investing, everyone wants the secret to success. To me, being a successful investor is no secret at all. You cannot get caught up in the day-to-day fluctuations of the market.

The key to success in the market has always been time in the market, not timing the market.

As we go through a period of increased volatility, investors need to remind themselves that if they have diversified their portfolio, spread risk across a variety of different asset classes and based their decisions

on their own individual goals and objectives, they will find that over the long run they will be successful investors.

Don't panic, don't let fear dictate your investment decisions, take a deep breath and recognize that short-term volatility is the price we pay for long-term gains.

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The show is known throughout metro Detroit for its laughs, amazing prizes, hot topics, celebrity gossip and interviews, news and more.

In 100 words or less, tell us why you're a fan of Coco and would like to have lunch or dinner with her at Buddy's Pizza in August.

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

Deadline to enter the August contest is 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21.

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



Coco

"We want our winners to dine with their favorite stars and feel like a star, too," says Marcy Brontman of Buddy's Pizza.

Buddy's will also present a check for \$500 to the Detroit Recovery Project, the charity of Coco's choice which supports individuals in identifying and resolving barriers to achieving a healthy and productive drug-

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Other upcoming "Dining With the Stars" include Chuck Gaidica of WDIV-TV (Channel 4), Attorney Geoffrey Fieger, Florine Mark of Weight Watchers, health and fitness guru and O&E columnist Peter Nielsen, Ruth Spencer of WDIV's "Ruth to the Rescue" and Trudi Daniels of WRIF-FM.

No purchase is necessary to enter. Buddy's Pizza will review all entries and select the top four "fan" letters.

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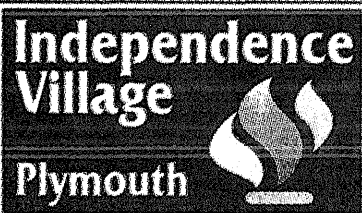
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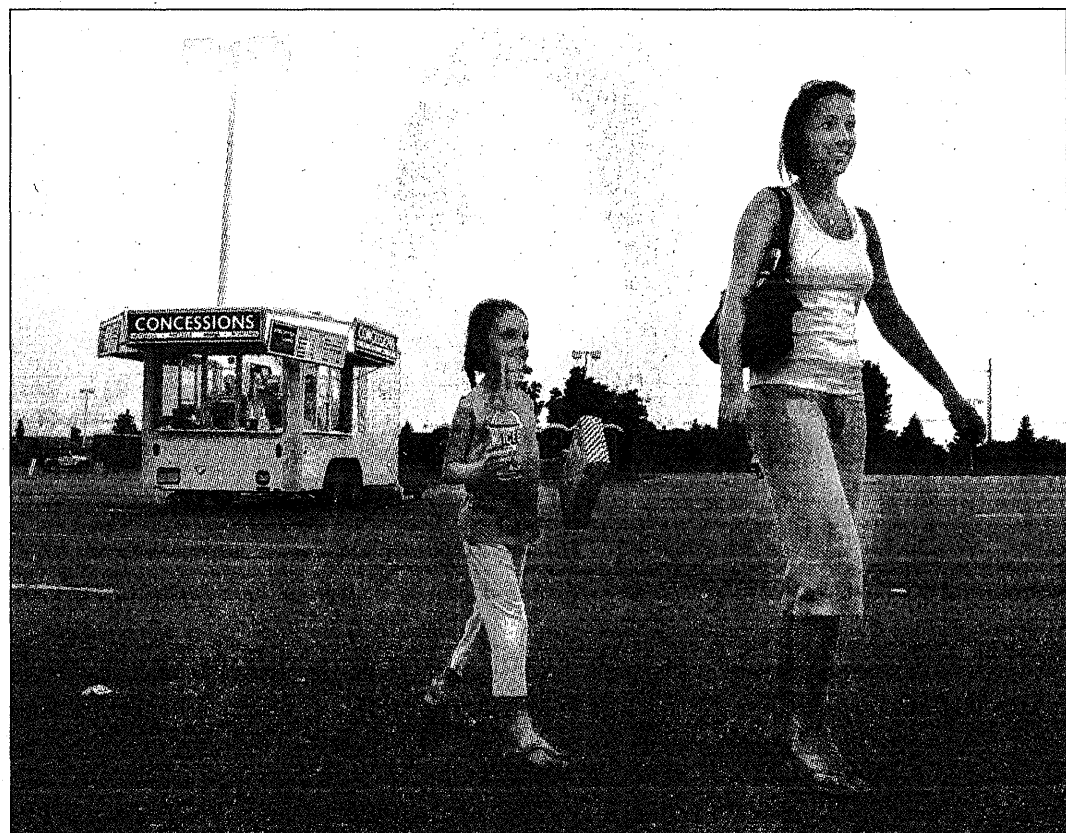
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Cousins Caroline McLaurin and Erin Szczypka stopped by the concession wagon to get snacks for the double feature.

DRIVE-IN

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Jenna Michlin of Farmington Hills, in her first summer as a cashier for Compuware's drive-ins, said weeknights aren't quite as crowded, especially in weather like Tuesday's, but that weekends are jammed, no matter the weather.

"The weekends are absolutely packed, rain or not," Michlin said. "A lot of families come."

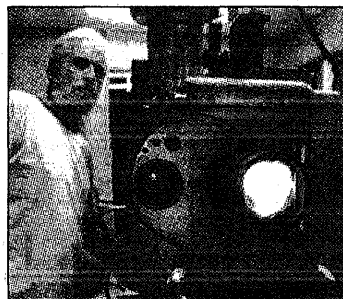
In addition to the family-oriented fare the drive-in offers, families are attracted by the prices, according to Henry. Prices range from \$8 for everyone 13 and older to \$6 for children 4-12 and \$6 for students. Children 3 and under are admitted free. Movie goers can also get a dinner-and-a-movie package at Ginopolis on the Ice, the restaurant located at Compuware.

It's all part of the attraction for families, many of whom are regular visitors. Such is the case Kristen Pacheco's family from Livonia. For Pacheco, the screens harken back to her youth.

"I remember coming to a



Michael Susterka of Canton and Rebecca Lutker wait for the show to begin. Rebecca, a student at Grand Rapids Community College, studies for a culinary arts class.



Norm Kight starts the projector and the show begins.

drive-in as a kid, and then they closed most of them,"

said Pacheco, who was hoping the weather would hold off Tuesday (it did). "But then we heard they were opening (Compuware). We usually come a couple of times a year. I love the convenience, and being able to relax in the car."

More information on the drive-in is available on the Web at www.compuwarehockey.com and clicking on the "Movies at the Drive In" link, or by calling (734) 453-6400.

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PROGRAM

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Soon, Anishetty will be traveling to her own 2,000-square-foot, fourth-floor office in the Fisher Building in Detroit's New Center area, rent-free for three years.

"This is huge for us," said Anishetty, who for 15 years was a principle environmental engineer specializing in regulatory policy at Ford Motor Co. "Dennis and I bring intellectual property, brain power, to the company. Our biggest investment would have been office space, and to get it at a reduced rate through the Michigan Now! program has dramatically increased our chances to succeed.

"We will get three years free base rent, and pick up the utilities," she said. "And it gives us the opportunity to have access to other Michigan Now! members and network with bankers, lawyers and other resources that are very valuable to a startup."

The office space is being donated by the Farberman Group, operator of the Fisher Building, which designed the Michigan Now! program.

"Our goal is to create an overall environment and a strong enough bench for companies that have solid leads and can add jobs in this economy, focusing in areas such



Vimala Anishetty of Plymouth Township owns Environmental Compliance Office, Inc., the first recipient of a program designed to attract and retain start-up and out-of-state established businesses in growth industries.

as technology, environmental technology and others that play in and around our natural resources and alternative energy," said David Farberman, co-president of the Farberman Group. "We want to encourage other landlords and partners to come together because within the business community we should take it upon ourselves to boost Wayne County businesses, help create new businesses in Wayne County and in Michigan, as a whole.

"The old way of doing business is no longer working for Michigan and business owners have the power to make a positive impact," he added.

ECO will provide environ-

mental engineering services to companies, mainly manufacturing, that are required to achieve and maintain compliance with environmental safety laws and regulations.

"Michigan is one of the most stringent states when it comes to environmental regulations," said Anishetty, president of ECO, who holds a Ph.D. in environmental and industrial health sciences from the University of Michigan. "Big companies, like Ford, have dedicated staff for environmental enforcement. Small- and medium-sized companies don't have that kind of staff to monitor compliance. Regulations are constantly changing, and failing to meet compliance could result in expensive fines, or force a company into bankruptcy."

Anishetty said the office space will not only give ECO financial relief for three years, but also instant credibility. "Companies that entertain the thought of hiring us will see we have the office space, which dramatically increases our credibility," Anishetty said. "And being in the historic Fisher Building... I feel that's where the industrial revolution for Michigan and Detroit began."

ECO revenues for 2007-08 fiscal year are projected in excess of \$1.2 million. Anishetty said she hopes to add five people a year to the staff.

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FESTIVAL

FROM PAGE A1

"We're not out to make enemies," Brown said. "The function of the Fall Festival is to have a good venue for the nonprofit and other organizations to make money."

Mark Baker, a member of the property owners group, said he's pleased with the changes made by the Fall Festival board.

"We think there's been tremendous progress made," Baker said. "I've been thrilled with what Colleen and the Fall Festival executive committee have done in their planning to make the Fall Festival a better event."

Reid said there's one way to find out if the changes actually make a difference.

"One of our members has put together a survey for downtown property owners and their tenants to give their observations of the Fall

Festival," Reid said. "We'll be able to get any complaints, concerns or even positive reaction and have some data to back it up."

Brown said their plans for the festival are on track, with visitors to notice only a few changes from the past.

"We moved the craft show to Union Street, which is a little closer to Kellogg Park," Brown said. "And we've got a better mix of rock 'n' roll and country music to make it a little livelier."



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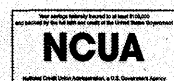
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'Fun With the Family in Michigan' features local author, lots to do

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

If you have a question about fun stuff to do in Michigan, Bill Semion of Plymouth Township's a good man to ask. Semion, who lived in Canton for 29 years, recently published *Fun With the Family in Michigan* (Globe Pequot Press, Guilford, Conn.) The book, which he first penned in 1996 and has updated regularly since then, is a guide to Michigan family attractions.

"It must be fairly popular," said Semion, 59, who has worked in media relations for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan since May 2004. The first edition in 1996 was called *Family Adventure Guide* and the name was later changed.

"They have quite a few for each state," he said of the publisher. "They contact a local, hopefully knowledgeable writer."

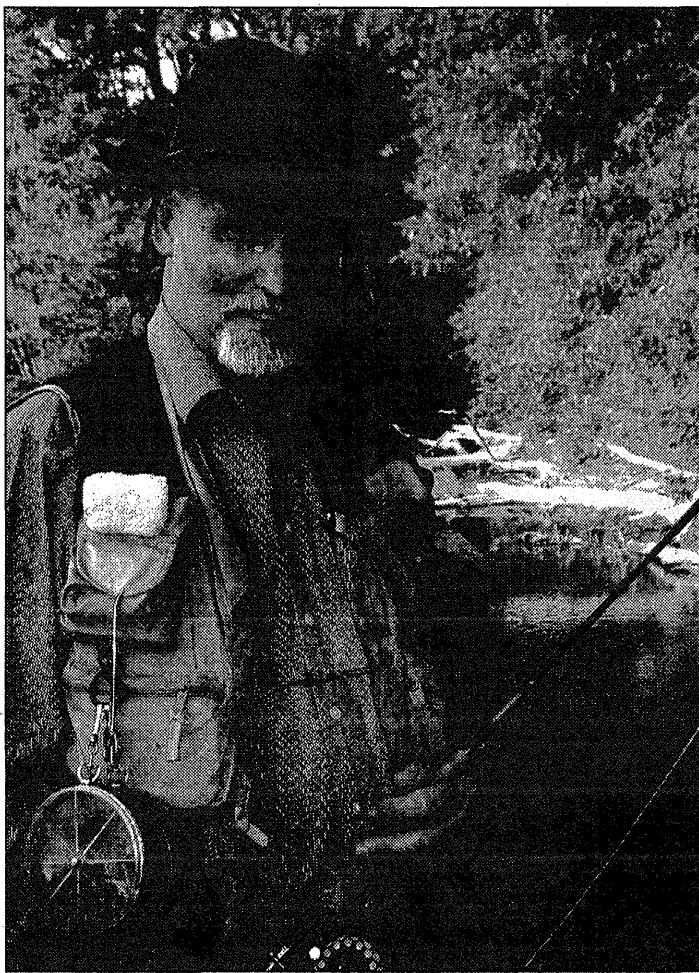
Semion (whose wife Denise is chief of communications for Huron-Clinton Metroparks) was working on the AAA magazine when then-managing editor Larry Keller was contacted by the publisher to seek a local writer who could do the job. "I said, 'OK, we'll give it a whirl!'"

It took eight to nine months to research and write the first book, with a friend and AAA colleague, Scott Renas of Inkster, assisting with research. They "started reeling off things to put in the book." Renas had done a lot of research on Michigan tourism for AAA, a big help. The Internet has been a big help as well.

Semion's also a freelance journalist who does writing on the outdoors and travel on his own time. He writes for *Great Lakes Angler* magazine, and also for *Woods and Water News*, "whoever will have me."

The first Michigan family fun book was 156 pages, while the newest one, a complete update which is available at local bookstores, is about 300, divided into different regions of Michigan. Semion's visited many of the attractions, including the close-to-home Plymouth Orchards cider mill many times, as well as the Motown Historical Museum in Detroit.

"Of course, I ride my bike down Hines Drive a lot. I'm very familiar with this area." The Michigan native grew up



Bill Semion of Plymouth Township wrote 'Fun With the Family in Michigan.'

in Nankin Township with a Plymouth address, in the area that's now Westland. He considered Plymouth his hometown back in those days when there wasn't a lot out here.

"My parents would take us up on vacation to the east side of the state, which is kind of an undiscovered area for people," he said. Semion remembers the Mackinac Bridge linking the Upper and Lower Peninsulas — marking its 50th anniversary this year — going up when he was a boy.

"I barely remember going over the straits in a ferry." He got his hand slammed in a ferry door, so that memory

stuck. "There are lots of great things for families to do," Semion said of Michigan. "In a lot of ways, it's changed for the better."

If you ski and get tired at Boyne Mountain, there's the big Avalanche Bay waterpark there. "There are lots of outdoor things people can do," said Semion, who enjoys many

outdoor activities. He prefers the quieter, more rustic campgrounds. "It's just a great place to get away."

Wife Denise helped with advice on the Metroparks. Semion has two adult children, 30 and 31, and stepsons, 23 and 15. He wanted the book, which includes basics like hours, days open, phone numbers, addresses and Web sites, to appeal to all. "I made sure to put things in there adults could enjoy too." He cited the Cabela's store near Monroe which has a waterpark nearby attached to a Holiday Inn Express.

Semion agreed Michiganders sometimes belittle their state and its beauty. "I think so. I think that's exactly what we do. There are so many things you could enjoy here."

He likes his hometown and cites Ann Arbor "which is a wonderful city. It's so alive," and probably his favorite. The *Fun With the Family in Michigan* paperback sells for \$13.95. Semion plans to update it every two years as long as he's asked.

"It's very popular, actually," said Globe Pequot Press publicist Bob Sembante. "We've had some great response." The publisher has covered almost every state, and some individual cities like Las Vegas, Sembante said. California is divided into north and south books, and smaller states like New England are combined into one.

"Family travel is up," Sembante said, noting a trend to travel in the U.S. That's been good for the book series, "and no end in sight."

Plymouth Relay for Life on tap for this weekend

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The fight against cancer got a boost Monday evening with a benefit event to support the American Cancer Society.

Local people gathered Monday at EG Nicks in Plymouth for the "Summer Spectacular Benefit." Organizers were anticipating 90-100 people for a five-course dinner, entertainment and fun.

"We have 35 silent auction items," said Cynthia Flora, organizer of this weekend's Relay for Life in Plymouth, proceeds of which also support cancer-fighting efforts of the American Cancer Society.

Flora, a Plymouth resident with Toshiba America Consumer Products, gave away a 32-inch high definition LCD flat panel TV. "Everybody had a great time and the food was phenomenal," she said Tuesday.

Local notables who supported the ACS on Monday include: Mike and Mary Gladchun of RE/MAX on the Trail, Nick Schultz, Jim Schultz and Wendy Schultz of Sealant Equipment, Fadi Hourani of Milano's, Mary Anne Napolitano, and Arlette and Warren Stobbe of Bella Mia.

Chuck and Sharon Dobbs of Dobbs Dental Ceramics, newcomers to Plymouth, also contributed. Lori Morrison of Ribar Floral provided floral arrangements for the party.

The focus will shift down

the street and outdoors this weekend, as walkers take to the track at Central Middle School. The Plymouth Relay for Life — in which teams will walk continuously after having raised pledges to combat cancer — will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, to 10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 12, at the Central Middle School track on Main Street in downtown Plymouth.

"There will be a lot of family activities," said Flora, who lost her mother to cancer. "Our entertainment schedule is fantastic. There's a whole schedule all day."

Canton and other neighboring communities have hosted Relay for Life benefits in the past, but this is the first for Plymouth and was put together in about three months. Flora cited the "incredible, overwhelming" response in that unusually short time.

"It exemplifies the close-knit group, family, that Plymouth is," she said.

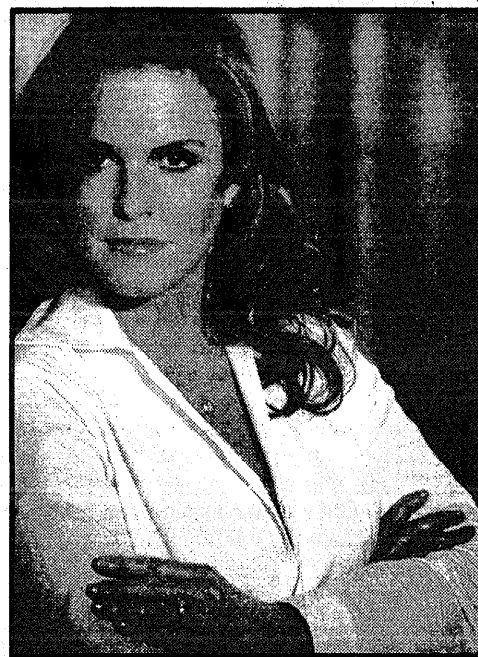
American Cancer Society officials told organizers Plymouth's is the largest first-time event in any community in southeastern Michigan. For information on the Plymouth event or to contribute, call Cheryl Gniwewek at the ACS, (248) 483-4348.

"We're really trying to prepare for next year," said Flora. Monday's gala raised \$3,000 from auction items.

"A lot of people's lives this has touched," she added of the cancer benefit.

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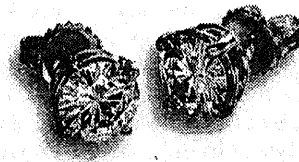
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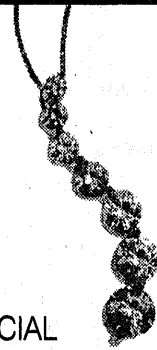
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OUR VIEWS

Chamber should start search

Fran Toney, who has led the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce from a poor, member-starved group to a flourishing, 650-member strong organization, publicly announced her retirement last week.

She had officially announced it to her board of directors at their retreat in January, after having talked unofficially about it for more than a year, perhaps setting a record for the length of time a group that large kept something a secret.

But we digress. Toney has led the chamber for more than 16 years now. That's a lot of annual auctions, restaurant crawls, glad-handing and fund-raising. With her ever-present smile and unquestioned love of her community, Toney has become one of the most recognizable faces in town.

Her smile, and all that corporate knowledge, will be difficult to replace. Sure, Toney has put a great staff in place. When she encountered health problems last year, it was her staff — events coordinator Melissa Paczas, administrative assistant Charlie Lundquist and accounting chief Nicole Quarles — who ran the place, and ran it well.

But Toney is the one with the years of knowledge, and we think the chamber's board of directors should act quickly in finding a replacement, someone who could work with Toney for a few months and soak up some of that knowledge.

Board members told us last week they'd start the search process in another couple of months. Toney won't retire until April, and there's some indication the board won't put a replacement in place much before that.

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There is some question whether the chamber could afford our idea. After all, they just spent a ton of money on their own building, long a dream of board members and Toney, and the Michigan economy shows absolutely no signs of turning around.

And, truth be told, any new person would certainly benefit from the experience Paczas and Lundquist bring.

Still, it'll be a big learning curve, and if they can swing the money, we believe the board would be best served by finding Toney's replacement by the first part of the year, allowing that person to work with Toney as long as possible.

Toney is a sponge filled with information. It would behoove the chamber to allow her potential replacement as much time as possible to soak up that knowledge.

Voter ID law much ado about nothing

Be prepared to show photo identification when voting in November.

That's when election clerks will implement a 1996 law the Michigan Supreme Court recently upheld as constitutional.

The law never went into effect before now because former Attorney General Frank Kelley, a Democrat, had ruled it violated a person's right to vote as guaranteed by the 14th Amendment.

A politicized issue that still divides, Democrats argue that the poor, elderly and minorities will be prevented from voting because they don't have driver's licenses or other photo IDs. Republicans say requiring photo IDs prevents voter fraud.

The U.S. Supreme Court may one day rule on the case, upholding or overturning the state court's decision.

Until then, it appears requiring voters to show photo ID will be the law of the land in Michigan.

What few people realize is that voters will be allowed to sign an affidavit attesting to the fact they don't have a photo ID if they can't afford a driver's license or simply forgot and left it at home. The process will only take a few minutes, and voters will still be allowed to cast ballots, according to Michigan Secretary of State spokesman Ken Silfven.

We don't understand the need for photo ID. Michigan hasn't had a history of voter fraud like other states because of smaller precincts and the careful system of checks and balances clerks have followed for years.

In our opinion, the controversy here is much ado about nothing.

But as long as the law will be implemented, it doesn't appear citizens will be disenfranchised.



LETTERS

Real reforms needed

Contrary to Phil Power's assertions, bipartisanship and statesmanship will not get Michigan out of this crisis ("Partisan divide does our state a great disservice," July 26). What this state needs are legislators who understand basic economics and have the backbone to stand up to special interests such as the labor unions.

Bipartisanship has brought us to our current dilemma after many budgets have been "balanced" through accounting gimmicks. Over the years, the governor and our legislators lacked the fortitude necessary to make the right decisions and settled for compromises that merely put off the crisis.

Power, Gov. Granholm and state lawmakers claim taxes must be raised to fund state government. Unfortunately, there is some truth to this claim because our elected leaders have refused to implement the reforms necessary to keep state spending under control.

Until the state takes action to fix the costly inefficiencies in our prison and education systems and the burdens imposed by forced unionism, the budget will be perpetually broken. Reform spending and tax increases won't be needed.

In his column, Power alleges that the leaders of the "noisy anti-tax crowd ... are not living in this century." He may be right, but not for the reason he thinks. Sound economic principles follow the laws of human nature which have existed long before today.

People respond to incentives. Raise the cost to do business in this state through higher taxes and onerous regulations and people will locate their business elsewhere. This was true last century. It is true this century and it will be true next century.

Steve Sutton
Farmington Hills

Save orangutans

My friend, Madison Vorva, and I (both seventh-grade Greenhills students) care very deeply about the Indonesian orangutans, which are extremely endangered.

We are trying to help save them but we — or rather, the orangutans — need your help! Every day, the public consumes products with palm oil and uses objects made of rainforest wood. But do we know the harm we are causing halfway across the globe in places like Indonesia and Malaysia?

If you knew that the rainforest was cleared and its inhabitants killed so that you could have your candy bar (containing palm oil) wouldn't you choose a different palm oil free brand? Especially as palm oil is bad for your heart and raises cholesterol levels. The orangutans are expected to go extinct by 2012 unless the public changes their style of living.

E-mail me at saveorangutan137@hotmail.com or check our Web site saveorangutan.bravehost.com for information and ways to help.

Rhiannon Tomtishen
Ann Arbor

Fund Wayne State

As a graduate of Wayne State University, I am deeply concerned that

lawmakers in Lansing have not reached an agreement on the state of Michigan's projected budget shortfall of \$1.8 billion for FY 2008.

While elected officials in Lansing continue to battle over how the deficit should be resolved, Wayne State University is faced with the devastating reality of a \$23.2 million reduction in state funding for FY 2007. This cut to the state's only urban research university will leave Wayne State at the same level of state funding that was received in FY 1996, without factoring in inflation.

After more than five years of funding cuts, any further reductions will fundamentally change the nature and quality of this world-class institution. It is critical to the university, and the future of Michigan, that its students are not a casualty of Lansing's solution to its budget problems.

I urge Lansing lawmakers to set aside their differences and begin the real work in Lansing to balance the state budget. If Michigan is going to be successful in turning its economy around, lawmakers cannot continue to cut funding to the institutions that will drive its transformation. The solution should not include balancing the budget on the backs of universities, parents or students.

Arthur Voisin
Farmington Hills

Where are all the readers?

We all are reading less and less. What can one make of that? It's very elementary, folks, we're losing all our class. All kinds of mindless junk, of course, have lured us on and on 'til big words become a dragging bore, big warnings scream alarm.

We blame the world's insurgents, for everything that fails. It hurts to take a good hard look at policies so stale. When education is not raised high, all standards sink down low, bringing flooding waves of ignorance, releasing reckless blows.

It feels so good to spit and sneer, self-righteousness is right — but wise and learned people know, diplomacy is might. The only cure is wisdom, to save our troubled Earth, but language skills have sadly ebbed, third-world may be our curse.

Anne X. George
Livonia

Oil misrepresentation

The Bush/Cheney oil cartel now occupying the White House has totally misrepresented to the American people the Iraqi oil law. It is one of 18 benchmarks for Iraqi sovereignty called for by the powers that be in Washington. The media and Democrats and Republicans alike have repeated over and over the false notion that this law is about equity for the Iraqi people. It is not.

In actuality it turns 70 percent of the profits for up to 30 years over to international oil companies.

Iraq National Oil Company would have exclusive control of 17 of Iraq's 80 known oil fields. That leaves two-thirds of known, and all of its yet undiscovered fields, open to foreign control.

Iraq's oil company will have representatives from the internationals on its board. These companies will have a say

in approving their own contracts.

Iraq consequently loses control of its own oil. It will not be allowed to set the limits of production and thus cannot belong to OPEC.

The international oil companies do not have to invest in Iraq, partner with Iraq companies, hire Iraqi workers or share new technologies. It is not about democracy. It is about mega profits for the richest corporations in the world. The so-called division of oil revenues among the Kurds, the Sunnis and the Shia is actually a recipe for the eventual division of the country into three parts.

It would be most helpful if the truth is revealed for all the world to see.

Then judgments could be made about policies that are made and carried out for the benefit of oil barons and their corporations. These profiteers are at the heart of the instability and war that rages anywhere there are resources to possess and countries to own.

Mary M. Johnston
Farmington Hills

Do the math

Modern math and junk science add to Michigan problems. Incorrect solutions will make them worse.

Cigarette taxes pay for education. Ban smoking in public places and non smokers will suffer poorer education.

Gasoline taxes finance highway maintenance. Requiring more miles per gallon equals less revenue. The gasoline substitute ethanol is inefficient and delivers fewer miles per gallon. We subsidize it with taxes because it is too costly to compete with gasoline even at today's high prices.

Do transient harvesters take jobs from Americans? Thirty percent of Michigan's asparagus crop rotted this year because of a labor shortage. Unemployed auto workers could be retrained to pick crops. Immigrants sometimes pay into fake Social Security numbers from which they can never collect. This is not a crime, but a contribution to Social Security.

Benefits such as free health care for illegal immigrants can bankrupt host communities — why did this ever get started? Pandering to the Spanish language is inexcusable and hinders assimilation.

Michigan is still a fine place to live and work. Better arithmetic would make it prosperous again.

Hank Borgman
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QUOTABLE

"I feel like God held me in his palm and then put me down in the middle of the best community in the world ... But it's that time."

- Fran Toney, Plymouth chamber director, on her announced spring retirement

What makes us worthy of our soldiers' sacrifices

In the play *Les Miserables*, one of the characters overwhelmed with grief for the loss of his friends in battle reflected on this tragedy with these words:

Phantom faces at the window
Phantom shadows on the floor
Empty chairs at empty tables
Where my friends will meet no more
Oh my friends, my friends,
don't ask me
What your sacrifice was for.
Empty chairs at empty tables,
Where my friends will sing
no more."

As we contemplate what to do about Iraq, we must examine the words of this song and ask the question what are the soldiers' sacrifices for? But before we say that the 4,006 young men and women who lost their lives in Iraq died for our freedom, we must ask ourselves why they should sacrifice their lives for us. Is it because we deserve their sacrifices?

Are we that important to have young men and women slaughtered so we can continue to live a life of selfish arrogance built on 'what is in it for me life.' We ingrain our soldiers' minds with a sense of honor, love of country and sacrifice and yet we don't have the decency to honor them with taking a moment to vote in an election or participate in civic or political activities that can make a difference in people's life.

Memorial Day has become another day off from work. It has become so innocuous to turn the news off when the Iraq issue is on.

As congress and the president haggle over the path we should take in Iraq, the American public sits idle awaiting a stalemate that is going nowhere. As our soldiers die and the politicians work on their turf, we the American public go on with our normal lives without skipping a beat. With the exception of the soldiers and their families, who are paying the ultimate price, we live as if the war is someone else's responsibility.

Our support if any is hollow and meek at best. We cloak ourselves with flags of patriotism and turn on each other for daring to speak-out for or against the war. At the beginning we clamored for news about Iraq and the soldiers, we'd browse the news to hear about what is happening there. Today it is inconvenient to listen to news about Iraq.

We now have automatic default words and sentences that exonerate us from dealing with our soldiers and the war. For Example "They died for our freedom," "They made us proud," or "They are true Patriots."

With these words, we manage to romanticize the war. Yet few of us know how many soldiers have been killed and even fewer know

the names of the soldiers who are killed or injured in Iraq. Why should we? Based on the statistics, few of us have families or friends serving in the armed forces. Nameless and faceless soldiers don't elicit genuine grief. Further, since the problem is not in our backyard, we can afford to watch with detachment and a sense of guiltless support.

In reality, we are doing a disservice to our soldiers; our apathy derives from the lack of connection to what is going in Iraq or to our soldiers. We need to put a name and a face to those soldiers who are dying on our behalf. As my brother-in-law prepares to go on his tour of duty in Iraq, I browsed the Internet to learn about the danger he will be in, among my discoveries was a site with a calendar which lists the names of soldiers killed each day.

I scrolled to my birthday and discovered the names of three young men who died while I was busy celebrating my birthday with food and drinks in the company of my friends and family. During my celebration, I was not aware that Lance Cpl Joshua Alonzo, 21, Lance Cpl James R. Davenport, 20, and Pvt. Heath D. Warner, 19, tragically died away from home before they reached their 22th birthday. These three young men died anonymously and pointlessly, while the rest of us were busy living our own selfish life. They are dying, while the rest of us are free to buckle ourselves into the family vehicle and head off to the malls and shop and the latest vacation.

We need to shed our arrogance and work to ensure that their sacrifices are not in vain. We need to take personal responsibility. We need to be outraged that our soldiers are dying before some of them are able to be declared adults.

For 52 months, we sat idly by, while our misguided and confused leaders sent our soldiers to die. For so long, we let our politicians dictate to us the terms of this war. We gave them carte blanche to proceed without our interference to war.

We allowed fear and misrepresentation take a toll on our mind. If you are for the war, than you should be in the front of the battle field fighting instead of these children who are paying the ultimate sacrifice with their lives. If you are for peace, don't just sit there. You have the power to save these children. Do something! Our leaders, republican, and democrats are not leading us, they may be well-intentioned but their thirst for power and might is more important than our soldiers lives. Like us, they lack true courage and fortitude to stand up for what is right for the faceless nameless soldiers who are dying on our behalf.

Terry Ahwal is a resident of Canton and member of the governor's Commission on Arab and Chaldean Affairs.



Terry Ahwal

'Bigger is better' – not so with Dream Cruise

Bits and pieces ...
The Dream Cruise is coming! The Dream Cruise is coming!
Or is it already here?



Joe Bauman

Those that know me know I am not a big Dream Cruise fan. I've never been enamored with cars in general, which I guess places me at odds with my Motor City hometown.

But I find myself getting less tolerant of the cruise with each passing year. Why? Because the cruise itself has ballooned from a single-day celebration of a

bygone era to a corporate-backed, mass-marketed auto orgy that stretches for weeks and causes havoc along the stretch of Woodward from Eight Mile Road up to Maple Road in Birmingham.

Already my electronic mailbox is stuffed with Dream Cruise-related "news" items trumpeting upcoming events, many to be held well in advance of the "official" cruise set for Aug. 18. The Dream Cruise is absolute proof that "bigger is better" is not always true.

It was OK when the cruise grew to a two-day event, with classic car lovers using Friday to park along Woodward to show off their vehicles and take part in a pre-cruise cruise. After all, many of the cruisers travel a considerable distance to take part, and having a couple of days to celebrate seemed reasonable.

But somewhere along the way, folks started

showing up Thursday, and then Wednesday, and then Tuesday and ... well, you get the picture. Now, we hear about the official "Cruise week" and the unofficial party starts well before that.

In fact, I'd bet a copy of this newspaper that as I sit in my office on Maple just east of Woodward, there are at least a couple of classic cars zooming by. And there already have been reports of classic car diehards showing up with their lawn chairs Saturday evenings in Royal Oak and Ferndale to take in the scene.

Even the SMART bus system has gotten into the act by offering free rides along Woodward during the event. Don't have your own car to cruise in? Not a problem. Just hop on a SMART bus and join the fun.

And doesn't that sound like fun? Being stuck on a crowded bus in the middle of August as traffic crawls at about the same pace as a giant two-toed sloth makes its daily journey down its host tree.

There are positive benefits to the cruise, to be sure. It is great publicity for the region, it is a family friendly event and many nonprofit groups and charities raise badly needed funds by selling cruise-related merchandise.

But surely I am not the only one feeling Dream Cruise fatigue. And if the event is allowed to continue to spiral out of control, it could bring a hasty end to the world's largest classic car party.

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LETTERS

Impeach Bush

It is past time for Congress to put an end to the extra-constitutional activities that have dominated the Bush administration agenda since its inception. The most egregious of these has been the catastrophic war in Iraq, based upon the deception of Congress and the American people.

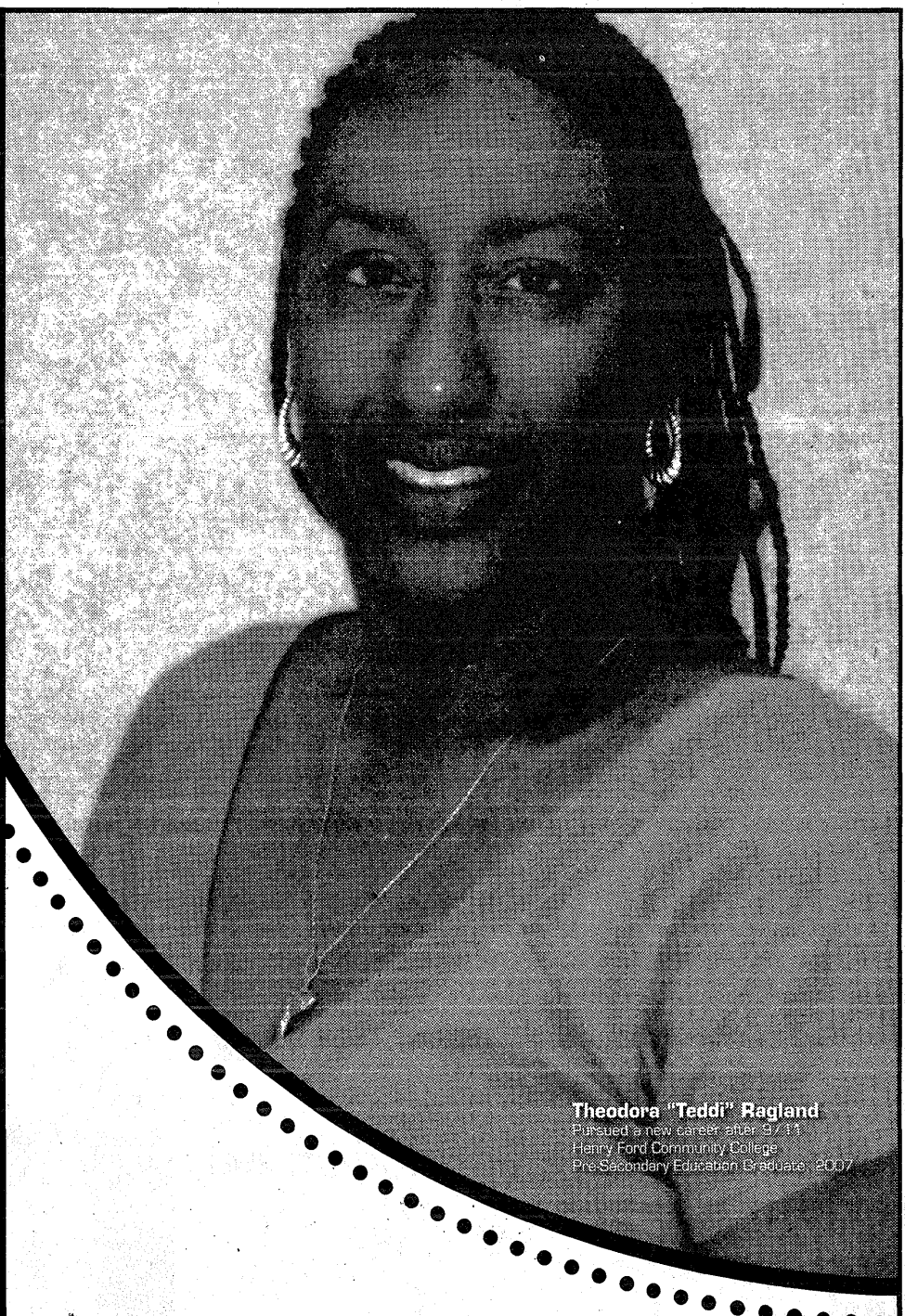
The administration has sanctioned torture and illegal detention in violation of the Geneva Conventions and the Constitution. They authorized warrantless wiretapping and spied on American citizens. Members of the administration maliciously revealed the identity of an undercover agent and destroyed her vitally

important intelligence network. Senior administration officials, and possibly even the president, asserted undue political influence over the justice department in the politically motivated firings of U.S. attorneys who refused to bow to administration pressure to pursue unwarranted investigations.

Impeachment, included in the Constitution as a means of addressing high crimes and misdemeanors by the executive branch, is the method for reining in an out-of-control executive who no longer feels bound by the rule of law. It is time to put impeachment back on the table. The time to act is now.

Katie Jacob
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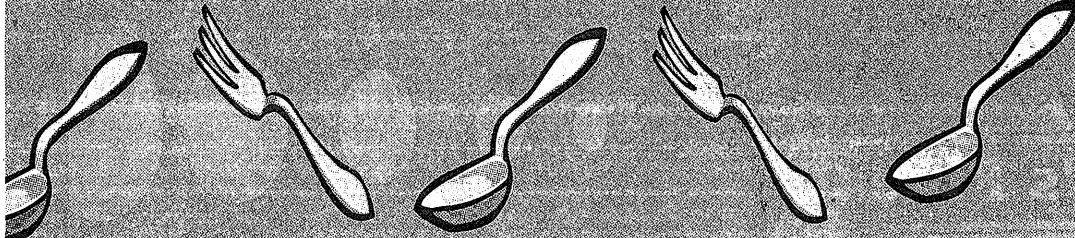
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AUGUST

Special evening
6-8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12, at Concordia University Manor, U.S. 23 at Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. Show support for Christian Rasmussen and Sara Grivas by attending an evening featuring entertainment and international hors d'oeuvres. Both need to raise funds for the trip. A donation of \$15 per person at the door is requested. Rasmussen is going to Africa in September to be part of a team to

train caregivers of people who are dying of AIDS. Grivas is going to Ukraine to educate public school teachers of junior and senior high school students on the harmful effects of drug and alcohol use, and premarital sex among teens. For more information, call (734) 777-2498, (734) 604-5445, or send e-mail to sarakgrivas@aol.com or l.raz@comcast.com. To make a donation, make check payable to St. Luke Lutheran and give it to Grivas or Rasmussen before the event. All donations are tax deductible with matching funds provided by Thrivent Financial. You can also donate an international finger food for the event (many varieties needed).

Ministry celebration
For Pastor Joel Brandt's 9-plus years

at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church before heading west to a new congregation, celebration takes place Sunday, Aug. 12, at the church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Following 10 a.m. worship the congregation hosts a catered lunch, entertainment and time for anecdotes from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. To RSVP, call (734) 464-0211.

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

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 in.

Fun days
Children's Summer Fun Days continue 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fridays throughout August at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Bring a bag lunch for you and your children. We will have playtime either inside or outside depending on the weather and then lunch in the gym. After lunch, we will have Bible Story and Music Time. Parents will be responsible for supervising their children during this time. If you plan to attend, call the office to let us know how many children and adults will be coming (734) 427-1414. Everyone is welcome.

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 presentation of Answers with Ken Ham, a 12-part DVD series on the authority of the Bible. Visit www.christsavior.org for more information.

Summer camp
Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School, 9600 Laverne, 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 information.

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

Watchman conference
Power & Glory of God Conference begins 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16 and continues to Aug. 19, at The Embassy Suites Hotel, 28100 Franklin Road, Southfield. Presented by The Ministry of the Watchman International. All welcome. No registration fee. Prayer and personal ministry at every meeting. For a schedule, call (800) 560-9240 or visit www.ministryofthewatchman.com.

