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# Teacher guilty of sex with student

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

After less than two hours' deliberation, a jury Tuesday found former Plymouth Christian Academy teacher Stephanie Ann Stein guilty of having sex with a former student, who was 15 when their relationship began.

The 32-year-old Canton woman was found guilty of two counts of thirddegree criminal sexual conduct, both 15-year felonies; one count of using the Internet to communicate with a minor to commit a crime, a four-year felony; and one count of distributing obscene

material of a sexual nature to a minor, a two-year felony.

Stein's sentencing is set for July 2 in Wayne County Circuit Court. "I expected this verdict," Wayne County **Assistant Prosecutor** Lora Weingarden said.

"Let this be a lesson to teachers everywhere that they can't be involved with students."

Some of the most damning testimony occurred Monday, when the Canton teenager said Stein knowingly broke the law when she agreed to have sex with

"She didn't want me to tell anybody because she didn't want it to get around," the boy, now 16, said in reference to his relationship last year with Stein, his former English teacher at PCA.

The teen, whose identity has not been published, said he tried to downplay Stein's participation in their courtship when he was first approached by Canton Police Department detectives by saying that he "made" the mother of two have sex with him and send nude

photographs to his cell phone. "She still loved me," he said. "I thought I was still in love with her."

The teenager testified his relationship with Stein intensified last spring, when he was 15.

In addition to visiting her home when her husband and young children were present under the guise of a mentorstudent relationship, he testified they often ventured away from the "Canton suburban area" and went on dates to Belle Isle and various other parks.

Although Stein's attorney Todd Flood argued the teen manipulated and lured his client into a relationship by lying about his past, the boy said her participation was voluntary and the two often spoke of getting married and had decided on names for their future children: Aidan for a boy and Ava for a girl.

At one point, the teen presented Stein with a ring, which she wore. The boy also said it was Stein's decision to back down from her initial goal of waiting until he turned 16 — the legal age of consent — to have sex.

"She wanted it to happen," he said. "She meant a lot to me at that point."



Chris Osgood watches Tiger Woods and Rocco Mediate battle in the U.S. Open from the comfort of the little cabin he built in his Plymouth yard.

# Some place like home

# Ozzie compares Plymouth to his own B.C. town

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Detroit Red Wings goalie Chris Osgood said living in Plymouth reminds him of the small British Columbia town in the Rocky Mountains he grew up in, only bigger.

"It feels like home in Canada," Osgood said, getting some recuperating time after weeks of activity following the Red Wings' Stanley Cup victory. "It has the same old streets with big trees hanging over them, like in Medicine Hat; lots of parks with kids' playgrounds; you can walk downtown and the school (Bird Elementary, where one of his two children attends) is close. And the downtown is nice here.

"This is the best area I've

# THE OSGOOD FILE

- Who: Chris Osgood ■ Job: Detroit Red Wings goalie
- Where: Lives in Plymouth with wife, Jenna, and daughters
- Mackenzie and Sydney ■ Notable: Three-time Stanley Cup champion
- Home cooking: Osgood favorably compares Plymouth with the small, British Columbia town he grew up in

lived in around here," added Osgood, 35, who has lived in Farmington Hills, Birmingham and Northville. "Plymouth has a lot of character."

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Red Wings goalie Chris Osgood, with wife Jenna and daughters Mackenzie and Sydney, said Plymouth is comparable to Medicine Hat, his British Columbia hometown.

# Summer concert series hitting right notes

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Guy Louis Sferlazza said despite being 47 years old, he doesn't plan on growing up anytime soon. That's good news for children of all ages now

that the Music in the Park series, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council, began its 24th season Wednesday at in Kellogg Park.

The 10-week series is rumored to bring out the largest contingent of strollers at one time of anywhere in the country,

Concert schedule, A2 and that's kept Guy Louis' Chautauqua Express coming back to Kellogg Park for nearly 20 years.

"Plymouth is easily one of the biggest summer concert venues, and the crowds are always fabulous," said Sferlazza, who resides in Shelby Township. "When it comes to the summer concert shows, I like to stir up the crowd and have fun. My goal is to get the kids engaged so the parents can enjoy their kids and the show, too."

Deb Madonna of Plymouth Township, PCAC chairperson for the concert series, said she remembers 14 years ago when each concert would draw about 400 people to Kellogg Park. Now, Madonna said, it's not unusual to have more than 2,000.



Crowds of kids and parents descend on Plymouth's Kellogg Park for the first of the summer Music In the Park concerts. The weekly Wednesday noon concerts are sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

"We get some new acts each year, but for this audience keeping some of the same is important because they have their favorites," Madonna said. "It's the predictability and continuity that makes it a success, and it's so interactive the kids have a great time."

Madonna said the PCAC budget is about \$10,000 for the entire summer concert series, but only about half has been raised and fundraising continues. Current sponsors include Main Street Bank, Huron Valley Ambulance, Plymouth A.M. Rotary and McCully's **Educational Resource Center.** 

# City faces decision on Daisv wall

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

The lone remaining wall — and last reminder — of the former Daisy air rifle factory that helped put Plymouth on the map could itself become history.

The Plymouth Planning Commission will soon have to decide if the historic wall, part of the windmill and gun factory dating back to 1882, is history that needs to be saved as part of a six-unit condominium building, despite claims by the developer that deterioration makes it cost-prohibitive; or if it should allow Joseph Freed and Associates to tear it down and construct a replica building.

"Suddenly, it's structurally unsound," said Tara Parks, one of the planning commissioners who favors holding Freed to its promise to use the propped-up wall on Union Street in the new construction. "Three years ago it was sound enough ... and now we have a wall that's an eyesore. If you rebuild, that's not historical significance.

Barry Levin, Daisy Square project manager, told the planning commission the wall isn't stable and would need costly renovation work to stabilize the foundation and repair weathered and deteriorating bricks and mortar.

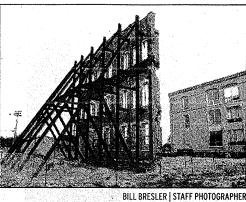
"It's missing some sections, so even if we were to try and build a windmill building under the original plans, we would need to do some significant reconditioning and provide additional architectural elements to match the existing elements," Levin said. "If we demolish the wall, we could incorporate some of those elements into a new building and some into a park in front of the building ... and tell the story of what happened at the site and why it's so important to the city of Plymouth."

While some planning commissioners want Freed to live up to its promise, others say they "aren't married" to the wall and want to know what other amenities can be added to the project if it's torn down.

Members of the Plymouth Preservation Network presented commissioners with more than 250 petition signatures to save the wall. "Historic preservation is more than an

attempt to maintain old buildings for posterity's sake; it serves as a planning and economic development tool," said Jennifer Philpot-Munson of the PPN. "We feel that permitting Freed and Associates to demolish the facade of the factory sends the wrong message about Plymouth, that we are not concerned with preserving what makes Plymouth a unique community in which to live and that developers can get their way if they let enough time pass."

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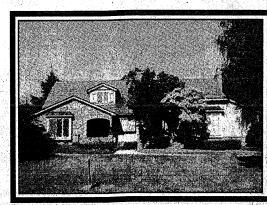
The original Daisy facade stands in front of the Daisy Square development. Planning commissioners face a decision on whether to save the wall.

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# **Coming Sunday**



Working and walking to raise awareness about psoriasis

# ON STAGE

# Music in the Park

The Music in the Park "kiddie" concert series, hosted by the Plymouth Community Arts Council and sponsored by Main Street Bank, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., and Huron Valley Ambulance, takes to the Kellogg Park stage Wednesdays at noon.

The schedule: ■ June 25 - Guy Louis,

- Chautauqua Express
  - July 2 Beverly Meyer
- July 9 Gemini ■ July 16 - Like Water
- Drumworks July 23 - Jan Krist
  - July 30 Zak Morgan
- Aug. 6 elmoThumm ■ Aug. 13 - Guy Louis,
- Chatauqua Express ■ Aug. 20 - Matt Watroba &
- Friends

# Music in the Air

Here's the schedule for the Music in the Air concert series. sponsored by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority and Blue Cross/Blue Shield:

- June 20: Randy Brock Group
- June 27: Gia Warner
- July 4: Steve King & the Dittilies
- July 18: Mass Transit Band ■ July 25: Bluescasters
- Aug. 1: Paul King's Rhythm Society
- Aug. 8: Trilogy Band
- Aug. 15: Sean Riley Band
- Aug. 22: Fifty Amp Fuse ■ Aug. 29: Lady Sunshine

and the X Band

# PHS grad list set for Sunday

Parents, families and friends of the Plymouth High School Class of 2008 looking for the traditional list of graduates and accompanying photos will find them in the Sunday, June 21, Observer. There is also a photo gallery on-line at our Web site, www.hometownlife.com.

"Around Plymouth" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.

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# Band reunion barbecue

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band and Music Boosters are hosting the "PCMB All Decades Alumni Reunion Picnic & BBQ" for current student members and parents, alumni, staff, former boosters, etc., Saturday, June 21, at Canton's Summit on the Park Amphitheatre in Heritage Park.

Any student or parent who has participated in the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park music programs or marched with the awardwinning Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, is invited to attend the weekend event. Registration is required.

The picnic and barbecue is scheduled noon to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 21. A golf outing is also being planned for Sunday, June 22.

Registration for the picnic is required. For more information and to register, visit www. pemb.net and click on the

alumni picnic link.

For more information, call Chris Hensel, Plymouth-**Canton Music Boosters** Alumni Rep, (313) 268-2098 or e-mail alumni BBQ coordinators Lee Bonner at bonner\_lee@yahoo.com or Bryan Thomas at bryan.thomas91@ yahoo.com

## Summer movie series

The Penn Theatre hosts the "Summer Cinema Matinee Seriers," through the end of August, with free passes available at Michgian Made & More and Westchester Barber

Sponsored by the Packaging Corporation of America and the Plymouth District Library, the schedule includes: June 19, Antz; June 26, Flipper; July 10, Hans Christian Andersen; July 17, Charlotte's Web; July 24, The Wizard of Oz; July 31, National Velvet; Aug. 7, Life Begins for Andy Hardy; Aug. 14, The Yearling; Aug. 21, Swiss Family Robinson; Aug. 28, The Muppet Movie.

Showtimes are at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.; the box office opens 30 minutes before each showing; all seats \$3. The Penn Theatre is located at 760 Penniman

# AROUND PLYMOUTH



# Here she comes ...

Katie Lorenz, a 2002 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, will compete for the title of Miss Illinois Saturday, June 21, in St. Charles, III. Lorenz, the reigning Miss Chicago, is attending graduate school at Loyola University in Chicago. She is the daughter of Scott and Yvonne Lorenz of Plymouth and a 2006 graduate of the University of Michigan. She is employed by Publicis, a large ad agency in Chicago.

in downtown Plymouth. For more information visit the

theater's Web site at www. penntheatre.com or call (734) 453-0870.

## Nichols house tour

The Plymouth Historical Museum and the Plymouth Preservation Network present a tour of the Ella Roe Nichols House 1-2 p.m. Saturday, June 21. The large bed and breakfast complex located at 932 Penniman Avenue, built in 1903, was once home to Ella Roe Nichols. Participants can learn about Nichols' life, her connection to Abraham Lincoln and how she came to call Plymouth home.

Cost is \$10 per person for members of the Plymouth Historical Society. \$15 per person for non-members. Limit of 15 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.

# King Gemba exhibit

The exhibit, play and book of "King Gemba - Legends of

Leadership" is coming to the **Plymouth Community Arts** Council (PCAC) this summer. Written by local author Jeanne Swanson and illustrated by PCAC drawing and painting instructor Pamela Grossmann, the children's book weaves a story about principles of leadership. The original watercolor

illustrations created for the book by Grossmann, and a synopsis of the book will be on exhibit 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday at the PCAC through Aug. 29. Works by PCAC pottery instructor Jeffrey Burda are also included in the exhibit.

The PCAC's children's theatre group, the Plymouth Uptown Players (PUPS), perform the play of "King Gemba" 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 20. Get a copy of the book signed during an open house before the play from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The exhibit and play are open to the public and free of charge. Books are available at PCAC for \$20. All events will be at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Call (734) 416-4278 for more information or click on www.plymoutharts.com

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As a three-time Stanley Cup champion, one might figure the well-known Osgood would be recognized so much it might be better to just stay at home rather than never having a moment away from well-wishers and those seeking autographs.

"People here generally leave me alone," Osgood said. "After we won the Cup, they were all fired up. My neighbor put sheets on the house and there was a Stanley Cup with lights around it. It was a crazy time, but that's good, I didn't mind it."

In fact, the soft-spoken goalie said he likes to get out

at Happy Hounds

and play golf at Fox Hills and spend time downtown frequenting Sean O'Callaghan's Irish Pub, the Penn Grille and Jimmy Johns.

Osgood's wife, Jenna — who grew up in Westland and admits to being one of those teenagers who used to gridlock downtown while cruising Main Street — agreed they live in relative obscurity.

"A lot of people know where we live, but it's really awesome, no one really bothers us," said Jenna Osgood, 38. "Plymouth is very family-oriented, and that's what we wanted when we moved here. Even when Chris picks up the kids, he's just like a normal guy.

"Of course, as soon as the banner was put on our house with 'Way to go Stanley Cup Champs,' everybody knew where we lived," she added. "People drive by and beep, and then get disappointed when it's just me."

The Osgoods like being the

neighbor next door, and more times than not there are kids in and out of the huge backyard that borders Tonquish Creek, where there's a tennis court-turned-hockey rink.

"It never really stays cold for a long period of time to keep it an ice rink," Chris Osgood said. "The kids who come can't skate anyway, so I just leave it like this so everybody can play.

"Sometimes we have tournaments, but I don't play," he added. "The neighbor kids play, that's what it's for."

For his relaxation, Chris has a small cabin next to the rink with refrigerators, a flat-screen television and a wood stove.

"In the winter, I put wood in

the stove and light it up, relax and watch Hockey Night in Canada," he said. Jenna and Chris met about

10 years ago in Farmington Hills after being introduced by a roommate of Jenna's.

"I really wasn't into hockey at the time," Jenna said. "But

now I love it and I watch a different game. I don't watch in the center, like most people. I watch goalie and goalie. Even the defensemen's wives watch the game differently  $\dots$  you focus on the position.

The Osgoods' basement is decorated with Red Wings memorabilia, and there's a "bubble" hockey game.

"When we met, the first three games I played Chris, I beat him," Jenna is quick to point out.

In the off-season, there is plenty of time to spend with their two children — 7-yearold Mackenzie and 3-year-old Sydney — who, as most kids, like playing at the fountain in Kellogg Park.

"When Chris is gone and I'm trying to be creative with stuff to do, they just want to go to the park," Jenna said. "And they like Gabriala's because they love Webkinz. And we just love Music in the Park."

Chris said he likes spending time in the backyard with his girls, with as much attention as they will afford him.

"We play soccer and kick ball, I teach them how to play hockey," he said. "After about a half-hour, though, they want to do girl things and resort

back to the fort and play with their dolls or play in their cars ... or in the creek.

Mackenzie is just learning hockey, and Sydney is too young to understand her dad is a three-time Stanley Cup champ. That's OK with Osgood.

"It's good, maybe they can do their own thing," he said. "As long as they have fun when they go to the games, that's all that matters to me. Mackenzie did know what was going on in the playoffs, she was fired up. She talked to the kids at school about it and thinks it's pretty cool, now."

Osgood said he plans to get away with his family for a while after an exhausting run for the Cup, followed by nonstop days of celebrations and activities, including the parade in downtown Detroit.

Every player on the Red Wings will have a chance to have the Stanley Cup for a day, and Osgood said he may ask for it in September.

"I have everybody asking me what I'm going to do with it, but I really don't know," Osgood said. "I might take it to my daughter's school and to downtown. We'll just have to see."

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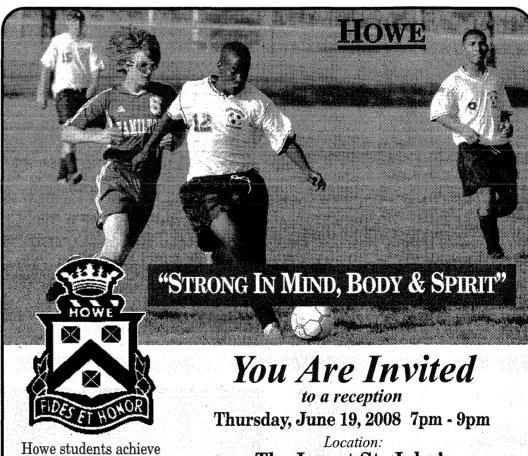
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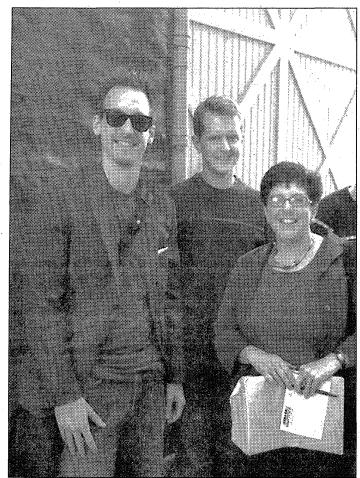
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Kara Gavin of Plymouth with Brad Rutter, the winningest player on 'Jeopardy' with over \$3 million, and Ken Jennings, who has the longest winning streak on 'Jeopardy' at 74 games, during which he earned \$2.5 million.

# Jeopardy! challenge

Plymouth woman answers game show's call

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

If you ask Kara Gavin of Plymouth how she fared recently as a contestant on the game show Jeopardy, she'll just smile like a Cheshire cat.

Only Gavin and her father - the pair traveled together in March for the taping - know how much money she won. And, because of a confidentiality agreement, everyone else will just have to wait until Thursday night.

"It's been hard not to tell," admitted Gavin, 37, a public relations representative at the University of Michigan Health System. "I haven't even told my husband. And, as far as I know, my mom doesn't know, either."

Five years ago, Gavin - despite a graduate degree in journalism from Columbia University – failed to pass a written test at a Jeopardy search in Dearborn. However, that didn't discourage her from trying again in an on-line search, and in May 2006 Gavin received an email informing her to be at Chicago's Navy Pier the next month for another test and mock game.

"They told us there was a very good chance we would make the show, but it could be more than a year before we would hear from them," said Gavin. "Last November I figured it wasn't going to happen this time either, but then in December I received another e-mail to go to California."

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As luck would have it, Gavin, her husband, Sean, and her father from Vermont were at Detroit Metro Airport when she received an unexpected telephone call.

'We were literally in line to get on the plane when the producer of the show called to say (host) Alex (Trebek) had a minor heart attack," Gavin said. "All the adrenalin left my body, and there was a huge flash of disappointment."

The big moment was rescheduled for March 18, when Gavin and her father flew

"They play five games a day for two days, and they told us to bring a couple of changes of clothes," Gavin said. "If we win, then you get a chance to go back stage and change.

"It's very much a game of reflexes, not to ring in too early or too late as well as know the answer," she said. "You have to trust your gut, you can second-guess yourself very quickly. It was a once-ina-lifetime experience."

Although admittedly having "a head full of useless knowledge that came in handy," Gavin revealed she didn't get any questions in her strong subject areas of Shakespeare, song lyrics, science and music.

"But, I did answer one question that people from Michigan will be proud of me for getting," said Gavin.

The show airs 7:30 p.m. tonight (Thursday) on WDIV (Channel 4).

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# Granholm announces pump inspector additions

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Governor Jennifer Granholm used the Plymouth SuperCenter on Ann Arbor Road as the backdrop to announce the Department of Agriculture has more than doubled the number of gasoline station inspectors to combat complaints statewide.

Granholm said the state has hired 13 inspectors to what was a 10-person team to inspect more than 4,000 gas stations statewide. The governor said the number of complaints continues to rise.

"On average we get about 400 complaints a month and these guys inspect over 2,000 gas stations per month," said Granholm, who arrived in a hybrid Chevrolet Tahoe. "This year, for example, they found over 200 violations from gas stations that have not met compliance quality or quantity. If they find a violation, they've either got to shut down the pump or fix the pump to make sure citizens are getting what they paid for.'

Granholm said while the number of complaints has gone up, the actual number of violations has decreased.

The governor also announced legislation has been introduced that will allow the state attorney general more power to investigate price fixing and gas gouging.

"Some of you may remember in the wake of 9/11 a number of gas stations jacked up their prices as the result of terrorist attacks," said Granholm. "This will insure that citizens are protected. Michigan has the most robust inspection program in the nation.'

During Granholm's announcement, motor fuels inspector Willem Vilders tested the gasoline pumps of the Marathon gas station at the SuperCenter and reported consumers are receiving the quantity of gasoline they paid for. A gasoline sample will be tested in a lab to determine the quality of the gasoline.

SuperCenter General Manager Adam Abuageel said he wasn't concerned about the outcome of the test.

"I know my pumps are calibrated, we do that every single year," said Abuageel. "We don't make any money any way, so why would we want to cheat?"



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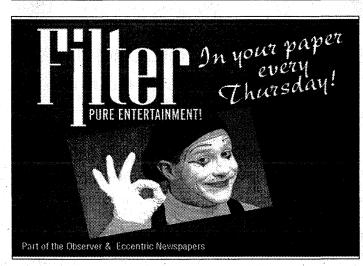
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lon, and by the time he pays his bills the gas station loses

as a loss leader to bring the customers in and use our other services."

fill-up her car, was pleased to hear the SuperCenter passed

the quantity test. "Quantity I never question, quality I do worry about," said Schier. "You wonder sometimes when the tanks are low and they're getting a delivery if something is getting stirred up. Having more inspectors gives me more

confidence." Granholm also said she will be talking with unions representing state workers to explore the possibility of a four-day, 10-hour work week to help save on gas and improve customer service.

