

the days to come. "We made it work today, but I don't know about tomorrow," she said. "This is the biggest financial loss we've ever had. It just took my breath away."

sighed when she thought about

LaMontagne is the director of Community Work Opportunities, a nonprofit agency that transports physically and emotionally disabled individuals to their jobs or community activities. According to LaMontagne, they transport riders from all over Wayne County, including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, Westland and Redford.

The agency lost six of its 19 vans when a power line came down during a storm and set off a blaze Saturday afternoon at its Lilley Road office. No one was injured in the fire.

While five vans were destroyed, a sixth could be salvageable. Three of the vehicles had specialized equipment.

"We've tried to use humor to get through this but it's been



Livonia resident Melinda McMonagle opposes the war in Iraq.

Sending a message Protesters hope rally sways McCotter on Iraq

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

The concept of replacing retiring Superintendent Jim Ryan took a step closer to reality Tuesday when trustees on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education agreed to solicit proposals from five search firms, including two from Michigan, to help find Ryan's successor.

When the proposals are received, the board will schedule interviews with each of the firms. The chosen firm will then lead the search for Ryan's replacement. Ryan is scheduled to retire Feb. 28.



Board President Judy Mardigian said using a firm with national search experience is a critical part of the plan to replace Ryan. "It's very impor-

pretty emotional," LaMontagne said, adding that at least one rider was kept away from the agency's offices on Monday.

"That person (thrives) off of a routine so this might have been too much," she said.

The vans, which were still smoking hours after the fire had been extinguished, were used by 60 people at least five days a week.

The total program has more than 260 riders.

On Monday, CWO used temporary vans from its parent company, Quest Inc., and staff members drove riders around in their personal vehicles.

"We provided the services as best as we could," LaMontagne said, noting that it may cost as much as \$30,000 to replace each of the vehicles. "We're hoping

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Michelle McMonagle of Livonia carries a sign during an Iraq war vigil at Kellogg Park in Plymouth. The event "Take A Stand Day," sponsored by MoveOn.org, drew more than 80 people.

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, (R-Livonia), has been a staunch supporter of the war effort in Iraq.

On Tuesday night, more than 80 people, many of them local members of the liberal political action group MoveOn.org, staged a rally in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park hoping to convince him to change his mind.

The crowd observed a moment of silence for American soldiers killed in Iraq, and read the names of the more than 600 Americans killed in the war since Jan. 1.

"It's a religious and civil war, and we don't need to be there," said Canton resident Natalie Mosher, who organized the rally. "We're sending a message to (McCotter) we want our men and women to come home.'

According to Mosher, the Plymouth rally was part of a national effort by MoveOn.org to "raise awareness about

all the men and women we have lost." Organizers hoped the rallies, planned for before Congress goes back into session, would convince representatives to cut off funding and set a timetable for bringing the American military home.

Based on his feelings for the war, Mosher knows McCotter could be a tough sell. But she believes he should listen to his district.

"(McCotter) supports the war, so obviously we're not on the same page," she said. "But if he would listen to his constituents, people are not supportive."

According to Mosher, some 37 people registered on the group's Web site. But when the rally started, more than double that number had turned out.

And those who were there believe McCotter could soon start feeling pressure to alter his position.

"I think (McCotter) is feeling some heat right now," said Scott Craig,

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tant," Mardigian Ryan said. "We heard that reinforced by dis-

tricts that are similar in size to us. We're at that tier now where we need a firm that can help us recruit, not just put out a posting."

Originally, the plan was to solicit proposals from two Michigan firms - Michigan Association of School Boards of Lansing and Michigan Leadership Institute in Old Mission - and a third, national firm.

But as Mardigian's search subcommittee began looking at firms, they found others they liked. The committee added three out-of-state firms: Goens/ Esparo LLC of West Hartford, Conn.; Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates LTD of Glenview Ill.; and PROACT Search out of Milwaukee, Wis.

The school board will review proposals at its Sept. 10 meeting, and from there schedule interviews with the firms.

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Crews put finishing touches on new tower

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

While not everything in the process has gone particularly smoothly, contractors still are on schedule to have Plymouth Township's new water tower operational and providing improved water pressure to the western end of the township by mid-October.

Crews have been at the tower, located on 1.18 acres of land at what was the Western Wayne Correctional Facility, given to the township under a law passed last year that gave the land, owned by the state, to the township for \$1.

"They're in the painting phase," township engineer Michael Bailey said. "They're doing surface preparation, those areas will be primed, then the whole tank gets painted, inside and out."

After that, Bailey said, final electrical work can be completed, including a light atop the tower, interior lighting, etc.

The painting was supposed to have been done by the end of August, but that won't happen, Bailey said.

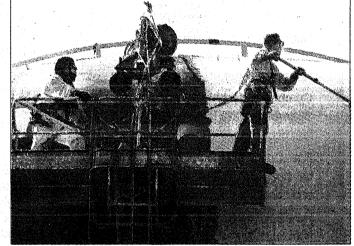
The tank was supposed to be substantially completed by the end of August, but we'll probably be about 10 days behind that," Bailey said.

Once that work is done the next step, according to Bailey, will be chlorination and then putting the million-gallon tank in service, which Bailey said will probably occur "the second or third week in October."

The second tower is designed to complement the existing tower near the Lake Pointe subdivision and would provide better water pressure to the western side of the township, where residents have for years complained about the pressure.

The land, near Five Mile and Beck, includes the highest point in Plymouth Township, and is thought by township officials to be ideal for a tower site.

"It provides an excellent location on high ground for the township's second water tower," township Supervisor Richard Reaume said. "It will allow the township to buy water from (Detroit) at off-peak hours and then provide that water to its residents during peak demand times, thus lowering the overall cost of water."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Painters work near the top of the new water tower, located near 5 Mile and Beck and expected to serve the western end of Plymouth Township.



A chance to lead

Former P-C teacher takes over South Redford elementary

BY REBECCA JONES STAFF WRITER

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Deborah Greenwood said South Redford Schools has a good reputation, which is why she did the "happy dance" when she heard she got the job as new principal of Jefferson Elementary.

"Throughout my career, I've always heard that South Redford does whatever it takes to help kids learn," said Greenwood, a graduate of Stevenson High School in Livonia who started her career teaching in the Plymouth-Canton district.

Calling the district, "small, but mighty," Greenwood said she is looking forward to the atmosphere of strong collegial teamwork and she's excited to work with the "dynamic, energetic" Jefferson Parent Teacher Organization.

As for the Jefferson staff, she said, "I'm so impressed with their talents and abilities."

As a new initiative this year, South Redford elementary schools will be instituting "positive behavior support," which focuses on using a positive approach to problem solving and helping students learn how to make positive choices.

Greenwood, an Auburn Hills resident, comes to the district from Holly Area Schools. In 30 years as an educator,

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TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Deborah Greenwood, new principal at Jefferson Elementary School, helps first grade teacher Kellee Gourlay, right, get her room ready for the beginning of school.

she has worked as a teacher, administrator and principal. She most recently worked as a kindergarten teacher in Holly after being laid off from the principal's job for budget reasons. She said the experience was insightful.

After spending many years in administration, going back to a classroom "takes you back to your roots."

Greenwood, who earned her degree at Michigan State University, is married with three daughters. Two are graduates of MSU and the youngest just started there as a freshman. She said her family is close knit and everyone was supportive during her summer of interviews.

A team conducted four interviews in a little more than one week, and each candidate had to submit a writing sample.

"The interview process was very intense," she said. "Then you're just waiting and waiting and waiting."

When the good news came,

Greenwood said, "You try to be professional, but I squealed a little."

Those who haven't had a chance to meet Greenwood can head up to Jefferson from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday for "Popsicles on the Playground."

A kindergarten open house will also take place at 5 p.m. and all students can also check out the class lists to find out who their teachers will be for the coming year.

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Absopure helps whet festival's jazz appetite

In 1908, when Absopure was born to humble beginnings in Detroit, the company always held that quality would come first.

Fast forward to the early 1990s, when the Young family, owners of the company, joined forces with Robert McCabe of Detroit Renaissance to demonstrate their support of the Detroit International Jazz Festival as an economic engine and significant cultural event in Detroit.

Today, Plymouth-based Absopure is on the eve of its 100th anniversary as a successful national business, and its 14th year as a key sponsor of America's largest free jazz festival, which brings an estimated million people, 26 percent from outstate and out-of-state, to Detroit each year.

The event takes place Friday-Monday in downtown Detroit.

Absopure is one of many sponsors who help bring hundreds of artists to Detroit to perform on Hart Plaza, Woodward Avenue and Campus Martius each year. They are joined by several other "Made in Michigan" companies including Mack Avenue Records of Harper Woods, Carhartt Clothing Company of Dearborn, Motor City Casino Hotel of Detroit, Art Van Furniture and Big Boy of Warren, Greektown Casino, Compuware, Detroit Receiving Hospital, Wayne State University, DTE Energy, Hour Detroit Magazine, Hammell Music, Detroit Media Partnership and Honors of Royal Oak. Third-generation

Absopure owner William Patrick Young grew up with Jazz Fest and has been a champion of it, both personally and professionally.

"I was raised on jazz and now my children are being raised on jazz," Young said. "It is a real tradition in my family. As an American company based in Michigan, we recognize the importance of supporting this American art form and matching our quality product with this high caliber event in Detroit."

Perhaps it is not by accident that water has become a major theme for sponsors this year. Art Van has incorporated it into its inaugural sponsorship of Jazz Fest.

"Art Van will feature the **Grand Shores Collection** at the Jazz Festival, and when you purchase anything from this collection, a portion of the proceeds goes to the Water **Quality Protection Fund** of Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality," said Debra Colon, Special Events Director for Art Van Furniture. Michigan based companies are joined by others including Chase, now in its third year sponsorship of the Main Stage at Campus Martius; MGM Grand Detroit Casino, hosts of corporate hospitality at the Amphitheatre; and others including Budweiser, Future Brands, Starbucks Coffee Company, Glaxo Smith Kline, Johnson & Johnson, Pepsi, Comcast and Fox 2.

For more information on the Detroit International Jazz Festival, visit www. detroitjazzfest.com.



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Library closing

The Plymouth District Library will be closed on Sunday and Monday, Sept. 2-3 for the Labor Day holiday. Library users can still return materials by using the drivethrough drop box.

Beautification awards

Nominations are being sought for the Chamber's **Annual Business** Beautification Awards.

For the past 10 years, the chamber has presented Beautification Awards to acknowledge those businesses who strive to make the Plymouth Community a more beautiful place to do business. Winners have included every type of business, from small retail to larger corporate companies.

Nominations are eligible in three exterior categories: renovation, landscaping and new construction. Nominated businesses must be located in the City or Township of Plymouth.

Nominations must be done in writing by Sept. 20 and mailed to the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI 48170, faxed to (734) 453-1724 or e-mailed to chamber@plymouthmi.org

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

Baseball legacy

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging presents 'Coffee with a Baseball Legacy" featuring former major league baseball player Tom Paciorek 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 8 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, in Plymouth.

Emcee Raymond Rolak and Paciorek, now a motivational speaker, will deliver a lively afternoon of hijinks, motivation and tales of perseverance. Paciorek's career spanned 18 seasons as an outfielder for the Los Angeles Dodgers, Chicago White Sox and others. After his playing days, he got into broadcasting, and broadcast Detroit Tigers' games from 2001-2003. Most recently, Paciorek called games for the Washington Nationals.

Tickets are \$2 each or \$15 to reserve a table for eight, can can be purchased at the PCCA 201 S. Main (in the city hall building). A "coffee and sweet table" will be served, and the event features two baseball

mail Beckridgechorale@aol. com, or visit the group's Web site at www.plycommunitychorus.org

Ladies' Night Out

Ladies are invited to attend the fourth-annual Ladies Night Out Plymouth Style 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13.

The evening, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, is designed as a night for the ladies to do some shopping and get pampered while enjoying an evening out on the town.

Participants can visit the participating stores and enjoy unique refreshments, enter to win gift baskets, receive free giveaways, and be papered with mini-makeovers, hand treatments and massages. In addition, some participants will offer special discounts on in-store merchandise.

Participating stores this year include B.E. Unique Co., Clearly You, Dearborn Jewelers, Delta Diamond Setters & Jewelers, Eclectic Home, Gabriala's, Gigi's Mode, Hands on Leather, Haven, Lynn's Corner Shoppe, Maggie & Me, Merle Norman, Michigan Made & More, Native West, Nature's Choice, Penn Theatre, sideways, Spa Julianna, That's Awesome, TranquiliTea, Vanity Salon, Village Shopkeeper and others. Maps will be available that evening to identify all participating businesses.

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

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.

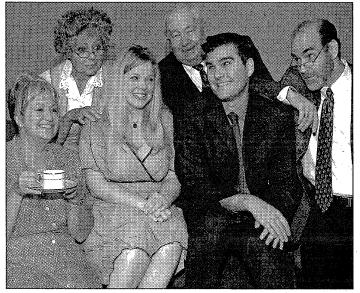
Parking is available in the Bosch Corp., parking lot adjacent to the festival, please use the Haggerty Road entrance.

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

Walking tour

Join the Plymouth Historical Museum and the Plymouth Preservation Network for an historical walking tour of Riverside Cemetery 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 29. Sanford Burr, Plymouth Historical Society president, guides participants through Riverside Cemetery, the public cemetery in Plymouth. Sanford will recount stories of the lives of those buried in the cemetery. Rain date September 30. Tickets are \$10 per person; limit of 25 people on tour. Tickets available at the Plymouth Historical Museum or through PayPal on the museum's web site at www.plymouthhistory. org/walkingtours.html

PLYMOUTH PIPELINE



Hitting the stage

Cast members Mary Ann Tweedie (Novi), Cynthia Tupper (Farmington Hills), Kristi Walter (Canton), Edward Hiebendahl (Farmington Hills), Michael E. Simms (Clawson) and Barry Cutler (Ferndale) ham it up during preparation for "Over the River and Through the Woods," the first show of the season for the Farmington Players. The show runs Sept. 14 to Oct. 6 at the Farmington Players Barn Theater is located on the north side of 12 Mile Road, halfway between Orchard Lake and Farmington Roads. Tickets can be purchased on the group's Web site at www.farmingtonplayers.org or by calling (248) 553-2955.

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.

Wedding workshop

A wedding workshop, designed to couples-to-be can enjoy a stress-free and costeffective wedding by spending just 90 minutes with a variety of experts, has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, at the Meeting House Grand Ballroom in downtown Plymouth.

The workshop is arranged like speed dating, or musical chairs, but it's all about meeting wedding experts who can help couples plan the event of a lifetime. The panel of experts include: Photography, Florist, D.J., Videography, Invitations, Honeymoon Travel, Bridal Accessories, Chair Covers, Cakes, Decorating, Catering, Reception Halls, and Engraving.

The wedding experts not only will offer tips on how to better plan and prepare for the wedding but also will give advice on how to save money and reduce expenses. Organizers stress the panelists are not there to sell products or services

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 horses.

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

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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.

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, first-served 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.

Creative writing

Life and Writing Coach Jane Saylor offers creative writing classes that will help students enjoy writing more, feel more confident with their writing on a personal and business level, challenge themselves to learn, never be staring at a blank page and learn about themselves in a very unique way

Saylor teaches with oneto-one, individual attention, in classes set up according to the student's schedule, and provides a new perspective on writing.

Saylor coaches in writing the same way she coaches in life, with the focus on the individual as an entire being, including physical, intellectual, emotional and spiritual. Classes are fun and always upbeat.

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

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

YMCA board

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

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

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

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

BeckRidge Chorale news

■ The BeckRidge Chorale is holding auditions for its upcoming season. Auditions will be by appointment only.

To schedule an appointment or for more information contact (734) 416-9885, e-mail Beckridgechorale@aol.com, or visit the group's Web site at www.plycommunitychorus.org

■ The BeckRidge Chorale continues to honor its commitment to vocal music by offering scholarships to college and high school students, age 16 and over, interested in vocal performance.

Scholarship winners must agree to participate as a member in good standing, of the BeckRidge Chorale for the Fall/Winter 2007-2008 Season.

For more information or to schedule an audition appointment call (734) 416-9885, e-

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

The workshop is free of charge to those who make reservations in advance; tickets will cost \$10 at the door. To make a reservation or for more information, call (734) 453-8872.

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







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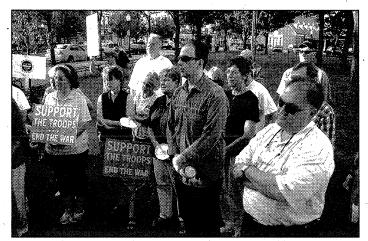
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The vigil drew more than 80 people on a warm late-summer evening.

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president of the Northville Democrat Club, who was in Kellogg Park Tuesday night. "Some other key Republicans have turned against the war. Congress has the ability to cut the funding and set a timetable for getting out, which is what we'd like to see."

The crowd was made up largely of Baby Boomers, a fact not lost on those who were there. One woman said she noticed the majority of

the people in attendance were close to her age, and she thinks she knows why.

"I kept thinking, Where are the young people?" said Plymouth resident Paula Bowman. "They're not here because there's no draft. It's not affecting them personally."

That lack of impact and awareness is something everyone should take note, Mosher said

"We really need to be involved in this community," Mosher said. "People need to become educated."

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and praying we can salvage the sixth one because we don't have the money." The agency is accepting

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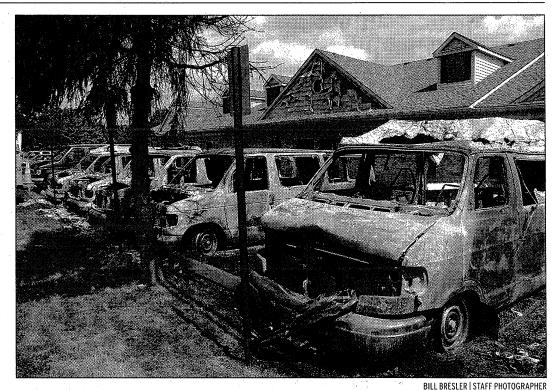
While one portion of the down power line lit the vans on fire, another wire landed on the roof of a nearby office building and caused damage. Canton Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher said the rooftop fire extinguished itself. CWO's offices sustained

cosmetic heat damage from the blaze.

Although fire trucks arrived at the office just moments after a 9-1-1 call was placed, Rorabacher said the crew had to wait more than an hour for DTE Energy representatives to get to the scene and cut the active wires.

"By that time, there wasn't much left to burn." Rorabacher said.

According to its Web site. Quest, which also offers a



A total of six passenger vans were destroyed in the Saturday afternoon blaze, which was caused by a downed power line.

residential program, "provides support services for persons with special needs to promote inclusion, maximize independence and improve quality of life." To make a donation to CWO.

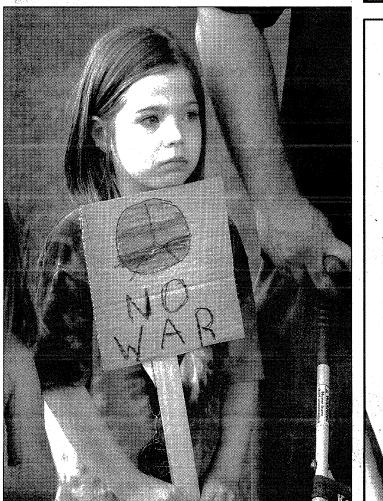
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Six-year-old Catherine Campbell attended the vigil with her dad and mom, Jeff and Heidi Campbell, sister Annie, 4, and 3-month-old brother Will. The Campbell family lives in Plymouth.



Another part of the plan, according to Mardigian, is to get the community involved. The board is expected to begin making presentations to the community as early as this month, and whichever search firm gets the job is expected to conduct community forums to collect public input on the qualities desired in a new superintendent.

We have to get the community revved up and engaged," Mardigian said.

Board members expect the position to be posted in January, and hope to have Ryan's replacement signed to a contract by the end of March. According to Ryan, that timing is critical, because that's when candidates will be seeking to

move on. "The goal is to start interviewing in March, because that's when people start looking," Ryan said. "They're doing

all the work up front." The new superintendent is expected to begin work July 1. In the interim, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services Ken Jacobs is expected to serve as superintendent pro tem.

Although Ryan got the job as an internal promotion when he took over for Kathleen Booher in 2002, he said it's unlikely the next superintendent will come from within.

"There have been no identifiable (internal) candidates," Ryan said. "If the board can't find someone in the search, they could look inside. Right now, the board is committed to the search."

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Plymouth man honored for lifetime achievement

Plymouth resident Bob Mundt, Sr., area franchisee for The UPS Store, was recently recognized with a "Lifetime Achievement Award" by franchisor Mail Boxes Etc., Inc. Mundt received this presti-

gious award at the company's global convention.

As an area franchisee of nearly 100 The UPS Store locations in the state of Michigan, Mundt has distinguished himself as a leader in the industry. His career with MBE spans 18 years, many of which have been spent giving back to the network through his involvement on several franchise committees, MBE officials said.

"Bob has served whenever asked with humility and dignity," said MBE President Stuart Mathis. "His contributions to our network are legendary."

Mundt has been previously recognized for his outstanding achievement and leadership within the franchise network, having received the "Domestic PACE Award" in 1999 and the "Area Franchisee of the Year Award" in 2001. With the "Lifetime Achievement Award," cially the outstanding center



Bob Mundt, Sr. (holding award), poses with (from left) Stuart Mathis, president, Mail Boxes Etc., Inc.; Bob Mundt, Jr.; Bob Mundt Sr.; Peter Mundt; Vern Higberg, UPS vice president, Corporate Strategy, after winning the Lifetime Achievement Award from Mail Boxes Etc.

he now joins only three others who have received this honorable distinction since the company's founding in 1980.

"I have really enjoyed working with all the people in The UPS Store network but espe-

owners in the Michigan area," said Mundt. By the end of the year, Mundt

will be retiring as an area franchisee. He will be handing the business over to his sons, Bob Mundt Jr. and Peter Mundt, who have worked alongside

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their dad for the past 15 years. Young poet wins honor

Nathan Wilson, a sixthgrader at Our Lady of Good

Counsel School, has been named a winner in a poetry contest sponsored by **Creative Com**munication, Inc.

Nathan's poem was cho-

sen from among thousands of entries as one of the top 10 in his grade division.

Wilson

Winners in the contest, open to students kindergarten-12th grade, are receiving special recognition in the poetry anthology "A Celebration of Young Poets."

Each top ten winner receives a complimentary copy of the anthology and a \$50 savings bond. Poems are selected for their literary merit, creativity, and social significance.



The New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville and Plymouth Township's St. John's Golf & Conference Center are teaming up to try and raise \$25,000 with the ninth annual "Good Grief" golf outing.

New Hope Center tees it up to fund programs

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

The New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville offers a variety of grief support groups and workshops, including a support group for kids at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth Township.

In order to continue offering these groups free of charge, center staffers know they have to count on the generosity of local businesses and residents for funding. And so far, the help has always been there. That's why Cathy Clough,

the executive director and Plymouth resident, is confident next week's ninth-annual "Good Grief" golf outing, New Hope's largest fund-raiser of the year. A holiday event generally raises some \$7,000-\$10,000, and the first "Hike for Hope" at Northville's Maybury State Park in May raised about \$7,000.

"It's an extremely important event for us," Clough said of the golf outing, which last year raised some \$22,000. "It's what allows us to offer all the free support groups and workshops that we do, not only in Plymouth, but the surrounding communities and around southeast Michigan."

This year's event takes place

Saturday, Sept. 8, with a 10 a.m. shotgun start at St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth Township. The cost for this four-person scramble, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, dinner, contests and prizes, is \$125 per golfer (dinner-only tickets cost \$35).

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The event also features live and silent auctions, with items such as use of an RV for a fourday weekend and a week-long stay at a Florida condo among the items up for bid.

Clough hopes the event draws the maximum 144 golfers (at press time, slightly more than 100 had signed up), and set a goal of \$25,000. While the ticket price is responsible for some of the money raised, New Hope also counts on business sponsorships, which she said are slightly down this year.

'We obviously would like to have a few more golfers, and we also need business sponsorships," Clough said. "We're down on those a little this year, and I know it's because of the economy.

"Everything we do we do for free, so we have to raise money in order to keep doing it," she added. "The only way we do that is through fund-raising and through individual business sponsorships.





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Party whets students' appetite for new year

BY REBECCA JONES STAFF WRITER

With the start of classes just days away, thousands of students can't get enough of a fictitious high school where everyone sings catchy tunes and shuns stereotypes.

At Laurel Park Place on Tuesday, Livonia Public Schools celebrated the dawning of the new school year with a "High School Musical" party theme.

Drew Seeley, a singer from the original Disney movie, made a guest appearance and signed autographs. Students also took their turn at the mike, singing karaoke numbers from the movie.

Creative and Performing Arts students performed the musical this winter.

Brittany Harris, a junior who played one of the Wildcat cheerleaders, and castmates Sarah Babinski, Madelyn Prebola and John Argue couldn't help but dance along to songs they knew so well.

"I think it's a good way to get people involved," Harris said of LPS' welcome back party. "It's going to be a good year."

Students from high school to preschool, and from cities like Novi, Taylor and Dearborn joined in the fun. Activities included dance instruction, face painting and double-Dutch jump roping.

It wasn't the first "High School Musical" party Jessica and Jenna Smith of Livonia have been to this summer. When "High School Musical 2"



Dancers show the crowd moves from "High School Musical 2."

played on TV a few weeks ago, the sisters had friends over.

On Tuesday, they stood in line with Jessica and Emily Wagner from Coolidge Elementary to have a caricature artist draw their pictures.

Between 5,000 and 7,000 people showed up for the event, said Patrick Derrig, the mall's marketing director.

Many of them dressed for the occasion.

Kennedy Elementary second-grader Kylie Vinitski wore a shirt that said "I (heart) Troy," referring to the character Troy Bolton. She picked up the shirt at the stage version of "High School Musical" with her mom and sister.

"High School Musical" on ice is in the works.

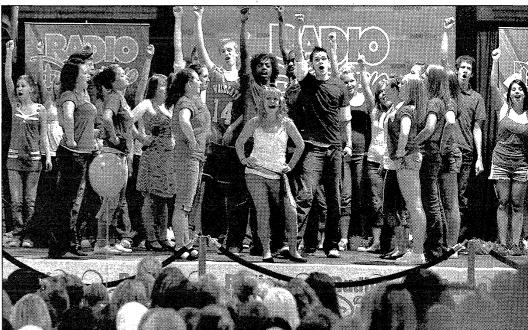
"I want there to be a 'High School Musical 3," said Taylor resident Baylie Kirk, a thirdgrader who wore a shirt with Seeley's picture on it that she

picked up at the "High School Musical" concert in January. Having met the actor face-to-

face, Kirk confirmed that he is cute. Frost Middle School eighth-

grader Chad Maura sang karaoke to "Getcha Head in the Game." He's "kind of" excited for the start of the school year.

"My friends – I want to see them again," he said. "I have a new locker. I have speech and drama this year, so I'm kind of



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A packed crowd at Laurel Park Place watches "High School Musical" performances during the Livonia Public Schools back to school party Tuesday.

excited." Maura wants to be a singer and actor himself and is considering getting involved in the CAPA program when he gets to

high school. Donna McDowell, the district administrator who helped organize the event, said it was

a success "It's so fun because

people before the school year began."

everyone had a chance to see

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CROP walkers hope to top last year's numbers

> **BY BRAD KADRICH** STAFF WRITER

Organizers of the 2007 Plymouth-Canton CROP Hunger Walk are hoping to nearly double the number of walkers and amount of money they raised a year ago to help the Plymouth Salvation Army.

A year ago, 57 walkers raised me \$6,600 in the Plymouth-Canton Hunger Walk. Officials this year are aiming for 120 walkers and \$12,000 in donations designed to stop hunger both in the local community and around the world. A portion of the funds raised here will benefit the Plymouth Salvation Army, which serves Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville. The 2007 walk is set for Oct. 7, starting at St. John's Episcopal Church on Sheldon in Plymouth Township. Registration starts at 1:30 p.m., with the walk starting at 2 p.m. Walkers can do either of two routes: a two-mile route and a four-mile route. Both routes will wind through the neighborhoods of Plymouth, through the downtown area and back to St. John's. Walkers raise money through pledges or their own donations. Organizers hope

walkers will raise an average of some \$100 apiece.

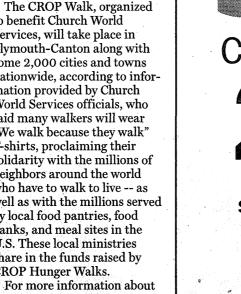
"We're optimistic," said Bill Brave, a member at St. John's who has organized the local walk the last two years. "We have some other churches involved this year, to we're hoping to get more walkers. Everyone is welcome, even if you haven't gotten pledges you can sign up to walk that day The CROP Walk, organized to benefit Church World Services, will take place in Plymouth-Canton along with some 2,000 cities and towns nationwide, according to information provided by Church World Services officials, who said many walkers will wear "We walk because they walk" T-shirts, proclaiming their solidarity with the millions of neighbors around the world who have to walk to live -- as well as with the millions served by local food pantries, food banks, and meal sites in the U.S. These local ministries share in the funds raised by **CROP Hunger Walks.**

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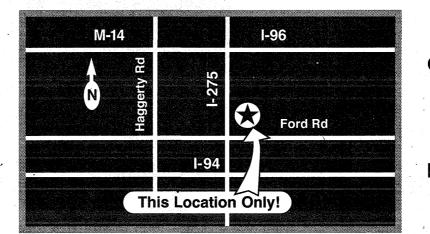






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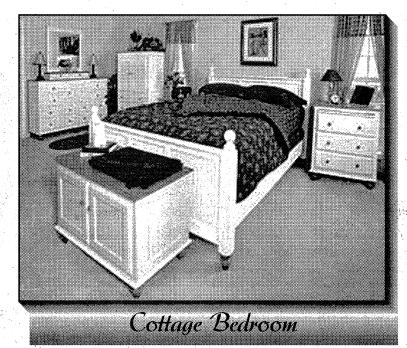
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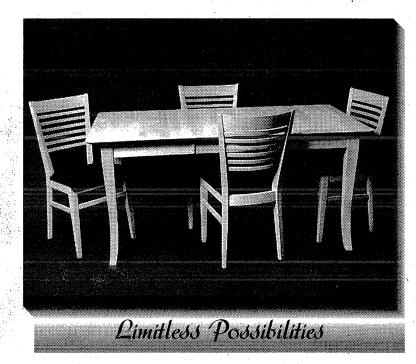


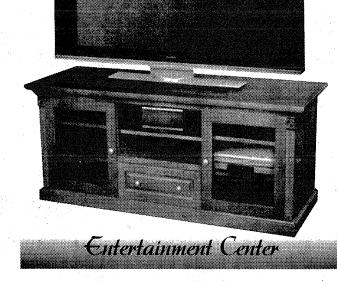
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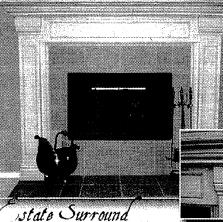






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State's job losses dampen Labor Day

Thousands of Michiganders will break out their walking shoes Monday and follow the governor across the Mackinac Bridge. Typically, between 50,000 and 65,000 people take part in the annual Labor Day event, where participants walk across the five-mile span that connects Michigan's two peninsulas.

The Mackinac Bridge Walk, which has taken place on Labor Day since 1958, is a distinctive Michigan tradition that offers a unique perspective of our state. There may be no other view in Michigan as grand as the one from atop the bridge, looking out across beautiful Lakes Huron and Michigan, with Mackinac Island dominating the eastern horizon.

But it won't just be the majestic view the governor and the rest of the participants will be there to celebrate. They will also recognize the importance of Labor Day, which in Michigan has always been a big deal because of the state's long history of organized labor. In fact, the national holiday, which dates back to 1882, has generally been associated with unions and "Big Labor."

These are not the best of times for organized labor. In this climate of outsourcing and consolidation, Michigan has been shedding manufacturing jobs at an alarming rate. But it isn't just factory jobs we are losing.

Recent numbers released by the Department of Labor and Economic Growth indicate the state has lost 9 percent of its total jobs since June 2000. Manufacturing jobs account for more than half of the total — nearly 300,000 lost jobs since 2000, which is a staggering statistic.

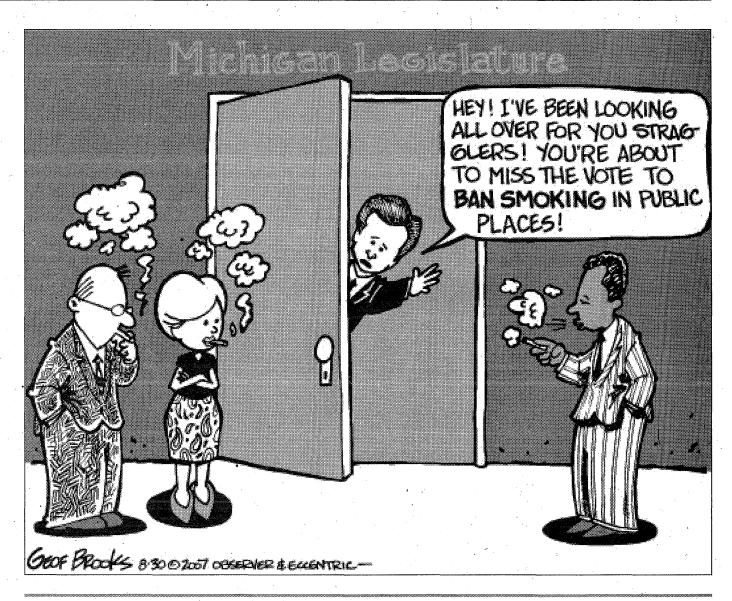
Losing these jobs, which provided the backbone of middle class for generations, has had a trickle-down effect, and other sectors of the job market have also been impacted, including plenty of white-collar positions. In fact, the total number of people working in Michigan is now only about 4.2 million — the lowest total since July 1995, according to the Senate Fiscal Agency. The state has experienced six consecutive years of job loss, a trend that is expected to continue through 2007.