Reformed Protestant service
The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism will be preached 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17, at the regular monthly worship service of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. All are welcome to attend the service with Rev. Sean Humby (of Ohio, originally of Australia) who will preach. For more information, call Margaret Waldecker at (313) 530-6170, Rev. Humby at (937) 252-1156, or visit www.westminsterconfession.org.

Church tour
Hosted by St. Aidan Catholic Church on Saturday, Aug. 18, tour features St. Anne de Detroit, Most Holy Trinity and the Solanus Casey Center. Includes history, culture and structural architecture of each location plus a glimpse into the pastoral lives of the three associated priests Rev. Gabriel Richard (St. Anne de Detroit), Monsignor Clement Kern (Most Holy Trinity) and Rev. Solanus Casey (Solanus Casey Center). The tour will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person and includes transportation via charter bus, tour and buffet lunch at Los Galanes Mexican Restaurant in Mexicantown and all gratuities. Individual donations to parishes at discretion of attendee. For information, call Debbie Dufour at (248) 719-2535. All are welcome and will be accommodated until buses are filled. Buses depart from south parking lot of St. Aidan at exactly 9:30 a.m., so please arrive 15 minutes early. Reservations can be made by contacting St. Aidan Church office at (734) 425-5950. St. Aidan Catholic Church is at 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia.

Not for sale carnival
Noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Admission is free will offering. Taco bar by Qdoba Mexican Grill, music by Sunshine Entertainment, moon walk for kids, pie throw, tin can alley and more classic games (25-cents each). All proceeds to benefit the International Justice Mission. More than 27,000,000 slaves exist in our world today. Want to know more? For more information, call (734) 721-5023. Event presented by the church's youth group.

Revival
Monday-Wednesday Aug. 20-22, at John Wesley AME Zion Church, 28001 Evergreen, south of 12 Mile, Southfield. Our mission: "Growing God's People." Teaching on prayer by guest Elder Patricia Evans will start at 6 p.m. Service begins at 7 p.m. with guest evangelist Rev. Reginald Hunt, Pastor of World Christian Center in South Carolina. For more information, call (248) 358-9307.

Rummage sale
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 23-24, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt. For details, call (734) 421-7620.

Summer sings
Come sing in instant performances of the world's greatest choral music in Summer Sings 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, 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.

UPCOMING

Alpha - Questions of Life
Alpha is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, non-threatening setting over 10 thought-provoking weekly sessions beginning 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Includes a free dinner each week. Free child care available when attending class. To register, call (248) 374-5932 or send e-mail to Margy.Burkhart@wardchurch.org.

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 road, Livonia. Space limited.

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 (corner of Plymouth road), Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

Women of the word
Women of the Word Bible Studies offers a choice of 2 studies this summer at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. To register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4 or download a registration form at www.vchurches.com/cbcwomen. The first study is on 1 Samuel, a Precept Ministries study began 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, July 10. Video lectures by Kay Arthur will expand on the material covered in the discussion group. Cost for workbook is \$15. Second study is Loving Well, a four-week of heart-to-heart messages from Beth Moore 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Cost for workbook is \$8.

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

Worship schedule
10 a.m. Sundays through Sept. 9, when fall worship schedule resumes at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., at Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi. For more information, call (248) 349-2345.

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, fellowship and fun, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All are welcome to join us. There is no charge, although we ask that you bring a luncheon dish to share.

Higher Rock Cafe
Second and fourth Friday of the month, doors open at 7:30 p.m., live bands begin at 8 p.m., presented by Salvation Army of Wayne/Westland, 2300 S. Venoy, between Michigan Ave. and Palmer. For information, call (734) 722-3660 or visit www.tsa.higherrockcafe4t.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
Twins and teens age 12 and up are invited to join in various youth activities held at Riverside Park Church of

God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Come to one of our regular classes on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. or Wednesdays at 7 p.m. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

A healthy you
Join with others as we discover ways to keep our minds and bodies healthy through a four-week class that is open to the public and free of charge at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Day and night classes available. To register, call (734) 464-0990.

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

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

Preschool registration
Ward Preschool now enrolling 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, 1141 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/.

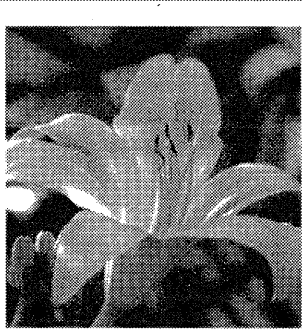
Tiny Tots Preschool
Now enrolling for 2007-2008 for 3- and 4-year olds, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

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.celebraterecovery.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.

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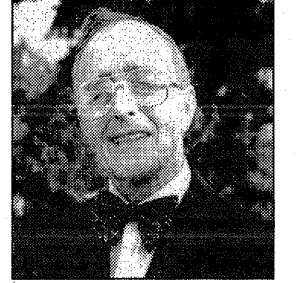
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JEAN ELIZABETH STROYAN
Age 86, of Plymouth, passed away August 7, 2007. Beloved wife of the late George. Loving mother of Pat (Norm) Kraetz, Debbie (Max) Guthart, George Jr. (Florence), Harvey, Sheree (Dennis) Chapman, Frank (Darlene), David (Wylene), and Mary (Mike) Dix. Devoted grandmother of 12 and great-grandmother of three. Preceded in death by sons John and Doug. Friends may visit the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main, Plymouth, Sunday 4-9pm. Funeral from St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1343 Penniman, Plymouth, Monday 11:00 with visitation beginning at 10:00am. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com.

CORA A. COOK
August 6, 2007. Beloved wife of the late John (1984). Dear Mother of John (Jackie), Robert (Roberta) and Richard (Nancy). Mrs. Cook is also survived by five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; sister, Esther Granger and sister-in-law Mary Smith. Mrs. Cook was very active in the Farmington Community. She was a long time member of Salem United Methodist Church, Eastern Star, Friends of the Library, Town Club, Neighbor Club, Cub Scout leader and a Botsford Hospital volunteer. Memorial Service Saturday, August 18th, 12:00 noon at the Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btwn 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Visitation 10:00 AM until the time of service. Those who wish to further Cora's memory may contribute to Salem United Church of Christ, 33424, Oakland, Farmington, MI 48335.

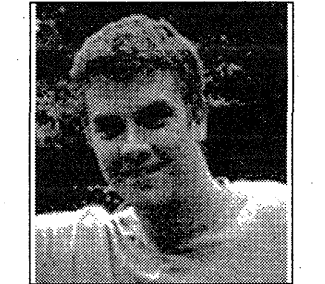
ELLA HAGSTROM
Age 93. Beloved mother of Arnold & Ronald Hagstrom & Sharon (Kevin) O'Brien. Loving Grandmother of James, Shelley, Ronnie Jr., Amy and the late Paul And great-grandmother of Russell, Travis, Frida & Jacob. Visiting hours Saturday, August 11, 1-3pm. Memorial Service at 3pm Charles Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly, btwn. 6-7 Mile.

FOREST RANDALL
Age 97, August 2, 2007. Beloved husband of the late Coretta. Dear father of Donald, David (Marilyn) Randall and Patricia (Steve) Lyddane. Grandfather of Tammy L. Medlen, Kathy and July (Victor McCoy) Randall. Great-grandfather of Christine Medlen. Private family services have been held. Contributions suggested to Hospice of Henry Ford. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com



DR. LEONARD J. "Doc" Siudara, DO

Born June 26, 1913 in Detroit, Age 94, of Berkley and Beaver Island, died peacefully Saturday, August 4th, 2007 at Wm. Beaumont Hospital having lived a remarkably full and healthy life. Husband of Alexandrine Siudara for 67 years, who predeceased him in 2005, brother of Helene Zarembo and the late Joseph and Arthur Siudara. Father of Dr. Jerome "Jerry" (Elizabeth), Leonard "Bud" (Susan), Timothy (Elizabeth), Thomas (Patricia), James (Cynthia), and Maribeth Siudara Gilliam. Grandfather of Missy, Patrick Michael, Andy, Chris, Peter, Jaime Beth Priest, Mark, Andrea, Tyler and Tiffany. Great-grandfather of two. Doctor Siudara was the eldest son of immigrant parents and was raised on the family farm in Rochester. He was an achiever early on, earning 14 athletic letters at Rochester High School and was honored as the Michigan 4-H Health Champion in 1932. He earned a degree in pharmacy while working on the production line of an auto plant and his medical degree while tending bar in the evening. He met his wife Alex on an ice skating blind date on Belle Isle. They married in 1937. "Doc" did his internship at Detroit Osteopathic Hospital and came to Berkley in 1948, building a home and opening a family medical practice. His practice included obstetrics and he delivered hundreds of "baby boomers". His record was 12 deliveries in a single week. He often made "house calls" for patients who were too ill to come to his office. He cared for the nuns and priests in the Shrine of the Little Flower Parish and was the side-line "doc" for the Shrine High football team. He served as president of the Oakland County Osteopathic Physicians Society and was among the founders of the Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital. "Doc" was a man for all seasons. He taught his kids to be adventuresome and he led by good example. He was at home in a duck blind, fishing for walleyes on the St. Clair River, or hunting pheasants in a farmer's field. Doc, Alex and family enjoyed many Great Lakes yachting adventures on the "Alexandra" in the 50's and 60's. Doctor Siudara retired from his 30 years of medical practice in 1977 and he and Alex moved to Beaver Island in northern Lake Michigan. Two years later he became the official island physician and served the residents year-round for the next seven years. It was not uncommon to see "Doc" making "house calls" on his snowmobile during winter. He hung up his stethoscope for good in 1986 and returned to Berkley but continued to summer on Beaver Island for the next 18 years. He took up golf at age 80 and regularly played the Beaver Island golf course. His bright blue eyes and his ever present bow tie were personal trademarks. His instructive euphuisms were many, a favorite being: "Can't never did anything!" A Funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, August 8th at the National Shrine of the Little Flower. Interment will be at Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island. Donations may be made to the Shrine of the Little Flower Church, Royal Oak, MI. Arrangements by: Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak, MI.



JOEL TEFFT

Age 23, aspiring graphic artist, died August 5, 2007. He was born August 3, 1984, in Ann Arbor. He was a lifelong Canton resident. He was an avid graphic artist. Joel had a wonderful sense of humor, and a great smile that brought joy to all those who knew and loved him. He is survived by his parents, Annette Tefft and Steven Johnston; his step-father, Matthew Gates; his sisters and brother, Danielle, Rachel, and Matthew Aaron Tefft; his fiancée, Jessica Glidden; his grandparents, Liz and James Johnston; and many aunts, uncles, and other extended family members. Funeral from Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Thursday, August 9, 7pm. Visitation Thursday 2pm until time of service. Memorials may be made to the family. Share memories with the family at www.schrader-howell.com.



EARNEST WALTER BERRIDGE

Age 92, of Plymouth, died August 6, 2007 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Mr. Berridge was born September 5, 1914 in Ypsilanti and had been a resident of Plymouth since 1936. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Michigan Normal College (now Eastern Michigan University) and attended Cleary College in Ypsilanti. He was a veteran, having served in the U.S. Navy during WW II. Mr. Berridge was a retired accountant and a former teacher in Plymouth, having taught 5th and 6th grade. As recently as this year he still did accounting work from his home. He was formerly a part time accounting instructor at Cleary College in Ypsilanti for over 20 years. He was an active member of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Plymouth, where he was a member of the Retiree Group. He was also a member of V.F.W. Mayflower Post 6695 in Plymouth. He loved reading and talk shows which kept him up on federal, state and local politics. Mr. Berridge also enjoyed watching sports on TV, especially football. Mr. Berridge was preceded in death by his wife Irene (1996) and his three older brothers. He is survived by his children, Kathleen Ann Berridge and David J. Berridge and his grandsons Brandon & Christopher Berridge. Funeral service will be Thursday, August 9, 2007, 1pm at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1343 Penniman, Plymouth. Friends may visit at church beginning at 12:30pm. Memorials may be made to St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth.



INGVOR O. A. DAVISON

Age 89, passed August 7. Born in Sundsvall, Sweden to Olaf A. and Adele M. (Forsman) Ostberg, she came to the United States in 1929. An accomplished artist and craftsman, she was active in the arts community for over sixty years, first in Pontiac, and then as a member of the Birmingham Art Association (now the Bloomfield Birmingham Arts Center). In her later years, she produced pottery with the distinctive ING on the bottom. She was also an animal-lover who faithfully provided for the birds and homeless cats and dogs. At one time she was on a first name basis with every dog living around the Pontiac Country Club, where she walked every day. She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul J. Davison, her parents, and one sister, Ingrid Bannister (Harold). She is survived by two sisters, Inga-Britt Ostberg of Waterford and Ingeborg Coyle (William) of Ft Myers, Florida; daughters Pamela Reid (Richard) of Birmingham, and Ingvor Franklin (Ronnie) of Orlando, Florida; grandchildren Michael Reid, Pamela Franklin-Griffin (John), and Reba Franklin; great-grandchildren Jordan Griffin, Natasha Pettifor, Megan Pettifor, and Kirsten Pettifor; and three cats, Fan, J.D. and Butchey. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Bloomfield Birmingham Art Center, 1516 South Cranbrook Road, Birmingham MI or Almo Home Animal Shelter attn: Joan Brandt, 25503 Clara Lane, Southfield MI 48034.

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CALENDAR

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Worship service

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

Worship services

Sunday Worship services are at 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary), at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck), Canton. For more information, call (734) 637-8160. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study series: Heaven Can't Wait.

Worship service

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.

Adult literacy classes

Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those wishing to improve reading, writing and English Conversational skills. Open to adults age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening. For information, call Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City at (734) 421-0472.

Leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you.

Personal ministry

Due Season Christian Church is a nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. All are welcome. For information, call (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org.

Scripture studies

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

TOPS

Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, 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 and keep it off. 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 for information.

Eucharistic adoration

The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues

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

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 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's

class at 10:15 a.m. at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

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Unity of Livonia

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

Shabbat services

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

Bet Chaverim

Services are open to all living in the western counties including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Northville. The

congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism. Interfaith families welcome to attend services at 321 S. Ridge, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call (734) 646-3864 for information or visit www.betchaverim.com.

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Trinity Episcopal Church

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

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The Plymouth District Library, located at 223 S. Main in downtown Plymouth, offers the following programs in August:

■ **WRITING MY LIFE STORY: A SENIOR WRITING GROUP**, Tuesday, Aug. 21, 4 p.m. - Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Plymouth author, Jane Saylor. No previous writing experience or advance registration is required.

■ **YOUR POETRY GROUP**, Sunday, Aug. 12, 1:30-3:30 p.m. - Round-table readings of poems, your own or by others, are held on the second Sunday of the month. Reader's discretion of language is asked in the works read. For more information, contact Shirley Weimar at (248) 348-9953.

■ **CONTEMPORARY BOOKS DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, Aug. 15, 7:30 p.m. Members of this book discussion group are invited to read *The World is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-first Century* by Thomas L. Friedman. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. New members are welcome at any time. For further information, please call Sue Patterson at the Library, 734-453-0750, or e-mail spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org

■ **LIBRARY GARDEN GROUP**, Thursday, Aug. 16, 7 p.m. - This popular group meets monthly to discuss common garden concerns, new ideas and how the current gardening season is progressing. Gardeners at all skill levels are invited - no registration is required.

■ **FREEDOM, SLAVERY AND THE ROOTS OF AMERICAN MUSIC**, Saturday, Aug. 18, 2 p.m. - Join native Detroit Ray Kamalay as he considers the connection between slavery and the development of early American music. Subjects include ancient and modern slavery, spirituals, blues, minstrel shows, ragtime and early jazz. Live musical performances will enhance this presentation, made possible by the support of the Friends of the Plymouth District Library. Register on-line at plymouthlibrary.org or by calling 734-453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **STARS, MOONS AND PLANETS**, Monday, Aug. 20, 7 p.m. - He loves the skies and after this informal gathering, you will too. Plymouth resident Mike Best leads a lively discussion each month for adults and children over the age of 6. No registration is required. For more information contact (734) 459-BEST or starmikebest@comcast.net

■ **BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION** - Wednesday, Aug. 22, noon - This month's discussion invites members to read *Arc of Justice: a Saga of Race, Civil Rights and Murder in the Jazz Age* by Kevin Boyle. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch; beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk or contact Sue Patterson at the Library, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 241 or spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org

■ **NEEDLECRAFTERS MEETING**, Monday, Aug. 27,

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. Bring your latest project!

■ **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**, Friday, Aug. 31, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - The week leading up to Labor Day will find local hospitals with depleted blood inventory. Plan now to give - donors can safely give blood every 56 days. Sign up in the Library lobby. Walk-ins welcome too. For more information, call 734-453-0750, Ext. 217.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Wrap up your Summer Reading program - Get a Clue @ Your Library - the last day to have your reading log checked is Aug. 11. Stop at the Reader's Advisory Desk for your final prize. The Summer Reading Program was made possible with the generous support of the Friends of the Plymouth District Library.

■ **YOUTH MYSTERY PARTY**, Saturday, Aug. 11, 2 p.m. - Solve the mystery of the stolen book plate and have fun at the same time. Register for this and all youth programs by calling the Youth Service Desk at 734-453-0750, Ext. 5.

■ **LAP SIT STORYTIME**, Monday, Aug. 13, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Saturday, Aug. 18, 10 a.m. - This 15-minute program is designed for the very young - babies ages 6-24 months and their caregivers. No older siblings please. Registration is required - call

Reader's Advisory Desk at 734-453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **New for upper elementary students who have completed grades 3-4-5 Edge Programs.**

Participants in the Edge Summer Reading Program - GET A CLUE - should note that the program is wrapping up. Last day to turn in reading logs is Aug. 11.

■ **EDGE MYSTERY PARTY**, Thursday, Aug. 9, 6:30 p.m. - Celebrate the first Edge Summer Reading Program at this party. Participants will solve the mystery of "Cracks in the Wall". Register by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 5.

TEEN PROGRAM

■ **SUMMER READING WRAP UP ICE CREAM SOCIAL**, Monday, Aug. 13, 6 p.m. - Enjoy ice cream concoctions and wait in suspense as the Summer Reading grand prize drawing takes place. There will be three lucky winners with a flash drive, a gift certificate to Twelve Oaks Mall and one to Target.

■ **BOOKS & BAGELS** - Tuesday, August 14, 3 p.m. - Read *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* by Mitch Albom. Follow 83-year-old Eddie's last moments on earth and into Heaven where he learns the meaning of his own life through his encounters with five people he once knew. Register at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **TEEN ADVISORY BOARD**, Saturday, Aug. 18, 3 p.m. - Are you looking for ways to make your voice heard in the community? Come and help make the Plymouth District Library what you want it to be. Join the Teen Advisory Board and suggest new programs and materials, write book reviews for the Web site and just have

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Go to the Teen Zone webpage, plymouthlibrary.org/ya.htm and check out what's in store for the coming months.

COMPUTER TRAINING

The Plymouth District Library offers a wide variety of free computer classes - and is creating new classes all the time. Plymouth residency in the City of Plymouth or Plymouth Township is required for class participants. Registration is made through the Reader's Advisory Desk, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **INTERNET SEARCHING**, Thursday, Aug. 9, 7 p.m. - This class for Plymouth residents will help computer users learn the basics of using the Internet. This will include an explanation of terms, use of a browser and utilizing search engines on the World Wide Web.

Participants should be comfortable with the Microsoft Windows basics and using a mouse. Training is based on the hardware and software available in the Library.

■ **INTRODUCTION TO MS WORD**, Tuesday, Aug. 14, 10 a.m. - Students will learn how to open, close, modify, save and print a basic Word document. The class covers basic features of this software program only. Students must be comfortable keyboarding and using a mouse prior to taking this class.

Registration is required and may be made by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **MAKE A BUDGET WITH MS EXCEL** - Wednesday, Aug. 15, 7 p.m. - Find out how to make a household or personal budget while learning Microsoft Excel. You must be comfortable with keyboarding and Microsoft Windows basics. Call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 to register for this class.

■ **INTERMEDIATE MS WORD**, Tuesday, Aug. 21, 10 a.m. - Students with keyboard skills and basic MS Word knowledge will learn how to work with two Word documents at the same time and to utilize Page Setup, auto correct, date insertion and more.

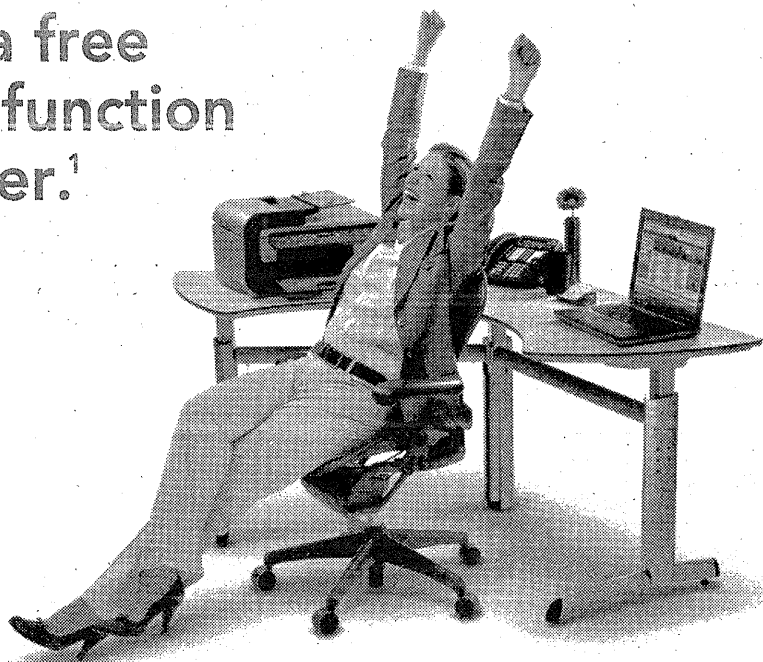
■ **COMPUTER BASICS**, Thursday, Aug. 23, 11 a.m. - This course is designed to teach Microsoft Windows and basic mousing skills to Plymouth residents. The class provides one session of mousing practice and hands-on work with the keyboard and Windows.

■ **ADVANCED MS WORD**, Tuesday, Aug. 28, 10 a.m.

- Expand your Word capabilities as you learn how to insert bullets and numbering, alphabetize, use tables, insert symbols and more. All class participants must be able to type on the keyboard and must be comfortable with using basic MS Word functions.

■ **INTRO TO POWER POINT**, Thursday, Aug. 30, 11 a.m. - Learn the basics of how to do a computer slide presentation using Microsoft Powerpoint. Topics include selecting a template, adding text and graphics, and then putting the entire finished product together into a slideshow. Participants must be comfortable using MS Windows and have good keyboarding skills.

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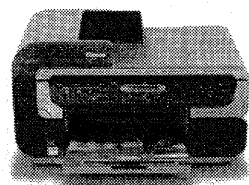
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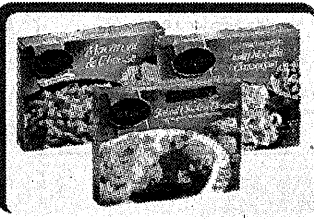
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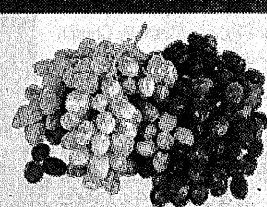
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Game Yard attracts players to Xbox 'heaven'

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

"This place is very cool," said Derek Nardone of Westland, his voice echoing in the headset he's wearing.

On the TV in front of him, he controls a battle-clad soldier battling genocidal aliens in Xbox's highly popular Halo game. On either side of him, his friends Troy Foust of Dearborn Heights and Wes Winters of Garden City play with him, using their own remotes on their own TVs.

Welcome to a video player's heaven, or what Chris Allers has dubbed The Game Yard. It's a video game room stocked with 16 Xbox 360s, all connected to a local network and the Internet, a like number of 32-inch high definition LCD TVs and 45 different games.

Allers, a former engineer with the Ford Motor Co., has turned his lifelong interest in video gaming into his "new full-time job." Instead of designing locks and door handles for vehicles yet to be produced, he providing video game enthusiasts with a venue where they can play with their friends or people around the world.

"I started thinking that it was unlikely I'd get the tap on the shoulder to stay, so I started thinking outside the box," the Southfield resident said. "This (The Game Yard) was something I've always had in the back of my mind, so I started looking around."

Allers discovered through iGames, a trade group, on the Internet, that there are only about 750 such gaming establishments around the country. They're "very popular" on the East and West Coasts, but in the Detroit area, the number was more like three, two in Ann Arbor and one in Southfield, he said.

Allers knows the area — he graduated from Crestwood High School — and liked the Garden City location because it didn't need a lot of work.

He opened the doors in March, spreading the word through fliers and advertisements in school newspapers. Business has been good. By the second month he was paying the bills, by the third and fourth months, he was able to "take a little profit out."

His game room has an industrial feel. Homemade wooden consoles hold the TVs and Xboxes and serve as the counter and some of the walls are decorated with graffiti. Allers wife was going to do graffiti and he'd even downloaded images from the Internet for her to copy when he met the real thing — a guy who actually does it in Detroit.

"Now I trade game time for the graffiti," Allers said. At The Game Yard, gamers can pay \$5 per hour or \$18 for an all-day pass. Allers also offers birthday party packages for up to 12 players and ranging from one to three hours, as well as private parties.

The storefront is located on the southwest end of a strip of stores at the entrance to Kmart. It's open from noon to



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The Guitar Hero guitar and an Xbox 360 controller are tools of the trade for Chris Aller who opened up the Game Yard in Garden City after taking a buyout from the Ford Motor Co.

GET IN THE GAME

The Game Yard will hold a 3v3 Halo 2 Tournament starting at 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12, at the store at 29552 Ford, Garden City.

The entry fee is \$30 per team with those who sign up and pay in advance getting two hours for price of one until the tournament date. Register by calling (734) 261-0214 or by e-mail at manager@thegameyard.com.

For more information, visit The Game Yard Web site at www.thegameyard.com.

10 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, noon to 12 p.m. Friday and Saturday, noon to 9 p.m. Sunday and closed Tuesdays.

The game room is attracting more and more clientele, and Allers is looking

to grow the business more. This Sunday, he'll hold a 3v3 Halo Tournament. It's one of several tournaments he's held. This one was suggested by a scout looking for talent for the professional gaming circuit.

And he's considering adding game PCs in the future.

"Most players have PCs, but they're not like this," Allers said. "On the console, they'll play 1 1/2 hours, PC players will go four hours. Some are into World of Warcraft. They come in and you need a pry bar to get them out."

Nardone and his friends spotted the game room when they drove by Kmart one day and decided to check it out. The Game Yard gives them something to do between their jobs and football practice for Foust and Winters.

"It's a good place to come, especially when you don't own

an Xbox 360," Foust said. "We're usually here an average of two hours. This isn't something you can do at home."

"He has a huge selection of games," Winters said. "My brother asked me why I come here and I tell him that even if I didn't come here to play, it's a good place to meet people and hang out. It's a cool place."

"It's a good way to spend a day," Nardone added. "There's lots of cool games and the prices are low."

Their comments are music to Allers' ears, especially considering "my son thinks it's the best thing I've ever done," he said.

"I started on the Atari Commodore 64 and have always played games whenever I could get my hands on them," he said. "Now it's my full-time job."

Benefit will help vets visit World War II memorial

Autographed items from musician Kenny Loggins, the Detroit Tigers and nationally acclaimed TV cooking celebrity and cookbook author Paula Deen will be auctioned off at The Big Beat Brew, a benefit to help aging World War II veterans visit the national World War II memorial in Washington, D.C.

The event will take place 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, at the UFCW Hall, 876 Horace Brown Drive, Madison Heights (south of 13 Mile, between Stephenson Highway and John R Road.

The evening will benefit Honor Flight Michigan, an organization that arranges flights for World War II veterans who have waited more than 60 years to see a memorial to their fallen comrades. Nearly

1,500 World War II veterans die each year. For many, prohibitive health care costs have wiped out their savings, preventing them from visiting the site. It costs \$300 to fly one veteran to and from the memorial.

At the benefit, a Kenny Loggins signed guitar, autographed Detroit Tigers pictures and signed cookbook from celebrity chef Paula Deen will be up for bid.

Guests at the event will be treated to entertainment by Legend the Band, which will play music from the 1940s to the 1970s. Hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, dessert and coffee will be served. A cash bar will be available.

Cost of admission is \$25 a person. The public is invited. For more information, contact Melissa Downey at (248)541-4388.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PUBLIC HEARING - FY 2007 CDBG ACTION PLAN: DESIGNATION OF NEW SUBRECIPIENT

On August 29, 2007, at 3 p.m. in the Administrative Services Conference Room, first floor Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Council will hold a public hearing to consider a proposal to change the subrecipient for the FY 2007 CDBG Adult Day Services Program to Revival Outreach Adult Day Services. The reason for the redesignation is the dissolution of the original subrecipient, HelpSource. There will be no change in the location, services, or personnel of the existing Adult Day Services program. The amount affected by the redesignation of subrecipient is \$1,000. In addition the Advisory Council will consider a proposal to cancel and reprogram \$1,499 allocated to the FY 2007 Teen Parenting Program. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Community Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 394-5194.

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Personal property described below in the matter of:
2016 - Leroy Scott - File Cabinet, Air Hockey Table, Big Screen TV
1014 - Allen Roberts - Chair, 20 Boxes, 2 Totes
2002 - Donisia Curry - Desk, Loveseat, 10 Boxes
2036 - Robert Wilcox - Drum kit, leather chair, bike
4047 - Jeffery Ensign - 2 Totes, 15 Boxes, Misc Items
4147 - Narene Hyman - Couch, Bed Frame, Wicker Bench
4148 - David Fuller - TV Stand, 5 Boxes, Misc Items
4273 - Patrisha Terry - Loveseat, Dresser, Entertainment Center
5021 - Roger Cole - Couch, Loveseat, Kitchen Table
5117 - Racheal Black - 8 Boxes, 6 Bags, 1 Tote
6012 - Joe Bermudez - Couch, Dresser, Misc Items

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4028 - Renee Peeples - Mattress, Box, TV
1016 - Dennis Bishop - 4 Totes, 50 Boxes, Misc Items
2030 - Mary Owens - Sofa, Dryer, Washer
3006 - Jean Dedes - Stereo, Globe, Misc Items
4001 - Robert Kozak - Vacuum, 7 Tool Boxes, Misc Items
9154 - Daphani Dent - Couch, Loveseat, 10 Boxes
9166 - Tina Vanhorn - 10 Totes, Entertainment Center, Misc Items

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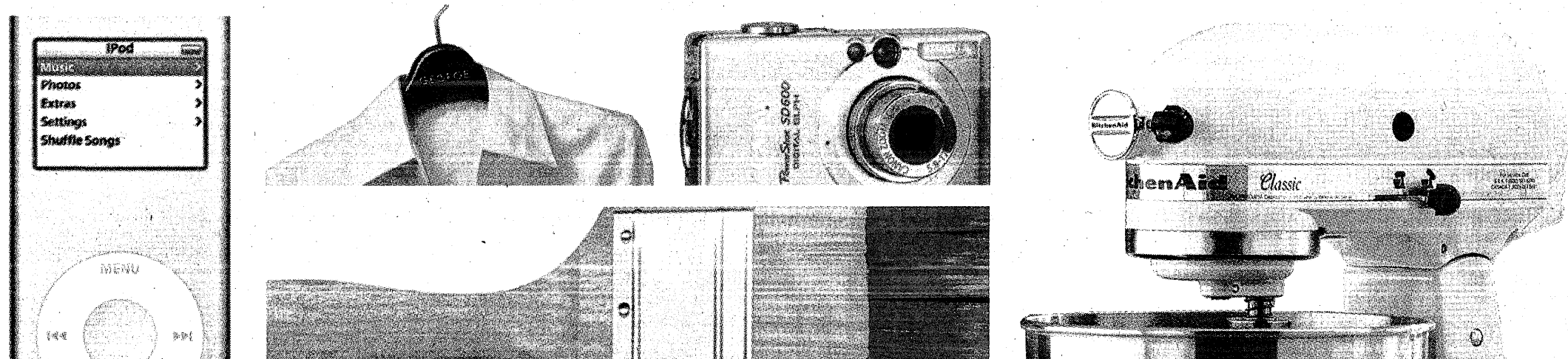
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Parade of Homes highlights living spaces

Fall Parade of Homes, the ninth annual fall exhibition of new model homes located across southeastern Michigan, will open on Aug. 17 and run through Dec. 31, 2007. Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and LaSalle Bank are the sponsors of this public event.

"There has never been a better time to buy a new home in Michigan," said Richard Ives, president of BIA. "Now is the time to take advantage of reasonable pricing, affordable interest rates and numerous homes to choose from. Those who buy now will be in the driver's seat during the buying process and will reap the gains of price appreciation in future years."

The Parade of Homes offers potential homebuyers an opportunity to visit the area's finest model homes,

including condominiums and single-family homes, affordable housing and estate-sized homes. Visitors to the homes will have an opportunity to see firsthand the latest trends in energy efficiency and green building, architecture, interior design, amenities and materials. The 61 model homes range in price from \$97,900 to \$1.8 million.

Architects and building industry experts will judge the homes and award winners in several categories prior to the event opening, including a new Energy Efficiency and Green Building category. This year's judges are Dan Sugg of LaSalle Bank; Rob McCalpin, A.I.A., Bryce, McCalpin and Palazzola; and Brian Gill, AIA, of The Design Group.

The judges will make their deci-

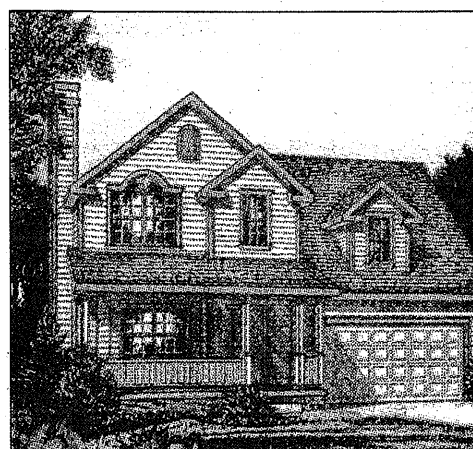
sions based on the innovative use of space and design, aesthetic appeal of the home and value for the price.

A Parade of Homes magazine containing renderings, features and location maps for all homes will be distributed within select home delivery of *The Detroit News* and *Detroit Free Press*, available at all area LaSalle Bank branches and 205 CVS/pharmacy locations throughout southeastern Michigan, at all participating model homes and at BIA's Fall Remodeling & Design Expo, Oct. 12-14, at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

For additional information on the 2007 Fall Parade of Homes after Aug. 17, please call (248) 862-1032 or visit www.builders.org. The Parade of Homes Web site, www.BIAParadeofHomes.com, will go live on Aug. 17, 2007, and will feature informative news stories on home ownership and economic issues as well as details on each home.

BIA and LaSalle Bank will also sponsor a Parade of Homes event in the spring.

Headquartered in Farmington Hills, BIA is a trade association representing more than 2,000 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multifamily residential construction industry. BIA is affiliated with the Michigan Association of Home Builders in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.



Sponsors for the Fall Parade of Homes are the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and LaSalle Bank.

Membership nationwide includes more than 235,000 individuals and companies.

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These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 9-13, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

Canton	
7409 Admiralty Dr	\$244,000
8187 Chatham Dr	\$649,000
39835 Cheviot Rd	\$185,000
326 Constitution St	\$255,000
7703 Corbin Dr	\$194,000
48195 Glenmont Rd	\$128,000
1004 Holbrook Dr	\$400,000
1891 Knollwood Dr	\$166,000
48431 Manor Bridge Dr	\$46,000
50457 Monroe St	\$160,000
50250 Mott Rd	\$335,000
41131 N Maplewood Dr	\$223,000
45015 N Spring Dr	\$245,000
47996 River Way Ct	\$350,000
44547 Savery Dr	\$142,000
2024 Stonebridge Way	\$325,000
46477 Swanmere Dr	\$260,000
1245 Terrel Ct	\$206,000
43168 Thames Ct	\$191,000
3977 Timberline Ct	\$195,000
8091 Warfield St	\$190,000
Farmington	
22830 Lakeway St	\$140,000
32007 Lee Ln	\$170,000
34122 Oakland St	\$238,000
22756 Violet St	\$155,000
Farmington Hills	
34714 Bunker Hill Dr	\$180,000
39002 Cattail Ct	\$329,000
28231 Gettysburg St	\$235,000
37469 Glengrove Dr	\$309,000
21827 Ontaga St	\$175,000
21405 Riverwalk Ct	\$444,000
29840 W 12 Mile Rd	\$59,000
30042 W 12 Mile Rd	\$73,000
27689 W Echo Vly	\$170,000
Garden City	
31075 Beechwood St	\$180,000
27631 Bock St	\$165,000
171 Cardwell St	\$138,000
33216 John Hawk St	\$104,000
Livonia	
33531 Six Mile Rd	\$148,000
37680 Bloomfield Dr	\$262,000
19111 Canterbury Dr	\$100,000
14546 Cavell St	\$230,000
17761 Deering St	\$155,000
17730 Fairfield St	\$190,000
19437 Fitzgerald St	\$300,000
9114 Frederick St	\$178,000
36649 Gardner St	\$210,000
28887 Hathaway St	\$155,000
14285 Hubbard St	\$195,000
15648 Hunter Grv	\$266,000
9236 Idaho St	\$176,000
36511 Mallory St	\$215,000
16529 Middlebelt Rd	\$77,000
30426 Minton St	\$120,000
36615 Munger St	\$224,000
32911 Oakley St	\$183,000
35149 Orangelawn St	\$171,000
37865 Plymouth Rd	\$175,000
27415 Vargo St	\$95,000
Millford	
531 Atlantic St	\$189,000
692 Cliffside Dr	\$204,000
520 John R	\$191,000
3750 N Shoreline Dr	\$850,000
600 W Dawson Rd	\$211,000
Northville	
16714 Carriage Way	\$255,000
39448 Champion Ct	\$250,000
39583 Dun Rowin Dr	\$253,000
20216 Longwood Ct	\$145,000
20248 Longwood Ct	\$152,000
49433 N Glacier	\$260,000
39475 Rockcrest Cir	\$175,000
39461 Springwater Dr	\$185,000
Novi	
43830 Algonquin Dr	\$230,000
45219 Bartlett Dr	\$165,000
42374 Cherry Hill Rd	\$265,000
50694 Chesapeake Dr	\$708,000
24582 Enchanted Dr	\$263,000
45583 Falmouth Ave	\$308,000
22235 Piccadilly Cir	\$600,000
43225 Sandstone Dr	\$313,000
22548 Winfield Rd	\$219,000
Plymouth	
1171 Ann Arbor Rd W	\$166,000

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Real Estate Appraising & Sales

CENTURY 21 Today offers career seminars Tuesday or Saturday noon to 1 p.m. through August at 28544 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Contact Steve Leibhan at (248) 855-2000, Ext. 238.

Career information

For anyone interested in developing a career in real estate, Keller Williams Realty will be hosting a Career Seminar at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 9, and again on Tuesday, Aug. 28, also at 6:30 p.m.

The 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.

Bankruptcy

Attorney David Tarr will share with investors his knowledge of bankruptcy procedure and the secrets of buying properties when the time is ripe — during the bankruptcy of debtors. Sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Seminar free to members, \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742.

Golf outing

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will host its 2007 golf outing, "North Oakland County Golf Classic" 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, at Beacon Hills Golf Course, 601 Majestic Oaks Drive in Commerce Township.

The event will begin with registration and continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. and a steak dinner at 4 p.m. Door prizes will be offered, as well as a 50/50 raffle.

Registration fees, including 18 holes of golf cart, lunch, dinner, four drink tickets and golf competitions are \$130 for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan members, guests and nonmembers; \$60 for dinner only, \$200 for a hole sponsorship and \$250 for a hole sponsorship with dinner. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

BIA 'Best shot'

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) Remodelers Council will hold "Give It Your Best Shot," its 12th Annual Shoot Out on Tuesday, Sept. 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Detroit Gun Club, 2775 Oakley Park Road, in Walled Lake. The program begins with registration followed by a safety presentation, then lunch and team shooting. Awards and

door prizes will follow. Registration fees are \$118 per person which includes two rounds of shooting skeet or trap targets, 100 rounds of sporting clays, six boxes of shells, hot buffet lunch, and refreshments/snacks. Sponsorships are available. For registration information, call (248) 862-1008.

More BIA

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) presents Real Estate Continuing Education course on Monday, Sept. 17, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at BIA Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Lori Chmura of Middleton Training will present the course that meets the state-mandated requirement for six hours of Real Estate Continuing Education. Registration fees are \$60 for SMC members, \$80 for BIA members and \$100 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) Sales and Marketing Council (SMC), in conjunction with the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors (MCAR), presents a Builder/Realtor Selling Extravaganza on Wednesday, Sept. 19, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Andiamo Italia Banquet Center, 7096 E. 14 Mile, Warren. The networking event will assist builders and realtors with contacts needed to help sell homes. Registration fees are \$50 for BIA builders which include a table top display and two attendees. Additional attendees are \$15 each. There is no charge for MCAR Realtor members to attend. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) Women's Council presents "Model Home Performance" on Thursday, Sept. 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Katana Japanese Steakhouse, 111 S. Main, Royal Oak. Susan Halfleigh of Environments & Energy Inc. will discuss using Feng Shui and design to attract your perfect client, creating positive flow and balance of energetic space, impact of vertical and horizontal elements, leading lines (balancing curves and straight lines), positioning objects of significance, and richness of color/texture/materials.

The event is open to BIA member companies only. Registration fees are \$40 per person.

For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present another in its series of Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) courses — "Profitable Business Through Quality Practices" — on Tuesday, Sept. 25, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite

100 in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein of Builders Professional Services Group, Inc. will instruct attendees on how to meet the quality challenge with customers, with competitors, and within their companies.

