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BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Lauren Taylor of Plymouth told city commissioners Monday night the decision to discontinue figure skating at the Plymouth Cultural Center "was

"I feel the options were not explored and it was just over," said Taylor, 12, who has been skating since she was 7. "Skating has taught me how to be patient with myself, persistent and not give up. I really hope the people in charge of this decision will rethink the decision that better fits

everyone involved."

Taylor — as well as the several dozen skaters and even more parents who filled the city commission chambers — may get her wish.

After city administrators effectively cut the 30-year basic skills classes and the private lessons of the Skating Academy of Plymouth by taking away 10 hours of prime ice time to sell to hockey teams, city officials are expected to meet with all parties and may look at reinstating the programs.

And help in convincing them came from those who were going to benefit most from the change, the PlymouthCanton Hockey Association.

"The bottom line is we as a group hockey and figure skating — be united, not against each other," said Kathy Barile, president of the PCHA. "I don't see why we can't come to an agreement. It comes down to money, not girls versus boys, hockey versus figure skating. We need to keep the (cultural) center running, whatever we need to do to make this thing work, so we can become united instead of pitted against each other."

The Parks and Recreation Department decided to cut figure skating hours, claiming the \$255

an hour for ice time paid by hockey teams is much more than revenue generated by skating lessons. Over the course of the season, according to city officials, hockey teams

- for a 28-week period from Sept. 1 to March 31 — generate \$71,400 as compared to the \$22,000 made from skating lessons.

But in addressing the commission, LuAnne DeBeliso, president of the Skating Academy of Plymouth, said the revenue from skating lessons is actually "three times that."

"I believe there has been a systematic dismantling of the figure skating program, culminating in the unreasonable ice time finally offered to the club," DeBeliso said. "By not offering ice time for the younger skaters who are advancing out of the basic skills program, the Parks and Recreation director knew that some coaches who are teaching basic skills classes may look for another rink ... (because) their incomes would be cut significantly.

"If this is a city-owned ice rink, it should be available for both figure skating and hockey," she added. "We

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City, vets partner on parade

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The city of Plymouth will partner with local veterans groups to sponsor this year's Memorial Day parade, a move that will keep veterans from having to pay approximately \$1,200 in costs for police and municipal services.

The resolution, passed 5-1 Monday night, is contrary to a policy that calls for all groups who sponsor activities in the city to pay for all costs associated with the event.

MARCH ON PLYMOUTH

- What: Plymouth Memorial Day parade When: Monday, May 26, 8:30 a.m.
- Where: Begins at the corner of Harvey and Wing streets, travels down Main and ends at Veterans Memorial Park, in front of
- Central Middle School. Who: Guest speaker will be Navy Reserve Chaplain Timothy Hogan, who spent part of his priesthood at

"There's an exception to every rule, and I think this is it," Mayor Phil Pursell said. "There are

people who are not here, and the reason they are not here is because they were defending our country."

Mayor Pro Tem Ron Loiselle, a Vietnam veteran, was the lone dissenting vote in picking

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth.

up the tab for the parade. "It's not anything against the veterans, it's a policy of this city that I think needs to be upheld," Loiselle said. "It's the steadfastness we have had as a commission to not support private events that has caused us to get our budget in good condition."

The past two years, an anonymous donor paid for the majority of the parade costs, leaving about \$120 in remaining cost for the four groups — Plymouth American Legion Passage-Gayde Post 391, American Legion Post 191 in Plymouth, Veterans of Foreign Wars Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Post 6695 in Plymouth and the Vietnam Veterans of America in Canton Township to split. That donor has passed away, leaving the entire cost for the veterans groups.

John Neault, a member of the American Legion Passage-Gayde Post 391, said no matter what the cost, the Memorial Day parade won't disappear on his watch.



Sue LaBenne, who has lived in the United States for 30 years after moving from Windsor following her marriage to Jim, is looking forward to casting her first ballot for U.S. president in the fall election.

And the winner is

Newest citizen is excited to cast first ballot

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Sue LaBenne has lived in the United States for nearly 30

However, she's looking forward to November, when she'll have an opportunity to cast her first ballot for U.S. presi-

LaBenne was one of about 100 people who became American citizens recently during naturalization ceremonies in downtown Detroit.

"I've thought about it a lot before, and actually (the terrorist attacks of) Sept. 11 made me realize I felt more American at this point," said LaBenne, 50, who moved across the Detroit River from her home in Windsor after she married her husband, Jim, in December 1978. "When I got married, I thought someday we'd move back to Canada. Now our kids are here, so this is home.

"Voting was a big consideration because I never voted in my life," she added. "In Canada, I was either too young or there weren't any elections before I moved. And then I couldn't vote when I moved here. I should have done something about it before, but better late than

never.' Standing among two dozen American flags and signs proclaiming Sue an American citizen on the front lawn of their Harvey Street home,

Jim LaBenne said the couple almost didn't make it to celebrate 30 years of marriage.

"It was on our Valentine's ' Day date before we were married ... we broke up over where we would live," recalled Jim LaBenne, 55. "We ate in Canada and they wouldn't give me the exchange on my money. She got ticked because I got ticked and we broke up for about two weeks.'

The one thing the LaBennes do agree on ... cheering for the Detroit Red Wings.
"Windsorites definitely side

with the Red Wings over the (Toronto) Maple Leafs," Sue LaBenne said.

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Funds flowing for Fourth fireworks 5

BY BRAD KADRICH

There will apparently be a fireworks display over the Fourth of July holiday in Plymouth Township.

The only question left now is just how big a bisplay it'll be. display it'll be.

Less than a month after announcing plans for a Fourth of July fireworks display, Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards said he's raised some \$13,000 of the \$20,000 needed to put on a half-hour display.

The display — which would be put on by the same company, Zambelli Fireworks Internationale of New Castle, Pa., which does the downtown Detroit show — would take place at township-owned Hilltop Golf Course.

Money raised thus far has come entirely from private donations. When the township board approved the plan last month, the caveat was that the display itself would not be subsidized from the township's general fund budget.

Other costs, such as police and fire coverage, cleanup, etc., would be borne by the township as they would at any township event.

'We've raised enough money to get a display," Edwards said. "We still need some help to get the quality half-hour show we want."

Edwards said residents will be able to watch the display from Plymouth Township Park, but officials are hoping to be able to recommend other venues because the township park can hold only so many spectators.

We can only put 3,000 people in the park, he said. "We think residents at the west end of the township will be able to watch them from their own yards, and we want to find other spots where people will be able to see them." If the display goes off, it would happen

around 10 p.m. Thursday, July 3. The traditional Good Morning U.S.A. parade through downtown Plymouth is set for the morning of July 4, followed by the Good Ol' Fashioned Picnic in Plymouth Township Park later that morning.

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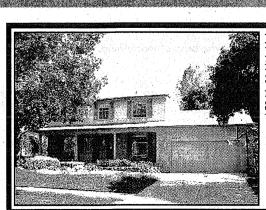
Plymouth Township officials have raised some \$13,000 of the \$20,000 they say is needed to put on a Fourth of July fireworks display, which would be held July 3 from Hilltop Golf Course.

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Rotary golf

The 2008 Plymouth Rotary A.M. golf outing takes place Tuesday, June 3, at Pheasant Run Golf Course in Canton.

Monies raised through this wonderful event are used to fund the club's yearly budget, which in turn contributes to numerous global and local charitable causes, including the following:

■ Tanger School, which focuses on the education and development of children with special needs in the Plymouth-Canton-Westland communities. The Plymouth AM Rotary Club is currently raising money to build a special outdoor play area for the students and community.

Sandra Seager
Scholarship Fund, which
assists several students in the
Plymouth-Canton community
who have overcome personal
hardships in their pursuit of
higher education.

Senior Christmas Party, hosted exclusively by the Plymouth AM Rotary Club, which provides a catered dinner, entertainment by local youth, and a holiday gift - all free of charge - to approximately 200 local senior citizens to bright their holiday season.

The cost to golf is \$165 per golfer or \$600 per foursome. Several sponsorships are still available, including hole sponsorships starting at \$250. Registration opens at 8 a.m. with an 18-hole scramble at 9 a.m. Registration includes breakfast, lunch and a banquet dinner with awards and prizes.

For registration and sponsorship information please go to www.plymouthrotaryam. org or e-mail Tracy N. Danner at tnd@azllaw.com

Final band performance
The Plymouth-Canton

Educational Park Concert Band program hosts its final performance of the season 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 22, at the Salem High School auditorium

The public is invited to attend this free community event. At the concert, band director Amy Boerma will unveil a newly established scholarship fund to assist students with financial needs for individual music instruction (private lessons). The concert band program volunteers will be accepting donations at the concert for this special fund which will be made available to any student who wishes to take private lessons, but is unable to due to a financial hardship.

Any person who donates to the Individual Instruction Scholarship Fund will receive one complimentary music CD for every \$5 donation made. If you make a \$100 donation, you receive 20 CDs of your choice from a special music collection.

Checks can be made payable to Plymouth High School. All donations are tax deductible.

Preschool open house

The Salvation Army Tiny Tots Preschool is hosting an Open House 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 27. If you are considering sending your child to preschool in the fall, please stop in to experience our classroom. The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main Street in Plymouth. For more information, call Sheila Johnson at (734) 453-5464, Ext 27.

Farrand scholarship

The Farrand Elementary School PTO is awarding two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors who attended Farrand Elementary for at least three years (this can include kindergarten at Tanger).

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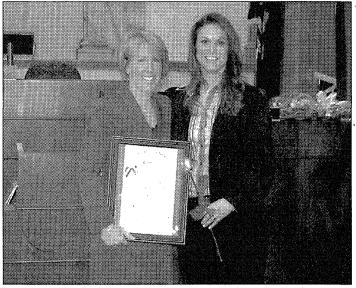
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Commission honor

Plymouth Township Police Detective Marcy Linton (right) was honored with a 2008 Visionary Woman Award by the Wayne County Commission during the commission's annual Women's History Month celebration. Commissioner Laura Cox (left) nominated her. 'Detective Linton is an extraordinary person and a strong role model for women who want to pursue careers in law enforcement,' Commissioner Cox said. 'She has distinguished herself in a police career that has included service to both the Oxford Police Department and the Plymouth Township Police Department.'

Applications are available at the counseling offices of the four Plymouth-Canton high schools, or e-mail an application request to goecke@gmail. com. The application deadline is May 31.

Chiefette bottle drive

Save yourself the hassle of returning those cans and bottles and support the Canton Chiefettes PomPon Team at the same time by donating returnables to the Canton Chiefettes during their spring bottle drive Saturday, May 31.

The drive takes place 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with the Canton Chiefettes traveling around area neighborhoods in the Plymouth-Canton School District to collect returnable bottles and cans.

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For more information contact Chiefette parent Kimberly Mabie at kmabie@comcast.net.

Kiddie Kampus

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Early Childhood Department is offering, for the first time, Kiddie Kampus Summer Preschool.

Classes will be taught by certified teachers at Hoben Elementary School. Two three-week sessions will be offered with morning and afternoon class options.

For more information, call (734) 416-6190 or visit the Web site at web.pccs.k12. mi.us/earlychildhood

Eucharistic conference

Our Lady of Good Counsel hosts a morning conference on the Eucharist 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 24.

Mass starts at 7:30 a.m., followed by a continental breakfast. Speakers include Steve Ray, "Defending the Eucharist," and Sr. Ann Shields, "The Eucharistic Heart of Jesus."

OLGC also presents Vatican International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles

in the Social Hall 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, May 23; after the conference Saturday, May 24, until 8 p.m.; and Sunday, May 25, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

OLGC is located at 47650 N. Territorial in Plymouth. For more information, call Margy at (313) 225-0549, or Sarah at (734) 667-2287. There is no charge, though a free-will offering will be taken.

Girl Scout camp

Space is still available in day camp or overnight camp for girls ages 5–17 at Camp Linden, the premier camp property of Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council.

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Symphony fund-raiser

The Plymouth Symphony League launches its 2009 Greater Detroit Area Entertainment Book Sale.

For \$20, buyers get coupons that save money on a variety of entertainment activities like Plymouth Symphony Orchestra concerts, attractions like the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, specialty stores, and fine and casual restaurants all over the area.

For a limited time only, with each purchase of a 2009 Entertainment book, customers will receive a 2008 book free (while supplies last). The 2009 edition of the Entertainment Book also includes a Platinum section, featuring special discount certificates for the "best of the best" restaurants in Metro Detroit, including Plymouth's own Ernesto's and the Whitney restaurant in Detroit.

Help the arts thrive in the community and place an order at the Plymouth Symphony Office by calling (734) 451-2112, Tuesday-Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information or the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society, visit the PSO Web site at www. plymouthsymphony.org

Senior health and fitness

The Senior Transportation and the Council on Aging sponsor the second-annual Senior Health & Fitness Day 8 a.m. to noon Wednesday, May 28, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, located at 525 Farmer.

Participants will enjoy free health and fitness demonstrations, 20-plus vendors, raffles, give-a-ways, refreshments and much more. The community is invited to be a part of this day, which will also include the dedication of the new Senior Bus.

There will be free transportation to and from the Cultural Center for city and township seniors 60 or older. Call Senior Transportation at (734) 449-8888.

Book printer tour

Have you ever wanted to publish a book? Learn how when the Plymouth Senior Life Journaling Writing Group, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, tours McNaughton & Gunn, book printers, in Saline June 5.

Everyone is welcome and the tour is free but space is limited so registration is required. We will meet at the Plymouth Library at 9 a.m. to form car pools to leave at 9:15 am sharp. The tour is from 10-11:30 a.m. To register, call Jane at (734) 546-3260.

Cemetery tour

Sanford Burr, Plymouth Historical Society president, guides participants through Riverside Cemetery, the public cemetery in Plymouth, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 24. Burr will recount stories of the lives of those buried in the cemetery.

Cost is \$10 per person for members of the Plymouth Historical Society, \$15 per person for non-members, with a limit of 25 people on tour.

Tickets available at the Plymouth Historical Museum during museum hours:

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. or purchase tickets through PayPal at: www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html

Bible study

The Salvation Army of Plymouth will hold a Precepts Bible Study on 2 Peter for nine weeks beginning Wednesday, May 28.

Study will be held at 7 p.m. at The Salvation Army, 9451 South Main Street in Plymouth. Material is \$14 and interested individuals should telephone the business office at (734) 453-5464 to register. Limited seats are available.

Kiwanis raffle

The Plymouth Kiwanis
Club is having a raffle to
raise money to benefit
upcoming projects within
the Plymouth community, including working
with the Salvation Army,
The Plymouth Opportunity
House, First Step Women's
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and many other local needs.
The drawing is June 2 at

Don Massey in Plymouth. The winner will have the choice of a two-year pre-paid lease on a 2008 Cadillac CTS (\$35,000 car) or \$8,000 cash.

Tickets are \$100 each, and

only 200 will be sold. Tickets are currently half-sold with just under 30 days left. For more information, call Mark Riegal at (7340 718-6176.

Thursday classics

May is "Musical Month" for the Thursday Classics film series at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth.

The series is sponsored by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority. Free passes are available at Sweet Afton Tea Room, Panera Bread, Bohemian Home and Lotus Arts Gallery.

The schedule for the rest of the month: May 22, "Brigadoon," and May 29, "My Fair Lady."

The box office opens at 6:30 p.m.; showtime is 7 p.m. The Penn Theatre is located at 760 Penniman in downtown

Plymouth. All seats are \$3. For more information, visit the Web site at www.penntheatre.com or call (734) 453-

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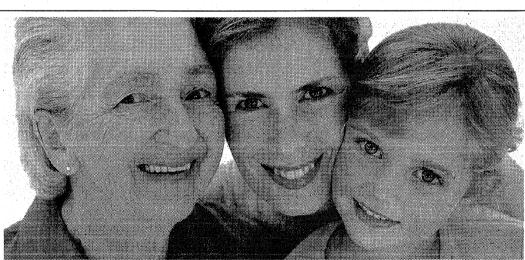
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Peace and quiet

Volunteer back after a week in storm-ravaged Myanmar

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After spending nearly a week as part of a team delivering relief supplies to cycloneravaged Myanmar, 47-year-old Patrick Olson arrived back home Wednesday morning to his quiet Plymouth neighborhood.

Olson - a Plymouth A.M.Rotary Club member — was part of a response team from ShelterBox, a grass-roots disaster relief organization supported by Rotary clubs throughout the world. The team - of which Olson was only one of two Americans - arrived with ShelterBox containers that included tents, blankets, multi-fueled stoves, water purification kits, tools and other necessities. Each container was equipped to help a family of 10 survive for six months.

Olson said it took 200 volunteers about three hours to unload 55 tons of relief supplies by hand in Yangon, Myanmar, and then load them into about a dozen semi trucks. Afterward, there was the task of training people and getting the supplies to where they were needed most.

"We spent a lot of time training fire and rescue and volunteer business people on the use of the equipment we were delivering," said Olson. "We also spent time training groups of doctors to set up clinics and shelter for themselves as they provided medical help for those who needed



Patrick Olson of Plymouth (left, with clipboard) keeps track as workers unload a plane loaded with relief supplies for cyclone-ravaged Myanmar. It took a team of some 200 volunteers some three hours to unload the cargo plane.

it. They would, in turn, take it to where it was needed and employed it.

"A lot of the organizations were really frustrated because their actions were inhibited at every turn," Olson added, "but I feel we accomplished a lot. We were fortunate we found an avenue working through business people and civilian volunteers that allowed us to penetrate really fast. Although it was indirect, I have high confidence the supplies we delivered to Yangon were delivered in a timely

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Olson said by the time his group arrived, authorities in Yangon had made "real progress" in clearing the city.

"The streets were passable and parts of the city had power back," Olson said. "You could tell, however, that it was an obvious catastrophe and there were tress toppled onto buildings and low-lying areas had large ponds of water."

Olson said he, as well as volunteers from the United Nations and American Red Cross, were originally confined be part of the operation."

"In the early days our team

was monitored by the authorities," said Olson. "Over time, they relaxed and we had freedom of movement in Yangon."

Even after taking time to think about his experience, Olson said it's still hard to put into words.

"So much happened, a crazy patchwork of situations and circumstances ... it was hard to make sense of it all," he said. "In the end, we felt we accomplished what we set out to do. I was very happy and proud to

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aren't asking for equal time,

we're only asking for fair time." Carla Boyd, who has nearly 300 petition signatures and still counting to reinstate the skating programs, said taxes paid by city residents are for recreation programs for every-

"Nowhere that I can see is the main goal of the cultural center to exist just to provide profit to the city in lieu of the programs that it was built to hold," said Boyd, whose 6-yearold daughter, Laine, is affected by the changes. "You can't have it both ways. It's either a cultural center for your residents, largely subsidized by our taxes, or it's a profit center and you shouldn't be getting my tax money."

Commissioner Mike Wright said if the focus is on revenue, the new plan is a "slam dunk." However, he said there are

other issues to be considered. "The whole function of the Recreation Department and its mission to the community," Wright said. "We're already

stating, by the fact that we're subsidizing the Recreation Department by about \$250,000 a year, that it's not a place to make money. We've already acknowledged there's a community focus to it."

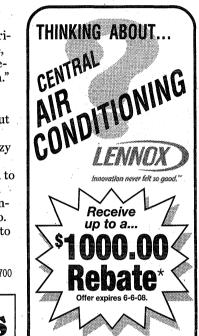
City commissioners, who agreed to make the changes in a recent budget session after a recommendation by administrators, believe a compromise could be made in the near future, resulting in the skating lessons being reinstated.

"The willingness of Kathy (Barile) showed me there's room to work in," Mayor Phil Pursell said. "What I heard from a lot of the parents is their willingness to pony up."

Commissioner Dave Workman said he wants to know if the skating groups were given the opportunity to come up with more money before canceling the programs.

"It seemed to sneak up on the folks we've been a longtime partner with, so were they given information that helped them make a decision or not?" Workman said. "That's one of the questions I'd like to find out about."

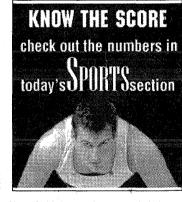
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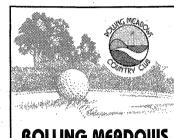


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Vets bring back weekly car show

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In its fifth season, Cruz'n 528 will feature original, classic and restored cars in weekly shows through Sept. 3. The event also features a disc jockey spinning oldies while chapter members serve up hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and refreshments.

The event also includes a 50/50 drawing and door prizes, and a participation plaque is awarded to one cruiser from all registered cars during the show. The show typically draws 60-70 classic cars, trucks and motorcycles, with some Wednesdays featuring as many as 90.

While many car enthusiasts hold similar car events, organizer Bob Paul said the Plymouth-Canton vets' show is unique, because it offers things door prizes along with the traditional 50-50 raffle.

We do a lot of door prizes and we give away a participation plaque," Paul said.

"We're a veterans organization, and (companies) like to donate because they support the veterans.

Some of the local clubs who participate, according to Paul, include the Mustang Owners Club of Southeastern Michigan, Americas Most Wanted & the Sparkplugs.

