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Faye Farhat offers a sample reuben sandwich to Cory Rogers outside the Plymouth Super Center, where Fay's New York Deli & Grille is located.

New York, Plymouth-style

Deli aims to change idea of gas station cuisine

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Several hours a day Fay Farhat greets customers pumping their gas at the Plymouth SuperCenter on Ann Arbor Road, carrying a tray and inviting customers to try her New York deli-style sandwiches.

Farhat is hoping to change the stereotype of "gas station food" by handing out samples of sandwiches made at Fay's New York Deli & Grille, located inside

"That's a New York sandwich, you don't get that anywhere like that around

here," said Farhat in her unmistakable New York accent as she passed out healthy-sized samples of her Reuben sandwich. "We do turkey Reubens, Philly steak sandwiches, mushroom steaks, hot and cold sandwiches and soups.

"I grew up in the deli all my life," she said. "In New York my family owned three on Long Island, and as a kid I'd always help out behind the counter, make sandwiches, do anything for my

Farhat's husband, Charlie, said they have to work hard at erasing the stereotype the main menu at gas stations mainly consists of hot dogs and prepackaged sandwiches.

"Here's the key, my wife pounds the pavement handing out the samples and gets people to try it," said Charlie Farhat. "If they like it, they look past it. Who would expect a Reuben to come out of a gas station unless you do what she's

So, what makes Fay's sandwiches so

"I've got a secret to every sandwich," she said. "And, I don't give it out."

Fay's New York Deli & Grille is open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

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Slow going

Beating victim trying to recover from attack

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

While the preliminary hearing for the individuals arrested in Mount Clemens for the attack that left him hospitalized was being adjourned Wednesday, Andy Kauffman was visiting his neurologist, hoping for news he'd made enough progress in his recovery to say he's on the right track.

The 30-year-old Kauffman is out of the hospital, but still facing a long row to hoe, according to his family, beginning with physical therapy.

"The family is very happy Andy can start his physical therapy," said Paula Weber, the mother of Kauffman's wife, Angela. "That's something

they're looking forward to." Meanwhile, the preliminary hearing for the suspects in his beating was held over until Monday. Johnny Allor, 17, Jemall Davidson, 16, and Deonte Williams were all being held in jail facing, among other things, attempted murder charges related to the beating, which took place on North River Road about midnight June 1. A brick was thrown through the window of the car being driven by Angela Kauffman. When Andy Kauffman got out to investigate, he was beaten by members of a mob gathered in the area.

"These are very serious allegations and if there's any truth to the allegations, they are a risk to the community," said Judge Sebastian Lucido of 41B District Court in Mount Clemens.

Kauffman, a self-employed carpenter whom his motherin-law said is uninsured, is being cared for in one-on-one home care, Weber said. His three children are now out of school, and Angela Kauffman is taking care of her husband.

A fund was set up at TCF Bank to help the Kauffman family, but Weber said the fund has not been doing well. Anyone who wishes to contrib ute need only earmark their contribution to the Kauffman account at any TCF branch.

Also, some local businesses, including Brass & Iron Beds in downtown Plymouth, have begun taking up collections, and there's a fund-raiser scheduled for Plaza Lanes in Plymouth Friday, June 27.

Weber said she hopes the donations pick up.

"I know times are tough for everyone," she said. "Everyone has asked what they can do, but times are hard. (The sagging donations) are a clear statement of where everyone is financially."

Gannett News Service contributed to this report.

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City gives pay hikes for staff

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The Plymouth City Commission has approved 3-percent pay increases for non-union city employees.

"We previously ratified union contract agreements with our various unions and they all call for a 3 percent increase in wages this year," said City Manager Paul Sincock to city commissioners Monday night. "The commission was adamant in changes in health care if there was to be any pay increases in our union groups. We made those changes and our insurance costs in this fiscal year dropped from nearly \$200,000 a month to \$74,000 a month on June

"We recommend we do the same (pay raises) for our non-union employees because they didn't get the opportunity to negotiate changes in health care, they just had it implemented," added Sincock.

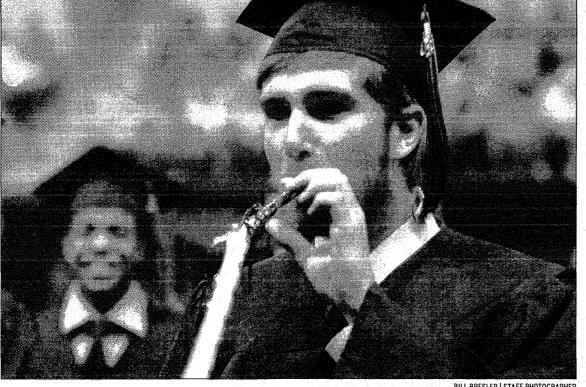
Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the pay increases, which Finance Director Mark Christiansen said would cost the city \$44,000 next year for 19 full-time and 11 part-time employees.

Of the city's 41 full-time employees, 22 belong to unions. They include 14 police officers and eight employees in the Municipal Services Department.

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End of an era

It was party time for graduate **Lucas Seibel** and his fellow members of the Plymouth High School Class of 2008, who concluded their high school careers in a graduation ceremony at Eastern Michigan University. For a list of graduates, turn to Page A8; for more photos from the ceremony, go to our Web site at www. hometownlife.com



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AROUND PLYMOUTH

"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.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 Shop.

Sponsored by the Packaging Corporation of America and the Plymouth District Library, the schedule includes: 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 in downtown Plymouth. For more information visit the theater's Web site at www.penntheatre. com or call (734) 453-0870.

Cox hours

Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox will hold office hours on Wednesday, June 25, at the Northville District Library, 212 West Cady in Northville. Commissioner Cox will meet with constituents from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

"I will update citizens on the county's 2008-09 fiscal year budget, which the commission is currently reviewing and deliberating," said Cox, who represents the communities of Livonia, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville and Northville Township.

For more information, contact Jordyn Salmon in Cox's office at (313) 224-0946.

Kima 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.

Call (734) 416-4278 for more information or click on www. plymoutharts.com

Reading is fundamental

Library staff members Judy Schnoes (left) and Pat Carter help patrons check out materials at the Plymouth District Library, where it was a busy first week of summer as various Summer Reading Programs kicked off. The library staff has created special programs to encourage reading among children, teens and adults. Five different programs offer incentives and activities for readers of all ages. Sign-up continues throughout the months of June and July. For more information, go to www.plymouthlibrary.org or call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

HVA 911 camps

Huron Valley Ambulance conducts its free two-day annual Camp 9-1-1 day camps for 8- to 12-year-olds at two locations in western Wayne County, where space has been donated. All camps are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. both days.

The camp is scheduled July 17-18 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, in Plymouth, and July 10-11 at the Michigan Boathouse at Belleville Lake, 50745 Van Buren Park in Belleville.

The day camp's activities include touring an ambulance, learning CPR, and visiting a local emergency room. HVA Paramedics and EMTs serve as "camp counselors," teaching campers about safety at home and at play, how to perform lifesaving skills on injured victims, and all about Emergency Services careers. Registration is first-come, first-served and enrollment is limited to 30 participants. There are limited spaces available.

For a registration form or more information, call Jason Trojan, Camp 9-1-1 Coordinator, at (734) 477-6781 or e-mail him at jtrojan@hva.

Radio operators ham it up in township demo

Thousands of Ham Radio operators will show off for local residents with a public demonstration of their emergency communications skills June 28-29 in Plymouth Township Park.

The Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society is inviting the public to come and see ham radio's new capabilities and learn how to get their own FCC radio license before the next disaster strikes.

Rockafellow Society spokesman John Ebejer pointed out over the past year, the news has been full of reports of ham radio operators providing critical communications in emergencies including the California wildfires, Oregon and Michigan storms, tornadoes and other events world-wide.

During Hurricane Katrina, he said, amateur radio – often called "Ham radio" - was "often the only way people could communicate, and hundreds of volunteer 'hams' traveled south to save lives and property. When trouble is brewing, ham radio people are often the first to provide critical information and communications."

On the weekend of June 28-29, the public will have a chance to meet and talk with ham radio operators and see for themselves what the Amateur Radio Service is about. Showing the newest digital and satellite capabilities, voice communications and even historical Morse code, hams from across the USA will be holding public demonstrations of emergency communications abilities.

The annual event, called "Field Day," is the climax of the week-long "Amateur Radio Week" sponsored by the ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio. Using only emergency power supplies, ham operators will construct emergency stations in parks, shopping malls, schools and back yards around the country.

Their slogan, "Ham radio works when other systems don't! " is more than just words to the hams as they prove they can send messages in many forms without the use of phone systems, internet or any other infrastructure that can be compromised in a crisis. More than 34,000 amateur radio operators across the country participated in last year's event.

There are 650,000 Amateur Radio licensees in the US. and more than 2.5 million around the world. Through the ARRL's ARES program, ham volunteers provide emergency communications for thousands of state and local emergency response agencies, all for free.

To learn more about Amateur Radio, go to www.emergencyradio.org. For more information e-mail k8dsl@wowway.com or call John Ebejer, (734) 420-1606.

PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN **WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2008** 7:00 PM (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held at the Cultural Center to consider the following:

Due to remodeling of City Hall, the meeting will be held at the Cultural Center located at 525 Farmer. A notice is posted at City Hall that includes a map to the Cultural Center.

PUBLIC HEARING OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR:

Text amendments to the Sign Ordinance for political signs. All interested persons are invited to attend.

> Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator 201 S. Main Street Plymouth, MI 48170 (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2008 6:00 PM

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, July 10, 2008 commencing at 6:00

* Application 1459, 15169 Northville Rd: The applicant is requesting a variance in minimum front yard setback (50) feet to (12) feet to build a 2-story office addition. Requested variance is (38) feet.

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

For further information contact Plymouth Township Building Department 734-354-3210.

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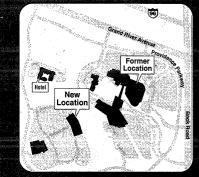
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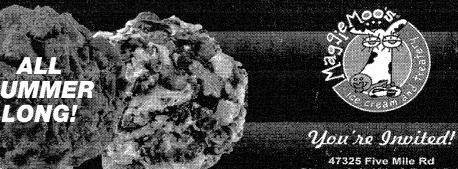
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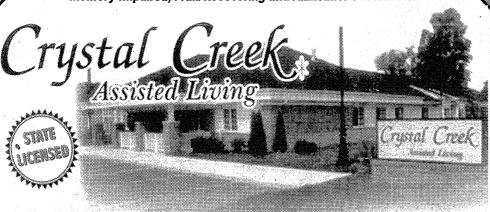
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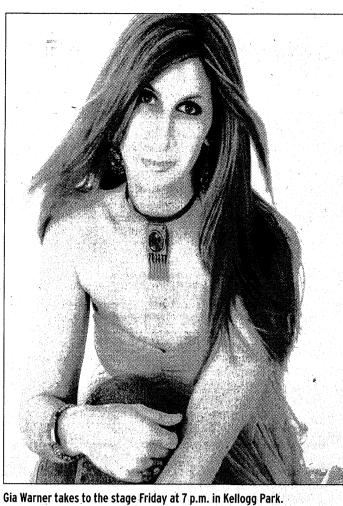
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The Music in the Park "kiddie" concert series, hosted by the Plymouth Community Arts Council and sponsored by Main Street Bank, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., and Huron Valley Ambulance, takes to the Kellogg Park stage Wednesdays at noon.

The schedule:

■ June 25 - Guy Louis, Chautauqua Express

■ July 2 - Beverly Meyer

- July 9 Gemini July 16 Like Water
- Drumworks ■ July 23 - Jan Krist

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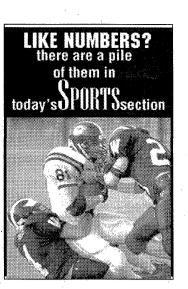
- July 30 Zak Morgan
- Aug. 6 elmoThumm ■ Aug. 13 - Guy Louis,
- Chatauqua Express
- Aug. 20 Matt Watroba & Friends

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:

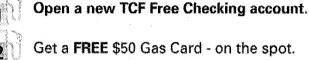
- June 27: Gia Warner
- July 4: Steve King & the Dittilies
- July 18: Mass Transit Band **■** July 25: Bluescasters
- Aug. 1: Paul King's Rhythm Society
 - Aug. 8: Trilogy Band
- Aug. 15: Sean Riley Band ■ Aug. 22: Fifty Amp Fuse
- Aug. 29: Lady Sunshine and the X Band





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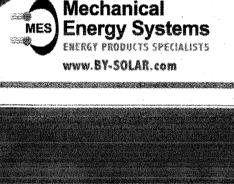
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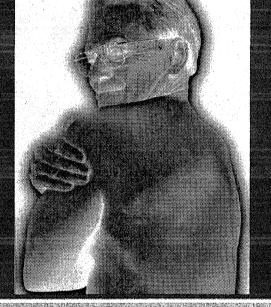


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Museum grant funds digital Lincoln story

The Plymouth Historical Museum used a \$5,000 grant it got from the Michigan Department of Education to put Central Middle School students to work.

The grant was used to oversee a digital storybook about Abraham Lincoln involving Central Middle School students. According to Elizabeth Kerstens, executive director of the museum, the Plymouth Historical Society's prized Weldon Petz Abraham Lincoln Collection helped the project land in Plymouth.

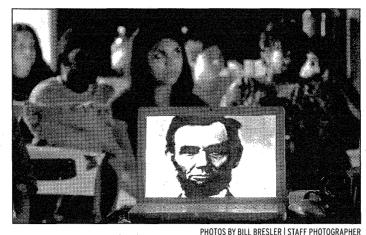
A digital storybook uses recorded voices, photos, and

video to create stories that can be viewed on VHS, CD-ROM, DVD, or the Internet.

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The "Digital Story-Telling Project" was the brainchild of Karen R. Todorov, social studies consultant with MDOE and a member of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Committee of Michigan (www. milincoln.org).

"The museum was handpicked for this assignment because of its strong on-site Lincoln collection and documents, as well as its close proximity to Central Middle School," said Todorov, a Livonia resident. "Students of



Parents and campers watch the finished product, "John Beechard and Mr. Lincoln."

today come from the 'digital

age' and educational programs

that follow this digital format

have better success at gaining

The grant funds the creation

student interest and better retention of content."

of a digital storyboard about

Lincoln: A Michigan Story,

written by Michigan social

studies teacher Sam Sicilia

earlier this year. Thirteen

a play, John Beechard and Mr.

volunteer seventh- and eighth-

graders and two teachers from

Central Middle School worked

at the Plymouth Historical

The story is a fictional

account about factual char-

acters and events, Kerstens

visit to Michigan occurred

in Kalamazoo when he was

campaigning for presidential

candidate, John C. Fremont,

in 1856. The story explains

said. President Lincoln's only

storybook.

Museum to create the digital

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS **MEETING NOTICE** CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN (734) 453-1234

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Due to remodeling of City Hall, the meeting will be held at the Cultural Center located at 525 Farmer. A notice is posted at City Hall that includes a map to the Cultural Center.

551 Auburn

Non-Use Variance Requested Side Yard Setback Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant: Ryan & Brenda

584 W. Ann Arbor Tr Non-Use Variance Requested Extension of Off-site Sign Zoned: B-2, Central Business Applicant: Connektiv

Z 08-11 1497 Penniman

Non-Use Variance Requested Fence Height Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant: Sam Aldridge

Z 08-12 799 Irvin

Non-Use Variance Requested Front Yard Setback Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant: Robert & Michelle

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA **JULY 10, 2008**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning

THURSDAY. JULY 10, 2008 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188. The following agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Craig Engel, Steven Roll Call: Johnson, Vicki Welty

Alternate: Dawn Zuber

Acceptance of Agenda

- 1. Bryan L. Amann, 355 North Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48187, for vacant light industrial property located at 7001 N. Haggerty Road (Rudolph Libbe Building-Life Church), west side of Haggerty Road between Warren and Koppernick Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26.00, Section 26.04, setback variances for parking lot in side yard for west property line, front yard for Haggerty Road, and buffer along Warren Road. Zone L-I (special use approval for church pending) Parcel 046 99 0003 715 (Planning)
- Joseph White, 660 N. Sheldon, Plymouth, MI 48170 for vacant light industrial property located on the east side of Haggerty Road between Michigan Avenue and Palmer Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 4.00, Section 4.01.C, variance from the minimum parking requirements for medical office uses. Zone LI-R Parcel 099 99 0001 704 (Planning)
- 3. Anurag Bajaj, 41133 Van Born Road, Suite 200, Belleville, MI 48111, for vacant light industrial property located on the north side of Van Born Road between Haggerty Road and I-275, appealing Zoning Ordinances Article 21.00, Section 21.03.A.4; Article 26.00, Section 26.04.c; Article 4.00, Section 4.01.C.6, parking and parking spaces variance. Zone LI-1 Parcel 143 99 0020 000 (Planning)
- Darryl G. Myers, 2400 E. 14 Mile Road, Warren, MI 48092, for residential property located at 45072 Lothrop Court, east side of Canton Center Road between Glengarry and Old School Lane, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26.00, Section 26.02, rear yard setback variance. Zone R-3 Parcel 087 01 0214 000 (Building)
- 5. AT & T, 42633 and 42641 Ford Road, Canton, MI 48187, for commercial property located at same address, south side of Ford Road between Morrison and Lilley Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance Article 6A.00, Section 6A.17, wall sign area variance. Zone C-2 Parcel 054 99 0001 701 (Building)
- John Groat, 43611 Hanover Court, Canton, MI 48187, for residential property located at same address, west side of Morton Taylor Road between Warren and Joy Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26.00, Section 26.02, rear yard setback variance. Zone R-5 Parcel 012 03 0401 000 (Building)
- 7. John Cassar, 46836 Wareham Court, Canton, MI 48187, for residential property located at same address, south side of Ford Road between Beck and Hendrie Roads, appealing Buildings and Building Regulations Article V, Section 78-131(4).b, corner lot fence variance. Zone R-3 Parcel 062 02 0131 000 (Building)

Approval of the June 12, 2008 Minutes

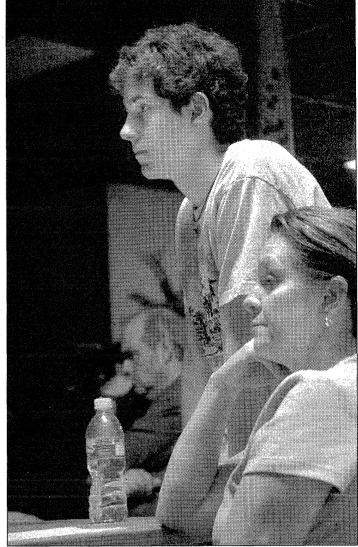
All written comments need to be submitted to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, prior to 5:00 PM on the date of the hearing.

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how Lincoln's Bronson Park (Village Park) speech motivated and inspired young 13-year-old John Beechard to later enlist in the Union army in the 6th Michigan Cavalry. Beechard's father, while disapproving of slavery, disapproved of a war pitting American against American. The story follows the Beechard family through the war and ends with the reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

Dan Packer, PHS board member and member of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Committee of Michigan, is overseeing the program. The finished product will be available for any school or community group in Michigan to use free of charge to help educate students about the Civil War and Abraham Lincoln, and to celebrate Lincoln's 200th birthday Feb. 12, 2009.

The project is being filmed



Camper Nick Stemberger and his mom, Kathy Stemberger, watch the final version of the Civil War video presentation.

by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district as a guide for Michigan teachers to use if they decide to do a similar project.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main, Plymouth. For further information, contact Dan Packer at (734) 455-8940.

Need some mom time away from the kids?



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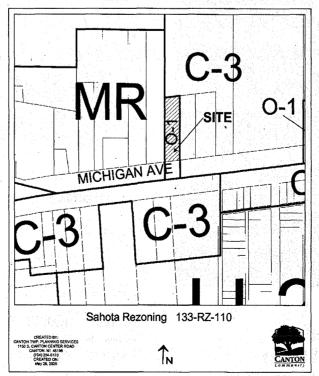
PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 12 of 2008, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 7, 2008 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

SAHOTA REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 133 99 0010 000 FROM O-1, OFFICE TO C-3, REGIONAL COMMERICAL. Property is located north of Michigan Avenue between Sheldon and Morton Taylor Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, July 3, 2008 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

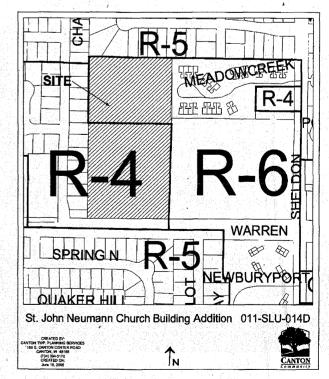


Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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ST. JOHN NEUMANN CHURCH SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 11.02B.3 FOR PARCEL NO. 011 99 0018 704 (44800 WARREN). Property is located north of Warren and west of Sheldon Road.



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Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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Insurance companies can raise premiums on long-term care policies

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resulting in

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the companies.

Dear Rick: I have a longterm care nursing home policy with John Hancock that I bought over 15 years ago. I was told when I bought the policy the premiums cannot increase. A friend of mine, who also has a John Hancock policy, was told by his agent that his premiums are going up. Is it legal for the company to raise the premiums? If they do, what should I do?

Unfortunately, your agent did not tell you the full story. Long-term insurance companies can apply to state regulators to have premiums increased. In the past, it was rare for long-term care companies to increase premiums, however, it is has become more common.

Genworth, which was previously doing business under the name of GE, announced premiums were being raised by approximately 10 percent on nearly one-half million existing policies.

I believe the reason why companies such as Genworth and John Hancock are raising premiums is people are living longer, keeping policies

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thought that more people Rick Bloom would cancel their policies

later in life than actually did. In deciding whether you should keep your policy, the first issue to consider is whether you need the coverage. If your answer is yes, then retain your current policy. If you purchased a new long-term care policy today, it would be substantially more expensive. Therefore, if you need the coverage, it pays to retain your

current policy. If you do not need the policy, why continue to pay for it?

I've always been a believer that insurance is not an investment, but a means of covering risk. Therefore, with all insurance policies the question to consider is, does the risk exist and if it does occur, do you have the financial means to

handle the situation?

If the risk no longer exists or if it does occur and the financial consequences are minimal, then my general advice is you don't need the insurance.

Dear Rick: I just graduated from college and will start my first job in a few weeks. My dad is a big fan of your radio show and says I should fully fund my 401(k) plan, which I plan to do. The one issue is whether I should use the Roth option or not. My dad said I should use the Roth option, but a friend of mine told me that because of the tax breaks the traditional 401(k) is better. What do you recommend?

I guess the old saying is right, always listen to your father. Your dad is correct. In your situation, it does make sense to select the Roth option.

The traditional 401(k) does give you some short-term tax breaks. All the money that you contribute into a 401(k) traditional plan is pre-tax money. On the other hand, the money you contribute into the Roth 401(k) is post-tax money.

There is no question, for

your current tax bill, that putting in pre-tax money is certainly better than post-tax, however, that's not the end of the story.

The other half of the equation is that money in a traditional 401(k) grows taxdeferred while money in the Roth 401(k), grows completely tax-free. I believe the tax break in the Roth IRA is much more significant because the money grows tax-free. You will never pay income taxes on your Roth 401(k) when you start taking distributions, while you eventually will pay taxes on withdrawals from your traditional 401(k). Also, a Roth 401(k) is not subject to required minimum distributions at age 701/2 unlike the traditional 401(k).

When you do the number crunching for someone who is young, it is a slam dunk — the 401(k) Roth is the way to go.

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





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Sheriff Evans says labor negotiations led to budget overrun

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans used a Rotary Club of Plymouth appearance Friday afternoon to try to set the record straight in a dispute with Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, whose administration is claiming the Sheriff's Department was the only one that received an



Evans

budget last year but still managed to exceed it by \$17 million. The claim

comes as county officials are recommending 726 jobs, including 264 in the Sheriff's Office, be eliminated to erase

a \$34 million deficit.

"That goes to my ability to manage, and I can't let that go without telling you how ridiculous that assertion was," said Evans.

"During the fiscal year, the county executive negotiated a contract with deputies, the lieutenants and sergeants, a three-year contract that involved retroactivity, additional retirement benefits

and a number of things that a collective bargaining contract does," said Evans. "All I can tell you is I had nothing to do with negotiations, and after they were over I was hit with \$14 million attached to this year's budget ... and now the

sheriff is over \$17 million. "What I've always seen in collective bargaining agreements is you have a little pot of money somewhere and you give raises commensurate with recommended in terms of what's in the pot," he said. "If you don't have anything in the pot, you don't give out raises. I think what they just said is 'We're going to take it out of your existing budget and make vou look like a moron.' I don't like the moron part.'

Evans admitted the recommendations are only early dialogue on the budget.

"All I know is what was

funding is just going to kill us," Evans said. "The reality is you'll have to close significant jail facilities ... there's not that much savings outside the jails to ever be able to do that.

"In a county where you're talking about building a regional jail to add 700 beds, it seems kind of silly not to allocate funds and reduce the number of beds," he said. "There's no question in my mind the county has less money and revenues are down. What I am saying is when you get to the core the most important service government provides is safety of the public."