The course will count towards Certified Graduate Associate (CGA), Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) and Graduate Master Builder (GMB) designations. Registration fees are \$155 for Remodelers Council members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) presents "How To Succeed In A Challenging Market" on Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2007 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Hotel Baronnette in Novi. Joe Colletti of Joe Colletti and Associates, L.L.C. will show on-site sales professionals how they can adjust for market conditions and still perform at a high level of success. Registration fees are \$35 for SMC members, \$55 for BIA members and \$75 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a builder's license preparation course on Friday, Sept. 28, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Presented by NCI Associates, the course is designed to prepare students for the Michigan Residential Builder's License Examination. Material covered will include topics on the exam, laws and rules, building practices and procedures, sample test questions and test-taking strategies. Registration fees are \$200 per person.

For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) will sponsor "The Facts on Fair Housing" seminar on Friday, Sept. 21, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at The Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road in Troy. Kathleen Mabie of Success on Site will facilitate the panelists, instructing attendees on the latest in Fair Housing Law.

The program will give owners, managers and leasing personnel practical, hands-on information regarding specific situations and issues. Registration fees are \$40 for Property Management Council members, AAM and Building Industry Association members and \$50 for guests.

For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

New partner

Bartley Patterson was announced as a new partner in ownership of RE/MAX Classic's Canton location. The

announcement was made at the second quarterly company meeting held in June.

"It is with great pleasure and anticipation that I announce Bart's shared ownership in our RE/MAX Classic Canton Office," said Carlina Boji, broker/owner, RE/MAX Classic. "Bart has been very involved in the success of the company and we are excited about his ownership position."

Patterson has been a Realtor for 11 years and started with RE/MAX Classic specializing as a buyer's agent. He is currently the vice president and general manager of RE/MAX Classic and will continue in that capacity. Patterson has also served his community as chairman of the board for the Canton Chamber of Commerce, chair of the Technology Committee and is a member of the Marketing Partnership with Canton Township, the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Development Authority.

Company conversion

Ronald "Ron" La Casse, Jr., broker/owner of Cass Realty in Dearborn, has announced his company's conversion to Weichert, Realtors - Cass Realty, a franchise with Weichert Real Estate Affiliates. The company located at 23400 Michigan Ave., Suite 180, joins some 325 offices in 32 states for the franchise organization that launched its first affiliate in January 2002.

La Casse cited Weichert's reputation for support and service to brokerages as among the reasons for choosing to affiliate, along with his "earnest desire to provide more services to clients from a more well-organized company." Already a full service firm for the past six years, the Dearborn agency will "take full advantage of all that Weichert has to offer," La Casse said. The Weichert organization includes mortgage and insurance services, a commercial and investments division, an ongoing agent and management training program that incorporates "live" and online instruction, an award-winning Internet lead-generation platform, and a multinational relocation company. Support services are highlighted by in-house marketing and advertising, dedicated public relations and Realtor recruitment.

Weichert Affiliates President Martin J. Rueter joined in the announcement saying, "The affiliation with Ron and his outstanding team brings us into the Dearborn area with an impressive company to carry our name and reputation to this key market."

La Casse has been a licensed broker since 1996. He entered real estate as an agent in 1984, joining a Garden City independent, then a builder/developer. He worked primarily with builders and developers in new construction of condos and family homes, as well as

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with an investment group in Detroit prior to opening the full-service Cass Realty in 2001.

A grand opening at new offices of Weichert, Realtors - Cass Realty will be announced at a future date. Meanwhile, La Casse and the staff and sales team can be reached at (313) 357-3800.

Weichert has more than 19,300 sales associates in over 500 com-

pany-owned and franchised sales offices in key markets throughout the U.S.

Weir Manuel support

Weir Manuel Realtors announced will be a corporate supporter in the Cornerstone Schools charitable event, "Be A Tiger For Kids," at The Detroit Tigers vs. Cleveland Indians game on Aug. 21 at Comerica Park.

Weir Manuel employees will sup-

port this event by purchasing \$50-\$250 tickets to the game, the proceeds of which will go to Cornerstone Schools. And, for each ticket purchased by a WMR employee, Weir Manuel Realtors will make an additional donation to Cornerstone Schools. Weir Manuel will also pay half the cost of any tickets brokers purchase for incentives.

"I can't think of a better way to support our community," said Kelly

Sweeney, president and CEO of Weir Manuel. "A superior education should be available to children who deserve it, and Cornerstone Schools has been providing that since 1991."

Weir Manuel has also given Cornerstone a venue to sell tickets to the Tigers game by providing outdoor space on its Old Woodward property during the 2007 Dream Cruise.

"Thousands of people will be strolling down

Old Woodward, and since we have the prime location there — on the corner of Brown and Old Woodward — Cornerstone will have a great opportunity to make people aware of their schools and the Tigers event," said Sweeney.

During the Dream Cruise, Weir Manuel is also providing space for other charitable organizations, Guardians For Animals, Greyhound Expressions Greyhound Rescue, and Camp Casey (www.camp-casey.org), a horse camp

for children with cancer.

Weir Manuel Realtors is a leading real estate company in southeast Michigan, with more than 150 employees in three Michigan offices: Birmingham, West Bloomfield and Rochester. Its Web site is at www.weir-manuel.com.

Joins office

Patricia Hespel, GRI, has joined the real estate office, RE/MAX First, announced broker/owners Vince Sancimino and Carol Vitale. She has been in real estate for 14 years.

Hespel comes to RE/MAX from Coldwell Banker. When asked why she joined RE/MAX she replied, "RE/MAX is a perfect match to my system of operations in the marketplace; the service to my clients is A+."

Hespel is active in her community and set out to help the homeless by co-developing the "Feed the Hungry Program" with M&M Custom Homes of Shelby Township.

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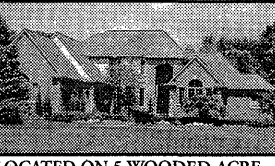
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 <p>NOVI \$550,000</p> <p>Luxurious Lkfront Condo N. Shore Of Exclusive Island Lk. Kit w/granite. FR W/hwd Flrs & Fp. Mstr Ste W/ jet Tub & Lrg His & Hers Wic. Fin W/O W/paver Patio.</p> <p>MLS# 27124734 248-347-3050</p>	 <p>NOVI \$425,000</p> <p>Great value for size! 2 story foyer hwd flr in foyer, 1/2 bath, kit, DR & LR, updated mstr bth w/maple cab & granite counter, paver patio, 2.5 car garage.</p> <p>MLS# 27135708 248-347-3050</p>	 <p>NOVI \$409,000</p> <p>Private tree lined backyard! Kit w/granite counters open to FR w/tp. Hwd floors in foyer, 1/2 bth & kit. Spacious mstr ste. unfin bsmt w/wh rough-ins.</p> <p>MLS# 27134125 248-347-3050</p>	 <p>NORTHVILLE \$400,000</p> <p>Country In The City! 1 Acre Wooded, 5 Bdrm Colonial. 2.5 Car Att Gar/2 Car Detached, remodeled Kit, Mstr Bth w/jacuzzi, & Half bath W/limestone Fl.</p> <p>MLS# 27135922 248-347-3050</p>	 <p>NOVI \$329,000</p> <p>Best Buy in exclusive Island Lakes. End unit, 1st flr master, jetted tub. Granite kitchen overlooks lake. Large loft FR, 2 BRs & bath. Mint Condition.</p> <p>MLS# 27103073 248-646-1800</p>	 <p>MILFORD \$284,900</p> <p>Detached Condo On Private Cul-de-sac, GR W/2 Way FP To 1st Flr Mstr, 10 ft Clgs 1st flr, 3 Car Gar, Fin W/O W/home Theatre, Wet Bar, Bdrm, Bth, FR & Study.</p> <p>MLS# 27133668 248-347-3050</p>
 <p>NOVI \$255,000</p> <p>Impeccable Townhouse W/pand View! 1st floor Laundry, HW Flrs T/o 1st Flr, Kit W/42" Cabs & Ss Appls, Great Rm, Study, Unfin Bsmt & Deck, Quick Occupancy!</p> <p>MLS# 27035709 248-347-3050</p>	 <p>LIVONIA \$229,900</p> <p>As good as it gets! Lovely, spacious 4 BR home in popular Burton Hollow Estates. Maple kitchen w/ Silstone counters. Private yard & deck.</p> <p>MLS# 27126964 734-453-6800</p>	 <p>COMMERCE \$225,000</p> <p>Gorgeous W/O Ranch W/lake Access On Commerce Lk. 3 Bdrm 1.5 Bth On Quiet Cul de Sac. Huger Eat-in Kitchen w/Deck, spacious Bdrms, 1st Flr Laundry.</p> <p>MLS# 27127309 248-347-3050</p>	 <p>TAYLOR \$224,900</p> <p>3 BR colonial on 2.89 acres w/3 car gar, private setting. Over 2300 sq w/above GR pool. Big country kit. Well maintained 1 yr warranty. Priced to sell.</p> <p>MLS# 27080091 734-453-6800</p>	 <p>WIXOM \$222,900</p> <p>3 Bdrm 3.5 Bth Condo Largest Sq ft In The Complex, Brick & Sawn Wood, & 2 Car Att. Gar. 1st flr Mstr Feat W/2W Clst & Priv. Bath. Country kit & Bfast Area.</p> <p>MLS# 27108646 248-347-3050</p>	 <p>CONWAY \$220,000</p> <p>3 bdrm, 2 bath on 3/4 acres on paved rd ceramic & hwd flrs t/o. Wooded backyard. LR w/ceramic surround FP, mstr bath w/jet tub. LL D/L plumbed for bath!</p> <p>MLS# 27132709 248-347-3050</p>
 <p>WESTLAND \$205,000</p> <p>Spacious brick ranch deep in sub. GR w/ill mantle FP. open kit w/dining area. Paver patio, landscaping. Mstr ste w/jet garden tub, sep shower.</p> <p>MLS# 27134626 248-347-3050</p>	 <p>PLYMOUTH \$199,900</p> <p>Gorgeous 3 BR brick ranch on cul-de-sac. Largest lot in sub. Everything has been done. LR w/hwd floors. Updated baths. FR w/fieldstone FP. New windows.</p> <p>MLS# 27132922 734-453-6800</p>	 <p>SUPERIOR \$199,900</p> <p>Brookside * 3 BR plus loft, 2-1/2 baths. Large deck opens to commons area. Kit-nk w/hwd floors. LR plus GR w/gas FP. Mstr w/cath clg, WIC & fash BA.</p> <p>MLS# 27125666 734-453-6800</p>	 <p>DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$169,900</p> <p>Meticulously maintained ranch. All updates have been done. Fin BM. Hardwood floors throughout. Super clean! Great curb appeal! Fenced yard.</p> <p>MLS# 27095316 734-453-6800</p>	 <p>CANTON \$156,900</p> <p>N/C at Woodbridge Estates! 2 BR, 2 BA raised ranch. Kit w/GE appls including washer & dryer. LR w/cath clg & FP. Mstr & main bath w/designer cbnts.</p> <p>MLS# 27131816 734-453-6800</p>	 <p>LIVONIA \$148,000</p> <p>Well maint home in desirable neighborhood in heart of Livonia. Updated wndws, turn, A/C, HWH, copper plbg, elect. Partially finished bsmt. 1 yr home war.</p> <p>MLS# 27129180 734-453-6800</p>
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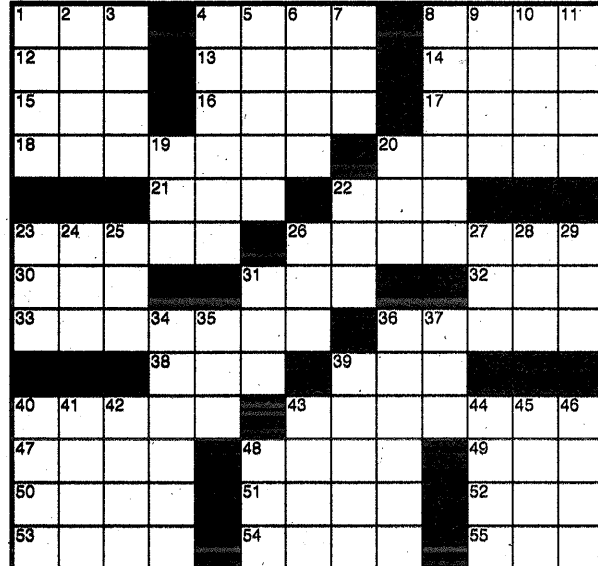
CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- 1 Playing marble
 - 4 Mr. Guthrie
 - 8 Black gem
 - 12 Navigator's dir.
 - 13 Target
 - 14 Bridge quorum
 - 15 Electronic gear brand
 - 16 Ill-mannered
 - 17 Roman marketplaces
 - 18 Sort
 - 20 Tangy
 - 21 Before marriage
 - 22 This, to Caesar
 - 23 Mixture
 - 26 Broad-minded
 - 30 Ostrichlike bird
 - 31 Computer term
 - 32 "We — not amused"
 - 33 Tusked charger
 - 36 Go shopping
 - 38 Feedbag morsel
 - 39 Weed
 - 40 Sour pickles
- DOWN**
- 1 Game show name
 - 2 Cuzco founder
 - 3 Forest animal
 - 4 Said yes
 - 5 Turnpike
 - 6 Countess's title
 - 7 " — Buttermilk Sky"
 - 8 Place of business
 - 9 Twelve, maybe

Answer to Previous Puzzle

T	A	N	K	O	P	A	L	R	I	B
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SUDOKU

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	6			1	8	3	7	
	7			9				1
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			5	2				
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|---------|------|-------|
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| CORN | OATS | WHEAT |

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W R E X C N W E R T
A L D G K O L I U P
X E L H D R T W M K
C Y W N B M F H A Y
A D F H R I C E W J
C O R N V L H A J L
I C Y M N O A T S B
A S E E R T Y C A O

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

9	1	5	7	6	8	3	2	4
3	4	6	2	1	5	7	8	9
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1	9	2	4	7	6	8	3	5
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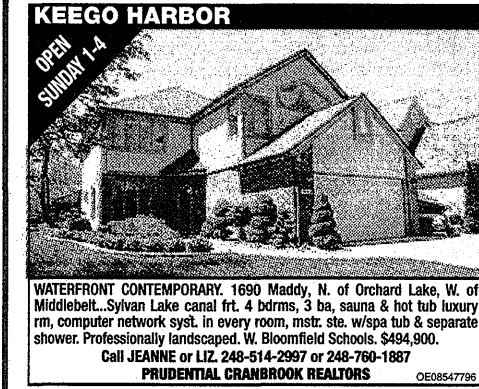


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ESTATE SALE BY FINDERS KEEPERS
Northville, Aug. 10 & 11, 9am-9pm. 21106 West Glenhaven Circle, #7, off 8 mile, W. of 275, first street after Meadowbrook. Sofa, chairs, tables, Cherry Wood dining room, Danish modern brdm, corner china cabinet, Oak wash Stand. Antique Candle Stick Lamp, Moser Candy Sticks, cologne bottles, Loetz Vase, sets of dishes, cups & saucers, rugs, jewelry, golf clubs, wine cooler, tools, books. LOADED HOUSE. No Early Birds. 248-425-7577.

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Cute as can be! Huge master! Remodeled in 2005. Hardwood floors, new furnace, new roof, freshly painted and decorated. Fabulous newer kitchen. Huge lot. All this and Lake Privileges too! A Real Doll House.
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WEST BLOOMFIELD \$409,000
Lovely 4 bedroom 2.2 bath home with open floor plan. Gourmet kitchen, granite island, butter pantry, spacious dining area. First floor library, 3448 ft. Finished 1500 ft. lower level. Pool, hot tub and brick paver patio.
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BLOOMFIELD TWP \$598,900
Custom built colonial. Walk-out (4,600)-Vaulted Ceilings, Granite, Ceramic, Crown, 3+ Garage. Vaulted 1st Fl. Master Suite-Jet Tub, Dry Cedar Sauna. "Up North" Serenity! 2 Decks, 1 Acre of Trees, Wildlife and Nature Trail. Close to M-59 & I-75 #1232688 248-360-9100



OXFORD \$149,000
Nice 3 bedroom maintenance free ranch. Large kitchen, all appliances included. 1st floor laundry, newer windows and carpet. Full basement finished with family room. Oversized 2.5 car garage. 1 year home warranty included.
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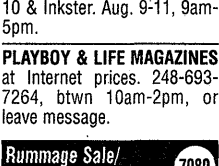
WEST BLOOMFIELD \$279,900
Awesome! Huge master suite, island kitchen with snack bar. Family room, living room, dining room. Fireplace. Jetted tub. Hot tub. Brick paver patio. Private yard. 3 car garage, drive way. New e glass windows and more!
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WHITE LAKE \$339,000
Custom built 4 bedroom 3 bath brick ranch, 3+ car garage. Over 3500 sq. ft. with finished walkout lower level. Gourmet kitchen, granite island, butter pantry, spacious dining area. First floor library, 3448 ft. Finished 1500 ft. lower level. Pool, hot tub and brick paver patio.
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WALLED LAKE \$669,000
Custom built colonial. Loaded with upgrades. 2 story great room. Brick exterior. Cherry floors in entry and kitchen, granite counters. Nearly .75 Acres. Walkout basement. Master bat, jetted tub. 1st floor master.
MLS #27043743 248-360-9100



WEST BLOOMFIELD \$169,900
Heavily sharp 3 bedroom ranch. Remodeled kitchen, newer appliances, newer windows, roof, furnace, central air and garage door. Hardwood floors. Finished basement with bar and refrigerator. Large fenced yard, sprinkler system.
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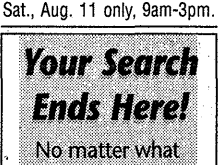
COMMERCE \$295,000
This 2000 built 2 story home is ready for you! 4 Bedrooms, 2.5 baths, Living and Family Rooms and Formal Dining Room. Full Basement and two car attached garage. Private setting. New carpet and Paint throughout.
MLS# 27082320 248-360-9100



COMMERCE \$299,900
Absolutely beautiful! 2500 Sq Ft, 2 story, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, Island Kitchen, cherry cabinets, hardwood floors and granite. 1st floor office, 9' ceilings, huge master, monster closet and jetted tub. Fabulous master suite. It's a tent!
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COMMERCE \$259,999
Sharp 3 bedroom, 2 bath contemporary, Lake privileges on Bass Lake! Open floor plan, living room with fireplace, all newer carpeting, home renovated with addition in 1999, 3 car attached heated garage, deck, pool and more!
MLS# 27106100 248-360-9100



WEST BLOOMFIELD \$574,900
Woods of Orchard Lake beauty. Kitchen with granite, hardwood floors, 2 staircases, crown moldings, decked out garage door. Hardwood floors. Finished basement with bar and refrigerator. Large fenced yard, sprinkler system.
MLS# 27105683 248-360-9100



SPRINGFIELD TWP \$329,000
Builder's own home on private 1 acre lot, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2500 sq. ft. Open floor plan, hardwood floors, beautiful tile fireplace, marble surround. Kitchen, marble and island. Master, walk-in closet, 2 person jacuzzi.
MLS #27072439 248-360-9100



HIGHLAND TWP \$359,900
Incredible 4 bedroom brick colonial backs up to woods! Large island kitchen, cherry cabinets, hardwood floors and granite. 1st floor office, 9' ceilings, huge master, monster closet and jetted tub. Stamped concrete patio.
MLS #27135130 248-360-9100



WOLVERINE LAKE \$165,900
This four bedroom ranch sits on large fenced lot. Lake lot across the street. Open floor plan, finished basement, newer windows, spacious two car garage. Immediate possession. All appliances.
MLS #27095422 248-360-9100



WHITE LAKE \$219,000
Brand new construction. Allowance for dishwasher + carpet. Finished Day light basement. Walled Lake Schools. Tile floors in bathrooms. Lake Privileges on Cedar Island Lake. Large Great Room opens to Kitchen.
MLS #27127300 248-360-9100



WEST BLOOMFIELD \$274,000
Newer brick ranch. Pawless, beautiful decor, fresh paint. Hardwood floors in kitchen entry hall, breakfast room and bedrooms. Finished basement with billiard room, family room, wet bar, maple cabinets - new half bath.
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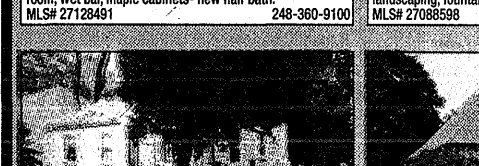
WATERFORD \$132,900
Three Bedroom ranch. Large eat-in kitchen, all appliances, 2 car mechanics garage. Breezway, fenced yard, deck. Updates including roof, gutters, furnace, central air. Nice landscaping, fountain, pond. Well cared for home.
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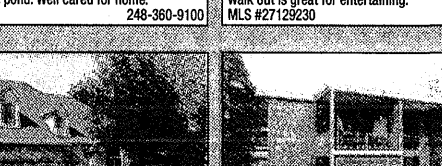
WEST BLOOMFIELD \$189,000
Enjoy Upper Straits Lake Privileges in this cute ranch with finished walk-out! 3 tiered deck takes you to park-like setting on wooded double lot. Lots of updates. Finished walk out is great for entertaining.
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COMMERCE \$274,500
Gorgeous colonial, remodeled top to bottom. New roof, new paint, remodeled kitchen, all new stainless steel appliances, new counters. Freshly painted exterior, decking freshly painted. Award winning Walled Lake Schools.
MLS# 27092532 248-360-9100



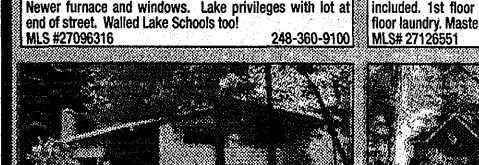
WEST BLOOMFIELD \$139,900
Wanted! A new owner for this cute three bedroom home. House sits on extra large treed lot. Room to add a garage. Newer furnace and windows. Lake privileges with lot at end of street. Walled Lake Schools too!
MLS #27093616 248-360-9100



BIRMINGHAM \$172,000
Birmingham Condo-Renovated from top to bottom! Great location - 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Fresh paint, bright kitchen, spacious living & dining room. Laundry in unit plus hardwoods under carpet. Bloomfield Hills Schools.
MLS# 27132689 248-360-9100



CLARKSTON \$269,900
Beautiful 3 bedroom, barrier - free ranch condo. Hardwood floors. Cathedral ceilings. Large master bedroom w/half bath. Extra deep walk-out basement. Perfect for third bath. Close to exp 175. Clarkston schools.
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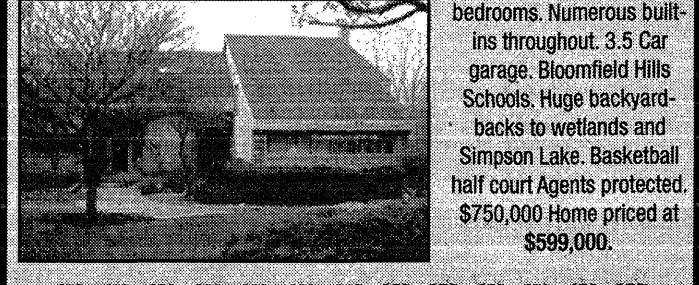
FARMINGTON \$236,000
Charming California-style Split-Level. Remodeled 2003 with granite counters, new appliances, newer windows, new furnace, hardwood floors! Custom cedar deck. 2 Master Bedrooms, Family Room/Florida Room.
MLS# 27125263 248-360-9100



COMMERCE \$499,900
A must see Home! 2 full kitchens, 3 full baths, granite throughout. Second home living in finished lower level. Theatre room, game room, possible 4th bedroom, kitchen and workout room. Too much to list. Agent own home.
MLS# 27090665 248-360-9100



ROCHESTER HILLS CONDO \$184,900
Stunning condo with beautiful professionally finished basement. Fireplace and vaulted ceiling in great room. Loft overlooking first floor. Master suite with private deck.
MLS #27048245 248-647-8888



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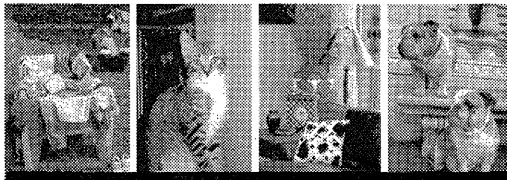
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 <p>NEW TO MARKET Prepared to be overwhelmed w/this 2001 built 4400 sq ft Novi colonial boasting 4 bd, 4.2 baths, & add'l 2100 sq ft in fin'd w/o bsmt. Peaceful setting on cul de sac. Uncompromised quality w/o too many amenities to list. \$175,000 (P-964AN)</p>	 <p>ELEGANT CANTON CONDO Get ready to move into your new home. Immaculate condo featuring Great Rm w/frpl, 1st floor laundry, Master Suite w/bath & WIC, large storage room, & garage. \$149,900 (P-895BE)</p>	 <p>A RARE FIND! 3 bedroom Westland colonial with 4th bedroom in walkout basement. Updated Kitchen, hardwood floors, beautiful Deck, large yard, & more. \$216,000 (C-221LA)</p>	 <p>LARGE LOT IN PLYMOUTH Great price on this home that offers 3 bd, 2 baths, Family Room w/frpl, Florida Room, extra storage space, ceramic baths, tear off roof, & attached Garage. Great lot on a dead end street. \$169,900 (P-151MI)</p>	 <p>JUST PERFECT Unpack & relax in this comfortable 2 bd, 1 bath ranch just minutes from downtown Royal Oak. Remod Kitchen, fresh paint, new carpet in Fam Rm, updated bath, deep fenced yard, & 2 car Garage. \$99,900 (P-304BR)</p>	 <p>HARD TO FIND Relax on the paver Patio surrounded by mature trees. Spacious island Kitchen w/nook, formal Liv & Din Rm, separate Fam Rm w/bridge overlook, Master w/volume ceiling, WIC, & bath. \$269,900 (P-422CH)</p>	 <p>SHOWS LIKE A MODEL Former builders model still looks like one! Upgrades galore, soaring ceilings, granite Kitchen w/stain steel appl, prof finished bsmt w/bar & frpl, & excellent location in Island Lake of Novi sub. Updated WIC, & bath. \$174,900 (C-982SA)</p>	 <p>UNEXPECTED FIND Nestled deep in the sub on low traffic cul de sac you'll find this Princeton model colonial w/traditional floor plan, Fam rm w/frpl, Master w/volume ceiling, bath, & WIC. Newly finished lowest w/bar & bath. \$298,000 (C-745SH)</p>
 <p>WELL MAINTAINED Maintenance free exterior w/updated roof, windows, paver walkway, & Patio. Interior features vaulted ceilings, hwd floors, neutral decor, 3 bd, 1.5 baths, updated kit, Bath, furnace, C/A, & hwh. Finished bsmt & more. \$159,900 (C-007MA)</p>	 <p>AWESOME LOCATION Charming 2 bd Plymouth condo just mile from downtown. Private Entrance, Anderson windows & doorwall, carport, low traffic location, appliances stay, newer hwh, & low assoc dues include water. \$112,900 (C-252PI)</p>	 <p>GOLF COMMUNITY CONDO Tons of upgrades in this 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo w/gourmet Kitchen, Den, Great Room w/vaulted ceiling, 1st flr Master, berber carpet, 1st floor laundry, & view of commons area. \$304,900 (C-614SC)</p>	 <p>THIS HOME HAS IT ALL! Awesome home features an open Foyer, large Kitchen, Family Room w/frpl, Flex Room, spacious Master w/bath & large WIC, neutral t/o, & beautiful pond views. A must see! \$254,900 (C-183SH)</p>	 <p>COMMERCIAL/INVESTMENT Opportunity knocks! Own a commercial building in Plymouth's Olde Village! Great income possibilities for a great price with 2 units plus storage. Large lot. Call for details. \$299,000 (C-446ST)</p>	 <p>PERFECT! Drop dead gorgeous condo in golf community, 2 story Great Rm, formal Dining, 1st floor laundry, maple Kitchen w/nook, Master Suite w/his & her WIC's & luxury bath. \$259,900 (C-880VI)</p>	 <p>BACKS TO THE WOODS On an extra deep lot w/sunny family room, formal living room, new roof, vinyl windows, finished bsmt, updated bath, 2 car garage, big open kitchen 3 bd, & 2 full baths. \$174,900 (C-728AL)</p>	 <p>2 YEARS NEW Builder upgrades t/o every room in end unit condo. Open spacious layout w/cathedral ceilings, upgraded lighting, carpet, baths, kit & more. Gas fireplace, 3rd bd could be used as Den. Good location near clubhouse. \$169,900 (C-033AR)</p>
 <p>CLASSIC COLONIAL Spacious home w/over 1700 sq ft, formal Dining & Liv Rm, fireplace, huge Fam Rm, hwd floors, remodeled kitchen, updated Kitchen with appliances, Garage & full basement. Nice home. \$199,900 (C-309AR)</p>	 <p>GREAT RANCH Sharp 2 bd ranch sitting on a large lot in a great sub. Updated Kitchen, huge Great Room, nice sized bedrooms, 2.5 car Garage, freshly painted t/o & more. \$79,900 (C-745BE)</p>	 <p>GREAT INVESTMENT This multi family unit is priced to sell! Separate entrances, furnaces, hardwoods & more. Updated bathrooms, newer roof, & can be converted back to a single family home. \$49,900 (C-132CH)</p>	 <p>MOVE IN READY 2 bd, 2 bath Canton condo features an open floor plan, large island Kitchen, finished walkout w/possible 3rd bd, oversized Master w/sitting area & WIC, & great location close to everything. \$232,400 (C-796CH)</p>	 <p>TERRIFIC BUY Nice 3 bd bungalow w/lots of updates including roof, C/A, furnace, windows, doors & bath. Appliances stay, partly finished bsmt, 1.5 car Garage & more. \$84,900 (C-053HA)</p>	 <p>SHARP LIVONIA RANCH Fantastic curb appeal on this 3 bd, 2.5 bath home set nicely in sub. Kitchen & Baths updated, neutral paint, hwd floors, new roof, doors, siding & gutters. Basement w/bath, 2 car Garage & more. \$173,500 (C-255IO)</p>	 <p>GORGEOUS SETTING This great home is situated on a large lot w/hwd floors, updated oak Kitchen, walk in pantry, finished bsmt, 1st floor laundry, Sun Room & great Farmington Hills location. \$289,900 (C-570NE)</p>	 <p>BACKS TO THE PARK 1800 sq ft brick ranch backing to nature park. 3 bd, 2.5 baths, open floor plan, Great Room w/frpl, doorwalls leading to large Deck, skylights, 1st flr laund, bsmt, garage & Livonia Schools. \$299,900 (C-277PA)</p>
 <p>COUNTRY HOUSE ON 6 ACRES Remodeled farm house on 6 acres with a stocked pond, 3 bd, 2 baths, oversized 3-car Garage, great Kitchen, Family Room, & a gorgeous setting. A must see! \$374,900 (P-271PL)</p>	 <p>A REAL GEM This 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial has it all! 2 story Foyer, island Kitchen, Family Room w/hwd, Master w/bath, updated ceramic baths, fresh paint, & a gorgeous setting. A must see! \$272,900 (C-680PO)</p>	 <p>TRANSFER FORCES SALE Sad seller has to part with this fabulous 3 bd West Dearborn home. Newer Pella windows, huge Master w/walk in, 2 updated baths, updated furnace & C/A, glass block windows, finished bsmt, & Deck. \$144,900 (P-644RO)</p>	 <p>GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD This 3 bd, 1.5 bath bungalow boasts a generous room size, hwd floors, newer roof, furnace, C/A, plumb, & etc. Nice Deck overlooking large yard, finished bsmt w/frpl Kitchen, & more. \$129,900 (C-326RO)</p>	 <p>SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE Traditional Canton colonial feat 2 story entry, formal LR & DR, roomy Fam Rm w/brick hearth frpl, updated maple Kitchen, hwd floors & ready to move into! \$209,000 (C-955SOM)</p>	 <p>ULTRA CLEAN CONDO Nice condo in popular Carolan Village. Living Rm w/bay window, freshly painted, updated white Kitchen, newer furnace & A/C, Master w/WIC, updated baths, & very usable floor plan. \$89,900 (C-081CA)</p>	 <p>CUL DE SAC SETTING Canton ranch featuring lovely landscaping, great yard w/room for boat or RV, 3 bd, 2.5 baths, dual fireplace, formal LR & DR, newer Kitchen, neutral carpet t/o & more. \$234,900 (C-038EP)</p>	 <p>BEAUTIFUL HOME Beautiful brick home on a oversized lot. 5 bd, 2 baths, updated Kitchen, huge Deck in backyard, bsmt w/frpl & bath, new A/C & attached Garage. \$209,900 (C-716FL)</p>
 <p>RANCH W/LAKE ACCESS Nicely updated ranch w/private access to Whitmore Lake. Updates include furnace, A/C, well, bathroom, plumbing, Kitchen counters, water softener, & neutral decor. Remodeled kitchen, Family Room, & a gorgeous setting. A must see! \$100,000 (C-142FO)</p>	 <p>PRIDE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD This home stands above the rest w/ remodeled oak Kitchen w/ceramic, remod baths w/spa shower & skylight, finished bsmt, new roof & windows. Backs to beautiful tree commons. \$239,900 (C-695FO)</p>	 <p>NOVI CAPE COD Gorgeous 4 bd, 2.5 bath home built in 2000. Bright, open floor plan, spacious island Kitchen, Family Rm w/frpl, 1st flr Master, 1st flr laund, finished bsmt, & stamped concrete Patio. \$318,500 (C-291HO)</p>	 <p>GREAT DEAL IN CANTON Great quad-level home priced below 200K w/over 1600 sq ft of living space. 3 bd, 2 baths, stain steel appl's, oak Kitchen, new furnace in OS, exterior freshly painted, & much more. \$189,900 (C-348LO)</p>	 <p>STOP, LOOK, BUY! This gorgeous 3 bd, 2 bath ranch is located in a great neighborhood. Gourmet Kitchen, new carpet, windows, roof, siding, insulation, 2 fireplaces, bath in bsmt, 2 car Garage, & newly landscaped! \$128,900 (C-905WA)</p>	 <p>YOU'LL BE PROUD Situated in desirable area of Canton, this exquisite home is tastefully appointed & in move in condition. 4 bd, 3.5 baths, & prof finished lower level w/guest suite & entertainment area. \$419,900 (P-675AS)</p>	 <p>UPDATED COLONIAL 4 bd, 2.5 bath home backing to lovely common area. Newer Kitchen w/tons of storage, newer windows, remod bath, newer C/A, crown molding, neutral carpet, fresh paint, new vinyl & roof. A must see! \$238,500 (P-601BO)</p>	 <p>DON'T MISS THIS ONE! Completely updated 3 bd home w/lake frontage. Gourmet Kit w/pergo, doorwall leading to relaxing tiered Deck, Liv Rm w/frpl, finished walkout, paver walkway, & updated driveway & windows. \$235,000 (P-084BR)</p>
 <p>GOLF COURSE LIVING It doesn't get better than this! 4 bedroom, 1 full & 2 half baths, completely updated, newer cement, oak Kitchen w/corrian tops, hardwood floors, newer roof, furnace, C/A & windows. \$194,900 (P-503CA)</p>	 <p>COZY END UNIT RANCH Come check out this fabulous condo featuring vaulted ceilings, Master w/bath & WIC, oak Kitchen w/dining area, att Garage, plenty of storage space, & area pool & clubhouse w/fitness center. \$129,900 (P-423CH)</p>	 <p>SHOWS LIKE A MODEL Beautiful home featuring 4 bd, 3.5 baths, Master w/2 WIC's, amazing island Kitchen, 2 tiered Deck overlooking awesome yard, finished walkout bsmt, & great Plymouth location. \$374,500 (C-854CH)</p>	 <p>IN A CLASS BY ITSELF! Stately home backing to woods in desirable Green Oak Two sub. 2 story Foyer, gourmet cherry Kit, formal Dining, crown molding, French doors leading to Deck, & much more. \$340,000 (P-460CL)</p>	 <p>OUTSTANDING Stunning 4 bd, 3.5 bath colonial featuring a 2 story Great rm w/frpl, Kitchen w/granite butler's pantry, Master w/2 WIC's & bath, 3 car Garage, Patio, & Trex Deck. \$375,000 (P-335CO)</p>	 <p>LOCATION! LOCATION! Large 3 bd, 3 bath ranch w/pergo floors, vaulted ceilings, Master w/bath, professionally finished bsmt w/wetbar & bath, new roof, huge Deck, & 2 car Garage. \$190,000 (P-309CO)</p>	 <p>UNBELIEVABLE VALUE Priced to sell colonial in Northville offering an open foyer w/hwd, cherry Kitchen w/granite, fireplace, Master w/bath, part finished walkout bsmt w/bath, & great location. \$415,000 (P-251CR)</p>	 <p>WALK TO DOWNTOWN Charming Plymouth contemporary home w/an inground pool, finished bsmt, large Liv Rm, formal Dining, Fam Rm w/doorwall, 4 bds, 2 full & 2 half baths, & unbeatable location. \$480,000 (P-670EV)</p>
 <p>ALL THE BELLS & WHISTLES Beautiful 2 bd, 2 bath condo located in elite complex. Upper unit w/balcony, gas fireplace, updated baths & Kitchen w/granite, & laundry room. 1-2 yr lease w/option to purchase. \$1,200/mo (P-153EV)</p>	 <p>A REAL PLEASER! Terrific, maintenance free brick ranch w/lots of quality updates. Vinyl windows, finished bsmt w/bath, 2.5 car Garage, cedar Deck, oversized lot, remod kit, updated C/A, & more. \$154,500 (P-600FL)</p>	 <p>UPDATED COLONIAL Ready to move in to! Remodeled in 2003, brick & vinyl exterior, updated windows, 4 bd, 2.5 updated baths, oak Kitchen w/appl's, 3 car Garage, extra large covered Deck, & private yard. \$239,900 (P-800HA)</p>	 <p>SUPER STARTER Turn key home w/super open floor plan, remod Kit & bath, beautifully finished bsmt, hwd in Liv Rm, updated furnace, C/A, hwh, windows, roof, large Deck, & oversized double lot. \$124,500 (P-688JA)</p>	 <p>TURN KEY HOME Beautifully decorated home w/remod bath, new windows, furnace, C/A, electric, copper plumb, new oversized 2.5 car Garage w/heat & 220. Nicely finished bsmt, huge Deck, & tucked nicely in sub. \$147,500 (P-840MA)</p>	 <p>BEYOND FABULOUS Completely updated 3 bd, 2 bath ranch... acre lot, updated Kitchen, refinished hwd floors, updated bath, finished bsmt w/bath, new paint, updated carpet, doors & windows. \$150,000 (P-394MA)</p>	 <p>ONE LOOK IS ALL IT WILL TAKE! Spectacular home nestled in Northville's popular Maple Hills Sub. Open Foyer w/crown, gourmet Kitchen w/nook & doorwall to huge Deck, Fam Rm w/frpl, & so much more. \$325,000 (P-870MA)</p>	 <p>COME FALL IN LOVE! Totally updated brick ranch within walking distance to Flodin Park. Ceramic Foyer, updated Kitchen, Liv Rm w/frpl, Master w/glamour bath, neutral decor t/o, updated baths, fresh landscaping, & Deck. \$200,000 (P-388MO)</p>
 <p>PUT THIS AT THE TOP OF YOUR LIST! Lovely home backing to 3.5 acre common area. 4 bd, 2.5 baths, updated roof, siding, windows, furnace, in-house surround system, finished bsmt w/rec room & wetbar, 1st fl laund, & more. \$315,000 (P-025MU)</p>	 <p>CUSTOM BUILT COLONIAL Fabulous home on 1/2 acre lot. 3200 sq ft, 4 bd, 3.5 baths, 1st fl Master w/Jacuzzi tub, floor to ceiling windows, granite, marble, cherry Kitchen w/stain steel appl's, & convenient location. \$550,000 (P-362NI)</p>	 <p>WOW! Best describes this colonial located in Northville w/hwd floors, gourmet Kitchen w/stain steel appl's, beautiful Master retreat, princess suite, jack n jill bath, huge finished bsmt, 2 story Great Rm, & so much more. \$449,900 (P-904PA)</p>	 <p>GREAT BERKLEY LOCATION Over 1000 sq ft in this updated bungalow w/hwd floors, coved ceiling, updated bath, spacious Master w/WIC, finished bsmt, fenced yard, & updated siding, gutters, windows, & paver walkway. \$179,900 (P-827PR)</p>	 <p>BEAUTIFUL WINDSOR MODEL Much sought after Fox Run sub offers this fabulous home w/2 story Foyer, Library, island Kitchen, Butler's Pantry, nook, custom Deck overlooking pond, commons area, & prof landscaping. \$350,000 (P-142RE)</p>	 <p>OUTSTANDING CONDO Great location in complex near pool & clubhouse... Private courtyard entrance, newer windows, updated Kitchen, new molding, blinds, roof, hwh & sump pump. Everything is ready for you! \$127,500 (P-382SO)</p>	 <p>3.5 ACRE WOODED LOCATION Immaculate estate nestled in gated community. Kitchen w/porcelain tile & granite, 1st fl Laund, Great Rm w/frpl, 1st fl Master w/jetted tub, 5 car Garage & too much more to list. \$750,000 (P-908TU)</p>	 <p>SPACIOUS CONDO 1st floor condo just steps away from Laurel Park shopping. Well-maintained, in unit laundry w/new washer & dryer, 1200 sq ft, & more. \$115,000 (P-312UN)</p>
 <p>IMMACULATE LIVONIA RANCH 3 bd, 2.5 bath brick ranch within walking distance to Laurel Park. Large fenced yard w/Patio, updated frnt, puron C/A, driveway, open floor plan, finished bsmt w/rec room & bath, & 2 car Garage. \$279,900 (P-643VA)</p>	 <p>WOW! Beautiful 2 bd, 2 bath townhouse in move in condition. All appliances stay, open balcony, open floor plan, recessed lighting, & 1 car att Garage. 1 yr lease w/option to buy. \$1,150/mo (P-574WH)</p>	 <p>LIKE NEW! Impeccably clean & well maintained home. Family Rm w/frpl, French doors lead to Deck, vinyl insulated windows, new furnace, hwh, C/A, & gutters. Walk to schools & park. \$204,900 (C-811WH)</p>	 <p>CUSTOM BUILT RANCH 3 bd, 3.5 bath ranch on 3.5 acres in Salem Twp. Dramatic entry, extra wide halls, Gourmet Kit w/wiking cooktop & granite, Master w/frpl, walkout bsmt, & 30x40 heated Garage. \$750,000 (P-302W)</p>	 <p>STUNNING COLONIAL Gorgeous Windswept farms offers this 4 bd, 2.5 bath cape cod w/granite island Kitchen, nook, Liv Rm w/frpl, formal Dining, 1st fl Master w/bath, Patio, Deck, & on almost an acre! \$340,000 (P-586WI)</p>	 <p>A MUST SEE! Fabulous 4 bd, 1.5 bath home featuring a gourmet Kitchen w/oak cab's, appliances stay, Pergo flooring, doorwall to Patio, partially finished bsmt w/vaulted ceilings & finished walkout. Additional 5 acres avail. \$350,000 (C-449RA)</p>	 <p>BUILDABLE LOT Large lot for a home of your choice. City allows modular or manufactured home. Seller will consider land contract. \$53,000 (C-008EC)</p>	 <p>Vacant Land</p>
 <p>INCOME PROPERTY Earn income while living in your home! This 2 family home was completely remodeled in 2004. Each unit has its own entry, parking, & Kitchens w/appl. Perfect for investors! \$135,000 (C-380MA)</p>	 <p>PRIDE IN OWNERSHIP Traditional Plymouth colonial featuring 2 story Foyer w/hwd, formal LR & DR, spacious Kitchen, 4 season room, Pella windows, Hardie siding, Hunter Douglas shades, & over 85k in updates. \$409,850 (P-732DE)</p>	 <p>CUSTOM CONTEMPORARY Absolutely stunning home backing to the 16th hole on Honor's Course & access to Crooked Lake. Features include a walk-in Sauna, central vacuum, elegant Master Ste, finished w/o & inground pool. \$489,500 (P-369MU)</p>	 <p>PRICED TO SELL! New deck, open floor plan, gas fireplace, daylight windows in bsmt. Community pool & tennis courts. Large Kitchen, Master w/bath, Private wooded back yard w/new deck & Immed occupancy! \$370,000 (C-118BO)</p>	<div data-bbox="868 2907 1649 3178" data-label="Complex-Block"> <p>A CAREER IN REAL ESTATE! All Real Estate Companies Are Not The Same If you are serious about entering the business and profession of Real Estate sales, you owe it to yourself to investigate why we are best suited to insure your success. Take the real estate compatibility test at www.cbpreferred.com</p> <p>ALISSA NEAD OR LILLIAN SANDERSON (734) 459-6000 OR (734) 392-6000</p> <p>COLDWELL BANKER PREFERRED, REALTORS</p> </div>			
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Garage Sales 7110 BERKLEY 2 families, Aug. 11 & 12, 9-4pm, 851 Cambridge, N. of 11, W. off Woodward. Home decorations, desk, highchair, household & more.	Garage Sales 7110 BLOOMFIELD TWP. Aug. 11, 9-4:30pm. 430 Wooddale Rd., N. of Maple, E. of Lasher. Household, clothing, sports equip. & antiques.	Garage Sales 7110 CANTON Thurs-Sun. Aug. 11 thru Sept.30. 8am-dusk. 4640 S. Sheldon, Canton Ctr/ Mich Ave. Stall shower new w/dr. Plus womens clothes, etc.	Garage Sales 7110 FARMINGTON HILLS Multi Family. 36161 Crompton Circle, Btwn Grand River & 11 mile and Halstead & Drake. Aug. 10 & 11, 9-5pm.	Garage Sales 7110 LIVONIA 36066 Hees, N. of Joy, E. of Newburgh, Aug. 9-11, 9-5. Household items, furniture, gas stove, pond pumps, collectibles, Christmas, etc...	Garage Sales 7110 PLYMOUTH - Multi-Family Kids' clothes, bikes, guitars. Thur.-Fri., 8am-4pm. 610 N. Harvey, Plymouth.	Garage Sales 7110 SOUTHFIELD Edgemont St. Sale. Aug. 9-11th. S. of 10 Mile, btwn Inkster & Beech. Furniture, antiques, household, etc...	Garage Sales 7110 WEST BLOOMFIELD 6225 Tamerlane Drive, off Middlebelt, N. of Maple, E. of Orchard Lk. 7 th Annual Sale. Aug. 8-9 & 10, 9am-4pm. Items slightly used & new, still in boxes, household items, linens, 4 season decorations, luggage, too much to list. Looking forward in seeing our regulars!	Garage Sales 7110 WESTLAND Aug. 10-11, 11-8. 34565 Birchwood. Tools, music, books, movies, sm. fridge, furniture, exercise equip., plants & much more.
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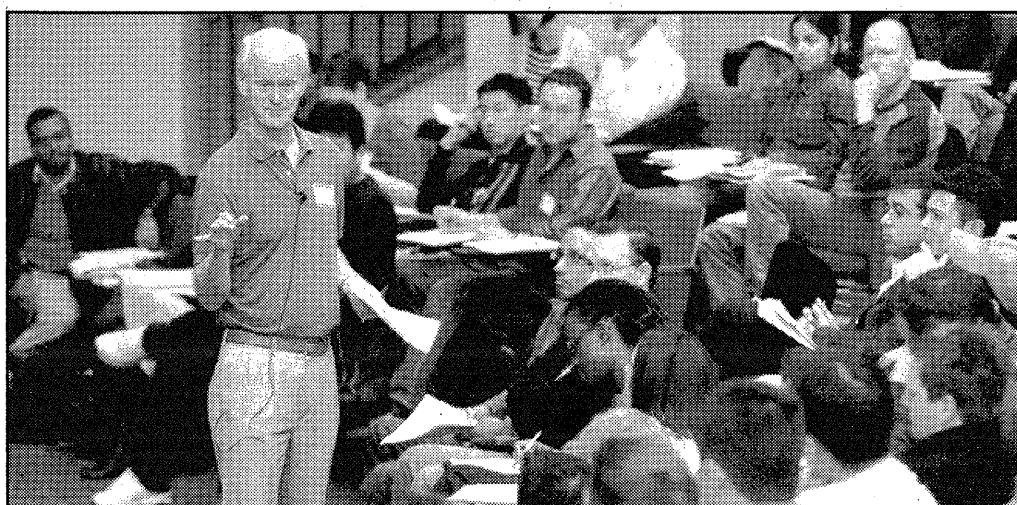
-- Listen intently to the response.