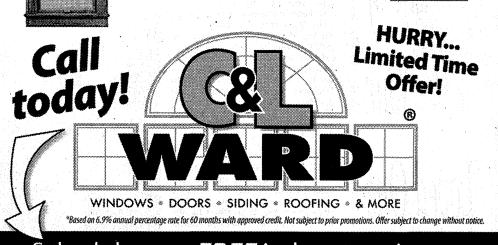
"If we went to 10-hour days," people who might work during the day could access those services either before or after their normal work hour," Granholm said. "It would allow state employees to be able to save, it would significantly reduce the amount of money being spent on gasoline and also allow us to be flexible and provide service at a time when people need it."





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## JUNE

## Jerusalem marketplace

Vacation Bible School continues 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, June 19-20, at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverne, between Inkster and Beech Daly, and West Chicago and Plymouth Roads, Redford. All ages welcome. For more information, call (313) 937-2424.

# Sprout time

Preschoolers and Toddlers ages 1 to Pre-K and their parent are invited to join Bell Creek Community Church for bible stories, music, crafts 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday, June 19 and 26, and July 10 and 17, at McKinley Elementary School, 9101 Hillcrest, Livonia. Bring a lunch and have fun. For information, call (734) 425-1174 or e-mail jen@ bellcreek.org.

# Summer music ministry

Thursday, 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 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.

### 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 Ave. (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 e-mail stillpointart08@gmail.com.

# **Bethany Suburban West**

Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday June 21, at Leon's 30149 Ford Road, 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 guest speaker. A pot luck follows that service as well.

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Ordination Paul Undlin will be ordained and installed as pastor of Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church and School 4 p.m. Sunday, June 22, at 9600 Leverne, between Inkster and Beech Daly, and West Chicago and Plymouth Roads, Redford. For more information, call

### (313) 937-2424. Prayer in America

Seventh annual Worldviews Seminar, Detroit Public Television and Interfaith Partners of the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion present Prayer in America 4-8:30 p.m. Monday, June 23, at University of Michigan-Dearborn. For reservations, call (313) 870-1500 or send e-mail to Tanaya Parker at tparker@miroundtable.org.

## Rain forest adventure

Vacation Bible School invites all children 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, June 23-26, a light supper each night leads to an evening of games, crafts, songs, skits, stories, no charge, Garden City Presbyterian Church, on Middlbelt, one block south of Ford. To register, call (734) 421-7620.

### **Vacation Bible school**

Friendship Trek 9-11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday, June 23-27 (for ages 3 through completion of fifth grade), at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96. Livonia. Bible learning via Wilderness Crafts, Survivor Games, Backpack Snacks, and Bible songs. Suggested donation \$10 per child. To register, call (734) 522-6830 or online at www. christoursavior.org.

### Water works park

9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 23-27, at Ward Church, Northville. "Uncle Jerry" Jacoby, nationally known for his Good Stuff school assemblies, will share humor, stories and songs. Other activities include inflatables, crafts, games, music. Free and open to children entering grades K-7.

For families needing all-day activity, Ward offers SHINE daycamp with drop-off hours available as of 7 a.m. and lasting until 6 p.m. SHINE day camp is \$115, and requires pre-registration. Information at wardchurch.

### Summer day camp

Performing arts camp for grades 1-6 with lunch included, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, June 23-25, at First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile, Northville. Cost \$50. Call (248) 348-7600.

### Family concert

Deano and the Dynamos bring their beach boy style worship music all the way from California 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 25, at First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile, Northville. Call (248) 348-7600. No charge, no registration required.

### **Ward Church car show**

Featuring classic, custom and just plain hot cars and motorcycles 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 26. in the parking lot at Six Mile and Cross Roads, just west of Haggerty. To enter a vehicle, send e-mail to Dan Jones at danjones@live.com by Monday, June 23.

Summer day camp Offered by Ward Church in Northville for children entering grades 1-6, continues to Aug. 24. Hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., with extended care available at an extra cost. Campers will participate in one field trip per week with additional local outings and weekly water days. Daily elective classes will include sports, drama, music, and foods. SHINE is a fully-licensed daycare through the State of Michigan Department of Human Resources. Weekly full-time registrations range from \$135 to \$165. Information available at wardchurch.org, or by calling (248) 374-5975.

### Clothing bank

Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank is switching its hours for this month only to 2-4 p.m. Saturday, June 28. 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 and is held on the fourth Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to noon. Donations are also accepted. For information, call (734) 404-2480 or visit www.CantonCF.org.

### Fall craft show

Applications are now being accepted for the Fall Craft Show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. For details, call (734) 464-

Seekers of spiritual intelligence Beacon Hill Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ) examines the disciplines of spirituality in action during the 1 p.m. Sunday worship service in June 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.com.

# Summer camp

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Program for Summer Camp. continues 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.

## **UPCOMING**

### Mom's retreat

St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia invites all Catholic Moms in the area to join in an occasional morning off this summer to enjoy some personal time for prayer and relaxation, coupled with some adult discussion of topics relevant to your daily faith life. 8:30-10:45 a.m. Wednesday, July 2, July 16, Aug. 13, and Aug. 27. A Children's Ministry will be offered while moms enjoy Mass, a continental breakfast, and conversation and discussion with other moms at St. Michael's on the southwest corner of Hubbard and Plymouth Road, Livonia. Moms may register for as few or many sessions as their schedules permit, cost is \$8 per session with an additional \$2 per child for Children's Ministry care. Call (734) 261-1455, ext. 200 or on-line at www.livoniastmichael.org.

### Monthly dance

Hosted Bethany Suburban West which provides peer support to divorced and separated of all Christian faiths, 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, July 5, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago, at Inkster Rd., Redford. No dance lesson this month. Cost \$10. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Call (734) 261-5716 for details.

### **Vacation Bible school**

This Royal Adventure teaches students about the character of God through Kings and Queens of the Bible 6-8 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 7-11, at Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile, Plymouth. No charge.

### 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. Bethany Suburban West

### Fireworks at Heritage Park in Taylor Friday, July 11. For details, call Elsie at (313) 563-1142.

# Red Cross blood drive

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, July 13, in the parish hall at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. For information, call (734) 464-1222, ext. 309.

### Vacation Bible school

9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, July 14-18, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Cost \$25 for the first child, \$20 for each child thereafter. Call (734) 464-0211.

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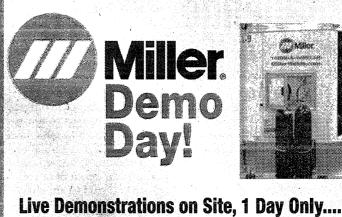
### Open house

For Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 16, and Thursday, Aug. 14, at 9600 Leverne. between Inkster and Beech Daly, and West Chicago and Plymouth Rds., Redford. The school offers infant day care, preschool for 3-4-year olds, full day kindergarten and 1st-8th grades. For more information, call Laura Goodman at (313) 937-2233 or send e-

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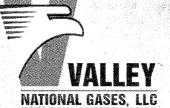




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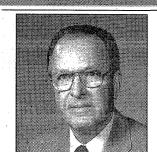
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# ROBERT E. WICKHAM Age 84 of Glenview, IL a for-

mer longtime resident of Farmington Hills, MI died on Friday, June 13, 2008 in the Lake Forest Hospital, Lake Forest, IL. Bob was born November 23, 1923 in Detroit, MI to Howard and Dorothy M. Holloway Wickham. Bob was a graduate of Albion College in Michigan, and served our country as a Naval Officer during WWII. His career spanned over 40 years in the Automotive Industry serving in Executive roles for Johes-Dabney and Celanese before retiring from the BASF Group as Vice President and the Executive Director of the Automotive Coatings Division. Mr. Wickham also served as the former President of the Automotive Paint Association. Bob had served as President of the Huron River Hunting and Fishing Club. A true American sportsman; a sponsor of many trips with lifelong friends and family members through-out North America for hunting, camping and deep sea fishing. Bob was a true dog lover, raising and caring for many throughout his life, most recently Strider, his trusted "weekend" companion for the last few years. Bob was the devoted husband of the late Mary Wickham (who died in 2005), whom he watched over with loving care every day throughout her long struggle with Alzheimer's. He is survived by his son Steve R (Ellen) Wickham of West Bloomfield, MI; daughter Patricia L. (James) McLaughlin of Winnetka; grandchil-dren Scott, Mary, Kyle, Justin, Daniel, Anne, Jay and Scott. Besides his wife Mary, Bob was preceded in death by his son Frederick "Fritz" Wickham in 1987, and his brother Richard (Betty) Wickham. Services and interment private. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr Ave, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60631 or the American Cancer Society, 820 Davis St, Suite 400, Evanston, IL 60201. Info: 847/675-1990 or www.donnellanfuneral.com.

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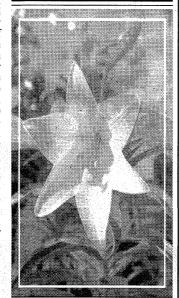
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# Children's book brings Bible teachings to life CALENDAR FROM PAGE A4

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

David Kraai knew he had to find a better way to teach children about God than having them memorize Bible stories. The fifth grade boys in his Sunday School class could already spout tales like Jonah and the Whale by heart. After praying about this dilemma, Kraai realized he had to change his perspective to make the subject more interesting not only for his students but the masses.

I Have to Save My MiniBot! is episode one of the Solomon's Quest series he plans to write and self-publish. The brightly colored cartoon illustrations by Tom Roy immediately attract children of all ages. Roy is a Lathrup Village artist who wrote a comic strip, The Pitts, for the Detroit Free Press.

The pair set publishing history by printing their first non-denominational Christian children's book in English, Spanish and Braille all at the same time. The graphics and text are both in Braille so many blind children are seeing an angel for the first time.

"You don't change the story," said Kraai, former children's pastor at Ekklesia Detroit in Westland. "Each story, character and event were carefully



David Kraai has been involved with children's ministries for more than 30-years.

placed there by God so you could understand your creator, savior, your enemy, and yourself. The story of David and Goliath is really about you. The lead character is patterned after me. Like me he's adopted and has a hard time seeing himself as lovable. The adoption process makes us feel unlovable. He still has issues and is on a journey to discover God.'

Kraai uses a giant computer brain to entice Danny Abel just as he did with his Sunday School students at **Brightmoor Christian Church** in Novi. Every week he built a time machine, space shuttle

or plane to keep the children's attention. Qubirt was an 8foot-tall computer which had faces to talk to the kids. In the book Goliath is smarter than its creator and installs the Bible in its memory.

"I felt it was necessary to reach out to kids and give them the message," said Kraai who's been in children's ministries for more than 30 years. "I wanted to come at it from the perspective of how I approach things, if it's not fun why would I want to be there?"

Rev. David Boyd, formerly in charge of children's ministries for Assembly of God, suggested Kraai write a devotions book to go along with I Have to Save My Mini-Bot! so children would spend more time interpreting what they read. A coloring book is also in production for the youngest set.

"We're losing the children," said Kraai. "The coloring book helps me reach the smaller churches who probably don't have children's ministries."

Kraai said he'd like to schedule book signings at area churches no matter what the denomination. In the meantime he's busy at work on episode two due out this fall. In the back of the first book is a poster announcing "I've Waited My Whole Life For



A new Christian storybook teaches children about the Bible by making it all about them.

The books cost \$19.95, \$12.95 for the devotions now under the imprint of Earnest Publications which is named after Kraai's father. A portion of the proceeds go to Center for the Blind of the Assemblies of God (www.blind.ag.org) based in Missouri. Paul Weingartner, director of the center, encouraged Kraai to publish in Braille. Sarah Sykes spent 120 hours transcribing the text for the first book. For more information, visit www. solomonsquest.com or call

(810) 569-5396.

"There's strife. It's reality based but it's not boring," said Kraai. "I've done a lot of focus groups and had kids coming back and saying 'we couldn't stop laughing in Chapter 2. It's just the way we talk.' You won't ever find a swear word or questionable things in the book. My whole goal is for kids to love the story line. We need to reach the kids when they're still reachable."

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continues its monthly program of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration on the third Wednesday of each month. The church will be open for prayer and private worship from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Benediction service in the evening. All in the area are welcome to participate. For details, call (734)

### Bethany Suburban West

Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday July 19, at Leon's 30149 Ford Road, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Call (734) 513-9479.

### Jazz worship

11 a.m. Sunday, July 20, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church conducts a special Jazz Worship service featuring instrumentalists and singers leading hymnody and liturgy in a format that will be easy and very uplifting to sing, 14175 Farmington Road, north of 1-96, Livonia. For information, call Mark Lohmeyer

at (734) 522-6830.

### Grandparents/kids weekend

July 25-27, at FaHolo Camp & Conference Center, Grass Lake, sponsored by ReMarried Ministries of Ward Church. The event is a retreat for grandparents and grandchildren, and includes two nights lodging, five meals, inspirational teaching by Barbara George-Howard, a wagon ride and bon fire, water blob and trampoline, go carts, initiatives, and

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# Vets groups offer flag replacements

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth and Canton residents who've been wanting to replace tattered or worn-out American flags are getting their chance.

The Vietnam Veterans of America-Chapter 528, partnering with VFW Post 6695, are hosting a flag replacement program Saturday, June 28, that will allow up to 100 flag-bearers to replace old flags with new.

"This is something new we're doing," said Bob Dew, treasurer of the VVA Chapter 528, which represents Plymouth and Canton. "We see a lot of flags flying we think need to be replaced.

The groups have some 100 flags available for the exchange, which takes place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill (a block north of Ann Arbor Road) in

Plymouth. Members of the two groups will take the old flags and dispose of them properly, Dew said. The replacements were made possible through fundraising efforts among the two

groups, he said.

If there are still flags available after the June 28 exchange, Dew said members will go out into the community and, if they see flags that need replacing, will offer replacements to the owners.

"There are a lot of patriotic people in these communities," Dew said. "But we still see flags that maybe should be replaced, and we want to help."

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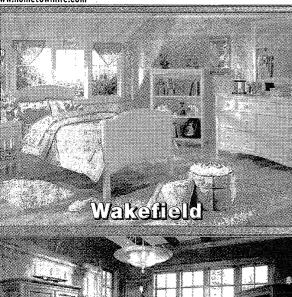
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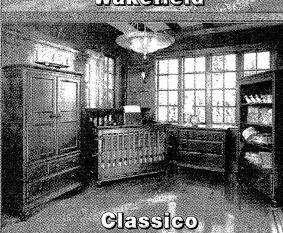
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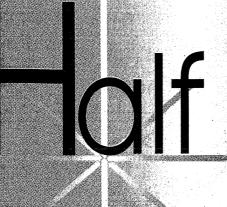






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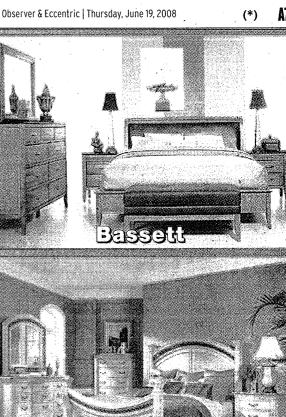
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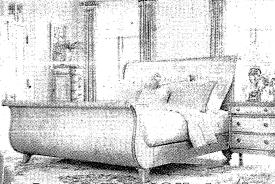
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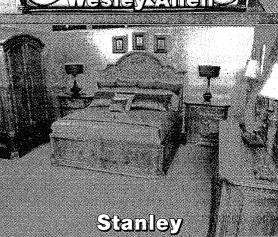
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**OUR VIEWS** 

# **Concerts embody** hometown feeling

There are many things that give the Plymouth community its small-town, hometown feel - festivals and events, the people and the shops, parades and picnics.

Many people seem to feel — and we agree — having a park like Kellogg Park smack in the middle of the downtown is a huge asset. It's the fulcrum for the kind of lifestyle Plymouth people seem to enjoy.

No time of year is that more apparent than during

The shows give parents

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the summer, when a pair of concert series dominate the schedule. Music in the Park and families time to come is hosted by the Plymouth Community Arts Council Wednesdays at noon and the burgeoning number features music aimed at youngsters.

Sponsored by Main or, better yet, spread a Street Bank, Rotary Club blanket in the park and of Plymouth A.M., and Huron Valley Ambulance, the shows feature a variety

of entertainment that has kids young and old dancing in the aisles.

PCAC officials estimate some 20,000 people watch these weekly shows, which generally start in mid-June (they started Wednesday, in case you missed it) and run through August. The schedule usually features a couple of newcomers and some old-reliables, such as Guy Louis, elmoThumm and Matt Watroba.

The shows give parents and families time to come down, maybe eat lunch at the burgeoning number of Plymouth restaurants or, better yet, spread a blanket in the park and have a picnic.

The Music in the Air series targets an older audience, but is just as popular. Sponsored by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority and Blue Cross/Blue Shield, the schedule features music from a variety of genres - from blues to rock, from oldies to bluegrass.

Like the Wednesday concerts, the Music in the Park series provides families a chance to come down for some dinner or maybe a little shopping, then gather for the evening in the park, then maybe take advantage of Plymouth's night life afterward.

If those aren't enough, the Plymouth Community Band, under the direction of Carl Battishill, plays Thursday nights at 8, also in Kellogg Park.

If you've been to any of these concerts, you know how good they are, and should go again.

If you're new in town or haven't taken advantage, you don't know what you're missing.

# Michigan in summer, always a special place

Michigan is always a great place to spend the summer. In the warm season, Michigan becomes a magical place of yellow sand beaches, deep green forests, sparkling blue lakes and bustling resort towns.

It's a paradise for on-road and off-road bicyclists; canoers, kayakers and speedboaters; trout and bass anglers; antique lovers; sunbathers; golf devotees, no matter what their handicap; fudge fans; bird watchers and woods walkers; and for those who just love to sit by a campfire late at night.

This summer, Michigan should have special appeal for state residents who had been considering trips to Michigan's resorts in the

ocean shores, mountain parks or other distant destinations. Gasoline prices have gone over western and northern the \$4 a gallon threshold and threaten to move closer and closer to \$5. Airlines are also feeling the fuel pinch and are raising fares and surprising fliers with add-ons when they arrive at the airport.

Staying in state will seem like a bargain, and it will be.

Michigan's resorts in the is so much to do and so western and northern parts of the state have everything a family needs to enjoy quality

time together and to split up and enjoy some quality time alone. There is so much to do and so many options.

But you don't even have to leave town to enjoy a Michigan summer. Our local communities have a variety of recreational activities, musical events and annual festivals. The summer is a great time to get reacquainted with your own hometown and all it has to offer.

Michigan and summer have always been a great combination. This year, it's better than ever.



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# **LETTERS**

# Applauding LaJoy

I would like to applaud state Rep. Phil LaJoy and his colleagues for their efforts to repeal Michigan's Driver Responsibility Law.

This was initially a well-intentioned, albeit poorly thought-out law designed to raise revenue by penalizing "bad drivers." It was modeled after a New Jersey law and New Jersey ultimately wrote off several hundred million dollars in uncollectible taxes. Michigan's uncollected responsibility fees (taxes) are growing dramatically and only about half of the fees assessed to date have been collected.

Last year, Rep. LaJoy held hearings in his Transportation Committee. This law in effect has been a tax on the poor and those least able to afford it: The number of drivers whose privileges have been suspended has increased by multiples as a result of this law, which has affected many, including employers who need licensed drivers to get to work and those portation for cost effectiveness. who want to work who are attempting to eke out a living in our faltering economy, but have no transportation.

Unfortunately, revenue sources for governments become addictive. While nearly everyone acknowledges this law is unfair, the question is how do you replace the lost revenue (last year \$111 million)? Rep. LaJoy's bill allows those who currently owe responsibility fees to the state (sometimes thousands of dollars per driver) a window of opportunity wherein they can settle these balances for 50 cents on the dollar, which should generate an influx of revenue to help offset the revenue loss while Michigan tries to get its economy back on track.

> Michael J. Gerou 35th District Court judge

# Basics of life are changing

As an avid reader of financial news from around the world, especially from European and Asian publications, I have come across three major paradigm changes that are sweeping the world right now that, for some reason or another, are underreported in the American press. These paradigm shifts involve three major aspects of our everyday lives: housing, food and transporta-

Housing: Once seen as a good investment with appreciation potential and tax benefits, homeownership is no longer a good investment. In fact, the view on homeownership seems to be shifting back to the views held in the distant past: a house is a good asset to own if you plan to live in it. Otherwise it is a liability. I think this is particularly true in Canton with its high tax rates, association fees, and water rates.

Food: In the past people in poor countries used to act as shock absorbers for food prices. When food prices inched up, they used to tighten their belts and eat less and/or cheaper food. As someone who grew up in India in the 1970s,

I know this to be true from personal experience.

Not any more. The average real income of the more than two billion Indians and Chinese have grown by more than a 1,000 percent in the past 15 years, and their share of monthly income spent on food has fallen from about 60 percent to less than 25 percent. Their paychecks have more than kept up with food inflation, so they are no longer willing to cut back on food and act as shock absorbers when food

Transportation: Again, it is back to the basics. In the past good transportation meant the most efficient way to get from point A to point B. With cheap gas came the gas guzzlers, bells and whistles, and the car as a symbol of our lifestyles. Not any more. With high gas prices, automobiles will once again be judged on how efficiently they get you from point A to point B, as personal automobiles compete with public trans

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# Where's the pride?

I am so conflicted today as I lay in my bed this morning listening to my radio crackle with reports that a threshold historical event has taken place on the soil where slaves and American Indians were victims of our country's domestic holocausts.

I should be bouncing with glee with the realization that Barack Obama will be the first nonwhite viable candidate for president of our country. I know this is a historical moment on so many fronts for the nation.