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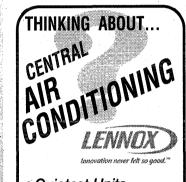
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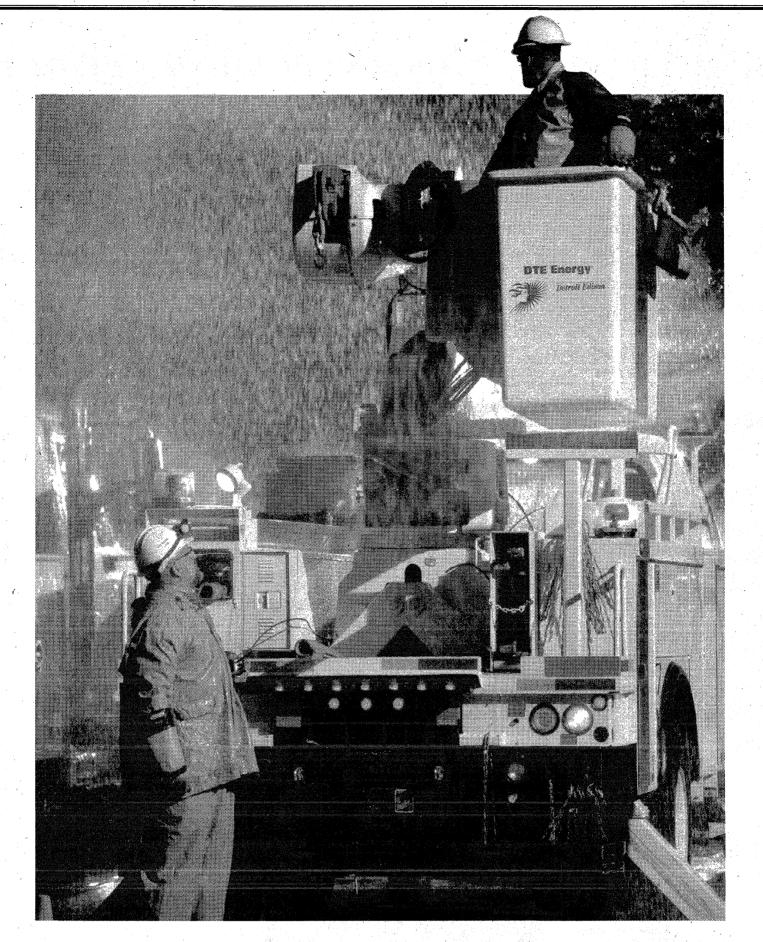
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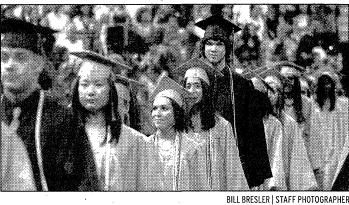
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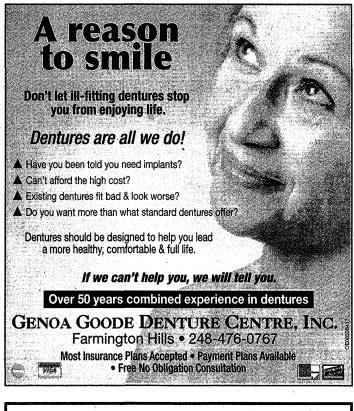
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton 1150 Canton Center S, Canton MI will accept Sealed bids, enclosed in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the words "Lilley Road at Hanford Road Intersection Improvement", along with the name, address, phone number of the Contractor, the date and time of bid opening, will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office, 1st Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until 3:00 p.m., Thursday, July 3, 2008 at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following described project:

LILLEY ROAD AT HANFORD ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT

Project includes the widening of Lilley Road to include right turn lanes both north and south of Hanford Road. This widening consists of removing existing pavement and curb & gutter, intersection improvements, installation of sewers and structures, residential drive improvements, sidewalk improvements, excavation, integral curb with HMA overlay, permanent lane striping and signage, restoration and all associated work.

Bid documents are available to pick up at Northwest Consultants, Inc. (NCI), 44978 Ford Road, Suite A, Canton, Michigan 48187. A nonrefundable fee of \$65.00 will be charged for the bid packet.

Bid documents are on file for review at Northwest Consultants, Inc, Canton Township - 2nd Floor Engineering, Construction Association of Michigan, McGraw Hill Construction Dodge, and Reed Construction Data, and Construction News Service of Michigan, Inc.

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AGENDA Zoning Board of Appeals

July 8, 2008 - 7:00 p.m. Livonia City Hall - Gallery (5th Floor) 33000 Civic Center Drive Livonia, MI (734) 466-2259

APPEAL CASE NO. 2008-06-25: Bruce Hofsess and Alice Kachman, 41559 Tompkins, Van Buren Township, MI 48111, seeking to erect a single-family dwelling upon property located on the east side of Stamford (18236) between Curtis and Pickford, resulting in deficient lot area and lot width.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2008-07-30: Walgreen Company, 300 Wilmont Road, Deerfield, IL 60015, on behalf of Lessee Dollar Tree, north side of Plymouth (33330) between Farmington and Mayfield, seeking to erect an additional wall sign on the south elevation resulting in this sign being the same size as the first permitted sign, which is not allowed. The proposed sign can only be half the area of the first permitted sign.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2008-07-31: Mohamad Bandar, 6333 Campus Drive, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127, seeking to construct a retail building associated with gasoline sales on property located on the north side of Schoolcraft (31420) between Merriman and Berwick, resulting in deficient building setbacks from Merriman and Schoolcraft Roads.

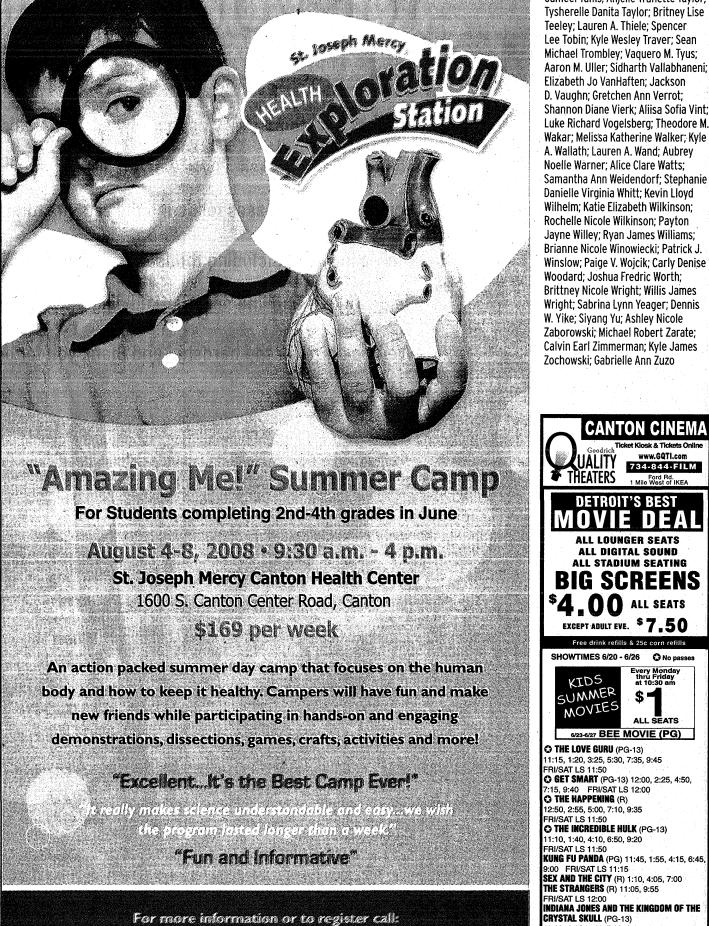
APPEAL CASE NO. 2008-07-32: Richard and Dawn Barron, east side of Fredrick (8978) between Alabama and Arizona, seeking to erect a 6-ft. tall privacy fence within the side yard, which is not allowed. Privacy fences must be within the rear yard only.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2008-07-29: Herold Samhat, 267 Woodberry Drive, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304, on behalf of Lessee Ross Towing of Livonia, west side of Inkster (13301) between Schoolcraft and the C & O Railroad, seeking to operate a vehicle towing and storage operation, which is not allowed.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2008-07-33: Nazzareno Troiani, 33182 Martin Street, Livonia, MI 48152, seeking to construct a singlefamily dwelling with an attached garage on property located on the east side of Vanderhaven (18936) between Seven Mile Road and south end, resulting in deficient front yard setback.

Public Comments may be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals Office at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154 - all comments must include name, address and signature.

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OUR VIEWS

State should step back from full-day kindergarten debate

On the surface, it would seem making full-day kindergarten mandatory, as is being proposed by some members of the state Legislature, makes sense. A cornerstone of the state's long-term economic recovery program is improving the educational climate, or so say the governor and lawmakers.

But, in fact, the proposal doesn't make sense, at least not

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But for a variety of reasons, many districts are resisting it. And they have some legitimate reasons for doing so.

First — and most importantly — it is debatable what long-term benefit there is in sending children to kindergarten for a full day. Studies have shown short-term boosts for children who get a head start by being in kin-

dergarten all day, but the long-term benefits are inconclusive.

Second, there is the expense. Longer kindergarten days may require more staff and resources, something that is preciously scarce in almost all Michigan school districts these days.

True, schools receive per-pupil funding regardless of whether the child is in half-day or full-day kindergarten. And some districts offer full-day kindergarten at a cost — effectively double-dipping.

But, frankly, they need the money. Drying up another source of revenue is not healthy for the schools.

Finally, mandating full-day kindergarten would be another incursion by the state into what should be the affairs of the school districts. Proposal A, which was enacted in 1994, gave the state an extraordinary degree of control by effectively taking over the funding of the schools. The federal No Child Left Behind program with its mandates has put additional pressure on the schools.

The bottom line is that school districts know what is best for their communities. Until ironclad data is available documenting the educational advantages of full-day kindergarten, the issue should be left to local school officials, not lawmakers in Lansing.

Prenatal, preschool years vital to success in school

s a retired elementary teacher and reading consultant, I agree with Hugh Gallagher's premise that "the educational journey needs to begin early and last a lifetime." I agree that we must put more emphasis on preschool education, especially for low-income groups. Waiting until later years, or high school, is simply too late, no matter how much money and goodwill we put into it.

Unfortunately, the vast majority of educators who talk about educational reform, focus in other areas and seem to equate it with additional funding. They believe that, if we just spend more money, things will get better. For example, Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the New York Times (whom you quote in your article) both talk about the need for smaller high schools, more teachers training and making college preparatory education available to all. This will cost millions of additional dollars. The United States already spends more money on education than any other nation in the world; unfortunately, our children are falling further and further behind in literacy rates. Equating money with educational progress simply hasn't worked for us.

I think it is about time we stopped looking at pricey programs that have been found wanting in the past and go back to the beginning and take a new look at the research regarding the value of prenatal and preschool learning. We can start with the recognition that the most important years in the life of a child are the nine months before birth, and the five years before kindergarten, and build our programs around these periods. Using these two periods as a basis, we need to educate prospective parents so that they can be more involved in the education of their chil-



Edmund Starrett

dren before they come to school.

A growing body of research today clearly demonstrates that learning — real learning — takes place before birth. This new research demonstrates that speech and reading capacities are laid as

early as the first two or three months of pregnancy, and that the womb is indeed the developing child's first classroom. As the National Children's Reading Foundation put it, "The physical capacity to read is hard-wired in the brain before birth."

We might use nature as a prime example. We learned long ago that, if we want healthy plants, a greener lawn, or better fruit, we must make every effort that the growing environment is enriched to build a solid root system. To wait until the plant is nearly grown is too late for good results. The same is true for children. To get off to a healthy start in life, they need care and educational nutrients prior to birth and prior to school.

A good healthy prenatal environment doesn't cost a cent. It takes time and effort on the part of the mother, who needs little or no training. It includes simple and natural tasks such as reading and talking to the baby, stroking the baby in the womb, singing songs, thinking positive thoughts and staying healthy. None of these activities cost the mother or society a single cent, but will reap benefits for a lifetime.

After the baby's birth, the child needs positive preschool experiences such as exposure to language and song, reading aloud to the child on a regular basis, recognition of letters of the alphabet

and positive reinforcement. With these experiences, the child has an excellent chance of being successful in school. Ignore these two important periods in the child's life and the child will have little chance of success in his/her lifetime.

It is a well-known fact, for example, that the child who is exposed to books and language experiences before coming to school has a tremendous advantage over the child with little exposure. The child exposed to early learning activities generally retains that advantage for the rest of his/her years in school. Getting off to a good start in school is one of the most important things a parent can do for a child.

To make this successful, we want parents to be the first educators, not the state. The more the state becomes involved, the less responsibility for the parents and the less results for the children. Politicians, teachers, doctors, churches, newspapers, instead of pleading for more and more money to improve education at a later date, where it will be less effective, need to get back to where it all begins and educate parents and perspective parents about their need to be personally involved in the education of their children. We have known for some 'time now that the more the parents are involved in education, the better it works out for the child.

I conclude by encouraging all teachers, parents and parents-to-be to become informed about the recent findings about the value of prenatal and preschool education and how it effects learning. It's fascinating reading and it works.

Edmund V. Starrett is a Livonia resident with an education doctorate.

ON THE AGENDA

Plymouth Township Board of Trustees

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meets 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 24, in the meeting room at township hall, 9955 N. Haggerty.

Among the topics to be discussed are approval of an amendment to the general development plan of the Plymouth Village development and a resolution supporting Wayne County's State Revolving Fund application for sewer repairs and maintenance.

For information on the meeting, call the clerk's office, (734) 354-3228.

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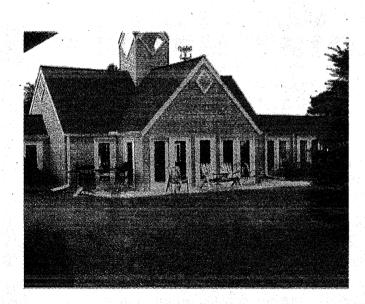
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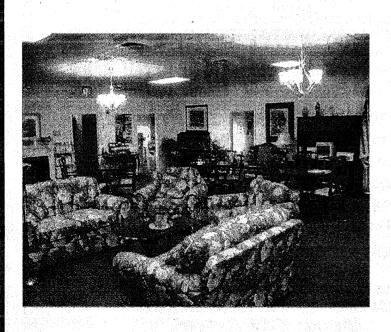
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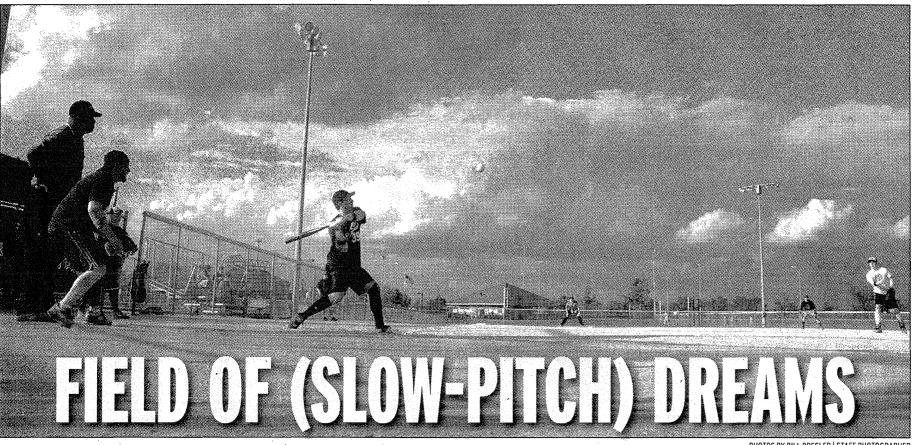
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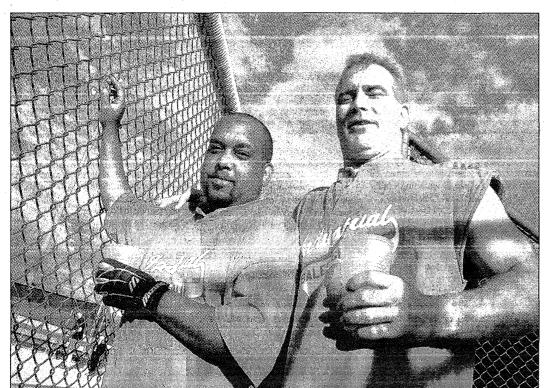
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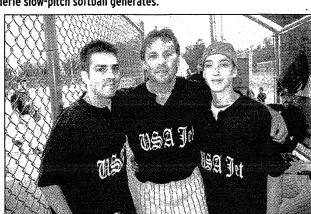
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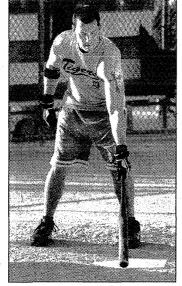
A member of the Shark Club's Class E slow-pitch softball team prepares to take a rip at a looping pitch during a Thursday night game at the Canton Sports Center. Close to 5,000 players from 18 to 80 participate in leagues at the 12-field facility on Michigan Avenue.



Canton residents Don Godfrey (left) and Todd Browne, who play for the Industrial Sales Group, are models of the camaraderie slow-pitch softball generates.



Canton resident Tim McKnight (middle) plays on the same team as his sons Sean (left) and Casey. At right, Plymouth resident Peter Sosa prepares to do some damage to the opposing pitcher's earned-run average during a game Thursday night at the Canton Sports Center.



Winning is nice, but fun is the bottom line for rec slow-pitch softball players

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton resident Don Godfrey let out an "ooommmff" sound as he took a mighty cut at an appetizing pitch during a Class E slow-pitch softball game Thursday night at the Canton Sports Center.

"You had to grunt for that," a teammate jeered goodnaturedly at Godfrey as the ball rolled harmlessly foul.

A few moments earlier, on an adjoining field, a semiline drive crossed paths with the glaring sun just before it reached Young Guns left-center fielder Billy Gauthier's mitt and crashed squarely onto the bridge of the 19-year-old's nose.

As soon as he saw the stream of blood that resulted from the violent collision, the batter peeled off his shirt, sprinted toward Gauthier and pressed the makeshift band-aid onto the injured area in an attempt to curtail the bleeding.

Less than 10 minutes later, Gauthier rose to his feet, emerged from the crowd of concerned players who had gathered around him and — with his right hand holding his opponent's shirt against his nose - walked toward the infield with his left arm raised high, flashing a thumbs-up

"He's a hockey player," one of the bloodied player's teammates said. "I doubt if he'll even let them take him in the ambulance."

On the next field over, sweat glistened on the forehead of 50year-old Tim McKnight as he delivered an arching pitch for his USA Jet Airlines team.

"I play for the exercise and because I get to play on the same team as two of my sons," said McKnight, explaining his passion for slow-pitch softball. "I love this game. I'll play it until I

Blood, sweat and ieers - that's what it was all about on a picture-perfect night on three picture-perfect fields at one of the busiest sports complexes in Michigan.

Recession-proof activity

More than 440 teams and close to 5,000 players will take their cuts this summer at the 12field facility located just south of Michigan Ave. in Canton.

Due to a sagging economy, people may be driving fewer miles and buying fewer groceries, but they're still flocking to the diamonds in waves.

"I think the main appeal of

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Basketball Camp will be held Saturday, July 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Schoolcraft College, which is located at 18600 Haggerty Rd. in

Livonia. All children between the ages of 9 and 14 are welcome to attend this free camp, which is sponsored by the Jeff Suspeck

Foundation.

Free hoop camp

The 13th Annual Jeff Suspeck Memorial

The foundation was founded in memory of Jeff Suspeck, who passed away in 1994 following a brilliant high school basketball career.

The camp is run by Glen Donahue and Joe Charnley and other volunteer players and coaches who knew Suspeck.

For registration materials, send an e-mail to jsuspeckcamp@hotmail. com; or call (248) 363-7151.

Track & field series

Dearborn Divine Child will stage a weekly track series from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. July 9, 16, 23 and 30, at the high school track located at 1001 N. Silvery Lane (one mile west of Telegraph between Cherry Hill and Ford roads).

The cost for athletes and spectators is \$3 per person. Registration begins at 5 p.m.

Youth age groups include: 8-andunder, 9-10, 11-12,

13-14, 15-16, 17-18. The open division includes 30-40 and

40-and-over. The July 9 and 23 meet competition

includes: 50-meter dash (8-and-under), 100, 400, 1,600, 3000, shot put, discus and 4 x 400 relay.

The July 16 and 30 meets includes: 200, 800, 5,000 (13-and-over), 100 and 110 hurdles, 400 hurdles, long jump, high jump; and 4 x 100 relay.

Ideal summer job

Salem grad's internship is one every sports fan would covet

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The most amazing summer of Jane DeWitt's young life can be summed up with one fourletter acronym: ESPN.

This past spring, the 2005 Salem graduate defied odds that would crush even the

most resilient optimist when she secured a two-month summer internship with the Connecticut-based media

DeWitt, a senior-to-be at Murray State (Ky.) University, was one of just 105 college students who earned an ESPN internship that roughly 10,000 hopefuls applied for.

"It's been an unbelievable experience so far," said DeWitt, who is working in ESPN's Chicago-based Consumer Marketing & Sales Department. "Everyone is so passionate about their jobs

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Salem graduate Jane DeWitt (right) is pictured behind the ESPN **SportsCenter** anchor desk during her visit to the popular network's campus in May. DeWitt, a senior-to-be at Murray State (Ky.) University, secured a rare summer internship at ESPN.

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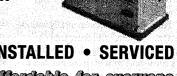
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All-Observer girls tennis team shines

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LINDSAY HOSTETTER, SR., STEVENSON: Hostetter served as the Spartans' No. 1 singles player and their co-captain during the 2008 campaign. She registered an incredible 20-2 record this past season and a 71-7 career mark.

She will attend Brevard College (N.C.), an NCAA Division II school.

"I can't say enough about Lindsay's leadership and dedication to this team and her desire to be the best player she can be," said Stevenson coach Kathy Ladd. "Lindsay has a powerful allaround game, with huge ground strokes and crisp volleys."

TRACY LYTLE, SR., SALEM: Lytle closed out her stellar career in fine fashion as she crafted a solid 8-3 WLAA record against the conference's talented list of No. 1 singles players Her only setbacks were to Hostetter, Northville's top player and at Walled Lake Northern.

"Tracy didn't even play tennis until she was in the eighth grade, so to go from a non-player to a very good No. 1 singles player in high school is pretty impressive," said Salem coach Lin Ware. "She has earned a lot of tennis awards the past few years and all of them have been well-deserved."

LAURA SIMS, SR., STEVENSON: The senior cocaptain enjoyed a productive season at No. 2 singles, going 15-6. She advanced to the finals at the WLAA conference meet and stroked her way to the semifinal round of the D1 Regional meet. She also earned silver medals at the Ann Arbor and Novi invitationals.

"Laura has great fundamentals and is really a model of stroke production," said Ladd. "Laura has a real weapon in her serve and a pretty consistent overhead, all of which add up to a very good, all-court tennis player.'

PAIGE MCNAMARA, JR., STEVENSON: The Spartans' No. 3 singles player racked up an 18-6 record this past spring. Her lone setback in conference play came against alwaystough Northville.

"Paige is a model of mental toughness, focus, intensity and persistence," said Ladd. "Once she steps on the tennis court, she goes from being a delightful and animated teenager to a bulldog of concentration and determination.

ALLI CARPENTER, JR., SALEM: The Rocks' No. 2 singles player went 9-2 with her only two blemishes coming against Northville and Stevenson.

"Alli is going to be the player to beat next year," said Ware. "She's a strong

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COOR ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS TENNI FIRST-TEAM SINGLES Lindsay Hostetter, Sr., Stevenson Tracy Lytle, Sr., Salem Laura Sims, Sr., Stevenson Paige McNamara, Jr., Stevenson Alli Carpenter, Jr., Salem Carli Marschner, Soph., Stevenson Linda Ling, Jr., Salem Angelica Woods, Fr., Franklin **FIRST-TEAM DOUBLES**

Ariel Rojo, Jr., Salem Rachel Norman, Soph., Salem Katherine Morse, Sr., Stevenson Katey Roberts, Sr., Stevenson COACH OF THE YEAR Kathy Ladd, Stevenson

player who has improved each year. She's become much more consistent with her game and she's developed a variety of strokes.'

CARLI MARSCHNER, SOPH., STEVENSON: The versatile Marschner played primarily at No. 4 singles for the Spartans, but also moved up to No. 2 and No. 3 at times. She finished with a 13-9 record.

"Carli is all business on the tennis court," Ladd said. "Carli is all about consistency. As one opposing coach observe, 'Does she ever miss a backhand?"

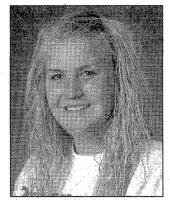
LINDA LING, JR., SALEM: The junior made a very effective move from No. 1 doubles to No. 4 singles this season, racking up a 9-2 WLAA record with her only losses coming to Northville and Walled Lake Northern.

"Linda is a very consistent, allaround player," said Ware. "She's very athletic and gets to the ball really well. She'll be one of our co-captains next

ANGELICA WOODS, FR., FRANKLIN: The ninthgrader played well beyond her years, registering an impressive 18-5 record that included first-round victories in both the Regional and conference tour-

"Angelica's work ethic is exceptional and she is a model for court etiquette," Franklin coach Lori George said. "All three of her losses this season were against experienced, upper-class opponents. Angelica has an arsenal of strokes and strategy to get her opponents offbalance. She's a rising athlete and one to watch in years to come

FIRST-TEAM DOUBLES ARIEL ROJO, JR., SALEM: Rojo teamed with Rachel Norman to give the Rocks a spectacular No. 1 doubles team. The duo lost just two matches in the conference.



Lindsay Hostetter Stevenson



Alli Carpenter



Rachel Norman Salem

"Ariel is a great communicator on the court," said Ware. "She's a big hitter who knows the game well."

RACHEL NORMAN, SOPH., SALEM: The first-year player exhibited veteran's skills as she combined with Ariel Rojo to compile a 9-2 record at No. 1 doubles

"Rachel did outstanding for a firstyear player," said Ware. "She uses her height well at the net and she can go and get the ball."

KATHERINE MORSE, SR., STEVENSON: Morse teamed with Katey Roberts to give the Spartans a formidable No. 1 doubles

"Katherine has long, beautiful





Carli Marschner



Katherine Morse Stevenson

strokes," said Ladd. "Her confidence increased as the season went on. Katherine and Katey definitely enjoyed played together and were always supportive of each other."

KATEY ROBERTS, SR., STEVENSON: Roberts and Morse formed an effective all-senior No. 4 doubles combination for the Spartans, racking up a 12-11 record.

"Katey and Katherine pulled out a crucial three-setter against Canton with a throng of people watching - talk about poise," said Ladd. "My favorite win of theirs was a 7-5, 7-5 victory over Churchill."



Stevenson



Linda Ling



Kathy Roberts Stevenson

COACH OF YEAR

KATHY LADD, STEVENSON: The fifth-year girls coach guided the Spartans to a 10-1-2 dual-meet record, a runner-up finish at the WLAA Tournament and a third-place finish at the Division 1 regional.

For the first time in Ladd's five years the Spartans did not qualify for the state tourney, but it was one of her most rewarding seasons.

"It was a new team, a young team that went above and beyond," said Ladd, who began her varsity tennis coaching career at Livonia Franklin in fall of



Paige McNamara Stevenson



Angelica Woods



Kathy Ladd Stevenson Coach of the Year

1996. "It was a very satisfying season because the girls were so cooperative and were eager to learn. We had a victory good dual-meet season."

Ladd, an English instructor at Stevenson, has been teaching in the Livonia Public Schools for 38 years. She is a fixture at area indoor clubs

during the winter and plays on a regular basis during the summers at Rotary and Bicentennial parks.

"I just love it," Ladd said. "I tell my girls this is just the beginning because you can do it all your life. I love what I do and I'm not going away."

Area golfers leave lasting impressions

Drew Mossoian, Soph., Liv. Stevenson: The sophomore finished 28th overall in the Division 1 state tournament at The Meadows in Allendale with 86-76 for a 164 total.