Robin points out that this strategy makes it obvious to the person that others have figured out what's occurring and that it's time to change or duck out.

In some cases, people may be miserable as a result of company changes that now make the person a poor fit, according to Marshall Goldsmith, author of "What Got You Here Won't Get You There" (Hyperion, \$23.95). In other cases, the wrong person may be on board at the wrong company or the correct company at the wrong time. There may be no fault on either side.

He writes that in cases where there is fault, people "have no idea how their behavior is coming across to the people who matter -- their bosses, colleagues, subordinates, customers and clients. . . (when their) inner compass of correct behavior has gone out of whack." Taking a sales-oriented approach, Goldsmith states that influencing the person to resign might create the desired result. He cautions against laying a trap, which creates an adversarial relationship. Instead, he suggests that you explain that the situation just isn't working, and why. If the person's reaction is a combative, "Tough," you have to find a way to sell him off the project or the premises.

"The problem here is a power problem," Goldsmith continues. The trick is to find a way to influence him so that



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PHOTO: Marshall Goldsmith lectures at the Haas School of Business at the University of California, Berkeley. He advocates using "influence" to persuade a person to resign.

he'll agree that it's time to go. Like a good salesperson, you need to find out why he's motivated to remain. That way, you can sell to his needs. Figure out what his needs are even before the meeting.

Harrison Barnes would be more direct, especially if the person were job hunting, producing lackluster results or working against the organization. He is CEO of Pasadena's Juriscape, Inc., an organization with 15 companies and 700 employees nationwide in legal recruiting and student loans, among others. He recommends a "rapid" tactic consisting of meeting, requesting the person's resignation and reinforcing the frustrations that the person expresses.

"If performance isn't up to par," he says, "or the person is unhappy or doing negative gossiping, we ask what's wrong. Then we say, 'If you're really that unhappy, it seems as if you shouldn't be here.' Venting helps them see that they might not fit.

Robin, Goldsmith and Barnes use different tactics to achieve the same result -- compelling the individual to confront himself and his discomfort and to take action. Their methods help the person see, when the red carpet is rolled up, that leaving is a two-way street.

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Report highlights housing struggles

The U.S. housing market continues to struggle under a cloud of sharp drops in housing demand and an oversupply of stock according to this year's State of the Nation's Housing report from the Harvard University Joint Center for Housing Studies. After years of setting records, housing starts and sales fell in 2006 and are on track to end this year even lower. Homebuyers on the margin of qualifying for mortgage loans finally pulled out of the market despite the availability of creative mortgage products that helped them keep up with higher house prices. "As buyers left, home sales fell and house price appreciation slowed in some areas and fell in other areas. Investors and second homebuyers also started to leave. The air went out of the inflated housing market as higher home prices and interest rates finally tempered demand," explained Nicolas P. Retsinas, director of the Joint Center for Housing Studies. "Many buyers are now waiting on the sidelines hoping prices will fall."

The problems in the housing market put an end to the big lift that the economy enjoyed since the 2001 recession. In the latter half of 2006, the drop in home building was so drastic that it shaved more than a full percentage point off national economic growth. Though builders cut back on housing starts, the numbers of vacant homes for sale rose by more than 500,000 from the fourth quarter of 2005 to the fourth quarter of 2006 and continued to rise in the first quarter of 2007. Meanwhile, the tightening of credit standards in the wake of worse than anticipated subprime loan performance is further dampening demand. It is unclear how the wave of subprime loans with steep initial discounts that originated at much lower interest rates will perform when the discounts expire and the loans reset to higher interest rates. Already, homes entering foreclosure increased by about 75,000 from the fourth quarter of 2005 to the fourth quarter of 2006. Until some of the excess inventory is absorbed by the demand cycle and credit conditions stabilize, housing will

continue to struggle and home prices will fall in more areas.

Still, the nation's largest housing challenge remains housing affordability.

"In just one year the number of households spending more than half their income on housing increased a startling 1.2 million to 17 million in 2005," noted Rachel Drew, research analyst.

"Even if prices or rents soften for a period of time, the nature of US labor markets, the regulatory restrictions imposed on residential development, and the fiscal limits of government assistance to cost-burdened households will make affordability a long-term challenge." Some Americans try to escape these cost burdens by taking longer commutes and incurring higher travel costs, while others double up or live in substandard housing or undesirable neighborhoods. The prospects for a substantial easing of these problems are unfortunately dim.

In time, housing markets will recover. "While it will take time to work out current loan problems and work off the oversupply of homes, the long-term outlook for residential investment remains strong," said Eric S. Belsky, executive director of the Joint Center.

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Robert Meisner

A. Certainly, the president or chairman of the meeting has certain prerogatives in regard to running the meeting. If the attorney is present, he should provide the attorney with the courtesy of allowing him to present his or her position. If the attorney is consulting during the meeting with the president, the president should not necessarily disclose those

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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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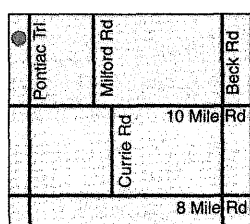


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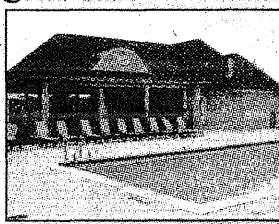
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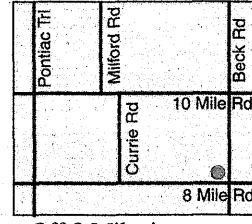
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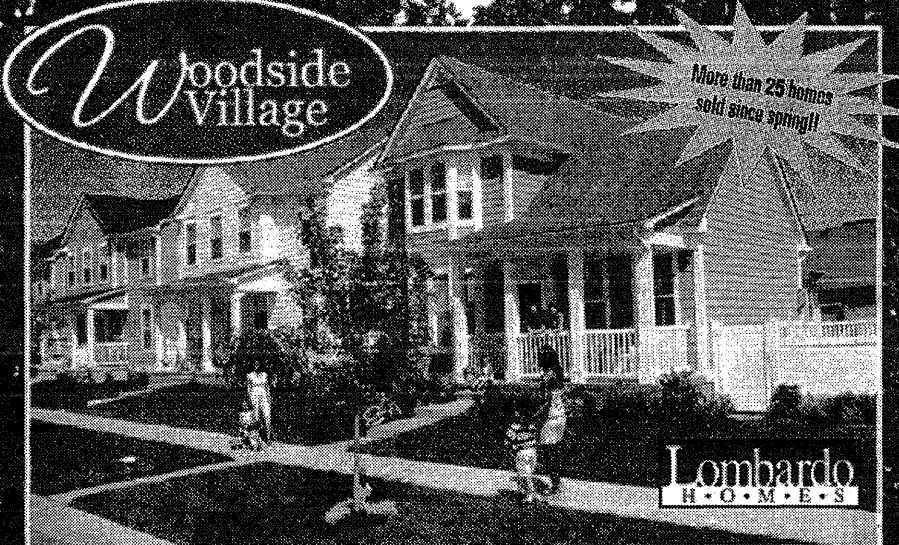


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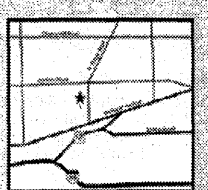
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ThunderCats win

The ThunderCats advanced to the Division 2 championship game of the Metro Detroit Soccer League playoffs with a 2-0 win Sunday over top seeded Michigan Yemen Soccer Association.

Chris Popovski scored on a one-timer off a header from Michael Gotro for the game-winning goal in the second half. After ThunderCats' goalkeeper Nick Dordeski stopped a MYSA breakaway, teammate Steve Abernathy put the game away on a goal from Rich Keith.

Glenn cager signs

The Marygrove College men's basketball program announced the signing of three players including Westland John Glenn's Rob Jones, a 6-foot-4 forward who averaged 12 points per game for the Rockets, who captured the Lakes Division title in the Western Lakes Association.

Marygrove, a first-year NAIA members school, also added Rob McCarty of Warren Lincoln and Shane Averitte of Armada.

Area golf divots

■ Canton's Zach Conrad fired a 75 to finish third in the Boys 13-14 age group in the Meijer Junior Players Tour (event No. 20) held Aug. 2 at Stonehedge Golf Course in Augusta.

■ Jackson Koert of Sparta defeated Garden City's Hagan Risner, 1-up to win the Charles Watson Memorial Match Play event, Aug. 1-3, at Stonebridge G.C. in Ann Arbor.

■ Josh Proben, a Livonia Churchill High senior, shot 73-73 to place third last weekend at the Southfield Open held at Beech Woods and Evergreen courses.

Hole-in-one club

Garden City's Lance Antrobus, using a 5-iron, aced the 196-yard, No. 5 hole, Saturday, at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia.

It was the first hole-in-one for Antrobus, who has been golfing 11 years.

Meet CHS teams

Livonia Churchill High's annual Meet the Team Night, for all 2007-08 athletes and their parents, will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20 at James P. Carli Auditorium.

This will be the only group meeting of the year as opposed to the previous three times yearly format. All athletes and their parents should attend.

For more information, call the Churchill athletic department at (734) 744-2650, Ext. 46117.

Ferris State linebacker riding high

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Prior to the start of Ferris State's first preseason football practice, linebacker Jeff Hollandsworth decided he and some friends would get away and spend a couple of days at Cedar Point, the Ohio amusement park.

It was time for a little fun. Thrill rides and roller coasters before the gruelling two-and-a-half weeks of two-a-days under the hot sun.

The Livonia Stevenson grad, a red-shirt junior, is one of the leaders of a

veteran defense which hopes to catapult the Bulldogs to their first NCAA Division II playoff berth since 1995.

Preseason expectations are high in Big Rapids. The Bulldogs are coming off an 8-3 season, including a 7-3 record in arguably the toughest Division II league in the nation - the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Ferris State is ranked No. 18 preseason nationally by the Lindy's annual college football publication, but only fourth in the GLIAC coaches poll behind defending Division II champion Grand Valley State and perennial conference contenders Northwood and Saginaw Valley State.

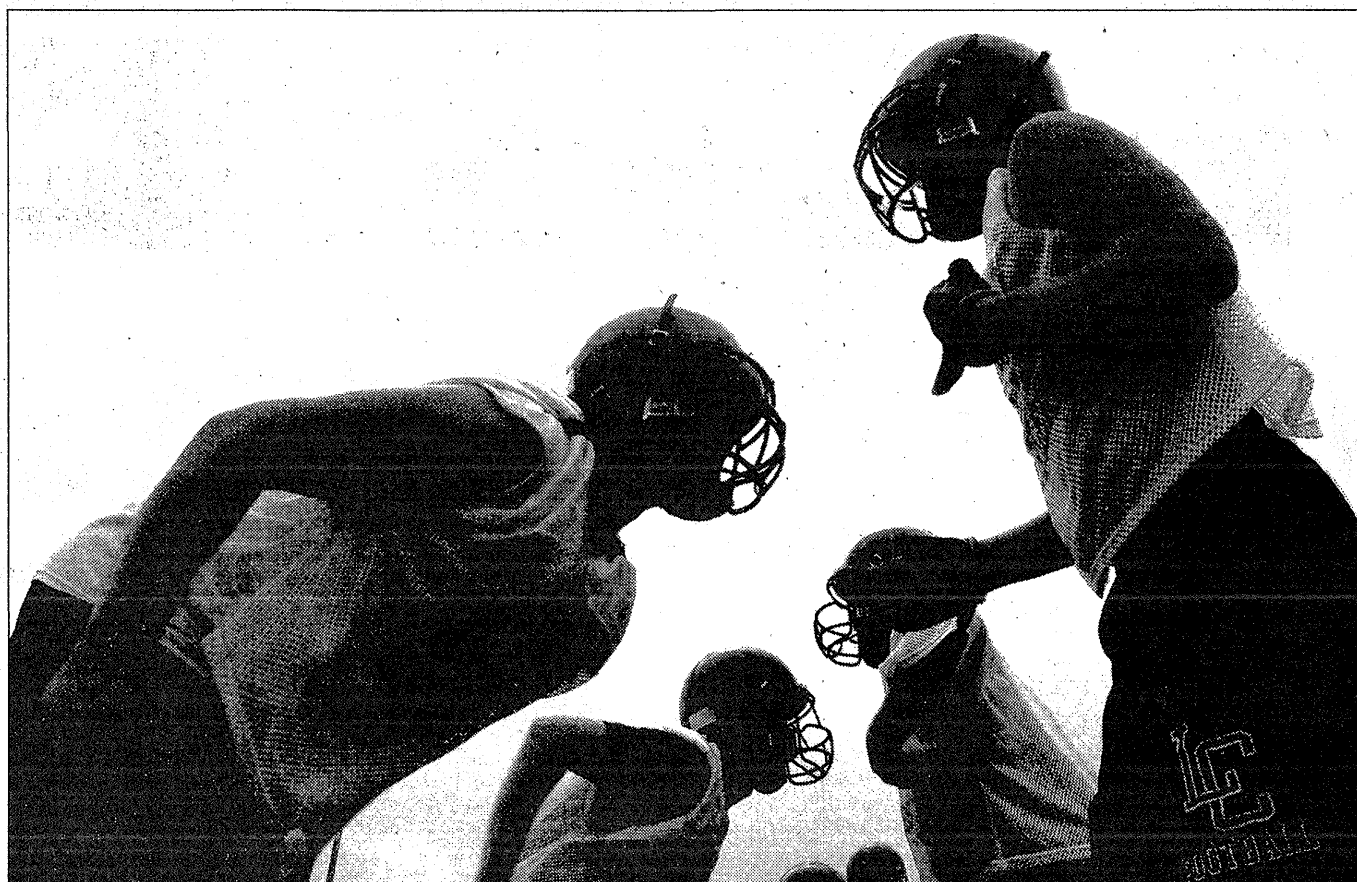
"This year we're looking to pick up where we left off," said Hollandsworth, the Bulldogs' third-leading tackler the past two seasons. "We're expected to do real well. And if we have a good year, we could be at the top of the conference. All of our defensive linemen are back (including All-America Jake Visser). We have some new guys at linebacker, but we're still solid. The secondary is young."

When the Ferris State defense is on the field, it's a good bet No. 59 will emerge from the pile of players and be credited with the tackle.

To use a few Cedar Point analogies, the 6-foot, 235-pound Hollandsworth often Corkscrews through blockers, creates Chaos and plays with a Mean Streak.

Last year in 10 games,

Please see **HOLLANDSWORTH, C2**



Churchill football players work on their tackling form as practices started up throughout the area this week.

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Grid action heats up

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Bob Snell had to ditch his trusty sunglasses with the Eagle design because they took a bit of a beating last year. "They got scratched up," said the veteran Redford Thurston varsity head football coach.

But about 100 Eagles players who will comprise Thurston's freshman, junior varsity and varsity teams came out for Monday's first official workout and did just fine despite humid weather and scorching Field Turf.

"It's a little hotter on the (turf) field, but that's OK," said Snell, whose players took part in the first-ever opening day practice on the year-old surface.

Thurston players, clad in helmets, shirts and shorts but not able to wear full pads until Thursday (per MHSAA regulations), went through the paces in various fundamentals drills that mostly emphasized timing and agility.

"It wasn't that bad," Snell said. "It was cloudy all morning during the first session, and there was no problem (with



Redford Thurston's Bob Snell presided over first-day workouts without the trademark 'Eagles' sunglasses he wore in previous years (above).

the heat) at all. Around 1 p.m. the sun popped out. But we've been conditioning all summer and that's why the heat doesn't hurt them that much."

Snell said the opening practice went "pretty typical, it was a very smooth day for the first day, really."

Also on Monday were opening-day workouts at Redford Union, Garden City and Redford Covenant.

KEEPING TABS

RU varsity head football coach Miles

Tomasaitis said about 80 players were being closely monitored by coaches and trainers to make sure they weren't getting overheated.

"It has been hot, but we're keeping a close eye on kids weights and water consumption," Tomasaitis said.

Before and after every practice, players are weighed. If somebody loses three percent or more of their total body weight, they are kept out of subsequent workouts.

"Some kids have been on the cusp," he continued. "But no kids have been held out yet."

Garden City players such as freshmen Jon Frost and Koby Richardson (both expected to play on the JV) either poured ice water over their heads or drank it in attempts to stay cool. Coaches also made sure they did just that.

"With it being so hot and muggy, there's a ton of water breaks," noted Cougars varsity head football coach Mike Salter. "We're making sure we're keeping a good eye on our kids."

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Rams squander golden chance

The Michigan Rams couldn't close the deal in Tuesday's second-round matchup in the 20-and-under All-American Amateur Baseball Association Tournament in Johnstown, Pa.

Johnstown Realty of Altoona erased an 8-3 deficit, rallying for 11 runs in the top of the ninth inning to stun the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League representative, 14-10, at Lilly Field.

Altoona collected five hits and took advantage of six walks and a hit batter to earn the comeback win and stay in the winner's bracket of the 16-team tournament.

Rams starting pitcher Ryan Gunderson pitched 7.1 innings, allowing just three

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runs on five hits and six walks. But relievers Steve Karchefske, Bobby Henderson and Justin Mazur couldn't hold the lead.

Henderson, who faced just five batters, gave up five runs on one hit, three walks and hit a batter in taking the loss. The Catholic Central High grad did not get an out.

Austin Horman went 2-for-5 with three RBI to lead Altoona. Tyler Stiffler added two hits and two RBI, while Kevin Scholley also knocked in two runs.

Reliever J.D. Mason, who worked the final five innings, allowing five runs on

seven hits, four walks and a hit batter, got the victory.

The Rams outthit Altoona, 14-10, in the loss as Andrew Stafford went 3-for-6, while Mike Wiseman, Nick Urban and Max Kelmigian each contributed two hits and two RBI. Kyle Gendron also went 2-for-4 with an RBI, while Ryan Shay knocked in two runs. Kyle Hurtt contributed the other RBI.

Rams roll in opener

In Monday's AAABA opener at Revloc Field, the Rams built a 9-0 lead and took

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Bucks reach PDL title match again

BY DAN STICKRADT
STAFF WRITER

Michael Holody is never going to relinquish his secret on which way he goes when taking a penalty kick.

That's a good thing.

Holody converted his penalty kick in the fifth round of a shootout Saturday night at Lake Orion High School, good enough to send the Michigan Bucks to a 5-4 edge in the extra session and a 2-1 victory over the Brooklyn Knights in the USL Premier Developmental League national semifinals.

The Bucks, the defending national champions owned by Livonia native Dan Duggan, will face host Laredo Heat at 9:30 p.m. EDT Saturday for the title. The Bucks (15-4-3, 13-2-3) defeated Laredo 2-1 in last year's title match held in Texas.

"I don't want to give it away, but I always know which way I'm going when I go up

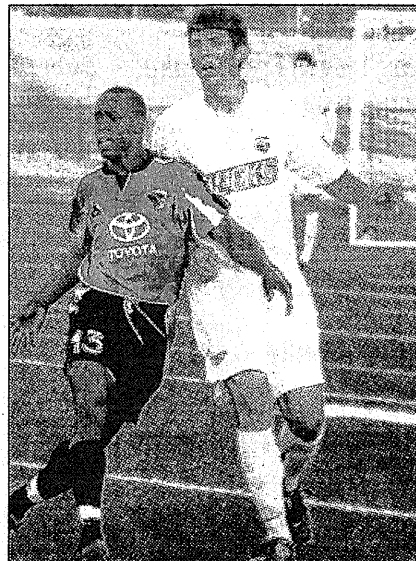
there," Holody, a Clarkston native and current University of Michigan standout, said about the shootout. "I was pretty confident."

Holody's game-winner was set up after goalkeeper Steve Clark (Oakland) stopped the Knights' second man in the shootout, Danny Drogai, formally of Schoolcraft College.

All five of the Bucks' shootout selections - Kenny Uziogwe, Nik Djokic (Livonia Stevenson), Eric Brunner, Ty Shipalane and Holody - converted their attempts.

Clark was brilliant during the two 45-minute halves and 30 minutes of overtime, finishing with seven saves, including a pair of acrobatic, leaping stops to preserve the 1-1 tie heading into the penalty-kick tiebreaker. Among Clark's saves was one at 69:30 when he stopped Ricky Charles on a breakaway in the box. Charles is a member

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Michigan Bucks defender Michael Holody, the hero in the shootout, helped defeat the Brooklyn (N.Y.) Knights, 2-1, Saturday night to advance to this weekend's Premier Developmental League men's soccer national title game in Laredo, Texas.

NEWTON PHOTOGRAPHY

McCurley wins City Challenge on clutch 'bird'

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Tiger Woods wasn't the only golfer to enjoy a great week of golf.

Zack McCurley enjoyed quite a week himself.

On July 31, the Canton native and senior-to-be at Belleville High captured his first Adams Junior Tour event, shooting a 72 to win the Boys 16 and up age division at the JAWS Classic held at Stone Ridge G.C. in Bowling Green, Ohio.

And over the weekend, McCurley won the 2007 City Golf Challenge

Championship at Fellows Creek by defeating Westland's Brian Harnos, a Garden City H.S. grad, with a birdie on the third hole of a sudden death playoff to earn overall medalist honors.

"This year my turnaround is just practicing more and dedicating more to the game of golf," said McCurley, who shot rounds of 72 and 71 for a two-day total of 143 (1-under par). "I just felt if I stuck to my game, I had a chance of winning. My short game - getting up and down - is normally what I do best."

Harnos, who forced a playoff with a 143 total, matched McCurley on the first two par-4 holes on the south side course, but

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HOLLANDSWORTH

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Hollandsworth racked up 43 solo tackles and 37 assists after recording 38 solo and 53 assists in his first season for the Bulldogs after being red-shirted his freshman year.

Hollandsworth recovered from off-season shoulder surgery, but suffered a setback during rehab when he broke his hand from a fall while lifting weights. He was in a cast for eight weeks, but has been cleared to begin practice.

"Jeff's gone through some adversity, but he's done a great job overcoming those challenges," FSU head coach Jeff Pierce said. "Jeff has a tremendous work ethic and with another year's experience has emerged as a competitive player at this level. It's not only his work ethic, but his competitiveness. There's no player who gives more than Jeff."

The year he spent practicing as a freshman prepared him for the rigors of the GLIAC and now his has emerged as one of the Bulldogs integral parts.

"He's among an excellent group of leaders in a group that we look up to in this program," Pierce said. "He leads more by example than being a vocal, or rah-rah type of guy."

Hollandsworth was among a group of 40-plus players who spent the summer lifting, running and working out while reporting for a five-day-a-week, 9-to-5 job on campus.

"It's good commitment, we feel like we have a chip on our shoulder and have something to prove," said the former All-ObsERVER pick. "We're not cocky, but we're confident. We hope to turn a few heads and see what we can do."

For Hollandsworth, who is majoring in marketing and sales, there's always room for improvement.

"Personally, I have to get better against the run, get more tackles for loss, more sacks," he said. "I have to be better as a run support stopper."

Hollandsworth comes from a football family. His uncle Rob played at Central Michigan (1973-74), as did his father Tim, who enjoyed a four-year career while earning All-Mid-American Conference honors as a linebacker (1979) for the 10-0-1 Chippewas during his senior year.

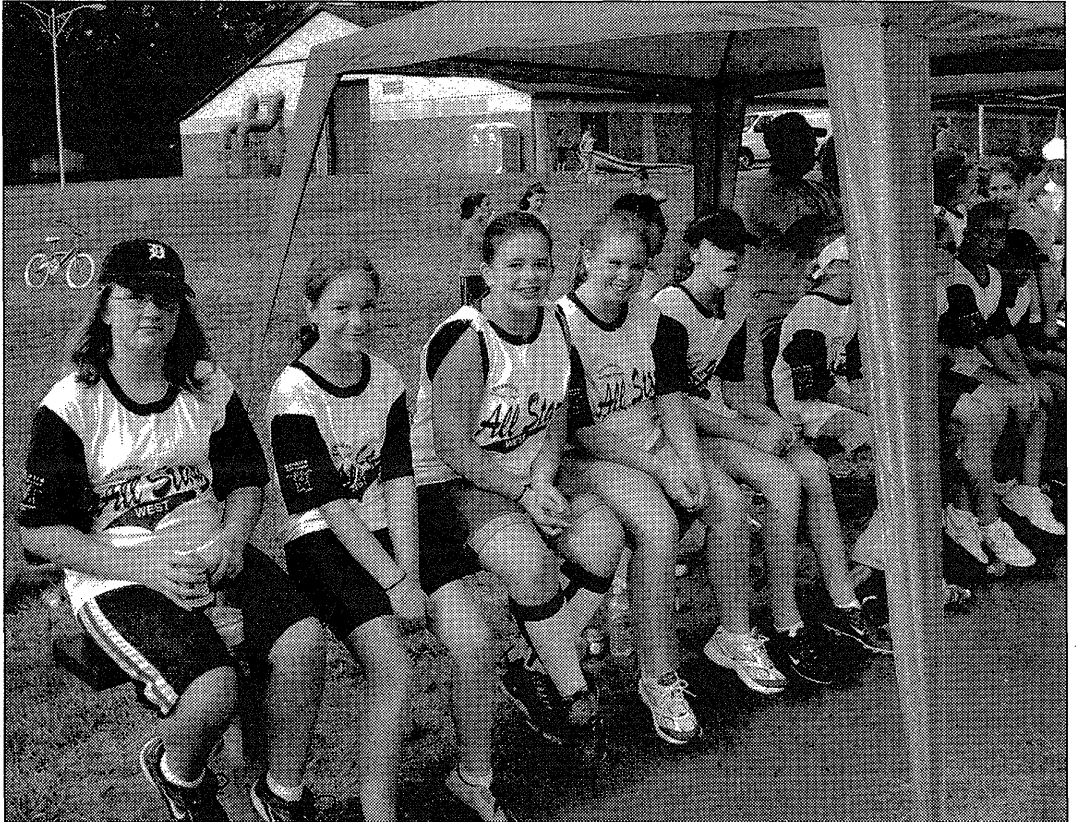
"My dad gives me a lot of advice, he has a lot to tell me, and I listen," Jeff said. "He knows the position, but he lets me do my thing. He says a lot of things and he encourages me."

With his injuries behind him, Jeff Hollandsworth is ready for the dog days of pre-season camp.

"The toughest thing is the two-a-days, in general - all the drills - it wears you down" he said.

But before pre-season camp starts, Hollandsworth had to enjoy a little fun, take one more ride on the Demon Drop and the Wicked Twister.

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The Junior Girls East all-stars won their game, 26-16, the first of three hard-hitting contests played at Devon-Aire Park on July 28.

Devon-Aire flair

Livonia league toasts 49 years of softball with games, picnic

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Hundreds came out to Devon-Aire Park in Livonia on July 28 to enjoy the culmination of the 49th year of the Devon-Aire Softball League.

Families and friends gathered there to witness a fun tripleheader of season-ending all-star games (for the Junior Boys, Junior Girls and co-ed Seniors) while munching on tasty free hot dogs donated by Dearborn Sausage Co. and enjoying other refreshments provided by various league sponsors and volunteers.

But the softball games and community-wide camaraderie promise to be even better in 2008.

"Next year's our 50th anniversary and we want to go big," said Livonia's Tom Wood, coach of the Drifters (Junior Boys division) and Guys & Dolls (co-ed senior division).

"Right now, we're going to get committees together and start brainstorming."

Wood, along with league president Anthony Perez and others, undoubtedly can't wait to begin the task of contacting as many former players and coaches as possible to make sure the 2008 picnic is a major success. (Perez said those inter-

ested in the 50th celebration should e-mail him at mistergraphics1@yahoo.com or call Wood at 734-427-3095.)

According to Perez, the longevity of the non-profit league has a lot to do with families who have stayed involved through the decades. For example, his 18-year-old daughter, Kara (a recent graduate of Livonia Franklin), started playing in the league as an 8-year-old. It wouldn't be too surprising if, down the road, she returns as a coach.

That's standard procedure with the league, Anthony Perez emphasized.

"I think its longevity has to do with the people," he said. "Basically, year-by-year we have new coaches that have come on and that carries on the tradition. Kids played, they stayed on a long time and then they leave and come back to coach. So it goes from generation to generation."

Knowing first-hand about long-term family involvement is Wood. He has a 9-year-old son, Steven, on the Drifters and two daughters (Sarah, 13; Rachel, 17) competing on the co-ed Guys & Dolls.

But he is just as enthusiastic about how kids between ages 7-12 in the two junior divisions and 13-18 in the senior division

get a lot more than just softball games for the season registration fee of \$40.

"This is fantastic," Wood said. "You couldn't end the season any better than this. The kids get together, the families get together. And for what we charge to play in the league, to be able to put out a full season of baseball and then put on a picnic like this is really nice. Plus, all the kids get trophies, not just the all-stars."

Speaking of the all-stars, all three games on July 28 had plenty of offensive excitement. In the first contest of the day, the Junior Girls West all-stars defeated the East team, 26-16. Game Two provided many more hits, with the Junior Boys East squad winning 15-7 over the West.

In the senior co-ed game that wrapped up the action, the West took care of the East, 10-6.

Meanwhile, although registration for the 2008 season won't begin until April, Perez said he couldn't delay in thanking all of the volunteers, sponsors and parents "whose support and encouragement we have received throughout this year. Without you, the success of our league would not be possible."

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BUCKS

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of the Granada national team.

"Steve Clark played a great game; both goalkeepers did," Bucks second-year head coach Dan Fitzgerald said. "He has been like that all season, but this may have been his best game yet."

The Knights scored first at 14:10 in the first half. Taking advantage of a defensive lapse, Tarik Smith was left all alone at the top of the penalty box and he one-timed a blast that

eluded Clark inside the near post from 18 yards out.

That lead stood until the Bucks' Khelli Dube picked off a Brooklyn clearing attempt following a corner kick and his blast from 25 yards carried off the left goal post, crossed the goal mouth and slammed off the right post before going into the net at 32:41. Knights goalkeeper Steven Diaz finished with eight saves heading into the shootout.

Michigan outshot Brooklyn 20-13, including 9-8 with shots directly on goal.

"I thought they had the play

more in the first half and us the second half," Fitzgerald said. "And we both had chances in overtime. That was a very good team, one of the best we've played."

Brooklyn held a slim 7-5 shot edge in the two overtime periods, but the Bucks had the better chances throughout the match. Twice Uzoigwe hit shots off the post, while another second-half blast from Djokic deflected off the crossbar.

"It's great to be going back," said Holody, who plays sweeper for the Bucks. "We're hoping the experience helps us."

RAMS

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advantage of five Columbus (Ohio) Big Katz errors en route to an 11-4 triumph.

Winning pitcher Justin Collop (University of Toledo) pitched seven strong innings, allowing three runs on six hits and two walks. The

Wayne Memorial High grad struck out five. Reliever Drew Churchward gave up one run on four hits and a walk during his two-inning stint.

The Rams played error-free defense and won despite being out-hit 10.

Frank Persichino went 2-for-5 with a double and two RBI to lead the Rams. Churchward added two RBI, while Urban went 2-for-4 with

a sacrifice and a run scored. Shay also knocked in a run, while Hurtt scored twice.

Troy Balduf went 2-for-4 with three RBI to pace Columbus. Jordan Smith, Shane Swearingin and Justin Wentworth each added two hits in the loss.

Losing pitcher Jared Strayer gave up eight runs on six hits, two walks and four hit batters in six innings of work.



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GOLF

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McCurley sunk a 10-footer for birdie to take home the first place trophy giving him back-to-back titles for the week.

The City Challenge matched the top golfers from Westland, Wayne and Canton.

The five-some which included Harnos, who works for Westland Municipal G.C., Brian Gabbart (145), Mike Tolson (160), Ray Lanczki (160) and Josh Brist (161) gave Westland the title with a 769.

Wayne was runner-up with a total of 868 thanks to the efforts of Ted Salvatori (160), women's medalist Sandy Felan (161), Bill Hawley (162), Rick Stoner (169) and Darlene Hawley (216).

Canton's total of 915 was paced by Zack McCurley, his father Tim McCurley (151), Ken Eck (170), women's runner-up Lisa Bain (213) and Linda Grandfieldt (238).

Tim McCurley, a 4-handicapper, shot rounds of 77-74, but the accountant for the City of Wayne was upstaged by his son.

"It's on-and-off, but I've been 'on' more this year," Tim McCurley said of the father-son rivalry. "My dad's very good. He let's me do my thing. He's a go-with-the-flow type of guy."

Tim leans on his dad's friend and neighbor, Jerry Caldwell,



Zack McCurley (middle), the medalist in the 2007 City Golf Challenge, is flanked by father Tim McCurley (right) and Ken Eck (left), who finished second and third, respectively, among Canton golfers.



Felan

for advice, along with Pine View G.C. teaching pro Scott Schimmoeller.

Tim McCurley helped his Belleville team to a second-

place finish in last year's Mega Conference's White Division. But he has loftier goals with year. After he plays in this week's Herb Fowler Junior Tournament at Huron Hills, McCurley begins his high school season.

"Last year I didn't qualify for 'state,' I'd like to get to 'states' this year and see how I do there," he said.

Another week like this, McCurley could be headed to the state tournament.

CITY GOLF CHALLENGE RESULTS

Aug. 4-5 at Fellows Creek

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

Westland: 1. Brian Harnos, 143; 2. Brian Gabbart, 145;

3. (tie) Mike Tolson and Ray Lanczki, 160 each.

Wayne: 1. Ted Salvatori, 160;

2. Bill Hawley, 162; 3. Rick Stoner, 169.

Canton: 1. Zack McCurley, 143; 2. Tim McCurley, 151; 3. Ken Eck, 170.

MEN'S FIRST FLIGHT

Westland: 1. James McComb, 165; 2. Kelly Rickard, 167; Bob Decker, 190.

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

1. Sandy Felan, 161; Lisa Bain, 213.

WOMEN'S SENIOR FLIGHT

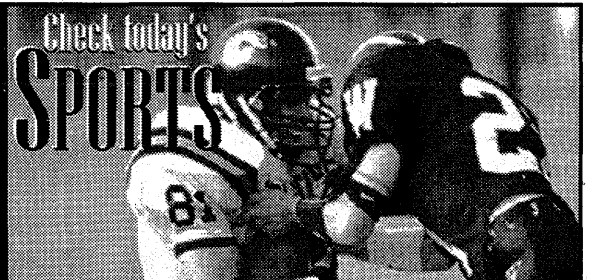
1. Virginia Sexton, 208; 2. Darlene Hawley, 216; 3. Linda Grandfieldt, 238.

MEN'S SUPER SENIOR FLIGHT

1. Bob Weibel, 176.

Got Game?

Yep, got scores, too.



SPORTS ROUNDUP

CC inductees

Longtime Novi-Detroit Catholic Central wrestling coach Mike Rodriguez, along with former varsity basketball coach and football defensive coordinator Rick Coratti, will be among 2007 class of 15 inductees into the Michigan High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame on Sunday, Sept. 16 at Central Michigan University.

A banquet and awards ceremony, which begins at 1 p.m., will be at the Terrace Room of CMU's Student Services Building.

The MHSCA will also honor Don Lessner, Executive Director, of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association as a Distinguished Service Award recipient.

Tickets are \$25 each and may be order from Dan McShannock, executive secretary, 4709 Pinewood Drive, Midland, MI 48640.