And these job losses have impacted everything from public school funding to the real estate market — Michigan is now one of the leading states in home foreclosures.

Despite this grim reality, politicians in Lansing have continued their partisan bickering and sniping. That's the last thing we can afford at a time when we need a cohesive economic strategy to stem the tide of job loss, and actually attract new employers to our state — something Democrat and Republican leaders both say is important.

Well, talk is cheap. At some point, lawmakers need to find some kind of consensus and actually get something done. Step up and walk the walk. Perhaps they will be inspired by the thousands who Monday will make their way across the Mackinac Bridge.

Michigan should join



Public safety questions

Recently an article ("Adding fuel to the fire," Thursday, Aug. 16) had some statements that need to be addressed by the Plymouth Community Fire Fighters.

First of all, we are opposed to any attempt to develop any public safety department that would utilize employees as both police and fire. Recognizing that there are financial concerns that must be addressed, any discussion must realize that the public's safety must be prioritized

Plymouth Police Chief Wayne Carroll's statement that "It didn't help in finding out fire stations were being closed for parties, and the (fire) chief telling us there was no loyalty to the city and couldn't get guys to come to work" is patently false, misleading and insulting.

The Plymouth Community Fire Fighters step up constantly on their days off to maintain the minimal staffing levels of this department.

Currently our membership is down four members. It is only through their loyalty, dedication and professionalism that our stations stay open 24 hours 365 days a year. If there are any closings for "parties" I would certainly like to know about them.

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ing of nickel in the Upper Peninsula would have made Henry David Thoreau and John Muir proud in its eloquent defense of protecting the magnificent resources we possess here in Michigan. Not only should we be limiting sulfide mining here in the state, but we should severely curtail oil and gas drilling and clear-cut lumbering practices on our state's public lands. We need to be preserving the beauty and wildness that exists within these peninsulas.

Instead of working to attract dirty manufacturing plants and extractive industries that pollute and despoil our state, the governor and the legislature need to more aggressively promote Michigan as a tourist destination. Let's say no to mining and drilling and say yes to camping, fishing, hunting, boating and hiking. Michigan can and should be the wildest and most undeveloped state east of the Mississippi.

Michigan is truly a water and winter wonderland. Although global warming may bring an abrupt end to our snowy winters, the waters will still be here to enjoy. As Mr. Kuban said, there is still time for citizens to voice their opposition to this mining project, which may destroy the trout fishery on two of the U.P.'s cleanest rivers, by e-mailing the DEQ at DEQ-Kennecott-comments@michigan.gov before Oct. 17.

A way to solve state budget

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I was reading in the newspapers about how "Governor Taxholm" was crying about how there wasn't enough money in the general fund to pay state troopers' salaries and they would have to lay off about 60 to balance the budget. I have a wonderful suggestion and that is ... to pass a state law that would prohibit using a cell phone while operating a vehicle and use those funds to help pay troopers' salaries.

I know of communities that have policemen, after putting in eight hours of regular work, who can come in and take an unmarked car equipped with radar and write as many tickets as possible and receive time and a half to pay for judges salaries and maintenance of court buildings. If you don't believe me, check with some of the surrounding communities. But this will never happen because so many politicians are talking on their cell phones.

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those going smoke-free

The Michigan Legislature has debated banning smoking in bars and restaurants for nearly a decade, and it appears unlikely a vote on the controversial issue will take place again this year.

But the issue of smoking in public places is sure to heat up again next year, and sooner or later state lawmakers will have to vote on the proposed ban. And when they do, we urge them to join an ever-growing list of cities and states around the country in snuffing out smoking in public places.

For years, the battle over smoking has focused on individual rights: The rights of the nonsmoker to be free of the intrusion and potential health risks of second-hand smoke vs. the rights of the smoker to light up when and where he or she pleases.

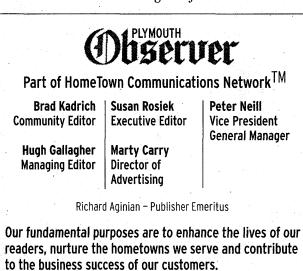
With mounting evidence that second-hand smoke presents a true public health concern, one could argue that allowing smoking in public places represents dangerous behavior. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that about 38,000 nonsmokers die from lung cancer or heart disease each year as a result of exposure to second-hand smoke.

Bills that would prohibit smoking in restaurants and later in bars were first introduced in 2000, and have been staunchly opposed by the Michigan Restaurant Association and the Michigan Licensed Beverage Association. The trade groups warn that such a ban would be a death knell for many of their members, and that individual restaurants and bars should have the right to decide whether to allow smoking.

But one of the reasons why the push to ban smoking is gaining steam is the bar and restaurant industry has done a poor job of protecting nonsmokers from those exercising their right to light up with little regard for their fellow patrons. Designated smoking areas are not properly sealed off from the rest of the establishment or, worse in the case of many bars, do not exist at all.

It is never easy for a politician to take on a powerful interest group that spends lots of cash on campaign contributions, but at least 15 other states have stepped up and banned smoking in restaurants and/or bars.

The time has come for Michigan to join that list.



The members of our fire department hope that these two communities sort out their problems and continue to allow us to provide the best and most professional service available to our residents.

Public Safety Officers is a concept that does not work in Michigan. There are countless cities that have fallen away from this concept after experiencing it. Don't be misled by arguments that do not include all the facts and the true concern for the safety of the department and the residents it protects.

The city residents will lose more than 350+ years of fire-fighting experience and the first response Fire Fighter Paramedics with transport capabilities. The Firefighters are currently trained in Advanced Life Support, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support and other advanced life-saving skills. The firefighters are fully equipped with life saving drugs and equipment and are able to transport patients to area hospitals.

A few questions I would ask if I was a resident in the city: What medical training will the police officers have? Who will transport me or my children to the hospital if and when the private ambulance company doesn't show up? Who will respond to the fire or medical emergency if the police are busy? What tax break will I be given as a city resident for this severe reduction in service? How much money has been saved since the fire merger started in 1995? Why at a time when communities all over the state are looking at merging services

Plymouth is looking at getting out? In the meantime, when you dial 911 for a medical or fire emergency, members of the Plymouth Community Fire Department will continue to proudly serve your family in a timely and efficient manner.

> Dan Atkins and the Plymouth Community Firefighters

Still time to stop mine

Kurt Kuban's Aug. 19 editorial condemning the DEQ for approving the minThaddeus J. Hejka

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Mine is bad decision

I read Kurt Kuban's column on Michigan's decision to allow a sulfide mine to operate in the Upper Peninsula. I am very concerned, as I am from Butte, Montana. I was born and raised in Butte for 19 years, but have lived in Michigan for the last 36 years. I would hate to see happen in Michigan what the Berkeley Pit has caused in Butte.

It created many jobs for my parents' generation, but when it stopped operating, it filled up to be a very large body of caustic water. To find pictures and articles about the Berkeley Pit and the environmental damage it caused, Google "Berkeley Pit."

I hope this letter makes people think before this devastation is done to Michigan. Thank you.

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Don't be silenced, America

In comment to Terry Ahwal's view on the lifestyle of the American people about the Iraq war. My own thoughts are frustration, anger and disbelief that Washington has carved out a policy as the American people sit back and let happen.

If it continues ... and it seems like it will ... America will not be the America as we know it from the past. It's going to have a totally different look, feel and attitude. And my fear is that we will not realize it is, or has happened. We need to go back to basics, of what our forefathers drew up for us 300-plus years ago. We need to speak up at town hall meetings, write our Congressmen and newspapers, and no matter what, we should never allow the government to silence our press, or our words.

I support impeachment

I write to offer my greatest thanks to the 20 members of the House of Representatives who have signed on to impeach Vice President Cheney, and to the 28 members of the House of Representatives who have signed on to impeach Attorney General Gonzales. Bravo.

But incredibly, the news of these impeachment movements is not being prominently or seriously reported by the mainstream media — do you suppose anyone could guess why?

Among my family and friends some of them are amazed to learn that anyone in Washington is pursuing impeachment because, by getting their news only from Republican-owned sources, they have no idea that anyone is doing anything to put an end to this corrupt regime.

I have asked and Î continue to ask my representatives in the House and Senate to support full investigations and impeachment procedures immediately. This country and the world cannot afford to let this corrupt regime remain in power any longer.

> **Gwen Foss** Farmington

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"The money that our community so graciously approved in the past to improve our schools can't be used, by state law, to operate our schools ... We can pass bonds to improve the buildings, but not for such things as busing, teacher's salaries or buying educational materials."

- Steven Sneideman, Plymouth-Canton Schools trustee, on money provided in voter-approved bonds to fix or renovate school buildings

OTHER OPINIONS

Newspapers shedding reporters, but who will search for the truth?

acations don't just refresh the body; they help concentrate the mind and renew and refresh the soul.

My wife Kathy and I have just returned from some days in our cabin on the south shore of Lake Superior. We had family - including two adorable little granddaughters -- with us. And we had deep blue sky, long winding trails, clear waters and happy dinners. Plus time to reflect.

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One chain of reflections has to do with the trade I practiced for most of my life - newspapers and journalism. I was a newspaper publisher for more than 40 years. I sold my company a few years ago, as it became more and more evident that the business model that had sustained my industry was in the process of dissolving.



The world I made my living from is now a direct casualty of massive changes caused by the Internet, a medium that did not even exist in 1987. Today, newspapers everywhere are in trouble. Nationally, newspaper readership and circulation are way down, and advertising revenue

Phil Power

figures are worse. Knight-Ridder, which for many years owned the Detroit Free

Press and many other distinguished titles, has disappeared. The Chicago Tribune, one of the historic monuments of Midwestern journalism, has been tentatively sold in a transaction that looks increasingly shaky.

On Wall Street, newspaper stocks are performing dismally across the board. In an attempt to preserve operating profits, newspaper publishers have cut costs to the bone. Even great papers like the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal have decreased the width of their pages this year to reduce newsprint costs.

Newspapers have clustered operations into regional groupings to achieve economies of scale in production and business office operations. Finally, they've cut staff, especially in the newsroom.

This is an industry that has existed in its present form since the 1830s, and which has provided the most important form of communication throughout most of the history of this republic.

Yet now many people (including me) are wondering whether the newspaper industry is in an irreversible downward spiral.

Maybe so, maybe not. But what is clear is that something very important in America is in the process of radical change, perhaps even near elimination. I don't refer to the business enterprise we call the newspaper industry, but to one particular group of professionals.

These are folks who have played a remarkably important role in American public life for more than two centuries - reporters.

Thousands and thousands of reporters have been employed by newspapers — whether daily, weekly or monthly - in virtually every community across this land. Few of us really know how important they are and have been. Their job, which they have sometimes done very well and sometimes done poorly, has been to ask important and sometimes impertinent questions. That is, to speak truth to power.

How come the mayor's first cousin got the contract to haul garbage? Why did the school board decide to put a new school near that wealthy subdivision and give the construction contract to the rich local big shot? How did it happen that a very large corporation was given free rein by state regulatory authorities to pollute a world-class trout stream that has run clean and sparkling for centuries?

Some of what they ask are just things that people in a community want to know, because knowing them is what makes a group of people a community: Who graduated first in her class and who married his high school sweetheart just before going off to war?

Reporters. I have no idea how many thousands of them there are, and I don't think anybody really knows. But their questions have nourished the life of this republic for more than two centuries.

They've shined the light of disclosure on murky places and they've contributed the information basis for reasoned discourse and shared conscience to the lives of the communities they served.

And what is sad and virtually certain is that there will be far fewer of them in years to come than in the past. Mostly, again, that's all due to newspaper economics in the age of the Internet.

Booth Newspapers, a subsidiary of Newhouse's Advance Publications, runs eight daily newspapers in Michigan. Earlier this summer, they cut the number of reporters in its highly regarded Lansing bureau from eight to three. Meanwhile, the big Detroit dailies have cut their newsrooms time and again as their circulations have dropped. I'm neither immune nor innocent, by the way; when I was a publisher, I did my share of cost-cutting over the years.

In an age when there are thousands and thousands of bloggers hammering away at all hours of the day, I happen to think we may be on the cusp of something that might be called "citizen journalism."

Indeed, it might be that community news could become more community-driven (and less newspaper-owner determined) than in the past. It might be less "professional," but it might be more passionate and far more broadly democratic.

Thanks to our Constitution, we all have as much right to do journalism as the editors of the Washington Post.

New York University Professor Jay Rosen put it this way: "No one owns the practice of reporting or assigns the right to do it. It's a democratic thing to tell others what's going on and 'show your work.' Some people will not be deterred from doing that. Most of them don't care what you call them. They do care if their story stands up."

Just so. But looking at the deep blue skies on a U.P. summer day, I can't but worry what our public life might be without thousands of curious, impertinent folk pecking away in communities all over our country.

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Region's offerings seem fresher after hosting visitors

arlier this summer, Tom Watkins, with whom I sometimes share this page, wrote a column about Michigan's many tourist offerings. Watkins, a business/education consultant who was Michigan's school superintendent, made a good point about all our great state has to offer visitors and those who call Michigan home.

I read that column with more than passing interest, as my husband and I have just hosted friends from England for a two-week stay, accompanied by their daughter who turned 15 while here. Some of the stops like Henry Ford Museum were obvious, but we

worried a bit about how to fill two weeks with fun things to do.

The daughter picked the Detroit Zoo for her birthday, a big hit, especially the Arctic Ring of Life and butterfly house. The Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe (Westland) cake capped off

the evening well. We were surprised at how

much they liked the everyday Plymouth things, including a Plymouth Community Arts Council concert in Kellogg Park Aug. 15, the farmer's market put on by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Saturday mornings, and a Contemporary Books book discussion (The World Is Flat by Thomas Friedman) at the Plymouth District Library. Even our regular visits to Hiller's for groceries elicited considerable interest, with an opportunity to compare to Tesco's and other British grocery stores. Hiller's has a British foods section, which prompted some discussion as to authenticity, but American foods (other than root beer and Life Savers) were what they really wanted to try.

A big hit as well was a drive out to Michigan International Speedway for NASCAR qualifying. The day was sunny and warm and the Goodyear blimp over the track was a sight to see for our visitors. We had a rainy Sunday to fill, but managed with a drive into Detroit for Pewabic Pottery (my sister-in-law's suggestion, thank you), combined with a trip to Belle Isle, where my husband and I saw how cleaned up the site was in preparation for the Grand Prix.

While on Belle Isle, we stopped at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, definitely worth visiting. We had a nice chat with a couple there about Bob-Lo memories, visiting Bob-Lo for rides and how great the boat trip was.

We ate in Greektown (Laikon) that Sunday and found ourselves back in Detroit a couple days later for a visit to the Motown Historical Museum. The tour guide was excellent in describing this rich part of

Detroit's history. The ladies had a chance to sing Stop, In the Name of Love in Studio A (known to the musicians as the "Snake Pit") while the men performed a part of My Girl. Photos weren't allowed inside, but our friends took plenty of the famous Hitsville U.S.A. building front.

While at that museum, we visited with a businessman from Brazil, up for some training at the Rouge plant. He was so excited to see where the Motown hits were made, especially his favorite group, The Four Tops.

That afternoon, we crossed the border for a brief visit to Windsor's scenic park on the river. That gave our friends a chance to say they'd been to Canada, and we would have liked to show them more of our good neighbors' country. My mom hosted us that evening at Hogan's in Bloomfield Township, my in-laws a couple days later for a Chinese buffet (Peking Buffet) in Livonia.

A big hit was Frankenmuth (a colleague had told me British people love it, and she was right). We got to Frankenmuth at 10:15 a.m. and didn't leave until after 9 p.m., with our friends even missing out on Bronner's Christmas store interior, as it had closed at 9. The chicken dinner at Zehnder's, all you can eat, was popular after a day of walking and shopping. I even ran into a former teacher, Jay Schwalm, from Birmingham Public Schools in the dinner line and had a nice chat.

Our group later wanted to visit a beach, and found Kensington Metropark's Martindale beach did just fine and was close to home. The park looked great, and our friends commented on how reasonable admission was.

Tom Watkins' suggestions came in handy, thank you, and we needn't have worried about how to fill two weeks. Shopping was popular as well particularly with the strength of the pound, and it was a challenge for our friends to pack everything and get it home.

A friend had somewhat jokingly asked if we had wanted to give the "nice Detroit" tour or the "shock" one. We know southeast Michigan's far from perfect, but our friends enjoyed their visit, and commented often on the good customer service that surpassed what they find at home. The tourist stops were popular, especially Frankenmuth and Michigan International Speedway.

It helped my husband and me to see our hometown and region through someone else's eyes to gain a new perspective. We Detroiters may too often run down the place we call home, but let's not forget all the good people and things here.

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COUNTY NEWS

State fair competition not new to Canton resident

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Kelly Bunting of Canton started entering competitions at the Michigan State Fair at 12 or 13. Now 33, she's returned four or five years ago to entering each year and took several awards in the event which wraps up Labor Day.

"I do it every year," said Bunting, married to Brad and mom to sons ages 6 and 2. "I

actually was

a little disap-

pointed in my performance

his year."

She took

best of show

in Greenery

for a table set-

first place/



Buntina

ting for two in brown and gold. That had her Thanksgiving china for judging, although she took that home when the public display went up.

Bunting also took first place/best in show for Fall Arrangement, a pumpkin with fresh flowers. In Hanging Basket, she took a third place for mixed bedding plants designed to highlight that industry in Michigan. The hanging basket on display with the other entries at the Community Arts Building of the fairgrounds features trailing petunias, million bells, bacopa, and a sweet potato vine.

"I got third for that. This late in the season, that's OK." the gardener said.

Her best friend, Teresa Sirois of Oxford, encourages Bunting to enter each year. Sirois is also a regular entrant, among many from



Kelly Bunting took a first place/best in show for Fall Arrangement with this pumpkin/fresh flowers display at the state fair, which continues through Monday, Labor Day, at the fairgrounds, Woodward and Eight Mile.

that college's combined psy-

Bunting, who worked

Domino's world headquar-

ters before her children were

born, also entered in baking

in human resources for

art history minor.

chology/biology major, and an

the metro area whose work is displayed through Monday at the fairgrounds.

Bunting, a homemaker, grew up in Dearborn and graduated from Greenhills School in Ann Arbor and Mt. Holyoke College in South Hadley, Mass. She has a bach- this year at the fair. "I guess elor's degree in psychobiology, I didn't fulfill exactly what

they were looking for," she said. She won the Pillsbury **Refrigerated Pie Crust** Challenge at the state fair in 2005, and her aunt won that last year.

In that competition, the baker uses Pillsbury packaged pie crust to make a fruit pie. "It's supposed to be an original recipe," she said, and can include such things as a lattice top.

Gardening's a family affair for Bunting, whose mom grew up on a farm. Her mom has 13 acres of land in Superior Township, much of it landscaped and a raised bed for growing vegetables. The state fair's a peren-

nial favorite for the Bunting family, although the couple's younger son can't yet appreciate his mom's efforts.

"I enjoy going to the fair," she said. She appreciates the recognition for what she does.

"My kids really enjoy going and seeing my ribbons. I love to go and see what's new and exciting." It's good for next year's competition, noted Bunting (who also does canning at home) to see other entries.

She's met other women her age who'd like to learn about canning and how to preserve the season's bounty of Michigan produce for the winter.

'They're very interested in learning now but have no idea how to start," said Bunting, whose family has long done home canning.

State Fair: Country fun in the big city

The 2007 Michigan State Fair will continue through Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3, at the fairgrounds, corner of Eight Mile and Woodward Avenue in Detroit.

The fair is open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors age 62 and up as well as children ages 3-12. Children age 2 and younger are admitted free. An Adult Seasonal Gate Admission Pass is \$35 and \$10 for seniors 62 and older as well as children 3-12.

Parking is \$7. This year, the Michigan State Fair, which opened Aug. 22, has introduced several new attractions, along with classic favorites that have made the fair a Michigan summer tradition. New and exciting attractions include the all-new Michigan Sports Hall of Fame and Sports FanFest. This attraction allows enthusiasts to participate in sporting activities including interactive basketball, baseball, football, golf, hockey and soccer.

There is also a sports memorabilia show with autograph sessions with a new pro athlete daily. Also new to the fair is the Building of Science and Technology which features a "You Be the Chemist Challenge" and "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST)." Featured alongside these attractions are such traditional favorites such as the Contest Corner for children and adults, daily parades, dance and baton competitions, The Miracle of Life exhibit, The Michigan Mart, and The Outdoor Zone.

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This year's fair also includes free headliner concerts in the Band Shell with a returning performance by rocker Alice Cooper.

"The 2007 Michigan State Fair is one of the most exciting and awaited summer events in the state of Michigan," said Steve Jenkins, general manager for the fair. "We are proud to offer thrilling new attractions and events, combined with traditional favorites. Generations from the state of Michigan and around the country have enjoyed the State Fair for many years.

"We invite everyone to come and share this wonderful experience with their family and friends while creating a spectacular experience and memories for everyone," Jenkins added.

For more information, call the State Fair office, (313) 369-8250.



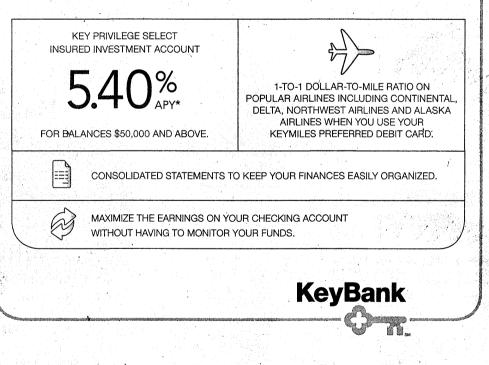
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AUGUST

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. Participants will have playtime either inside or

outside depending on the weather and then lunch in the ovm. After lunch, they 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 indicate 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 a presentation of Answers with Ken Ham, a 12-part DVD series on the authority of the Bible. Visit www.christoursavior.org for more

RELIGION CALENDAR

information. **Registration beginning**

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Center is now taking registrations for the fall program at 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. It is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, Loving and caring programs are offered for toddler, Preschool, Pre-K, and child care. Call (734) 513-8413

UPCOMING

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. Inside the church you'll find gently used clothing and shoes for the family at S2 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 West Chicago. 12:30-6:30 p.m. chicken dinners, hamburgers, hot dogs, Polish sausage, etc., and car show, health fair, dunk tank, inflatables, carica-



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CONSTANCE B. SPOTO

Age 52, of Birmingham, died August 2007, at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Mrs. Spoto was born January 20, 1955, in Detroit. Mrs. Spoto is survived by her loving husband, Thomas and sons, Anthony and Thomas. She is also survived by her siblings Edward Allen, Cynthia VanderLinden, Douglas (Helen) Allen, and Christine (Glen) Hayes. Mrs. Spoto is preceded in death by her brother, Kenneth Allen. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at Holy Name Catholic Church, Birmingham, on Tuesday. Visitation was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home in Clawson. Interment in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy. Memorials appreciated to Forest Hills Swim Club: Special Project Fundraiser, In Memory of Constance B. Spoto, P.O. Box 225, Birmingham, Michigan 48012 or Manresa Retreat House, Women to Women, 1390 Quarton Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304

ELIZABETH (Betsy) T. BRADLEY

(Formerly Hampton), age 68, beloved mother and grandmother, died Thursday, August 23 in her home in Bonita Springs, FL. Betsy moved to

FLORENCE (McFadden) CROLL

Age 94, passed away during the final stage of Alzheimer's on August 25,2007. She was predeceased by her husband, Paul in 1977 and was the mother of George Croll, Alice Sieloff and Grace MacFarland. Florence was born in Butler, PA and become the first female credit manager for Penn Drake, a branch of Pennsylvania Refining. The family moved to Wyandotte, MI in 1949 and Paul and Florence retired to Sun City, AZ in 1974. Florence was a Lifetime Member of Eastern Star. Masonic Wife, and Worthy Matron for Rainbow Girls. She was a founding member of Glenwood Methodist Church in Wyandotte and an active member of Faith United Presbyterian in Sun City. She was a professional secretary, BPW member and active in PTA and school activities. In 1998, Florence returned to Michigan to be closer to her family. Memorial contri-butions in Florence's name may be made to St. Jude Nursing Center, 34350 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, MI 48150.

JOSEPH J. McSWEENEY

Age 71, of Farmington Hills, August , 2007. Beloved husband of the late Helen C. (nee: Doyle). Loving father of Rita Kramer (Rob), Patrick, Maureen Blair(John), Matthew, Mary (Brian) Cassar and Dan (Kelly). Grandfather of fourteen. Joe is preceded in death by his granddaughter Olivia Blair. Mr McSweeney was raised in Detroit, attended St. Cecilia before graduating from U of D with an MBA. He had a tour of duty in Korea while in the Army. He and Paul Quenneville started Quenneville and McSweeney Accounting Firm. Joe was extremely active at Old St. Pat's in Detroit the Our Sorrows Chapter of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Funeral Mass was held Wednesday, August 29th, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Farmington. Memorial tributes are suggested to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 3000 Gratiot Avenue, Detroit, MI 48207 or Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48154. Arrangements entrusted to the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Downtown Farmington.

LOIS IRENE **HEFFNER BUTLER**

Age 87, resident of Lawrenceville, Georgia, died August 25th, 2007 at her home. Mrs. Butler was born November 22nd, 1919 in Miami County OH, a daughter to John Henry and Esther Shoup Heffner. She was a homemaker most of her life and was a member of First United Methodist Church in Lawrenceville. In earlier years she had worked in the home front production during WWII. She time with the 4H Clubs and spent with Girl Scouts with her daughters and Cub Scouts with her son. She was a member of the Women's Circle and First United Methodist Church and was also active with extension and women's groups. She is survived by her husband, Max Butler of the home. Also surviving is a son, Douglas Eugene Butler of Lawrenceville GA; three daughters, Angela Louise Butler of Orlando FL, Virginia K. Rumberger of Plymouth, MI and Marcia Sue Evans of Suwannee GA: seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at Wages and Sons Gwinnett Chapel with Rev. Sheri W. Smith officiating. Interment will follow in Gwinnett Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 6-8:00 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be directed to the American Diabetes Association or to the American Heart Association. Wages and Sons, 1031 Lawrenceville Hwy, Lawrenceville, GA 30045.





VIRGINIA MAE HOLMAN

85, of Farmington Hills, August 27 2007. An amazing and gracious lady Virginia is preceded in death by her beloved husband Albert "Red" Holman and grandson David Hatch. She is survived by her loving children Joyce, Penny, Allene and Albert III "Jack" Holman (Susan). Cherished grandchildren: Paul Hatch, Julie aChance, Leslie Briggs, Kelly Clark Chad Helmer and Katherine Holman great-grandchildren: David, Ricky Michael, Alexander, Savannah Heather, Autumn, Reilly and Devon Memorial service Thursday, Augus 30th, 5:00pm at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btwn. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), Farmington, MI (248-474-5200). Visitation Thursday 12 Noon until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes are suggested to PanCAN, 2141 Rosecrans Ave., Suite 7000, El Segundo, CA 90245, First United Methodist Church 33112 Grand River, Farmington, MI 48336 or Henry Ford Hospice. heeney-sundquist.com

WILLIAM ROBERT ADCOX

Age 74, of Westland, passed away August 26, 2007. He was born on April 30, 1933 in Union City, Rawleign (King) Adcox. He was a longtime resident of Westland and was previously of Northville. He was an active member of Joy Baptist Church in Westland Bob is survived by his sisters Betty (Ted) Vantoll and Brenda Norman. He was also loved by many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his sisters Shirley Paterson and Athala Newman. A funeral service will be held Thursday. August 30, 2007 at 10:30am at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., 122 West Dunlap, Northville. Pastor Jay Cubbison with Joy Baptist Church will officiate the service. Mr. Adcox will be lad to rest at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi. Memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society, 18505 W. 12 Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48076 would be appreciated.

tures, 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.

Swami beyondanda

Steve Bhaerman, whose alter ego is Swami Beyondanda, entertains with his comedy 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Donation is \$20. For information, call (734) 421-1760.

Colloquium

St. Andrew House - Center for Orthodox 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 discs 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 doughnuts). Inflatable fun sponsored by Oasis Golf (one

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Global village night,

Liberia, West Africa, Global Village Night 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at Detroit West District Peace Center at Hope United Methodist Church, 26275 Northwestern Highway, near Lahser, Southfield, Speaker is the Rev. Charles Boayue Jr., senior pastor, Second Grace United Methodist Church, Detroit. Liberia history, culture, customs, folk storytelling, Liberia Art and dancing, music, thoughts about PEACE, sign up for Liberia Pen Pals (ages 12-17). Bring donated items for 2008 February, Liberia Trip Mission Trip Open to the public. Refreshments. For further information, call (248) 356-1020. Ext. 137.

Alpha – Questions of Life

Alpha is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, nonthreatening setting over 10 thought-provoking weekly sessions beginning 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township. 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.

ENDOW

Educating on the Nature & Dignity of Women, a women's study group to discover their God-given dignity and femininity through Catholic teaching, series of sessions explores Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women while enjoying a prayerful, relaxed atmosphere of faith, friendship and fellowship, runs Thursdays, Sept. 27 to Nov. 15. in Bixman Hall (church building) at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$60 for materials Registration required. Visit www.endowonline.com or call (734) 425-5950.

Mom to Mom sale

Tri-City Christian Center is having their Spring Mom to Mom Sale 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at 3855 Sheldon Road in Canton, just north of Michigan Avenue. Table rentals are sold to capacity with more than 75 moms selling their kids' clothes, toys, baby equipment, etc. There is a \$1 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.

Smart Discipline seminar

6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. Cost is \$12 per person, \$20 per couple. To register, visit www. christoursavior.org. For more information, call (734) 522-6830. If unable to attend the seminar, the DVD and 4 workbooks are available for \$89. Call (800) 208-0807 or purchase online at www.smartdiscipline.com.

member of the First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs and a dedicated volunteer at the Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce. She was involved in the Bonita Springs Historical Society, the Bonita Springs Newcomers Club and the Republican Women's Club. Born in Pontiac, she attended Pontiac High School and Michigan State University where she was a member of the Delta Gamma Sorority. While raising her family in Bloomfield Hills, Betsy contributed her time to Cranbrook Schools and co-founded the Premier Travel Agency in Birmingham. She was also a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham. She is survived by her sisters Judith Huttenlocher of Clarkston and Deanna Jones of Sun City, AZ and her brothers J. Edward Bradley of Oswego, IL and Douglas Bradley of Waterford. She is preceded in death by her father James H. Bradley and mother Beverly K. Bradley of Pontiac. Betsy is sur-vived by her children Mary (Hampton) Mulvenon, Brad Hampton and Sarah (Hampton) Bielman, her former husband, William P. Hampton of Bloomfield Hills, and her grand-children Kate & Ellie Mulvenon and Ainsley Bielman. A memorial service will be held at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, 5929 South Main Street in Clarkston at 1PM on Friday, August 31, 2007. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Betsy's memory to the Cranbrook Schools Annual Fund (donation information at: https://schools.cranbrook.edu/supporting/gift/default.asp or by calling 248-645-3404) or the Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization (donation information at:

http://www. y-me.org/waystogive/default.php or by calling 1-800-221-2141).

EUGENE MORRISON

August 25, 2007. Beloved husband of Joan. Brother of Marjorie Harness. Uncle of Barbara (Bill) Cary, Errol Lewis, Patricia (Kevin) Morrison-Purifoy, Steven (Lisa) Nunley, Deborah (Kirk) Pryor, Linda (Benny) Mercer and John (Jana) Waltman. Services were Wednesday at Faith Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights. Memorials suggested to Garden City Hospital Foundation or Faith Baptist Church Children's Fund.

Arrangements by Santeiu and Son Funeral Home

MARGARET LEEDS

Called home by our Lord on August 26, 2007 at age 96. Beloved wife of the late John D. Leeds. Loving mother of Bob(Nancy), Marilyn (Harry) Campbell, Tom (MaryAnn). Dear grandmother of 13, great-grandmother of 15. A celebration of her life will take place on Saturday, September 22, 2007 at 11a.m. at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia.

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LAURA R. GETZ (nee Raymond)

Age 78, died August 23, 2007 in Cleveland, OH, formerly of Birmingham, MI and former teacher at the Baldwin Elementary School. A Graduate of William Woods College of Fulton, MO and Michigan State University. Beloved wife of Charles L. Getz, Jr. of Shaker Hts., OH; dear mother of Charles L. Getz, III of Shaker Hts., OH and Carolyn Whiting Kelley (Tim) of Norfolk, MA; dear grandmother of Julia, Zachary and lackson Kelley. The family prefers that those who wish may make contributions in her name to the Alzheimers Association, 12200 Fairhill Rd, Cleveland, OH 44120 or St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2747 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Hts., OH 44106, where Memorial Services will be held, Friday, August 31st at 2 PM. For additional information and directions log online to: Brown-Forward Funeral Home, Shaker Heights, OH in charge of arrangements. 216-752-1200



WYMAN E. LARE

August 27, 2007. Beloved husband of Peggy. Dear father of Skip (Ginny), Brent and Brad (Debra). Loving grandfather of Kristen Flory, Gregory, Ryan Lare, Dayna Bouchard and Jessica. Brother of Margaret Karth. Private visitation and service. Arrangements by the Dearborn Chapel of the Howe-Peterson Funeral Home. Memorials suggested to the Gift of Life.