He averaged 39.18 in dual matches, where he was medalist three times, along with a 77.95 in tournament play.

Mossoian was All-Division in the Western Lakes Activities Association tourney with a 76 and carded a 79 at the Division 1 district tourney. He qualified for the state tourney with a third-place finish at the Washtenaw Country Club regional shooting a 75.

Moosian also shot a 74 to place runner-up at the Pinckney Invitational and captured the Western Wayne Invitational with a 75. He also won the stroke play at the Livonia City Tournament with a 37.

"Drew is young with loads of talent and is always willing to go the extra mile to improve," Stevenson coach Jim Omietanski said.

Zach Conrad, Soph., Canton: The sophomore enjoyed a break-out season, registering a 38.1 nine-hole average and 78.3 18-hole average. He was a dualmatch medalist five times and broke 40 in eight matches.

"Zach has a complete game," said Canton coach Tom Alles. "He is very accurate and is an outstanding putter. His increased length off the tee has helped him lower his scores.'

Hagan Risner, Sr., Garden City: His coach, Ron Pummill, described Risner as perhaps the best golfer the high school has ever seen. The fact Risner owns virtually every Garden City golf record reinforces that lofty praise.

Risner, a fourth-year varsity starter, again made the All-Mega White with a nine-hole average of 36.5 strokes to go with 11 medals and team MVP honors. He was one stroke shy of qualifying for the state meet.

"(Hagan's) absolutely a joy to coach and one of the hardest-working golfers, too," said Pummill about Risner, being heavily recruited by Wayne State University. "It's his commitment to want to be the best player on the course every time he's on the course.'

Tyler Jeleniewski, Sr., Salem: The senior is a four-year letter winner whose game improved each year. He earned All-WLAA first-team honors and provided the Rocks with vital leadership throughout the season.

"Tyler's game is fundamentally sound from tee to green," said Salem coach Rick Wilson. "He's long off the tee, is very consistent with his irons and has a great short game."

Josh Proben, Sr., Liv. Churchill: The four-year letter winner and team MVP averaged 38 per nine and 78.8 for 18 holes his senior year.

ALL-OBSERVER BOYS GOLF

2008 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS GOLF FIRST TEAM Drew Mossoian, Soph. Liv. Stevenson Zach Conrad, Soph., Canton Hagan Risner, Sr., Garden City Tyler Jeleniewski, Sr., Salem

Andrew Rickerman, Jr., Canton
Josh Proben, Sr., Liv. Churchill
SECOND TEAM
Christian Debay, Soph., Liv. Stevenson
Justin Adams, Sr., Liv. Franklin
Chris Cislo, Sr., Garden City Kevin Robinson, Jr., Liv. Churchill Brendan Muir, Soph., Canton Adam Powers. Jr., Salem **COACH OF THE YEAR**

HONORABLE MENTION Plymouth Christian Academy: Ross Gerulis; Churchill: Brian Bint; Franklin: Tony Semonick, Jordan Chisholm; Stevenson: Adam Giordano, Dan DuFour; Westland John Glenn: Andy Myers, Dan Tamaroglio; Wayne Memorial: Jacob Smith; Canton: Jeremy Lindlbauer, Aaron Blase, Clark Albers; **Salem:** Aaron Thompson, Joel Cheesman, Patrick Doty; Plymouth: James Bryans; Garden City: Ron Pummill, Nick Walker; Redford **Union:** Josh Marlow; **Redford Thurston:** Derek Pohlmeyer, Andrew Sexton.



Tom Alles, Canton Coach of Year

Proben finished fourth in the Division 1 district with a 74 and wound up All-Division in the WLAA with a 77 (14th overall). He also tied for eighth at the Farmington Invitational with a 75. He added a 77 at Brighton and an 81 at

"Josh had an outstanding season," Churchill coach Paul Worley said. "As one of the team captains this year, he displayed great leadership through his play. His consistent play will be missed next season along with his spirited attitude and patience toward the game. He should have great success furthering his golf career at Schoolcraft College in

Andrew Rickerman, Jr., Canton: Rickerman was solid all year, averaging 38.2 for nine holes and 79.2 for 18. He was a dual-match medalist twice and broke 40 in seven matches.

"Andrew is technically sound in all phases of the game," said Canton coach Tom Alles. "He is constantly working to



Drew Mossoian Stevenson



Andrew Rickerman Canton



Chris Cislo Garden City

improve his game."

SECOND TEAM Christian Debay, Soph., Liv. Stevenson: The sophomore averaged 40 in dual matches, where he was medalist four times, and 78 in tournament play.

Debay shot a 74 to make All-Division

in the WLAA and tied for 20th at the district with an 81. He went on to place 10th at the regional with a 78. He also shot 74 at the Western

Wayne Invitational, a 79 at the Pinckney Invitational and an 80 at the Huron Valley Invitational. "Christian was a pleasure to coach,

always has an upbeat attitude and walks the course always smiling," Omietanski Justin Adams, Sr., Liv. Franklin: The senior took All-Western Lakes honors

with 73 and took 11th at the Division 1

district tourney with a 77.

Adams averaged 41.91 per nine and 81.33 per 18 holes. He also added an 80 at the Wayne County Championship and shot 81 at Pinckney.



Zach Conrad Canton



Josh Proben



Kevin Robinson Churchill

"Justin was a solid player and leader all year," Franklin coach Brian McCalister said. "He was a good example for the team with his work ethic and even-temperment. He is a very long driver for a player of his size and a real streaky putter. This gives him the ability to go low, which he showed at the WLAA tournament with his 73." Chris Cislo, Sr., Garden City: The

fourth-year Cougar really came into his own down the stretch, winning the Mega White meet with an 18-hole round of 76 and shooting an 80 at the regionals, missing the cut for state meet by just three strokes.

"He really wrapped up an excellent high school career with a superb senior year," Pummill said.

Cislo made the All-Mega White team for the first time after averaging 40 strokes for nine and 80 for 18. He was a three-time medalist. Kevin Robinson, Jr., Liv. Churchill: The

two-year letter winner was runner-up at the Division 1 district at Whispering



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Christian Debay Stevenson



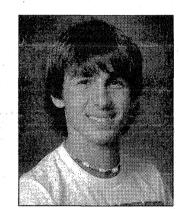
Brendan Muir Canton

Robinson, a junior, averaged 39.9 per nine and 80 per 18. He shot 79 at the WLAA tourney and added a 78 at the Farmington Invitational. He also went 81 and 83, respectively, at the Brighton and Pinckney invitationals. "Kevin will be looked upon as one of

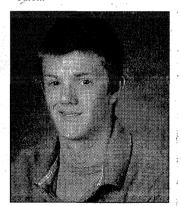
the team leaders next season," Worley said. "He showed many signs of that this year with his grind-it-out attitude on the links. This led him to improve his score in every invitational and tournament he played in this year from the previous year. He's a gamer and loves of the game of golf, always practice during his free

Brendan Muir, Soph., Canton: Only a sophomore, Muir proved to be a key player in the Chiefs' ultra-successful season, firing a 79 at the WLAA Conference meet and a 75 at the District tournament - a score that earned him medalist honors. "Brendan has immense talent," said

Alles. "He became a much more consistent golfer from his freshman to sopho-



Tyler Jeleniewski



Justin Adams Franklin



Adam Powers

Salem more years.'

Adam Powers, Jr., Salem: Powers saved his best for last, firing 78's at both the WLAA Conference meet and at the Division 1 District tournament. He is an accomplished hockey player along with being a polished golfer.

"Adam came on very strong at the end of the year and played really well in our biggest tournaments," said Wilson. "Being a good hockey goalie, he has great hand-eye coordination and great instincts. He was rock solid when it counted this season."

COACH OF THE YEAR Tom Alles, Canton: The veteran mentor guided the Chiefs to one of their most successful seasons in years as they registered a 3-2 WLAA Western Division record, which was good for a tie for second with Livonia Franklin, and a third-place showing in the highly competitive WLAA conference meet. Alles' steadying influence was crucial for the

young Chiefs, who will return four of

their top six players next season.



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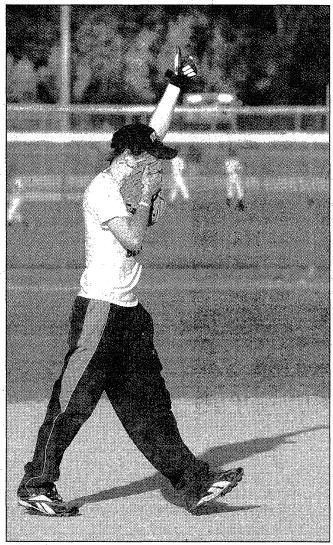
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Young Guns left-center fielder Billy Gauthier flashes the thumbs-up sign just a few minutes after a ball he lost in the sun crashed into the bridge of his nose



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slow-pitch softball is that it's a sport everybody can participate in," said CSC Program Director Ann-Marie Carravallah. "You don't have to be a pro to have fun. You can play right-field or play catcher and still be a factor in your team's success."

Having fun is No. 1

Like a lot of teams that play at the CSC, winning isn't everything to the Young Guns — it's the *lonely* thing.

The second-year squad that is made up of a group of high school friends from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park had just two victories in 16 games heading into Thursday night's regular season-ending double-header.

But they weren't going to let a few losses get in the way of a good time.

'Winning is a plus — we're here to have fun," said 20-year-old Young Guns third baseman Mike Sikora. "I went to high school with all these guys on my team, so we've been buddies for so long. It's nice to get everybody together again during the summer while everybody's home from school.

"A lot of times when we're out here playing, we act like we're in high school again - almost."

In sharp contrast to the more talentladen players that toil in Class C and

D leagues, Sikora said members of the Young Guns don't fork over hundreds of dollars on high-end equipment.

"I picked this mitt up on sale at Dick's for \$40," he said smiling. "Before I bought this, I used my sister's old softball mitt.

Work reprieve

For 25-year-old Canton resident Adam Hernandez, slow-pitch softball is a great post-work stress-reliever.

"A lot of us have busy work weeks, so this gives us some time to get out of the house and hang out with our friends," he said. "We've been playing together for a long time, so, yeah, we want to win. But if we don't, we don't get mad."

"It's a sport we all played when we were kids," said 32-year-old Canton resident Joseph Willey, when asked why he signs up to play in the weekly doubleheaders throughout the summer. "Some of these guys only played four years in elementary school; others played all the way through high school. No matter how long you played, it's still fun."

As Willey spoke, Gauthier was helped into the side door of an emergency vehicle for observation.

The bleeding had stopped, but the sweat and good-natured jeers continued on the surrounding fields.

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here and they go out of their way to make sure the interns are comfortable.

"ESPN treats its interns so well because a large number of them are hired for full-time positions after they graduate from college, so they know that a lot of the interns are the future of the company."

Never a dull day

Unlike more typical summer jobs that involve burger flipping, house painting and errand running, DeWitt's days are far from redundant.

"One of the cool things about this internship is that there is no such thing as a typical day," she said. "For instance, on Friday, the company rented one of the roof-tops by Wrigley Field so we can host some clients during the Cubs-White Sox (baseball) game.

"Some days, I've shadowed one of the company's marketing reps and other days I've actually sat in on teleconference meetings where I've helped brainstorm marketing ideas for potential clients.

"I learn something new every

Not long after DeWitt's May 27 starting date, she was flown to the company's Bristol, Conn., headquarters for a tour of its massive home base.

Among her SportsCenter highlights were sitting in the same anchor chair that Stewart Scott occupies, and eating in the same cafeteria that Chris Berman dines in.

"It's like a huge college campus," DeWitt said, describing the ESPN headquarters. "Of the company's 5,500 employees, 4,000 of them work in Bristol."

A long road

DeWitt's incredible journey started in December when she began researching internships at ESPN.

She sent out a resume in January and secured her first phone interview in February.

Following a second phone interview, DeWitt was one of eight candidates who were flown to Chicago to compete for one opening.

"There was a job fair at Murray State the week before I went to Chicago, so I tried to get as many interviews a could to get some practice," she

A few days after the in-person interview with ESPN's Jevon Thoresen, she saw a missed call on her cell phone that had a Chicago area code.

Whoever called didn't leave a message.

"When I saw it was a Chicago number, I thought, 'Oh, shoot!'," she recalled. "It was 6:30 when I saw it, so I thought whoever called would probably be long gone from the office," she remembered. "But I called the number back any way. Jevon answered and said, 'Congratulations and welcome aboard.' It was very exciting."

Impressive credentials

DeWitt, a member of the Murray State women's soccer team, theorized that two factors played a major role in her getting the job.

"I think they liked the fact that I played a sport in college," she said. "And I was very involved with my school's marketing team — the I-Racers - so I had some experience in

sports promotions." In addition to working for ESPN, DeWitt is staying in top-notch soccer shape by playing for the Chicago United Breeze in the Women's Premier Soccer League.

"The team has a pool of 28 or 30 players and they only dress about 18 for each game, so I let them know when I can play," she said. "They know that ESPN is my No. 1 priority, so they've been very flexible with

DeWitt is set to return to Murray State the first week of August for pre-season soccer training.

And once school commences later that month, if she's required to write a paper on what she did over her summer break, she'll be able to fill up more than a page or two.

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By Elena Lombardi

Most of us take things like reading, watching TV or playing cards for granted. But poor vision from conditions like macular degeneration, glaucoma, diabetes or cataracts makes these tasks difficult or even impossible. When people have insufficient vision to do the things they want to do, they have low vision.

Today Michigan Optometrist Dr. Sheldon Smith has the answers many of these people have been seeking. Dr. Smith, a Low Vision Specialist, helps people with these types of eye diseases see better. A Fellow of the International Academy of Low Vision Specialists, Dr. Smith is one of a select group of doctors serving the visually impaired.

"People don't know there are experienced doctors who can help them with specialized low vision care," says Dr. Smith. "Many people are told by their own doctors that nothing more can be done for their eye condition, but there are ways to improve vision" says Dr. Smith. "We fit special devices to help patients meet their various visual goals."

Patients often end up using weak, clumsy handheld magnifiers trying to help themselves see better. Conversely, Dr. Smith prescribes hands-free devices that are easier to use. "We use the same telescopic devices surgeons use during operations," says Dr. Smith. "That's how powerful and convenient they are.

Special prismatic reading glasses and microscopes help make reading a little easier. Telescopic glasses primarily focus on distance objects like TV, passing neighbors or scenery. Telescopes can also be adapted to closer tasks like playing cards or computers. "Telescopes can even help people meet the driver vision requirement" Dr. Smith

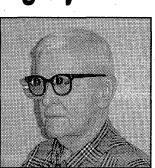
explained. Michigan is one of 46 states that allow bioptic telescopic glasses for driving.

Mr. Leo Hakola, age 85 of Livonia, Michigan saw Dr. Smith last May.

Macular degeneration,

cataract, stroke and double vision were causing reading and driving problems. Dr. Smith prescribed a complete low vision system which included telescopic glasses for driving and special prismatic glasses for reading. The entire cost was \$2789. Leo said "the telescopic driving glasses really help me see traffic lights and street signs down the block. And reading is much easier and single now with these special reading glasses. I am glad I found you, Dr. Smith."

In addition to the spectacle vision aids, Dr. Smith offers training to help people accomplish their daily activities. Visual aids help patients use their remaining vision to its fullest capacity while rehabilitative training improves the patient's Paid Advertisement



Leo Hakola wearing telescopic driving glasses

ability to carry out necessary independent activities. And of course safeguarding present vision levels is crucial. Sun filters and nutritional supplements can improve vision and prevent further "Each patient has a

unique amount of vision and their own goals," says Dr. Smith. "I am committed to helping patients do what matters most to them and improving their quality of life."

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If you or someone you know is struggling with their vision, call Dr. Smith to find out how low vision care can help. There is help available. You just need to know where to find

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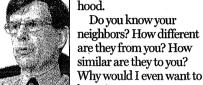
It's healthy to know neighbors, ourselves

hen Fred Rogers died several years ago, I wrote a column called "About My Neighbor." In it, I reflected on how Mr. Rogers,

In it, I reflected on how Mr. Rogers, through the quiet and low-key atmosphere and message of his TV show, gave so many children and families a chance to feel good about themselves, know that they were valued and of value just for who they are, and that the whole world could, and hopefully would, be our neighborhood.

That has come back to me now as the Multicultural Multiracial Commission of the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills has invited people to start having "porch

parties" to discover who is actually in your neighborhood.



Paul Melrose

You might want to know for practical reasons. Your neighborhood can be an attractive place to live and work if all of its residents

work together. If you know your neighbors it can improve neighborhood safety to have your neighbors watch your property when you are away.

You might find your neighbor has a skill which can help you with a project. Your neighbor might find that since you have lived in the community longer, you might have some suggestions as to where to find a service of some kind like hairdresser, or medical needs or a house of worship or the nearest YMCA.

The notion of coming to know your stranger even has a parallel in your inner life. As a survival tactic or coping skill, the ego has a way of distancing the conscious self from parts of the personality which seem painful, able to inflict pain, or generally have qualities which do not help in relationships and general public acceptance.

These parts of us are either hidden or only come into play in extreme circumstances or they take the form of being such a part of us that while we are familiar and just know us as the way we are others might find us difficult to relate to.

One example is depression. Many who are depressed either deny it consciously or have developed ways to cope which push the depression away. But in either of those cases the depression, an integral part of ourselves because it is in our hardwiring, our experience, is a stranger and not a neighbor. The basic technique in therapy for treating depression, or any other parts of our lives that might be problematic, is to make them known, to "meet them," to understand more about that part of ourselves, to become "neighbors" with the part of ourselves we don't like.

Rather than be ruled by fear, or ignorance or uncertainty or denial we can reach out to meet this part of ourselves. In the meeting and learning about that part of ourselves the personality heals a "split," becomes more unified, and more energy focuses on the unity and common goal of the health and strength of the person.

This psychological process is a bit like what can happen in our neighborhoods where we live, or across neighborhoods, or across cities, states, countries, cultures within and among religious communities.

simplistic? Perhaps, except that when walls are broken down, and people move away from fear and learn to trust, both them and their neighbors, the peace of the community broadens and strengthens.

Just some thoughts as we think about whether or not to host either neighborhood parties in our own neighborhood or take a look within ourselves to meet the stranger there.

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Debbie McDermott and Roxie sit with some of the ribbons Roxie won in the national Canine Performance Events held recently in Mason, south of Lansing.



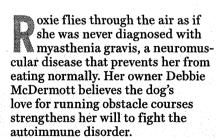
Roxie runs through the agility practice course in her Livonia back yard.

Persevering

Dog inspires owner to never give up



BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O&E STAFF WRITER



Ever since the diagnosis on Dec. 23, McDermott has literally lived her life around Roxie feeding her every four hours and making sure the Israeli herding dog takes her seven medications.

All of Roxie's food must be liquefied and fed to her in a specially

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HELP is around the corner to learn English

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O&E STAFF WRITER

Sister Mary Martinez couldn't say no when she received a call to tutor Hispanic immigrants in English even though it means the 76-year-old Felician nun must travel three times a week from Livonia to Pontiac. After 59 years of teaching foreign languages she was eager to reverse her role as an instructor and help the students build a future in this country.

Martinez insists on not taking sole credit for the endeavor. Ana Mandelbaum of Franklin came up with the idea for HELP,



Martinez

the Hispanic Education for Life Skills Project. Al Swerdlow of Farmington Hills not only volunteers as a tutor but promotes the program. Sister Paulita Bikowski, as administrator of the Montessori School run by the Felicians, lent her 32 years of experience to care for the children of

students during classes. Sister Alfonsa Van Overberghe, treasurer, helped with funding through the Felician Sisters who made donations and purchased materials. Sister Renetta Rumpz, Felician provincial minister, provides support wherever she can. Many more men and women in business and education volunteer as well.

Although classes ended June 11 HELP is

Although classes ended June 11 HELP is hoping to attract students and volunteers to the summer program that starts July 8, and runs for a month. The academic year begins again on Sept. 16.

"It's a program that's very much needed. They come from Mexico. The men go to work, children to school and they're learning English," said Martinez. "They want to learn and that's a big plus.

"The hardest part is to be creative and find new ways to present things. I've been criticized for doing English and Spanish, but learned if you only teach it in one language and they fall behind, they're lost."

Mandelbaum can relate to the struggle of learning English. She came to this country from Cuba in 1966 without knowing the language. That's one of the reasons she wanted to start HELP at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Pontiac. Mandelbaum eventually learned to read and write and graduated from Henry Ford High School in 1968 then went on to Wayne State University where she not only earned a bachelor's degree but a PhD in languages. Her master's is from the University of Michigan.

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Sister Mary Martinez (right) and Sister Paulita Bikowski talk about the HELP program which tutors Hispanic students in the English language.

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Debbie McDermott runs Roxie through the practice course in the backyard.

she and McDermott have never given up and Roxie continues to work as a

therapy dog and win ribbons in competitions.

Roxie has struggled with an illness making it difficult for her to eat but both

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Gait is different in conditions where nerve damage has occurred. In Parkinson's Disease walking has a shuffling character and turning is difficult. In instances of diabetic neuropathy the gait is slow with short steps as the person cannot feet solid footing. In the case of sciatica the individual may drag a foot because muscles in the leg are not receiving the usual signals to contract and raise the foot.

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Chorales reunite for final concert

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Don Pratt probably will never forget 1966. He was a high school student on his way to South America as a member of the Youth for Understanding Chorale. Little did he know the experience would open his eyes to diverse cultures and lead to life-long friendships with chorale members not only from his year but 1958 to 1973 when the program existed.

On Sunday, June 29, more than 172 singers return to Hill Auditorium for a reunion concert and a weekend of rehearsals and activities. The chorales traditionally ended their tours in Ann Arbor where Rachel Andresen founded the groups that brought together junior and high school seniors from southeast Michigan. Over the years chorales averaged about 70 singers.

'We got the whole exchange experience without living there for a year," said Pratt of Canton. "I lived with nine different families on my tour in Chile, Uruguay and Brazil, and was on the 1972 staff with the chorale in Germany, Yugoslavia, Switzerland, and '73 in Colombia, Venezuela, Costa Rica, El Salvador and Guatemala.

"As a chorale member you have a musical experience memorizing music from classical to spirituals. You might be singing in Portuguese or Spanish and learn a variety of music and music styles. You really grow a lot musically."

Pratt is especially excited about being joined on stage by his sister Carolyn, a chorale member who went on to become a professional soloist in Bloomington, Minn.; his wife Kathy, an alto and chaperone for the '72 and '73 chorales with Pratt, and his father Robert, conductor



Youth for Understanding Chorale members from 32 states and four foreign countries reunite for a concert next Sunday.

YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING CHORALE REUNION CONCERT

When: 3 p.m. Sunday, June 29, Where: Hill Auditorium, 825 North University on the University of Michigan campus, Ann Arbor

Admission: Free but donations will be accepted. For information, call (734) 455-8353 or visit www.choralealumni.com

of the chorale from 1964 to 1973. Robert, now 81, takes to the stage to conduct the chorale's 50th anniversary and the last of a series of reunion concerts held every two years.

"It's special to have my father conduct. He's conducted in Michigan for 57 years," said Pratt. "It's going to be spectacular. Alumni who can't do the entire weekend will join us on stage at the end for four pieces every chorale sang. There will probably be 200 voices or more."

DuAnne Sonneville has

spent last week taking registration. The Orchard Lake woman is proud to have been a member of the 1966 chorale with Pratt.

"It's a huge project but it's so wonderful in the end. We have members coming from 32 states and four foreign countries," said Sonneville, who sings with Pratt in the Plymouth Oratorio Society. "It was a life changing experience. We were going to be an ambassador for the country. It broadened everybody's horizon. We were the first ones traveling. We opened those doors. We were sent into areas people had not even seen Americans or met them to show we were very much like them. Thev only knew what they saw on television. Different doesn't mean better or worse just different."

Germans welcomed the chorale with open arms in 1958. David B. Graves knows he'll never forget the destruction still visible from World War II.

Although unsettling, the

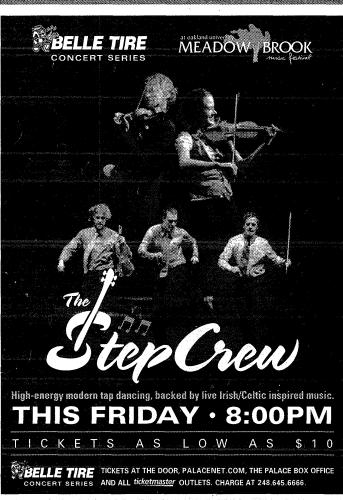
experience triggered a love for travel in the Trov man. As a result he worked in the industry until 2001.

"How we traveled and communicated back to home from Europe compared to today is just worlds apart, said Graves. "When we flew over it took 20 hours with two refueling stops. I remember standing out on the runway and the International building at Detroit Metropolitan Airport was little more than a prefabricated building.

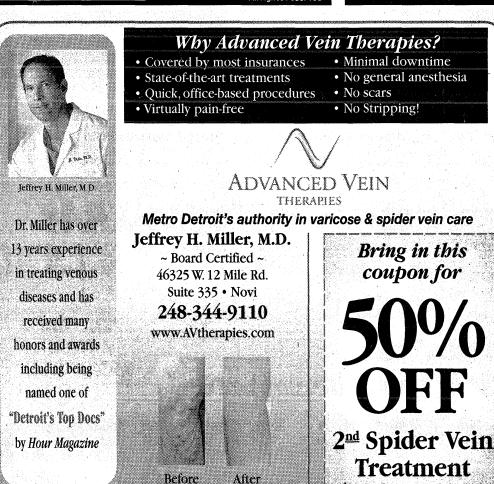
"In Germany we were still seeing a great deal of destruction. I was a naive teenager at the time. I remember the great deal of people wounded from the war. It was quite something to experience yet we received such warm welcomes wherever we were. It was unusual for teens to be traveling to Europe, to be one of the first to participate in an adventure as what we did was really quite ground breaking."

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built doggie high chair. Roxie still receives about a quarter of her daily nutrition through a feeding tube which had been her lifeline from January through early May.

McDermott keeps repeating how Roxie has taught her to persevere especially through the critical night when she slept beside the dog on the floor at the animal hospital. Twice McDermott and her husband Frank had talked about ending Roxie's suffering but then her health began to improve.

By late May the 11-yearold Canaan was not only competing in agility but winning First Place ribbons in national Canine Performance Events in Mason, south of Lansing. Although extremely thin, Roxie jumps over and runs through the obstacles

seemingly without effort. Over the years she's com-

peted from California to Nova Scotia and earned her Agility Championship a year

"She's a fighter," said McDermott, who works Roxie's care into her schedule as a member of the Livonia Planning Commission. "The first time she ran since September was the second week in May when I tried her out at a smaller competition and she took off. I found by doing something she loved she had renewed energy and you could see the light come back in her eyes. It's not the ribbons. It made her so happy. They say a runner gets a high when they run. That's what she experienced."