For more information, call McShannock at (989) 835-5609.

Tommy Titan Tune-up

The third annual Tommy Titan Tune-up will be Wednesday, Aug. 15, at Cass Benton Park in Northville.

The race is open to runners of all ages and ability levels, and is a prelude to the 21st annual Running Fit/Tommy Titan Invitational in September.

The women's cross country race, long (5,600 meters) and short (3,330 meters) courses will run concurrently, starts at 6:30 p.m. The men's long and short course concurrent races follow at 7:15 p.m.

The cost is \$5 per entrant. Team rates are \$25 (six to 14 runners) and \$50 (15 or more). Coaches with teams entered run at no charge. Teams planning on attending with more than five runners should send in a team roster prior to Aug. 15. There is no team scoring. Awards will be determined and given in the chute.

Detroit cross country T-shirts are available for \$10.

For more information, call University of Detroit Mercy coach Guy Murray at (313) 993-1724; or e-mail murray-gr@udmercy.edu.

Churchill Pompon

The ninth annual Livonia Churchill varsity pompon clinic for ages 6-14 will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Saturday, Aug. 25, at the high school gym (located on Newburgh between Joy and Ann Arbor Trail).

The cost is \$35 per person

includes T-shirt, music CD and snack.

Participation is limited to the first 100 registrants.

Participants will be invited to perform their routine at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27, at a Churchill varsity boys soccer game.

For more information, call Robin Schwarz at (734) 464-0556.

Big Day tickets

The Westland John Glenn Booster Club is offering discounted pre-sale tickets at \$7 for students and \$9 for adults for the Big Day III Prep Football Showdown when the Rockets take on Livonia Franklin beginning at 8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 24, at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium.

The all-day ticket includes admission for the Warren Cousino-Fraser game at 2 p.m. followed by the Allen Park-Detroit Finney game at 5 p.m.

The Glenn Boosters will offer the advanced tickets at the south entrance of the school from 6-8 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 9; 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Aug. 11, and 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16 during Glenn's home four-way scrimmage between Southgate, Trenton and Algonac.

Tickets at the gate are \$10 for students and adults. (Children 5-and-under are free).

Youth baseball tryouts

The Michigan Bulldogs Baseball Club will be holding tryouts for their new U10 team for the 2008 season from 10 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday, Aug. 11 and 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12 at Bicentennial Park, Diamond 6 in Livonia. Players not turning 11 prior to May 1, 2008 are eligible. For more information, contact Scott Linsner at (734) 740-7498 or e-mail coachscott@michiganbulldogbaseball.com.

Garden City's Michigan Blue Thunder U11 boys travel tournament baseball team will hold tryouts for the 2008 season on the following dates: 2-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12; 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2:30-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18; 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22.

All of the tryouts will be at the Garden City Park Baseball Diamonds (Cherry Hill east of Merriman).

For more information, call (734) 756-1090.

Individual tryouts for the 2008 13-and-under WaCo Wolves, member of the Midwest Super League, will be staged throughout the month of August. The Wolves, who

will also play in a local league and travel to tournament in Tennessee, Kentucky and Nebraska, are seeking three highly-skilled and dedicated players.

For more information, call Bill Hardin at (734) 560-0820; or e-mail BJHWolves@aol.com.

The Livonia Travel Baseball Club, along with the Livonia Baseball & Softball Association, will stage 2008 tryouts for the following age groups for players who are committed to playing at a high level while preparing them for high school baseball.

Tryouts for the following age groups will be at Rotary Park (fields nos. 1 and 2) on Saturday, Aug. 25:

Under-9: 9-11 a.m.; under-10, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; under-11, 1-3 p.m. (rain date is Sept. 8);

Tryouts will also be held for the following age groups on Sunday, Sept. 9 at Rotary Park including: under-12: 10 a.m.-noon; under-13: noon to 2 p.m.; and under-14: 2-4 p.m. (rain date is Sept. 15).

Players ages are determined as of May 1, 2008. Arrive 30 minutes early to register and warm-up.

For more information, call Bruce Rosen at (313) 531-0721; or e-mail mblr1218@aol.com.

Fastpitch tryouts

Tryouts for the 2008 Livonia Storm girls fastpitch softball teams will be held two different weekends including 10 a.m. to noon (10- and 12-and-under) and 1-3 p.m. (14-, 16- and 18-and-under) Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 1-2 and Sept. 8-9, at Bicentennial Park (fields nos. 9 and 10).

You need to attend just one of the four dates above in order to make a team. Non-residents are welcome. Additional teams are sought for each age division.

For more information, call Ken Jewell at (734) 266-9109; or e-mail kjewell@livonias-torm.com. Information is also posted on www.livonias-torm.com.

RU volleyball tryouts

Here comes the first sign that high school sports seasons are indeed changing.

With volleyball moving from the winter to fall, Redford Union varsity girls volleyball coach Marchelle Johnson is trying to inform those interested in playing this season that tryouts for the upcoming season are imminent.

All prospective RU players, whether looking to play varsity, junior varsity or freshman, are invited to attend fall tryouts on Monday, Aug. 13 at the

high school gym. Tryouts for the junior varsity and freshman teams will be 6-7:30 p.m. while varsity tryouts are slated from 7:30-9 p.m.

Athletes must bring a completed physical card in order to participate.

Those interested in the tryouts should contact Johnson at (313) 300-2131.

Run Thru Hell

The Pinckney Running Club will sponsor its annual Run Thru Hell, a 4.8- and 10-mile foot race beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 11 at the Hell Creek Ranch, located on Cedar Lake at Patterson Lake Road.

Late registration is \$22.

Trophies will go to the top six finishers in each age group.

You can sign up online at www.gaultracemanagement.com.

Call (734) 878-6640 for more information.

WYAA frosh football

Westland Youth Athletic Association still has openings for junior freshman football players, ages 7-8 (by Sept. 1). Junior freshman football is new to the Westland Youth Athletic Association and games will be played prior to regular games of the Westland Comets and Westland Meteors.

Registration is 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to 12 noon Saturdays at the Lange Compound Building, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road).

For more information, call (734) 421-0640 or call Galen Huren (Meteors) at (734) 716-6047, Mark Simkow (Comets) at (734) 732-1176 or Keith DeMolay, (734) 516-9269.

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.

Gavie Tourney signals another new year

The 71st annual John P. Gavie Memorial Tournament is slated for Monday, Aug 20 at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park.

The Detroit area is historically tied to the sport of bowling and "The Gavie" as it is more widely known, is certainly in the forefront of the tradition, history and stature of bowling in our own local scene.

In the early years, the event was tied closely to the Michigan State Fair, and there was always a big parade up Woodward Avenue from downtown to the Fairgrounds with local celebrities and star bowlers riding in open convertibles all the way.

The lifestyle was much different then, but bowling is still the same grand old game now as it was then, 10 pins felled by one ball is still a strike.

Years since his uncle John P. passed away, and he has now instituted a youth event which precedes the regular tournament by one day.

"We have the John Gavie tournament to kick off the bowling season, so I thought it would be a good idea to have the third annual Frank Gavie Scholarship Tournament to kick-off the season for the youth bowlers as well" said Frank said. "This year we are going to have PBA members, high school coaches and Lou Marquez, the master instructor from Turbo Tech, to give some coaching to any youth bowlers who would like to come in about an hour and a half before starting time."

The youth event features scholarship prize money in amounts of \$300, \$200 and \$100 for both boys and girls. In the regular adult team events, the senior division bowls with the 3 p.m. squad and the open and women's divisions will bowl with the 7 p.m. squad. Teams consist of five bowlers with an entry fee of \$20 per bowler.

The Metro Detroit U.S. Bowling Congress has devel-



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Al Harrison

oped a new program to serve its members, who are now tied in with a travel agency, which will book your next trip at rates comparable to whatever you might be able to click on

VIA the internet.

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This is a bright idea, and should benefit all.

Form more information, visit www.mdusbctravel.com; or call the association office at (248) 443-2695; or call toll free at (888) 753-6350.

The Metro Detroit USBC will also be holding supply distribution and schools at the new office located at 28200 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village.

The next date will be 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15.

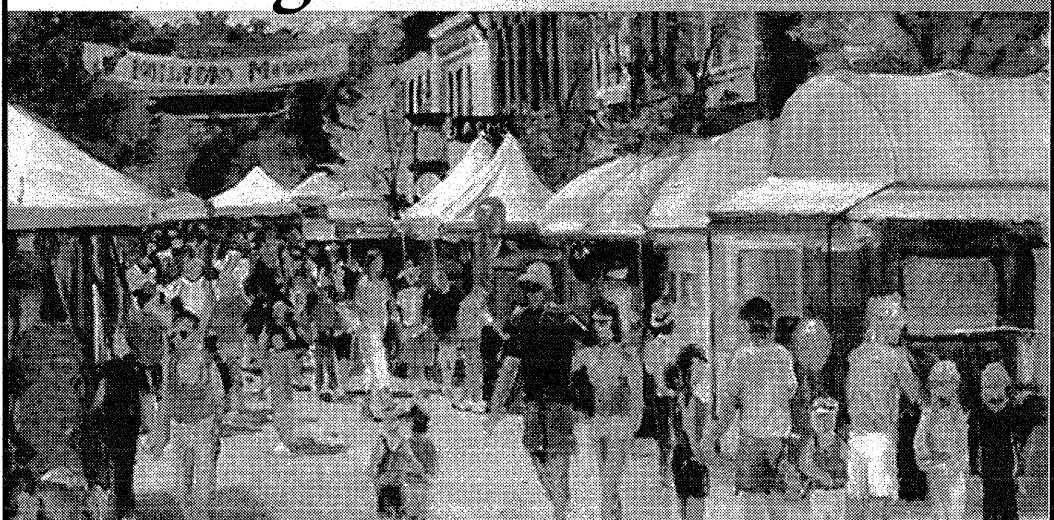
Approximately 40 bowling centers in the jurisdiction have scheduled individual schools and supplies for their own leagues.

Roger Dalkin has announced his retirement as CEO of the USBC. He served in the original American Bowling Congress as CEO prior to the merger of ABC, WIBC, YABA and USA Bowling in which he was instrumental in bringing it all to reality. Thus ends a remarkable 30 years of service and leadership to the sport.

Kevin Dornberger will take the interim position of acting CEO while a search will be held for Dalkin's successor.

Al Harrison is a resident of Southfield and a member of the Bowling Writers Association of America. He recently won an award from the USBC in bowling writers competition for editorial category in 2006.

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Bryan Lerg named Spartans' captain; Jeff as an alternate

Cousins Bryan and Jeff Lerg figured prominently last spring in Michigan State's first NCAA Division I ice hockey championship since 1986.

The Lergs will also be at the forefront for the 2007-08 title defense as MSU coach Rick Comley named Bryan, a senior forward, captain of the Spartans.

Comley also announced that Jeff Lerg, a junior goaltender, will serve as an alternate captain along with senior forward Chris Mueller (Buffalo, N.Y.) and junior forwards Justin Abdelkader (Muskegon) and Tim Kennedy (Buffalo, N.Y.).

"Bryan had tremendous support from all of the players and coaching staff," Comley said in an MSU Web Site release. "He had been an excellent player for us for three years, and we expected that he will be an outstanding senior captain. We are all confident that Bryan will help us reach the goals that we

have set for our program." Bryan Lerg has appeared in 127 career games with the Spartans, and has 48 goals and 41 assists. As a junior, he led MSU with a career-best 23 goals and 13 assists to rank second on the team with 36 points. Lerg led the nation with eight game-winning goals and was named MVP as the Spartans captured their 11th Great Lakes Invitational Tournament.

"All of our guys have been working really hard this summer to make sure that we're prepared to come in and be ready to go once practice starts," Bryan Lerg said. "We're confident we can have an exciting season."

Jeff Lerg has excelled in each of his first two collegiate seasons, earning Central Collegiate Hockey Association MVP honors in 2006, while earning 2007 Midwest Regional MVP honors while securing a spot on the Frozen

Four All-Tournament team. He allowed just five goals in four NCAA Tournament games a year ago and owns a career 1.50 goals-against average and a .949 save percentage in six NCAA Tournament contests.

Last spring, Jeff Lerg was named USA Hockey College Player of the Year, MSU team MVP, and CoSIDA Academic All-District in 2006-07.

"Jeff Lerg is a guy whose main concern is team success - any of the individual stuff is nice to him, but he's really just concerned with helping our team win," Comley said. "With everything he's battled, he's always proven himself - and that makes him a guy that brings the team together."

MSU, which finished 26-13-3 overall in 2006-07, begins its season Saturday, Oct. 13 in Grand Forks, N.D. when it takes on the University of North Dakota in the US Hockey Hall of Fame Game.

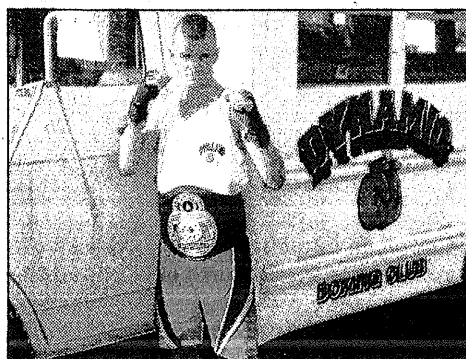


Champion 'Ships' Ahoy!

The Plymouth-Canton Pirates 14U travel baseball team captured a pair of tournament titles this past summer. In May, they won the Northville Early Bird Tournament before taking first in the VanderCook Lake Summer Bash tournament last month. Pictured (back row from left) are Coach Bruce Price, Anthony Pappas, Devin Price, Dan Adsit, Austin Payne, (front row from left) Charles Ashton, Scott Devine, Alec Khouri, Jake Beauchamp, Alex Bodner, Adam Payne and Coach Denny Devine.

Dustin'em off

Dustin Brewer of Westland's Dynamic Boxing Club captured both of his bouts July 13-14 weekend. Brewer, who resides in New Boston, defeated Yousef Galaeb of Warriors Boxing the first night in Milford and earned the championship belt with a decision over Alexandro Castro at Palomino's Night Club in Detroit. Meanwhile, Dynamic's Josh Ivezaj lost a close decision to Glen Beck of Lansing, while teammate Willie Price (165 pounds) lost by decision to No. 1 nationally rated Ramon Valenzuela of Chicago, Ill. Dynamic Boxers are competing this week in Kansas City, Mo. at the Ringside World Championships.



Cooperstown trip

The Livonia Baseball and Softball Association's boys 12-and-under travel team, sponsored by the Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation, played nine games in seven days recently at the Cooperstown (N.Y.) Dreams Park Tournament. The squad, coached by Gerry Hool, Bruce Rosen, Dennis Russ and Cort Murdock, failed to place, but it was an inexperience of a lifetime as they visited both the National Youth Baseball Hall of Fame and the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Team members include: Tom Hool, Zac Rosen, Matt Russ, Kevin Murdock, Jeff Thomas, Tony Wilson, Nick Lagerstrom, Nick Rutherford, Alex Frey, Dan Hensley, Ryan Baker and Mike Korte.

Diesels stymie Patriots, 16-6

BY CHRISTIAN YOUNG
CORRESPONDENT

Don't be fooled. The Detroit Diesels chalked up another North American Football League victory, this time against the Genesee County Patriots, 16-6, Saturday at Livonia Franklin High School.

Whereas one may look at the score and think that was a close game, it was actually about as close as California is to New York.

Genesee County couldn't squeeze out a first down until the second half. The Detroit

defense blanked out the Pats until there was 1:56 left in the contest, shutting down the inside run and harassing the Patriot quarterback into tossing five interceptions. The Genesee County score was set up by an interception return to the Diesel red zone.

Westland John Glenn graduate Randy Sinnott went 10-of-22 for 123 yards and two touchdowns, both going to Farmington High alum John Craven. Musa Odeh hit a short field goal and an extra point. Bob Curtis ran for 57 yards, and Wayne Memorial grad T.J.

Dillard ran for 53. Defensively, Anthony Price picked off two passes, safety Mark Carter had one, and Absalom Goode had a pick for the Diesels. Earl Blanchett had a sack for Detroit.

The Diesels are 3-1-1 overall and 2-0-1 Great Lakes Region of the Northern Conference. Genesee falls to 1-2 in the Great Lakes.

The Diesels will head on the road this Saturday to face the London Silverbacks (2-1, 2-1) at Labatt Field. They will return Aug. 18 at Franklin to face the Tri-City Titans.

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Talking Smack!

LESSON ON GOLF

By Jeff Lesson

You would think the guy would have learned by now. Earlier this year, Rory Sabbatini, after getting smoked by Tiger Woods, stated that "Tiger appears more beatable than ever." A ridiculous comment, after just getting pasted by the world's number one.

Histone repeated itself at the Bridgestone Invitational this past weekend. Sabbatini led Woods by one shot entering the final round and again opened his mouth - in effect calling out Tiger again to beat him.

All Tiger did was go on to an eight stroke victory while playing head to head with Sabbatini in the days final group.

Sabbatini's comments notwithstanding, he is a breath of fresh air to the PGA Tour. Why shouldn't the guy believe in himself? Sure, he has yet to back it up against Woods head to head. But at least he is not afraid to speak his mind like so many others on the Tour.

Most others on tour from Phil Mickelson on down are too afraid to challenge Tiger mentally or physically and just wither away. At least Sabbatini has shown some metal in that department. He just has to transfer it to the golf course. Until then he still looks foolish.

Meanwhile Tiger enters this week's final major of the year (The PGA) playing his best golf of the season. He is hitting fairways again. If he hits the fairways off the tee this week at Southern Hills he will win his first major of the year.

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Smartphones now showing a higher IQ

For the past few weeks I've been checking out some new smartphones, some of which really do live up to their names.

By my definition, a smartphone is any phone with a built-in keyboard, which makes it possible to compose e-mail and instant messages and even create or edit documents.



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Many traditional cell phones support these functions, but trying to input text with a numeric keypad is a special kind of torture. No thanks.

As regular column readers know, I'm a dyed-in-the-wool Palm

user, so let's start with the Palm Treo 755p from Sprint. It's slightly slimmer than its predecessor, the 700p, but still on the bulky side. At least Palm managed to shave off that fat antenna nub.

Like all Palms, the 755p is extremely easy to use, great at managing personal data, and compatible with a huge library of software. I love the phone's dedicated ring/vibrate switch (why don't all phones have one?) and excellent Office-synchronization software.

I don't love the 755p's lack of Wi-Fi, below-average multimedia capabilities, and relatively high price: \$379.99 with a two-year contract. But it is without a doubt Palm's best Treo yet, and a great smartphone overall.

RIM BLACKBERRY 8830

I'm a bit less enamored with RIM's BlackBerry 8830 from Verizon (\$299 with a two-year contract).

It, too, lacks Wi-Fi, and its newly added music player doesn't support DRM-protected tracks. You can't use the phone to edit Office documents, either — only to view them. Plus, I found the keyboard disappointing, with shallow keys jammed too close together.

On the plus side, the 8830 is still unrivaled when it comes to mobile e-mail. And because it's a world phone, you can use it just about anywhere.

But for now you'll have to travel without GPS: Verizon doesn't yet offer navigation software for use with the 8830's built-in GPS receiver.

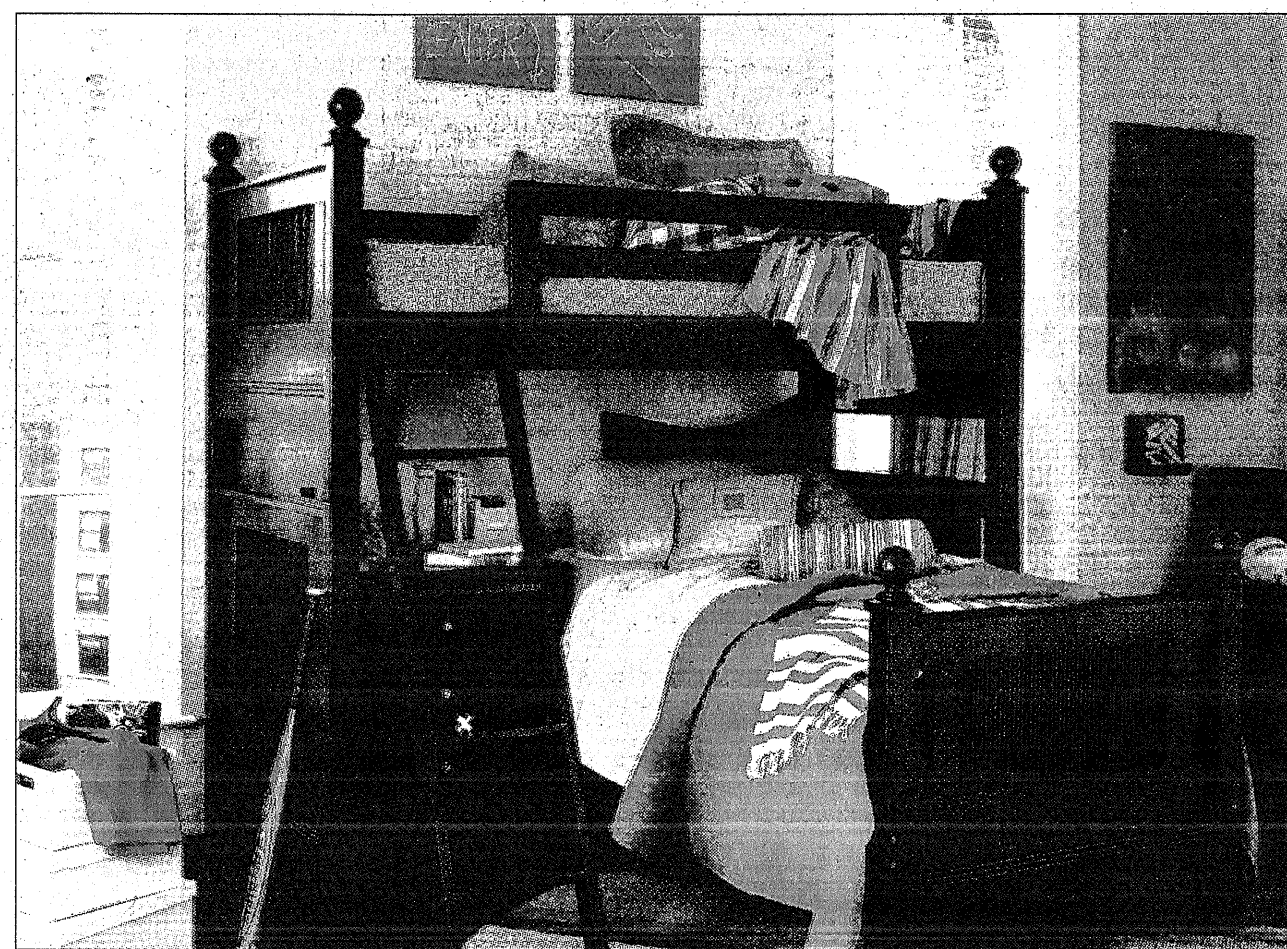
When it does, this BlackBerry might seem a little riper. For now, I'm giving it a thumbs-down.

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HTC's S710 packs the power of a smartphone into a shell that's barely larger than a "candy bar" phone.

Dorm room chic



COURTESY GORMAN'S HOME FURNISHINGS

Specially designed loft beds don't take up too much space. Shown here are beds from the Mariners Landing collection at Gorman's, which allow other furnishings to be placed underneath. Price of the loft bunk bed is \$1,875.

DORM DECOR 101

Where to shop for dorm decor:

Check out Gorman's, Art Van, IKEA, T.J. Maxx, Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond for the latest in college chic.

What to buy:

Make a checklist of necessities such as bedding, towels, storage pieces, decorative accessories and coffee mugs.

For off-campus housing, start shopping early for the best selection of furniture. For the average dorm room, look for accent pieces and colorful accessories.

Maximize closet space as well as space under the bed with storage pieces designed especially for tight quarters.

Going to school never looked so good

BY JEANINE MATLOW
CORRESPONDENT

Long gone are the days of hand-me-downs and milk crates associated with the college dorm decor of the past.

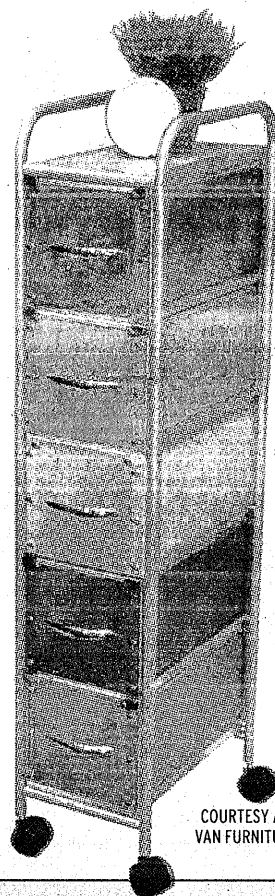
Instead, a vast selection of stylish yet affordable furniture and accessories, including a number of multifunctional pieces, awaits students and parents shopping to spruce up the average campus housing.

Heidi Tippery, communications and interior design manager for the IKEA store in Canton, says it's not enough for students to be stylish anymore.

"Teenagers want style on a budget," she said. "They also like to take a small space and make it their home."

According to Tippery, some of the biggest trends for dorm decor are bold colors and big prints, reminiscent of the '70s. Other popular

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Dorm room trends at Art Van feature big splashes of color. New, multifunctional pieces, such as this five-drawer storage unit (\$57), work as hard as the students.

COURTESY ART VAN FURNITURE

Pack a cookbook when moving back to college

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Whether you're looking to sidestep the dreaded Freshman Fifteen or just got tired of subsisting on takeout while living on campus, authors Megan and Jill Carle have got you covered.

As authors of *College Cooking: Feed Yourself and Your Friends*, they've provided recipes that will go straight from a toga party to a study break with ease.

The book includes 90 recipes that take into account a college student's tight budget.

Try something comforting from the Cheap Eats chapter like potato pancakes or macaroni and cheese with ham, or bake a giant batch of lasagna or jambalaya from the Food for the

Masses chapter. Stay healthy even miles away from home, by tossing together a simple blueberry salad from the Eat Your Greens chapter.

While these recipes might be difficult to master in a dorm equipped only with a microwave, it's a great starting point for college co-eds with access to a grocery store and apartment kitchen.

Learn the cooking basics and you'll be whipping up everything from tapas to dessert in no time. There's no need to go hungry during those marathon late night study sessions.

Below are a few recipes worth trying, courtesy of *College Cooking: Feed Yourself and Your Friends*, available through Ten Speed Press:

Please see **COOKBOOK, D3**



Reprinted from "College Cooking: Feed Yourself and Your Friends" by Megan & Jill Carle. Published by Ten Speed Press, www.tenspeed.com. Photography by Jessica Boone. These Mini Blueberry Turnovers are bound to be a hit among co-eds.

ACCENTS

INN LINE

The Historic White Horse Inn in Metamora, just north of Oxford, has a new product line offering salad dressings and seasonings that are served at the restaurant.

The line features two bottled dressings (Sweet and Sour House Dressing and Tomato Vinaigrette), two packaged seasoning blends (Roasted Garlic and Pepper and Mediterranean Herb) and an all-natural, cold-pressed, imported extra virgin olive oil.

White Horse Inn owners Tim and Lisa Wilkins grew up in Birmingham and Troy.

The creamy-textured sweet and sour house dressing is a premier menu item at the inn.

Seasoned with a special blend of spices, the tangy tomato vinaigrette adds zest to salads, is a perfect complement to spinach and makes a great marinade for poultry and meat dishes.

At the inn, the Mediterranean herb or roasted garlic and pepper seasoning blends are mixed with a light olive oil to use as dipping oil with a warm bread basket. Seasoning blends are a fine complement to family recipes.

The products are sold at the restaurant and at several area locations, including Papa Joe's Market in Birmingham, Great Lakes Mercantile and Sweet and Savory Bake Shop in Oxford, The Perfect Complement in Rochester and Metamora Foodland in Metamora.

The White Horse Inn Web site, www.historicwhitehorseinn.com, has special recipe tips for the products. It also includes a recipe for the inn's famous Fox Hunt Salad. Call (810) 678-2150.

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The Longaberger Basket Fest Package includes one-day admission to Greenfield Village; the Homestead at Home Store; an hourly giveaway of a Longaberger basket and other prizes; and Make A Basket with an expert Longaberger basket maker, in which participants will create their own exclusive Greenfield Village event basket (reservations are recommended).

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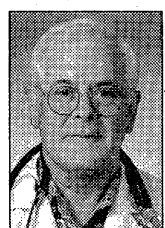
I have written several times about my concern for proper cooling temperatures in a refrigerator.

This subject is also of great concern to the U.S. Department of Health, which says, "Many people suffer food poisoning from leftovers in their own refrigerators."

The following e-mail from Deb and Fred sends a clear message for all of us to think about.

"My husband and I have listened to you on the radio several times and enjoy your articles in the *Eccentric*. Got a question about our Amana fridge.

"It's 8 years old. It's NEVER kept a good, 'safe' temperature in the fridge as far as we are concerned (44?). The freezer section is fine (fridge above, freezer below).



Appliance Doctor
Joe Gagnon

always 'right on' as far as temperature. "Of the possible seven cold settings in the fridge, we have it on 6. If we put it on 7, all the vegetables in the veggie bins are coated in ice and must be tossed, so 6 is as high as we can go.

"We've had Amana repair folks come out several times, just to relieve our minds that our food is safe at this temperature. We were told, 'That's how the new refrigerators ARE these days. They are not as cold as older ones.'"

"Hmmm ... We have a fridge in the basement that's about the same age, and it's

"No, I don't put hot stuff in the fridge. I cool it in the sink in cold water first, then put it in ... and in the winter, you may see a container or two on my front porch — and, yes, you may see them still the next morning as I've gone to bed and left them out there! Hey, it happens!"

"We've been wanting to get a new one. Is 8 years old OLD? We're afraid of Amana, of course, and afraid any new one will be just like this one. Our choices are limited as I think Amana is Whirlpool. We're SO confused. What do you think?"

I think that Amana and Whirlpool are still top name refrigerators today, but as the service technicians have told you, don't expect the performance of yesteryear's refrigerator.

They just don't match up to the

temperatures of 34 or 36 degrees that we grew up with, and this is a big reason why homeowners should change their thinking about food preservation.

Most people think they can keep leftover food for a period of a week, when this is no longer true. Because of the warmer temperatures, food storage in a refrigerator is to be no longer then four days.

This is the reason why so many people are suffering food poisoning. If this column is making you think, don't stop.

A thermometer on a refrigerator or freezer shelf isn't an accurate way to get a reading of temperatures. The correct way is to get a thermometer that you can put into a food product such as a pickle jar that hasn't been used for a few days.

A thermometer on a shelf will measure air temperature, which fluctuates up and down, and you aren't interested in that. You want the actual food temperature.

I repeat: What is the temperature of the food in your refrigerator section? You need to know! 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.

DORM

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blasts from the past include the resurgence of beanbag chairs and plush fabrics on sofas.

Teenagers and young adults are not only more likely to be aware of their immediate surroundings; they are also wise about the world around them.

Environmentally friendly product offerings from IKEA include furniture and accessories made from raw woods and recyclable plastics.

Digital devices are everywhere, be they cell phones, iPods or e-mail.

"Technology is huge," said Tippery, who points out that IKEA offers mobile tables that are well suited for laptops as well as computer desks. And all those late night studies call for proper lighting.

"IKEA carries battery-operated lights," Tippery said. "We also carry low-cost lamps in bright colors. And some even include energy-efficient bulbs."

Colorful accents help to personalize a person's home away from home. IKEA not only offers smaller rugs for smaller rooms, but they come in unique shapes such as circles. Easy-to-remove decals provide temporary wall art that won't damage the walls.

Even the basics aren't so basic anymore.

Storage solutions abound with the ever-popular Basic Billy Bookcase from IKEA that makes staying organized the stylish and sensible thing to do. Storage containers, which help to corral school supplies, come in a wide array of sizes and colors.

MULTIFUNCTIONAL FURNITURE

David Van Elslander, buyer for Art Van Clearance Centers, describes new products for back to school that work just as hard as the students.

Multifunctional pieces include the Imobus Ottoman, which offers seating, storage and an outlet for your iPod.

"With such tight quarters," Van Elslander said of the average college dorm, "you need a functional piece."

Back-to-school trends at Art Van show big splashes of color.

A hot new product, named the Fatboy, is a large lounge pad that can be shaped to use as a chair or a mattress pad. Inspired by bean bags, Fatboys are available in bright, youthful colors as well as retro-prints from Marimekko.

Other Art Van offerings include a Mod Pod chair (filled with memory foam), an iPod ottoman with a pull-up table and storage unit, and an iPod Command Chair, which is a desk chair with an ergonomic mesh back and built-in amp with volume control.

A selection of area rugs, shelving, desks and futons

Teenagers and young adults are not only more likely to be aware of their immediate surroundings; they are also wise about the world around them.

provides year-round comfort and style.

"Because there is a much larger selection today, youth furniture has a more upscale, mature look," said Tom Lias, president of Gorman's Home Furnishings.

The My Haven collection is a perfect example. Not only is it sophisticated enough to go from off-campus apartment to first house after graduation, but the pieces also come in charming colors such as watermelon, tangerine, lilac and seagrass.

Some lines at Gorman's, such as Teen Bungalow, are so versatile that they can easily transition to a guest bedroom in a home.

"They can absolutely take this with them," Lias said of the unique pieces.

And specially designed loft beds no longer take up too much space. In fact, the new designs offer space-saving solutions such as a desk that can be placed underneath a raised bed.

Two manufacturers, Hooker and Stanley, set out to create a wide array of multifaceted furniture.

"They offer multifunctional pieces for a small space, designed the way you want," Lias said.

The furniture can easily transition from a teenager's room in their parents' house, to an off-campus apartment to a new home.

SHOPPING STRATEGY

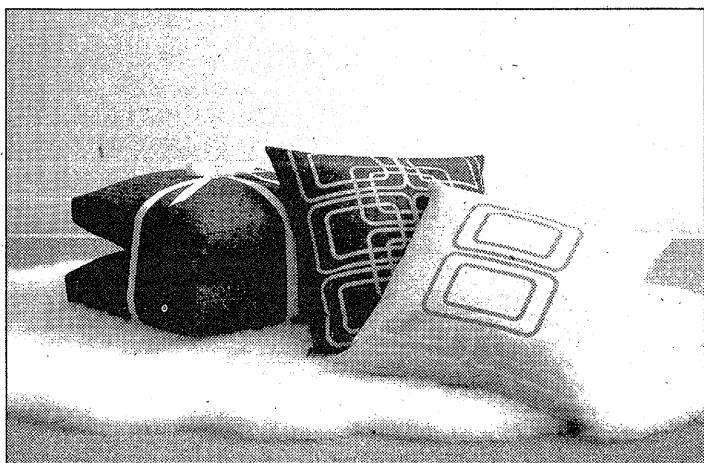
If the abundance of options seems a bit overwhelming, start small. Choose a palette based on a favorite color and then select some great bedding.

At T.J. Maxx, shades of blues and browns are all the rage. But bright colors never go out of style.

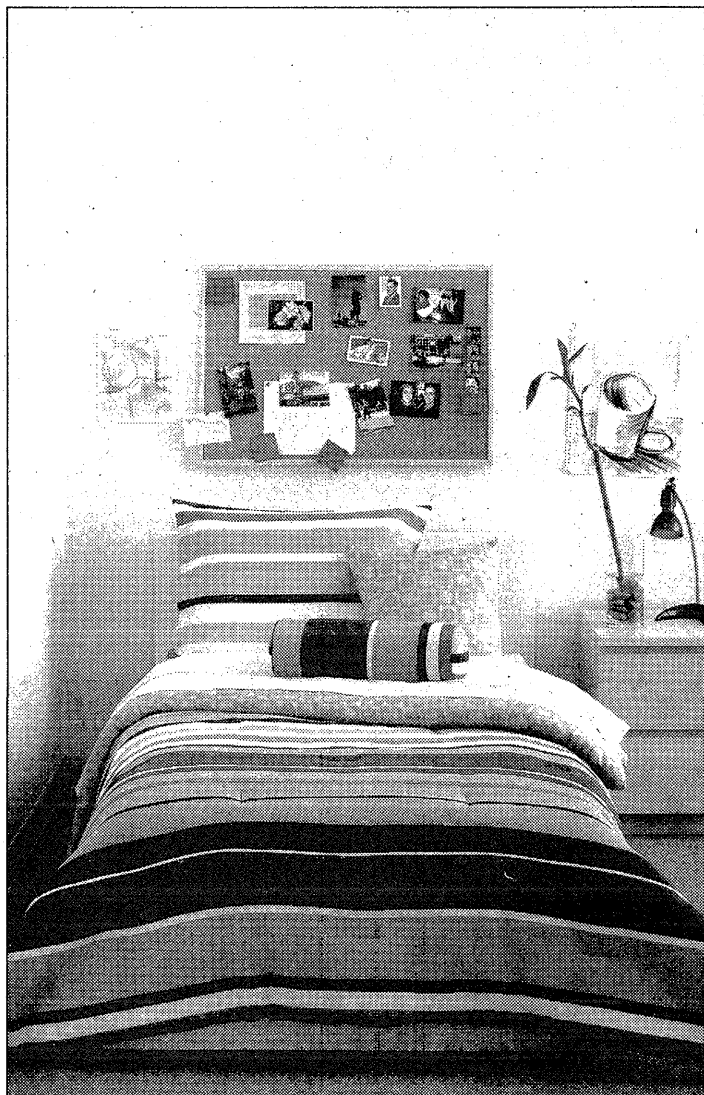
Accessories are the easiest and most affordable way to personalize a neutral space. Select some colorful picture frames and fill them with photos of family and friends. At T.J. Maxx, cork and magnetic boards, which can also be used to display photos, are ideal for highlighting upcoming study — and social — events.

"If possible, contact your roommate before you shop, to coordinate the color/tones of the space," said Sonya Cosentini, T.J. Maxx home fashions spokesperson.

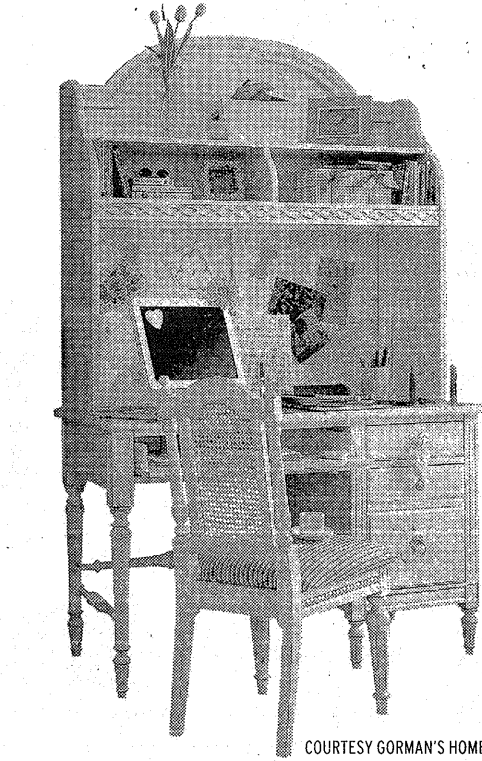
With so many choices, it's easier than ever to have a fashionable and functional college dorm. So go ahead and transform your temporary housing into home sweet home.



Accessories are the easiest and most affordable way to personalize a space. T.J. Maxx carries Pillows-In-A-Pack, two packs of pillows for \$29.99.



Among the wide variety of dorm furnishings are pieces from T.J. Maxx: Bed-in-a-bag, \$19.99 to \$59.99; cork/magnetic boards, \$16.99 to \$29.99; special twin sheets for dorm beds, \$19.99; and decorative pillow sets, \$19.99 to \$24.99.



The Swedish Accents computer desk from Gorman's featuring three utility drawers, one drawer with a drop front for use with keyboard, and a laptop port is perfect for students at home. Price is \$975.

Carpet will work in a home office

From Susanne of Troy: "I have decided to turn my unused formal living room into a home office. I've selected the office furniture, but I'm really stuck on what to put on the floor."

"I know that hardwood floors will look good, but I'm concerned about them getting scratched with rolling chairs and whether or not they will provide comfort and warmth underfoot. I'm not sure if carpet will help to keep this room quiet from the noises of the rest of the house."

"Is there a particular type of carpet that is better for a home office, or is hardwood the answer?"

Hardwood is a beautiful option for a home office, but you will need area rugs to protect the floors from your desk chairs and to provide warmth and sound absorption. Depending on how busy your home office is, hardwood floors can take a beating.

Carpet will also work in your home office. There are many styles and types of carpet to choose from, and you should be aware of the pitfalls of carpet when used in a home office application.

If you choose a typical residen-

tial carpet that is installed over a pad, the carpet can stretch, buckle and delaminate when a chair with wheels is constantly rolled over the same area in an active home office.

You can rectify this by using a vinyl chair pad over the carpet. This isn't the most attractive option, but it will protect your carpet investment.

Another idea is to consider not using a chair with wheels. My busy home office has carpeting, but I have opted to use a four-legged desk chair instead. This hasn't been a problem for me when working in the office, and it eliminates the risk of damage and delamination of the carpeting.

If you must have a chair with wheels and a carpeted office, consider a very low pile carpet or even a commercial grade carpet. Most commercial carpets aren't installed over a pad, and this will help to alleviate some of the stretching, buckling and delamination.

It won't eliminate these things completely, but will greatly reduce the odds of them happening.

Talk with a qualified carpet retailer and find out their recommendations and the warranty on any carpet you are considering.

Terri Guastella, an interior designer and a Canton resident, specializes in space planning, design and color consultation. Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella at www.exclusiveinteriordesign.com.

BROIDA

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HTC S710

The slim, sexy S710 packs a ton of features, including Wi-Fi, a comfy slide-out keyboard, and a 2-megapixel camera that actually takes decent photos. Indeed, from a design standpoint, this phone hits it outta the park.

