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Regimental records

200-piece collection offers Civil War perspective

BY TONY BRUSCATO

The Plymouth Historical Museum has received a donation of Civil War memorabilia that Director Elizabeth Kerstens called "priceless."

The nearly 200-piece collection, which included photographs, enlistment and commission papers, service pins and the muster book for the 2nd Michigan Infantry Regiment — information about every soldier in the 2nd Regiment — was donated this summer by former Our Lady of Good Counsel Pastor John Sullivan on behalf of the family of Capt. John C.

Before he left to become pastor of St. Owen in Bloomfield Hills in July, Sullivan donated the collection that was given to him by Ortonville priest John J. Hardy — a son of the Civil War veteran — before he passed away.

When I go to Civil War shows, you always see bits and pieces," said Dan Packer of Plymouth Township, a Civil War historian who is cataloguing the collection at the Plymouth Historical Museum. "You hardly ever see it all together.

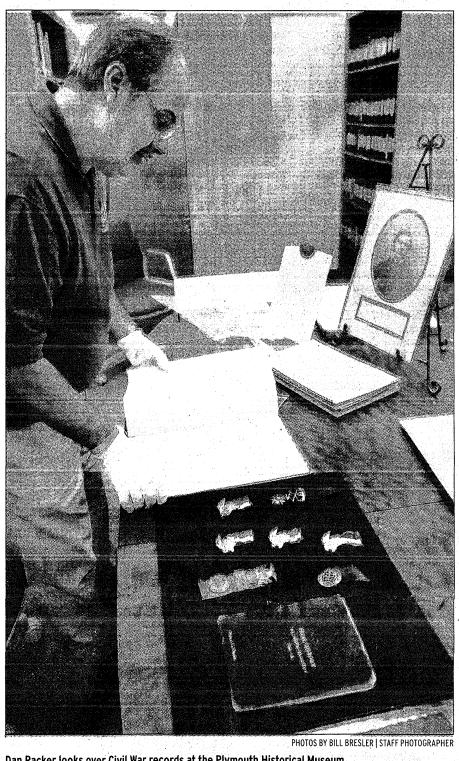
"The provenance (background) is good," he added. "A lot of times when you get historical things, you don't know where it came from, or where it's been. In this case, we know."

The items are in exceptional condition, having been passed only from Hardy to his son, and eventually to Sullivan before being donated to the museum.

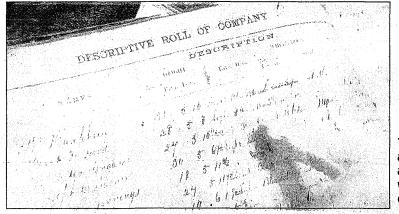
"Hardy volunteered in 1861 when President (Abraham) Lincoln gave the call for volunteers for the insurrection of Fort Sumter in South Carolina," Packer said. "Hardy lived in Detroit, but went with the 2nd Regiment in Adrian.

"Hardy said he was 17 years old on his papers, but he was really only 15 when he joined," Packer added. "He started as a private, enlisted several times, and ended up as a full captain by 1865, when the war ended. He fought over 20 major battles, and was severely wounded in one."

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Dan Packer looks over Civil War records at the Plymouth Historical Museum.



The records are detailed and in very good condition.

Woman pulls youth out of Tonquish

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Richelle Renfer said she only did what any mother would do for a child who was in danger.

Plymouth Police Chief Wayne Carroll said the Plymouth mother of seven is downplaying her efforts, which he said possibly saved the life of an 11-yearold Plymouth youngster.

Carroll said Monday afternoon, after the torrential rains, a work crew noticed three bicycles near Tonquish Creek - which was more like a white water rafting stream — but no

one around to claim them. "They started looking for the kids because they thought maybe they were in the creek," Carroll said. "They immediately alerted (police) dispatch."

About that same time, Renfer heard a knock at her Penniman Avenue door.

"One of the young men asked if I could help with his friend who was in the creek," Renfer

Looking out her back yard to Tonquish Creek, Renfer said she saw the boy hanging on to a tree branch for dear life.

"His feet were way out behind him and water was up to his neck," she said. "The was long enough to reach out to him was a broom. The back gate was locked, and I didn't want to take time to get the key, so I just climbed over the (four-foot) fence and pulled

him out. "They were pretty shaken," she added. "As they were walking back to get their bikes and saw what danger they were in, you could see they were scared."

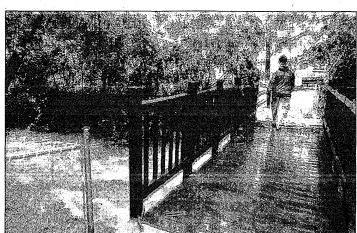
Carroll said the 11-year-old and his 12-year-old friend fell into the creek. A 13-year-old pulled the older boy out, but the 11-year-old was washed downstream. "When the creek is moving

that fast, it can be really dangerous with the trash, debris and branches in it," Carroll said. "If you get to the spillw you can get seriously hurt, i not killed."

Renfer said the adrenalin kicked in and she did what anyone else would do.

"As a mom, you just want kids to be fine, and I was worried they were going to get hurt," Renfer said. "Parents should tell their kids that on rainy days they should stay away from the creek because it gets dangerous fast."

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At one point, floodwaters covered the footbridge behind Tonguish Creek Manor.

Training is 'pet' project for firefighters

Firefighters know when they respond to a house fire, perhaps the first thing owners want to know — once they know all their loved ones are safe — is whether their pets survived the blaze.

When they finish the pet first aid and CPR training they started this week, Plymouth Community Fire Department firefighters will have a better chance of giving homeowners good news.

The training started Monday at Station 3, at North Territorial and Beck. Two more classes are scheduled.

"People love their pets," said firefighter Christine Perez, who organized the training. "At (some of) the house fires we've had, pets have died. If we can help them, that's important to our residents."

In addition to the training, all four of the

department's ambulances that carry oxygen will be outfitted with respirators specifically made for cat- and dog-sized snouts, to give them air and oxygen if needed in a fire situ-

The equipment was funded through donations from pet-related businesses in the area such as Happy Hounds, First Aid 4 Paws and Needles & Pins, as well as contributions from Vivian Gorbea and Joyce Thomas of Plymouth Veterinary Hospital, Robert Holt of Colonial Veterinary Clinic, the veterinarians at Parkway Veterinary Clinic and Plymouth Township resident Paula Krause, who overheard Perez talking about it one day and wrote a check.

The first aid and CPR training is designed not only to allow firefighters to help pets on the scene, but also to keep themselves safe, according to Roberta Cubbin and John

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Track work nears finish

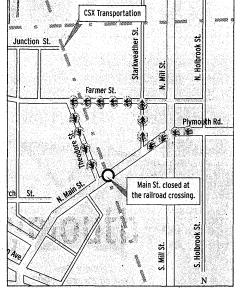
Drivers tired of having to detour around the work being done at the CSX railroad crossing on Main just past Theodore shouldn't have to deal with it much lon-

Work on the tracks, which began earlier this week and forced closure of Main Street, could be done as early as Friday, but should be done by Monday at the latest.

CSX began reconstruction on the crossing Monday. "We're putting in new track and replacing cross ties, and making sure the gates are in working order," said Garrick Francis, CSX spokesman. "Generally, we can make the repairs between Monday and Friday. However, it can extend into the weekend."

Drivers have largely been using Starkweather, Farmer and Theodore to get around the closure. Plymouth police have put up temporary stop signs on those streets to try to control the overflow traffic.

Obviously, these crossings were in pretty poor condition," City Manager Paul Sincock said. "It's one of those things where we have some short-term pain to get through it and have a much better product in the end."



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Taste of Greece

The third-annual "A Taste of Greece Festival" takes place Sept. 14-16 at the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church grounds, 39851 Five Mile Road (near Haggerty) in Plymouth.

The event features Greek food, pastry, live Greek music and traditional Greek dancing, a Kids' Korner with crafts, treats and inflatable rides, a Greek market, Taverna and Coffee House.

Parking is available in the Bosch Corp., parking lot adjacent to the festival, please use the Haggerty Road entrance

For more info, call (734) 420-0131 or visit the Web site at www.atasteofgreecefestival.

Identity theft

Beverly Stanton hopes to help people avoid becoming the 1-in-23 people victimized by identity theft every year with a workshop, "Identity Theft and Fraud," 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28, at the Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Social Hall.

Stanton will cover prevention, how information is obtained and what to do if you become a victim.

OLGC is located at Beck and North Territorial. For more information, call Doris, (734) 453-9730.

Fast-pitch tryouts

The PC Pride Fast-pitch Softball 2008 Season tryouts, for 10U, 12U, 14U and 16U divisions are set for Saturday-Sunday and Tuesday.

Registration for tryouts

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Saturday, Aug. 25, and Sunday, Aug. 26, are set for registration at 9 a.m., with tryouts starting at 10 a.m., at the Canton Softball Center, 46555 W. Michigan Ave., in Canton.

Tryouts are also scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 28, on Field 3 at Heritage Park on Canton Center Road in Canton. Registration starts at 5:30 p.m., with tryouts starting at 6 p.m.

The 10U, 12U and 14U PC (Plymouth-Canton) Pride Stars teams competed July 23rd-July 29th against many of the best teams in the country at the USSSA Fast-Pitch Softball World Series at the Disney Wide Word of Sports complex in Orlando and had their best showing to date. The 14U Stars team, won 7 of 9 games and finished 9th out of 58 teams, The 12U Stars team finished 17th in a field of 47 teams and defeated teams from Texas, Virginia and Ohio in the process and The 10U Stars team finished 13th out of 32 teams.

Senior Fest

Tickets are now available for the Plymouth Senior Fest Picnic, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Council on Aging.

The picnic takes place 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, at Waterford Bend Park, Six Mile and Northville roads.

Tickets must be purchased by Sept. 6 at the PCCA office. Tickets cost \$6 for members, \$7 for guests. A box lunch, entertainment, prizes and vendors are included.

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

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On the dance floor

Steve King and the Dittlies had spectators dancing in the aisles in Kellogg Park Friday night, a concert that reportedly drew as many as 2,000 people. The concert was part of the weekly Music in the Air series sponsored by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority.

Fine arts camp

Amy Sun, an eighth-grader . at East Middle School, has been chosen out of 1,600 campers to play violin in the Blue Lake International Youth Symphony Orchestra.

She has played the violin for seven years, and is the concertmaster of the DSO Civic Philharmonic Orchestra and the Plymouth Canton Community School's orchestra. Amy wishes to play the violin professionally in the future.

The Blue Lake International Youth Symphony Orchestra is composed of the top high school musicians from around the country, and the orchestra tours the Midwestern United States and Europe, where musicians stay with host families while performing in historic concert halls.

The cost of this program is over \$5,000 per student. Amy Sun has already raised funds from baby-sitting and tutoring little kids, but she needs additional help. To make a donation on her account, contact Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp at (800) 221-3796.

Perennial exchange

The Trailwood Garden Club sponsors a Perennial Exchange at the Plymouth Fall Festival 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8.

The exchange is open to members of the community on a "bring something, take something" basis at no charge. The club, a member of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association, will be set up at the east end of Kellogg Park, opposite the Wilcox. House.

For more information, call (734) 459-7146.

Grief support

Ward Presbyterian Church sponsors an eight-week grief workshop, "From Grief to New Hope," beginning Sept. 10.

This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough of Plymouth, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville. Each session will begin with a presentation about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Attendees will be placed in groups with others who have had similar losses.

The workshop will meet for eight consecutive Monday nights from 7-8:45 p.m. at Ward Church located on 6 Mile and Haggerty in Northville. For registration information call Barb at Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5943. For information about other age and loss specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support call (248) 348-0115.

Corn Maze help

The folks at Maybury Farm in Northville need volunteers for the Maybury Farm Corn

Maze, which begins Friday, Sept. 21 and runs through Oct. 30. Volunteers are needed on Fridays from 4:30-9 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays (first shift) 12:15-5 p.m. or (second shift) 4:30-9 p.m. Volunteers do not have to work every weekend.

Drivers are also needed who can drive the wagons with either a tractor or team of

To volunteer or for more information, call Shari Peters, president of the Northville Community Foundation, (248) 374-0200.

Artists needed

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging is looking for volunteer artists for a creative display project for The **Plymouth Community Council** on Aging.

Sports background or the simple love of baseball would be helpful. The project will be needed by Oct. 8.

Interested artists should call Bobbie at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 for more information.

Kindergarten seats

New Morning School still has several seats available in its 2007-2008 kindergarten program. New Morning School has expanded its kindergarten program so that students and their families can choose from half day classes during the morning or afternoon, as well as a full-day option. Highquality before and after school care is also available.

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To find out more, call 734.420.3331 or visit the school's Web site at www.newmorningschool.com

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 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.

Crafter call

■ The Plymouth Historical Museum is seeking crafters for its second-annual Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1. Tables are \$15 each. Crafters are accepted on a first-come, firstserved basis, as the museum has limited room. Applications are available on the Museum Web site at http://plymouthhistory.org/craft/craftshow.pdf or at the Plymouth Historical Museum. Hand-crafted items only, please.

■ The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for its Craft Show that takes place during the Fall Festival Sept. 7-9, 2007.

Ten-by-ten foot spots will cost \$75 per day or \$200 for the three-day weekend. Jewelry vendors will be juried this year and have an earlier deadline of June 30.

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

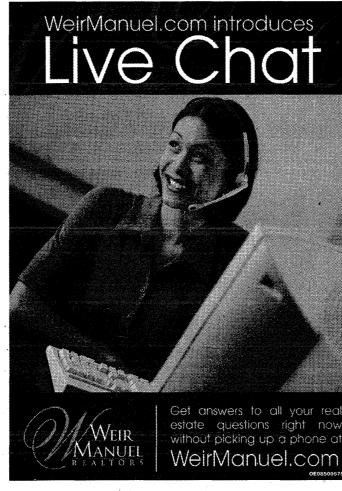
Golf benefit

Conestoga-Rovers & Associates sponsors its 12th-annual Cal Branigan Memorial Golf Outing, a charity event benefiting Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne.

The event was established in 1995 to honor Cal Branigan, a former CRA employee who died of a heart attack. Branigan was a hardworking, dedicated individual who was well respected by his co-workers and clients. This year's outing takes

place at Northville Hills Golf Club, 15565 Bay Hill Drive, in Northville, Thursday, Sept. 20. Registration, cart assignment and warm-up starts at 10:30 a.m., with a noon shotgun start. A buffet dinner, with awards, prizes and gifts, starts at 6 p.m.

For more information, call (734) 667-4653.





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Water-logged – heavy rains force locals to bail out

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

When it rained Wednesday for the second time in three days, Gerry Sabatini shrugged his shoulders and said, "You've just got to face

Sabatini, and his wife, Barb, had been working nonstop the two previous days moving water-damaged furniture and other treasures from their family room and garage - as well as general clean-up - after torrential storms dumped more than three inches of rain by noon Monday, forcing Tonquish Creek to overflow and flood several Coolidge Street backyards.

Sabatini received a call from his neighbor about 11 a.m. Monday that he'd better come home from work.

"I've lived here 24 years and I've never seen anything like it," said Sabatini, who his ground-level family room. "The water was seeping through the house and to the floor drain, but it couldn't

ing. City workers were putting sandbags down, but the water was just too high. "We've spent the last few days cleaning and moving everything upstairs," he said. "You want to cry, but it

take it as fast as it was com-

doesn't do any good." Sabatini said damage estimates are as high as

"I always wanted lakefront property, but not at this expense," said Sabatini, trying to make the best of the situation.

Meanwhile, Jada Korsman couldn't hold back the tears as her entire Junction Street home was surrounded by water following Monday's storms.

"It happened within 10 minutes," said Korsman, who has seen her back yard flood before. "I went into the garage to put sandbags around the house, and by the time I came back out, I couldn't get to it because of all the water. The back



had six inches of water inside City workers inspect the overflow from Tonquish Creek as neighbors eye their flooded back yards after Monday's rain storm dumped more than three inches.

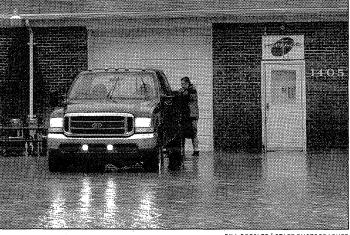
room had about eight inches of water; that's where I had some antique furniture, a hope chest and photo albums.

'I'm an artist and have my work in the garage, some antique furniture, boxes of Christmas gifts I bought early and Christmas and Halloween decorations stored in there," she said. "It's all ruined."

Many parts of Plymouth and Plymouth Township experienced heavy flooding following more than three inches of rain that fell from Sunday to Monday.

"The biggest issue was the amount of rain we received in such a short amount of time," said Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock, who spent much of Monday examining damage and coordinating cleanup by the Municipal Services Department. "We had a number of areas where businesses and residents were flooded. The Tonquish and Byron creeks were at capacity, or more."

Tonquish Creek runs right behind Tonquish Creek



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Flood waters on Goldsmith Street covered parking lots.

Manor, which houses some 100 senior citizens. When the rain poured and the nearby creek crested, several inches of water found its way to the manor's basement community room.

"I've been here for 12 years and have never seen anything like this," said Annette Stutrud, service coordinator.

Executive director Sharon Thomas said the block-glass window wells - nearly filled

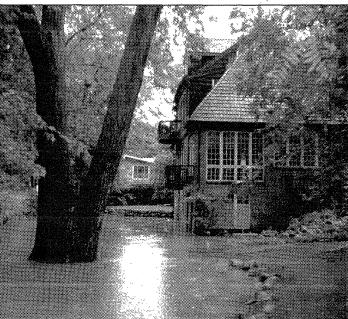
with water - looked like aquariums, including one with a lone frog that was washed from the creek.

"The city was so respon? sive, they were here instantly when we called," Thomas said. "The crews helped cover our files to protect them from water coming through the ceiling, and made a trench around the building to keep the water away from the building."



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Ron Korsman pumps flood waters out of his Junction Street home.



Floodwaters reached this home on Evergreen near the Tonquish Creek.

A Plymouth Township police cruiser became disabled on Hines Drive while checking out a car that floated for a short distance before resting in a stretch of roadway that frequently floods and is closed after heavy rainstorms.

"The Wayne County Sheriff's Department asked us to assist, and when the officer tried to check the car and see if anyone was in it, our car got stuck and stalled," said Ray Yudt, a police service aid. "It had to be towed." Public Works Manager Tony

Hollis said most of the flood-

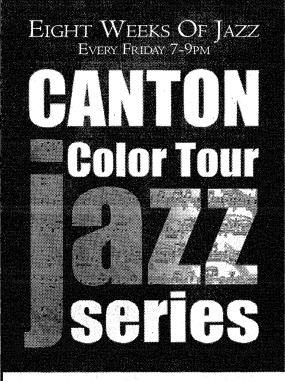
ing in Plymouth Township was in the western end. "We had a number of reports from residents who had basements that flooded," Hollis said. "It was mostly from detention basins filling up and draining into backyards. We also had some creeks that overflowed and

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Death of a child

Long before Allison Newman died in foster care, her real parents struggled through a life of drugs and crime

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS

When an 18-year-old Anne Hirsch licked the stamp to her first jailhouse letter to Kenny Newman and threw it in the mail, she set the downward spiral of her life in motion.

The young couple's roller coaster relationship, which was riddled with drug abuse and breakups, hit bottom in September with the death of their youngest daughter, Allison, 2.

Carol Poole, one half of the Canton couple that had been granted custody of the happy, brown-eyed child, has been charged in connection with her death and is set to return to court Friday for a hearing.

While palming a picture of his angelic granddaughter laid out in a coffin, Craig Hirsch, Anne's father, stares at a wall in his Canton apartment as if it holds the answers to his questions.

"I knew something was going to happen because they weren't done with the crack cocaine," he says blankly. "I just never knew it would be a death."

Hirsch said he isn't sure who gave Anne the contact information for Newman, then 20, in 1998. And he still can't pinpoint the exact reason she began writing him but says he believes it's because they are both deaf.

Although Hirsch was leery of Newman's interaction with his daughter, he gave him the benefit of the doubt when he was released from jail later that year.

"I thought he was a nice guy," Hirsch said. "He was clean cut and he brought her a rose

'SHE WAS A GOOD KID'

At that time, Anne, one of Hirsch's seven children, was a "good kid" who had always conquered her physical limitations, including cerebral palsy, and had thrived in cross country running and performed in student plays.

Hirsch, who raised Anne, now 27, on his own, offers a slight smile as he hands over a stack of her old report cards.

"She didn't smoke and didn't drink," he said. "All she and her sister did was play with each other's hair."

Within months of meeting Newman in person, Hirsch was pregnant with the couple's first daughter, Chrissy.

"I remember taking them all to Red Lobster when Chrissy was about three years old," Hirsch said. "They had some money in the bank and they were about to move into a trailer. That's the last time I remember them doing well."

Soon afterward, Hirsch says the couple spun out of control when they began doing drugs together.

"I had retired and went to Florida, but I had to come right doing drugs," he said. "I was back when I found out she was

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Craig Hirsch holds a photo of his granddaughter, Allison Newman, and his daughter Anne Marie, running cross country in high school. Anne Marie, who is Allison's mother and sitting in the chair at left, has struggled with drug use for several years.

only gone three months."

UNABLE TO CHANGE

Anne, who has entered rehab

nine times, made an effort to kick cocaine when she got pregnant with Allison, Hirsch said.

When she was around six months old, Allison was placed

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in foster care and eventually ended up with the Pooles. She had previously lived with her older sister and paternal grandparents, Kenneth and Debbie Newman. in Westland. Hirsch said health problems prevented him from taking the child.

"I remember (the paternal grandfather) stating that he was glad Allison hadn't been placed in the ghetto, but was in Canton where everything is supposed to be la-dee-dah." Hirsch said. "I don't think any of us knew this would happen."

The Newmans, who have been at all of Poole's court appearances, have said they will hold off on comments until Poole's trial is over.

After Allison moved into the Poole's home, Anne appeared to want to turn her life around but Newman, now 29, was back in jail. He has an extensive criminal record, dating back to 1994.

Having entered a plea on four charges, including fleeing a police officer, assault with a dangerous weapon and receiving and concealing stolen property, Newman is in custody in a state prison in Jackson with a maximum release date of 2015.

Hirsch said his daughter and Newman are no longer in a relationship.

When Allison died, Hirsch said any of Anne's plans to get clean were gone. He believes it has been about a year since she's seen her oldest daughter, now 7. The girl, who left a note in her little sister's casket to tell God she said hello, still lives with her paternal grandparents.

"I have to go and hunt her

down," Hirsch said. "I stand outside the drug houses with my camcorder and I wait. I

know what time they get going." Estimating that he's hit the streets more than 100 times to find Anne, Hirsch has gotten beat

up and robbed in the process. As he throws out a recent photograph that shows his left eye swollen shut and bruised, Hirsch said Anne mostly appears numb to Allison's death but will cry or get mad about the situation if she's high.

"If it were me, I'd be totally heartbroken if this happened to one of my kids," he said. "But with her, it doesn't last long."

TRIAL WON'T BRING HER BACK

Poole, 42, is accused of causing Allison's death when the child flew over a second-floor balcony during a game of "whirlybird."

Although the Canton woman has insisted the child's death was an accident, police say she gave them multiple explanations for Allison's injuries, which included a skull fracture. She has been charged with felony murder, first-degree child abuse and involuntary manslaughter.

Hirsch says he can only speculate about Poole's guilt but doesn't believe her acquittal or conviction will change anything.

"Nobody is going to win," he said. "Allison will still be gone and none of us know for sure what took place in that house."

After an unsuccessful attempt to visit Chrissy last month, Hirsch said Anne went off on yet another drug binge.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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

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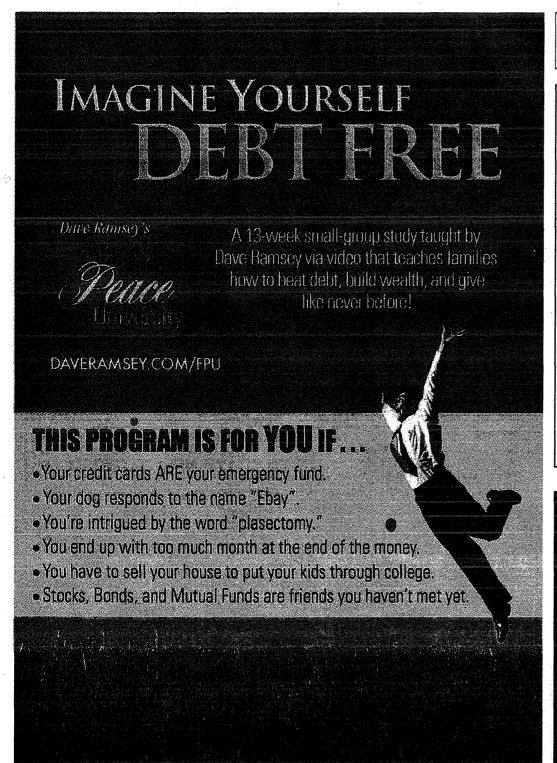
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, September 6, 2007 for the following:

SUMMIT ON THE PARK - FITNESS EQUIPMENT

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

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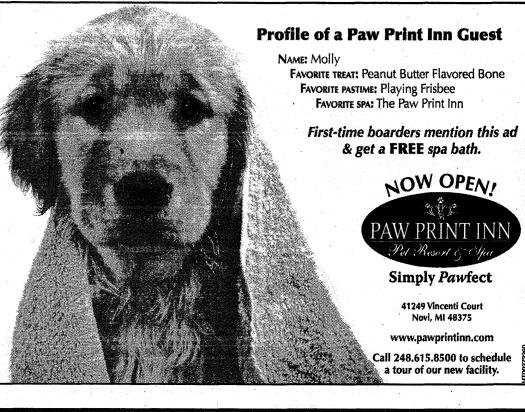
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Hardy was known as the "Hero of Petersburg" for capturing three dozen Confederate soldiers by himself. It was at Fort Steadman, during General Ulysses Grant's Petersburg campaign in Virginia, that Hardy was cited for conspicuous gallantry.

"The story goes that (General Robert E.) Lee's army tried to break out of Petersburg, and when Hardy saw a rebel poking his face out of the door of the Confederate headquarters he went charging through there with his musket, by himself," Packer said. "When he opened the door, there were 35 Confederate officers and soldiers. He told them 'give it up, you're surrounded,' and thev surrendered. He became the hero of Fort Steadman."

Also included in the documents are Hardy's ordnance records for ordering ammunition during the Civil War.

"One document showed he ordered 3,500 bullets during the siege of Petersburg on April 1," Packer said. "On April 2 they were expended, so he had to get more bullets, and wrote out a form every time he needed them.'

Kerstens said the fact the documents have been in very few hands the past 140 years makes this collection unique.

"The Hardys took good care of this, it's in fabulous condition," Kerstens said. "From an archival standpoint, this is fantastic. If it hadn't been for priests taking care of it, the items would probably have been sold piece-meal, or thrown away."

Packer is in the process of cataloguing each item with a description, number and photo to be put in the museum's computer database. He wears white gloves to pry documents that have been glued to albums.

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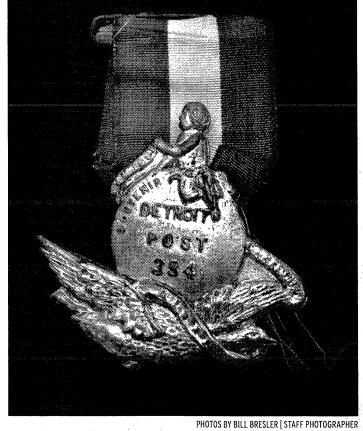
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realized 'holy smokes, this is

quite a collection.' We've really

Medals from the Grand Army of the Republic.

"Finger oil destroys documents, and putting it in light destroys it after a while," Kerstens said. "Even putting it in plastic could, over time, accelerate deterioration. However, we probably won't see that in our lifetime."

The Civil War collection enhances the Plymouth Historical Museum's Lincoln collection, which is the state's largest.

"It multiplies the value of the Lincoln collection because we have a whole collection from contemporary people," Kerstens said.

The Civil War memorabilia was given by Sullivan to one of his parishioners, Jack Grant of Plymouth Township, who is also the museum's treasurer.

"I saw Fr. Sullivan at church one day and he told me to stop by after Mass because he had something to donate to the museum," Grant said. "I picked up a stack of things and took

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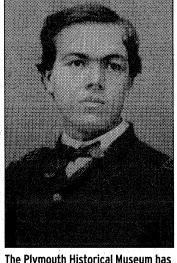
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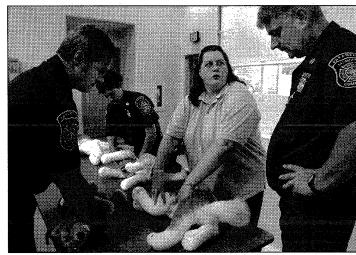
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The Plymouth Historical Museum has received a nearly 200-piece Civil War collection donated on behalf of the family of Union Capt. John C. Hardy.

In 1993, Hardy's descendents donated the only remaining regimental flag for the 2nd Michigan Infantry, one of Hardy's muskets and several other items to the state of Michigan. The rest of the collection is at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

"We'll probably have 2nd Michigan Regiment ancestors anxious to see this collection." Packer said. "This is a jewel in the crown for us and this museum."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Instructor Roberta Cubbin teaches paramedics Jim Harrell, Christine Perez and Terry Harned the proper technique for performing cardio-pulmonary resuscitation on dogs.

Chapman of First Aid 4 Paws, who conducted the training.

"It's important for the firefighters to be able to treat the pets," Cubbin said. "It's also important for them to keep themselves safe from them at the same time."

This training, which Chapman and Cubbin also offer to pet owners, is a benefit to the community, according to Chapman.

"People are devastated when they lose their pets," he said. "They don't care so much about the house; in the end, they worry about their pets."

First Aid 4 Paws offers pet first aid and CPR training to pet owners Sept. 8 and Nov. 10. For details, visit the Web site at www.FirstAid4Paws.com

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Kiwanians Buzz Bozell (from left), Vic West and Master of Ceremonies Fred Hill were still smiling after a day in the record high temperatures at the Kiwanis Club's 25th-annual golf outing.

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Despite record temperatures, the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth had what club officials called "a terrific" 25thannual Golf Outing and Feast - newly titled "Kiwanapalooza" - recently. The event took place at Plymouth's Fox Hills Country Club and was host to a myriad of antics, including bagpipers, a greeting from the sky and dueling pirates.

In addition to 18 holes of golf on the Golden Fox and the chance to win high-end prizes, participants were treated to a catered breakfast, lunch and dinner. Gift prizes included deluxe golf packages, gift certificates from local retailers such as La Casa De Habana, Milano Fine Apparel and Showroom of Elegance and Plymouth res-

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Polio conference

Wondering about the late effects of polio? The Michigan Post Polio Conference is scheduled Sept. 21-22 at the Soaring Eagle Casino in Mt. Pleasant. Cost is \$45. For tickets and more information, call Bonnie Levitan, (313) 885-7855, or Bruce Jacks, (248) 476-2477.

Road rally

A Road Rally to benefit Steppin' Out/AIDS Walk Detroit is planned for Friday, Sept. 14. This task-oriented, timed "treasure hunt" will begin at 7:30 p.m. from the parking lot of the Royal Oak Farmer's Market. Participants may enter as individuals or as a group, a \$5 donation per person is suggested. Prior registration required. For more information, call (586) 212-1348, or e-mail carrscompadres@yahoo.com

Suicide Loss Support Group

New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering an ongoing support group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide. This monthly group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday and fourth Monday of each month at the First United Methodist Church in Northville located at 777 W. Eight Mile Road. No registration is necessary for this monthly drop-in support group. For further information about this group or about the many other free, age and loss specific groups offered for children, teens, and adults, please call New Hope Center for Grief Support at 248-348-0115 and visit us at www.newhopecenter.net

Ballet auditions

The Ann Arbor Civic Ballet holds open auditions 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20 at Sylvia Studio of Dance, 3900 Jackson Road, Suite 6, in Ann Arbor. Experienced male and female dancers 12 years of age and older are invited to audition. Women should bring pointe shoes. Call (734) 668-8066 or visit www.annarborcivicballet.com for more information.

Gardeners meet

The Gardeners of Northville & Novi meets the second Tuesday of the month September through May at 6:30 p.m. Locations rotate between Novi Civic Center and the Northville Library. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call (248) 231-2334 or visit our Web site www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org

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Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, a holistic physician and clinical nutritionist, presents "Beat Stress - Be Happy," a workshop designed to reduce

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

stress, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile in Livonia. Learn what you can do to help increase your ability to handle stress through diet, nutrition, exercise, and lifestyle changes. No charge for this class. Limited seating, reservation required. Phone (734) 756-6904 to make a reservation

Fall Harvest Festival

Plans for the Grass Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce's Fall Harvest Festival, which takes place Sept. 15, in this quiet farming community are progressing. Artists, crafters, and businesses will line the village main street, while five farms will be open for tours from the Jackson County Family Farm Fest event. The Michigan's Center for the Photographic Arts Fall Focus Festival will feature the photographic art of 800 children from the area, as well as hayrides, fresh cider and donuts, and horse and buggy rides through the village. Quality live musical entertainment, including the "The Shyguys," winners of the Grass Lake Third Annual Battle of the Bands, will play during the entire event in the gazebo/depot park area. and food vendors will be available at the site throughout the day. For more information on this event, visit www.dalefisherphoto.com and view or download a brochure with more information.

Health class

Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, a holistic physician and clinical nutritionist, presents "Is It Really Your Thyroid?" 6-8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17, at the Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road in Livonia. Learn the thyroid's link to heart health, digestive issues, emotional stress and more. There is help the natural way. Help your body get back on track with safe, natural, effective alternatives. No charge for this class. Limited seating, reservation required. Phone (734) 756-6904 to make a reservation.

Mercy scholarships

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

Travel clinics

When traveling to a foreign country a vaccination and travel consultation could be just as important as a passport. From diseases you may have already heard of such as hepatitis, to the more exotic illnesses like Japanese encephalitis, Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's TravelWise Travel Clinic can provide the vaccinations and information you need to consider. This new service from VNA provides inoculations for many common diseases including influenza, pneumonia, meningitis, tetanus and diphtheria, in addition to vaccinations specific to your travel destinations such as hepatitis A and B and typhoid. Additionally, VNA is a certified provider of the yellow fever vaccine. In order to prepare for VNA's travel consultation, individuals should bring their anticipated travel dates, itinerary and lodging plans. Past immunization records and a list of allergies and current medications will also help. For appointments, cost, on-site clinics and general informa-

tion, contact the VNA TravelWise Travel Clinic at (248) 967-8755 or visit www.vna.org.

Heartland Hospice

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

Register for St. Genevieve School

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

Card party/luncheon

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

Hospice training

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

Literacy Council tutors

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

Toastmasters meet

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

Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All

services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhopecenter.net.

Post Polio Clinic

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

CLUBS

Rotary A.M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Beth Stewart, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 420-

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Canton Newcomers

The Canton Newcomers meet the first Wednesday of each month (September-May) for an adult evening of socializing, a speaker or an activity. Additionally, the group hosts more than 20 events during the month including Book Club, Bunko, Playgroups, Creative Kids, Ladies Day and Night Out, Scrapbooking, Walking and many more. Request a complimentary newsletter at cantonnewcomers.org or call Jennifer at (734) 981-1715. You don't have to be "new" to be a Newcomer!

Kiwanis Club

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at 7:15 a.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center on Farmer. The Club invites you to their morning meetings to discuss community projects and activities. Be part of the solution and not just a spectator. For more information, call (734) 981-0460 or see the Web site (www. pckiwanis.org).

Plymouth Newcomers

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors playgroups for children ages 0-5 meet several times during the week at member homes and occasional special events. Come meet new parents while your kids meet their own new friends! For details, contact Janet Keller at (734) 451-1840 or robertplusjanet@aol.com

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia

and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There will be a guest speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee but a small donation will be accepted. For information call Lucy Rowley 734-462-1768

MOPS meet

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

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††Turn-by-Turn not available in certain markets. Visit OnStar.com for coverage map.

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Plymouth firm's golf swing technology gets BBC deal

Plymouth-based Interactive Frontiers Inc. said it had been selected by the British Broadcasting Corp., to be the on-air swing analysis tool for select major tournaments, including the British Open.

Interactive Frontiers is a sports training industry software developer, and has created the V1 Pro Digital Coaching System.

The V1 Pro successfully debuted during the BBC's broadcast of the recent BMW PGA Championship at Wentworth and was to be integrated during tournament broadcasts of the Scottish Open at Loch Lomond and The Open Championship at

Carnoustie last month.

Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, August 23, 2007

"Integrating V1 Pro into our golf broadcasts gives viewers a unique visual perspective of some of their favorite players' swings, from address through impact," said BBC Producer Paul Davies, "We're excited about what V1 Pro adds to our broadcasts, from both our commentators' and viewers' standpoint.

Commentators for the BBC, which regularly draws the largest TV audience in the world, will use the V1 Pro to conduct in-depth, on-air swing analyses during their tournament tele-

While V1 Pro is being embraced at the highest levels of the sport, it is also available to the millions of average golfers in the U.S. and around the world over the Internet. Anyone can download a free copy of V1 Home, a consumer version of the V1 Pro software, at http://www.vigolfacademy. com/

Dul scholars

Three students from the Plymouth-Canton area are among the five winners of scholarships from the Dul Foundation, established in 1998, the Dul Foundation was established to provide educational opportunities for employees of Clips & Clamps, Fox Hills and their families. The foundation provides scholarships each year to deserving applicants.

The Scholarships are intended to assist students in financing their continuing education at trade schools, community colleges, four-year colleges or universities and other educational institutions. Each year, Dul Foundation Scholarships recognize and reward applicants who demonstrate commitment to personal and professional growth and exemplify personal integrity and character.

Local winners were:

■ Lindsey Kitti of Plymouth - Kitti is majoring in nursing at **Grand Valley State University** in Allendale, scheduled to graduate in June 2009. She's on the Dean's List, is the direct admit to the Kirkhof College of Nursing, is a student ambassador, a transitions orientation leader and is part of the campus ministry leadership team. The daughter of Michael and Terri Kitti, she is a graduate of Agape Christian Academy in Canton and works at Fox Hills

Golf & Banquet Center. ■ Sheryl Rice of Plymouth - Rice is majoring in accounting at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, scheduled to graduate in June 2009. Rice has

received business honors, is training for her first marathon and she also enjoys photography. Rice, who is married to Craig Rice, is a graduate of Franklin High School in Livonia and is employed with U.S. Food Service.

■ Hillary Kind of Canton - Kind is studying finance/ accounting at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, and is expected to graduate in June 2008. Kind is on the Dean's List and is a member of the BAP Professional Organization. The daughter of Joanne and Jeffrey Kind, she is a graduate of Salem High School and works at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center.

STATE OF MICHIGAN **COUNTY OF WAYNE** CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

AMENDMENT TO WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM ORDINANCE

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. C-07-04

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 73.040 THROUGH 73.065 OF ARTICLE I, ORDINANCE NO. C-2002-01 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH; PROVIDING FOR WATER RATES; PROVIDING FOR SEWER SYSTEM RATES; PROVIDING FOR USE FACTOR SCHEDULE; PROVIDING FOR TRANSITION RULES FOR WATER AND SEWER BENEFIT CHARGES AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR INDUSTRIAL WASTE CONTROL (I.W.C.) CHARGES; PROVIDING FOR SEWER CONNECTION RATES; PROVIDING FOR RATE APPEALS; PROVIDING FOR WATER AND SEWER APPLICATIONS; PROVIDING FOR PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR VIOLATION AND PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF UNENFORCEABLE PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR PRESERVATION OF EXISTING CHARGES, RATES AND ENFORCEMENT ACTION(S); PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Sections 73.040 through 73.065 of Article I of Ordinance C-2002-01 of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Plymouth

SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE.