MARILYN SHORES SMITH JIGGER

August 7, 2007. Beloved wife of Alvie. Dear mother of Randall (Sharon) Smith, Diane (James) Adair and Amy Lynn Smith. Grandmother of Nicholas Adair, Erin Adair, Kevin Smith and Scott Smith. Family will receive friends Friday 4-7pm at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (htwn 13-14 Mile) Memorial service Saturday 1pm at Christ Church Lone Pine west of Cranbrook, Woodward. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



PHYLLIS J. COLE (nee: Beyer)

August 25, 2007 in Phoenix, Arizona; age 81, of Birmingham. Wife of the Jeannette C. Poling (Thomas) and Elizabeth C. Greer (Jack) Dear mother of Grandmother of James 'C. Greer and Matthew C. Poling. Sister of the late Herbert A. Beyer, Jr. (Barbara). Family will receive friends at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver) Friday 4-8 PM. Funeral Service at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham, Saturday 11 AM. Interment Acacia Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial tributes to Michigan Humane Society, 26711 Northwestern Hwy., Ste 175, Southfield, MI 48034, or American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718, or American Hospice Foundation, 2120 L Street NW, Ste. 200, Washington, DC 20037. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

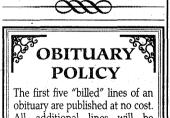
ROGER G. BURNHAM

August 24, 2007, age 85.

Husband of the late Mavine. Loving father of Brent (Sandra) and the late Lloyd. Grandfather of Andrew and Christopher. Brother of Elizabeth Mathers. Arrangements by the Dearborn Chapel of the Howe-Peterson Funeral Home, 313-561-1500. Memorials to the Divine Child Men's Club, 1001 N. Silvery Lane; Dearborn, MI 48128.

WALTER EDWARD KROL

Age 81, August 25, 2007. Beloved husband of Dolly for 59 years. Dear father of Linda (Qasem) Khasawneh, Robert (Deborah), Annette (Michael) Charbonneau, Lauri (Brian) Miller, Walter Anthony (Donna), Paul (Katie) and Jeremy (Jenny). Grandfather of Great-grandfather of three. Services were Tuesday at Saint Dunstan Catholic Church. Arrangements by John N. Santeiu & Dunstan Son.



All additional lines will be charged at \$4 per line. You may place a picture of your loved one for an additional cost of only \$6. Symbolic emblems may be included at no cost (example: American Flags, religious symbols, etc.)

> Deadlines: Friday 4:15 PM for Sunday

e-mail your obit to

For more information call: **Charolette Wilson** 734-953-2070 or Liz Keiser

or toll free 866-818-7653 ask for Char or Liz

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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 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.

Reformed Protestant service

The doctrines and teachings of solid. Reformed Protestantism will be preached at the regular, monthly worship service of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, at the Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. All are warmly welcome to attend. The Rev. Sean Humby of Dayton, Ohio, will preach at the service. For more information, call Margaret Waldecker at (313) 530-6170, Humby at (937) 252-1156, or visit www.westminsterconfession.org.

Victorian fashion show/tea Shows 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. (30 min-

utes 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 in for the 3:30 p.m. show receives \$1 off of admission. Catholic marriage

The facts - things you thought you knew but didn't, things you didn't think you knew but did, and a couple of new things to ponder 10:45 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 16, in the Activity Center Hall at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Presenter is Deacon William Meahan, no need to register. For more information, call (734) 425-5950.

MOPS meetings

The Hosanna-Tabor Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group begins meeting this fall on a new time and time at the Lutheran church, 9600 Leverne, Redford. The first session is 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 20. Meetings

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 one salad for every three 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 Avenue, Inkster (cost is \$10, call (248) 646-9574). Deadline for registration is Friday, Sept. 21.

Mom to mom sale

9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 6, at First United Methodist Church, 6448 Merriman, Garden City. Admission is \$1. Rental cost is \$25 for 6-foot table, \$27 for 8-foot table, \$3 for a rack with table rental. Call (734) 532-7818 for information.

CROP walk

To raise awareness and funds for international relief and developments 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 Township. There will be twomile and four-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@wowwav.com

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or calling (734) 459-9558.

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BELIEFS & VALUES

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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 in 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 the open discussion 7 p.m. Wednesdays as participants examine the Word of God. Classes available for all ages, child to adult. Riverside Park Church of God is at 11771 Newburgh (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

Women of the Word

Women of the Word Bible Studies offers a choice of 2 studies this summer at Calvary

Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. To register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4, or download a registration form at www.vchurches. com/cbcwomen.

The first study is on 1 Samuel, a Precept Ministries study began 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, July 10. Video lectures by Kay Arthur will expand on the material covered in the discussion group. Cost for workbook is \$15. Second study is Loving Well, a four-week of heart-toheart 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 in. There is no charge, although organizers 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 Avenue 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 fourweek 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.

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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.



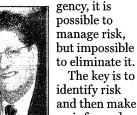
COUNTY NEWS

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Identify risk and make informed decisions to handle it

ast week's storms should remind us how unpredictable life can be and the importance of understanding risks.

Whether in an investment portfolio or a family emer-



to eliminate it. The key is to identify risk and then make an informed **Money Matters** decision how to handle it. In

a family emer-

Rick Bloom

gency, the best way to manage risk is to make sure you have proper legal documents. In a portfolio, the best way to manage risk is to invest in different asset classes.

As for last week's storms and subsequent damages, make sure you can identify your losses and that your homeowner's insurance policy is up to date.

MANAGING RISK

I recommend a current video inventory of home and assets because it's a reminder of what you own. It's almost impossible to remember everything you own — particularly, in time of crisis. A video inventory of is a good way to refresh the memory.

Videotape the entire premise, from floor to ceiling \cdot and everything in between. In addition, talk your way through the video. This helps to jog your memory with respect to various belongings.

Another benefit of a video inventory is if you do have a

claim, it can provide additional evidence to the insurance company of any losses. If you have collectibles and receipts or appraisals, these should be included in the video inventory.

Whether you live in a house or an apartment, a video inventory is important.

REVIEW POLICIES

Another essential aspect to risk management is to review your homeowner's insurance policy.

Unfortunately, most people purchase a policy when they purchase their home and never update it.

It's difficult for most of us to read and understand our homeowner's policy. After all, policies are written by lawyers for lawyers. If you haven't met with your homeowner's insurance agent, now best bid. is the time. Most insurance agents I know encourage their clients to sit down with them to make sure coverage is up to date. If your agent doesn't want to meet, it's a clear indication you need a new agent.

SHOP AROUND

One mistake homeowners make is to assume all insurance policies are the same. There are several differences between companies. Different policies and different companies work better in different situations. The key is to have the policy that matches your individual situation.

And every so often, it's important to shop around for competitive bids. However, the lowest bid isn't necessarily the

In shopping for homeowner's insurance, there are more options available today than ever before. Make sure, if you are using an agent, he/she works for your best interest.

TYPES OF AGENTS

There are two types of agents when it comes to homeowner's insurance.

The first is what's known as a captured agent. A captured agent works for one insurance company. The advantage is that he/she is generally better informed about the policies and the workings of the company. Thus, if you had a claim, they potentially can be of more assistance to you.

The other is an independent agent who represents many different insurance companies. The advantage of this agent is he/she has a variety of products available to match your individual situation.

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All things being equal, I generally prefer an independent agent. However, the most important qualities of an agent are someone you can communicate with and feel comfortable asking questions.

It would be nice if we could eliminate risk from our lives, but that's impossible. The best we can do is manage it so when a crisis occurs, we have the tools to deal with it.

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).



AROUND TOWN

Dance ensemble

The PRCUA Syrena Dance Ensemble is looking for children (3 years and up) who would like to learn about their Polish heritage through song and dance. Registration begins Sept. 5. For more information, visit the group's Web site at syrenadance.com

Senior day at the zoo

The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan partners with the Detroit Zoo and AM 580 Motorcity Favorites to offer day of fun Wednesday, Sept. 5, when seniors age 62 and older, and one caregiver, are able to receive free admission and parking to the Detroit Zoo from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit the VNA of Southeast Michigan booth in the community resource area. Receive free blood pressure checks and pick up a complimentary Consumer's Guide to Home Health Care. For more information, call (800) 882-5720 or visit www.vna.org

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 carrscompa-

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 necesgroup. 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

The Fourth Annual Hope Charity Golf Classic will be held at Travis Pointe Country Club Sept. 17. The event is open to the public and will include lunch, golf, a cocktail hour, dinner, and live auction. Proceeds will benefit Hope Clinic, an interdenominational Christian non-profit organization located in Ypsilanti, was founded in 1982 to provide free medical care to the uninsured. All donations are tax deductible. Non-golfers who wish to take part have the option to attend only the evening events. To sign up

or for more information contact Melissa Burkhart at (734) 484-2989 or e-mail mburkhart@thehopeclinic.

org **Ballet auditions**

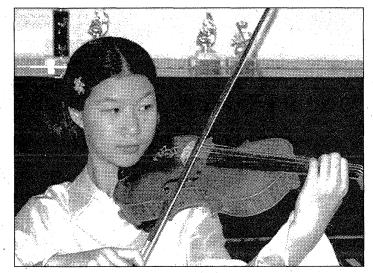
The Ann Arbor Civic Ballet holds open auditions 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20 at Sylvia Studio of Dance, 3900 Jackson Road, Suite 6, in Ann Arbor. Experienced male and female dancers 12 years of age and older are invited to audition. Women should bring pointe shoes. Call (734) 668-8066 or visit www.annarborcivicballet.com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

Beating stress

Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, a holistic physician and clinical nutritionist, presents "Beat Stress - Be Happy," a workshop designed to reduce stress, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile in Livonia. Learn what you can exercise, and lifestyle changes. No The Ann Arbor Art Center ART

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Help an aspiring musician

Amy, Sun, a Canton resident and 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 Midwest United States and Europe, where musicians stay with host families while performing in historic concert halls. However, the cost of the program is more than \$5,000 per student. Amy Sun has already raised funds from baby-sitting and tutoring small children, but she needs additional help. To make a donation on her

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 art of 800 children from the area, as well as havrides, 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.

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 Road in Livonia. Learn the thyroid's emotional stress and more. There is

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 nimaynard@mhsmi.org or call (248) 893-3538.

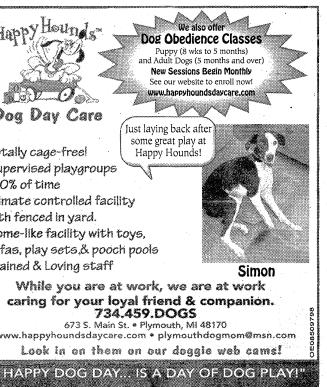
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Travel clinics

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

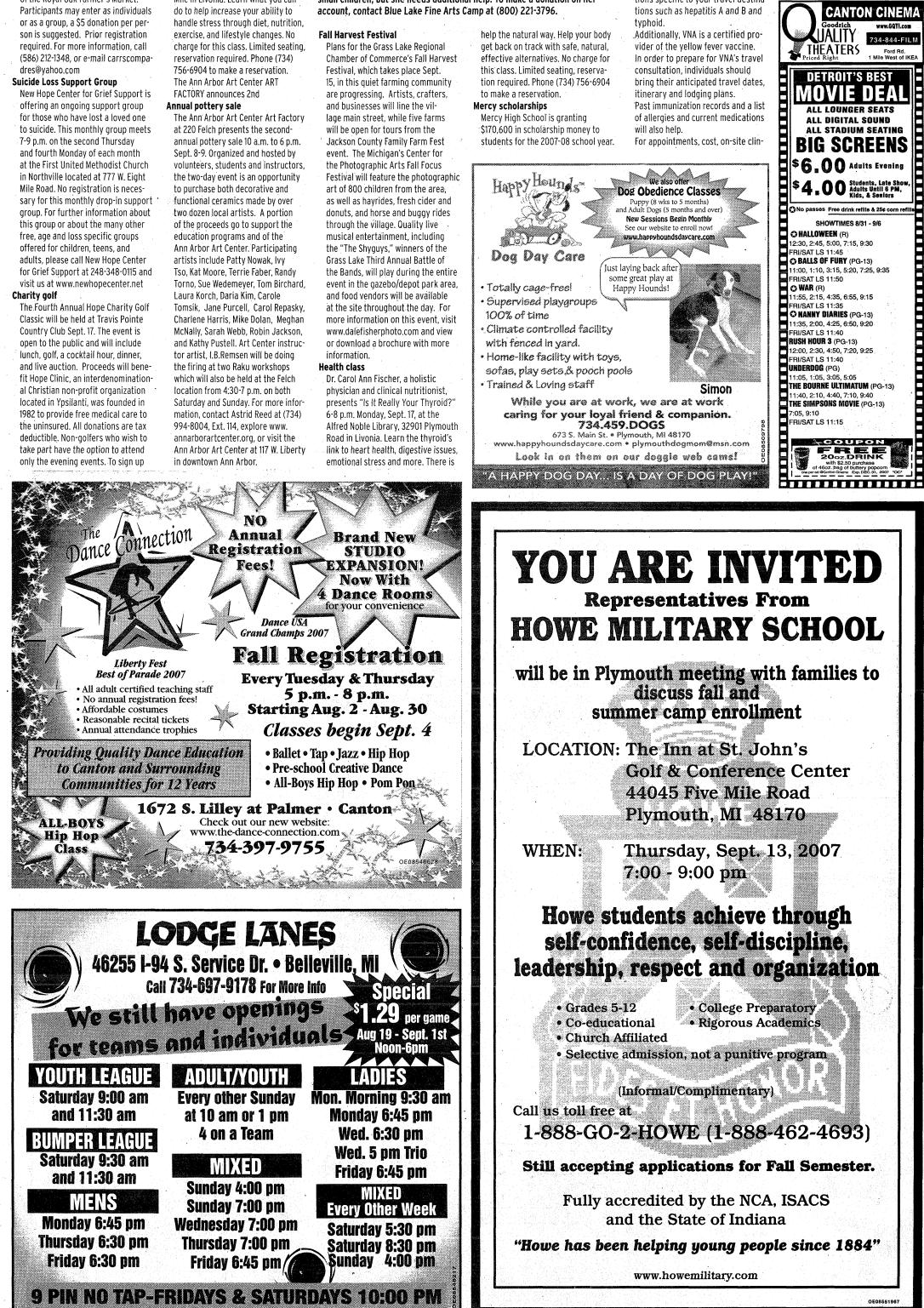


ics and general information, contact the VNA TravelWise Travel Clinic at (248) 967-8755 or visit www.vna.org. Heartland Hospice

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

Register for St. Genevieve School

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



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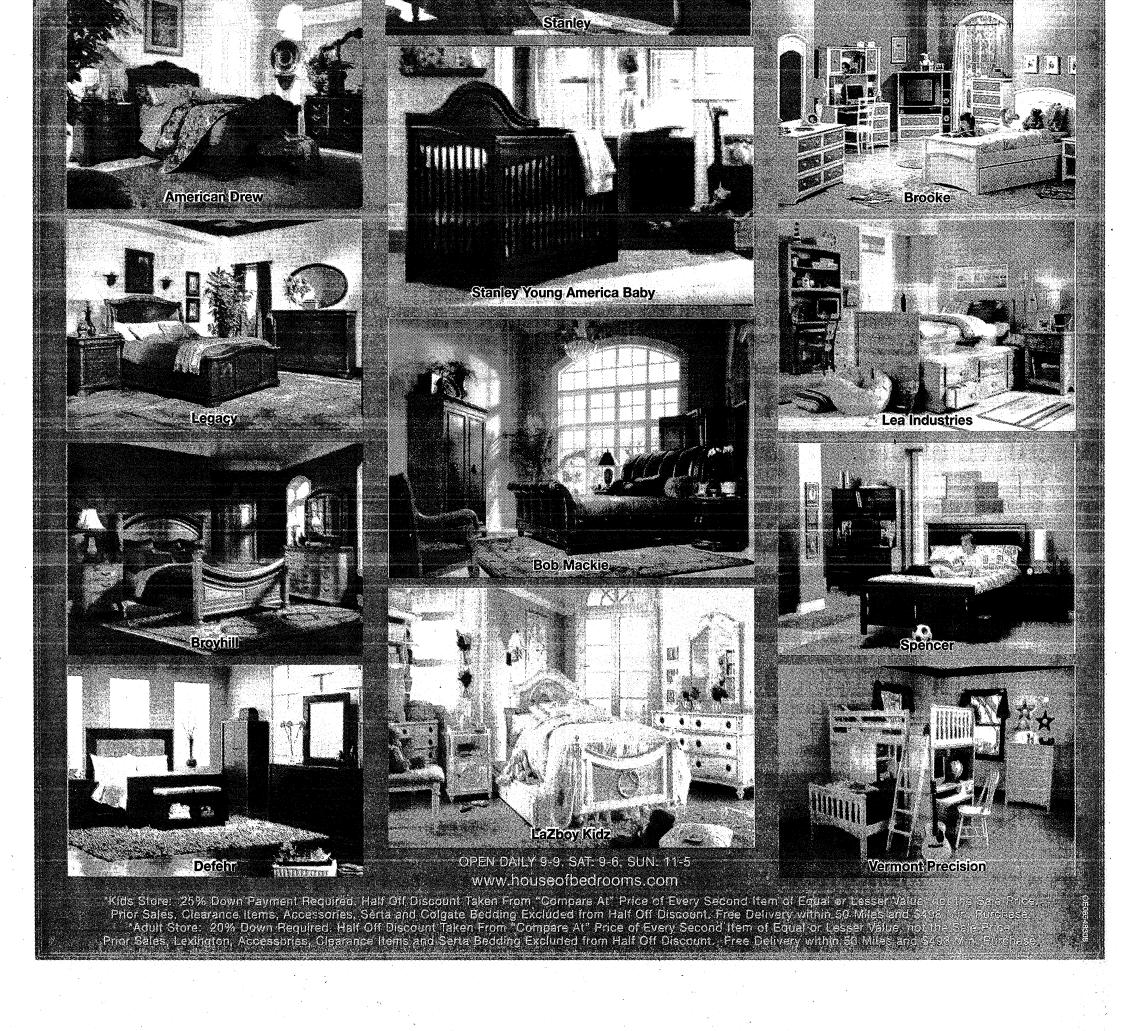








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To the good life: Fall Parade of Homes under way

Fall event offers look at lifestyles

BY GREG MULLIN STAFF WRITER

The ninth annual Fall Parade of Homes offers potential homebuyers a look at 61 new homes built by members of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan.

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

Single-family homes and condominiums featured in the Parade of Homes range in price from \$97,900 to \$1,890,000. Eighteen homes are priced under \$250,000; seven homes are priced over \$1 million. Sizes range from 965 square feet to 8,200 square feet.

Homes are on display now through Dec. 31 in numerous area communities, including Canton, Royal Oak, Rochester Hills, Troy and Birmingham.

Participating homes can be viewed via open house tours. Visitors can see the latest trends in energy efficiency and green building, architecture, interior design, amenities and materials, the BIA said.

A free guide to the participating homes is available at 300 LaSalle Bank locations and 205 CVS locations throughout southeast Michigan.

For more information, visit www. builders.org or www.biaparadeof-



Brookside by Singh Homes located in Charing Cross of Canton on the west side of Beck Road, north of Geddes Road.

homes.com, or call (248) 862-1032.

Headquartered in Farmington Hills, the BIA is a trade association representing more than 2,000 builders, remodelers, multifamily property owners, developers and suppliers to the single-family and multi-family residential construction industry.



 Cottonwood II by Wake-Pratt Construction located in Cedar Pines of Troy.



Petoskey by Arteva homes located in downtown Birmingham.

Rubbish bin ban could be valid

Q. Our association is building a community trash receptacle though we have a prohibition on maintaining a dumping ground for rubbish. Do you think we have an argument?

A. Based on a recent case out of South Dakota, I believe that you do. In that case, a member sued his homeowners association for constructing a community trash receptacle, similar to a Dumpster, across the street from



the member's home. In a court proceeding, the South Dakota court ruled that the trash receptacle violated the community

association's

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covenants that prohibited using or maintaining as a dumping ground for trash any lot. The court ruled that the covenant clearly disallowed a community Dumpster or outside storage of refuse, and you would appear to have a similar basis to prevail.

Q. Someone in our condo wants to build a skateboard ramp on the common elements and has asked the board for our permission. Do you have any comments on whether we should give it or not?

A. I think you may be potentially incurring liability, as well as problems concerning sound, with the skateboard ramps. I believe that it would attract other persons outside the condominium and may be a nuisance in the condominium project. You may also be establishing a precedent for other types of activities which will generate noise and/or traffic. You are best advised to strongly consider denying the request because of the reasons stated. Indeed, there may be a local ordinance which precludes the installation of skateboard ramps.

These winning designs are well worth watching

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) announced the winners of its ninth annual Fall Parade of Homes architectural judging. Parade of Homes is an exhibition of 61 new model homes and condominiums located throughout southeastern Michigan. The showcase takes place Aug. 17 through Dec. 31, 2007. BIA and LaSalle Bank sponsor the event.

In this year's architectural judging, blue ribbons were awarded to homes in nine categories, including the new Green Building and Energy Efficiency category. In the new category, homes were judged on most complete use of Green Building and Energy Efficient technology and design as well as innovation in the areas of Green Building and Energy Efficiency.

In the other categories, winning homes were selected based on the following criteria: best value for the price, best use of space, most innovative design and aesthetic appeal. Before being judged in these categories, participating homes were divided into eight categories by price.

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

■ Green Building and Energy Efficient Homes - DreamWork Builders, Inc. for The Duchesse priced at \$1.5 million and located in Hidden Lake Estates in Green Oak Township.

■ Affordable Housing – Urban Construction, Inc. and West Town Homes I, LLC for Bungalow priced at \$125,000 and located in West Town Homes I in Detroit.

Attached Condominiums Priced Under \$250,000 - Cherrywood Group for Ashton priced at \$224,900 and located in Cherrywood Parc Condos in Canton Township.

■ Attached Condominiums Priced Over \$255,000 - George H. Pastor & Sons for St. Pierre priced at \$460,000 and located in Frenchtown Harbor Condominiums & Marina in Monroe.

■ Homes Priced Under \$300,000 - Kheder Homes for The Carolina priced at \$249,900 and located in Charleston Park in South Lyon.

■ Homes Priced \$300,000 to \$350,000 -Singh Homes Building Co for Deerwood priced at \$349,900 and located in the Hills of Loon Lake in Commerce Township.

■ Homes Priced Over \$350,000 to \$550,000 - Heritage Nosan Homes for Wilton III priced at \$379,900 and located in Blackberry Hills in White Lake.

 Homes Priced \$800,000 to Under \$1 million
 Superb Homes for Berkshire located in Stonewater in Northville Township.

■ Homes Priced Over \$1 million - Cambridge Homes for The Portofino priced at \$1,695,000 and located in Tuscany Reserve in Northville.

A panel of local architects and industry experts judged the homes. Participating judges were Dan Sugg, LaSalle Bank first vice president; Brian Gill, A.I.A., of The Design Group; and Rob McCalpin, A.I.A., of Stucky-Vitale Architects. The 61 Spring Parade of Homes models are located throughout southeastern Michigan and can be viewed via open house tours, or online at www.biaparadeofhomes. com, Aug. 17 through Dec. 31, 2007.

Featured homes include condominiums and single-family homes ranging in price from \$97,900 to \$1,890,000. They range in square footage from 965 to 8,200 square feet. There are 18 homes priced under \$250,000 and seven homes priced over \$1 million. Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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Commercial properties vie for awards from professional group

The Detroit chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW Detroit) is considering seven entries for its 2007 Impact Awards, which recognize two southeast Michigan commercial property developments that made significant positive impacts on their surrounding communities. The sixth annual competition was open to new construction and redevelopment projects completed between Jan. 1, 2006, and June 30, 2007. Each project must have involved at least one firm with a CREW member, explained Sheila Monohon of Giffels-Webster Engineers in Rochester Hills, the award committee chair.

Entries in the "new develop-

The sixth annual competition was open to new construction and redevelopment projects completed between Jan. 1, 2006, and June 30, 2007. Each project must have involed at least one firm with a CREW member.

ment" category include: ■ 325 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham – submitted by Hobbs + Black Architects of Ann Arbor; and

■ Warren Civic Center, Warren - submitted by Neumann/Smith Architects of Southfield. Entries in the "redevelopment" category include:

 Cadence Innovation headquarters, Troy – submitted by Facility Matrix Group of Bloomfield Hills;
 Garden Court Condominiums, Detroit – submitted by Farbman Group of

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Kresge Foundation headquarters, Troy - submitted by JM Olson Corporation of St. Clair Shores;

Liberty Lofts, Ann Arbor - submitted by Hobbs + Black Architects; and

McMillan Brothers new showroom, Warren - submitted by Scarcello Associates of Bingham Farms.

Properties earn points for being environmentally friendly, improving the surrounding community and creatively using current materials, space and technology, Monohon noted. Visteon Village in Van Buren

Township and the Mason Run brownfield redevelopment in Monroe won in 2006 in the new development and redevelopment categories, respectively

The judging panel will select one winner in each category in late August, with winners announced Sept. 4. The awards will be presented at a Sept. 20 luncheon at Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Hills, where all finalists' entries will also be on display. Tickets are \$60 and available online at www.crewdetroit.org. Tables of eight are available for \$600. For details, contact Beth Lilley at (313) 256-2342 or elizabeth. lilley@chase.com, or see the Web site.

Herman Miller/WorkSquared is the event's platinum sponsor. Comerica, Giffels-Webster Engineers, Inc.,

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CREW Detroit, founded in 1986, is dedicated to advancing the success of women in commercial real estate by promoting networking and professional opportunities among its more than 140 members. It is one of the largest local chapters of CREW Network, a professional organization of 7,000 commercial real estate women and men in the U.S. and Canada. Other local activities include monthly programs, a golf outing in June, and community outreach work benefiting Alternatives for Girls in **Detroit and First Step Project Against** Domestic Violence in Plymouth.

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BIA 'Best shot'

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More BIA

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

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Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 3 and 4. In addition to MCSP credit, the course gives the students two units of credit toward a Council of Residential Specialists (CRS), Certified New Home **Marketing Professional** (CMP) or Member, Institute of Residential Marketing (MIRM) designation.

The course provides an overview of the planning and development of single-family homes. It also reviews types and methods of construction, expanding the student's knowledge of the building process and enhancing the student's effectiveness in their sales career.

This is a two-day program. The class will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Association offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Registration fees are \$275 for SMC members, \$325 for BIA members and \$375 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Building Industry

Association of Southeastern Michigan will present Real Advice for Builders, Part III: "Closing the Sales: Innovative Ways To Succeed In Today's Economy" on Thursday, Oct. 11, from 5:30-8 p.m. at Marriott Detroit Pontiac at Centerpoint, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway, Pontiac. The roundtable discussion will give participants an opportunity to network and exchange ideas on how to survive the current economic conditions. A brief panel presentation will be followed by a question-andanswer session between audience members and experts.

BIA First Vice President Richard Komer of Wineman & Komer Building Co. will serve as moderator. Speakers include Wende Boerema of Boerema Chaben & Co., **Barbara Gates of MJC** Companies, Anita Blender of Bluerock Management, and Denise Contreras and Linda Spencer of New Home Resource.

Registration fees, including hors d'oeuvres and beverages,

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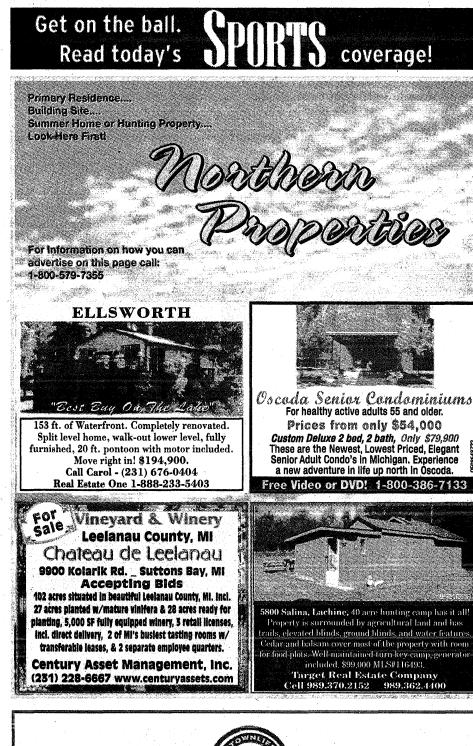
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Some people won't use e-mail or will, begrudgingly. This behavior stymies the group and often brings

more than a

little irritation. Then there's the inevitable question: Are you encountering a problem or a symptom of a problem? In either case, you have more alternatives than you might think.

"I had a boss long ago who had his assistant print out all of his e-mails, hundreds of them," says Rich Moran, partner at venture capitalist firm Venture Associates in Menlo Park, Calif. "He would write on the paper and give them back to his assistant for the replies." Maryann Karinch, speaker in Estes Park, Colo., reports, "I've encountered them, too. Sounds morbid, but at some point, that breed will probably just die off." Cherie Kerr of ExecuProv Inc., a communication skills training firm in Santa Ana Calif., mentions that there are other resisters -- "people who refuse to acknowledge or reply to e-mails or take days to do it."

You might well have to accommodate the communication preference of an e-mail-phobe or lose the contributions that that person could make. After all, blackmail and bribery are out of style, indicates Internet marketer Miki Dzugan of Rapport Online Inc., in Sedona, Ariz.

PROCESS

If you're stuck with this situation, it might not be too late to do what you should have done in the first place. Julie Zinn, Business Skills program director at ESI International Inc., in Arlington, Va., has a solution, even though she trains in environments where people feel "saturated"by e-mail overload. She encountered the challenge on a board on which she serves as president.

"Any intact group, temp project team or board can create a communication plan at the outset of a project," she says. "(This involves) who needs to know what and when, how information will be delivered, who is responsible for delivery. That way, you collect information about the group's communication needs." Cynthia D'Amour, leadership strategist at People Power Unlimited L.L.C., in Ann Arbor, Mich., agrees. She points out that sharing preferences "up front so there are no surprises when Fred does not read e-mail"will save a great deal of frustration.

Zinn breaks down the process: -- "Do a spreadsheet identifying all of the

stakeholders. -- "Determine what information will be

communicated on a regular basis, how it will be sent and received, and what people's preferences are.

-- "Give assignments for who's delivering. If e-mail is the primary mode and three people don't use it, designate someone to make phone calls or use another method. Branch off your communication tree. Flesh out the plan to help the organization know who's responsible for a message and make sure recipients get it." TACTICS

If you're still at a loss or have only minor recalcitrance, take steps to facilitate communication. Kerr advocates efficient "facetime" by telephoning and teleconferencing. D'Amour recommends having a laptop at meetings so that someone can write the minutes in real time, then print them immediately. But be cautious, because stepping away from a meeting might cause the



Credit: Courtesy of ESI International Inc.

Julie Zinn trains clients in business skills at the headquarters of ES International Inc., in Arlington, Va., where she is a program director. Effective e-mail communication is one of her specialties.

scribe to remember something omitted or provide new perspective.

She also suggests:

-- Pairing people with different

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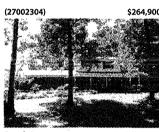
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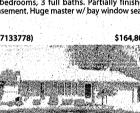
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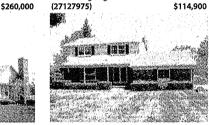


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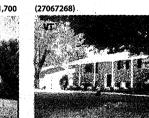
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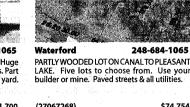


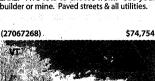
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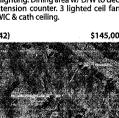
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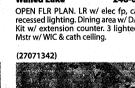
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Power of '1': Guthridge leads 'Cats to 28-6 win

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Mike Sawchuk's debut as Plymouth's head football coach turned out "1"-derful Saturday afternoon against Belleville.

Junior running back Terrance Guthridge, who wears jersey No. 1, dashed, spun and sprinted for 147 yards on 22 carries to lead the Wildcats to a 28-6 triumph over the Tigers in a Big Prep Showdown III contest played at Eastern Michigan University.

Plymouth senior quarterback C.J. Gregory deservedly was named the Wildcats' Most Valuable Player following the game after completing 6-of-12 passes for 98 yards, but there are probably a few Belleville defenders who would have voted for the speedy, elusive Guthridge, who shined in his first varsity start.

"I wasn't sure how much I'd be playing because we have two other very good running backs who are seniors," Guthridge admitted. "I didn't sleep real well last night and I was nervous before the game, but my offensive line did a great job and I ran through the holes they made for me.

"It was important to win our first game

because we have a lot of goals this season, including winning the league."

Sawchuk, who was named Plymouth's new coach early this year, said the first-game win felt "awesome."

"We had some adversity early in the game, but the kids kept getting after it," he said. "Terrance is a special player. I think he scored around 30 touchdowns on our junior varsity team last year, so he's going to be very, very good.

"Belleville is a tough team to defend because they have so much speed. Our defense did a good job of containing their running game for the most part."

The Wildcats struck early when Gregory connected with Connor McKinney on a 17-yard scoring strike just 1:21 into the contest, Mike Korona's extra point made it 7-0. The score was set up by senior linebacker Kyle Wallath's fumble recovery two plays earlier. Belleville countered by mounting an impressive drive that took it inside the Plymouth 10. However, Plymouth senior defensive tackle Jackson Vaughn pounced on a fumble on the Wildcat 12 with 5:10 left in the quarter to halt the threat.