I do, however, have some quibbles with its Windows Mobile 6 operating system, which is slow and awkward and won't let you create new Office documents (though you can edit them).

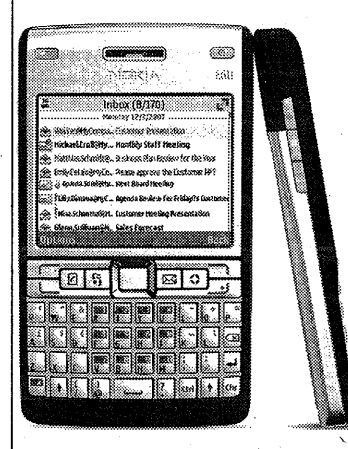
What's more, you have to buy the S710 "unlocked," which explains its hefty \$499 price tag: There's no carrier contract to subsidize the cost.

On the plus side, that means you can use it with nearly any service provider — just pull the SIM card out of your current phone and pop it in the S710.

NOKIA E61i

Finally, I have to profess some geek love for the Nokia E61i, a wide-body model with a terrific screen, superb keyboard, and one of the best Web browsers I've seen on a smartphone. It can even play streaming YouTube videos.

Like the S710, the E61i doesn't



The Nokia E61i is notable for its slim design, big screen and unsurpassed Web browser — but it'll set you back around \$500.

have a U.S. carrier yet, so you have to buy it unlocked (expect to pay around \$500). That's pretty steep, but my only real complaint is that it doesn't support stereo Bluetooth, meaning I can't listen to music on my wireless headphones.

Even so, this smartphone, along with most of the others I tested, shows a lot more intelligence than last year's models. Progress!

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COOKBOOK

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CRAB CAKES WITH ROASTED RED PEPPER SAUCE

2 red peppers
1 clove of garlic
1 cup mayonnaise
1 tablespoon lime juice
2 tablespoons canola oil
1 jalapeño pepper
2 tablespoons of chopped chives
1 tablespoon lime juice
1 cup bread crumbs
2 pounds lump crab meat
2 tablespoons canola oil
3 cups salad greens
salt and pepper

To make the sauce: Roast the red peppers in a broiler or by placing them directly on a gas stove burner, turning occasionally for 10 to 15 minutes or until almost completely black. Place them in a bowl and cover it tightly with plastic wrap for 10 minutes. Scrape the blackened skin off and discard. Cut the peppers in half and remove the stems and seeds.

Dice half of one pepper into 1/4-inch pieces and set aside. Place the remaining peppers in a blender. Peel garlic, roughly chop and add it to the blender with the mayonnaise. Puree until smooth and season with salt and pepper.

To make the vinaigrette: Place two tablespoons of the sauce in a small bowl. Add the lime juice and oil and stir with a whisk or fork. Season with salt and pepper, cover with plastic wrap until ready to use.

To make the crab cakes: Cut the jalapeño in half and discard stem and seeds. Finely chop the jalapeño and place it in a large bowl. Add chives, lime juice, diced red peppers and 1/2 cup of red pepper sauce to the bowl and stir well. Add the bread crumbs and crab meat and stir until just combined. Form four patties and place them on a plate. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate until ready to cook.

Place remaining red pepper sauce in a small bowl and cover and refrigerate until ready to use.

Fifteen minutes before mealtime, heat the canola oil in a large saute pan. Add crab cakes and cook for 5 to 6 minutes on each side, until golden brown.

Assemble the salad. Put the greens in a bowl and coat with vinaigrette. Arrange half of the greens on one side of the plate and one or two crab cakes on the other side. Spoon some of the sauce over the crab cakes and serve immediately.

WHAT'S-IN-THE-FRIDGE FRITTATA

8 eggs
1/2 cup milk
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
4 cups leftovers (anything from onion, zucchini, broccoli, tomato, cheese, ham, chicken, rice or potatoes)

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Lightly coat an 8-inch baking pan with butter or cooking spray. Beat the eggs, milk, salt and pepper in a bowl until combined. Distribute leftovers evenly into the pan and pour in the egg mixture. Bake for 45 to 50 minutes until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Remove from the oven and serve.

MINI BLUEBERRY TURNOVERS

4 ounces cream cheese, softened
1 egg
1/2 cup sugar, plus extra for sprinkling
1 sheet of puff pastry, thawed
1/2 pint blueberries (about one cup)

Preheat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit. Lightly coat a baking sheet with oil or cooking spray. Place the cream cheese in a small bowl and stir until completely smooth. Separate the egg yolk from the egg white. Place the egg white in a small bowl and add the egg yolk to the cream cheese. Stir until combined.

Lay the sheet of puff pastry on



Reprinted from "College Cooking: Feed Yourself and Your Friends" by Megan & Jill Carle. Published by Ten Speed Press, www.tenspeed.com. Photography by Jessica Boone. Impress guests with this easy recipe for Crab Cakes and Roasted Red Pepper Sauce. It hardly looks like college fare.

a flat surface and cut it into nine small squares. Spoon in a tablespoon of cream cheese mixture down the center of each square from one corner to the opposite corner. Press blueberries into the cream cheese. Fold the sides into the center and wet points with water, pressing tightly to seal.

Place the turnovers on a baking sheet, brush them with the egg white and sprinkle them with sugar. Bake for 15 to 17 minutes until golden brown. Remove from the oven and serve them warm.

OCC culinary team wins silver

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Oakland Community College's culinary team won a silver medal at the American Culinary Federation's national championship in Orlando on July 25.

OCC was one of four teams competing, representing the Midwest after winning the ACF regional title in March.

A team from the Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College in Asheville, N.C., won a gold and the national title.

OCC wasn't told its final total of points, but it landed in the 32-35 range out of 40 for a silver medal.

The three silver medal teams changed what dishes they made for the main course after the regional competition, while the gold medalist didn't, according to Kevin Enright, team manager and chef/instructor at OCC's Culinary Studies Institute in Farmington Hills.

"Your goals are to win and to educate," Enright said of the competition, explaining why he and the team changed it.

Teams change menus so chefs can practice on a variety of foods and preparations and prevent boredom of preparing the same foods over several months, Enright said.

"You always feel the need to challenge them more, and that is the goal, to do different things. Not everything came out exactly as planned."

The team needed to buy more produce after a refrigerator truck storing it froze the produce that they were going to use.

"It's a good thing we had an extra day to do that," Enright said.

Team members were John Clements (who was also the team's captain), Waterford; Bradley Ball, Novi; Elizabeth Kallio, Redford; Kathryn Szczerba, Troy; and Norm Valenti, Clawson.

The team is managed by Enright, certified executive chef of OCC's Culinary Studies Institute. OCC Culinary Studies Institute graduate Tammy Gauthier of Novi was the team's coach.

"I think it was a good learning experience but they were all a little disappointed," Enright said.



Oakland Community College's culinary team won a silver medal July 25 in Orlando. Team members are: chef Kevin Enright (left), manager and instructor; Bradley Ball, Novi; Elizabeth Kallio, Redford; team captain John Clements, Waterford; Kathryn Szczerba, Troy; Norm Valenti, Clawson, and coach Tammy Gauthier, Novi.

The judges liked the composition of the main course (osso buco) in which the students braised, roasted and created sausage with the lamb, but the judges believed more could have been done with one of the other dishes, Enright said.

"When I saw all the teams, we were all pretty tight. You think you always can win, but you're going against people who won their region, too."

"They did a superb job," Enright said of the team. "It's great to work with a school that supports this (competition), too. It's good for them to compete at a national level and see how people cook in the U.S. and see what they do outside of the region."

Interviews of applicants who wish to enroll this fall in the award-winning chef apprentice program at Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute are being scheduled for the week of Aug. 13.

The screening procedure will take place in Building J at the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills.

To obtain further information about the OCC chef apprenticeship program and screening, phone Enright at (248) 522-3710, or check the program's Web site at www.oaklandcc.edu/culinary.

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FOOD CALENDAR

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, www.communityhouse.com.

Classes include: Tasty Tempting Thai Cooking with Lawan Chandraung, 7-8:30 p.m. Aug. 13, \$29 plus \$4 materials fee, and Tomatoes with chef Gunnell Freeman, 7-9 p.m. Aug. 20, \$34.

Taste of Summer: Michigan Fruits and Vegetables

Preparation techniques and recipes for fruits and vegetables that are available

in the local farmer's market, 6 p.m. Aug. 14, Beaumont Weight Control Center, Beaumont Health Center, 4949 Coolidge Hwy. (north of 14 Mile Road), Royal Oak, \$15, (248) 655-5900 to register.

2 Unique classes

Chef Kelli Lewton, owner of 2 Unique Catering & Event Planners, offers classes throughout the summer and fall, including Adventures in Grilling, 6-9 p.m. Aug. 22 (\$45); Go Fish, 3-6 p.m. Sept. 16 (\$45); Fresh Dinner Express 6-9 p.m. Sept. 27 (\$45); Pure Food, 3-6 p.m. Oct. 14 (\$55); Fabulous Holiday Party Plan, 6-9 p.m. Nov. 1 (\$55); Cookie Exchange, 3-7 p.m. Nov. 18 and 5-9 p.m. Nov. 23 (\$75); 4303 Delemere Court (south of 14 Mile,

two blocks east of Coolidge), Royal Oak, (248) 549-5242, www.twounique.com.

Chili cookoff

Do you have a favorite chili you like to make? The city of Wayne is hosting the Wayne Chili Cookoff Aug. 25 at Wheelfest, where the city of Wayne community groups come together: Wayne Rotary Club, Wayne Chamber of Commerce and the City of Wayne Festival Commission. The grand prize is \$500. Proceeds used to benefit the community and service projects locally. Cooks must pre-register by calling (734) 502-3202 or (734) 721-0100, or emailing gaylerrediske@gmail.com or jill@wayne-chamber.net.

La Crema produces impressive wines

La Crema is located in the Russian River Valley American Viticultural Area (AVA) of Sonoma County, Calif. — a very cool growing region. It's especially suited to chardonnay and pinot noir, sometimes referred to as Burgundian varieties, since red



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

Burgundies are 100 percent pinot noir and white Burgundies are 100 percent chardonnay.

The Russian River runs through the Russian River Valley AVA to the Pacific Ocean, 20 miles to the west. Vineyards become shrouded with cool coastal fog that rolls up the valley and helps the grapes retain their bright acidity and fresh flavors.

La Crema also makes wine from other cool climate vineyards in Anderson Valley AVA, Mendocino County and Los Carneros AVA, which straddles the south end of both Napa and Sonoma counties.

La Crema's winemaker Melissa Stackhouse is a Michigan native, born and raised near Lansing. Her grandparents owned a farm in Minnesota where Stackhouse developed a love for the land and farming. Today, she lives in Healdsburg, Calif., and joined La Crema in 2000. Prior to La Crema, Stackhouse worked at Joseph Phelps Vineyards, Sterling Vineyards, Robert Mondavi Winery, Peter Michael Winery and Hardy's Tintara winery in McLaren Vale, South Australia.

WHAT TO BUY FROM LA CREMA

The following wines are all in the La Crema Appellation Series.

■ La Crema 2005 Russian River Valley Chardonnay, \$27, is bright and crisp, showcasing its cool climate origin that retains the grape's lively acidity. It was barrel fermented in 31 percent new French oak barrels. "Our goal is to truly convey the Russian River terroir," Stackhouse said. "This wine offers aromas of fresh pear, caramel and spice with appealing hints of floral and tropical fruit. Juicy flavors of

WINE PICKS

Lots of warm weather left to enjoy Sauvignon Blanc in a range of prices with sushi, salads, whitefish, grilled vegetables, grilled chicken, crab, Asian cuisine and pasta in a light cream sauce.

Picks of the pack

2006 Souverain Alexander Valley \$15 — inviting lemon/grapefruit/lime with creamy characters in the finish. Wonderful!

2006 Sbragia Home Ranch \$20 — new Vino-Seal glass closure combines ease of opening with a hermetic seal, which effectively protects the wine's beautiful bouquet.

More delicious savignons

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2006 Kenwood \$13
2006 Bonterra \$13
2006 DeLoach Russian River Valley \$14
2006 Raymond Reserve \$14
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2006 Sauvignon Republic Cellars Russian River Valley \$18
2006 Merryvale Starmont Napa Valley \$18
2005 Beckmen Purisima Mountain Vineyard \$20
2005 Chateau St. Jean La Petite Etoile Fume Blanc \$20
2006 Geyser Peak Block Collection \$21

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

yellow apple, shortbread and lemon butter lead to a subtle, toasty finish."

■ La Crema 2005 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir, \$34, is hand harvested in the cool morning hours from three vineyards within the AVA. The fruit undergoes a five- to eight-day cold soak to elevate fruit flavor and color, then is fermented in open top tanks to facilitate a punch down every eight hours.

"The 2005 vintage has aromas of black cherry and blackberry, with hints of cola and black licorice," Stackhouse said. "The flavors center on dark lush fruit and spice, which provide rich texture, broad, structured tannins and a lingering, juicy finish."

■ La Crema 2005 Anderson Valley Pinot Noir, \$34, was grown in the coolest AVA of the Appellation Series, within 15 miles of the rugged Mendocino coast. There, the vineyards are planted on steep slopes where grapes develop, in Stackhouse's words, "notes of blueberry and aromatic tea leaves, subtle hints of cocoa and rose petals. Bright acidity and red cherries create a lush juicy entry, leading to a broad sturdy finish."

■ La Crema 2005 Los Carneros Pinot Noir, \$34, was grown in the southernmost AVA in the Appellation Series. Wind and fog that cool Los Carneros come from the San Pablo Bay rather than the Pacific Ocean.

After harvest, grapes travel along a belt delivery system, where trained hands remove material other than grapes (known as MOG) so that perfect fruit is delivered to the fermentors. Of the three pinot noirs in the series, we found the Los Carneros to be the most subtle.

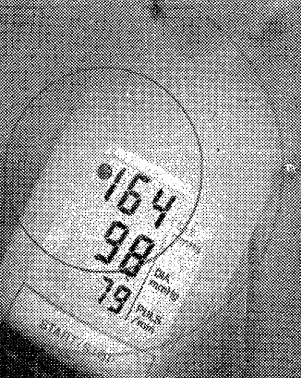
Stackhouse notes that "this vintage gave us brooding, earthy aromas of cherry and forest floor, with touches of spice. Flavors are complex, full with cherry, coffee and molasses surrounded by a soft, velvety texture that ends in a fleshy long finish."

Tasting these wines, all from cool climate AVAs, and made by the same winemaker, tells the story about wines of a place.

It's remarkable that La Crema pinots all have such distinctly different character, depending on where the grapes were grown. Stackhouse allows each AVA to speak through her wines — that takes talent.

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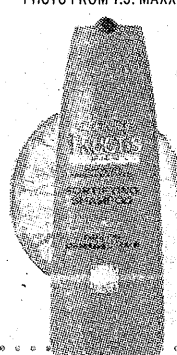


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Local designer is Oprah fave!

Pick up the August issue of O and you'll see Oprah herself wearing jewelry created by a local designer.

Oprah Winfrey appears on the cover in Organic Hammered Bangles from StyleNaturale by Barbara Boz.

According to Boz, Winfrey purchased the bangles earlier this spring, and frequently wears them on her show.

"Oprah has great style," Boz said. "I'm thrilled and honored that she has chosen my jewelry knowing that she's got thousands of choices."

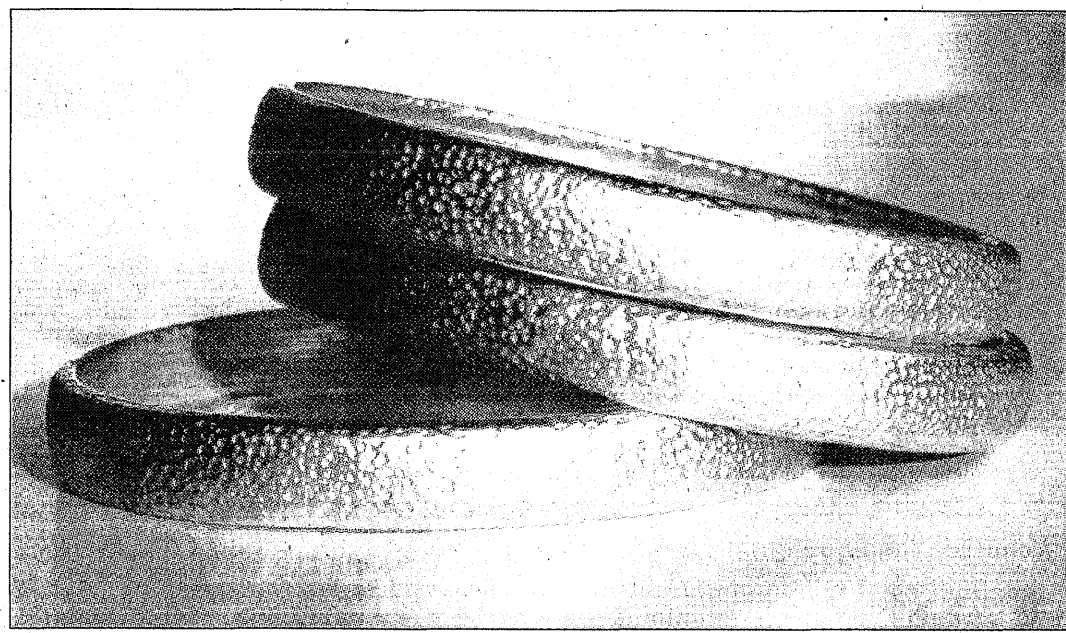
Boz, who resides in Oakland County, began her career as an interior designer and was Vice President and partner in one of the top design firms in the country.

After spending two decades in the corporate world and designing jewelry on the side, Boz decided to launch her own business. StyleNaturale continues to expand and receive widespread recognition. The line includes a diverse range of necklaces, bracelets and earrings made from luxury metals mixed with semi-precious gemstones and crystals. Many of Boz's "classic chic" pieces feature textures and organic forms that reflect her love of nature.

The 18k gold-pate bangles worn by Oprah, for example, have an irregular hammered finish and oval shape, allowing them to fit the wrist naturally. They are designed to be stacked in multiples and develop a patina after they are worn just a few times.

Boz said she stresses comfort and versatility in her designs.

"Life is busy," Boz said. "Jewelry must move from office to evening, from event to casual to travel. I want jewelry that can be worn and worn and worn."



The Organic Hammered Bangles worn by Oprah Winfrey are finished in 18kt gold-pate and are designed to be worn in multiples.



Barbara Boz

The StyleNaturale collection ranges in price from \$25-\$300. It is available at Todd's Room in Birmingham, or at www.stylenaturale.com.



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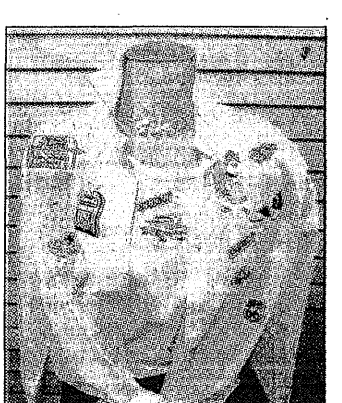
Find out who wins PINK's 3rd annual Reader PINK Picks contest, and be present to win fabulous giveaways, 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 10 at Westland Shopping Center's East Court. More than 100 PINK readers and Westland shoppers entered their PINK Picks this year. One top picker will be selected to win a \$500 gift card for Westland Shopping Center, and three fashion-savvy runners-up will win \$100 gift cards that can be spent anywhere at the mall. Additional shoppers will win prizes during the PINK presentation tomorrow. Westland Shopping Center is located at 35000 Warren Road in Westland. Call (734) 425-5001 for information.

SAKS CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF FABULOUS!

Saks Fifth Avenue is marking 40 years in Troy with a host of events Aug. 11-19. The celebration begins with a fabulous "birthday" fete on Saturday, Aug. 11. Festivities kick off at 9:45 a.m., with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the store's Big Beaver Valet Entrance — the same location this ritual took place 40 years ago. The public is invited to join Troy Mayor Louise Schilling; Forbes Cohen Executive David Forbes; SFA VP & GM, Kim Nye; and 150 Saks associates and friends at the event, which will feature a live Dixieland Band. Continental Breakfast will then be served to employees and guests 10 a.m.-noon on the first floor, fol-

lowed by cake, champagne, light hors d'oeuvres and live music from noon - 4 p.m. All day, customers who make a purchase of \$250 or more using their Saks Fifth Avenue credit cards will receive a Saks Gift Card toward future shopping. With a purchase of \$300 or more, guests also will receive the Assouline "New York" book, while supplies last. Saks Fifth Avenue will continue the celebration with special shopping events throughout the week. Don't miss the party!

DREAM CRUISE STYLE



A Dream Cruise inspired outfit.

Looking for the perfect outfit to wear during the Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise on Saturday, Aug. 18? Stop by the Franklin Village Boutique. Owner Jane Roberts has a host of adorable pieces on hand that celebrate the "cruisin'" culture, including cardigans, button-downs and tees embroidered with juke boxes, sock hop girls, saddle shoes, guitars and classic cars. Cruise by the shop, temporarily located at 32716 Franklin Road, in the Town Crier Antique Building, or call (248) 851-1268.

Beat the Heat Without Scorching Your Image

ROCHESTER HILLS — As summer intensifies, so does the challenge to keep cool and polished. Patty Buccellato of Refined Images offers 10 ways to beat the heat:

1. Black is "Hot." We're not talking popularity, here — though, for countless reasons, black has garnered a lot of attention on that front. Black attracts heat. Period. To maintain a cooler condition, substitute black with navy or brown and accent with lighter, brighter colors for interest.

2. Cotton breathes. Cotton is cool, comfortable, and it wrinkles less than linen (which looks smart and polished for summer — until you sit, that is). If you plan to bend or move at all, consider cotton for ease and comfort.

3. Go tie-less. Men who work in a business casual environment can trade their collared shirt and tie for a band-ed-collar shirt or collared polo. Collarless shirts (like T-shirts) are too casual for professional environments.



Buccellato

4. Always have a jacket. Yup, you heard right! Most indoor environments are temperature controlled offering comfort no matter what the outdoor elements deliver. A jacket allows one to maintain credibility and polish in the workplace. Women can wear

them over sleeveless shells and remove the jacket for the hot car ride home or to appointments.

5. Think texture. Fabrics with texture, like crepe, will resist wrinkles and camouflage their visibility. These fabrics pack well, too.

6. Remember socks. For men, wear cotton (remember, it breathes) rather than those made of synthetic fibers. For women, closed-toe shoes will always project a more professional appearance than sandals. Wear knee-highs instead of pantyhose to keep cool. If you do wear sandals, make sure toes are neatly groomed and polished in an understated hue.

7. Style your hair. Warm temperatures tease for "chip clip" hair. If you wear a ponytail occasionally, groom carefully and use tasteful accessories. If you find it too hot to wear your hair down on a regular basis, consider a short, smart cut for a cool and polished look.

8. Make up lightly. Try cream-to-powder foundations or tinted moisturizers in lieu of standard foundation during the "dog days of summer." They'll even out skin tone without the heaviness that perspiration can prompt. Look for products with daily SPF protection as a bonus.

9. Don't sweat it. If your anti-perspirant doesn't keep you dry, shop for another. Still not successful? Use self-adhesive garment protectors in your shirts or jackets to protect your garments and prevent unsightly underarm stains.

10. Hydrate! Drink plenty of water to remain cool and healthy — it'll keep your skin looking great, too!

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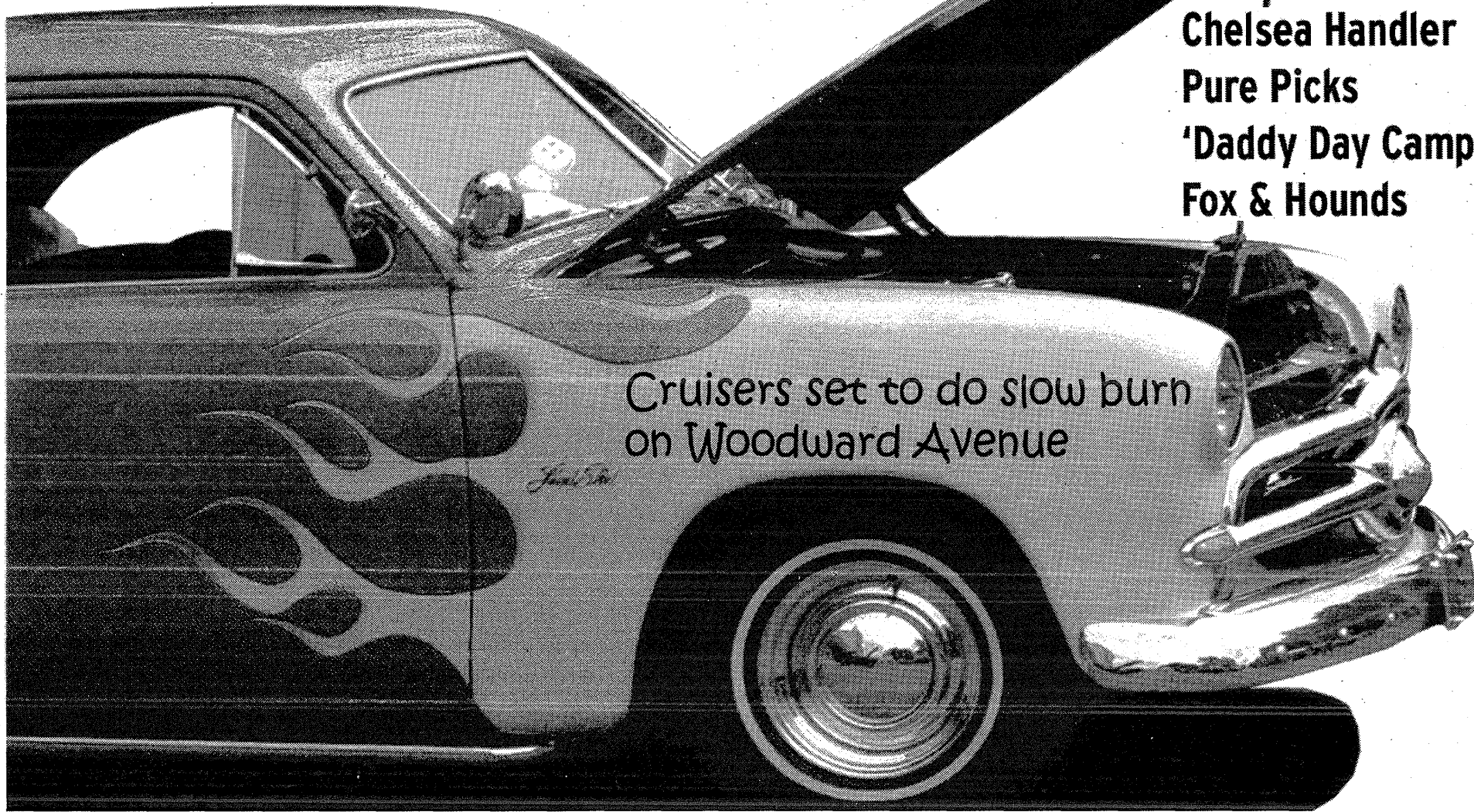
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**Unfiltered:
Matt Lee**

A Royal Oak resident and longtime Detroit-area PR guru, Matt Lee of Drumbeaters considers his work "an outgrowth of my passion for rhythm and blues and American music in general. If I didn't do this, I can't imagine what else I would do for a job." This week he shares some insight into his current pop culture preferences, courtesy of Unfiltered:

Book: *Man in the Middle* by John Ameche.

"Ameche is the first guy from the NBA to come out and admit that he's gay. But this book illustrated more than that, it also had a lot of inside stuff about pro basketball and cross-cultural assimilation (Ameche is English)."

Song: *Halloween Head* by Ryan Adams.

"I think Adams is definitely the most talented singer-songwriter of his generation. His stylistic range is just incredible. His voice and songwriting skills just blow me away." (He added an honorable mention for *New Orleans Social Club*, a post-Katrina all-star musical collection.)

Live Show: "I was lucky enough to attend Eric Clapton's Crossroads festival in Chicago on July 28. Eric really knows how to throw a party! Only Clapton could put BB King, Jeff Beck, Steve Winwood, Sheryl Crow, Willie Nelson and a host of others together on stage."

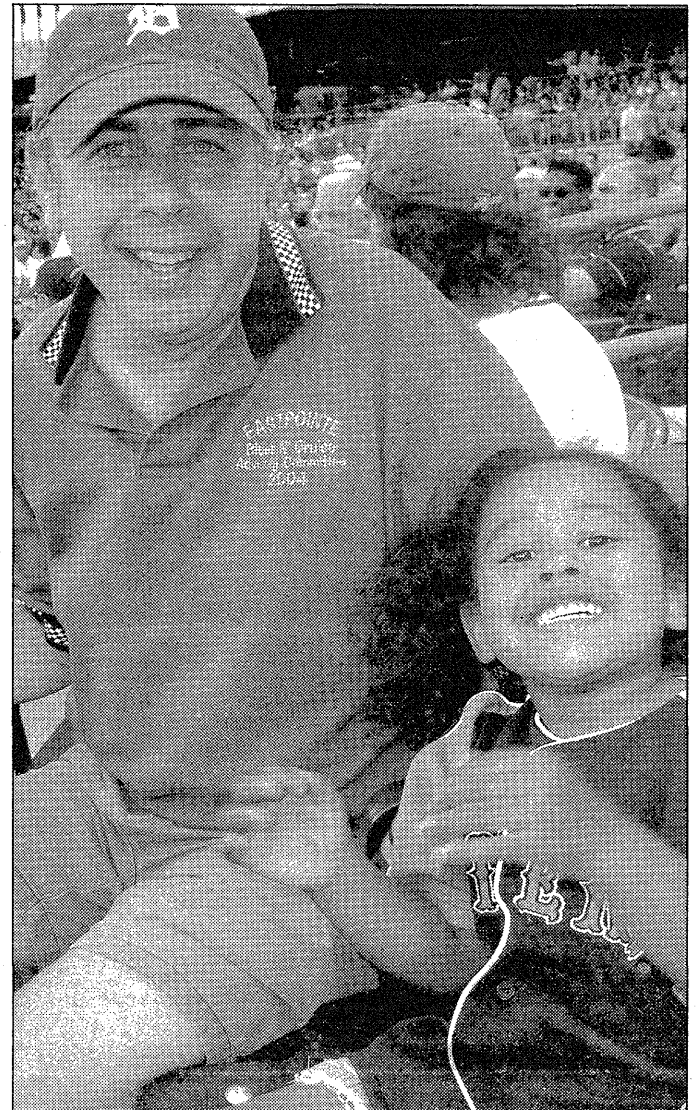
TV Show: "It's not (around) any more, but just like everyone else, *The Sopranos*. I still watch the reruns when I can."

Flick: *A History of Violence* with Viggo Mortenson and Maria Bello.

"I loved the storyline of a guy who reinvents his whole self to start a new life after an extremely turbulent past."

Game: T-ball with my daughter, Grace.

Dish: "That's a tough one. The BBQ ribs from Vickie's in Detroit. I have been



Royal Oak resident and Unfiltered participant Matt Lee takes in a Tigers game with his daughter Grace.

eating them from there for 40 years!"

Escape: New York – "I liked it so much I stayed there six years once."

New Orleans – "The foremost place in America where indigenous culture truly lives and breathes."

New Mexico – "Santa Fe has more excellent restaurants for a city of its size than anywhere else in the country."

"Anything 'New' I guess."

Lee is currently handling publicity for the likes of The Go, Detroit jazz guitarist Ron English, Thornetta Davis, The Four Tops, and major events including The Detroit International Jazz Festival this Labor Day weekend. His all-time favorite client, he admits, is Alberta Adams. "Everyone knows that Detroit has some of the most unique and talented artists anywhere," he said. "It is a privilege for me to take their art and vision and help them to convey it to a broader public."

Compiled By Stephanie A. Casola

To submit your own Unfiltered picks for the best book, song, film, TV show, movie, game, local dish and escape, send your picks – along with your name, jpg photo and city of residence – to scasola@hometownlife.com.

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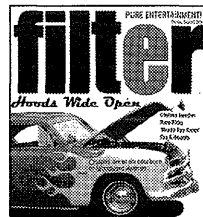
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Have you seen 'Chelsea lately?'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Chelsea Handler didn't plan on a career in comedy. The Livingston, N.J., native and youngest of six children, moved to Los Angeles at the age of 19 with hopes she'd "take over the acting world."

Hot Ticket

"That didn't pan out," said the 31-year-old, sharp-tongued blonde. "Everyone was prettier and skinnier than me. I figured I better think up a backup plan ... I'm Jewish and I like to eat."

The idea to try stand-up came out of the blue. While she was hesitant at first, she said, she fell in love with it right away.

CHELSEA HANDLER

Special Guest: Mike Green

When: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12

Where: Meadow Brook Music Festival

Tickets: \$29.50, \$19.50 and \$10, visit www.meadowbrookmusic.com

Since taking that stage, Handler has appeared on TV shows including *Reno 911*, *The Bernie Mac Show* and *The Practice*. She has performed on Comedy Central's *Premium*

Blend and been a correspondent on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*. In March, her first half-hour special aired on Comedy Central.

And that was just the beginning.

Her successful *The Chelsea Handler Show* on E! was recently re-worked to fill a late-night opening. *Chelsea Lately* is already earning accolades.

"I love doing my show," she said, noting that it isn't terribly different from performing stand-up.

Her audience is more intimate, though, and she's joined on stage by a panel of performers who kick ideas around



Chelsea Handler

with her. It's the sort of chatter that makes viewers want to be part of the conversation.

She has a nightly guest, but often asks the said celebrity whatever she's curious to find out, rather than sticking to set questions. Her show is purely energy-driven and includes lots of improv.

Handler's main concern is keeping it fresh. It's taped daily, and topics covered are as current as possible, just the way she likes it. When Lindsay Lohan bails from rehab, Chelsea's got something to say about it – and does.

"The fact that we're so obsessed with (entertainment news) is something I want to make fun of," said Handler.

She freely admits she'll grab a copy of *US Weekly* before she reads the *New York Times*.

Please see **CHELSEA, E23**

Pure Picks: The best of Aug. 10-15

10 Imagine art work hung on meat hooks and swinging from chains and you've got *Forth From Its Hinges*, an exciting new Ann Arbor installation, accompanied by video and live music tonight. This weekend only, near South State and Ellsworth streets, in Suites 5 and 6, 3660 Plaza Drive, Airport Plaza.

11 Bring on the shock rock and metal as Marilyn Manson and Slayer team up on a double bill bound to bring down the house at the DTE Energy Music Theater tonight starting at 7 p.m. Tickets \$24.50-\$46.50, at www.ticketmaster.com.



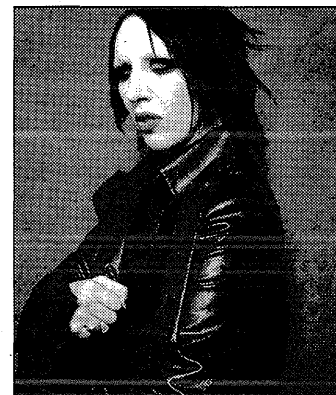
Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker star in "Rush Hour 3."

12 Chris Tucker and Jackie Chan stand and deliver the third action-packed film in Director Brett Ratner's blockbuster series, *Rush Hour 3*, in theaters this weekend.

13 Savor the sunshine and dine outside at Woodward Avenue Brewers in Ferndale, where food is half-off every Monday.

14 Funny man David Spade, brings his sarcastic comedy that focuses on pop culture to Freedom Hill Amphitheatre in Sterling Heights at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$28, \$48 and \$58. Visit www.freedomhill.net

15 Wed. Night Live. It's all about local indie bands at the Royal Oak Music Theatre. Doors open 7 p.m. and tickets are \$7 to hear three local bands including Myrder Mystery with Canda Tone plus Niche and Elle. Visit www.royaloakmusictheater.com



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Walk, skateboard, bicycle, scooter - anything nonmotorized is part of the Green Cruise in Ferndale.

Want to cruise without gas? Go green Aug. 11

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Another "Cruise" is scheduled this month and this one doesn't use engines.

Three years ago, the Sierra Club started the Green Cruise in Ferndale to raise awareness about alternative forms of transportation that do not use fossil fuels.

So on Saturday, Aug. 11, you can cruise in a parade by bike, foot, roller blade, scooter or skateboard. There will even be human-powered floats. Every year about 700 people attend. Many wear fun costumes, don green and decorate their modes of transportation.

"It's about everyone getting together to be a part of the solution to air pollution; about people recognizing their responsibility to the planet; about not contributing to global warming; and about people being outside, moving, and being healthy," said Liz Dengate of the Green Cruise.

Shirley Bavonese, a Royal Oak resident, spearheaded the idea in 2004 because of her concern about global warming. She calls it a "celebration of human energy."

These Green folks are not anti-dream

cruise — they just want to acknowledge all forms of transportation.

Attending this year is Becky Hammond of Ferndale, the 2006 Green Cruiser of the Year who replaces her car with her bike at least once a week.

In just four months, Hammond put 150 miles on her bike, saving 53 pounds of carbon dioxide from entering the air.

The cruise begins at 12:45 p.m. on Nine Mile Road, just west of Woodward, in front of the Old Navy Outlet. It continues west down Nine Mile, ending at 1:30 p.m. with a rally on Planavon Street, south of Nine Mile.

No need to register for this event. Free water and watermelon will be offered. Make sure to wear your helmet and obey traffic laws.

Arrive at 12:45 p.m. on the northwest corner of Nine Mile and Woodward to be in the parade.

Whole Foods will offer edible fuel (since your body is the engine). There's also the World's Largest Footprint Petition (pledging to drive less), kids activities, tricycle races and more.

Call (248) 549-6213 for more information.

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Nickel Creek is ready to tour, and then call it quits

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Teens who relate to worldly, progressive acoustic music will pack the house at Meadow Brook Music Festival on Saturday, Aug.

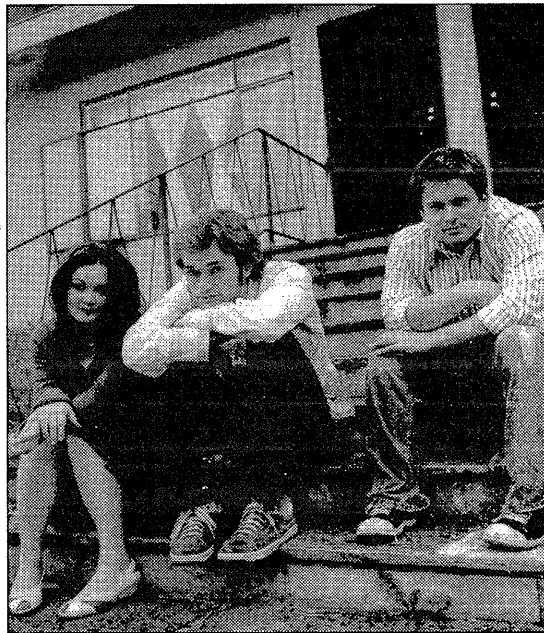
11, as two big names come under one ticket: American acoustic trio Nickel Creek and rebellious, outspoken American singer

Music

Fiona Apple.

This is said to be the last show ever for Nickel Creek.

In the summer of 2006, members of Nickel Creek announced



Nickel Creek is playing Meadow Brook and then calling it quits.

Please see **NICKEL CREEK, E23**

Dancin' in the Street returns to Rochester

Dancin' in the Street, downtown Rochester's signature summer event, returns for its 12th season Aug. 10 and 11 on Fourth Street between Main and Walnut.

Event hours are 6-10 p.m. Aug. 10 and noon to 10 p.m. Aug. 11.

The festival will be packed with entertainment featuring Ben Spitzer who will get the crowd laughing through his magic and juggling show at noon, followed by his zany balloon sculptures. Chuggin' into the children's entertainment for the first time is Dan Dan the Choo Choo man with his 32-foot train for children of all ages scheduled 1-3 p.m.

Pet Pageant returns for its eighth year at 3 p.m. Open to children, adults, and the pets they love with prizes in both child and adult contests. Pre-register by calling the DDA Office at (248) 656-0060 or register on-site at the DDA Information Booth no later than 12:30 p.m.

Dancin' kicks off Friday at 6:30 p.m. with a performance by Oakland University's dance team, Images. Friday evening from 7-10 p.m. enjoy the rock 'n roll sounds of Spirit of '76. On Saturday

from 7-10 p.m. Boogie Dynamite will fill the night air with disco music from the '70s.



"Dancin' in the Street is the highlight of Downtown Rochester's summer events," said Rochester DDA marketing coordinator Nancy Voges. "It's great fun for the whole family."


The feature of the event will be the celebration of Rochester DDA's 25th Birthday Party. Join in the celebration with a special Birthday Cake, punch and more.

Ten Downtown Rochester restaurants will be selling food at the Tastefest, including Andiamo Osteria, Dairy Queen, Gus O'Connor's, Hungry Howie's Pizza, Kruse & Muer/Rochester Chop House, Lipuma's Coney Island, Penn Station East Coast Subs, Planet Pizza, Rochester Mills Beer Co., and Super Suppers.

The event is sponsored by the Rochester Downtown Development Authority, *The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, Casual Concepts, Cornerstone Community Financial, Oakland University, and Lucido Fine Jewelry.