Paul said Cruz'n 528 is successful and well attended because, at the end of the cruising season, after all the bills are paid and since 2004, the group has donated more than \$10,000 to veteran organizations such as the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor, the Center for the Ambulatory & Burn Center for the Intrepid in San Antonio, and the purchase of round-trip tickets for World War II veterans from VFW Post #6695 to the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C.

"All of our profit goes back to the veterans, one way or another," Paul said. "We were there (in Vietnam). It was a difficult time ... we never really got that 'welcome home.' We feel never again will one veteran abandon another. There's a direct connection there.'

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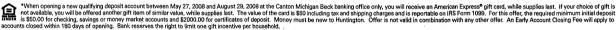


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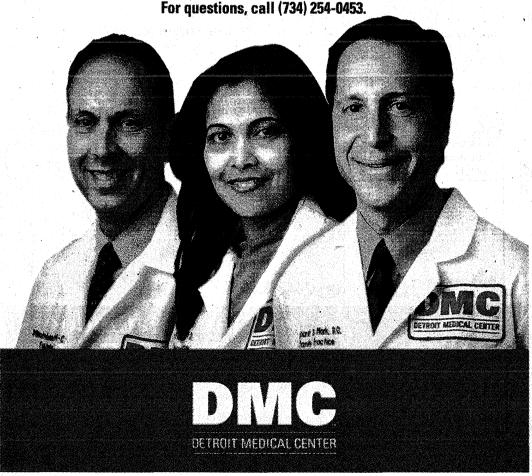
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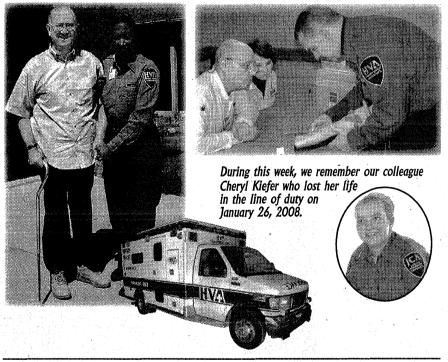
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Retirement misconceptions make it hard to plan for future

s I prepared for the Observer & Eccentric Senior Expo this week, I reviewed some of the myths and misconceptions of retirement. They can seriously impair someone's ability to enjoy their retirement years. So for those who could not attend the Expo, here's a

One myth about retirement I constantly hear is you can live on considerably less than when you were work-

Although certain expenses will be lower in retirement (your home may be paid off and your kids - hopefully — will be off your payroll),



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thought that you can live on less in retirement tends to give a false sense of security. There is nothing worse than being retired and realizing you don't have the money to maintain your lifestyle.

A misconception about

expenses that retire, your cost of living remains flat. Nothing is further from the truth. Health care, food, entertainment, travel - vou name it - all increase over time. In addition, there will be new technologies and services you will want to take advantage of. After all, 20 years ago who thought that you would have a monthly bill for something called the Internet?

> Another myth is you can use the life expectancy tables to determine how long you will live in retirement.

If you look at life expectancy tables, the average American lives into his/her early 80s. However, that is only an average. What if you

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live past your 80s? Are you going to have the resources to maintain your lifestyle and to take advantage of new technologies that may increase the quality of your

I tell investors that people retiring in their early and mid-60s should plan for a 30- to 35-year time horizon.

Another misconception is upon retirement your investment portfolio should be ultra-conservative.

The thought process is in a stock market downturn, you may not have time to wait for a recovery. That doesn't make sense. What that assumes is all people in retirement are the same.

Obviously, there is a big difference in someone's portfolio if they are 95 vs. 65. The reality is in retirement you will need a rising income and having a portion of your portfolio invested in equities for the long term is the appropriate strategy for most people. Don't focus on retirement, but rather on the time frame.

Another myth is when one's spouse passes, he/she can live on half the income. Certain expenses may go down, but other expenses will continue to rise. A surviving spouse can live on less, however, not half.

It is important to consider

tions of retirement because mistakes made today can have severe consequences down the road.

Retirement is a new concept in the history of mankind and it requires us to think differently. Retirement today has no relationship to what it was 50 years ago and will have no relationship to the people who are retired 50 years from now.

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



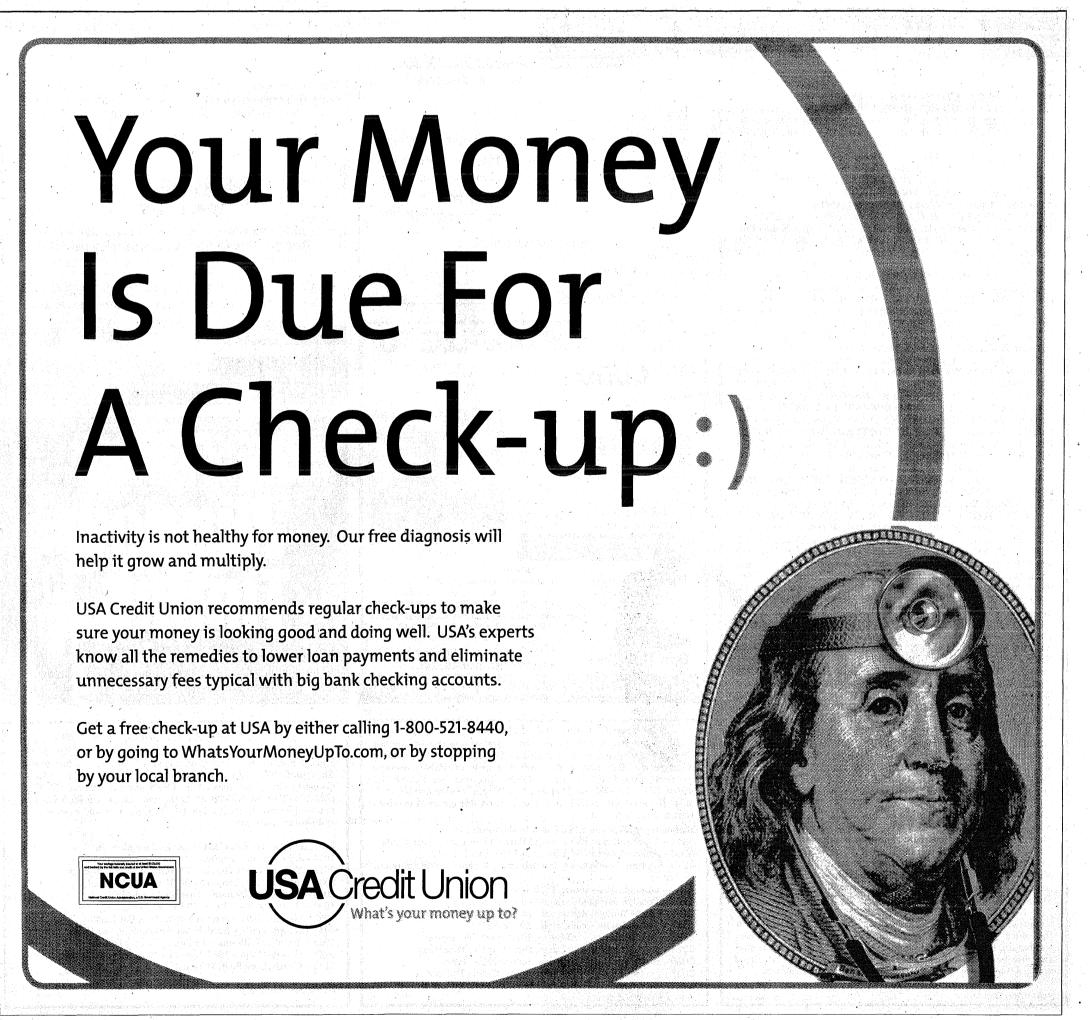


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MHS summer camps pair kids with pets

Warm weather has youngsters thinking about summer and parents thinking about things their children can do.

The Michigan Humane Society has an answer - its third annual Summer Tails Day Camp, held in eight, one-week sessions at Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland.

Summer Tails Day Camp

will hold sessions for children ages 7-14, with a new camp option for experienced campers. The expert paw pals camps, open to campers age 11 years and older, are designed for campers who have already attended a Summer Tails Camp in the past, and are looking to expand their knowledge of animal welfare.

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The camps will be offered

First time paw pals will

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings

May 13, 2008

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the amended agenda deleting Public Hearing Item 3. Hold the Public Hearing of Necessity and Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 3 for the Marlowe Street Road Improvements, SAD 2006-2. (MSD) and G-8 Authorize Contract for Fireworks Display for the 2008 Liberty Fest. (CLS). Motion carried Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the Board Study Minutes of April Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Minutes of April 22, 2008. Motion carried unanimously. Payment of Bills Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to approve payment of the bills Motion carried unanimously. RECOGNITION: RECOGNITION OF SERVICE - CANTON LIONS CLUB Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to adopt the resolution of Recognition of Service to the Canton Lions Club. Motion carried unanimously. PRESENTATION: CALEA PLAQUE
PRESENTATION TO CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT. Motion by Bennett, supported by Yack to enter this presentation Motion carried unanimously. PUBLIC **HEARING: Item 1. PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF** 2008 CDBG PROGRAM. (FBD) Motion by Yack, supported by Bennett to open the public hearing at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. No public comments. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to close the public hearing at 7:23 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to accept the recommendations of the Canton CDBG Advisory Council for the FY 2008 Community Development Block Grant program and to forward the adopted program to the Department of HUD as the Canton FY 2008 Final Statement. Motion carried unanimously. Item 2. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2008 SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM. (MSD) Motion by Yack, supported by Bennett to open the Public Hearing at 7:24 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Three residents had questions that were answered by Director Faas. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to close the Public Hearing at 7:36 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution requiring replacement of sidewalks in Brentwood Estates, Embassy Square, Sunflower Village 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, & 11, and Miscellaneous Locations as indicated on the list and published in the Canton Observer on May 1st and May 4th, 2008. Motion carried unanimously. Item 3. HOLD THE PUBLIC HEARING OF NECESSITY AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLTUION NO. 3. FOR THE MARLOWE STREET ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, SAD 2006-2. (MSD) DELETED FROM AGENDA CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. APPOINT 35TH DISTRICT COURT MAGISTRATE. (SUPERVISOR) Motion carried. Item 2. WAIVE SIDEWALK SALE AND BANNER carried. Item 2. WAIVE SIDEWALK SALE AND BANNER DISPLAY PERMIT REQUIREMENT FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2008. (SUPERVISOR) Motion carried. Item 3. TEMPORARY RELOCATION OF SEVEN VOTER PRECINCTS FOR THE AUGUST 5, 2008 PRIMARY ELECTION. (CLERK) Motion carried. Item 4. APPROVAL OF MCACA GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION. (FBD) Motion carried. Item 5. A REQUEST FROM DON PABLO'S OPERATING. CORP. (AN. OHIO. CORPORATION). TO OPERATING CORP. (AN OHIO CORPORATION) TO TRANSFER ALL STOCK (1999 LICENSING YEAR) IN 2007 CLASS C LICENSED BUSINESS, LOCATED IN ESCROW AT CLASS C LICENSED BUSINESS, LOCATED IN ESCROW AT 39895 FORD, CANTON, MI 48187, CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, BY DROPPING DF&R RESTAURANTS, INC. AS STOCKHOLDER AND TRANSFERRING ITS STOCK TO DON PABLO'S HOLDING CORP. (CLERK) Motion carried. Item 6. A REQUEST FROM RUSTY NAIL LOUNGE, INC. TO TRANSFER ALL STOCK IN 2007 CLASS C LICENSED BUSINESS WITH DANCE PERMIT, LOCATED AT 43845 FORD, CANTON, MI 48187, CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, THRU TRANSFER OF 90,000 SHARES FROM THE RUSSEL D. JOHNSON REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST; JOHN F. JOHNSON, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO JOHN F. JOHNSON. Motion carried. Item 7. APPOINTMENTS TO DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. (SUPERVISOR) Motion carried. GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER OAKWOOD HEALTH CARE MEDICAL CAMPUS PRELIMINARY PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT. (MSD) Motion carried. Item 2. CONSIDER CANTON FRIENDSHIP CHURCH REZONING. (MSD) Motion carried. Item 3. CONSIDER CHERRY HILL VILLAGE MARKET PLACE MINOR PDD AND SITE PLAN FOR PHASE I PARKING IMPROVEMENT AND MODIFICATION TO THE SITE PLAN FOR THE BILTMORE BUILDING. (MSD) Motion carried. Item 4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF WASTEWATER DISPOSAL AGREEMENT WITH SAUK TRAIL DEVELOPMENT, INC. (MSD) Motion carried. Item 5. CONSIDER RECLASSIFICATION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS CLERK III POSITION TO A CLERK IV POSITION. (MSD) Motion carried. Item 6. CONSIDER FILLING A MECHANIC I POSITION IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION - FLEET SERVICE SECTION. (MSD) Motion carried. Item 7. CONSIDER CREATING AND FILLING A SANITARY SEWER TECHNICIAN POSITION IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION. (MSD) Motion carried. Item 8. AUTHORIZE CONTRACT FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY FOR THE 2008 LIBERTY FEST. (CLS) DELETED FROM AGENDA Item. 9. AUTHORIZE REPROGRAMMING OF FUNDS AND CAPITAL PURCHASE OF ICE MACHINE FOR PHEASANT RUN AND THE SUMMIT. (MSD) Motion carried. Item 10. AWARD SOUND AND LIGHTING SERVICES FOR THE 2008 LIBERTY FEST. (CLS) Motion carried. Item 11. AWARD RENTAL OF TENTS, TABLES AND CHAIRS FOR 2008 LIBERTY FEST. (CLS) Motion carried. Item 12. APPROVE PURCHASE OF GOLF COURSE MERCHANDISE FOR ST. JOES PRO AM. (CLS) Motion carried. Item 13. AUTHORIZE PURCHASE ORDER FOR 2008 LIBERTY FEST INFLATABLE ATTRACTIONS. (CLS) Motion carried. Item 14. CEMENT REPLACEMENT FOR HERITAGE PARK AMPHITHEATER. (CLS) Motion carried. Item 15. APPROVE WATER AND SEWER RATES. (FBD) Motion carried. Item 16. TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER FOR REPLACEMENT OF DIAMONDS ROOFTOP UNTIS. (FBD) Motion carried. Item 17. RENEWAL OF SOPHOS ANTI-VIRUS SERVICE FOR CURRENT TOWNSHIP DESKTOP COMPUTERS AND FILE SERVERS. (FBD) Motion carried. Item 18. PURCHASE AND SALE OF VACANT LOT. (FBD) Motion tabled. Item 19. CONSIDER ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMPENSATION. (FBD) Motions carried. Item 20. APPROVAL FOR INSTALLATION OF CARD ACCESS SYSTEM TO CLERK'S STORAGE ROOM. (FBD) Motion carried. OTHER: Supervisor Yack stated there is no Board study meeting next week, Tuesday, May 20, 2008. The next Board meeting will be May 27, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan, 48188. ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 10:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor -

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site HYPERLINK "http:// www.canton-mi.org" www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval.

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during June, July and August and include Junior Paw Pals the weeks of June 23 and July 7 for children ages 7-8, Paw Pals the weeks of July 14 and July 21 for children ages 9-11, Expert Paw Pals the weeks of July 28, Aug. 4 and Aug. 18 for children ages 11 -14 and Senior Paw Pals the week of Aug. 11 for children ages 12-13.

have the opportunity to learn humane treatment towards animals, among other educational animal related topics. Campers will spend time with the animals of the Michigan Humane Society, with other rescue organizations, and even make crafts - like pupsicles and kitty forts - both things the animals of MHS have grown to love.

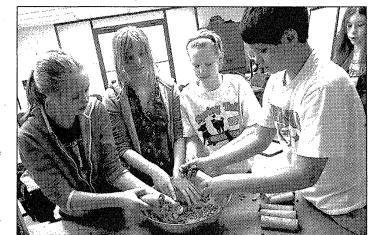
Expert paw pals will experience an advanced program, educating campers on how to make a responsible choice in determining what pet is right for him/her, as well as where to find their new best friend and the expected cost of caring for a companion animal throughout their lifetime. This

camp will be a highly educational experience for kids very interested in learning more about animal welfare.

Summer Tails Day Camp is age-appropriate, with program materials suited to learning styles and maturity level,. Each camp is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily Monday through Friday, with day care available 8-10 a.m. and 3-5 p.m. for an additional fee.

Camp registration is on a first come, first serve basis, upon receipt of registration forms and a camp deposit of \$75. The total camp cost is \$150 per pal. Registration can be completed at the Berman Center for Animal Care at 900 N. Newburgh south of Ford, online at www. michiganhumane.org, by calling (248) 283-1000 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and asking to register for Summer Tails, by fax at (248) 283-5700 or by mail at Michigan Humane Society, c/o Spring Tails Day Camp, 30300 Telegraph, Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.

For more information about



Rachel Kral, 11, of Plymouth (from left), Danielle Chesney, 11, of Northville, Brianna Heitmeyer, 11, of Canton and Stuart Nath, 11, of Northville use their hands to mix pupsicle ingredients.

Summer Tails Day Camp, visit the MHS Web site at www. michiganhumane.org, or contact Kimberly Korona at, (248) 283-1000, Ext. 127 or by e-mail at kkorona@michiganhumane.org.

The Michigan Humane Society (MHS) is a private, nonprofit organization which cares for more than 100,000

animals each year, while working to end companion animal homelessness, provide the highest quality service and compassion to the animals entrusted to our care, and to be a leader in promoting humane values. For more information, call 1-866-MHUMANE or visit MHS

St. John's package helps leukemia patient

The Inn at St. John's will offer a special promotional golf package with portions of the proceeds to benefit the Suite Dreams Project, a non-profit organization that brings comfort and joy to children affected by serious medical conditions by creating healing environments in their homes.

A team of volunteers led by Inn at St. John's Director of Sales, Tawnya Johnson, is raising the funds for the Suite Dreams Project in order to transform the room of a local 6-year-old who is battling Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia. The Inn has offered this special promotional package in order to help raise the funds necessary to transform the little girl's bedroom into a princess room.

The Suite Dreams Golf

Package will include two rounds of 18 holes of golf with a cart and two signature Inn at St. John's baseball caps for \$110; \$50 of the package price will go to the Suite Dreams Project as a tax-deductible contribution.

The Suite Dreams package is being offered May 24-26 and June 28-29 in limited numbers. Interested golfers should phone St. John's Pro Shop at 734-453-1047 to reserve their tee time.

For more information on The Inn at St. John's, please visit www.theinnatstjohns.com or phone 734-414-0600.

For more information on the Suite Dreams Project, visit www.suitedreamsproject.org or phone Jayne Taormina at (248) 601-0799.

Veteran sales rep takes over in Plymouth

For the last several years of her career as an advertising representative for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Donna Orozco has dealt chiefly with auto dealers.

Now, as she takes on a new challenge, Orozco hopes to drive the advertising needs for retailers around Plymouth.

Orozco, with more than 23 years of experience in advertising, recently took over as the retail advertising representative for the Plymouth Observer.

"The relationship between the Observer and the business owners in the Plymouth community has always been a strong partnership," Orozco said. "I look forward to the challenge of meeting all the owners, and making sure ours remains a mutually beneficial relationship."

Orozco, who spent more



years at the Detroit Free Press, has been with the Observer the last 17 years. It's a vast amount of experience

that should benefit Plymouth advertisers, according to Orozco's manager.

"I am thrilled to have

Donna as a part of my team and I am even happier for our loyal customers and future customers in Plymouth," said Lisa Emory, retail sales manager. "Donna brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm and her quest for excellent customer service will serve the Plymouth community

very well." Orozco can be reached via e-mail at dorozco@ hometownlife.com or by phone at (734) 582-8342.

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Personal property described below in the matter of: 5341 - Charon Renae Roberts - 20 Boxes, Floor Lamp, Misc Items

4279 - Julian Mitchell - 3 Snowboards, 2 chairs, entertainment

4133 - Gino Martin - couch, TV, 5 Totes

4120 - Grant Young - dresser, mirrors, headboard 4027 - Jason Brodie - sofa, dresser, kida ATV

3026 - Juanita Lango - 10 Boxes, 1 tote, portable heater 3021 – Regina Griffin – 50 Boxes, Dining Table, Misc Items

3020 - Isiah Wardlow - 10 Boxes, Toolbox, Misc Items

2032 – Sharell Lewis – lawn mower, microwave, 2 TV's

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Personal property described below in the matter of: 1054 - Julie Sethavarangura – TV, Dresser, Headboard 2014 - Samuel Bruce Horste - 20 Totes, 20 Boxes, 5 Bags

2035 – Julie Sethavarangura – VCR, Chair, 10 Boxes

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4002 – Scott Laser – 2 Totes, 10 Boxes, Toolbox $4035-George\ Gallo-Jensen\ Automobile,\ Car\ Parts$

4047 - George Gallo - Studebaker Automobile, Car Parts

4068 – Timothy Williams – 10 Boxes, Table, 2 Chairs 5032 – George Gallo – 1967 Mercedes Benz, car parts, misc items 9154 - Couch, Love Seat, 10 boxes

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5008 - Amicie Crayton - leather couch, loveseat, vanity

4121 - Rosalyn Jackson - vacuum, dresser, mattress

2037 - Shawn Booth - 4 Kitchen Chairs, Couch, Dresser

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Sister Rose Marie Kujawa gives Baroness Caroline Cox the Crystal Madonna award for her global humanitarianism.