73.040. Water Rates. This section provides for consumption rates, service charges, minimum water rates, a water tap charge, water benefit charges, a fire line detector check, capital charges and special rates, and other charges.

73.050. Sewer System Rates. This section provides for sewer disposal use rates, minimum sewage rates, single residences unmetered water, special rates, and sewer benefit charges.

73.055. Use Factor Schedule. This section provides a use factor schedule calculations.

73.056. Transition Rules For Water and Sewer Benefit Charges Amendments. This section provides for transition rules for water

73.060. <u>Industrial Waste Control (I.W.C.) Charge.</u> This section provides that a monthly charge shall be applied to all non-residential customers for the purpose of the Industrial Waste Control Surveillance Program.

73.061. Sewer Connection Rates. This section provides for sewer connection rates.

73.062. Rate Appeals. This section provides that the Township Board may establish special charges or fees to meet special

73.063. Water and Sewer Applications. This section provides that all water and sewer applications, agreements and/or permits shall be arranged for and signed and all tap connection and benefit charges shall be paid prior to the issuance of electrical, plumbing and/or building permits.

73.064. Billings. This section provides for the procedure for billing

73.065. Enforcement. This section provides for enforcement of payment for water services by the Township.

SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

This section provides that any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SECTION 3. REPEAL.

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this

SECTION 6. PUBLICATION.

This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

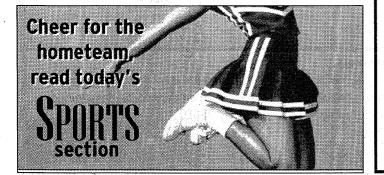
This section provides that this Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at its regular meeting called and held on the 14th day of August 2007, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk

July 17, 2007 Introduced: August 14, 2007 Adopted: August 23, 2007



Rivera honored for efforts to bridge Detroit's divide

BY ALEX LUNDBERG STAFF WRITER

Osvaldo "Ozzie" Rivera has been working his entire career to bring people together across the gulfs of race, economics and ethnicity. He was honored for his work recently by New Detroit at its annual Closing the Gap awards dinner in June.

Rivera is the director of multicultural affairs at Madonna University and is in charge of developing programs that bring people of diverse backgrounds together. He's been active for a very long time. In 1976 he founded the Youth Activities Center to meet the needs of Latino youth through recreation, cultural activities and education. He was also the president of Latino Family Services, which worked to bring the communities of southwest Detroit together focused on AIDS, mental health and organizing youth.

He was also a cultural figure as the Latin-Caribbean musical host of "Caribe Serenade" for 15 years on WDTR. As a member of New Detroit's Cultural Exchange Network, he helps plan the organization's CEO Shirley Stancato said

2007 for the following:

www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

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Osvaldo "Ozzie" Rivera, director of multicultural affairs at Madonna University, was honored by New Detroit with a Closing the Gap Award.

multicultural leadership programs as well as the annual Concert of Colors.

New Detroit President and

CITY OF PLYMOUTH

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will

accept sealed bids up until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, September 6,

2007. The bid opening will be at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, September 6,

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Specifications and bid documents are available at the city hall

during normal business hours. You may also download a copy of the

documentation from the City's web site at: http://

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any o r

all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

Rivera was chosen for his long association with causes and organizations trying to bridge the racial divide in metro Detroit.

"He has dedicated his personal and professional life to opening doors and getting people of all colors to work together," she said. "Throughout his entire career he's brought people together and shown that one person can make a difference."

Rivera won the award as an individual. Awards were also given out to organizational and corporate entities.

New Detroit also honored food relief organization Forgotten Harvest and DTE Energy with Closing the Gap awards this year.

Rivera said the big problem

in the metro Detroit area is segregation, both economic and racial.

"There's a big disparity in economics," he said. "The fault lines are race, ethnicity economic, educational and in housing."

He said the hardest part is getting the ball rolling. The problems he laid out are longstanding and a lot of people are convinced that there's no way to even get started. Almost worse, he said, is that a lot of people expect there to be a magic bullet.

"With music, you can start the discussion but it must be an ongoing discussion," Rivera said. "If people don't interact on a regular basis they'll never know what life for the other is like."

STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF **ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY** PO Box 30204 Lansing, Michigan 48909 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City Clerk

City of Plymouth

TAKE NOTICE, that the Land and Water Management Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will hold a public hearing at the Canton Township Hall, Freedom Room, 1150 Canton Center Road South, Canton, Michigan, on Thursday, September 6, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of this hearing is to secure the views of interested persons concerning the following application for permit:

Application for Permit 07-82-0076-P under Part 303, Wetlands Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451 as amended, by Jahan and Debra Azizi, 572 Shana Drive, Canton, Michigan. The applicant proposes to place a total of approximately 334 cubic yards of fill in a total of 0.26 acres of wetland for the purpose of constructing four single family homes, driveways, and an access road. Utilities will be installed beneath wetlands by open trench. Mitigation is not proposed. The project is located southeast of Cherry Hill and Denton Roads in T2S, R8E, Section 20, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The application is available for review at the DEQ website, www.deq.state.mi.us/CIWPIS, or may be reviewed in the Land and Water Management Division, DEQ, 27700 Donald Court, Warren, Michigan 48092-2793 by calling 586-753-3862. The public hearing record will remain open for 10 days after the public hearing date. Any written comments to be submitted for the public hearing record must be received at this address on or before the close of the

The hearing will be held pursuant to Section 30307 of the cited statute. The hearing will not be a court-type proceeding; witnesses will not be sworn, and there will be no cross examination. Public hearings are primarily informational and are held to encourage the expression of views and presentation of facts.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will, upon written request, provide a copy of the Department's decision on this

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Wendy Fitzner, Chief Permit Consolidation Unit Land and Water Management Division 517-373-9244

Date: August 9, 2007

NOTE: Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this meeting should call the telephone number listed above one week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

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CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 1150 S. CANTON CENTER RD. **CANTON, MI 48188**

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction August 28, 2007 at 10:00 AM.

The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

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1988	CHEVY	1500	P/U	1GCFC24K0JE17150	
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, as a part of

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from MAPCO Manufacturing for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for personal property for their facility located at 5740 S. Beck Road, within the MAPCO Industrial Development District, the legal description of which is as follows:

Parcel 4 of Tax I.D. #128-99-0005-701: Part of the S.E. 1/4 of Section 32, T.2 S., R.8E., Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, more particularly described as beginning at a point on the South line of said Section 32, distant South 87 degrees 32 minutes 28 seconds West 471.72 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 32, and proceeding thence South 88 degrees 09 minutes 00 seconds West 536.06 feet, along the South line of said Section 32; thence North 01 degrees 03 minutes 40 seconds East 309.99 feet; thence South 88 degrees 56 minutes 20 seconds East 277.52 feet; thence North 01 degrees 03 minutes 40 seconds East 65.24 feet; thence South 88 degrees 56 minutes 20 seconds East 257.85 feet; thence South 01 degrees 03 minutes 40 seconds West 348.00 feet, along the center line of Beck Road to the point of beginning. Containing 4.03 acres. Subject to easements of record, and that part taken, used or deeded to Beck Road.

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Business owner should consider SEP or self-employed 401(k)

For a self-employed individual,

there are two types of tax-

efficient retirement plans

to consider. The first is a

Simplified Employee Pension

plan or SEP. A self-employed

individual who works full or

part time for themselves can

SEP. Someone who starts their

own business in 2007 will have

establish an SEP.

recently had a meeting with an individual who had accepted a buyout from an auto company. This individual was using part of the money to start a business. One of the client's main concerns was how to save for retirement. The individual did not plan to hire employees and wanted to know

what type of employed.

therefore, there is no reason

for a small business or a self-

For a self-employed indi-

Simplified Employee Pension

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part time for themselves can

retirement plan at your full-

time job, you are still eligible

for an SEP for self-employed

income up to a maximum of

In an SEP, you can contrib-

You have until your tax fil-

ing deadline, typically April 15,

to open and contribute to an

Even if you are covered by a

establish an SEP.

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for their retirement.

Money Matters

Rick Bloom

investment vehicles other than an IRA was available to the self-

person and.

until April 15, 2008, to establish an SEP plan and to make a Over the years, more contribution. The advantage of an SEP is options have you can deduct your contribubecome available for the

tion off your income tax return and all investment earnings small business will grow on a tax-deferred basis. In addition, unlike some other types of retirement plans, employed individual not to save you are not required to make an SEP contribution on a yearby-year basis. And there are no annual reports that have to be filed with the Internal Revenue plans to consider. The first is a

SEP plans are offered through many mutual fund companies and brokerage houses and typically offer a variety of investment options. In opening any SEP plan, make sure you determine the costs involved in establishing and maintaining the plan. Many of the no-load companies will have no or very little costs ute up to 25 percent of business involved.

Another alternative for the self-employed is a Self-Employed 401(k) plan.

Under this plan, you can contribute up to \$15,500 in a SelfEmployed 401(k). If you are over 50, you can take advantage of an additional \$5,000 contribution by exercising the catchup provision.

In addition, the business owner can make a profit-sharing contribution into the plan up to 25 percent of compensation to a maximum of \$45,000. The total contribution between salary deferral and profit sharing cannot exceed \$45,000 or \$50,000 if age 50 or older.

Unlike an SEP, a Self-Employed 401(k) plan must be established before the end of the business calendar (or fiscal) year, which is typically Dec. 31.

Just like in an SEP plan, many mutual fund companies and brokerage houses now offer a Self-Employed 401(k)

Once a Self-Employed 401(k) plan has assets exceeding \$100,000, IRS Form 5500 must be completed and filed on a year-by-year basis.

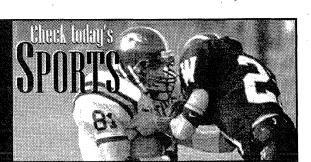
An individual can contribute a greater amount to a solo 401(k) plan than to an SEP plan. One looking to maximize a retirement contribution may wish to consider a solo 401(k) plan vs. an SEP.

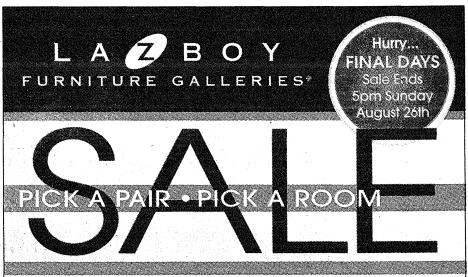
When someone decides to strike out on their own, it is important they begin saving for retirement as soon as possible.

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



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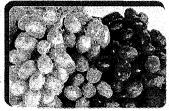
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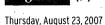
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Get input on public safety

Oh, for crying out loud.

We're sure that's the sentiment every time a resident of the City of Plymouth or Plymouth Township sees commissioners and trustees for the respective communities are arguing about fire services — again.

The latest dust-up came because city officials had the temerity to schedule Police Chief Wayne Carroll and Officer Chris Voorheis for Schoolcraft College's Fire Academy, an eight-week course that would seem to be the first step toward the city turning its police department into a public safety department and opting out of the agreement it has with the Plymouth Community Fire

City officials claim they're simply doing "due diligence" as they seek to decide what level of fire service is necessary to serve their residents. But thus far they've skipped at least one step we believe is vital to the process:

Ask the residents. It's all fine and dandy - prudent, even - to acquire as much information as possible while sorting out something as important as protecting the citizenry. And, since the city set aside \$100,000 in its budget this year to explore the public safety option, the \$5,000 it will shell out for the Schoolcraft training doesn't even strike us as

We don't believe the public safety department is the way to go; neither do most city officials. Most commissioners, in fact, are on record saying the community fire department would be their preferred method of providing fire safety. But officials claim in one sentence the costs are skyrocketing out of control, then admit in the next breath that costs have risen only minimally.

The problem, as it is so often with these two governmental entities, is personalities consistently get in the way. The city says, "We can't get future cost projections;" the township counters with "I already gave them to you." Fifth-graders settle playground disputes with more aplomb. It's far past time for both sides to put aside pettiness and animosity and sit together to hash it out, particularly since both sides seem to agree that's the best option to begin with.

City commissioners have generally been mindful of voters; that's why the popular trash program was never cut when the city was struggling with its budget. If city officials are simply determined to at least explore the public safety option, they should begin by taking the pulse of their residents.

Budget delay is hard on schools

When Tom Petty sings that the waiting is the hardest part, our local school districts know just what he means. Last year they waited through promises, reneged promises and restored promises as the state spent a year before it finally reached a balanced budget.

Technically the state has until Oct. 1 to produce a balanced budget for the 2007-08 fiscal year. But the fiscal year for the school districts began July 1, without a clue as to what the state school aid grant would be. Whatever it is will still not be enough for many districts to do more than meet past obligations.

While Gov. Jennifer Granholm and state legislators debate new taxes vs. deeper cuts in state programs, our local school districts are struggling to budget for the coming school year.

Many school districts have had to cut programs and staff due to the uncertainty of state school funding, which since the passage of Proposal A is the primary source of school funding and the largest part of state spending.

In addition to making good on school aid funding, the state needs to address the rapidly rising costs of employee pension and health care, which have swallowed up school district finances.

The disconnect between the two fiscal years and the uncertainty it causes is a major problem for our school

In Troy, the district has been cutting programs and dipping into its fund balance for the past five years.

"Our projections are for a zero increase in terms of school funding, but it's difficult to operate in this uncertainty. It's important that the state fully fund education and develops a system where schools have the ability to plan," said Tim McAvoy, Troy district community relations director.

The state Legislature needs to act and act quickly on this year's school aid, but it also needs to take a long look at reforming the funding process so that every year isn't an excruciating waiting game.

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Need new leadership

The administration in Washington stopped filming of our fallen soldiers' coffins coming off the planes as they landed back on U.S. soil. It did this so that the number of soldiers killed would only be a "number" to us and we wouldn't realize our losses as time went by.

If the over 3,600 flag draped coffins from Iraq were to be lined up end to end, we would have a line stretching for more than five miles long. Imagine that, and remember, this should not have been.

This week the Cheney regime again tried to argue that the courts should have no jurisdiction to review their illegal warrantless spying because it claimed there were "other avenues" for that oversight. To which a federal appeals court judge responded, "What's that? Impeachment?"

That's as close as a sitting judge can get to calling Congress essentially a gutless bunch of cowards.

We do not hear anything about being outraged from our Michigan congressmen, including Thaddeus McCotter. Our constitutional rights are being taken away and will be very hard to get back. Their voices do not cry out to protect our rights against this Republican White House.

We need new leadership in D.C.! Send this message in November!

Hadley J. Hudak Canton

Engage in the process

This Aug. 26 marks the 87th anniversary of the day that the U.S. Constitution was amended to grant women the right to vote. While American women now comprise more than half of our nation's voting-age population, the struggle to become full participants in the political life of the country has yet to be fully realized.

This anniversary of the 19th Amendment, Women's Equality Day, provides us with an opportunity to reflect with pride on the progress made on voting rights in the past 87 years.

This year, we've witnessed a number of remarkable milestones for women. For the first time, a female has been elected speaker of the House of Representatives, and a major contender for the 2008 presidential election is a woman. And of course, Gov. Granholm is the first woman governor of Michigan.

These achievements, however, do not mark the end of our journey. In communities across the country, citizens still lack real representation by their elected officials and the policies they pass. It is only with the continued work of citizens and leaders of all backgrounds, that this can change.

The League's current and recent projects include the launch of a national voter education Web site, www.VOTE411.org, lobbying against the disenfranchisement of eligible voters, a campaign to end "taxation without representation" for D.C. citizens by granting D.C. a voting representative, and continuing voter registration drives nation-

It is our goal at the local level to provide the best, non-partisan candidate and issue information to the electorate by conducting candidate forums and providing voter guides on our local Web site: www. lwvnww.org

LETTERS

It is crucial we continue to engage more citizens in the democratic process, on every level. Today is a time to celebrate the progress achieved by active citizens over the past eight decades, but it is also a time to look to what still needs to be done to make democracy work for all Americans. The League of Women Voters will continue to be the place where hands-on work leads to a better democracy for all.

> Paula Bowman, president League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County

Stop spreading misinformation

In reading the letter "War on Terror is real," Aug. 9, I was disappointed to see that the confusion about the war on terror, Iraq and al-Qaeda still persists. The misinformation and outright lies spread by our president and vice president about those issues persist even though facts have exposed them for what they are — untruths.

After 9/11, our president had an opportunity and a duty to eliminate the Taliban and al-Qaeda from Afghanistan and in so doing crush an international terror organization that has been a threat to us as well as the world. Our president chose to ignore the opportunity and to move our resources to invading Iraq, which had no connection with al-Qaeda or the Taliban. For this monumental blunder, history, as well as generations of Americans, will never and should never forgive him.

The reality in Iraq is that a civil war is being waged between the Shia and the Sunni factions of Islam. Al-Qaeda, while present due to our president's blunder, represents a tiny part of the insurgency; it is opposed by Iraqis and does not pose a danger of ever forming a government in Iraq.

The only hope in Iraq is to divide the country along ethnic lines with an agreement to share oil revenues on a per-capita basis. Our troops should remain only in a capacity to prevent foreign powers from entering the region and not as cannon fodder in a civil war.

President Bush and the Republicans have shown us that they are incapable of providing security for our nation; in fact, they are the ones responsible for putting us in danger. Allowing them to continue to damage this country and the people in it is plainly irresponsible.

Janusz M. Szyszko

Start impeachment proceedings

I want Democrats to know this: If you all don't start impeachment proceedings, I am switching parties. You, the Dems, were brow-beaten with one of the best presidents ever in Bill Clinton. Now you are looking like lame ducks and giving that man in the White House full authority to continue on his merry way.

You need to start with Cheney, then go after Bush for war crimes against humanity, illegal war, wire tapping without having a judge's approval of it. These are just a few of his illegal actions while in office. Please don't tell me that these aren't enough.

President Bill Clinton never left office, so I don't characterize him as impeached as the publications do. His actions with Monica were between two consenting adults. He should have never had to go through that.

I am embarrassed by John Conyers, who used impeachment to get re-elected and then when he was has done nothing but back or cower down to what Fox News would say about him.

Joseph McGlinchey Canton

Impeach the president

Why does it take so long for the U.S government, which is supposed to represent the United States of America, to not only put this man on trial, but also to impeach? So far I only see weakness and a lot of money and time spent on three men (Bush, Cheney and Gonzales) that do not represent us and if we did what they have done so far, we would have been in prison!

> **Judith Tarjeft** Westland

Stop this administration

It's finally happening, the economy is falling apart. The U.S. is falling apart. But this administration felt it better to kill people, line their pockets, allow business to abandon the U.S. and eliminate jobs. Now we're going to all pay the price for their stupidity. Let's remove this administration before they start WWIII with Iran.

> **Paul Bunker** Redford

'Sicko' will surprise

I wish to write in support of Michael Moore. I saw Sicko and I came away very upset. People do not realize we are the only western industrialized nation without a national health care program. Most people who do not want a national health care program are those who have health care paid for by someone else.

It is very sad to realize how we are being manipulated in this country. Rich and influential people are telling us what we should think and do.

I am a moveon.org person and I am not a "nut" as the man from Troy suggested (Letters. Aug. 10). I am an intelligent person and I refuse to believe all the propaganda put out by people like Bill O'Reilly, Rush Limbaugh and others. Hopefully more people will at least see Sicko before judging it. They may be surprised.

Joanne Braund Royal Oak

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QUOTABLE

"I still think we're a destination (district) ... If we can get a little money from enrollment, a better audit and if the state can get it together, I think there's hope to get the budget deficit manageable."

Dr. James Ryan, Plymouth-Canton schools superintendent, on the potential cash infusion that would come with an increase in student enrollment

Michigan needs 'Silk Route Team' to take advantage of opportunity

eldom do you get a second chance to go after a grand prize. The prize I am talking about is a direct, nonstop passenger flight to Beijing or Shanghai, China, the nation with the world's fastest growing economy.

Northwest Airlines failed in its bid for approval to fly directly to China when, late last year, the U.S. Transportation Department awarded to United Airlines the China route out of Washington D.C. to Beijing. The DOT will award additional nonstop flights to China during the next two years. It would be to our clear economic advantage to make sure Detroit secures this lucrative and beneficial flight.

A recent economic impact study by the Wayne

County Airport Authority estimated that two new flights would generate more than \$265 million in benefits to southeast Michigan's economy.

If Michigan is to resurrect itself from the economic doldrums, it must find ways to have a larger footprint on the global stage. Take any statistic you like and you can see that China's economy is on a roll and picking

Tom Watkins

The China wave, with annual double-digit economic growth, is lapping at our shores. We can continue to play "Peking duck" or find ways to make the China rise work for us.

Michigan is reeling with a 7.2-percent unemployment rate and needs a new "route to help transform our economy." Building a two-way direct economic air bridge to China would help put Michigan in the fast lane for an economic resurgence for the metro area and the entire

HANGING TOGETHER

All Michigan leaders — Republicans and Democrats, labor and management, north, south, east and west Michigan — need to pull together to secure this important route. Air traffic will be to the 21st century what shipping and rail was in the 20th century. Nothing but an all-hands-on-deck, all-out commitment to secure this route is acceptable if we wish to thrive and not merely survive as an economic engine in the future.

Be clear — our competitors from other states and nations around the world will be aggressively pursuing every trade advantage they can muster with Asia and China. Michigan leaders need to show their intent to adapt to the changing global "flat world." We need every advantage to help tilt the world in Michigan's direction.

This is not simply a "one-way" flight with no return for Michigan.

China's rising economy has produced disposable income for millions of individuals looking

for vacation spots to spend their wealth. Our clean air, water, great universities and abundance of golf courses and gambling are a major draw for the Chinese.

Here are some suggestions to develop an Asia/ China agenda, secure a direct air route to China and show the world that Michigan is united and open for global business.

1. Gov. Jennifer Granholm could assemble a "Silk Route Team" of business, labor, political, community and civic leaders to develop a comprehensive Asia/China strategy. None exists today.

This group's charge would be to find ways to make the economic rise of Asia and China work for Michigan's workers, families, businesses and communities. The first objective should be to secure the direct route from Detroit to China. Michigan's universities, with the Confucius Institutes at Michigan State and Wayne State and the China Center at the University of Michigan, and businesses that have navigated the China business shoals are bursting with China experts that can help guide the way.

2. Beyond a direct passenger flight to China, the "Silk Route Team" should find ways to make Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano's Aerotropolis concept a reality and make Willow Run Airport in western Wayne County and Bishop International Airport in Flint part of an international, inter-modal, global transportation hub for all of North America. This two-way cargo air bridge will make our region and Michigan the envy of the world.

3. Show your support for Northwest Airlines' attempt to secure this new China route by going to www.nwatochina.com. Northwest Airlines reported it received more than 100,000 letters of support in the first three days after the company announced its application for nonstop routes to

Today, Michigan is lagging behind other states and nations in tapping the rich Chinese economic vein in ways that benefit our citizens. Seldom does the economic merry-goround provide the opportunity to snag the brass ring a second time. Do we have the ability to drop the political in-fighting long enough to capture this opportunity or will we continue to go around and around, again losing the prize?

The great Chinese philosopher, Lo-tzu once said: "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."

Let the journey begin.

Tom Watkins, former state superintendent of public instruction (2001-05) and director of the Department of Mental Health (1986-90) is a business and education consultant. He has a longstanding interest in China and has traveled there many times since 1989.

Behind every spoiled brat there is an indulgent parent

o there I was waiting for a baker to box some heavenly-scented cinnamon sticks hot out of an oven in one of those ritzy resort towns up north. The man up next got a whiff and couldn't resist ordering a dozen, too. He gazed down on a girl of approximately 7 and asked if the order was OK.

She smiled the smallest of smiles, looked up at her father and spoke.

'I want frosting," little Princess said. There was something in her voice that commanded attention.

It wasn't the high-pitched squeal of a little girl who merely wanted gooey sugar. The

voice was bathed in expectation. It was as if a lesser royal had issued an edict to a commoner - she knew the request would be fulfilled because, in her world, that's simply the way things are Over the next few minutes,

Larry Ruehlen

the father did his best to get frosted cinnamon sticks for Princess gooey fingers.

The store owner wouldn't budge. "We don't sell them that way," was all she kept saying to the increasingly befuddled

One demand, two subsequent requests

and a final plea were swatted aside before he turned to his right in defeat. "How about a frosted doughnut?" he asked, looking to escape the storm of disap-

pointment bearing down upon him. "I guess," said the little one, and both moved one pace to the left as the woman at

the register scowled like she would enjoy nothing better than frosting the brat from head to toe and tossing her in a vat of burn-Is this what raising a child has come to? Spa parties for 6-year-olds. Chicago shop-

ping trips for girls too young to drive. A \$15,000 baby crib designed to look like the carriage in Cinderella for sale on a Web site called Poshtots.

Enough is enough.

Tots don't have to be posh.

They don't need facials, pedicures or cucumber eye treatments. They should be able to find suitable clothing at the nearest mall or, dare I suggest, a discount store like Target. And an infant certainly doesn't give a darn if she sleeps in a luxury carriage or \$300 crib so long as her parents love, cherish and take care of her.

On a typical weekend 35 years ago, I would have been camping with family. Cereal for breakfast, hot dogs for lunch and On a typical weekend 35 years ago. I would have been camping with family. Cereal for breakfast, hot dogs for lunch and hobo pies for dinner. A hot dog that hit the dirt was brushed off and eaten. We occasionally went to bed with muddy feet. Our grandparents came over for cake and ice cream on birthdays. I wore hand-me-downs from cousins and more than one pair of my blue jeans was purchased at garage sales. Spankings were socially acceptable back then, too, and dad doled out more than a few.

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I remember it as a time when parents made rules and children obeyed. Of course there were exceptions, the most famous of which was our habit of removing every stick of furniture in the living room and using the fireplace as a soccer goal when mom and dad went bowling.

It was the Life of Riley compared to the childhood of my father's father. As one of 14 children growing up in Saskatchewan, Canada, he had to get his first job at 12 and wound up shoveling coal at the local rail-

Has prosperity changed the rules of parenthood?

Must all parents now bargain with children instead of telling them what to do? Is renting a Moonwalk the bare minimum

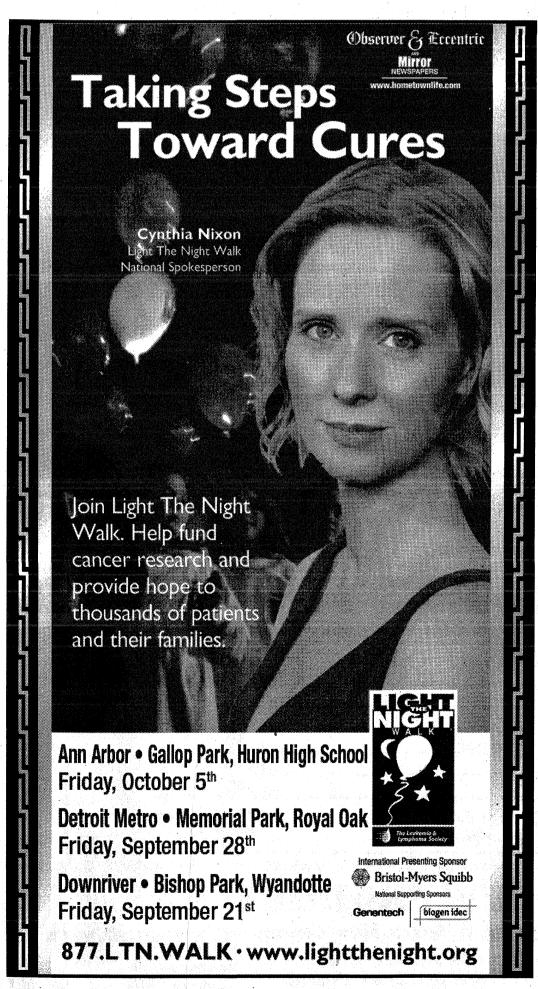
for a birthday party these days? Does a 3-year-old's opinion really matter when making a family decision?

I need answers fast because my wife and I

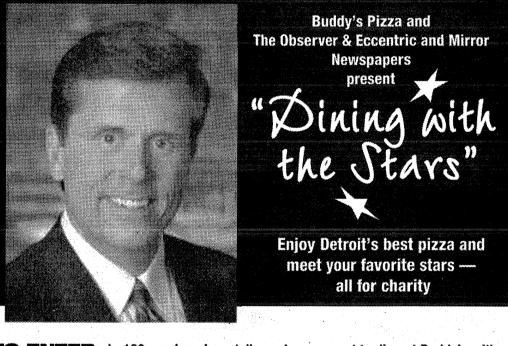
have a little one on the way. Baby girl is our first and we don't want to

get off to a rocky start. Perhaps a trip to Pottery Barn Kids is in

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TO ENTER: In 100 words or less, tell us why you want to dine at Buddy's with Chuck Gadica, Director of Meteorology at WDIV-Channel 4.

Email your entry to: BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19.

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November Florine Mark of Weight Watchers Petember Peter Nielsen, health & fitness expert







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Ballet company holds audition

The Plymouth-Canton Ballet will be holding auditions for the 2007-2008 performance season. The auditions are open to all interested dancers. The nonprofit dance company was established to bring performers from different dance programs together in a ballet company atmosphere. Performances and rehearsals are an addition to the dancer's regular training schedule at their studio.

Dancers are asked to bring a resume a dance photo and \$10 audition fee. Girls are required to wear ballet shoes, pink tights and black leotard with their hair in a bun. Boys are required to wear ballet shoes, black tights or jazz pants and a white T-shirt. All dancers will be evaluated for membership to the companies on their dance technique and performance potential during a ballet class. Girls with pointe shoes should be prepared to demonstrate their abilities.

Three audition classes will be held Sunday, Aug. 26, at Joanne's Dance Extension. 42020 Koppernick, Canton. Dancers aged 7 to 9 years will dance from noon to 1 p.m., dancers aged 10 to 12 years will dance 1-2 p.m., and dancers aged 13 to adult will dance 2-3:30 PM. Contact the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company at (734) 676-7233 or by e-mail at pcbc@comcast.net. For more information visit the Company's Web site at plymouthcantonballet.org.

Dream Cruise was one fine ride

BY GREG KOWALSKI STAFF WRITER

"There's that stupid car with the name we can't pronounce." The anonymous voice came from the crowd along

Woodward at Maple.
Could he have been referring
to one of the many Jaguars - is
that Jag-U-ar or Jagwar? - or
perhaps a Lancia, or maybe a
Lamborghini Countach?

It certainly couldn't have been any of the herd of Mustangs or stately Rolls Royces that roared down Woodward Saturday for the official Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise revvs.

By 9 a.m. the cars and crowds already were thick in Birmingham.

Kevin and Leigh Burrow came from Indianapolis for the event. Perched in folding chairs and Woodward and Maple, they watched the cars roll by with their son Blake, 4.

"It's excellent," said Kevin.
"It's exceeded our expectations."

The event was a first for the Burrows.

"I just love it," said Leigh. Blake had nothing to say, except he thrust up the toy Corvette he clutched in his hands when asked what is his favorite car.

He had many to choose from. Thousands of classic cars filled Birmingham and the weather couldn't have been better.



Kayla and Conner Lance from Commerce Township rode in style in a 1957 Chevy wagon pulled by their mother Rhondi.



A classic car in front of the classic theatre on Old Woodward Ave.

Congrats 0&E ticket winners

Six people are winners in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* readership survey random drawing.

The winners are Penny Sage of Farmington Hills, two tickets to the Sept. 5 Tigers game; Charles Olschefski of Livonia, two tickets to the Sept. 7 Submitted a

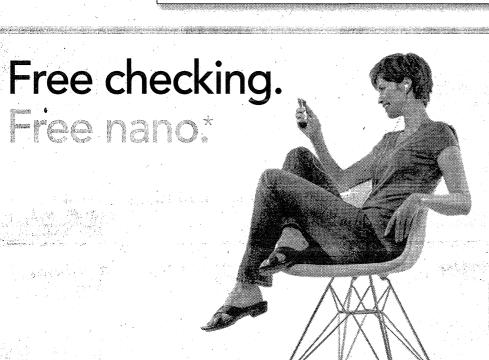
to the Sept. 7
Tigers game;
Mary Ann
Fassnacht of
Rochester
Hills, four
tickets to
Beatlemania
Aug. 26 at

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survey either in
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of time.

Meadow
Brook Music Festival; **Deb**Christiansen of Livonia,
two tickets to the Sept. 5
Tigers game; **Janet Seelow**of Garden City, two tickets
to the Sept. 7 Tigers game;
and Nancy Fedon of Canton
Township, four tickets to Dave
Matthews Band at the DTE

Energy Music Theatre.
The winners submitted a survey either in print or online published over a two-week period of time.

The names were selected at random. Everyone who submitted a survey either in print or online and who provided a name and address was eligible for the ticket drawing.



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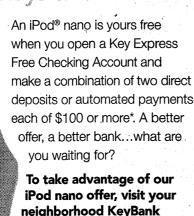
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AUGUST

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.

Supplies-for-Students

A Back to School Supplies Give-Away event that is free for all families in our community. Enjoy crafts, games, food, an inflatable bouncer, and more! Most importantly, we will be giving away 200 bags of school supplies to kick off the start of a new school year. Arrive on time because supplies are limited to the first 200 students 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 13542 Mercedes, Redford. For more information, call Pastor Bob Hegdal at (313) 538-2660.

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.

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

Summer camp

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.

Carillon series

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

626-2515. Tent/rummage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, one block west of Newburgh, Westland. Under the tent rent space for \$20, \$35 to rent space with church's table. Insidé the church you'll find gently used clothing and shoes for the family at \$2 a bag. For more information, call Mary Rose at (734) 722-4363 or Barb at (734) 722-3233.

Palooza/community jubilee

11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, between Plymouth and W. Chicago. 12:30-6:30 p.m. chicken dinners, hamburgers, hot dogs, Polish sausage, etc., and car show, health fair, dunk tank, inflatables, caricatures, cake walk, games, prizes. 12:30-5 p.m. silent auction with lots of great items including Tigers tickets. Concert by BMCR (Black Methodists for Church Renewal) Choir 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All activities at family friendly prices.

Religious education

Children's Religious Education available beginning 10:45 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 9, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Cost is \$90 for first child, \$30 for each additional child. Call (734) 425-9333.

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RALPH M. DIEDRICK

August 17, 2007. He was a life-long

citizen of Plymouth, which always

meant a great deal to him. He graduat-

ed from Plymouth High School in

Army during the Korean Conflict. He

for the City of Plymouth. Ralph retired

from Ford Motor Company after 23

years of service. He was an active

member of the Methodist Church of

Plymouth. Ralph enjoyed his winters

in Florida, and being with family and

friends. Ralph leaves behind his wife

of 59 years, Doris, daughter Connie

and her husband Jeff Jacobs, and son-

in-law Weldon Regan, husband of his

daughter Pamela who preceded him in

death. Four grandsons, Matthew

(Heather) Regan, Ben Jacobs, Chris

(Beth) Jacobs and Mark Regan, and

sister-in-law Marian Owens also sur-

vive. Memorial services were held

Wednesday at the First United

Methodist Church of Plymouth

Contributions suggested to the church

or to the American Cancer Society.

also served as a volunteer firefighter

Age 78, born December 23

1928, Ralph passed away peacefully surrounded by his

family to be with the Lord on

Christian Studies will host Faith of Our Fathers: A Colloquium on Orthodoxy for Lutherans Sept. 10-11, for Lutheran clergy and their spouses and Lutheran lay leaders from the Great Lakes region of the U.S. and Canada, at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center, 23333 Schoolcraft next door to the St. Andrew House complex near the intersection of I-96 and Telegraph. Registration begins at 5 p.m. Sept. 10, colloquium concludes with farewell reception 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11. Registration fee is \$75 per person, includes meals and refreshments at retreat center. Rooms at the center, either single or double occupancy, including several that are handicapaccessible, may be reserved for one to three nights, Sunday through Tuesday, at \$95 per night. While the colloquium is designed for

Lutherans, it is also open to Orthodox Christians and members of other Christian faiths. Seating is limited, however, and priority will be given to Lutherans. Ancient Faith Radio (www. ancientfaithradio.com), the online Orthodox radio station, will record all colloquium presentations. Compact disks of the recordings, in MP3 and standard audio format may be ordered in advance or at the colloquium.

For information or to register, visit www. orthodoxdetroit.com. For further assistance, contact colloquium coordinator David Adrian at (248) 322-9226 or david. adrian@adrianassoc.com, St. Andrew House Center for Orthodox Christian Studies was founded in 2001 to promote the Orthodox Christian faith by word and example through formal instruction, worship and good works.

Taste of Greece

Festival takes place 5-11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14; noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, at Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 39851 Five Mile, Plymouth. Festival grounds open one hour earlier. Stroll the Agora (Greek marketplace). Indulge in delicious homemade Greek food and pastries. Try the Loukoumathes (Greek donuts), Inflatable fun sponsored by Oasis Golf (one price to play all day). Admission is \$2 per person, \$5 per family (2 adults, up to 3 children). Bring your festival program back for free admission all weekend. Festival proceeds to benefit church mortgage reduction. Handicap parking available in our church parking lot. No exceptions. Guest parking is available at the Bosch Corp. parking lot adjacent to our Church. Please use Bosch Corp. Haggerty Road entrance across from St. Kenneth's Church.

Victorian fashion show/tea

Shows 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. (30-minutes each) Saturday, Sept. 15, at First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Guests are served tea and sweets on china during the show. Many guests are dressed in Victorian attire (although that is not required). After each show, a tour of the historic First Presbyterian Church is offered to guests. The church was established in 1829 recently celebrated 175 years of ministry in historic Northville. For information and directions, visit www.firstpresnville.org. Tickets 10 for adults, \$5 students age 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the church office. Group tickets are more easily obtained for the 3:30 p.m. show. Any member of the Red Hat Society who joins us for the 3:30 p.m.

show receives \$1 off of admission. 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.

Mom to Mom sale

Tr-City Christian Center is having their. Spring Mom to Mom Sale 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at 3855 Sheldon Road in Canton, just north of Michigan Avenue. Table rentals are sold to capacity with over 75 moms selling their kids' clothes, toys, baby equipment, etc. There is a one-dollar

admission. Mom-to-Mom sale

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. For details, call (734) 422-0149.

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. **CROP** walk

To raise awareness and funds for international relief and development as well as for the Plymouth Salvation Army 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, beginning at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. There will be 2 mile and 4 mile routes. For CROP Walker envelopes and further information, call Bill Brave at (734) 414-9867.

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.

Catholic women's conference

Women Encountering Christ in Friendship and Love is the fifth annual Catholic Women's Conference sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Macomb Community College Sports & Expo center, 14500 E. 12 Mile, Warren. Cost is \$45 adults, \$35 for full-time college or high school students, and includes the conference and lunch. Religious are free of charge but must register. Convenient registration using secure PayPal is available by visit www.aodwomensministry.org. Mail-in registration forms available by sending e-mail request to AODwomensconference@ wowway.com or calling (734) 459-

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 fourweek 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

Explore the Catholic faith We are constantly confronted with

competing faith claims. What to make of them? Indeed, is truth even knowable? Explore the Catholic option and see if curiosity leads to conversion. Tuesdays, started Aug. 21, at 7:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall (church building), at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. For information, call (734) 425-5950.

J.O.Y. meeting

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

Higher Rock Cafe

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

higherrockcafe.4t.com. Worship service

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

Youth wanted

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

A healthy you

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

Summer worship Summer schedule for worship to

Sept. 2, is 10 a.m. Sunday services (with nursery), and 7 p.m. Wednesday

Contemporary Service, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA) 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org. Visitors welcome.

Sunday worship

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

Preschool registration

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

Sunday services

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

Worship services

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

Bible study

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

Farmington Women Aglow Meets 7-9:30 p.m. (doors open at

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

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

served. Classes

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

com/Women/. **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. celebratcrecovery.com and www. wardchurch.org/celebrate.