The Tigers did find paydirt on their next pos-

session, a seven-play, 68-yard drive that was capped by Rod Barksdale's perfectly thrown 21-yard pass to Anthony Roberts in the corner of the end zone. The extra point was wide allowing Plymouth to maintain a 7-6 lead.

The Wildcats extended their lead to 14-6 just over a minute later when Gregory rifled a pass to junior tight end Ronnie Goble, who impersonated a Mack truck through the Belleville secondary to finish off a 43-yard TD pass.

"We have a couple of special plays for Ronnie, and that was one of them," said Sawchuk. "He's a big target and we like to go to him in clutch situations like that. He's a horse out there. He's tough to bring down."

After the Wildcat defense stiffened on the Tigers' next possession, a 24-yard punt return by McKinney gave Plymouth the ball on the Belleville 24. Seven plays later, Guthridge sliced into the end zone from the 1 to put the 'Cats up 21-6 with just 1:20 left in the half.

Senior running back Rico Tyus put the icing on the scoring cake when he bolted in from the 1 with 1:22 remaining in the third quarter.

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Plymouth tight end Ronnie Goble hauls in one of his three receptions during Saturday's 28-6 victory over Belleville in the Big Prep Showdown III at Eastern Michigan University.

Catch 2-2

Senior goalie helps Plymouth earn draw

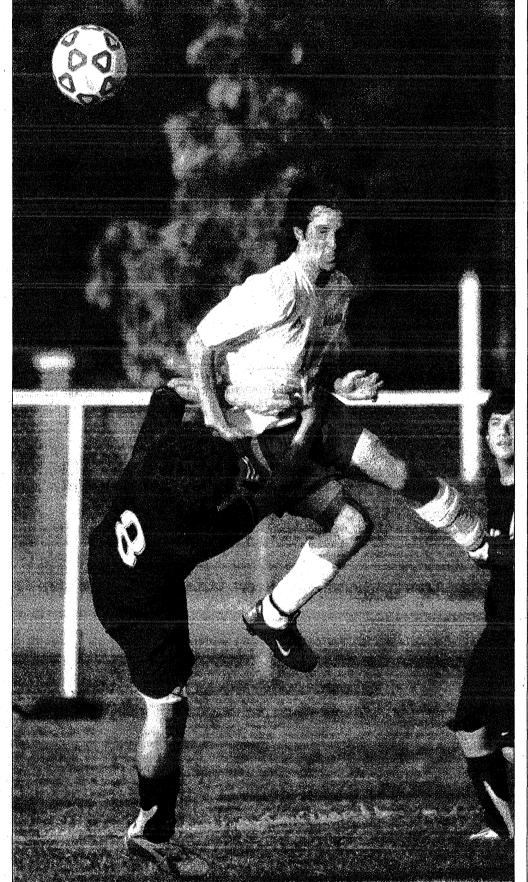
BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

If Plymouth goalkeeper Brian Rissman would have played very good Monday night, Salem probably would have notched its first victory of the young season.

But fortunately for the Wildcats, Rissman played great, which helped Plymouth secure a 2-2 tie with the host Rocks in an entertaining match played on the P-CEP varsity soccer field.

The draw left Plymouth with a 1-2-2 mark while the "tie"-dyed Rocks stood at 0-1-4.

"I thought (Rissman) did an outstanding job tonight," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "He took a couple of sure goals right out of the back of the net. This easily could have been a 4-2 or 5-2 win for us tonight. He was great even on the crosses. He was picking off everything." The opening 40 minutes belonged to Salem, which took a 1-0 advantage into the intermission thanks to Josh Pascarella's goal from 25 yards out nine minutes into the game. Pascarella's net-finder was assisted by Dan Radosevich. 'We played much stronger in the second half than we did in the first," noted Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich. "In the first half, Salem did a nice job of working the ball across their back and attacking us from the outside, but we made some adjustments at the half and they worked out OK." Plymouth knotted the contest at 1-1 3:48 into the second half when returning All-State mid-fielder Colin Rolfe carved through the Rocks' defense before threading a pass to sophomore Dan Jasewicz, who ripped the ball past Salem net-minder Sasa Miskovic. "That goal was all Colin Rolfe," said McCarthy. "It was a tremendous individual effort on his part. He beat three of my defenders,



Joe Stefan is named Whalers' assistant coach

Plymouth Whalers President, General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci announced the hiring of Joe Stefan as the team's new assistant coach. Stefan, the brother of former Whalers' assistant coach Greg Stefan, worked for the Whalers as a scout for two seasons before moving behind the bench.

"I've known Joe for a long time and am very comfortable with his coaching style," Vellucci said. "He's done a good job for us in scouting and pre-scouting around the league. We're excited to have Joe in Plymouth."

After playing in the Ontario Hockey League from 1983-86, Stefan played in the International Hockey League from 1987-91 before moving to England, where he played from 1991-2002 in the British National League. Stefan was also general manager and head coach of the Slough Jets of the British National League from 1998-02. "I've been waiting for a chance like this since coming back from Europe," Stefan said. "I'm very happy to be on board. I'm going to bring an upbeat attitude to the bench and the dressing room. The players will be prepared to play." In a related move, Vellucci named Adam Mattson Plymouth's Director of Operations and Video Coach. Mattson started two years ago as an intern and became video coach last season.



Chief harriers 4th

Canton's girls cross country team placed fifth in Saturday's talent-rich South Lyon Invitational. Ann Arbor Pioneer won the meet, placing just ahead of runner-up Northville.

Canton's top performers were Rachel Rohrbach (20:57), Sarah Thomas (21:46) and Katherine Rymond (22:36).

"Overall, I thought the girls ran very strong," said first-year Canton coach Eric Pahl. "This team is very competitive and they've displayed a lot of potential."

Coaches: Please call

The area's high school coaches are encouraged to report results of their team's games to *Observer* Sports Editor Ed Wright, who can be reached at (734) 953-2108 or at ewright@hometownlife. com. The deadline for Sunday editions is 11 p.m. Friday; the deadline for Thursday editions is 11 p.m. on Tuesday.

Officials sought

Registrations for individuals interested in becoming a high school athletic game official for the 2007-08 school year may do so exclusively online through the Michigan High School

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Plymouth's Evan Yoder (left) defends airborne Salem forward Matt Woster during the first half of Monday night's 2-2 draw between the two P-CEP rivals.

Plymouth gets the pre-season started on Saturday at 4 p.m. against Windsor at Compuware Arena.

Plymouth's home opener is Saturday, Sept. 22, at 7:05 p.m. against the Erie Otters at Compuware Arena. The Whalers will raise their OHL championship banner before the start of the game.

Single-game tickets are being held at \$14 for center-ice seating and \$10 for executive Reserved. Season tickets for 2007-08 start at \$239 and can be purchased by calling Compuware Arena at (734) 453-8400 or by going to Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com.

Netters adjusting to fall season

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Following the shortest offseason in the history of boys high school tennis — roughly three months — the three P-CEP squads are ready to serve up a heavy dose of action as the 2007 campaign looms.

Due to the court-mandated change of seasons, the boys tennis season moved to the fall from the spring beginning this year.

"It's been nice for the boys because we usually start the season in March, which means we had to practice indoors

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for the first few weeks," said Canton coach Barb Lehmann. "When that was the case, practices only lasted about an hour to an hour and a half, so they've definitely gotten more practice time than in the past."

The Rocks are coming

off a stellar spring season

when they placed third at

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and fourth at the Division 1

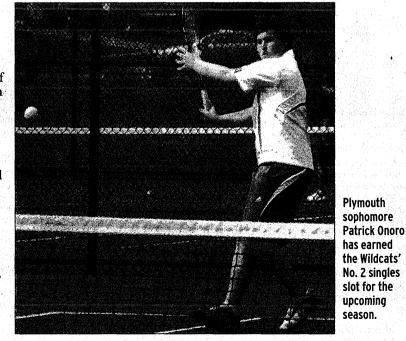
There is reason for optimism

the Western Lakes Activities

this fall thanks to the return of WLAA No. 1 singles champion Lawrence Washington and an infusion of several talented newcomers, according to coach Bill Nelson.

"Lawrence worked very hard during the off season and he's hitting the ball even better than he did last season," said Nelson. "He went 22-2 last season, so we're looking for big things from Lawrence again. We have some really good freshmen coming in, too, which will help us replace the seniors who graduated from

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Athletic Association's Web site, mhsaa.com. Applications will be accepted online, by mail,

accepted online, by mail, and on a walk-up basis in the MHSAA Office for the upcoming school year. The MHSAA Office has a lobby kiosk available for online registrations.

Online registrants will receive a \$5 discount off their processing fees, regardless of when they submit their application. **MHSAA** registration fees are among the lowest in the nation. A \$10 fee is charged for each sport in which an official wishes to register, and the online processing fee is \$20. Officials submitting registration forms by mail or on a walk-up basis will incur a \$25 processing fee.

Officials registered in 2006-07 will be assessed a late fee of \$20 for registration after July. The processing fee includes liability insurance coverage of up to \$1 million for officials while working contests involving MHSAA schools.

There is an officials' registration test, which is for first-time officials and officials not registered in the past year. The test consists of 75 questions derived from the MHSAA Officials Guidebook, which is available on the Officials page of the MHSAA Web site, and may be used during the open-book test.

Online registration can be accessed by clicking "Officials" on the Home Page of the MHSAA Web site. More information about officials registration may be obtained by contacting the MHSAA at 1661 Ramblewood Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823; call (517) 332-5046; or e-mail register@mhsaa. com.



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all of whom are very good defenders."

Three minutes later, Salem's Matt Woster came within inches of giving the Rocks a 2-1 lead, however, Rissman went horizontal to barely deflect the shot out of harm's way.

Plymouth seized a 2-1 lead with 20:06 left in the game when freshman Ian Griffiths lifted a soft, arching shot over Miskovic.

The game's final goal was registered two minutes later when Salem senior midfielder Nick Schreiber fed Kevin Cope with a perfect pass. Cope then ripped a high, hard laser into the upper-right hand corner of the net past a leaping Rissman to make it 2-2 with 18:17 on the clock.

"I thought Brian played great and Tyler Floyd did a fantastic job for us in the midfield," said Neschich. "And Colin was his usual solid self. He was a workhorse out there."

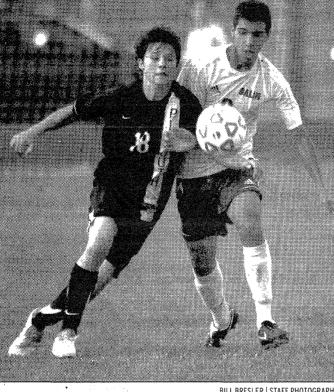
CANTON 1, W.L. NORTHERN 0: On

Monday, the Chiefs opened their WLAA slate with a dramatic shutout on the Knights' turf. Matt Revers registered the shutout, stopping six shots. Senior Logan McGraw scored the game's lone goal off an assist from Pat Nolan

AGAPE 3, WASHTENAW CHRISTIAN 1: On Friday, the Wolverines opened their season with an impressive victory at Washtenaw. The Mullett brothers - Donald and Mark - led the way bycombining for two goals and an assist.

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Plymouth's Andrew Yoder (left) and Salem's Mohammad Pourmandi chase down a loose ball during Monday night's 2-2 draw.

Freshman Landon Cook also notched a goal for the winners. Senior Jared Miller earned the win in net, stopping two shots.

"It was nice to get a win in our first game," said coach Dan DeWitt. "The boys came in ready and they were anxious to play against other than themselves.'

AGAPE 4, CALVARY 1: On Tuesday, the Wolverines improved to 2-0 as Mark Mullett netted a pair of goals.

Donald Mullett (goal, assist) and Brandon Pierson (goal) also contributed to the Wolverines' offensive attack.

coverage.

Senior net-minder Jared Miller earned the win, stopping 10 shots.

The Wolverines outshot Calvary, 32-11.

LUTH. WESTLAND 1, PLY. CHRISTIAN 0: Ryan Baglow's goal in the 18th minute off a throw-in from Tony Cipolla stood up Tuesday as host Lutheran High Westland (4-0) downed **Plymouth Christian Academy** in a nonconference match.

Goalkeeper Micah Hausch made five saves, his second shutout of the year, for the Warriors.

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last year's team."

The Foster twins -- freshmen Brett and Brock - are two of the ninth-graders Nelson thinks highly of. Brett has earned the No. 2 singles slot while Brock is slated to team up with senior Tyler Jeleniewski at No. 1 doubles.

The singles quartet will be filled out more than ably by Jake Burnstein and David Benson, who will play No. 3 and 4, respectively.

Joining Brock Foster and Jeleniewski in the doubles lineup will be Dion Walker and John Bills (No. 2); Yuvi Rakeev and Ryan Aubert (No. 3); and John Perrin and John Kang (No. 4). Nelson mentioned Northville, Livonia Churchill and Livonia Stevenson as the teams to beat in the WLAA.

Chief kickers have abundance of talent

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

The Canton boys soccer team's roster is stocked with fast, explosive, experienced players and an abundance of quality goal-keepers.

But that doesn't necessarily mean the Chiefs are assured of stocking their trophy case with hardware this season, Canton coach George Tomasso has reminded his team on a regular basis.

"I tell them all the time that there are no easy games at the varsity level," said Tomasso. "In our league, just about any team can beat any other team on any given night. You have to be ready to play every night, or else."

The Chiefs have been ready — and able — so far this season, having chalked up a 2-0-2 record. On Saturday they advanced to the championship game of the Balconi Invitational on the P-CEP campus before falling to Novi Catholic Central in a shootout.

"The boys have really been working hard so far," emphasized Tomasso. "This is a well-balanced team all the way from our goal-keepers to our forwards, and are senior leadership is highly qualified, too."

Nearly half of the Chiefs' roster consists of seniors, most of whom played quality minutes in 2006. Leading the way are tri-captains Pat Nolan, a mid-fielder; Eric Piwowar, a forward; and Mark Edwards, a forward. The highly skilled senior class is filled out by mid-fielders Logan McGraw and Tim Belcher; and keepers Kevin Krause and Matt Revers.

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Krause and Revers are battling for the No. 1 net-minder position with junior Nick Turnbull. Tomasso said a clear-cut No. 1 goalie may not surface until the mid-season mark.

They're all very good," said Tomasso. "They're all good friends off the field, but very competitive on it."

A pair of juniors - Scott Zech and Sherif Hassanien — will be counted on to make major contributions on opposite ends of the field. Zech is a returning All-State defender while Hassanien is a quick-than-lightning forward.

"What makes Scott so good is his combination of hard work and dedication," said Tomasso. "He also has an incredible soccer mind that helps him understand the game like few other players.

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CC edges Canton in Balconi final

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Novi Catholic Central captured the seasonopening Gary Balconi Invitational soccer tournament Saturday by upending Canton in a shootout in the championship contest. The title game was scoreless after the regulation 60 minutes.

Junior Nick Turnbull notched the shutout for the Chiefs against the Shamrocks.

Canton advanced to the final game by slipping past Midland Dow in a shootout before whitewashing Ann Arbor Huron in a semifinal match,

"It was frustrating losing the final game in a shootout because I'm like most soccer coaches I'd rather see the game decided on the field,"

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key player who head coach Tom

Kimball received good news

Kimball wasn't sure would be

earlier this summer when he

found out that senior Dan

Jeong would be back after

choosing tennis over soccer.

the Plymouth varsity soccer

team the past two falls.

Jeong was a talented player on

"I was very happy to hear

that Dan chose tennis," said

Kimball. "He's a very skilled

tude. At first, I thought he

player and he has a great atti-

back.

said Canton coach George Tomasso. "But I was proud of the way the guys played hard until the end. They all did a great job."

All three of Salem's games were knotted after regulation. The Rocks battled defending Division 2 champion Dexter to a 1-1 draw before falling in a shootout. Jace Bearden scored the lone Salem goal off an assist from Josh Pascarella.

The Rocks tied Plymouth, 2-2, in the second game. Jeremy Stovchoff and Garrett Rogers found the net for the Rocks while Dan Jasewicz and Ian Griffiths scored the Wildcats' goals.

Plymouth dropped its opener 3-0 to CC before tying Salem. The 'Cat's won their finale, 1-0, over Midland Dow on a Dexter Gregg goal.

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3 singles, respectively, Kimball said. First-year senior Steve Ostrowski, who played baseball instead of tennis his first three years at Plymouth, is battling for the No. 4 singles slot with freshman Matt Dwan and sophomore Andy Mitchell. Sophomore Pat Bailey is also in the mix for a spot in the varsity line-up.

"They've all been working hard," said Kimball. "The three who don't end up playing singles will be our top doubles players."

Kimball said he has a group of a dozen other players who are competing for the final

doubles positions. "I don't cut, so we hard-working team that has shown improvement since the first day we started."

The Chiefs' 26-player roster will be led by a senior-less, but talented, core of singles players. Three juniors - David Kang, Mike Darouie and Justin Liedel – will play 1 through 3, respectively, while freshman Ryan Hanz has earned the No. 4 singles spot.

"All three of the juniors are very solid and Ryan is a newcomer who has been very impressive so far," said Lehmann.

Senior co-captain Ryan Hollingsworth has secured a slot on the No. 1 doubles duo. He'll be joined by either sophomore Riley Hoernschemeyer, junior Jeremy Lindlbauer or junior David Ding. Other key doubles players include senior co-captain Cory Hurst, senior Ryan Evans (a transfer from Woodhaven), freshman Adam Payne and junior Santosh Shanmuga.

FROM PAGE CI The Wildcats lost six starters to graduation but returned one

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Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on

our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike

Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF REQUEST TO TRANSFER INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES **EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE #2002-469** AND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION **CERTIFICATE #2005-601** FROM TOWER AUTOMOTIVE PLYMOUTH, INC. DBA TOWER AUTOMOTIVE TO TOWER AUTOMOTIVE OPERATIONS USA, 1, LLC

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2007

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Tower Automotive Plymouth, Inc., DBA Tower Automotive, to transfer Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #2002-469 and Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #2005-601 to Tower Automotive Operations USA 1, LLC for their facility located at 43955 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth Oaks Business Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Town Hall Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee Meeting. Telephone number 734-354-3224.

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might try to play both sport but he decided to focus just on tennis, which was fine with me."

Jeong will hold down the No. 1 singles spot. As of Monday, sophomore Pat Onoro and senior Anoop Gopal – who were doubles partners in the spring - will play Nos. 2 and

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH REQUEST FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR INDUSTRIAL** FACILITIES EXEMPTION FOR **GUARDIAN AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS, INC. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2007**

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Guardian Automotive Products, Inc., for a five (5) year Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for the cost of real property improvements to an existing facility to be leased and for new machinery and equipment to be purchased and installed within the leased facility located at 40985 Concept Drive, Lot 13, Metro Plymouth Business Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

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person team," said Kimball. 'It's the biggest team in the league again. It's a lot of players, but it helps grow the sport."

It's still early, but head coach Barb Lehmann has been thoroughly impressed by her team's work ethic and talent level so far this summer.

"We've had a good two and a half weeks of practice," Lehmann said. "I can already tell this is a very dedicated,

"Northville should be very strong again, but after that the league should be pretty wide open," Lehmann predicted.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR VICO PRODUCTS COMPANY **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2007**

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Vico Products for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for the purchase and installation of new personal property for their facility located at 41555 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

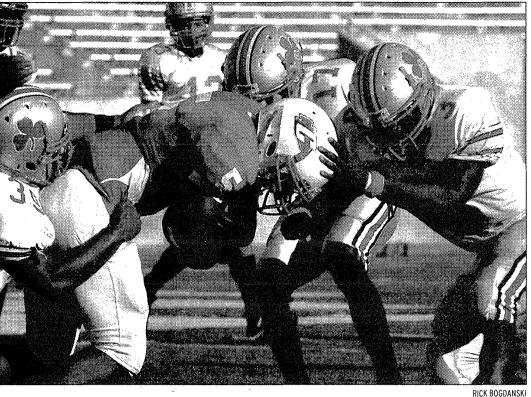
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Canton junior quarterback Jerome Scales fights for extra yardage during Saturday's 27-7 loss to Toledo Central Catholic. The game was played at Eastern Michigan University as part of the Big Prep Showdown III.

Toledo CC hands Chiefs 27-7 setback

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

The buses that transported Canton's season-opening opponent to Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium on Saturday afternoon had Ohio license plates.

The team's uniforms were scarlet and gray, and the players who wore them were big, fast and strong.

No, the Chiefs didn't open against the Ohio State University, but at times it may have seemed like it.

Ohio prep power Toledo Central Catholic showed why it has compiled one of the Buckeye State's best gridiron winning percentages over the past decade when it knocked off Canton, 27-7, in game No. 6 of the seven-game, twoday Big Prep Showdown III extravaganza at EMU. It was the Chiefs' first season-opening loss since 1998.

"That's a great team they're big and fast at every position," said Canton coach Tim Baechler, evaluating the Fighting Irish.

"I thought we did some really good things offensively, but we didn't do them consistently enough to beat a team like that. Defensively, we need a lot of

Ryan Kleeberger connected with wide receiver Donte Johnson on a 54-yard bomb. Kyle Burkhardt's first of three extra points made it 7-0 just 1:17 into the contest.

Canton responded much like the Chief teams that won 23 times over the previous two seasons when it mounted a power-driven 11-play, 74yard drive that culminated with senior fullback Jordan Raiford's bulldozing 15yard touchdown run. Jeff Sanctorum's extra point knotted the game at 7-all.

The momentum shifted in the Chiefs' direction even more moments later when their defense forced the Fighting Irish to punt. Canton took over at its 25 and churned the ball to its 46, however, a botched handoff on a fourth-and-1 play put the ball back in TCC's hands at the Chief 44.

Following a 37-yard doublereverse pass play from Mike Krieg to Johnson, TCC seized the lead for good when Brad Rogers rumbled in from seven yards out to make it 14-7 with 10:38 left in the first half.

Rogers, who finished with 119 yards on 22 carries running behind a mammoth interior line, closed out the scoring with a pair of 1-vard TD's

(28:50 to 19:10), but that was small consolation for a program that has grown accustomed to possessing the higher point total over its foes during Baechler's 10-year tenure.

"Nobody likes to lose, but the experience we gained will help us because each game we play from here on out will seem a little easier compared to today, said Baechler. "We've improved a lot just since our first scrimmage and we're going to get a lot better.

"This team works hard and it's going to be good. It's just going to take some time.

Each of the Chiefs' 207 total yards came on the ground. Raiford led the way with 77 yards on 13 attempts while senior Dalton Walser notched 76 on 17 runs. Tim Klott had nine rushes for 32 yards and junior quarterback Jerome Scales picked up 20 on 10 attempts.

Senior captains Dan Wanshon and Adam Powers spearheaded the Chiefs' defensive effort. Wanshon, a linebacker, had nine tackles while Powers, the strong safety, netted seven.

Sophomore linebacker Dakota Dark-Bird earned most valuable player honors for Canton after compiling - one with 2:36 left in the first five tackles (two for losses) in a reserve role. Senior defensive lineman Robert Walker recorded the Chiefs' lone sack.

Name change may be in cards for John Glenn football coach

K, the 2007 prep football season is officially under way.

I found that out quickly because that's

when the mothers come out of hibernation and start emailing. Our reporter at Friday's Big Day III Showdown,

Brad Emons Brad Kadrich, the Plymouth

Observer community editor, came through in the clutch to cover the late Westland John Glenn-Livonia Franklin game at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium.

The game was scheduled for 8 p.m., but it didn't start until almost 9 p.m. because of the stormy weather.

The game also provided its first mild surprise of the season when John Glenn, coming off consecutive 3-6 seasons, upended Franklin, picked by many to win the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association, 26-17.

And like clockwork, it didn't take long for somebody to point out an error in one of our game stories.

Mrs. Konopka, none other than the President of the John Glenn Booster Club, reminded us that Glenn head coach Todd DeLuca's first name wasn't Tom as Kadrich's story stated. Of course, I should have

known better myself. As an editor, it's my first fumble of the season. A bad catch. I

dropped the ball. But as it turns out, I discovered the Big Day III program listed Coach DeLuca indeed as

Tom Maybe it's his middle name. I'll have to find out. Or maybe he purposely changed his first name for the sake shaking things up this season for the

Rockets. There's been a few famous name changes in history sports that have worked.

GRID PICKS

Dick "Don't call me Richie" Allen of Philadelphia Phillies fame comes to mind.

This Tom DeLuca guy might proved to be a good omen. Why change it back to Todd when you're on a roll? I say go with Tom for at least another week, especially with 0-1 Canton up next, which lost its first opener since 1998 to Toledo Central Catholic (27-7).

As for the three football prognosticators, the first week is never easy.

Perennial cellar dweller Tim Smith, the Redford-Garden City Sports Editor, must have caught lightning in a bottle, going 9-4. He is followed by yours truly, the Livonia-Westland Sports Editor and defending champion, at 8-6. Plymouth-Canton Sports Editor Ed Wright brings up the rear at 7-6.

Here's a look at this week's games. And by the way, Mrs. Konopka wants everybody to know that the Glenn at Canton game starts at 4:30 today, not at 7 as www.highschoolsports.net published earlier this month on the Glenn football schedule.

THURSDAY'S GAMES (ALL AT 7 P.M. UNLESS NOTED)

RED. COVENANT (1-0) AT GALESBURG-AUGUSTA (1-0), 1 P.M.: Fresh from a 13-6 win Friday over Detroit University Prep, the Spartans travel to the west side of the state for a non-conference game against the Rams, who downed Bloomingdale in their opener, 28-0. Augusta has not made the playoffs since 1997.

PICKS: Emons (Galesburg); Smith (Galesburg); Wright (Galesburg). RED. THURSTON (0-1) AT HIGHLAND PARK (0-1), 4

P.M: It's the Mega-Blue opener for both teams with Highland Park, a Division 4 state semifinal last year, coming off a tough 7-6 loss to Dearborn of the Mega-Red. Thurston fell 15-6 to Warren Lincoln of the Macomb Area Conference's Silver Division.

PICKS: Emons (Highland Park); Smith (Highland Park); Wright (Highland Park)

WESTLAND GLENN (1-0) AT CANTON (0-1), 4:30 p.m.: The Rockets, fresh from an impressive win over Franklin, will try and do it again against a Canton team that opened uncharacteristically with

PICKS: Emons (Canton); Smith (Glenn), Wright (Canton).

LIV. STEVENSON (1-0) AT LIV. FRANKLIN (0-1): As advertised, the Spartans' offense was impressive last week in a 49-26 win over Ypsilanti Lincoln. Franklin's season may be at a crossroads after being banged up last week by Glenn.

PICKS: Emons (Stevenson); Smith (Stevenson); Wright (Franklin).

LIV. CHURCHILL (1-0) AT NORTHVILLE (0-1): The Chargers, fresh from a 35-7 win at Lansing Eastern, can start to build momentum with another win. Northville is coming off a 27-6 loss to KVC favorite South Lyon. PICKS: Emons (Churchill); Smith (Northville); Wright (Churchill).

W.L. CENTRAL (0-1) AT WAYNE (0-1): Both teams had tough opening day opponents with Central losing 10-7 to KVC co-favorite Milford in overtime. Wayne, meanwhile, had the lead after three quarters in a 30-20 setback at Jackson.

PICKS: Emons (Central); Smith (Central); Wright (Central). SALEM (0-1) VS. PLYMOUTH (1-0) AT CEP:

Terrance Guthridge's 154 yards rushing gave rookie Wildcats coach Mike Sawchuck his first win in an impressive 28-6 Big Day III Showdown triumph over Belleville. Salem, meanwhile, was competitive in its 29-18 setback to Pinckney.

PICKS: Emons (Plymouth); Smith (Plymouth); Wright (Plymouth). LUTH. WESTLAND (0-1, 0-1) AT LIV. CLARENCEVILLE

(0-1, 0-1): With the Metro Conference schedule already in full swing, this game takes on significance. Clarenceville was sloppy in its season-opening 14-8 loss Friday to Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, while Lutheran Westland was even sloppier (seven turnovers) in a 41-0 setback to a good Harper Woods team.

PICKS: Emons (Clarenceville); Smith (Clarenceville); Wright (Clarenceville).

REDFORD UNION (1-0) AT WYANDOTTE (1-0): The Mega-White season begins with the Bears coming off a 29-0 whitewash of non-league foe Riverview. RU's defense pitched a shutout in a 12-0 win over Dearborn Heights Crestwood. Both teams made the playoffs last year.

PICKS: Emons (Wyandotte); Smith (Wyandotte); Wright (RU).

ROMULUS (0-1) AT GARDEN CITY (0-1): Both teams fell in their openers - Garden City to Taylor Kennedy, 21-0, while Romulus was bounced by Southgate Anderson, 28-7. It's the Mega-Blue opener for both schools.

PICKS: Emons (Romulus); Smith (Garden City); Wright (Romulus).

work, but the kids hit hard and they never gave up. The effort was there.'

TCC's potent spread offense scored on its first play from scrimmage when quarterback

half and the second with 7:03 remaining in the third.

Canton actually possessed the ball almost nine minutes longer than the Fighting Irish

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Pirates' comeback frustrates Rock gridders, 29-18

Salem's football team burst to a 12-0 first-half lead Friday night at Pinckney before eventually falling to the Pirates, 29-18.

Junior running back Anthony Mullins enjoyed a stellar game as he rushed for 240 yards on 23 carries and three TD's. Salem led 18-7 at one point, however, Pinckney battled back to score the game's final 22 points. Rock junior quarterback Heath Parling completed 5-of-20 passes for 69 yards.

Jeremy Epley hauled in four of Parling's aerials for 56 yards while Jake Shrout caught one for 31 yards. Pinckney barely outgained the Rocks in total yards, 293-288. The Pirates k cked up 13 first downs to the Rocks'



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SPORTS BRIEFS

Youth hoop league

Madonna University will stage a Sunday Youth Basketball League beginning Sunday, Sept. 9 through Oct. 28, at the MU Activities Center.

Ages 10-12 will report at 3 p.m. followed by ages 13-15 at 5 p.m. on Sept. 9. Each day will consist of a skill-building session and a league game.

Included in the \$100 cost is league jersey, league games (plus playoffs) and skill building drills. For more information, call (734) 398-5975 or (734) 432-5591.

Run Like Wind 5K

The ninth annual Run Like the Wind 10-kilometer run and 5K run-walk starts at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 1, at the Nankin Mills Picnic Area in Hines Park in Westland.

All proceeds will go back to the sport of running through support of youth track clubs and the Michigan Running Foundation Scholarship Fund.

Race day fees are \$20 (with shirt) and \$15 (no shirt).

Awards and a special prize will go to the overall and masters (40-and-up) male and female winners. Medals will also be awarded to the top three finishers in each age group.

For more information, call Chuck Block at (517) 702-0226.

Kickball league

Canton Leisure Services will be offering a fall adult kickball league Sept. 10 to Oct. 22. The Monday night league includes doubleheaders 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 league and playoff champions.

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

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 invitation-only 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 silentauction 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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THE WEEK AHEAD

Thursday, Aug. 30 Salem at WSU Warrior Relays, 5 p.m. **BOYS CROSS COUNTRY** Thursday, Aug. 30

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY Thursday, Aug. 30 Canton at Troy Athens Relays, TBA Salem at Luth. West Time Trials, 4 p.m.

In Stock!

Canton Celtic prevail

The Canton Celtic U13 Boys Red soccer team won the Midland Fusion Invitational tournament this past week. The Celtic outscored their opponents 26-0 and defeated Midland Fusion 95 Premier, 5-0, in the title game. Pictured (front row from left) are Brent Perry, Robby Lowe, Danny Ross, Tyler Fosdick, Brenton Zuzo, Brian Eggenberger, (back row from left) Coach Charlie Bell, Daniel Marsden, Brian Galm, Chadd Alspach, Ryan Yun, Chris Dierker, Emerson Brown, Bryan Ren, Tyler Bashaw and Dominique Hadju.

Chief spikers 'semi' good at Warren Mott tournament

Canton's volleyball team opened its season Saturday with a commendable performance at the Warren Mott Invitational.

The Chiefs racked up a 5-1 record in pool play and advanced to the semi-final round in the "Gold" bracket before getting knocked off by the host Marauders, 25-23, 17-25, 15-13.

"There were a lot of good things that happened this weekend and there were a few things that we definitely need to focus on for improvement -- consistency in our offense being one of them," said Canton coach Jen Barnes. "The team and I agreed

2007 WILDCAT CHALLENGE

SATURDAY AT CANTON

(NO TEAM SCORES WERE KEPT) 400-yard medley relay (Heat A): Woodhaven (Woitulewicz, Connochie

Ford, Sanders), 5:24.64; 2. Monroe, 5:28.38; 3. Plymouth (Kelsey Keithler, Olivia Eggenberger, Danielle Hutko, Rachel Huhta),

400 medley relay (Heat B): 1. Monroe (Miller: Horenstein, Savonen, Smith), 4:34.07; 2. Plymouth (Elle Palczynski, Lauren Maslyk, Melissa McKinstry, Michelle

hang), 4:45.70; 3. Farmington Hills Mercy, 00.88; 4. Woodhaven, 5:01.08.

100 freestyle relay (Heat A): 1. Plymouth (Abby Kelly, Ally Lupica, Taylor

that we didn't play up to our potential. We felt that we could have performed better in the games we lost and even in the games we won.

"Our defense really held us together this weekend. They really stepped up."

The Chiefs shined in pool play, sweeping L'Anse Creuse North, 25-21 and 25-13; and Madison Heights Bishop Foley, 25-11 and 25-11 before splitting with Warren Cousino, 25-23, 23-25.

They then ousted Sterling Heights Stevenson, 25-23 and 25-22 in the quarter-finals before falling to Mott.