Britain's Baroness Cox honored at Madonna

"I am a nurse and a social scientist by intention and a Baroness by astonishment," said Baroness Caroline Cox to a crowd of 70 plus friends, alumni and faculty at Madonna University, recently.

Baroness Cox is vice president of the Royal College of Nursing, former deputy speaker of Britain's House of Lord, and a 2008 candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize.

"I don't actually like politics," said the Baroness. "I do appreciate being able to speak in parliament on behalf of the forgotten people, who cannot speak for themselves."

For years she has supported humanitarian and disability causes. As the chief executive of Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust (HART), Cox provides aid to those who are, or have been recently suffering oppression and persecution.

After the brunch, Cox, a patron of the Medical Aid for Poland, shared stories of her work in Poland during the dark days of martial law in the 1980s. She told of riding on the 32-ton trucks delivering medical supplies to hospitals that had nothing. She asked to go along on these missions because she feels very strongly about seeing for herself the people for whom she is advocating and providing aid.

She recalled a delivery in which the truck driver discovered two stacks of blank paper and told her that if they were caught with it they'd be imprisoned. Why? "In a totalitarian government, paper is dangerous, because you can write ideas on it," Cox told the audience. "Never let us take our freedom for granted."

Another poignant moment

for Cox came in the war-torn streets of Poland, where people would sometimes die waiting in line for food. There on a wall were these words written by a 12-year-old boy, "I believe in the sun, even when I can't see it. I believe in love, even when I can't feel it."

Baroness Cox was given the Crystal Madonna award for her global humanitarianism, from Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, Madonna University president.
Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey and Councilwoman Terry Godfroid-Marecki presented the Baroness with a key to the city.

The event was sponsored by Madonna University, Botsford Hospital, the PIAST Institute and the Kappa Iota Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, nursing honor society, and the Registered Nurses Association in Michigan.



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Volunteers needed to help rescue the Rouge River

Friends of the Rouge announced Monday that 25 communities in Metro Detroit will be participating in this year's Rouge River Rescue on Saturday, June 7.

The local non-profit organization says volunteers are needed to help with clean up and restoration activities.

"Thousands of volunteers are needed to help," said Cyndi Ross the manager of the River Restoration Program. "Rouge Rescue is a fun and rewarding

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event anyone can be involved in."

Friends of the Rouge, whose work is dedicated to the restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River, has been leading clean up efforts for 22 years.

When Rouge Rescue began activities focused on removing man-made trash from the river. Household appliances, tires, shipping carts, etc. were common occurrences. Today, after years of cleaning up river sites, much of the work is focused on river restoration. Volunteer activities include native plantings, invasive plant removals, trail maintenance, birdhouse building and installation, environmental education for children in addition to clean up projects.

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More talk needed in skate debate

OUR VIEWS

It's easy to empathize with the plight of a cadre of (mostly) young girls losing their ice skating time because the City of Plymouth has a more financially viable option in boys'

And it's equally inviting to cast greedy city officials in a sexist, money-grubbing light because of their decision to cut a program that affects mostly girls in favor of a better-paying program that features mostly boys.

But we don't think, in this case, the easy thing is the best thing to do.

There's no question the city's decision to eliminate some 10 hours of prime ice time for open skating — for which the city is averaging an estimated \$80 per hour — in favor of practice time for boys hockey teams, which pay some \$255 per hour, opens officials to questions of sexism and favorit-

Really, though, all they're guilty of is making-money-ism. Parents have threatened a discrimination lawsuit, but we believe such a suit would do no more than clog the court docket, especially if the city can prove what it says: Even without the figure skating program, according to City Manager Paul Sincock, participation in recreation programs is 18 percent higher for girls than for boys. That's hardly a discriminatory program.

City officials say they talked to folks in the figure skating community and warned them this might happen, and offered to let the Plymouth Figure Skating Club take over the basic skills program to make money to buy additional

Members of that group say that offer wasn't made as an "all or nothing" proposition. If they'd have known, parents say, they'd have made sure to save the program.

It does seem to us there was some miscommunication here. Perhaps all it would take would be a sit-down between the parties, who would put all of their cards on the table. It doesn't sound like that happened the first time around.

The city puts some \$250,000 from its general fund into the recreation department, in large part to help subsidize programs such as the basic skills program. Last year, according to the city, there was an additional \$16,000 budget amendment approved to help cover the soaring cost of utilities and the like.

The city certainly must put its fiduciary responsibility first and has a right to make business decisions designed to fatten its bottom line. But parent Jennifer Manriquez is right when she says if programs were only accepted based on their ability to pay, programs for girls — which generally earn less money — would be fewer and farther between.

The city needs to get more money out of its programs. The skaters seem willing to pay more, now that they know it's either that or lose the program. There certainly seems to be a potential solution there.

We think the sides should find it.

Legislature should act quickly on energy bills

Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, chair of the state Senate Energy and Technology Committee, believes that despite many contending interests, the Legislature could move a package of electric energy bills before the summer break.

The House passed its version of the bills in April. Patterson's committee has been taking testimony and Patterson says he wants to move an "apolitical" package of energy bills.

The energy bills have several components.

One would revisit Public Act 141, which deregulated the electric power industry. House legislation would limit competition to 10 percent of the market. The major utilities, DTE and Consumers Energy, have asked for this so they can stabilize their market and raise money to build new coal and nuclear plants to replace aging facilities.

Another component would replace a portion of coalgenerated power with renewable energy (wind, solar, geothemal, etc.) The House bill sets a renewable energy portfolio standard of 10 percent from renewables by 2015. Patterson said he thinks the Legislature can do better, but many are concerned about costs.

A third component is an energy-efficiency package to promote energy conservation by households and businesses. The major utilities would be required to develop an energy-efficiency program. Hugh McDiarmid of the Michigan Environmental Council said his group supports the efforts outlined in the House bill. Patterson makes a valid point that the bill doesn't address some important issues such as revision of housing codes.

Despite differences, we are encouraged that there is a strong bipartisan drive to get energy legislation passed. It is complex and has many competing interests. But is vital to Michigan's future.

We urge the Legislature to move forward quickly and get this done by summer break.



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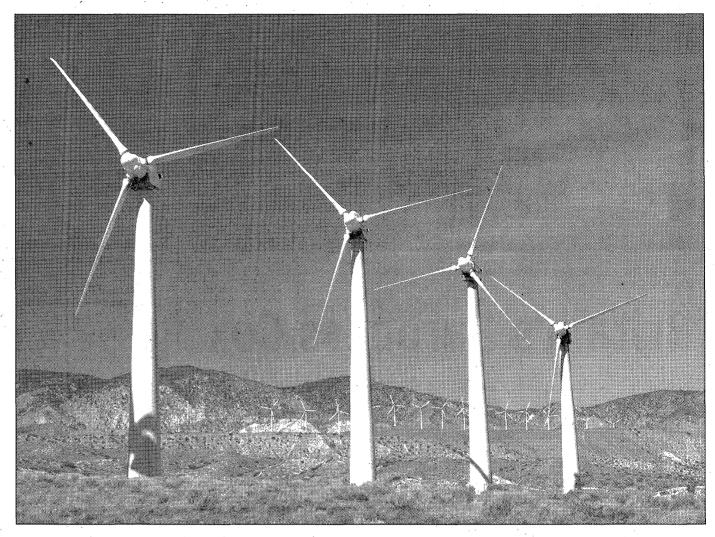
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Skate debate

I just watched the video on WXYZ about the controversy at the Plymouth community center regarding girls-only figure skating time.

If I understand the issue, the director is phasing out the all-girls figure skating time for boys hockey for monetary reasons. The girls only pay \$80 per hour for their ice time while the boys pay \$255 per hour. There seems to be one mother spearheading a petition drive to the ACLU asking for them to step in on the basis that this move discriminates against the girls.

Doesn't having "all girls" figure skating time discriminate against boys?

The real question, however, as I see it is this: Where was this woman when the boys were paying three times higher ice time rates than the girls? If she is so concerned about discrimination then why didn't she petition the ACLU on that inequality?

There is a very simple solution to this problem which a fair-minded, anti-discriminating mother should have grasped immediately: Have the girls pay the same ice time rates as the boys. Problem solved, ACLU-backed legal action averted. A legal action, I might add, that would just cost the city even more money and use up funds that could be spent on the recreation bud-

Now is the time for this mother to be really anti-discriminatory and pony up the same amount of money the hockey parents have been paying for years!

Edward Collins Livonia

Intersection is frightening

I am writing to you regarding your consideration to put a traffic light at Ford and Ridge. I know firsthand how dangerous this intersection is. My parents and sister's family both live on Ridge just west of Ford. I grew up there. I have seen a lot of accidents happen there. Some of them fatal. One gruesome accident that I came upon a few years ago happened to involve my young cousin and his girlfriend. She was killed by an oncoming truck as my cousin was trying to cross Ford. I have had some near misses there myself.

The problems with this intersection are: The northbound Ford Road traffic usually travels through there at about 60 mph (I do it myself). People don't usually start slowing down until after Ridge. Those trying to turn onto Ford or cross Ridge have a hard time judging how fast the oncoming traffic is going. This can be extremely dangerous.

The second thing is that east and westbound Ridge traffic turning onto Ford can be very busy at times especially during rush hour. A lot of people have a hard time determining who has the right of way while they're trying to either cross Ford or turn onto Ford. I am an experienced 40year-old that grew up there and still have trouble with this. Does the person opposite you, who is turning right or going straight, always have the right of way even if you arrived at the stop sign first? No one ever seems to know.

Often times everyone waves each other to go, then they all end up going at the

same time. This intersection is very frustrating and frightening at times. There have been too many lives that have been lost there. How many more will there be before we take action? I strongly urge you to consider this traffic light. Please help keep my family members safe.

LETTERS

Michelle Toal

Canton

Uphold the law

In March, Congress stood up to the Bush administration and their unlawful wiretapping of American citizens by refusing to grant retroactive immunity to the telecom companies, which would have effectively shut down judicial oversight.

Now, as Congressional Democrats try to reconcile their bill with the Senate version, which includes immunity, a compromise may be in the works. But the House leadership should not capitulate. The Bush administration believes that the president can disregard any law as long as they can claim that they are acting in the interests of national security. But that is not how our democracy works. The Constitution requires checks and balances and three co-equal branches of government, not a Unitary Executive.

Democrats fear that if they do not pass some kind of compromise, the Republicans will use it against them in the upcoming elections, but the fact is that the existing FISA law gives the intelligence agencies all the tools they need. Political expediency is not good enough excuse. Give us a good reason to vote for you in November. Upholding the law and defending the Constitution just might work.

> Katie Jacob Birmingham

Everyone makes a difference

My name is Celeste and I am currently an eighth-grader at Frost Middle School. We have been studying weather changes and global warming. Studying global warming has made me aware of the future challenges this may bring to us and our families. Many people are unaware of all the things occurring and those things that may occur in the very near future. Global warming can affect us in many

First of all, there will be an increase in hurricanes, floods, sea levels, fires, wildfires, and the danger of thunderstorms. Global warming can also cause increase deaths and illnesses. The number of people who are killed by climate changes may increase as well as death by smog. People may also have heat waves, strokes and heart attacks.

Global warming can cause more mold and reappearance in deadly disease. This includes the spreading of the deadly disease - malaria. (http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2007/09/climate_100. html)

Some of these issues can be resolved if everyone takes a part in it. So remember, everyone makes a difference no matter how small.

Celeste Haddad

Livonia

Ridiculous prices

Gas prices are ridiculous; I think everyone probably agrees with that. When is it going to end? At the rate we're going, gas prices are just going to keep rising, and in two years we could be at \$6 or \$7 per gal-

Someone needs to do something, otherwise our economy will only get worse, and we'll end up in a recession. No one is able to do anything anymore because of the price of gas. Everyone will work just so they can have enough gas to get to work. Something needs to be done.

Kelly Brinkman

Expensive gas is good

Earth Day may be politically popular but it is scientifically flawed. Environmentalists enhance energy problems and prohibit solutions.

Global warming (estimated at 1 degree each hundred years) could increase our Michigan climate by 10 degrees in 1,000 years, saving our heating bills.

Slant-drilling can pump oil from the Great Lakes, oceans and Alaska, but "greens" fear an accident.

Hydrogen fuel extraction requires electricity. Battery powered vehicles need recharging from electric power plants. Nuclear power is clean, cheap, safe and feared. "Greens" really object to abundant coal, but acceptable wind and solar power are unreliable.

Blending corn-based ethanol with gasoline is a poor solution. Open land is being plowed into cornfields, raising the cost of both food and fuel. Ethanol reduces mileage and is expensive, subsidized by govern-

Mandating more miles per gallon requires manufacturing small vehicles (unprofitable for American car companies). Families with children will need to drive two vehicles for an outing.

High prices are the best solution being offered! Expensive gasoline encourages resource development and reduces the popularity of unnecessary trips or vehicle

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"I completely understand the need to make money at the arena, but you've essentially taken skating away from girls ... Quite frankly, I think it's sexist. It's discriminatory that a sport was removed that is basically for girls. And if it were the flip side - completely removing the monetary arguments behind it - if you made it all figure skating instead of hockey, there would be an uproar."

Carla Boyd, figure skating parent, on her complaint about the city's decision to end the basic skills program at the **Plymouth Cultural Center**

Hypocritical politicians don't heed lessons from classic film

as anyone else noticed the startling paral-. There is one big difference in their stories. lels between Eliot Spitzer and the Charles Foster Kane character in Orson Welles' groundbreaking 1941 movie Citizen Kane?

Kane, of course, has become the archetype of the business or political titan who is

enchanted by his own power and lives by his own rules, thus leading to a fall from

But the movie's prescience as it relates to Spitzer and his rise and fall gives Citizen Kane, which has already withstood the test of time better than any film, a new power. Welles and co-screenwriter

Herman J. Mankiewicz really nailed it — Spitzer could almost have been following their script.

Matt Jachman

Like Spitzer, Kane came from enormous wealth (he had "humble beginnings" and was adopted as a boy by a "grand old man of Wall Street") but styled himself as a man of the

Both were New York politicians from New York City — Spitzer was governor for not quite 15 months, while, in the movie, Kane was running for governor.

Like Spitzer, Kane had a "lightning political career" (OK, Spitzer had a longer career - he was also a prosecutor and the New York attorney general — but his ascent to the top seemed sudden) and was thought to be on a path to the White House.

Like Spitzer, Kane championed "the sacred cause of reform." Both displayed hypocrisy in exempting themselves from that reform.

Like Spitzer, Kane had a public persona as the hard-charging White Knight bent on rooting out corruption, but in reality had a different side — hard-charging, yes, but also stubborn, arrogant and corrupt.

Like Spitzer's, Kane's political fortunes and reputation were brought down by a sex scanSpitzer at least had the class to resign once the scandal broke. Kane, however, was arrogant and/or deluded enough to believe "the people" would still prefer him, and continued his run for governor even after his "love nest" became public knowledge.

Even the aspirations of their paramours were the same: "singer."

Kane's girlfriend Susan Alexander's performances were an embarrassment — "Kane Found in Love Nest With 'Singer'" read the headline, emphasis on the quote marks around "singer." Spitzer's purported "Kristen," Ashley Alexandra Dupre, has recorded a couple of songs that have been received, well, with embarrass-

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In that, Kane is similar to our own Kwame Kilpatrick.

"Fraud at Polls" read the headline on the Kane-owned Enquirer when he lost the governor's race. The real frauds, however, were the headline — and Kane himself.

'I'm blown away'," a quote from Kilpatrick, read the Free Press headline when the jury sided with the police whistleblowers last September even before those famous text messages proved the whistleblowers, and the jury, were right.

Matt Jachman is a staff writer for The Observer who noticed the Spitzer-Kane-Kilpatrick similarities while fooling around on YouTube. Read his regular blog, "Words, words, words," on hometownlife.com.

Citizen Kilpatrick, anyone?

Baby Boomer impact: state's economic hope?

Seniors are an integral and growing population in our communities that have significant presence and impact. In fact, people 60 and older represent the only population segment projected to grow in metro Detroit over the next 25 years — a growing population with tremendous influence on our local economy and economic development.

False stereotypes abound regarding modern senior living. Talk of senior communities conjures images of nursing homes and institutions. The senior population is seen as a drain on the economy and a drain on communities. Failing to embrace modern realities perpetuates these falsehoods.

Conventional wisdom that senior housing is unattractive and institutional ignores the very real fact that Michigan is experiencing a boom in enlightened, top-quality senior communities. The aging baby boomer population is influencing this era in senior living, providing a catalyst for the creation of senior communities where people are aging actively and living well. Resortstyle accommodations, including full-service concierge services, reflect the strong desire for retirement living options that support trend-setting, highly active baby boomers.

The notion that seniors are a drain on the economy fails to recognize that the rapidly growing boomer population is wealthier today than previous generations. Today's baby boomers are the first population in history to benefit from dual-income households and from the significant economic growth that occurred throughout the past 50 years.

The wealthiest generation in history is also wealthier than their younger neighbors. Census Bureau data show that seniors are the wealthiest consumer segment and have the largest disposable income of any population group. The average per-capita discretionary income for Americans aged 50 and older is almost \$8,500 a year, compared with \$6,500 for Americans of The notion that seniors are a drain on the economy fails to recognize that the rapidly growing boomer population is wealthier today than previous generations. Today's baby boomers are the first population in history to benefit from dual-income households and from the significant economic growth that occurred throughout the past 50 years.

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More than just spending power, seniors contribute to the economy through a fairly unbalanced give and take with social and other public services. While this population pays more taxes than younger constituents, seniors use the lowest amount of local and state tax revenue. Unlike their 20- to 50-year-old neighbors, most seniors don't have kids enrolled in public schools. Medicare and legacy employer-based insurance programs cover most senior health care costs.

Seniors have significant impact in community organizations, too; a strong desire to age actively is manifested through community service. More than 50 percent of people aged 50-75 consider community service an integral part of their retirement. In fact, recent data show that 26.4 million older volunteers, age 55 and older, give 5.6 billion hours of their time annually. According to Deloitte, this is a value of \$77.2 billion to the philanthropic community.

Today's seniors aren't who you think they are, and ignoring the positive impact they have on our communities and our economy is a mistake. As Michigan seeks economic footing, it's a mistake we can't afford.

Roger Myers is president of the nonprofit, nondenominational Presbyterian Villages of Michigan. He is an expert on senior communities, senior economic impact and senior

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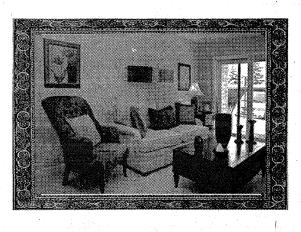


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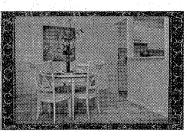


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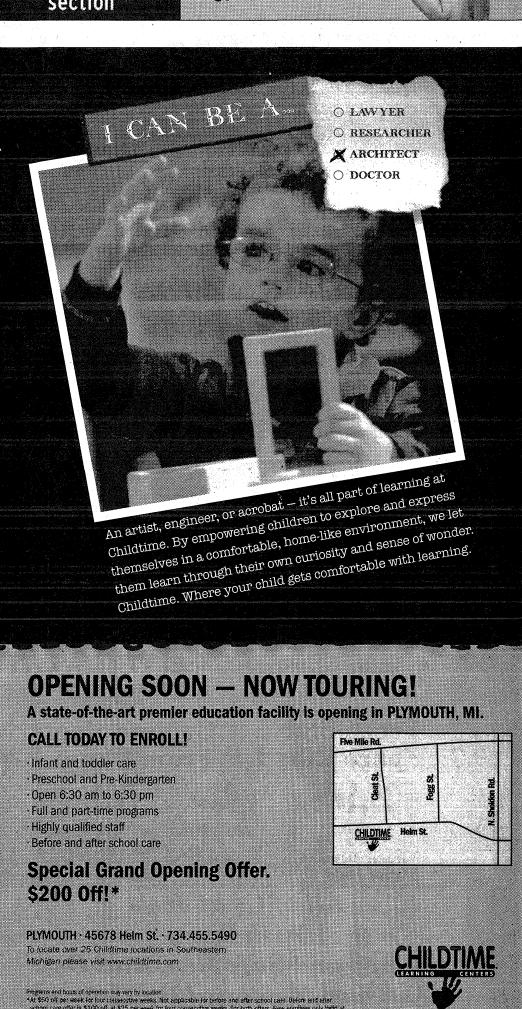
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Red-hot Chiefs outlast Vikings in 8 innings

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

If the new "Indiana Jones" movie is nearly as action-packed as Monday's Walled Lake Central-Canton baseball game, it's bound to be a blockbuster.

The Chiefs captured their second consecutive "walk-off" victory, 7-6, when senior second baseman Mike Madias' infield single scored Will Tidwell with the winning run in the bottom of the eighth.