Bible study

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

Sunday service

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

Worship service All are welcome to attend 11 a.m.

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

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.

Please see CALENDAR, NEXT PAGE

CLARISSA ADAMS GOAD

August 20, 2007 age 74. Beloved wife of Thomas C. Dear mother of

Douglass C., Linda G. Larisch and

Theodore C. Goad (Jenni). Grandmother of Taylor Goad, Andres

Larisch, Brandon Goad, Jacqueline

Larisch, Sadie Goad and Nicholas

Larisch. Family will receive friends at

& Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward

Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Thursday 3-

8pm. Funeral service Friday 11am at

Christ Church Cranbrook, Lone Pine,

west of Woodward, Bloomfield Hills.

In lieu of flowers family suggests

memorial tributes to National Miniatures Trust, 1811 Four Mile Rd.,

Grand Rapids, MI 49525 or Karmanos

Cancer Institute, 4100 John R.,

Detroit, MI 48201 or Village Women's

Club, 190 E. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304.View

www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

DENNIS GENE REIGHARD

68, Westland, MI. Died Aug. 16, 2007. Uht Funeral Home, 734-721-8555

JOHN P. RICHARDSON

August 20, 2007 Age 92 Beloved

husband of Edna-Mary for 60 years.

Dear father of John (Kathy), Julie

Christy (Dane) and Mary Setzco

(Meredith), Kate Frederiksen (Mark),

Nicole Richardson, Jacob and Libby

Christy and John Setzco. Great grand-

father of Olivia and Alexa

Richardson. Brother of Marion Linder

(Howard) and Don (Patricia). Funeral

service Thursday 11am at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile). Family will

receive friends Wednesday 4-8pm. In

lieu of flowers family suggests memo-

rial tributes to Shy-Drager/Multiple

System Atrophy Support Group, Inc., P.O. Box 279, Coupland, TX 78615.

View obituary and share memories at:

www.desmondfuneralhome.com

PAULINE McMULLEN

Passed away August 19, 2007 at the

age of 97. A full-time homemaker

coming to the Plymouth Community in

1941. Beloved wife for 78 years to the

late Dee McMullen. Loving mother of

Thomas (June), Don (Norma), Ron

(Delores), Larry, Harry (Linda), Jack

(Linda) and the late Dale McMullen

and Doris Sluder. Also leaves 20

grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren

and 22 great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation and services were held at the

Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of

Plymouth. Contributions are suggested

to the Tri City Christian Center, 3855

Sheldon, Canton, MI 48188

of

David

Grandfather

obituary and share memories at:

wife of Thomas C.

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LUCILLE M. CLOAR Age 88, passed away August 17, 2007, in Newark, Ohio. She was a former resident of Plymouth. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Plymouth where she also taught Sunday school. Mrs. Cloar is survived by four children, Robert (Joanell) Cloar of Minden, NV, Jonell (Ron) Essick of Granville, OH, Teresa Curtis of Livonia, and Michael (Sandy) Cloar of Kalkaska, MI. She is also survived by nine grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and three greatgreat-grandchildren. Lucille Cloar is preceded in death by her husband, Price, four sisters and one brother. A graveside service was held Monday, August 20, 2007, 11am, at Cadillac Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 34224 Ford Rd., Westland, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Central Ohio, 2269 Cherry Valley Rd., Newark, Ohio 43055-9925. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader-



MARY J. KHOURY

August 20, 2007. Residence of Livonia, MÍ. Born June 20th in Hanceville, AL, the daughter of Ricter Quick & Ethel Cobb. Survived by daughter Kim; son Tony (Sandy), "Ya Ya" to Casey, Joseph, Kori & Alexander; great "Ya Ya" to Kamryn; sisters Thelma, Anne & Jan; brothers Al, Wayne, & Larry. Visitation will be held Wednesday, 1-3pm & 5-8pm. Funeral service will be held at Fred Wood Funeral Home, Livonia, MI, Thurs., August 23, at 11am with Sister Angela LaBranche officiating Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit, MI. Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

RUTH H. (Penny) PAYTON

(nee Pennanen) Age 86, of Tucson, AZ, formerly of Birmingham, passed away peacefully at her home on August 14, 2007. She is survived by her husband of 65 years. Charles F. (Jack), a former pediatrician; six daughters: (Michael) Hopp of Rotonda West, FL; Mary Lee (Craig) McFarland of Crown Point, IN; Martha Jean (King) Smith of Branson, MO; Catherine (Ronald) Klintworth of Rapid River, MI; Evelyn (Barry) Kennedy of North Port, FL; and Carol (Robert) Falls of Colorado Springs, CO; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Penny was an avid bridge player and bridge teacher who cherished time spent with family and friends. Her presence will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. A private memorial celebration will be held in St. Louis, MO on

VIOLA M. NIEBLING

Age 84, August 19, 2007. Beloved wife of the late William L.; loving mother of William J. (Scharlotte), Susan (Richard) Fischer and Kathryn (Gregory) Marek; dear sister of Shirley Hulsey; devoted grandmother of seven, great-grandmother of two Funeral Service Friday, August 24th, 11:30am, at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btwn 9-10 Miles Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Visitation Thursday 2-8pm. Memorial tributes suggested to National Parkinson Foundation, Parkinson.org, or Alzheimer's Assn.,

heeney-sundquist.com

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oeobits@hometownlife.com **Charolette Wilson**

734-953-2070

ask for Char or Liz

September 9, 2007.

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

Unity of Livonia

Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at

28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760.

Shabbat services

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

Bet Chaverim

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

Detroit World Outreach

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Trinity Episcopal Church

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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-

Shabbat Rocks

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

English classes

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

Sunday school

Congregation Beit Kodesh, at 31840 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman. Livonia, is registering children, age 4 and up, for Sunday school. Financial assistance available. Special discounts for new members. For more information, call (248) 477-8974.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-August 14, 2007 A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, August 14, 2007, at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas, Fire Chief Rorabacher Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as amended deleting Item G-20 Set Millage Rate Limits for December 1, 2007 Tax Levy and Set Date for Public Hearing on Proposed Millage Rates and FY 2008 Budgets. (FBD) Motion carried unanimously. Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the Board Minutes of July 24, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. Payment of Bills Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. RECOGNITION: 1. RECOGNITION OF THOMAS BURTON. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to enter into record the Resolution Recognizing Thomas Burton. Motion carried unanimously. 2. RECOGNITION OF DARLA LAFORGE. Motion by Bennet, supported by Zarbo to enter into the record the Resolution Recognizing Darla LaForge. Motion carried unanimously. PUBLIC HEARING: 1. PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT FOR DURCON LABORATORY TOPS, INC. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to open the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. to consider the tax abatement for Durcon Laboratory Tops, Inc. Motion carried unanimously. No one spoke in opposition or in favor of the Tax Abatement for Durcon Laboratory Tops, Inc. Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to close the public hearing at 7:08 p.m. to consider the tax abatement for Durcon Laboratory Tops, Inc. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution approving application of Durcon Laboratory Tops, Inc. Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Personal Property for three (3) years. Motion carried unanimously. <u>CONSENT CALENDAR:</u> Item 1. REQUEST FOR RESOLUTION OF LOCAL BODY OF GOVERNMENT TO RECOGNIZE "PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS CLUB, INC. D/ B/A "PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS" AS A NONPROFIT IN THE COMMUNITY FOR PURPOSES OF MAKING APPLICATION FOR A "CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSE: TO THE BUREAU OF STATE LOTTERY. (CLERK) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the request from the "Plymouth Newcomers Club, Inc. d/b/a/ Plymouth Newcomers and Neighbors,"at 8243 Trafford Court, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, 48187; as an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (c) (7) of the Internal Revenue Code for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license. Motion carried unanimously. Item 2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR CANTON CALVARY ASSEMBLY OF GOD TO HOST "LIGHT THE NIGHT". (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve special event status for Canton Calvary Assembly of God to host "Light the Night" on October 31, 2007 at 7933 N. Sheldon Road from 6:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Item 3. SET PUBLIC
 HEARING DATE FOR MAPCO MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE APPLICATION. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to set the public hearing for September 11, 2007, to consider the Industrial Facilities Exemption application submitted by MAPCO Manufacturing for new personal property at their facility located at 5740 S. Beck Road, Canton, Michigan. Motion carried unanimously. Item 4. APPROVAL OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT POLICY FOR ADMINISTRATION AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. (CLERK) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the Freedom of Information Act Policy for the Administrative Departments of the Charter Township of Canton effective August 15, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the Freedom of Information Act Policy for the Department of Public Safety effective August 15, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter that the Freedom of Information copy and supply costs effective August 15, 2007are as follows: \$0.05 cents per paper copy, \$2.00 per audio tape, \$2.00 per cost of the CD/ DVD and case, \$2.00 per VHS tape. Motion carried unanimously. GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER REVISION TO APPROVE SITE PLAN FOR CROSSROADS VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTER. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for the revision to site plan for Crossroads Village. Motion carried unanimously. Item 2. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR HUNTINGTON BANK AT CROSSROADS VILLAGE. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for the site plan for Huntington Bank at Crossroads Village. Motion carried unanimously. Item 3. CONSIDER JFK PROPERTY COMBINATION. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to recommend approval of the proposed property combination for parcels identified as EDP# 054-99-0001-005, 054-99-0001-013, 054-01-0045-300, 054-01-0048-300 and 054-01-0165-002 as shown on the survey dated April 16, 2007 revised June 7, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. Item 4. CONSIDER GRANTING A PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT OVER THE EXISTING GREEN DRAIN TO WAYNE COUNTY FOR PARCEL NUMBER 071-059-99-0003-704 (GRIFFIN PARK). (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to grant a permanent drainage easement over the Green Drain from the Charter Township of Canton to the County of Wayne for Tax Number 71-059-99-0003-704, and authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to sign the document, assignment of permanent easement. Motion carried unanimously. Item 5. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO SIGN A PERMANENT 20' WIDE EASEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF RELOCATING DTE OVERHEAD UTILITY LINES ON PARCEL #71-099-99-0001-705. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize the township clerk to sign the easement documents for relocation of Detroit Edison utilities on parcel # 71-099-99-0001-705. Motion carried unanimously. Item 6. CONSIDER PROPERTY TRANSFER OF 6.615 ACRES (PARCEL ID#71-099-99-0001-705) TO THE WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITY AUTHORITY (WTUA). (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize the transfer of ownership for parcel no. 71-099-99-0001-705 from Canton Township to the Western Townships Utility Authority. Motion carried unanimously. Item 7. CONSIDER AWARDING THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE LOWER ROUGE SANITARY RELIEF SEWER TO C&G MYERS INC. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize awarding the contract for construction of the Lower Rouge sanitary relief sewer to C&G Myers Inc. for an amount of \$1,577,820.00 plus a 10% contingency of \$157,782.00 for a total cost of \$1,735,602.00 (account number 592-000-158-0000, Construction in Progress). Item 8. CONSIDER Motion carried unanimously. AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER FOR WADE TRIM ASSOCIATES TO PERFORM INSPECTION, ENGINEERING, AND SURVEY SERVICES FOR THE LOWER ROUGE SANITARY RELIEF SEWER PROJECT. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize creating a purchase order for a not-to-exceed amount of \$214,945.00 for Wade Trim Associates to perform the staking, inspection, surveying, material testing and management of the Lower Rouge Relief Sewer Project. Motion carried unanimously. Item. 9. CONSIDER PUBLIC SALE OF PROPERTY. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to

approve the public sale of Canton Police Department's property

room contents, pursuant to Public Act 214 of 1979 contracted

through the internet auction services of Property Room, contract

may be terminated by either party upon 30-day written

notification, all proceeds from sales to be deposited into police

account #207 000 673 0000 sale of fixed assets. Motion carried unanimously. Item 10. CONSIDER PAYMENT TO FIRST RESPONSE FOR IS300-400 TRAINING (EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT). (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve payment of Invoice #07-05007, First Response, 35560 Grand River, Ste#151, Farmington Hills, MI 48335 in the amount of \$12,750 for IS 300 and 400, funds to come from the 2004 Homeland Security Grant forwarded from Wayne County, Michigan; further, to approve the following budget amendment: Increase Revenues Refunds and Rebates 101 000 687 0000 \$13,682

Increase Appropriations Emergency Management 101 426 818 0000 (\$13.682) This budget amendment increases the Emergency Management Division budget from \$77,000 to \$90,682, and General Fund budget from \$27,283,638 to \$27,297,320. Motion carried unanimously. Item 11. AWARD BID FOR FIRE HOSE (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to award the bid for the purchase of fire hose equipment to Douglas Safety Systems, 2655 N: M-30, Sanford, MI 48657 in the amount of \$7,896.68 funds to come from fire capital outlay account #206 336 977 0000. Motion carried unanimously. Item 12. AWARD BID FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK FOR GUN RANGE STORAGE BUILDING. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to award the bid for construction work on the gun range storage building to Canton Construction, 5914 N. Lotz Rd., Canton, MI 48187 in the amount of \$7,700. Funding to come from Police FY 2007 drug forfeitures account # 207 301 744 0000. Motion carried unanimously. Item 13. APPROVE BUILDING SYSTEM AGREEMENT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS AT THE SUMMIT. (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Building Systems Agreement with Honeywell Building Solutions located at 49116 Wixom Tech Drive, Wixom, MI 48393 for an amount not to exceed \$10,000 with the funds being appropriated from account number 208-757-975-0000, cost center L00070-0000-0000. Motion Item 14. SUMMIT FLOORING carried unanimously. REPLACEMENT. (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to waive the formal bidding process for the replacement of the Summit flooring and approve the quote from Shamrock Floorcovering Services, Inc., 4454 Concourse Drive, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108 in the amount of \$39,308.50 and to allocate: • \$20,000 - Community Improvement Budget Account # 246-750-970-000 (Line Item 3). • \$10,000 - Summit Capital Outlay-Building Account #208-757-975-0000 and, • \$9,308.50 available from the Community Improvement Budget Account # 246-750-970-000 (Line Item 1), Aquatic Filter Sand. I further move to authorize the reprogramming of \$9,308.50 from the 2007 Summit Community Improvement Budget Account # 246-750-970-000 (Line Item 1) to Summit Community Improvement Budget Account # 246-750-970-000 (Line Item 3). Motion carried unanimously. Item 15. REQUEST REPAIR FOR ROOFTOP UNIT AT SUMMIT. (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to waive the bid process, authorize the replacement of two (2) compressors for Summit on the Park and award the project to Campbell Inc., 661 Airport Blvd., Suite 5, Ann Arbor, MI 48108, in the amount of \$15,100 to be taken from Budget Account #208-757-975-0000 Capital Outlay - Building. Motion carried unanimously. Item 16. AUTHORIZE EMERGENCY PURCHASE FOR PHEASANT RUN GOLF CLUB. (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the emergency purchase of chemicals for pythium control at Pheasant Run from Tri-Turf, 3751 Blair Townhall Rd, Traverse City, MI 49684, in the amount of \$7,760. Funds will be taken from Account 584-756-930-0000, Maintenance and Repair of Grounds. Motion carried unanimously. Item 17. HERITAGE PARK ATHLETIC FIELD. (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to accept the revised bid from and award the contract for the Improvements for the Heritage Park Athletic Field to B&V Construction, Inc., 48400 West Road, P.O. Box 930029 Wixom, MI 48393, in the revised bid amount of \$26,204.32 Further I move to authorize the Clerk to sign the Mott Drain Drainage District Permanent Easement Agreement with Wayne County Department of Public Services, 415 Clifford, 3rd Floor, Detroit, Michigan 48226. I further move to authorize the reprogramming of \$3,154.32 from the 2007 Summit Community Improvement Budget Account # 246-750-970-0000 (Line Item 10) to Park Community Improvement Budget Account # 246-750-970-0000 (Line Item 6). Motion carried unanimously. Item 18. REQUEST UPGRADE FOR BUSINESS SUPERVISOR. (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to authorize the upgrade for the Leisure Services Business Supervisor from a Grade 6 to a Grade 7 effective January 1, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. Item 19. TRANSFER REMAINING FUNDS IN SPECIAL ASSESSMENT CONSTRUCTION FUNDS TO SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DEBT SERVICE FUNDS AND RELATED BUDGET AMENDMENTS. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the transfer of the funds remaining in the following special assessment construction funds, plus interest earned, to the related special assessment debt service funds: Saltz Road Paving Construction Fund, Canton Center to Beck portion \$239.831 Lotz Road Paving Construction Fund, south of Michigan Avenue, \$ 1.570. Cherry Hill Road Construction Fund, Denton to Ridge

\$44,408. I further move to approve the following budget amendments for these transfers: Saltz Road Paving Construction Fund: Increase Revenues: #803-000-665-2000 \$ 15,000 Interest Income Appropriation from #803-000-699-0000 **Fund Balance** 226,631 Total \$ 241,631 **Increase Appropriations:** Transfer to General Fund-#803-500-965-1010 Admin fee \$1,800 Contribution to SAD Debt Service Fund #803-500-965-8530 239.831 Total \$ 241.631 This budget amendment establishes the 2007 Saltz Road Paving Construction Fund budget at \$241,631. Lotz Road Paving Construction Fund: **Increase Revenues:** Interest Income #804-000-665-2000 \$ 50 Appropriation from Fund Balance #804-000-699-0000 1,520 Total \$1,570 **Increase Appropriations:** Contribution to SAD Debt Service Fund #804-500-965-8530 \$1,570 This budget amendment establishes the 2007 Lotz Road Paving Construction Fund budget at \$1,570.

Cherry Hill Road Paving Construction Fund: Increase Revenues: Interest Income #815-000-665-2000 \$1,500 Appropriation from **Fund Balance** #815-000-699-0000 42,908 \$44,408 Total **Increase Appropriations:** Contribution to SAD Debt Service Fund #815-500-965-8530 This budget amendment establishes the 2007 Cherry Hill Road Paving Construction Fund budget at \$44,408. Saltz Road Paving Debt Service Fund: Increase Revenues: Contribution from

Construction Fund #873-000-676-0000 \$239,831 Appropriation from Fund Balance #873-000-699-0000 (64,272)\$175,559 Total

Increase Appropriations: Transfer to Fund Balance #873-905-999-0000 \$175,559 This budget amendment increases the 2007 Saltz Road Paving Debt Service Fund budget from \$184,251 to \$359,810. Lotz Road Paving Debt Service Fund: Increase Revenues: Contribution from

#874-000-676-8040 \$ 1,570 Construction Fund Appropriation from #874-000-699-0000 (1,570)Fund Balance Total \$ 000

This budget amendment does not increase nor decrease the 2007 Lotz Road Paving Debt Service Fund budget.

Cherry Hill Road Paving Debt Service Fund: Increase Revenues: Contribution from

#875-000-676-0000 \$ 44,408 Construction Fund **Increase Appropriations:**

Transfer to Fund Balance #875-905-999-0000 \$ 44.408 This budget amendment increases the 2007 Cherry Hill Road Paving

Debt Service Fund budget from \$306,000 to \$350,408. Saltz Road Paving Special Assessment Fund:

Proceeds from Bond sale	\$ 1,444,609.58	
Contribution from Wayne County *	0.00	
Contribution from private sources *	266,763.93	
Less transfer to debt svc fund in 2006	-188,289.00	
Interest income	27,008.17	
Total Income		\$1,550,092.68
Construction costs	1,159,649.99	
Contracted services-engineering/	× ·	
staking	111,970.13	
Bond issuance costs	15,992.16	·
Administrative fees 1.0%	20,849.68	
Total Expenditures	1	1,308,461.96
Balance for transfer to debt service fund		241,630.72

*Contributions applied to Debt Service Fund as payment in lieu of special assessment. Lotz Road Paving Special Assessment Fund:

Proceeds from Bond sale	\$ 662,107.24	
Contribution from Wayne County *	0.00	
Interest income	358.90	
Total Income		\$ 662,466.14
Construction costs	604,796.23	
Contracted services	48,800.00	
Bond issuance costs	7,310.13	
Administrative fees 1.0%	0.00	
Total Expenditures		660,906.36
Balance for transfer to debt service fund		\$ 1,559.78

*Contributions applied to Debt Service Fund as payment in lieu of special

Cherry Hill Road Paving Special Assessment Fund:

Proceeds from Bond sale	\$ 2,006,453.43	
Contribution from private sources *	0.00	
Interest income	7,305.76	
Total Income		\$ 2,013,759.19
Construction costs	1,946,513.58	.,
Bond issuance costs	22,386.39	
Legal fees	951.40	
Administrative fees 1.0%	. 0	
Total Expenditures	-	1,969,851.37
Balance for transfer to debt service fund		\$ 43,907.82

*Contributions applied to Debt Service Fund as payment in lieu of special assessment. Motion carried unanimously. Item 20. SET MILLAGE RATE LIMITS FOR DECEMBER 1, 2007 TAX LEVY AND SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND FY 2008 BUDGETS. (FBD) Deleted from the agenda. Item 21. BUDGET AMENDMENT - WATER & SEWER FUND - WTUA CAPITAL. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget amendment in the Water & Sewer Fund to increase the budget line item for WTUA capital repair charges: Increase Revenues:

\$41,459

\$41,459

Appropriation from #592-000-699-0000 **Fund Balance** Increase Appropriations: WTUA Capital Charges #592-441-969-0000 This budget amendment increases the Water & Sewer Fund budget from \$31,158,536 to \$31,199,995. Amounts paid to date: Instrumentation upgrade \$ 10,894.54 Variable frequency drives 6.059.12 Pump repl-lower rouge 4.656.22 Pump repl-middle rouge 162,022.87 12.152.11 Flow meters FE-44 major repairs Flow meters FE-45 major repairs 24,806.25 \$ 220,591.11 Total Paid'to Date Additional amount estimated

 $\frac{41,333.12}{$261,924.23}$ Total Estimated cost Motion carried unanimously. Item 22. BUDGET AMENDMENT - ROAD PAVING FUND. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the following budget amendment in the Capital Projects Road Paving Fund budget: Decrease Revenues:

Appropriation from #403-000-699-0000 \$440,000 Fund Balance Decrease Appropriations: #403-506-969-0000 \$300,000 Construction Road Right of Way Costs 403-506-969-1000 140,000 Total \$440,000

This budget amendment decreases the Capital Projects Road Paving Fund budget from \$3,426,184 to \$2,986,184. Motion carried unanimously. Item 23. BUDGET AMENDMENT - GENERAL FUND TRANSFER TO CAPITAL PROJECTS ROAD PAVING FUND. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following General Fund budget amendment to increase the budget for the millage transfer for

road improvement projects: Increase Revenues: #101-000-403-0000 \$ 5.114 Current taxes Increase Appropriations: Contribution to Capital Projects

Road Paving Fund #101-959-965-4030 This budget amendment increases the Transfers Out budget from \$2,946,440 to \$2,951,554, and the General Fund budget from \$27,278,624 to \$27,283,738. Motion carried unanimously. Item 24. SALE OF PARCEL 134-99-0015-000, 0.25 ACRES, LOCATED NORTH OF MICHIGAN AVENUE AND EAST OF CANTON CENTER ROAD TO CANTON DEVELOPMENT LLC. (CLERK) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo that the Charter Township of Canton approve the sale of parcel # 134-99-0015-000 (0.25 acres) to Canton Development LLC., 8351 N. Wayne Road, Westland, MI. 48185 for a purchase price of \$35,000.00 (Public Improvement Fund #245-000-671-0000 Sale of Property). I further authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the closing documents. Motion carried unanimously. OTHER: There will be no Study Session on August 21, 2007. The next regular Board Meeting will be held on August 28, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan, 48188. ADJOURN: Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. - Thomas J. Yack,

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McCotter sees progress by reaching down to grass roots in Iraq

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

As members of Congress await an update on military and political progress in Iraq, U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia) sees a change in approach that he believes is making a difference.

McCotter met with Observer editors Wednesday, his 42nd birthday, to discuss a number of issues facing Congress, particularly the war in Iraq.

The Bush administration will release a progress report Sept. 11 or 12 based on consultation with Gen. David Petraeus and Ambassador Ryan Crocker. Petraeus and Crocker will begin closed door meetings with congressional committees Sept. 15.

"You remember when I used to come in and say it has to be grass root from the bottom up, not the top down, and that's what they're doing," McCotter said. "The political progress is occurring in the tribes, the towns and the provinces. That's where they are making the decision to stop supporting the insurgency and support the United States, the coalition or their own efforts for freedom."

McCotter said a change in the reconstruction philosophy is helping to win over the "passiveaggressive" resistance of the Iraqi people.

"The reconstruction was reoriented. That was the key that was overlooked in the military surge aspect," he said. "It was reoriented from a Baghdad base, down into the provinces. What has also happened is that the Iraqis began distributing oil revenue money down to the provinces."

He said the emphasis on political progress in Baghdad was backward and it was more important to win support on the local level.

Michigan U.S. Sen. Carl Levin has suggested that the Iraqi parliament should consider removing Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki because of his inability to build a political reconciliation among the various factions in the country. McCotter said that removing Maliki before the Sept. 15 progress report is given to Congress "would invite chaos. It's not helpful and diminishes his ability to

bring people together." McCotter has opposed any attempt by Congress to set a time limit on American troop presence in Iraq and supported the increase of ground troops in Baghdad and the al-Anbar Province, known as the surge. He said any decision on

withdrawal of

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American troops would have to be calls where one party is thought made by Petraeus and other generals in the field.

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Earlier this month, McCotter voted to extend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act for six months. Among other changes, it allows the director of National Intelligence and the attorney general to permit surveillance without a judicial warrant of telephone

to be outside of the United States. The act was revised to answer a technical issue involving telecommunications equipment, but has been criticized as an invitation to "spy" on American citizens.

McCotter said he wasn't concerned that this would be a prob-

"No constitutional right is absolute," he said. "Courts will make a determination. Judges will look at

this and make that constitutional decision. They'll have to show actual harm."

Next year is a congressional and presidential election year. McCotter is supporting former Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson for president. The former co-star of TV's Law and Order has yet to officially declare his candidacy.

"He's a common sense conservative," McCotter said.

McCotter said he's concerned

about the economy and how a weak American economy would affect an election where Congress is controlled by the Democrats and the president is a Republican. He said he is also concerned how a weak national economy would impact Michigan's already down

economy. As a member of the Republican House leadership, McCotter notes that there is a philosophical ten-

sion within the party. "Economically, they still tend to

pander to the libertarian wing of the party, which is not helpful to my state," he said. "It's one of the tensions of the Republican Party. It's not the social conservatives against the social moderates, that accommodation was worked out a long time ago.

In the final analysis, it's the economic libertarian who believes America is an economy and Reaganites who believe America is a country and all that that entails."



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WE'RE MOVING?

Help children adjust to move, educators say

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

In her 37 years in education as a teacher and administrator, Helene Lusa of Livonia doesn't remember a child having major problems with a move.

"There were kids who had bumps, don't get me wrong," said Lusa, an assistant professor in the educational leadership department of Saginaw Valley State University. She recalls her time in the Livonia Public Schools — and how good kids were to new arrivals, making them feel welcome.

"I complimented them because that's what they were doing." Few families were transient in Livonia, added Lusa, making their school lives easier.

Lusa, who earned an Ed.D. in educational leadership and policy from Wayne State University, had 11 years in the Livonia schools, over 20 in the Garden City district, and shorter stints in South Redford and Wayne-Westland.

'All those things will help the student feel more comfortable with the move Our experience has really been that it's much easier for the children than it is for the parents.'

GREG BARACY, Wyane-Westland district superintendent

She recalled how the Livonia elementaries where she worked had programs for new students

"We would always identify who the new families were." Families could tour the schools. "We'd answer any questions they might have," Lusa said.

"It's hard for kids. The older they are, the harder it is. Older children struggle with it."

She's seen over the years many families moving when children complete third or sixth grade. "They're reluctant to uproot their older children, especially if they're doing well in school.

The current economy's a factor, Lusa noted, with some families forced to

move for job reasons.

She encourages parents to be as honest as they can with children about reasons for a move. Kids can look at homes with their parents, voicing their views on the new home.

"You can almost always tour a school." Often, parents like to see a school when students are in class, and it's possible to make a connection with the administrator there, Lusa said.

Longtime educator Wayne-Westland Superintendent Greg Baracy, also an Ed.D. from Wayne State University, agreed parents can do a lot to help chil-

dren adjust to a move.

"They need to help their children

acclimate themselves to the new school," Baracy said. He recommends a visit to the new school and grounds.

Baracy urges parents to get involved in the school PTA or PTO, and to go to school events. Contact with principals, "and let(ting) them know they're new to the community," will help as will visits online to the school Web site with kids.

"All those things will help the student feel more comfortable with the move," said Baracy, who like Lusa hasn't seen families have major problems with moves.

"Our experience has really been that it's much easier for the children than it is for the parents." Research backs that up, Baracy said.

He's seen some recent economic impact, but not too much

"Move ins and outs are not unusually high," Baracy said. "There's a fair number of them, and the economy has affected some of our families." The district has lost some students to other states, and other parts of Michigan.

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Robert Meisner

effect when the work begins, the policy is for the required amount, and that the contractor's name on the policy matches the name of the contractor you hired.

Q. We are building a fitness center in our community clubhouse and want to make sure that it complies with fair housing laws. Do you have any suggestions?

A. You should consult with legal counsel who has knowledge of the fair housing laws before making any of the rules. Here are some general ideas:

(1) Make sure that the

rules are reasonable and promote legitimate goals; (2) Base rule specifics on

objective criteria;
(3) Target rules at behavior, but not at people;

(4) Prominently post the rules and basis for them; (5) Enforce the rules properly and consistently; and

(6) Make sure your rules comply with state and local law. **Robert M. Meisner** is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available.

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What to do before you put your home up for sale

(NAPSI) — When selling your house, you may first think about how your house looks from the outside, but inner beauty is also important. Fortunately, there's a lot you can do for relatively little money that can make your home stand out to prospective buyers.

So, what can you do to improve the appeal of your home? Before rushing

to purchase expensive new flooring and countertops, the experts at Budget Blinds, the nation's leading custom window covering franchise, offer these cost-effective suggestions:

■ Clean up — A tidy home is more appealing than a messy one. Take a good look at your window treatments. Are the draperies dingy, the blinds banged up, the shutters shabby?

Perhaps replacing your treatments with new ones will do the trick.

■ Depersonalize rooms — There's a reason white and off-white are the leading colors for window treatments — they're safe. Replacing the pink and orange floral draperies in your little girl's room with a simple roller shade will allow the couple to decide for themselves whose room it will be.

■ Update your look — If your window treatments are still stuck in the '90s, refreshing them with a new cellular shade or faux wood horizontal blinds may be helpful in moving your

property faster.

■ Create a focal point — If you have a great view, call attention to it by bundling your window treatments.

Bundling is the practice of combining

two classic window treatments on one window. For example, layer a sheer drapery panel over a roller shade or window shading to add drama. Further, use draperies to visually lengthen a short window or camouflage a harsh angle.

■ Use window treatments to tone down harsh sunlight during photo shoots.



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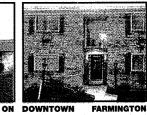
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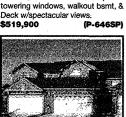
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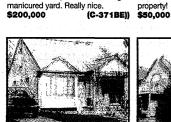
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Selling your home in a buyer's market

(NAPSI) — Selling a home can be a daunting task for any homeowner and in a "buyer's market" the process can feel overwhelming. While many sellers think that homebuyers have the upper hand, with a little patience and a few helpful tips from GMAC Real Estate, you can successfully sell your home.

THE PRICE IS RIGHT

The No. 1 factor in the sale of your home and one of the most critical elements of the sales process is setting the asking price. While you want to get the most appreciation from the sale of your home, you also want to be realistic when setting your price.

"Sellers need to work with an experienced real estate professional who can help them establish a realistic value and price for their home," said Lane Barnett, president and CEO of GMAC Real Estate Franchise Operations. "Setting a price that is unrealistic and too high can reduce agent and buyer interest. and can make other competing homes look like a better value.'

On the flip side, it's critical to not underprice your home when looking to sell. Your real estate agent will research and provide you with data on current market conditions in your area.

REMODEL

Remodeling is a great way to increase your home's value in a more

challenging market. Remodeling a kitchen or bathroom generally offers the highest percentage return on your initial investment according to numerous industry surveys. Another rule of thumb is to decorate your home so it appeals to the broadest number of potential buyers. Buyers generally prefer neutral, mainstream designs, so avoid bold colors or patterns or out-of-date designs that can make it harder to sell. New paint, a nicely mowed lawn and attractive landscaping can go a long way in enhancing your home's curb appeal.

IDENTIFY POTENTIAL PROBLEMS

Hire a home inspector to help you identify any potential problems before you put your house on the market. Also, make sure your home complies with all local housing codes.

PRESENTATION IS KEY

The presentation of your home when you are listing it plays an important role in attracting a buyer. As with choosing an asking price, look at the condition of your home through a buyer's perspec-

"Sellers need to understand the importance of how their home looks to prospective buyers and really need to put themselves into the shoes of the buying public," Barnett said. "Potential buyers

ny of your house as they begin to think about making a purchase."

OVERALL MARKETING

Your real estate agent will prepare your listing for the multiple listing service as well as create an advertisement for the Internet and any materials that will be made available to those who visit your house. More and more, the first impression of your home that many potential buyers have comes from it being seen on the Internet. It is important to offer a wide variety of photos of both the inside and outside of your home. A 360-degree virtual tour of your home is another popular choice to consider. Also, the description of your house needs to be accurate and complete to grab the attention of the potential homebuyer.

When selling your home, remember that an experienced real estate professional can help you sell your home not only for the highest price, but also in the shortest time. Your agent should serve as your trusted adviser, your skilled negotiator and your marketing coordinator every step of the way. From pricing to closing day, these professionals can make you seem like a pro at selling in a buver's market. For more information or to find a realtor nearby, go to http://www.gmacrealestate.

HOMES SOLD

These are the Observer & Eccentricarea residential real estate closings will examine every nook and cran-recorded the week of April 23-27, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices. Canton

300 Avium Ln	\$214,000
2217 Brookfield St	\$275,000
48605 Central Park Dr	\$412,000
50550 Coolidge St	\$80,000
48097 Covington Ct	\$362,000
1963 Knollwood Dr	\$139,000
49552 Lansdowne St	\$384,000
47816 Lindenhurst Blvd	\$380,000
47060 Lyndon Ave	\$365,000
47459 Madison Rd	\$413,000
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More BIA

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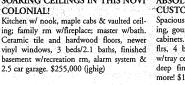
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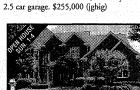


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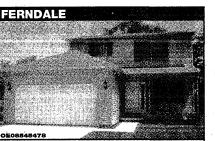
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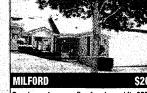
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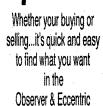
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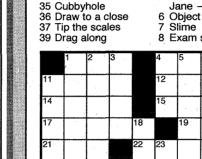
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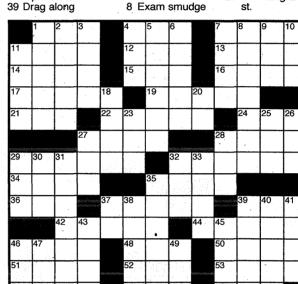
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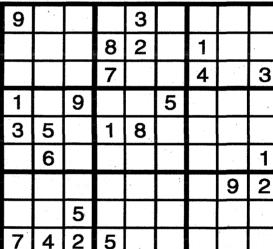
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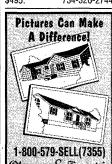
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people need to be goal-oriented and that persistence (versus stubbornness) may be

It's general

knowledge that

required. If you're goaloriented, how can you tell that you're making progress toward your objectives in your work or job search?

Leslie Braksick, chairman of Pittsburgh's The Continuous Learning Group and author of "Unlock Behavior, Unleash Profits," second ed. (McGraw Hill, \$27.95), agrees. "The challenge in goal-setting," she states, "is getting there. My work focuses on behavior and ... help(ing) change behavior." Part of that change involves recognizing that you're getting there.

TURNING POINTS

"The key is to have milestones set between where you are now and what you're trying to achieve -- milestones that are clear, visible and recognizable to people involved," Braksick says. However, she advocates using positive feedback, not parties, to recognize and celebrate those milestones. This technique creates an occasion to communicate how someone helped to achieve the goal, what difference the contribution made and how it fits into the longer-term goal. Her book points out that once behavior is unlocked, "daily acts of discretionary performance" will become

How do you first spot those "daily acts?" By "keeping a pulse," says motivational speaker Les Brown of Les Brown Enterprises L.L.C., in Chicago. "You need communications intelligence, "he continues. "Watch for

collective signs, not just individual, which show up in performance, attitude, teamwork, collaboration. Listen constantly. Do not make any assumptions. Ask questions; repeat what (people) say; get them to confirm it. Ask how you're doing, whether you're on track. Make sure you're clear about what the customer wants and that you confirm that with your customers."

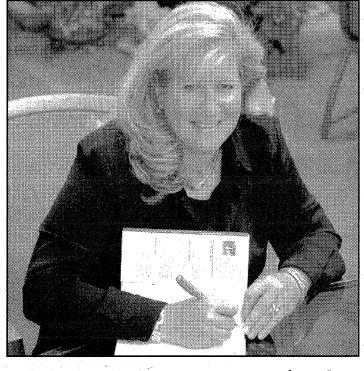
Tom Northup of Leadership Management Group in Newport Beach, Calif., recommends "breaking goals into action steps -- the finer, the better (to avoid being) overwhelmed by length, cost and complexity. Then, inspect what you expect and celebrate if you've made

"The most true sign of progress is actually natural reinforcement," Braksick observes, "seeing things improved, doing work more easily and feeling better than doing it the old way. It's the pure joy and feeling when one knows he's made progress. You've made progress when it becomes easier." She points out that other people will also recognize the progress in their disposition or level of contribution.

Keep you and your objective viable en route by analyzing all feedback you receive, because there's a kernel somewhere that you can use. according to Braksick. Don't just listen without comment. Talk to the person "so that you fully understand what's at the root of the issue," she says. "As hard, hurtful and frustrating as it is, you may uncover something important to know to be successful. "Brown, the public speaker, concedes that to be successful, you must remain "open, flexible and adaptable, because there's more than one way to win."

JOB HUNTING How do these principles apply to a job

search? Robert McGovern, author of "Bring



Leslie Braksick is at a book signing for her "Unlock Behavior, Unleash Profits," now in its second edition. The book explains how to increase profitability by moving others to participate voluntarily and enthusiastically toward meeting an objective.

Credit: Courtesy of CLG.

Your 'A' Game: The 10 Career Secrets of The High Achiever" (Sourcebooks, \$14.95) and the founder of CareerBuilder.com, indicates that you're moving forward even when negative signs begin to emerge. They're part of the cycle. These could include:

-- discovering that your enthusiasm toward your job tanks;

-- feeling drained emotionally, perhaps even with a sense of malaise or depression;

-- becoming uninterested in your work; -- watching your productivity suffer, only

to find more stress when your boss rides you about it: and

-- starting to communicate how you feel to

others -- "a sure sign that your career is turning a new corner."

Northup's method applies here, too. For example, if you want to improve your ability to communicate in interviews, teach yourself to ask more questions. Then, as people seem more interested in speaking with you or even make a statement about how they're enjoying the conversation, you'll know that you're on

In other words, while on the job and job hunting, watch your own behavior as well as that of others.