SWIMMING RESULTS

Woodhaven, 4:18.33. 100 breaststroke relay (Heat A): 1.

Monroe (Russell, Minney, Khara Burke, Jade Laney), 1:24.85; 2. Plymouth (Marissa Sullivan, Karie Darocy, Megan Dunbar, Madison Wilburn), 1:26.75.

100 breaststroke relay (Heat B): 1. Monroe (Tekieli, Apetroael, Kellie, Hule), 1:11.01; 2. Woodhaven, 1:14.54; 3. Plymouth (Paige Stevens, Rachel Huhta, Madison Tustian, Celeste Alexander), 1:16.40. 100 backstroke relay (Heat A): 1 Woodhaven (Matyas, Bishop, Blow, Hill), 1:16.94; 2. Monroe, 1:17.04; 3. Plymouth (Karie

Darocy, Kourtney Barber, Ally Lupica, Taylor Mussleman), 1:23.29. 100 backstroke relay (Heat B):

1. Monroe (Horenstein, Hunter, Burke, Miller), 1:03.85; 2. Woodhaven, 1:06.62; 3. Plymouth (Molly McKinstry, Paige Stevens, Meg Gripman, Beth McReynolds), 1:09:12; 4. Mercy, 1:20:67. 400 medley relay (Heat A): 1. Woodhaven (Connochie, Marshall, Greene, Brown), 5:16:77; 2. Plymouth (Olivia Eggenberger, Rachel Huhta, Kelsey Keithler, Navilla Britt), 5:31.06; 3. Monroe, 5:40.43. Monroe (Minney, Wehner, Drouillard, Laney, action (1997)
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400 medley relay (Heat B): 1. Monroe

4:31.20; 2. Plymouth (Lauren Maslyk, Elle Palczynski, Sijia Hao, Alyssa Liakos), 4:37.83; 3. Mercy, 4:44.69; 4. Woodhaven,

200 freestyle relay (Heat A): 1. Plymouth (Kaitlyn McReynolds, Sarah Armitage, Kourtney Barber, Madison Wilburn), 2:18,55; 2. Woodhaven, 2:23.34; 3.

Monroe, 2:32.96. **200 freestyle relay (Heat B):** 1. Monroe (Perry, Carps, Tekieli, Hule), 1:52.33; 2. Plymouth (Melissa McKinstry, Michelle Chang, Madison Tustian, Molly McKinstry), 1:54.74; 3. Woodhaven, 1:57.96; 4. Mercy, 2:65.21

4:44.83

2:05.21.

starred for Canton, netting 16 aces, 32 digs, 30 kills and 75 assists. "Kacy had a great day and

Junior setter Kacy Moran

really showed her leadership on the court," said Barnes.

Other players who made major contributions were Marie Martin (28 kills, 15 blocks), Jordan Kielty (28 kills, seven aces, 21 digs), Hannah Mills (49 digs), Gina Waite (28 digs), Laura Daniels (28 digs), Rachel Kain (18 digs), Lauren McPartlin (19 kills and eight blocks) and Ellie Kenny (18 kills and seven aces).

200 backstroke relay (Heat A): 1. Woodhaven (Brown, Branstner, Hill, Matyas), 2:40.66: 2. Monroe. 2:56.44. 200 backstroke relay (Heat B): 1.

Monroe (Smith, Hunter, Horenstein, Perry), 2:14.04; 2. Woodhaven, 2:14.04; 3. Mercy, 2:21.05; 4. Plymouth (Celeste Alexander, Beth McReynolds, Meg Gripman, Paige Stevens), 2:25.35. 500 freestyle relay (Heat A): 1.

Woodhaven (Strawine, James, Sims, Fisher), 6:04.11; 2. Plymouth (Abby Kelly, Danielle Hutko, Olivia Eggenberger, Kelsey Keithler), 6:21.39.

Carps, Devald, Miller, Savonen), 5:14,39; 2. Plymouth (Beth McReynolds, Melissa McKinstry, Alyssa Liakos, Sijia Hao), 5:21.70; 3. Woodhaven, 5:31.81; 4. Mercy, 5:32,88.

200 breaststroke relay (Heat A): 1

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Woodhaven, 1:05.19; 3. Monroe, 1:05.60. Woodhaven, 1:05.19; 3. Monroe, 1:05.60. **100 freestyle (Heat B):** 1. Monroe (Perry, Carps, Tekieli, Hule), 53.11; 2. Woodhaven, 56.24; 3. Plymouth (Molly McKinstry, Paige Stevens, Beth McReynolds, Madison Tustian), 56.25; 4. Mercy, 56.63. **100 butterfly relay (Heat A):** 1. Woodhaven (Ford, McGruther, Bird, Sims), 1:10.31; 2. Monroe, 1:12.76; 3. Plymouth (Madison Wilburn Kaithyn McReynolds

(Madison Wilburn, Kaitlyn McReynolds, Kourtney Barber, Megan Dunbar), 1:18.40.

100 butterfly relay (Heat B): 1. Plymouth (Lauren Maslyk, Elle Palczynski, Celeste Alexander, Molly McKinstry), 59.23; 2. Woodhaven, 1:05.05; 3. Monroe, 1:01.86; 4. Mercy 1:02 49 400 freestyle relay (Heat A): 1. Plymouth (Kaitlyn McReynolds, Navilla Britt, Danielle Hutko, Abby Kelly), 4:57.92; 2. Woodhaven, 5:08.97; 3. Monroe, 5:21.27. 400 freestyle relay (Heat B): 1.

Plymouth (Sijia Hao, Michelle Chang, Alyssa Liakos, Melissa McKinstry), 4:02.06; Monroe, 4:03.19; 3. Mercy, 4:18.14; 4.

200 butterfly relay (Heat A): 1. Woodhaven (Ford, Woitulewicz, McGruther, Sims), 2:31.02; 2. Plymouth (Kelsey Keithler

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 Plymouth (Elle Palczynski, Lauren Maslyk, Alyssa Liakos, Sijia Hao), 2:05.78; 2.
 Woodhaven, 2:10.24; 3. Mercy, 2:10.24; 4.
 Monroe, 2:13.73.
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Morri ue, 2:13.73. **Diving (Heat A):** 1. Tressa Bielak (W), 174.80; 2. Stephanie Parker (W), 174.80; 3. Kay Borst (P), 106.10; 4. Jamie Newcomer (M), 87.25:

(M), 6725. Diving (Heat B): 1. Ellen Strawsine (W), 185.25; 2. Emily Gorkiewicz (W), 185.25; 3. Liz Conner (M), 134.10; 4. Leah Kellie (M), 134.10; 5. Kirsten Engstrom (P), 132.65; 6. Barbara Wolohon (P), 132.65.

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The Fed Ex Cup

LESSON ON GOLF

By Jeff Lesson

The PGA Tour, in its infinite wisdom, wanted to create an event that would keep the Tour in the news after the playing of the PGA Championship. In previous years, all the buzz for professional golf has gone

away after the final major of the year. The same thing is

Tour's wishes. The Tour thought that just throwing up a \$10,000,000 prize at the end of the rainbow would be all they needed to do to create a "major" type event. But this approach is not working. So much so, the number one player in the

happening this year despite the

world is bypassing the first event in the Fed Ex Cup series. That's right, Tiger Woods is skipping The Barclays.

Tiger could still win the thing if he plays well in the succeeding Fed Ex Cup events. But it shows that this event doesn't exactly rank in terms of importance with Woods. Tiger is all about winning major championships - not about money. He already has more money than he and 20 other families could ever

spend. He cited being "tired" after winning the Bridgestone and The PGA Championship.

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The bottom line is Tiger probably wouldn't be "tired" if the next event was a major or a high importance tournament on the PGA Tour. But since this event is all about money without any tradition, Tiger is taking a pass on week one of the Fed Ex Cup. The PGA, despite all the positive spin they are trying to put on Tiger's snub of the Barclays

event, cannot be pleased.

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Deals like these are easy to find if you know where to look, but there's a catch: They're not new systems. Instead, they're refurbished models (sometimes known as "recertified").

In other words, they were pulled off the production line due to some defect or returned to the manufacturer by a customer (for reasons unknown). In both cases, the systems can't be sold as new, even if there's nothing wrong with them.

These machines are checked, ixed (if necessary), and

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BY JIM ROMANOFF FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

While fresh tomatoes are available

maximize the flavor and nutrition of the season's bounty.

For example, roasting tomatoes at high heat concentrates their flavor and brings out their rich sweetness by caramelizing the natural sugars. This technique also helps to minimize their bitter and acidic

mins, it helps concentrate other nutrients, such as lycopene, a powerful antioxidant studies suggest may be important to heart health.

In this simple recipe, roasted plum tomatoes are topped with garlic, fresh parsley and thyme, but you can use any

year-round, they're definitely at their best during summer.

And while it's refreshing to eat the best specimens just as you would an apple, some simple preparations can help you

qualities.

The result is an intensely savory and sweet tomato with a hearty texture.

And while cooking tomatoes can diminish the potency of the fruit's vitafresh herb, or even some fresh bread crumbs and Parmesan cheese. These moist and flavorful roasted

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restored as closely as possible to "new" condition. To the buyer, there's often no discernible difference between a refurbished PC or notebook and a brand-new one - except for the price.

Of course, buying a refurbished system does present something of a gamble. For starters, you have fewer guarantees about what you're getting. The system might have scuffs or scratches, or it might be missing some manuals or even software CDs.

On the other hand, it might be in mint, like-new condition. In fact, there's an argument to be made that a refurbished PC is actually better than a new one because it's been subjected to extra testing. Any problems that may have existed usually get corrected during the refurbishment process.

The bigger issue is the warranty. The aforementioned HP, for instance, comes with just a 90-day warranty, versus one year for new models. Apple, for its part, backs refurbished iMacs with a one-year war-

ranty — impressive. Another concern is the return policy: Sometimes refurbished PCs have a very limited return window — or none at all. You may also have

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Contained Magic

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Robert Heien, of Livonia, adds warmth and color around his swimming pool using containers overflowing with geraniums, spider flowers, impatiens and climbing mandevilla. He moves potted tropicals, like hibiscus, lemon and kumquat trees, outdoors in summer and inside through winter. Heien and his wife, Barbara, also maintain perennial and vegetable gardens. Heien is retired, and spends a couple hours each day tending his plants. The secret to his success? Lots of water, and a little Miracle-Gro. Container gardening's a great way to keep color in your yard through fall. Learn how to freshen containers with new varieties of cold-tolerant annuals and perennials as English Gardens hosts free "Fall Magic Container Gardening" seminars at 7 p.m. Sept. 5 at all six locations. Visit www.englishgardens.com.

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Eastern Market engages all the senses

've got a sort of Saturday afternoon ritual. A few years back I bucked my old silver-cart-pushing grocery store habit and began making the brief trek to Detroit's Eastern Market to buy nearly all I need for the week.



Sure, there's the occasional stop in town to buy little extras - soy milk, hummus, olive oil - but for the most part all I require can be found under those three colorful sheds, grown by vendors from near and far.

Stephanie Casola

I start out as early as possible on the north end, usually nabbing the

first parking spot I see. On the days when I'm truly prepared, with cash in small bills and a big mesh bag to carry all the goods, I can zip through the crowds in no time flat. And often I can get all I need for about \$20.

But it's more than cost-efficient. Eastern Market is an all-sensory experience. It begins with overwhelming sights

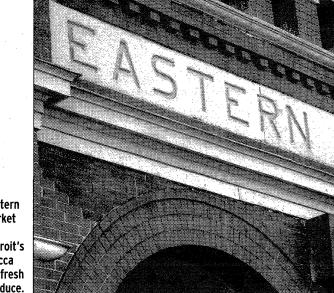
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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Head downtown to Eastern Market, where a bevy of sights and sounds greets shoppers.



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Eastern Market is a Detroit's mecca for fresh produce.

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and sounds coming from the crowds meandering on Russell Streets and the environs, the air always tinged with smoky barbecue billowing from Bert's Place.

Then comes the scent of abundant flowers, and finally the fresh-picked fruits and vegetables still dusty from the ground where they've been grown. It's good to have a system - to scout out the vendors and their goods before settling on a purchase.

Many of the Eastern Market shoppers I bump elbows with seem to have mastered the price-comparisons per batch of strawberries or honed the technique of bartering for avocados. I'm still working on that.

I do tend to recall the spots where I've found the best produce in the past, and I loyally return. But I also enjoy wandering around for inspiration - fresh rhubarb for a pie, a crusty loaf of Avalon bread for sandwiches.

I'm barely organized enough to make a real grocery list, but I know what I'll need week to week. I seek out the basics: fresh leafy greens like spinach, ripe red tomatoes, plump citrus fruit, juicy apples.

And I leave room to try new

things, like the giant Detroitgrown green onions I found a few months back. They were bigger and bolder than I'd ever seen, and completely organic. Spending about \$12 I can stock my refrigerator with plenty of fresh meal-starters for the week.

With the bulk pricing, though, it's easy for a single shopper to over-buy. A pound of green beans is an awful lot, I discovered. So is a basket of berries. There is often plenty to share with friends or family, and that's the most economical approach of all.

Once you've finished perusing the sheds, it's high time to hit the surrounding shops.

Rocky Peanut Co. and R. Hirt Jr. Company are great for augmenting that grocery list, and for finding good coffee or cheese, respectively.

Nothing beats Rafal Spice when it comes to buying just the right spice for any meal. The fragrant little shop sells a large selection of tea and coffee in barrels, too. For fresh fish, try Al's on

Russell or Eastern Market Fish on Market Street.

Cap off a special menu with a bottle of red or white from Cost Plus Wine, where even the selection is intoxicating.

When the whole process makes you hungry, it's certainly worth dining in the market before heading home.

Drop those bags at the car and find the quintessential

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favorite, Russell Street Deli, where you'll sit next to strangers and enjoy some of the best breakfast or lunch items in metro Detroit.

Afterward it's hard to resist browsing through the great little antique shops Eastern Market has to offer. Russell Street Antiques is right next door, but Eastern Market Antiques is a short walk across the way, and Parisian-themed Savvy Chic is located on Riopelle.

Before kicking up my heels and heading for the car, I'll sometimes splurge on a fresh flower bouquet or a sweet little potted plant, that is, if I've got enough change left over or if the grower who always tells me to "smile" when I walk by has something to my liking.

These steamy summer days are prime time for Eastern Market shopping, but remember it's open year-round. While my own routine significantly speeds up in the chilly winter months, I'll still brave the weather to find the best food around. For now, I'll relish the heat, and the fact that I can shop sans winter coat, boots and gloves.

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Get the facts about toxoplasmosis

ecently I was presented the opportunity to read a *Tiger Beat* magazine, along with a couple of publications that were very Tiger Beat-ish.

Why isn't important. I learned that a whole world exists I had no idea about.

All of the magazines were populated by pictures of the

same young people I had never heard of before, all smiling brightly and having more fun than would seem humanly possible.

be able to recognize these people in popular culture references. I don't

know everything about them, what they're basically about.

in entertainment. Sometimes in the medical world, a little knowledge can cause some problems.

When people make decisions without all the facts, they can make the mistake of not avoiding danger, or they may let their fears carry them away for no good reason.

A disease I hear about with a great deal of fear on a regular basis would be toxoplasmosis, a disorder caused by a singlecelled parasite.

Every pregnant client fears it, sometimes to the point that they get rid of their cat during their pregnancy, simply because of the perceived risks of the disease. Granted, toxoplasmosis

shouldn't be taken lightly, and anyone who's pregnant, or has immune compromise, such as those with HIV/AIDS, should consult with their physician to get as much information as possible.

For most people, however, it causes no problems at all, or at worst, flu-like symptoms. Still, avoiding the disease would be wise.

Unfortunately, too often cats get the blame for toxo, and pay the price by losing their home.

HOW TO CONTRACT TOXO

The only way people can contract toxoplasmosis from their cat would be by swallowing cat feces. My guess is that usually happens as a mistake.

Let's say you go out gardening and get some dirt contaminated by cat stool on your hand, then reach up to pull a hair from your mouth.

It could also simply be from just petting an infected stray cat with some stool on him, and not washing up afterwards.

No doubt about it, all these could happen, but the other ways seem more likely, such as exposure to raw or undercooked meat that's encysted with toxo. This happens either through eating something undercooked, or by not using proper hygiene during food preparation.

You're in the kitchen making your venison burgers. You place the patties in to be cooked, and before washing your hands you grab a cherry tomato and flip it in your mouth. Or maybe you iust don't wash a tomato from your garden.

It's just that simple. How about if you set your sandwich down on the cutting board you just used for the meat, or use the same knife to cut that sandwich as was used with the meat?

That's all it takes. Don't get too scared. You don't need to make a panicked call to your physician and tell him you're sure you have toxo.

Just be aware, and wash your hands. Use routine good hygiene and you should be OK, as long as you are diligent. Talk to your physician about any worries.

Just remember that the cat will likely never be a problem.

First off, they have to be infected themselves, which isn't common. If you keep your cat indoors and feed your cat canned or dry cat food (NOT raw meat, and not mice or birds), things should be fine.

Secondly, even infected cats only shed toxo for a few weeks, and it tends to resolve on its own without treatment.

Cats kept exclusively indoors without opportunity for exposure for years should mean you have no worries.

If you must clean the litter yourself, and you are pregnant or compromised, wear gloves and wash up thoroughly with soap and water afterwards.

The important things to remember about this disease are

1. People usually contract toxo through exposure to contaminated food, not by being around a cat.

2. Toxo is a major concern only if you are immune compromised or pregnant.

3. Indoor cats eating a normal cat food diet pose no practical risk for toxo.

4. There is no reason to get rid of your cat if you are pregnant or immune compromised.

5. Contact your physician with any questions about toxoplasmosis. It is a real concern, and getting as much good information as possible is a great idea.

Just remember, cats shouldn't pay the price for unsubstantiated fear, as they rarely serve as the cause of the problem.

Now, if you'll excuse me, Jesse McCartney and the Cheetah Girls are supposed to be on the DC tonight, and I want to be texting about the show with my BFF.

Or something like that.

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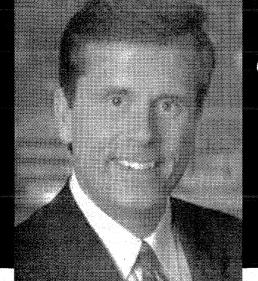
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Richmond did recently when he pondered the state of California pinot noir.

We've considered the issues presented by Richmond and agree with his thoughts.

DISTURBING TREND

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At a distributor product show recently, an alarm went off in Richmond's head as he tasted through a number of pinot noirs. He recognized a disturbing trend -- a parallel with recent California **Focus on Wine**

chardonnay history. "Pinot noirs **Ray & Eleanor** are being amped up with oak," Richmond says.

"I foresee the misrepresentation of pinot varietal flavor as oak flavor, not unlike the evolution that chardonnay underwent over the last 10 or 15 years. The ubiquitous proliferation of oak alternatives makes it cheap and easy to super charge a wine."

By oak alternatives, Richmond means the use of oak chips in large tea bags, slats, beads, beans and barrel inserts over a range of toast levels and origins. These alternatives are added to stainless steel tanks, where they are then in contact with wine. Alternatives are a significantly cheaper way to impart oak flavors than new French oak cooperage.

As a long-term student of pinot noir, Richmond recognizes how essential oak flavor is to fully flesh out the characters of this variety. In an effort to stay current as well as competitive, he tested the waters of the brave new wine world and experimented with the alternatives in lieu of barrels.

NO FREE LUNCH

"We're back to barrels as the only enduring alternative," Richmond says. "We will continue to take our best shot, year in and year out, relying on our intuition to guide our barrel purchases for this dynamic aspect of winemaking, ever cognizant that the grape must come first."

You've probably drunk pinot noir, chardonnay and even cabernet sauvignon that have been made 2005 Bouchaine Estate Pinot Noir, Carneros Napa Valley \$45 showcases youthful dark cherry and red berry characters, ending in a multi-layered elegant finish.

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with oak alternatives. It's easy to recognize.

First, lots of oak flavor (often, too much) and low cost. No way was such wine barrel aged!

Oak alternatives can leave wine with monochromatic oak characters and even a bitter finish, especially in pinot noir.

As this applies to 2005 Bouchaine Carneros, Napa Valley Estate Pinot Noir \$45, Richmond explains that his goal is to have Bouchaine pinot noir be a reflection of vineyard site, clone selection, vintage weather and harvest date. This does not happen with oak alternatives.

"We endeavor," he continues, "to optimize extraction by essentially treating all pinot noir grapes the same, once they come to the winery. Diversity and complexity in the final bottling blend comes from the melding of innate differences of each vineyard block, along with the Eleanor & Ray Heald are contributing considered oak regimen."

GONZO PINOT NOIR

Richmond's ultimate fear (and ours, too) is that we are now tasting less pure expressions of pinot noir

\$85 has obvious oak but it's nicely-balance. On Oct. 1, 2007, 392 cases of this limited production will be released. (Paul Hobbs fans take notice!) 2004 Archery Summit Arcus Estate Oregon Pinot Noir \$85 2004 Archery Summit Red Hills Estate Oregon Pinot Noir \$85 2004 Archery Summit Estate Dundee Hills Pinot Noir \$150

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

fruit from many California producers. The wines are over-oaked. The less expensive have aggressive oakiness from less-expensive alternatives, mimicking (and not very well) aging in premium cooperage.

Since this happened with chardonnay, Richmond asks will we have to live through a gonzo chardonnay experience with pinot noir until the collective wine market and its consumers say "enough already?"

If an oak impression comes before fruit in a pinot noir, it's a gonzo and you, as a wine consumer, are being denied the lush, bright, generous, complex and elegant fruit that pinot noir offers.

As the wine ages, it will not showcase secondary characteristics, such as dried rose petal and fine leather. It will be a dried out and rather ugly gonzo pinot.

editors for the internationally-respected "Quarterly Review of Wines" and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, and restaurants for the "Observer & Eccentric Newspapers." Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

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it's quick and easy

BY TANYA BRICKING LEACH FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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It may go head-to-head with ketchup as America's favorite condiment, but that doesn't make making a great tomato salsa easy.

The good news is that an authentic Mexican-style tomato salsa is quick and simple to prepare, calls for no unusual ingredients or fancy equipment, and pays serious dividends in flavor.

Here's what you need to know.

THE BASICS

The basic ingredients for a quick classic Mexican-style salsa are tomatoes, chili peppers, onions, cilantro and lime juice, says Nicole Curtis Ammerman, manager of New Mexico's Santa Fe School of Cooking.

"It's very rustic food," says Ammerman. "It's not exact, like some French cooking."

Americans are most familiar with salsa as blend of chopped tomatoes, chilies, onions and garlic, and use it mainly for dipping chips, says Rick Bayless, chef and owner of Chicago's Frontera Grill and host of the PBS show Mexico: One Plate at a Time.

The best salsa is going to have the least number of ingredients," he says.

In Mexico, it's known as "salsa Mexicana," a table sauce that's used on numerous foods, from eggs to tacos. Its role in Mexican cuisine, Bayless says, dates to the earliest record of Mexican food being a tapestry of color, texture and flavor.

THE TEXTURE

Great salsas rely on layers of flavor and a hearty texture.

This is why so many jarred salsas fail to impress. The time in the jar robs the tomatoes of their meatiness. The tomatoes also often are too finely chopped, resembling a puree more than a salsa.

The biggest problem with most salsas is they're insipid, they're watery and not very flavorful," says Susie Middleton, executive editor of Fine Cooking magazine.

Lack of texture usually can account for most of those problems. Pureed tomatoes exude more moisture. Tomato size also lends aesthetic value.

"The bigger the chunks are, the

bigger the perception of freshness," says Dennis Ferris, a food scientist at California State University, Fresno, who has studied how to maintain the fresh taste of cilantro in processed salsas. "So, the size does matter."

For that reason, he uses eggshaped Roma or plum tomatoes, which have firmer, meatier flesh than other varieties, and are more acidic. The size of the tomato chunks also is key - 1/16-inch dice is ideal to make the flavors meld, says Bayless.

Layered beneath the tomato taste, the heat of the chilies, aroma of cilantro and mellow pungency of garlic should come through. Lime juice, a more traditional choice than vinegar or lemon juice, rounds out the salsa with a touch of acidity.

Just a splash of olive oil will hold these flavors together, says Middleton.

THE HEAT

Whether you like a gentle tingle or a full frontal attack, it all comes down to capsaicin, the chemical that provides the heat in peppers. Controlling the heat of a salsa

is easy. Capsaicin is concentrated in the white ribs and seeds that run along the inside of the pepper. The outer flesh of the pepper has some heat, but mostly offers more nuanced pepper flavors.

Most Americans don't tolerate salsas much beyond mild, says Dirk Rambo, chief operating officer of the Abuelo's Mexican Food Embassy, an upscale-casual chain that has restaurants in 15 states.

Abuelo's solution is to place a container at every table filled with the hot parts of the pepper. Diners can mix some into their salsa and make it as hot as they'd like.

To get the most pepper flavor but control the heat at home, start by scraping the seeds and ribs out of the inside of the pepper. Finely dice them, then set them aside. Add just the flesh of the pepper in the salsa. If you want to increase the heat, add some of the ribs and seeds. (And wear rubber gloves while working on the peppers.)

In the U.S., the most widely available chilies are jalapenos, which have a mild taste and heat. Serrano peppers have a bit more

Homemade salsa, It's tomato season, go ahead and indulge BROI

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The tomato is one of summer's greatest gifts. Beautiful, healthy, low-calorie and versatile, tomatoes are delicious served in any number of ways. If you have a kitchen garden with enough sun and water, why not serve fresh. sliced tomatoes with basil for breakfast, lunch, dinner or all three? If you rely on a farmers' market, chances are you'll be able to buy an assortment of different varieties of ripe tomatoes, good for serving raw, baked or as the base for sauces. Even supermarkets tend to have tasty vine-ripened tomatoes at this time of year, and, if you buy them slightly under ripe, you can leave them on a windowsill to ripen in the sun.

Dozens of tomato varieties are available today, ranging widely in size, shape and color. Among the most common is the beefsteak tomato, which tends to be large, bright red and slightly elliptical in shape. Beefsteak is not the best choice for this recipe. It tends to split and become runny when cooked. Try instead the globe tomato, which is medium-sized, firm and juicy

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tomatoes make an excellent side dish on their own, but also have numerous uses, such as:

Coarsely chop them and toss with pasta along with some flavorful cheese, such as pecorino or Parmesan.

Add them to a sandwich instead of using a high-fat spread such as mayonnaise.

Puree them with their skins to make an intense pasta or pizza sauce.

• Chop them and add some fresh herbs to make a salsa for to halves. grilled chicken or fish.

Top a pizza with them, along with some fresh basil, roasted peppers and part-skim mozzarella.

Puree them with chicken broth, canned white beans and heat, and habaneros are super-hot. some fresh thyme to make a

and is delicious raw or cooked. Another good option is the plum tomato or Italian plum, Olive oil a flavorful egg-shaped tomato that comes in both red and yellow. If you're baking several tomatoes, you might alternate

colors for an elegant presentation. Although the tomato is considered one of America's favorite vegetables, it is actually a fruit. Marketers worked hard through the late 19th century to raise its visibility in the U.S., and in 1893 it was officially classified as a "vegetable" for trade purposes because it was used as one. Europeans had discovered the joys of this marvelous fruit well before we did.

Tomatoes supply vitamin C and potassium. They are very rich in antioxidants that help decrease cancer risk. At least one of these phytochemicals, lycopene, is more available after the tomato is cooked. This recipe is a natural for anyone trying to increase the number of interesting vegetables dishes on the plate. Baked tomatoes are also a good accompaniment to a small portion of fish or meat with a green salad. One baked tomato served on a bed of raw or cooked spinach makes an appealing first course, too.

BROILED TOMATOES PROVENCAL

4 medium firm, ripe tomatoes whole wheat

2 Tbsp. grated Parmesan 2 Tbsp. chopped flat-leaf parsley 2 Tbsp. chopped fresh basil 2 cloves garlic, minced 2 tsp. extra-virgin olive oil Salt and black pepper to taste

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly oil a 7- by 11inch baking dish and set aside.

If necessary, cut a thin slice from the bottom of each tomato so that it will stand upright. Combine the breadcrumbs, Parmesan, parsley, basil, garlic, olive oil, salt and pepper. Cut the tomatoes in half crosswise; then gently squeeze out their seeds. Arrange cut side up in the baking dish. Spoon the breadcrumb mixture evenly over the tomatoes, gently patting down on top of each tomato half. Bake until the breadcrumbs are golden and the tomatoes are softened, about 50 minutes.

Makes 8 servings. Per serving: 56 calories, 2 g. total fat (<1 g. saturated fat), 8 g. carbohydrate, 2 g. protein, less than 2 g. dietary fiber, 75 mg.

¼ cup chopped flat-leaf parsley 1½ teaspoons chopped fresh thyme 1 tablespoon minced garlic

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Line a large baking sheet with foil. Place the tomatoes on the sheet, cut-side up. Drizzle with 1 tablespoon of the oil and season with salt and pepper. Roast for 1 hour, or until the tomatoes are shriveled and beginning to brown on the bottom.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl, mix the remaining oil, parsley, thyme and garlic. Remove the tomatoes from the oven and sprinkle the herb mixture evenly over the top. Return to the oven for another 15 minutes, or until the herbs are just beginning to brown.

Nutrition information per piece: 24 calories; 1 g fat (0 g saturated); 0 mg cholesterol; 3 g carbohydrate; 1 g protein; 1 g fiber; 6 mg sodium.

to forego free technical support when you buy a refurbished PC.

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The terms vary from one outlet store to another, so it's critical that you do your homework before making a purchase.

Read all the fine print regarding the PC you're considering. Look for any hidden gotchas, like a hefty restocking fee, and check the reseller's rating with the Better Business Bureau (bbb.com).

Also, pay special attention to the return policy, making sure you can send the system back if it doesn't meet your expectations.

As a cautionary tale, I recently had a bad experience buying refurbished equipment, though it wasn't a PC: It was an LCD TV with a built-in DVD player.

It arrived with the base broken right off, due in no uncertain terms to terrible packaging.

To the vendor's credit, they arranged a replacement that arrived quickly, and they covered all shipping costs to return the busted TV.

However, the replacement's packaging was just as bad, and the TV had a lot of scuff marks. Even worse, the built-in DVD player stopped working after 15 days — one day after the reseller's warranty expired. My only recourse was to look to the manufacturer for repairs.

While I'm understandably bitter about the experience, I'd still consider buying a refurbished PC (as long as it's made by a well-known company like Apple or Toshiba).

If you want to price some models for yourself, start with the Apple Store (http://tinyurl. com/2xo3kr), the Dell Outlet (http://tinyurl.com/25539u), eCost.com, the HP Outlet Store (http://tinyurl.com/22gzlr), and TigerDirect (tigerdirect. com).

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sodium.

flavorful soup.

Chop them and scramble them with beaten eggs, sliced black olives and some shredded proscuitto. Toss them into a green

infused hummus.

salad instead of fresh tomatoes

Puree them with a can of chickpeas and a bit of garlic and olive oil for a tomato-

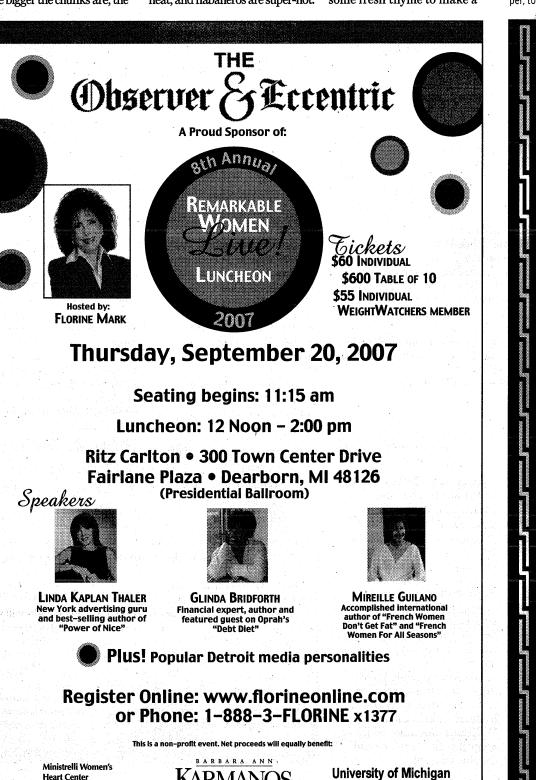
ROASTED PLUM TOMATOES WITH FRESH HERBS

Start to finish: 1 hour 30 minutes (15 minutes active). Makes 24 toma-

12 ripe plum tomatoes, washed, dried and halved lengthwise 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil,

divided

Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste



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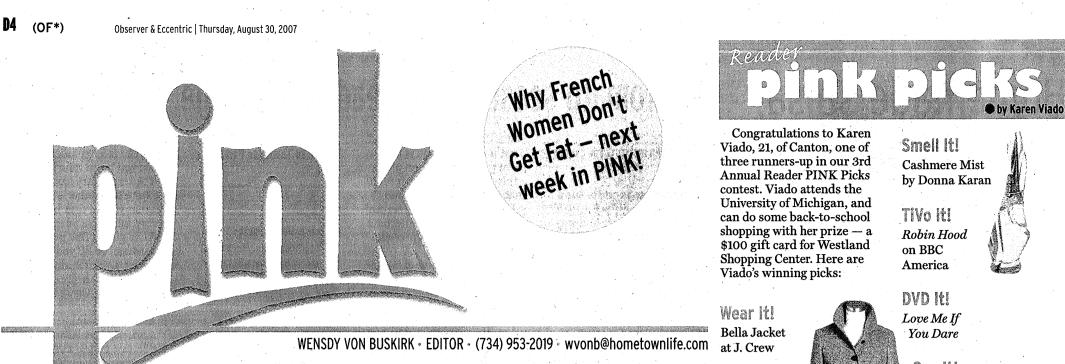
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Carhartt heiress supports Jazz Fest

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK STAFF WRITER

usic fans are gearing up for the Detroit International Jazz Festival, marking 28 years in downtown Detroit this weekend. Few realize the festival would be history without



Gretchen Valade. When big corporate sponsors pulled out of the event, the Grosse Pointe Farms resident saved the DIJF. In 2006, she established the **Detroit International Festival** Foundation with a \$10 million endowment. Interest from her

the support of Carhartt heiress

Gretchen Valade

generous gift will sustain the festival for at least the next 20 years. Valade's grandfather, Hamilton Carhartt, started his eponymous workwear clothing company in Michigan in 1889. Laborers, construction workers, farmers and ranchers have long relied on Carhartt's signature overcoats and dungarees, and the brand has recently become trendy among young urban consumers in the United States, Europe and Japan. Valade usually shies away from the spotlight, but agreed to talk to PINK in anticipation of the DIJF. We asked her about her love of music, as well as her family's Dearborn-based clothing label.