Roxie has always given her all, whether it's on the obstacle course or visiting Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit and Camelot nursing home in

Livonia as a member of Therapy Dogs International. During the school year she's known as Roxie the Reading Dog at Buchanan Elementary in Livonia where students practice their reading skills as she quietly listens. Even when extremely ill, Roxie visited patients at Camelot.

"I've seen her in the hospital or nursing home. She somehow knows how to nudge up and comfort them," said McDermott. "There was a teenage girl at Children's Hospital who wanted to walk her. I asked the girl's father if it was okay. While we were walking through the halls the girl said she'd coded twice that week and that she was dying of brain cancer. She's given so much to so many

This isn't Roxie's first bout with illness. At age 2 she had to quit competing in obedience trials because of another autoimmune disorder. Roxie's

current struggle keeps her sitting vertically in a chair for at least 20 minutes after every meal to enable the liquefied diet to travel down the esophagus with gravity.

McDermott has experimented with a variety of feeding methods she learned about on the megaesophagus Yahoo group on the Internet. She says Roxie is worth it.

"She's taught me that no matter how bad it looks you never give up on life or in life," said McDermott. "I set up her equipment last night and she watched me through the door anxious to run her course. We're hoping."

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Roxie gets a midmorning snack from Debbie McDermott. Because of her illness, Roxie stays in a special chair to keep her upright 20-25 minutes after eating.

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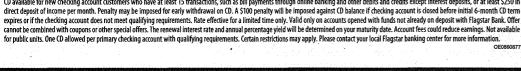
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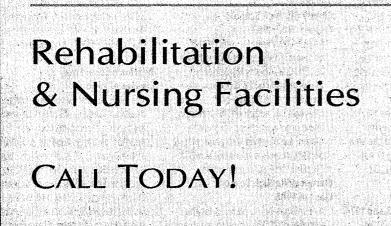
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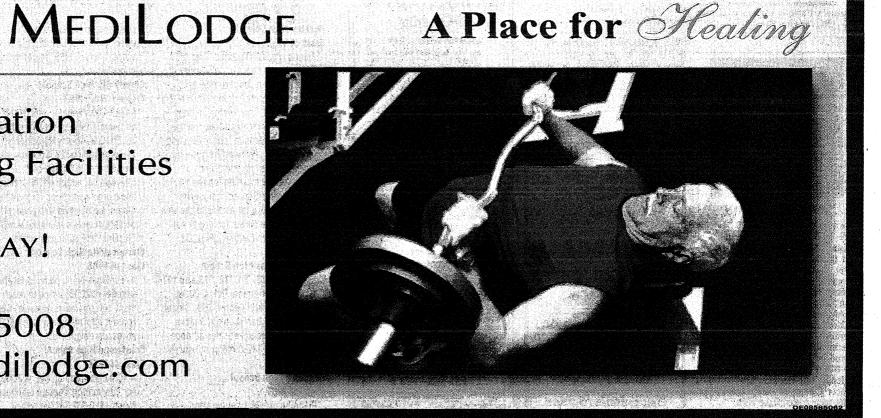
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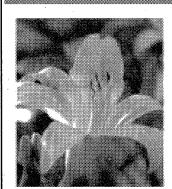




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WILLIAM ADOLPH **BRUNSTAD**

Passed away on Sunday, June 15, 2008, after a short Bill, as he was known to everyone, was born in Chippewa Falls, WI on February 7, 1916. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Carleton College in Northfield, MN and obtained his law degree from Northwestern University in Chicago, IL where he was a member of the Board of Editors for the Illinois Law Review . He practiced law for a short time in Chicago before joining the FBI in 1941 as part of the war effort for the United States. He volunteered for the service in the elite SIS group which took him to Ecuador and Argentina as an undercover agent. After the war, he spent his entire career with General Motors Corporation. He was one of the early participants in the labor relations arena and was recognized as a keen draftsman and respected member of the General Motors' negotiation team. He retired in 1979 as Assistant Director of Labor Relations. Bill married Alice V. Wade on June 26, 1948. His death came only 11 days before he and his wife were to celebrate 60 years of marriage. Bill and Alice lived in Birmingham, MI for most of his career with General Motors before moving to Stuart, FL to retire. While in Birmingham, Bill served on a number of civic and charitable committees including his service as an elder and a trustee for the Presbyterian Church, The Kirk in the Hills. Bill loved to play golf and despite a somewhat questionable golf swing always managed to stay competitive with his peers and his family. He and Alice moved to Atlanta in 2006 to be closer to their family. A memorial service was held in Birmingham, AL on Wednesday, June 18, 2008. The family asks that donations be made to The Kirk In the Hills, 1340 West Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302 Bill is survived by his wife Alice, two sons James W. Brunstad and William D. Brunstad and four grandchildren, Elizabeth Brooks Brunstad, Margaret Wade Brunstad, Louis Egan Brunstad and John Miller Brunstad.

DEREK A. CHANNING

June 18, 2008. Age 68 of Livonia, Michigan. Born in London, England to the late Albert and Rosa (Jones) Channing. Retired Ford mechanical engineer with many patents to his name. He loved sailing on Mullett Lake and playing the banjo, mandolin and ukulele. He was very active in the four-string banjo community-his favorite being the plectrum. He belonged to many groups over the years, including the Garter Snappers olus 4, Banjos of Michigan, Flint Banjos, Windsor Banjos and the Silver String Dulcimer Society. He participating in the Great Lakes International Banjo Convention for many years. Recently, he volunteered to teach kids to take up an interest in playing, and formed Banjo Band". His most recent passion was to keep the old ragtime style of playing alive. Derek is survived by his wife, Lynn Channing and daughters Diana (Todd) Chirillo and Sally (Michael) Duffy. Loving grandfather of Gillian and Alex Chirillo and Kevin and Sarah Duffy. Survived by his brothers Brian (Jackie) and Reg (Babs) and sister Sylvia Parrott, M.B.E., who reside in England. Brother-in-law of Karen Gair and Nadine (Gene) Desjarlais. uncle of many nephews and nieces in the states and in the UK. Visitation and Funeral Services were held at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia. Interment Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

CHRISTOPHER GROCHOWSKI

Age 51, of Garden City, June 18, 2008. Beloved husband of Debbie. Loving father of Robert, James, John (Heather), Christina, Daniel, and Matthew. Dearest son of Zofia and the late Tadeusz. Dear brother of Barbara (Chris), Steve (Helena), and Teresa (Salim). Loving grandfather of six. Dear godfather of two. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Christopher served proudly in the military for 21 years. He then went on to work for Plymouth Ford Vieston for 19 ears. Ultimately, after his courageous fight Christopher last his long battle to leukemia. Visitation on Monday, June 23, 2008, 2-9pm. at the Voran Funeral Home (Dearborn Chapel), 23701 Ford Rd. Funeral Service Tuesday at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Garden City. ObituaryGuestbook at:

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BRENDA L. KERN

Age 49 of Novi, June 14, 2008. Loving wife of Richard. Devoted mother of Kristen. Beloved daughter of George and the late Alice Kupchinsky. Dear sister of Lynn Schick. Dear aunt of Thomas Schick. Visitation was held at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 West Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. In state 10 AM until the 11 AM funeral service at NorthRidge Church, 49555 North Territorial, (at Ridge Rd) Plymouth. Interment Glen Eden Memorial Park Memorial contributions may be made to Bible Study Fellowship International, or to Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Center. To view obituary and

share memories, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

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HUGH ROSS MACK, Jr.

June 15, 2008. Beloved husband of Elizabeth D. Mack for 58 years, died at the age of 85 at Woodward Hills Nursing Center from cancer related illnesses. Incredible father to Anne Ganiard, Wendy O'Connor, and Hugh Ross Mack, III. Devoted grandfather to Lindsay, Elizabeth, Christopher, Lauren, J.J., Mary and Michael. Hugh graduated from Baldwin High School where he made All State in football. Coach Fritz Chrysler of The University of Michigan recruited Hugh to play football. Hugh lettered in both football and wrestling while at U of M. He was a loyal member of Chi Psi fraternity, and those friendships have been everlasting. Hugh served in WWII in the Navy as a torpedo officer on the destroyer USS Ellison. After the war he graduated from U of M with a degree in economics. Hugh was a former member of the Birmingham Athletic Club, when it was first organized, and he was a 60 year member of the Detroit Athletic Club where he enjoyed handball, squash and bowling. Hugh volunteered at Old Brighton Hospital and Guest House. Manressa meetings and members where dear to his heart. Members of Christ Church Cranbrook for 58 years, Hugh and wife Betsy taught Sunday school and Hugh ushered until his illness. A private commitment will be held in the columbarium at Christ Church Cranbrook and there will be a memorial service July 19, 2008 at 11:00 am at Christ Church Cranbrook. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to Beaumont Hospice, 3601 W. 13 Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48073.



CARL PARK

June 15, 2008. Loving friend of Joan Kendal, Dr. Kenneth (Kathy), Kathleen, Kevin (Cherlyn), Lisa (Ron) Keefer and the late Richard. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Memorial visitation Saturday, June 28th, 10 a.m. at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road (west of Haggerty) until time of Memorial Service at 11 a.m. Carl was a veteran of the Vietnam War. Local care and services were entrusted to the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 8809 Wayne Road, Livonia. Memorial donations to St. Jude Hospital would be appreciated. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com

P. DOUGLASS PFAFF Age 69, of Venice, Florida, passed

away on June 17, 2008. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on May 24, 1939 and moved to Venice five years ago from Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. He a member of the Venice byterian Church, Venice-Presbyterian Church, Venice-Nokomis Rotary Club, Pelican Pointe Golf & Country Club, Venice High School Football Boosters Club, pastpresident of I.A.D.D. and the Oxford Rotary Club in Oxford, Michigan and a member of Kirk in the Hills in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. He also served in the U.S. Coast Guard. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Dorothy; three sons, Kevin of Littleton, Colorado, Chris (Debora) of Westwood, Massachusetts, Doug (Jennifer) of Birmingham, Michigan; à brother, Rae (Tilde) of Orchard Lake, Michigan, five grandchildren, Drew, Mitchell, Jake, Tucker, Griffin and nine nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at 11:00am on Monday, June 23, 2008 at Venice Presbyterian Church. Memorial donations may be made to TideWell Hospice & Palliative Care, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, Florida 34238 or to the Venice-Nokomis Rotary Club, P.O. Box 8, Venice, Florida 34284. Farley Funeral Home in Venice, Florida is handling the arrangements. To send condolences visit: www.farleyfuneralhome.com.

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RUTH MESTON (MEIER) TAYLOR

Age 90, of Ann Arbor passed away gracefully, peacefully and in her nome, per her wishes, in early June, 2008. Ruth was born in July, 1917 in Detroit, Michigan. She was the daughter of the late James Herbert Meier and Hazel (Davidson) Meier and the wife of the late Thomas S. Taylor (Major, U. S. Army, ret.). Ruth Meier began her career in the fashion department of the J. L. Hudson Co., Detroit, MI, and was quickly promoted to Director of the Bridal Department. She was also a writer, editor and fashion consultant for the Detroit Shopping News. After the Second World War Ruth toured Europe by bicycle twice, leading an American Youth Hostel group on her second trip (1949) wearing a series of outfits for which she had just won First Prize in the National Sewing Contest (original design) which included a week's trip through the fashion world of New York, NY. She won four Michigan and two national competitions. By 1959 she had been graduated by Wayne State University with Bachelor of Arts degree, was member of the American Association of University Women, the Great Books Society and active in charity work. Ruth Meier married Thomas S. Taylor in 1960 and adopted his two sons, Robert and TS. "Mom had a great 90 year run," one of the boys remarked recently. Raising her family also included being a guide for Greenfield Village for eight years and being elected President of the Riverwoods Garden club in Southfield, MI as Tom was raising bees and harvesting honey. The city of Southfield recognized Ruth's community beautification accomplishments for her "Trees for Telegraph Road" project in the 1970s. Ruth and family enjoyed back-woods camping near Harbor Springs, MI, and fly fishing. They camped and fished their way around America through Mount Rushmore, Yellowstone National Park, Dinosaur National Monument at the northern corner of Utah and Colorado. Will Rogers Memorial Museum in Claremore, OK, Theodore Roosevelt National Park, ND, and Niagra Falls, NY. With Tom, Ruth went whitewater-river-rafting down the Colorado river through the Grand Canyon and followed the Klondike Gold Rush highway in Alaska. Recently, Ruth and her boys toured five Hawaiian Islands Pearl Harbor and appreciated Ann Arbor Art Fairs and Top of the Park celebrations. She is survived by her sons, her brother, George Meier of Grand Rapids, and her sister, Alice Hughes of Baltimore, MD and several nieces and nephews. Ruth's other sister, Sylvia Throckmorton of Sudbury, MA passed away in 2006. Ruth appre ciated the many caregivers, and open-access hospice, who assisted her in her home in recent years, thank you to all. Viewing will be Wednesday, 25 June

from 11 a.m. to 8p.m. at the Haley Funeral Directors, 24525 Northwestern Highway, Southfield MI and a viewing and service on Thursday, 26 June from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 120 South State Street, Ann Arbor. A family memorial ceremony will be scheduled later this year. On line condolences and directions at:

www.haleyfuneraldirectors.com ALOYSIUS ZANN

June 10, 2008, age 86. Passed away at Botsford Commons in Farmington Hills & donated his body to the chool of Medicine at Wayne State University, where in death he shall teach the living. (www.med.wane.edu) 'Al" loving husband of the late Zofia Sophie) Zann of 63 years. He is survived by his son David (Susan) Zann, daughters Coleen (Michael) Carroll and Janet (Terry) Oplinger. He was a cherished grandfather of four and great-grandfather of three. The family has no services planned.

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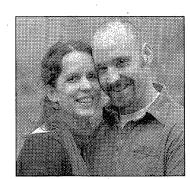
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ENGAGEMENTS

Janes-Lucas

Margaret Rose Janes and Matthew Aaron Lucas will be married in July at the Pine Knob Mansion in Clarkston, Michigan. Maggie is the daughter of Joseph and Judith Janes of Oakland Township. She graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor's in International Relations and received a master's in Public Health from Tulane University in New Orleans. Maggie is employed by Public Health Solutions in New York

Matt is the son of Charles and Kenyann Lucas of Texarkana, Texas. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University where he received



a bachelor's in Business Management. Matt resides in New York City where he is studying for his master's in International Relations.

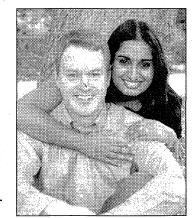
Both are returned Peace $Corp\ Volunteers\ who\ served\ in$ West Africa. The couple will make their home in New York City after the wedding.

Prabhu-Howery

Suhas and Kiran Prabhu of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Neha Prabhu, to Dan Howery, son of Terry Howery of Northville, and Doris Howery of Livonia.

The bride-to-be graduated from North Farmington High School and earned a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Michigan. She is currently working as an investment analyst. The future groom gradu-

ated from Stevenson High School in Livonia and also attended University of Michigan, where he obtained a bachelor's in Computer Science Engineering. He works as a



video game programmer at Midway Games.

The couple met at college and now reside in Chicago.

A May 23, 2009 wedding and reception are planned at the Dearborn Inn.

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engagement of their daugh-

Clinton James Dinnan, son

of Bill and Hope Dinnan of

Kelly is a graduate of

and is a surgical resident at Botsford Hospital in

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Community College and is a

registered nurse in the emer-

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gency room at Providence

Kelly and Clinton are

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ter, Kelly Ann Condon, to

of Livonia announce the

Walter and Diane Samulski of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Samulski, to Mike Orehek, son of Ed and Joyce Orehek of Livonia and Pam and Stan Stachowicz of Brighton. The bride-to-be is currently a student at Central Michigan University. She will graduate in December, 2008, with a bachelor's in journalism with a concentration in public relations and minors in marketing and sport management. The future groom gradu-

ated in December, 2007, from Madonna University where he was a pitcher on the baseball team for four years. He has a bachelor's in Business Administration and works for Guardian Glass Industries as a line supervisor.

A June 13, 2009 wedding is planned at St. Kenneth's Catholic Church in Plymouth followed by a reception at Plymouth Manor in Plymouth.



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"A former immigrant, I'm a woman and a mother and have a lot of things in common with my students. I felt there was a bond there. I felt I could make a difference because I could sense what they've gone through," said Mandelbaum. "It was very difficult. I basically struggled. I was lucky. My teachers were willing to accommodate my situation. If I could not write, they allowed me to do it orally."

Mandelbaum originally helped students learn English while working for another agency in Pontiac. After developing the program there she decided to start HELP and bought books with her own money.

"I wanted to really fulfill the need that I realized we have in the Hispanic community," said Mandelbaum. "I wanted to focus on English and computer skills and was able to offer more opportunities.

These people are desperate to learn English and to work so their situation varies day by day. Enrollment is always open. Some can only come in one day. We always welcome

you as long as you want to learn. I've learned a lot this year. When I hear some of the things these people are going through it amazes me they still nave the motivation to learn.

HELP originally started with about 150 students. There are now about 70 studying in the basement of St. Michael's Catholic Church where pastor Sean Sylvester loans space for the program independent of the parish. Mandelbaum welcomes all denominations of students and volunteers.

"Our volunteers are from different backgrounds, religions and colors," said Mandelbaum, who is Jewish. "We come together because we want to make a difference. It makes you feel good when you're doing something for someone else, but you're also doing it for yourself."

Swerdlow's been volunteering as a tutor for more than 20 years. The 82-year old man worked with the Oakland Literacy Council in the past. He offered his services after hearing the program was desperately in need of help.

Swerdlow's father was 26 and didn't know a word of English when he came to America from Russia and later would ask his son to teach him the language. We now have six levels of

instruction," said Swerdlow. "Ana is the spark plug of this wnoie tning. Sne doesn't get paid and the students know her personally and she knows each of them by name.

'They're a great bunch of students, They're so appreciative. The vast majority are women who never get a chance to speak English. In the house when they come home there's only one language, Spanish."

HELP is still looking desperately for tutors and an attorney to assist HELP in becoming a nonprofit. Tutors need not know Spanish. Contributions are welcome as well. The computer lab was entirely donated.

"The beauty of it really is it is so rewarding for the tutors," said Swerdlow. "They're in love with the program and students, and we don't spend a dime on salaries. It is so interesting to find how many people out there are looking for opportunities to volunteer. It is a part of my life I would not want to give up."

For more information or to volunteer, call (248) 787-6207.

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REUNIONS

Berkley High School Class of 1958 Planning a 50th Reunion, Sept 19-21,

2008. All members of January 1958, June 1958 and January 1959 are invited. At Somerset Inn , 2601 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Events include: a Friday evening hospitality party, Saturday afternoon tour of BHS and lunch, dinner Party at the hotel on Saturday evening and brunch at hotel Sunday morning followed by a golf outing. Contact: csingerbhs58reunion.org for access to the web site: www.bhs58reunion.org or call Jackie Yorgen Castine, (248) 332-

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searching for classmates. Please sign up at "yahoo groups- brighton high school class of 1989" to get more information.

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A reunion is being planned for the summer of 2008. Trying to reach as many classmates as possible. Send contact information to Dale Weighill at resource@gfn.org.

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A 40th class reunion Oct. 4, 2008. For information, contact Gail Goodall Welch, (313) 937-3477 or e-mail

Dearborn High School Class of 1963 A 45-year reunion planned Aug. 1,

CHS1968Sec@yahoo.com.au.

2008. Father Patrick O'Kelley Hall, Dearborn. Contact Betsy Cushman at (313) 565-5972 or ecushman@ comcast.net.

Dearborn Edsel Ford Classes of 1958

The 1958 January and June Classes of Dearborn and Edsel Ford High Schools are having a combined 50-Year Reunion on Saturday Aug. 2, 2008, at the Dearborn Country Club. Judy Richards Goerke at (313) 562-9031, Judygoerke@yahoo.com or Shirley Chiado Peters at (248) 348-9443, Shirley.peters@villageford.net may be contacted for further information.

Dearborn Edsel Ford January Class of 1958

A 50th reunion will be held 0ct. 3 at the Dearborn Inn. Note the October date and location for the January class reunion. Call Nancy at (248) 851-5257 or Pat at (734) 427-0256 for further information.



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Erasing misconceptions

Working and walking to raise awareness about psoriasis

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN OSE STAFF WRITER

Doug Medonis wears a long sleeved shirt whenever his psoriasis flares up. A paralegal for a Bingham Farms attorney, the 51-year-old covers the red, scaly patches out of habit. Some people still think the immune disorder is contagious so Medonis is working not only to erase the stigma, but raise money for programs and studies to improve the lives of patients with psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis.

Earlier this year he met with lawmakers in Washington, D.C. as a representative of the National Psoriasis Foundation to increase federal funding for research. Back home he serves on a committee organizing the first local Walk for Awareness, set for June 28 in Ann Arbor. Proceeds go to education, advocacy and support.

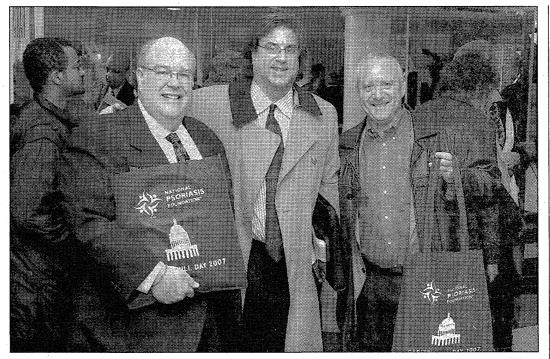
Diagnosed at age 8 with psoriasis, Medonis is among 10 to 30 percent of patients who develop psoriatic arthritis which can damage the joints. He wakes up most mornings tired and stiff.

"It's a noncontagious disease," said Medonis. "It is very isolating as there are a lot of misunderstandings about it. When I was in my 20s we were much more ashamed about it. It has quite an effect on people's lives. Relationships are difficult because you have this nasty stuff on your skin. It's also very painful and will crack and bleed. There's still a lot of shame attached to it especially if they're a public figure. It's an immune system disease with a lot of physical and emotional burden."

Medonis has found relief with Remicade, one of the biologic treatments that include Enbrel and Humira. While infusions of Remicade don't cure the condition, the biologic does manage it.

Treatment for psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis has come a long way according to Dr. Joseph Skender. The Beaumont Hospital rheumatologist prescribed Remicade for Medonis.

"In 1990, psoriatic arthritis was treated traditionally with anti-inflammatories, methotrexate. We had biologic medications approved in 1998 for rheumatoid arthritis and later for psoriatic arthritis," said Skender of Birmingham. "Biologics have really come to the forefront and do a great job on moderate to severe psoriasis. Traditionally a lot of our treatments haven't



Doug Medonis (left) visited lawmakers in Washington, D.C. to encourage increases in federal funding of psoriasis research.

NATIONAL PSORIASIS WALK FOR AWARENESS

What: Ik and 5k walks to raise money for the National Psoriasis Foundation

When: Saturday, June 28 (8 a.m., registration before 9 a.m. walks)

Where: Wheeler Park, Depot Street and N. 5th Avenue, Ann Arbor Cost: \$25 to register

For Information: Visit www.psoriasis.org/annarborwalk or call Randy Little (586) 296-6444, or Liz Fischer at (800) 723-9166, ext. 397

helped in inflammation in the back and back pain, but biologics have.

"There are other biologics they're working on right now, more things coming down the pike that are exciting. In the last 10 years we've seen more advances for arthritis than in the past. Psoriatic arthritis like rheumatoid can start chewing up the joints and can be a destructive debilitating arthritis."

Medonis says it's difficult for patients to find the drug that works for them. As one of the co-leaders of a psoriasis support group which meets at the Novi Public Library, he invited Dr. Henry Wong to speak about the disorder. Wong is director of the biologics clinic and lymphoma clinic in the dermatology department at Henry Ford Hospital.

Wong has a seen a lot of progress in treating psoriasis since he started seeing patients as a dermatologist in 1993. While psoriasis patients benefit from topical medications, steroids and UVB light treatments, those with psoriatic arthritis frequently receive help from one of the biologics. Wong evaluates and treats patients with psoriasis as well as psoriatic arthritis.

"We've seen a lot of new therapies developed from our understanding of the disease," said Wong. "We believe it's an immune mediated disease with genetic and environmental components that lead to the development of this disease. It's an abnormality of the immune system where certain parts of the system are overactive. We have begun to use agent therapies that target the immune system."

Early on researchers developed drugs to depress the immune system but the treatments had serious side effects. Over the last 6 to 7 years the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved injectable medications or biologics that have changed the treatment of moderate to severe psoriasis as well as psoriatic arthritis. Enbrel and Humira are given by injection from once or twice a week to once every two weeks. Patients receive Remicade by infusion in a physician's office once every two month.

"Biologics are revolutionary in terms of treating psoriasis," said Wong, who lives in Bloomfield Township. "They target parts of the immune system that are overactive. One of the risks is depressing the immune system. With any medication there can be side effects. Patients can be at increased risk for tuberculosis and other infections although this is not seen very frequently, and it can reveal people who may be predisposed to

Wong says new therapies are on the horizon that are very effective. At Henry Ford Hospital he's organizing a clinical trial comparing one of the new treatments to Enbrel. He expects the study to begin in the next month or two. For more information, call (313) 874-

Henry Ford Hospital also does basic research studying immune defects in psoriasis patients at the molecu-

PSA test best way to monitor prostate cancer

Carl from Rochester Hills suffered from prostate cancer that is now in a state of remission. He emails for tips on keeping the condition in check.

Carl, you probably know PSA testing is the best way to monitor treatment for prostate cancer. When the PSA rises after treatment it is a good bet the disease is still active. Patients have a tough choice



Peter's **Principles**

Peter Nielsen

that block testosterone production or wait for symptoms to reappear. Hormone therapy can stop the progress of the disease for years, but it is not a cure. Treat a patient with a high PSA but no symptoms and it is likely that within a year he will have side effects. They can include decreased mental sharpness, energy loss and sexual dysfunction. Be sure

to make, use treatments

to stay in close contact with your specialist to determine progress. At least once every six months is a good rule of thumb.

Jim from Livonia writes that he has tried all the gimmick diets but they just don't seem to work! What can he do?

Jim, the answer to your weight problem could be between your ears! Studies show that despite all the miracle diets, Americans continue to rank near the top of the chart world wide when it comes to weight problems.