Yet I am not in a state of euphoria nor do I feel a sense of racial pride that so many in the major media outlets want me to be and of course express in front of their cameras, and on Internet blogs. I should have affirmed all of the religious and symbolic chatter from the pens and throats of our nation's usual civil rights suspects and icons, but I am just not feeling it. I imagine my sense of detachment is based upon my own personal politics which are quite revolutionary. I do understand these laments reflect my refusal to accept and acknowledge that the power of the majority culture is so domineering and persuasive that it can compel an enlighten advocate like Obama appear impotent. Our majority culture is so powerful it can and will castrate any reasonable facsimile of a strong black

I guess I am remain offended that our country can not yet accept an Obama that does not genuflect to special interest groups. I must not ignore that today in our nation we can only accept a person of color whose vocal skills and quick foot work echoes the minstrel acts of . our torturous past.

So instead of running around with my chest stuck out I must resign myself to

the hard core reality that change in our country will never operate at the speed I observed my father demonstrate when people acted out their contempt for him. I know that despite Obama's inability to be really confront our country's ugly legacies and contemporary shortcomings this is a beginning, a start, a threshold moment.

I just need to get out of my bed, call my friends, yell at the top of my voice, sing some Negro spirituals in the shower. Yet I still lay here ...

**Greg Thrasher** Birmingham

# Unhealthy fund

The state Senate has cut the Healthy Michigan Fund in half. This fund is composed of tobacco revenues and provides health and prevention of disease programs for Alzheimer's, Parkinson's. heart disease, as well as immunizations and other life-saving services.

The Healthy Michigan Fund also saves the state money. For example, early intervention programs can postpone or prevent nursing home placement, and for every Medicaid patient for whom we postpone placement, the state saves over \$50,000 a year. Multiply this by 100 families and the state saves \$5 million. Our senators need to know that cutting the Healthy Michigan Fund makes no sense, loses money for the state and plays havoc with the health of our citizens.

> **Dian Wilkins Beverly Hills**

# Good average

A recent study found the average American walks about 900 miles a year. Another study found Americans drink, on average, 22 gallons of alcohol a year. That means, on average, Americans get about 41 miles to the gallon. Damn, we're good! Makes you proud to be an American.

Mari Squire Westland

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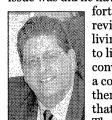
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"The district is in good shape, we don't seem to be missing a beat ... He's provided quality leadership and implemented a very collaborative team effort in addressing the district's issues. He's brought new energy to the job ... and he's been a stimulus for his team to step up and be more accountable." Barry Simescu, Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Vice President, on the performance of interim

Superintendent Ken Jacobs

# **Don't factor Social Security** into retirement equation

few weeks ago on my radio show I had a discussion regarding retirement planning. A man who was in his early 50s wanted to retire in a couple of years. The issue was did he have enough to enjoy a com-



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Rick Bloom

fortable retirement? After reviewing his current cost of living and what it would cost to live in retirement, he was convinced he could retire in a couple of years. However, there were two issues I raised that made him think twice. The perks his employer had paid for and the future of Social Security.

When someone looks at what it's going to cost in retirement he/she starts with

what it presently costs them to live and uses that as a base. In most situations, people assume there would be fewer expenses in retirement.

# **COST OF WORK**

The general consensus is there is a cost to go to work. I agree. In most cases not going to work does lower some costs, but not always and in this case, it wasn't.

It turns out the individual who wants to retire in a couple of years receives a variety of perks from his employer including cell phone, Internet connection, automobile and insur-

He didn't factor this into whether he can

The other issue is Social Security. In this case, the plan for retirement is predicated on being able to receive Social Security. My question to him is: What happens if you don't receive Social Security? His answer is without Social Security he can't retire in his early 50s.

This issue is difficult to resolve and one that should be of concern to many individuals. The government has made certain promises to us regarding Social Security, however, the reality is we have no idea what the future will bring. Because of that, I do not factor Social Security into the equation.

The individual who is a few years away from collecting Social Security or who is presently collecting Social Security, should have no worries. However, people who are at least a decade away from receiving benefits can expect changes. If I am wrong, all that means is more money to live on during retirement.

# **ALTER PLANS**

My advice in this man's case is to change his plans and not retire in the next couple of years. I have no idea what the future of Social Security is, however, I am confident there will be significant changes that will impact benefits. Because of this great unknown and because I want to be safe, not sorry, my advice for most people is don't depend upon Social Security.

I don't mean to frighten people, but facts are facts. Social Security has been so mismanaged over the decades, that as baby boomers enter retirement, more changes will be necessary. What those changes are is anyone's guess but change is coming.

The individual who is a few years away from collecting Social Security or who is presently collecting Social Security, should have no worries. However, people who are at least a decade away from receiving benefits can expect changes. If I am wrong, all that means is more money to live on during retirement

The bottom line is you and I are responsible for our own retirement and it is important to plan. For those in your late 40s and early 50s who are beginning to do some retirement planning, my advice is don't factor Social Security into the equation or deeply discount

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# Gas savings plan fails to pump up governor's office

as is, as I write this, \$4.19 at my neighborhood station, and it has dropped the \$50 credit card limit on the pump. This is getting plenty serious.

Fortunately, there is somebody taking a common-sense approach to the problem: Oakland

County Executive L. Brooks Patterson. A month ago, he proposed voluntary rescheduling for county employees so they'd work four days a week, 10 hours a day. That would allow them to save a day's worth of gas.

Last week, the Oakland County Commission unani-Phil Power mously approved the idea: "By allowing employees to work four 10-hour days, it will save them

20 percent on their commute costs and ease the financial pinch of filling up their cars," a press release from Patterson's office proclaimed.

When I talked with him last week, Brooks was enthusiastic. "Look, we've got about 4,000 county employees. If 1,500 employees take the four-day week, a conservative estimate is they'd save two gallons of gas not commuting the fifth day. At \$4 gallon, that's eight bucks a week for one employee, or \$12,000 a week for all 1,500.

"Over a year, that adds up in a hurry." Patterson says the idea first emerged while "some of us were kicking around the big rise in gas prices" several months ago. "We thought about what we could do to ease the financial pressure on our employees, and this seemed a pretty sensible way to go about it."

What about scheduling so county offices remain staffed?

True, "we have to work out the schedules, but that's doable," Patterson says. (Jobs that require round-the-clock staffing, such as sheriff's deputies, won't be eligible for the four-day week.)

What about the public employee unions? Do you have to re-negotiate your labor contracts? I wanted to know. Evidently not.

"This program is voluntary and it's pretty popular. If the unions wanted to challenge it, they'd be hard-pressed. We'll probably have to sit down and talk, but I don't see a big problem."

Patterson says he's been contacted by "hundreds" of businesses in Oakland County interested in trying the same idea. "This is something that all local government units should be trying. It should spread all across the state."

With that in mind, I called Liz Boyd, Gov. Jennifer Granholm's press secretary, to see if state government was interested in following Patterson says he's been contacted by "hundreds" of businesses in Oakland County interested in trying the same idea. "This is something that all local government units should be trying. It should spread all across the state."

suit. Her response: "The governor met with her cabinet within the past three weeks on this idea. We want to help state employees with gas prices. More than one-third of state employees already work on flexible schedules, including a four-day

"Right now we're compiling information." Hmmm. Doesn't sound like adopting a gassaving plan is uppermost in the minds of the Granholm administration.

I tried — and failed — to get the governor's spokeswoman to be more specific. Yet the potential for savings is very large, indeed. When you figure there are around 53,000 state employees, the math adds up pretty quickly. Adopting Patterson's assumptions, if 37 percent of all state employees adopt the program, that's 19.875.

Multiply that by two gallons (\$8) a week, and you get nearly \$160,000 in annual gas savings for state employees.

That's at \$4 a gallon, mind you, and prices are already past that barrier and marching north. Still — that sum is a tidy number, and one that certainly should excite the attention of an employer who's interested in helping out beleaguered state employees.

What about state public employee unions? Would a four-day work week require re-negotiating labor contracts with the unions? Alas, the governor's press secretary didn't want to talk

So I don't know whether the Granholm administration is seriously working on Patterson's common-sense idea.

But I do know that a voluntary four-day work week saves financially strapped workers money they would have to spend on gas. And that seems to meet the "let's do something simple and practical" test that all public bodies should have on top of their minds.

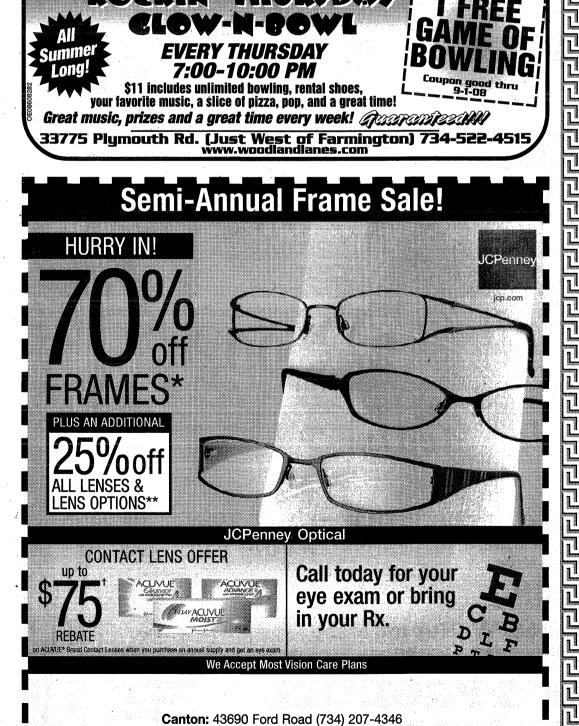
Some do. And, evidently, some sadly don't.

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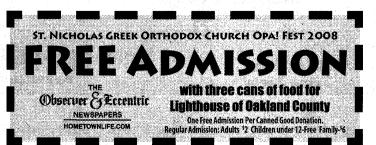


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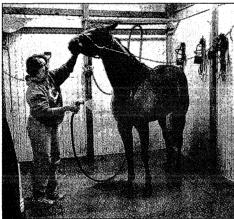
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Corinne Flis exercises Carli Dey Tuesday afternoon at Perfecta Farms. The horse is one of four owned and trained by Flis that race approximately once a week at one of three harness tracks in the metropolitan Detroit area.



Above, Corinne Flis is pictured with 4-year-old Little Orphan Andy, who she raised from a malnourished pony into a multitime winner. At right, Flis gives Little Orphan Andy a bath after his exercise.

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'Probably the best part about it is working directly with the horses in the barn. After a while, they become like your family pet. You're not supposed to get attached to them, but it's hard not to." CORINNE FLIS

# Plymouth owner/trainer excels at helping ponies reach their potential

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Unless there's a nice breeze blowing from the south, Corinne Flis' "office" doesn't have air-conditioning, but she's not complain-

ing. Working a 365-day-a-year schedule, Flis is required to feed her "employees" at least three square meals a day, bathe them and take them for long runs - whether it's a comfortable 65 degrees out like it was Tuesdav afternoon, or a bone-chilling 17 degrees, like it is on many a February morning in southeastern Michigan.

To top it all off, Flis drives her employees to and from their work - and she loves every minute of it. The Plymouth Township resi-

dent's job is unique, time-consuming and sometimes challenging, but it's one she wouldn't trade for all of Quaker's oats.

Flis is the owner and trainer f four harness race horses that reside at Perfecta Farms in Plymouth Township. They race year-round — usually once a week - at either Northville Downs, Hazel Park Raceway or Windsor Raceway.

"Probably the best part about it is working directly with the horses in the barn," said Flis, who has trained horses for over 25 years. "After a while, they become like vour family pet. You're not supposed to get attached to them, but it's hard not to."

Please see HORSES, B3

# Plymouth 'Y' hosts 'Father' of all 10Ks

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Fathers may know best, but they didn't know rest on Sunday morning — at least the ones who competed in the 29th Annual Plymouth YMCA Father's Day

Hundreds of dads, moms, sons and daughters bared their "soles" on the streets of Plymouth for the yearly series of races that includes everything from a leisurely one-mile walk to the challenging "MDG Triple Race," which requires runners to complete onemile, 5K and 10K races back-toback-to-back.

Lansing's Jerome Recker was the daddy of all runners on Sunday as he not only captured the coveted "Triple" title with a clocking of 55:39, but he won each of the shorter races as well.

Recker crossed first in the mile in 4:39, broke the tape in the 5K in 16:45 before capping a perfect morning with a 34:15 in the 10K. Canton resident Sarah Shipley

earned gold in the women's "Triple" with a time of 1 hour, 17 minutes and 20 seconds.

Two other locals — Christine **Hughes of Canton and Corynne** Johnson of Plymouth — finished in the top 10 in the ladies' "Triple." first in both the women's one-mile run (5:48) and the 10K (40:11).

Canton resident Rebecca McCormack won the women's 5K in 18:32.

This year's race was enhanced by the presence of worldrenowned long-distance runner Doug Kurtis of Northville, who holds world records for most career sub-2:20 marathons (76) and most marathon victories (40).

In 1994, at the age of 42, Kurtis won the Boston Marathon Masters Division with a clocking of 2:15.47.

The 55-year-old Kurtis claimed



of Plymouth run side by side in Sunday's 29th Annual Plymouth YMCA Father's Day

Charlie and Brian

Anderson

# Field hockey camp

Livonia Ladywood will be hosting a one-day field hockey camp June 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the school, which is located on Newburgh Road between Schoolcraft and Five Mile.

The purpose of the camp is to introduce the sport to future high school players and promote enthusiasm for the game. An emphasis will be placed on learning the basic fundamentals of the game and teaching proper techniques of the skill sets used to play, including dribbling, driving, shooting, passing and stopping.

The cost of the

camp is \$50. Campers will need to bring shin guards, a mouth piece, a water bottle and a sack lunch. Rubber cleats are recommended and sticks will be available to sign out at camp.

Registration forms can be printed off www.ladywood.org.

# Hole-in-one

Gene Kornegay of Plymouth aced the second hole on the Fox Hills Lakes layout recently.

The 67-year-old Kornegay used a four iron to find the cup on his first shot on the 163-yard hole. He fired a 95 for the round.

# Suvoy fund-raiser

There will be a fund-raiser June 26 at Joey's Comedy Club, located at 36071 Plymouth Road in Livonia, to help support the family of Bobby Suvoy, who passed away May 6 at the age of 16 following a short but courageous battle with Lou Gehrig's Disease.

Tickets are \$15 per person and there is a \$5 drink or food minimum per person.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Plymouth Whalers Sales and Marketing Administrator Natalie Shaver at (734) 453-8400 or natalies@plymouthwhalers.com.

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# Warriors fall just short in bid for D4 state baseball title

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**OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER** 

Lutheran High Westland's baseball team experienced what the Tom Hanks character Chuck Noland felt after his plane crashed leaving him deserted all alone on a remote Pacific island. Cast Away.

The Warriors stranded 10 base runners as Bay City All Saints held on for a 2-1 victory Saturday in the Division 4 state championship game held at Battle Creek's C.O. Brown Stadium.

Lutheran Westland's magical postseason run ends with a 25-8 overall record, while All Saints garnered its second state title in school history and finishes 28-

All Saints sophomore pitcher Adam Pijaszek, despite a modest 6-9 record, managed to keep the Warriors' bats quiet while working out of sticky situations in the sixth and seventh innings. He scattered seven hits, walked only two and struck out six.

"We had guys in scoring position and could not get the big hit," Lutheran Westland fourth-year coach Kevin Wade said. "He (Pijaszek) pitched well and he got out of a couple of jams where he came up with big pitches. He got ahead in the count with a good first pitch and we took our hacks. They also made plays when they had to."

The Warriors, despite an uncharacteristic five errors, had their chances, putting at least one runner on in every inning.

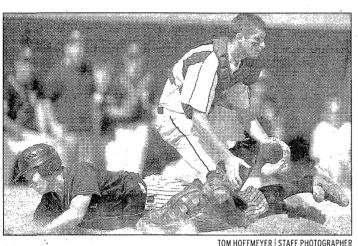
Lutheran Westland starter Derek Fleetham, a senior lefthander, gave up both runs and allowed in his five innings of work before giving way to reliever Ryan Baglow.

All Saints' first run, coming in the top of the third inning, was unearned and scored without the benefit of a hit.

Justin Gielda drew a one-out walk and went all the way around to third when Fleetham's pick-off throw sailed past first baseman Nate Bachert.

After catcher Marc Kwapiszewski was hit by a pitch on a questionable ruling by the home plate umpire, Matt Mikolajczak came through with a sacrifice fly to right field to make it 1-0.

The Cougars then scored what proved to be the game-deciding



Lutheran Westland's Nate Bachert, a resident of Canton, slides safely into home ahead of the throw to Bay City All Saints catcher Marc Kwapiszewski scoring the Warriors' only run during Saturday's Division 4 state final at C.O. Brown Stadium in Battle Creek.

run in the fourth.

Drew Bauer singled with one-out. Following a fielder's choice, Josh Sutton reached base on an infield single and Kevin Gwizdala singled crisply to left field bringing home Aaron Janer.

The Warriors, however, responded with their only run to cut the deficit to 2-1 in the bottom half of the inning.

Bachert fanned, but advanced to first when the ball got by the All Saints catcher for third strike. Ryan Baglow followed with an infield single and Aaron Derminer brought home Bachert with a single.

Lutheran Westland lead-off batter Adam Zehel then drew a walk to open the fifth inning, but Pijaszek ended any threat with a pair of strikeouts and a ground-

In the sixth, Ryan Baglow and Tony Cipolla (filling in for the injured Billy Meier) each singled with one out, but were left stranded as Pijaszek got a pair of groundouts to end the threat.

Meanwhile, Ryan Baglow, who pitched a complete-game victory the previous day in a 9-3 semifinal win over Frankfort, shut down the Cougars over the final two innings to keep it a one-run

And with one last chance, Lutheran Westland kicked up its heels again in the bottom of the

Zehel led off with a infield single and was bunted to second by Micah Hausch, who nearly was safe as Pijaszek made a great throw to cut down the Warriors'

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in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the words "Lilley Road at Hanford Road Intersection

Improvement", along with the name, address, phone number of

the Contractor, the date and time of bid opening, will be received by

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Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until 3:00 p.m.,

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storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

4268 - Sharece Muldrew - TV, 2 Totes, Chair

6268 – 6 Totes, 6 Boxes, Misc Items

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Personal property described below in the matter of:

4270 – Lisa Young – 10 Boxes, 25 Totes, Misc Items

6022 – Mark Hughes – 2 Bikes, 3 Totes, Wardrobe

5210 – Tamika Swan – Stove, Filing Cabinet, Dresser

4267 – Alina Lafleche – China Cabinet, 4 Chairs, 2 Totes

runner at first.

The Warriors' top hitter, Sam Ahlersmeyer, drew a walk to put runners at first and second, but Pijaszek again slammed the door, getting Dan Abbott on a fielder's choice and fanning junior pinch hitter Ryan Rakovalis on a called third strike to end the game.

"I couldn't ask for anything else but a chance in the sixth and seventh innings," Wade said. "We did not play bad today. I thought Derek and Ryan pitched fine, too. They gave us a chance. We had good pitching, but a couple of errors cost us - the botched pick-off in particular. Both teams hit about the same. They had a few lucky hits and we did as well. They (All Saints) were able to manufacture a couple of runs and

All Saints coach Mike Regulski knows the feeling of losing and winning in a Division 4 championship game.

In 2004, the Cougars lost 6-5 to Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 6-5, after winning their first state title in 2000.

Pijaszek, meanwhile, got plenty of help from his battery mate Kwapiszewski, a senior catcher, who dug several breaking balls out of the dirt when Lutheran Westland was threatening and had runners on base.

"I've never seen better blocking skills for a catcher," Regulski said. "He just is a natural and it's also his ability to call an excellent

"Adam (Pijaszek) pitched a lot of games early in the season when we were sputtering. Our defense was not strong and wehad some holes. But he's pitched excellent all year - he's got around 90 strikeouts - with good control and good pitch selection. We also had the defense today.

And that was a big difference." Meanwhile, the most successful baseball season in Lutheran Westland history, which included an upset 3-2 win over No. 1ranked and 29-0 Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett in the regional final, came to a close.

"It stings, but we have nothing to be ashamed of," Wade said of the 2-1 state final setback. "For us to be here was beyond anybody's dream."