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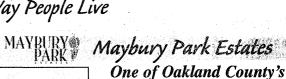
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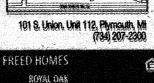
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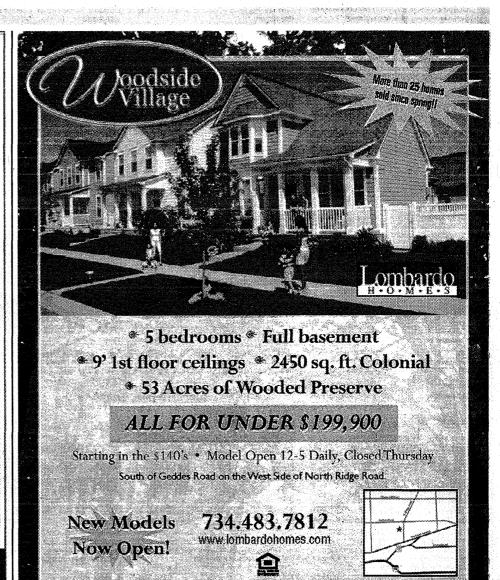




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248-684-1065 On 1/2 acre lot. Huge deck. Tree-lined yard. Cath ceils. Formal DR & gourmet kit. Hdwd firs. 1st fir mstr w/ jet tub, WIC & spacious shower.

\$290,000

(27131904)

NEWER CONSTRUCTION. CLOSE TO EVERYTHINGI 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Ceramic & hardwood floors. Full basement. Library, huge MBR w/2 WIC, large jetted tub & separate shower. Great room w/fplc. \$219,900



Farmington PEACEFUL 2 BR VALLEY VIEW CONDO Overlooking the woods. Updates include: carepet & windows, convenient parking

\$64,900

Farmington Hills UPDATED ON 1 ACRE Country living in the cityl Spacious kit & DR leads to deck & beautiful bckyrd. Hug fam rm w/ nat fp & bay wndw. 2car att gar. Tons of storage. Great location.



248-684-1065 Fenton Heavily wooded. Beautifully finished lower level is plumbed for wet bar or kitchen and has full bath w/ shower. New roof in 2006.



LOOKING FOR CHARACTER, CHARM & UPDATES? 1500 sq ft, 3 br, 2 ba, coved ceilings, leaded glass doors, hrdwd floor, family room w/fireplace,all appliances. Walk to downtown



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Highland Have it all and then some! Inground swimming pool, beautiful decking. Totally updated 2000-06.3 bd, 2.1 ba, finished basement has recroom

Howeli Priv wooded setting. Open fir plan. Fp in LR, french doors to lib. Lg brs. Sitting area in mstr ste. Fla rm overlooking woods. Walk to



248-851-1900 UPDATES GALOREI OPEN FLOOR PLAN Huge eat-in kitchen, master suite & spacious family room w/fireplace & doorwall to deck. Finished lower level w/wet bar, rec room, sauna &



734-591-9200 3 bdrm brick ranch, 1.5 bths, fin. base. w/bar, poss 4 bed/ off in base, 2 home theatre sym's neg. 2 car gar. 3 tier deck w. hot tub, abv ground

\$189,900

248-348-6430 MOVE-IN CONDITION 3 BR Ranch, fin bsmt, updts galore. Newer wndws, furnace, C/A, driveway, vinyl siding, roof, new kit cabinets, 2 car gar, fence and hrdwd firs.



248-348-6430 3 BR BRICK & ALUMINUM RANCH Nice lot w/ plenty of space for a garage, new roof in 2002, all kitchen appliances stay, easy access

(27045358) \$134,900



COUNTRY LIVING WITH CITY ACCESS! 3BR/2BA ranch on 1/2 acre. Newer kitchen, roof'06, 2x6 const. Andersen wndws, neutral carpet+pergo, glass block wndw in full bsmt. 34x36 att radiant heated gar. (27138070) \$224,900



Exquisite Colonial In Northville, 4 Bdrms, 3.2 Baths, Dual Stairs, Coffered Ceiling In Grt Rm, 2 Stry Fp Mantle, Kit W Granite Cntr Tops, Cstm Cabs, 1st Fl Mstr Ste W Blcny, Wic, Sits (27121942)



Elegant, Georgian-style colonial on private cul-de-sac, overlooking natural wooded ravine. Builders own custom residence. 4 br, 4.2 ba. 4



6,000 sq ft total on 5.31 acre lot. 8 ft mahogany entry. Custom kit w/ granite t/o. Hearth & brkft rms. Lg DR, huge GR. 1st fir mstr w/ lg



248-684-1065 Beautiful four bedroom, three bath home on wooded lot. Finished walk-out including patio/deck, fenced yard and outside lighting. First floor master bedroom.



Don't miss out on this beautiful retreat on secluded 1.75 acre lot backing up to Camp Dearborn. Island kitchen open to great room with fireplace. 5 br, 4ba.



Spacious condo offers two master suites. Beautiful views of wetlands, only steps away from downtown Milford. Stainless steel appl Furniture is negotiable.



Super condo for lease with beautful setting overlooking wooded property. 2 br, 2.1 ba. Open & airy floor plan w/ soaring ceiling in great room.



ATRUE GEM ON ONE ACRE Beautiful 4 br, 4.1 ba cape cod on a tranquil lot, kitchen w/upscale appliances & ceramic floor,master suite w/ jetted tub finished lower level.



248-348-6430 DETACHED COUNTRY CLUB CONDO Carefree condo living in sought after Northville. 4 BR,2.1 BA,formal LR & DR, hrdwd firs in kit, nook & foyer. Master w/frplc.FR w/frplc, full fin bsmt w/wet bar.



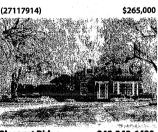
CONDO AT A BARGAIN Priventry condo w/imm occupancy. 3 nice size BR, 2 full BA + lav, LR w/frpl, kit w/all applis, Dr, partially fin bsmt,1 car att gar, HW provided.



INCREDIBLE HOME ON WALLED LAKE Only one year old. Floor to ceiling windows on all 3 levels on lakeside. 3 bedrooms, 3.1 baths. Granite kitchen w/all the bells & whistles. Incredible (27133583)



Northville BRIGHT AND AIRY RANCH IN FAMILY SUB Updtd 3 br, 2 ba. Kit w/Hickory cab & Corian cntr. Lr has cathedral ceiling & built-ins. 1 st fir laundry. Trex deck & paver patio. Garage has heat & AC



TOTALLY CHARMING TOTALLY UPDATED 2952 sq ft colonial. 4 BR, 3.1 BA. Lg private yard. Too many amenities to list. Must see. WWW.



Plymouth HISTORICAL UPDATED GEM ON ONE ACRE LOT! Character and charm show throughout this gorgeous home. Numerous updates at a value you just can't pass by. 4BR/2.1BA, fin bsmt. Call today!



NEW BUILDER-NEW FLOOR PLANS-NEW PRICES 16x22 finished lofts. 2 Bedrooms, 1 bath. Unit backs to residential. Anticipated build time is 120 days. Now taking reservations. \$500 depost. Call our office. \$149,900



Value and charm in Ottawa Hills sub. Four bdrm w/ 1.5 baths. Natural fireplace. Updates include C/A, windows, roof. All appliances incl. Fenced yard with patio.



734-591-9200 Redford Meticulous Redford Ranch 3 BRs, 1.5 BA Fin Bsmt w/Wet Bar&Stools; appl stay Incl bsmt frig;new hot water tank 06,patio 2.5car gar w/elec & wk bnch; garden/lawn tools 2 snow blwrs new wins and roof 03.



Gorgeous home on Silver Lake! What a buy! First floor master w 3 large BR and 2.5 baths. Stunning interior with granite counters and



248-437-3800 **South Lyon** Cape Code in Popular Greenock Hills! New Kitchen With Custom Cherry Cabinets, Granite Countertops, stainless Steel Appl., Hardwood Floors. Two Way Fireplace. First Floor Master.

South Lyon Move-In Perfect! Lovely 5 BR 3.5 BA 2 story in Prestigious Greenock Hills. 9 ft ceilings on FF. New Hardwood floors, New carpet. crown molding, large kitchen.



South Lyon Country Living On 4+ Acres! Creek Running On Property. Ranch Home Features Living Room,country Kitchen W/snack Bar, 3 Br, 2 Full Baths And First Floor Laundry. Walk-out



Colonial on 1.63 Acres! Brand new 25 x 48 pole barn. Updated kitchen and large 3 car garage. Beautiful Lot. 4 BR, 2.5 baths.



South Lyon COZY 3 BEDROOM COLONIAL! Home has finished basement with dry cedar sauna. Very peaceful yard backs to wooded area. the eveng and vegeta



South Lyon 248-437-3800 Luxury Condos New Construction! 2 BR, 2 BA ranches starting at \$189,900 & 2 BR, 2 1/2 BA cape cods starting at \$199,000. Std features include hickory cabs w/42" uppers, granite cntrtps,much more (26015094) \$189,900



South Lyon Move Right IN!!! Well Maintained, Cozy Ranch. Oak Kitchen Cabinets And Flooring Thru Out: Finished Family Room And Third Bedroom In Lower Level With Full Bath. Large Wood Deck.



Great curb appeal! This very cute updated ranch is in an established sub with a great location! Large fenced in yard. A must see!



BEAUTIFUL END UNIT WITH POND VIEWSI 2BR/2BA condo w/finished basement leading to garage. Gorgeous pond/fountain views. Just minutes from downtown South Lyon.



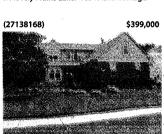
248-348-6430 MOVE RIGHT IN!!! Beautiful 2 br 2 ba condo in popular Southridge.All appl included.Low assoc fee incl all water usage,swimming pool. Great fir plan.Mbr has priv ba,WIC.



BRIGHT, COMFORTABLE CAPE COD Well kept 4 BR ,2.5 BA Remodeled kit w/maple flr, custom cab, and Corian cntrs. Cozy Fp w/marble surround in LR. Crown moldings. Fin LL, private yard.



Superior Twp ON LOVELY FRAINS LAKE! Your boat and fun come with a sharp, remodeled 3BR/2BA cottage on lovely Frains Lake. 185 ft lake frontage.



Van buren Twp GORGEOUS SETTING! 4 bedrms/2 full baths/ 2half baths. Colonial on a cul-de-sac. Backing to pond. Prof. fin basement. Home Warranty. Immed. Occup.



Open fir plan. New carpet, paint, hrwd firs. Glass blk windows in mstr shwr. New roof & garage door. New kitchen counters. 3-season sun room. Private yard



SOLD "AS IS" 3 Bedroom one bath Bungalow. Finished basement with fireplace, newer windows, siding, furnace and singles. 2 car detached garage.



Westland 734-326-2000 STUNNING DETACHED CONDO contemporary fly plan w/3 full BA, professionally fin basement fir plan w/3 full BA, professionally fin basement w/ rec rm, FR, & possible 3rd BD, office, or den! MBR Ste, 1st flr laundry, & att 2 car garage.



734-326-2000 Westland GORGEOUS IS AN UNDERSTATEMENT Lots of love & care went into this updated Beauty! Spacious open floor plan boasts Irg eat-in kit w/ tons of cabinets & pantry. Solid oak staircase (27132829)



248-348-6430 DESIGNERS OWN HOMEI 2,400 SF Completely remondeled 4 br, 2.1 ba, abundant amenities, upscale design & custom features. Everything you see will please you. This one is perfect (27107887) \$549,000



248-851-1900 FORMER MODEL HOME - WIXOM 4BR/2.1BTH. 2949 SF. Premier sub. Gourmet granite kitchen, HW floors, master suite, 2 WICS, liv, fam, DR & library. Bonus room in garage for home office.

(27130764) \$370,000

734-591-9200 Beautiful home backing to trees & park across the street; neutral decor, cherry kit w/island & hdwd fir w/wall of windows; gas line in FP,2-way FP in FR & study; sliding DW from nook

to brick pavers.



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Volleyball coaches like change of season

For a preview of this year's P-CEP volleyball teams, please see page C2.

> BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

For the first August in the history of high school sports, female athletes in gyms across Observerland have been exchanging highfives when a ball goes over a net and not through it.

Due to the court-mandated MHSAA switch of seasons, volleyball has flipflopped with girls basketball — and the local prep volleyball coaches couldn't be happier.

"It took a little getting used to at first, but I love it now," said coach Kelly McCausland, referring to her sport's change of seasons. "It's a great segue for the girls who attend camps during the summer because they can start practicing for the volleyball season now in mid-August.

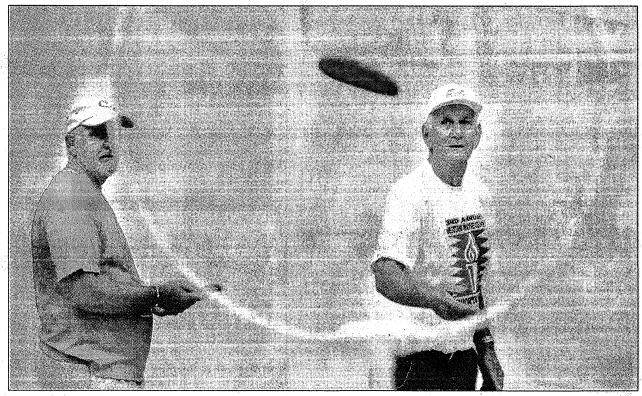
The change has allowed us to do different types of conditioning, too, because we can go outside and run if we want to."

Salem coach Amanda Suder agreed with McCausland's assessment.

'Probably the best part about it so far is that we don't have any conflicts as far as getting gym time," said Suder. "The only downside has been that some of the girls had vacations planned in August, but we've been able to work around that."

Volleyball and girls basketball were just two of four sports affected by the court ruling. Girls golf has flip-flopped with boys golf, moving from the spring to the fall, and boys tennis will now be played in the fall with girls tennis moving to the spring.

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Charles Hutchinson (right) tosses a frisbee through a ring during Monday's opening day of the Western Wayne County Senior Olympics. More than 400 people were registered to compete in the week-long event that was hosted by Canton Leisure Services.

Event brings out best in senior Olympians

BY ED WRIGHT

he "Umbrella Toss" wasn't among the 23 events offered this week at the 2007 Western Wayne County Senior Olympics, but considering Monday's opening-day weather, it would have been appropriate.

A steady, day-long drenching from Mother Nature cancelled a few outdoor competitions, but it didn't dampen the spirits of the 400-plus senior Olympians, who are competing in everything from euchre to tennis.

This year's event — the third annual is being coordinated by the Canton $\,$ Leisure Services' Senior Adult Program staff.

"The goal of the Senior Olympics is to give people who are 50 years old and older an opportunity to do their best in a wide variety of activities," said Canton Senior Adult Program coordinator Dianne Neihengen.

The ages of the participants range from 50 to late-80s.

"Unlike the traditional Olympics, which are strictly a test of physical fitness, this program incorporates fitness along with creative arts like photography, writing and painting. We even added biking this year at the other



Anne Peterson competes in the ring toss during Monday's opening day of the Western Wayne County Senior Olympics at Canton's Summit on the Park.

end of the spectrum. This gives everyone from all over the Western Wayne County region an opportunity to come together and have a wonderful time."

While the ultimate goal of the event is for the participants to have a good time, don't think winning isn't important.

"A lot of the athletes are very competitive," said Neihengen. "And there are a lot of very good athletes who enjoy competing. There were some disappointed

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 $Adult\, Program\ coordinator$

2007 prep football season kicks off

Two-a-day memories still fresh in my mind

f you're a high school football player and you're glad two-a-days are history, raise your right hand.

What's that? You're too sore to move? Well, trust me on this: The soreness will go away, but the memories of possibly the two toughest weeks of your life never will.

I still remember my last week of two-a-days like it was last week, even though Jimmy Carter was president and instant-messaging meant yelling across the street to your friends.

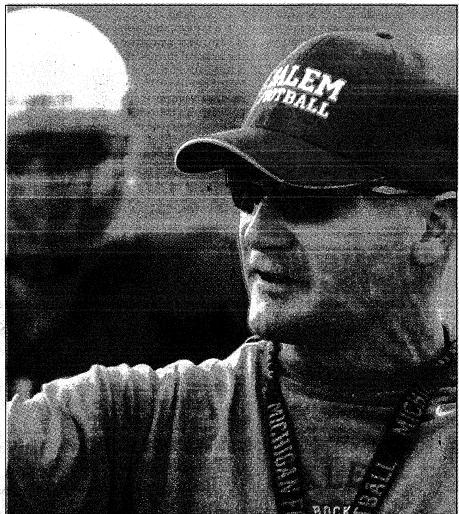
Our coach always saved the most brutal drill for the end of the morning session — the absolute hottest, windless point of the day when the sun was at its apex. The far-from-politically-cor-

rect name of the exercise was "suicides." Already drenched in sweat and exhausted from two hours of bear crawls, down-ups and running, we lined up at the goal line and ran a series of sprints from the 5-yard line back to the

goal line; to the 10-yard line and back to the goal line — non-stop until we reached the opposite end zone roughly 20 minutes later.

I'll never forget one particular extra-humid, 90-degree morning when, as we all took a knee around the coaches following a series of the

Please see GRID PICKS, C2



Second-year Salem head football coach Parker Salowich will lead his team into Friday night's season opener at Pinckney. The Rocks' offense promises to be wide open this season.

Chiefs, **Wildcats** to open on big stage

Eastern Michigan University's 30,000-seat Rynearson Stadium will serve as the earlyseason proving grounds for the Canton and Plymouth football teams Saturday afternoon. **Both the Chiefs and Wildcats** were invited to participate in the Big Prep Showdown III event, which annually attracts many of the top teams in Michigan and, this year at least, Ohio.

Plymouth will tangle with Belleville beginning at 2:30 p.m. The Wildcats finished 3-6 last season while the Tigers were

Canton will take on Toledo Central Catholic in the 5 p.m. contest. The Chiefs advanced to the Division 1 semifinals in 2006 with a 12-1 mark. The Fighting Irish finished 9-2. Tickets are \$10 at the gate.

Pride tryouts

Tryouts for the 2008 PC Pride's 10U, 12U, 14U and 16U girls fastpitch softball teams will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Canton Softball Center and Tuesday at Heritage Park in Canton.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday with tryouts beginning at 10 a.m. On Tuesday, registration will commence at 5:30 p.m. with tryouts starting at 6 p.m.

Interested players need to attend just one of the three sessions, which should each last approximately three hours.

Only Plymouth-Canton-area residents can play for the 10U and 12U teams. The 14U squad is limited to a small percentage of nonresident players, while the 16U team has no residency requirements.

Players are encouraged to bring a copy of their birth certificate to the tryout.

Ignition tryouts

The Detroit Ignition Major Indoor Soccer League team will hold open tryouts Sept. 15 at High Velocity Sports in Canton, team President Greg Bibb announced recently.

The tryouts give area players and international players the chance to compete for a spot on the 2007-08 Ignition roster. The annual event will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 5 p.m.

Following the tryouts, a select group of participants will be asked to return to an invitationonly combine slated for Sept. 21 and 22 at High Velocity Sports.

Those interested in trying out need to complete a registration form and submit a \$50 processing fee. To register or for more information, contact Kyle Karns at (248) 304-2855, ext. 1264. Additional information can be found on the team's Web site at www. detroitignition.com.

Last year's tryouts featured over 100 participants representing 13 states and four countries. An impressive local turnout included a number of former area collegiate level players representing a total of 13 Michigan colleges.

Madonna Golf Classic

There are still openings in the 12th annual Madonna Golf Classic, which is set for Friday, Sept. 14, at The Inn at St. John's Golf Course in Plymouth. The 18-hole scramble event and auction is held each year to benefit student scholarships and academic programs.

The entry fee is \$200 per golfer. Dinner and silent-auction reservations are \$50.

Registration and sponsorship information can be found at www. madonna.edu or by calling Ann Cleary at (734) 432-5421.

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Canton spikers will have a familiar look in 2007

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STAFF WRITER

Unlike the vast majority of high school volleyball teams in the area, Canton hasn't had to work through a "getting-toknow-you" period.

With 11 players returning from last year's team, the Chiefs already knew each other very well, which was an invaluable development for secondyear coach Jen Barnes.

"With so many girls back, it's advantageous for us — especially early in the season because everybody knows how everybody else plays," said

Barnes. "The setters know where the hitters like the ball. The hitters know how the setters work. We have some minor adjustments to make, but otherwise I'm excited to get the season going."

Barnes won't have to wait much longer as the Chiefs open their 2007 campaign Saturday at the Warren Mott Invitational.

'We didn't have a great record last year (9-17-7), but we played a lot of state-ranked teams very tough," said Barnes. "Hopefully, if things go as planned this season, with our experience we should be able to play with most of the best teams out there."

Leading the way for Canton will be four-year varsity player Marie Martin, a 6-foot-1 senior middle hitter who has already etched her name into the school's volleyball record books.

"We're lucky to have a player like Marie because she is a great leader and she's very, very consistent," said Barnes. "She broke her own school record for blocks last year and it wouldn't surprise me at all if she did it again this year."

Hannah Mills will serve as the Chiefs' starting libero for the second straight season. The 5-4 senior provides the leadership in the back row that Martin gives to the front.

"Hannah was a captain last vear as a junior, which tells you what kind of a leader she is," said Barnes. "She's probably our most consistent server,

Four more seniors will play key roles for the Chiefs: Lauren



at Canton Softball Center 46555 W. Michigan Ave. • Canton

Tues. Registration starts at 5:30 pm Tryouts start promptly at 6 pm at Heritage Park Canton Center Road • Canton

Girls only need to attend 1 session. Each session should be approx. 3 hrs 🌡

- 10U & 12U are limited to resident girls.
- 14U is limited to a small percent of nonresident players.
- 16U has no residency requirements Please bring a copy of your

PREP VOLLEYBALL PREVIEWS

McPartlin, a 5-8 middle-hitter; Ellie Kenny, a 5-10 outside hitter; Laura Daniels, a 5-6 defensive specialist; and Rachel Kain, a 5-5 defensive specialist.

Three-year varsity setter Kacy Moran (5-7) paces a strong and talented junior class for Canton.

"Kacy is a great setter because she can sense who's having a great day and who may be off a little," said Barnes. "She knows where to go with the ball and she can put it wherever she wants to."

Another key returning junior right-side hitter. is Gina Waite (5-7), who will play a variety of crucial roles, including right-side hitter and as the Chiefs' back-up setter.

"Gina is one of those players that gets to the gym early and stays after practice to work on things," said Barnes. "She's a very talented player and a very hard worker."

Other juniors who will make key contributions include Janelle Burdiss, a 5-7 right-side hitter; Shelby Anthony, a 5-6 defensive specialist; Chelsea Olson, a 5-7 outside hitter; and Blyss Galizia, a 5-8 right-side hitter who transferred in from Delaware during the off-season. The team's lone sophomore is Jordan Kielty, a 5-8 outside hitter who led the team in kills as a freshman last season.

"Jordan can do it all," said Barnes. "She can hit, pass, dig, serve — she's one of the best all-around players in the area."

The Rocks will evolve from a senior-led team that went 42-10 and pushed Division state champion Livonia Churchill to the absolute limit last season to a youthful, up-and-coming squad paced by multi-talented junior Jansan Falcusan.

"We're very young, but a lot of our young players are talented," said Salem coach Amanda Suder. "It's going to be very difficult to replace players like Teresa Coppiellie, Lauren Kurtz and Courtney Seiler (all of whom are currently playing college volleyball), but the girls are working very hard."

Suder can't say enough positive things about Falcusan, whose been the Rocks' starting setter since Day 1 of her freshman year.

"As a freshman and sophomore, Jansan let the older girls lead, but she's definitely shown me her leadership abilities so far this season," said Suder. "And she's not only one of the best setters around, but she's grown a couple inches since her freshman year, so she may do some hitting as well."

The Rocks' senior class is small in quantity, but stellar: Jill Slabey, a 5-9 middle-hitter; Alyssa Matchette, a 5-4 defensive specialist/back-up libero; and Taylor Abbey, a 5-5 defensive specialist who is also competing for the Rocks' cross country team.

"Jill played more than any other junior we had last year, so that experience will be valuable to her this year," said Suder. "Blocking is her main asset and she's our best middlehitter."

The Rocks' deep junior class is led by Kelly MacDonald, a 57 all-around standout.

"Kelly learned a lot last year from Teresa and Lauren, and it's showing so far in practices," said Suder. "She's 5-7, but she plays like she's 5-10. She can jump out of the gym."

Other contributing juniors will be Becky Davis, a 5-5 defensive specialist; Erin Classen, a 5-10 middle-hitter; Katie Janda, a 5-9 front-row player; Katie Parr, a 5-7 outside hitter; Annie Zhang, a 5-5 defensive specialist; and Kelly Gitre, a 5-8 middle-hitter.

The team's lone sophomore is Lauren Dworzanin, a 5-9

A pair of freshmen -5-9Kerry MacDonald (Kelly's sister) and Nicole Merget, a 6-2 middle-hitter — will open the season in the starting line-up.

"Churchill will be strong again," Suder said, assessing the WLAA. "They lost Lauren Krupsky, but they have Kyndra Abron back and their junior varsity went undefeated last year. Plymouth and Canton will be strong, as always, and Walled Lake Northern looks good, too."

PLYMOUTH

A lack of experience will be the No. 1 obstacle for the Wildcats to overcome this season after they posted a 17-20 mark during the 2006-07

"Judging by what I've seen so far, we should be strong defensively, but we're struggling a little bit on offense," said coach Kelly McCausland. "Hopefully, we can show improvement week to week."

Plymouth will be led by senior Rachel Heaton, a 5-7 outside hitter who was one of the team's leaders in kills last season.

"She's definitely our go-to player," said McCausland. "She's our best all-around player."

Other seniors include Ashley Belszlko, a 5-9 middle-hitter; Kate Spangler, a 5-8 starting setter; Lindsay Jewett, a 5-3 defensive specialist; and Ashley Shaffer, a 5-4 defensive specialist.

"Ashley has come around quite a bit and is really showing a lot offensively," said McCausland. "Kate has stepped up, too, and become one of our main leaders, both on and off the court."

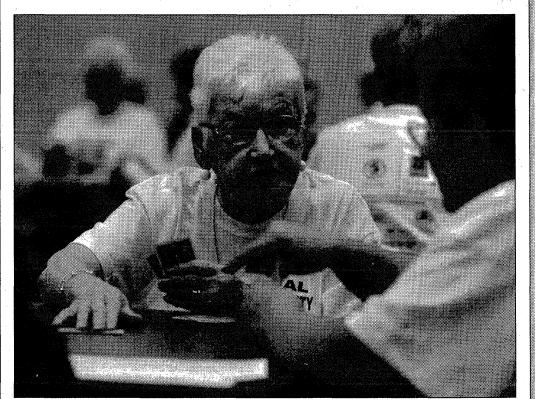
Megan Quinlan, a 5-10 middle hitter, leads the Wildcats' talented junior class.

"Megan really worked hard in the off-season to improve her game," said McCausland. "She'll be one of our major offensive threats."

Other key juniors include Mandy McManus, a 5-9 outside hitter; Jenna Livingston, a 5-4 defensive specialist; Lauren Scott, a 5-5 defensive specialist; and Brianna Beyer, a 5-5 defensive specialist.

"Mandy is one of our strongest outside hitters," said McCausland. "She should be piling up the kills this season." Sophomore Katie Salo will

probably share time at setter with Spangler, according to McCausland. The team has two talented freshmen: Kelly Smoltz, a 6-1 right-side hitter and Katie Binger, a 5-10 middle



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dorothy Louisignau (left) and Bruna Rea enjoy the 2007 Western Wayne County Senior Olympics' euchre competition Monday afternoon at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

athletes this morning when we had to cancel the softball throw."

Neihengen and her colleagues deserve a gold medal for taking over the hosting duties last October after the original host, Westland, had to withdraw due to contamination problems at Central City Park.

"Before we accepted, we had to make sure everybody here was on board and that there weren't any other events going on," said Neihengen. "We've had meetings every month since last October. It's been quite an undertaking, but a very worthwhile one.'

The four days of events wrapped up this morning with bowling at Wayne Bowl, table tennis at the Livonia Civic Center and a 12-mile bike ride in Hines Park.

An awards banquet is set for Friday at noon at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton. 2007 WESTERN WAYNE COUNTY

TENNIS

(Canton), Hassan Darouie (Canton), Bob Gregory (Livonia), Carol Shields (Northville), Wesley Pelling (Dearborn) and Walter Roney (Dearborn). Silver-medal winners: Hsien Pao

(Canton), Gerald Van Dusen (Plymouth), Chun Yen Wu (Canton), Joe Arnois Emil Panowicz (Northville).

BAKING

Gold-medal winners: Marianne Curran (Westland), Grace Erspamer (Livonia) and Juanita Johnson-Owens

Silver-medal winners: Mary Lavins (Canton) and Marianne Curran

(Westland).

Bronze-medal winners: Beverly White (Van Buren), Judy Fields (Van Buren) and Catherine McQuade (Canton).

EUCHRE Gold-medal winners: Kay Heard (Westland) and Dorothy Louisignau (Westland):

Silver-medal winner: Connie Felzon (Canton). Bronze-medal winner: Clarabelle Kelley

SENIOR OLYMPICS RESULTS

energy-sapping drill, senior wide receiver/team comedian Arnold Cauthen quipped just loud enough for the coaches to hear: "Those should be called homicides, man, because y'all killin' us."

FROM PAGE C1

The players chuckled. The coaches scowled. And we ran another series of suicides.

I can also painfully recall the "Lombardies," an equally tough drill that was named in honor of tough-as-nails legendary Green Bay coach Vince Lombardi.

"I'm not sure who this Lombardi guy is," Arnold said one morning, "but I'm pretty sure he was a mean (blanketyblank)."

The worst moment of twoa-days my senior year came on one of the last plays of an inter-squad scrimmage during the final two-a-day, just a few days before our season opener. Arnold, a slow but sure-handed wide receiver, caught a slant pass over the middle before getting drilled by a safety with a solid, clean tackle.

The hit broke Arnold's leg, ending his senior season before it began.

A few days later, as we struggled through a practice-ending series of sprints, Arnold limped across the parking lot to the edge of the practice field, a freshly formed cast

encasing his entire right leg. Leaning on pair of crutches for balance, a huge smile crossed Arnold's face as he watched our suffering up close and personal. "No pain, no gain, y'all," he

yelled with delight. We scowled. The coaches

chuckled. Last year's final Grid Picks standings were no laughing matter for myself and

Redford/Garden City Sports Editor Tim Smith as both of us finished in Livonia/Westland Sports Editor Brad Emons' rear-view mirror (and the objects were not closer than · they appeared). Brad wiped us out pretty bad, so we're ready for some paybacks.

Good luck to all the local players and teams. And as my coach told us before our first game: "Win one for Arnold!"

FRIDAY'S GAMES

(all 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted; each team's 2006 record is in parentheses)

Salem (0-9, 0-6) at Pinckney (2-7, 1-6): Both teams will be looking to erase the memories of last season's poor records with an early-season victory. The team with the ball last may wind up winning what promises to be a high-scoring showdown. **PICKS:** Wright (Salem); Smith (Pinckney); Emons Pinckney).

Redford Covenant (2-5) at Detroit University Prep

(1-8), 4 p.m.: Two relative unknowns square off in the first game of the season, but the Spartans are deeper and more talented than 2006. **PICKS:** Wright (Covenant); Smith (Covenant); Emons (University Prep).

Taylor Kennedy (2-7, 1-5), at Garden City (0-9, 0-

7): Both of these teams had down seasons in 2006, and hope to get off to winning starts.

PICKS: Wright (Kennedy); Smith (Garden City); Emons (Kennedy). Warren Lincoln (3-6, 2-5) at Redford Thurston (2-

7. 1-5): The Eagles were much better during the latter stages of last season than their overall record indicates, and they have playmakers on both sides of the ball. PICKS: Wright (Thurston); Smith (Thurston); Emons (Lincoln).
D.H. Crestwood (4-5, 3-3) at Redford Union (6-4,

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4-2) at Kraft Field: Panthers head coach Miles Tomasaitis usually fields playoff-bound teams with tough defense and running backs who can churn up yardage. This year looks no different. **PICKS:** Wright (RU); Smith (RU); Emons (RU).

Lansing Eastern (2-7, 1-6) at Livonia Churchill (3-6, 3-2): The Quakers earned half of last season's win total in their 20-13 victory over the Chargers in last season's opener The home crowd could prove to be the difference this season for Churchill. PICKS: Wright (Churchill); Smith (Churchill); Emons (Churchill).

Wayne Memorial (5-4, 2-3) at Jackson (6-4, 5-2): With several talented players back at key positions, the Zebras should contend for a WLAA Western Division title this Season. A win over the Vikings would give Wayne a confidence boost heading into its conference schedule. PICKS: Wright (Wayne); Smith (Jackson); Emons (Wayne).

Ypsilanti Lincoln (0-9, 0-7) at Livonia Stevenson

(6-4, 3-2): This one has "running clock in the third quarter" written all over it. The Spartans should cruise. PICKS: Wright (Stevenson); Smith (Stevenson); Emons Liv. Clarenceville (4-5, 4-3) at Lutheran Northwest (4-5, 3-4): Following mediocre 2006

campaigns, a triumphant opener would prove invaluable for both of these up-andcoming programs. PICKS: Wright (C'ville); Smith (C'ville); Emons (C'ville). Westland Glenn (3-6, 2-3) vs. Livonia Franklin (5-4, 3-2), 8 p.m., at EMU: The big stage and bright lights of Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium await these two WLAA opponents in a Big Prep Showdown III

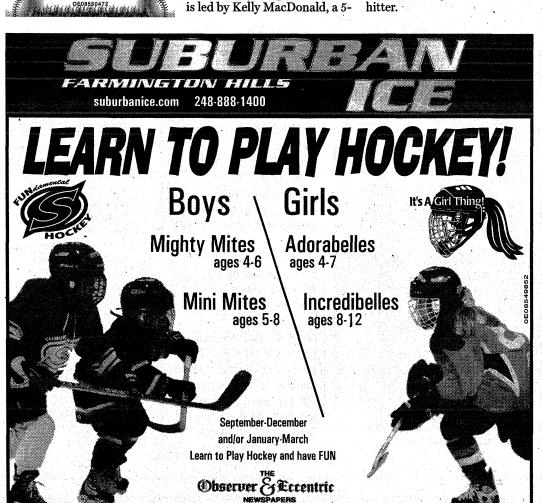
contest. PICKS: Wright (Franklin); Smith (Franklin); Emons (Franklin). SATURDAY'S GAMES Harper Woods (6-4, 4-3) at Lutheran Westland (3-6, 2-5), 1 p.m.: The Warriors, who have just 18 players on their varsity roster, will be out to prove that they are small (quantity-wise),

but mighty. Harper Woods will provide a stiff first-game test. **PICKS:** Wright (Harper Woods); Smith (Harper Woods); Emons (Harper Woods).

Plymouth (3-6, 1-4) vs. Belleville (2-7, 2-4), 2:30 Plymouth (3-6, 1-4) vs. Belleville (2-7, 2-4), 2:30 p.m., at EMU: The Wildcats, who will be making their second consecutive appearance in the Big Prep Showdown, will be fired up to secure a victory for head coach Mike Sawchuk in his head coaching debut at Plymouth. PICKS: Wright (Plymouth); Smith (Plymouth); Emons (Belleville).

Canton (12-1, 6-0) vs. Toledo Central Catholic (9-2, 4-1). Snm at MILL: It's unlikely the Fighting.

6-1), 5 p.m., at EMU: It's unlikely the Fighting Irish have encountered many offenses recently similar to the Chiefs' full-house "T attack. Canton returns just three starters after two straight deep-into-the-playoffs runs. **PICKS:** Wright (Canton); Smith (Toledo CC); Emons (Toledo CC).





Plymouth soccer foes must focus on containing Rolfe

BY ED WRIGHT

High school soccer fans who reside in Plymouth and Canton won't have to drive far this fall to watch one of the premier players in the state display his skills.

A quick trip to the P-CEP soccer fields is all that will be required to check out Plymouth's Colin Rolfe, a senior forward who was named to the Division 1 All-State first team as a junior in 2006.

"Colin Rolfe is one of the top three players in the state this year," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy, whose Rocks will look to contain the All-Stater Monday when the two teams meet at 7 p.m. at the P-CEP varsity soccer field. "He's that good."

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 Rolfe didn't rest on his lofty laurels during the off-season,

Wildcat head coach Jeff Neschich confirmed.

"The thing that has impressed me the most about Colin is how hard he's worked since last year to improve his skills," said Neschich. "He's so much better than he was last year, and last year he was All-State. "Colin has really matured as a leader too."

Plymouth will be relying on Rolfe's explosive right leg often this season after losing its top two defenders from last year's 11-6-3 team — Anthony Sasinowski and Travis Norris — to graduation.

"We have some talented kids who have a lot of scoring ability," said Neschich. "Our biggest question marks heading into the season will be our defending and our transition game."

A pair of senior forwards — Tyler Floyd and Gordon Libby — should benefit from the extra attention teams will give Rolfe.

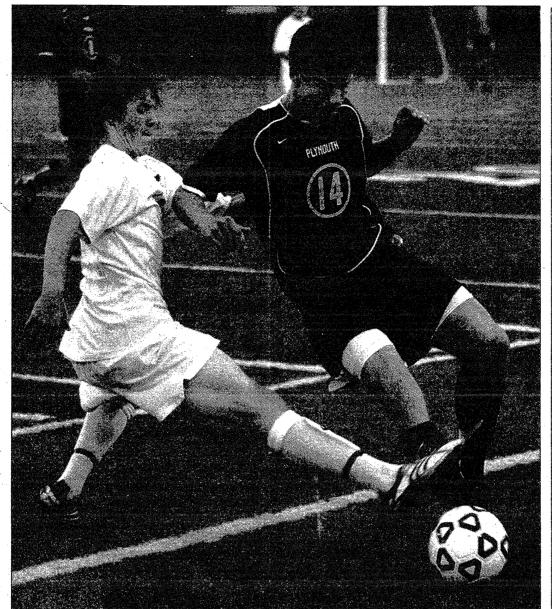
"Tyler is a very smart player who can score and provide us with good senior leadership," said Neschich.

Junior Evan Yoder and sophomore Vin Nguyen will also put pressure on opposing defenses. The Wildcats' mid-field will be patrolled by sophomore Danny Jaziwitz; juniors Dexter Gregg and T.J. Madigan; senior Jesse Forrester; and freshmen Ian Griffiths and Andrew Yoder. Junior Norm Frida will rotate between the mid-field and defense.

Among those who will be counted on to fill the huge defensive cleats of Sasinowski and Norris are seniors Mike Karona and Trevor Floyd; and junior Austin Kaczinowski.

Senior Brian Rissman returns as the 'Cats' starting goal-keeper. He'll be backed up by sophomore Josh Hill, who shined for the junior-varsity squad as a freshman.

"Our conference will be tough, as usual," assured Neschich. "Stevenson, Northville, Canton and Salem will all be tough, Churchill will have a good club and don't count out the



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SPORTS BRIEFS

Plymouth's Colin Rolfe (14) earned Division 1 first team All-State honors as a junior last season.

Walled Lakes either." SALEM

The Rocks are coming off an impressive 17-8-2 campaign, which ended when they pushed Division 1 state runner-up Livonia Stevenson to the limit before falling 2-1 in an unforgettable Regional final classic at Saline High School. Salem finished the season with a No. 4 state ranking in D1.

"We're very young and we'll be very defensiveminded this year," said Salem head coach Ed McCarthy. "We lost two All-State forwards in Brooks Belhart and Tom Bennett, both of whom will be hard to replace. We return three of our four defenders, so we should be strong at that end." Belhart and Bennett scored nearly 75 percent (37 of 51) of the team's goals last season.

McCarthy will have just two seniors to call on in 2007: defender Scott Dreaver, who is a converted forward; and mid-fielder Nick Schreiber. "Scott provides us with a lot of leadership,"

McCarthy said.

The Rocks' solid 'D' will be paced by a trio of juniors: Jeremy Stoychoff, Jace Bearden and

Kevin Cope.

"Kevin should be one of the top defenders in the state this year," said McCarthy. "It's his third year as a varsity starter. He's an outstanding

player.
"Both Jeremy and Jace will be key anchors on our defense as well."