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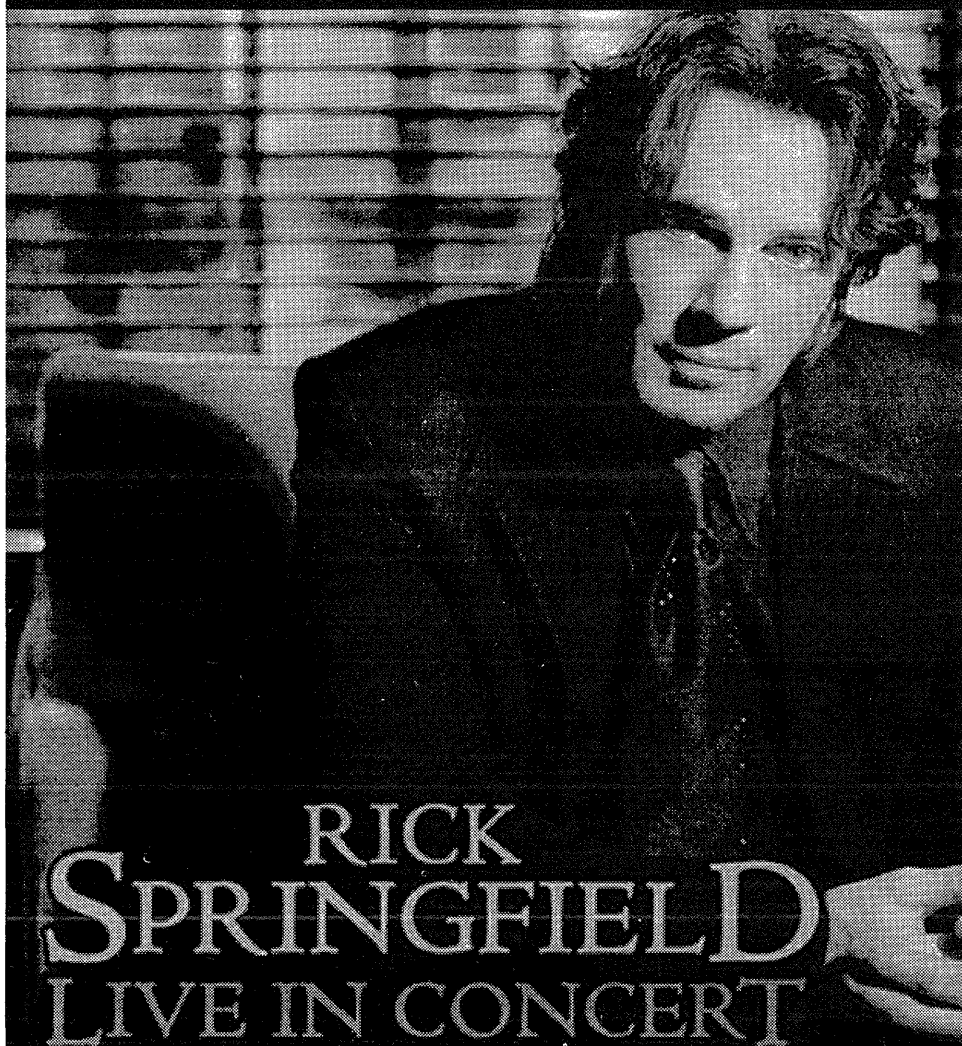




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SHOUT performs at 7 p.m. Friday at the Family Fun Fest Carnival at Founders Sports Park in Farmington Hills.

Family Fun Fest Carnival opens today

The city of Farmington Hills Special Services Department will present the Family Fun Fest Carnival, Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 9-12, at Founders Sports Park on Eight Mile Road, between Halsted and Farmington Roads.

Festival hours are Thursday, 5 -11 p.m., Friday and Saturday, noon -11 p.m., and Sunday, noon - 9 p.m. The Family Fun Fest Carnival will offer a wide range of free entertainment, family activities, and other fun-filled events. Favorite festival foods and beverages will be available alongside great classic carnival rides provided by Wade Shows.

One of the highlights of the Fun Fest will be a performance by SHOUT, the award-winning Beatles tribute band, on 7-9 p.m. Friday. SHOUT will delight festival visitors with the sounds and styles of the Beatles era, adding the perfect touch to the Car Cruise-In, an open invitation to owners of cars from 1980 and earlier. SHOUT's authentic presentation has earned them two performances at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., as well as the opportunity to open for well-known bands such as Jefferson Starship, the Lovin' Spoonful, and Mitch Ryder. From 6 to 7 p.m. on Friday, the Earth Angels will appear, adding yet another touch of nostalgia.

Ongoing daily attractions include the Great Lakes Timber Show, a family

show that includes chainsaw carving, log rolling, ax throwing, and more. Also included will be pony rides, water balloon wars, and crafts for kids by PlasterCraft and the Farmington Hills Recreation Division.

Other themes will abound during the festival. Thursday night is Teen Night, with a Battle of the Bands and Poetry Slam from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday is Sports 'N Fun Day, with games such as punt, pass and kick, lacrosse, and a home run derby. Musical fun for kids will be provided on the stage by HarpBeat at 2 and 4 p.m., and the T.J. Kelly Band will have everyone dancing to country music favorites from 7 to 9 p.m.

On Sunday, family fun is in store, beginning at 12:30 p.m. with old-fashioned games such as potato sack races, a vintage baseball game, Bingo, and three-legged races. Music will be provided by a Sweet Adelines quartet at 1 p.m., and from 2 - 5 p.m., by Joe Podorsek and the Dr. Dixie Good Time Band. Admission and parking to the Family Fun Fest is free; coupons good for up to \$4 off on rides are available at www.wadeshows.com. The coupons are also available at over 300 Farmington Hills area retail locations. The Family Fun Fest Carnival hotline is (248) 473-1800 or (248) 755-0433 on nights and weekends. For a full schedule of events, go to www.F2H.org.

Wiggles ready for Palace shows

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

THE WIGGLES

What: The Wiggles, Racing to the Rainbow Live!

Where: The Palace of Auburn Hills

When: Wednesday, Aug. 15, at 2:30 & 6:30 p.m.

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There's the red one, he's the zany one.

Then there's the purple one who always falls asleep. The yellow one is the suave leader, while the blue one is just plain cute (according to many moms).

That's how Wiggles fans identify each band member — by the colors of their sweaters.

If you're a parent, you know The Wiggles as one of the most successful bands for preschoolers in entertainment history.

If you don't have kids or aren't surrounded by them, you probably have no idea what this article is about.

The Wiggles are coming to the Palace for two upbeat concerts on Wednesday, Aug. 15. The show is called Racing to the Rainbow Live!, and is all about stretching the imagination to the rainbow

Family

and beyond.

Expect to hear thousands of children singing, screaming, laughing and dancing.

We spoke with

Murray Cook recently, the zany red Wiggle who plays guitar in the Australian-based band. He invites fans to take a journey with The Wiggles, Captain Feathersword, Dorothy the Dinosaur, Henry the Octopus, Wags the Dog and all the Wiggly Dancers.

"We love that the shows are always interactive," Cook said.

"The best part is when everyone is

singing."

Cook is one of The Wiggles founders.

"We started playing at festivals and things like that ... we never imagined it could be this big — and for so long."

At the show, Wiggly friends will sing and dance through the audience. Many fans bring Wiggles signs and dress up as their favorite character. They yell "Wake Up Jeff!" whenever the lovable Purple Wiggle falls asleep on stage.

The Wiggles have performed 300 shows in front of more than 1.5 million fans since 2005 in the United States alone.

And on a serious note, for fans worried about Greg Page, the yellow Wiggle, who left the band last year due to an illness, he is doing OK, Cook said.

"His situation is not life-threatening, but it affects him enough to where he cannot tour," Cook said.

Page was diagnosed with orthostatic intolerance that causes him to faint and lose his balance.

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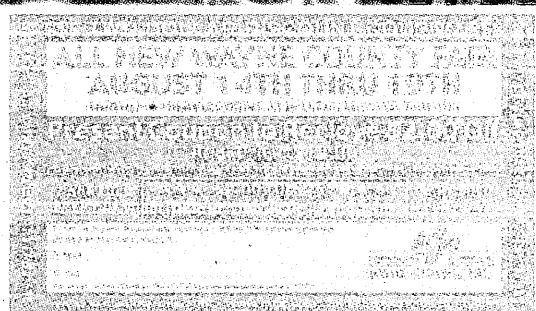
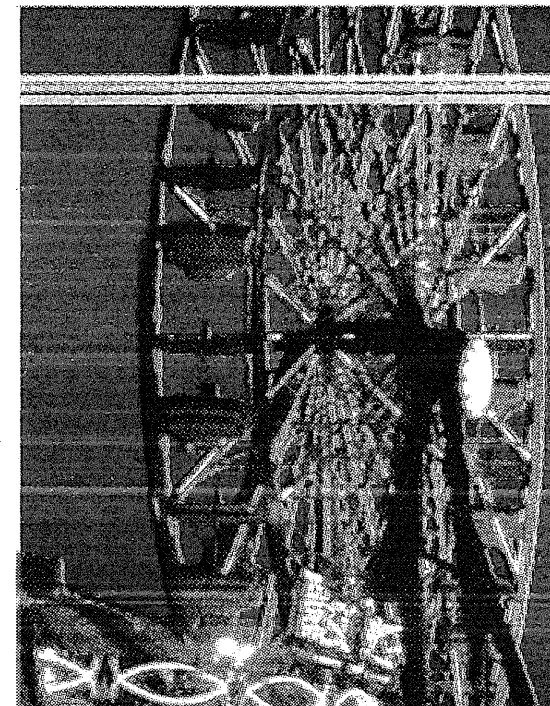
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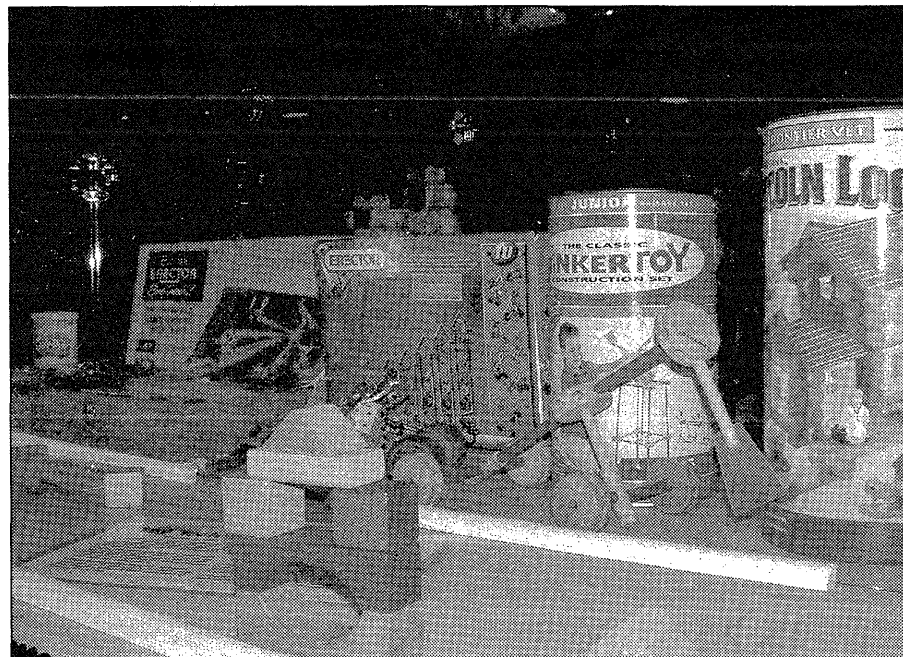
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Toy rarities

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'The Bourne Ultimatum' is the best of the 'threes'

Capsule reviews of films currently at the theaters:

The Bourne Ultimatum - All along, they've been calling this the summer of threes - you know how "they" can be, putting things into tidy little boxes. And they focused mainly on the ballyhooed blockbuster that came out at the beginning of the summer: third installments in the *Spider-Man*, *Shrek* and *Pirates of the Caribbean* franchises. But now as we're creeping into August, traditionally a dumping-ground time at the movies, we have easily the best threequel of all. *The Bourne Ultimatum* kicks all of their butts - literally and figuratively. It's the first one that doesn't feel like a dragged-out continuation of a series, but rather a climactic, satisfying culmination. (Though, who knows? The ending does leave the door open for the possibility of *Bourne 4*.) Paul Greengrass, who also directed part two, 2004's *The Bourne Supremacy*, as well as the riveting *United 93*, continues to prove himself a master of mood. He's done something astonishing here: He's made an action film that's both delicate and aggressive, a difficult balance to strike. It's all stuff you've seen before - car chases, fistfights, interna-

tional jet-setting and spy vs. spy intrigue - but it's so expertly crafted and the cast is so superb that *Bourne Ultimatum* exceeds all expectations of the genre.

Matt Damon remains a strong, stoic force in the center as the amnesiac assassin of Robert Ludlum's novels, still seeking answers about his past. David Strathairn, Joan Allen and Julia Stiles co-star. PG-13 for violence and intense sequences of action. 110 min.

Three and a half stars out of four.
- *Christy Lemire, AP movie critic*

El Cantante - If it weren't for the infectious, wall-to-wall salsa music, which Marc Anthony performs with a clear, stirring voice and great passion, it would be easy to write this off entirely as a shameless vanity project. Not for Anthony, mind you, but for his wife, Jennifer Lopez, who gets top billing and serves as a producer. Director Leon Ichaso has made a pretty standard biopic of salsa legend Hector Lavoe, hitting all the obligatory highlights of the singer's life: his arrival in New York from Puerto Rico, his first gig, his first meeting with the sassy Puchi

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Michigan's first Art-o-mat vending machine has arrived at Northville's Dancing Eye Gallery.

Art-o-mat is Hob-'Knobbing' at Northville gallery

BY ELAINE PERLIN CROSSLEY
SPECIAL TO FILTER

What can you get for five bucks anymore? Well, insert a \$5 and pull a knob on an eye-popping lime green recycled cigarette machine to find out. Morphed into "the original art vending machine," Art-o-mat is charming passersby at the Dancing Eye Gallery in Northville. And it no longer "coughs up" cigarettes, but instead supports a much healthier habit - a love of art.

In 1997, artist Clark Whittington of Winston-Salem, N.C. used a banned cigarette machine to display his art at a local café, and Art-o-mat was born. This ingenious idea prompted him to gather a talent pool, Artists in Cellophane, to participate in his progressive project. Still sponsored by AIC, Art-o-mat is now celebrating its 10th anniversary.

Today, about 82 Art-o-mats are located around the world dispensing mini works of art the size of cigarette packs. They can be found at museums, libraries, galleries, restaurants and cafés.

The contagion is growing as both emerging and established artists seek to "re-package" art, making it approachable

and fun. Took Gallagher, a local artist from Southfield, is licensed to introduce Art-o-mat to a Michigan audience.

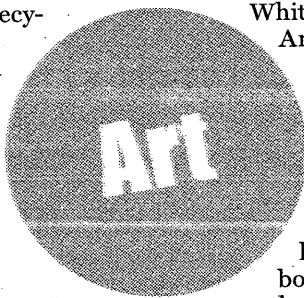
Gallagher's own cheerful works have pride of place in the machine at the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York.

After making your choice, a tiny package with a mesmerizing surprise "kerplunks" to the bottom slot. Dancing Eye Gallery owner Theresa Schierloh adds, "Kids just love it, too. They really bond with their purchase, and what a fun way for them to discover art."

Works include jewelry, ceramics, textiles, photos, paintings, collages and wood block art. Literature and Web sites are included so people can learn more and contact the artists. The ubiquitous machines are proving to be worthy networking sources for artists, and are delighting many communities.

Art-o-mat will be the honored guest at Dancing Eye Gallery, 101 N. Center St., until December.

Elaine Perlin Crossley is a freelance writer based in West Bloomfield. She can be reached at (586) 612-7177.



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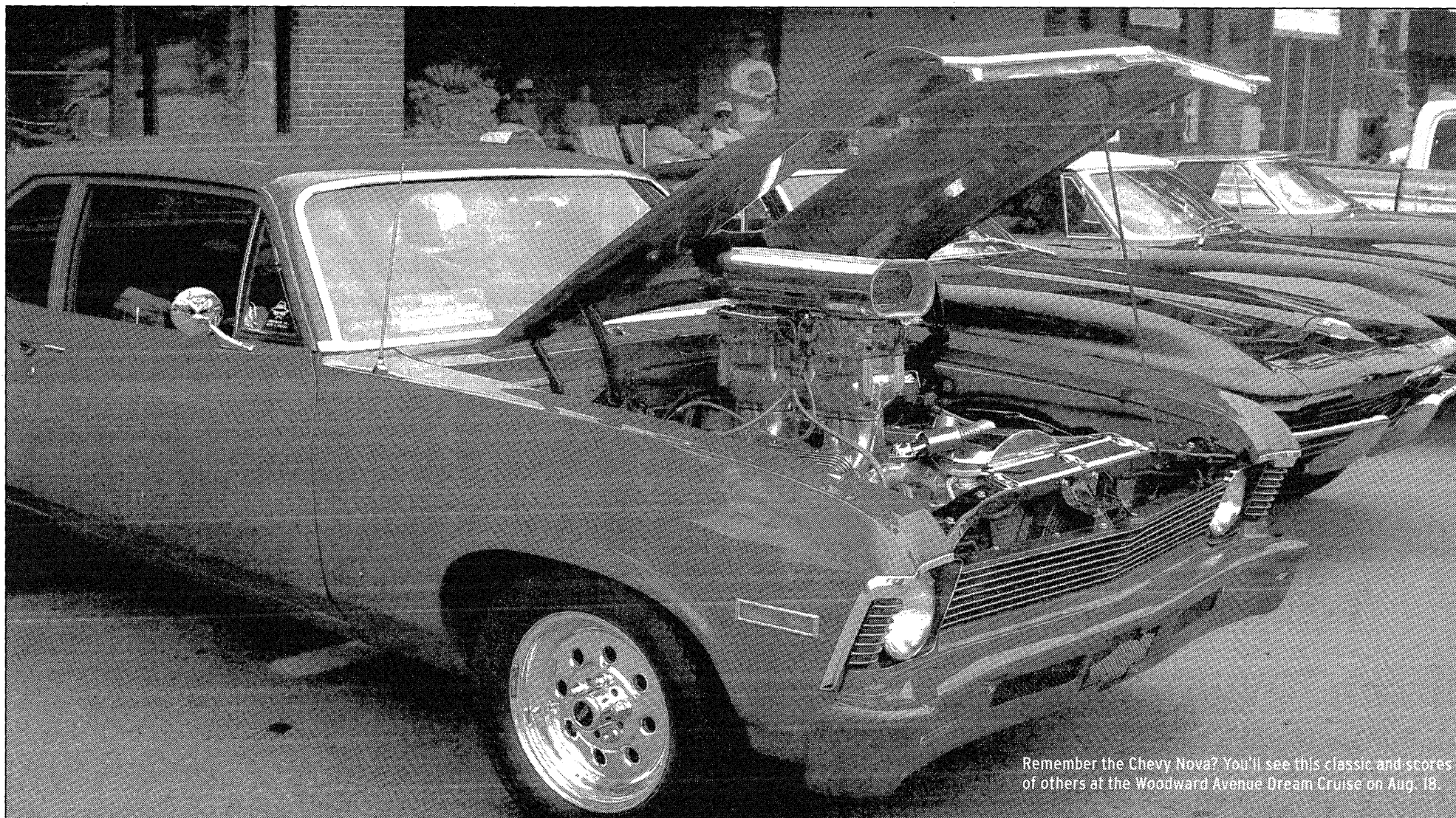
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READY TO CRUISE



Remember the Chevy Nova? You'll see this classic and scores of others at the Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise on Aug. 18.

Car buffs make annual mecca to Woodward Avenue

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Dream Cruise action is starting to stir. If you're a fan, start planning for the hub-bub now.

The Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise is one of the biggest events of the year in metro Detroit. People either love or hate it, and there seems to be no middle ground.

It began as an event to raise funds for a children's soccer field and is now said to be the world's largest one-day automotive event. It began in 1995 with 250,000 attending.

As many as 1.7 million attend each year. However, with today's economy and emphasis on the environment, this year's attendance prediction is a mystery.



The Woodward Dream Cruise is aimed to remember cruise days on the avenue from the 1950s and 1960s.

Here's some activity information to get your motor runnin' from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 18. Read Filter next week for the full of schedule of events that each city is hosting.

DON'T FEEL LIKE DRIVING?

You can partake in the action and save energy.

SMART buses are offering free rides along Woodward from the State Fairgrounds to Pontiac. One bus replaces 45 cars on the road.

It should be an interesting way to meet people.

SMART Cruisers begin at 8:30 a.m. on Dream Cruise day, Saturday, Aug. 18.

"You can get on at any bus stop along the

route and get off at any venue you choose," said SMART General Manager Hayes Jones. "You don't have to worry about the parking, driving, or stopping for gas. We handle all that for you so you can just sit back and take it all in."

The buses are air conditioned and wheelchair accessible.

Go to www.smartbus.org or call (866) 962-5515 for more details.

HANDS ACROSS WOODWARD

It's Woodward Avenue's 200th Birthday. Some are celebrating with a warm and fuzzy lovefest in an event called Hands Along Woodward.

On Sunday, Aug. 19, the day after the cruise, those who still want to hang around Woodward can meet at places like the Cranbrook Educational Community in

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Dream Cruise celebrated at gallery

Orchard Lake Framing & Gallery celebrates the nostalgia of bygone days with the artwork of the cars that made them so special.

In honor of the 13th annual Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise, the world's largest one-day celebration of car culture, Orchard Lake Framing & Gallery presents Dream Cruisin'.

This mid-summer event celebrates the heydays of Detroit, with art from the personal collections of some of the top commercial artists from the city that put America on wheels.

The work of Don Wieland, Dick Scullin, Ken Taylor, Jim Fetter, Gerald Freeman and others will be in one place and available for purchase.

See the original renderings of the cars

created by these men who worked for the Big Three as automotive illustrators and/or photo retouchers.

Have a classic car, or vehicle of any nature, that has a special place in your heart?

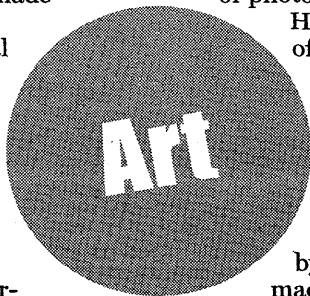
Commission an original oil, acrylic, or pencil drawing and have a piece of history.

Orchard Lake Framing & Gallery's Dream Cruisin' celebrates the nostalgia of bygone days in the cars that made them so special.

Dream Cruisin' celebrates the culture that the automobile created. Dream Cruisin' will run to Sept. 1.

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Fox & Hounds' sendoff includes cruise events

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

The Fox & Hounds Restaurant may be closing Aug. 31, but the eatery is planning activities and special events to mark the end of nearly 80 years in business in Bloomfield Hills.

It's only appropriate that the Tudor-style, castle-like restaurant at 39560 Woodward Ave. hosts several activities, many of which benefit charities and other organizations, during Dream Cruise week, continuing through the actual day of the

Cruise on Aug. 18.

This Woodward landmark will feature the following events:

- A final lunch celebration 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 10 with favorites like the prime rib sandwich, the original huntmaster, the Alaskan king crab avocado melt and other salads, appetizers, sandwiches and entrees. The restaurant will be open only for dinner through Aug. 31.
- A dance party 6-11 p.m. Saturday,



The Fox and Hounds will be closing Aug. 31, but the restaurant owners and staff still plan a host of activities for Dream Cruise.

Aug. 11 featuring live entertainment with the Calcutta Rugs. Food stations will serve burgers, ribs, chicken and a

variety of foods. Beer, wine and cocktails will be sold at a cash bar. Tickets are \$10 advance, \$15 on the day of the event. The

restaurant will be serving its regular dinner menu in the dining room.

■ V-98.7 hosts a Smooth Jazz Cruise, 1-7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12, with Sera's Nu Soul, Funkee Station, and The Dave Bennett Group. Grilled foods will be featured throughout the day with a cash bar. Tickets are \$20 advance, \$25 at door.

■ The Grill of My Dreams will support MINDS (Mental Illness Needs Discussion Sessions) 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 13, with a buffet and a choice of ribeye steak or salmon fillet with side dishes. Tickets are \$50.

■ "Twosday" scheduled one more time, Tuesday, 5-9 p.m. Aug. 14, with \$2 hot dogs, BBQ sliders, beer, wine, soda, surprises, and live entertainment with Streetcorner. Tickets \$2.

■ The Great Steak-Out to support Oakland County Intermediate Schools Foundation, 5:30-10 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, choice of salmon or ribeye as well as buffet, with hot and cold seafood bar 6-7 p.m. Entertainment by The Doctor of Doo Wop and The Stubb Sisters. Tickets are \$100.

■ Lobster-Bake supports Mental Illness Research Association and Lighthouse of Oakland County, 6:30-10 p.m. Friday,

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Big Rock celebrates 10 years

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK AND LANA MINI
STAFF WRITERS

Aug. 17, with New England-style lobster dinner, champagne reception, other side dishes, draft beer, house wines, and music by The Viceroy. Tickets are \$100.

■ On Saturday, Aug. 18 (the day of the Dream Cruise), \$25 includes four food or beverage tickets, parking in assigned areas, complimentary coffee and tea in the Pastry Den 10 a.m.-noon, live afternoon entertainment with The Viceroy and The Sound Pilots, live horsepower fine art exhibition, grilled foods available at reasonable charge; iced tea, lemonade, soda available until 6 p.m., complimentary admission to the official WOMC afterglow party, entertainment with Funkee Station 7-11 p.m.

■ Hands Across Woodward celebrates Bloomfield Hills' 75th anniversary with complimentary hot dogs and soft drinks 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19. Canned goods and cash donations accepted for Gleaners Food Banks. Entertainment by The Viceroy.

For more information on any of these events or dinner reservations through the end of the month, call (248) 644-4800.

Big Rock Chophouse, located at 245 S. Eton in Birmingham, marks its 10-year anniversary with a special week-long celebration designed to thank patrons for helping the restaurant achieve this milestone.

On Monday, Aug. 13, the restaurant hosts a wine tasting 4-7 p.m. for \$10, then a Gary Farrell Winery dinner 7-10 p.m. for \$125.

On Tuesday, Aug. 14, a beer fest with appetizers is scheduled 4-7 p.m. (\$10), followed by beer dinner with four courses at 7 p.m. (\$65).

A happy hour with the debut of the 10-Karat Rocktini is on tap 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, with birthday cake and hors d'oeuvres (\$10). The official birthday bash is inside Got Rocks Ultra Lounge at 10 p.m. Aug. 16. Ten percent discounts will be offered on lunch and dinner on Friday, Aug. 17, and Saturday, Aug. 18.

Reservations are required for these events. Call (248) 647-7774.

BOSCO'S NEW DRINKS

The Bosco, the laid-back, hip Ferndale lounge that attracts creative types, is always refreshing its menu.

On Thursday, Aug. 9, the modern lounge will begin to offer its newest drinks. Sure, it still will offer the fun Pink Cocktail, where a portion of proceeds benefit the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. And it also offer its famous mojito.

Why is a drink menu at the Bosco big news in the nightlife scene? Because this lounge is repeatedly honored as one of the best in the country and has been featured on the Fine Living Network and in Food & Wine magazine.

The four new drinks include the Cucumber Fresh: a light drink based with muddled cucumber and Svedka vodka. And The Owl, a coffee drink "not likely intended by Folgers," said owner Daniel Haberman.

There's also the Three Tree Fizz that uses Mt. Gay Rum instead of gin for the adaptation of the classic gin fizz.

Lastly there's the Good Drink. "So many customers just ask for "a good drink" that we decided to make this citrus martini an official one," Haberman said.

The Bosco is located at 22930 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale, www.thebosco.com.

FLEMING'S FETED

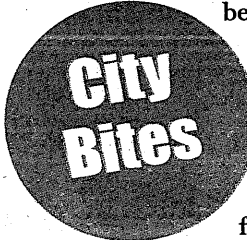
Wine Spectator magazine has recognized Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar with 47 (one for every restaurant open at the time of judging) of its coveted Awards of Excellence. The August issue, announcing the annual awards, is considered to be a guide to the best restaurants in the world for wine.

The Awards of Excellence are given by the *Wine Spectator's* judging panel of wine experts, connoisseurs and editors, and are based on a "superlative combination of a top-notch wine list, menu, ambiance, pricing and overall quality."

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ART EXHIBITS

Chelsea Center for the Arts: Center Gallery exhibit runs through Sept. 28. An artist's reception will be 5-7 p.m. Aug. 18, 400 Congdon Street, Chelsea, (734) 433-2787.
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 9 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The museum is closed Monday-Tuesday and select holidays.

Detroit Institute of Arts: While the museum is closed for renovation, enjoy mini golf on the north lawn Wednesday-Sunday through Sept. 2, 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 I-475 in the Cultural Center Park between University of Michigan-Flint and Mott Community College, Flint, (810) 234-1695, www.flint-arts.org.

Majestic Cafe: Make Nice Things About Detroit, featuring 15 artists and crafters, Majestic Cafe, 4120 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Show is free and runs until Aug. 27. Visit www.handmadedetroit.com.

Eastern Michigan 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, with artist's talk in room 1636 of the School of Social Work Building, 1080 S. University, by Sugiura Kunie, 7 p.m. Sept. 12; 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.

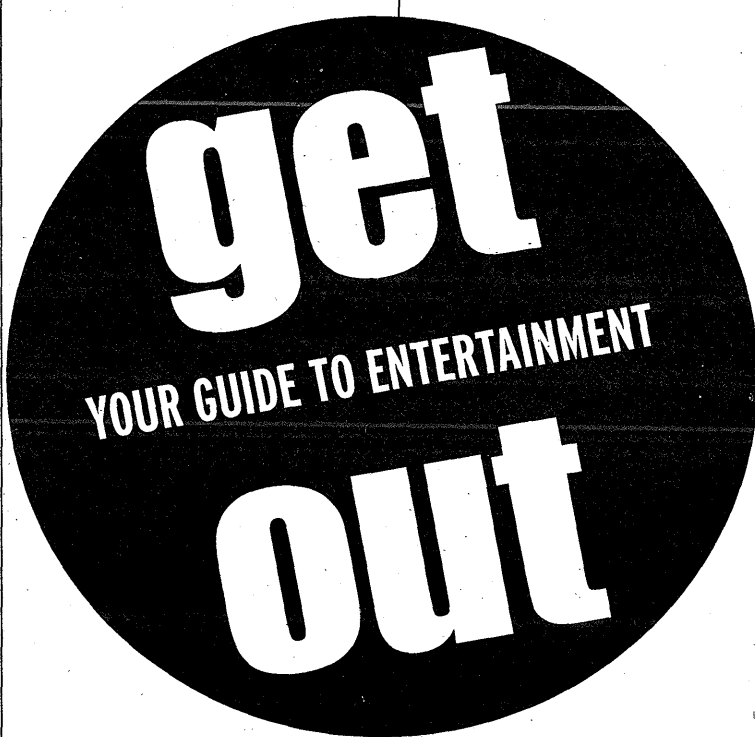
Bagley Housing Art Gallery: Paintings by Deborah Friedman, through Sept. 1, 2715 Bagley, Detroit, (313) 964-5942, www.bagleyhousing.com

Biddle Gallery: Climate Controlled Art Fair with pottery, glass, furniture, home accessories and fine art, through Aug. 31, 2840 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, (734) 281-4779, www.biddlegallery.co.

Cary Gallery: Ann Loveland, watercolorist, through September, 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester (248) 651-3656

Cranbrook Art Museum: 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3300, www.cranbrookart.edu. Hours 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The museum is closed Monday-Tuesday and select holidays.

Cass Cafe: New Expressions, Stephanie Sturton, Andrew Blake, through Sept. 22, 4620 Cass, Detroit (313) 831-1400.



David Klein Gallery: 163 Townsend, Birmingham (248) 433-3700, www.dkgallery.com

Ellen Kayrod Gallery: 4th Annual Intergenerational Community Exhibition, through Aug. 10, 4750 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-1300.

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 Dustyn Bok, runs through Aug. 24, 11993 E. U.S. 223, Blissfield.

G.R. N'Nambi: Full Circle, A Summer Group Show, with artists Anita Bates, GiGi Bolden, Antonio Carreno, Carol Ann Carter, Christine Hagedorn, Rashid Johnson, Gary Kulak, Allie McGhee, Shonna Pryor, Heloisa Pomfret, Kathleen Spicer, Maluwa Williams-Myers, through Sept. 8, 1435 Randolph, Detroit (313) 831-8700, www.grnamdigallery.com.

Kresge Art Museum: Training class offered in September 2007, for those who want to be docents at Kresge, and the new Eli and Edythe Broad Museum of Art to open in 2010, call (517) 353-9834 or wolfecal@msu.edu. For more information about the museum visit www.artmuseum.msu.edu
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, ends Aug. 9, located in the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield.

Janice Charach Epstein Gallery: Frank Jonas: The Geostructure Series, Aug. 23-Oct. 4, opening reception 7-9 p.m. Aug. 23, located in the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield.

Janice Charach Epstein Gallery: Todd Goldman, self-described professional doodler and man behind Goodbye Kitty and Boys are Stupid, Throw Rocks at Them, 6:30 p.m. Aug. 23, opens new exhibit, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield.

Lawrence Street Gallery: 20th anniversary show runs through-Aug. 24, 22620 Woodward Ave., Suite A, (east side of Woodward, two blocks south of Nine Mile), Ferndale, (248) 544-0394, www.lawrencetreetgallery.com.

Lemberg Gallery: A Changing Exhibition, through Aug. 11, 23241 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 591-6623, www.lemberg-gallery.com

Northville Art House: Nature's Garden: A Plein Air Juried Exhibition, through Aug. 12, 215 W. Cady St., (248) 344-0497.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts: I Paint What I See, Recent Works by Four Painters: Elizabeth Crank, Tom Humes, Kathy Rashid, Rick Vian, Aug. 17-Sept. 22, closing reception 6-8 p.m. Sept. 21, gallery talk 2 p.m. Sept. 22; Julie Russell Smith, Aug. 17-Sept. 22, closing reception 6-8 p.m. Sept. 21; 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110 or visit www.pccart.org.

Plymouth Community Arts Council: Fluid Moments by Rein Nomm. An Exhibition of Liquid Art, Aug. 30, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth (734) 416-4278.

The Print Gallery: Automotive Fine Art by Tom Hale, through Aug. 31, 29173 Northwestern Hwy. (Franklin Plaza at 12 Mile Road), Southfield (248) 356-5454, www.MonaLisaMania.com and www.EverythingArt.com

River's Edge Gallery: 3024 Biddle, Wyandotte, (734) 246-9880, e-mail riversedgegallery@wyan.org, or Web site www.artat-theedge.com.

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Monroe Fine Art Fair: Aug. 11-12, adjacent to River Raisin Jazz Festival, Loranger Square (Washington and First streets), Monroe.

Farmington Library: Free Spirits-Life Drawings, Barbara Eko Murphy, through Aug. 31, 23500 Liberty St., (248) 553-0300, www.barbaraekomurphy.com

Lily's Seafood Grill and Brewery: Doug LaFerle's acrylic paintings displayed through August, 410 S. Washington, Royal Oak, (248) 591-LILY. For more information on Doug La Ferle's artwork visit www.douglas.laferle.com.

Michigan Water Color Society: 60th Annual Exhibition Travel Show, through Aug. 28, The Art Center, 720 S. Elmwood, Traverse City, (231) 941-9488, (866) 242-0120 mwc-sart.com.

Art in the Park: Over 200 juried artists, Sept. 15-16, Shain Park, Birmingham, www.artinthepark.info, (248) 456-8150.

Oakland University Art Gallery: Jef Bourgeau A Retrospective, Sept. 8-Oct. 7, opening reception 6-8 p.m. Sept. 8, artist's talk, 2 p.m. Sept. 23, 208 Wilson Hall, Rochester, (248) 370-3005, www.oakland.edu/ouag.
Starkweather Art & Cultural Center: 4th Annual Moonflowers & Music (following Romeo Garden Walk), 6-9 p.m. Aug. 11, \$25 for afterglow, \$30 with garden walk, strolling taste fest and music, silent art auction, 219 N. Main, Romeo (586) 752-5700.
Exhibit and Art Sale: Sculptor Jerry Soble



Country star John Michael Montgomery will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 10, at DTE Energy Music Theatre. Hear hits from his latest album, "Letters From Home," and more. Tickets cost \$34.50 for pavilion and \$10 for lawn, at Palacenet.com or (248) 645-6666.

hosts exhibit and art sale, proceeds benefit Kids All Together program for children with special needs, noon to 5 p.m. Sept. 5-9, at Soble's studio-gallery, 3819 LaPlaya, Orchard Lake (248) 683-4364.

CAR SHOWS

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.heritagecarrucruise.com
Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise: Aug. 18, www.woodwarddreamcruise.com

CHORAL

University Musical Society: Choral Music series for 2007-08 featuring Russian Patriarchate Choir, 8 p.m. Oct. 30; The Tallis Scholars: Poetry in Music for the Virgin Mary, Dec. 6; Bach's St. Matthew Passion with Detroit Symphony Orchestra, UMS Choral Union, Michigan State University Children's Choir, March 21; call for brochure at (734) 764-2538 or visit www.ums.org.

CLASSICAL

Seven Mondays at 7 Carillon Series: Richard Giszczak, Aug. 13; Steven Ball, Aug. 20; Baird Carillon, Burton Memorial Tower, 881 N. University, Ann Arbor, (734) 764-4414.

CLUBS

The Ark: Ruthie Foster, Aug. 9; Finvarra's Wren, Aug. 10; Mustard's Retreat, Aug. 11; Mindy Smith, Aug. 12; Robinella, Aug. 13; The Guggenheim Grotto, Aug. 14; Forge Mountain Diggers, Aug. 15; Duke Robbillard, Aug. 16; David Jones, Aug. 17; Ralph Stanley & His Clinch Mountain Boys, Aug. 18; Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band, Aug. 19; The Avett Brothers, Aug. 21; Beoga, Aug. 22; Raul Malo, Aug. 23-24; Jan Krist with Curtis Armstrong, Aug. 25; Zebula Avenue, Aug. 26; Mark Olson, Aug. 27; Alan Rhody, Aug. 28; Ditty Bops, Aug. 29; information hotline (734) 761-1451, www.theark.org.

Bachelor's One: bugs Beddow Band, Aug. 31-Sept. 1, 1967 Cass Lake Rd., Keego Harbor (248) 682-2295

Big Rock Chophouse: Outdoor patio open 7:30 p.m. Thursday nights with Brian Macias, Eric Rowland and Eric Stoddard, Aug. 16; 245 S. Eton, Birmingham, (248) 647-7774 or visit www.bigrockchophouse.com.

Billy's Tip N' Inn: bugs Beddow Band, Aug. 17-18, 6707 E. Highland Rd (M-59), White Lake (248) 889-7885.

Bosco: Enjoy noWax nights at 7 p.m. every Wednesday, no cover, 21 and over only, 22930 Woodward in Ferndale, www.thebosco.com, (248) 541-8818.

The Buzz Bar: Heineken Red Star Sounds presents Anthony David (soul), Aug. 9; John Arnold's Brokefunk, Aug. 9; Exchange Bureau, Aug. 10; Goodbrother, Aug. 11; Freestyle with Jeremy Ellis, Aug. 12; Glorytellers featuring Geoff Farina of Karate, Aug. 13; The RJ Spangler Trio, Aug. 14; The Brothers Groove, Aug. 15; Larry Fratangelo's One Nation Under a Buzz P-Funk Jam Session, Aug. 16; John Arnold's Brokefunk, Aug. 16; Gumbo, Aug. 17; Mikhail Caldwell & Reality Check, Aug. 18; Freestyle with Jeremy Ellis, Aug. 19; open mic, Aug. 20; The RJ Spangler Trio, Aug. 21; The Thornetta Davis Band, Aug. 22; Larry Fratangelo's One Nation Under a Buzz P-Funk Jam Session, Aug. 23; John Arnold's Brokefunk, Aug. 23; Malik Alston CD Release Party, Aug. 24; Mocha Mahogany Mixer, Aug. 25; Freestyle with Jeremy Ellis, Aug. 26; open mic, Aug. 27; The RJ Spangler Trio, Aug. 28; The Brothers Groove, Aug. 29; Larry Fratangelo's One Nation Under a Buzz P-Funk Jam Session, Aug. 30; John Arnold's Brokefunk, Aug. 30; Dennis Coffey, Aug. 31; 546 E. Larned, Detroit, (313) 962-1800.

Eden Nightclub & Ultralounge: Friday night party with DJ Ryan Richards, 10 p.m. guest celebrity hosts and DJs; DJ Urban Chris in the Garden Room, DJ Pannos in the Ultralounge accompanied by percussionist Jared Sykes, 10 p.m. Saturday, 22061 Woodward Ave, Ferndale (248) 541-7264.

Edison's: 220 E. Merrill St., Birmingham (248) 645-2150.

Jazzy Java Cafe: Tracy Kash Thomas with Daniel Gerics, Sept. 15; 5071 Rochester Rd., Troy, (248) 526-1484.

O-Zen Lounge: Formerly the Buddha Lounge; Hot 'N Ready with DJ U.N.I. hip hop soul, Thursday; *Insomnia Music*, hip hop, soul, old school, Friday; *Super Sonic Smooth Music* with DJ Shug, Saturday; karaoke with Chez, Sunday; '80s and Rock N Roll; bring your CDs, Tuesday; and Energetic House with DJ Tony Bell, Wednesday; www.ozenlounge.com, 21633 W. Eight Mile, Detroit (313) 535-4664.

Cliff Bells: Scott Gwinnell and his 16-piece jazz orchestra, 9:30 p.m. every Wednesday, 2030 Park (near Comerica Park), Detroit (313) 961-2543.

Ginopolis on the Grill: Don Swindell and Shuffle Play, with Swindell, Sheila Brown, Mike Lorenz and Jake Reichhart, 7:30-

11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 27851 Middlebelt at 12 Mile in Farmington Hills, no cover, (248) 851-8222.

Pi Restaurant: Jessie Palter, Aug. 10-11; Shahida Nurullah, Aug. 17-18; Sheila Landis, Aug. 24-25, 28875 Franklin Rd. (southwest corner of 12 Mile Road and Northwestern Highway, Southfield, (248) 208-7500, www.piosouthfield.com

The Magic Bag: Lez Zeppelin, Aug. 9; Stan Ridgeway, Aug. 10, at 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, call (248) 544-1991.