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# 5 Jeff Dalton (Westland) 1:25 08

. Shane Logan (Pontiac), 56.45

MEN'S OPEN

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1:26.06 8. Ric Giles (Shelby), 1:26.44 9. Steve Zdan (Plymouth), 1:27.54 10. Brian McDonald (Redford), 1:31.11

WOMEN'S OPEN 1. Sarah Shipley (Canton), 1:17.20 2. Lindsay Parsell (Troy), 1:19.29 4. Courtney Lee Kennedy

5. Morgan Derouin (Chesterfield).

6. Christine Hughes (Canton), 1:33.31

1. Shinichi Ozeki , 59:51 2. Vincent Jesudowich, 1:00.56 3. Larry Gutierrez, 1:03.22 l. Roger Lara, 1:04.45 5. Greg Janicki, 1:08.36 6. David Crary, 1:09.54 7. Doug Soliz, 1:11.49 3. Thomas Gerou, 1:15.12 9. Daniel Sarna, 1:16.06 10. Ken Sova, 1:17.26

MEN'S OPEN 1. Jerome Recker (Lansing), 4:39 Shane Logan (Pontiac), 4:42
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1. Lisa Veneziano (Fenton), 5:48 2. Kayla Duke (Linden), 5:52 3. Sarah Shipley (Canton), 6:12 MALE 1-8 1. James Fedevia (Canton), 7:31 2. Aidan Hurly (Plymouth), 7:55

WOMEN'S OPEN

3. Aaron Garbarino (Plymouth), 8:16
FEMALE 1-8 1. Kendall Goit (Canton), 8:10 2. Chloe Herriman (Plymouth), 8:27 3. Olivia Moran (Ada), 8:59

MALE 9-12 1. River Morse (Ann Arbor), 6:45 2. Ryan Prebenda (Plymouth), 6:47 3. Calvin McCracken (Canton), 6:48 FEMALE 9-12

1. Erin McDonald (Livonia), 6:53 2. Sarah Wilson (Plymouth), 7:12 3. Natalie Perkins (Canton), 7:36 MALE 13-15 1. Tyler Socha (Plymouth), 5:47 2. Mark Lubin (Plymouth), 6:26

3. Miles Gerou (Canton), 6:26

1. Lauren Hansen (Canton), 8:31 2. Ellie Anderson (Plymouth), 9:0 3. Meghan Barry (Plymouth), 9:0 MALE 16-19 1. Alex Noble (Plymouth), 5:33

FEMALE 16-19 1. Alicia Stephan (Plymouth), 7:25 MALE 20-24 1. Kellen Duke (Linden), 5:07

MALE 25-29 2. Steve Zdan (Plymouth), 7:28 FEMALE 25-29

2. Jennifer Galbraith (Brighton), 3. Corynne Johnson (Plymouth),

MALE 30-34 1. Jeff Dalton (Westland), 6:45 2. Jason Stephenson (Plymouth)

3. Brian McDonald (Redford), 9:08 FEMALE 30-34 1. Lindsay Parsell (Troy), 6:22 2. Lauren York (Northville), 7:05 3. Melissa Kersten (Westland), 10:08

2. Michael Hatsios (Plymouth), 7:07 3. Steven Hondorp (Plymouth), 7:19 1. Christine Hughes (Canton), 6:56 2. Julie Allen (Plymouth), 8:52

3. Rachel Kaliz (Plymouth), 9:26 1. Vincent Jesudowich (Northville), 2. Shinichi Ozeki (Novi), 5:15

3. Greg Janicki (West Bloom.), 5:59 FEMALE 40-44 1. Laurie Oriel (Plymouth), 8:26 2. Jo Darlington (Ann Arbor), 8:32

3. Jeanne Mulhern (Plymouth), 8:34 1. Ronald Marvin (Farmington), 5:19 2. Roger Lara (Grand Blanc), 5:46 3. Larry Gutierrez (Fenton), 5:53

# **YMCA RUN RESULTS**



### The father-and-son duo of Matthew and Jim Haling of Plymouth competed in Sunday's Plymouth YMCA Father's Day Run.

FEMALE 45-49 1. Tami Bealert (Canton), 6:27 2. Jennifer Lemieux (Canton), 6:49

3. Mary Ericson (Plymouth), 6:49 1. Thomas Gerou (Canton), 5:50 2. Ken Sova (Canton), 6:01

3. Robin Pearce (New Hudson), 6:51 MALE 55-59 2. Doug Soliz (Allen Park), 5:57 3. David Fisher (Ann Arbor), 5:59 FEMALE 55-59

2. Maggy Zidar (Pontiac),, 6;59 MALE 60-64 1. Brad Behrman (Plymouth), 6:35 2. Dan Dewey (Orion), 8:52 FEMALE 60-64

1. Judy Hatcher (Plymouth), 17:24 MALE 70-74 1. Jerry White (Dearborn), 7:29 2, George Douglas (Wayne), 10:01

MALE OVERALL 2. Shane Logan (Pontiac), 16:50 3. Adam Lorenz (Plymouth), 17:33
FEMALE OVERALL

2. Lisa Veneziano (Fenton), 19:24 3. Jennifer Hutchison (New 1. Dominic Lutz (Livonia), 31:25 2. Vincent Matuszak (Brighton),

3. Nickolas Matuszak (Brighton), FEMALE 1-8 1. Claire McNally (Canton) 28:31 2. Grace Kent (Ypsilanti), 31:17

3. Lydia Mearing (Canton), 37:51 MALE 9-12 1. Evan Thomas (Canton), 22:53 2. Jack Collop (Plymouth), 23:13

3. Nathanael Wilson (Plymouth) FEMALE 9-12

1. Brianna Lax (Plymouth), 25:22 2. Ellen Grimes (Plymouth), 25:26 3. Noelle Milad (Plymouth), 27:39 MALE 13-15

1. Ben Spreitzer (Plymouth), 20:10 2. Mitch Clinton (Plymouth), 20:12 3. Joseph Porcari, (Canton), 20:42 1. Sarah Lipinski (Canton), 23:26 2. Lauren Walker (Canton), 24:03

3. Katie Grimes (Plymouth), 25:18

MALE 16-19 1. Derek Hoerman (Canton), 17:42 2. Kyle Clinton (Plymouth), 17:55 3. Gregory Reed (Canton), 18:25
FEMALE 16-19

1. Lauren Ahearn (Canton), 22:30 2. Sarah Thomas (Canton), 22:50 3. Anne Murphy (Plymouth), 23:28 MALE 20-24

1. Stephen Mozug (Livonia), 21:02 2. Fred Oehmke (Kalamazoo), 21:56 3. Kyle Frederick (Plymouth), 23:17

FEMALE 20-24

1. Kristina Weaver (Plymouth), 22:18 2. Shosh Levine (Oak Park), 23:03 3. Kristin Guina, 2 MALE 25-29

. Patrick Espon (Troy), 20:39 3. Sean Dick (Wolverine Lake) 20:44 FEMALE 25-29

2. Sarah Shipley (Canton), 22:12

MALE 30-34

1, Shane Lehnst (Clinton Twp.), 18:42 Scott Plonka (Southgate), 19:26 3. Doug Herriman (Plymouth), 19:42 FEMALE 30-34 1. Emily Martin (Dearborn), 21:03 2. Lindsay Parsell (Troy), 22:25 3. Lisa Johnston (Canton), 24:22 MALE 35-39
1. Mike Sharnas (Canton), 19:08

2. Mark Corcoran (Ann Arbor), 19:52 3. John Petz (Plymouth), 20:06 FEMALE 35-39 1. Irene Ryan (Plymouth), 20:48 2. Monica Pagels (South Lyon),

3. Alicia Gresser (Plymouth), 23:55 MALE 40-44 1. Shinichi Ozeki (Novi), 17:40 2. Vincent Jesudowich (Northville)

3. John Hibler (Lafayette), 18:45 FEMALE 40-44 1. Kerry Maloney (Canton), 23:19

2. Kristen Brant (Canton), 24:07 3. Jo Darlington (Ann Arbor), 24:46 MALE 45-49 1. Roger Lara (Grand Blanc), 19:18 2. Larry Gutierrez (Fenton), 19:25 3. Fred Smith (Haskins), 20:57

FEMALE 45-49 1. Tami Bealert (Canton), 22:28 2. Ruth Lara (Grand Blanc), 22:42 3. Jennifer Lemieux (Canton), 22:55 MALE 50-54

1. Chuck Block (Lansing), 18:30 2. Larry Naumann (Berkley), 20:03 3. Michael DuCharme (Saginaw),

1. Robin Sarris-Hallop (Ann Arbor), 2. Peggy Gerou (Plymouth), 24:28

3. Myrna Cox (Novi), 27:59

MALE 55-59 1. David Crary (Ann Arbor), 20:07 2. Doug Soliz (Allen Park) 20:47 3. Chuck Bayer (Farmington Hills),

FEMALE 55-59 1. Maggy Zidar (Pontiac), 22:18 2. Donna Olson (Canton), 23:11 3. Diann Wyderko (Livonia), 27:12

MALE 60-64

1. Peter Hallop (Ann Arbor), 19:33 2. Mark Cryderman (Northville), 3. Freddy Standaert (Detroit), 23:40

FEMALE 60-64 1. Charlene Kull (Brighton), 31:56 Rosie Matuszak (Ann Arbor), 33:18

1. Austin Voicek (Canton). 24:30 2. David Kull (Brighton), 26:57

3. William Carter (Roscommon) FEMALE 65-69 1. Donna Kjellstrom (Plymouth), 47:11 MALE 70-74

. John Steinberger (Redford), 26:47 2. Richard Peterson (Plymouth)

3. Ron Gill. (Pleasant Lake), 31:03 MALE 75-99 1. Michael Abbott (Canton), 32:31

MALE OVERALL MALE OVERALL 1, Jerome Recker (Lansing), 34:15 2. Shane Logan (Pontiac), 35:13 3. Steve Menovcik (Lansing), 35:34

FEMALE OVERALL 1. Lisa Veneziano (Fenton), 40:11 2. Amy Kerhahan (Canton), 44:23 3. Connie Scarparo (Canton), 47:17.

MALE 9-12
1. Zachary Johnson (Canton), 51:#4 2. Hunter Schlampp (Plymouth),

3. Erik Grisa (Livonia), 1:00.59 MALE 13-15 1. Warren Buzzard (Plymouth), 39:14 2. Zachary Koch (Plymouth), 43:16 3. Stephen Balaze (Canton), 47:13 MALE 16-19

1. Derek Lax (Plymouth), 37:36 2. Eric Hull (Royal Oak), 38:32 FEMALE 16-19 1. Amanda Weaver (Plymouth), 56:16 2. Samantha Schlampp (Plymouth),

MALE 20-24 1. Tom Covington (Plymouth), 1:07.21 FEMALE 20-24 MALE 25-29

1. Jamie Cope (Ann Arbor), 36:39 2. Jason McMann (Plymouth), 46:55 3. Shea Usher (Owosso), 55:08 FEMALE 25-29 1. Sarah Shipley (Canton), 48:56 2. Jill Conte (Canton), 49:52

3. Amy Dupuis (Walled Lake), 51:58

MALE 30-34 1. Chaires Lacasse (Plymouth), 45:27 2. Peter Minjoe (Mt. Clemens), 47:13 3. Andrew Aho (Westland), 47:23 FEMALE 30-34 1. Kelly Holmes (Troy), 50:07 2. Lindsay Parsell (Troy), 50:41

3. Kathleen Whelan (Plymouth) MALE 35-39

2. Chadwick Curry (Plymouth), 3. Seth Petty (Lincoln Park), 42:57 **FEMALE 35-39** 1. Jennifer Kennedy (Novi), 49:23 2. Nicole Pulick (Plymouth), 50:41 3. Lauren Hurley (Plymouth), 51:55 MALE 40-44 1. Shinichi Ozeki (Novi), 36:56

3. Vincent Jesudowich (Northville). **FEMALE 40-44** 1. Julia Buzzard (Plymouth), 53:14 2. Jo Darlington (Ann Arbor), 54:09 3. Cheryl Dozier (Canton), 54:50 **MALE 45-49** 

. Victor Borwn (Canton), 37:43

1. Larry Gutierrez (Fenton), 38:04 2. Roger Lara (Grand Blanc), 39:41 3. Michael Lax (Plymouth), 45:11 FEMALE 45-49 1. Kathy Murphy (Plymouth), 47:32 2. Jennifer Lemeiux (Canton), 48:21 3. Ruth Lara (Grand Blanc), 48:58

MALE 50-54

1. Thomas Robert (Plymouth), 44:48 2. Thomas Gerou (Canton), 44:54 3. Michael Mester (Plymouth), 48:24 FEMALE 50-54 1. Mish Haddey (Plymouth), 56:29 MALE 55-59

1. John Tarkowski (Northville), 38:46 2. Doug Kurtis (Northville), 39:31 **FEMALE 55-59** 1. Maggy Zidar (Pontiac), 47:24 2. Donna Olson (Canton), 49:33

3. Trudy Fortino (Northville), 56:25 MALE 60-64 1. Thomas Morris (Novi), 44:09 2. Robert Gotro (Plymouth), 52:35 3. Edward Pletzke (Northville),

MALE 65-69 1. James Carlton (White Lake), 44:07 2. Gary Vaseau (Westland), 1:07.12 FEMALE 65-69

1. Ellen Nitz (Milford), 59:43 MALE 70-74 1. George Douglas (Wayne), 1:22.09 2. Erwin Rubenstein (West Bloom.),

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second in the 10K 55-59 age group with a time of 39:31, less than a minute behind fellow

Northvillian John Tarkowski,

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3051 – David Woodall – Streo, 30 Boxes, Bike  $4013-John\ Boehret-10\ Boxes, Misc Items, Hand\ Truck$ 4018 – Jennifer McDonald-Beckley – 3 TV's, 10 Totes, 20 Boxes

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4255 – Markay Hall – Dresser, Headboard, 10 Boxes 5245 - Erin Morley - 4 Chairs, 5 Boxes, Headboard 5263 - Monquie Hampton - Headboard, 3 Boxes, Mattress

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who won in 38:46. The event was blessed with

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The spirit of the race was epitomized by several fatherand-son duos who ran at least a portion of the race side by side. Among those were

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4052 - Orlando Austin - 20 Totes, Piano, Scooter 5032 - George Gallo - 1967 Mercedes Benz vin 10801212047788, car parts, misc items

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# HORSES FROM PAGE B1

# Busy pace

Flis' days start early in the morning in the barn she rents stalls from at Perfecta Farms, which is located on North Territorial Road, about five miles west of Beck. Her work day usually ends roughly 10 busy hours later when her horses are put into their stalls for the night, well-fed and ready for a good night's rest.

"The horses get fed first thing in the morning, they get their stalls cleaned and then they get their exercise," she said, describing a typical day. "Then they'll come in for a nice hot bath after they run. After they're dry and cooled out, I'll brush them up.

"They'll get their feet worked on and their legs rubbed, then we put them in their stalls with more food before they go out for some hay.

"It makes for a busy day, but I love it."

# Dedicated owner

Flis' affection for her job
— and her horses — was apparent early Tuesday afternoon as
she prepared 4-year-old Little
Orphan Andy for a post-workout bath.

She handled the horse with the care and patience you'd expect from someone who truly loved what she was doing.

She purchased the horse a short time after its birth, unaware that he endured a tumultuous first few weeks of

"He earned his name because he was so small when we bought him," she said. "Horses are a lot like puppies and kittens — if they're messed with too much when they're young, their mother rejects them.

"Well, this horse's mother rejected him at two days old, but the place we got him from didn't tell me. The poor little guy had to learn how to drink formula out of a bucket. He was really under-nourished when we first got him."

Thanks to the dedicated care provided by Flis — and a good dose of proper training — "Andy" won half of his starts as a 2-year-old.

Just after turning 3, he suffered a leg injury that sidelined him for close to a year, but he's back at the track and looking strong, Flis said.

# Do-it-all trainer

On race days, Flis does everything except take the reins during races.

"I take them over to the track myself and I'll usually warm them up, too," she said. "But we hire a driver to actually drive in the race."

Flis' horses have competed in races with six-digit purses.

"We finished third in a \$100,000 purse race once," she said. "You get 12 percent for third and then the jockey gets five percent and the trainer five percent."

# Runs in the family

Flis isn't the only harness-rac-

ing aficionado in her family. Her husband, Joe, is a former topnotch harness driver in New Jersey who moved to Michigan to drive before eventually starting a successful career as a self-

employed electrician.

The Flises have an 18-yearold son, Mike, who was a key
member of Canton's District
championship baseball team
this past spring.

"When I was younger, I said I'd never marry someone who was in the racing industry," she said, smiling, "but I met Joe at Hazel Park after he moved to Michigan and we hit it off right away. He still drives the horses a little bit for fun, but he makes his money as an electrician now, so we don't want him to get hurt."

Flis said the primary differ-

ence between harness horses and thoroughbreds is the way they run.

"Thoroughbreds gallop while these horses either trot or pace," she said, glancing at Little Orphan Andy. "In harness racing, if a horse breaks stride, the driver has to take them to the outside until they get back on stride."

She then led "Andy" toward the back of the barn where it would be bathed.

With three other horses to tend to as well, her remaining several hours at the Perfecta Farms would be jam-packed with things to do.

But like everyone who loves what they do for a living, she wasn't complaining.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings -

June 10, 2008 A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call Members Present: Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Bennett, Caccamo Staff Present: Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas Adoption of Agenda Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present. Approval of Minutes Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2008. Motion carried by all members present. Payment of Bills Motion carried by all members present. PRESENTATION: 1. APPROVE RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT. (SUPERVISOR) Motion carried by all members present. <u>CONSENT CALENDAR</u>: Item 1. REQUEST TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF 2007 CLASS C LICENSED BUSINESS LOCATION AT 43500 FORD, CANTON, MI 48188, CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, FROM APPLEBEE'S OF MICHIGAN TO APPLEBEE'S RESTAURANTS MID-ATLANTIC LLC (A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY). (CLERK) Motion carried by all members present. Item 2. SECOND READING, AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, PARKS AND RECREATION, PUBLIC CON-DUCT IN PARKS, CHAPTER 50, ARTICLE II. (CLS) Motion carried by all members present. STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 50, ARTICLE II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CANTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN THE CHARTER TOWN SHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: ARTICLE II. PUBLIC CONDUCT AT PARKS AND TRAILS Sec. 50-31. Definitions. This section provides for the definition of terms used in the ordinance. Sec. 50-32. Supervision of parks and trails. This section provides that all parks and trails will be operated and maintained under the supervision of the Department of Leisure Services. Sec. 50-33. Authority of director. This section provides that the director shall be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the parks and trails, and all employees of the Department of Leisure Services concerned in the maintenance of such parks shall perform their duties under the supervision of the director. Sec. 50-34. Enforcement. This section provides that the Canton Township Department of Public Safety shall enforce the provisions of this article and any other ordinances pertaining thereto and shall enforce all rules and regulations relating to the use of such parks and trails. Sec. 50-35. Violation of rules. This section provides that it shall be unlawful for any person to violate any rule or regulation governing conduct in any township park, trail or facility. Sec. 50-36. Operating hours and closed areas. This section provides for the hours that the parks and trails will be open, that the hours will be posted at each park or trail and that any park, trail, or section may be declared closed to the public by the director. Sec. 50-37. Permits. This section provides for the application process, criteria for issuance, notice of denial, liability of permittee, and revocation for park facility reservations. Sec. 50-38. Damaging or tampering with buildings or other property. This section provides that no person shall damage or tamper with park buildings or other property. Sec. 50-39, Use of restrooms or washrooms designated for opposite sex. This section provides that no person at a park or trail over the age of five years shall use the restrooms and washrooms designated for the opposite sex. Sec. 50-40, Damaging trees, shrubbery or lawns; standing or sitting on fences or other property. This section provides that no person shall damage trees, shrubbery or lawns, and standing or sitting on fences or other property and is prohibited. Sec. 50-41. Injuring wild animals or birds. This section provides that injuring wild animals or birds is prohibited. Sec. 50-42. Pollution of waters. This section provides that no person shall pollute any park, trail, tributary, stream, storm sewer or drain flowing into such waters. Sec. 50-43. Disposal of refuse. This section provides that throwing or depositing litter, refuse or trash in any park or trail except in public receptacles is prohibited .Sec. 50-44.