Salem set to defend Balconi Invite title

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Salem will be looking to defend its title in Saturday's eight-team Gary Balconi Invitational soccer tournament, which will kick off with four games at 10 a.m. on the P-CEP campus.

The Rocks captured their first Balconi title since 2003 last year when they ousted Royal Oak, 1-0, in the title match.

"It's a great tournament to play early in the season because you get to play three games in one day against some very good competition," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "Whoever wins this tournament will earn a top-10 ranking in the state."

Salem will take on defending Division 2 state champion Dexter in its opening contest. The winner of that game will take on the winner of the Plymouth-Novi CC first-round match-up.

Other first-round matches will pit Canton

against Midland Dow and U of D Jesuit against Ann Arbor Huron.

Second-round games are scheduled to begin at 11:45 a.m. with third-round match

begin at 11:45 a.m. with third-round matches
— including the championship tilt —set for
3:30 p.m.

All games will run 60 minutes. Games that are tied after regulation will be settled by a shootout.

Games will be played on the P-CEP varsity soccer field that runs parallel to Canton Center; the varsity turf stadium; the new junior varsity field that runs parallel to Joy Rd.; and a field that will be set up in front of Canton's Phase III building.

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Taking over the starting goal-keeper role will be sophomore Sasa Miskovic, who sat out last season after transferring from Novi Catholic Central in September. He'll be backed-up by junior Will Allen. Salem will be counting on forwards Josh Pascarella, a junior, and sophomore Alex Tramel, along with junior mid-fielder Dan Radosevich to spark his offense.

McCarthy didn't hesitate when he was asked who the team to beat was this year in the WLAA's Lakes Division.

"There's no doubt it's Stevenson again," he said. "I'm not exactly sure who they lost or who they have coming back, but they been excellent for the past 25 years, so I'm sure they'll be very good again this year."

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Storm front

The Canton Storm 10U tournament team won the Oxford Invitational recently by defeating the Lakeland Mustangs, 8-1, in the championship game. The Storm went 4-1 for the weekend. Pictured (front row from left) are Mike Scarpello, Glen Piot, Alex Zoltowski, Pete Carravallah, Colin Staub (middle row from left) Ty Robinson, Dante Toppi, Mike Noe, Ryan Watson, Kyle Bauer, Tyler Brooks, (back row from left) Coach Mike Noe and Coach Pat Watson. Not pictured is Dominic Murphy.

Baseball tryouts

■ Tryouts for the 2008 U14 Canton Alley Cats travel baseball team will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27, at Heritage Park. Prospective players are encouraged to arrive 20 minutes early to register.

The Alley Cats compete in the Kensingston Valley travel league, as well as in several USSSA tournaments each season.

To be eligible, players must be 14 years old as of April 30, 2008. For more information, contact Glen Potter at (734) 673-4432.

The Plymouth Grizzlies 13U travel baseball team is holding tryouts for the 2008 season 3-6 p.m. Aug. 26 and Sept. 9 at Heritage Park in Canton Township. Players must be 13 years old or younger on April 30 and reside or attend school in Plymouth or Canton. To pre-register, contact Rob Sudz at sudzy190@ aol.com.

Furrey charity bowling event

On Oct. 29, Detroit Lions wide receiver Mike Furrey, a resident of Canton, will host an inaugural Celebrity Halloween Bowling Party at Plaza Lanes in Plymouth. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Mike Furrey Foundation, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization designed to improve the lives of those that are hungry, homeless, hurting and/or hopeful.

For more information on the foundation, visit www.mikefurrey.net.

The bowling event will include bowling,

food, Monday Night Football, music and a silent auction. Costumes are encouraged, but not required.

Several levels of sponsorships are also available for local businesses and residents. For more information on the event, contact Alicia Maynard at (614) 588-6428; or alicia@themikefurreyfoundation.com.

Canton Leisure Services events

Following are upcoming program offers by

Canton Leisure Services:

A free "Drive, Pitch & Putt" contest for kids between the ages of 7 and 14 years old will be held Aug. 25 at Pheasant Run Golf club in Canton Township. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Participants should bring a driver, wedge, putter and meet at the driving range at 8:45 a.m. to hear the rules.

Awards will be presented to top three finishers in each age category. For more information, call (734) 483-5600.

■ A fall adult kickball league will be held Sept. 10-Oct. 22. The Monday night league includes double-headers that will be played at the Canton Sports Center. Game times will rotate between 6:30-7:30 p.m. and 8:45-9:45 p.m. Team registration is \$250. There is also a \$10 referee fee per team per game paid at the field. Awards will go to léague and playoff champions.

You can register in person at the Summit on the Park; or by calling (734) 483-5600 beginning Aug. 8.

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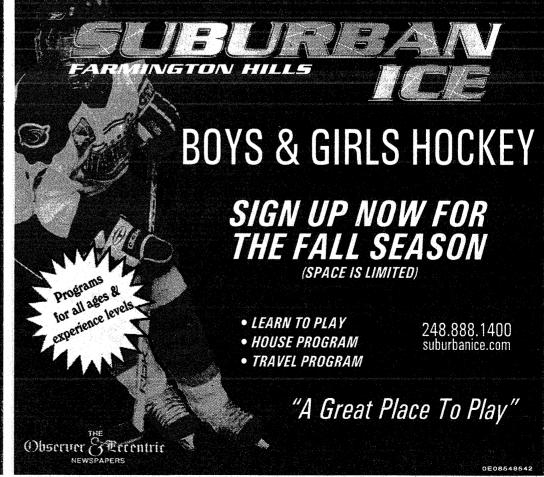
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THE WEEK AHEAD

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PREP FOOTBALL Friday, Aug. 24 Salem at Pinckney, 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25

Plymouth vs. Belleville, 2:30 p.m. at EMU Canton vs. Toledo CC, 5 p.m. at EMU

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Salem at South Lyon Varsity Invite, 8 p.m. Canton at Warren Mott Invite, TBA **BOYS SOCCER**

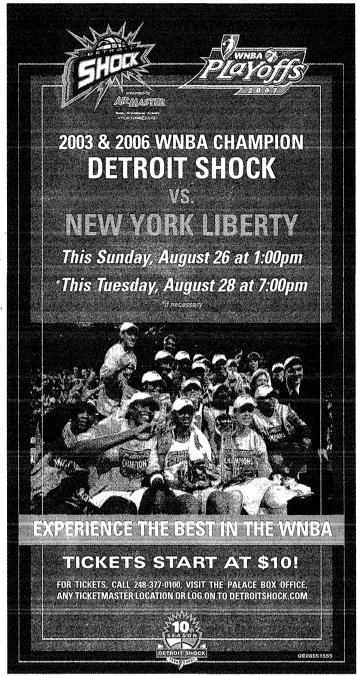
Salem at Warren DeLaSalle, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25 Gary Balconi Invitational at P-CEP tennis fields, TBA BOYS TENNIS Thursday, Aug. 23 Salem at Novi JV Invite, 8 a.m

GIRLS SWIMMING Saturday, Aug. 25 Wildcat Invitational

W.L. Central at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23

CROSS COUNTRY Saturday, Aug. 25 Canton at South Lyon Invite, 10:10 a.m.

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Wayne State to depend heavily on Chiefs

STAFF WRITER

Wayne State's football team has a decidedly Observerland look this season, with no less than seven players on the roster from area high schools.

Add to that another four who hail from the Oakland County high schools covered by the Eccentric and a Canton resident who played high school ball at Dearborn Divine

Among locals who look to help the Warriors this season in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference are recent Garden City graduate Andrew Pack (5-10, 189), expected to line up at strong safety and on special teams, said defensive backs coach Kurt Mattix.

"He (Pack) will look to get on several special teams this fall," Mattix said. "Andrew made the transition from offense in the spring."

Back for his second season is Livonia Clarenceville alum Bruno Shkreli, a 5-11, 209pound running back.

"Bruno had a great spring practice and off-season," noted head coach Paul Winters. "He will compete for playing time and will also be a leader of our special teams."

Shkreli isn't the only former Trojan now wearing the green and gold of Wayne State. Freshman Marcus Watkins (5-10, 279) could make his mark at defensive tackle before all is

The 2007 Wayne State University football team features a number of players from the Observer & Eccentric coverage area. In the front row are (from left): Marcus Watkins (Clarenceville), Andrew Pack (Garden City), Jon Robinson (Churchill), Matt Shango (Brother Rice), Adam Nuckols (Waterford Mott) and Will Khoury-(Canton). In the back row are (from left): John Rehberg (Stevenson), Alan Guy (Rochester Adams), Dale Knuth (Divine Child), Merrick Steele (Southfield), Frank Lietke (Walled Lake Central), Ryan Jonik (Canton) and Bruno Shkreli (Clarenceville).

said and done.

Among the new players to watch is 6-3, 293-pound freshman Will Khoury, one of the kevs to the success of Canton's Chiefs last season.

"Will comes from a great high school program," said offensive line coach Terry Heffernan. "He is an excellent athlete who is working hard to adjust to the college game. He will begin playing guard but he has the size and the ability to play anywhere on the line." Another Canton alum on the

team is sophomore offensive tackle Ryan Jonik (6-3, 291). Senior tight end John

Stevenson product while freshman defensive end Jon Robinson (6-0, 229) hails from Livonia Churchill. Although senior tight end Dale Knuth (6-4, 218) hails from Canton, he played for Divine Child's Falcons.

Both Rehberg and Knuth are important offensive players and determined team lead-

"John is one of our hardest workers," Winters said. "He can be a dominant player" and is "very strong at the point of

Knuth, meanwhile, is

Rehberg (6-3, 245) is a Livonia described as "a warrior in the classroom and on the field."

Eccentric-area players on WSU's roster include sophomore linebacker Matt Shango (West Bloomfield/ Birmingham Brother Rice), senior linebacker Alan Guy (Rochester Adams), senior center and Southfield product Merrick Steele and Frank Lietke, a senior center from Walled Lake Central.

Winters and his Warriors, who finished 6-5 in 2006, open the regular season with a home game noon Saturday, Sept. 1, against Michigan

New SC volleyball coach set for debut

STAFF WRITER

Saturday's doubleheader volleyball match against visiting Alpena marks the start of Richard Lamb's coaching tenure at Schoolcraft College.

Nobody expects the Lady Ocelots to pick up right where they left off at the end of the Tom Teeters era - the team won conference and district titles with an overall mark of 35-7.

But with several important returnees and some solid freshmen in the fold, Schoolcraft should still be as competitive as they come in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association Eastern

According to Lamb, tri-captains Carly DeClercq (Livonia Churchill), Stacy Urbats (Churchill) and Amanda Ballnik will be instrumental to how the team fares as newcomers get their feet wet.

"One of our weaknesses is that as a team, we are lacking the experience at this level that some of our rivals have." Lamb explained. "However, through strong leadership of our captains, I believe that we can overcome this.

"We have strong leadership at all three positions and we are looking for them to show our newcomers

what it takes to compete in our league."

Perhaps the main catalyst of

those three will be outside hitter/ middle blocker DeClercq, whose versatility and court savvy will enable Lamb to also put her at outside hitter.

"Carly will also help anchor our serve reception and defense," Lamb said. "We are going to rely on Carly's experience this season and we expect big things from her at all areas."

Urbats will become the primary setter, following a season of sharing the duties with Sarah Schmidt. How she runs the offense will be a 2007 subplot.

"Stacy has really worked hard to improve herself both this summer and during the preseason," Lamb said. "She has become a vocal leader out on the floor."

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Meanwhile, Milford alum Ballnik is cracking the starting lineup at libero, while continuing to work hard and develop her voice as a team leader, the coach noted.

Lamb will be very interested in how quickly his nine freshman players step into the college game, to help the top three.

Westland John Glenn alum Virginia Butler is slated to be in the lineup at outside or right-side

"Virginia will be one of the hardest hitters in the league this season and she continues to improve on other aspects of her game," Lamb said.

Churchill grad Sarah Button (outside/right-side hitter) joins the Lady Ocelots after experience a state championship ride with the Chargers.



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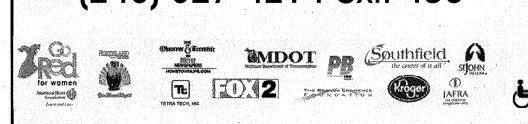
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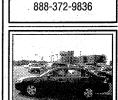
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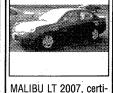
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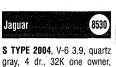
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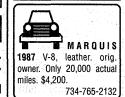
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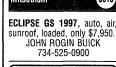
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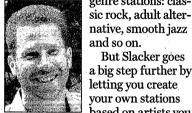
Slacker is a free Internet radio service that lets you create your own stations based on your favorite artists.

New sites deliver music, instant messaging, calls

s regular readers know, I'm always on the lookout for new and exciting Web destinations. This week I've got three you're sure Let's start with Slacker (slacker.

com), the best thing to happen to Internet radio since Pandora.

Like most music-streaming services, Slacker offers a plethora of genre stations: clas-



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

For example, I'm a big fan of Lily Allen, Joss Stone, Amy Winehouse

and so on.

But Slacker goes a big step further by

based on artists you

and other Brit-pop chanteuses. With a few clicks I can build a station that plays music only from those and similar artists.

I don't want to say much more about the service, lest I diminish the joy that comes from "discovering" it on your own. I will tell you this: It's free and it's fabulous. Give it a try.

MEEBO

I've always been a fan of instant messaging (IM for short), but I've never liked IM software. AIM. Windows Live Messenger, Yahoo Messenger and other chat programs always struck me as bloated, overly intrusive system hogs.

That's why I've bid goodbye to every one of them and switched to Meebo (meebo.com) instead. This chat "software" runs inside vour Web browser, meaning there's nothing to install on your PC.

What's more, it lets you log into AIM, GTalk, ICQ, Jabber, MSN and Yahoo accounts simultaneously, so you can chat with friends and relatives regardless of what service they

You don't even have to register to start using Meebo – just visit the site from any PC and enter your username and password for any of the aforementioned services.

Registering, however, keeps your account info on file and lets you log into multiple services simultaneously, as described above.

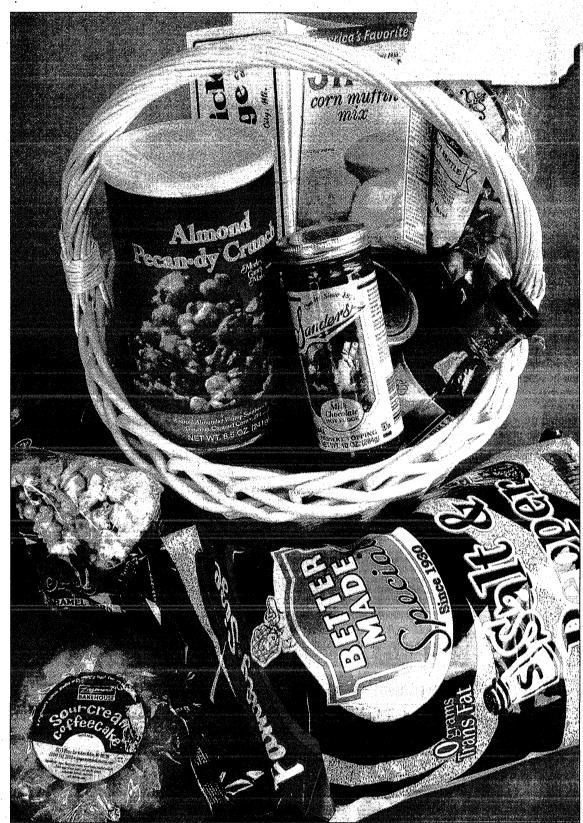
However you use it, Meebo is free. I'll never use anything else.

If you routinely rack up big longdistance bills from your mobile carrier, you might want to check out Mobivox (mobivox.com). This intriguing service lets you make free calls to other Mobivox users (and Skype users) and cheap calls to anyone else.

Here's how it works: Mobivox provides you with a special local number that you dial when you want to call someone. The only charge is

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Fill that basket with Michigan goods



Sanders hot fudge, Jiffy corn muffin mix and Better Made potato chips are some locally manufactured foods. Visit michigan.org for a list of companies.

If you are looking for short road trips in the late summer or early fall, remember to visit many of the food artisans throughout the state.

Many offer tours of their factories and facilities and the foods are delicious.

Try a few tastes and tours from some of the following:

Chelsea Milling Company, 201 W. North St., Chelsea (734) 475-1361: In 1930, Mabel White Holmes and her family's Chelsea Milling Co. created Jiffy Mix to help homemakers in the kitchen and still produce fluffy biscuits. Today the company produces 19 different mixes shipped to stores for kitchens across the country. Mill tours are available.

Morley Candy Makers (including Sanders), 23770 Hall Road (M-59), Clinton Township 1-800-682-2760. Fred Sanders opened his first Sanders retail store on Woodward Avenue in Detroit in 1875. Today it is part of Morley Candy Makers, the largest producer of chocolate and confection products in Michigan.

Zingerman's, 3711 Plaza Drive, Ann Arbor (734) 761-2095. Founded in 1982 by Ari Weinzweig and Paul Saginaw, it is currently managed by partner Frank Carollo. The founders wanted to bake a better bread for deli sandwiches; today it is a fullfledged bakehouse, offering tours at 10 a.m Saturdays for \$5.

These locations don't have tours, but they produce familiar foods for Michigan residents:

American Spoon Foods: Features fruit butters, dried fruits,

vinaigrettes, grilling and roasting sauces, preserves, salsa and relishes. Each store has tasting tables where you can sample before you buy. Based in Petoskey with stores in Charlevoix, Harbor Springs and Traverse City.

Better Made Potato Chips: OK you don't have to drive up north for this one, but with all parochialism aside, is there a better potato chip? The company is still based on the east side of Detroit, founded in 1930 by the Cross and Peters company. The company uses Michigan potatoes eight months out of the year. Better Made has a factory outlet store at 10148 Gratiot (313) 925-4774.

Faygo Redpop: Who can forget the Faygo Boat Song from the 1960s? (Remember when you were a kid, well part of you still is). The soft drink company celebrates its 100th year with a 120page Centennial Recipe Book. It is still bottled at 3579 Gratiot, a building that Faygo Beverages purchased in 1935. For information, visit www.faygo.com.

The Koeze Company, 2555 Burlingame SW, Grand Rapids 1 (800) 555-9688: A Grand Rapids-based company that started with butter and eggs nine decades and four generations ago. Today, that product line includes cashews, mixed nuts, chocolate confections and natural peanut butter. The company offers a factory store.

Source: Travel Michigan, a division of the Michigan Economic Development Corp., visit michigan.org for information.



The Barb Davis Memorial Bead Quilt by the Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild will be displayed at guild events for the rest of the year. Above is a close-up of part of the 40-by-22-inch quilt.

Bead quilt exhibited in area

Combining glass beads with fabric and thread to a specific pattern creates a new, unusual art form - the beaded quilt and a stunning example of this work is in Michigan.

The Barb Davis Memorial Bead Quilt is a product of the Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild (GLBG), a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing education and awareness of beadwork as an art form.

A year in production, the bead quilt measures 40 inches by 22 inches, weighs 16 pounds and is comprised of 84 individual squares, 2 inches by 2 inches, beaded by 82 different guild members using innumerable beads.

The beads are a combination of Japanese and Czech seed beads, antique buttons, semiprecious stones and pearls.

The GLBG program committee introduced this art form concept to the 300-plus membership as a guild project to raise funds for breast cancer research, and dedicated the resulting beaded quilt to long-time member Barb Davis of Wyandotte, who died of the disease.

Some of the beads in the quilt were "stone head" beads, among Davis' last works in 2001. She shared the beads with guild

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BEAD BONANZA IN SOUTHFIELD TO FEATURE SPECIAL QUILT

The Barb Davis Memorial Bead Quilt will be displayed at the Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild's Bead Bonanza in Southfield 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14. The Bead Bonanza, open to the public, will take place at the Southfield Municipal Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen, just south of 1-696.

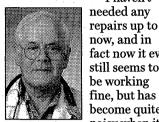
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Your refrigerator will last for years if you take care of it

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onnie writes: "I have an Amana refrigerator that is about 18-20 years old, and has been very dependable up to now. It is quite basic, no ice maker and just a top freezer compartment.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

fact now it even still seems to be working fine, but has become quite noisy when it is running. It almost sounds like something metal is rattling inside, but it isn't the drip

"I haven't

"I regularly perform the vacuuming of the coils and the back part. I have taken off and replaced the back cardboard cover, when I last cleaned it.

"I was wondering if I should call a repairman to check it out, or is it a waste of money based on the age of the refrigerator? I would like to make an appointment soon, so I hope you are able to get back to me with your opinion."

Well, Connie, there is a good reason why your refrigerator has lasted 18 years, and that is because you have taken care

Cleaning the condenser on a regular basis is the key. If every with warm water and mild

homeowner did as you do, we would buy a lot less refrigerators in this country, plus we would help reduce our current pace of energy consumption in great numbers.

The noise condition that you hear may come from the fan motor in the freezer section, which is easy enough to replace yourself, or from the compressor located underneath the refrigerator.

Another common noise is a rattling of the blade on the condenser fan motor. The motor. located beside the compressor can be checked out by placing a towel in the blade while it is running. If the noise stops upon doing this, it usually means replacing the fan motor.

Take the three screws off that hold the motor in the bracket, snip the electrical wires and change it yourself. Always make sure you pull the plug on the refrigerator first.

I wouldn't hesitate one moment in calling for a good, reputable service technician to come over and check out my 18-year-old Amana refrigerator.

Although its energy consumption may be higher than the current products, it will take a long time to recover the cost of a new refrigerator. You might just be able to get another 10 years or so out of this refrigerator.

Wash the rubber door seals

detergent; check out the seals by placing a flashlight inside the refrigerator during the dark hours and looking for light showing around the perimeter.

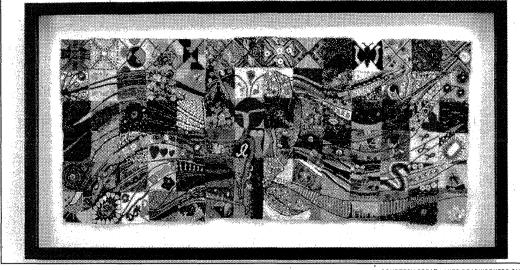
If a door seal is leaking, warm up the area with a hair dryer and pull outwards on the rubber door seal. It has a tendency to come back to its original shape.

Remove the plastic drain pan underneath, clean it thoroughly and put some peroxide in it. This helps to kill any bacteria growth and keep odors at a minimum.

If the drain pan ever develops a crack in it, don't go out buying another one. Line the old one with a few sheets of tinfoil and that will do the trick.

Keep this column and send it back to me 10 years from now or when the refrigerator bites the dust. Good luck, and stay

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.



COURTESY GREAT LAKES BEADWORKERS GUILD

The Barb Davis Memorial Bead Quilt by the Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild is a stunning example of the beaded quilt art form. It will be displayed at guild events for the rest of the year.

members and medical caregivers as protection mementoes. They were featured in the April 2000 Bead & Button maga-

A central design of a large heart with flowing ribbons was drawn and set into grids by Yvanne Ham of Berkley, a former member of the program committee, but the design wasn't seen until the quilt was sewn together.

Guild beaders adorned their own individual squares to their wishes, incorporating whatever central designs were part of their particular square.

The quilt will be on display at guild events for the rest of 2007, and will be featured at the Downriver Council of Arts in Taylor from Oct. 25 to Nov.

16. It will also be displayed at the GLBG Bead Bonanza at the Southfield Municipal Pavilion Sunday, Oct. 14.

The full quilt, and the individual squares, may be viewed on the GLBG Web site, www. greatlakesbeadworkersguild. org. The Web site has all program and contact information for the guild.

Visitors are welcome to the guild's regular membership meetings. Monthly general meetings for guild members are the third Tuesday of the month (except December) at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple, between Southfield Road and Evergreen in Birmingham.

The general-meetings begin with socializing at 6:30 p.m., and feature programs 7-9 p.m.

The GLBG program committee, which coordinated the bead quilt project, is headed by Pat Wiley of Bloomfield Hills.

HOME CALENDAR

It includes Joanne Goldberg of West Bloomfield, Diane Pettis of Commerce Township and Shelley Goodlaski of Davisburg.

GLBG president is Jeanette Isenhour of Southfield.

The quilt is one of 30 art items, selected from 400 submissions, to be on display at the Governor's residence until August 2008, according to Isenhour.

"Eugene Jenneman, director of the Dennos Museum Center, which is in charge of this annual display, told me that Ms. Granholm took a 'very engaged interest' in the quilt ... asking many questions about it and then spent some time relaying that information to her children," Isenhour said.

"Mr. Jenneman says it is in a prominent spot in the living room of the residence. You enter the front door and it's on the wall right there!' he said."

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Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida, of Commerce Township, is the co-author of numerous books, including How to Do Everything with Your Palm Powered Device, Sixth Edition. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

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Ford House

The Behind the Scenes tours at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores will present Cotswold Architecture, 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 24. This tour will provide architecture buffs with a rarely seen side of architect Albert Kahn's work. Behind the Scenes tours are \$10. An optional general tour of the house's interior can be added on for \$7. Reservations are required; call (313) 884-4222. The house is at 1100 Lake Shore Road.

Home trends

Trend consultant Mariana Keros will present the latest industry trends and decor ideas for the home 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, at Drexel Heritage, 2125 Telegraph in Bloomfield Hills. Admission is free. Reservations are requested; call (248) 454-0900. A question-and-answer period will follow the presentation. A wine reception will be featured.

Home decor

Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Roval Oak, offers a variety of home decor classes for different sewing skill levels. Some classes have prerequisites.

Call (248) 541-0010, e-mail ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com or visit www.HabermanFabrics.com. The schedule includes Home Dec Open Sew, 10:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8 (cost is \$20); Simple Curtain, 5:45-8:45 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 13-27 (\$60); and Home Dec U-pick, 10:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 18 to Oct. 9 (\$80).

If you've started a home decorating project and aren't sure how to proceed, or you need a little help and encouragement to begin a project, Home Dec Open Sew might be for you. Come in with your project and get help from an expert.

In Simple Curtain, beginners will learn how to sew as they dress up living

room, bedroom, kitchen or bathroom windows with a custom curtain that fits their decor. Make a simple rodpocket window treatment, lined or unlined, to use alone or over blinds

Home Dec U-pic might be for you if there's a home decorating project you've been waiting to tackle but need some help, or a class you'd like to take but don't see on the schedule. Bring your ideas, measurements, pictures, etc. to the first class and the instructor will help you make what you want (no slipcovers or upholstery projects). Prerequisite is any home dec class taught by Cindy Kolpacke (no exceptions).

Send calendar items to Mary Klemic, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, e-mail mklemic@hometownlife.com, fax (248) 644-1314.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Autumn bloomers

English Gardens will host a free seminar, Autumn Blooming Annuals and Perennials, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29, at all six stores, including locations in West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506; Royal Oak/Troy, (248) 280-9500; Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; and Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900.

Bring color into your yard and garden this fall with English Gardens' list of favorites for seasonal color. Proper planting and care will be discussed. For more information, call the stores or visit www.englishgardens.com.

School of Gardening The Michigan School of Gardening

presents a variety of classes for different levels.

For registration and other informa-

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tion, call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit www. michigangardening.com. Classes include Gardens of France. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28 (cost is \$42). Among other offerings are Expert Perspective garden walks. each costing \$42: The Bones of

Aug. 25, at the Detroit Zoo; Divide and Propagate Perennials, 9:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 27, at an address in Howell (details provided upon registration); and Roses in the Fall, 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Detroit Zoo.

Landscaping, 10:30 a.m. Saturday,

Dahlia show

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The Southeastern Michigan Dahlia Society will have its 55th annual Dahlia Show noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, at Livonia Mall, Seven Mile

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Wild Roots and Fall Foliage: Michigan's Medicinal Plants will take place 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, at the Upland Hills Ecological Awareness Center in Oxford.

Cost is \$50, \$40 in advance. Advance registration is highly recommended. E-mail info@uheac.org or call (248)

Herbalist Jim McDonald will lead participants around the fields and woods surrounding the center to explore the medicinal virtues, identification, folklore and preparation of many of the common "weeds" we pass by every day. Plants to be covered include burdock, yellow dock, Solomon's seal and wild yam.

The Living Free Foundation is sponsoring the event.

Rose programs

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

The schedule includes Buck Roses from Iowa, a slide presentation,, 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26 (repeated 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 27); and Fall Bed Preparation and Rose Planting Demonstration, a slide program and garden demonstration addressing the special challenges of planting roses late in the year, 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 2 (repeated 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 3). Reservations aren't required. Each presentation lasts about 11/2 hours. Dress for the weather. For more information, call (734) 461-1230 or visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com.

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



BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

There's a new "P-word" for gardening. Besides planting and pruning, there's plumbing - and this new P-word can help keep both gardens and wallets looking nice and green.

Here's how: You can convert a sprinkler head into a nifty new drip-irrigation system that will ' save wear and tear on tender young plants and lower your monthly water bill.

A drip-irrigation system is a conservation measure that will improve the quality of the land-

Replace the regular sprinkler head with a low-cost, dripwatering emitter (water-distribution device). Then plug one end of a piece of drip tubing into the emitter head, and run the drip tube along the base of your plants, securing the other end with a rock or small stake.

Turn it on. Instead of a flow, you'll see only a tiny drip that will be gentle on both blooms and plants.

When most of us think of outdoor watering, we think of a hose with a sprinkler on the end or a sprinkler system. We think of covering lawn and garden with an ample spray of tap

Unfortunately, spray watering can be extremely wasteful. An average landscape can consume more water in a day than a family of four needs in a month.

And, this type of watering isn't effective for many kinds of plant growth. Lawns, trees, shrubs and flowers all have different needs.

What's worse, conventional sprinklers that irrigate planting strips bordering a home can be the origin of a host of waterrelated problems ranging from mold and mildew to peeling paint and even a shifting foun-

The latter is particularly serious since it can result in out-oflevel floors, difficult-to-open windows and doors, and cracks in walls and ceilings and in the foundation itself.

So, save water and your foundation by converting the sprinkler system bordering the home with a drip-irrigation or drip-watering system.

READILY AVAILABLE

Drip-watering systems have been around for a long time, but not until recently have they become readily available and priced to sell.

Now you can find an entire area dedicated to drip-watering systems in your local hardware store or home center.

Better manufacturers offer accurate water-pressure regulators, high-quality filters, automatic inline fertilizing devices, a broad selection of water emitters and connectors, solid and perforated tubing and a variety of watering heads and flow reducers.

Prices may range from \$10 for a basic starter kit to \$75 for a more complex system that may include tubing, emitters, stakes, watering heads and flow

With the right parts you can control water usage to within amazingly accurate tolerances and fertilize at the same time without even being there. And a great advantage of drip systems is that they don't have to be placed deep underground, so installation is easy.

It isn't necessary, but if you can afford to include it in your budget, the place to start is with an electric timer.

Most yards can be controlled with a six-station unit and they can be bought on sale for under

Timers operate on 110 volts, but use a very small amount of electricity. Secondary wires from the timer are low voltage and run from the timer to electrically controlled sprinkler

Inline timers are also available for single line systems.

In planning a drip system, a water-pressure regulator is a must and should be installed in the water line between the water supply and the control valves.

Good drip systems rely on constant, well-regulated water pressure. Proper pressure ensures that the emitters will supply the desired amount of water through each water-supply tube.

After the control valve, the next item in line is the emitter, to regulate water flow and act as a distribution center for the drip tubing.

Emitters are available in a wide variety of gallons-per-hour flow, anywhere from 1 to 20 gallons per hour. A 1-gallonper-hour emitter will supply 1 quart of water in 15 minutes with very little waste.

Emitters are also available in several different distribution configurations. Some will supply a single tube only. Others have two, four and even 12

That brings up two questions: What do you do if you need only three drip lines and you want to buy just one emitter? And, what do you do if you want each of the three tubes to supply a different amount of water?

If you need three lines, buy a four-port emitter and one-port plug. Port plugs are removable so that tubes can be added or subtracted as the landscape is

If you want one emitter, but need varying volumes of water, select an emitter that supplies the maximum amount of water that will be needed at any one tube, and then add flow reducers to the tubes where less water will be needed.

More home improvement tips and information are available on the Web at http://www. onthehouse.com, or by calling (800) 737-2474, Ext. 59.

Drip irrigation saves water, plants Know what to ask about with 'sustainable' wood

FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Just what, exactly, is a "sofa designed for the home we call Earth"? And what is so "sustainable" about the wood in it?

The home goods industry has become just as enamored with green buzzwords as the food and fashion worlds have, and "sustainable wood" is one of the most common marketing cries.

(Crate and Barrel makes that particular sofa for earth out of not just wood that is certified by the Sustainable Forestry Initiative, but also from "revolutionary, bio-based materials that are environmentally renewable.")

Some wood, of course, is more sustainable from others. Here's what you need to know.

■ Generally, sustainable wood means wood harvested from carefully managed forests or reclaimed from old buildings or furniture.

There are a number of programs that certify the way timber is cut down and used," said Deb Snoonian, executive editor of Plenty magazine, which covers green topics.

They have guidelines on how forests should be managed and the idea is that you never want to clear-cut a forest.

■ Look for proper certification, often in the form of a label. The most stringent of these

programs, Snoonian said, is run by the Forest Stewardship Council.

"The FSC guidelines are the ones most environmental groups trust," she said.

The FSC offers a searchable database of certified vendors, said Katie J. Miller, the organization's U.S. communications director.

■ Ask where the wood comes

Even without certification, customers can assume that

most wood grown in North America is likely to be harvested in an environmentally safe way, said Ron Jarvis, vice president of environmental innovation at The Home Depot, which sells some FSC-certified wood.

"If you're buying Southern yellow pine or redwood or cedar, probably it's OK without certification," he said.

Be careful with woods that may have been harvested in countries lacking stringent environmental rules, Jarvis added.

"If you're going in to buy a wood product and you're not familiar with the name or it's a name that usually means rain forest, like teak, ask for an FSC-certified product," he said.

Bill Banzhaf, president of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative, one of the country's largest certifying organizations, said the more customers ask about sustainable wood, the more it will create a market for good practices.

"There is a great deal of material out there. Sometimes it's not labeled because a manufacturer doesn't want to confuse the consumer, or wants

to support their own brand." Besides certification, Banzhaf said the SFI's program also trains loggers - 97,000 so far - to harvest wood in an environmentally safe way.

■ Check out products made from bamboo.

It's a fast-growing wood, so bamboo forests replenish themselves quickly. And it requires little pesticide or fertilizer.

It works well for lightweight items like decorative tables, but may not be a great choice for something heavier.

"When it's used in things that need a lot of strength, you need lots of resins and fillers to make it strong enough," Snoonian said.

Those resins and fillers, she

said, may not be environmen-

tally friendly. ■ Consider buying a product made from reclaimed wood wood that previously had been

used to make something different. Whether it's a whole building or parts of a building, or wood is used from one piece of furniture to the next," Snoonian said, "there are a lot of ways you can repurpose

wood that has that history." Also, ask about the type of paint or stain used to finish the piece of furniture.

Look for low-VOC (volatile organic compound) or HAP (hazardous air pollutant)-free finishes. They give off less gas, which protects the air quality in your home and benefits the environment.

■ Don't let cost worry you. Sustainably harvested wood products aren't necessarily expensive, Miller said.

"It's not just high-end manufacturers that do this. Among lower-end retailers, Ikea uses a lot of sustainable wood prod-

ucts," she said. And consumers don't have to sacrifice style. Take, for example, the furniture made with sustainably harvested wood by Connecticut-based retailer ducduc, which merges ecosensibility with sleek, modern

In a further nod to environmental sensitivity, ducduc finishes its products with non-VOC and HAP-free paints.

Focusing on these issues will soon be crucial for retailers in today's eco-conscious world. said ducduc's CEO, Philip

Erdoes, in an e-mail interview. "Being smartgreen is very soon becoming 'the price of entry,' not just an idea," he said. You can find information at environmental sites, including: http://www.plentymag.com/ http://www.fscus.org/ http://www.sfiprogram.org/.

FOOD CALENDAR

2 Unique classes Chef Kelli Lewton, owner of 2 Unique Catering & Event Planners, offers classes throughout the summer and fall, including 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 gaylerediske@gmail.com or jill@waynechamber.net.

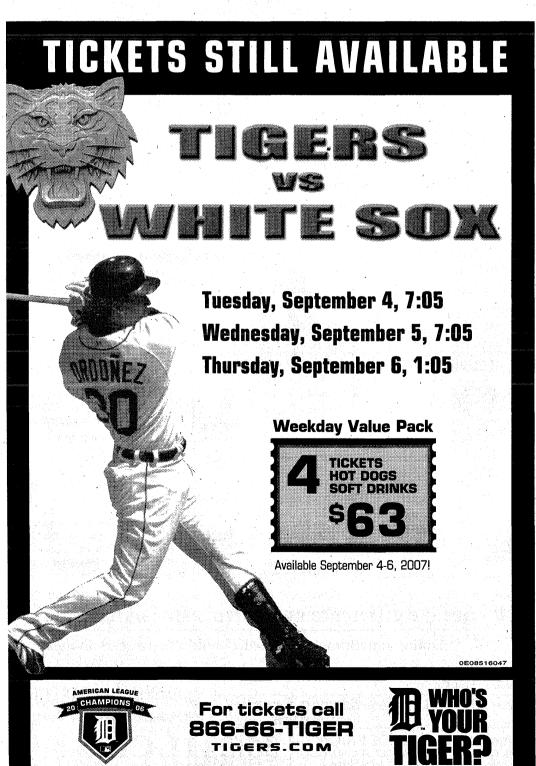
Plymouth chili cookoff

Organizers of the 12th Annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff are looking for chili cooks and salsa makers as the event returns to Kellogg Park in Plymouth Sept. 30. The cookoff features three competitions in red chili, green chili and salsa. Anyone interested in

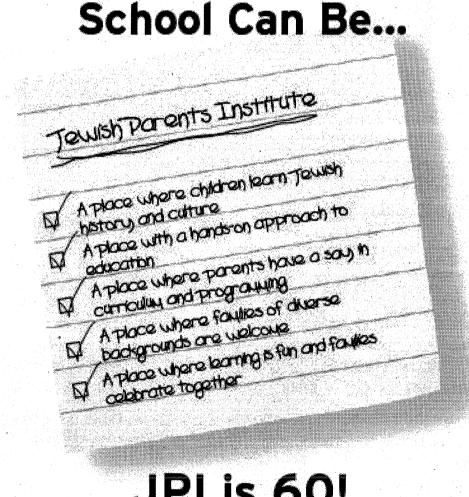
entering should contact Annette Horn at (734) 776-9669 or GLR chili@sbcglobal.net.

Olive oil tastings

Instructor Dawn Bause hosts Italian olive oil and vinegar tastings for of her Commerce Township home. Attendees gather in groups of four to 20 to learn fundamentals of cooking with olive oils and balsamic vinegars. Cost varies from \$50-\$75 per person. Appointments available Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays for lunch or dinner. Contact Dawn Bause at (248) 363-8080, or visit her Web site at www.cookingwithdawn.







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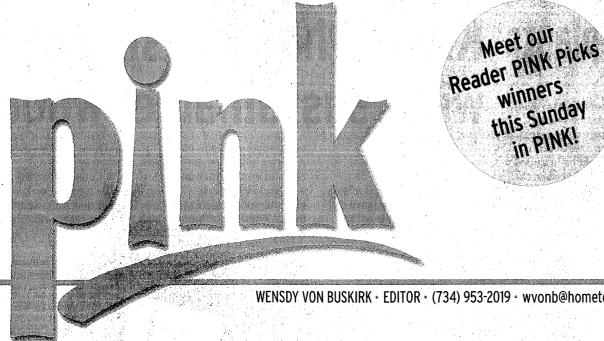
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Get sneak peek at 'Eyrano' fashions before premiere

BY JUDITH COOKIS RUBENS SPECIAL TO PINE

Fashioning your own clothes from scratch takes skill, precision and patience. Imagine then, the work involved in creating more than 160 costumes for performers in Michigan Opera Theatre's upcoming world premiere, "Cyrano."