Mario's of Troy: Ralph Koziarski's Expedition's one night reunion, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 16 on the patio, 1477 John R just south of Maple in Troy (248) 588-6000.

Memphis Smoke: bugs Beddow Band, Aug. 24, 100 N. Main St., Royal Oak (248) 543-4300.

Motown in The Courtyard at The Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn: dancing, socializing, free live entertainment, 4-7 p.m. Thursday evenings through Aug. 23, 300 Town Center Drive, Dearborn (313) 441-2100.

Seldom Blues: Big Band Wednesdays with Johnny Trudell and his 18-piece band, 7-11 p.m., playing a mix of jazz favorites, located in Tower 400, Level 1 of the GM Renaissance Center next to the Marriott, call (313) 567-7301.

Silky's Martini & Music Cafe (Kiernan's): bugs Beddow Band, Aug. 25, 21931 Michigan Ave. (southeast corner of Monroe), Dearborn (313) 565-6278

Sky Club: Tango, salsa, and Latin dancing every Wednesday beginning at 8 p.m., located above Sangria's Restaurant, 401 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, (248) 543-1964.

Station 885: Tony Ruda and Pat Smith play jazz from 7-10 p.m. every Thursday (bass and piano), 885 Starkweather, Plymouth, (734) 459-0885.

COMEDY

Rosy O'Grady's: Wednesday Night Live comedy improv with Miguel's Basement and guest troupes, 9 p.m., Wednesdays through Sept. 19; 175 W. Troy, Ferndale; (248) 591-9163.

Meadow Brook Music Festival: Chelsea Handler, Aug. 12; Demetri Martin, Aug. 24; Laugh-A-Palooza starring Ted Alexandro, Sept. 9; Alonzo Bodden, Sept. 22; Palacenet.com, Ticketmaster, (248) 377-0100.

Comedy Room @ Portofino: Dave Dyer, Aug. 10-11; Darryl Rhodes, Aug. 17-18; Chilli Chalis, Aug. 24-25; Ken Severa, Aug. 31-Sept. 1, 3455 Biddle, Wyandotte (734) 624-5561.

Historic Holly Hotel Comedy Club: Steve Bills, Aug. 10-11; Gary Thison, Aug. 17-18; Dennis Ross, Aug. 24-25; Boys Night Out with Steve Lind, Russ Brown and Mike Malec, Aug. 31-Sept. 1; 110 Battle Alley, Holly (248) 634-5208.

Liberty Bar and Grille: Comedy Night with Chili Chalis and Dean Mink, Aug. 10, Liberty Golf and Banquet, 6060 Maybee, Clarkston (248) 625-4660.

JD's House of Comedy: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com.

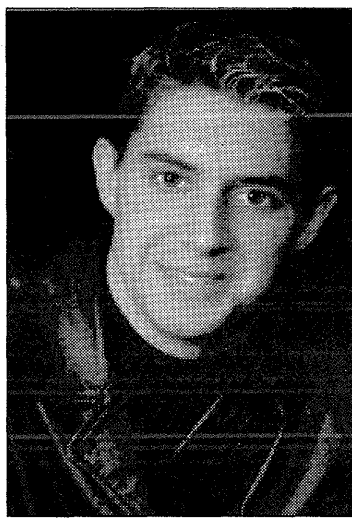
The Second City: Michigan Impossible: All Laid Off & No Place to Go, 42705 Grand River Avenue in Novi, (248) 348-4448, www.secondcity.com.

Meadow Brook Music Festival: Laugh-A-Palooza, mini-comedy festival with Ted Alexandro and some of Detroit's top comics, Sept. 9, www.palacenet.com

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase: Jim Colliton, Aug. 10-11; Comedy Jamm, Aug. 16, 23 and 30; Steve Bills, Aug. 17-18; Dwight York, Aug. 24-25; Mark Sweeney, Aug. 31-Sept. 1; Craig Gass, Sept. 6-8; Comedy Jamm, Sept. 13, 20, 27; Demetrius Nicodemus, Sept. 14-15; Auggie Smith, Sept. 21-22; Nathan Timmel, Sept. 28-29; 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor (734) 996-9080.

CONCERTS-THE WEEK

DTE Energy Music Theater: 311 with Matisyahu



The Chris Roach Band performs at 7:30 p.m. tonight in a free concert at Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads in Farmington Hills. The rainout site for this concert is the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile Road, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. For more information, call (248) 473-1856.

and the English Beat, Aug. 9; John Michael Montgomery, Aug. 10; Marilyn Manson and Slayer, Aug. 11; Aretha Franklin, Aug. 12, visit palacenet.com or call (248) 377-0100.

Meadowbrook Music Theater: Rick Springfield, Aug. 10; Nickel Creek with Fiona Apple, Aug. 11; Joe Walsh, Aug. 15, (248) 433-1515 for tickets, OlympiaEntertainment.com.

The Palace of Auburn Hills: Kelly Clarkson, Aug. 10; American Idols Live!, Aug. 12; The Wiggles Live! Racing to the Rainbow!, Aug. 15, visit palacenet.com or call (248) 645-6666 for tickets.

CONCERTS-FUTURE

DTE Energy Music Theater: Great White/Dokken with Jani Lane and LA Guns, Aug. 16; The Temptations/The Four Tops, Aug. 17; The Music of Led Zeppelin: A Rock Symphony, Aug. 18; Michael W. Smith/Third Day with Sanctus Real, Aug. 19; Projekt Revolution Tour 2007 with Linkin Park, My Chemical Romance, Aug. 22; Dave Matthews Band with Pete Dinklage, Aug. 23; The Allman Brothers Band with Robert Randolph and The Family Band, Aug. 24; Big & Rich with Cowboy Troy, Aug. 25; Ozzfest, Aug. 26; Velvet Revolver with Alice in Chains and Kill Hannah, Aug. 27; Rush, Aug. 28; Rock the Bells Festival with Wu-Tang Clan, Nas, Talib Kweli, Pharoahe Monch, Immortal Technique, Aug. 29; Aly & AJ, Corbin Bleu, Drake Bell, Aug. 30; Ted Nugent, Sept. 1; The New Cars, Sept. 2; Hootie & The Blowfish, Sept. 3; The Scorpions, Sept. 6; Hinder with Buckcherry and Papa Roach, Sept. 7; call (248) 645-6666 or visit palacenet.com.

The Fox Theatre: Bjork, Sept. 11; Artie Lange, Sept. 15; Tori Amos, Oct. 7; Sammy Hagar & The Wabos, Nov. 2; Jim Gaffigan, Nov. 17; Lewis Black, Nov. 24; for tickets, Ticketmaster.com. (248) 433-1515

Fox Theatre: The Smashing Pumpkins, Oct. 7, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, (248) 433-1515.

Meadowbrook Music Theater: David Sanborn with Tower of Power, Aug. 17, Get Back! Cast of Beatlemania, Aug. 26; The Bangles, Aug. 29; Macy Gray and The Brand New Heavies, Sept. 2; Palacenet.com, Ticketmaster, (248) 377-0100.

The Palace of Auburn Hills: Beyonce, Aug. 17; Dave Matthews Band, Aug. 23; Gordon Lightfoot, Sept. 15; Maroon 5 with The

Hives and Sara Bareilles, Sept. 29; Genesis, Sept. 30; 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

DANCE

Ballet Folklórico De Mexico: 65 dancers, choreographer Amalia Hernandez, family of four \$40, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sept. 14; Mexicantown Plaza, 2826 Bagley Ave. (at 21st Street), (313) 967-9898; two performances, 8 p.m. Sept. 15, 2 p.m. Sept. 16, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, (313) 237-SING, www.michiganopera.org.

FAMILY

Farmington Hills Family Fun Fest Carnival: Aug. 9-12, Founders Park, Eight Mile road two miles east of I-275, discount coupons available at more than 200 merchants, www.F2H.org, (248) 473-1800.

The Palace of Auburn Hills: The Wiggles Live! Racing to the Rainbow!, 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. Aug. 15; Disney On Ice Presents: High School Musical The Ice Tour, Feb. 29-March 2, Palacenet.com, The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster centers, (248) 377-0100.

Plymouth Ride the Rails: Explore the history of trains. Exhibit open 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday through Nov. 1. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for students under 18, and \$10 for families. The Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street, Plymouth.

Wayne County Fair 2007: Aug. 14-19, attractions include the USA Demolition Figure 8 and Enduro Derbies; Mapapa African Acrobats; grandstand shows; Mexican rodeo; Mexican bands; and Talent Search 2007, fairgrounds located at the north I-94 Service Drive, Belleville Road Exit #190.

Wayne County Fair: 50 rides and attractions, entertainment including Demolition Derbies, talent shows, African acrobats, food, games, prizes, Aug. 14-19, Wayne County Fairgrounds, North I-94 Service Drive (exit 190), Belleville, special \$2 admission opening night, www.wadshows.com.

Detroit RiverWalk: Cobo center to just past Belle Isle Bridge, features River Carousel at Rivard Plaza, butterfly gardens at Gabriel Richard Plaza, parking at free lot off of Atwater and Rivard, or paid parking at Beaubien Place Paking or Miller Parking structure, www.detroitriverdays.com, www.detroitriverfront.org, (313) 566-8200.

First Congregational Church of Royal Oak: Second Annual Ice Cream Social and Outdoor Concert to benefit homeless, featuring Cats & the Fiddler, 3 p.m. Aug. 12, 1314 N. Woodward (at Crooks and Webster) (248) 288-4220.

FESTIVALS

India Day 2007: India's 60th Anniversary of Independence, parade, dances, music, food, free, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Aug. 12, Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River (between Beck and Novi roads), Novi.

Eastpointe Summerfest: Fair and business expo, craft show, amusement rides, entertainment, food court, proceeds help Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, Aug. 23-26, Kennedy Park (Schroeder and Stephens), Eastpointe.

FILM

Redford Theatre: On The Town, Aug. 17-18, at 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit.

Landmark Main Art Theatre: In 3-D, Creature from the Black Lagoon, Aug. 10-11; A Clockwork Orange, Aug. 17-18; Serenity, Aug. 24-25; and Brazil, Aug. 31-Sept. 1.

Center for Japanese Studies: Out of the Ordinary, New Identities in Recent

Japanese Film, free summer film series, Nobody Knows, Aug. 10; Noriko's Dinner Table, Aug. 17; All Under the Moon, Aug. 24; University of Michigan's Askwith Auditorium, Lorch Hall, 611 Tappan, Ann Arbor, (734) 764-6307, www.i.umich.edu/cjs/events/film.html.

FOOD AND WINE EVENTS

Detroit Uncorked: 100s of wines from around the world, light hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, silent auction, created by Detroit Wine Organization, presented by Ford Motor Co., benefit for The Children's Center, 6:30-9 p.m., Sept. 28, Ford Field, Detroit, \$80 a ticket, DetroitUncorked.com, (313) 262-1112.

Meadow Brook Music Festival: Mercedes-Benz Wine and Food Festival, Aug. 25-26, \$25, ticket price includes eight wine samples, on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills, Palacenet.com, Ticketmaster, (248) 377-0100.

Wine Amplified Outdoors: An "Amplified" outdoor wine tasting paired with live music, featuring Mark Reitenga on guitar and the wines of California's Michael-David Winery, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Aug. 24, Mediterraneo (outdoor patio), 2900 S. State St., Ann Arbor, 1-866-381-1763, www.rocknrollwine.com, \$30 advance, \$35 door.

Oakland International Airport: Vin Voyage, fund-raiser pairs wines with locally grown organic foods with Michigan's three master sommeliers (Madeline Triffon, Claudia Tyagi and Ron Edwards, 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, tickets are \$100, \$250, \$500 and \$1,000, (313) 874-4088, www.henryford.com/wine.

FUND-RAISERS

Camp Casey: Max & Erma's, at 250 E. Merrill, in Birmingham, is hosting a benefit for Camp Casey, a mobile horse camp for kids with cancer and their families. From from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, 20 percent of sales will benefit Camp Casey. Diners must have a flyer for their purchase to count toward the donation. Downloaded one from the www.camp-casey.org or call Lauren Maiman, at (248) 514-2626.

Benefit on the Bay: supports Capuchin Kitchen of Detroit, dinner dancing and entertainment, 5:30 p.m. Aug. 17, \$50, Mac & Ray's Harbor on Lake St. Clair, 30675 N. River Rd., Harrison Township, (313) 579-2100, Ext. 201 for ticket information.

Fore the Arts: Golf outing fund-raiser for Flint Institute of Arts, the Flint Institute of Music and the Flint Cultural Center's Corporation, Aug. 27, Flint Golf Club, (810) 234-1695 for information.

JAZZ

Jazz and dinner: "Kind of Blue Tuesdays," at Lola's, Harmonie Park. Led by the Gerard Evans Quartet, the shows help musicians play with the core group at 9 p.m. every Tuesday, 1427 Randolph St. in Detroit's Harmonie Park, (313) 962-0483.

Jazz Cafe at Music Hall: Springfed Thursday Nights start at 9:30 p.m., Music Hall Center for Performing Arts, 350 Madison, Detroit. Free.

Jazz on the Patio at Pi Restaurant: Herbie Russ Aug. 16; Sheila Landis, Aug. 9, 23, at 28875 Franklin Rd. (southwest corner of 12 Mile Road and Northwestern Highway, Southfield, (248) 208-7500, www.piof-southfield.com.

The Theater at Arturo's: Jackets, Aug. 10-11, \$33, at 25333 West 12 Mile Road, Southfield, (248) 357-2622.

Windsor/Detroit Jazz Club: Ongoing gigs, 1-4 p.m. first and third Saturday of every month, Shield's Pizza, 25101 Telegraph (northwest corner of 10 Mile and Telegraph), Southfield, \$8 cover, (248) 478-0172.

MUSEUMS

Cranbrook Science Museum: Featured exhibit is It's a Nano World. Permanent exhibits include planetarium, nature center and Bat Zone Conservatory, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, general admission \$5-\$7, planetarium, \$1-\$3, (248) 645-3200 or www.cranbrook.edu.

Detroit Historical Museum: Detroit: The Reel Story summer film series on week-ends, 'Encore on Woodward: Detroit's Fox Theatre, 1 p.m. every Saturday; Preservation: Neighborhood Theatres, 2 p.m. every Saturday; Cinerama Adventure, 1 p.m. every Sunday; free with regular museum admission, 5401 Woodward (northwest corner of Kirby), Detroit (313) 833-1805 or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

Detroit Historical Museum and Dossin Great Lakes Museum: Sept. 29, Smithsonian magazine and Hyundai Motor America's Museum Day, free of charge to Smithsonian magazine readers and Smithsonian.com visitors, visit www.smithsonian.com/museumdaycard.

Detroit Institute of Arts: DIA is closed; will reopen Nov. 23 after the completion of its renovation, at 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Call (313) 833-7971.

Detroit Science Center: Our Body, The Universe Within, features real, preserved human bodies, extended run through Sept. 3, 5020 John R, Detroit, exhibit costs \$19.95-\$24.95, call (313) 577-8400 or visit www.detroitsciencecenter.org.

Exhibit Museum of Natural History: Docent-led dinosaur tours, 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, planetarium shows, call for times, the University of Michigan, 1109 Geddes Ave., Ann Arbor, (734) 764-0478, www.lsa.umich.edu/exhibit.museum.

The Henry Ford: 20900 Oakwood Blvd., west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. Additional charges and varying hours for entry to Greenfield Village, Ford Rouge Factory Tour and IMAX Theatre. Call (313) 982-6001 or visit www.hfmgv.org.

Plymouth Rides the Rails: through Nov. 1, artifacts, model trains, \$5 adults, \$2 students, \$10 families, \$1 AAA discount, 155 S. Main, Plymouth (734) 455-8940, www.plymouth-history.org.

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoesen Farm: The Children's Garden hosts Terrific Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. through Aug. 28. Solve the mystery of "What's Bugging Us?" Create crafts and eat Dirt Dessert. Cost is \$3-\$5, call to reserve a spot; Adams Road Mastodon returns in special exhibit, one year after discovery by road crew at Adams and M-59, through January 2008, 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, 1005 Van Hoesen Road (off of Tienken Road, one mile east of Rochester Road and one mile north of Downtown Rochester), (248) 565-4663, www.rochesterhills.org

Troy Museum & Historic Village: Video screenings of past lectures, Tuesdays; craft demonstrations, 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays; family activity, 1 p.m. Thursdays; family-centered programs, Fridays; Music in the Air, Sundays; programs run through August, 60 Wattles Rd. (on the northwest corner of Livernois intersection), www.troymi.gov/museum or call (248) 524-3570.

MORE MUSIC

Heritage Park: Stars in the Park free summer concert series, Chris Roach Band, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 9; Farmington Community Chorus, Aug. 16; and Saline Fiddlers, Aug. 23; on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads, Farmington Hills, rainout site is Costick Center on 11 Mile Road, between Middlebelt and Inkster, (248) 473-1856.

Campus Martius Park: located on Woodward Avenue between Fort Street and Michigan Avenue in the heart of downtown Detroit, 313-962-0101, www.campusmartiuspark.org.

Cuba Gooding Jr. adds sensitivity to fatherly role

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See related story on Page E21.

Daddy Day Camp, which opened Aug. 1, is full of tired bathroom humor and a sometimes clichéd mix of geeky, overweight and precocious kids.

If you don't want to subject your kids (or yourself) to jokes about human gas, vomit and belching, don't see this movie.

If you think your kids are OK with that, then *Daddy Day Camp*, directed by Fred Savage (Kevin Arnold in *The Wonder Years*) and the sequel to *Daddy Day Care*, is fun. (The language is suitable for children with a rating of PG.)

When the film focuses on the relationship between father and son, it stresses the importance of family and promotes a strong message.

Cuba Gooding Jr. plays a father (Charlie Hinton) who runs a day care business, then extends that concept to a camp. Hinton tries to save Camp Driftwood from foreclosure and an attempted pur-

chase by Lance Warner, owner of Camp Canola, a rival camp located next door.

But the scenes fall flat early when business partner Phil Ryerson (Paul Rae) points out a tree, but is clueless as to its species. Of course, the camp counselor has no outdoor experience, either. Baaaaaad writing.

The kids soon tie up the counselor with rope. Hinton dodges errant arrows as the children shoot and miss seagulls, and Ryerson is stung by bees after he kicks an empty log.

Half the kids leave. Parents want a refund. But a small contingent return.

The rivalry with the camp next door is reignited when Camp Canola kids stop by to destroy Camp Driftwood, shoot paintballs and steal the Driftwood flag.

Foreclosure is pending. Hinton needs help fast, so he calls his father, Col. Buck Hinton, who is more experienced with the



SUSIE RAMOS

Cuba Gooding Jr. and Spencir Bridges star in "Daddy Day Camp," a TriStar Pictures release.

outdoors. The father is an antithesis of Hinton, a militaristic disciplinarian, and instructor in the art of war and victory, while the younger Hinton is a peaceful man teaching the importance of friendship and kindness.

The colonel arrives and soon the children steal back the flag. After Warner works on humiliating Hinton, Hinton accepts a challenge to an Olympiad between the camps.

This results in more bathroom humor during the games, but a fun ending in the final event involving Hinton's son, played

by Spencir Bridges.

Gooding's emotions and talent bring some redemption to the film. This movie is no *Jerry McGuire*, but Gooding adds a sensitive touch, and manages to reach an understanding with his father in a train station.

And of course, there's the Olympiad (with a little more bathroom humor) and the resulting competition between the camps.

All in all, the movie is enjoyable, but the bathroom humor is overdone. Give it two of four stars.



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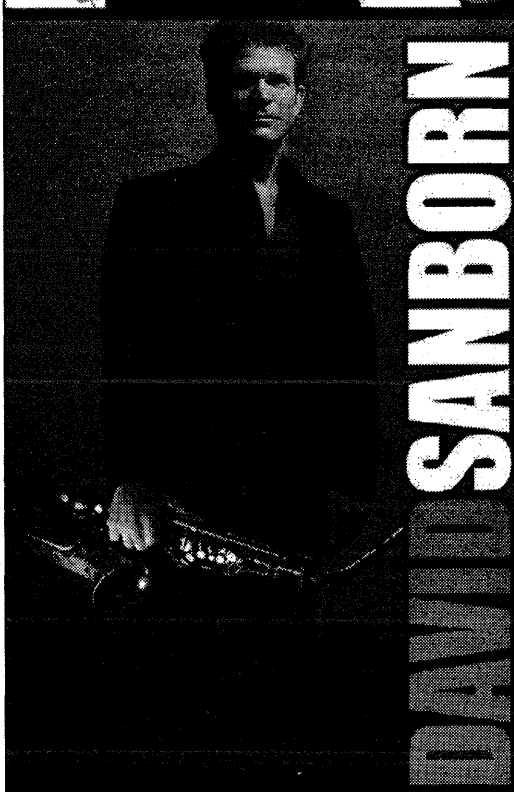
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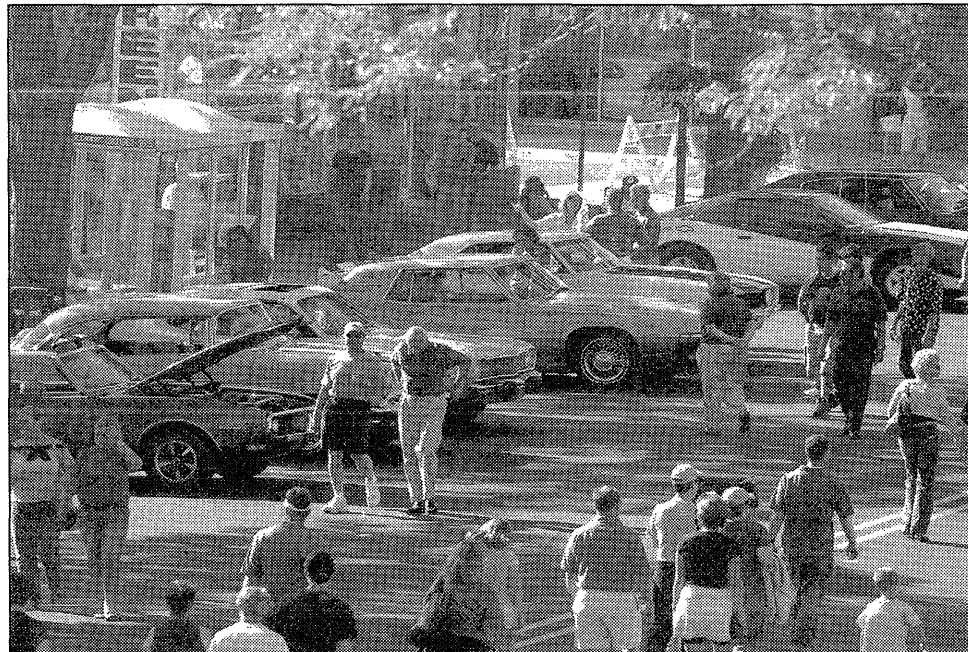
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Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise isn't all about cruisin'. The best way to view it might be to walk it.

CRUISE

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Bloomfield Hills where event organizers hope 45,000 people will hold hands in a continuous chain from the Detroit River to Pontiac.

Cranbrook also offers a special that day. For 200 pennies (\$2) you can visit Cranbrook's science or art museum and the house and gardens.

Or bring a picnic. Also at Cranbrook, bring a canned food to help Gleaner's Community Food Bank.

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Hands Along Woodward is also part of the WA3's partnership with Gleaners Community Food Bank to host a month-long food drive to raise 200,000 pounds of food for metro Detroit.

Visit www.woodwardavenue.org.

THE BIRMINGHAM ACTION

Birmingham is one of the hearts of the cruise. Here's a slice of what's happening there on Dream Cruise Day.

Birmingham will host more than 600 classic cars packed into downtown, along with automotive displays and live entertainment.

"We are excited about this year's lineup," said John Heiney, director of the Birmingham Principal Shopping District. "Each year our sponsors like Ford and Chevrolet offer great events, displays and activities for visitors."

Ford Motor Company invites the public to Shain Park in downtown Birmingham for its Cruisin' Legends car show. Stop by to admire the legendary automotive designs of classic, new and custom Ford vehicles. Some of the highlights

are: karaoke, the Aaron Vaughn Band performing oldies and modern songs, the Teen Angels singing oldies and pop, folk singer Jerry Sprague and blues band Dallas Hodge.

Chevrolet is cruising into Birmingham to take over the Birmingham Triangle at the junction of Woodward and South Old Woodward.

Events there include: Chevy Racing Tour featuring NASCAR vehicles, engine displays, interactive games, and kiosks. There will be music from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Chevy will show more than 60 classic and other cars, the Chevy SPO Accessories Display and Chevy's full line of cars, trucks and SUVs.

Cruisers in Birmingham who want to park: Event day registration is open to individual cars, model year 1978 and older, after 10 a.m. at the registration tent at South Old Woodward and Brown; space is still available. Day-of-event parking is \$20, based upon availability and on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information about Dream Cruise parking in Birmingham, visit www.birmingham-cruiseevent.com. For more information, visit www.birminghamcruiseevent.com, or call (248) 433-3550.

RIBBON CUTTING

The official Woodward Dream Cruise Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony takes place at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17, in Ferndale. The event features a police cruise and the CruiseFest with its classic car parade that attracts 25,000 people.

BERKLEY

There's an inflatable play area there on Friday and Saturday. There's also a classic car parade at 6:30 p.m. Friday beginning at Roseland Park Cemetery on 12 Mile between Woodward and Greenfield.

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CRUISE

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS

Fox & Hounds, 39560 Woodward, has entertainment planned, including live music, all week long. (See related story in Table Hopping. Fox & Hounds is closing its doors Aug. 31.)

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

The Third Annual Bloomfield Township Dream Cruise Classic benefits Oakland Family Services and the Bloomfield Optimist Club 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, at Mercedes Benz of Bloomfield, 36600 N. Woodward, just south of Big Beaver Road. The car show features a selection of officially licensed replica Cobra automobiles. Parking is available for \$5 just north of the dealership. There is a \$100 entry charge for registering classic and specialty cars.

HUNTINGTON WOODS

On Friday from 7-9 p.m. it's the Family Dream Cruise Party, featuring live entertainment band Nightline as well as children's magicians and clowns. Located in the Chase Bank parking lot at the corner of Woodward and Salem. Parking is available for \$75 a day along Woodward Avenue.

PLEASANT RIDGE

On Friday at 8:30 p.m. is a drive-in movie Chiller Thriller at Stevenson Park (located at the corner of Oakland Park and Woodward Avenue). On Saturday

from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. there's food and fun for all ages, with strolling magicians, clowns, a kiddie park, and entertainment at Memorial Park, at Woodward and Oakland Park (on the other side of Oakland Park). For more information, visit www.woodwarddreamcruise.com.

PONTIAC

A Dream Cruise hot spot. On Thursday, Aug. 16, all entertainment is located at the Motor City Casino Stage at the Phoenix Center, located at 10 Water Street.

On Friday, Aug. 17, all entertainment is at the Hidden River Eaton Stage, located at Saginaw Street near Pike Street, including the 11th Annual Oakland Press Cruizin Car Show hosted by the city of Pontiac. On Friday and Saturday more than 1,300 cars will be on display in the big parking lot next to the Phoenix Plaza as well as throughout the streets of the downtown area. Pontiac offers live music Friday and Saturday.

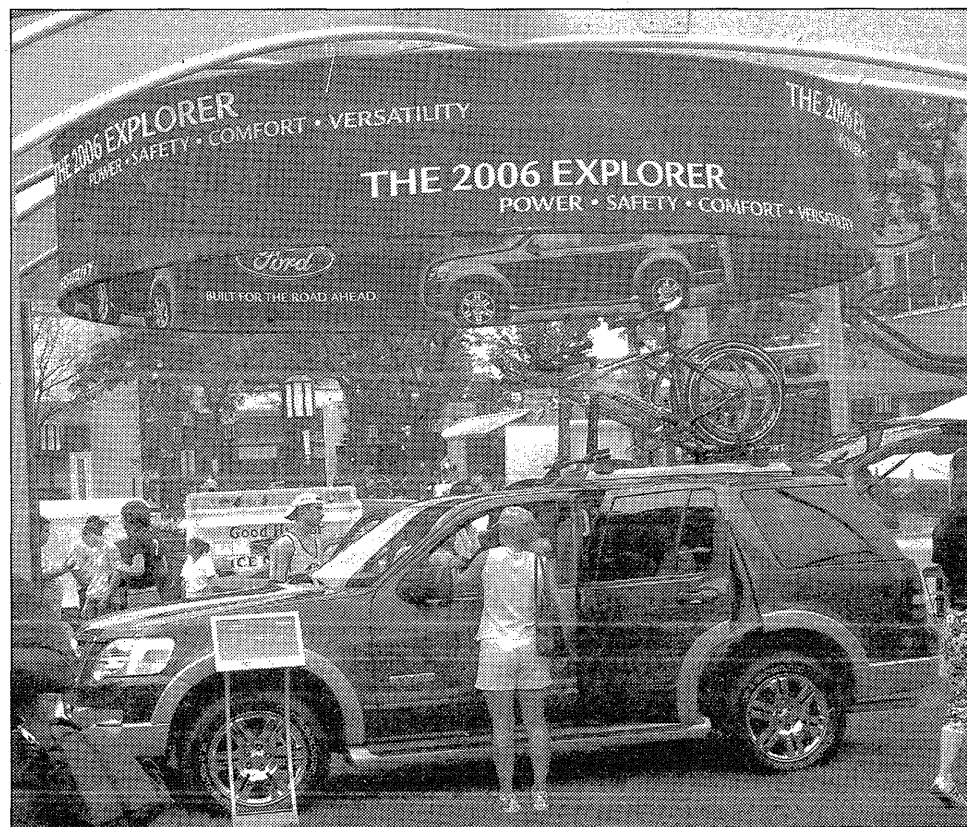
ROYAL OAK

At 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 15, the Teen Angels play on the library lawn on Woodward Avenue at 13 Mile Road.

On Friday, Aug. 17, at Northwood Shopping Center, 20943 N. Woodward, is the Daimler Chrysler display and live entertainment.

On Saturday, Aug. 18, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. is free admission to Eaton Performance Park located in Memorial Park, where visitors can enjoy a kids zone, merchandise booths and food. Parking is \$10 at Coolidge and 13 Mile, shuttles are free.

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A few minutes with Rick Springfield

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

When you love what you do, it's easier to get out of bed in the morning.

Happiness, from the inside, affects the way we look on the outside. Rick Springfield is happy on the inside. The actor and singer

Music

is 58 years old and his energy and sex appeal can compare to any twenty-something rocker.

The creator of hit songs like *Jessie's Girl* and *I've Done Everything For You* is performing at Meadow Brook on Friday, Aug. 10.

Springfield has had a wild career: starring as hunky Dr. Noah Drake on *General*

Hospital, playing guitar in rock bands since 1964, hosting the live show *EFX* in Las Vegas for two years and much more.

But what most may not realize is that Springfield is first a writer and guitarist – the singing and acting come second. Filter caught up with Springfield last week while he was driving from his Malibu home to his concert in Los Angeles. Here are some highlights.

MEN VS. WOMEN

"The band plays pretty hard on stage, that's what's surprising to most men who come to the show. When I hear them tell me that we rocked hard, it's always satisfying."

HIS SHOWS

"The experience of performing is still amazing. It's my greatest passion. There's a connection with the audience that's so special to me. Afterward when people tell me about a certain song and how it marks a certain point in their life ... that's really humbling."

WHAT'S IN HIS IPOD

"Led Zeppelin was the band that really did it for me. They were the band who I was just waiting to hear, and when they did it sucked me in. I also listen to Marilyn Manson, Deftones, Frank Sinatra ... I have two children 18 and 21 so they also introduce me to new things. You have to keep open to music, I'll also listen to show tunes."

PAID HIS DUES

"I'm a musician who wandered onto the soap opera, not the other way around. Both have been good to me, but I've paid some hard dues in music."

Springfield, born in Australia, was raised in England and began playing gui-

tar at age 13. By the time he was 20, in 1968, he was performing in Vietnam. He moved to the United States in 1972 and this is home, he said.

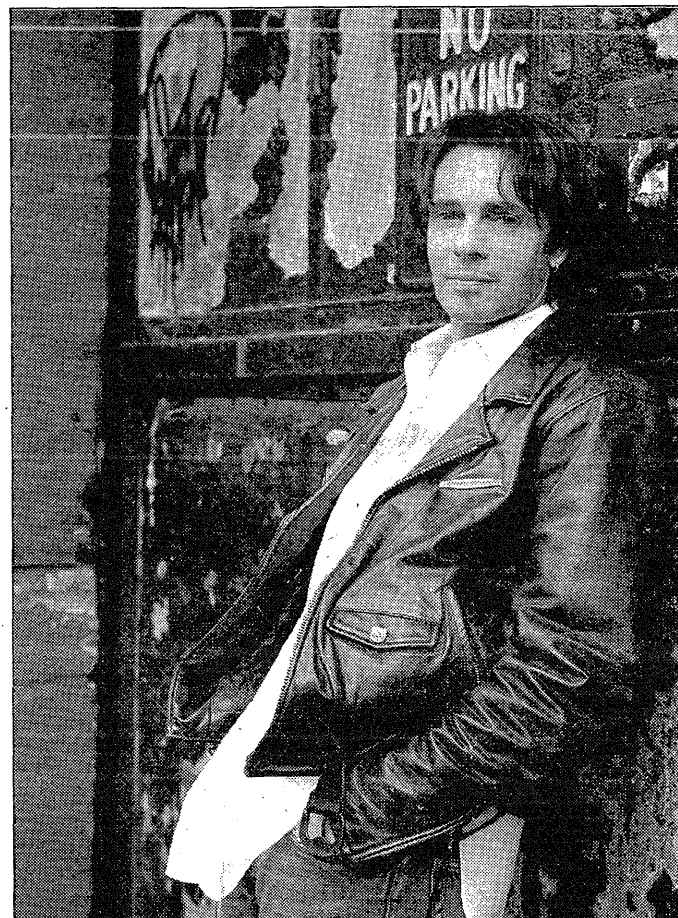
KEEPING THE FACE

The early years, Springfield said, had the temptations that lure all musicians – "sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll." But to indulge in that lifestyle today would be foolish, he said. Now after a show, he prefers scouring a city for the best restaurant, rather than party.

In 1988, just prior to a tour, Springfield crashed his ATV and shattered his collarbone. Unable to hold a guitar for six months, he canceled the tour. Today life is precious.

"I try to eat well, I swim, I work out. I don't want that wild lifestyle that doesn't suit me anymore. It's family that means everything."

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MOVIES

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(Lopez), who would become his wife and the mother of his son. There's the rise to stardom (marked by the de rigueur montage of screaming crowds, concert posters and newspaper clippings) followed by the descent into heroin abuse, his attempted suicide and eventual death from AIDS in 1993. Through it all there's Lopez, making a million wardrobe

changes and shaking her thing backstage in a million gratuitous cutaways. She and Anthony do have chemistry, though, and watching the real-life couple isn't nearly as distracting as it was when Lopez co-starred with then-fiance Ben Affleck in the notorious *Gigli*. A lot of that has to do with the fact that Anthony actually can act, something he previously hinted at in *Man on Fire*. R for drug use, pervasive language and some sexuality. 116 min.

Two stars out of four.

- Christy Lemire, AP movie critic

Life is good for Gooding since 'Jerry Maguire'

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

"was great," Gooding said. "Because (Savage) was a child actor, he had such a wonderful rapport with the kids," Gooding said. "He would motivate them to do things, and that's not easy to do, when you're asking kids to do take after take after take."

The highlight of the film is his scene at the railroad station with Richard Gant (Col. Buck Hinton). It's an emotional scene of father and son healing and repairing their relationship; the father a militaristic disciplinarian, stressing the importance of winning, the son more of a easygoing nice guy, but lacking in toughness.

"It's hard for father and son to say 'I love you,'" Gooding said. "I'm very proud of that scene. That is something we had worked on. I had done work with Richard in *Norbit* with Eddie Murphy, and (Gant) was incredibly quick and his improvisation was awesome. That scene we really worked at to get it right.

"It's something we hope the audience can learn from, especially parents," Gooding said.

Gooding said film opportunities started popping up after he appeared in *Jerry Maguire*, immortalizing that famous phrase "show me the money."

"I started to get more scripts because of that. *Instinct* first went to Tom Hanks, Mel Gibson, and then I got an offer. (Roles) came a lot quicker than I expected and the opportunities opened up for me."

Gooding enjoys the message of his latest film – how important family is, the strength of loved ones, and how teamwork makes a stronger unit.

While many of the children were cast from Utah, where the movie was filmed, Gooding liked the boy from Los Angeles eventually cast as Gooding's son. "Spencer (Bridges) was brilliant," Gooding said about Bridges' screen test. "Working with all the other kids gave it a

nice balance.

"If people need to take away a message, there's something to be said about a relationship between a father and a son. It was something I didn't experience growing up, because my mother raised me and I didn't have a relationship with my father until I was an adult. *Daddy Day Care* was fun and funny, but I think *Daddy Day Camp* has more heart to it."

At the Movies

Cuba Gooding Jr. never camped as a child.

But his two sons experienced all that, due to encouragement from his wife.

"It's always been something to see children as adults just get lost in the wilderness for two weeks and treat them like adults," Gooding said. "It's the first time they've had any freedom and been away from home, washing their clothes and things like that."

Gooding read the script for *Daddy Day Camp* and wanted to play Charlie Hinton in this sequel to *Daddy Day Care*. (Eddie Murphy played Hinton in that film.)

"You have a situation where he had to repair his relationships in his life and it was a multigenerational thing," Gooding said in an interview at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham on Aug. 1.

"My character likes to tell the children to have fun, while my father wants to win, but what they need to bring back as adults is kids need to work hard and develop their skills."

Gooding was not a camper when he was growing up, unlike his character Charlie Hinton. "My wife was a big camper growing up, and she really pushed my sons."

Gooding worked with director Fred Savage (yes, that's Kevin Arnold from *The Wonder Years*) and the writers on the script. Working with all the children

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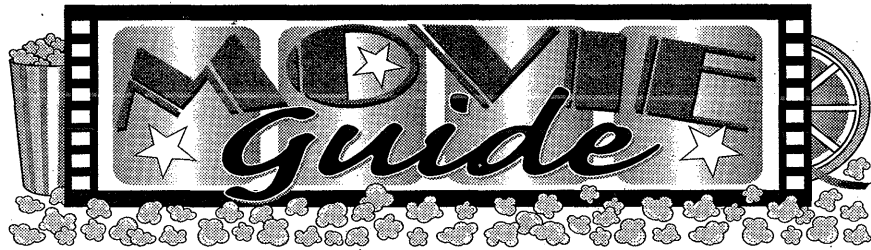
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Wonder tickets on sale Saturday **CHELSEA**

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Tickets for Steve Wonder's concert "A Wonder Summer's Night" go on sale at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Wonder will perform at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12 at Meadow Brook Music Festival. Tickets are \$79.50 pavilion, \$35 lawn with an eight ticket limit. There is special Superfan

seating available.

Tickets will be available at Palacenet.com, The Palace and DTE Energy Music Theatre Box Offices and all Ticketmaster locations. Tickets may also be charged by phone to American Express, Discover, Visa and MasterCard by calling (248) 645-6666.

Handler's first book, *My Horizontal Life: A Collection of One Night Stands*, has earned best-seller status and she's already completed her follow-up, *Are you there Vodka, it's me Chelsea*, due out in April 2008.

"Writing is a huge pain in the *** for me," Handler said. "After reading one of my stories 20 to 25 times, editing, I want to kill myself."

But she insists *Are you there Vodka, it's me Chelsea* is "so much better than my first book."

It delves into funny childhood exploits and it's delivered in her direct, unflinching manner. Handler will say just what she's thinking, with no attempt to protect herself. And that's when the laughter begins.

Her upcoming performance in Rochester – one of the only summer dates she's doing due to her busy TV schedule – will be no different.

Expect tales of the vodka-soaked single life from Handler as she banters about her ridiculous friends who are getting married, and her "even more ridiculous" friends who are having babies. She's sure to toss in a heaping dose of pop culture-inspired comedy, too.

When asked who makes her laugh, Handler has a quick answer: "Clay Aiken. And Paula Abdul. That would be my dream guest, Paula Abdul. Or David Hasselhoff."

Maybe the *American Idol* host and *Baywatch* creator will grace her set together someday. Tune in to find out. *Chelsea Lately* airs at 11:30 p.m. on E!

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NICKEL CREEK

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they will no longer record together as a group and their scheduled 2007 tour is their last.

These bands create music for people who like Bob Dylan, Pavement, Janis Joplin and Radiohead. Both bands write songs with strong, intelligent lyrics that are anything but wimpy.

Nickel Creek, a San Diego-based band formed in 1989, is described as "progressive acoustic" with a blend of

bluegrass and indie rock. The band has three members: Chris Thile, mandolin; Sara Watkins, violin/fiddle; and brother Sean Watkins, guitar; and another not-so-permanent member, bass player Mark Schats.

The edgy, Grammy-nominated band (for best bluegrass album and best country instrumental for *Ode to a Butterfly*) isn't afraid to cover songs by Dylan and Radiohead - and even Britney Spears (the song *Toxic*). In 2002 they earned a Grammy for best contemporary folk album.

Singer-songwriter Fiona Apple released her debut album, *Tidal*, in 1996, which sold 2.7 million copies

and was certified platinum in the United States.

The single *Criminal* was Apple's breakthrough hit and reached the Top 40 on Billboard's Hot 100 chart, earning her a Grammy Award.

Her most recent album, *Extraordinary Machine*, was released in 2003. It became the highest charting album in Apple's career and was nominated for a Grammy Award for Best Pop Vocal Album.

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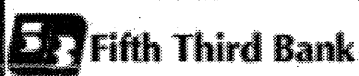
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