Last Thursday, the streaking Chiefs beat Franklin in the bottom of the seventh on Matt Barvlski's walk-off hit.

The Chiefs' seventh straight triumph improved their record to 17-8.

Canton led 6-2 until Central tallied three in the sixth and one in the seventh.

PREP BASEBALL

"I'm glad to see the team has shown the character to pull out the close contests that we've played lately," said Canton coach Mark Blomshield. "We have had a lot of good starting pitching and our bullpen is deep to keep us in these tight games. The bats have come around just enough and we've executed nicely when the game was on the line."

Junior flame-thrower Dane Staples earned the victory with 1.2 innings of spotless relief.

Tidwell, Dan Stoney and Matt Barylski all laced a pair of hits for the winners. One of Stoney's hits was a 380-foot double to the deepest part of the ballpark.

The defensive play of the game came in the third when Canton center fielder Kevin Delapaz went horizontal to make a diving catch that saved a pair of runs. AGAPE 4. BAPTIST PARK 2: On

Monday at Baptist Park, the Wolverines improved to 10-4 overall and 7-3 in the MIAC Red behind a complete-game six-hitter from senior Brandon Pierson.

Ty Majeski led the winners' hitting attack with a pair of hits, an RBI and a run scored. Ethan Walker and Daniel Walker also contributed RBI to the Wolverines' cause.

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Andrew

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watches a

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Dan Riggs was recently honored by the Michigan High School Athletic Association for his 30 years of high school wrestling officiating. During his 35-year tenure with the Plymouth-Canton Community School District, Riggs has coached football, golf and wrestling.



Riggs honored by MHSAA after 30 years of officiating

BY FD WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The first time Dan Riggs officiated a high school wrestling match, Jimmy Carter was president, gas cost 63 cents a gallon and there were a few butterflies fluttering around in his belly.

A lot has changed in the three decades since except for the butterflies.

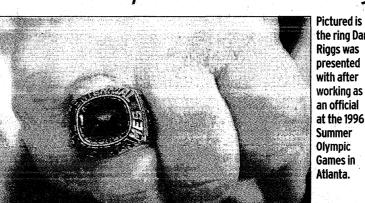
"I still remember my first match - it was Waterford Mott versus Waterford Kettering — and, yes, I was a little nervous," said Riggs, reflecting back on his 1978 officiating debut. "Even now, all these years later, I still get nervous - well, I don't know if it's nervousness as much as excitement."

Riggs was one of several high school officials recognized for reaching longevity milestones by the Michigan High School Athletic Association at a banquet held Saturday, May 10, in Lansing.

The milestone was 30 years for Riggs, who is so highly regarded by the MHSAA that he was asked to give the invocation and offer some opening remarks at

"Thank goodness they gave me a couple of weeks to prepare what I was going to say," said the personable Riggs, chuckling.

Please see RIGGS, B2



the ring Dan Riggs was presented with after working as an official at the 1996 Summer **Olympic** Games in

THE RIGGS FILE

Name: Dan Riggs; Age: Turned 59 last week; Family: Wife, Sandra (they celebrated

their 39th wedding anniversary in ' November); daughter, Heidi; son, Nicholas:

Profession: Physical education instructor for Plymouth-Canton Schools for the past 35 years; Coaching career: Has coached girls

golf at Canton since 1980; previously coached wrestling and football; Toughest part about officiating wrestling: "Believe it or not, a lot of the time it's dealing with the fans. The large majority of fans are great, but for some, the matches are like life-or-death. There will be times I'll be talking to a coach after a match and we'll look up in the stands and

there's a fight breaking out."

Salem second at WLAA tournament

See complete WLAA conference golf tourney results on Page B2.

> BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

When it comes to the number of holes it plays, the more the merrier for the Salem boys golf team.

After compiling a mediocre 2-3 record in nine-hole WLAA Lakes Division dual matches this season, the Rocks excelled during Tuesday's 18-hole league tournament, placing second behind only state-ranked Northville in the 12-team competition.

champion Mustangs on an ideal day for golf at Pheasant Run Golf Course in Canton.

"This team is a lot like a team I had a couple years ago — it plays better in 18-hole tournaments than it does in nine-hole duals," said Salem coach Rick Wilson. "We played in the Wayne County Championship last week at Pheasant Run and finished third, so the guys definitely like this course. We posted our runners-up was Aaron lowest score all year today, so they were definitely prepared."

The Rocks were paced by senior Tyler Jeleniewski, who earned All-Conference honors with a one-over 73. Northville's Trevor Grigg fired a two-under 70 to seize medalist accolades.

Canton fired a 314, which was good enough for a tie for fifth with Livonia Stevenson. Plymouth placed 10th with a

329. The Rocks were far from a one-man show as junior Adam Powers shot a season-low 78 while Patrick Doty carded an impressive 79 on the challenging Pheasant Run layout.

Also scoring for the Thompson, whose 80 was a personal season best.

'Tyler played great, but the key to our success today was the way the other guys played," said Wilson. "Adam's round was the low round of his career and Patrick and

Aaron shot season lows."

Canton was led by Andrew Rickerman, who fired a 76, one shot better than teammate Zach Conrad. Brendan Muir (79) and Clark Albers

(82) also scored for the Chiefs. Rickerman and Conrad both made the All-Division unit.

James Bryans' 80 was the low round of the day for the Wildcats, who also received solid efforts from Ryan Bauer (82); Kyle Sanders (83); and Kyle Eisiminger and Trevor Birdwell, who both carded

Sanders is also the closer for the Wildcats' baseball team.

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Canton senior William Tidwell was honored numerous times at the Canton **High School Seniors Honor Convocation** last week. The threesport star was named the school's "Male Scholar Athlete of the Year" and also earned a scholar-athlete award from the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

In the academic field, Tidwell earned a "Presidential Award for Educational Excellence" award and was lauded for being on the "Principal's Honor Roll."

Tidwell, the son of Chris and Brenda Tidwell of Canton, will attend Hillsdale College in the fall with baseball and academic scholarships.

Plymouth football

There will be a mandatory parents meeting for football players who will be playing for Plymouth High School in the

The meeting is set for Tuesday, June 3, at 7 p.m. in the Plymouth High School gymnasium.

All parents of players must attend as paperwork for the 2008 season will be distributed and player expectations will be discussed.

Canton hoop golf outing

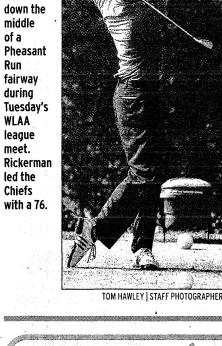
The inaugural "Canton Basketball Golf Outing" will be held Saturday, Aug. 2, beginning with an 8 a.m. shotgun start at Hilltop Golf Course, which is located at 4700 Powell Road in Plymouth.

A scramble format will be used.

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East Middle school student crowned national champion



East Middle School student Kayla Weber was crowned a Level 9 national champion at a meet held in Dayton, Ohio May 9-11.

Several local gymnasts excelled at the Level 9 Nationals held May 9-11 in Dayton, Ohio.

Kayla Weber, a student at East Middle School, was crowned national champion after registering an all-around score of 37.7. Weber was first on the floor (9.525), second on the beam (9.450), fifth on the bars (9.475) and ninth on the vault (9.250).

Several members of Canton's Splitz Gymnastics shined as well at Nationals.

Kelsey Stamm, of Canton, was the

national champion on floor in Senior Bafter registering a 9.425.

Kayla Spicher of Canton placed fourth on the floor (9.325) and sixth on the bars (9.425) in her Junior B

Emily LaFontaine of Plymouth took third in the all-around with a 36.925 thanks to a second-place showing on the bars (9.425) and a fourth on the floor (9.325).

"The girls did a wonderful job and finished the season on a high note," said Splitz coach and owner Eileen Spicher. "We are very proud of them."



Salem's Tyler Jeleniewski lines up a putt during his round of 73 at Tuesday's WLAA league meet at Pheasant Run Golf Course in Canton.

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4. Walled Lake Gential, 315, 3. (tie) Livolia Stevenson and Canton, 314 each; 7. Walled Lake Western, 315; 8. Livonia Franklin and Livonia Churchill; 318 each; 10. Plymouth, 329; 11. Westland John Glenn, 330; 12. Wayne

(Northville), 70.

All-Conference: Grigg (N), 70; Joe Parker

(WLN) and Wes Gates (N), 72 each; Tyler Jeleniewski (Salem), Justin Adams (LF) and

Kelly (N), Shawn Catto (WLC), 74 each; Sean Armstrong (WLW) and Alex Bernstein (N),

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75 each; Drew Mossoian (LS) and Andrew Rickerman (Canton), 76 each; Justin

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INDIVIDUAL SCORES

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Canton: Andrew Rickerman, 76; Zach Conrad, 77; Brendan Muir, 79; Clark Albers, 82; Jeremy Lindlbauer, 86; Aaron Blase, 87. Jeremy Lindlbauer, 86; Aaron Blase, 87.

W.L. Western: Sean Armstrong, 75; Justin Zabkiewicz, 77; J.R. Lowe, 80; Blake Hunter, 83; Josh Jarrell, 84; Ben Robertson, 90.

Franklin: Justin Adams, 73; Dan Ostrosky, 81; Chris Grund and Jordan Chisholm, 82 each; James Johnson, 84; Tony Semonick, 88.

Churchill: Josh Proben, 77; Kevin Robinson, 79; Dan Bostick, 80; Brian Bint, 82; Erik Newman, 83; Matt Charnley, 85. **Plymouth**: James Bryans, 80; Ryan Bauer, 82; Kyle Sanders, 83; Kyle Eisiminger and Trevor Birdwell, 84 each; Mate Conroy, 89. **John Glenn**: Andy Myers, 78; Dan Tamaroglio, 82; D.J. Loney, 84; Josh Duprie, 86; Travis Jozefczak and Kyle Hamlin, 96 each. Wayne: Jacob Smith, 92; Gary Neill, 99; Andrew Morton, 99; Ryan Raymor, 115; John McTigue, 142; Andrew Thomer, 185. OVERALL STANDINGS (including dual matches): 1. Northville, 10-1 (22 points); 2. W.L. Northern, 7-4 (17); 3. Canton, 9-2 (16.5);

W.L. Northern, 7-4 (1/); 3. Canton, 9-2 (16.5); 4. Salem, 5-6 (16); 5. Stevenson, 8-3 (15.5); 6. W.L. Central, 5-6 (14); 7. W.L. Western, 5-6 (11); 8. Franklin, 6-5 (10.5); 9. Churchill, 5-6 (9.5); 10. Plymouth, 4-7 (7); 11. John Glenn, 2-9 (4); 12. Wayne, 0-11 (1). WESTERN DIVISION STANDINGS: 1.

Northville, 5-0; 2. (tie) Franklin and Canton, 3-2 each; 4. W.L. Western, 2-3; 5. Plymouth, LAKES DIVISION STANDINGS: 1. Stevenson, 4-1; 2. W.L. Northern, 3-2; 3. W.L. Central, 3-2; 4. Churchill, 3-2; 5. Salem, 2-3; 6. John



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One of the highlights of Riggs' memorable night was a brief, pre-ceremony encounter with longtime friend Dan Chrenko, a former coaching colleague and current school administrator in Trenton, who made a surprise appearance at the event.

"What makes Dan such an outstanding referee is that he is a very fair person and he is driven to be the best he can be," said Chrenko, who shared the title of co-wrestling coach with Riggs at Canton during the school's first several years of existence beginning in 1973.

"After he stopped coaching wrestling at Canton, he would have to officiate some of their matches in tournaments. Well, this would be a tremendously difficult situation for a lot of people — refereeing a match involving the team you used to coach — but he was so confident in himself that he could be fair to both teams, it didn't bother him."

Double duty

For a few years, Riggs coached wrestling at Canton and officiated — a scenario he said enhanced his coaching

"I definitely think it helped me because when I officiated, I got to see a lot of good wrestling, so I could pick things up," he said. "For example Temperance-Bedford and Detroit Catholic Central would be at some of the tournaments I was working, so I could see what they did."

The most notable highlight of Riggs' renowned officiating career came in 1996 when he was invited to serve as an athlete liaison for the wrestling competition at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta.

"My main job was making sure the athletes I was assigned to got to the right place at the right time," recalled Riggs. "It was quite a thrill just being around all those great athletes."

Too close for comfort

Riggs still recalls with great clarity the night of July 27, 1996, when a pipe bomb exploded in Centennial Park - in the heart of the Olympic Village — killing two people and injuring 111.

"My shift was over at about 10:30 that night and myself and a former wrestler of mine walked through Centennial Park about a half-hour before

the bomb went off," Riggs said. "We were staying at a condo in Dunwoody, which was about a half-hour from Atlanta, so we didn't know what had happened until the next morning when the phone rang at around 6:30. It was our wives wondering if we were OK.

The next day, there was a meeting with all the athletes, officials and everyone involved with the Olympics. The individuals in charge wanted to know if we thought the games should continue, and everyone agreed — overwhelmingly - that they should."

For the past 12 years of Riggs' illustrious officiating career, he's served as the floor director at the individual state wrestling finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills — a position that entails everything from helping wrestlers find the right mat to making sure only individuals with credentials are on the main floor during the competition.

"One year, I found out what time he was working, so I talked to a few people I knew and I got a floor pass," said Chrenko, smiling. "I worked my way down to the floor, walked up behind Dan and said, 'What kind of security is this - anybody can get down here on the main floor.' He turned around, saw it was me and laughed."

Praise-worthy career

Of all the honors that have been bestowed upon Riggs, the veteran referee said nothing makes him feel better than a few complimentary words from a coach.

"Every time I'd officiate a Catholic Central match, their legendary coach, Mike Rodriguez, would come over to me afterwards, shake my hand and tell me I did a solid job," Riggs said. "It's things like that that make it fun."

Riggs, who has coached either wrestling, football or golf at Canton for the past 35 years, said his desire to officiate hasn't diminished since that first match in 1978.

"I still love it," he said. "My knees and lower back will ache once in a while, but I've learned techniques that have helped me deal with the aches and pains.

"At the MHSAA ceremony, Jack Roberts, the executive director, asked me if he'd see me back here in 10 years to pick up my 40-year plaque. I told him I'll try to make it."

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From Chief to Warrior

Canton senior pitcher Ben Vaughn recently signed a letter of intent to play collegiate baseball at Wayne State University beginning with the 2008-09 season. Pictured with Vauhgn are his dad, Carson (left) and Canton coach Mark Blomshield.

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Plymouth, Salem battle to 2-2 draw

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With next week's Division 1 District tournament looming, the Plymouth and Salem girls soccer teams put on a highintensity show Monday night that resembled a post-season encounter.

Playing in their final regular-season contest, the Rocks and Wildcats battled to a 2-2 draw in an entertaining WLAA cross-over game that had a split personality.

The first 40 minutes were dominated by the forwards as all four goals were scored in

the opening stanza. The defenders and goalkeepers then seized control of the scoreless second half.

The tie left Salem with a 7-6-5 mark while the Wildcats closed with a similar 7-6-4 record.

The Rocks carried the play for most of the first half and led 1-0 early on senior Katie Shull's goal, which was assisted by Kristina Klusek.

Plymouth evened things up at 1-all when freshman Mckenzie Hengesh stole the ball from a Salem defender and ripped a shot into the back of

when Ariel Dews scored off an

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Salem regained the lead, 2-1,

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assist from Kristen Thompson, but Kelly Dobbs countered for Plymouth with 1:20 left in the

"In the first half, I thought we executed and did everything we needed to do," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "We got two good goals and the girls worked hard, but we gave Plymouth 30 seconds of offense on two mistakes. The weird thing is our defense has been our strength this year and we just gave it to them tonight.

"If we don't learn from our mistakes tonight, we'll be out of the tournament next week real quick."

The Wildcats were opportunistic, taking advantages of two of their few scoring chances in the first half.

"I thought all the girls played solid tonight," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich. "We had our lapses when we lost momentum at times, but the kids worked hard and gave a solid effort."

CANTON 1, W.L. NORTHERN 0: On Monday at Northern, the Chiefs' Kerry Raker netted the game's lone goal.

Canton senior net-minder Bry Bellovary registered the shutout, stopping seven shots.

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Salem grabs win over WL Western

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Salem tuned up for Wednesday's Western Lakes Activities Association championship game against Northville Monday afternoon with a 2-1 make-up cross-over win against Walled Lake Western.

The victory improved the Rocks' record to 23-7-1 overall and 12-4 in the WLAA.

Freshman Heidi Schmidt was masterful on the mound, allowing just four hit and two walks while striking out a pair of Warriors.

"Heidi really stepped up and proved herself today, said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "We only had three hits, but they came at the right time and the girls kept fighting defensively."

Schmidt helped her own cause with an RBI double. Lizzy Mazorowicz also delivered an RBI hit. Mary Johnson scored both Salem runs.

The victory came on the heels of an exhausting five-game

"I knew the girls were tired, but they came out today and dug really deep and pulled it off," said Southerland. "I'm very proud of how they performed."

ROCKS EXCEL AT MU

Salem advanced to the Flight A championship game at last weekend's Madonna Invitational before falling to Anchor Bay, 5-2.

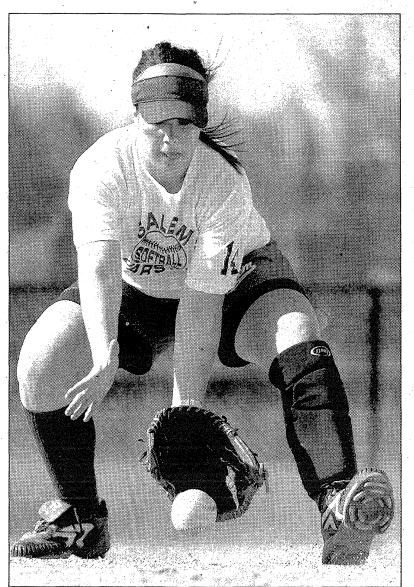
The Rocks finished 3-1-1 in the two-day, talent-laden tour-

Salem opened on Saturday with a 3-1 victory over West Bloomfield as freshman hurler Briana Lee allowed just two hits and three walks while striking

Leading the hit parade for the Rocks were Christina Parsons (3-for-4) and Schmidt (triple and single).

"We came out very lively with four of our eight hits in the first inning," said Southerland.

Lee (five innings) and Schmidt (two innings) combined on a four-hitter in the Rocks' Game 2 6-1 win over Marine City. Pacing the Rocks' 13-hit attack was Mary Cox, who went 4-for-4 with three RBI and two runs. Schmidt,



Salem shortstop Mary Cox, pictured above in a game earlier this season, contributed to an outstanding weekend for the Rocks.

Salem opened on Saturday with a 3-1 victory over West **Bloomfield as freshman hurler** Briana Lee allowed just two hits and three walks while striking out 18.

Parsons and Lizzy Mazorowicz all chipped in with two hits.

The Rocks tied Taylor Kennedy 1-1 in their third game on Saturday. Two innings of an international tie-breaker (teams start each inning with a runner on second) could not break the deadlock.

Lee worked nine innings, giving up just four hits and one walk while whiffing eight. Parsons and Emily Pitcole both ripped triples for Salem.

On Sunday, Salem opened the day with an 11-2 victory over Lincoln Park as Parsons slammed a pair of home runs and finished 3-for-4 with four

Pitcole also nailed a roundtripper for Salem.

The Rocks seized a quick 2-0 first-inning lead against Anchor Bay in the finale, but failed to score thereafter.

Lee knocked in the only Salem runs with a two-run double.

'Glove' connection

Plymouth edges Stevenson thanks to solid defense

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

There was a lot to "glove" about Plymouth's baseball victory over Livonia Stevenson Monday after-

The host Wildcats displayed some serious leather work in their 4-3 triumph over the Spartans in a make-up Western Lakes Activities Association cross-over contest.

The solid "D" combined with senior right-hander Garrett Rebain's complete-game sevenhitter helped the 'Cats improve to

The Spartans slipped to 8-20 despite a gutsy complete-game mound effort from Josh Strautz, who yielded just five hits.

A pair of web gems stood out for the winners: shortstop Brad Lineberry's diving catch-andthrow-out on Jon Samann's hardhit, up-the-middle grounder in the second; and third baseman Travis Mewton's diving play that robbed Sam Vomastek of a lead-off single in the sixth.

Plymouth struck for three runs in the first when Rebain walked and Lineberry singled. After advancing on a passed ball, Rebain scored on a wild pitch and Lineberry came home on an error.

With two outs, Ronnie Goble walked, stole second and third, and scored on another Spartan error.

The Spartans narrowed the gap to 3-2 in the fourth when Vomastek led off with a double and Jeff Sorensen reached on a catcher's error after striking out.

Jake Wilson brought home Vomastek with a sacrifice fly and Sorensen was plated by Chris Summers' two-out single.

The Wildcats tacked on an allimportant insurance run in their half of the fourth when Matt Skubik was hit by a pitch, stole second and scored on an error. Stevenson threatened in the sev-

enth when Mike Tuttle singled and Jon Samann doubled to open the Rebain induced Summers to pop up to first before Zeb Bacigal

singled in Tuttle to make it 4-3. Bacigal, the potential tying run, stole second, but Rebain struck out the final two batters to complete

"The game was about as exciting

PREP BASEBALL

as a Sarasota shuffle board game until the seventh," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. "But Garrett was huge getting the last two guys to strike out."