It's a job Suzanne Hanna, Michigan Opera Theatre's costume director, doesn't take lightly.

"I want my performers to look as good as possible and be as comfortable as possible," says Hanna, who heads a wardrobe staff of 10 for the production, premiering Oct. 13 at the Detroit Opera House.

Hanna and "Cyrano" composer and MOT general director David DiChiera will give audiences a sneak peek at the production's lavish 17th century period costumes at a special event, "Cyrano and A Nose for Design," at 7 p.m. Sept. 11 at Haberman Fabrics in Royal

The almost 50-year-old fabric store supplied thousands of yards of fabric for the costumes. Owner Toby Haberman, an avid opera fan, hopes the event will draw beginning-toadvanced sewers, as well as those who don't know much about opera or designing for the

"So many people think opera is stuffy or old. It's not for them; they don't love classical music," Haberman says. "I want to whet their appetite."

The entire opera-going experience is something Haberman finds endlessly inspiring.

"When the curtain rises and you see the characters in place on that set, it's like a work of art — a tableau of design. The music, of course, is the thread that sews it all together," she says.

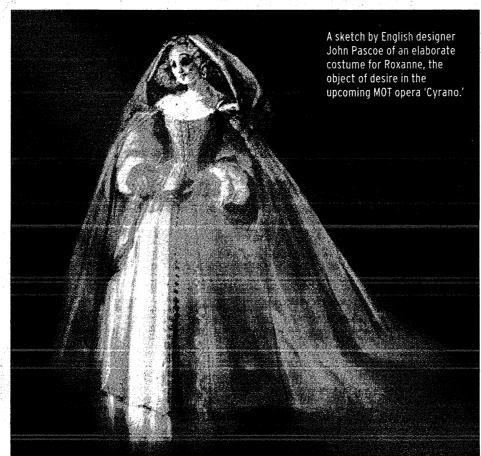
The Sept. 11 event will also highlight music from the three-act French opera (with English surtitles), which DiChiera spent the last several years composing. It marks the Detroit opera director's composing debut; his colleague, French stage director Bernard Uzan, wrote the libretto and will direct.

Based on the 1897 play, "Cyrano de Bergerac," the opera revolves around the poetswordsman with the famously large nose. He has a way with words, but his looks prevent him from expressing his love for the beautiful

"DiChiera will talk about the story of Cyrano. You'd have to be made of stone not to fall in love with it," Haberman says.

The opera, which reportedly cost about \$1.5 million, is being co-produced with the Opera Company of Philadelphia and the Florida Grand Opera. It will be re-mounted in both cities after its Detroit run.

English designer John Pascoe sketched out his vision for the set and costumes, but it's Hanna's job to actually produce all the costumes for the cast, led by Romanian baritone Marian Pop (as Cyrano) and American



soprano Leah Partridge (as Roxanne).

Pascoe and Hanna hit Haberman Fabrics last fall, designs in hand, to shop for silks, brocades, and velvets that would work for everything from simple monk robes to elaborate ball gowns and sharp cadet outfits.

"(Pascoe) knew what he wanted ... we had a ball running around and finding things, Haberman says.

Roxanne, alone, requires five different looks. "Every scene she's in a different outfit. We call her the clothes horse," says Hanna, a Southfield resident.

Because the cast hails from all over the world, they can't always stop in the Detroit costume shop for regular fittings. Singers submit their measurements, costumes are built to size and then altered during the rehearsal weeks.

'We build everything in a way that's easy to alter. A regular pattern has about a 5/8" seam allowance. We put 2 inches on everything," Hanna says.

Haberman is delighted her shop played a part in this historic production.

"When I see our fabric on the stage I know the costume came from us, but sometimes I hardly recognize it," Haberman says.

Hanna says a few of the principal performers have already raved about the fabrics.

"They said, Where in New York do you shop? I said, I don't. I've got a great store here." Hanna says. "They're amazed all of this is available here."

NOSE FOR DESIGN

What: The Michigan Opera Theatre and Royal Oak's Haberman Fabrics present "Cyrano and a Nose for Design," an evening with MOT general director David DiChiera and costumer director Suzanne Hanna. Preview costumes, hear music from the upcoming "Cyrano" opera, learn about period costumes and designing for the stage, plus enter to win door prizes including opera tickets and a backstage tour.

When: 7 p.m. Sept. 11 Where: Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main St., Royal Oak.

Tickets: \$10 in advance or \$15 on Sept. 11. Buy online, www.habermanfabrics.com; by phone, (248) 541-001; or mail.

Performances of "Cyrano," a world premiere composed by Michigan Opera Theatre founder and general director David DiChiera, run Oct. 13-28, 2007 at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway at Grand Circus Park. Visit www.motopera.com or call (313) 237-SING for information.

If you've been following PINK, you know we recently selected five readers to participate in a PINK Mommy **Boot Camp fitness** challenge. Pick up Sunday's PINK issue to read the results and find out who won. In the meantime, let these boot campinspired 'picks' fuel your own healthy lifestyle:

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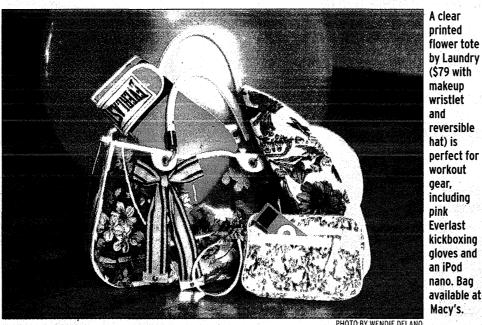
Wendy Simpson Connor, author of The Best Little Beading Book, will offer free workshops during the International Gem & Jewelry Show, Aug. 31-Sept. 2 at Rock Financial Showplace, Novi. Exhibitors from across the country will fill the center with colorful displays of beads, beading accessories and a large variety of loose stones for jewelry makers and hobbvists. Visitors will also receive special "show only" pricing on products from select vendors. Celebrity bead expert Simpson Connor will demonstrate techniques for jewelry-makers. Now in its 41st year, the International Gem and Jewelry Show will be open noon-6 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$7 per person at the door, children 16 and under free with an adult. Visit www.intergem.

BAG, BORROW OR STEAL THIS JOB Did you ever think your obses-

sion with designer handbags could land you a job? Online retailer Bag Borrow or Steal (bagborroworsteal.com) has expanded its "America's Ultimate Bagaholic Contest,' a search for the country's most handbag-obsessed woman. Due to overwhelming response, the submission deadline is Sept. 4, and open to women submitting videos, photographs and essays on the topic of their obsession. Entries will be judged on creativity, audio and/or visual quality and, most importantly, expression of purse passion. One grand-prize winner will be selected to receive her dream job as Bag Borrow or Steal's chief bagofficer. She will be the first to carry and critique six of the fall's hottest must-have bags; document her experience in her own dedicated blog on the Bag Borrow or Steal Web site: and receive free handbag rentals for a year. Visit www.bagborroworsteal.com/bagaholic to

Boot Camp Results Are In!

Team PINK has completed its six-week stint in Jennifer Gray's Body Beautiful Boot Camp. Five lucky readers were selected to participate in the boot camp with PINK Editor Wensdy Von **Buskirk and PINK Mommy** columnist Wendie DeLano. Everyone involved had a child within the past two years, and worked hard to regain their prepregnancy bodies. In addition to the free spot in boot camp, the top 'loser' won a \$1,000 gift card at Macy's!'Find out if Team PINK shed their baby weight, and who lost the most, in Sunday's edition of PINK!



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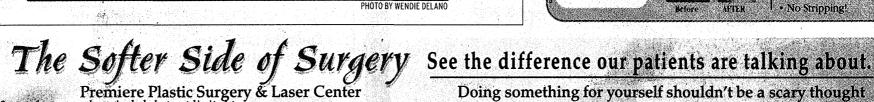
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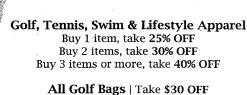
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Flamenco band plays Campus Martius

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The band is saucy, spicy and sexy; everything a flamenco band should be even including a flamenco dancer.

And yet the band is even more: the band Children of the Revolution, playing a free show at Campus Martius Park on Friday, Aug. 24, also performs Greek, Turkish, ska, rock and hip-hop. Still, the band's emphasis is pas-

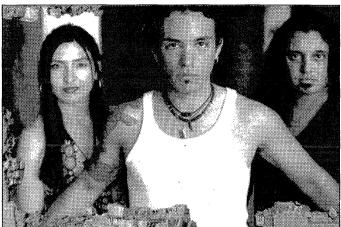
sionate Latin and flamenco sounds.

Forget sitting in a chair at this show. If this concert is like past COTR shows, it's all about getting the audience to dance — whether you know how or not. And if you don't, just get there at 5:30 p.m. for free Latin

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dance lessons.

Detroit's nine-piece hot Latin dance band is Orquesta La Inspiracion fronted by Detroit community activist and musician Ozzie Rivera. Under the musical directorship of Bill Meyer the band plays salsa, merengue, folkloric percussion, cumbia and Latin jazz.



Children of the Revolution are ready to bring its Latino/flamenco world sound to Campus Martius for a free show.

Orquesta La Inspiracion pays tribute the "golden age of salsa," the 1970s, and explores new directions in Latin dance

Afterward, from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. is Cinema D, a presentation of short local indie films.

CHILDREN OF THE REVOLUTION

The Seattle-based band, formed in 1988 when vocalist Vassili, of Greece, and guitarist Eric Jaeger, of Seattle and Hollywood, joined musical forces to create a new sound in contemporary world music.

They experimented for months,

blending music from their Greek and flamenco roots with rock influences. After meeting Barcelona-born flamenco dancer/guitarist/vocalist Encarnación and belly dancer/vocalist Amelia Moore, COTR's popularity grew in the Settle club scene.

COTR co-founder Vassili, who is the band's lead vocalist and flamenco guitarist, also plays nay (a Native American flute) and palmas (a flamenco handclap). Vassili was raised on a small Greek island and tutored by his parents at home.

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Low riders and elegance

Festival of Speed and Style shows art in autos

> BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

This isn't your grandfather's auto

In fact, it's like no other auto show in town.

This is the show with elegant cars with an urban-soul flair that focuses on the funky artwork - flames and all



A 1964 Impala is displayed, one of the low riders at the Festival of Speed and Style.

- on low-riders, motorcycles, muscle, vintage and classic cars from all eras.

The inaugural Detroit Festival of Speed and Style that specializes in auto artwork is Thursday through Sunday, Aug. 23-27, that takes place all around Campus Martius Park.

There, 100 classic cars and motorcycles parked outside at Campus Martius and surrounding streets will be displayed while several local artists' work will be on shown inside the atrium of the Compuware building.

The Detroit Festival of Speed and Style celebrates the automobile and its historical contribution "where it should - in the heart of the Motor City," said Marvin Towns Jr., the festival's founder and creator.

It's a new Detroit event and new car

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Royal Oak native Franklin Jonas re-emerges with Geostructures

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

Franklin Jonas has spent years perfecting an entirely new language. His vocabulary deals strictly in art - as opposed to words. More specifically it's rooted in bright, often primary colors, set in and out of familiar shapes like circles,

It's all arranged to evoke movement, an air of precision, and its scope appears positively mind-bending.

triangles and squares.

Words can barely do justice to the vast array of work Jonas will be presenting, beginning Aug. 23 at the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit. Geostructures and Other Systems is his first public show in more than eight years.
The full-time artist has never

stopped working. Still, this art show required the Royal Oak native to revisit a project he began more than a decade ago, and to find some sense of completion.

Jonas studied at Brooklyn's Pratt Institute and made a name for

himself with his Geostructure Series, 13 paintings depicting geometric shapes.

His work can be found inside the Chrysler North America Headquarters in Auburn Hills, and across the country. Returning to the series

he all but abandoned in 1999 has revived a sense of the past, Jonas said, and made it quite challenging to complete. He works in acrylics - which by nature tend to be difficult to control.

Yet his paintings evoke a sincere dedication to perfection. There is precise definition in his brush strokes, attention granted to negative space and to the sheen each painting shows given various degrees of light.

Jonas said he can't recall a time in his life that didn't center around art. He took an interest in it before he truly understood it, he said.

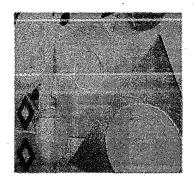
When, as a child, he was introduced to baseball cards, Jonas said he remembered sorting them by color and uniform, rather than paying attention to stats or scores. Grouping by such visual characteristics became a basis for art he would create years later.

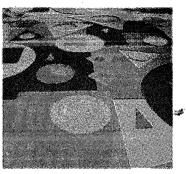
While attending boarding school in Ontario in 1984, Jonas was inspired to enter The First Independent Schools Art Competition. At just 13 he was awarded first prize for a painting he created consisting of six can-

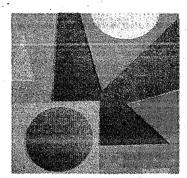
By the early '90s he delved deeper into his focus on shapes and colors. In 1999, he had created 13 Geostructures paintings but halted himself in the middle of his 14th piece. Jonas said he didn't see the series having a sense of finality.

They were never going to be 100 percent cohesive," he said. "So I just stopped and started working on other projects."

Through this show, he will achieve that completion. In a pro-







Franklin Jonas' "Geostructures and Other Systems" showcases his own visual language, built by elements into giant, colorful acrylic works.

cess he described as "going back to move forward," the work posed challenges.

Not only did he have considerable trouble matching paint colors to those he had used years earlier, but the experience had psychological and emotional ties to the past.

Everything from the humidity of his studio to the way each color

was treated had to be taken into consideration.

Somehow, the end product achieved is just as Jonas had intended. It looks as if he screenprinted each enormous piece. There is an ebb and flow evident in all of his work.

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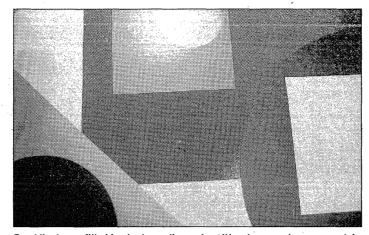
Connections can be drawn between the large *Geostructures* and his miniature-by-comparison *Element Groups*. It's possible to identify the impact of his first series of four *Embryo* paintings in his more recent *Fusion Embryo* series. Each color and color combination holds a specific meaning.

In all, Jonas will show six of his very large *Geostructures* paintings, two sets of his perfectly circular *Embryo Series*, which he began in 1997, and four sets of his *Element Groups*, which contain 12 pieces each.

With about 84 pieces the show will represent a vast array of his work in the spacious 4,000-square-foot gallery.

Due to the size of much of his work, 20 feet square, and the sheer scope of the whole show, it will be quite an endeavor for Jonas and the gallery. His pieces must be carefully packed and professionally moved from his Pontiac studio.

"It's what I am," he said of his artwork. "It's not a part-time thing. It's everything."



Franklin Jonas fills his giant acrylic works with primary colors, geometric shapes and jolting precision. His work, "Geostructures and Other Systems," will be presented beginning Aug. 23 at The Janice Charach Epstein Gallery, 6600 W. Maple in West Bloomfield.

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"I've never been in a public school classroom," he said. "My parents were big on thinking outside the box, and my education focused on things I already showed a propensity for. I got my first guitar at the age of ten."

At 18 he moved to LA and performed and acted in films like *Falling Down* and the television series *The Wonder Years*. He was introduced to (and fell in love with) flamenco guitar while playing the role of

a pirate on the set of *Hook*, directed by Steven Spielberg.

Co-founder Eric Jaeger, who also plays guitar, bouzouki and sings, composes traditional flamenco (said to be the most difficult and rhythmically guitar style), and mastered electric guitar. He began playing at five years old when his father gave him a live recording of Jimi Hendrix.

Jaeger was a hard rocking guitarist in Seattle and Hollywood, recording and producing both freelance and with several bands. But it wasn't until he first heard flamenco guitar that he discovered his true love. Over time, they were joined by other multi-ethnic singers, dancers and musicians generating an energy said to "rival Pete Townshend;" a well-respected Middle Eastern percussionist and a Venezuelan folk/punk singer.

The group's purpose is unity through music. COTR is featured on world record label Putumayo's newest release *Greece*, a Musical Odyssey. The band is the only American one featured on this compilation. The band's The World On One Stage DVD has been released by PBS and Liberation, the band's latest CD, is receiving critical acclaim.

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show concept aimed to broaden the spectrum of car lovers.

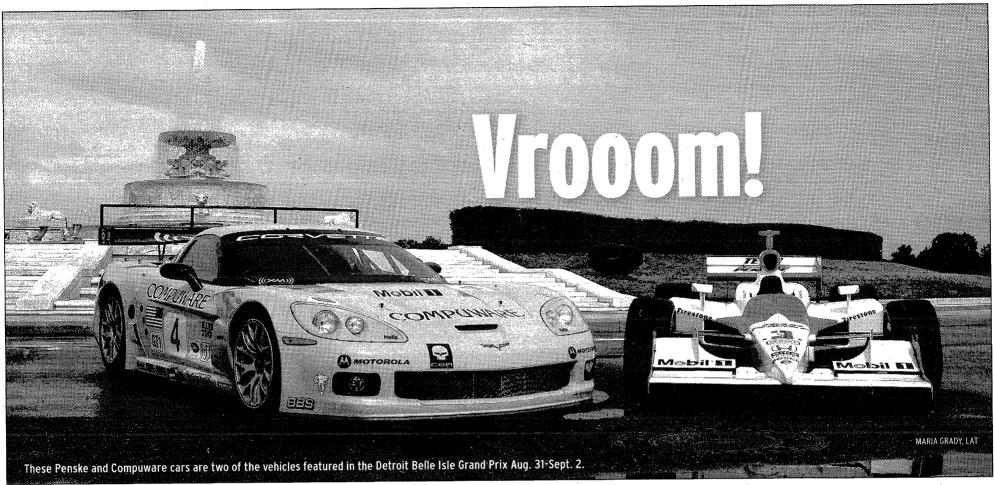
"In celebrating the automobile and Detroit's heritage of developing how the world moves on wheels, we wanted to have great artwork to go with this unique show in downtown Detroit," said Towns Jr, who also was involved with Concours d'Elegance at Cranbrook from 2003-2005. "Ranging from paintings to photography, car lovers who attend will also be treated to some of the best artwork there is in the Motor City."

Key elements to make the festival unique, organizers say, were to take the best attributes of a Concours d'Elegance plus events like the Woodward Dream Cruise – and hold it downtown at Campus Martius. Then they decided to add a parade throughout the streets of Detroit on Saturday, Aug. 25.

Local auto artists at the festival include: Mike Tiderington, painter, gauche, Clarkston; Don Wieland, painter; acrylics, Birmingham; Bobby Alcott, fine art photographer, Detroit; Greg Raft, painter; multi-media, Birmingham, and David Chappel, painter; acrylics, Grand Blanc.

Also behind Compuware, at the Detroit Public Library Branch at 121 Gratiot, will be a photography display by 'AutoWeek' magazine's Roger Hart. The collection titled 'Postcards from Detroit, Remembering Formula 1' in the Motor City. It's photographs of Detroit Grand Prix races from 1982-88, that exhibit will then re-open on Sept. 4 and run through April 19.





Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix jump starts racing series

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Motown just got its mojo back. OK, maybe the Big Three aren't so big anymore, and the Motor City (and Michigan) needs cover an economic tuneup, but on Labor Day weekend, race car drivers in the Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix will re-ignite their engines and the world-famous racing series returns after a six-year absence

Race fans will notice improvements, too, since the Detroit Indy Grand Prix of 2001. Today the track is wider, more bus parking is available and fans will now walk on concrete walkways

This year's event features the American Le Mans Series and IndyCar Series. The American Le Mans Series has four classes of cars racing on the track at the same time, making for exciting passes (and perhaps confrontations) and better competition throughout the race. The Indy Car Series is the country's premier open-wheel racing series bringing such names to the forefront as Helio Castoneves (also the winner of the last Grand Prix in Detroit),

Marco Andretti and 2007 Indy champion Dario Franchitti, and of course, Danica Patrick.

Talk of bringing back the Grand Prix began after Detroit hosted Super Bowl XL in early 2006. Roger

Penske, who chaired Super Bowl XL, saw what a success the Super Bowl was, and soon discussions began with Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and the Detroit City Council, said Bud Denker, event chairman of the Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix. "We need big events every year, not just when we have

the Super Bowl and World Series," Denker said.

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The parties agreed that proceeds from the event would preserve and improve Belle Isle. Improvements were made to prepare Belle Isle, and spectators will see that work on the race course and surrounding areas.

For \$5, race fans can use a Park & Ride system, available at multiple satellite parking locations throughout metro Detroit. Concrete areas now allow space for 13 idled buses, instead of three, in waiting areas to transport spectators.

Grand Prix fans should see a big improvement in space for the race on the isle. Nearly 470,000 square feet of concrete was

installed for the paddock area and fan interaction.

"We've also widened the curves," Denker said. "There's an additional 150,000 square feet of new concrete for road improvements and other modifications on the raceway.

"We did what it takes to be competitive. Things have changed."

This year's event features musical acts, too, and children's entertainment. Cheap Trick performs after Saturday's race at the XM Radio tent and Uncle Cracker after Sunday's race. The Meijer Family Fun Zone is an interactive family-friendly experience featured throughout the week-

Only 5,000 grandstand tickets were left when Denker was interviewed for this story last week, but he expected plenty of general admission tickets to be available for the public.

Denker was pleased that grandstand tickets sold at such a brisk pace this summer despite the Detroit area's sluggish economy. "We've invested \$10 million and it's going to make a difference for our city and our region."

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GRAND PRIX

What: Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix featuring the cars of the American Le Mans Series and IndyCar Series. The weekend collectively is referred to as the Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix. Saturday's American Le Mans Series race is the Detroit Sports Car Challenge presented by Bosch. Sunday's IndyCar race is the Detroit Indy Grand Prix presented by Firestone.

When: Labor Day weekend, Aug. 31- Sept. 2 Where: The new Raceway at Belle Isle Park road course.

Track schedule: IndyCar practice, American Le Mans practice and qualifying, Klein Tools American Le Mans Series Pit Crew challenge, Friday, Aug. 31; IndyCar practice and qualifying, Detroit Sports Car Challenge presented by Bosch, 3:15-6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1; Detroit Indy Grand Prix presented by Firestone, 3:45

Entertainment: Cheap Trick, Sept. 1; Uncle Cracker, Sept. 21 Meijer Family Fun Zone, all weekend.

Tickets: Limited reserved grandstand seating, but plenty of general admission tickets are available.

Information: visit www.detroitgp.com or call (313) 262-1800.

Kick up your heels at **Detroit's Motor City Jam**

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

In its 10th year, the Motor City Jam will bring dancers from across the country to Detroit, and draw hundreds of



dance enthusiasts with a chance to catch exciting competitions set to the sounds of Detroit soul and roots music.

The three-day event is sponsored by Artspectrum, a non-profit dedicated to promoting dance in Detroit. It takes

place Aug. 24-26 in the city. Much has changed since Artspectrum's Paulette Brockington began the hosting the event. Motor City Jam grew out of the burgeoning popularity of her own Lindy Hop and West Coast Swing dance workshops. In 1996, she said "the scene was really vibrant." By the following year, she hosted the first MCJ in Warren, and later



Andrea Deaton will teach her style of West Coast Swing during this year's Motor City Jam.

she cultivated a dance camp format. It's now grown into a weekend packed with everything from films to classes to competitions.

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Cafe Rendezvous woos an adoring crowd



A table of offerings from Rendezvous Cafe including, from left, crab benedict, shrimp salad, and special French toast.

BY ELAINE PERLIN CROSSLEY SPECIAL TO FILTER

As each day dawns, rest assured the owners of the Cafe Rendezvous are gathering fresh ingredients, and busily concocting recipes to 'wow' their patrons. The regular menu offers plenty of choices, and eyes are always affixed upon the 'specials board,' chock full of daily innovations.

"Some customers not only eat breakfast here, but also return for lunch on the very same day," said Yakov Fleysher, co-

That's a quite a testimony to the versatility of this tidy little breakfast and lunch spot tucked away in a small strip mall in Farmington

WORLDLY TOUCHES

Table

Hopping Blend an American diner with a European cafe, and you get the airy, comfy 60-seat retreat co-owned by Fleysher and Leonid Stotland, the well-liked chefs who infuse their specialties with Russian and other European twists.

Stotland, who holds a cooking technology degree from the Ukraine, immigrated to metro Detroit in 1992, and Fleysher landed on U.S. soil from Riga, Latvia in 1995.

Food united them while working together at the Sunrise Cafe and Fiddler. In 2004, they decided to meld their culinary talents, and open a casual eatery of their own.

The two are known for their ingenuity and use of upscale ingredi-

"We know our clientele, and the quality they're looking for,"





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Fleysher said. "Some customers have followed us for years, and we want to offer them satisfying, healthy choices. And we like to bring something from every pulture"

Stotland added, "We're also glad to prepare special requests." When asked how he conjures up recipes, he smiled, winked and said, "I don't sleep!"

But he and Fleysher sure serve up some 'dreamy' dishes made with fresh fruits and vegetables, top quality meats and seafood, whole eggs, fresh breads, and fine cheeses such as boursin, havarti, gouda, bleu and mascarpone.

Even syrups are fruit-infused to complement the fruits served atop the Belgian waffles or fluffy pancakes, both made with deluxe Carbon's Golden Malted Pancake & Waffle Flour.

'EGG'STACIES

Mouth-watering egg dishes include scrambles, omelets, eggs benedict, steak and eggs and more. Savor lobster or crab benedict, or a veggie scramble with wild mushrooms, tomatoes, spinach and mozzarella cheese.

Omelets burst with flavor, such as the asparagus, sun-dried tomato and goat cheese version, or one with jumbo lump crab, spinach, tomatoes, wild mushrooms and havarti cheese. And say "Si!" to eggs rancheros or a frittata.

SAVORIES AND SWEETS

Among the soups are vegetable black bean chili, tomato basil, authentic beet and cabbage borscht, and more house-made selections.

Other ethnic delights appear during certain times of the year. Diners love the potato latkes served during the holiday season, and the chefs sometimes feature blintzes, beef stroganoff, or schnitzel sand-

CAFE RENDEZVOUS

Where: 29556 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 626-0804

Open: 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday; 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

Price range: \$7-\$12 (a standard breakfast ranges from \$2.75 to \$5.50).

Special attractions: High quality breakfast and lunch cuisine, including scrambles, omelets, waffles, pancakes, soups, sandwiches, and salads. Many sides available. Diverse overtones. Easygoing, family-friendly atmosphere.

wiches.

High-end salads are topped with such temptations as shrimp with grilled veggies, or try a classic chicken Caesar. Or, enjoy spring greens topped with steak, red onion, bleu cheese, walnuts and balsamic vinaigrette.

Sandwiches tempt with such gourmet choices as steak with wild mushrooms, charbroiled salmon burger, spicy tuna fillet with wasabi mayo, roasted duck breast, or a stuffed turkey burger with cranberries, walnuts, oranges and shallots.

Swoon over the French toast. Order it stuffed with blueberries and mascarpone cheese, choose it topped with bananas and caramelized walnuts, or indulge in a variation stuffed with chocolate cream cheese.

Just grab a table and a hot cup of coffee, and allow the Cafe Rendezvous to romance you with its topdrawer tastes.

Elaine Perlin Crossley is a freelance writer from West Bloomfield.

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one of the region's largest wine events, the fourth annual Detroit Uncorked.

Ford Field will be the site of the event, 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28, presented by Ford Motor Co. and Ford Field, and organized by the Detroit Wine Organization.

The event has sold out the past three years. Funds raised will be used to assist The Children's Center and its goal to reach out

to children and families in need, offering independent living skills, mentors and assistance in helping youth to be successful in their transitions to adulthood.

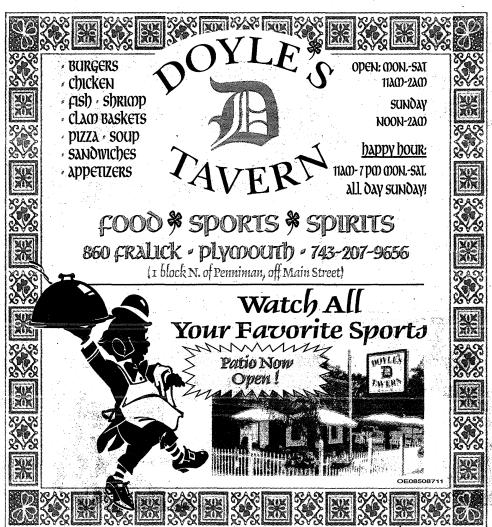
More than 2,000 guests attended last year's event, which raised \$92,000 for The Children's Center.

The DWO has 5,200 members and is the Midwest's largest wine enthusiasts' club. Membership is free and entitles members to discounts on DWO event tickets, the bi-weekly 60-Second WIne Course and first priority for events like Detroit Uncorked, which consistently sells out.

Tickets are \$75 for DWO members and \$80 for non-members. Membership in the DWO is fress. To purchase tickets and/or join, visit http://www.detroituncorked.com or call (313) 203-7197. Guests must be 21 years old to attend.

Ken Abramczyk





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ART GALLERIES

B. (Gallery): New Works by Matt Lewis, through Aug. 31, 235 Willits Alley, Birmingham, (248) 540-0046. Cary Gallery: Ann Loveland, watercolorist, through September, 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester (248) 651-3656

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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: Balancing Act, a juried exhibition of over 35 art quilts, Aug. 29-Sept. 29, opening reception 6-9 p.m. Sept. 7; 22620 Woodward, Ferndale www.lawrencestreetaallery.com

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Paint Creek Center for the Arts: I Paint What
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Elizabeth Crank, Tom Humes, Kathy Rashid,
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"Art in the Village:: Franklin's premier fine art fair, glass, pottery, fiber, furniture, jewelry, photography, painting, watercolor, wood, sculpture, metal of over 75 registered artists, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 3 (Labor Day) in Franklin (Franklin Road between 13 and 14 Mile), (248) 626-2231 or email J5Polan@ aol.com.

Art in the Park: Over 200 juried artists, Sept. 15-16, Shain Park, Birmingham, www.artinthepark.info, (248) 456-8150.

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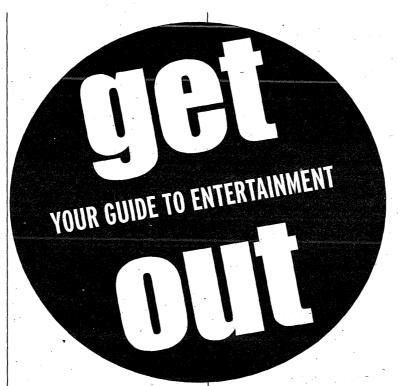
Madrigal Chorale: Auditions for all voice parts for 2007-08 season, be prepared to sing brief solo and sight-read a piece of music, starting at 6 p.m. Aug. 28, Southfield Lathrup High School, 19301 W. 12 Mile Rd. (at Evergreen) in Southfield, (248) 352-9527.

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Edison's: Bazooka Charlie, Sept. 1; Mystery Train with Jim McCarty, Sept. 6; The Push, Sept. 7-8; Rick Stel Project, Sept. 13; Close Call, Sept. 14-15; The Blue Kings, Sept. 20; Code Blue, Sept. 21-22; The Randy Brock Group, Sept. 27, and Aaron Vaughn, Sept. 28-29; 220 E. Merrill St., Birmingham (248)



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CONCERTS-THIS WEEK

DTE Energy Music Theater: Dave Matthews
Band with Pete Yorn, 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 Chan, Nas,
Talib Kweli, Pharoahe Monch, Immortal
Technique, Aug. 29; Aly & AJ, Corbin Bleu,
Drake Bell, Aug. 30; visit palacenet.com or
call (248) 377-0100.

Meadowbrook Music Theater: Get Back! Cast of Beatlemania, Aug. 26; The Bangles, Aug. 29; (248) 433-1515 for tickets, OlympiaEntertainment.com.

CONCERTS-FUTURE

DTE Energy Music Theatre: 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: Macy Gray and The Brand New Heavies, Sept. 2; Palacenet. com, Ticketmaster, (248) 377-0100. The Palace of Auburn Hills: 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 ticks.

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Detroit Dance Collective: A summer party fundraiser and social gathering with food, music social dancing and swimming, 6:30-9 p.m., Aug. 23, Chanticleer Condominium Clubhouse & Pool, 23209 Reynard, Southfield (enter condos on north side of 12 Mile Road between Telegraph and Lahser), \$35, (248) 882-0079 or suzanne_dibble@comcast.net or go to www.detroit-dancecollective.org to download and return the online invitation.

Jazz & Spirit Dance Theatre of Detroit: Dance series, Moving in the Spirit, September 2007-June 2008, dance for children, adults and teens; also auditions for Junior Repertoire Company (ages 10-17) 6 p.m. Sept. 5, 23224 Joy Rd., Redford, (313) 534-0301, jazzspiritdance.freehosting.net.

FESTIVALS

Birmingham Hay Day: celebrating Birmingham's agricultural heritage with the Birmingham Historical Museum and Park, in conjunction with the Birmingham Farmer's Market and Charles L. Bowers School Farm, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 9, farmer's market, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; farm animals at museum, 556 W. Maple (at Southfield Road), costumed Michigan pioneers at 1822 John West Hunter House, (248) 642-2817, museum@ci,birmingham.mi.us. Franklin: 63rd annual Round Up, featuring a parade, Midway Games, a petting farm, pony rides, giant inflatables, a raffle, magician, jugglers, a classic car show Rescue Dogs for adoption, petting farm, bake sale, Kettle Corn, roasted almonds, Sandy Candy, hot dogs, exhibitions by the Historical Society and Garden Club, Art in the Village fine art fair and much more, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 3, Franklin. In addition, the historic Franklin Cider Mill opens for the fall season on Labor Day weekend

FILM

Royal Oak Main Art Theatre: InZerO marathon, all 12 episodes (made in 12 months), part of Mitten Movie Project, 7 p.m. Sept. 4, 118 N. Main, an afterglow party will be held at Bastone, 419 S. Main St. (four blocks south of the Main Art Theatre), \$10 at the Main Art Theatre the day of the showing or \$11 via PayPal at www.myspace.com/inzero.

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, Förd 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.

Qakland 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.

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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.

Saline Pro Rodeo: Tough Enough to Wear Pink, Aug. 25, fans, cowboys and cowgirls are asked to wear pink to rally the rodeo world, donations accepted for breast cancer research at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center, (734) 429-3145, www.jbarjrodeo.com.

David and Wanda Harrison Memorial Charity Ride: registration and hot dog lunch, 3 p.m., ride 5:30 p.m. Aug. 25 at Clarkston Chrysler

registration and hot dog lunch, 3 p.m., ride 5:30 p.m. Aug. 25 at Clarkston Chrysler Jeep through northern Dakland County, ride ends at DTE Energy Music Theatre at Big and Rich čoncert, ride entry is \$30, \$25 for passenger, benefits Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan, leukemiamichigan.org, (248) 353-8222.

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 on the Patio at Pi Restaurant: Sheila Landis, Aug. 23, at 28875 Franklin Rd. (southwest corner of 12 Mile Road and Northwestern Highway, Southfield, (248) 208-7500, www.piofsouthfield.com.
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.

MORE MUSIC

Heritage Park: Stars in the Park free summer concert series, 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. Summer Nights: Wednesday night concerts at the Detroit Zoo, Pete "Big Dog" Fetters (blues), Aug. 29; call (248) 541-5717 or visit www.detroitzoo.org.
Jewish Community Center: Vocalist Kelly Janney and pianist Martin Mandelbaum, 1

p.m. concert Aug. 30 following noon lunch, \$2.75 for lunch, \$1 program charge for non-members, reservations required for lunch, (248) 967-4030.

Lexington Music Theatre Co.: The John Corbett Band, Sept. 7-8; Blackhawk, Sept. 15; Rare Earth, Sept. 22; The Buckinghams, Sept. 23; located 65 miles north of Detroit and just twenty minutes north of the Port Huron/ Sarnia area on Lake Huron, 877-4LEXMTC,

www.lexmtc.com
Nardin Park Music Series: Douglas Bruce,
organist from Switzerland, 2 p.m. Sept.
23; Brass Roots Trio, 2 p.m. Oct. 28;
Christmas at Nardin Park Concert with
Chapter 6, 2 p.m. Dec. 9; Nardin Park
United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11
Mile Rd., Farmington Hills (248) 476-8860
for information.

OPERA

Michigan Opera Theatre: Cyrano and a Nose for Design, 7 p.m.: Sept. 11, a rare opportunity to meet and learn from David DiChiera, Michigan Opera Theatre founder, general manager and composer of Cyrano, and from Suzanne Hanna, MOT costume director, preview some of the costumes before Cyrano's Oct. 13 World Premiere, Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main St., Royal Oak, tickets \$10 advance, \$15 on Sept. 11, www.habermanfabrics.com/special_events/cyrano/nose_for_design.htm, for information and tickets, visit www.habermanfabrics.com or call (248) 541-0010.

THEATER - COMMUNITY

Village Players of Birmingham: Auditions for Brigadoon, 7 p.m. Sept. 16 and 17, play performances are weekends Nov.9-25, plus week-night benefits, bring recent photo and prepared Broadway song to audition, Village Players Playhouse, 34660 Woodward (248) 644-2075, www.birmingham: The House of Village Players of Birmingham: The House of

Village Players of Birmingham: The House of Blue Leaves, 8 p.m. Sept. 14, 15, 21, and 22; 2 p.m. Sept. 16 and 23, S15; 34660 Woodward, Birmingham (2 blocks south of Maple), (248) 644-2075; www.birminghamvillageplayers.com.

The Farmington Players: Over the River and Through the Woods, Sept. 14-30; Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, Nov. 16-30, Dec.1-8; Chapter Two, Feb.15-29, March 1-8; A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, April 25-27, May 1-17, ticket hotline, (248) 553-2955, www.farmingtonplayers.org. Grosse Pointe Theatre: Auditions for The Odd Couple, 1-4 p.m. Aug. 25-26, 315 Fisher Road, Grosse Pointe; performances Nov. 4, 8-11, 14-17; call (313) 882-0479 for informa-

Starlight Theatre: West Side Story, through Aug. 26, shows 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, north concourse of Summit Place Mall, Telegraph and Elizabeth Lake roads, Waterford, www. starlighttheater.net, (248) 335-1788.

Who Wants Cake? Theatre: Southern Baptist Sissies, through Aug. 27, \$10 Mondays, \$15 Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, The Ringwald Theatre, 22742 Woodward Ave. in the Times Square of Ferndale, (248) 556-8581, whowantscaketheatre.com.

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tion or scripts

Gem Theatre: Escanaba in Love, Jeff Daniels' new show opens Sept. 12, at the Gem Theatre, 333 Madison Ave, Detroit. Tickets, \$19.75 to \$39.50, call (313) 963-9800. Visit online at www.gemtheatre.com Broadway Onstage Live Theatre: Something to Hide, Sept. 7-Oct. 6; A Thousand Clowns, Oct. 19-Nov. 17; The Nutcracker's Nuts, Nov. 30-Dec. 16; Corpse, Jan. 11-Feb.9; Weekend Comedy, Feb. 22-March 29; Escanaba in Da Moonlight, April 11-May 17; \$16, 21517 Kelly Rd. (at Toepfer) in Eastpointe. ticket reservations recommended, (586) 771-6333.

PURE PICKS: AUG. 24-29

Don't miss multi-faceted performer Rufus Wainwright tonight with pop-tastic openers he Magic Numbers at Michigan Theater, 03 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Wainwright is urrently touring in support of his latest ffort, Releasing the Stars. Doors open at p.m. and tickets cost \$32.50-\$45, call 248) 645-6666.