This section provides for the use of picnic areas. Sec. 50-45. Camping. This section provides that camping is prohibited in parks and trails unless allowed through a township event sanctioned by the director. Sec. 50-46. Games. This section provides that no person shall take part in the playing of games such as golf, baseball, football, soccer and softball in a park except in areas designated for such activities. Sec. 50-47. Horseback riding. This section provides that no person shall ride a horse at a park or trail except on designated bridle trails

Use of picnic areas.

designated bridle trails. Sec. 50-48. Domestic animals. This section provides for the regulations and limitations that a person must follow when domestic animals are brought into a park or trail. Sec. 50-49. Fires. This section provides that all fires within the boundaries of any park or trail property except in picnic stoves, fireplaces or other such containers for such purposes are prohibited. Sec. 50-50. Conducting amusement for gain. This section provides that no amusement for gain or for which consideration is exchanged shall be conducted in any park without first obtaining a permit. Sec. 50-51. Alcoholic beverages. This section provides that no person shall possess or consume any alcoholic beverages, including spirits, liquor, beer or wine, at any township park or trail, except as approved by the director under a facility permit and within all state laws and local ordinances and that beer and wine is permitted only at the Bartlett-Travis House property under certain conditions. Sec. 50-52. Off-road vehicles; motor-driven vehicles restricted to roadways and parking areas. This section provides that off-road vehicles are prohibited and that motor-driven vehicles are restricted to roadways and parking areas. Sec. 50-53. Remote control vehicles. This section provides that no person shall operate within any park or trail gas powered remote control vehicles and a permit is required to operate within any park or trail any electric or battery powered remote control airplanes, helicopters, cars or boats. Sec. 50-54. Skateboards and rollerblades. This section provides for rules and regulations on skateboards and rollerblades within the boundaries of parks and trails. Sec. 50-55. Assemblies. This section provides that no person shall engage in, participate in, aid, form, or organize any assembly or group of people or make any speeches, or conduct any musical program or festival, at any park or trail, unless a permit has been obtained. Sec. 50-56. Conducting sales for gain. This section provides that sales for gain are prohibited. Sec. 50-57. Organization or group participation. This section provides that at posted locations a group which has or is reasonably expected to include 12 or more persons utilizing park facilities, or an organization must obtain a permit. Sec. 50-58. Picnic pavilion structures. This section provides that no person or organization except the permitted person or organization shall use designated picnic pavilions during times posted for rental use only. Sec. 50-59. Swimming, bathing, and wading. This section provides that no person shall swim, bathe, wade or scuba dive in any watercourses, lakes, ponds or sloughs except at such times and in such areas approved and provided for such purposes and then only under the posted rules. Sec. 50-60. Boating. This section provides that no person shall bring into use or navigate any watercraft upon

any watercourse lagoon lake, pond, river or slog located at any park or trail property except at such times or places as may be provided or designated for such purposes, shall comply with all regulations and that no gasoline powered watercrafts are allowed. Sec. 50-61 Loitering and cruising. This section provides that no person shall loiter or cruise in any motor vehicle continuously through and around at any park or trail. Sec. 50-62. Hindering, resisting or impersonating employees. This section provides that no person shall hinder, resist or impersonate a Township employee. Sec. 50-63. <u>Unlawful obstruction</u>. This section provides that no person, firm or corporation shall by force, threats, intimidation or by placing any kind of barrier at the entrance of any park or trail property prevent or obstruct any person from entering, leaving or making full use of any park or trail. Sec. 50-64. Fireworks. This section provides that no person shall fire, discharge or have in their possession any fireworks within or upon park or trail property unless specifically authorized by the Township Fire Marshal. Sec. 50-65. Operation of bicycles. This section provides that bicycles shall be operated as closely to the right hand side of the path, trail, or roadway as conditions will permit or on designated bikeway areas, with not more than two bicycles operated abreast. Sec. 50-66. Parking. This section provides for parking and speed limit in park property. Public exhibition. This section provides that no person shall exhibit any machine, indulge in any acrobatic expeditious or carry on any performance which will cause persons to congregate without first having obtained a specific written permit. Sec. 50-68. Peddling and Soliciting. This section provides that a permit from the Clerk's office and the Parks Dept. is required for peddling and soliciting in park or trail property. Commercial enterprise. This section provides that no person shall sell, offer for sale, distribute or solicit any article, property or privilege or engage in commercial photography within the jurisdiction of a park or trail property without first obtaining a specific written permit. Sec. 50-70. Emergency powers. This section provides that nothing in these ordinances shall prohibit or hinder duly authorized law enforcement agents from performing their Noise and disturbance. This section official duties. Sec. 50-71. provides that no person shall use any loud speaker, public address system or sound amplifying equipment of any kind without approval by the director. Sec. 50-72. Hunting and fishing. This section provides that no person shall hunt or attempt to hunt, trap, catch, wound, kill or treat cruelly any bird, fish or animal or molest or rob any nest, lair, den or burrow of any bird, fish or animal at any park or trail property and that unless posted otherwise fishing shall be permitted at park or trail property if conducted in compliance with laws of the State of Michigan. Sec. 50-73. Public involvement in change to parkland or park facility. This section provides for public involvement in change to parkland or park facilities. Sec. 50-74. Disposition of park property. This section provides for the disposition of park property. SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY. This section provides that any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court. SECTION 3. s that all Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect. SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance. SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE. This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance. SECTION 6. PUBLICATION. This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law. SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This section provides that this Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication. First Reading: May 27, 2008, Second Reading: June 10, 2008, Adoption: June 10, 2008. Publication: June 19, 2008 Item 3. APPROVAL OF LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC PLAN. (CLS) Motion carried by all members present. Item 4. SECOND READING, AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, PART I, CHAPTER 74 ENTITLED "UTILITIES", ARTICLE II, DIVISION 2, SUBDIVISION II ENTITLED "RATES AND CHARGES", SECTIONS 74-81, 74-82 AND 74-83. (MSD) Motion carried by all members present SUMMARY CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, AMENDMENT TO UTILITIES ORDINANCE, CODE OF ORDINANCES, PART I, CHAPTER 74 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CODE OF ORDINANCES PART I, CHAPTER 74 ENTITLED "UTILITIES", ARTICLE II, DIVISION 2, SUBDIVISION II ENTITLED RATES AND CHARGES, SECTIONS 74-81, 74-82 AND 74-83 TO ELIMINATE THE MINIMUM WATER CONSUMPTION CHARGE, TO PROVIDE FOR REVISED WATER CONSUMPTION RATES, TO PROVIDE FOR REVISED WATER COST OF SERVICE CHARGES, TO PROVIDE FOR REVISED SEWER TREATMENT RATES, TO ELIMINATE SEWER CAP ON RESIDENTIAL USAGE DURING SUMMER MONTHS, TO PROVIDE FOR REVISED WASTEWATER COST OF SERVICE CHARGES, TO ELIMINATE THE MINIMUM SEWAGE DISPOSAL CHARGE IF CONNECTED TO TOWNSHIP WATER SYSTEM, TO PROVIDE FOR REVISED MINIMUM SEWAGE DISPOSAL BILLS IF NOT CONNECTED TO THE TOWNSHIP WATER SYSTEM, TO PROVIDE FOR REVISED INDUSTRIAL WASTE CHARGE (IWC) RATES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR REVISED INDUSTRIAL SURCHARGE RATES; PROVIDING FOR THE SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR VIOLATION AND PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO SUBDIVISION II RATES AND CHARGES Ordinance No. 30 is hereby adopted to amend Sections 74-81, 74-82 and 74-83 of the Utilities Ordinance, entitled Rates and Charges to provide as follows: This section provides for the elimination of the minimum water consumption charge, elimination of the sewage disposal cap for residential class customers, the elimination of the minimum sewer bill for customers connected to the township water system, to provide for revised water consumption rates, to provide for revised water cost of service charges, to provide for revised sewer treatment rates, to provide for revised wastewater cost of service charges, to provide for revised minimum sewer bills for customers not connection to the township water system, to provide for revised industrial waste charge (IWC) rates, and to provide for revised industrial surcharge rates.ored checks or "e-check" for payment of water and sewer disposal bills, to revise acts which constitute tampering or removing water meter, to provide for a minimum sewer connection size and clean out and manhole requirements for commercial buildings. <u>SECTION 2. SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING</u> PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE OF THE ORDINANCE. The balance of Code of Ordinances, Part I, Chapter 74, except as herein amended, shall remain in full force and effect. All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this amendatory Ordinance takes effect are saved and

may be consummated according to the law enforced when they are

commenced. This amendatory Ordinance shall not be construed to

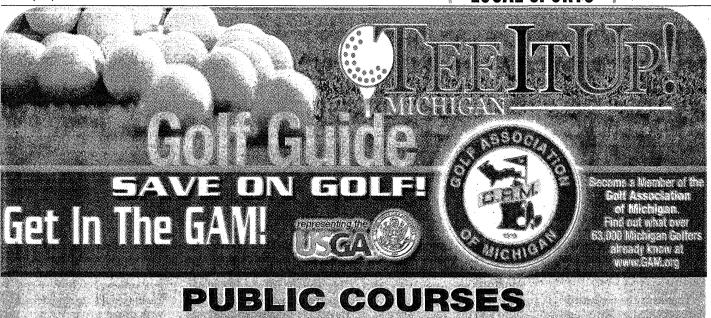
affect any right pending before the effective date of this amendatory Ordinance. **SECTION 3. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.** Any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance or any of the regulations adopted in pursuance thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof may be fined not more than \$500.00 or imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the Court. SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereof. SECTION 5. CONSTRUCTION OF ORDINANCE. This Ordinance shall be liberally construed in such manner as to best effectuate its purpose. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be construed, if possible, in such manner as to make such provisions compatible and consistent with the provisions of all existing Ordinances of the Township and all amendments thereto.

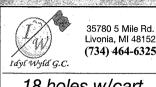
SECTION 6. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING SECTIONS. Portions of the Code of Ordinances, Part I, Chapter 74 are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this amendatory Ordinance full force and effect. SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This section provides that this Ordinance becomes effective after publication. Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, 48188, during regular business hours. Item 5. AUTHORIZATION OF 2008 LIBERTY FEST FIREWORKS DISPLAY. (PSD) Motion carried by all Item 6. APPROVAL OF MCACA members present. DISCRETIONARY GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION. Motion carried by all members present. GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. 2007 AUDIT PRESENTATION. (FBD) Motion carried by all members present. The entire audit may be view during regular business hours (Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) in the Clerk's office, Administration Building 1150 Canton Canton, Michigan. Item 2. AUTHORIZE THE SERVICES SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT TRI COUNTY BEVERAGE CO. (CLS) Motion carried by all members present. Item 3. ELECTRICAL REPLACEMENT/UPGRADE FOR HERITAGE PARK AMPHITHEATER. (CLS) Motion carried by all members present. Item 4. CONSIDER PURCHASING MAST ARMS ALONG WITH DECORATIVE TOPS AND BASES FOR THE 2008 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. (MSD) Motion carried by all members present. Item 5. CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF THE SENSUS MAPPING PROGRAM. (MSD) Motion carried by all members present. Item 6. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH OAKLAND COUNTY FOR CLEMIS LIVESCAN MAINTENANCE. (PSD) Motion carried by all members present. Item 7. FIRST READING OF THE RETAIL FRAUD ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 46, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 2, SECTION 46-91. (PSD) STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, RETAIL 46-91 TO CHAPTER 46, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 2 TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON; TO PROHIBIT RETAIL FRAUD; TO PROVIDE FOR VIOLATION AND PENALTY; TO PROVIDE FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, AND SAVING OF ALL PENDING MATTERS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: SECTION 1: AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 46, ARTICLE III, **DIVISION 2.** Chapter 46, Article III, Division 2, Subdivision II, Section 46-91 is hereby added to read as follows: Sec. 46-91. Retail Fraud. (1) A person who does any of the following in a store or in its immediate vicinity is guilty of retail fraud, a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both imprisonment and a fine: (a) While a store is open to the public, alters, transfers, removes and replaces, conceals, or otherwise misrepresents the price at which property is offered for sale, with the intent not to pay for the property or to pay less than the price at which the property is offered for sale, if the resulting difference in price is less than \$200.00. (b) While a store is open to the public, steals property of the store that is offered for sale at a price of less than \$200.00. (c) With intent to defraud, obtains or attempts to obtain money or property from the store as a refund or exchange for property that was not paid for and belongs to the store. if the amount of money, or the value of the property, obtained or attempted to be obtained is less than \$200.00. SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY. Unless otherwise provided, any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who violates the Unlawful Acts provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a mis-demeanor punishable by a fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and/or imprisonment for up to ninety three (93) days. Every act or violation and every day upon which a violation shall occur shall be considered a separate offense. **SECTION 3.** REPEAL. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, except as herein provided, are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect. SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof. SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE. The repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, as amended. SECTION 6. PUBLICATION. The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law. SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication. CERTIFICATION The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the day of \_\_, 2008, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law. TERRY BENNETT, Clerk, Introduced: June 10, 2008, Published: June 19, 2008 Motion carried by all members present. Item 8. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF LOCKING DISPATCH WORK-STATION FOR EOC. (PSD) Motion carried by all members present. Item. 9. AWARD RADIO SYSTEM EVALUATION CÔNSULTING SERVICES. (PSD) Motion carried by all members present. Item 10. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF 10 SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA). (PSD) Motion carried by all members present. Item 11. BUDGET IN GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR ACCOUNT #101-200-932-0000. (CLERK) Motion carried by all members present. OTHER: Supervisor Yack stated there will be a Board Study Session next Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. on the first floor, Board Room, Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan, 48188. ADJOURN: Motion by Zarbo, supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. -Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor -Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

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

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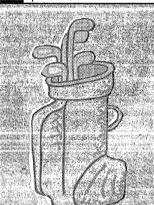
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# Whalers announce '08-'09 schedule

After opening up their 2008-09 Ontario Hockey League season in Kitchener on Friday, Sept. 19, the Plymouth Whalers will start their home schedule 7:05 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at Compuware Arena against the Erie Otters.

The Whalers' entire 2008-09 preseason and regular season schedule can be found below. Saturday continues to be the Whaler primary home date in 2008-09, with 20 dates out of Plymouth's 34 home games on Saturday. The Whalers will play seven games on Friday, two on Sunday afternoon and two Monday 2:00 p.m. matinees - Kid's Day on Mon. Dec. 29 against Sarnia and Mon. Jan. 19 against London.

The remaining three home dates are on Wednesday.

Most Plymouth home games will start at 7:05 p.m. Matinees will start at 2 p.m.

The Whalers' schedule features 48 games against teams within the Western Conference, with 28 of those games within the West Division (8 each against Saginaw and Windsor; 6 each against Sault Ste. Marie and Sarnia) and 20 against Midwest Division opponents. The remaining 20 games are against Eastern Conference teams.

The Ontario Hockey League remains with 20 teams. Plymouth plays in the OHL's West Division of the Western Conference with the Windsor Spitfires, Saginaw Spirit, Sarnia Sting and Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds. The Midwest Division of the Western Conference features the London Knights, Kitchener Rangers, Owen Sound Attack, Guelph Storm and Erie Otters.

Season ticket, single-game and group rates for all Whalers game can be found online at www.plymouthwhalers.com or by calling the Compuware Arena Box Office at (734) 453-

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# Plymouth LAX camp

The Plymouth High School lacrosse program will be offering an instructional skills camp that will cover every aspect of the game for players of all skill levels on June 28-29, from 9 a.m. to noon for kids in grades 6th through 8th; and from 1-4 p.m. for 9th through 12th graders at Heritage Park in Canton.

The camp will be staffed by high school coaches as well as current and former college and high school players.

The cost is \$50, which includes a custom-reversible jersey, six hours of instruction, one-on-one and specialized instruction for every position and a post-camp evaluation.

Players can register online at www.plymouthlacrosse.

For more information, send an e-mail to info@plymouthlacrosse.com.

# Plymouth Football Camp

The Plymouth Wildcat Skills Camp will run June 23-25 from 5-7 p.m. at the PCEP varsity stadium field. It is a fundamentals camp for kids from 5th to 9th grades.

For more information, visit www.plymouthwildcats.com or call coach Sawchuk at (734) 582-5696.

# Wildcat golf outing

The seventh annual Plymouth High School Wildcat Football Golf Outing will be held Saturday, July 19, at 1:30 p.m. at The Inn at St. John's Golf and Conference Center, which is located at 44045 Five Mile in Plymouth.

The format will be a bestball scramble with a shotgun

The \$100-per-golfer fee includes dinner and a hot dog at the turn. Individuals can attend just the buffet dinner for \$40.

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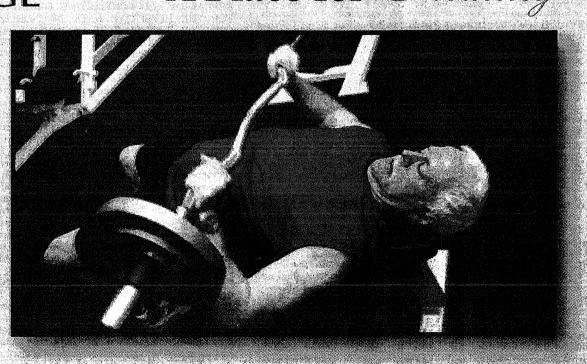
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# Historic preservation doesn't always mean 'ancient'

**O&E STAFF WRITER** 

When you hear "historic preservation," you might think of buildings from the early 1900s or even before. Nancy Finegood, executive director of the Michigan Historic Preservation Network, knows that's not necessarily the case.

Structures are usually considered historic if they're 50 years or older, said Finegood, who lived in Oak Park for 30 years in a home that now qualifies. She cited the "recent past" movement of encouraging interest in those "newer older" buildings, both residential and commercial. Architects like Yamasaki and others are being appreciated.

One such local effort was the recent renovation of downtown Plymouth's Penn Theatre, which opened in 1941 and is now still in use as a theater, showing movies regularly. Friends of the Penn, a nonprofit organization,

If you're interested in learning more about historic preservation, you can call (517) 371-8080 or e-mail the Michigan Historic Preservation Network at info@mhpn.org to schedule a workshop or workshop series.

runs the theater and shows current second run movies, independent films, classic film festivals, and occasional live musical performances.

Finegood of the Lansing-based MHPN sees a lot of interest in historic preservation, including Detroit and Grand Rapids in particular. People realize older buildings are often "green" with better construction and insulation, "especially since everyone's looking at the environment today."

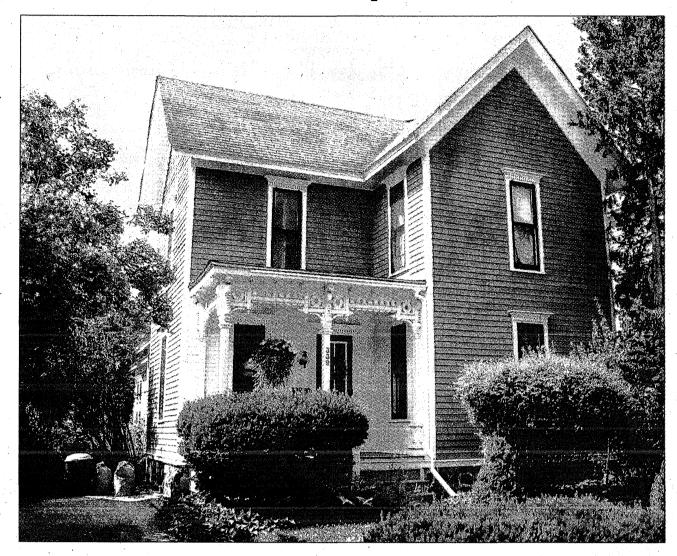
States like Virginia and Kansas have done the best in federal and state tax credits to encourage preservation, she said. In Michigan for commercial projects, you must use the federal credit first and receive only 5 percent state credit compared to a full 25 percent state credit.

"We're starting to see more activity," Finegood said. There's a 25 percent tax credit from the state if your home's in a local historic district. Those are found locally, including Farmington, Plymouth, Rochester, Birmingham and both residential and commercial for Pontiac.

"I think the ethic is changing," Finegood said. She hesitates to use "cool cities" which has been muchquoted, but notes young people like places like San Francisco and similar environments closer to home.

"They're not looking for the cool and modern. I think that ethic is starting to grow in Michigan." A boost to home values in historic districts is also a factor, she said.

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This home on Townsend in Birmingham is in that city's historic district.



This Warren Court home is found in Birmingham's historic district.

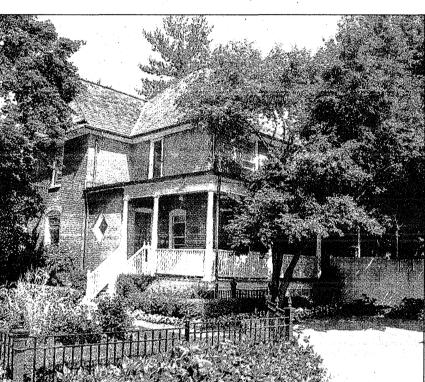
the Michigan Historic Preservation Network at info@mhpn.org to schedule a workshop or workshop series.

"It's definitely hands-on," Finegood said of practical preservation workshops where participants wield hammers and other tools while working on buildings in need of work.

The network also offers training for historic district commissioners, and teaches about easements and assessments.

"We'll talk about anything you like,' she said. "We travel the whole state." The network has a field representative for southeast Michigan, and is hiring someone for the western and northern state, including the Upper Peninsula.

Founded in 1981, the MHPN was initially a group of people interested in protecting historic districts. With the addition of dedicated staff members and use of a work plan strategy,



Birmingham's historic district includes this home on Townsend

MHPN transformed itself into an educational and advocacy organization, offering programs for beginning and veteran preservationists.

More specialized efforts have also emerged, including partnering with the national Partners for Sacred Places program to guide congregations in the preservation and restoration of their historic houses of wor-

"We teach them how to fund raise like a nonprofit would," Finegood said. The network is involved with 22

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These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of March 3-7, 2008, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County.

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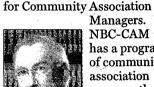
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Q. We are in the process of retaining a property manager and I am wondering what designation **NBC-CAM** means on their letterhead?

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A. NBC-CAM means



Robert Meisner

has a program of community association mangers that are provided training and expertise in the community association field. Indeed,

I am advised that many state legislatures are considering incorporating credentialing licensing programs that would utilize the CMCA program as a measurement of assurance that community managers are qualified and capable in all major knowledge areas of community association management. Obviously, there is a need for professionalism in community association management, and this organization hopes to achieve

Q: I am a member of the Board of Directors of my condominium association and I spend most of my winters in Florida. I want to participate in winter board meetings, but I do not like to travel for the meetings or vote by proxy. In fact, my situation is common among other board members and some have suggested e-mail and speaker phone as possible options. Is it legal to vote by e-mail and participate in meetings via speaker phone?

A: The Michigan Legislature has recently amended the Non-Profit Corporation Act to include provisions authorizing certain actions by means of "electronic transmission" and/ or "remote communication" if such actions are otherwise permitted by the articles of incorporation and/or bylaws. As such, board members are permitted to vote by e-mail and participate in meetings via speaker phone if the governing condominium documents so provide, but vou should consult with an attorney who is knowledgeable in community association law before undertaking any of these actions.

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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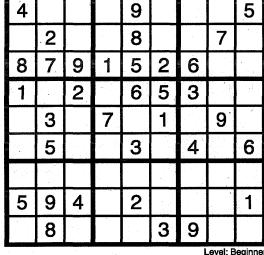
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# Career Seminar

Keller Williams Realty in Plymouth is offering a free Career Seminar in Real Estate Marketing and Sales, and Personal Wealth Building, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 25, at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Find out how to get started in a real estate career or increase your existing production if you are an experienced agent. Contact Heidi Anderson at (734) 357-0678 to reserve a seat or call (800) 864-7078, Ext. 9012, for 24-hour information. Visit www. RealEstateCareers.net.

# BIA

**■** 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.

Registration fees are \$200 per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

# **Blitz Build**

Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County announced that its incredible Blitz Build 2008 will take place June 13-28 on Ferry Street in Pontiac. Building sideby-side with over 750 volunteers

during the intensive two-week build, four new partner families will be able to stand proudly as their first ever homes are dedicated on June 28 at 4 p.m.

The Blitz Build first started in 2005 with the Jimmy Carter Work Project where Habitat and its cadre of partner families and volunteers were able to see energy pour into another Pontiac neighborhood in this quick results

The need for Habitat volunteers and sponsors is always in high demand. If you or your organization is interested in volunteering or becoming a sponsor, please contact Brad Irwin at (248) 338-1843, Ext. 22.

Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry which partners with people of faith, all faiths and no faith which seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from Oakland County, Michigan and

churches, "quite a few in Detroit and two in Pontiac." There also is a collaborative program that brought hands-on historic preservation training to a group of high school students in Detroit, moving historic preservation into the public educational system. Partners in this program included MHPN, the Detroit Historic Designation Advisory Board, the A. Philip Randolph Career and Technical Center, the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office, and Detroit Parks and Recreation.

The students go to Historic Ft. Wayne for a "living lab" and enhanced career opportunities, she said.

Finegood said the burden of preservation standards depends on your district, ordinance and commission. General standards are those of the U.S. Secretary of the Interior/National Park Service.

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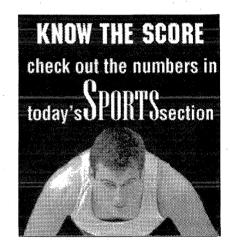
"Those aren't as onerous as everyone thinks," she said. Finegood was at a meeting where Huntington Woods considered a historic district, and some were worried they'd be told what flowers to plant and other minute details that don't apply.

That community then established such a district for residences and the Rackham Golf Course.

"Very smart people in Huntington Woods," she said, adding Ferndale's considering a commercial historic district.

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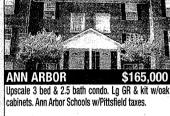
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4 BR, 2.5 BA brick ranch on golf course. New kitchen w/granite & master bath w/jetted tub. Finished basement w/home office full bath & wet bar. Sharp!



great room w/natural fireplace.

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inished basement

3 yr old home on 1/2 acre lot on a peninsula w/lake

views from every window of this 5,000 sq ft home

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that offers a fin w/o, 5 BR, 4.5 BA & 3 car gar.

FARMINGTON HILLS

Large master suite with private bath.

MLS# 28075288

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\$2,900,000 Approved site plan for 88 detached single family homes. Seller is open for creative ideas. Site plan avail at listing office. All utilities available.

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All appliances, Tear off roof 06, BATVAI.

CANTON

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cabs & red oak wd firs. New windows, updated baths.

3 Red. 1 Bath, remod, kitchen w/maple cabinets.

remod. bath, newer roof & windows, newer patio &

fence, new berber carpet, big backyard & 2 car gar.

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Jacuzzi tub. Huge master bed. Lrg deck.

3 Bed/2.5 bath, 2,653 sq.ft., great kitchen w/cherry cab's, 1st flr. Laundry, 2 story gr. rm., w/bridge above, hearth rm, pool/tennis ct. in golf comm. MLS# 28068019

4 Bed/2.5 bath/, fin.w/o w/fam.rm., totally remod. kitchen w/cherry cab's/granite counters/wet bar, new carpet t/o. deck. newer roof t.o., big yard.

MLS# 28066862

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1st fir study & laundry. Full bsmt. Att 2 car gar.

MI S#28087927

Beautiful 3 bed 1 bath bungalow on dbl lot. Features updated wood floors, siding, furnace, and kitchen, Al appl, incld along with home warranty. 734-453-6800 MLS#28089704

Large lake front beauty! Custom cabs, granite, wo firs. 2-story fam rm, sunrm, huge mstr w/sit rm. 10ft walkout. Patio & deck overlooks spring fed lk. MLS# 28092216 248-347-3050

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Wayne & Warren. June 21-22, 9am-5pm. Mini-bike, enter-

tainment centers, TVs, DVD

player, small electronics, patio

table & chairs, cd players

bikes, playhouse, misc. household goods, & clothing.

**WESTLAND GARAGE SALE** 

205 N Walton, 5 blks W of Wayne Rd, off Cherry Hill.

Gas grill, hoat motors, house-

hold goods, mower, lots of books, small appliances,

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Great prices and free stuff!

WESTLAND June 20-21-22.

9-4:30pm. 7338 Garden St., N of Warren. Building materials

& tools, set of Noritake China,

corner china cabinet, sewing

GARAGE SALE!!! 1517 Berry, Westland, Off Palmer, btwn

Wayne & Newburgh. June 21 & 22. Come and be pleasant-

27550 Terrence, N. of 5 Mile,

antiques, furn, patio set, bar

Cars, Beerstein,

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machine w/cabinet & misc.

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32651 Sandra Lane Off Farmington and Joy. Friday, June 20 & Saturday 21 9-6pm. Furniture, clothing Blower, etcetera.

ALLEN PARK GARAGE 6/21-6/22, 9-4pm at the Community Center, 15800 White St, Southfield & Allen.

BERKLEY GARAGE SALE Sat 9am-4pm, 2265 Kipling, Berkley. Househol Goods, Books, Videos, Misc Household No Furniture or Clothing. No Early Birds!

BEVERLY HILLS Huge 20+ Family Garage Sale Fund Raiser - Tools, furniture, household, sports equip June 20, 21, 8 am - 4 pm. Wilshire Beverly Hills, MI 48025.

BIRMINGHAM - 2 family garage sale. Lots of good stuff! Fri 6/20, 9-4pm; Sat 6/21, 9-1pm. 1011 Smith, 2 blks N of 14 Mile, W of Woodward.

**RIRMINGHAM** Great Moving Sale! Furniture, housewares, designer clothes, children's. Too Good To Miss! Absolutely No Early Birds! 1028 Chester , N of Lincoln: June 19-21st, 9am-4pm.

BIRMINGHAM -6/21, 8am-4pm. Patio set, craft & holiday items, hardware, furniture, toys, books, misc. household, small appli-ances and more! 1606 Haynes St. 48009, S. of 15 Mile, E. off Adams, W. off Eton, SE corner of Haynes & Torry

BIRMINGHAM- 887 Lakeview Ave, Oak (15½) Ave & Woodward. Fri-Sat, 8-4pm. Mega baby sale! Baby clothes, gear & maternity (LG/XL).

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS -Hugo Rummage Sale 2215 Opdyke, Wed. 6-25, 6-9pm. 30% markup, Thurs. 6/26, 9a-4p. Fri. 6-27, 9a-12p.

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS GARAGE** 

SALE- Household, bunk bed,

sports, misc. June 20-21, 9-

5pm. 6450 Hills Dr, NE corner

Telegraph & 15 Mile.

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS- Blowout** sale! Children's & home furnishings, Sat-Sun, 8-4. Everything must go! 5015 Ponvalley Rd, Lahser & Lone Pine.

Bradway Blvd 2 blocks east of Lahser, 2 blocks North of Maple. June 19,20,21, 9am-Costume (sterling-gold filled) artisan jewelry, womans mens, and kids clothes. LP's mens, and kids clothes. LP's, some artwork, Lionel NYC freight train, cut glass and crystal items, Hummel plates, round marble top coffee table. several other lamp tables, 2 crystal lamps, bedding items plus lots of misc items. No

ture, jewelry, clothes, etc. CANTON Hidden River Estates

Sub-Wide Garage Sale Geddes/Beck X-Streets June 20, 21, & 22; 9-5pm CANTON - 2-Family 8597/8598 Westchester (S off

9am. Thurs-Sat. Variety. 48188. Northwest Beck Geddes-follow sians. Multi family. Tons of baby equip ment, maternity clothes

Thurs-Sat. 9am-4pm **CANTON** Garage Sale June (9-4) 7928 Kaiser Street Canton - Everything must

CANTON Multi-Family Block Sale at Robyn Dr, N. of Cherry Hill, E. of Lilley, June 20-21 8:30-5. Furniture (indoor/patio), books, baby/toddler clothes/gear, adult clothes, pre-k teacher items, comput-

CANTON-HUGE SALE side of Haggerty Rd., just of Michigan Ave. Glen Ridge Sub. Sat. June 21,

er. elec., lawnmower.

**DEARBORN** - Springwell Park 25th annual sub sale. Over 30 homes participating, Fri. June 20-Sat. June 21, 9am-5pm, & Sun. June 22, 10am-2pm. Located on the corner of Rotunda & Greenfield.

DEARBORN HTS. **Golfview Manor Subdivision** Garage Sale 40+ homes. N. of Warren, E. of Inkster. June 21-22, 9am-5pm.

DETROIT - Rosedale Park \*\*30 Block Garage Sale\*\* Sat., June 28, 9-2pm. Btwn Southfield Freeway & Artesian, S. of Grand River to Lyndon.

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FARMINGTON HILLS June 21 & 22, 10-5pm.

**FARMINGTON HILLS 21414** Whittington. June 20 & 21, 9am-3pm. Baby gear, toys, clothes (Preemie-3T); house-Pre- Sales or early birds. CANTON 44064 Gordon; E off Sheldon between Ford & Cherry Hill. 6/19-6/21, 9-4. Bone china, antiques, furni-

Middlebelt. June 20-22nd., 10am-6pm. Joy, E of Sheldon). Starts

28763 Greening St, 12 Mile & Orchard Lake 2981 Stanton

21, 9-5p. To household, etc.

SELL! Lots of baby stuff.

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FARMINGTON HILLS ONE DAY MOVING SALE - Sat. June 21, 9am-5pm, Sun, June 22, 9am-3pm. 9AM-5PM. 38995 HOLSWORTH CT., Btwn 13 & 14 Mile Rd., East off Haggerty. King size bed-room set, dining room set,

FARMINGTON HILLS Sub Garage Sale! June 19-21 9am.-5pm. Spring-brook

Sale - Colony Park West N/12, E/ Drake, June 19-21, 9-4. Toys, furniture, golf clubs, salesman samples, bath items & candles, & much more!

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SUB-WIDE GARAGE SALE Churchill Estates Sub. S of 11 Mile, W of Inkster. Sat-Sun

S of 11, E of Middlebelt.

hold; lawn equipment; books. FARMINGTON HILLS 25910 Kilreigh, off 11 Mile, btwn Middlebelt & Inkster, June 21 22, 9am-5pm. Household, some furniture, M & F clothes.

SALE HUGE GARAGE SALE-Multi Family. Sat., June 21st Only! 8-5pm.

FARMINGTON HILLS Inde-

FARMINGTON HILLS Annual Garage Sale - June 19, 20, 21, 8am-5pm. 12 Mile at Farmington Rd.

women's clothing, hom decor, garden stuff & more!

Sub., S. of 696, S. of 1 Mile, btwn. Orchard Lake & Middlebelt, Many homes. **FARMINGTON HILLS** 

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FARMINGTON HILLS Garage Sale - Drill press, hand tools, furniture & camping stuff, 22761 Purdue, 9 Mile &

pendence Commons (Grand River/ 11 Mile, off Drake). 25353 Crown Pt. Ct. June 19-Toys, clothes,

Maps/listings at entrances. FARMINGTON HILLS Multi-Family Garage Sale. House-hold items, children's clothes (to size 8) and toys. Thurs. June 19-Sat. June 21, 9am-4pm. 26310 Pleasant Valley Drive, Farmington Hills, E of

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21 & 22, 8am-4pm. 23079 Violet, 1 blk E of Orchard Lake & Shiawassee Rd.

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Sheldon, N of N. Territorial. Thurs.-Fri. 9am-5pm, Sat. 9am-2pm. Culinary, tools, kids PLYMOUTH Multi-Family Sale!! Friday 8am-3pm, Sat-urday 8am-11am. Children's clothing, toys, household goods, equipment, furniture,

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Orchard Hills Sub Sale, South Boulevard/Coolidge. Fri.-Sat June 20-21

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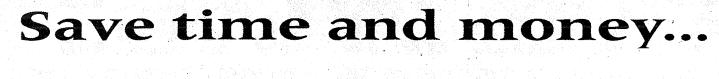
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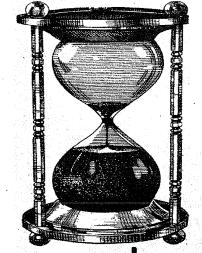
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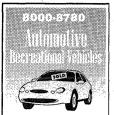
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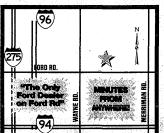
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WO from FR to brick paver patio in sizeable fenced yard All appl stay in pretty kit w/oak cab & cer tile. Crn mold abnds in LR, DR, mst BR. Newer furn, vnyl wdws, & HWH. MLS 28093017 248-855-2000



GR w/cath cing & hrdwd. Kit w/mpl cab, 2 types gran. Wtrprf bsmnt. Gntr, 2 heat sytms w/ac, boiler 08, sump pump w/back up system, pella wndws. Priv on wing lk. 248-855-2000 MLS 28045825



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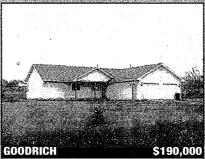
\$204,900 LIVONIA Updated colonial, newer furnace, c/a, roof, gutters, porch walkway, hardwood floors, prof fin basement, 2 patios in pretty backyard MLS 28065110 734-462-9800



Beautiful upper condo, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, with bonus room, great room w/fireplace, in-unit laundry, lovely 734-462-9800 MLS 28082775



3 bedroom, 2.5 bath lakefront home, Phenomenal views from remodeled kitchen, formal dining room, and living room with fireplace. 3 living areas. Finished WO bsmt. MLS 28074586 248-673-2211



2 bedroom ranch located on over 5 acres. Third bedroom room. Finished in finished lower level. Open floor plan. Living room with fireplace that opens to din rm, doorwall to cedar deck. Lg bedrooms with shelving in closets.

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**COMPO AWARDED** 

James D. Compo, a Farmington Hills-based custom builder and remodeler, was awarded the 2008 Energy Star grant for southeast Michigan.

David Compo, president, said every Compo custom home features a 5-Star energy-efficiency package.

"Staying abreast of the energy-saving technology developments and incorporating them in our homes has been a priority in our company for years," Compo said. "Our continual commitment to energy efficiency played a key role in our being selected for this much coveted grant. We are proud to be able to provide our customers with a home that conserves energy and saves them money year after year."

In addition to receiving the Energy Star Grant, Compo also won the 2008 Blue Ribbon Award for Home Design from the Building Industry Association of SE Michigan (BIA) for their new model in Northville, the Dawson II. This home included many step-up features.

Compo also was awarded 4 Sales & Marketing Awards from the BIA, including Best Web site, two Best **Interior Merchandising** awards, and Best Broker/ Realtor event, which was held at The Whitney.

James D. Compo, Inc. has been designing, building, and remodeling custom homes since the company was formed in 1961. The Compo family business, now in its third generation, looks forward to providing unique residential building solutions to the metro Detroit market for years to come.

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# **ASH BORER TIPS**

Homeowners, commercial property owners and municipalities can catch a video highlighting efforts to control the emerald ash borer on the newly launched Web site www.TreeResearch.org.

The video is hosted by Dave Roberts, specialist and district horticulture agent with Michigan State University Extension, who first identified the emerald ash borer in 2002. The video provides details about the signs and diagnosis of EAB, as well as an overview of chemicals and fertilizers used to successfully treat ash trees.

Southeastern Michigan arborists demonstrate the procedures for the survival and recovery of ash trees. They explain the most effective method is to utilize trunk injections that do not require drilling since the holes permanently damage a tree's ability to move nutri-

The recommended action, as shown in the video, is for annual applications of the pesticide imidacloprid in areas with heavy infestations and in the curative stages and the use of it every other year in preventive situations.

Pointer, an Imidacloprid product from ArborSystems that is labeled by the EPA for two-year control, is used along with various fertilizers and root stimulants to keep trees as healthy as possible.

For more information, visit www.TreeResearch.org.

Glamorous gardens

Pat Ribar works in her garden, one of seven on the Flowers are Forever garden walk in Plymouth June 24. Above, an antique chicken feeder is now a planter.

# Plymouth, other walks extol summer's blooms

Ken Abramczyk, editor . (248) 901 2591, kabramcz@hometownlife.com

> BY KEN ABRAMCZYK O & E STAFF WRITER

Pat Ribar loves phlox because they are "tall, showey

and quite fragrant," she says. She enjoys zinnias and valarium. Her favorite colors are red and yellow. "I like a bright blast of color,"

she said."I like fragrant

things that sprout seeds.

Everything has to grow by itself."

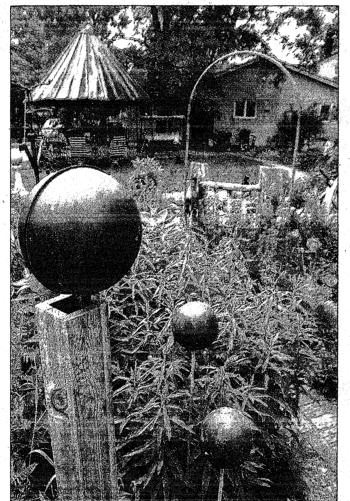
Pat and Steve Ribar's yard is a slice of Plymouth's "country," one of seven on the Trailwood Garden Club's 13th annual Flowers are Forever

garden walk June 24.

Visitors can expect to be surprised by the Ribar's three-story barn, pond and natural gardens, all tucked into a downtown city lot. Winding brick and stone paths lead to patches of

ferns, lilies, coneflowers and grasses. The Ribars use a former corn crib for a gazebo. A windmill stand (without the windmill) will be draped

Please see GARDEN, D2



Antiques decorate the gardens at Pat and Steve Ribar's home.

# LOCAL GARDEN WALKS

June marks the end of the school year and the beginning of summer. It's also garden season, a time of year when gardeners reap seeds sown and seedlings planted, inviting the public into their yards at local garden walks.

You probably live near one of the scores of garden walks offered from now through August. Most are scheduled in late June.

### Here is a schedule: **Rochester Hills Museum Garden Tour**

Seven gardens ranging from small lots surrounding historic homes to sprawling gardens in Oakland Township, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. June 19. Guests can tour the Museum Dairy Barn, enjoy exhibits, children's garden and historic plantings surrounding the 1840 Van Hoosen Farmhouse and refreshments. Tickets are \$8 in advance for museum members, \$10 for

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gardens.

What: 13th annual garden walk of the

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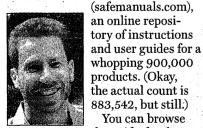
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For information about the walk, call



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Question: What's a wiki, and why should I care?

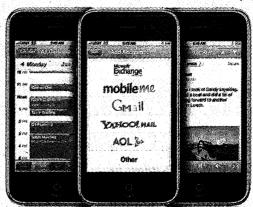
Answer: A wiki is a batch of Web pages containing custom content that you and/or others can edit at will. By far the most prominent example is Wikipedia, the online encyclopedia written and edited by everyday

But you can also use a wiki as a kind of personal online filing cabinet, one that's great for keeping track of notes, ideas, links, and other infor-

For example, I've got a wiki page called "house stuff." It contains notes about home repairs we've had done (dates, contractor names and numbers, etc.), quotes we've received, and

Another page, "Patio table," details my attempt to get warranty service on a table. It has the contact info of the manufacturer's customer-service rep, the dates and details of our conversations, and even a scanned image

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The new iPhone may be cheaper, but it'll actually cost you more over the course of your two-year contract. Buy one anyway.

# UN: Our meats impact the environment more than cars

l Gore is ignoring what the United Nations says is one of the leading contributors to global warming: Meat.

Gore, like most of us, isn't willing to give



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ing to save the entire planet. Cows raised as food generate more global warming gases, in CO2 equivalent, than

up a meat

sandwich for

the sake of try-

Lana Mini all forms of transportation, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization reports.

"The environmental costs per unit of livestock production must be cut by one-half, just to avoid the level of damage worsening beyond its present level," the U.N. warns.

The matter is on our hands. No more debate.

We can change a light bulb and claim to be green, but that's like cleaning the ocean with a net the size of a soup can. Babysteps of success aren't good enough and we can no longer say "every little bit helps" because global warming's progression is running at top speed while we're just strolling along. Time is ticking.

We must end juvenile jokes about cows and methane. It's time to put on our grown-up pants and admit we have a

major problem. The UN report "Livestock's Long Shadow-Environmental Issues and Options" reveals a startling revelation: a vegetarian who drives the biggest SUV on the market is more eco-friendly than a meat-eater driving a hybrid. Scary.

### **YOUR KIDS**

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I don't have children, but I care about yours and the Earth is their home. Whether global warming is real isn't debatable anymore by the world's top scientists.

Boiled down, the U.N. report indicates a choice: meatballs vs. human/plant/species/planet survival.

Seriously. Are we willing to sacrifice your kids' or grandkids' planet for a burger?

Going vegetarian to save our land sounds simple. But is it?

We live in a world addicted to animal flesh. We kill for it (animals). We risk disease for it (obesity, some cancers and heart disease). We destroy rain forests for it (forests cleared to raise animals cheaply). World starvation is partially caused by it (most of the planet's grains are fed to animals, not to people). Animals who are killed for meat only feed a fraction of the world's population, Amnesty International and other human rights groups explain.

# SAY IT AGAIN

"Livestock are one of the most significant contributors to today's most serious environmental problems," said Henning Steinfeld, senior UN Food and Agriculture Organization official. "Urgent action is required.

The report warns that livestock generates 65 percent of human-related nitrous oxide, which has 296 times the global warming potential (GWP) of

But chances are we'll still eat meat tonight. Is it because we're selfish? Or do we minimize the true impact each of us has on the Earth's health?

Replacing cows with fish isn't the solution, because of over-fishing problems in our oceans. Farmed fish isn't as energy-efficient as veg diets. Pigs aren't the answer because of the problematic waste lagoons on those big farms. Chickens aren't the solution because sometimes there's mercury in their waste and other issues.

And, according to the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, meat production takes 6-18 times more land, 4-26 times more water, 6-20 times more fossil fuels and more chemicals than vegetarian diets

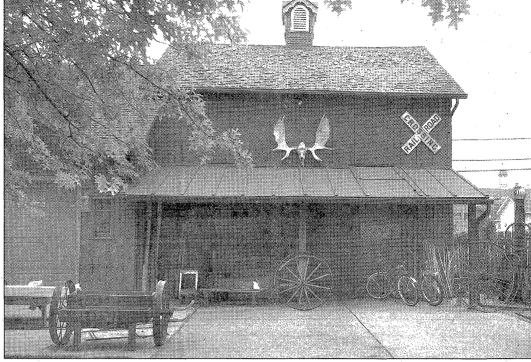
Protein level concerns aren't an excuse to avoid vegetarianism because Americans eat too much protein anyway, according to the American Heart Association. Concern for our iron levels isn't an excuse. Leafy greens contain iron. I'm vegan and never need energy drinks to keep me going. Some of the world's strongest athletes are vegan like Dave Scott, a six-time winner of the Ironman triathlon.