Led by Tuttle's 2-for-3 day, the Spartans outhit Plymouth, 7-4. PARKWAY CHRISTIAN 13, PCA

12: On Saturday at Plymouth Christian, the Eagles dropped a slugfest despite two home runs from Charles Cane.

"I don't think the second one has landed yet," quipped PCA coach Joe Bottorff. "He flirted with a third, which was caught up against the fence, but Brent was able to tag up at second and score on some headsup base-running."

Caleb Middleton, Trevor Zinn and Jon Slater all pitched for the Eagles. Kevin Bottorff contributed a pair of hits and a walk.

CATS SWEEP MILFORD

Plymouth continued its strong play with a twinbill sweep of the visiting Mavericks, winning 6-4 in the opener and 7-6 in the nightcap.

Junior right-hander Cliff Buttermore earned the Game 1 win, scattering 11 hits in a completegame effort. Buttermore walked one and struck out seven.

Senior right-fielder David Harvey was the hitting star, going 3-for-3 with three runs scored and an RBI. One of Harvey's hits was a solo home run.

Junior shortstop Brad Lineberry also enjoyed a productive day at the plate, going 2-for-4 with two RBI.

Senior Dan Nadratowski earned the mound win in Game 2, scattering nine hits in six innings before being relieved in the final frame by Kyle Sanders, who earned the save. Nadratowski struck out five and walked three.

The Wildcats were outhit, 10-7, but benefitted from seven Maverick fielding miscues.

Senior catcher Garrett Rebain knocked in a pair of runs for the winners. Junior third baseman Travis Mewton went 2-for-2 with two runs scored and Nadratowski went 1-for-1 with a pair of runs scored. Matt Priebe added an RBI single for the Wildcats.

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PUBLIC HEARING

The Plymouth Housing Commission has developed its 2008 Agency Plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. It will be available for review by May 22, 2008 at our office in Tonquish Creek Manor, located at 1160 Sheridan Street, Plymouth, Michigan between the hours of 8:30 am

In addition, a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 16, 2008 in the Community Room at Tonquish Creek Manor at 1160 Sheridan Street, Plymouth, Michigan at 6:30pm. Everyone is

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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 envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the Technology Package for East Middle School and Canton High School. Bid documents are available for pickup from the District's technology consultant: Fanning & Howey located at 28001 Cabot Drive, Suite 110, Novi, MI 48377 or you can contact Ed Przywara at 248-848-0123 or vial email at mailto: eprzywara@fhai.com . A prebid meeting will be held at the District's E.J. McClendon Educational Center 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170, on Thursday, May 22, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. Sealed bids will also be received at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center and must be clearly marked "EAST & CANTON TECHNOLOGY BID" and received no later than 2:00 p.m. local time on Wednesday, May 28, 2008 at which time they will be read publicly. A bid bond and notarized familial disclosure agreement must accompany every bid. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids and to waive any bid irregularities, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

> Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools STEVEN SNEIDEMAN, Secretary

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PCS girls lacrosse team wins

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team was running on all cylinders during Saturday's 12-0 victory over Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

"Obviously, the game balls went to our two goalies Nicol Rottell and Lauren Miller," said PCS coach Dave Medley. "This was the team's first shutout of the season. I can't take anything away from the supporting cast, defenders Brooke Caccavelli, Emily Cox, Laura Allard and Nicol Sheldon from limiting the Irish opportunities to score.

Katie Spangler and Lauryn Ebersole both tallied three goals for the winners while Edra Burris, Amy Coleman, Jessica Murray, Chelsea Olson, Stephanie Pettovello and Caitlin Andrews netted one a

piece. The Lady Warriors' inaugural post-season playoff game is set for tonight at 7 p.m. against Ann Arbor Huron. The game will be played at River Rat

Stadium. CANTON 12, GROSSE ILE 4: On Monday, the Chiefs concluded their inaugural regular season with a convincing road victory over the Red Devils.

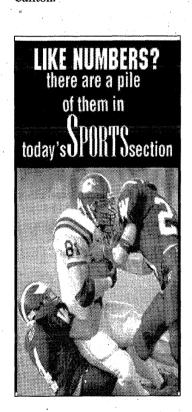
The Chiefs will take a 12-5 record into Friday's first-round post-season playoff game against South Lyon. The 7 p.m. game will be played at South Lyon East High School.

"The boys will be working hard in practice this week to even the score against South Lyon," said Canton coach Kevin Riley.

Matt Rodgers and Jake Underwood were the offensive juggernauts for the Chiefs on Monday. Rodgers tallied five goals, including the game's first 1:30 into the game, while Underwood netted four goals and an assist.

Also scoring for the winners were Jason Avedesian, who converted on a man-up opportunity; Ryan DelCol, whose goal gave Canton a 5-1 halftime cushion; and senior Nick Thompson.

Defensively, the Chiefs were paced by goalie Justin Scott, and defender Mac Ganzak. Back-up goalie Sean Walsh played the fourth quarter for Canton.





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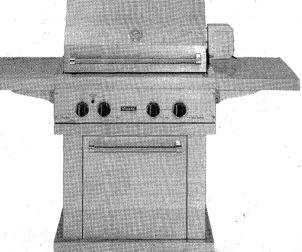
A trio of Our Lady of Good Counsel track-andfield athletes set school records at Saturday's CYO Championship meet. Pictured (from left) are Sarah Falvey, who placed fourth in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 5:46; Mitch Clinton, who placed second in the 1,600 with a 4:58 clocking; and Rosanna Reynolds, who took third in the 800 with a 2:28. All three are eighth-graders.



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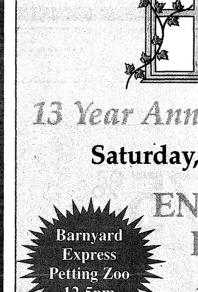
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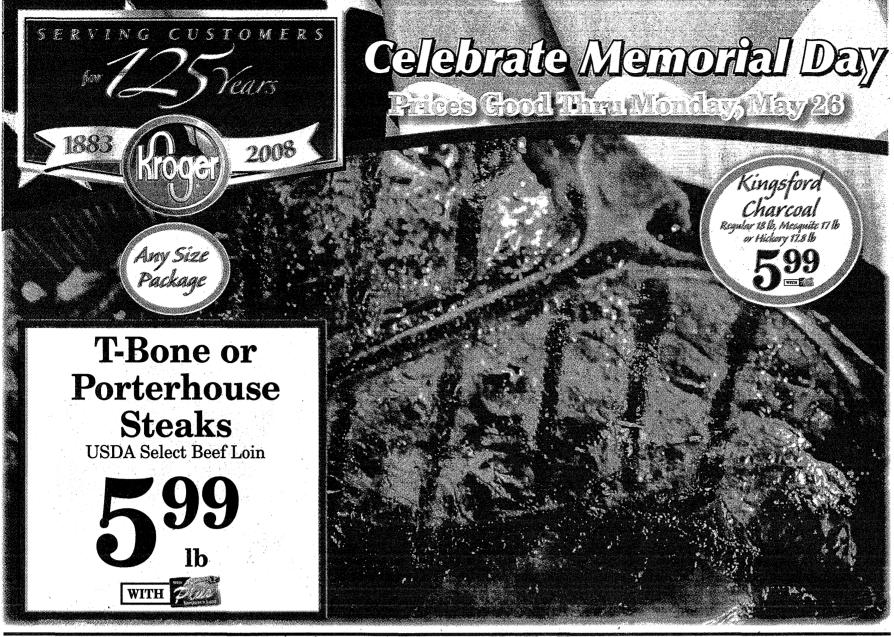
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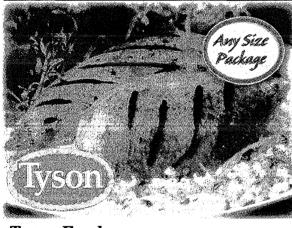
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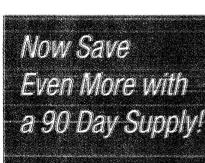




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The National Hockey League's Carolina Hurricanes signed Plymouth Whalers defenseman Brett Bellemore to a three-year entry level contract earlier this week.

Bellemore was selected by Carolina in the sixth round (162nd overall) in the 2007 National Hockey League Entry Draft.

Bellemore, 19, just completed his third season with the Whalers, scoring six goals with 18 assists with and 70 penalty minutes in 56 regular-season

Following Plymouth's firstround exit from the Ontario Hockey League playoffs, Bellemore finished the season with Carolina's top minorleague affiliate, the Albany River Rats of the American Hockey League. Bellemore played in four of Albany's last six regular-season games and five of the team's seven postseason games.

"Brett is a big and smart defenseman who can log a lot of minutes," said Ron Francis, Carolina assistant general manager and director of player development. "He played well in Albany at the end of the year and we look forward to watching his development as a professional."

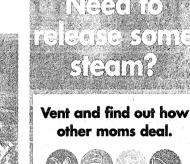
Originally selected by the Whalers in the 12th round (233rd overall) in the 2004 Ontario Hockey League Draft, Bellemore steadily improved and led the Canadian Hockey League in 2006-07 with a plus-48 rating.

In three seasons with Plymouth, Bellemore played in 152 regular-season games, scoring six goals and earning 30 assists 36 points.

"We saw a lot of potential in Brett when we drafted him," said Plymouth Head Coach Greg Stefan. "We saw with his size and his instincts, that there was something there. Fortunately for us, he came into his own during our Memorial Cup run (2007) and was one of the better defensivedefensemen in junior hockey. He was a stalwart defenseman for us last season, playing close to 30 minutes per game.

"By losing him, it's going to hurt us. But on the other hand, it's great to see our players reach their goals and sign NHL contracts. We wish him the best."

"One of our goals, as an organization, is to help players move up to professional hockey," said Plymouth president and general manager Mike Vellucci. "Brett has worked very hard for the Whalers and has earned this opportunity. We're very happy for him."



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Habitat workers get down to work

BY JULIE BROWN **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Who says women can't build homes?

Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County knows better. The affiliate of the Christian housing ministry held its Women Build Thursday, May 8, while working on the 88th Habitat home in Pontiac.

"It went well," said Debbie Hendrickson, construction manager for the Pontiac-based Habitat affiliate. "It looked like the ladies had a whole lot of fun."

There were about 25 women ranging in age from 20 on up to their 60s. The women were responsible for laying the floor joists and working on the subfloor "to get ready for the walls to be put on," said Hendrickson, a Belleville resident moving north to Oakland County. "I think it went well. The ladies seemed like they had a good time.'

The walls on the home then went up Saturday, May 17. Habitat affiliates rely heavily on volunteer help for construction and other tasks. Businesses pitch in with donated materials as well as employee volunteer help.

Hendrickson had volunteered for about a year and a half before joining the staff in January. She agreed there's no reason women can't don a hard hat and swing a hammer. "I'm working hard on getting rid of that stereotype."

Some of the women volunteers on May 8 had never used a power tool, while others had more experience. One young woman was a novice builder. "It was her first time to use a miter saw," Hendrickson said. "She was really excited about that.'

The Pontiac home the women worked on is scheduled for a "slow build" of two days a week of work, with completion planned for August. The women and other volunteers didn't race to get work done, but concentrate on getting construction done right.

"It's not a race," Hendrickson said. "We're there to have fun, learn some new skills. I stress doing it right the first time."

One man helped on May 8 in setting up saws. "Other than that it was all women, she said.

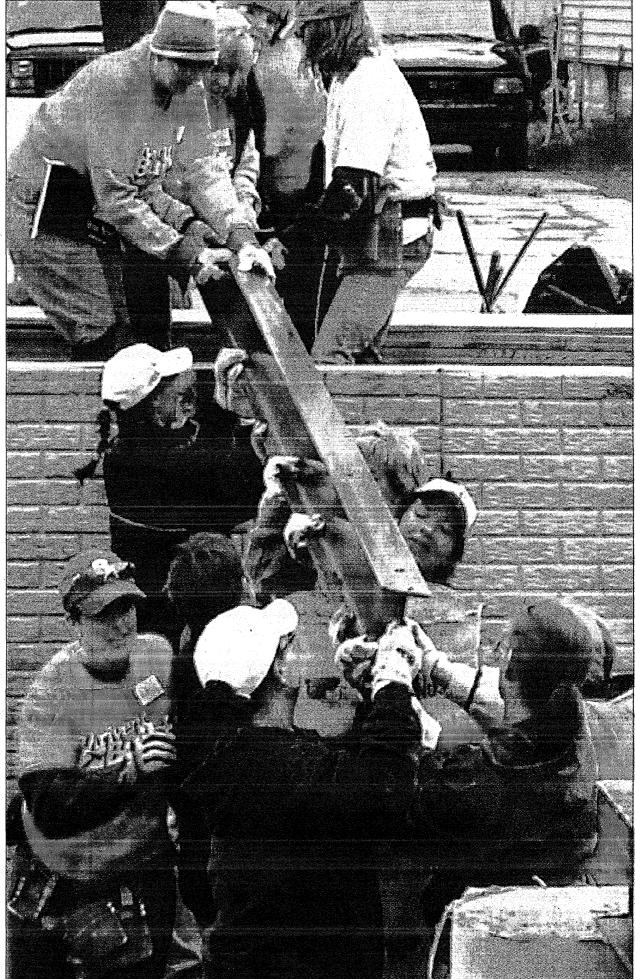
Sally LePla, executive director of the Oakland affiliate, said, "It was a joyous and exhilarating experience for women to do a nontraditional activity together and give back to the community," The women learned new skills, and provided a home for a family, said LePla, a Rochester Hills resident. They talked about doing a home constructed all by women in 2009.

"I think the seed has been planted to have women bond together and create more housing. I'm hoping the seed will grow into a forest. Women would cheer each other on at the May 8 build, said LePla, who participated: "The celebration sounds went on all day. They would cheer.'

If you'd like to volunteer with Habitat, the Oakland County affiliate can be reached at (248) 338-1843 or online at www.habitatoakland.org. There's also a Western Wayne affiliate, based in Plymouth, which can be reached at (734) 459 7744 or online at www.habitatwwc.org.

A number of Oakland Habitat volunteers traveled south to the Gulf Coast region the week after Women Build to work on homes devastated by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. That effort involved former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and wife Rosalynn. Local Habitat officials were pleased to be involved in that, but also know there are needs close to home.

"There's a lot of areas that could certainly use some help here," Hendrickson said.



Girders go in place during the recent Women Build event in Pontiac. Some 25 women volunteered at the construction site for Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County. The build was also sponsored by Thrivent for Lutherans.

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Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.



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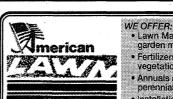
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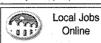
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Top sales and marketing efforts lauded at banquet

The top residential building industry sales and marketing professionals in southeastern Michigan were recognized on Wednesday, May 14, at The Community House of Birmingham, when Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) Sales & Marketing Council hosted their ninth annual 2008 Sales & Marketing (SAM) Awards banquet.

Receiving awards in the individual achievement category - Salesperson of the Year — are Lisa Streenland of GTR Companies, winning the gold award, and Sinead Fennel of Winnick Homes, winning the silver award.

In the Marketing categories, winners

Best Brochure For A Community Under \$250,000

- Robertson Brothers for Tribute at Wixom Village - Gold Winner ■ Kaftan Communities for Briarwood
- of Royal Oak Silver Winner Best Brochure For A Community —
- Between \$250,000 and \$500,000 ■ GTR Companies for The Villas at

Glacier Club — Gold Winner ■ Michigan Home Builders for Celtic Farms - Silver Winner

Best Brochure For A Community — Between \$250,000 and \$500,000

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- Windmill Homes for River Walk — Gold Winner
- Kaftan Communities for Briarwood of Royal Oak - Silver Winner

Best Direct Mail Piece

■ Kaftan Communities for Briarwood of Royal Oak - Gold Winner

Best Special Promotion – 50 Homes or Less

- **■** Kheder Homes for Charleston Park Gold Winner
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- 50 Homes or Less

- James D. Compo Homes for The Whitney Dinner — Gold Winner Best Web site for a Builder or Community
- Robertson Brothers Gold Winner **■** Kaftan Communities — Silver

Best Web site for a Builder or Community – 50 Homes or Less

■ James D. Compo Homes — Gold Winner

Best Interior Merchandising for a Model Under \$250,000

- **■** GTR Companies for Wellington Place — Gold Winner
- Michigan Home Builders for Cobblestone Ridge — Silver Winner **Best Interior**

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- Waterford Gold Winner ■ Eleni Interiors for Irish Farms — The

Wexford — Silver Winner

Best Interior Merchandising for a Model Between \$250,000-\$500,000

- GTR Companies for The Villas at
- Glacier Club Gold Winner ■ Windmill Homes for River Walk Silver Winner

Best Interior Merchandising for a Model Between \$250,000-\$500,000 - 50 Homes or Less

■ Kheder Homes for Charleston Park — Gold Winner

Best Interior Merchandising for a Model Between \$500,000-\$1,000,000

■ Windmill Homes for Kirkway Place Gold Winner

Best Interior Merchandising for a Model Between \$500,000-\$ 1,000,000 - 50 Homes or Less

■ James D. Compo Homes for The Spencer — Gold Winner

Best Interior Merchandising for a Model Over \$1,000,000 - 50 **Homes or Less**

■ James D. Compo Homes for The Dawson II — Gold Winner

Conversion of the Year

■ Kaftan Communities for Briarwood of Royal Oak - Gold Winner

Community of the Year

- Robertson Brothers for Tribute at Wixom Village — Gold Winner
- Michigan Home Builders for Briggs Park — Silver Winner

Community of the Year – 50 **Homes or Less**

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"I am very honored to list these outstanding winners among the membership of BIA. All of the winners should be proud of their sales and marketing efforts as well as their dedication to the residential construction industry," said SAM Chair Katie Hallett of TK Design & Architecture.

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Golf Benefit

Real Estate One will hosting its 4th Annual SCREEN DOOR OPEN "fore" Special Olympics Michigan Charity Golf Outing. One hundred and forty-four spots are available for golfers. Sponsorships are also available for the event to be held on Tuesday, June 17 at Bay Pointe Golf Club in West Bloomfield. For more information contact Real Estate One at (248) 851-4100.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green

Built™ Training on Wednesday, May 28, from 1-4 p.m. at ${\bf Association\ Head \bar quarters, 30375}$ Northwestern Highway, in Farmington Hills.

Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction discusses building with materials and methods that result in Green Built™ certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making an environmental statement.

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■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a two-day "Green Building for Building Professionals" course on Thursday and Friday, May 29-30, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills. The course is part of the National Association of Home Builders' Certified Graduate series and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate (CGA), Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) and

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(CGP) designations.

Chuck Breidenstein of Builder Professional Services Group will instruct attendees on strategies for incorporating green building principles into homes without driving up the cost of construction. Participants will learn how green homes provide buyers with better value, lower energy costs, lower maintenance, better indoor air quality and better long-term

Registration fees are \$200 for NAHBR Professional Remodeler members, \$225 for BIA members and \$300 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a Certified Graduate "Business Management for Building Professionals" course on Monday, June 2, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills. The course is part of the National Association of Home Builders' Certified Graduate series and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate (CGA), Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) and Certified Green Professional (CGP) designations.

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS of **Builders Professional Services** Group, will teach management skills that give industry leaders

a solid foundation in the best business practices for planning, organizing, staffing, directing and controlling smaller businesses. Case studies and sample forms will be used to provide practical and applicable tools for management success.

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Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built™ Training on Wednesday, June 11, from 9-10:30 a.m. at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills.

Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction discusses building with materials and methods that result in Green Built™ certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making an environmental statement. This training will focus on building operations and global impact.

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■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) NAHBR Professional Remodelers Council will hold a "Barbecue Blender' industry networking event on

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Wednesday, June 18, from 6-8:30 p.m. at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills.

Attendees will enjoy networking, food and drinks with remodeling professionals. Registration is free for those involved in the remodeling industry. Advance registration required. For registration information, call (248) 862-1008.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a builder's license preparation course on Friday, June 20, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Presented by NCI Associates, the course is designed to prepare students for the Michigan Residential Builder's License Examination. Material covered will include topics on the exam, laws and rules, building practices and procedures, sample test questions and test-taking strategies.

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■ Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor an "A/C Trouble Shooting" course on Tuesday, June 10, from 8 a.m. to noon at Wilmar Offices, 23975 Research Drive in Farmington Hills.