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For the vast majority of us, that is just not true! It is almost impossible to achieve long term weight loss with short term diets! To get to the bottom of weight gain, we need to explore the reasons why we overeat to begin with!

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, e-mail Peter through his Web site www.peternielsen.com. Contact him Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

Cook hamburgers thoroughly to prevent E. coli

Community Health and several local health departments are investigating an increase in the number of illnesses related to the bacteria E. coli O157 after receiving reports of 29 cases of infection so far in the month of June. In the past four years, Michigan has averaged 10 cases for the month of June.

Although the investigation is ongoing, early laboratory results, including DNA analysis of the bacteria, indicate that several of the illnesses may be linked, suggesting a common food source. Preliminary information collected from patients indicates ground beef is most likely the source.

Historically E. coli infections have resulted from the consumption of contaminated ground beef. Public health officials would like to remind consumers that using a digital instant read food thermometer is the only way to be sure a ground beef patty is thoroughly cooked at a high enough temperature to destroy any bacteria that may be present. The minimal internal temperature for a hamburger patty is 160 degrees

The Michigan Department of Fahrenheit and just using color as an indicator of safety may not be adequate. USDA data show that eating pink ground beef patties without using a thermometer is a significant risk factor for food-borne illness.

Symptoms vary, but often include severe stomach cramps, diarrhea (often bloody), and vomiting. If there is fever, it usually is not very high (less than 101 degrees). Most people get better within five to seven days. Some infections are very mild, but others are severe or even life-threatening.

Here are a few tips from the Partnership for Food Safety Education to make sure you don't become ill from E. coli.

- Wash your hands with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds before and after handling food.
- Always marinate foods in the refrigerator, not on the counter or outdoors. Don't use sauce that was used to marinate raw meat or poultry on cooked food. Boil used marinade before applying to cooked food.
- When grilling foods, preheat the coals on your grill

for 20 or 30 minutes, or until the coals are lightly coated with

- If you partially cook food in the microwave, oven or stove to reduce grilling time, do so immediately before the food goes on the hot grill.
- When it's time to cook the food, cook it to a safe internal temperature. Use a food thermometer to be sure.
- Never place cooked food on a plate that previously held raw meat, poultry, seafood or eggs. Be sure to have on hand plenty of clean utensils and
- Grilled food can be kept hot until served by moving it to the side of the grill rack, away from the coals where it can overcook.
- Never let raw meat, poultry, eggs, cooked food or cut fresh fruits or vegetables sit at room temperature more than two hours before putting them in the refrigerator or freezer (one hour when the temperature is above 90 degrees Fahrenheit).

For more information, visit www.usda. gov or www.cdc.gov and search for food safety or E. coli.

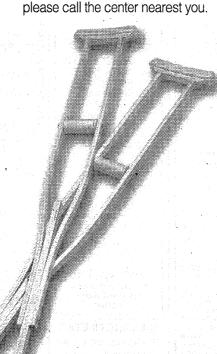


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Golf benefit

The 2008 Gray's Reef Golf Classic that raises money each year for Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan is scheduled for Monday, June 23, at Oakland University, Rochester Hills with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. The day includes continental breakfast, 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch at Meadowbrook Hall, open bar, silent auction, prizes and dinner. For more information or to register, call (248) 353-8222 or visit www.leukemiamichigan.org.

Win the weight game

An alternative to dieting will be presented 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 24, at The Community House, 380 South Bates, Birmingham. Fee \$24. Through this program participants learn to develop a moderate approach to eat-

ing and exercise and acquire skills to be trim and healthy for life. To reg-

ister, call (248) 644-5832. For more information, call (248) 828-7333 or visit www.thinktrim.com.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Reiki classes with animal training Reiki I 9 a.m.-noon and Reiki II 1-5

p.m. Saturday, June 28, Lumina Healing Arts offers training in the ancient healing method. Practitioners can help heal themselves, others and animals as well. Animal Reiki instruction and textbook included. There is a fee. To register, call (248) 890-7838 or e-mail marian@enjoyreiki.com.

2-6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 28-29, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia, Reiki treats the whole person: body, emotions, mind and spirit. There is a fee. To register, call (734) 655-1162.

Volunteers needed

For Camp Discovery for children with epilepsy (June 29-July 3), at Sherman Lake YMCA Outdoor Center in Augusta, northwest of Kalamazoo. Volunteer training from experts on epilepsy and camp procedures Saturday, June 28. Free room/board. For information/application, visit www.epilepsymichigan.org, call (800) 377-6226, option 1, Ext. 231 or e-mail sdarroch@epilepsymichigan.org

UPCOMING Summer camp

The Health Exploration Station at St. Joseph Mercy Health Center in Canton brings back its Amazing Me camp to teach second to fourth grade students about the human body and how to keep it healthy 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 4-8. Cost \$169. For information, call (734) 398-7518.

FROM THE OUTSIDE IN -- INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES AT WORK



bv Mildred L. tables on ourselves. Instead of thinking about the behaviors of people from other countries, let's look at how they view ours. Doing so might teach us a little about our workplace practices. You're most

likely accustomed to a 9-to-5 or 8-to-5 schedule. Baltimore's Sophia Tade, Client Services consultant at Global Lead L.L.C., headquartered in Cincinnati, had to adjust to a completely different schedule when she started working here. In her native West African country of Benin, lunch and dinner with family are extremely important; so people leave home at 7:00 a.m., return around noon or 1:00, take a nap and get back into the office at 3:00 or 4:00. Then they go home about 7:00 p.m. The only thing their schedule has in common with ours is that it's not flextime.

Taiwan native Angeline Chang is assistant Marketing director of the flagship gallery of the family business, Liuli, in San Francisco. She comments on the stepped-up schedule of talking while eating in this country, compared with the Chinese practice of not speaking while eating. "In

the United States," she observes, "there are many occasions do this," she recalls. "I'm always thinking I have to be when you have to eat and talk. American people can talk so flexible and that understanding things from the easily when they're eating."

South Korean Hoon Yang is senior associate on the Game Planning & Design team at Nexon America Inc., in Los Angeles, a computer game company. After he graduated from high school in San Antonio and attended the University of Arizona, he returned to Korea until May, 2006, when he was promoted and relocated to Los Angeles. He mentions that Americans eat alone, and that it's acceptable. In Korea, people eat in groups. Tade remarks that she frequently eats at her desk to get her work done -- very different from life in Benin.

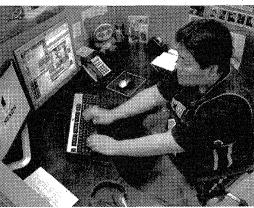
Yang also points out that when e-mailing, Koreans carbon "a lot of people," their managers, who are the workplace equivalent of elders. "This is the (managers') way of keeping up with what's going on," he says. "Here, the approach is more do-it-yourself. There's a little more freedom. It's easy to understand the pros and cons of each."

Tade is struck by the networking events people are expected to attend. "Here you have to do these extra things to have enough exposure to the boss," she says. She discusses at length the challenge this presents her, and it's clear that the activity of self-promotion continues to be difficult for her. She grew up in a culture that emphasized hard work coupled with humility as the key to success. "I just went and talked with my supervisor and asked how to perspective of Americans is the best way to improve.'

Chang is similarly challenged, particularly when she has to turn her back on Asian culture when someone compliments her and she can't possibly deny it. "Here, when people come into our gallery and compliment us on our pieces," she mentions, "you have to say, "Thank you." You have to convince yourself and control your mouth."

Chang comments that there is much more humor in our workplace. In particular, she recalls an incident about a man who took his bulldog to work, put him in a cage and placed a sign on it that read, "Chief Security Officer. Chinese dogs don't go to work and owners don't make light of them. Tade was struck by cultural differences when she observed an incident of conflict resolution devolving from miscommunication. "We had a session about communicating with each other," she says. "I thought we could talk to each other directly. 'There's something that I'm missing here," she remembers thinking. "It means we don't have this great relationship. People are smiling and talking without really meaning it."

Yang indicates that the differences in his two workplaces are really quite insignificant. "Business is their common language." Tade remarks that you have to remain alert: "After three years, I still have cultural shock. I thought I knew a lot about the culture but learned I didn't



Los Angeles' Hoon Yang works in the same computer game company here, Nexon America Inc., as he did in his native South Korea. While he notices cultural differences in the two workplaces, he observes that they share the language of business.

know that much. You have to keep learning and be open to new things every day, because there never will be that day when you'll fully understand how this works."

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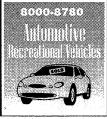
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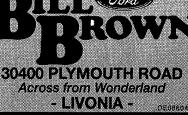
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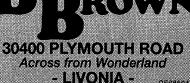
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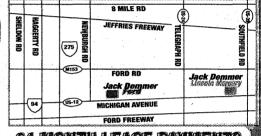
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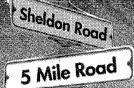


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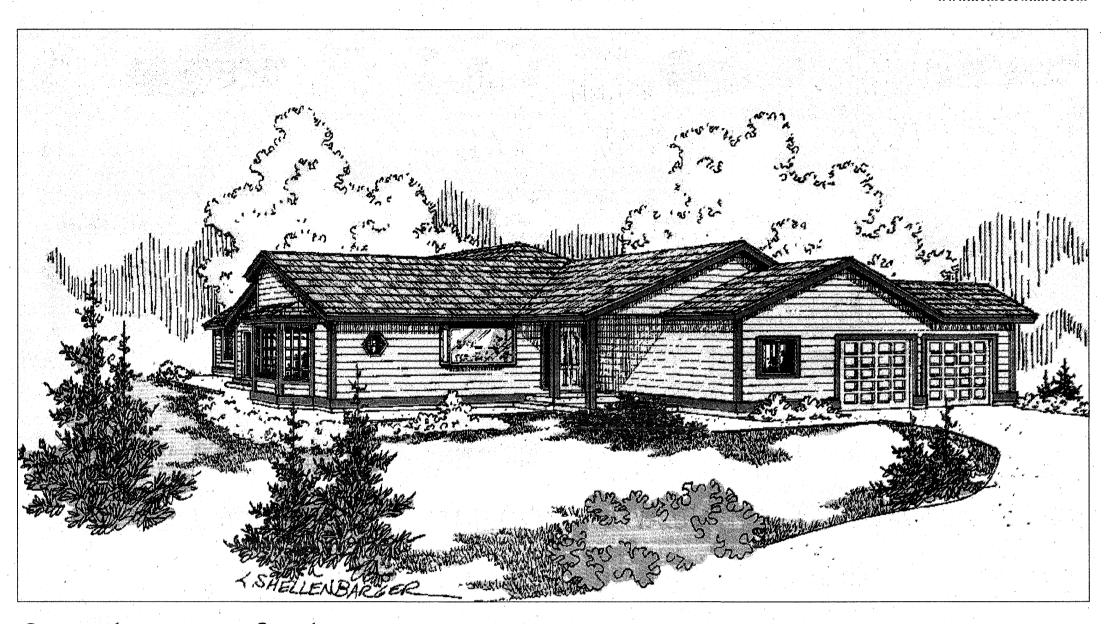
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The Borges (405-39) has been designed to fit on the narrower, deeper lots that are becoming more common. Because space has become precious, the Borges is compact in size yet spacious in living area. The home has 2,032 square feet, with a bay window to give the exterior a more country look.

The two-car garage has a shop on the left side, with double doors for storing the lawnmower, wheelbarrow, or any other tools. The door from the garage opens into the utility room. There is a sink available for cleanup.

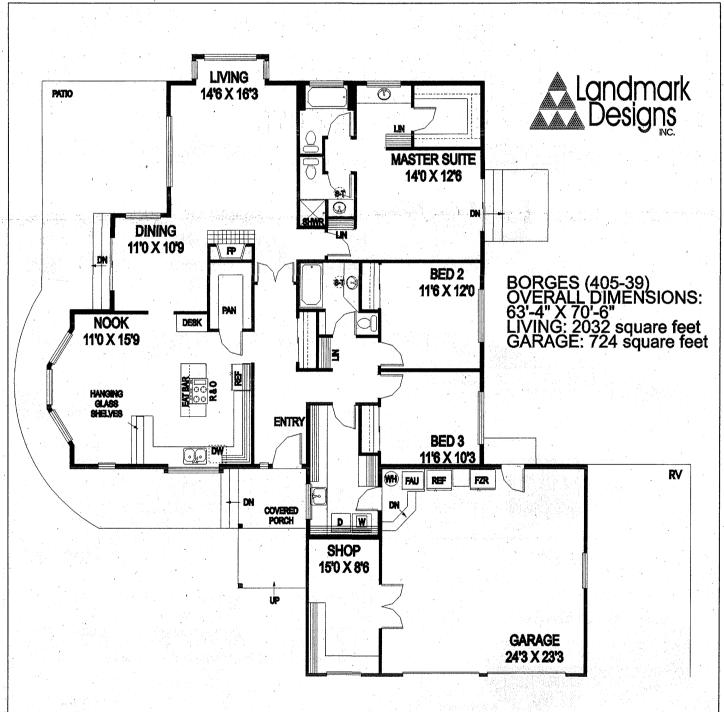
To the left of the entry is the kitchen, with a huge walkin pantry. Over the sink is a garden window, supplying the kitchen with light and warmth. The cooking island contains an eating bar and there is a compact built-in desk. The nook has a large bay window with a view of the

A formal dining room opens onto the patio through glass doors. Adjacent to the dining area is a fireplace facing into the living room. A bay window that could contain a window seat provides light, along with the large window facing the patio. The master suite opens off the living room, with a corner walk-in closet, two linen closets, a separate sink area, and dual bathrooms. There is a tub in one part, while the other has a sink and shower. Sola-tubes have been used to provide natural lighting.

Bedroom 2 and 3 have access to a full bath. Sola-tube lighting has been provided in this bath also. A large closet along with a linen closet is located off the bath area, available to the two bedrooms.

The Borges would be great for the young family, looking for more room, or the empty nesters that wish to lower their square footage, but still have a gracious home with open living space.

For a study plan of the BORGES (405-39), send \$15 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Rd. E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424 or call (800) 562-1151. Be sure to specify plan name and number. Compact disks, with search functions are free of charge, to help you search our portfolio for your dream home (\$5 shipping and handling will apply). Or you may order or search online at www. ldiplans.com. Save 15 percent on construction plans using the code (CODE) online, mailing, or calling (800) 562-1151.



Boosting minority homeownership goal of Realtors' June push

The National Association of Realtors is renewing its commitment to help the nation increase minority homeownership in America, and is dedicated to advancing that aim through National Homeownership Month in June. NAR said its commitment is stronger than ever during today's challenging

real estate market. "Realtors build communities and understand better than anyone else how important homeownership is to our nation," said NAR President Dick Gaylord, a broker with RE/MAX Real Estate Specialists in Long Beach, Calif. "Realtors are working every day in cities across the country to bring more Americans home; we help build strong families and vibrant communities."

In the 40 years since the 1968 Fair Housing Act became law, the influence and impact of minority populations on the housing market has grown significantly. Minority buying power in the United States is estimated today to be over \$2 trillion. Government and industry data indicate that two out of every three new households are being formed by people who are foreign born or members of a minority population. Foreign-born homeowners already account for \$1.2 trillion in housing wealth.

As the nation's leading advocate for homeownership, NAR provides Realtors and aspiring buyers with important tools and resource aides to make homeowner-

ship a reality. NAR's Housing Opportunity Program, Home from Work™ Program, Ambassadors for Cities and HOPE Awards program all aim to expand homeownership opportunities and promote affordable housing year-

round. NAR's Housing Opportunity helps Realtors identify, develop, advocate and promote business opportunities, programs, products, and resources that expand housing availability to ensure opportunities for all in the rental and homeownership sectors of the market. More than 600 Housing Opportunity Programs have already been established throughout the country; many state Realtor associations have multiple programs in

Since 2007, more than 1.400 Realtors have participated in the Home from Work™ Program, which teaches Realtors how to promote workforce housing initiatives effectively at the grassroots level and work with public- and private-sector employers to establish employer-assisted housing benefits.

The Ambassadors for Cities Program unites local Realtors and mayors to increase home affordability and rental opportunities within a town or city. The goal is to highlight models of success that can be adopted in other areas. Since its inception, the program has honored 29 cities and awarded \$145,000 in grants to support local afford-

able housing initiatives. This year's Ambassador Cities are Alexandria, Va.; Allentown, Pa.; Asheville, N.C.; Bowling Green, Ky.; Irvine, Calif.; and Richmond, Va.

The HOPE Awards (Home Ownership Participation for Everyone) is a biennial awards program that recognizes organizations and individuals who are making outstanding contributions to the cause of increasing minority homeownership. Recent recipients have been honored for achievements that include eştablishing a mortgage company to address language barriers, creating partnerships that provide townhomes for low-income minority foster parents, and offering loan programs and supportive financial counseling that help

families turn homeownership

dreams into reality. "I have been in this business for more than 30 years, and there is no better feeling than helping first-time buyers find the homes of their dreams," Gaylord said. "Homeownership is more than a financial investment it is an investment in fami-

lies and communities." For more resources and information in support of National Homeownership Month, visit www.realtor.org/ homeownership.

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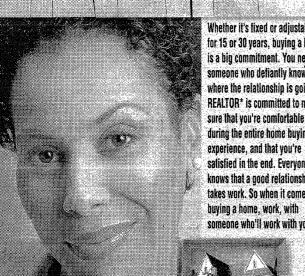
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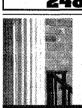
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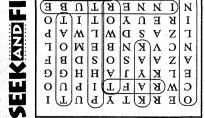
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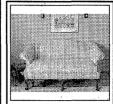
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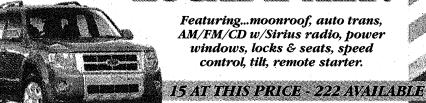
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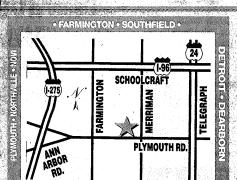
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Study shows YMCA has local support

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The decision to construct a full-facility YMCA in Plymouth could come in as little as two weeks after initial surveys indicated residents would support a new facility along Mill Street south of Ann Arbor Trail, on the former Bathey property being developed by Connektiv Communities of Royal Oak.

"We conducted a survey with 600 phone calls in Plymouth and it came back pretty strong," said Scott Landry, executive vice president of the YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit. "Seven percent of the population listed a very high degree of interest, which ... got us real excited. The survey also went into financial modeling and the prices people would be willing to pay. ... Those prices came in pretty strong; people didn't shy away.

Landry said the survey tested what he called the YMCA's "traditional prices" of \$49 a month for individuals and \$62 a month for families.

"Where we are right now is working with Dennis (Griffin of Connektiv) to see if he can build it at the right price and lease to us at a price we can afford," Landry said.

Griffin said meetings this week with city of Plymouth officials concerning cleanup of the contaminated 16-acre site, which he purchased from the city for \$2.27 million, as well drawings and budgeting, will help determine if the heavy industrial zoning will need to be changed in order to move forward with the Trail Head project. Griffin is also hopeful preserving an L-shaped portion of the demolished Bathey factory

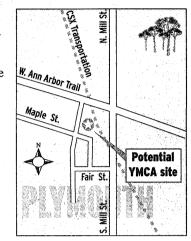
will also save on costs. "It's not only to save money, but the shape is conducive for the 'Y' program," said Griffin, who did not have a cost estimate for a new YMCA. "At this

point, we've made a decision to move expeditiously. I'd like to put a shovel in the ground this year ... and have something finished in 2009."

Griffin said a new YMCA could "serve as a tremendous anchor" for other components within Trail Head, including a medical office, commercial space, plus multi-family and senior housing.

Landry said the survey indicated Plymouth-area residents want a new YMCA facility to include a swimming pool, youth sports and an adult workout center.

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Here she comes

Plymouth native tops Illinois pageant, eyes Miss America

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Before judging was announced in Saturday's Miss Illinois contest, Katie Lorenz didn't think she'd won anything, but thought she may have made it into the top five.

As they rattled off name after name of the runners-up - with no mention of Lorenz's - the 23-year-old Plymouth native wasn't sure what to

Days later, Lorenz, the daughter of Scott and Yvonne Lorenz of Plymouth, still doesn't know exactly what to think, even though her name was finally called — as the winner.

Lorenz won the crown at the Miss Illionis pageant Saturday in St. Charles, Ill., and will be among the participants in the 2009 Miss America Pageant in Las Vegas in January.

"I think I'm still in sȟock," said Lorenz. a 2002 graduate of Canton High School. "When they called my name, I was in total disbelief. They kept calling all the girls' names ... when

PAGEANT PROWESS

Who: Katie Lorenz of

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I was the last one standing, it was the shock of my life."

Lorenz, who hit the ground running with her new title by taking part in a parade in Geneva, Ill., will also be in a 10-part reality series with all the other state contestants on TLC in the month leading up to Miss America Live.

"It's all very exciting for her and for Yvonne and I right now," said her dad, Scott, owner of Westwind Communications. "We're

Please see LORENZ, A3



Plymouth native Katie Lorenz is crowned Miss Illinois by outgoing Miss Illinois 2007 Ashley Hatfield.

Bush stumps for candidates locally

BY HUGH GALLAGHER **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

President George W. Bush came to Livonia Wednesday to give a stump speech for Republican candidates and to strongly defend his legacy.

Bush spoke for about 20 minutes before a group of about 400 party supporters, who paid \$1,000 or \$5,000 to attend the Max M. Fisher National Republican Award Dinner at Laurel Manor.

At a time when Bush's national approval rating in recent polls has been in the mid-20 percent range, the president defended his tax cuts, his energy policies, the treatment of detainees at Guantanamo and the war in Iraq.

The decision to remove Saddam Hussein was the right deci sion at the time and is the right decision today," he said. Bush acknowledged that times are hard.



President George W. Bush smiles as he receives a standing ovation from the crowd as he speaks during the Max M. Fisher National Republican Leadership Award Dinner Wednesday evening at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

"These are challenging times in America, recession, high energy prices, a housing down trend, wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, devastating natural disasters," he said. "You can't know what the future will bring, there will be unexpected challenges to the country."

After Bush's speech, Republican Party chair Saul Anuzis said the speech could help raise \$500,000 toward a \$1 million victory program for state GOP candidates.

"I think the president gave a great speech," he said. "The crowd was excited. It's helpful to motivate the troops, the base, and we raised a few dollars as

Bush opened his remarks by spotlighting several Republican office holders and candidates including U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter of Livonia, who flew down on Air Force One with the president; state Rep. Jack Hoogendyk, GOP candidate for the U.S. Senate; Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard; and state Attorney General Mike Cox, who made introductions.

"Our message will be to get to work to elect Republicans to the state legislature, to Congress and to elect John McCain to be president," Bush said.

While urging support for Republicans, he supported the decisions of his administration and said there is a "wide chasm" separating Democrats and Republicans. He said he delivered the largest tax cut since Ronald Reagan

and Democrats are threatening to end those tax cuts. "The last thing we need is a tax increase, that is why we need to elect a Republican Congress and John McCain to the presidency." He reserved his most stinging criticism for the Supreme Court

and its decision allowing Guantanamo detainees the right to trial in criminal courts.

By a bare majority, five Supreme Court justices overturned a bipartisan law that Congress passed and I signed to deliver justice to detainees at Guantanamo Bay. Because of this decision terrorists enjoy the same rights reserved for Americans," he said.

Carl Berry, a candidate for Plymouth Township trustee, who provided help with security at the event, said Bush is a man who has the ability to make a decision.

Parade looking for young 'bikers'

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

When the Fourth of July parade kicks

off next week, organizers are once again hoping some 100 youngsters will be leading the way on their bicycles.

Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards is organizing the young bikers, and he said he's looking for some 100 kids (5 years old and older) and parents to make the 15-minute trip at the head of the parade, which starts at 7:30 a.m. 'We really love getting the kids

involved," Edwards said. "Parades are about kids, they're about families. It's a great thing for young people to be a part of."

The kids have to have their own bikes, and the bikes must be decorated with a Fourth of July theme. Riders must wear bicycle helmets.

Anyone interested in riding should contact Edwards via e-mail at redwards@plymouthtwp.org or by calling This year's parade, themed "Reach for

the Stars," will feature some oldie-butgoody attractions and a few surprises, according to parade organizer Fred Hill.

One "cool new thing," according to Hill, has to do with photographs. According to Hill, more than 200 photos will be taken of the parade entries, then posted online. The photos can then be ordered online in several different sizes

and even ordered imprinted on various items such as T-shirts and coffee mugs, Hill said.

Tickets for the "Bleacher Creature" seats at Main and Penniman are available at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce office.

Among the new entries are the Plymouth Whalers and a float that will be built by some 100 campers at Camp Mirage at the Oasis Golf Center. Back by popular demand are such entries as the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps, Steve King and the Dittilies, Mark Randisi and the Sounds of Sinatra and the Fred Hill Briefcase Drill Team.

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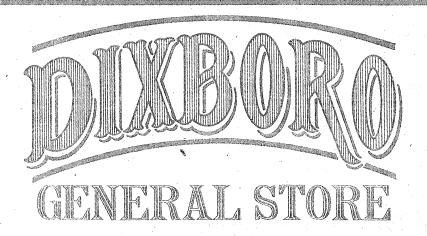
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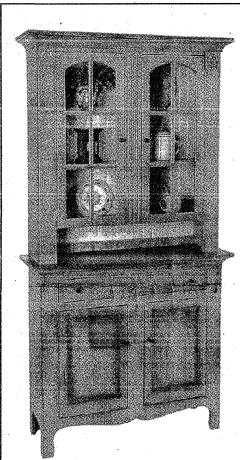
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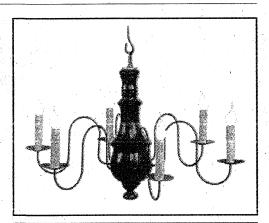
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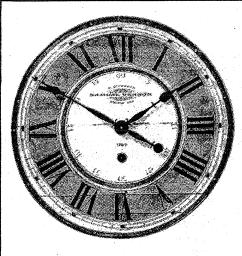
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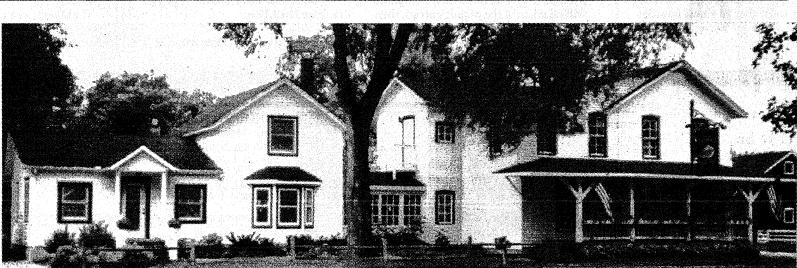
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still trying to arrange a lot of details. She will be very, very

Lorenz, who turns 24 this week, will spend the next year touring the state of Illinois speaking at schools, public events and charitable functions, as well as working on her personal community service platform of promoting volun-

"I grew up in a community-minded family," said Lorenz, a 2006 graduate of the University of Michigan who is attending graduate school at Loyola (Ill.) University.