The solution to help seems easy. An avocado instead of animal protein. A portobella instead of a steak.

Black bean tacos rather than a meat taco. The trouble is convincing your neighbor to join you - for the sake of his or her

We can do it, if we care. Americans are strong. And if we start, other countries will

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The original barn remains on the property.

with vines, and a table set for tea. Figurines stand throughout the yard.

Pat has gardened since she was a little girl. 'To me, it's very therapeutic. It's a wonderful way to relax. My mother was a farm girl, and her garden was 85 percent vegetables and 15 percent flowers. Mine is 100 percent flowers. The vegetables just take up way too much.



A grassless front yard means less watering.

garden full of flowers and plants keep out the weeds, too, she says. "There's just so many plants, there's no room for the weeds," Ribar said. And there's

Keeping the

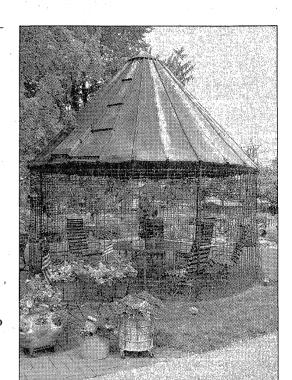
always something in bloom, too. The gardens were

chosen from references and

volunteered their gardens for this year's walk, according to Kate Kerr, first vice president of the Trailwood Garden Club. "Sometimes we hear about these yards through volunteers or references and we'll talk to them to see if they're interested," Kerr said. "We do look at it and see if it will work for us."

Another homeowner on the tour lost four trees to the emerald ash borer, changing the light and look of the property. Having a large yard mostly made up of lawn required weed and grub control and hours of mowing, so lowmaintenance areas were created.

Next door is another garden that is home to flowering shrubs, fruit trees, perennials and Heavenly Blue Morning Glories. The flower beds in the front yard have expanded to include flowering shrubs, perennials, River Birch trees



An old corn crib was converted into a gazebo.

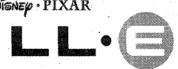
Faeries will greet at another garden on the tour. Small special gardens were created in between, with a Michigan wildflower corner, a tiny Japanese moss garden, and cutting and vegetable areas.

Further along the tour, another garden is comprised of several areas or rooms, each with a different feeling — some more formal, while beds are more natural in style. For interest, the homeowners fill areas with pots of annuals and garden ornaments. The garden attracts many birds and butterflies, several hummingbirds, yellow finches, downy woodpeckers, wrens, chickadees, redwing blackbirds, nuthatches and occasionally a red-tailed hawk or two.

Move onto the next garden and visitors will see added shrubs and perennials. The ownplanting,

The gardens at the final home are the reflection of favorite times spent in gardens, cottages, countryside visits from childhood memories and travels in gardens throughout the United Kingdom, Canada and Michigan. The mix of plantings are mostly perennials, trees and shrubs with container plantings of summer

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**Greenmead Garden Walk** 

19th annual Garden Walk features seven gardens and yards in Livonia, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. June 21, presented by the Friends for the Development of Greenmead, Proceeds benefit the restoration and preservation of Livonia's Greenmead Historical Village. Tickets available at Livonia libraries, Civic Center Library Gift Shop and the Greenmead office. Call

(734) 466-2540, or (734) 425-4855. Sylvan Lake Garden Walk

Eight homes plus five additional gardens, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., June 21. Tickets, \$12 prior to day of tour, \$15 day of tour, are available at Sylvan Lake City Hall. Call (248) 615-6296 or visit www.sylvantour.com.

Garden City Garden Walk

The 15th annual Garden City Garden Walk features six gardens, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. June 28, rain or shine. Tickets, \$6, are available at Barson's Greenhouse, 6414 Merriman (at Maplewood), Garden City City Hall, or from garden club members. Call Paula Relich at (734) 525-2524 or (734) 776-6258.

Royal Oak Garden Walk Royal Oak Woman's Club Home and

Garden tour, showcasing eight private homes and gardens, starts at 404 South Pleasant, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. June 28, tickets available at William

> W. 11 Mile Road, and The Ladybug Craft and Framing Shoppe, 210 W. Sixth. Call (248) 543-0064 or visit www.royaloakwomansclub.org. **Country Garden Club of Northville** Six gardens will be featured on the

Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705

15th Annual Garden Walk, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. July 9. Tickets are \$10. Call (248)

## 348-3263 or visit www.cgcnv.org. Farmington Garden Walk

Strolling Through the Gardens in Time highlights one public and eight private gardens, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 2. Tickets will be available at Steinkopf Nursery, 20815 Farmington Road.

# **GARDEN CALENDAR**

If you have an item for the garden calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Wensdy Von Buskirk at wvonb@hometownlife.

**Great Lakes Roses** The final year of popular rose pro-

grams continues as owners Nancy & Roger Lindley plan to retire in the fall. Sunday sessions start at 1 p.m.; Monday at 11 a.m., Yesterday's Rugged Rugosa roses, June 22-23; Rose Propagation Workshop, June 29-30; Japanese Beetle Control for Roses, July 6-7; Herbs from Head to Toe, July 13. Dress for the weather. Except for the rose propagation workshop, events are free and open to the public without reservations. Great Lakes Roses is located at 49875 Willow Road, Sumpter Township. Visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com or call (734) 461-1230.

Southeast Michigan Butterfly **Association** 

"Good Bug, Bad Bug," how to identify and manage the bugs in your yard to have a butterfly garden without pesticides with Kristine Hahn, 7-8:30 p.m. June 18, \$3 for non-members; members are free, Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, (734) 326-0578, www.sembabutterfly.com.

**Farmington Garden Club** 

22nd annual Good Neighbor Garden Contest, open to all residents of Farmington/Farmington Hills. Send gardener's name, phone number, address and name of person entering garden (if not the gardener) and their telephone number. (If the garden is not your own, get permission from the gardener first before entering the contest.) Deadline for entries is July 1. Judging will be done the week of July 9-13. First, second and third place winners will receive a gift certificate

from a local garden center. Mail entry to Joann Jenkins, Good Neighbor Garden Contest, 34621 Beechwood, Farmington Hills MI 48335. For an online entry form, visit farmingtongardenclub.com. For more information, call (248) 474-0866.

Four Seasons Bonsai Club of Michigan

36th annual bonsai show, June 21-22, featuring bonsai master Roy Nagatoshi at a demonstration at 2 p.m. June 21 and workshops June 22, Telly's Greenhouse, 3301 John R. Troy. Call (248) 585-9916, or visit www. fourseasonsbonsai.com.

Michigan Hosta Society Hosta show and sale with a large col-

lection on sale, along with hundreds of hosta leaves on display, miniature container gardens featuring hostas, 1-4 p.m. June 28, at the Plant and Soil Science Bldg., Bogue and Wilson, on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing.

KNOW THE SCORE: Check out the numbers in today's Sports section

Chief was found in Detroit wandering the streets alone, hungry, trying

uncomfortable surfaces like concrete or a cage. Chief is a 2-year-old

year old yellow Labrador retriever mix who is a sweet boy and loves

giving kisses. Today he's healthy as can be! And he is very smart! He already knows some actions (sit, down, stay, shake, etc). He likes

other dogs, cats and kids. He is neutered, vaccinated and house-

broken. Can you rescue him? Please call Michigan Animal Adoption

to get someone to take him in. His ears were infected and he was suffering from sores on his legs - the vet says from laying on hard

# Lago collection features rich finishes

California Closets, has introduced a new Lago collection - an assortment of premium finishes inspired by the picturesque landscapes and architecture of Italy's Lake

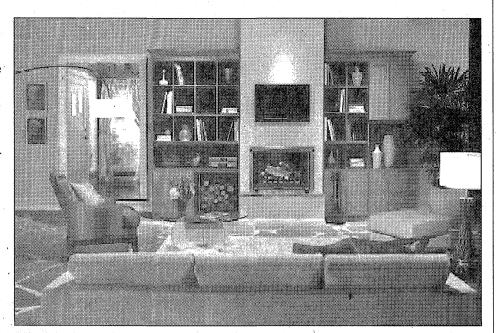
Imported Italian materials with rich finishes and unique wood grains, as well as exceptional craftsmanship define the collection. This combination results in a European-inspired line of five color finishes: Venetian Wenge, Milano Grey, Roman Walnut, Umbrian Oak and Florentine Rosewood.

"The introduction of the new Lago collection offers consumers a classic European style and design that works well with any décor," says Ray Markham, owner of California Closets in Walled

"Lago exemplifies the evolution of the California Closets brand by enhancing the breadth of our product line to extend beyond closets, bringing more furniturelike spatial design solutions to every room in the home."

In addition to being the premium line within California Closets' product assortment, the Lago collection provides environmental benefits.

Lago is made with E1 wood, which has reduced emissions potential and is processed according to a strict European standard for clean and safe wood manufacturing (BS EN 13986).



California Closets has introduced a new Lago Collection, with assorted finishes including Venetian Wenge, Milano Grey, Roman Walnut, Umbrian Oak and Florentine Rosewood. California Closets has locations in Rochester Hills and Walled Lake. For more information, call (248) 624-1234 or visit www. closets4u.net.

California Closets provides individually-designed custom storage solutions. Ray and Sheilah Markham opened their California Closets manufacturing and showroom location in West Bloomfield in April 1988.

The company also added a location at the Village of Rochester Hills. The company has grown from four employees to over 30 since 1988.

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Association at (248) 545-5055.

Lots of services will host a free wiki for you. I've been using Zoho (wiki.zoho.com),

Other services worth trying include PBWiki (pbwiki. com), Google Sites (sites. google.com), and WikiDot

Question: What's your take

Answer: With prices as low as \$199, faster Internet connectivity courtesy of AT&T's high-speed network, and builtin GPS, what's not to like?

the hardware itself is cheaper, plan on spending a minimum of \$70 per month (up from \$60) on data and voice plans from AT&T. Ten bucks multiplied by a 24-month contract equals \$240 extra dollars the iPhone 3G will cost you. So

Equally disappointing, Apple

storage capacity — you're still limited to 8GB or 16GB. That's fine for some people, but it doesn't take much music and/ or video to burn through the available space.

Apple's new App Store, which will bring countless waycool programs and services to the iPhone (and iPod Touch), only exacerbates the problem: The more software you install, the less room you have for other stuff.

(That said, do I want Super Monkey Ball on my Touch? Oh,

Meanwhile, the built-in GPS receiver works only with Google Maps to pinpoint your location — it doesn't offer actual navigation (yet — software developers should fill in this particular gap).

Finally, the iPhone 3G inexplicably lacks stereo Bluetooth, meaning you can't listen to music through wireless headphones or stream it to wireless speakers. Adding this capability would probably cost Apple about 35 cents. What gives?

Let me conclude by saying that for all its faults, the iPhone is still the coolest and most versatile phone on the planet, and absolutely positively worth owning if you can afford it.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida, of Commerce Township, also writes the Cheapskate blog for CNET (blogs. cnet.com/cheapskate). He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.

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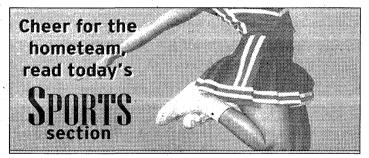
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(wikidot.com).

on the new iPhone 3G? Should I take the plunge?

Plenty, actually. Although much for savings.

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# Combine patterns for modern effect

athy of Westland asks: "I keep noticing in decorator magazines and model homes that the designers use many different patterns in the



Design Solutions

Terri Guastella

There is certainly a skill needed to pull together multiple patterns and colors in the same room; however, there

patterns in one

room?"

are many tools out there available for the do-it-yourselfer to accomplish this task.

To begin, start with your main pattern.

This pattern will need to use all of the colors in the

It can be plaid, stripe, floral or paisley; it really doesn't matter, as long as it uses all of the colors you wish to incorporate

into the design of the room. Notice the scale of this pattern. When mixing patterns you will want to vary the scale of each pattern. If all of the patterns in the room are the same size and scale, the room will look too busy. Varying the pattern size and scale will add interest without being overwhelming.

Next, bring in another pattern with only two of the colors from the main pattern. For example, if your main pattern was a large floral with five or six colors, you could bring in a stripe with only two or three of the colors from the floral pat-

Now look for a smaller pattern in textural solid. This could be a tone-on-tone fabric using a dot or fleck for interest, but not too busy. As you will start to see, these patterns will all work together, providing you vary the pattern size and try to incorporate different parts of your color palette in different pieces of fabric.

With all of that said, there are many companies out there that cater to this look and have

> herbs and living foods into meals samples available, meet the team, noon; talk and tastings 1-3 p.m. June

way between Telegraph Road and Woodward), \$25. To reserve a space call (248) 779-7000, www.lovingoodies.com.

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22, Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559

**The Community House** 

Several classes offered during the months of June and July, including Salads and Vinaigrettes, June 24; Gluten Free and Loving It, 6:30 p.m. July 8; Tarts and Quiches for Bastille Day, 7 p.m. July 14; Summertime and the Cooking is Healthy, 6:30 p.m. July 22; Tasty Tempting Thai Cooking, 7 p.m. July 28; Eastern Market Tour, 8-11 a.m. Aug. 9, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or online at www.communityhouse.com.

**FOOD CALENDAR** 

If you have an item for the food calen dar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Wensdy Von Buskirk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48009, or e-mail

# wvonb@hometownlife.com. **Healthy Cooking Classes**

Learn how to prepare healthy, delicious meals and get "hands-on" experience preparing the recipes at vegetarian, whole foods cooking classes with macrobiotic chef, Valerie Wilson. Each class includes discussions on the healthy benefits of the ingredients. Upcoming classes include: Fundamentals of Healthy Cooking 2008 - Feed and Nurture Your Body, Wednesdays, 6-9 p.m. June 25, fee: \$35 each class. Classes are held at Val's house in Westland, visit www.macroval.com or call (734) 722-4553 for more information.

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# Cooking classes

Williams-Sonoma at The Village of Rochester Hills will offer Summer Entertaining Menu, 5-7:30 p.m. June 29, \$40 to attend, appropriate for any level of experience in the kitchen. Pre-register by calling (248) 375-5891 or by visiting Williams-Sonoma at the Village. The Village of Rochester Hills is located at the northeast corner of Walton and Adams Visit the Village website at www.villageofrochesterhills.com.

### **Healthy Eating Made Easy** Learn how to cook gourmet yet

healthy meals with Michigan Health coach Cheryl Heppard and chef Matt Schellig, the first and third Thursdays of every month. June, barbecue; July, summer seasoned; located at Aunt Olives, 525 N. Old

for more info and to pre-register call (248) 592-0869 or visit www. MichiganHealthCoach.com.

Woodward in Birmingham, classes

are 6:30-8:30 p.m., \$50 per person,

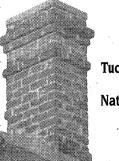
# The Community House

"Summer Whites on the Terrace," summer tasting classes of wines suitable for entertaining, instructed by Nidal Daher and Marc Jonna, series of four classes \$99, \$29 for each class, including Mediterranean Region Wines, June 19; All American Wines, June 26, all classes 7:30-9:30 p.m., 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or online at www.communitvhouse.com.

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What gal didn't get a taste of girl power growing up to the songs of Pat Benatar?

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Pink's "Rockin' on the Riverfront Girls Night Out Giveaway" includes:

Four VIP seating passes to the kick-off concert for Rockin' on the Riverfront featuring Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo (her

■ Four manicures at Clippers (in the Ren Cen) prior to the

■ \$100 gift certificate for dinner at Andiamo Detroit

Riverfront restaurant. A goodie bag from BonBons Candy and Godiva Chocolatier.

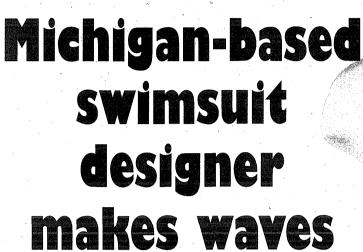
To enter: E-mail your name, age and address to scasola@ hometownlife.com by noon, Monday, June 23. The winner will be notified by noon, Tuesday, June 24 and will pick up their tickets at the



Pat Benatar

Customer Service Desk in the Wintergarden on June 27.

The prizes are non-transferable, so you must be ready to get the girls together on short notice for a fun night out!



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

For Trisha Geftos, life's a beach.

The 29-year-old Riverview resident has parlayed her love of sand and surf into a career as a swimwear designer.

Geftos became enamored with life on the water at an early age. "Ever since I was little I just loved vacationing and traveling and being at the beach and swimming," she said. "And I love glitzy and embellished things so when I couldn't find bathing suits that were what I thought they should look like, I started

making them. Eventually, her hobby grew into a

The 2008 Geftaki Swimwear collection is characterized by sexy cuts, flattering colors and flashy

Geftos said her passion for blingy bikinis comes from her family's background in jewelry. Her father co-own Brothers Fine Jewelry in Southgate, a

store opened by her grandfather in 1955. "I get a lot of my ideas from my dad's business. A lot of the suits are jewelryinspired," she said.

Geftaki Swimwear launched in 2004, and is now sold in five states. Vendors include several Las Vegas resorts, and famed Lisa Kline boutiques in Malibu,

Beverly Hills and Los Angeles. Kim Kardashian, Denise Richards and Jessica Simpson have been spotted in Geftaki Swimwear.

Geftos exhibits each year at the MAGIC fashion trade show in Las Vegas, and makes the top; \$63 for the bottom). sales calls in targeted markets across the

Geftaki's figure-flattering

"Two Tone" suit is adorned

with adjustable metallic ties

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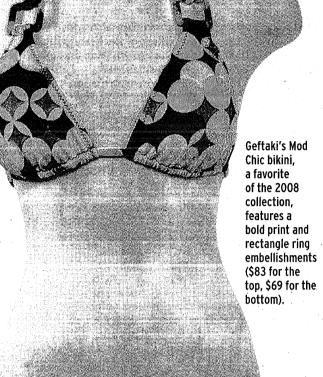
She recently returned to Michigan to sell suits during a "Beach Party" event at Saks Fifth Avenue in Troy, and has high hopes her line will be carried at Saks next year. The suits and cover-ups are manufactured in Los Angeles, and she

sells about 1.100 each year. Geftos gets help from her sister, Keri, 31, but aside from that runs

every aspect of Geftaki Swimwear herself.

If you purchase something from Geftaki.com, it's Geftos who will pack the suit by hand at her headquarters within Brothers Jewelry, and ship it to your home.

It's a lot of work, Geftos said, but the swimwear business has its perks.



She spends plenty of time on the beach — wearing her

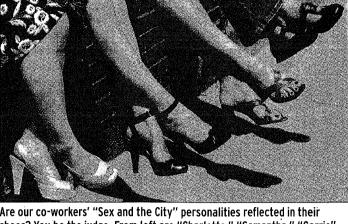
are wearing what they like and why, that's how I get my feedback," she said. Jason Hochstein, owner of Chaud Jeans in Royal Oak,

began carrying Geftos' suits this spring and said they are selling better than expected. 'We're a jeans store so we didn't know how it would

go, but it's going really well," Hochstein said. "Whenever people come in I always tell them she's from Michigan. I'm all about supporting local designers." Geftos said her home state is a great market for her suits.

'We have a ton of customers from Michigan," she said. "They like to change up their suits more than anybody because they're on their boats, they're on the water all summer and they want to look great."

Geftaki Swimwear is available locally at Chaud Jeans, Royal Oak; Flash Accessories, Birmingham; Essence Clothing, West Bloomfield; Poshh, Ann Arbor; Brothers Jewelry, Southgate; and online at Geftaki.



Are our co-workers' "Sex and the City" personalities reflected in their shoes? You be the judge. From left are "Charlotte," "Samantha," "Carrie" and "Miranda."

# Are you Carrie, Samantha, **Charlotte or Miranda?**

BY LANA MINI **O&E STAFF WRITER** 

Ever identified with one of the four BFFs on Sex And the City? Now there's an online quiz that lets you see who you represents you best. Visit http://quiz.ivillage.com/astrology/tests/sexandthecity.htm, and answer the questions honestly. Don't think about

> how Carrie or Charlotte would respond. Four writers here took the quiz, myself

included, with

some surpris-

ing results.

Lana Mini

I wanted to be Carrie - but I'm the Samantha. My "I have to go to the beaches see the trends, what people Carrie qualities came in second.

Pink Editor Wensdy Von Buskirk is a Miranda. (Shocked. I thought she would be Carrie — she's stylish and has creative ideas. And hip - she's in a rock band.) Writer Stephanie Angelyn Casola is all Charlotte — and she knew it. We all knew it. She's feminine, smart and wears great shoes today they're pink and brown. (But unlike classical Charlotte, Stephanie knows all about garage music). Writer Susan Steinmueller teeters between Miranda and Charlotte, but she's a Miranda with her nononsense style. We weren't terribly shocked on that one. Today she's dressed in perfectly

professional beige and black. I refused to accept my Samantha-ness and took another quiz on another site but had the same results. Perhaps that's why I'm her —

I don't quit, and I mingle with the creatives in town. But I don't wear power suits — I prefer Betsey Johnson. Shockingly, both Casola and Von Buskirk said yes, I'm the Samantha. The fun part of the quiz is how others see us.