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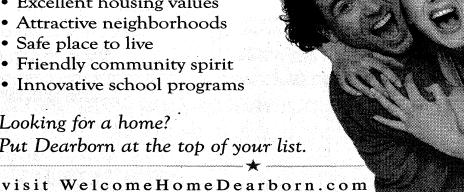
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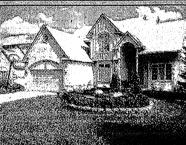
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Beautiful colonial, open fl plan, bright kit, din rm large master, upstairs loft, fin walk out basement 734-462-9800 MLS 28074875



Beautiful 4 bdrm, 3.5 bath home. Tray ceiling DR, GR w/ fireplace, breakfast area to deck, study, and hrdwd firs. BR w/ heated floors. Fin WO basement. MLS 28079385 248-673-2211



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3 BR, 2.5 BA lakefront home. Phenomenal views from remodeled kit, formal DR, and living roon with fireplace. 3 living areas. Fin WO basement. MLS 28074586 248-673-2211



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2 story brk, backs to priv woods. 2566 sq ft + appr 1000 sq ft Fin W0. 4 BR 2BA, 2Lavs, Neutral colors T/O. Mstr w/whirlpool tub, sep shower. MLS 28075940 248-360-9100



4 br 2.1 ba colonial. Lg kit w/island, bkfst rm w/ door to deck w/private yard. FR w/marble frplc. Mstr w/full bath. Newer windows, ceramic flr. MLS 28042453 248-855-2000



Beautiful 4br, 2ba vintage colonial has been remodeled & expanded! Oak firs & cove ceilings, LR w/marble frpic, DR, huge MBR suite, deck. MLS 27074470 248-647-8888



Magnificent 3br, 3.5ba ranch w/arched doorways elegant DR, exquisite kitchen w/granite island & top of the line appls, Florida rm, mstr ste.
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REDFORD \$134,900 Gorgeous brick ranch, newer vinyl windows, ki cabs, large eat in kit w/bow window, fin bsmt is 734-462-9800



Newer built colonial on a quiet court setting, 4 br 3.5 ba, Fam rm with fireplace, fin basement with full bath, neutral décor. 734-462-9800 MLS 28065366



4 bedroom, 2 bath home located on 1.5 acres Large living room w/stone fireplace, updated kit w. island, FR w/skylights. Wood firs, enclosed porch. MLS 27100335 248-673-2211



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Prof. Indscpd-over 3100 SF. GR w/hrdwd firs. Kit w/hrdwd firs, bay windows, s.s. appls. Mstr BR w/WIC & Msr bth w/cstm cabnt. Fin. w/o w/kit, FR, bdrm. MLS 28058784



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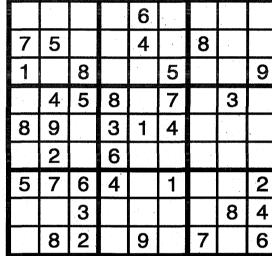
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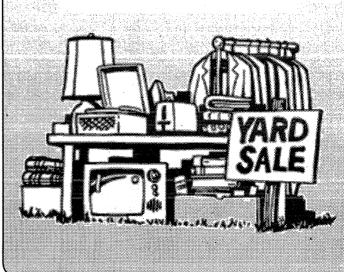
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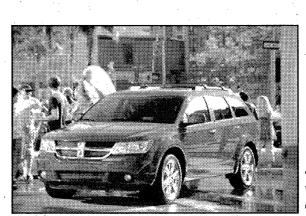
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TV ads for Dodge Journey, like the Water Slide spot on the left, are creating awareness.

Chrysler's advertising campaign for its new Dodge Journey crossover has greatly boosted initial online interest in the vehicle, according to an analysis by Edmunds.com. But the new omnibus marketing effort launched by Ford recently, Drive One, isn't packing nearly the same Those are the conclusions of research by David using consumer visits to the New Vehicle Detail

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Tompkins, executive director of business solutions for Edmunds.com, based in Santa Monica, Calif., Pages (NVDPs) of the site in April, in the immediate wake of the launches of the two advertising campaigns.

Promising Journey

By Dale Buss

"Journey [advertising] is a hit," Dr. Tompkins said. "We're seeing their traffic up 80 percent after the first week and up nearly 90 percent [from the same base] during the second week" on Edmunds.com's NVDPs. He noted that online response to the Journey campaign stems from "a combination of their ads online offline. But it's a successful start.'

Deborah Meyer, Chrysler's Chief Marketing Officer, said that the "memorability and likeability" of Journey TV ads "has been really strong," according to the company's internal research. "And brand recall is ramping up quickly," she added, "which is important since Journey is a brand new

Meyer said that Journey's various advertising streams "have raised awareness for Journey by 32 percentage points after just the first week.

Dr. Tompkins believes that some of the specifics of the Journey ads "resonate" with consumers, including Chrysler's orientation in the spots toward highlighting the vehicle's floor plan and certain flexible features. "Also, the crossover segment is a pretty hot one right now.'

Indeed, the timing for the introduction of the Journey crossover couldn't have been much better for Chrysler. In just its third month on the market, Journey sales totaled nearly 7,000 units in April. In addition to tapping into torrid consumer demand for crossovers in general, Chrysler executives are counting on Journey to pick up some sales from former customers of the company's short-wheelbase minivans, which they discontinued with the introduction of new minivans last year.

Broader Target

But Tompkins said that one of the disadvantages for the Ford Drive One campaign initially is that "it's a broad campaign across the whole brand, so it's harder to be specific."

Edmunds.com NVDP visits for Ford Focus and Fusion models each have increased by about 10

percent to 15 percent in opening weeks of the ubiquitous Drive One campaign, Tompkins said. But consideration for other Ford vehicles, as measured by NVDP visits, was down for the first two weeks. The increased interest in Focus and Fusion persisted despite falling overall interest in

"In the current environment, people are very focused on things like miles per gallon," Tompkins explained. Specifically, Ford's promotion of the electronics-networking system, Sync by Microsoft, in its Focus ads is helping that vehicle as well.

"It's an uncertain economic time, so the fluffy 'isn't this a wonderful brand?' type of advertising isn't doing as well," he said. "People want to know they're going to save money on gas, that vehicles are affordable. They're very practical when the

money is tight."

Tompkins noted that the response to the Ford campaign "has to be considered disappointing" in part because the NVDP measure isn't very demanding of consumers. "We're just talking about people seeing a Ford commercial and looking [at an NVDP] out of curiosity," he explained. "We're not requiring them to go out and buy a Ford car."

Nevertheless Ford measure

Nevertheless, Ford marketing executives have said that they were pleased with initial response to the Drive One campaign, which features real Ford employees and customers in touting the company's quality, safety, technological capabilities, and "green" chops.

"It's a little early to declare Drive One a success," admitted John Felice, general marketing manager for the Ford brand, to AutoObserver. "But the dealer feedback has been very positive, and the advertising has been well received so far. In fact, according to a CNBC web survey of 600

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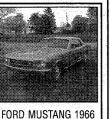
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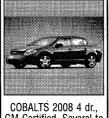


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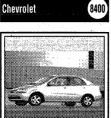
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248-684-1065 Inviting home on quiet cul-de-sac. & 7th fairway. LR opens to formal DR. GR w/ cath. ceiling. Gas FP w/ oak mantle. MBR w/ ceramic BA/jaccuzi & WIC.



248-348-6430 Easy, carefree condo living in Commerce Neutral decor T/O this 2 br, 2.5 ba home. Cozy fp in ir. Mastr has private ba. All appl incl. Relax by the pool in summer. Nice balkony to enjoy the fresh air.



734-591-9200 Dearborn Clean fully updtd bungalow.New Windows. New windows new roof, new bathroom, new kitchen with ceramic floors, new carpet, fresh paint. Fireplace in living room. This house is (28071370) \$114,900



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Farmington Hills 248-348-6430 Totally Renovated Gem! Panoramic views of 1.29 acres w/pond & gardens, 4 bdrm, 2.2 baths, kit w/cherry & granite. 3 fplc's, new Anderson windows, year round FL room



Garden City 734-455-7000 FEATURES ABOUND in this Garden City ranch vindows and furnace, central air eled kitchen and bath, new



Great Family Home! Newly remodeled main floor. New kitchen and bath, Finished walkout basement with full bath. Beautifully landscaped



248-684-1065 Former builders model. Neutral decor. 2-story entry; kit w/ island; maple cabs; HRWD flrs; stone FP; lib w/ french doors; MBR w/ cath ceiling & WIC.



Open flr plan. 12x9 tile entry. FP w/ marble face. Kit w/ granite cabs; island w/ veg sink. SS appls. Slate tile in heated 4 season rm. 32x16 ingrd pool.



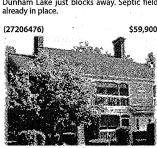
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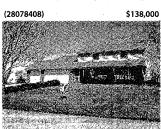


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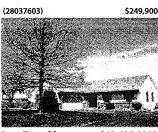
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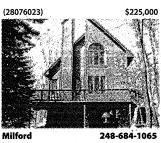
Livonia 734-455-7000 PICTURE PERFECT! Great ranch w/outstanding new kit. Totally updated bath. Other updates: siding, copper plumb, roof, A/C, HWH & more! Fin. bsmt. All appl including washer & dryer.



Lyon Township 248-437-3800 POPULAR MARTINDALE SUB The largest floor plan & 3 car garage. Very clean, well maintained colonial. Vaulted family rm w/fireplace. Huge deck. Prof fin. LL w/5th bdrm. Close to xway.



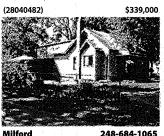
Lyon Township 248-684-1065 Great brick ranch offers 3 BR, 2.5 BA, located in Bowers Hills sub! Milford mailing! 2 car att. garage. Bsmt. Located close to 1-96. Great deck/yard!



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Northville 248-348-6430 Northville Colony Colonial! 4 beds, 3.5 baths. Large kit w/nook, FR, 1st fir den, 1st fir laundry. FRML living & dining rms. Good sized bedrooms. Fin LL w/full BA, Play area & 3 add rooms.



Northville 248-348-6430 Lovingly Update With Quality & Charm 4 bdrm, 2 bath colonial w/newer dimensional roof, gutters w/covers, windows t/o, newly fenced yard, new kitchen top to bottom and more. Bonus Florida room!



Wolverine Lake 248-348-6430 Outstanding w/Wolverine Lake Privileges. Well located w/lg fenced yard-it's time for updating and re-decorating, but it does have the FR addition, siding and roof. Good value in a propular area!



248-851-1900 Novi SUPER BUY! KITCHEN UPDATES ON ORDER! 3 bedroom end-unit townhouse. Good location Living room w/fireplace. Open kitchen/dining room. New windows. Finished basement. Newer furnace & A/C. Private patio.



Novi 248-348-6430 50+ condo. LR w/DW to porch. Community RM, lobby & gathering spots w/elevator & wide halls. Stackable washer & dryer, FF, no pets. Excludes dock. Available for \$9K.



Novi 248-348-6430 BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME Lot available in desirable Autumn Park. A lovely neighborhood of upscale homes and large lots. Trees at the back provide privacy. Opportunity is backling. \$65,000 (27101346)



Plymouth 248-851-1900 QUEEN ANNE STYLE Addition/remodel in 2001. New MBR suite, breakfast & family rooms, 1st floor laundry. 2 HVAC systems, wood floors, stainless appl., deck, fenced yard.



FM RM w/Bay Window seat & wooded view;Lg rms; Million-Dollar Setting;1st Fl Lndry; x-lg DryWalled gar. Imprvmts: Lndscpe, DrvWall, Siding, Roof Tearoff, Carpet. (28062730) \$325,000

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Redford 248-851-1900 NICE BRICK RANCH READY FOR A NEW OWNER Freshly painted, large front window for lots of light. Full bsmt. All appliances stay. HWF in BR & under carpet in LR. Close to x-ways, parks



734-591-9200 Wow! An Absolute Must See! Newly Built home backs to nat preserve; 4 BRs, loft, 2nd fir Indry, prem lot, brick pavers, Ig kit w/island, bsmnt plumb for BA & Shower, Ig MBR & WIC, home warranty, Ig FR w/FP.



248-437-3800 Stunning custom home backing to woods! Home is on 2.96 acres in salem farms. Elegant foyer, gourmet kitchen w/42" cabinets & corrian countertops island and hardwood floors. First floor maters with countertops island floor master suite.



South Lyon 248-437-3800 Updates Galore! Light and bright with 9 ft. ceilings on main floor. Beautiful master suite cathedral ceilings, bath with corner tub, dual sinks and huge walk-in closets!!



South Lyon



South Lyon 248-437-3800 In Tip Top Shape! Priced to sell this very well maintained home has a long list of updates from the furnace to the roof and everything in between. Finished basement. Much more!!



South Lvon 248-437-3800 CLOSE TO SOUTH LYON...WELL MAINTAINED Over 55 Condo, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, Walkout backs to wooded area/close to lake. All appliances...gas fireplace.

\$125,500

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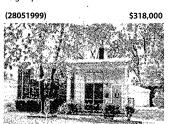
WHY BUY USED? when for the same money you can buy new & w/ a builder's warranty. Raised Ranch w/ 3 baths & finished lower level. Lots



Wayne 734-284-5400 CUTE, CUTE RANCH Great for first time home buyer's. Updated windows & bath, oak cabinets in kitchen. home comes with central air & a gagage. This home is priced to sell!

(28022816)\$70,000

248-684-1065 West Bloomfield 82' of frontage on Upper Straits Lake. Open flr plan & hdwd flrs in kit, den & LR. Mstr ste w/ priv ba, jet tub, shower & WIC. 2nd flr br/den w/ gas fp.



Westland 734-591-9200 Larger Affordable Home Just Under 1500 SF. Nice size BRs, 1.5 BA; kit w/Dining area & DW to paver patio. 2.5 gar; newer driveway; motion lights on front & side doors; 4 Clng Fans; Newer



Westland 734-455-7000 WESTLAND -- LIKE NEW! Totally redone throughout is this 38R/2BA brick ranch. Full basement, detached 2.5car garage, all situated on a fenced, corner lot. Much more!



Westland 248-348-6430 Great tri-level condo w/ spacious lr newer windows, roof & central air. Galley kit w/ dr. Wood firs in brs. Fnshd II w/ storage, work room, & laundry. Play area & community center, pets welcome.



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White Lake Beautiful, huge lot in a country club sub on private Wingate Lake. Build your Dream Home in this Fabulous Neighborhood!



248-348-6430 Wixom WONDERFUL CAPE COD BACKING TO WOODS neutral carpet & paint. Open fir plan to oak kit w/hdwd firs. Ff Indry & mstr bd, Irg closet & ba w/soaking tub. Fin'd bsmnt w/sto \$338,500 (27216472)



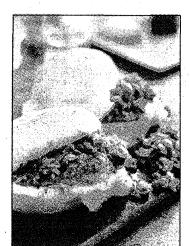
248-348-6430 Farmington Hills Classic brick bungalow, loads of updates: roof, windows, siding, baths, plumbing, new kitchen w/hrdwd floors and maple cabinets, fenced backyard.

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It's not exactly like the muffuletta that you will find at Central Grocery (where the sandwich originated in 1906) in New Orleans, but Bobby Flay incorporated two of the key ingredients — olive relish and provolone cheese - to make his own arilled chicken version.

Flay's creativity ignites grill recipes

STAFF WRITER

Remember when grilling used to be restricted to meats? Summer parties in the 1960s and 1970s often relegated veg-

etables and other

dishes to be sau-

teed or roasted in

the kitchen, while

fires were stoked on grills to cook



burgers, steaks or chicken. That's all dras-

tically changed. That point isn't lost on Bobby Flay, whose latest COOKDOOK *DOODY Flay's Grill It*, written by Flay with Stephanie Banyas and Sally Jackson, was released this month. Flay, who hosts Boy Meets Grill, and Throwdown with Bobby Flay on the Food Network and owner of several restaurants,

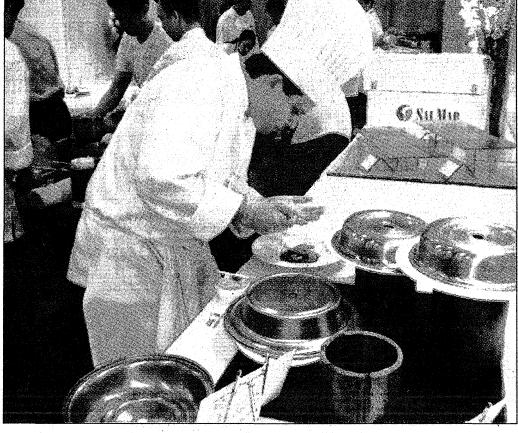
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BOBBY'S TIPS

Don't use lighter fluid. Instead use a chimney starter, "one of the greatest inventions ever created for grilling," Bobby Flay

Pick up a few paint brushes to use to apply glazes and sauces. They are less expensive than pastry brushes and work equally

Buy spices whole and grind them in a coffee or spice grinder to use in rubs and seasonings. Not only do they taste better, the whole spices will last longer in the pantry.



Emert, executive chef at the **Great Oaks Country Club in** Rochester, puts the finishing touches on an entree plate at the Food Hotel **Asia Culinary** Challenge 2008 in Singapore.

Chef Randy

Chef is golden in Asia

Emert wins awards

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Chef Randy Emert faced a dilemma.

Emert, executive chef at Great Oaks in Rochester, traveled thousands of miles to compete in an Asian food competition, but much of the produce he had transported with him had either rotted or deteriorated.

"It was held up at customs," Emert said. "The ice packs had been removed."

Ricky Kallis, a student at Schoolcraft College who traveled with Emert to learn about the competition, assisted him, and they spent the entire next day shopping for new produce and toods. The following day, Emert and chef Steven Skomski of Rochester, executive chef of the Flint Golf Club, worked on the food.

"It was scary," Emert says, which he follows with a nervous laugh, about the bad food. Emert had a right to be nervous, competing in the Food Hotel Asia Culinary Challenge 2008 in Singapore in late April.

Emert salvaged some freshwater fish (trout, coho salmon and pike), but the unavailability of some produce and American foods required him to tweak other recipes.

But that's what chefs do work on the fly.

Emert used jumbo asparagus rather than the baby white asparagus he had planned. "I sliced it and fanned it," Emert said. He also used the local crayfish instead of the Louisiana kind. "They're huge, they're bigger than shrimp," Emert said. "They also have a gray coating, not the



vibrant red we have here."

But Emert managed to work around that and win three medals (gold, silver and bronze).

Emert was the only American to compete in cold food and also the only individual American to come home with three medals. Emert's Chicken Trilogy plate

won the gold medal.

Now, here's the Inside Baseball scoop on how he prepared it: This dish was composed of

lemon garlic marinated breast, mushroom ballotine, matignon hash with drumstick, parsnip hay, celeriac potato gratin and a natural sauce made from the braising liquid. Emert prepared four plates of this one course in one hour, which included a time window needed for plating.

The matignon hash consisted of celery, carrots and onions with bacon. The drumstick and thigh were braised in a pressure cooker for 15 minutes.

The silver and bronze were given for the four entrees presented cold and six appetizers presented cold, respectively. The entrees were braised venison osso buco, Cornish game hen with

STEVEN SKOMSKI

Randy Emert is congratulated by John C.C. Wong, an Asian representative for Carbon's Waffles, after winning gold, silver and bronze medals.

purple potato terrine, pouched trout roulade and spice-rubbed pork

The appetizers were rabbit baliotine, vegetable tart, beet and zucchinie composition, poached

tenderloin.

pike, smoked bass and salmon. The competition was judged by the World Association of Chefs Societies.

"It had to be clean and it had to make sense and be practical," Emert said. "I used basic techniques, simplicity and simple food done correctly."

Emert said he worked on the dishes since he was accepted in February for the April competition, training for more than 10 weeks.

Emert relied on the master chefs at Schoolcraft, where Emert also teaches part time, for suggestions and input on his dishes, namely Dan Hugelier, who assisted him the most, along with Jeff Gabriel and Kevin Gawronski.

Emert is a member of the American Chefs Federation Michigan Chefs de Cuisine

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GETTING GREEN

For everyone who wants to "go Green," Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design technology offers planning for increased sustainability and the reduction of longterm operations costs through the use of innovative energysaving technologies.

The Troy Museum & Historic Village is offering a Passport to Progress public classroom which will explain what Green technologies museum officials hope to incorporate in the upcoming redesign and expansion of the village. Anyone with an interest in preserving the past, securing our future, or both, is welcome to attend.

The classroom will take place 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 28 with landscape architect Neal Billetdeaux leading a discussion about "Greening the Village Green: Using Twenty-first Century LEED Technology," a preview into how community facilities will one day operate. And the innovations covered may well be of interest to homeowners looking for planet-friendly ways to care for their own property in the future.

The classroom will be scheduled at the Museum in the Old Troy Church, 60 W. Wattles, near the northwest corner of Wattles and Livernois. Participation is free, but call the Museum before the event. To register or for more information, call (248) 524-3570.

SEE THE TIGERS

IKEA, the world's largest home furnishings retailer, is hosting a contest to see the Detroit Tigers play ball from a special seat at Comerica Park - the IKEA Canton team has designed and furnished a section in Comerica Park with Swedish designed IKEA furniture where four lucky fans will get to sit, eat and enjoy the game from "The Most Comfortable Seat in the Park."

Fans can register to win at the IKEA store on Ford Road just west of I-275 in Canton. No purchase necessary, entering is free to those 18 or older. IKEA Canton will choose winners for select Wednesday night games.