A teenager tackles the mysteries of life, love and public speaking in Rocket Science, a wry comedy pening today. Director is Jeffrey Blitz, vho also directed Spellbound.

Hop inside your Yellow Submarine and take a trip back in time with Get Back! Cast of Beatlemania, 7 p.m. today at Meadow Brook. Tickets \$10-\$25, visit www.palaenet.com.

Rock supergroup Velvet Revolver, featuring former members of Guns N' Roses and Stone Temple Pilots, takes over DTE Energy Music Theatre today at 7:30 p.m. – along with openers Alice in Chains and Kill Hannah. Tickets \$26.50-\$56.50, call 248) 645-6666.



Reece Thompson stars in "Rocket Science."

Today's marks the final Terrific Tuesday in the Children's Garden at Rochester Hills Museum and Van Hoosen Farm. The event runs 1-2 p.m., call (248) 656-4663.

Get thee to the D. Tour Downtown Detroit with this week's Courts, Cops and Lawyers tour. Tickets cost \$10 per person, reservations aren't required. Tours begin in the lobby of the Compuware Building. Call (313) 283-4332, or visit www.detroittourconnections.com.

Has 'The Nanny Diaries' plot been done to death?

out of five stars

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

Following recent roles in films like Woody Allen's Match Point and The Prestige, it was beginning to seem as if Scarlett Johansson only reveled on screen as a striking siren.

Taking the lead in The Nanny Diaries, in theaters Aug. 24, she moves into a coming-of-age role as recent college grad Annie Braddock.

Based on the novel by Emma McLaughlin and Nicola Kraus, the film follows this aspiring anthropologist as she's side-tracked into the demanding life of an Upper East Side au pair. All of a sudden she's running impossible errands, chasing a soy-fed child around the city and cooking dishes she can barely pronounce.

At the film's onset, we meet Annie in

quite a quandary. She fails her first real job interview in finance after one question: Who is Annie Braddock? The New Jersey native hasn't figured that out yet.

She's convinced she needs more

And while wallowing in her confusion, the pretty brunette manages to rescue a little boy out of harm's way in Central Park. She's immediately approached by his mother - named only Mrs. X in this Upper East Side field

study - and thrust into the role of caretaker for 5-year-old Grayer. Keep in mind, she's had no prior experience.

Shari Springer Berman and Robert Pulcini wrote the screenplay and directed the film, which does all it can to romanticize life and love in Manhattan.

There are some tactics the movie could do without – a few symbolic flying red umbrellas, for instance, or some blinking

Please see NANNY, E15

What's new at Ozzfest - Taiwanese metal

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

ChthoniC is pronounced THON-

It's a growling, smart, underworldly, death



from Taiwan that's playing Ozzfest - the first Asian band ever on the mega-

tour ChthoniC, the

name derived from a Greek word about spirits of the underworld, is also playing an all ages show at Harpo's, on Saturday, Aug. 25, one day before Ozzfest at DTE Energy Music Theatre.

Hear the band's fierce roars and melodic, yet dark, hard gothic sound at www.myspace.com/ ChthoniCtw.

If you follow the metal scene, you know Scandinavian black metal is some of the hardest, darkest music in that genre. ChthoniC may seem similar on the surface. but the band's visual inspiration the painted faces — come from

MORE AT OZZFEST

When: Gates open at noon, Sunday, Aua. 26

Who: Ozzy Osbourne, Lamb of God, Static X, Lordi, Hatebreed, Behemoth, DevilDriver, Nile, Ankla, Circus Diablo, The Showdown, 3 Inches of Blood, Chthonic, Daath, In This Moment

Where: DTE Energy Music Theatre Tickets: The show is free and more tickets were available at press time only at one location. Call or visit the FYE store, 432 Briarwood Circle, Ann Arbor (734) 668-7575. Parking: \$20

Notes: Ozzy, Lamb of God, Circus Diablo and Static X are the most popular names this year on the tour. Chthonic is growing in popularity.

'is described as "simultaneously brutal, melodic, technically complex yet instantly accessible." Hear it at myspace.com/DevilDriver. "When I listen to something like Pantera's 'Vulgar Display of Power,' it still sounds great because it stands up over time." DevilDriver vocalist Dez Fafara said. "I want this record to do that as well. Fifteen years from now I want people to go, 'Listen to that s---. It's heavy, but it's still catchy and it totally captures the essence and groove of DevilDriver.'

It's of the utmost importance that

we clarify our sound for the masses

and was just added to the tour to

replace Mondo Generator - which left

for "reasons beyond their control."

DevilDriver, formed in 2002, and

its new CD 'The Last Kind Words

DevilDriver headlines the second stage Taiwanese folklore where corpse

paint gives certain deities the

power to judge good and evil.

The band's symphonic black

traditional Eastern two-stringed

ChthoniC have been building

violin known for its weepy and

melancholy sound.

metal also features an Oriental

twist. They play the "hena," a

momentum internationally for a

on this one."

The Taipei Times calls the band "the Black Sabbath of Asia." The group's music is about freedom. The latest CD is Seediq Bale (DownPort Music), and incorporates Taiwanese history, myths and cultures. The tour is called "UNlimited" to protest how the

first Asian band to hit Ozzfest.

ChthoniC is the

United Nations (UN) limits Taiwan's full participation as an independent country.

The moniker also aims to inspire. "We want to emphasize the 'unlimited' potential of Taiwan and the Taiwanese people," said vocalist Freddy Lim. "Hopefully, more and more international friends will understand and support Taiwan through the 'unlimited' power of music."

HISTORY THROUGH EPIC CDS

Its debut CD Where The Ancestors' Souls Gathered. describes the perilous sea journey between China and Taiwan. The band's second CD, 9th Empyrean, tells of an epic battle between Chinese Han spirits and the spirit gods of Taiwan's aboriginal people. The following CD, Relentless

Recurrence, relays a Taiwanese folk legend about a demonic ghost.

THE LATEST CD

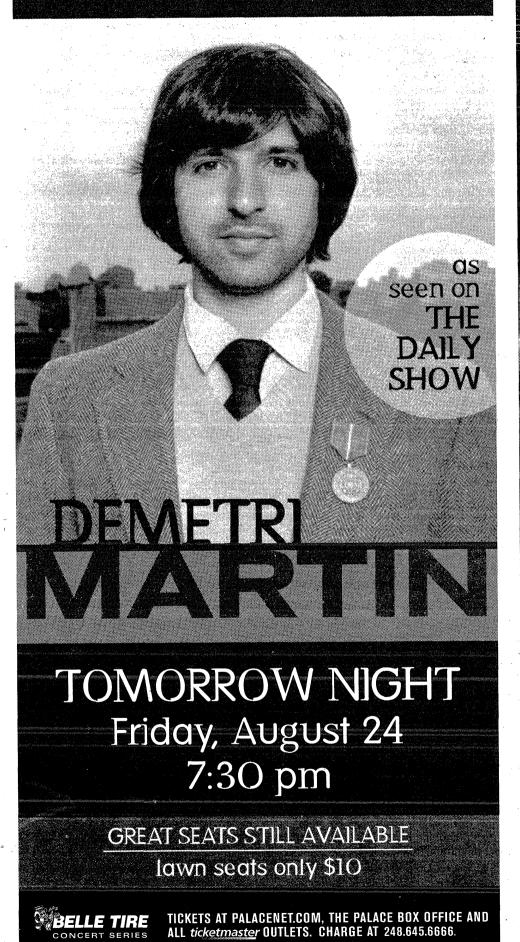
Seediq Bale, ChthoniC's latest tells the tragic true story of a longstanding Taiwanese tribe whose rebellion against colonial oppression was violently thwarted by the Japanese army in the early 20th century.

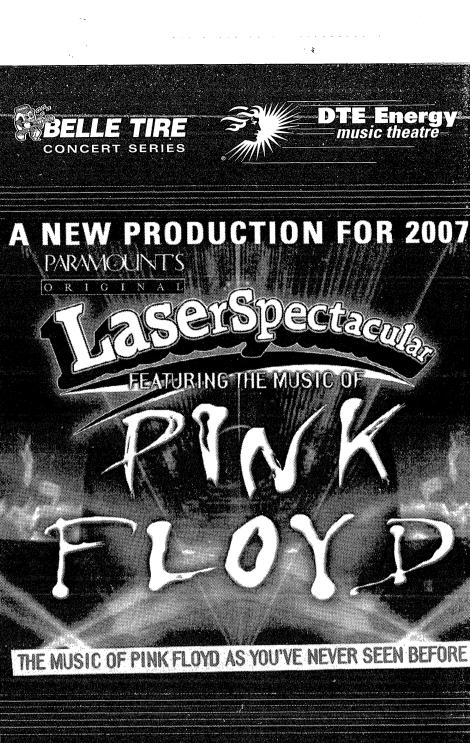
MUSIC IN TAIWAN

Chthonic single-handedly launched an extreme metal scene in its home country. Now it's ready to make its mark worldwide, with the help of Ozzfest, a tour that can make a band famous - and they only have 20 minutes on stage to do it. Get tickets for Ozzfest or the Harpo's show at www.palacenet. com or any Ticketmaster outlet.









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Brockington expects 400 to 500 people will attend. And dance know-how is not required. "It's a great weekend whether you know how to dance or not," Brockington said. "By the end of the weekend if you take a couple of classes, you will know how to-do something."

This year, the legendary "Queen of Swing" Norma Miller is expected to attend. Dreamtime Entertainment, based in Fort Myers, Fla., will premiere its feature documentary by the same name, sharing a glimpse into Miller's life and work in the dance arts. As an award-winning choreographer, producer, stand-up comedienne, television and film actress, Miller will also sign copies of her newly-released book, Stompin' at the Savoy: The Story of Norma Miller.

The film and book detail Miller's roots, dancing her way from Harlem to share a vision of love and equality. Miller's peers have included legends like Louis Armstrong, Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Sammy Davis Jr., Bill Cosby and Richard Pryor. Through her career she toured with the USO as a comedienne, appeared with Redd Foxx on Sanford & Son and was a member of Whitey's Lindy Hoppers in the 1930s-1940s.

Master Tapper Chester Whitmore will also be on hand for the Motor City Jam. Having choreographed artists like The Commodores, Prince and Janet Jackson, Whitmore's life's work has been devoted to the preservation of black dance styles. Three years ago, he was named a living legend in his field. For MCJ, he'll host a series of seven tap workshops.

The workshops fit right into Artspectrum's mission, to provide excellence in dance training to the metropolitan Detroit area. This year the longstanding tradition continues with MCJ classes offered in West coast swing, Lindy hop, blues dancing and Detroit's club ballroom. Dancers already well-versed in multiple styles, or those who come with a dance partner in toe, can sign up for any of the five competitions scheduled during MCJ. Four of the five competitions are lead/follow dances while the other is open to couples who dance tap, West coast swing, East coast swing, Lindy hop, salsa, ballroom, bop and Detroit, Latin, L.A. or New York hustle.

Having competed herself in ballroom and other dance styles, Brockington decided to include Jack and Jill contests, where dancers randomly draw a partner, and contests where you choose your dance partner and compete to unknown music. The dances are spread out over two days, with plenty of music in between. And fans of So You Think You Can Dance are welcome to strut their stuff during Showtime Not At The Apollo - a competition for dancers ready to choose their music and show off their own, original routines. The winners walk home with \$500. Register now to participate in Motor City Jam.

MOTOR CITY JAM

What: Summer's hottest dance festival, hosted by Artspectrum

When: Friday-Sunday, Aug. 24-26

Where: Doubletree Hotel, 5801 Southfield at Ford roads. Detroit

Tickets: Day, evening, weekend, individual tickets range from \$5 to \$99

Events: Don't miss these films, classes and dance competitions

- See The Queen of Swing, a film produced by Dreamtime Entertainment, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25
- Chester Whitmore's Tap Workshops on Aug. 25-26. Workshops culminate in a showcase performance at 4:15 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 26.

Tickets for the performance are \$5, or free if you are part of the workshop.

- Learn to Lindy Hop, West coast swing, try blues dancing or Detroit's club ballroom. Classes may be bought individually at \$15 each, or by the day beginning at \$50 per class, or an all-inclusive weekend pass for \$99.
- Showtime Not At The Apollo and other dance contests. First place winners receive \$500. Register online at

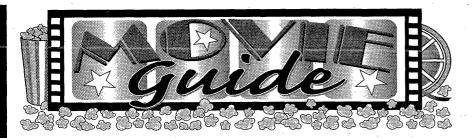
http://artspectrum.org/mcjregistration.htm.

■ Live music with Larry Lee and the Back in the Day Band, Friday, Aug. 24, and RJ Spangler and the Rhythm Rockers, Aug. 25. Tickets to these two shows cost \$25.

More information: Call (313)790-2311 or visit http://artspectrum.org/mcjregistration.htm.







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images of Grayer's face as Nanny's cab pulls away, following an ill-fated trip to Nantucket.

Much like the book that it's based upon, the film parallels last year's comedy hit *The Devil Wears Prada*. Just replace Anne Hathaway's intense fashion magazine internship with Johannson's domestic role, and Meryl Streep's award-winning impossibly chilly fashion maven with lovely Laura Linney as a self-obsessed controlling wealthy wife and mother.

Linney gives a good show as the dif-

ficult Mrs. X, and plays opposite pudgy Paul Giamatti as a philandering, barelythere father.

It's certainly a story suited for the screen, though fans of the novel will find the plot has been considerably altered. All the key elements are there, as are some wonderfully telling scenes. Fans of the book will get a laugh out of the play date that features a ditzy cake-baking mom who's fresh out of rehab.

Originally Annie Braddock comes chock full of experience in the world of Nanny-dom. This time, she's a newbie who's living with the X family. She's also lying to her mother – who thinks she's working at a bank and putting that degree to good use.

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On several occasions in the film, Annie's family and friends express disappointment in her decision. She has clearly put her own life on hold and become far too involved in the world of The X's.

As in the novel, the family has changed her name from Annie to the vague and impersonal "Nanny." From Mr. X's affair with a co-worker to multiple counts of public humiliation, she's lost her entire identity on a quest to find herself.

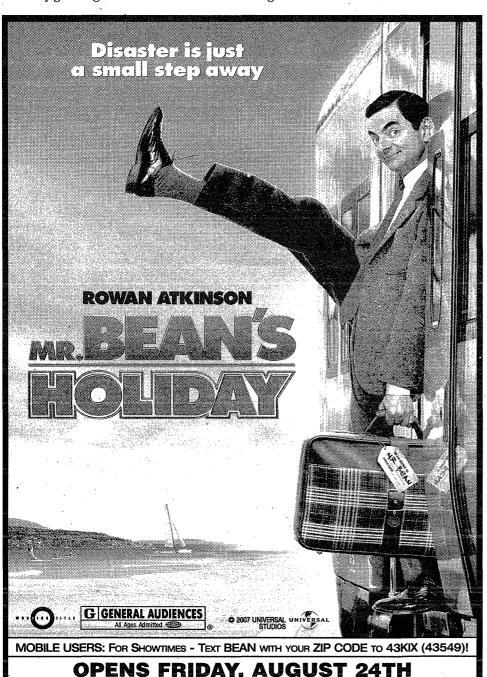
With a little help from her friend Lynette (singer Alicia Keys), and thanks to a budding romance with her "Harvard Hottie" (Chris Evans), Annie just might make it out of the New York high rise intact

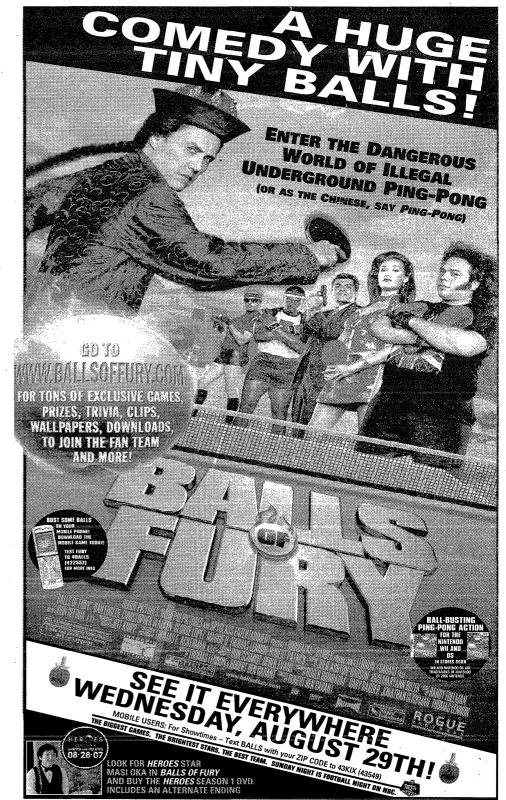
Right up to the end, fans of The Devil

Wears Prada will feel they've seen this movie before, and they practically have. Except this story could use a sharped-tongued villain like Emily Blunt.

Still, the wide-eyed new New Yorker barely has time for her cute boyfriend thanks to her thankless job that requires her full attention around the clock. Yep, it's awfully familiar.

Toss in an overture of anthropological references – something akin to Ashley Judd's character in *Someone Like You* – and add that always-adorable nanny-and-charge relationship – like Brittany Murphy and Dakota Fanning in *Uptown Girls* – and you get the idea. It's a recipe for simple, but pleasant late-summer film fare.





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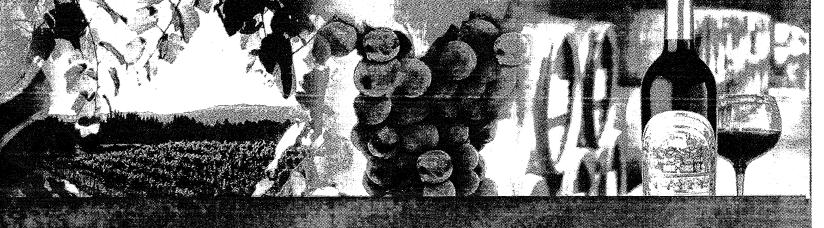
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'Hungry' Cougars gearing up for fresh start

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

To say Garden City's football team is starving for success after a winless 2006 might be a bit of an exaggeration. But head coach Mike Salter is detecting enough signs during practices to be optimistic this year won't be an encore.

"They're definitely hungry," Salter said.
"They have the right attitude coming into this year. What happened last year is behind us. We're a different team."

According to Salter, whose roster will be markedly different due to a spate of graduations, the 2007 squad has a good mix of desire and athleticism that could help it be a factor in the Mega Blue.

One player who will definitely have a say in that is senior halfback and defensive back Paul Cole, an all-conference selection who led Garden City in rushing last season.

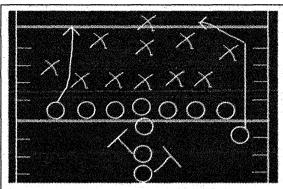
"He's going to be one of our key factors in our success this year," Salter said. "He's an athlete whose motor is always running."

But another key guy will be senior Semaj O'Banion, moving from defensive end to nose tackle. "Semaj is very athletic, he made a lot of tackles last year."

Adam Love, Kyle Karas, Freddie Scroggs, C. J. Rayburn and Andrew Ramey probably will see double duty on the D-line and Oline.

Salter must decide his starting quarter-back, between senior Angelo Zoccoli and junior Tyler Twigg. The backfield, besides Cole, could be a revolving door. Figuring to see regular playing time there are Anthony Glass, Michael Pack, Sean O'Brien and Brad Bond. Senior Chris Conroy, also a starter in the defensive secondary, is the receiver with the most experience. Chris Crawford and Gegatic Williams also will vie for PT.

The Cougars have plenty of competition at linebacker. Candidates for three inside linebacker spots include Glass, O'Brien, Bond, senior Travis Tharp and sophomore Max Stratton. In the hunt for the two outside linebacker positions are Bryan Grace, Ryan Soper, Justin Gabbard and David Ciciora.



FAST FACTS

School: Garden City.

Head coach: Mike Salter, 11th season.

League: Mega Conference (Blue).

2006 record: 0-9.

Key losses: Justin Sweatt, Ryan Barnes, Ben Poole (second-team All-Area), Jon Turnbull, Jared McGuire, Ryan Chartrand, Brendon Gnida.

Returning starters: Justin Gabbard, Sr. OLB; Anthony Glass, Jr. ILB; Paul Cole, Sr. HB-CB (honorable mention All-Area); Brad Bond, Jr. FB-ILB; Semaj O'Banion, Sr. DL (honorable mention All-Area); Adam Love, Sr. OG-DE; Kyle Karas, Sr. OT-DT; Chris Conroy, Sr. SE-FS.

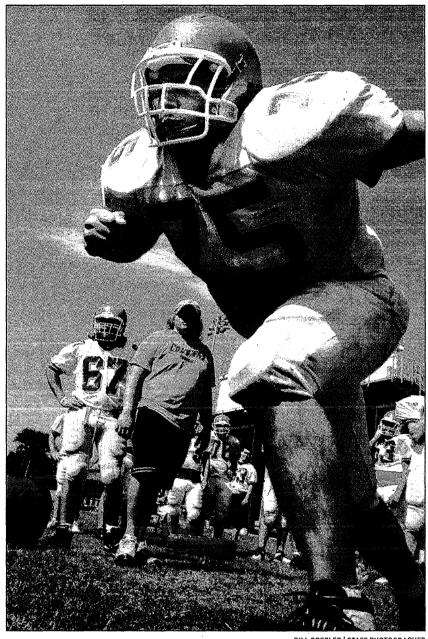
Promising newcomers: Chris Crawford, Jr. SE-DB; Gegatic Williams, Soph. HB-CB; Tyler Twigg, Jr. QB-FS; Michael Pack, Jr. HB-CB; Bryan Grace, Jr. SE-OLB.

Coach's quote: "They're definitely hungry, they have the right attitude coming into this year. What happened last year is behind us. We're a different team."

SCHEDULE

*Homecoming game

Aúg. 24	TAYLOR KENNEDY	7 p.m.
Aug. 30	ROMULUS	7 p.m.
Sept. 7	at Ypsilanti	7 p.m.
Sept. 14	HIGHLAND PARK	7 p.m.
Sept. 21	at Redford Thurston	7 p.m.
Sept. 28	at Dearborn Edsel Ford	4 p.m.
Oct. 5*	DEARBORN HEIGHTS ANNAPOLIS	7 p.m.
Oct. 12	MELVINDALE	7 p.m.
Oct. 19	at Woodhaven	7 p.m.
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Seasoned Chargers have reason to feel optimistic

BY BRAD EMONS

Comparisons to the 2004 Livonia Churchill team which finished 8-4 and reached the Division I state quarterfinals may be a bit premature.

But with 14 of 22 starting positions returning, including five third-year players, it's a good bet the Chargers won't be any pushover in 2007.

Despite coming off a 3-6 campaign, 11th-year coach John Filiatraut has reason to be optimistic.

"I don't want anybody to misunderstand, but we were a good 3-6 team which lost some games early that we wish we had back," said the former Wisconsin letter winner. "In the middle and toward the end of the season, we were playing pretty well and we hope to continue that momentum."

Churchill's offensive coordinator, Ron Targosz, who also happens to be Filiatraut's brother-in-law, has some tools to work as he calls the plays.

T.J. Tilley, a 6-foot, 171-pound senior, returns as the starting quarterback.

"Offensively we think we can throw the ball more because we have more confidence in T.J.," Filiatraut said. "We feel we can count on him. The kids respect him and he's a good leader. We feel we've got some balance (run and pass) going."

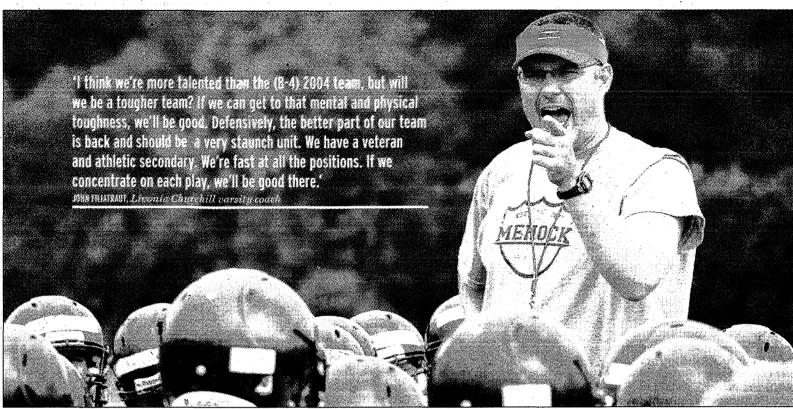
The supporting cast includes senior wide receivers Ryan Whittum (6-1, 187) and Nick Seger (6-5, 188), along with second-team All-Observer tight end Kevin Tabone (6-4, 231).

Senior running back Daran Carey also returns along with two massive senior tackles – Duane Najarian (6-0, 320) and Mark Parrish (6-1, 311).

The defense will be by cornerbacks Carey and Whittum, along with Tilley at free safety. Tabone and Josh Zak (5-6, 171) anchor the defensive line, while junior Devin Moynihan (5-10, 210) and senior Max DiCicco (5-9, 235) return at linebacker.

Churchill plays four of its first five games on the road, including three to start.

"Being on the road, riding that bus, maybe isn't such a bad thing," Filiatraut said.



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Livonia Churchill varsity football coach John Filiatraut talks to the team during practice Monday afternoon.

FAST FACTS

School: Livonia Churchill.

Head coach: John Filiatraut, 11th season.

League: Western Lakes Activities Association (Lakes Division).

2006 record: 3-6.

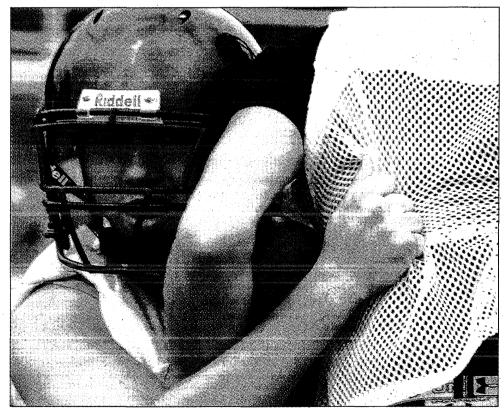
Key losses: Jon Robinson (first-team All-Area); Joe Speiss (second-team All-Area); Mike Berger, Aaron Poirer.

Returning starters: Kevin Tabone, Sr. TE-DL (second-team All-Area); Ryan Whittum, Sr. WR-CB-K; Nick Seger, Sr. WR; Mark Parrish, Sr. OT; Duane Najarian, Sr. OT; T.J. Tilley, Sr. QB-FS-P; Daran Carey, Sr. RB-CB; Josh Zak, Sr. DL; Devin Moynihan, Jr. OLB; Max DiCicco, Sr. OLB; Andrew Alverson, Sr. OL; Mike Thayer, Sr. OG; Mike Bargerstock, Sr. C.

Promising newcomers: Darius Wells, Sr. OLB (transfer from Ferndale); Jeff Ricketts, Jr. RB; Matt Kowalis, Jr. RB; Ryan Dolan, Sr. SS; Brandon Dare, Jr. DE.

SCHEDULE

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Aug. 24	at Lansing Eastern	7 p.m.
Aug. 30	at Northville	7 p.m.
Sept. 7	at W.L. Central	7 p.m.
Sept. 14	SALÈM	7 p.m.
Sept. 21	at John Glenn	7 p.m.
Sept. 28	STEVENSON	7 p.m.
0ct. 5	at W.L. Northern	7 p.m.
Oct. 12	WLAA CROSSVER	7 p.m.
Oct. 19	FRANKLIN	7 p.m.
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Churchill senior Kevin Tabone, a second-team All-Observer tight end, runs through tackling drill during the first official day of practice.





















All-around excellence top goal for blue-collar Trojans

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

The Tim Shaw-led glory days of Livonia Clarenceville football might not be what Trojans head coach Ryan Irish gets right off the bat during the 2007 season.

But Irish wants his mostly inexperienced team to begin doing things with a higher standard - namely to excel in every endeavor, on or off the gridiron.

'They've had some great teams here and we're trying to bring that back," said the former Lake Orion assistant coach. "But we're building it from within. We're starting it from in the classroom, in the community and the hall-

He also is looking toward several players to provide athletic spark and vocal leadership as the Trojans look to move up in the Metro. At the top of the list are senior Terry Line (5-10, 200) and junior Taylor Hall (6-0, 225), two powerful athletes who will play offensive guard and linebacker.

Line, in particular, is in sync with Irish' blueprint for success, having started on the varsity in the coach's first year (2005). "Both of us saw what happened before, and now both of us really want to change things," Irish noted.

Another mainstay is junior running back Jeremy Gainer. "He's our fastest kid, our strongest kid and he does every-

Also expected to spark the running game are elusive junior Brad Pozniak and sophomore Levonte Brooks, who can "turn it on and break it."

At quarterback will be sophomore Leonard Hogan. "Leonard's very mechanically sound, he always does right and gives 100 percent effort."

Hogan will throw to a cast of wide-outs that includes seniors Joe Nelson, Jim Reamer, junior Andrew Jasmer and sophomore Ben Watts.

Irish said Clarenceville's defense is a question mark. But Line, Hall, Gainer (safety), Pozniak (linebacker), Brooks (linebacker) and Hogan (secondary) - all pressed into double duty - could provide some answers.

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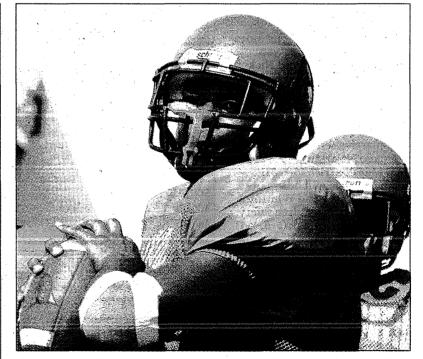


Keeping a watchful eye over practice is Livonia Clarenceville head coach Ryan Irish, who is committed to returning the Trojans to their football halcyon days.

FAST FACTS SCHEDULE School: Livonia Aug. 24 at Lutheran High Northwest 7 p.m. Clarenceville. Aug. 30 LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND 7 p.m. Head coach: Ryan Sept. 8 at Cranbrook 1 p.m. Irish, third season. Sept. 14 HARPER WOODS 7 p.m. League: Metro Sept. 21 LUTHERAN HIGH NORTH 7 p.m. Conference. Sept. 28 at Hamtramck 4:30 p.m. 2006 record: 4-5. at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep Oct. 5 7:30 p.m. Key losses: Dan MONTROSE Oct. 12 7 p.m. Kubera (second-team Oct. 19 CLAWSON 7 p.m. All-Area); Brandon Page HOME GAMES ALL CAPS (second-team All-Area); Kris Thomas (honorable mention All-Area); Marcus Watkins (honorable mention All-Area). Returning starters: Jeremy Gainer, Jr. RB-FS; Terry Line, Sr. OG-LB; Taylor

Hall, Jr. OG-LB; Brad Pozniak, Jr. RB-LB. Promising newcomers: Leonard Hogan, Soph. QB-FS; Levonte Brooks, Soph.

Coach's quote: "I'm excited for the young guys we have. These young kids want to play, (they) want to get better and they want to compete. I call them my lunch pail kids, they do everything. They take the dummies out, they cut the grass and they'd probably sell hot dogs if they had to. We're a work in



Livonia Clarenceville's Jeremy Gainer looks downfield to throw a pass during practice.

Patriots in position to make waves again in 2007

BY BRAD EMONS

STAFF WRITER

The pieces appear to be in place.

All Livonia Franklin seventh-year coach Chris Kelbert now has to do is complete the jigsaw puzzle.

It may be a bit premature to compare the 2007 Patriots to the 10-1 playoff squad of 2005, but the similarities are striking.

The entire starting backfield returns off a 5-4 team led by quarterback Jesse Carpenter, a 5-foot-11, 175 senior who threw for 870 yards. He is joined by third-year running back Cole Kelly (5-11, 173), who had 1,235 all-purposes yards in 2006; and junior fullback David Fortin (5-10, 195). Kelly's production will be a key.

"He had five games last year over 100 yards (rushing), and when he was under 100, he was non-existent," Kelbert said.

A highly athletic wide receiver in Israel Woolfork (6-4, 175) and sturdy senior tight end Jeff McCullough (6-5, 235) will complement the experienced backfield.

Meanwhile, the offensive line is anchored by third-year starter Pat Cecile (6-3, 235), who moves from center to guard.

'We're very balanced, that's what had made us successful the past few years because we're able to run and throw the ball," Kelbert said. "Cecile is our best athlete, so we've moved him from center to guard because we feel that's our most important position."

Although Cecile is the only returning starter on the offensive line, Kelbert believes the unit is solid with the emergence of sophomore Nate Coleman (6-4, 270), senior Mike Birney (6-1, 300) and senior Dan Woodall (6-2, 195).

"We're stronger than we initially thought with the production of Coleman," Kelbert said.

Cecile and McCullough, meanwhile, will lead a staunch defense from their linebacker positions.

"It's going to be the strength of our team," Kelbert said. "Cecile and McCullough are two huge bodies out there. We have more starters back on offense and defense, and we had a pretty good defense last year."

FAST FACTS

School: Livonia Franklin.

Head coach: Chris Kelbert, seventh season.

League: Western Lakes Activities Association (Western Division).

2006 record: 5-4.

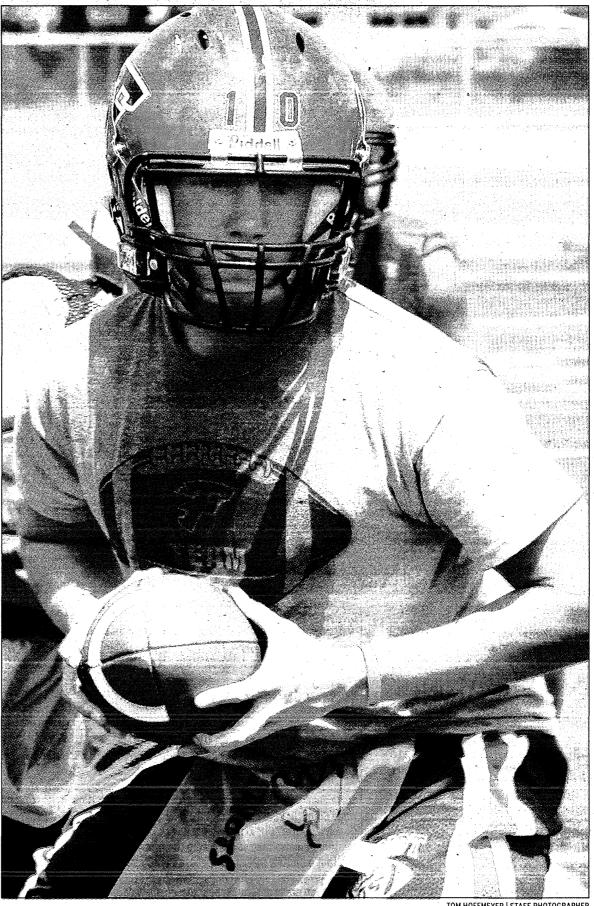
Key losses: Kevin Wengert (first-team All-Area); Dan Chynoweth (first-team All-Area); Neil Copeland, Sean Sciba.

Returning starters: Pat Cecile, Sr. OG-LB (second-team All-Area); Cole Kelly, Sr. RB (second-team All-Area); Jeff McCullough, Sr. TE-LB; Jesse Carpenter, Sr. QB-K-P; David Fortin, Jr. FB; Israel Woolfork, Sr. WR-S; Mike Birney, Sr. DT-OT; Dan Robinson, Sr. DT; Austin Mesler, Sr. LB; Brian Humenay, Sr. DB.

Promising newcomers: Nate Coleman, Soph, OT; Dareel Myree, Sr. RB; Corey Tower, Jr. RB; Dan Woodalf, Sr. OG-DE; Jordan Short, Sr. LB; Mark McRobb, Jr. S; Brandon Lane, Jr. DE-DT.

Coach's quote: "My biggest concern with this group is can we play to our potential? The team we had two years ago (10-1) had more question marks going in, but can we play with the same emotion?'

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Aug. 24	vs. John Glenn (at EMU)	8 p.n
Aug. 30	STEVENSON	7 p.n
Sept. 7	W.L. WESTERN	7 p.n
Sept. 14	at Wayne	7 p.n
Sept. 21	PLYMOUTH	7 p.n
Sept. 28	CANTON	7 p.n
Oct. 5	at Northville	7 p.n
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Oct. 19	at Churchill	7 p.n
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Franklin quarterback Jesse Carpenter, turning to make a handoff during practice, returns as the starter.







Spartans hope defense complements potent offense

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Pick your poison when it comes to stopping Livonia Stevenson's offensive attack this season.

The Spartans return one of the area's top quarterbacks in Mitchell White, a 6-foot-1, 170pound senior who completed 86of-174 passes last year for 1,133 yards and 11 touchdowns.

The team's top two returning rushers also return in senior fullback Emanuel Onwuemene (5-11, 205) and sophomore tailback Austin White (5-11, 180), who averaged 6.6 and 7.6 yards per carry, respectively.

"We certainly have the personnel to be balanced," said Stevenson coach Tim Gabel. "Stat-wise, Mitchell had a very fine year. He has a sharp football intellect and he's very adept at understanding the design of plays, as well as the schemes used by the defense. Combined with a very strong arm, his football savvy makes him a very effective passer."
Mitchell's twin brother Myles

White (6-1, 165) and Derek Buskey (6-1, 174) give the Spartans speed at the wideout

positions.

Senior Matt Broome (6-3, 235), a two-year varsity starter, leads the offensive line which also includes returning senior starters Ricky Bell (6-0, 245), Jason Bajas (6-0, 215), Trent Judis (5-11, 245) and Chris Golonka (6-2, 300).

Gabel's chief concern is how the defense develops.

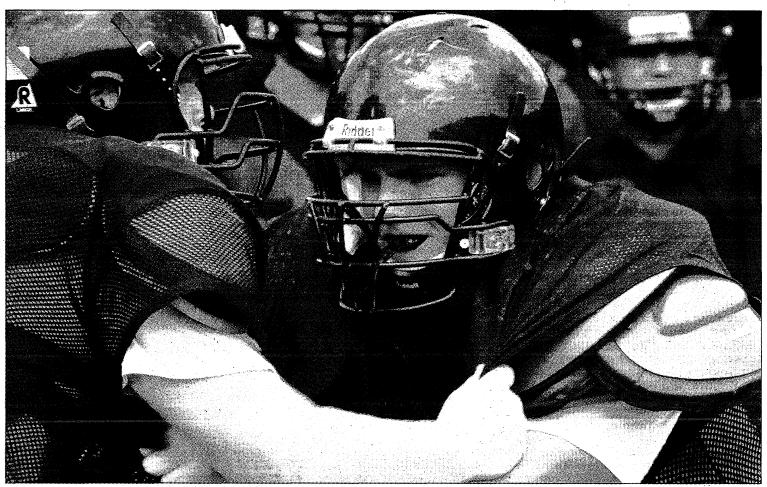
The Spartans are led by senior Pat York (5-11, 150), a first-team All-Area pick who had a teambest 57 hits.

"Defensively, we have to be better against the run than we have the past couple of years," Gabel said. "There's nowhere to go but up as far as stopping the ball."

Senior John Samaan (5-11, 210) returns at linebacker flanked by Onwuemene and Bajas.

Broome, slowed by a leg injury last year, returns at defensive end with Bell, Judis and Golonka at the tackles from a playoff team that finished 6-4 in 2006.

"We have a little more size up front, and hopefully that gives everyone else the freedom to make plays," Gabel said.



PHOTOS BY TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Stevenson's Matt Broome, a third-year varsity player, will be in the trenches again on both sides of the ball.

FAST FACTS

School: Livonia Stevenson.

Head coach: Tim Gabel, 13th season.

League: Western Lakes Activities Association (Lakes Division).

2006 record: 6-4.