Here's some reaction from my fellow writers:

Casola here: While I love Charlotte's classic style and romantic point of view on life, I was actually a bit disappointed in my clear lack of Samantha qualities. She's completely uncensored, uber-independent and highly successful. Who couldn't use a dash of that? And Mini has it - don't let her fool you. It just isn't wrapped in a power suit, that's for sure. As for the Mirandas in my newsroom — who wouldn't want to be recognized as driven and forthright? I'd say those are great qualities for an editor and reporter, right?

Steinmueller: Miranda all the way, said: "I thought about this but I have to get back to my work!"

From Von B: Miranda is the least glamorous of all the girls, and I was disappointed at first to find out I was 60 percent her. But, alas, I think it's true. Practicality always wins out for me, even when it comes to fashion. Yes, my dresses might be Max Studio or Diane von Furstenberg, but more importantly I got them on sale, and don't have to waste time mixing and matching when I pull them on. Also, at least I'm a good listener — and a good foil to my fabulous friends!

Staff Writer Stephanie Angelyn Casola and Wensdy Von Buskirk contributed to this report.

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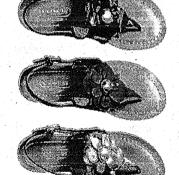
there are tons of cute one-pieces, skirt suits and cover-ups out there! Tote It!

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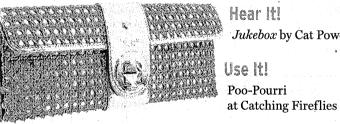
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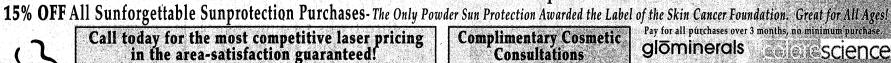
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Groves students cast in Lifetime movie Royal Oak Clay & Glass Rochester Late Nite Thursdays

# 'Jazz on the **Grass' celebrates** the community

BY LANA MINI O&E: STAFF WRITER

The sound of smooth jazz is a gift to the community from the administrators at Family Victory Fellowship Church in Southfield.

Every year, thousands of people come to sit on the lawn and enjoy Jazz on the Grass, a free concert that features instrumental-only jazz.

This concert lets people hear local artists who are nationally known," said Terrance Goff, event director. "It's a way for us to meet new members of the com-

# **JAZZ ON THE GRASS**

What: Fourth annual concert When: Friday, June 20, 6:30-11 p.m. Where: Family Victory Fellowship Church on 10 Mile Road and Everareen in Southfield **Performing:** All instrumentalists of smooth jazz including metro Detroiters guitarist Tim Bowman; saxophonist Randy Scott (on the cover); jazz ensemble Zamar Instruments of Praise; and bass

quitarist Terrance Palmer. Admission: Free, Donations accepted to benefit G2G scholarship funds munity and mingle with (church members).

And although the concert is free, there are auctions with high-end ticket items like couture, Lions tickets. gas cards and more.

The goal is for scholarships for local

the Grass, now in its fourth year, will feature a full jazz ensemble plus solo performances by saxophonist Randy Scott, guitarist Tim Bowman and bass player Terrance Palmer.

Bowman is known for classical and gospel-inspired jazz. Scott is a three-time winner of the nationally televised, "It's Showtime At The Apollo," and the Cognac Hennesy Jazz Search.

Palmer has toured the world and played with popular jazz gospel performers including Marvin Winans, Fred Hammond and Kirk Franklin.

Jazz ensemble Zamar Instruments of Praise is a contemporary band.

"All the musicians are very skilled and help create a very nice mood at the festival," Goff said.

Spear-headed by church founding pastor Larry Jordan and administrative pastor Sylvia Jordan, Jazz on the Grass is sponsored by Generation 2 Generation

- a program that works to promote literacy and bridge generation gaps between the young

The goal is to help each generation understand and respect each other," Goff said.

Food vendors will be on site along the Merchants Row where guests can stroll an outdoor book store, jewelry vendors and more.

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Downtown Rochester will host Late Night Thursdays beginning tonight, June 19, and every Thursday through Aug. 28 from 6 to 9 p.m. or later.

Stores will stay open late and offer special sales, while restaurants offer interesting dishes and musicians enter-

"This is an event that will evolve as the summer goes on," said Rochester Downtown Development Authority events coordinator Stacey Keast. "Some weeks we may have music, other weeks there will be different street entertainment. It will always be something unique."

This Thursday, June 19, it's bluesman guitarist Paul J. Miles — you may actually see him wandering in and out of the shops performing his jazz music.

perform on Saturday Aug. 2 in downtown Rochester's Farmer's Market. And on June 28 he's at the Woods Gallery Art Fair.

His blues style is influenced by James Brown, Jimi Hendrix, Richie Havens, Lightning Hopkins, B.B. King, Taj Mahal and Keb Mo'. He's the winner of Detroit Music Awards and performs at places like Baker's Keyboard Lounge in Detroit, and many big festivals.

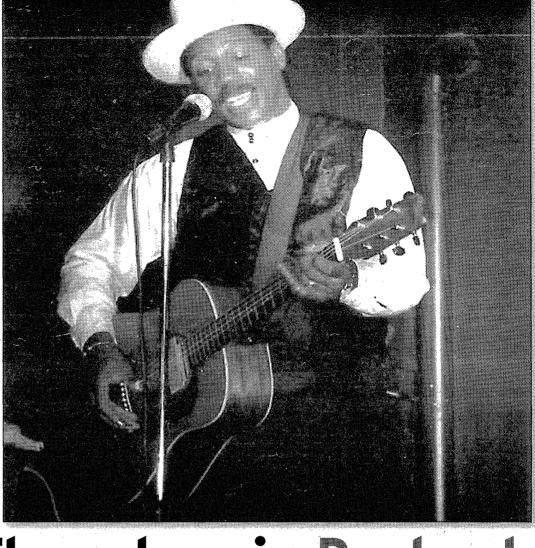
Also Late Nite Thursday shoppers can participate in the "Summer in the City" scavenger hunt for a chance to win nearly \$2,000 in prizes. Visit the "Summer in the City" window at 431 Main Street to view a display full of prize items donated from participating Downtown Rochester merchants.

'Summer is already a great time to shop downtown thanks to the weather and longer daylight, but with extended hours, a touch of atmosphere and some hot prizes, it will become a weekly destination for couples, friends and families alike," Keast said.

Downtown Rochester is home to more than 200 shops, salons and restaurants. And, 85 percent are owned by independent merchants.

Downtown Rochester is located north of Avon Road and south of University Road.

quitarist Paul J. Miles will perform on the streets in Rochester.



# Thursdays in Rochester are a whole new vibe

Miles is a well-established musician who will also

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# Aspiring actors to share screen with Sigourney Weaver

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
O&E STAFF WRITER

For recent Groves High School graduate Shannon Eagen, starting a sentence with "I was talking to Sigourney the other day" has become a common occurrence. The 17-year-old was among five students at the Beverly Hills school cast in the Lifetime Original Movie *Prayers for Bobby*, alongside star Sigourney Weaver.

Anna Badalamenti, Spencer
Perrenoud, Allyson Rupe and Hillary
Sussman also made the cut. More than a
month ago Groves theater teacher John
Rutherford was contacted by friend and
Southfield-based casting agent Janet
Pound to find non-lead actors and extras
for the film. With barely any notice the
students scrambled to write resumes and
have their headshots taken in time for the
audition. But the effort proved worthy
as eight students earned call-backs and
more than 30 were cast as extras.

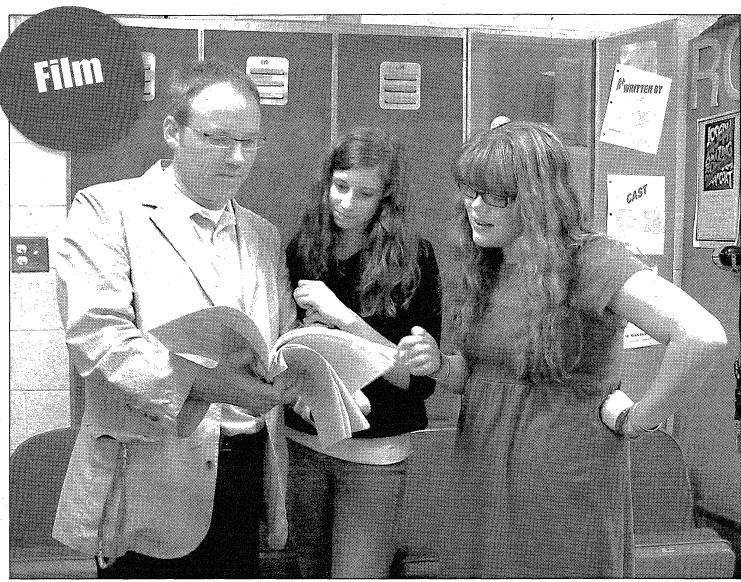
The film follows Mary Griffith (Weaver) as a mother whose failure to accept her son Bobby's homosexuality leads to his suicide. The story is based upon a book by Leroy Aarons and it's set in the early '80s. Russell Mulcahy (Resident Evil: Extinction, Queer as Folk) is directing.

Eagen, who portrays the title character's younger sister Nancy and one of Mary's three children, has been shooting three days a week since late May. Her first meeting with star of *Aliens* and *Ghostbusters* involved a read-through at Birmingham's Townsend Hotel. "Even just seeing her reading her lines with so much emotion, I was so impressed," said Eagen. "I felt honored to be acting with her." She has also bonded with Carly Schroeder (*Lizzie McGuire*), her on-camera sister.

Badalamenti had already wrapped her role — as Bobby's girlfriend. Her first scene, filmed on Drayton Street in Ferndale, involved on-camera kissing. "It was my first movie and I had to makeout on my first day," she said. "And he's 21." The long day of shooting, from 4:30 p.m. to 2 a.m., culminated in that scene. It only took three takes, she said, "which is pretty good for a movie."

Rupe initially didn't receive a call-back for her role as one of Bobby's friends. So when she discovered she got a part anyway it caused a lot of excitement at home. Rupe said her mother "called everyone we knew. It was really embarrassing." Soon enough, Rupe found herself donning an authentic-looking Rocky Horror Picture Show costume, starkly resembling Magenta. In the scene she and another friend (ala Dr. Frankenfurter) arrive at Bobby's house to pick him up for the movie, and catch him and his mother in a volatile argument. Rupe said it felt awkward to sit in the set living room and hear the fight offscreen — an emotion that fit her character and the scene perfectly.

At press time Perrenoud had yet to film



Groves High School teacher John Rutherford and two of his students, Anna Badalamenti and Allyson Rupe, talk over the script for a Lifetime Original Movie, "Prayers for Bobby," currently being filmed in Oakland County. Five Groves students were cast and the film stars Sigourney Weaver.

### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

This is the first in a recurring series of stories highlighting the hometown impact of a newly-passed 2008 Michigan tax incentive on a now burgeoning local film industry in and around metro Detroit. The incentives offer up to a 42 percent cash rebate as long as the production spends \$50,000 in Michigan. As a result more than 90 inquiries have been submitted to the Michigan Film Office to date.

his scene, a pivotal and emotional one that takes place at the end of the film. He has no lines but must hug Weaver and cry on cue. Without much other information about his character, Perrenoud said he'll craft a backstory for the character on his own, imagining the boy had "a similar upbringing to Bobby."

The young actors noted that they didn't receive that much direction on set. "You're expected to be so in-character," said Badalamenti, "when you come up with things your character would do."
Eagen said she's often reminded to give
more energy — likely because her character is five years her junior.

Because the scenes were not filmed in chronological order, the actors said it was challenging at first to connect to their fellow castmates. But over time, Eagen said, she feels a more natural connection to her on-screen family.

The students acquired much of their experience on stage — whether in school productions, community theater at Royal Oak's Stagecrafters, or in locally-made online or educational films — so performing for the camera for a feature film took some adjustment. Eagen and Badalamenti joked about how they seem to talk too loudly or how they had to remember to tone down their actions compared to a live performance. But there have already been perks. While filming near Royal Oak Music Theatre recently a few friends spotted Eagen on the street and asked what was going on. "They're filming a movie and I'm in it," she told them.

With locations spanning Oakland County, filming has changed the way these teenagers see their own stomping grounds. Badalamenti, Eagen, Perrenoud and Rupe talked about the proximity of the locations to their own homes. Mary's house in the film is located on 14 Mile near Lahser — in the same neighborhood where Eagen has attended graduation parties — and film trailers graced the grounds at Brother Rice High School in Bloomfield Hills.

As the experience draws to a close, the young actors continue to ponder their futures. It's clear in some manner acting will be a part of that. With Eagen on her way to University of Michigan in the fall and her former classmates nearing the end of their days at Groves High School, Rutherford said, "this is exciting. The exposure at their age is a life-changing moment. They're never not going to have this memory."

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# Great Lakes Chamber Fest brings world-renowned composers to metro area

The year of 1938 saw the births of four celebrated American composers — William Bolcom, John Corigliano, John Harbison, and Joan Tower. On June 23, the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival will feature a special program of their works, in honor of the composers' 70th birthdays.

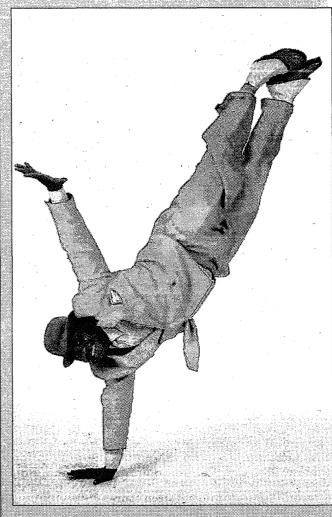
The concert will take place at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth El, located at 7400 Telegraph Road in Bloomfield Hills. A champagne reception will follow the concert, with all four composers in attendance.

With a combined list of achievements that includes Grammy Awards, Pulitzer Prizes, Grawemeyers and Academy Awards, each of these composers has contributed innovative and critically-acclaimed works to the contemporary American repertoire.

On June 23, audience members will enjoy a sampling of these pieces, including Harbison's Mirabai Songs, Corigliano's Sonata for Violin and Piano, Tower's Trio "For Daniel", and selected cabaret songs by Bolcom. Performing will be world-class artists James Tocco, Jeremy Denk, Edward Auer, Ida Kavafian, Joan Morris, and others.

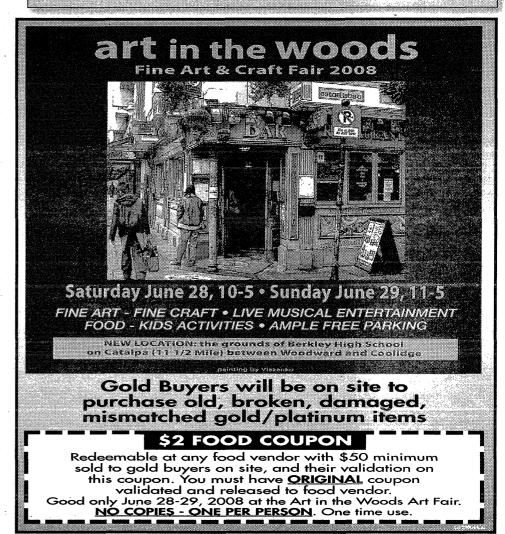
To purchase tickets, \$32 in advance (\$10 for those 25 and under); \$37 at the door, call (248) 559-2097 or visit greatlakeschambermusic.org.





# Tap it Up

Clarkston native Denise Caston, of Motor City Dance Productions, wants to keep young dancers on their toes. This month she presents the first-ever Motor City Tap Fest June 26-29 including a full schedule of classes (including instructor Robert L. Reed, pictured), performances, a panel discussion and participant's showcase. It's meant to reach out to the next generation of aspiring dancers, connecting them to leading tap artists. Festival activities take place at The Marriott Hotel inside **Detroit's Renaissance Center and Dondero Auditorium at Royal** Oak Middle School, 709 Washington Ave., Royal Oak. Visit http:// motorcitytapfest.com or call (917) 687-4811 for more information.



Egypt Central brings its polished sound to the Magic Bag

BY LANA MINI

Egypt Central is another one of those bands who appeal to Hot Topic customers with its sound that has some Linkin Park angst, yet are softer and seemingly more accessible.

The Magic Bag will be packed on Tuesday, June 24 with fans who want to see the cute boys of Egypt Central with their well-trimmed facial hair, groomed dreadlocks, supersmooth spiked hair and perfectly applied eyeliner as they melodically sing about "having enough

and taking you down."

The rock band's sound is a blend of
Evanscence, Limp Bizkit, Alice in Chains
and Tool, but not as aggressive. It has been
drawing crowds of moshing fans since touring on Ozzfest and the Family Values tour.
Egypt Central was discovered by Lava Records'
Jason Flom — who knows a marketable band
when he sees one. He also helped put bands on the
map like Skid Row, Kid Rock, Stone Temple Pilots and
Uncle Kracker.

The song *Over and Over* can be heard in The Stone Cold Steve Austin movie *The Condemned*.

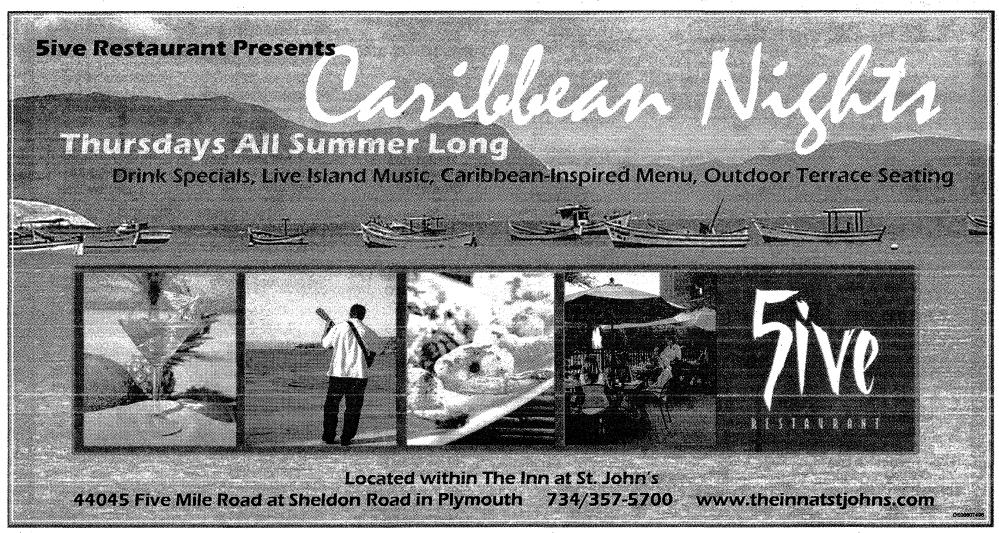
The band name is taken from a tough road that runs through their Memphis hometown. Egypt Central members are vocalist John T. Falls, bass player Joey Chicago, guitarists Heath Hindman and Jeff James, and drummer Blake Allison. About the music, Chicago said, "We realize just how impor-

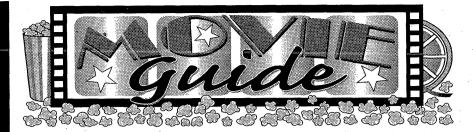
About the music, Chicago said, "We realize just how important our role is as a musicians. We want people to feel good about listening to our music and overcoming obstacles in life that can really slow you down."

The band is now on Fat Lady Music/ILG and has been touring hard throughout the U.S.



Memphis-based Egypt Central plays in Ferndale.





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Clay Artist Michael Gunderson crafted these vases with faces, featured at the Royal Oak Clay & Glass Festival.

# Royal Oak hosts 14th Clay and Glass Festival

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA 0&E STAFF WRITER

With the barrage of art festivals and craft shows flooding the metro Detroit area every summer, Royal Oak's modest must-see Clay and Glass Festival still manages to set itself apart from the pack. When the festival got its start — 14 years ago — organizers designed it to focus on ceramic and glass works to carve out its own identity. While there's no telling what the future might hold, Shelly Kemp predicts the addition of metalworks in years to come. As director of events for the Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce which hosts the festival, Kemp said doesn't feel it will change the overall aesthetic of the show.

But this year's festival will expand in a different way. A pre-glow event kicks off the weekend from 5-11 p.m. Friday with food and live entertainment. Though the artists will still be setting up, not yet showing their wares, it adds a new attraction along Fifth Street in downtown Royal Oak.

"Within the last four of five years we've added the food portion of the show," said Kemp. From a beer and wine tent to selected treats from Royal Oak eateries like Pita Cafe and Zumba, visitors wandering along

# **CLAY & GLASS GALORE**

When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 21, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 22. Food and music on Fifth Street will be available 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

**Where**: Along Washington Avenue at Fifth Street in downtown Royal Oak

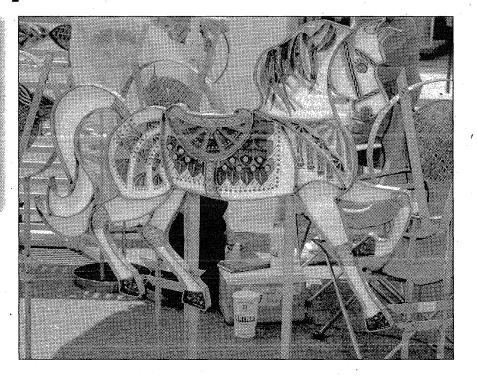
Admission: Free

**Parking**: Choose an area parking structure for 2 hours of free parking Saturday, and all parking is free on Sunday.

Fifth and Sixth streets during the festival can quench their appetites while wandering among the art. Royal Oak's Creative Arts Studio will again host a hands-on children's station and live music and DJs will fill the streets with music.

Newcomers to the festival can expect a casual atmosphere, according to Kemp. Tents for 115 artists stretch along Washington Avenue. In the past, organizers have seen between 40,000 and 70,000 visitors during the festival's two days.

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