How did your grandfather begin selling Carhartt?

He started out with a mule train and a wagon, selling pots and pans, and somehow he got involved with the engineers on the railroad trains. He just thought they were wonderful. He made one or two pair -- I guess my grandmother made them. They sold so fast, soon he was making more and more of them. He had to get two sewing machines, and set up a shed for production.

How did the business grow?

Very slowly. We did very well in the early 1900s and then in 1922 the cotton market fell. It crashed, and we even had our own plantation where we grew our own cotton in North Carolina. Anyway, we lost I don't know how many plants. Then in the 1940s, during World War II, the Navy decided they needed dungarees and we were off again.

JAZZ FEST 2007 What: Detroit International Jazz Festival

When: 4-11 p.m. Aug. 31; noon-11 p.m. Sept. 1-3 Where: Six stages, a Jazz Talk Tent and Kid Bop Area span Woodward Avenue from Hart **Plaza to Campus Martius**

Who: Herbie Hancock, Regina Carter, Medeski Scofield Martin & Wood, Patti Austin & Detroit Hot Club are among dozens of local and national artists slated to perform For more information, see today's issue of FILTER in your Observer & Eccentric newspaper or visit www.detroitjazzfest.com.

Yes. My father ran it and then my husband ran it. Mark Valade, my son, now runs the company.

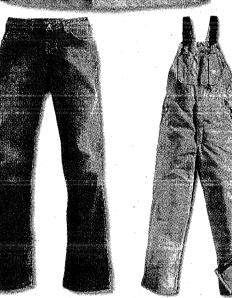
Were there ever times you thought you would get out of the business?

A lot of people did. I wouldn't let them sell. We had a lot of offers. Because we were always unionized our prices were higher and you couldn't get away from that. We're still unionized and they've been very good to us. We have several unions and we've never had a strike. We don't sell to Wal-Mart because they slash the prices so much it's not fair to the other retailers.

What is the core philosophy of the brand?

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"Grandma's Ready" (in English and Spanish) after her daughter Erin complained she couldn't find a good 'grandma' book.

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by David Sedaris

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preparation for a grandchild's arrival. Chess, grandmother of eight, will sign the book at 7 p.m. Sept. 7 at Barnes & Noble in Royal Oak (includes child's craft time); 6 p.m. Sept. 16 at Shop on the 9 in Ferndale; and 10 a.m.-10 p.m. every day through Sept. 3 at the Michigan State Fair Marketplace. Copies can be ordered at Barnes & Noble, www.amazon.com or www. sharonchess.com.

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Birmingham native Susan Shapiro,

who has written books as well as articles for national newspapers and magazines will read and sign her latest book "Only As Good As Your Susan Shapiro Word: Writing Lessons From My Favorite Literary Gurus" at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7 at Borders, 34300 Woodward Ave.,





Did you keep the business in Michigan?

We kept manufacturing in Michigan until we moved to Irvine, Kentucky, which is still our main plant. But our headquarters is still in Dearborn and our family still lives here. My grandparents lived on University Place in Grosse Pointe, and I still live in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Carhartt is enjoying a resurgence in popularity. Are you surprised?

I have been overwhelmed more than surprised. There were so many lean years that you really can't believe it when it changes like that. In the hip hop crowd some of the artists would wear the jackets in their videos, and that immediately gets the kids interested, so it has become fashion because of that. Sales have spiked.

Through it all, has Carhartt remained a family business?

How did you get involved in jazz music?

I write music and I was having a hard time selling my music or getting people to play it. I was with my daughter in Seattle and she was friends with Stix Hooper, who used to be a Jazz Crusader. He said 'Gretchen we'll do a demo.' Soon we did other stuff, then I began working with Tom Robinson. He wrote the words and we collaborated on 15 songs - jazz ballads. Other people sing them. We started Mack

Avenue Records in Seattle and brought it to

And what made you decide to endow such a large amount of money to the Detroit **International Jazz Festival?**

The festival is very important. It helps the city and it brings people together. It is family-friendly with lots of things for kids to do. I wanted to make sure it lasts.

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Tops, tees, cowhide and pigskin gloves, logo belts, neck gaiters and work socks in women's sizes.

Shop at www.carhartt.com.

READY BOOK SIGNING

> Ferndale author Sharon Chess will sign copies of her recently-published children's book "Grandma's Ready" at upcoming events. The book tells the story of a grandmother's excitement and

HOUSE CLEANING

PINK reader Roxane called to point out that Roxane in the opera "Cyrano" has only one "n," which she noticed because her name is so often misspelled (we can relate, Roxane!). Cyrano opens at the Detroit Opera House on Oct. 13, and Haberman Fabrics. Royal Oak will host "Cyrano and A Nose for Design" on Sept. 11.

Another reader pointed out a mistake in a recent PINK Picks, in which we recom-

mended sushi from Kenzi. Kenzi Japanese Steakhouse is located in Southfield, not Trov. Karen from Birmingham

Birmingham. Call (248) 203-0005.

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called to ask where she can purchase FitFlops, also recommended in PINK Picks. These flipflops are not only sporty-cute,

they also claim to tone and shape your legs. FitFlop Walkstars - in red or black — can be ordered at www.bathandbodyworks.com.

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BUILD AN AVATAR Twelve Oaks is offering a unique way for teens to convey back-toschool wish lists. Students may log on to www.findyourgo.com and create a custom avatar - a talking, moving cartoon-like image of themselves. Avatars begin with a photo, and can be customized with clothing, hair color and background. Users also can program their avatars to talk. Avatars can then be e-mailed to friends and family, or posted on MySpace pages. Parents can log onto findyourgo.com to view their child's wish list, access sales, learn about trends and vote on featured products. The avatars will last for three months.

Twelve Oaks Mall is getting a complete makeover for fall that includes renovations of the entire mall, along with a host of new stores.

Detroit.

The Sept. 28 opening of Nordstrom, its fifth anchor, and an adjoining retail wing signals a new era for the shopping center as it celebrates three decades in the community.

The mall's new stores include three making their state debuts. Michigan's first Metropark is a high-energy shopping experience that is part store, part club. Live performances by DJs, art exhibits and fashion shows take place among the store's edgy, contemporary apparel and accessories for men and women.

aerie by American Eagle is another newcomer. The dormwear and intimates brand by American Eagle Outfitters quickly grew a loyal following after its introduction last September. Their collection includes underwear, bras, camis, hoodies, robes, boxers, sweats and leggings.

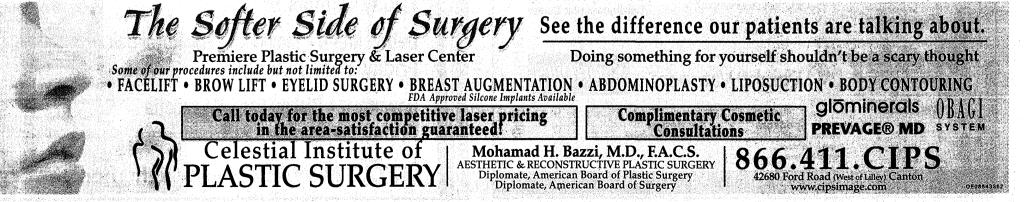
Moonstruck Chocolate Café will offer a full line of handmade, hand-packaged artisan chocolates. It also serves espresso, chocolate drinks, fresh pastries and and decadent desserts.

Others opening in the 97,000-square-foot Nordstrom Cuisine concept.

wing include: Betsey Johnson, featuring creative, unique women's apparel and accessories from the store's worldfamous namesake; GUESS, with bold, sexy and youthful clothing and accessories for men, women and children; and California Pizza Kitchen, serving authentic Californiastyle cuisine - from signature hearth-baked pizzas to creative salads, pastas, soups and sandwiches.

Longtime tenants relocating to the Nordstrom wing include: Banana Republic, bebe, Franklin Covey and Williams-Sonoma, which is adopting the chain's Grand

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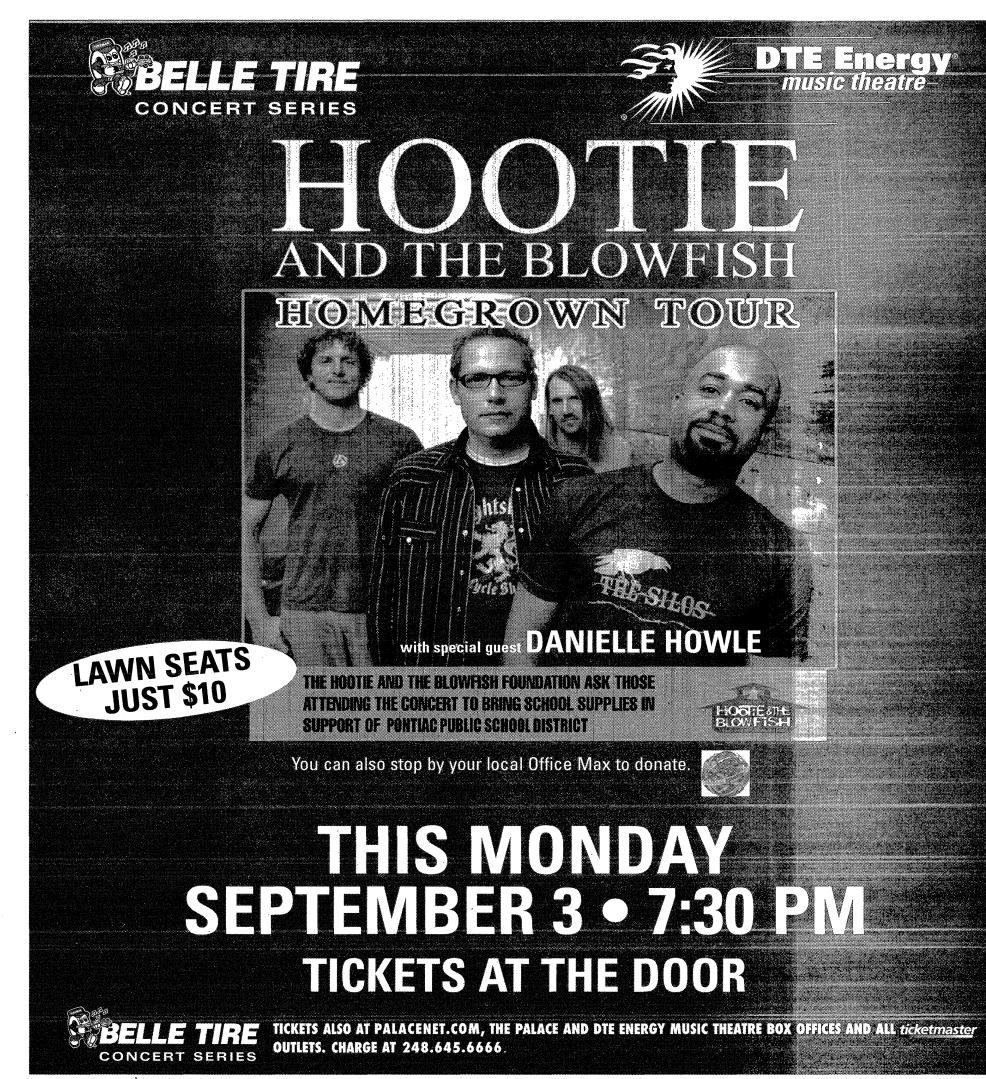


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At top, country singer Blake Shelton will perform at Arts, Beats & Eats. Center, Helio Castroneves takes a test run on the new track on Belle Isle. The Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix is set for Labor Day Weekend. At right, Herbie Hancock will perform at the Detroit International Jazz Festival. See page 6.

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Jazz, racing, art hits the streets

DETROIT BELLE ISLA GRAND PRIX

What: Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix, features the cars of the American Le Mans Series and the IndyCar Series. When: Aug. 31 to Sept. 2. Where: The new Raceway at the Belle

Isle road course, Detroit. Schedule:

Friday, Aug. 31

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Klein Tools American Le Mans Series Pit Crew Challenge

Saturday, Sept. 1

IndyCar practice and qualifying Detroit Sports Car Challenge presented by Bosch from 3:15-6 p.m. (broadcast on SPEED channel)

Sunday, Sept. 2

Detroit Indy Grand Prix presented by Firestone at 3:30 p.m. (broadcast on ABC)

Tickets: \$25 to \$150, visit detroitgp. com, ticketmaster.com or call (866) 464-PRIX or (248) 645-6666. Children 12 and under are eligible for discounted tickets, which cost \$15 less than adult tickets.

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

This end-of-summer celebration known as Three Days in the D ties together major events like the longawaited return of the Detroit Grand Prix, Hart Plaza's well-established Detroit HOVE International Jazz Festival, and the 10th anniversary of the Chrysler Arts Beats & Eats.

story With plenty of options - ranging from speeding Indy cars on Belle Isle to smooth sounds on the riverfront, to an International flare for art and culture in Pontiac, metro Detroiters would do well to stay put this Labor Day weekend.

Engines will roar Aug. 31 to Sept. 2, when a newly-paved portion of Belle Isle plays host to its first-ever American Le Mans Series on Saturday, and welcomes the return of IndyCar Series racing on Sunday. This is the first Grand Prix event in Detroit in six years. Catch practice sessions and qualifying rounds on Free Prix Day, Aug. 31. Tickets for weekend range from \$25 to \$150, call 866-464-PRIX or (248) 645-6666.

From Aug. 31 to Sept. 3 Detroit's Hart

Plaza will again host the country's largest free jazz festival. In its 28th year the festival theme is "Rumble in the Great Lakes" as Detroit plays host to local heavy-

weights and Chicago smooth sounds of jazz, blues, funk and gospel will surely spill out onto the city streets and newly-constructed RiverWalk.

/. GRADY

From Sept. 1-4 the streets of downtown Pontiac, an area in the midst of revitalization, will be teeming with crowds for the 10th Chrysler Arts Beats & Eats. This annual fest features food and refreshments from about 50 area restaurants, more than 150 artists showing and selling their work, and close to 200 local and national music acts to create an overwhelming atmosphere centered on celebration.

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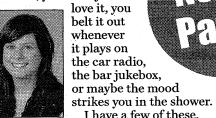
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Stephanie Casola

of the Snake by Duran Duran to Bonnie Tyler's raspy classic Holding Out

I have a few of these.

They range from Union

for a Hero. But tossed into the mix would have to be some Journey and early Bon Jovi, due mostly to my sisters' early influence.

Engine Room Recordings just released its own collection of 15 unexpected gems from as many irreverent indie artists.

Guilt By Association is the culmination of five years of work. Peter Block, a co-founder of Engine Room, came up with the concept when he noticed "a

FILTER FESSES UP

The new compilation "Guilt By Association" encouraged us ponder our favorite guilty pleasure songs:

Ken Abramczyk, Filter editor: "She's the One," Bruce Springsteen. "I had to go with the guy who sang from his gut and wrote from his heart."

Stephanie A. Casola, Filter staffer: "Holding Out for a Hero," Bonnie Tyler. "Blame 'Footloose' but seriously, 'Isn't there a white knight upon a fiery steed?'

Darrell Clem, Filter contributor: "0-o-h Child," The Five Stairsteps. "Lyrically simple yet emotionally uplifting, this Vietnam-era, summertime 1970 soul classic still sounds fresh - and relevant - with its message of hope: '0-o-h child, things are gonna get easier. O-o-h child, things'll be brighter.' But, skip the Junior Tucker remake."

Hugh Gallagher, managing editor: "(Build Me Up) Buttercup," The Foundations. "The lead singer is one of the few black singers who tried to sing white. What was that all about?" Mary Klemic, Filter staffer, Hometownlife editor: "Love Grows (Where My Rosemary Goes)," Edison Lighthouse. "I think I got as big a kick out of the name Edison Lighthouse as I did the song, which wouldn't get out of my head for the rest of the day after I heard it."

lot of really great bands were being dropped from the major labels.'

The record pairs some of those artists with some major label hits - spanning the likes of girl groups like Destiny's Child and the Spice Girls to rockers from Fall Out Boy to System of a Down.

Block even takes on his own guilty pleasure, the soaring new anthem Breaking Free from Disney's super-hit High School Musical. Ask the nearest 7year-old girl and chances are she'll know every word.

Guilt By Association kicks in with a completely a cappella version of Journey's Don't Stop Believin' by sweet-voiced songstress Petra Haden. She turns the arenarock classic into eerily pure poetry.

On the other end of the spectrum, Superchunk proves just how catchy Destiny's Child's hit Say My Name is, turning it into a proper rock song.

Thanks to Dean Wareham and Luna, Paula Abdul's '90s dance hit Straight Up

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Greg Kowalski, Filter columnist: "I Wonder," ABBA. "It's has some real substance for an ABBA song. It actually tells a story. It could be the theme song for Sister Carrie. If you don't know who she is, you should. Go to the library."

Lana Mini, Filter staffer:" Play That Funky Music," Wild Cherry. "A song that actually makes white people feel groovy!"

Dave Varga, Filter contributor: "God Only Knows," The Beach Boys. "I must admit, I can't resist trying to join in when Carl Wilson intones: 'I may not always love you ...' And, of course, God only knows how bad I can make it sound."

Wensdy Von Buskirk, features editor: "Jessie's Girl," Rick Springfield. "Dr. Noah Drake on General Hospital was my first crush. I used to swoon over the 45 of 'Jessie's Girl' and wish I could make poor Rick feel better. When I hear it now, it makes me feel like a tween in love."

And you: This begs the obvious question: What's your favorite guilty pleasure song? Send us e-mail about the one song you can't resist, and why, to scasola@hometownlife. com. Your comments could be featured in a future story or column, so be sure to include your name and city of residence.

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BEST BETS: PURE PICKS AUG. 30-SEPT. 3

3 O It's the last day for the unusual exhibit at the Plymouth Community Arts Council: Fluid Moments by Rein Nomm, An Exhibition of Liquid Art, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth (734) 416-4278. The photographer shot colorful liquids on canvas.

R&B band bugs Beddow plays at the Bachelor's One bar and grille, 1967 Cass Lake Rd., Keego Harbor (248) 682-2295: For those who want live music away from the crowded festivals this weekend.

Garage-rock revival band The Detroit Cobras: The band packs their fans in whenever they play, but maybe you can see the band without as much as chaos this weekend at The Magic Stick, 4120 Woodward Ave., Detroit, www.majesticdetroit.com

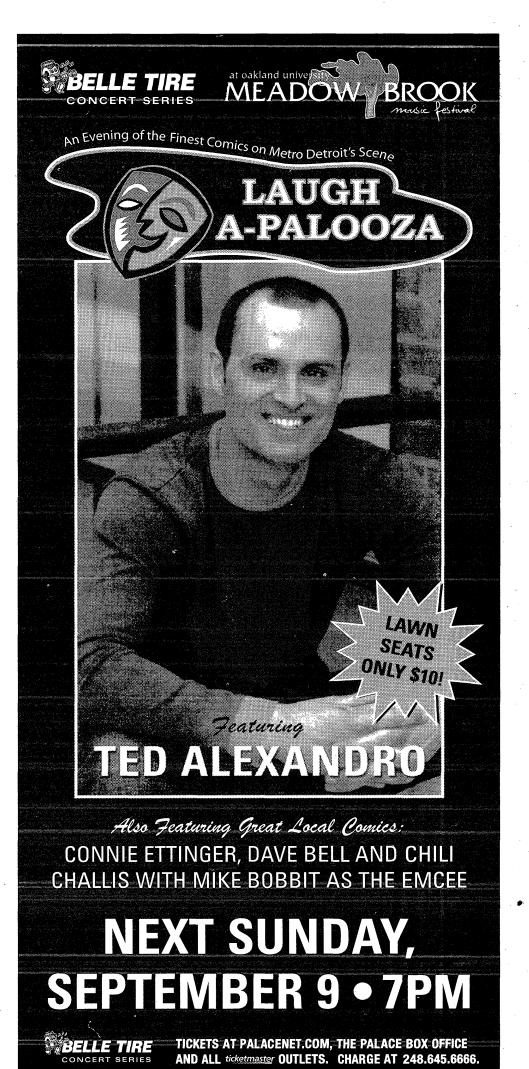


Macy Gray: with special guests The Brand New Heavies bring their talented, funky sounds to Meadow Brook Music Festival at 8 p.m. Visit www.ticketmaster.com.

It's the last day for the weekend long Hamtramck Labor Day festival, now in its 27th year: Music, ethnic food and dance, carnival rides and kid's activities. On Jos Campau between Caniff and Carpenter. At about 1 p.m., Polka Floyd will perform Pink Floyd covers ala polka style. Visit www.hamtramckfestival.org.







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International music takes stage at Arts, Beats & Eats

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

The national rock bands coming to Chrysler Arts, Beats & Eats this year are names like Starship starring Mickey Thomas performing on Friday. Mark Farner, guitar-

Mark Farner, guitarist/vocalist of Grand Funk Railroad fame, follows Starship that night, and the Gin Blossoms take the stage on Saturday.

Those are arguably the biggest rock names on the list this year.

Local talents include fun rockers Johnny Headband, a band growing in popularity, is sure to liven things Sunday night.

And, of course, many other key local rock bands are playing this year such as the swing punk band Twistin' Tarantulas on Saturday night and garage rockers Broadzilla on Monday.

There's even a Pink Floyd tribute band, the Surrogate Band, on Sunday night.

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What: Arts, Beats & Eats Where: Downtown Pontiac When: Aug. 31 to Sept. 3 What: Check the Web site www.artsbeateats.com for a complete lineup of the restaurants, artists and musical acts signed on for this year's internationally inspired event. From the International Block Party to Sportapalooza, local to national

musicians and a charitable cause, Arts Beats & Eats remains a popular spot for metro Detroiters on Labor Day weekend.

The annual Labor Day weekend festival features 155 fine artists from across the country, more than 50 restaurants offering food, 10 music stages and chances to win Caribbean vacations.

Artists include mediums in ceramics,

digital, drawing/pastels, fabric, jewelry, metal, mixed media 2D and 3D, painting, photography, sculpture and wood.

Every year, something new is added. This year it's an international area featuring world bands and ethnic dancers, plus a new health center offering Pilates and yoga demonstrations.

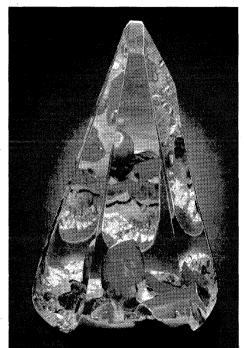
The Concentra Health and Wellness Expo, located on Lawrence Street east of Saginaw, focuses on better living through improved health.

There, companies like New U Fitness will give free fitness assessments and demonstrations every hour at the top of the hour.

On Friday and Saturday, Jennifer Pomaville, a registered dietitian, will give individual nutrition consultations. On Sunday and Monday, registered dietitian Susan Witz, offers tips on losing pounds and keeping them off and how to calculate body fat percentage.

There's also mini-massages offered by Bellezza Salon & Spa of Clarkston.

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Neptune Hot Glass created this intricate piece and will be featured at Arts, Beats & Eats.

Medeski Martin and Wood perform 'Out Louder' at jazz festival

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

For 16 years Chris Wood has been performing as one third of Medeski Martin and Wood. The band, best known for its moody jazz improvisation, will be among the headliners at this year's Detroit International Jazz Festival.

The stop falls in line with the release of the band's second collaboration with John Scofield, titled *Out Louder* and tour. "I go where they tell me," Wood said. The band will be joined by Scofield onstage while in Detroit.

Wood doesn't tend to differentiate much between festival crowds and dire MMW fans. Festivals like this one, he noted, can bring out a new demographic of people compared to club gigs. "It depends on the time of day you play," he said. "If its an early gig you'll have parents with small children. It depends on the venue."

Wood doesn't have a preference between the two. "I enjoy playing where ever I can make good music," he said. "When we can hear each other and when there's a good feeling from the crowd. It doesn't matter if it's a crappy little club."

Since MMW got its start in 1991 Wood and his bandmates John Medeski and Billy Martin have practically cultivated their own musical language. "We've all grown up," he said, during a phone interview on Aug. 15. "We've evolved in a lot of ways." Life is more complicated now than it was when they were all students at Boston's New England Conservatory of Music, or newcomers to the New York jazz scene in the early '90s. But there was no real plan from the start. They were just talented musicians, and friends, who enjoyed playing music together. That's the way it has stayed.

"We were improvisors," said Wood. "We weren't thinking ahead too much. There is no leader in this band. This is a democracy."

While they each are invested in side projects, the trio remains dedicated and strong. Wood couldn't explain just what makes it all work. "We're lucky," he said. "It's hard to find people like that." But the evidence can be found on the band's independently-released *Out Louder*. Songs like *In Case the World Changes its Mind* or *Tequila and Chocolate* are simply stirring. Scofield sinks right into the MMW esthetic - harmony-heavy and hypnotically rhythmic.

"We got off Blue Note (Records) at the same time Scofield's contract ended with Verve," Wood said. The timing was right to work together again.

Wood called the result "a very collaborative effort." "We have a lot of overlap in our influences," he said, "most importantly on the rhythmic side of things."

Out Louder took just one week to record in 2006, with songs coming together in the studio "pretty effortlessly," Wood said. "It's so easy to play with him. We have a lot of stuff in common."

Following its release, MMW returned to the studio with a new kind of project in mind. They recorded an album of children's songs titled *Let's Go*



Hear John Medeski, Billy Martin, Chris Wood and John Scofield at the Detroit International Jazz Festival.

Everywhere, which is due out in October. "It seemed like a good thing to do," said Wood, who is himself a father. "I never thought of our music as children's music but it appeals to my daughter." He said there is something "childlike" about the end product, so it made sense to create travel-themed music for kids, that adults can enjoy. The record includes instrumentals, songs with lyrics, nursery rhyme schemes - and the driving rhythm that makes it unmistakably MMW. Some of the songs from *Let's Go Everywhere* may likely make it onto a set list in the future, though not when the band is accompanied by Scofield.

Detroit audiences should listen for more improvisational work, songs without boundaries like *Down the Tube* off of *Out Louder*. "The set can be wide open," said Wood.

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DETROIT INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL

When: Aug. 31-Sept. 3. Where: Hart Plaza, Detroit Line-up:

Friday, Aug. 31: Michigan State University Jazz Orchestra I, perform 5:30-6:30 p.m., Here & Now

Stage Regina Carter, 7:15-8:30 p.m., Chase Mainstage

Herbie Hancock, 8:45-10:15 p.m., Chase Mainstage

Saturday, Sept. 1:

The Brubeck Brothers Quartet, 1:45-3 p.m., Absopure Waterfront Stage

Larry McCray, 2:30-3:45 p.m., Chase Mainstage Dave Brubeck Quartet 4-5:15 p.m., Carhartt Amphitheatre Stage Stanley Jordan Trio, 4- 5:15 p.m., Absopure

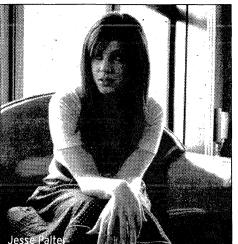
Waterfront Stage

Chiara Civello, 4:30-5:45 p.m., Here & Now Stage The Miracles, 4:30-5:45 p.m., Chase Mainstage Sachal Vasandani, 6:30-7:45 p.m., Here & Now Stage

Scott Henderson Trio, 6:45-8 p.m., Chase Mainstage

Bill Charlap Trio, 7-8:30 p.m., Absopure Waterfront Stage

Gene Ludwig Quartet, 8:30-10 p.m., Mack Avenue Records Pyramid Stage Medeski Scofield Martin & Ŵood, 8:45-10:15 p.m.,



Chase Mainstage

Poncho Sanchez, 8:45-10:15 p.m., Carhartt Amphitheatre Stage

The Kenny Garrett Quartet, 9-10:15 p.m., Absopure Waterfront Stage

Sunday, Sept. 2:

Kenny Barron and Regina Carter, 2-3:15 p.m. Absopure Waterfront Stage

Juilliard Jazz Ensemble, 3-4 p.m., Here & Now Stage

Russell Malone Quartet, 4-5:15 p.m., Absopure Waterfront Stage

Charles Tolliver Big Band, 4:15-5:30 p.m., Carhartt Amphitheatre Stage Dominick Farinacci Quartet, 5-6 p.m., Here &

Now Stage

Hayes Greenfield Trio, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Mack Avenue Records Pyramid Stage Wayne State University Big Band with special guest Kurt Elling, 6:15-7:45 p.m., Carhartt

Amphitheatre Stage The Curtis Fuller Super Band, 6:15-7:30 p.m., Absopure Waterfront Stage The Hot Club of Detroit, 7:15-8:30 p.m., Here &

Now Stage Don Byron's Junior Walker Project, 7:30-8:45

p.m., Mack Avenue Records Pyramid Stage Otis Clay, 7:30-9 p.m., Chase Mainstage Conrad Herwig's Latin Side of Miles, Trane & Wayne, 8-9:15 p.m., Absopure Waterfront Stage Gerald Wilson Orchestra, 8:30-9:15 p.m., Carhartt Amphitheatre Stage Patti Austin, 9:30-10:15 p.m., Carhartt Amphitheatre Stage

Spanish Harlem Orchestra, 9:45-11 p.m., Chase Mainstage

Monday, Sept. 3:

The Sean Jones Sextet featuring Kim Burrell, 1:15-2:30 p.m., Chase Mainstage Mavis Staples, 2:30-4 p.m., Chase Mainstage Ron Blake, 3-4:15 p.m., Absopure Waterfront

Stage Maria Muldaur and James Dapogny's Chicago Jazz Band, 3:30-5 p.m., Carhartt Amphitheatre Stage

Jennifer Sanon & Jonathan Batiste, 4:45-6 p.m., Mack Avenue Records Pyramid Stage

Carl Allen-Rodney Whitaker Project, 5-6:15 p.m.,



Absopure Waterfront Stage Alexander Zonjic with the Motor City Horns and Thornetta Davis, 5:45-7:30 p.m., Chase Mainstage Bettye LaVette, 6-7:30 p.m., Carhartt

Amphitheatre Stage Grace Kelly, 6-7:15 p.m., Here & Now Stage The Classical Jazz Quartet featuring Stefon

Harris, Kenny Barron, Lewis Nash and Ron Carter, 6:45- 8 p.m., Absopure Waterfront Stage Yusef Lateef Quartet, 7-8:15 p.m., Mack Avenue Records Pyramid Stage

Tia Fuller, 8-9:15 p.m., Here & Now Stage The Clayton-Hamilton Jazz Orchestra featuring Regina Carter, 8:15-10 p.m., Carhartt Amphitheatre Stage





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Detroit's Goldengate Cafe features unique vegetarian

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

The cozy bright yellow building of the Innate Healing Center isn't hard to miss

Table Hopping

among the blander neighboring facades along Woodward Avenue, just south of Seven Mile Road, in Detroit. Inside the center is something

ter is something a little more surprising: a vegetarian cafe called Goldengate

that has been open for business for more than six years.

In the metro Detroit area, there's nothing else like it.

In fact, this is a place you might expect to find in San Francisco or other more progressive cities. It's a cafe, a healing center where licensed chiropractor and owner Robert Pizzimenti teaches others about their own natural healing abilities.

Here you can practice yoga among the Persian rugs and hardwood floors, and visit the sweat lodge that's on the grounds - when the moon is full. You can enjoy your Indonesian- and Malaysian-style cuisine inside the friendly, casual cafe or take your

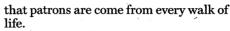


plate outside and sit picnic style on a log bench. Be even more playful and climb up the tree fort and eat your super sprouted salad, barbecue tofu or stir-fry there.

Go there on a Wednesday evening and dine while dozens of drummers partake in an open-to-everyone drum circle.

Goldengate Cafe also features a juice bar, homemade soups daily and hearty cookies. The best dessert is the decadent, dairy-less cashew cheesecake with chocolate accents. If you're seeking a fancier vegetarian

eatery, Goldengate isn't for you. Here, the clientèle is friendly and social. It's a community, and the dazzling thing about it is A small pond with koi and a wildflower garden create a charming entrance of the Golden Gate vegetarian cafe, located inside the Innate Healing Center in Detroit.



That's the goal of Pizzimenti - bring people together through food. He's arguably the friendliest, warmest proprietor in city, in my opinion. Quietly he gives meals to passers-by in need. And if a customer needs a friendly ear, Pizzimenti is there.