A new winner will be drawn in-store the night before each selected game and will be given four tickets to the specified game. See entry box at IKEA Canton for complete rules. IKEA patrons can enter to win for a June 11 and June 25 home

Ducks took flight over 30 years ago

n 1976, Dan and Margaret Duckhorn co-founded their eponymous Duckhorn Vineyards with the intent of making Napa Valley wines from classic Bordeaux variet-



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

ies. And the first ducks took flight. In 2007. Duckhorn was sold to GI Partners, a leading private equity firm focused on assetintensive busi-

nesses in the

United States

and western

Europe. In today's wine business it's hard to find a more asset-intensive winery than Duckhorn. With seven Napa Valley ranches

and 160 estate vineyard acres, Duckhorn also contracts with 60 growers. Often recognized for its mer-

lot and cabernet sauvignon, Duckhorn's winemaker Bill Nancarrow, originally from Hawkes Bay, New Zealand, crafts a showy sauvignon blanc. At \$25, the 2006 with 22 percent semillon showcases melony fruit with touches of cut grass and lush and generous finish.

Among Duckhorn reds, we highly recommend the 2005 Napa Valley Merlot \$52, big and generous with a smooth finish; 2005 Estate Merlot \$85 with an elegant finish for such a big wine; 2005 Three Palms Merlot \$85 has great structure for aging, 2004 Howell Mountain Merlot \$70 is generous and full; 2005 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon \$60 portends ageCabernet Sauvignon \$95 is outstanding in all respects.

DUCKS FLY HIGHER

Added to the Duckhorn brand are several others including Paraduxx and Goldeneve.

Known simply as Paraduxx and for its quality, one of the great values in a red wine blend, the 2005 (\$48) is composed of zinfandel, cabernet sauvignon, merlot and cabernet franc.

The first two varieties make up 92 percent and constitute the wine's character. This is a user-friendly wine bursting with ripe red fruits from first sniff to last drop.

With an eye to the growing popularity of Pinot Noir, in 1997 Duckhorn branched out to the Anderson Valley and

ability; and 2004 Estate-Grown created Goldeneye Pinot Noir. The 2005 at \$55 shows lots of cherry-berry fruit in a generous, plump and juicy rendition with a velvety finish and notes of vanilla and toasty oak.

> At Goldeneye, four estate vineyards are planted to 23 clones of pinot noir on 11 different rootstocks.

With pinot noir, it's all about vineyard diversity and Duckhorn's Goldeneye brand scores in this respect with extraordinary site person-

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WINE PICKS

Like many of our readers, we are Pinot Noir aficionados. Prices for west coast pinots have been steadily rising and we've searched for some of the very best.

Here's the list at \$50 and under (yes, that's what market demand does

to prices!):

2006 Williams Selvem Central Coast \$31

2006 Williams Selyem Sonoma County \$34

2006 Dutton Goldfield Dutton Ranch Russian River Valley \$38 2005 Marimar Estate Don Miguel Vineyard Russian River Valley \$42

2006 Williams Selvem Sonoma Coast \$42

2005 Marimar Estate Dona Margarita Vineyard Sonoma Coast \$45 2006 Paul Hobbs Russian River Valley \$45

2006 Williams Selvem Russian River Valley\$45

2006 DeLoach Masu Vineyard \$45 2005 Marimar Estate Don Miguel Vineyard "Earthquake Block" \$46

Topping the \$50 price tag are some amazing Pinot Noirs: 2006 Williams Selvem Westside Road Neighbors \$65 2006 Paul Hobbs Ulises Valdez Vineyard \$70 2006 Paul Hobbs Hyde Vineyard Carneros Napa Valley\$75

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.

chapter, has served on the board of directors and is a past president. Emert was sponsored by Sysco Services of Detroit.

Skomski cooked sauces and vegetables for Emert in the competition. "He did a lot of food prep," Emert said. "We were on our feet for 65 of the 72 hours." Kallis helped with prepping food and equipment for the hot foods competition.

"It's a great experience," Emert said. 'The international compe-

tition makes you excel as a cook, more than your usual cooking experience."

View the complete Chicken Trilogy recipes on our Web site at www.hometownlife.com.

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visited Birmingham May 12 to conduct a book signing at the Borders store. He spent a few minutes prior to that visit talking about his new book.

"There's no question about it, people are starting to treat their grill like a stove," Flay said. "There's so many great foods that are cooked in pans that you can put on a grill." Flay wanted to write a cook-

book that was user-friendly. "Grilling is a very different experience than anything else, whether you're sauteing or roasting. It exudes festivities. It's really ingredient driven," Flay said.

"Most people, when it's time for grilling, they go to the farmers market or the grocery store, and see what looks good. This book lets people empty out on the counter the foods they've bought at the store."

In typical Flay-esque fashion, the cookbook's recipes show Flay's daring and creative styles. Other dishes are incredibly simple. It's all separated into 17 chapters according to category from asparagus to white fish, such as red snapper, cod and halibut (not the Michigan whitefish).

That creativity shines in the "Muffuletta" Sandwiches with Spicy Olive Relish, served with grilled chicken breasts instead of cold cuts. "When I travel some place. I'm inspired by the local food," Flay said. "When I visit New Orleans, I'll eat what is popular in New Orleans. If I'm in the Pacific Northwest, i'll eat the local food there.

'The Muffuletta has a lot of great history. You get a lot of savory flavors with the olives, pepper and onions. The olive relish is a key ingredient to achieve the flavor of a Muffuletta without using cold

Of course, Flay dishes out a few grilling tips.

Grillers often make the mistake of grilling chicken with the skin side down over a roaring hot flame. "If it has the skin side down over a hot fire, it engulfs in flames," Flay said. Flay suggests cooking the chicken over lower heat.

The Mexicali-style Corn with Lime Butter and Cilantro reminds Flay of his childhood when his mother cooked a canned brand of Mexicali corn as a side dish served with pork chops and applesauce. His version features grilled corn, chili peppers and onions. Many of Flay's Southwestern-style dishes include cilantro.

INDIVIDUAL GRILLED CHICKEN "MUFFULETTA" SANDWICHES WITH SPICY OLIVE RELISH

Muffulettas are always served cold, and you could assemble the sandwiches and then weigh them down in the refrigerator if you're a big fan of the original; but Flay likes to serve these

Spicy Olive Relish

2 small red bell peppers, grilled, peeled, seeded, and diced

2 small yellow bell peppers, grilled, peeled, seeded, and diced

1 serrano chile, grilled and finely diced 1 small red onion, cut into 4-inch-thick slices, grilled and coarsely chopped

3 cloves garlic, finely chopped ½ cup green olives, pitted and coarsely chopped

1 large stalk celery, finely diced 2 tablespoons capers, drained ¼ cup red wine vinegar

¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil 3 tablespoons coarsely chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves

1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh oregano leaves

Kosher salt and freshly ground black

4 chicken breasts, sliced ¼ inch-thick 2 tablespoons canola oil

Muffuletta

4 soft hero rolls

8 (1/4-inch-thick) slices provolone cheese

To make the spicy olive relish,

WITH LIME BUTTER AND CILANTRO Chilling the butter mixture before adding it to the hot ingredients is an important step because the butter coats the vegetables as it melts and gives the

 $finished\ dish\ a\ creamy\ consistency.$ combine the red and yellow peppers, the serrano, onion, garlic, 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, slightly olives, celery, capers, vinegar, oil, softened parsley, and oregano in a medium Grated zest and juice of 1 lime bowl and season with salt and pep-

RECIPES

per. Let sit at room temperature

for at least 30 minutes before serv-

ing or keep covered for up to 1 day

in the refrigerator. Bring to room

Pound boneless chicken breasts

to ½ inch thickness. Brush breasts

on both sides with canola oil and

season with salt and pepper. Grill

Slice each roll three-quarters of

the way through lengthwise. Place

1 slice of cheese on the bottom half

of each roll and top with some

of the olive relish, sliced chicken,

of cheese. Tightly close the sand-

a sheet of aluminum foil.

more relish, and then another piece

wiches and wrap each sandwich in

Place two sandwiches, top side

place a brick on top. Repeat with the

for two minutes. Remove the bricks,

the bricks, and continue grilling for

MEXICALI-STYLE CORN

down, side by side on the grill and

remaining two sandwiches. Grill

turn the sandwiches over, replace

2 to 3 minutes longer or until the

cheese has melted. Serves 4.

breast skin side down and cook

until golden brown and slightly

charred, 4 to 5 minutes.

temperature before serving.

Heat your grill to high.

1 teaspoon honey

Kosher salt 2 tablespoons canola oil 1 small red onion, finely diced

1 jalapeño chile, finely diced 1 red bell pepper, finely diced

2 cloves garlic, finely chopped Perfectly Grilled Corn (page 83), kernels removed from the cobs

Freshly ground black pepper ¼ cup coarsely chopped fresh cilantro

Whisk together the butter,

lime zest and juice, honey, and 1 teaspoon salt in a small bowl. Place in the refrigerator until firm, approximately 15 minutes, or for up to 1 day. Heat the oil in a large sauté pan over high heat until it begins to

shimmer. Add the onion, jalapeño, and bell pepper and cook until soft, 4 to 5 minutes. Add the garlic and cook for 30 seconds. Stir in the corn and cook until just heated through, 2 to 3 minutes.

Add the butter and stir until it just begins to melt and coats the mixture. Remove from the heat, season with salt and pepper, and add the cilantro. Serves 4.

Recipes courtesy of Bobby Flay's Grill It, written by Flay with Stephanie Banyas and Sally Jackson (Clarkson Potter Publishers, April 2008).

Flay said, knowing all too well the love-hate relationship the herb has with diners.

Grilled lamb chops with Garlic and Mustard is another simple recipe, Flay said. "If

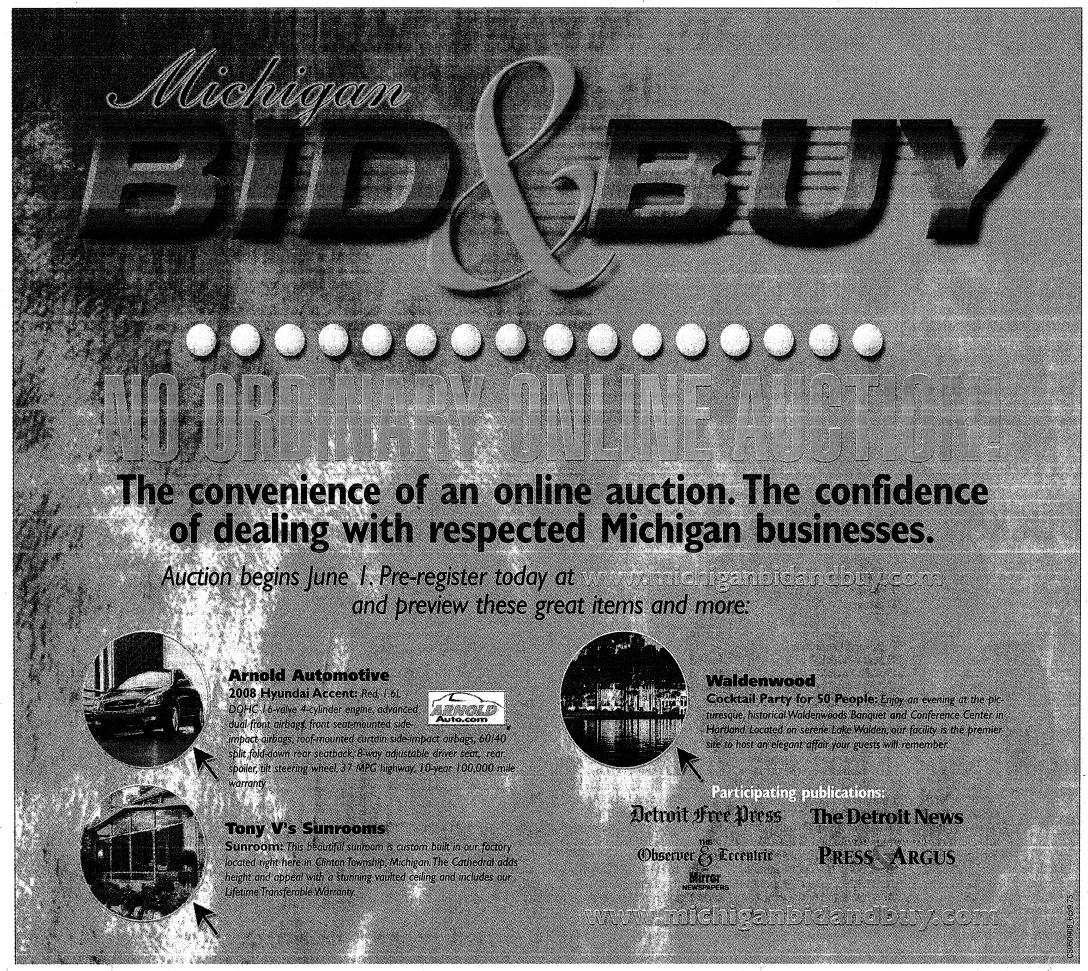
dishes are simple," Flay said. "I tried to be more user-friendly, it makes it much more accessible to people. The recipes are still large on flavor, as this one has Spanish paprika, fresh thyme and mustards.'

So what does Bobby prefer, charcoal or gas? "I use both. The charcoal gives a little better flavor, but the gas grills work fine and you can put extra flavors in it with the









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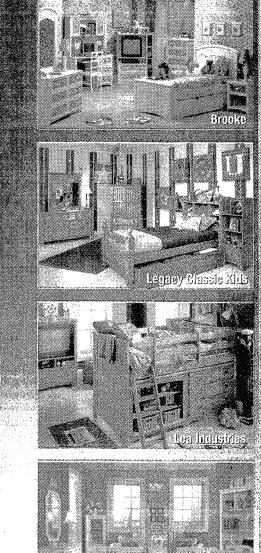
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RELIGION CALENDAR

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MAY

Polish festival

5-11:30 p.m. Friday, May 23, 1-11 p.m. Saturday, May 24, and 1-10 p.m. Sunday, May 25 (Polka Mass at noon), food, music, games, rides, Vegas Tent, at St. Stanislaus Kostka, 266 Antoine, Wyandotte, Call (734) 285-9509. Memorial service to honor veterans 4 p.m. Sunday.

Mixed media concert

7:30 p.m. Friday, May 23, featuring organist Andrew Galuska performing Mussorskij's Pictures at an Exhibition plus Improvisations on Modern Art, as part of the Metropolitan Concert Series at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward, Detroit. Tickets \$10. Call (313) 875-7407. Pictures projected on a large screen during the concert. Reception follows

Clothing bank

Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank is open 10 a.m. to noon on the fourth Saturday of every month at the church, 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy, between Haggerty and Lilley. The Clothing Bank is open to everyone in the community who is in need of

new or like-new clothing. Donations are also accepted. For information, call (734) 404-2480 or visit www. CantonCF.org.

Summer music ministry

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Thursday, May 29 (Dorinda Cox, soprano, gospel), June 19 (People's Ringers from Milan), and July 10 (Sci Ridge Brass Quintet), dinner at 6 p.m. for \$6, concert at 7 p.m., at St James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730. Hymn sings May 25, July 6, Aug. 10, Sept. 7. Family Choir all ages are invited to sing at 9 a.m. rehearsal and then morning service June 22, July 27, Aug. 24, and Sept. 7. All are welcome to music events.

Family night in the park

Free food and music 5:30 p.m. Friday, May 30, at Heritage Park Amphitheater at The Summit of Canton, Features the First Baptist Church of Plymouth musicians. In case of rain, event will take place at the church, 45000 N. Territorial between Sheldon and Beck. Call (734) 455-2300.

Spring retreat

Put on by Ignite Young Adult Ministry, registration fee due May 23, for retreat for ages 18 to 35, 8 p.m. Friday, May 30, to 1 p.m. Sunday, June 1, at Subiaco Retreat House in Oxford. Cost is \$65. Register online at www.igniteministry.org, call (734) 740-3809 or e-mail to ignite.yam@gmail.com.

Concert

Featuring Marie Bellet 7-9 p.m.

Saturday, May 31, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Tickets \$5, refreshments provided. Call (734) 425-5950. Bellet is a wife and mother of 9, who has written and recorded 4 albums of song celebrating marriage and the family.

Bethany Suburban West

Bethany Together Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, May 31, Don Hubert V.F.W. Hall 27345 Schoolcraft (I-96 service drive), east of Inkster Rd., Redford. Admission \$15. For information, call (586) 264-0284.

Seekers of spiritual intelligence

Beacon Hill Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) explores the journey to an emotionally mature church during the 1 p.m. Sunday worship service in May at St. Michael Lutheran Church Chapel, 7000 N. Sheldon, south of Warren, Canton (enter through the south double doors next to the play area) For information, call (313) 402-6900 or (313) 806-PRAY, send e-mail to beaconhillccdoc@aol.

UPCOMING

God at work in Uganda

With guest preacher Rev. Justus Miwanda, executive director of the I.N. Network Uganda at the June 1 early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia is at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service will be at the Livonia

YMCA, 14255 Stark, between Lyndon and I-96 service drive. Call (248) 442-0422

Hawaiian luau

5 p.m. Sunday, June 1, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Theme is Outrigger Island.

Call (734) 464-6722. Patriotic pops concert

7 p.m. Sunday, June 8, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Ward Chancel Choir and Orchestra, Handbells, Ensembles and Children's Choir present American favorites and a salute to U.S. Armed Forces. Child care provided through age 4. No admission charge. For details, call (248) 374-7400.

Summer camp

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Program is currently taking registrations for Summer Camp from June 9 to Aug. 22. The center is open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday for ages 18 months to 12 years. For more information, call (734) 513-8413 or drop 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia.

Evolutionary presentation

Reverend Michael Dowd, author of the bold new book "Thank God for Evolution" (Viking/Penguin), is bringing his cosmic gospel back to the Detroit-area in June. Rev. Michael Dowd, America's Evolutionary Evangelist, gives a 90-minute presentation, Thank God for Evolution: How The Marriage of Science and Religion Will Transform Your Life and Our World, at the 10 a.m. Sunday service June 15, and 7 p.m. Monday, June 16, at UU Farmington, 25301 Halsted, Farmington. Call (248) 478-7272.

Vacation Bible school

This year will be held with a camping setting 9:15 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, June 16-20, for all children ages 3 to 12, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. Theme is Jesus, Our Forever Friend! Parents may register their children by filling out the online form at www. holycrosslivonia.org. Children could also register Monday, June 16. Visitors welcome.

Cosmic City

Vacation Bible School 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, June 16-20, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth. A fun-filled free event for kids entering kindergarten through entering sixth grade. Call (734) 459-9550, ext. 26.

Vacation Bible school

6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 16-20, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Theme is Outrigger Island. Call (734) 464-6722.

Third Un-Annual Art Show

Does art have Buddha nature? 7-10 p.m. Friday, June 20, and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday June 21, at Still Point Zen Buddhist Temple 4347 Trumbull Avenue (at Canfield), Detroit. A portion of proceeds support Still Point. All welcome. Artists include Still Point members, invited guests and juried artists. Poetry reading opening night 9-10 p.m. under the stars (weather permitting). For details, call 313 645) 9860 or (313) 580-6825, or send e-

mail to stillpointart08@gmail.com. **Bethany Suburban West**

Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday June 21, at Leon's 30149 Ford Rd., Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Call (734) 513-9479

50th anniversary celebration

Former members and friends are being invited back to Grace Moravian Church in Westland 10:30 a.m. Sunday. June 22. A pot luck dinner will follow the service at 31133 Hively. If you are planning to stay for the meal, call Beverly Moore at (734) 722-4102. The Moravian denomination celebrates 550 years since it was founded in 1457. On July 13 former pastor Rev. Allen Bergmann will be the guest speaker. A pot luck follows that service as well.

Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 10-12, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730. **Vacation Bible school**

July 14-18, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call

(734) 464-0211. **Vacation Bible school** July 14-18, at Holy Trinity Lutheran

Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$25 for first child, \$20 thereafter, includes music CD. Call (734) 464-0211.

Vacation Bible school Registrations due July 27 for Aug.

4-7 VBS (3-years to fifth grade), at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The theme is God's Big Backyard and focuses on service to others. Call (734) 422-0149. Cost \$10.

ONGOING

Time change

Come to hear about the love of Jesus Christ for you 9:30 a.m. Sundays (May 25 to Sept. 7) at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. For information, visit www.livonfaith.org.

Sunday worship The early service for the Anglican

Church of Livonia is at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The .10 a.m. service will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service

drive. **Reformed Protestant services**

The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism are preached by the Rev. Sean Humby 3:30 p.m. Sundays at the Detroit Preaching Station of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. For information, call (734) 402-7186, send e-mail to sean. humby@att.net, or visit www.members.aol.com/rsiworship/detroit.html.

Sanskrit chanting

An ongoing, weekly class taught by Ania Kopczynski, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No pre-registration required. A free-will collection is taken at the session. For information, call (586) 353-2300 or visit www. renaissanceunity.org.

Church schedule

Garden City Presbyterian Church continues its 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music (fellowship follows). Youth Sunday School and nursery care also available at 10 a.m. Adult Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. Informal gathering 6 p.m. every Sunday with scriptures and discussion at the church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Rd. Call (734) 421-7620.