"My parents taught me the importance of giving back to the community. It's something I want to do. Instead of spending an evening hanging out around the pool, I can be doing something for the community

that's done so much for me." For her talent, Lorenz performed a lyrical dance to the Leona Lewis song, Footprints in the Sand. She previously performed with the Plymouth Ballet Co. in The Plymouth Symphony's production of

Nutcracker. "I've been dancing since I was 3 years old," said Lorenz, who works for Publicis, a Chicago ad agency. "It's really a passion for me. After graduating from college, I didn't have too many opportunities to dance, so this was a way to do something I love."

Lorenz said she started competing in pageants as a way to get scholarship dollars for college. On Saturday, she earned \$10,000. While doing that, she discovered competing was helping her in other ways - giving her experience, for instance, in being interviewed. Most pageants, she said, include, among other things, a 10-minute interview with five judges.

That experience, she said, has given her an advantage when looking for jobs.

"An 18- or 19-year-old isn't going to do mock interviews; they're going into these things totally blind, unsure of what's going to happen," Lorenz said. "As part of the Miss America organization, I have a whole team of people, including me, helping.



Miss Illinois Katie Lorenz, a Plymouth native, shares a smile with parents Scott and Yvonne Lorenz of Plymouth.

Lorenz will be among contestants vying to replace another southeast Michigan native, Kirsten Haglund of Farmington Hills, who is not only the reigning Miss America, but a friend.

"She's amazing," Lorenz said of Haglund. "I'll be doing this for the next year. I can't even think about Miss America right now. It's a year away.'

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Summer movie series

The Penn Theatre hosts the 'Summer Cinema Matinee Series," through the end of August, with free passes available at Michigan Made & More and Westchester Barber Shop.

Sponsored by the Packaging Corporation of America and the Plymouth District Library, the schedule includes: 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 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 in downtown Plymouth. For more information visit the theater's

FREE ESTIMATES

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

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.

Call (734) 416-4278 for more information or click on www. plymoutharts.com

HVA 9-1-1 camps

Huron Valley Ambulance conducts its free two-day annual Camp 9-1-1 day camps for 8- to 12year-olds at two locations in western Wayne County, where space has been donated. All camps are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. both days.

The camp is scheduled July 17-18 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, in Plymouth, and July 10-11 at the Michigan Boathouse at Belleville Lake, 50745 Van

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Buren Park in Belleville. The day camp's activities include touring an ambulance, learning CPR, and visiting a local emergency room. HVA Paramedics and EMTs serve as "camp counselors," teaching campers about safety at home and at play, how to perform lifesaving skills on injured victims, and all about Emergency Services careers. Registration is first-come, firstserved and enrollment is limited to 30 participants. There are limited spaces available.

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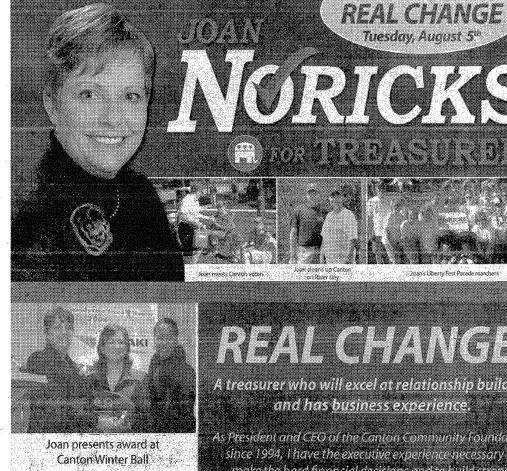
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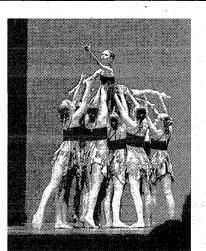
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JUNE

Pastoral visit Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz,

noon Monday.

Archbishop of Krakow,, blesses a bronze statue of Pope John Paul II, rededicate the Lourdes Grotto and celebrate Mass in the Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake beginning at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 26, at Orchard Lake Schools, 3535 Indian Trail. Call (248) 682-1885 or visit www. orchardlakeschools.com.

Sprout time

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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 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. Rain forest adventure

Vacation Bible School continues for all children 5:30-8:30 p.m. through Thursday, June 26, a light supper

leads to an evening of games, crafts, songs, skits, stories, no charge, Garden City Presbyterian Church, on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford.

To register, call (734) 421-7620. Vacation Bible school

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Water works park

9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through Friday, June 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 day camp 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.

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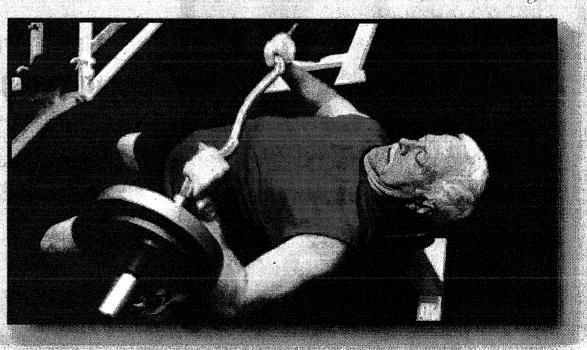
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Congregation takes on task of caring for God's creation

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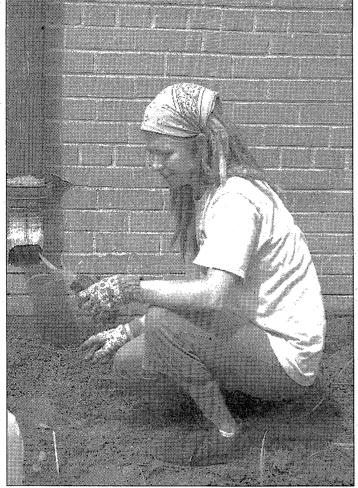
Right now it's just a seedling of a garden but members of Trinity Church have faith the native grasses and plants will grow and blossom, and maybe even become a model for the community. Already a master plan of caring for God's creation is in the works for the grounds on Six Mile next to Stevenson High School in Livonia.

Pastor Michael Van Horn never dreamed his concern for storm water running off the flat roof would turn into a save the earth campaign. Then Scot Martin, a church elder, led adults of the congregation in a two month study of Calvin DeWitt's book, Earthwise: A Biblical Response to Environmental Issues. Before long a Blue-Green Committee had formed to plant a small rain garden.

On Saturday, June 7, nearly 20 volunteers dug up the space while Martin was working with the church's youth group in Lola Valley Park as part of the Friends of the Rouge's effort to rescue and restore the river. Martin says the iron weed, spiderwort, goldenrod, yarrow, black bulrush, switch grass, black-eyed Susan help filter the about the goodness of crestorm runoff before it reaches the lakes and streams with fertilizers and other chemicals.

"These are values we've been talking about for years," said Van Horn of Redford. "There's a strong Biblical rationale for caring for creation backed up by environmental science and common sense. We try to extend what it means to be spiritual to the physical cre-

"It goes back to Genesis



Tara Stroh sets out a plant near the downspout alongside the east wall of Trinity Church in Livonia. Native plants and grasses help filter the water before it reaches lakes and streams.

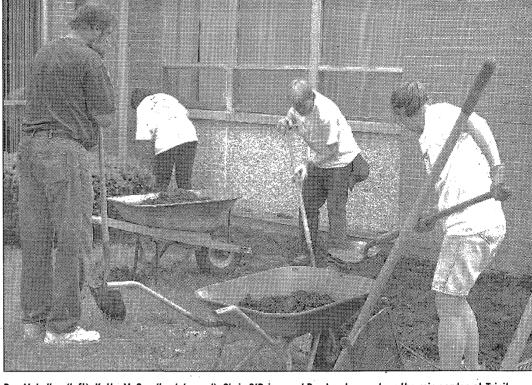
ation," added Ann Horn, a volunteer from Livonia. "We have been called to be caretakers. This is not a response to global warming but to God."

"People often forget the environment is the earth they walk on," said Sylvia Smith, another volunteer from Redford. "Plants enrich the quality of life but for me it's very soul enrich-

Each of the volunteers does their part at home to guard

and preserve God's creation. Smith's family has planted vegetable and flower gardens and started a couple of compost bins. A home-schooled 11th grad student, Smith is proud of the fact no chemicals will be used on plants.

Scot Martin has a small vegetable garden and Van Horn is thinking about trading the grass in his large Redford backyard for native plants. Dave Wiegel, a vegetarian, has gone organic for lawn care,



Dan McLellan (left), Kathy McCoy (back turned), Çhris O'Brien, and Bev Loudon work on the rain garden at Trinity Church in Livonia.

mowing high to use less water, and planting flowers to attract more birds and butterflies to his yard in Farmington.

While Ann Horn doesn't garden she takes home catalogues and magazines from the church for recycling. She also tries to buy items without a lot of packaging.

"A lot of us are aware," said Horn. "I really think small ways are as important as the large to make a contribution toward what God originally intended for creation. In last week's Sunday bulletin we had a Calling All Mugs for people to donate mugs so we don't have to use Styrofoam in the kitchen. We try to think more

The Blue-Green Committee

is having an energy audit done and thinking about solar and wind power but isn't sure about the feasibility of the conservation methods.

In the meantime they're planning to expand their original plan for a number of reasons.

We have approximately eight acres of turf grass and spend \$5,000 to \$6,000 a year just cutting grass," said Martin of Redford. "Our response is to tear up much of that and replace with native grass to create a meadow. We will be saving fuel and mow time and creating more habitat for creatures. We plan to use natural means to control any pests. We're not doing this out of a sense to be hip. It's the right

thing to do."

"We're trying to reduce water and air pollution," said Glenda Marks, the church elder who headed up the project and lives in Wyandotte. Part of the plants were donated by Friends of the Rouge, the rest were purchased.

'We have a whole grow plan. We're looking for grant money to fund some of the projects. We're looking down the road to start a community garden that anyone could participate and give part of the harvest to homeless shelters or soup kitchens. We want to be good stewards of God's creation."

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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 day care 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.

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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) 464-0990

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(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.livoniastmi-

chael.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

Neighborhood Bible time

6-9 p.m. Sunday-Friday, July 6-11, summer youth crusade for all children and teenagers, at Grace Baptist Church, 28440 Lyndon, north of I-96, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia. For information, call (734) 425-6215 or visit www.GBCofLivonia.org.

Summer music ministry

Thursday, 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 July 27, Aug. 24, and Sept. 7. All are welcome to music events.

Red Cross blood drive

2-8 p.m. Monday, July 7, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Call (734) 455-5395 to make an appointment or just drop in.

Vacation Bible school

This Royal Adventure feaches 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.

Prophecy seminar

Learn how to interpret Bible prophecy, discover who the Antichrist is and know how to be ready when Jesus comes at a seminar 7 p.m. Friday, July 11, at the Metropolitan Seventhday Adventist Church's Junior Academy Auditorium, 15585 Haggerty, Plymouth. Seminars occur Friday, Saturday, Monday and Wednesday nights until Aug. 16.

Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, July 11, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 12, at Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Rd., Livonia.

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.

Anniversary celebration

11 a.m. Sunday, July 13, to honor Community Free Will Baptist Church Pastor James Lawson and his 10 years of serving the church, at the church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland. The church offers services not only at 11 a.m. each Sunday but 6:30 p.m. Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday prayer and Bible study is at 7 p.m. Youth fellowship is every other Friday at 7 p.m.

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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Bible study

Word for You Bible Study continues 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 15, with one hour of praise and worship and the Word at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road, Westland. For more information, call (313) 289-8336.

Crafters wanted

The Women's Guild of St. Michael Catholic Church of Livonia invites all interested crafters to participate in their annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, in the cafeteria of St. Michael's School, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd. 8foot-long tables are available for rent at \$25 each. Applications available at parish office or on-line at www.livoniastmichael.org. A photo of the item(s) sold must be submitted.

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 roads, Redford. The school offers infant day care, preschool for 3-4-year olds, full day kindergarten and first-eighth grades. For more information, call Laura Goodman at (313) 937-2233 or send e-mail to Igoodman@hosannatabor.org.

Eucharistic adoration

St. Michael the Archangel Church, located at the southwest corner of Plymouth and Hubbard, Livonia, 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)

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DANIEL JAMES DEL DUCO

Age 64, of Estero, FL, for merly of Livonia, MI, died June 21, 2008 after a seven year battle with lung and brain cancer. Dan was born March 24,

1944 to Margaret and Daniel John Del Duco (Ortonville, MI). Dan was a graduate ('62) of St. Gabriel High School (Detroit, MI), a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, member of the Knights of Columbus, and a retiree of the Ford Motor Company (30 yrs). Dan is survived by his wife Susan; Son, Darren Del Duco, wife Lynn, with their three children, Evan, Mia, and Nicholas (Westfield, IN); Step-daughter, Catherine Gillis, husband Timothy, with their two children, Julia, and Grace (Florence, MA); Step-Son, James Swift, wife Ariane, with their son Bradley (Milford, CT); Brother, Joseph Del Duco (MI); Sister, Diann Masi (Estero, FL): Sister Florie Gage (Fort Myers, FL); Sister, Linda Dunatchik (Dublin, OH); Brother, Michael Del Duco (Sterling Hts., MI); Brother, Anthony Del Duco (Ortonville, MI); 22 nieces and nephews. Funeral services for Dan will be Saturday, June 28, 11:00 AM at St. Anne Catholic Church in Ortonville, MI. A Memorial Service will also be held this fall in Estero,FL. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Joanne's House at Hope Hospice, 27200 Imperial Parkway, Bonita Springs, FL 34135. Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, (239) 992-4982, Bonita Springs, Florida.

DONALD RAY DOUGLAS Age 71, of Garden City. Don was born September 20,1936 in West Virginia and passed away June 20, 2008 at Garden City Hospital Proceeding his death by his wife of 20 years, Betty Douglas. He served in the National Guard and was an avid fisherman. Survived by six children, Kenneth, Danny, Ronald, Donna, David and Jimmy; two grandchildren; seven prothers and sisters, Jean Scroggs, William Douglas, Barbara Hoeppner (Bob), Tom Weaver (Lena), Kathy Wilson (Robert), Sue Klein (Doug) and Freda Proctor (David) and over one hundred nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed.

H. DOROTHY CELL

A memorial service for H. Dorothy Cell, 92, of Westland (formerly of Plymouth) will be held on Saturday, June 28, 20008 at 4pm with visitation beginning at 3pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Mrs. Cell was born October 21, 1915 and died June 23, 2008 in Garden City. She lived in Plymouth from 1940-1958, then to Westland from Livonia in 1965. Survivors include sons John (Linda) of Illinois, Thomas of Texas and David (Betty) of Florida. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Share your special thoughts and memories at:

KEITH G. LEONARD Born June 1, 1936 in Detroit, MI to parents Walter and Alice Leonard. Grew up on the Northwest side of Detroit. Attended public schools and graduated from Cooley High in 1955. Detroit Institute of Attended Technology for initial undergraduate studies, then transferred to Ferris State University. Graduated May 1960 with Bachelor of Science degree in Post-graduate work was Pharmacy. completed at a local pharmacy. Keith served as a caring pharmacist for 48 years in the retail, manufacturing, and hospital sectors. Keith married the love of his life, Victoria R. Sadurski on May 1, 1965 at Westminster church in Detroit. Keith and Vicky celebrated 30 years of marriage before Vicky's death separated them 13 years ago Keith maintained the same residence in Farmington Hills for 42 years. Keith is survived by older brother Donald and proceeded by younger brother Charles and sister Lucille. Keith is also survived by two very loving children, Marnie (Fender) and Keith John, their spouses, and the sparkle in Grandpa's eyes, grandson Nathaniel. A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 5th at 11a.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Rd (at northwest corner of 11 Mile Rd. and Farmington Rd.). Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice (14100 Newburgh Rd. Livonia, MI 48154). www.thayer-rock.com

MARJORIE W. DOYLE

Age 91. June 23, 2008. Retired executive from H.B. Stubbs Co. in 1985 Former member of the Village Club and Stonycroft Hills Golf Club. Beloved wife of the late Wendell. Loving mother of Daniel. Dear sister of Merton Wolfe. One grandson and one great-granddaughter. Memorial service Thursday 11 a.m. at Northbrook Presbyterian Church, Beverly Hills. Memorials to charity of donor's choice. Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak, 248-541-7000. Share your memories at:

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ROBERT LANKTON PhD June 20, 2008. Loving husband of 67 years to Maude. Loving father of the late Douglas (Marylyn Cantrell) Grandfather of Robert and James Great-grandfather of Chloe & Nathan Brother of Kenneth and the late John and the late Ralph. Mr. Lanktor received his PhD from the University of Michigan. He taught Math in Detroit Public Schools, at Wayne State University, the University of Michigan and the University of Iowa A Funeral Service was held Monday June 23 at Highland Park Baptist Church in Southfield. Arrangements were made by the R.G. & G. R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia (734) 422-6720. Share a memory of Robert



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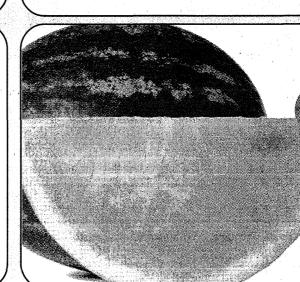
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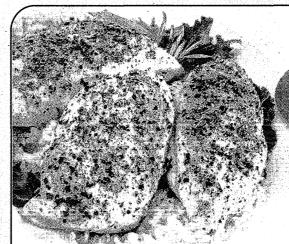
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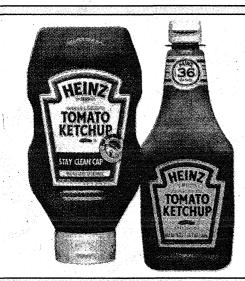
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- July 16 Like Water Drumworks
 - July 23 Jan Krist
 - July 30 Zak Morgan
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- Chautauqua Express ■ Aug. 20 - Matt Watroba &
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- July 18: Mass Transit
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Terry G. Bennett Clerk

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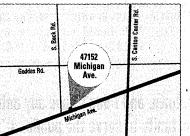
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OUR VIEWS

School consolidation must start in Lansing

There is much to like about summer in Michigan. It is a time to kick back, relax and enjoy the natural splendor that makes our mitten state so unique.

While many enjoy the "down time" associated with summer, local school officials no doubt are casting a leery eye toward Lansing and the state Legislature. That's because state lawmakers are about to start their summer holiday without reaching any substantive agreement on next year's budget, which includes funding for

Simply put, the budget process as it relates to public education is a mess. Local school officials have to have their budgets set before classes start after Labor Day, but the Legislature does not finalize the budget for several months after that. So an annual guessing game takes place where local school leaders use estimates provided by the state and then cross their fingers they hold true.

That is no way to do business, especially in a state that is in the financial mess Michigan is facing. State revenues continue to shrink, while legacy costs soar. And the governor and Legislature seem unable — or unwilling — to do anything about it.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm, in her State of the State address, encouraged consolidation among the state's local school districts, and provided a carrot in the way of financial incentives to districts willing to take the plunge. But that is not enough. It is unrealistic to expect local school boards and administrators to vote themselves out of a job.

The concept of local school control is now more fantasy than reality in Michigan. The state seized control of public education with the approval of Proposal A more than a decade ago. Since the state now dictates school funding, and is playing a larger role in school curriculum with the recent approval of new high school graduation standards, it is up to lawmakers in Lansing to devise a new model for delivering public education, instead of waiting for local school officials to vote themselves out of a job.

State bottle deposit law should be expanded

Back in 1976, members of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) had enough. They were sick and tired of seeing so many bottles and cans strewn about the Michigan landscape — in roadside ditches, parks, rivers and lakes.

Behind a strong grassroots effort, the MUCC was able to get voters to approve a "bottle bill" that added a 10cent deposit on all containers for beer and soft drinks, as well as a few others. It was and still is one of the state's most popular and effective recycling programs. Since 1990, the state estimates that more than 97 percent of eligible bottles and cans have been returned for deposit, so there is no question that the law has worked as intend-

That was then. Today, you'd be hard-pressed to find a pop or beer can laying around. But you won't have any problem finding water or juice bottles. They're everywhere — and that's because they are not covered by the "bottle bill."

The MUCC is at it again, trying to pressure the state Legislature to expand the law to include all water and non-carbonated drink containers. The MUCC estimates that Michigan residents only recycle about 20 percent of these containers, which are soon expected to exceed the number of pop and beer containers on the market (sales grew from 2.2 billion gallons in 1990 to 8.8 billion gallons in 2007 according to the International Bottled Water Association). The vast majority end up in landfills, or worse — in our rivers, lakes and parks.

In principle, we support an expansion of the law to cover these other beverage containers. Back when voters approved the original law, they didn't exist. If they had, they would have been included in the law.

However, the state needs to make sure that it provides assistance to retailers, who must bear the brunt of this law by taking in all the containers. It is messy and labor intensive. Currently the state uses a portion of unredeemed deposits to retailers. It should use more of the money to come up with a way to help ease the burden on retailers. Also, bills have been introduced in both the House and Senate to reduce the amount of fraudulent returns to merchants coming from other states, which should also help.

Expanding the existing law requires a 75 percent supermajority in the state legislature, because it is a voterapproved initiative. Some in Lansing say that kind of support just isn't there. That's unfortunate because this is an opportunity for state lawmakers, who will go on summer recess at the end of the month, to earn their title by crafting a bill that expands one of the state's most popular and effective recycling programs.

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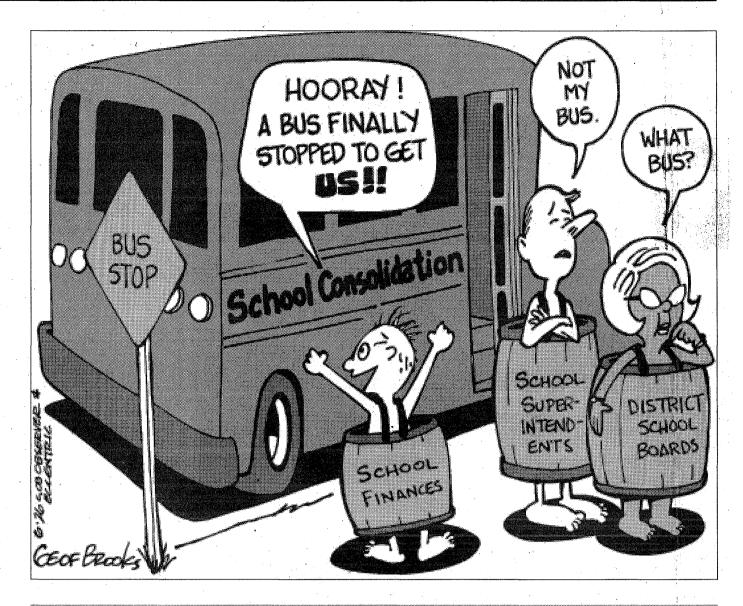
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LETTERS

Keep the promise

Daisy Air Rifle and Charlie Bennett still live in my house ... and throughout the City of Plymouth.

There are still some of us fortunate enough to have known, or to still know, the people that were the pioneers of Daisy Air Rifle. Together we all need to speak up and save the wall, insisting that Joseph Freed and Associates live up to their commitment and follow through on their agreement to Plymouth and the residents in the development of Daisy Square — no matter what the cost.

I did not have the opportunity to know Charlie Bennett; he died a year before I was born. Fortunately through my family I do know of his life, I know his remaining family, I remember every garden in the yard, and every nook and cranny of the Bennett house.

Although my grandparents met in the 1930s as employees of the Bennett family they became life-long friends, even caretakers of Mr. Bennett at the end of his life along with the beautiful home he had created for his family in Plymouth. Even though Daisy moved to Arkansas the house remained a home for family visits. I spent many days inside and outside in the gardens, always making sure the home was ready for the next visit. These visits were full of fun, family and wonderful picnics.

When Mr. Bennett's niece, Pauline Peck, passed away the home was sold, leaving many of the treasures that had made the house. These treasures now live with myself, and my family.

There is not many a day that goes by

■ I will walk through my house and think of Mr. Bennett when I look at the cedar chest that sat in his den.

■ I will look at the old mirror that hung in the carriage house that many visitors looked into when they would visit the Bennett home. ■ I will drive by 134 N. Main, look at

the old chestnut tree in front and hope that it is still alive next year so we can pick up some of the chestnuts.

Or, the overnight visit at Grandma's house when you get to sleep in the beautiful bed that belonged to Mr. Bennett.

There are also becoming too many broken promises. I have seen houses built on property that had been donated with stipulations that they never be changed. Property with a guarantee that it, remain

I have watched a pre-Civil War beech tree moved across a piece of property only to sit in a large hole. roots exposed until the elements and unsuitable conditions killed it. A tree that was guaranteed to live if moved, only to die for a development that never was completed.

I know a number of people still in this town that know of the same history as myself who have also witnessed the disappointments of development. Our families have enjoyed the prosperity of Plymouth for decades. As a group, and the next generations of the people who built this community we need to take action to preserve the City of Plymouth.

Demolishing the Daisy Wall should not

even be considered and should not even be an option!

Julie Nyhus Plymouth

RFK memories

I was moved by Phil Power's poignant essay, "Hope sparked by Obama's campaign echoes long ago theme from RFK" (Observer, June 12). It brought back memories of my own participation in Robert Kennedy's presidential campaign here in Michigan. The weekend before the Tuesday winner-take-all California primary between Kennedy and Eugene McCarthy, Michigan Democrats were holding their state party convention at Cobo Hall to select delegates for the national convention. Hubert Humphrey, the favorite of labor, was expected to get the lion's share. Our goal was to peel off as many undecideds as well as Humphrey and McCarthy leaners to our side. Humphrey did win over 60 percent of the delegates with Kennedy coming in a respectable second, but we were confident that he would prevail in the delegate-rich primaries in California and New York and secure the nomination in Chicago.

The Michigan Democratic Convention ended on Sunday, June 2, 1968. Two days later on June 4 it all ended. Kennedy had been shot at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles.