"Come in, hang out, create beauty with us, as a community we have the ability to heal the world," he writes on his Web site. The beautiful cafe begins at the entrance

The beautiful cafe begins at the entrance where a pond of koi fish, wildflowers and stone statues greet guests

On one particular Friday, you might



The kale salad at the Golden Gate cafe is huge with fresh kale, a very mild and delicately-pickled cucumber, sprouts and garden fresh tomatoes.

find a French guitarist entertaining guests around the log benches. On another night, you'll hear jazz musicians.

Menu items are inexpensive: \$4 for a sautéed tofu appetizer, \$6 for pizza made with fresh flat bread, stir-fried vegetables and sauce; \$7 for the Mjadara wrap with lentils, caramelized onions and side of chutney, and \$5 for a fresh kale or mixed green salad.

There's also falafel that is prepared very well; a delicious fresh veggie burger served on sprouted grain buns and stir-fries with choice of rice or sobe noodles and spiced to your liking.

Goldengate also makes its own ginger



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THE GOLDENGATE CAFE

Food: Vegetarian

Where: 18700 Woodward Ave. (located inside the Innate Healing Arts and Ecological Center), Detroit (313) 366-2247 Web site: www.innatedetroit.com

soda with fresh ginger and is known for its large selection of teas and juices.

And when you're finished, there are specialists there in Reikki, Reflexology, and Shamanic spiritual healing.

If you don't like rooms that are warm in temperature, dress coolly. That's the only "drawback" of the cafe, but no one there seems to mind. The food makes up for it.

It's a friendly restaurant owned by a man who gets to know his clients by name and is actually on a mission to heal the city of Detroit.

The cafe's Web site states: "The mission of our center is based on the idea that the world can only heal once we have healed ourselves. The healing services we provide enable our patrons to heal themselves, whether it is from our vegetarian food made with love and concern for all beings, our compassionate and healing hearts and hands, or our events that are so filled with creativity, good feelings, community, and love that the body can't help but feel good."

And it starts with foods that nourish

Schoolcraft Extravaganza serves up gourmet treats

More than 50 restaurants, party shops and beverage vendors will feature their foods and drinks at the 16th annual Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza, a gourmet food and wine event, for Sunday, Sept. 23, in the VisTaTech Center in

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Livonia. Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased by calling (734) 462-4518 or www.schoolcraft.edu/ foundation.

The culinary event, planned from 2-5 p.m., includes a wine tasting seminar, a silent auction featuring dinners, trips, tickets to sports and theater events and gourmet food, wine and chocolate baskets.

Tours of the college's state-of-theart culinary kitchens will also be offered.

A special raffle features a first prize trip to two to Paris (round trip airfare and hotel accommodations included), \$1,000 cash second prize and third prize of dinner for six at Schoolcraft's award-winning American Harvest Restaurant. Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10.

Restaurants, caterers and specialty

foods featured at the Sept. 23 event include American Harvest Restaurant, Andiamo's (Dearborn), Fiamma Grille & Compari's on the Park (Plymouth), Loving Spoonful (Farmington Hills), Mitchell's Fish Market (Livonia), Joe's

Produce (Livonia), Joes Produce (Livonia), Elite Brands (Southfield), Trader Joe's (Northville), The Rattlesnake (Detroit), 2 Unique Caterers & Event Planners of Royal Oak, Elite Sweets (Livonia), Great Oaks Country Club (Rochester), Shiro (Novi),

The Henry Ford (Dearborn), Five Lakes Grill (Milford), Traffic Jam Restaurant (Detroit), Bacco Ristorante (Southfield), Asian Village (Detroit), Fleming's Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar (Livonia), Gala-A New American Bistro (Farmington), The Farm Restaurant (Port Huron), Five Restaurant (Plymouth), Hilton Garden Inn (Plymouth), Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro (Novi), Cia Amici's (Brighton), Holiday Catering & Cooking School (Royal Oak), LaBistecca Italian Grille (Plymouth), Romano's Macaroni Grill (Livonia), Ritz Carleton Hotel (Dearborn), Station 885 (Plymouth),

Busch's Market (Plymouth) and Walnut Creek Country Club (South Lyon).

Pastry samples will be provided by Back Home Bakery (Canton), Elite Sweets (Livonia), The Pastry Palace (Wixom), Pastry Parlor & Tea Room (New Hudson), Queen of Hearts Pastries & Bakery (Ypsilanti), Rustique Deli/Cafe and Bakery (Northville) and Sorella's Homemade Baked Goods (Livonia).

Beverage vendors offering sample will be A.H.D. Vintners (Warren), Cadillac Coffee Co. (Madison Heights), Kevin D. Chaney Co. (wine brokers, West Bloomfield), Henry A. Fox Sales Co. — Midwest Wine Exchange (Grand Rapids), Galaxy Wine Distributors (Commerce Township), Josulete Wines Inc./Pelee Island Winery (Redford), L & L Wine World -Frederick Wildman & Sons, Ltd. (Royal Oak), Veritas Distributors (Warren), Wine Dimensions (Mt. Clemens) and Wines of Distinction/J & J Importers (Troy).

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ART EXHIBITS

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: Then and Now: The Evolution of a Michigan Glass Studio, Celebration-An Exhibit of Fine Art, The Writings on the Wall, opening receptions 6-8 p.m. Sept. 7, exhibits run through Oct. 5, 1516 S. Cranbrook (between 14 Mile and Maple roads), Birmingham, www. BBArtCenter.org, (248) 644-0866. Chelsea Center for the Arts: Center Gallery exhibit runs through Sept. 28, 400 Congdon Street, Chelsea (734) 433-2787. Cranbrook Art Museum: Hot House: Expanding the Field of Fiber at Cranbrook 1970-2007, through Oct. 14; Material Memory: World Textiles from the Collections of Cranbrook Art Museum and Gerhardt Knodel, through Dec. 30, (248) 645-3300, www.cranbrookart.edu. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The museum is closed Monday-Tuesday and select holidays. Detroit Institute of Arts: While the museum is closed for renovation, enjoy mini golf on the north lawn Wednesday-Sunday through Sept. 2, 5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-

7900, www.dia.org. **Eastern Michigan University University Gallery:** Tom Voorhees: the Beer Lady, digital photomontages, through Sept. 26, reception 5-7 p.m. Sept. 11, 900 Oakwood, Ypsilanti (734) 487-4065.

MOCAD: Words Fail Me, exhibit with messages in different forms, curated by Matthew Higgs, Sept. 16-Jan. 20, opening reception 7-11 p.m. Sept. 15 with reading by poet John Giorno, and music by Little Claw; also Higgs and Jeremy Diller in conversation at 3 p.m. Sept. 16, 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 832-6622, www.mocadetroit.org. University of Michigan Museum of Art: Out of the Ordinary/Extraordinary: Contemporary Japanese Photography, through Sept. 16, exhibition of 11 photographers challenges Western assumptions about Japanese culture, with artist's talk in room 1636 of the School of Social Work Building, 1080 S. University, by Sugiura Kunie, 7 p.m. Sept. 12; Persian Visions: Contemporary Photography from Iran, Sept. 29-Dec. 30; 1301 S. University, Ann Arbor (734)

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B. (Gallery): New Works by Matt Lewis, through Aug. 31, 235 Willits Alley, Birmingham, (248) 540-0046. Bagley Housing Art Gallery: Paintings by Deborah Friedman, through Sept. 1, 2715 Bagley, Detroit, (313) 964-5942, www. bagleyhousing.com Biddle Gallery: Dreaming Through Reincarnation, new paintings by Ryan

Weiss, through Sept. 15, 2840 Biddle, Wyandotte, (734) 281-4779, www.biddlegal lery.com.

Cary Gallery: Ann Loveland, watercolorist, through September, 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester (248) 651-3656. Cranbrook Art Museum: 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3300. www.

cranbrookart.edu. Hours 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The – museum is closed Monday-Tuesday and select holidays.

Cass Cafe: New Expressions, Stephanie Sturton, Andrew Blake, through Sept. 22, 4620 Cass, Detroit, (313) 831-1400.

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G.R. N'Nambi: Full Circle, A Summer Group Show, with artists Anita Bates, GiGi Bolden, Antonio Carreno, Carol Ann Carter, Christine Hagedorn, Rashid Johnson, Gary Kulak, Allie McGhee Shonna Pryor, Heloisa Pomfret. Kathleen Spicer, Maluwa Williams-Myers, through Sept. 8, 1435 Randolph, Detroit (313) 831-8700. www.grnnamdigallery.com. Kresge Art Museum: Training class offered in September 2007, for those who want to be docents at Kresge, and the new Eli and Edythe Broad Museum of Art to open in 2010, call (517) 353-9834 or wolfecal@ msu.edu. For more information about the museum visit www.artmuseum.msu.edu Janice Charach Epstein Gallery: Frank Jonas: The Geostructure Series, through Oct. 4, located in the Jewish Community Center,

6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. Lawrence Street Gallery: Balancing Act, a juried exhibition of over 35 art quilts, through Sept. 29, opening reception 6-9 p.m. Sept. 7; 22620 Woodward, Ferndale www.lawrencestreetgallery.com.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts: I Paint What I See, Recent Works by Four Painters: Elizabeth Crank, Tom Humes, Kathy Rashid, Rick Vian, through Sept. 22, closing reception 6-8 p.m. Sept. 21, gallery talk 2 p.m. Sept. 22; Julie Russell Smith, through Sept. 22, closing reception 6-8 p.m. Sept. 21, 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110 or visit www.pccart.org.

Plymouth Community Arts Council: Fluid Moments by Rein Nomm, An Exhibition of Liquid Art, through Aug. 30, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth (734) 416-4278. **The Print Gallery:** Automotive Fine Art

by Tom Hale, through Aug. 31, 29173 Northwestern Hwy.(Franklin Plaza at 12 Mile Road), Southfield (248) 356-5454, www.MonaLisaMania.com and www. EverythingArt.com **River's Edge Gallery:** Jerzy Werbel, through

Aug. 31, mezzanine features Detroit elite artists, including Leni Sinclair, Jem Targel, Gary Grimshaw and Carl Lundgren, 3024 Biddle, Wyandotte www.artattheedge.com, www.myspace.com/art_daddy

ART, ETC.

D & M Art Studio: 17th Annual Fine Art Camp Exhibition with Way Out West mural by 400 local children, through Sept. 1, fall classes, private lessons and workshops, 8691 Lilley Road, Canton, dmartstudio.com, (734) 453-3710. Farmington Library: Free Spirits-Life Drawings, Barbara Eko Murphy, through Aug. 31, 23500 Liberty St., (248) 553-0300, www. barbaraekomurphy.com

Lily's Seafood Grill and Brewery: Doug LaFerle's acrylic paintings displayed through August, 410 S. Washington, Royal Oak, (248) 591-LILY. For more information on Doug La Ferle's artwork visit www.douglas.laferle. com.

"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 e-mail J5Polan@ aol.com.

Michigan Water Color Society: Sept. 4-27, Ford Gallery, Eastern Michigan University, (734) 487-1268, mwcsart.com. Northville: Art & Fashion Walk, 6-9 p.m.

Sept. 7, for information, visit http:// downtownnorthville.com/WhatsGoingOn/

FirstFridays.htm; 19th Annual Victorian Festival, Sept. 14-16, www.northville.org, (248) 349-7640. PlumTree Pottery: open house, Sept. 8, 30435

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Art in the Park: Over 200 juried artists, Sept. 15-16, Shain Park, Birmingham, www.artinthepark.info, (248) 456-8150.

A Retrospective, Sept. 8-Oct. 7, opening reception 6-8 p.m. Sept. 8-Oct. 7, opening reception 6-8 p.m. Sept. 8, artist's talk, 2 p.m. Sept. 23, 208 Wilson Hall, Rochester, (248) 370-3005, www.oakland.edu/ouag. Exhibit and Art Sale: Sculptor Jerry Soble hosts exhibit and art sale, proceeds benefit Kids All Together program for children with special needs, noon to 5 p.m. Sept. 5-9, at Soble's studio-gallery, 3819 LaPlaya,

Orchard Lake (248) 683-4364. Warren Community Center: Featured artists for September are photographer Elizabeth Lanzon and watercolorist Nancy Suveges, 29500 Van Dyke, Warren (586) 754-1466. Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild: Beaded art exhibit, opening reception with Pat Wiley, GLBG board member and artist, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 25, Oct. 25-Nov. 16; Home Gallery, Downriver Council of the Arts, 20904

Northline, Taylor. Funky Ferndale Art Fest: juried art show with 100 artists, food and musicians, Sept. 22-23, Nine Mile from Woodward to Planavon, www.downtownferndale.com.

BOOKS

Southfield Books & Beyond Festival: 1-5 p.m. Sept. 15 and 16, Southfield Public Library, Southfield Municipal Complex, 26300 Evergreen Rd., visit www.southfieldbooksandbeyond.org, (248) 796-4224. **William D. Faust Public Library:** Discussion with Jim C. Hines, author of Gobin Quest, Goblin Hero and forthcoming Goblin War, 6:30 p.m. Sept. 26, 6123 Central City Pkwy., Westland (734) 326-6123, www.westland. Ib mi us.

Oakland Community College: Womencenter Book Group, eight sessions, alternate Wednesdays, 1 p.m. starting Sept. 5, \$12, Room 309 of J Building, Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington Hills (248) 522-3642

CHORAL

University Musical Society: Choral Music series for 2007-08 featuring Russian Patriarchiate Choir, 8 p.m. Oct. 30; The Tallis Scholars: Poetry in Music for the Virgin Mary, Dec. 6; Bach's St. Matthew Passion with Detroit Symphony Orchestra, UMS Choral Union, Michigan State University Children's Choir, March 21; call for brochure at (734) 764-2538 or visit www.ums.org.

CLASSICAL

University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre & Dance: Michigan Chamber Players, 4 p.m. Sept. 16, Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington, Ann Arbor (734) 764-0594. Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra: The Ring, 8 p.m. Sept. 29, concert dedicated to Kyle Mills, French hornist with orchestra who died in plane crash in May, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor (734) 994-4801, www.a2so.com.

CLUBS

The Ark: The Bad Plus, Sept. 20, \$20, 316. S. Main St., Ann Arbor (734) 763-8587, theark. org.

The Ark: Nickel Creek, farewell (for now) tour, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 16, show is at Michigan Theatre, information hotline (734) 763-TKTS, www.theark.org.

Arturo's Jazz Theatre & Restaurant: Dr. Lonnie Smith, Sept. 7-9; Gato Baribieri, Sept. 13-15; Patrice Rushen, Sept. 21-22; Jean Carne, Sept. 27-29; 25333 W 12 Mile, just west of Telegraph, Southfield, (248) 357-6009 Bachelor's One: bugs Beddow Band, Aug. 31-Sept. 1, 1967 Cass Lake Rd., Keego Harbor (248) 682-2295

Big Rock Chophouse: Outdoor patio open 7:30 p.m. Thursday nights; 245 S. Eton, Birmingham, (248) 647-7774 or visit www. bigrockchophouse.com.

Bosco: Enjoy noWax nights at 7 p.m. every Wednesday, no cover, 21 and over only, 22930 Woodward in Ferndale, www. thebosco.com, (248) 541-8818.

The Buzz Bar: John Arnold's Brokefunk, Aug. 30, Dennis Coffey, Aug. 31; 546 E. Larned, Detroit, (313) 962-1800.

Eden Nightclub & Ultralounge: Friday night party with DJ Ryan Richards, 10 p.m. guest celebrity hosts and DJs; DJ Urban Chris in the Garden Room, DJ Pannos in the Ultralounge accompanied by percussionist Jared Sykes, 10 p.m. Saturday, 22061 Woodward Ave, Ferndale (248) 541-7674.

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) 645-2150.

Jazy Java Cafe: Tracy Kash Thomas with Daniel Gerics, Sept. 15; 5071 Rochester Rd., Troy, (248) 526-1484.

New Hudson Inn: Melissa Greener with The Hummingbirds, Sept. 1, 56870 Grand River, New Hudson (248) 437-6383. **O-2en Lounge:** Formerly the Buddha Lounge; Hot 'N Ready with DJ U.N.I. hip hop soul, Thursday; Insomnia Music, hip hop, soul, old school, Friday; Super Sonic Smooth Music with DJ Shug, Saturday; karaoke with Chez, Sunday; '80s and Rock N Roll; bring your CDs, Tuesday; and Energetic House with DJ Tony Bell, Wednesday; www.ozenlounge.com, 21633 W. Eight Mile, Detroit (313) 535-4664. **Cliff Bells:** Scott Gwinnell and his 16piece.jazz orchestra, 9:30 p.m. every Wednesday, 2030 Park (near Comerica Park), Detroit (313) 961-2543. **Ginopolis on the Grill:** Don Swindell and Shuffle Play, with Swindell, Sheila Brown, Mike Lorenz and Jake Reichhart, 7:30-

11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 27851 Middlebelt at 12 Mile in Farmington Hills, no cover, (248) 851-8222. **Sky Club:** Tango, salsa, and Latin dancing

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COMEDY

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase: Comedy Jamm, Aug. 30; Jim McHugh, Aug. 31-Sept. 1; Craig Gass, Sept. 6-8; Comedy Jamm, Sept. 13, 20, 27; Demetrius Nicodemus, Sept. 14-15; Auggie Smith, Sept. 21-22; Nathan Timmel, Sept. 28-29; 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor (734) 996-9080.

Rosie O'Grady's: Wednesday Night Live comedy improv with Miguel's Basement and guest troupes, 9 p.m., Wednesdays through Sept. 19; 175 W. Troy, Ferndale; (248) 591-9163.

Meadow Brook Music Festival: Laugh-A-Palooza starring Ted Alexandro, Sept. 9; Alonzo Bodden, Sept. 22; Palacenet.com, Ticketmaster, (248) 377-0100. Comedy Room @ Portofino: Ken Severa, Aug.

Comedy Room @ Portofino: Ken Severa, Aug. 31-Sept. 1; Mark Knope, Sept. 7-8; Laura Lew, Sept. 14-15; L. A. Hardy, Sept. 21-22; Bryan McCree, Sept. 28-29; 3455 Biddle, Wyandotte (734) 624-5561. Historic Holly Hotel Comedy Club: Boys Night

Out with Steve Lind, Russ Brown and Mike Malec, Aug. 31-Sept. 1; 110 Battle Alley, Holly (248) 634-5208.

JD's House of Comedy: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday: Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com. Second City: Night of the Living Debt, Wednesdays-Sundays, 42705 Grand River, Novi, 248-348-4448 or go to www.secondcity.com.

Maxie's Sunday Night Comedy Shoppe: Connie Ettinger, Sept. 2; Mike Irwin, Sept. 9; Dan Still, Sept. 16; Norm Stulz, Sept. 23; Kevin Zeoli, Sept. 30, 2500 Hill, Flint (810) 232-2500.

The Fox Theatre: Comedy Explosion with Bruce Bruce, Sheryl Underwood, John Witherspoon, Don DC Curry and Dominique Whitten, Sept. 29, tickets at OlympiaEntertainment.com, the Fox. Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box offices, Ticketmaster locations, including Macy's and Ticketmaster.com, for tickets, call (248) 433-1515, for information, call (313) 471-6611.

The Fox Theatre: Artie Lange, Sept. 15; Jim Gaffigan, Nov. 17; Lewis Black, Nov. 24; for tickets, Ticketmaster.com. (248) 433-1515.

CONCERTS-THIS WEEK

DTE Energy Music Theater: Aly & AJ, Corbin Bleu, Drake Bell, Aug. 30; Ted Nugent, Sept. 1; The New Cars, Sept. 2; Hootie & The Blowfish, Sept. 3; The Scorpions, Sept. 6; Hinder with Buckcherry and Papa Roach, Sept. 7; visit palacenet.com or call (248) 377-0108. Meadowbrook Music Theater: Macy Gray and The Brand New Heavies, Sept. 2; (248) 433-1515 for tickets, OlympiaEntertainment.com. Michigan State Fair: Marques Houston, Aug. 30; Alice Cooper, Sept. 3; fairgrounds at southeast corner of Eight Mile Road and Woodward, Detroit, Gold Circle Reserve Seats available at all Meijer stores, at starticketsplus.com, by phone at 1-800-585-3737, or at the Michigan State Fair, visit www.michigan.gov/mistatefair. The Palace of Auburn Hills: visit palacenet. com or call (248) 645-6666 for tickets.

CONCERTS-FUTURE

DTE Energy Music Theatre: Aerosmith, Sept. 8; Clay Walker, Sept. 14; call (248) 645-6666 or visit palacenet.com.

The Fox Theatre: Bjork, Sept. 11; The Smashing Pumpkins, Oct. 7; Tori Amos, Oct. 27; Sammy Hagar & the Wabos, Nov. 2; Najwa Karam, Wael Kfoury and Fadel Chaker, Nov. 9, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515

Meadowbrook Music Theater: Stevie Wonder, Sept. 12; Dashboard Confessional, Sept. 14; Gordon Lightfoot, Sept. 15; 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; Van Halen, Oct. 22; visit palacenet.com or call (248) 645-6666 for tickets. Joe Louis Arena: Van Halen, Oct. 20, (248) 645-6666, www.ticketmaster.com, OlympiaEntertainment.com.

DANCE

Ballet Folklorico De Mexico: 65 dancers, choreographer Amalia Hernandez, family of four \$40, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sept. 14; Mexicantown Plaza, 2826 Bagley Ave. (at 21st Street), (313) 967-9898; two performances, 8 p.m. Sept. 15, 2 p.m. Sept. 16, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, (313) 237-SING, www.michiganopera.org. Jazz & Spirit Dance Theatre of Detroit: Dance

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. Joe Louis Arena: So You Think You Can Dance, top 10 finalists from hit show, Nov. 3, 0lympiaEntertainment.com, (248) 645-6666.

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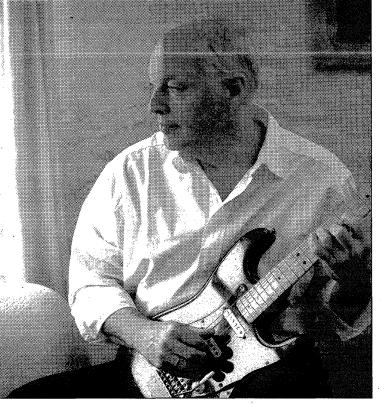
Detroit RiverWalk: Cobo center to just past Belle Isle Bridge, features River Carousel at Rivard Plaza, butterfly gardens at Gabriel Richard Plaza, parking at free lot off of Atwater and Rivard, or paid parking at Beaubien Place Paking or Miller Parking structure, www.detroitriverdays.com. www.detroitriverfront.org, (313) 566-8200. The Palace of Auburn Hills: Disney On Ice Presents: High School Musical The Ice Tour, Feb. 29-March 2, Palacenet.com, The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster centers, (248) 377-0100. Plymouth Ride the Rails: Explore the history of trains. Exhibit open 1-4 p.m. Wednesday Sunday through Nov. 1. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for students under 18, and \$10 for families. The Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street, Plymouth. Benzie County Fall Festival: Oct. 6-7 in Beulah

and Benzonia; Oct. 13-15 in Frankfort, www. visitbenzie.com or call 1-800-882-5801.

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, farm-

vww.hometownlife.com



Pink Floyd guitarist/vocalist David Gilmour will perform one song via satellite from London before the broadcast of a new live concert DVD "Remember That Night - Live at the Royal Albert Hall" at 3 p.m. Sept. 15 at the Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty, and Commerce Township Stadium 14, 3033 Springvale Dr., Walled Lake. Tickets are \$12.50. Visit www.FathomEvents.com for information.

er'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.

Bilingual Fun Family Fiesta: food, music, danc ing and games, 4-6 p.m. Sept. 22, \$12, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth, www. bilingualfun.com

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 PavPal at www.mvspace.com/inzero. Remember That Night - Live at the Royal Albert Hall: 85 minute theatrical version of a new live concert DVD with Pink Floyd guitarist/ vocalist David Gilmour, including one song live performance by Gilmour before the concert and a special question-and-answer session via satellite, 3 p.m. Sept. 15, Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty; Commerce Township Stadium 14, 3033 Springvale Drive, Walled Lake; \$12.50, www.FathomEvents.com

FOOD AND WINE EVENTS

Detroit Uncorked: 100s of wines from around the world, light hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, silent auction, created by Detroit Wine Organization, presented by Ford Motor Co., benefit for The Children's Center, 6:30- 9 p.m., Sept. 28, Ford Field, Detroit, \$80 a ticket, DetroitUncorked.com, (313) 262-1112.

FUND-RAISERS

Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan: the 14th Annual Fall Harvest Family Event, the Detroit Duck Derby, 1-3:30 p.m. Sept. 15, Belle Isle Park, Detroit, children's games, activities, family entertainment, floating raffle tickets (racing ducks) \$5 a piece, with first five winning a prize, grand prize is \$5,000, to adopt duck call 866-GLEANER ext. 260, event tickets at www. detroitderby.org.

detroitderby.org. Michigan State Fairgrounds: Oak Ridge Boys at Cattle Baron's Ball, 6 p.m. Sept. 15, \$200, benefits American Cancer Society, (248) 557-5353.

Fall Spectacular Event: supports community programs of St. Joseph Mercy Oakland, 6-10 p.m. Sept. 20, Townsend Hotel, 100 Townsend, Birmingham, \$250 tickets, (248) 858-6146.

Rackham Symphony Cheir: fund-raiser, Mille Grazie, 4:30-8 p.m. Sept. 16, Villa Penna, 43985 Hayes, Sterling Heights, \$100, (248) 652-7135, www.rackhamchoir.org for more information.

JAZZ

Arturo's Jazz Theatre & Restaurant: Jazz Fest kickoff party with WRCJ's Tony Mowod and BOP CULTURE ensemble, 7=9 p.m. Aug. 30, 12 Mile and Telegraph, Southfield, wrcj909fm.org. Jazz and dinner: "Kind of Blue Tuesdays," at

Jazz and dinner: "Kind of Blue luesdays," at Lola's, Harmonie Park. Led by the Gerard Evans Quartet, the shows help musicians play with the core group at 9 p.m. every. Tuesday, 1427 Randolph St. in Detroit's Harmonie Park, (313) 962-0483. Jazz Cafe at Music Hall: Springfed Thursday Nights start at 9:30 p.m., Music Hall Center for Performing Arts, 350 Madison,

Detroit, Free. 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

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

Jewish Community Center: "Fabs" Kaldobsky with Musical Adventures at the JCC with music by Brahms, Bruch, Chopin, Liszt, Tchaikovsky and Rimsky-Korsakov, 2 p.m. Sept. 11, 15110 W. 10 Mile, Oak Park (248) 967-4030.

Solid Grounds Coffee House: Tracy Kash Thomas, Sept. 14, 133 W. Main, Northville (248) 348-9737.

Trinity House Theatre: Jill Jack and Grievous Angel, Sept. 14; Dick Siegel, Sept. 21; Tim Harrison with Michael Young, Sept. 22; Orpheum Bell with Carey Wallace, Sept. 28; Steve Gillette and Cindy Mangsen with Kats Eye, Sept. 29; John Batdorf with Mark Rodney, Oct. 5; Stewart Francke and The Regular Boys, Oct. 6; Kevin Meisel with Alex and Naomi Anest, Oct. 12; Bernice Lewis with Laura Bates and Brandon Foote, Oct. 13; Brooks Williams with Matt Watroba, Oct. 25; Yellow Room Gang featuring Annie Capps, Kitty Donohoe, Jim Bizer and David Barrett, Oct. 26; Richard Gilewitz, Oct. 27; 38840 W. Six Mile Rd., Livonia (734) 464-6302.

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.

Oakland Community College's Performing Arts Program: Bluegrass Music Series with Doyle Lawson & Ouicksilver, Sept. 28; Lou Reid & Carolina, Oct. 26; Honi Deaton & Dream, Nov. 9; Illrd Tyme Out, Jan. 25, Williams and Clark Expedition, April 11; Rhonda Vincent and the Rage, May 2, performances at 7:30 p.m. Student Center Arena, Highland Lakes Campus in Waterford except for Vincent, which will be at the Orchard Ridge campus \$20 or \$110 for all six performances before Sept. 28, (248) 341-2270.

MUSEUMS

The Henry Ford: Old Car Festival, nation's longest running antique car show, Sept. 8-9, Greenfield Village, free with membership, village admission \$20, www.thehenryford.org, (313) 982-6001.

Cranbrook Science Museum: Featured exhibit is It's a Nano World. Permanent exhibits include planetarium, nature center and Bat Zone Conservatory, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, general admission \$5-\$7, planetarium, \$1-\$3, (248) 645-3200 or www.cranbrook.edu.

Detroit Historical Museum: Reopens Sept. 8 with six new or refreshed exhibitions, including 1920s Detroit Building Boom, Rallying the Home Front, New to the Collection (a showcase of artifacts), Detroit Artist Showcase, Fabulous 5 and Detroit Automotive Showplace, (313) 833-1805, www.detroithistorical.org. Birmingham Museum: Birmingham Hay Day and rededication of new entrance and history plaza, 10 a.m.² p.m. with Farmer's Market, rededication of museum at 1:30 p.m., 556 W. Maple, (248) 642-2817.

Detroit Historical Museum and Dossin Great Lakes Museum: Sept. 29, Smithsonian magazine and Hyundai Motor America's Museum Day, free of charge to Smithsonian magazine readers and Smithsonian.com visitors, visit www.smithsonian.com/museumdaycard. Detroit Institute of Arts: DIA is closed; will reopen Nov. 23 after the completion of its renovation at 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Call (313) 833-7971. Detroit Science Center: Our Body, The Universe Within, features real, preserved human bodies, extended run through Sept. 3, 5020Jóhn R, Detroit, exhibit costs \$19.95-\$24.95, call (313) 577-8400 or visit www.detroitsciencecenter.org. Exhibit Museum of Natural History: Robin Frisch-Gleason, an elementary school teacher, will share photographs and experiences of her past field work in Antarctica and an upcoming trip there as part of the Antarctic Geologic Drilling Program, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 20; Lecture Series: Scales of the Universe, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 28, Oct. 5,19, Nov. 2, 16; Taking the Measure of Our Solar System, John Spencer, Sept. 28; the University of Michigan, 1109 Geddes, Ann Arbor, www.lsa.umich.edu/exhibitmuseum, (734) 764-0478.

The Henry Ford: 20900 Oakwood Blvd., west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. Additional charges and varying hours for entry to Greenfield Village, Ford Rouge Factory Tour and IMAX Theatre. Call (313) 982-6001 or visit www.hfmgv.org.

Plymouth Rides the Rails: through Nov. 1, artifacts, model trains, \$5 adults, \$2 students, \$10 families, \$1 AAA discount, 155 S. Main, Plymouth (734) 455-8940, www.plymouth-history.org.

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm: Adams Road Mastodon in special exhibit, one year after discovery by road crew at Adams and M-59, through January 2008, 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, 1005 Van Hoosen Road (off of Tienken Road, one mile east of Rochester Road and one mile north of Downtown Rochester), (248) 565-4663, www.rochesterhills.org

Rochester Hills Museum: Driven for Victory: A Salute to Veterans, honors service of World War II veterans discuss miltary tactics and experiences, jeeps and trucks on display, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Sept. 22, \$8 for non-members, \$6 for members, located on Van Hoosen Road, off Tienken Road, one mile east of Rochester Road and one mile north of downtown Rochester. For more information, visit the Museum's website at www.rochesterhills.org Troy Museum & Historic Village: Video screen-

Troy Museum & Historic Village: Video screenings of past lectures, Tuesdays; craft demonstrations, 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays; family activity, 1 p.m. Thursdays; family-centered programs, Fridays; Music in the Air, Sundays; programs run through August, 60 Wattles Rd. (on the northwest corner of Livernois intersection), www.troymi. gov/museum or call (248) 524-3570.

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, director 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 S10 advance, S15 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.

Cyrano Film Series: Three movies, like the opera, based on the play Cyrano de Bergerac; Cyrano de Bergerac with Jose Ferer, Sept. 10; Cyrano de Bergerac with Gerard Depardieu, Sept. 17; Roxanne with Steve Martin, Oct. 7; all at 7 p.m., Chrysler Black Box Theatre of Detroit Opera House, \$5, (313) 861-3500 ext. 3200.

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What makes John Singleton tick?

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movies

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It's a love story, in a sense. But one

with toughness - including the dangers or urban life that Singleton isn't afraid to

hook or by crook, they're going to make

it," Singleton said. "Because it's always about the woman being strong, she's

days?

the mother of the Earth.

a story I believe in."

needs to decide if something is

"Or the first two pages," he said. "I

know in two pages if I'm going to like a

That may sound tough, but the southcentral Los Angeles-raised Singleton

Singleton attended the film writing

program at the University of Southern

California, won three writing awards

a contract with the big time agency,

Creative Artists Agency - a rare feat.

Boyz n The Hood, which Columbia

Pictures bought in 1991, tells the story of

there and in his sophomore year landed

knows when a project will work.

He's written, directed, acted

excites Singleton most these

"When I can greenlight

a film," he said. "When everyone else says "no," and

then I say "yes"... because of

A pitch these days is all he

and produced - so what

"It's about a lioness and her cubs and by

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

He's the producer behind *Black Snake Moan, Shaft,* and *Hustle & Flow.* He's the writer and director of the *Boyz n the Hood* and the *Poetic Justice,* co-starring Tupac Shakir.

Academy-nominated filmmaker John Singleton is one of those rare Hollywood jewels who takes chances on good stories. And when major studios say "no," he makes the movie anyway. (This is the man who mortgaged his home to make Craig Brewer's aging pimp-turned-rapper film Hustle & Flow.)

Singleton, who has a star on Hollywood Boulevard, visited Birmingham two weeks ago to discuss *Illegal Tender* (Universal) opened Aug. 24, which he produced.