Key losses: Derek Severson (first-team All-Area); T.J. Price (second-team All-Area); Eric Huber, Cory Lynch,

Returning starters: Pat York, Sr. SE-DB (first-team All-Area); Mitchell White, QB (second-team All-Area); Matt Broome, Sr. OT-DE; Jason Bajas, Sr. OT-LB; Trent Judis, Sr. OT-DT; Chris Golonka, Sr. OT-DT; Myles White, Sr. SE-

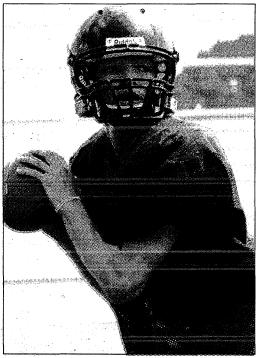
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Aug. 24 YPSILANTI LINCOLN 7 p.m. Aug. 30 at Franklin 7 p.m. Sept. 7 at Salem 7 p.m. Sept. 14 JOHN GLENN 7 p.m. Sept. 20 W.L. NORTHERN 7 p.m. Sept. 28 at Churchill 7 p.m. W.L. CENTRAL 7 p.m. WLAA CROSSOVER 7 p.m. Oct. 19 at Brighton 7 p.m. **HOME GAMES ALL CAPS**

DB; John Samaan, Sr. FB-LB; Emanuel Onwuemene, Sr. FB-LB; Derek Buskey, Sr. SE-DB; Austin White,

Promising newcomers: Joe Doulette, Sr. OG-LB; Mike Flynn, Sr. TE-LB; Travis Austin, Sr. OG-DT; Steve Eideh, Jr. RB-DB; Jacob Gudeman, Jr. QB-DB; Kyle Hobbins, Jr. OG-LB; Zach Whalen, Jr. OT-DT; Wade Stahl, Jr. RB-DB; Wyatt Stahl, Jr. RB-DB; Mark Grisa, Jr. SE-DB.

Coach's quote: "Our kids have been very committed this summer, and really didn't let the hot weather diminish their focus during the first week. We have a lot players back with experience, and that definitely makes early season practices go more smoothly. But, we also have some spots which have to be filled by either returning players or juniors new to the varsity. How well those kids do will really determine how successful we are this season. A lot of teams seem to be in a similar position with a lot of veterans, so the league should be both strong and balanced."



Stevenson quarterback Mitchell White has a year under his belt as the starter.

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Warriors hungry to reverse last year's record

STAFF WRITER

If you're wearing a Lutheran Westland football jersey this fall, you'd better be prepared to go both ways.

The team's roster runs just 18 players deep, so coach Paul Guse will be relying on seven Warriors to pull double-duty.

As usual, if we're healthy, we'll be competitive," said Guse. "We've had so many nagging injuries in practice that I haven't had a chance to see the entire team perform as one. Hopefully, everybody is ready to go by the opener."

The Warriors' most-accomplished returner is junior offensive guard/linebacker Sam Ahlersmeyer (6-foot-1, 200 pounds), who led the Metro Conference in tackles as a sophomore. He'll be joined on the offensive line by senior center Jim Rockrohr (5-10, 170), senior guard Frankie Cain (5-11, 230), and senior tackles Dan Abbott (6-1, 230) and Troy Golze (6-2,220). Kevin Moody (5-10, 210) will provide offensive-line depth.

Leading LW's offensive skillposition contingent is first-year senior quarterback Billy Meier, a converted receiver. He'll be asked to fill the shoes of graduated signal-caller Josh Haller, who set 15 school records.

The Warriors' ground attack will be paced by senior Ryan Richter (5-10, 160), and juniors Stephen Kemp (5-10, 170) and Eric Shoats (5-6, 145). Providing backfield depth will be seniors Nick Yancy (5-10, 170) and Mike Greening (5-11, 180); and sophomore Ethan Haller (5-7, 160).

The Warriors' receiving unit will be led by seniors Kyle Kempf (6-0, 170), and Nate Moody (5-10,

The team's defensive depth chart almost mirrors that of the offense. Senior Nate Mizzi (5-7, 170) will anchor the defensive line from his nose guard position. Rockrohr, Golzy, Richter and Abbott will also man the defensive line.

Ahlersmeyer and Kemp will start at linebacker while Kempf and Bachert will start at cornerback. Shoates and Haller are the leading candidates for the two safety slots.



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Sam Ahlersmeyer (left) and Troy Golze are two key lineman for Lutheran Westland.

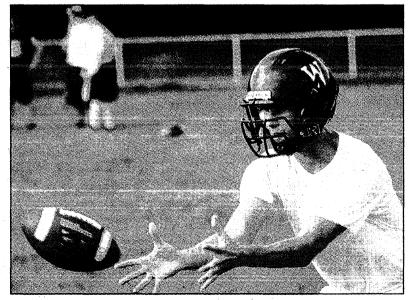
FAST FACTS

School: Lutheran	SCHEDU	LE	
Westland	Aug. 25	HARPER WOODS	1 p.m.
Head coach: Paul Guse,	Aug. 30	at Clarenceville	7 p.m.
sixth season	Sept. 7	AA GABRIEL RICHARD	1 p.m.
League: Metro	Sept. 14	at Riv. Gab. Richard	7 p.m.
Conference	Sept. 21	HAMTRAMCK	7:30 p.m.
2006 record: 3-6 (sev-	Sept. 29	CLAWSON	1 p.m.
enth in Metro)	Oct. 5	at Lutheran North	7:30 p.m.
Key returnees: Billy	Oct. 13	at Cranbrook	1 p.m.
Meier, Sr. QB; Sam	Oct. 20	LUTHERAN NW	1 p.m.
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Ryan Richter, Sr. RB;			and the second

Promising newcomers:

Ethan Haller, Soph. RB: Eric Shoates, Jr. RB:

Coach's quote: "As usual, if we're healthy, we'll be competitive," said Guse. "We've had so many nagging injuries in practice that I haven't had a chance to see the entire team perform as one. Hopefully, everybody is ready to go by the opener."



Nate Bachert will play tight end and cornerback for the Warriors.

Wildcats hungry to return to postseason action

STAFF WRITER

Last year's absence from the Division 1 playoffs didn't sit well with Plymouth's football team, so the players decided to take their frustrations out in the school's weight room during this past off-season.

"The effort I've seen from these kids since last season ended has been unbelievable," said first-year coach Mike Sawchuk, who is succeeding Jay Blaylock. "They want to get back to the playoffs (the Wildcats qualified in 2005 after going 7-2) and it has shown by the way they've worked in the weight room.

As of last week, the two leading candidates for the starting quarterback spot are senior Chris Stewart (6-foot-1, 185 pounds) and Matt Skubik (5-11, 170). The starting signalcaller will be handing off to a trio of backs that includes senior Myron Puryear (6-0, 180), senior Rico Tyus (5-11, 190) and junior

Terrance Guthridge, a 5-7, 165-pound junior.
The interior line will be anchored by starting center Spencer Tobin, a 5-9, 190-pound senior who will also start at strong safety on defense. Tobin will be flanked by senior guards Steve Betts (5-11, 215) and Anthony Pomerson (5-9, 230). Senior Corey Gomall (6-0, 230) has earned one of the starting tackle spots; the other was still up in the air as of last week. The Wildcats' top receiving threats are seniors Mike Hanchett (6-4, 185), Spencer Skotzke (5-10, 165) and Connor McKinney (5-11, 160)' and junior tight end Ronnie Goble (6-1, 205).

Goble will also start on the D-line, which will include fellow defensive end Sam Richards (a 6-2, 240-pound senior), Pomerson and senior Jackson Vaughn (6-0, 260). Plymouth's line-backing unit will consist of seniors Zeke Chapman (6-0, 190), Vince Darolfi (5-11, 200) and Aaron Uller (5-10, 185); and junior Connor Martin (5-11, 175).

Seniors Andy Price (a 6-1, 175-pound cornerback), Andrew Saunders (a 5-8, 160pound senior corner), Mike Rose (a 6-1, 175pound strong safety) and Kyle Wallath (a 6-1, 185-pound free safety) will man the defensive backfield.



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Plymouth senior Spencer Tobin will serve double-duty for the Wildcats as the center on offense and strong safety on defense.

FAST FACTS

School: Plymouth

Head coach: Mike Sawchuk, first year League: Western Lakes Activities Association (Western Division)

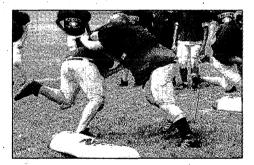
2006 record: 3-6

Key returners: Kyle Wallath, Sr. FS; Myron Puryear, Sr. RB, Rico Tyus, Sr. RB; Spencer Tobin, Sr. C/SS

Promising newcomers: Terrance Guthridge, Jr. RB; Matt Skubik, Jr. QB; Poufil Saati, Jr. OL; Coach's quote: "This will probably be the fastest and strongest team we've ever had at Plymouth. I keep a chart on the weightroom wall of the top 33 combined totals for bench, clean and squat, and the total of those 33 kids is the highest we've ever had."

SCHEDULE

Aug. 25 vs. Belleville (at EMU) 2:30 p.m. Aug. 30 SALEM 7:30 p.m. Sept. 7 WAYNE MEMORIAL 4:30 p.m. Sept. 14 at Canton 7 p.m. Sept. 21 at Franklin 7 p.m. Sept. 28 NORTHVILLE 7 p.m. Oct. 5 at W.L. Western 7 p.m. Oct. 12 WLAA CROSSOVER 7 p.m. Oct. 19 ROMULUS 7 p.m. **HOME GAMES ALL CAPS**



Plymouth's football team is pictured running through a blocking drill during a two-a-day practice last week.



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BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Members of this year's Canton football team have some big (and fast) shoes to fill, but they're embracing the challenge, according to head coach Tim Baechler.

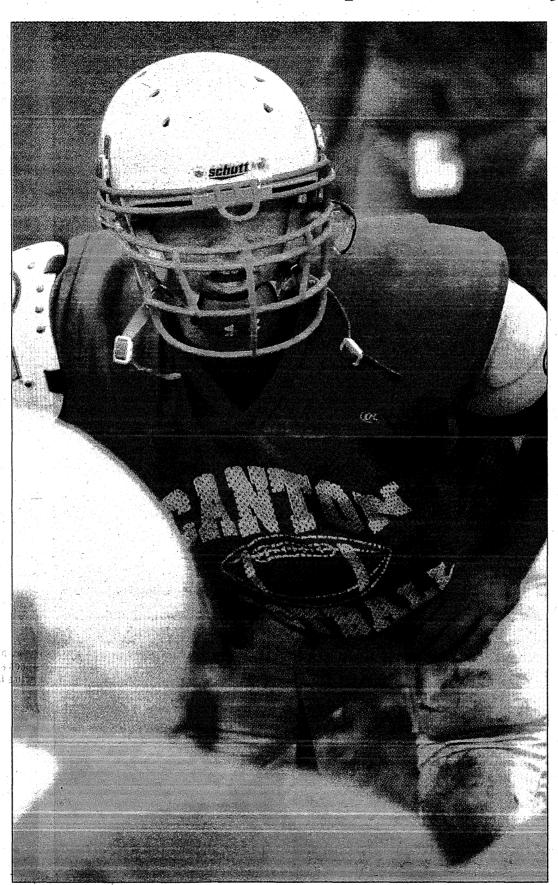
While only three starters return from last season's 12-1 squad, the roster is filled with players who have tasted deep playoff runs and, thus, strive to continue the trend.

Pacing the defense will be returning senior starters Dan Wanshon, a 5-foot-11, 205pound inside linebacker, and strong safety Adam Powers (5-10, 185), who is also in the running for the team's starting quarterback berth.

Seniors Rob Walker (6-1, 220) and Tevin Brooks (6-0, 210) will start at defensive tackle while senior Matt Barylski (5-10, 210) and junior Pat Madish (5-10, 180) are battling for the first-string nose guard position. Joining Wanshon at linebacker will be junior Bryan Gerst (6-0, 205) and Cam Phelps (6-2, 185). Senior Erik Wright (6-1, 180) and junior David Wilcox (5-10, 180) are battling for the final starting linebacker slot. The secondary will consist of cornerbacks Ryan Neu (a 5-9, 160-pound senior) and Jerome Scales, a 5-10, 175-pound junior; Powers and free safety Nick Sweda (5-10, 170).

Either Scales or Powers will engineer the Chiefs' potent full-house T offense. The team's talented stable of running backs includes senior Dalton Walser (5-10, 185), senior Tim Klott (5-10, 170), Sweda, Wilcox and 5-9, 205-pound senior fullback Jordan Raiford, who started four games last season. Senior Will Tidwell (6-4, 215) has earned one tight end spot. Tidwell's partner on the left side of the line will go to either junior Todd Turfe (6-1, 195) or sophomore Dakota Dark Bird (6-2, 200).

The interior line will include tackles Mac Ganzak (a 6-1, 230-pound senior) and junior Justin Sneddon (5-10, 215); senior guards Rodger Kropp (5-10, 180) and Justin Scott (5-11, 210); and senior center Sam Kokoszka (5-10, 210).



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Canton inside linebacker Dan Wanshon is one of just three returning starters for the Chiefs. Wanshon was a key member of last year's contingent that advanced to the Division 1 semifinals.

FAST FACTS

School: Plymouth Canton

Head coach: Tim Baechler, 10th year

League: Western Lakes Activities Association (Western Division)

2006 record: 12-1 (advanced to D-1 semifi-

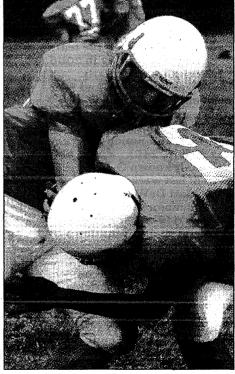
Key returners: Dan Wanshon, Sr. LB; Adam Powers, Sr. SS/QB; Dalton Walser, Sr. RB Promising newcomers: Jerome Scales, Jr.

QB/CB; Justin Sheddon, Jr. OL; Dakota Dark Bird, Soph. TE; Jason Hu, Jr. DL

Coach's quote: "We're very raw - this is probably the most inexperienced group I've had here at Canton, at least as far as the number of returning starters, but I'm having a blast coaching them because they have a great attitude, they do everything we ask of them and they want to be good."

SCHEDULE

Aug. 25	vs. Toledo CC (at EMU)	5 p.m.
Aug. 30	JOHN GLENN	4:30 p.m
Sept. 7	at Northville	7 p.m.
Sept. 14	PLYMOUTH	7 p.m.
Sept. 20	at W.L. Western	7 p.m.
Sept. 28	at Franklin	7 p.m.
0ct. 5	WAYNE MEMORIAL '	7 p.m.
Oct. 12	at WLAA crossover	7 p.m.
Oct. 19	at Salem	TBA
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Canton's Nick Sweda (left) and Satish Subramanian work on a tackling drill during a two-a-day practice last week.



















Teamwork key to potential Salem gridiron turnaround

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

There will be no "I" in TEAM when it comes to Salem's football squad this year -- and second-vear coach Parker Salowich couldn't be happier with that development.

"Last year, it seemed like we had too many kids playing for themselves and not the team," said Salowich, referring to the Rocks' winless campaign. "We had some kids who didn't buy into the coaching staff's 'teamfirst' philosophy. From what I've seen during the off-season workouts and in two-a-days so far, that philosophy has completely changed for the better.

"We only have 12 seniors this year, but it's a committed, dedicated group of seniors and the younger players are following their lead."

The 2007 Rocks promise to be entertaining to watch as they will employ a fourreceiver spread offense. The main cog in "Air Salowich" will be junior quarterback Heath Parling (6-foot-1, 180 pounds), who saw significant playing time as a sophomore in 2006. Junior Justin Bashi, last year's JV starter at QB, will back up Parling.

Junior Anthony Mullins (5-10, 180) will lead the Rocks' ground attack. He led the team in rushing and scoring in 2006. Salowich is particularly

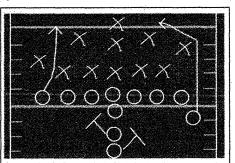
fired up about his tall and fast receiving corps, which will be led by seniors Jesse Pointer (6-3, 220) and Jeremy Epley (6-4, 185); and junior Courtney Frazier (6-6, 240).

The only known O-line starters as of last week were senior tackle Matt DeWater (6-2, 210) and junior tackle Andrew Grabowski (6-3, 250).

Several spots on the defensive side of the ball were also up for grabs as of last week. However, six seniors have already earned starting berths: defensive linemen Tom Engle (6-2, 225) and Corey Needham); linebackers Brandt Thomas (5-9, 210), Justin Bader (6-1, 230) and Justin Burke (5-10, 190); and defensive back Robert Moelich (6-1. 190), who will also serve as the team's place-kicker.



Salem junior quarterback Heath Parling should get plenty of opportunities to put the ball in the air thanks to the Rocks' new "spread" offense. Parling gained valuable experience at QB for the Rocks as a sophomore in 2006.



FAST FACTS

School: Plymouth Salem

Head coach: Parker Salowich, second year League: Western Lakes Activities Association (Lakes Division)

2006 record: 0-9

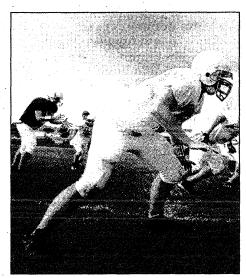
Key returners: Anthony Mullins, Jr. RB; Jeremy Epley, Sr. WR/LB; Jesse Pointer, Sr. WR; Brandt Thomas, Sr. LB; Heath Parling, Jr.

Promising newcomers: Robert Moelich, Sr. DB/K; Courtney Frazier, Jr. WR

Coach's quote: "We only have 12 seniors this year, but it's a committed, dedicated group of seniors and the younger players are following their lead."

SCHEDULE

Aug. 24 at Pinckney 7 p.m. Aug. 30 PLYMOUTH 7:30 p.m. Sept. 7 STEVENSON 7:30 p.m. Sept. 14 at Churchill 7 p.m. Sept. 20 W.L. CENTRAL 7 p.m. Sept. 29 W.L. NORTHERN 1 p.m. Oct. 5 at John Glenn 7 p.m. WLAA CROSSOVER Oct. 12 7 p.m. Oct. 19 CANTON TBA **HOME GAMES ALL CAPS**



Salem guarterback Heath Parling calls out the signals as the defensive and offensive linemen prepare to react during a Rocks' practice last week.

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Short-handed Spartans will do double duty

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

Looking out onto the football field during a recent practice, Redford Covenant head coach Darrin Blockett didn't see much activity.

With only 20 players on the squad, Blockett and his Spartan assistant coaches might find themselves feeling lonely on the sidelines during game days. But he expects good things out of the athletes who are in uniform.

"If we stay healthy, I think we'll do fine," Blockett said. "... We're going to have to play ironman football."

It doesn't hurt that three major pieces of the '06 offense are back, wide receivers Anthony Davis, Jamonne Chester and tailback Dominique Williams. Davis, the team's quarterback much of last year, and Chester bring speed and savvy and could routinely break off long runs after making receptions. They'll be the top targets of senior quarterback Tony Harrison, a strong-armed transfer from Detroit Mumford.

"He (Harrison) is fearless," Blockett said. "At his age, you don't see too many quarterbacks throw it to the middle of the field."

In the backfield will be Williams, who gained about 750 yards in '06 despite missing two games due to injury. The coach expects Williams to be most-effective in short-yardage situations.

Senior transfer Wayne Nichols is described by Blockett as "a speedster, a home-run hitter." He will also return punts and kickoffs.

Helping provide time and space for the offensive bulwarks will be junior all-conference guard Gary Coe, Jr. (5-9, 220), returning guard Justin Cain, tackle Johnathan Edwards and center Mal Porties, who started six games last year as a freshman. All four will see double-duty on defense

Speaking of defense, the Spartans will bank on another fine year from linebacker Greg Lowe, whose five interceptions last year led the squad. Davis, Chester and Nichols will spearhead the secondary, while Williams and Coe will help out Lowe at linebacker.



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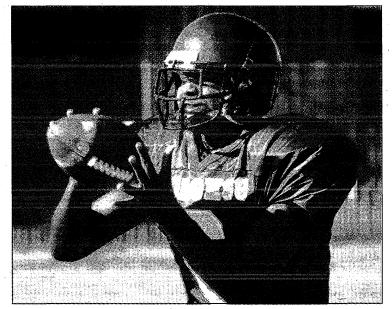
Redford Covenant head coach Darrin Blockett and players work hard on drills even as the sun starts to lower in the sky above them.

FAST FACTS	SCHEDU	LE	
School: Redford Covenant.	Aug. 24	UNIVERSITY PREP ACADEMY	4 p.m.
Head coach: Darrin Blockett,	Aug. 30	at Galesburg	7 p.m.
second season.	Sept. 8	OLD REDFORD ACADEMY	1 p.m.
League: Southern Michigan	Sept. 14	at Romulus Summit	7 p.m.
Conference.	Sept. 21	at Star International	4 p.m.
2006 record: 3-5.	Sept. 28	at Southfield Christian	7 p.m.
Key losses: Stephen Chester	0ct. 6	at Parkway Christian	7 p.m.
(lineman, second-team	Oct. 13	MT. ZION	1 p.m.
All-Area); Poncho Pittaway	Oct. 20	ECORSE	1 p.m.
(lineman); Donovan Crowell	HOME GA	MES ALL CAPS	
(fullback/linebacker).	Labore	이 발전병원 시나하후 다리 모임 다르고	

Returning starters: Anthony Davis, Sr. WR-DB (honorable mention All-Area); Jamonne Chester, Jr. WR-FS (honorable mention All-Area); Gary Coe, Jr. Jr. OG-LB; Dominique Williams, Soph., RB-LB; Justin Cain, Jr. OG-DT; Mal Porties, Soph. C-DL.

Promising newcomers: Tony Harrison, Sr. QB (transfer from Detroit Mumford); Wayne Nichols, Sr. RB-SS (transfer from Oak Park).

Coach's quote: "If we stay healthy, I think we'll do fine. That's because our numbers are lower than last year. ... We're going to have to play ironman football."



Multi-talented Jamonne Chester is back to hopefully lift Redford Covenant toward the top of the conference.

Young Eagles look for swift improvement

STAFF WRITER

Defensive strength up the middle also applies in football, and Redford Thurston varsity head football coach Bob Snell is hopeful that means his Eagles will improve on last year's 2-7 record in the Mega Blue.

"We think we're in pretty good shape there," said Snell about his core of tackle Ron Rice, linebackers Jarmel Bloodsaw and Michael Hines and "very good" free safety Jose McNeal.

The defense also will feature returning seniors Devin Lindsey and Mark Tucker at defensive end, junior Reece Boyd at outside linebacker, and defensive backs Kyle Crockett, Deon Freeman and Kyron Nelson. They will be tested immediately, with early season road games at Highland Park and Inkster.

Meanwhile, Thurston's offense figures to be steady, although Snell is still trying to iron out his complete lineup. He won't have Arron Payne and Brian Walker racking up the yardage, but instead will look for contributions from Bloodsaw at halfback. "Jarmel's very athletic, he's a big kid for that position and he can catch the ball."

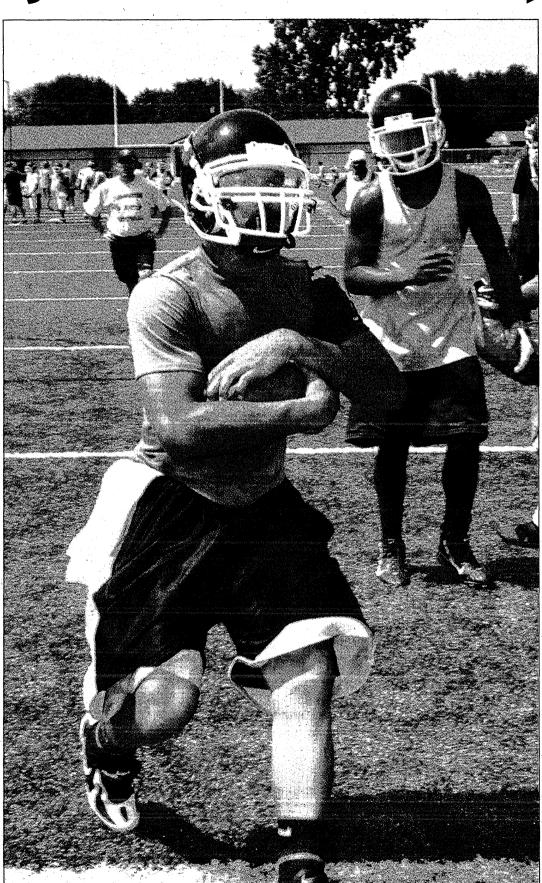
Also at halfback are De'Andre Alexander and Crockett, with Thurston to fill fullback duties "by committee" - McNeal, Hines, Bryton Richardson and Chris Turner.

Boyd and junior Ryan Smith are in the mix to play quarterback, with Boyd the No. 1 because of varsity experience. "Both are good ball-handlers and good decision-makers," Snell

They will throw toward a "nice target" in 6-4, 220-pound junior tight end Cameron Mitchell. There isn't a clear-cut favorite at split end yet, with contenders being junior Vanier Joseph, Freeman and Nelson.

The main guy up front will be 6-6, 270-pound Tucker, who Snell said is getting attention from Division 1 colleges. "He's 6-6 and he can move."

Junior Robert Tolentino (center), Lindsey and Redding (guard) and either senior Matt Ainsworth or junior Cary Ferrara will round out the rest of the O-



Senior halfback Jarmel Bloodsaw, shown demonstrating his speed and agility during workouts, probably is Redford Thurston's offensive go-to player this season.

FAST FACTS

School: Redford Thurston. Head coach: Bob Snell. 20th season. League: Mega Conference (Blue). 2006 record: 2-7.

Key losses: Arron Payne (first-team All-Area): Brian Walker (second-team All-Area); Jordan Stoll (honorable mention All-Area); Lantz Washington (honorable mention All-Area).

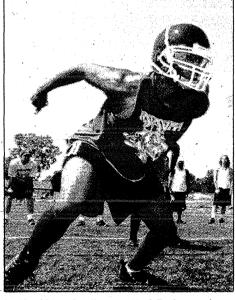
Returning starters: Jarmel Bloodsaw, Sr. LB-HB; Reece Boyd, Jr. QB-LB; Kyle Crockett, Sr. DB-HB: Michael Hines, Jr. LB-FB; Devin Lindsey, Sr. OL-DL; Jose McNeal, Jr. FB-S; Ron Rice, Sr., DT; Mark Tucker, Sr.,

Promising newcomers: Cameron Mitchell, Jr. TE; De'Andre Alexander, Jr. HB-LB; Deon Freeman, Jr. DB; Kyron Nelson, Jr. CB; Anthony Miller, Sr. DT.

Coach's quote: "I think the 2-7 (record) is somewhat misleading. We were not a good team at the beginning of the year, but we were very, very inexperienced. And as the season went on, we became a pretty good team."

SCHEDULE

Aug. 24	WARREN LINCOLN	7 p.m.
Aug. 30	at Highland Park	4 p.m.
Sept. 8	at Inkster	1 p.m.
Sept. 14	at Dearborn Edsel Ford	7 p.m.
Sept. 21	GARDEN CITY	7 p.m.
Sept. 28	at Ypsilanti	7 p.m.
0ct. 5	MELVINDALE	7 p.m.
Oct. 12	ROMULUS	7 p.m.
Oct. 19	REDFORD UNION	7 p.m.
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Redford Thurston lineman Mark Tucker works on his physical skills.



Panthers eager to tackle another playoff spot

BY TIM SMITH

Despite having inexperience to overcome at several key positions, Redford Union coach Miles Tomasaitis is convinced his Panthers will yet again be very competitive in 2007.

Whether or not that translates into a fourth consecutive playoff berth remains to be seen, but Tomasaitis can't wait for the football season to begin.

"It's a challenge," said Tomasaitis, asked about going after another postseason berth in the very tough Mega White. "Our first goal is to be league champions. We have the capability, we have the ability and it will be how quick we come together as a team and how quick our quarterbacks develop.

Three players vying for the top quarterback spot are senior Jim Cooke, a tight end in 2006, and juniors Eric Angsten and Julian Ravera (both on the JV last year).

"He (Cooke) worked pretty hard over the summer," the coach said. "He's very strong-armed and has decent accu-

Meanwhile, Angsten is showing himself to be a "capable leader" while Ravera is quick and has nice touch on throws.

Whoever wins the job will be protected by a line featuring seniors Derek Favaro, Ron Johnson II (a transfer from Southfield-Lathrup), Tim Curry, Dave Geiger, juniors Tony Iltis, Mike Bratcher and Matt Riley. Several will also see duty on the defensive line.

Expected to gain big chunks of yardage will be senior halfbacks Yourye Wilson and Ryan Cooper and promising junior fullback David Caloia - who hopefully will combine to help make up for the graduation of Dezmond Latham.

Among RU's receiving corps are sophomore Keith Mitchell and junior Quentin Peterson, with senior tight end Bruce

Rembert also a go-to guy.

The Panthers' defense will be athletic and deep, led by Cooke, Curry and Bratcher at linebacker and Yourye Wilson, Marshall, Peterson and senior Nick Wilson in the secondary.



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Redford Union players square off during practice drills as the Panthers work on preparations for Friday's season opener.

FAST FACTS

School: Redford Union. Head coach: Miles

Tomasaitis, seventh season. League: Mega Conference (White).

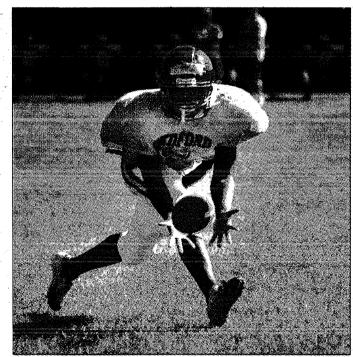
2006 record: 6-4. Key losses: Dezmond Latham (first-team All-Area): Robert Pennywitt (first-team All-Area); Isaac Burris (first-team All-Area);

Aug. 24 DEARBORN HEIGHTS CRESTWOOD 7 p.m. Aug. 30 at Wyandotte Roosevelt 7 p.m. Sept. 7 WOODHAVEN 7 p.m. Sept. 14 DEARBORN FORDSON 7 p.m. Sept. 21 GIBRALTAR CARLSON 7 p.m. Sept. 28 TRENTON 7 p.m. Oct. 5 at Taylor Kennedy 7 p.m. Oct. 12 at Lincoln Park 7 p.m. Oct. 19 at Redford Thurston 7 p.m. **HOME GAMES ALL CAPS**

Jason Matties (honorable mention All-Area); Rob Carmichael; Kevin Thomas (honorable mention All-Area); Alex Schwagle

Returning starters: Derek Favaro, Sr. OG-DE; Yourye Wilson, Sr. RB-LB (second-team All-Area); Mike Bratcher, Jr. OT-LB (honorable mention All-Area); Ryan Cooper, Sr. RB; Jim Cooke, Sr. LB; Bruce Rembert, Sr. TE; Tim Curry, Sr. OT-LB; Keith Marshall, Soph. DB; Promising newcomers: David Caloia, Jr. FB; Ron Johnson, Sr. C-DL (transfer from Southfield-Lathrup); Julian Ravera, Jr. QB; Eric Angsten, Jr. QB.

Coach's quote: "It's a challenge (to make the playoffs four years in a row). Our first goal is to be league champions. We have the capability, we have the ability. It will be how quick we come together as a team and how quick our quarterbacks develop."



One of Redford Union's offensive sparkplugs is senior RB Yourye Wilson.





Zebras need to cash in when opportunity arises

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Personnel-wise, the 2007 edition of the Wavne Memorial football team doesn't have a lot of question

But fifth-year coach Craig Hnatuk doesn't hesitate to talk about his concerns when quizzed about his team's outlook following a 5-4 season in

"We moved the ball on everybody pretty much last year, but we need to score for red zone purposes," Hnatuk said. "We've got to score when the time comes. Last year we either fumbled or made mistakes.

"Defensively, our secondary has got to be able to make plays and shut down opposing passing games. We cannot give

up the big play."
Optimism, however, is running high in Zebra-land with the return of D.J. Freeman, a 5-10, 185-pound senior quarterback.

"His arm strength is so much stronger than last year," Hnatuk said. "He's a threat to run or throw. He's reading coverages better. He's just so much more mature. He's a great leader with a great work ethic."

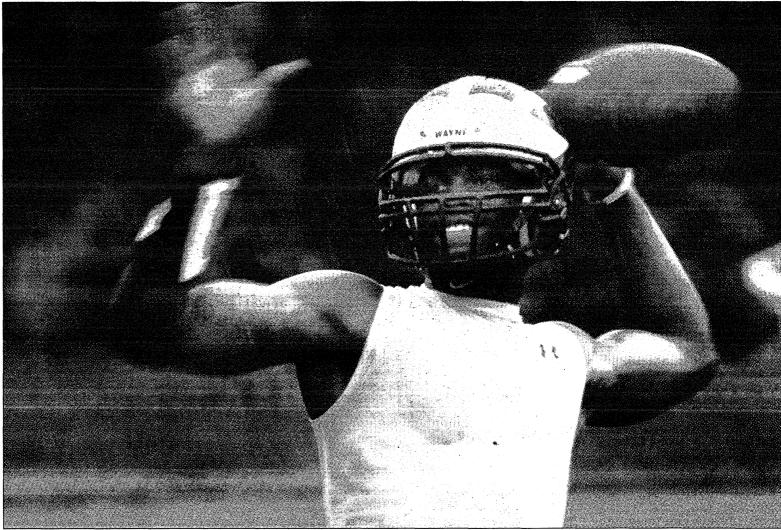
Meanwhile, younger brother Allan, a 5-9, 180-pound junior, rushed for 970 yards last season. Junior Antwain Calloway (5-11, 160) will be also threat at wide receiver.

"We have some outstanding skill players," Hnatuk said. Wayne's offensive line led by

right tackle Mike Davis (6-2, 270) and right guard Zak Kyle (6-2, 265), a pair of seniors who should create space and holes.

And speaking of defense, junior linebacker Alex Bledsoe (5-11, 190) leads the way. He is joined by seven returning starters - senior linebacker Josh Gonzales (6-0, 204), senior nose guard Dwayne Davenport (5-11, 215), senior lineman Nate Mosely (6-2, 265), Kyle, and junior safety Anthony Baskin (6-1, 190) and senior safety Eric Butler (6-0, 195).

"Alex (Bledsoe) is the leader of our defense," Hnatuk said. "He's old-school, he's tough. He's got a full year under his belt. Thank God we have him for two more years.'



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Wayne Memorial's D.J. Freeman is both a threat to pass or run as the Zebras hope to better last year's 5-4 record.

Aug. 24 at Jackson

Aug. 30 W.L. CENTRAL

Sept. 7 at Plymouth

Sept. 21 at Northville

Sept. 28 W.L. WESTERN

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at Canton

JOHN GLENN

at WLAA crossover 7 p.m.

Sept. 14 FRANKLIN

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Oct. 19

FAST FACTS

School: Wayne Memorial. Head coach: Craig Hnatuk, fifth season. League: Western Lakes Activities Association (Western Division). 2006 record: 5-4.

Key losses: Josh Perusse (first-team All-Area); Brad Leverenz (first-team All-Area); Josh Thayer.

Returning starters: D.J. Freeman, Sr. QB-K (second-team All-Area); Allan Freeman, Jr. RB-DB; Mike Davis, Sr. RT; Zak Kyle, Sr. RG-DL; Antwain Calloway, Jr. WR; Josh

Gonzales, Sr. OLB; Dwayne Davenport, Sr. NG; Alex Bledsoe, Jr. LB; Nate Mosely, Sr. DL; Anthony Baskin, Jr. S; Eric Butler, Sr. S.

Promising newcomers: Eric Williams, Jr. WR; C.J. Johnson, Jr. WR; Eric Story, Jr. LT; Jordan Dotter, Sr. C; Richard Haley, Jr. LB; Corey Campbell, Sr. CB; Ramsey Hart, Jr. P.

Coach's quote: "One of our strengths are our physical toughness. Our guys are sticking their nose in there. There's no fear. These guys love a physical brand of football. There are no 'gimmees' in our (Western) Division. It's as good as I've seen. We'll have to play our tails



Wayne's line play should be formidable once again following a 5-4 season.



Rockets believe time is now to reverse fortunes

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Two consecutive losing seasons obviously doesn't sit well with Westland John Glenn coach Todd DeLuca.

That hasn't happened in the fabled Glenn program since 1979-80 when the Rockets went 4-5 and 4-5.

"To be honest, back-to-back 3-6 seasons is a nightmare," the fourth-year coach said. "We're trying to improve our mental toughness to get back to where we were. I've pushed the envelope. With our conditioning, we've pushed them harder physically than any other team."

Glenn's offensive fortunes rest with speedy 6-foot, 176-pound senior quarterback Keshawn Martin, who moves over from wide receiver after starting the final game of the season.

Martin is complemented in the backfield by senior running back C.J. Woodford (5-10, 173). Meanwhile, senior Ryan Lopez (6-0, 200) moves from tight end to fullback.

The Rockets will run a spread formation on passing situations.

"We'll always be an I-formation team," DeLuca said. "But we'll go to the spread to when we throw the ball to create one-on-one situations."

The offensive line is keyed by senior left guard Greg Bevel (6-1, 210). Senior center Jon Gillis (6-3, 215) will also start.

"We have to be tough up, move people around and get our four yards," DeLuca said. "That's always a key for us. How our offensive line develops and the way we're able to handle defensive front will determine our success."

Lopez, a returnee at linebacker, spearheads the defense along with Martin and Woodford, two solid DBs.

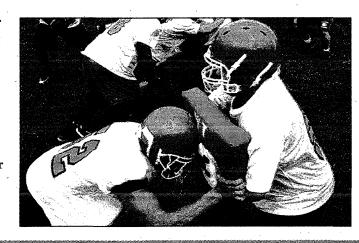
"Ryan is solid as a rock for us," DeLuca said. "

Senior Scott Brown (5-11, 180) will make an impact at outside linebacker, while senior Joey Kowtko (5-10, 210) can play inside. Twins John (6-4, 220) and James Abraham (6-4, 235) will anchor the defensive line, along with Sonak at nose guard.



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Glenn could have a potent backfield combination with quarterback Keshawn Martin (right) and running back Charles Woodford (left).



Glenn linemen use the pads during opening week of practice.

FAST FACTS

School: Westland John Glenn.

Head coach: Todd DeLuca, fourth
season.

League: Western Lakes Activities Association (Lakes Division). 2006 record: 3-6.

Key losses: Jerry Smith (first-team All-Area); Frank Toarmina (firstteam All-Area); Shawn Murphy (second-team All-Area); Ian Thornton, Antonio Smith, Nick Ajlouny, Ryan Wakeford, Andrew Hein.

Returning starters: Keshawn Martin, Sr. QB-DB; Charles Woodford, Sr. RB-DB; Ryan Lopez, Sr. FB-LB; Greg Bevel, Sr. LG; Victor Sanders, Sr. K-P-DB-WR.

Promising newcomers: Dazz Bragg, Jr. RB; Jon Gillis, Sr. C; Adam Sonak, Sr. TE-WR-NG; Scott Brown, Sr. OLB; John Abraham, Sr. DL; James ~ Abraham, Sr. DL; Joey Kowtko, Sr. ILB.

Coach's quote: "Last year we were one or two plays away from being a 6-3 or 7-2 team. Last year we were 11th or 12th in our league in points score. Defensivley we were the third-best team in the league in points against. I like the way our team has worked so far. They've bought into what we're doing."

SCHEDULE

Aug. 24	vs. Franklin (at EMU)	8 p.m.
Aug. 30	at Canton	7 p.m.
Sept. 7	W.L. NORTHERN	7 p.m.
Sept. 14	at Stevenson	7 p.m.
Sept. 21	at Churchill	7 p.m.
Sept. 28	at W.L. Central	7 p.m.
Oct. 5	SALEM	7 p.m.
Oct. 12	WLAA CROSSOVER	7 p.m.
Oct. 19	at Wayne	7 p.m.
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