Barack Obama has inspired millions who want change. He has responded with impassioned oratory. Robert Kennedy was not noted for grand speeches. His appeal was forged from his deep depression following the death of his brother. It transformed him from a brash and ambitious attorney general during the Kennedy administration to a man marked by a profound sadness and resolve to bring Americans together in a common purpose of peace and prosperity

even for the least of us. On that terrible day in April when Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated, Robert Kennedy rose, against the wishes of his advisers, to speak before a largely African American crowd in Indianapolis that had not heard the news. He gave one of the most remarkable extemporaneous speeches ever given under such trying circumstances. No politician in my lifetime has ever measured up to that moment with his quote from memory of the Greek tragic playwright, Aeschylus, "And even in our sleep, pain that cannot forget, falls drop by drop upon the heart, until in our own despair, against our will, comes wisdom to us by the awful grace of God."

Barack Obama and Robert Kennedy, but as for me, I will not see the like of him Larry Bohner

Yes there are similarities between

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raising awareness in the community.

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The problem is many people do not know about The Senior Alliance and the service options available. As a non to profit we stray away from traditional forms of commercial advertising and do our best to raise awareness in the community through senior centers and other senior-related communities. But unfortunately that isn't always enough.

At this time we have many scheduled informational sessions over the summer in numerous communities that are open to the public. I am hoping that you can print the dates of the sessions and their purpose in hope that seniors will be inclined to join us for any of the open sessions to gain information on how to stay healthy and independent.

The sessions are 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, at the Southgate Senior Center; noon to 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, at the Taylor Senior Center; 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, at the Thomas Taylor Tower in Westland; and noon to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, at the Senior Safety Coalition in Canton.

The sessions are open to the public and are information sessions for individuals with disabilities and senior citizens to find out about what options and services are available to them through their local area agency on aging, The Senior Alliance.

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"This is my hometown, and I don't have any anticipation of leaving anytime soon ... As corny as it sounds, I've enjoyed the opportunity to serve the public. It's emotionally rewarding to be able to help people in their darkest hours with medical assistance or saving their properties and memories."

- Randy Maycock, Plymouth Community Fire Department chief, on what it's been like being part of the department for more than 26 years

Some news is gloomy, but most residents still have hope for state

he Midwest Democracy Institute has taken a new poll of 400 Michiganders, and it predictably strikes a dismal note, but one that contains some surprising grounds for optimism.

First, the grim news:

■ Only about one out of six of us (16 percent) think the state is "on the right track."



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■ Distrust in state government has risen over the last two years; nearly three out of four of us (73 percent) say they only trust state government some of the time ... or almost

■ Barely one in five (21 percent) think Gov. Jennifer Granholm is doing a good job, while a mere tenth of us (11 percent) think the

Legislature is doing well. None of this will surprise anyone who has been following state affairs for the last few years and is familiar with the usual drumbeat

of doubt and depression from all sides. But embedded in the survey is this remarkable finding: "At the same time, many continue to have an abiding faith in the ability to change state government to be less influenced by moneyed interests and more responsive and accountable to constituents.

"A large majority (77 percent) expresses personal interest in an organization that works toward making state government work better by being more honest and accountable, and over half of Michigan residents (54 percent) say they are extremely interested."

That fits well with what the Michigan's Defining Moment (MDM) campaign has discovered over the last six months. In that time, it has held nearly 200 community conversations, small group "deliberative democracy" gatherings all over the state. (Full disclosure here: I founded the nonprofit, nonpartisan sponsoring organization, The Center for Michigan, and I'm a co-chair of the cam-

Attitudes expressed in these meetings are decidedly not a scientific poll. Nor are they top-down ideological statements of revealed truth (if any such things exist). Instead, they're the thoughtful reflections of nearly 2,000 Michiganders, who attempted to define their hopeful vision for the state, as well as share their thoughts about how best to achieve

The results have just been released in a report, "Michigan's Defining Moment: A Common Ground Vision for Michigan's Transformation." In the main, the findings are pretty straightforward.

People want a talented and globally competitive workforce; a thriving economy and a People want a talented and globally competitive workforce; a thriving economy and a great quality of life attracting talented people to Michigan; and a state government that is effective, efficient and accountable.

find the full report on The Center's Web site, www.thecenterformichigan.)

The Midwest Democracy Network advocates campaign finance reform and transparency in government. Among the proposals that got top marks in its poll:

■ Requiring judges to publicly disclose campaign contributions, as well as requiring them to step aside when cases before them involve parties who contributed to their campaigns. (This will likely be a big issue this fall, when Chief Justice Clifford Taylor of the Michigan

Supreme Court — recently rated as among

the worst in the country - is up for election.

Democrats have vowed to try to defeat him.) Establish nonpartisan commissions to draw new district boundaries when needed, normally following the U.S. Census every decade. (Along with lengthening or abolishing term limits, fixing our redistricting system comes out high in MDM community conversations. The vast majority of Michigan legislative districts are gerrymandered to favor one

party or the other.) Six out of 10 Michiganders felt a package of reforms will make a "big difference" in how their government works. Interestingly, many legislators feel the same way. Over the past few months. I've had six small, confidential. off-the-record dinners with lawmakers from both parties. To a person, they are hardworking, interested in doing the right things, frustrated with a political system that tends to push them into scoring partisan political points rather than governing wisely.

True enough, this poll, like many others, looks grim on the surface. But if you look a bit below the surface, lots of folks are interested in reforming the system and willing to work hard to do it.

Correcting the record: My column last week chastised Gov. Granholm for not adopting Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson's idea for a four-day, 10-hour work week to save gas. Turns out she released a letter urging state departments to do exactly that, one day before my column was published.

I'm pleased she did the sensible thing to help preserve a little fuel, while helping state employees save a lot of gas money.

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Return of old names gives election a 'Back to the Future' quality

eave it to Plymouth Township politics to provide the kind of vaudevillian entertainment one generally sees attached to the names "Barnum" and "Bailey."

Eight years ago, newcomer and Plymouth Township cop Steven Mann upended incum-

bent supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy, who either didn't want to or simply didn't bother with (she never said which it was) an attempt at getting re-elected. Four years ago, Mann and

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township Treasurer Ron Edwards helped orchestrate the election of Richard Reaume to Mann's supervisor position with Mann's

last-minute announcement he wouldn't seek re-election and Reaume stepping in about 45 seconds before the deadline to register for

This year promises more of the same, what with several former township officials trying to get back in the game, a clerk whom éveryone thought had seen her last election seeking the township's top job, the one guy who doesn't have an opponent (Treasurer Edwards) delighting in the political process of every other race and a first-term school board trustee (Dianne Gonzalez) who decided, about halfway through her first term, to seek higher office.

If that's not enough for you, here's one more attraction: A Democrat.

Not that Democrats can't get elected around here, mind you. Marc Corriveau, a Democrat from Northville, is the current 20th House rep. And his predecessor, selfdescribed Milliken-Republican John Stewart, fought off the image he was a Democrat in Republican's clothing for six years in the House. Of course, as soon as he was out of office, he ... umm ... joined the Democrats.

Mike Watts is the lone Democrat in the race (in case you weren't sure, he's running for supervisor), and you wouldn't be able to blame him for feeling a little left out for the moment. But he'll get his 15 minutes this fall, after the four Republican candidates spend the next couple of months beating hell out of each other on the campaign trail.

There are a lot of intriguing pieces to this race, not the least of which is the decision by current Clerk Marilyn Massengill, who has

worked for the township since the late 1960s, to run against incumbent Supervisor Richard Reaume. There were people who were surprised Massengill sought re-election four years ago, so imagine the raised eyebrows when she announced her 2008 plans.

Reaume has the "incumbent" advantage, but it's tough to argue Massengill can't match him in name recognition. The two of them sit next to each other on the dais at township board meetings, so watching them interact the next two months will be interesting. Of course, her name alone won't get it done, and Massengill will still need to hit both the absentee-voter rolls and the streets if she really wants to unseat Reaume.

They should both be concerned, however, if word on the street is true about the other two candidates — Realtor K.C. Mueller (herself a former township trustee) and Gonzalez being among the hardest-working candidates.

The clerk's race is between Massengill's hand-picked deputy, Joe Bridgman, and Mary Ann Prchlik, an accountant for Herriman & Associates, the property management business she owns with husband, Dan Herriman, a former appointee to the township board.

Prchlik's background is in accounting, and she admits she has "things to learn" about the elections side of the clerk's job. Bridgman has been doing the elections thing for five years now, but probably needs to upgrade his accounting skills.

So far, there's been no movement to sew them together to make one perfect candidate.

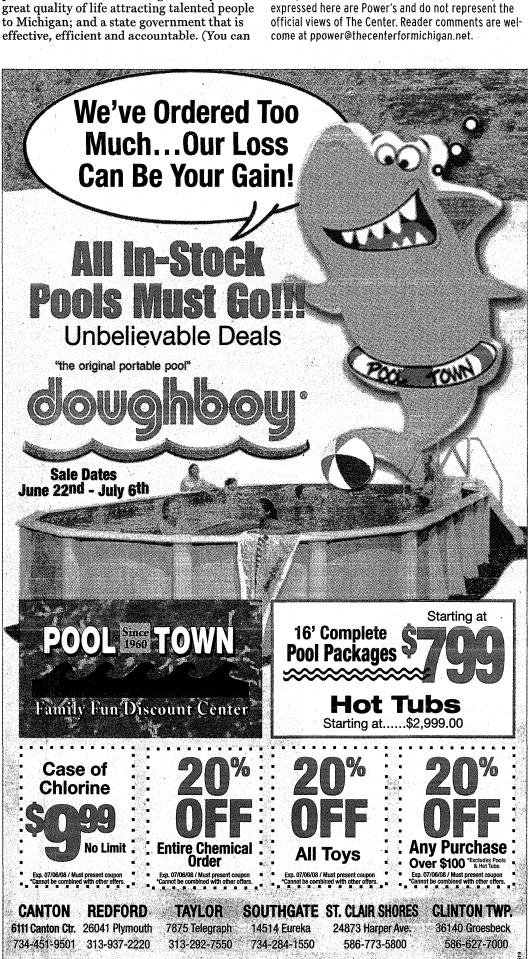
The trustee race is really going to come down to two people: former police chief Carl Berry and political newcomer Michael Kelly. One can figure on the three incumbent trustees — Mann, Bob Doroshewitz and Kay Arnold — getting re-elected. The fourth spot goes to either Berry, trying to get re-involved with township government, or Kelly, who served on the township's compensation commission but is otherwise largely unknown politically.

All these former township officials give the race a surreal "Back to the Future" feeling, which begs the question:

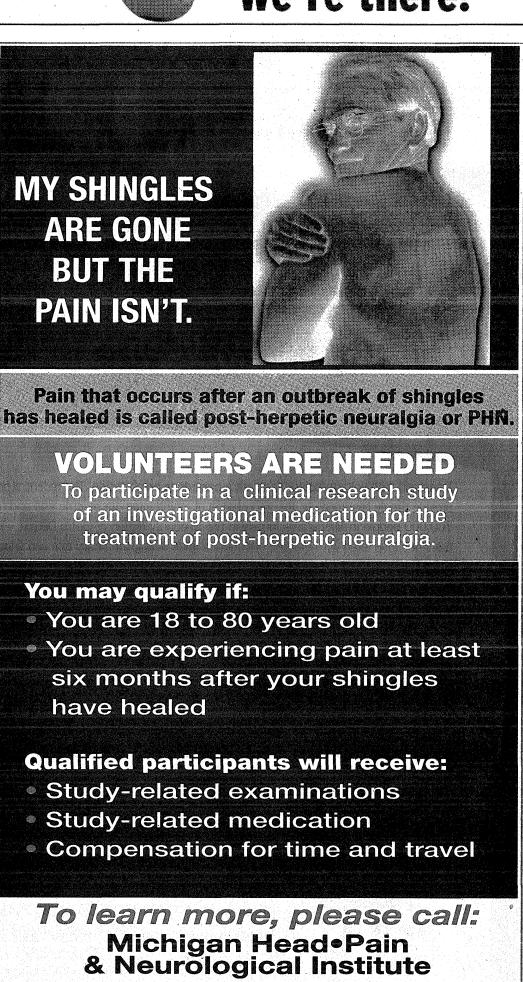
How would Marty McFly feel about all this?

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Buy low, sell high and don't panic when the market slumps

gave a speech last week and in attendance was a number of very nervous investors. One man said that with high oil prices, high food prices, the falling dollar and rising unemployment, he couldn't understand why I would recommend anyone continue to invest. He said it will take a long time to turn the economy around and it would be more prudent to stay on the sidelines.

I recognize many investors are nervous about the economy. However, it is not prudent to liquidate and to sit on the sidelines. It may feel good in the short run, but over the long run it will cost you.

It is important for all investors to realize we have gone through difficult times before, including the stock market crash of 1987, the meltdown in the technology market, the



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and the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. In fact, over the last 20-25 years, despite the difficul-**Money Matters** ties, we have

loan crisis

seen the stock market rise. that has always happened is

our economy has come out of the doldrums and not only regained strength, but plowed ahead to reach all-time highs. The reality of the situation

is that downturns are normal and it is something that investors not only have to accept, but should be looking to for the opportunities that generally abound.

It would be great to be in the

market when things are good and out when times are bad. However, as Warren Buffet has stated in the past, the hall of fame of market timers is empty. It is impossible to predict the market over short periods. After all, you have to be right twice — once when you buy and once when you sell — and no one can do that consistently.

Most will tell you the key to success as an investor is to buy low and sell high. I agree. However, most investors operate the exact opposite way. Most sell low and buy high.

The reason they sell low is because when we go through times like this, they bail out of their investments (selling low). They wait until the market has a significant run to get back in, thus buying high.

I don't know when the market will regain its strength and start growing. I don't believe anyone knows. One thing history has taught me is those who stay invested, focus on long-term goals and objectives and who keep a balanced and diversified portfolio will be

successful. There is an old saying: "Your portfolio is like a bar of soap: the more you touch it, the

smaller it gets." If your goal, like mine, is

to increase net worth during these difficult times, the best course of action is to not panic and make prudent moves.

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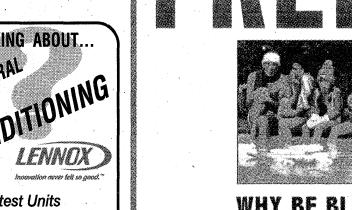
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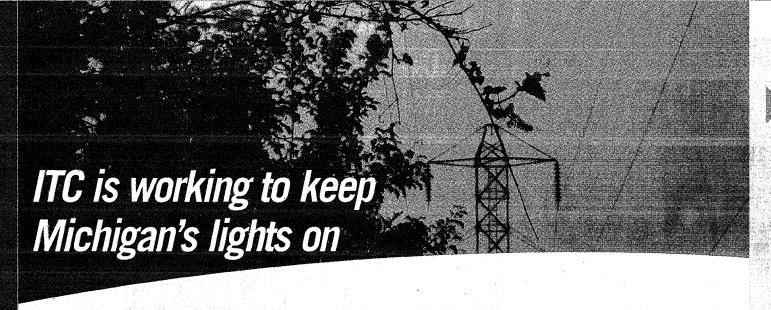
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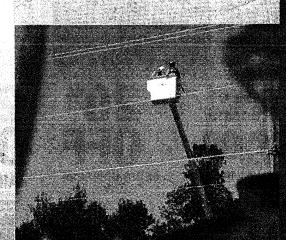


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The Blackout of 2003

Nothing brings a halt to daily life faster than the loss of power. Outages and blackouts are inconvenient, costly and potentially dangerous. The Blackout of 2003 left 50 million people in the Northeast, Midwest and Canada without power for days. Hospitals, nursing homes, police and fire departments and schools were just a few of the critical services heavily impacted by the Blackout. The underlying cause of the Blackout, tree contact with power lines in northern Ohio, is well documented. ITC is responsible for protecting communities and residents from outages and safety threats like the Blackout of 2003.



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Thurston athletic director victim of budget cuts

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The man who oversaw myriad recent renovations to Redford Thurston's athletics complex such as a new football field, refurbished gymnasium and swimming pool and construction of an auxiliary gym — lost his job Monday thanks to budget cuts by the South Redford

Board of Education. Al Chambo, who just finished his eighth year as athletic director of the district (including Thurston and Pierce Middle School), was one of two administrators laid off to help the

district deal with a \$2 million budget shortfall for 2008-09. South Redford faced a June

30 deadline to approve a balanced budget. Several classroom instructors throughout the district also were let go.

Chambo was instrumental in helping get a \$32.65 million bond issue approved by South Redford voters in May 2005 that included installation of a turf football field as well as new running track plus a new competitive gymnasium that opened last fall.

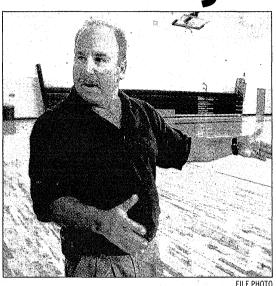
The auxiliary gym drew raves from coaches for minimizing scheduling problems stemming

from the 2007 court-mandated switch of seasons, a decision resulting in boys and girls basketball taking place at the same time of the year.

Thurston principal Bill Zolkowski did not respond to a request for comment on Chambo's layoff prior to Tuesday night's deadline.

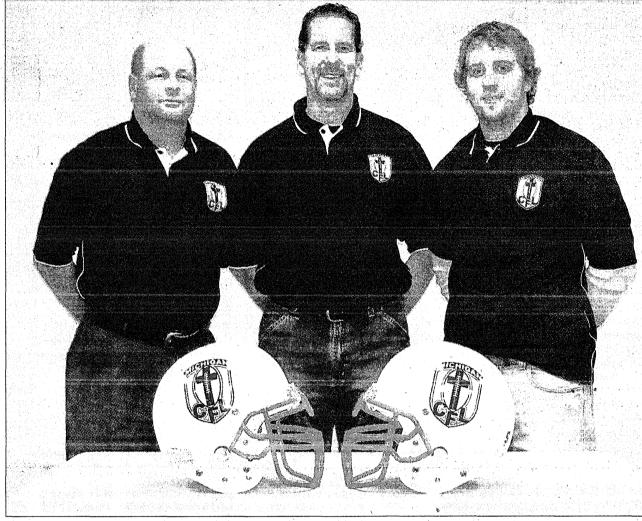
Chambo, 49, a Garden City resident who also taught five years at Thurston before being named athletic director, would not discuss the situation other than to say in an e-mail that "At this particular time I have no

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Al Chambo last September discusses extensive renovations made in athletics facilities at Redford Thurston through a 2005 bond issue he helped oversee. The veteran the South Redford district was laid off Monday due to budget cuts.

athletic director in



Members of the Christian Football League of Michigan's leadership committee include (from left) Bill Rider Jr., Boyd Meyers and Scott Hyde.

ISI & MANY GOAL:

New league offers opportunities to Christian school and home-schooled gridders

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Prayers have been answered for hundreds of Michigan high school students whose desire to play football was sacked in the past because they attended small Christian schools or no

school at all. The Christian Football League of Michigan will break its initial huddle beginning the first weekend in September with seven teams — one based in Plymouth — whose rosters will be filled mostly by students who attend schools that don't offer football and home-schooled students.

The league, which is not affiliated with the Michigan High School Athletic Association, is the brainchild of Saline resident Boyd Meyers, a former walk-on football player at Michigan State University, whose primary goal is to give more kids a chance to learn the invaluable life lessons that can be taught on the gridiron.

"When I was researching the idea of starting something like this, I ran

across a league in Georgia that offered football to kids who didn't have an outlet to play otherwise," said Meyers, the CFLM's president. "I figured, if it can work in Georgia, why not here?"

Meyers' tireless efforts to get the league off the ground have been rewarded with widespread interest.

In addition to the seven teams that will begin play in September -Plymouth, Ann Arbor, Flint, Lansing, Muskegon, North Branch and Troy - several other communities have received commitments from enough players to field a team.

"However, some areas are holding off because they're afraid that if the kids play football, it will take too many players from the boys soccer teams," said Meyers. "We're going to address that conflict by offering a boys soccer league in the spring so that students can play football and not miss out on soccer.'

Meyers admitted the planning stages of the new leagues have been accompanied by some growing pains.

"The most difficult part of putting

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What: Christian Football League of Michigan;

Who: The first-year league consists of seven teams representing Plymouth, Ann Arbor, Flint, Lansing, Muskegon, North Branch and Troy; teams will consist mostly of Christian school students and home-schooled students;

When: The league is set to kick off in early September with a triple-header at EMU's Rynearson Stadium;

Where: Week 2 games will be played in Flint; the sites for the remainder of the season have yet to be determined; For more information:

Visit www.cfl-mi.com.

this league together has been the fact that it's like a full-time job even though I already work a full-time job," said Mevers, who works for the Michigan Department of Corrections. "Another challenge is the fact that we're starting out with zero resources.

"It's been challenging and exciting at the same time."

Mevers said the Christian-based league is not limited to kids who

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Florida picks Jenks in the fourth round

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Following this past weekend's National Hockey League Entry Draft, A.J. Jenks' future appears to be as bright as Florida sun-

The Plymouth Whaler forward and native of Wolverine Lake was selected by the Florida Panthers in the fourth round of the draft.

Fellow Whaler Michal Jordan, a defenseman, was taken five picks later by the Carolina Hurricanes.

Jenks, who graduated from Plymouth High School on June 15, registered 26 goals and 29 assists with 94 penalty minutes this past season for the Whalers. He also played a key role in the team's 2006-07 Ontario Hockey League championship run when he netted

nine net-finders and 14 helpers in 68 games. Jenks watched the draft at home along with several family members and friends.

"Actually, I didn't hear my name called because my agent called me a few minutes me," the 6-foot-2, 210-pound Jenks said. "I was expecting to go a little higher (draft-specific Web sites projected he'd be taken anywhere from the first through third rounds), but it's still very exciting to be drafted.

"The Panthers' assistant general manager called me later that day and said they were excited to be able to get me as late in the draft

Jenks offered the following advice to young hockey players who dream of someday hearing their name called out on draft day.

'Stick with it and have fun," said Jenks. Ironically, former Whalers head coach Pete DeBoer was hired as the Panthers' head coach last week.

Jordan, a 6-1, 181-pound defenseman, compiled six goals and 22 assists in 61 games with Plymouth and Windsor this season.

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Plymouth Whaler forward A.J. Jenks, a recent graduate of Plymouth High School, was drafted in the fourth round of this past weekend's NHL Draft by the Florida Panthers.

Canton 5K run

The inaugural Run for Canton's History 5K Fun Run/Walk will be held Sunday, July 20, at 8 a.m. with the starting line at historic Cherry Hill Village.

Registration for the event will begin at 7:30 a.m. at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads.

The entry fee is \$20 through July 16 and \$22 the day of the race. All participants will receive a custom shirt and a Canton Historical Society membership. Awards will be presented to the top male and female finishers.

Runners can register at the Summit on the Park, which is located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

For more information, call the Canton Sports Center at (734) 483-5600 or send an e-mail to mike. hoffmeister@cantonmi.org.

Softball sign-ups

The second session of slow-pitch softball leagues at the Canton Softball Center begins July 13. Leagues of all ability levels will be offered.

Registration forms can be found at www.csc.canton-mi.org. League schedules include 18 games plus playoffs. The team registration lee is \$800 in addition to a \$12 umpire fee that is paid weekly prior to each game.

For more information, call (734) 483-5600.

Special offer for GCYBSA

Precision Baseball in Canton is offering a special deal for Greater **Canton Youth Baseball** & Softball Association teams that are looking for a special site for their endof-the-year parties.

Teams can use Precision's indoor baseball and softball training facility for two hours — including field rental and an Iron Mike batting cage — for just \$10 per player.

To reserve a spot, call (734) 459-5921 and ask for the GCYBSA deal.

RU Wing T camp

Redford Union is hosting the Panther Wing T-camp for football players entering high school this fall.

It runs 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, July 29, through Friday, Aug. 1. For more information, call Miles Tomasaitis at (313) 575-4753.



Observerland baseball programs produce several diamond gems

2008 ALL-OBSERVER BASEBALL FIRST-TEAM

Will Tidwell, Sr., P, Canton: The Hillsdale College-bound pitcher compiled a stellar 7-1 record with a 2.29 earned run average. His lone loss was a 2-1 setback to Plymouth. He chalked up six complete games and finished second on the team with a .375 batting average.

"Will was our most consistent pitcher all year long and was voted our team MVP," said Canton coach Mark Blomshield. "He gave our team a great chance to win when he was on the mound because of his ability to throw a lot of strikes with all of his pitches."

Ryan Baglow, Sr., P, Lutheran Westland: The senior righthander posted school-record mark 8-0 this season with one save in leading the 25-8 Warriors to the Division 4 state

Baglow, the school record holder for career wins (24), was a control pitcher allowing just 12 walks while fanning 44. He gave up only 17 earned runs (six earned). His ERA was

"Mr. Consistency is Ryan," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said of the Division 4 second-team All-Stater and All-Metro Conference choice. "He'll make a bad pitch once in awhile, but he always seems to hit his spots and leaves pitchers guessing at what is coming next."

Angelo Zoccoli, Sr., P, Garden City: Zoccoli was outstanding all season, keeping the Cougars in virtually every game he pitched. He compiled a record of 7-2 with a 2.04 earned-run average and showed excellent poise (just 22 walks in 58 innings, along with 40 strikeouts).

"Zoccoli obviously was our horse on the mound and our leader offensively," said Cougars' head coach Steve Herman.

Garden City's team MVP hit .380, scored 28 runs, drove in 14 and ripped eight doubles and played flawless shortstop when not pitching. Zoccoli earned All-Mega Red and All-District honors.

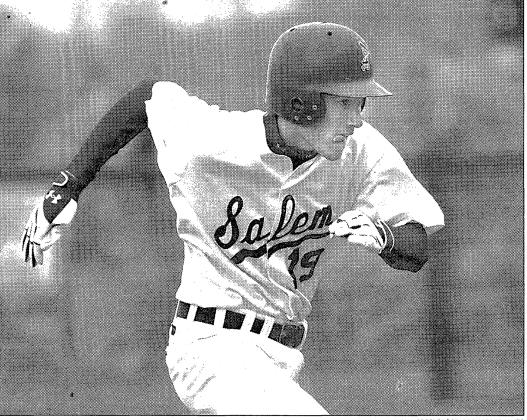
Dan Abbott, Sr., C. Lutheran Westland: The senior catcher batted .478 with 10 doubles, two triples, two homers and 31 RBI. He also scored 29 runs.

"What a breakout year for Dan," Wade said of the All-Metro Conference choice. "In the off-season, he hit the weights hard and lost some weight and it made a big differ-

ence in his game. "He can hit to all fields and with such a strong arm, teams have found it difficult to run on him. He did a great job calling games for his us this year. He always seems to call the right pitches."