Single Place Ministry Single Place Ministry continues to meet Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville.

Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www. singleplace.org. Cost is \$5. **Prince of Peace Church**

Recovery, Inc., meets at 10 a.m., every Wednesday at the church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc., is an international, non-profit, self-help community based service organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve their quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or email her at marthapaul@sbcglobal.

Tai chi and strength classes

Orchard United Methodist Church is hosting a Tai Chi class 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Mac at the church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The cost per class is \$10 or \$40 prepaid for five classes. The strength class takes place 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$5 per class. Drops in welcome. For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

Church offerings

Riverside Park Church of God, Sunday worship is at 10 a.m., Wednesday bible classes (child through adult) at 7 p.m. Youth outings held monthly. The senior group (age 50 plus) has lunch together every month. The men get together for breakfast the first Saturday of the month plus we offer choir practice for all singers. All visitors welcome. The church is at 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for

details. Church services

Want a unique church experience? Join in Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for information. Thursday fellowship dinner

All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners

catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$6. Call (313) 534-7730.

Thrift store

Open Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St.

James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730. Tai Chi class

Orchard United Methodist Church,

30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is great for reducing stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance.

Everyone is welcome from beginning . to experienced participants at any time. Classes began 7-8:30 p.m. Jan. 14. and continue every Monday thereafter. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.

orchardumc.org for updates. Living Water series

Mark McGilvrey leads a 10-week video series called H20 starting 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia, Call (734) 464-6722. The group is open to men and women who would like to review the basic teachings of Jesus who claimed to be living water.

Couple prayer series St. Colette Church, 17600 Newburgh,

Livonia, is offering a Couple Prayer Series (www.coupleprayer.org) for married or engaged couple, began 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, in the Activity

Center Hall. For registration information, call Mary Ellen at (734) 464-4435.

ENDOW

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia hosts two different sessions of the Archdiocese of Detroit's ENDOW program, a continuing women's study group focused on the dignity of women of all ages and faiths. Based on Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women, the group meets 9:30 a.m. Thursdays (began Jan. 10). The second session is called Different Times, Abiding Dignity and deals with a woman's inherent dignity at all stages of her life from 0 to 100. The group meets 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays (began Jan. 8). Both groups meet in the convent basement meeting room. Women of all ages and faiths welcome. There is a \$60 charge for materials, but no woman will be turned away because of inability to pay. Register by calling (734) 261-1455. Ext. 207 or online at www.endowonline.com. St. Michael's complex is at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia.

ENDOW

Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women sessions 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, to March 6, (explores Pope John Paul II's Mulieris Dignitatem - On the Dignity and Vocation of Women), in Bixmal Hall church building at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Second session is 7-9 p.m. Mondays to March 3, (explores Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women), in conference room in parish office. Registration required for both sessions. \$60 for materials for each session. Contact Michele Schmidt at (734) 367-0353 or send e-mail to mtschmidt@sbcglobal.net.

Day of service

Began in January, a Day of Service and Spirituality will be made available by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center. The purpose of the day is to serve, to meet, and to have one's faith grow. The day allows groups to help at the Capuchin Services Center and dine with guests at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. A tour of the Earth Works urban garden, which provides six tons of produce each season, will also be made available. The day concludes with a self-guided tour of the Solanus Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is 7th grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For information, send e-mail to ccrane@thecapuchins.org. To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit www.cskdetroit.org.

New schedule

9 a.m. Sunday school for all ages and Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion and nursery, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia, All visitors welcome. For more information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www. holycrosslivonia.org.

Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Sunday, Adult Bible Class at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship at 10:30 a.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call (313) 278-5755.

Worship

Sundays: 10 a.m. Worship Service with nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for tots through high school and Adult Faith Forum at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia, Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holvcrosslivonia.org. Visitors welcome.

Worship service

10:45 a.m. Sundays, Adult Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship, Youth Group 5-7 p.m. and Catechism for Grown-ups 5:30-6:30 p.m., at Trinity Church of Livonia, 34500 Six Mile. For information, call (734) 425-2800.

F.I.R.E. ministries

With theme scripture, He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire (Luke 3:16), is organizing in Livonia at Living Water Church, 11663 Arcola in the Inkster and Plymouth roads area at 7 p.m. Fridays under the leadership of Luke Willis, F.I.R.E. Ministries, For more information, call (734) 425-6360.

New worship schedule Regular church service 10 a.m.

Sundays with Communion and Nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and Faith Forum, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. All visitors welcome. Visit www. holycrosslivonia.org.

Sunday worship 11 a.m. Sunday worship service, 9:30

a.m. Sunday school, 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. For information, call (734) 721-0800.

Worship services

10 a.m. Sundays Divine Liturgy followed by a fellowship/coffee time, at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, between Newburgh and Wayne roads, Livonia.

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BARBARA L. BARTRUM

Age 79, May 18, 2008, of Garden City.

Loving mother of Cynthia (Bruce) Anderson, Joyce Farrell, Rebecca (Bruce) Buster, David (Kelly), Patrick

Bradley (Leigh Ann) Anderson, Jeffrey

(Jaime) Farrell, Chad (Robin) Schloss.

Melissa Schloss, Rachel Schloss,

Stephanie Schloss, Jason (Laurie).

Joshua, Andrew Bartrum, Nicholas &

Ryan McKennon, Matthew, Elizabeth,

Sarah, Daniel, and Aaron Bartrum.

Great-grandmother of eight. She was

preceded in death by her husband

Kennith. Funeral services were held

on Tuesday, May 20th at the R.G. &

G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551

Ford Rd., Garden City. The family

guestbook at www.rggrharris.com.

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BOBBYE HOLLINGSHEAD

Passed away on May 16, 2008 while

peacefully sleep. Born Bobbye Lahree Pennington March 22, 1927.

Married John Henry Hollingshead

February 4, 1950. She is survived by

two sons, Keith Hollingshead of

of Plymouth, MI, and one brother, R.

Boyce Pennington of Fort Worth, TX.

Funeral from the Schrader-Howell

Funeral Home, 280 South Main,

Plymouth, Friday 10:00am. Viewing

Thursday 4-9pm. Interment Riverside

Cemetery, Memorials to Columbia

Neuropathy Research Center, 710 W

168th St, New York, NY 10032. Share

FREDERICK H. RILEY, Jr.

Fred graduated from Rochester High

School in 1939; he went on to receive

his Engineering master's degree from

Rollins College in Orlando, Florida.

serving in the Air Force and continued

in the reserves for 30 years. He was a

retired Lieutenant Colonel. He served

in the 456 Bomb Group 15th Air

Force (Steed's Flying Colts) where

they were stationed in Stornara, Italy.

He was a bombardier and flew on 41

missions. He was also the historian

and editor of the Flying Colt 456th

Bomb Group (H) Newsletter. Fred is

survived by his daughter Laurie Riley

and her mother Harriet Riley both of Virginia. A grandson David Matthew

Riley of Chelsea, MI. A funeral serv-

ice with military honors was held Wednesday, May 21, 2008. Burial

was in Laketon Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made

to the VFW Post #446 in Muskegon.

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HEATHER M. HICKS

(Catlin) Age 32, May 18, 2008. Beloved wife of Troy, Devoted mother of Lexi and Cooper, Treasured daughter of Gary and Diana Catlin, Loving sister of Kristen (Matt) LeBaron. Arrangements Tiffany Funeral Home, Home, Lansing, MI, 517-321-2211 or

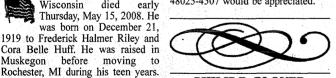
www.tiffanyfuneralhome.com

DONALD G. HAISLET A resident of Plymouth Twp. for 20 ears, passed away on April 29, 2008 in Tombstone, AZ. He is survived by his wife, two sons, Donald of Vacaville, CA, Curtis of Tucson, AZ, a daughter, Kathy North of Novi, MI Dawn) and Michael (Teresa) Bartrum. and a sister, Nancy Ashton of Canton, Dear grandmother of Travis Anderson, MI and six grandchildren. Services were held in Arizona.



NINA GAIL RICHESON

Age 60, a longtime resident of ivonia, passed away suddenly on May 16, 2008. She was born on September 25, 1947 in Detroit, MI to Albert and Marion (Hayes) Olson. She was a 1965 graduate of Bentley Cancer Center & St. Jude Children High School. She was united in mar-Society. Please sign Barbara's online riage to David A. Richeson on July 12, 1969 and they spent 38 loving years together. Nina was a bridal consultant with Julie's Bridal in Plymouth for almost 10 years. She loved shopping with her daughters and spending time with her grandson; she was anticipating the birth of another grandchild. Nina enjoyed puzzles, traveling, and camping. She adored her dog She is survived by her Morgan. beloved husband David; her daughters, Molly (Dan) MacArthur, Heidi (Andrew) Kelly, and Emily Richeson; Redford, MI and Kent Hollingshead her brothers, Gary (Elaine) Olson, Rick Olson, and Keith Olson; and her grandson Ronan MacArthur. She was also loved by many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents. A Funeral Service was held last Tuesday at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. Michael M. Meyer, D. Min. officiated the service. Mrs. Richeson was laid to rest in Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. Contributions to the Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Road, Ste. 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025-4507 would be appreciated.



PHILIP R. BLOYER

Age 86. Died Thursday, May 2008 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan. He is survived by his wife of 85 years, Shirley Atkins Bloyer; his two children, John Bloyer of Troy and Linda DuChene of Birmingham, Michigan; as well as five grandchildren: Christopher and Nathan Bloyer, Ted and Annie Teegarden and Ian DuChene. Mr. Bloyer was a Second Lieutenant in the Army Air Corp during World War II. After returning home from the war, he settled in Detroit, Michigan where he was employed as an advertising illustrator and subsequently as an Art Director at Riley of Indiana and a brother Jack Campbell-Ewald Advertising where he worked on the Chevrolet account for 27 years, winning numerous CADDY, Scarab Club and Outdoor Advertising Society awards. He was also a very talented fine artist and had work hanging in several private and corporate collections, as well as in the permanent collection of the National Park Service. He was a member of the Adcraft Club of Detroit and the Birmingham Senior

Men's Club. Services have taken place.

View Obits On-line@www.hometownlife.com

RICHARD MURA STIFTER Age 71, Farmington Hills, MI, died of natural causes on Saturday May 17th. Dad was born in Rochester, NY to Elmer and Louise Stifter. His childhood stories were of fishing, hunting horseback riding, and working in the local general store. After high school he took up flying and became a licensed pilot. During college he would regularly fly from Rochester NY to Flint, MI. He was in the Marine Reserves for six years. Dad graduated from GMI and worked for General Motors his entire career of 45 years. During that time he earned his MBA from WSU and worked his way from the plants to become a Director for and talented wife Marquita. Dad leaves his brother Terry (Joan), three children - Matt (Melissa) Stifter, Therese (Dan) Niemi, Mark (Marci) Stifter and seven grandchildren - Amanda, Tony, Rebecca, Bob, Elizabeth, Luke and Jack. We will miss his quiet humor and unconditional support. Dad loved swimming at the 'Y' and having a beer at Mr. Joe's Bar. The visitation will take place at McCabe Funeral Home 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmingtor Hills from 10AM to 1PM, Friday May 23rd. The service will take place immediately following visitation. Ir lieu of flowers, donations to the Farmington Hills YMCA Strong Kids

ZOFIA ZANN

Fund would be greatly appreciated.

May 18, 2008; Age 86. Passed at Botsford Commons and donated her remains to the School of Medicine at Wayne State University, where in death she shall teach the living. (www.med.wane.edu) "Sophie" is sur vived by her loving husband of 63 years Aloysius, her son David; his wife usan, and daughters Coleen; her hus band Michael, and Janet; her husband Terry. She was a cherished grandmother of four, great-grandmother of three The family has no services planned.

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Church school for children and adults begins at 9 a.m. Sunday. Vespers are celebrated 5 p.m. Saturdays. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call (248) 476-3432 (church), (248) 477-4712 (rectory) or Web site at www.orthodoxlivonia.org.

Pancake breakfasts

The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continue their 30-year tradition of all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts on the third Sunday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The breakfasts are served in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. Adults, \$5; children ages 4-11, \$3; children under age 3, free; and family (2 adults and all children), \$15. Everyone is welcome.

Men's breakfast

Ham & eggs, hash browns, pancakes, and more when you come to the Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month at

The Senate Restaurant, located off Haggerty Road between Five Mile and Six Mile in Northville. All men are invited for fellowship and food. Sponsored by Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

MOPS meetings

The Hosanna-Tabor Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group began meeting this fall at a new time at the Lutheran church, 9600 Leverne, Redford. Meetings continue the first and third Thursdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. Join in for teaching, discussion, creative projects and presentations. For more information, call (248) 470-5202 or send e-mail to nikki. tiernan@gmail.com.

Bible studies

Regular Bible Study program continues at 7 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month, focus is on St. Paul's Letters to the Romans, at St. Michael's Catholic Church on the corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.

MOPS groups

Mothers of Preschoolers meets on the first and third Friday mornings or first and third Wednesday evenings at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. Call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4, or send e-mail to cbcwomensministries@hotmail.com.

LOGOS Youth Club

Calling all youth grades 4-12 to join the LOGOS Youth Club at Northville First United Methodist Church. Recreation, dinner, Bible study and music Wednesdays, 5:15-8:15 p.m. began Wednesday, Sept. 26. For information or registration, visit www.fumcnorthville.org or call (248) 349-1144

HeartCry

The support group provides hope and help for mothers of prodigals at 7 p.m. on the second, fourth and fifth Wednesdays of each month, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. The group is using the book, The Hope of a Homecoming, by O'Rourke and Sauer (\$12). To register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4.

Women of the word

Bible study meets 9:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road; Canton. Choose from Covenant, a Precept Upon Precept class, or The Truth Project (new from Focus on the Family).

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women.

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Fellowship Dinners

6 p.m. Thursdays. Dinner catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro. \$6. At St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313)534-7730.

Thrift Shop

9:30-11:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford,

Registration

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.

Morning prayers 7:30 a.m. Tuesday-Friday, at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, corner of Puritan, Redford. Please join in as participants start day with prayer. Call (313) 255-6330.

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.

Sunday worship 10 a.m. at Lutheran Church of Our

Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

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.

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Brown Bag-It with reusable canvas totes

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK **0 & E STAFF WRITER**

FARMINGTON HILLS — In an effort to 'go green,' Rene Pass was looking to make small, eco-friendly

changes in her life. The Farmington Hills resident decided to start by bringing canvas totes to the grocery store in order to avoid wasting disposable bags.

But her quest to buy cute, reusable bags proved fruitless.

"When I was looking on the Internet to purchase bags for myself, I found vinyl/plastic bags with designs,

and plain cotton totes," she said. "It was difficult to find quality cotton totes that had designs on them."

The mother of two Harrison High School teens decided to take matters in her own hands.

She launched Brown Bag-It Designs with the mission to raise awareness about environmental problems associated with the use of paper and plastic bags, while offering stylish and affordable alternatives.

Pass bought a software program and came up with some simple designs, such as her company's slogan "Positive Choice, Powerful Change." She had them printed on durable bags in two different sizes, and launched a website to sell her wares.

Printed bags are \$13, and plain bags, "Taller than Wide" or "Wider than Tall" — are \$7.

Pass also offers string market bags (\$7), which are great for fruits and vegetables.

They can be used in place of plastic produce bags at the market, as well as dampened to store produce in the refrigerator to maintain fresh-

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. consumes over 380 billion plastic bags, sacks and wraps annually.

Each year, Americans throw away some 100 billion polyethylene plastic bags, and less than one percent of



them are recycled.

Once brought into existence to tote purchases, they accumulate and persist on our planet for up to a thousand

Paper bags are not much better — it takes 14 billion trees to produce 10 billion grocery bags.

Pass began using recyclable bags last July, but says she's only seen one other person at her local Kroger bring their own canvas totes.

"I'm not sure people are catching onto the idea yet. It's definitely an evolving concept having people understand the idea of global warming and trying to live green," she said. "I have about five bags that I keep

in my car and when I come home from the store I unload my groceries and put my bags back in the car so I won't forget."

The 41-year-old admits it's hard to get into the habit, and she's still not used to using her totes beyond the grocery store.

"I tend to forget when I go into Target or something. I have not gotten real good at that. I'm trying. It's just something you have to work on," she

To browse and purchase Brown Bag-Its, visit the company's Web site, www.brownbagitdesigns.com.

Makeup blooms in shades of green

hen wander-ing the booths at Plymouth's first Green Street Fair earlier this month, visitors were sure to see just how good green can look. With so many all natural beauty

you choose. Ferndale's Chrissy

junkie. She'd smell a heav-

packaging and buy a new

enly scent or see interesting

soap without hesitation. As

the one woman show behind

The decision at Lush.com.

natural product meant she'd

be limited by ingredients.

"I knew I was not going to

soap," said Wilbee. But she

also knew the market was

flooded with dessert flavors

and she was offering some-

thing clients feel safe using.

put onto our skin is absorbed

into the body," she said. Upon

soap-making, Wilbee wanted

to remain as close to nature

as possible. "I want them to

be all natural, pure and sim-

ple and fresh, and really good

soap is made with pine, fir and

the fresh scent that exists when

balsam extracts. It recreates

Wilbee steps outside of her

She splits her time between

metro Detroit and the small

Upper Peninsula town where

her parents reside, and where

she first began experimenting

Gardener's Scrub Soap,

with soap recipes with help

ter and cornmeal is gritty

enough to get the dirtiest

has a fresh lemony floral

is a best-seller for its cit-

"It's become my favorite

rus and mint combination.

soap," said Wilbee. Another

popular option is Lavender

Rosemary. Not only are her

soaps natural and lovely, they

come packaged in recyclable

corrugated cardboard with

petroleum-free labels. Her

gardener's hands clean, and

scent. Bergamot Mint soap

made with cocoa but-

from her father.

Rapid River, Mich. workshop.

Boh Bon's Up North Natural

for you," she said.

"Sixty percent of what we

researching the options of

have a chocolate chip cookie

Wilbee can

recall a time

when she was

"I don't use any Carry this handy hand-made solid

a self-confessed product

Stephanie Casola

Michigan-based

Boh Bon Soap

Company,

Wilbee

has cre-

ated her

own line of

hand-made

all natural

soaps and

bath products.

synthetic fra-

grances," she

to craft a truly

said.



entire line is sold on www. bohbonsoapco.com, and at Flip salon in Ferndale.

Lush Handmade Cosmetics was also among

the companies featured in the maiden fair this year. With locations at Troy's Somerset Collection, Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, and Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights, Lush sells only fresh, handmade products - most made with so many natural ingredients they come

> own expiration dates. Because Lush uses few or no preservatives, some items even require refrigera-

with their

perfume - in Go Green scent of course tion to stay wherever you go for a quick pick-me-up. fresh. The Find it at Lush stores locally and online company which got its start in London in the 1970s — uses

> only organic fruits and vegetables, essential oils and safe synthetics to make a bevy of products. From bath bombs and

shower jellies to hard shampoo and mud face masks, one item seems more decadent than the next.

The company's greenest new additions include a grapefruity scent called Go Green which comes in solid perfume and hard shampoo called Squeaky Green. Or take a soak in the tub with Geo Phyzz, a bath bomb subtly scented with pine and made with skin calming sea salt.

Sustainable living is also key to **Origins Organics** line featured at the fair. This ecoconscious line of products is made under stringent standards to promote the health and well-being of consumers, and the planet. These greenminded goods include a new Silkening Body Spritz and a Body Pampering Massage Oil. Both 95 percent organic, the products soothe and soften skin. Use either after a shower or as go-to massage oils for spa-quality pampering. Origins Organic Soothing Lip Balm is made from 97 percent organic ingredients including cocoa butter and vanilla oil.

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Here's a look at a few more:

location, or bring your own.

used to it."

Nordstrom

When you go shopping this spring, leave your trendy

green movement, department stores like Target have

issued bags their customers can purchase and reuse.

Last March, IKEA launched its 'bag the plastic bag' pro-

motion, asking shoppers to buy an iconic IKEA blue bag. or provide their own reusable alternative. The campaign

was so successful - with 92 percent of customers com-

plying - IKEA will go completely plastic and paper bag-

In honor of its Turn Over a New Leaf campaign, Macy's

locations nationwide are offering 100 percent cot-

ton totes for \$3.95 while supplies last, with proceeds

benefitting the National Parks Foundation. Macy's also

offers a canvas tote by Kenneth Cole emblazoned with

the words "USE ME ... Again and Again and Again ... I'm

Starting May 19, Nordstrom began offering an eco-chic

brushed linen tote featuring a metallic cityscape illus-

tration by famed artist Robert Toledo. The bags, which

collapse and zip into a sleek silver rectangle you can ::

stash in your purse are \$21.95 at Nordstrom locations

at Somerset Collection in Troy, Twelve Oaks/Mall in Novi

and The Shops at Partridge Creek in Clinton Township.

free starting Oct. 1. Blue bags are 59 cents at the Canton

handbag at home. Reusable canvas totes are the bag of

choice for fashion-forward shoppers. In keeping with the

Shoes that

hurt your feet

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