Illegal Tender, written and directed by Franc Reyes, intrigued Singleton immediately. The film is about a an upper-class widow (Wanda De Jesus) who raises two great sons alone, wile looking over her shoulder the whole time. Raised in the inner city, her husband was killed by drug thugs who also want to eliminate her and her sons.

"Franc told me the story and I said 'okay, you have three weeks to write it' and he did," Singleton said.

'Illegal Tender' touches coolness again

When producer-director John Singleton touches a movie, chances are it's going to roll with cool.

Here's a man whose films often focus on the illegal side of urban street life, but always, always, his films have a soul.

always, always, his films have a soul. *Illegal Tender* is his latest, opened Aug. 24, and like all Singleton films, predictability is the last thing to predict.

In *Illegal Tender*, survival, by any means necessary, is the goal. Actress Wanda De Jesús and Rick Gonzalez are the educated Latino mother-son duo who will stop at nothing to protect each other from gangster assassins in this action drama.

The film pays homage to the classic mob films of the 1990s, writer/direc-

Flow, Black Snake Moan, Poetic Justice). De Jesús plays heroine Millie DeLeon, a stunning, sophisticated, upper-class widow who raises her two sons alone.

tor Franc Reves (Empire) teamed with

Singleton (Boyz n the Hood, Hustle &

Life appears great as both sons are smart and well behaved, until DeLeon's past returns: thugs who killed the boys' fathers, want to kill the whole family. Gonzalez, an honor roll student who has lived a shelter, privileged life, is forced to grow up, street style. Yet it's a movie purely about love.

Four of five stars. (Universal Pictures). Rated R for violence, language and some sexuality.

Lana Mini

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The Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau and the city of Detroit combined these three major attractions to promote the first-ever "3 Days in the D" campaign. "Metro Detroit is the place to be with three huge events happening Labor Day weekend, and we have a tremendous opportunity to package them and showcase our revitalized region to visitors," said Larry Alexander, bureau president. "Additionally, this lineup should encourage residents to stay in town and be hometown tourists during the weekend."

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A night at the fabric store: MOT founder, costume designer visit

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

If you've always wanted to learn more about opera, Haberman Fabrics in Royal Oak features an evening focusing on costume design and information on the debut of *Cyrano* at the Michigan Opera Theatre.

Cyrano and A Nose for Design will be presented at 7 p.m. Sept. 11 with Michigan Opera Theatre founder and general director David Dichiera and MOT costume

director Suzanne Hanna at Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main St., Royal Oak, one month before the opera Cyrano premieres on stage on Oct. 13.

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Cyrano is DiChiera's debut as an opera composer.

Guests will get the inside scoop on costume design, a preview of lavish costumes add a taste of the story and music of *Cyrano*, according to Toby Haberman, owner of Haberman Fabrics.

"(The event) is really important to anyone who has an interest in design, or learning more about the opera," Haberman said.

Haberman loves and appreciates the opera, from a technical and design perspective along with the music, too,

"If you like any kind of theater or live performance, and you see more and more opera, it's like performance art. That's what opera is," Haberman said. "It's like watching a live painting, complete with super-titles over the stage to translate the lyrics."

Guests have a chance to win Michigan Opera Theatre door prizes including two tickets to *Cyrano* with a post-performance backstage tour; an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the Detroit Opera House highlighted by a the visit



Michigan Opera Theatre founder and general director David Dichiera and MOT costume director Suzanne Hanna talk about "Cyrano," DiChiera's debut as an opera composer, at 7 p.m. Sept. 11 at Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main St., Royal Oak, one month before Cyrano premieres on stage on Oct. 13.

to the costume shop; a Michigan Opera Theatre gift basket with Opera House boutique items; and two tickets to the colorful spectacle of the Ballet Folklórico de México. Haberman Fabrics has provided the MOT with all the fabrics and trims for the over 150 lavish 17th century French style costumes.

"A Nose For Design" tickets are \$10 in advance, or \$15 on Sept. 11.

Advance purchase is recommended. For complete information and tickets, go to: www.habermanfabrics.com, call (248) 541-0010 or stop by the store. Haberman Fabrics, located at 905 S. Main St., Royal Oak.

For more information on *Cyrano*, visit www.motopera.com/0708/cyrano.html.

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evolves into a broken-hearted love song, a ballad like you won't believe. I can't help but wonder what the *American Idol* judge and *Hey Paula* star thinks of it.

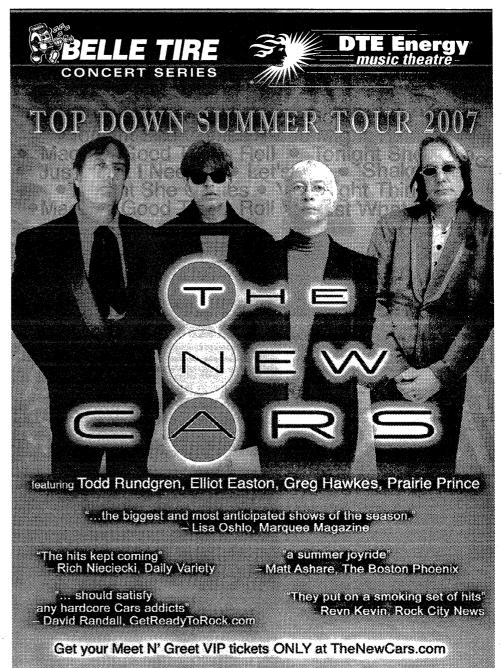
Detroit native and unofficial fourth Beastie Boy, "Money" Mark Ramos-Nishita showcases his retro keyboard stylings on *Love's Theme* from the Love Unlimited Orchestra to much success.

The song choices give insight into each

artist. Geoff Farina chose Eddie Money's *Two Tickets to Paradise* thanks to hundreds of nights he spent ice-skating to it in the '80s.

And Cher's Just Like Jesse James, becomes a perfect choice for The Mooney Suzuki, complete with its bending guitars and clean piano. It's really worth a listen.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about pop culture for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She can be reached at (248) 901-2567 or scasola@ hometownlife.com.



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'Gypsy Caravan' dispels many myths and celebrates music

BY LANA MINI FILM CRITIC

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Gypsy Caravan, which opens at the Maple Aug. 31, is a rare movie that makes film review-



from our rooftops: go see it. Gypsy Caravan is a stunning documentary about the musical world of

- a time when we

want to shout

Roma (otherwise known here as gypsies) and the very real and surprising world they live in. Forget everything you think

you know about gypsies, but enough with the stereotypes, please.

Gypsies are a people so "forgotten" that most of us still don't realize that an estimated 250,000 to 500,000 were murdered during the Holocaust - and were slaves in Romania until 1864. And they still are victims of hate crimes today.

Gypsy Caravan touches upon that. Johnny Depp explains his



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ITC Green Street, located on Wayne Street between Pike and Lawrence, will offer energy efficient tips. ITC Transmission is a

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MetroPCS International Block Party, on Pike Street between Saginaw and Wayne, will host more than 20 different bands, dancers and eateries representing cultures from around the world.

Participating restaurants there include: Buca di Beppo (Italian), Nak Thai Café, Original Polish Kitchen, Rice Bowl (Chinese), Union Jack's (English), Zumba Mexican Grille, Indo-Pak Restaurant (Indian/Pakistan) and Bon Vie (French).

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'GYPSY CARAVAN'

When: Opens Aug. 31 at the Maple Art Theatre, 4135 W. Maple Rd., Bloomfield Hills, www.landmarktheatres.com

What: The musical world of gypsies. Captures the lives of prominent gypsy musicians and their real lives in Macedonia, Romania, India and Spain. Musicians: Featured musicians include Esma Redzepova, known as the "queen of the gypsies;" Maharaja, an Indian folk troupe, and others. Sidenote: Johnny Depp is also in the film as a fan of the music and its people.

Created by: Documentary icon Albert Maysles ("Gimme Shelter," "Pretty Things"), Jasmine Dellal ("American Gypsy: A Stranger in Everybody's Land")

Rated: Not rated.

View trailer: www.gypsycaravanmovie.com

love for Roma and their music, and how he bonded with them first during his film The Man Who Cried.

Gypsy Caravan focuses on luscious music of top international gypsy performers - like Romanian superstar violinist Taraf de Haidouks - on the World Music Institute's Gypsy *Caravan* tour throughout Europe and the U.S.

Five gypsy bands from four countries (Romania, Macedonia, India and Spain) meet for a sixweek concert, astounding audiences even as critical as New York.

The musical styles include flamenco, brass band, Romanian violin, Indian folk, Raga and jazz. It also includes dance. And the music.

Oh, the music. Songs are per-

formed in the Romani language and describe the despair of the people, freedom and the beauty of life.

Who says music can't change the world?



Gypsy Caravan is a documentary that highlights the journey of the world's top gyspy musicians and dancers.

One of the musicians actually bought electricity for his village from money he earned from sales of one of the CDs. Electricity installed because of music - that's the most tangible statement about music I've ever heard.

Also astounding was the resilience and happiness of the Roma, Macadonian diva and

singer Esma Redzepova, known as Queen of the Gypsies, who "adopted" and raised 47 children in her lifetime with smiles and shrugs of "what can vou do?" even when money isn't thère.

Gypsy Caravan is film about a misunderstood people and their greatest passions: family, free-dom and song.

PERFORMERS ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE

Friday, Aug. 31 Xiao Dung Wei (Chinese zither), 5 p.m. The Troubadours (Latin/salsa), 6:30 p.m. South Paw Isle Steel Drum Band (Caribbean steel drum), 8 p.m. The Basiks (reggae), 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 1

Ara Topouzian Duo (Armenian/Middle Eastern), 11 a.m. Oneworld (Caribbean), noon Finvarra's Wren (authentic Celtic), 1 p.m. Finvarra's Wren (authentic Celtic), 2:30 p.m. The Kielbasa Kings (polka), 4 p.m. Loba Aku (African), 5:30 p.m. Habibi Belly Dancers (Middle Eastern), 7 p.m. Tumbao Bravo! (Cuban), 8:30 p.m. The Pierre Schryer Band (Franco Ontario Celtic), 10 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 2

Dieto Juncaj (Latin/Albanian), 11 a.m. XD WEI Band (Chinese fiddle), noon Loba Aku (African), 1 n.m. Fiddlers Restrung (Celtic/Latin), 2:30 p.m. XD WEI Band (Chinese fiddle), 4 p.m. The Pierre Schryer Band (Franco Ontario Celtic), 5:30 p.m. Habibi Belly Dancers (Middle Eastern), 7 p.m. The Lash (Celtic), 8:30 p.m. La Chispa & Company (flamenco), 10 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 3

The Johnites (Armenian/Arabic/Turkish/Greek), 11 a.m. Nite Flight (Caribbean/calypso/reggae), noon The Johnites (Armenian/Arabic/Turkish/Greek), 1:30 p.m. Like Water Drum & Dance (African Drums/dance), 3 p.m. Caberfeith Pipes & Drum (Scottish), 4:15 p.m. Blackman & Arnold (Flamenco jazz), 5:30 p.m. Immigrant Suns (Eastern European), 7 p.m.



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Partnership does have its advantages: in short order, Time Warner Cable was the beneficiary of a series of upgrades that were made via Time Warner to all of its subsidiaries throughout the 90s. Chief among those were initiation of digital television services, which permits access to more than two hundred channels, and highspeed--a k a, broadband--internet access.

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The Michigan Division of Bright House Networks maintains three regional offices (in Livonia, Farmington Hills, and Redford Township), a demo center at the Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, as well at one at Laurel Park Place in Livonia, and a mobile demonstration trailer which is set up at community events and festivals in the cities where Bright House Networks provides its services.

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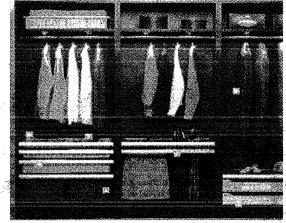
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Taking a step further with a wide range of dance forms

By Diane Andreassi

Aspiring dancers are stepping into the Central City Dance Center for a taste of the sparkle and glamour they see on television.

Shows like, "Dancing with the Stars" and "So You Think You Can Dance," have helped put the thrill back on the dance floor and Central City owners, Tim and Tamara Smola, are showing their students how to get a kick out of dancing.

They take the excitement a step further by giving them a chance to perform publicly throughout the year at places like, the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, Canton 's Liberty Festival, the Canton Chamber of Commerce, at the Palace of Auburn Hills and even on the Royal Caribbean Cruise line.

People in the community have come to look forward to the annual Broadway themed Central City Christmas Spectacular performed at the Canton Village Theater. The Christmas Spectacular has a 140 member cast open to performers from age 6 through adult levels. Open auditions are Sept. 9 and you don't have to be a Central City student to audition for a part.

Beginning their sixth season this fall, Tim and Tamara Smola will teach more than 850 students from preschool to adult ages, a wide range of dance forms from beginning to advanced levels in jazz, tap, hip-hop, modern, Hawaiian and ballet. One of their students is their 12-year-old daughter, Christina, who also attends classes at the studio on Sheldon Center Road between Warren and Joy.

Pointing to an extensive all-boy program with more than 50 members, Tim Smola says, this shows a growing trend.

"When I was dancing as a student I was the only boy at the studio," Tim Smola says. "To have 50 boys is great. The girls love it, too, because they can do lifts and partnering with the guys."

Smola says it's important that he and his staff continue to hone their dance skills by taking lessons. He and nine members of his staff recently attended a seminar with master choreographers in New York City to learn techniques in all genres of dance including hiphop, jazz, ballet, tap and contemporary movement.

"As we evolve as one of the leading dance centers in Southeast Michigan it is important to continually challenge ourselves both artistically and technically," Tim Smola says explaining that the Central City Dance staff brought back what they learned to their Canton studio.

The adult program at the studio offers dancers 21 and older a chance to begin or continue their dance training in hip hop, tap, jazz and Tahitian, Ballroom and yoga.

Intro to Ballroom Dancing might be just the ticket for you and your partner to bring back or maintain the romance in your lives. Learn basic steps to the waltz, foxtrot and the sexy American tango. Salsa has also become one of the most popular dances among adults. The studio also offers a class, Intro to Ballroom Dancing II," that teaches three of the most popular styles of Rhythm/Latin style ballroom dancing. Learn the basic steps to the Rumbo, Cha Cha and the Mambo.

While adults have a lot of classes from which to choose, so do the preschoolers. A new program called the Central City Preschool Project with themed activities has been developed at Central City Dance Center for students three to four years old with a special graduation ceremony for students entering the next stage of development.

No matter what the age, student safety is key for Smola.

"All of our dance floors are equipped with wood sprung floors that float two inches off of the floors, designed to protect against injury," says Smola, a physical therapist assistant and a nationally certified massage therapist.

"I take a lot of precautions with health and safety to ensure dancers stretch properly," he adds.

An ample waiting room allows family and friends a comfortable place to watch the dancers perfect their form on one of four dance room floors.

"It's one of the largest studios in the area," Tim Smola says. "We are a community oriented studio."

For instance, the studio received the 2006 "Canton Community Supporter Award" for their continued support of local events, like the studio's annual American Cancer Society fundraiser. The studio has raised more than \$12,000 for the ACS in the past six years.

The pavilion was full, too when teachers from the studio offered free swing dance lessons during the Liberty Fest earlier this year. There was something about the chance to spin

around a dance floor and pretend, even for just a moment, that they were actually taking part in some of the dazzle they usually watch from their couch. Open registration for fall classes at the center runs through September. For information

Open registration for fall classes at the center runs through September. For information about the center's fall curriculum, please visit the center's website: <<u>http://www.centralcitydance.com/</u>> www.centralcitydance.com or call (734) 459-0400.

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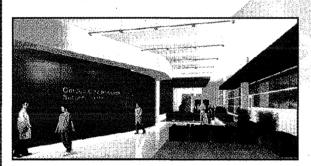
<u>A Look to the Future...</u> Garden City Hospital's Surgical Center With completion expected in late summer 2008, Garden City Hospital's new

Hospital's new Surgical Center will be devoted to delivering patients the most innovative and quality

healthcare possible

Pictured: External rendering of Garden City Hospital's surgical center.

in a safe and comfortable environment. The center will showcase six state-of-the-art surgical rooms, as well as three procedure rooms in one central location.



Pictured: Internal rendering of the surgical center

corridor from the hospital Main Lobby.

With design assistance from physicians, each room is not only spacious and comfortable, but is also able to accommodate modern procedures. The Surgical Center entrance will be

located off of the Main Lobby on the first floor. A private exit for patients post-surgery will be available.

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Over 60 Years in the Community

In 2007, Garden City Hospital marked its 60th anniversary in the community. Through numerous hospital-wide and community celebrations, Garden City Hospital celebrated not only 60 years within the community, but also as a quality

healthcare provider.

Its history began in 1947 when six osteopathic physicians pooled their own money to rent a building on Ford Rd. to be named "Garden City Maternity Hospital," a facility committed to family practice. Soon after in 1951, the maternity ward was incorporated into Garden City Hospital Osteopathic. In 1955, those same physicians acquired the former



Pictured: Grand Opening of Garden City Hospital in 1960

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Leland Sanitarium, renaming it Ridgewood Hospital. In 1970, Ridgewood Osteopathic Hospital transferred its services to the newly-built Garden City Hospital.

Since its opening in 1960, the current hospital building located at 6245 Inkster Rd. has experienced a number of additions and expansions. From its 102 bed original facility, Garden City Hospital has grown to a 323 bed hospital. Other additions have included a surgery department originally added to the third floor, the addition of the Allan Breakie Medical Office Building, and an expanded Emergency Room. Now, with the addition of the new surgical center wing, Garden City Hospital will experience yet another change increasing quality and care for patients, staff, and guests.

Recognized Nationally for Quality

Garden City Hospital achieved state-wide recognition in a national study conducted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and The Leapfrog Group. In a seven indicator study, data was collected for heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, surgical prevention, mortality, and safety process and volume. Garden City Hospital scored in the top 25% of all hospitals in the United States for six of the seven indicators, proving that maintaining and advancing quality clinical care is a major priority.

"This recognition, which few other hospitals achieved, is truly validation to our commitment to quality and our focus on patients. We are proud of the care we provide and will continue working towards improving patient safety for individuals within the community," stated **Gary Ley**, Garden City Hospital President and C.E.O.

Committed to Quality Care

Heart Attack Mortality Reduced

Primary Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PPCI), also known as emergency interventional cardiology, has saved countless lives at Garden City Hospital since its introduction in 2005. PPCI encompasses a variety of procedures used to treat patients with diseased arteries of the heart, for example, chest pain caused by a buildup of fats and other substances from the blood which contributes to heart attacks. The earlier primary coronary intervention is provided, the more effective it is in reducing mortality. Physicians are on call 24 hours a day seven days a week to perform the procedure.

Center Offers Innovative Technology

Garden City Hospital offers an on-site, state-of-the-art Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) center. The center utilizes calm music and conscious sedation to promote relaxation for patients suffering from uneasiness and claustrophobia. The center also offers a minimized wait for scheduling.

New CT Scans Coming Soon

Expected in September 2007, Garden City Hospital will receive:

- 4 Slice Cardiovascular Imaging CT
- 16 Slice Large Bore CT scan with weight capacity up to 650 lbs.

These innovative diagnostic tools offer highresolution imagery in a matter of seconds, significantly increasing picture clarity and reducing patient procedure time.

Signa Infinity with EXCITE

Garden City Hospital was the **FIRST** hospital in Michigan to showcase a MRI scanner known as Signa Infinity with EXCITE from GE Medical Systems. This scanner assists physicians in diagnosing conditions such as cardiac and vascular disease, stroke, joint disorders, abdominal conditions, and brain disorders.

A Touch of Comfort

Patient & Nursing Area Renovations

Garden City Hospital has spent an estimated 1.8 million on new patient beds, room furniture and tables to provide patients with added safety, comfort and care.

Beds Increase Efficiency and Safety With the introduction of the Secure II EX MED/SURG bed, Garden City Hospital patients are being treated within a modern healthcare environment. The bed features a built in scale within the bed o monitor patient weight, a fall prevention system, side rail patient controls located at the head and foot end of the bed and many more.

Nursing Floor Improvements

Second and third floor renovations are soon to be underway including new patient room flooring, heating and cooling and all new furniture.

Premium Television Services

Garden City Hospital offers an enhanced television system that offers more options, convenience and entertainment for all to enjoy. All new TV sets have been installed in both patient rooms and visitor waiting areas. Patients are able to take advantage of easy to use remote controls and a long list of specialty cable channels and networks, such as FOX, CNN, Discovery Channel, Cartoon Network and more. Movie channels are also available and feature up to four different movie showings per day.

The new system also plays a role in educating visitors on health issues. The service enables Garden City Hospital employees to place educational videos on a central server, which can be shown on a specific television by dialing an assigned number.



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Heart and Soul in the Furniture Business

Diane Gale Andreassi Special writer

Christa Newell says her 28-year-old business, Chris Furniture, is one where "love and care rule."

"I am blessed with good people working with me on the floor and I pride myself that my delivery men are the best in the state if not the whole United States," Chris says. "They are kind and respectful and that is the kind of contact people have with Chris Furniture."

In fact, Chris opened Chris's Furniture on Plymouth Road in Livonia after working seven years for the owner of Margolis Furniture at the same location.

"I loved the business," she says. "I love the people. I had to make a living and raise two children. I had a paralyzed husband and this was my chance to create something the children could look up to." Her children are now grown. Her daughter, Vicky, lives in Virginia and her son, Gary, works at Chris Furniture doing everything from taking care of all the incoming and outgoing freight and much of the other aspects of the business.

"I run the business like I run my family," she says.

And to hear Chris talk, her customers are an extension of her family.

"I have two and three generations of customers," she says. "We try to deal with as many U.S. manufacturers as possible. We deal with reliable resources. I try to make it as affordable as possible for my customers, stay in business, and pay my bills."

She has two partners, she says, an Airedale and a wire haired fox terrier who go to work with her every day. "It is an old fashioned, homey

situation," Chris says of her showroom. "It's not a fancy, glitzy store, but it has a heart and a soul." She says she sells everything from the cradle to the coffin, "except the coffin."

Chris's Furniture offers mattresses, living room furniture, dining room and bedroom sets and just about every accessory imaginable.

"And what we don't have we can find in catalogues and special order," she adds.

In the early days, Chris says, it was a really fun business where people at other stores would help each other out.

"But all this is gone," she says. "If I didn't have the relationship with my customers it would be a pretty cold and lonely relationship. Business is tough. The economy is poor, but we have gone through hard times before and you just try to cope with it the best you can."

Chris says her success in competing against some of the bigger name furniture stores is nurtured from her love of people.

"I really think that's the answer," she says. "I'm 71 years old and still work six days a weak. I get up every

six days a week. I get up every morning and I'm excited to go to work. I know it sounds crazy, but it's just great. I buy relationships when I sell, because that's what I need."

Her customers tell her stories and she tries to help them in their everyday life problems.

"I'm an old mother and I can give them advice and I care," Chris says. "They usually leave with a hug and it's a good feeling. It's just different. That relationship is what I need. Otherwise I would have a lonely life. People accept me for what I am."

The secret of living, she adds, is to live for others, because you need them. "I reach out to them, because I want them to reach out to me," she adds. "That's the Chris Furniture store. It's very simple."



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> One of the benefits of being involved with Hear USA, founded by Paul Brown 20 years ago, is that all the offices are maintained and operated similarly. If someone goes to an office in Livonia and another in Florida, they will be cared for in the same manner.

Denial is a big hurdle to clear,

that the hearing loss can happen

explains Kathy Scieszka, Hear USA

sales trainer for Michigan explaining

gradually. But, ignoring a hearing loss

can actually add to the problem since a

"The most important thing is to not

put it off," she says. "Get a hearing test

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deterioration that results in more

hearing loss.

"We've been here a long time and we're still going strong," Scieszka says.

Every Hear USA clinic has approval by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, which promotes standards of healthcare delivery through evaluation and accreditation.

With 22 million Americans suffering from hearing loss, the problem is one of the fastest growing health care issues in the United States, Scieszka says adding that two contributing factors are: An aging population and a louder society.

"We're living and working in a noisy world," she adds pointing to lawn mowers, recreational vehicles, noisy occupations and even Ipods with the music being piped down into the ear drums.

While the noise inducers have increased, so have the number of hearing aid devices.

The biggest step in correcting a hearing loss is accepting there is one.

"There are some that go down in the ear and others are so small that you can't even see it behind the ear," Scieszka says. "We're not vour father's hearing aids any longer."

Some people don't want to accept there is a problem, because they think a hearing aid will make them look old.

"When you have a hearing loss people know and the public is more interested in, 'Can you hear me?," she adds.

Scieszka recommends getting a hearing test around 40 years old, unless there is a detected hearing deficiency, which would prompt an earlier visit.

"Even if you don't have a problem today you have a baseline of what your hearing is now," she adds. "Back years ago, the average age of people noticing hearing loss was 65 to 68 and today the average person is 35 to 45."

There's more noise exposure from machinery like, lawn mowers, recreational vehicles and occupations that weren't present in the past.

When a Hear USA audiologist finds a hearing loss within the middle ear, the person is referred to an Ear, Nose and Throat specialist for a medical evaluation, and medical clearance for hearing aids, if needed.

Hear USA employees investigate products that would work best for each individual. The devices are adjusted with computers to adapt to specific needs. Sensorinural problems never improve on their own.

"We take care of the maintenance, programming and adjusting of the hearing aid throughout the course of your lifetime," Scieszka says. "We'll walk you through the process. We'll hold your hands and make it easy for vou."

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After realizing her longtime dream of having lasik surgery, Terri Boland's eyesight is better than she hoped for and her life has forever changed.

"It's the best thing I've ever done," she says

She went to Laser Eye Institute in Troy two months ago and her vision is 20/20 in one eye and in the other it's 20/15, which is better than the 20/20 standard of good sight.

The 39-year-old Novi resident had worn glasses since the third grade and was tired by the inconvenience of contacs and glasses.

"I've wanted to do it for about 10 years," she says. "It was just something I had in the back of my mind and I was very, very scared."

After she recently received a small inheritance, her husband suggested she spend it on her improving her sight.

"He said, 'That way you can swim with me in Mexico,'" she explains. "I never wanted to go swimming, because I was afraid my contacs would wash away. I didn't want to wear glasses, but then I wouldn't be able to see."

Her experience with Dr. Daniel Haddad at Laser Eye Institute eliminated her fears.

"I just had a phenomenal experience," she says. "When you go to this place you actually work with the doctor. He met with me every step of the way and that was what was so impressive to me. What struck me was this is a man who leaves no margin for error."

Dr. Haddad eliminates the production line format often used at discount centers and sees patients during all aspects of their care.

He explained that entrepreneurs and MBAs are now in charge at many of the widelyadvertised eye clinics. In the interest of profit margins, patients meet first with salespeople, not doctors, who try to up-sell the patient into more than the hyped, low-cost procedure and then present patients with a confusing menu of ala carte and sometimes questionable services.

"We don't take the doctor of out of the procedure," "and every patient gets the latest technology"said Dr. Haddad, or Dr. Dan as his loyal patients call him. "I personally meet with every patient and conduct a thorough examination twice before every procedure. What is it they say? Measure twice and cut once? When I teach doctors I would tell them that surgery is 90 percent decision and 10 percent incision. I cannot see cutting corners with my patients' vision, that's not how medicine should be practiced. I meet with patients to determine what procedure is best for them. That way I can custom tailor a procedure that works best for each patient, even if that means I have to tell them they are not a good candidate for LASIK."

Boland had Custom Lasik surgery, which allows Dr. Haddad to treat beyond nearsightedness, farsightedness and astigmatisms, where the unique imperfections are being mapped and treated. Dr. Haddad currently has the most experience in Michigan with CustomVue Lasik.

"The technology is really amazing," he says. "There are some portion of the eye that may need more correction and others need less correction. Most lasik that is being done out there is being done using the conventional lasers and not the Custom lasers. Custom procedures are costlier."

Laser Eye Institute was the first center in the area to use the Custom technology when it became available in May 2003.

This procedure has made it commonplace for patients to achieve 20/15 and even 20/10 vision, which is twice as good as 20/20 vision.

"That's what we've gotten used to," Dr. Haddad says. "But, it doesn't come easily. We do five or six maps on each patients' eyes and I program every patient treatments myself using my knowledge of the patient and of the technology. We've been getting some awesome results. What's happening is that doctors are thinking it's not worth the cost or the time. They're not really pushing Custom to their patients."

In September of 2005 another evolution of the technology, IRIS REGISTRATION, was approved by the Federal Drug Administration and Dr. Haddad was the first to utilize this technology in Michigan.

Iris registration insures precise alignment and centration of the treatment based on preoperative measurments using the iris landmarks, which eliminates concerns about eye rotation or off-center treatments.

"A lot of doctors don't use this technology as yet"

While Custom Lasik surgery is the standard at the Laser Eye Institute, some patients don't qualify for Custom, In those cases, Haddad says, patients are happy to learn that lasik surgery is less expensive.

Dr. Haddad's experience with Custom vision correction got it's beginnings in the early 1990s when he was performing radial-keratotomy. He questioned the method that was commonly used and developed what became known as Custom RK and went on to teach other doctors the procedure. Naturally when CustomVue Lasik became available Dr Haddad was among the first doctors to utilize this revolutionary technology.

"The public needs to really learn about technology and try to have someone give them today's technology and not yesterday's technology," Dr. Haddad says. "There are differences in levels of expertise in using technology, too. We're getting people better vision than they dreamed of. We are also treating eyes that had previous surgeries like RK or older lasers and improving them. If they have starburst or halos we are fixing those with the custom technology. I've also repaired work that was done recently in those discount centers using the custom technology."

Meanwhile, Bolland has excellent eyesight and she doesn't plan on letting anything get in the way of what she wants to do, like swimming in Mexico.

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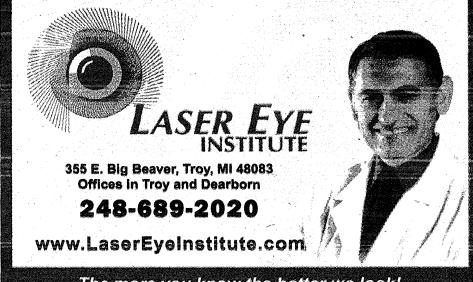
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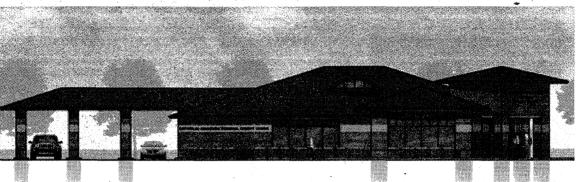
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says. "While we were shopping for a home equity loan, we found that people at the credit union were the most helpful and professional-plus they really paid attention to what we wanted." The other lending institutions she spoke with suggested she refinance her

entire home. The credit union, however, hearing Veronica's needs and concerns, agreed that financing only a portion of the equity on her home was the best option for the Livonia resident. "For us, it was the most pleasant lending experience," says

Finch, a member of Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union for five years. "They'll listen to what you're saying and try to find the best way to borrow money and I think they would be upfront and say they couldn't help you if they couldn't," she adds.



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families need at low or no fees. Just like the Finch family, you will find that Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union has low rates for financing most consumer loans such as cars, boats, motorcycles, RVs, homes and even education expenses. According to Geneva Poremsky, Branch Manager at the main office in Livonia, the credit union services are easy to understand, too. "We only offer one checking account and it is totally free for everyone with no strings attached. There are no minimum balance requirements, online banking is free, including unlimited electronic bill payment, and your first order of checks is free. We have found that people who do try us out not only like what we offer, but they tell others about us, too. It's a and Joy in the Plymouth-Canton great way to do business.' Peter Bagazinski is the credit union's CEO. He explains how this credit union has gone beyond just serving members of the parishes and now includes the parishes and their

organizations. "Our relationship is unique from any bank. We set out to save the parishes money by reducing their costs related to their banking. In addition, we've designed electronic processing services that assist both the parish and the members. For example, over the last two years, our EZ-Pay Tuition Program helped save Our Lady of Good Counsel School administration costs of handling checks and tuition payments, plus the school received more than \$2,800 in scholarship dollars from that program. The credit union also offers an e-Envelope Service for electronic processing of weekly, monthly and special offerings. These programs and other opportunities are available to strengthen our relationship with the parish and its members to create a win-win-win situation." Bagazinski says.

With an eye to the future, Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union plans to work with several Catholic schools to open student

operated branches where students will apply for positions and actually run the credit union branch at their school while credit union staff are on hand in an overseeing capacity. Lea Fisher, Branch Manager

at the St. Valentine office is spearheading this project. "The hands-on experience helps children learn how to save at a young age and they also get to see how the enterprise works from a business standpoint by applying for positions and taking part in the operations. We provide all the equipment and training and we oversee the program," Fisher says.

Meanwhile, Finch says, Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union has been a blessing to her as she watches her remodeling project in progress. Currently there are 7,000 members of **Catholic Parishes Federal Credit** Union and the numbers grow annually. Most of the Catholic parishes and the people who worship in the Northwest Wayne Vicariate qualify for membership.

For specific membership eligibility, visit their website at http://www.catholicparishesfcu.org or call (734) 432-0212.

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Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union opened for business 54 years ago with humble beginnings in the basement of St. Michael's Parish on Plymouth Road in Livonia. A recent satisfaction survey conducted by an independent research firm indicates that the credit union's attention to personal service is the number one reason members continue to use the credit union's products and also the prime factor for referring others to Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union. Satisfied members like the Finch family has kept the credit union growing strong and as the business grew, the credit union moved into an office across from St. Michael's and finally to the Five Mile and Levan location. Today, the credit union also operates a branch at St. Valentine's in Redford Township and is building a third location, which is expected to open later this year at Sheldon

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