Brian Corner, Sr., C, Red. **Thurston:** The hard-nosed senior was Thurston's MVP, was named to the All-Mega Blue team and led the Eagles in virtually every category, said head coach Bob Snell, adding that he "provided a lot of leadership" for younger players on the squad.

Corner batted .417, scored 35 runs, knocked in 29 runs and had a .681 slugging percentage. Behind the plate, he threw out 17 would-be base-stealers and fielded at a .948 clip. In a district win over Clarenceville, Corner tripled, doubled and



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Salem junior Sam Ott earned All-Observer honors after hitting .427 this past season.

drove in five.

Tyler Bledsoe, Jr., C, Liv. Churchill: The junior catcher earned first-team All-Area honors for the second straight year after hitting .411 (39-for-95) including six doubles, a triple and homer. He finished with 26 RBI and struck out only seven times.

"Tyler was our offensive and defensive leader this season," Churchill coach Ron Targosz said of the All-Lakes Division pick. "He led the team in hits and was second in RBI.

What was even more important was how Tyler handled the pitchers when he was behind the plate. He seemed to take control of the game and have a very calming effort on the pitchers. His improvement the last two years, especially defensively, has been fun to watch. I'm looking forward to good things next season from Tyler."

Sam Vomastek, Sr., INF, Liv. **Stevenson:** the senior infielder and catcher hit .398 (35-for-88) with an impressive on-base percentage of .465.

Sam is a very smart baseball player with a terrific work ethic," Stevenson coach Rick Berryman said of the All-Western Lakes selection.

Garrett Gumm, Jr., SS, Liv. Franklin: The junior finished with a .472 batting average en route to All-Western Division

Among his 45 hits including nine doubles, a triple and three homers. He also scored

"Garrett has been our shortstop for the past two seasons," Franklin coach Matt Fournier said. "He's the best student of the game on our team and was a huge part in our postseason run. He led the team in many offensive categories including homers, RBI, walks and stolen bases. He will continue to grow as a player."

Sam Ahlersmeyer, Jr., 3B, **Lutheran Westland:** The senior third baseman batted .469 with 53 hits, including 15 doubles, four triples and three homers. He finished with 47 RBI and scored 37 runs.

'When Sam was a freshman up on the varsity you would have thought he was a junior because of his size," Wade said of the All-Metro and secondteam All-State choice. "He is

a very strong kid. After missing most of his sophomore year with a broken wrist, most would have thought he would need some time to get his timing back, but that wasn't the case at all.

"Sam has had a phenomenal year at the plate setting school records for hits in a season (53) and for RBI (47). The scary part he's only a junior."

Sam Ott, Jr., OF, Salem: The junior center fielder was one of the primary catalysts of the Rocks' resurgent season as he compiled a .427 batting average with 28 RBI and 37 runs scored. He also stole a teamhigh 24 bases without being thrown out once - and served as the team's closer. Ott is just one of four players in the history of Salem to play on the varsity squad as a freshman.

"In my opinion, Sam is a fivetool player and he certainly was one of the leaders on our team," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger. "He's arguably one of the best players to play at Salem, plus he has a huge

David Harvey, Sr., OF, Plymouth: The senior tore up opposing of a .449 of the tune of a batting average. He not only reached base at a .530 clip, but displayed spurts of power with three home runs and 20 RBI.

"David Harvey is the consummate student-athlete," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. "More importantly, he's a even better person."

Chris Gazley, Sr., At-Large, Redford Union: The threeyear starter was named the Panthers' MVP for the second straight season and he also earned All-Mega White, All-District and All-Region honors.

Gazlev led the team with a .442 batting average, also leading the squad with 50 hits and 39 RBI. He also played well defensively at several positions and was the team's pitching ace (6-5, 1.88, 82 strikeouts in 70 innings).

"Chris was one of the most dependable everyday players I have seen," said RU head coach Mike Taylor. "He's one of those players that I will remember for the rest of my life because of what he did for this program."

Jesse Carpenter, Sr., At-Large, Liv. Franklin: The senior was named Franklin's MVP based

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P - Angelo Zoccoli, Sr., Garden City
C - Dan Abbott, Sr., Lutheran Westland
C - Brian Corner, Sr., Red. Thurston
C - Tyler Bledsoe, Jr., Liv. Churchill
INF - Sam Vomastek, Sr., Liv. Churchill
SS - Garrett Gumm, Jr., Liv, Stevenson
SS - Garrett Gumm, Jr., Liv, Franklin
3B - Sam Ahlersmeyer, Jr., Luth.
Westland
OF - Sam Ott, Jr., Salem
OF - David Harvey, Sr., Plymouth
AL - Chris Gazley, Sr., Redford Union
AL - Jesse Carpenter, Sr., Liv. Franklin
AL - Ben Vaughn, Sr., Canton
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HONORABLE MENTION
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Franklin: Jeff McCullough; Stevenson:
Jake Wilson, Jeff Sorenson: Westland
John Glenn: Chris Kangas, Jon Gillis;
Wayne Memorial: Jon Bryant, Tim Siegfried; Lutheran Westland: Austin Baglow, Aaron Derminer, Nate Bachert; Clarenceville: Tyler Hendrickson; Clarenceville: Tyler Hendrickson;
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Trevor Zinn, Kevin Bottorff, Charles
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Brandon Pierson.

on his .370 batting average and his 9-4 record on the mound.

Carpenter won four games during postseason play as the Patriots reached the Division 1 regional final. In 74.1 innings, he had 60 strikeouts and 38 walks with a 2.57 ERA.

The All-Western Division selection also collected 10 doubles, a pair of triples, 24 RBI and 24 runs scored.

"Jesse is a great competitor who gives you everything he has every game," Fournier said. "He has great character. He moved from the outfield to the infield to make our team better."

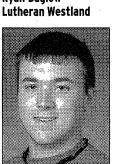


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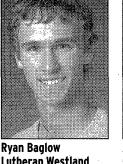


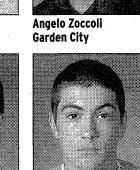
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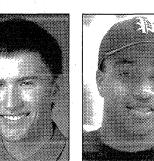
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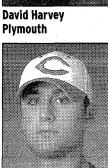
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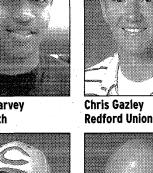
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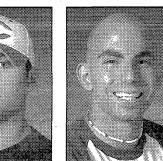






Ben Vaughn





Kevin Wade-Lutheran Westland coach

Ben Vaughn, Sr., At-Large, Canton: Vaughn was productive at the plate and on the mound as he led the Chiefs to their first District title since 1989. The senior hit .398 with a .470 on-base percentage. On the mound, the hard-throwing right-hander registered 55 strikeouts in 35 innings pitched while recording a 3-3

"Ben was our top hitter and possibly our best all-around player," said Blomshield. "He could pitch, play infield and outfield with equal skill. He has a power arm that can get his fastball into the high-80s while touching 90 at times."

COACH OF THE YEAR Kevin Wade, Lutheran Westland: The fourth-year coach led the Warriors to their most productive season in school history, finishing 25-8, including a runner-up finish in the Division 4 state tournament after winning the regional championship with a 3-2 upset of No. 1ranked and 29-0 Grosse Pointe

Woods University-Liggett.

"Just to be even mentioned as Coach of Year is an honor," said Wade, whose team set . nine school records. "It was a humbling experience for me. It was an unbelievable and unforgettable year because so many players stepped up big. It quite an amazing run, something I'll never forget. What an experience it was to be with the kids and coach them. And they made my experience that much

Wade is a 1997 graduate from Lutheran Westland who played three sports (football, baseball and basketball). He graduated from Concordia University in Ann Arbor 2001.

Wade has also coached the Lutheran Westland varsity girls volleyball and girls basketball the past two years. He won districts this year in volleyball, basketball and baseball and his overall record for the three sports during the past two years is a combined 126-

Rams sweep Detroit Eagles

The Michigan Rams continue to surge in the Michigan Collegiate Baseball League, sweeping the Detroit Eagles three straight including a 4-0 win Monday at soggy Ford Field in Livonia.

That was following a doubleheader sweep Saturday on the same diamond giving the Rams five straight wins.

Aaron Wick was the winning pitcher Monday, going the first five innings and tossing a twohitter.

He struck out four and walked one before James Bertakis came on to earn the save, allowing two hits over the

final two innings. Brad Herman went 2-for-2 with a double and triple to lead the 20-and-under Rams, who improved to 10-5 in the

MCBL. Canton's Shawn Little

(Madonna University) and Ryan Abraham also knocked in runs.

Steve Washington went 2for-3 for the Eagles (3-11), also a 20-and-under team.

Losing pitcher Andy Bryant gave up four runs on four hits in five innings. He had control issues, allowing seven walks and hitting a batter.

On Saturday, the Rams took both ends of the twinbill, 12-2 and 6-1.

In the opener, the Rams unloaded for 14 hits led by Joe Barnes (3-for-4; three RBI); Herman (3-for-3; RBI); and Frank Persichino (2-for-3; four

Also getting into the act was Brett Mazmanian (2-for-3; two RBI); Little (2-for-4; RBI); and Tim Cross (1-for-4 RBI).

Winning pitcher Brett

Shankin went the first five innings, allowing just two runs on five hits.

He struck out two and walked two. Closer Bret Spencer (MU) pitched a scoreless sixth with a pair of strikeouts and one walk.

Starter Rob Moffett took the loss for the Eagles, allowing nine runs on 11 hits.

D.J. Ziegler and B.B. Edwards each had an RBI for the Eagles.

In the nightcap, Colin O'Connell pitched a two-hitter and struck out eight over six innings to earn the victory for the Rams. Spencer finished up in the seventh.

Offensive leaders for the Rams included Mazmanian (2-for-4; RBI); Herman (2-for-3); Cross (two-run triple)) and Derek Mosher (RBI).

2008 ALL-WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION BASEBALL TEAMS

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Outfielders: Joe Mitchell, Sr., Northville; Cody

Rzeznik, Sr., W.L. Central; Andy Buchanan, Sr., Walled Lake Western.

At-Large: Andy Tinkey, Jr., Walled Lake ALL-WESTERN DIVISION

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MICHIGAN COLLEGIATE **BASEBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE** Thursday, June 26 (at Livonia Stevenson H.S.) Blue Knights vs. Trailblazers, 5:45 p.m. Friday, June 27

(at Livonia's Bicentennial Park) Trailblazers vs. Det. Eagles, 5:45 p.m. Mich. Dodgers vs. Thunder, 8;15 p.m. Sunday, June 29 (at Livonia's Bicentennial Park)

(at Livonia Stevenson H.S.)

Blue Knights Dodgers (2), noon. (at Tecumseh, Ontario's LaCasse Park) Thunder vs. Mich. Bulls (2), noon. **WOMEN'S INDEPENDENT FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYOFFS** Saturday, June 28 Det. Demolition vs. Chicago Force

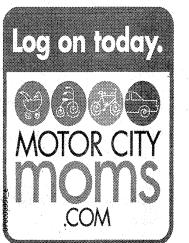
at Holgren Athletic Complex (III.), 3 p.m. . UNITED SOCCER LEAGUES PREMIER DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE W-LEAGUE SCHEDULE Friday, June 27

Mich. Hawks vs. Fort Wayne (Ind.) Fever at Fort Wayne's Hefner Stadium, 7 p.m. Sunday, June 29 Mich, Hawks vs. W. Mich, Firewomen at Livonia Stevenson H.S., 3 p.m.

ALL-WLAA BASEBALL TEAMS

Saunderson, Sr., Northville, At-Large: Jake Holloway, Jr., W.L. Western.
ALL-LAKES DIVISION Pitchers: Joe Posler, Sr., Salem; Shea Dwyer, Sr., Livonia Churchill. Catcher: Tyler Bledsoe, Jr., Churchill. Infielders: Matt Johnson, Sr., W.L. Central; Ricky Scully, Jr., Churchill; Danny Tursell, Jr.,

W.L. Northern; Heath Parling, Jr., Salem. Outfielders: Russ VanMaele, Sr., W.L. Northern; Sam Ott, Jr., Salem; Brian Runge, Sr., Churchill At-Large: Robert Fraser, Sr., Westland John.



THE WEEK AHEAD

(at Livonia's Ford Field) Mich, Bulls vs. Mich, Rams, 5:45 p.m. Mich. Monarchs vs. Blue Knights, 8:15 p.m.

Trailblazers vs. Det. Eagles (2), noon. Mich. Rams vs. Monarchs (2), 5 n.m.



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The Canton Cardinals 10U travel baseball team captured back-to-back tournament titles earlier this season, placing first in the Mount clemens Memorial on June 1 and the Memorial Day NIT Classic in Canton on May 25. Pictured (front row from left) are Andrew Hejka, Trevor McManus, Cameron Shaughnessy, Cameron Stella, Brett Lee, (middle row from left) Aaron Madsen, Kevin Anthony, Seth Hubbard, Andrew Jossey, Grant Hartwig, Michael Groff, (back row from left) Dan Hejka, Dave Madsen, Kurt Anthony, Bob Lee and Mike Groff.

FROM PAGE B1

attend Christian schools or are home-schooled. "It is not our intent to exclude anyone, but

there are some parameters," he said. "There is a standard of play expected that would glorify Christ. We have standards for our coaches so they will be qualified to lead and model proper behavior for the players.

"In order to keep a Christian environment on each team, we will have a 'cap' for the number of kids coming from outside the Christian environment. We do not want a situation where ungodliness is the standard that Christian kids have to fight off. It should be the other way around.

Each of the seven teams will play at least seven games this season with one team receiving a bye each week.

All of the games will be played at the same site each week for the inaugural campaign, which will open with a triple-header at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium in September. The second week's slate of games will be played in Flint.

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comment on where I stand or the plans of the school board."

Thurston football coach Bob Snell and boys basketball coach Brian Bates also could not be reached for comment.

BIG LOSS FOR KIDS

But veteran boys swim coach Tom Giummo lamented losing such a dedicated advocate for student-athletes, let alone someone who often would be the first person at school and the last one to leave after that day's athletic events.

"If it wasn't for Al, we probably wouldn't have gotten that fabulous football field and fieldhouse, or the new gym," Giummo said Tuesday afternoon. "You need somebody on your side to oversee athletics. He's going to be missed."

Meanwhile, Chambo's outstanding performance to help get the 2005 bond issue approved — and then put a blueprint into action — partly earned him the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic **Administrators Association** Region 12 Athletic Director of the Year in 2005-06.

Giummo, involved in athletics at Thurston since the early 1980s, said he does understand it is a tough economic time for all of the region, school districts included. He just hoped the budget trimmings could have avoided athletics.

"Things like this happen and you wish (money) could be cut from someplace else," Giummo said. "It's just a shame they have to take it out on the kids."

Giummo said Chambo worked tirelessly behind the scenes doing everything from making sure student-athletes maintained necessary minimum grade-point averages to participate on a team as well as keeping tabs on where kids stood on annual physicals and pay-to-play eligibility.

With two months before fall sports get under way, the South Redford board must act quickly to get the new administrative lineup in place. The board could decide to

move Chambo's many duties over to an assistant principal, but Giummo worried about the logistics of one person adding athletics to traditional administrative duties such as "grades, discipline and everything else."

According to Giummo, it is unfortunate that the budget cuts dealt a major blow to the athletic program.

"Athletics is an integral part of the high school program," Giummo said. "I think athletics and academics go hand in hand, ... they make a wellrounded student."

The timing of the layoff also means Thurston might not have an active voice in the upcoming weeks when the cloudy future of the Mega Conference beyond 2008-09 is determined.

"Now they're talking about disbanding the Mega," Giummo said. "Al was right there on that, looking out for our best interests.'

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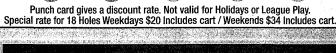
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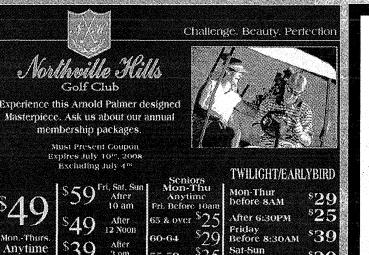
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How garden grows matters when selling, staying

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

If you're selling a home, or staying put, attractive landscaping can go a long way. Either you'll get some nibbles from potential buyers, or just feel better about your abode.

Jim Morris, landscape manager for English Gardens, recommends "adding color" if you're selling. You can use porch pots, put in annuals or perennials, "making things look clean and neat and then color," said Morris, a Grosse Pointe Park resident.

If a for sale property hasn't been well maintained, landscapers may need to do some removal and put in shrubs. "When you're looking for that curb appeal, there's an investment that needs to be made," said Morris of English Gardens, which has stores in West Bloomfield, Royal Oak, Dearborn Heights and other metro communities. "It is so variable because each house is different."

He recommends a clean, well-kept look, which can be as simple as adding mulch, edging and putting in pockets of color, Keeping up with weeding matters when it's "for sale" time.

A dream home you don't plan to sell is a different landscaping animal. "You didn't start out in that home without a blueprint for the interior," Morris said. A plan is vital; he finds many customers particularly like to make their back yards more homey, "creating outdoor rooms and that kind of thing."

He hasn't seen a lot of tightening of the purse strings in the nursery business: "People are definitely willing to invest in their property."

For plants, southeast Michigan's in Zone 4 or 5. You need to read tags on shrubs, Morris said, and remember that annuals won't live through the winter.

"Each and every home is a little bit different," he said. A landscape designer can tailor the look and feel of your property to suit the land.

There are considerations of sun and shade when choosing plants, and Morris said it's vital to buy proper materials for the right locations. There are magazines, such as Horticulture and the garden



publications of Better Homes ಟ Gardens "which are awesome for getting ideas."

He agreed novice gardeners can at times have big ideas and not consider the work a yard requires. "People get overwhelmed," Morris said. He and colleagues consider that in their work, coming up with low-maintenance plans to accommodate customer needs.

For more information, visit www.englishgardens.com. Another good Web site is www.plymouthnursery.net, that of Plymouth Nursery just over the Wayne County line on Plymouth-Ann Arbor

Tim Parker, general manager and co-owner at Plymouth Nursery, has also seen the trend toward investing in outdoor living, not just gardens but also patio furniture and grills. "They're looking at it as outdoor living," the Hamburg Township resident said.

He sees people with today's gas prices staying home more. "They're just doing a lot more home improvement," Parker said. "A lot of people just tell us they're going to stay closer to home.'

Plymouth Nursery's new and expanded greenhouse

has been a big draw, although landscaping work is slower with fewer homes being built If you're looking for a "quick fix" to help sell your home, Parker recommends such color as hanging baskets and porch pots.

"Sometimes it makes a lot of difference in selling a home," he said. He recommends keeping up with weeding, having your property mulched and your lawn groomed.

A less-than-stellar yard at a home for sale could suggest to a buyer the home isn't well

maintained, Parker noted. At Plymouth Nursery.

hardiness. He sees customers who plan to make their dream home a reality.

gardening pros go by Zone 5

"That's really been our specialty, our hallmark," Parker said. You'll need a master plan, and can phase in elements within your time constraints and budget.

A number of Michigan State University horticulture grads work at Plymouth Nursery, and Parker recommends such expertise. You need the right exposure, soil and spacing for your plants.

"Get a good design, and your garden shouldn't be high maintenance," he said.

BRIEFS

Best to consult attorney on foreclosure

Q: When a condo association forecloses on a unit for dues, do the same laws apply to the type of foreclosure as to a mortgage lien, foreclosure, and redemption period, etc.?

A: In most instances your position



Robert Meisner

in that the Michigan Condominium incorporates the procedures for filing by foreclosure by advertisement and judicial

is correct.

foreclosure. However, there may be certain exceptions in the process and you are well advised to consult with a knowledgeable community association attorney.

Q: I am aware of an interactive Web site that allows residential landlords to be matched with prospective tenants through the use of discriminatory postings. Is this a violation of the **Communications Decency Act?**

A: In a similar case out of the 9th Circuit Federal U.S. Court of Appeals, the court held that the Web site could be held liable under the Fair Housing Act, not the Communications Decency Act. Without going into the details of the opinion, it appears that one should be extremely careful with respect to whatever types of postings it places on an interactive Web site regarding real estate

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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Appointment

Milestone Realty Services Inc. in Royal Oak announced the appointment of Matthew J. Wilk as senior vice president focusing on three areas of increasing importance in today's markets: providing consulting services in real estate workout and turnaround situations, facilitating sales of troubled real estate assets, and providing asset management services for bank-owned

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dent of Citizens Republic Bancorp and as a vice president with Builders Bank, headquartered in Chicago. He joined Builders after practicing commercial real estate law with the D'Ancona & Pflaum firm in Chicago.

Wilk is a member of the Michigan and Illinois State Bars, and a licensed real estate broker in both states. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, and did his undergraduate work at U-M. Wilk and his wife have twins, 11 months.

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CHARMING COLONIAL Charming 3 bd brick colonial w/1.5 Excellent curb appeal on this great baths, 3 bds, 2 fireplaces, fin bsmt home! 4 bd, 2.5 baths, huge Kit, w/glass block, nice layout, newer windows, 2 car Garage, & more \$150,000 (P-711HU)



BREATHTAKING! 1st fl laun, 2 story Great Rm, lovely paver Patio, & quiet cul de sac (C-777DA)



3 bd brick home w/large eat-in Kit, patio door, huge backyard, 2 full baths, LR/DR combo, huge fenced yard, & convenient location (C-120DU)



EXTRA LARGE LOT 1337 sq ft home w/3bd, 1.5 baths, spacious Kit w/appl's, hwd firs t/o, large Master w/vaulted ceiling. unique arch entryways, part finished bsmt, & updated roof. (P-301FO) \$75,000



PRESTIGIOUS LAKE PROPERTY Spacious lake front living on all sports Rush lake. Bring your own builder. Possible walkout site. nature trails, commons w/Gazebo picnic tables, playgrounds, &

\$210,000

\$147,900



WELL MAINTAINED DUPLEX Great opportunity! Each unit has 900 sq ft w/2 bds, 1 bath, large Kit w/quality cabinets, windows, & private lake access to Whitmore Lake. (C-322FA) \$169,900



SOUTH LYON VACANT LOT On a private road with a wooded backdrop. Will require an engin. septic field, golf courses & upscale homes. Survey & geological studies avail, Over one acre. studies avail, Over one ac Privacy is perfect as is the price. \$74,900 (C-000LA)



Cute ranch condo w/large brick updated appl's & windows, pets allowed, good location. & clubhouse activities w/



ELEGANT & AFFORDABLE 2803 sq ft colonial offers 4 bd, 2.5 baths, excellent curb appeal, baths, excellent curb appeal, located deep in sub, luxury Master w/bath & WIC, big Kit, extra deep \$399,900



Spacious open floor plan w/neutral décor, newer roof & windows, huge Fam Rm w/frpl, part finished bsmt, great Deck in fenced yard, appl's



A LOT TO OFFER 2 bd, 1 bath home offering a new furnace, C/A, hwh, immediate occupancy, & convenient location (C-518BA)



Cliffs Landing on Ford Lake offers this end unit ranch condo w/3bd, 2 bas, huge Master, LR w/frpl & drwl to balcony, updated windows, freshly painted area pool & more ed, area pool, & more. (P-655CL)



(P-113SA)

(C-394DO)

FANTASTIC VALUE Newly built 2 bd, 2.5 bath condo feat" hwd firs, large LR w/frpl, Kit w/stain steel appl's, large 1st fl Master w/bath & WIC, 2nd fl bdrm w/Wic & Bath, loft/Fam Rm, &



Beautiful 3 bd. 3 bath condo w/full bsmt, 2 car att Garage, built in 2005, 1st fl Master, 1st fl laun, & big open Kitchen. Don't miss out on this one! (P-384GA) \$149,900



LARGE COUNTRY LOT Not your ordinary sub of floor plan Designer Kit w/granite & walnut firs, 2 story Great Rm w/nat frpl & bath & WIC, & great location (P-927JA)



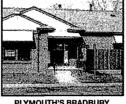
vely home backing to comn Great floor plan w/maple Kit, Fam Rm w/frol, LR/DR, sunroom, large C, windows, doors, & paver Patio \$218,000 (P-477KI)



Immaculate 1168 sq ft, 3 bd, 1.5 bath brick feat a large Master w/ 10x7 bonus room, refinished hwd car Gar, appl's stay, & home



4 bd, 1 bath home w/newer bath, Kit, windows, roof, hwh, furnace, 6 deep lot, freshly painted, & home warranty. Great place to call home! (P-230MC) \$124,900



bd condo w/nice oak Kit, Master w/wall of closets, bath w/new tile & surround, neutral t/o, fin bsmt & area pool & clubhouse \$110,000 (P-421NE)



Popular Bradbury offers this completely remod condo w/oak Kit & stain steel appl's, 1st fl laun, updated bath, new paint & carpet, full bsmt, & area pool w/ clubhouse

NICE HOME

3 bd bungalow w/newer Deck.

new front porch, 2 car Garage, large Master Bdrm, finished bsmt,

2 car Garage, & more. Subject to



When only the best will do...spacious floor plan offers 3 bd, Master w/1/2 bath. ceilings, LR w/frpl, updated bath, windows, carpet, paint, & elec (P-421PI)



flooring, updated baths, formal DR, fin bsmt, stamped Patio in fenced yard, & 3 nice sized bdrms! (P-151PR) \$187,500



Traditional floor plan w/formal LR/ DR, large Kit w/all appl's, Fam Rm w/frpl, Master w/private bath, loft area could be playroom or Den, (C-519RI)



Well maintained home on 1/4 acre lot. Open floor plan, spacious Kit, Fam Rm w/cath ceiling & frpl, huge Deck, finished bsmt, Schools, & more (C-323RO)



Rare find on this custom ranch on almost an acre in Farm Hills. newer 1400-1700 sq ft homes. almost an acre in Farm Hills. Beautiful landscaping, Kit w/ granite, Fam Rm w/frpl, fin bsmt, ewer roof, 1st fl laun, pool, & (C-432RO) \$189,000



Treed rear & western boundary, great location just a few steps away from Lawson Field & playground. \$29,900 (C-574VA)





BREATHTAKING VIEWS Traditional floor plan feat: formal LR/DR, Fam Rm w/gas frpl & views of wooded backvard. Large island Kit w/all appl's, Master w/volume

WIC, & luxury bath.

\$257,000



TOTALLY RENOVATED

this close to 1400 Sq ft.

\$99,500

Great floor plan offering lots of space. Beautiful addition makes and space. Beautiful addition makes and space and

\$210,000

(C-985BA)

HUGE YARD!! Lovely updated home on almost 1/2 acre of land backing to woods. Newer paint, refinished hardwood floors. vinvl windows with warranty, & a 2 car garage. (C-158GR) \$115,500 (C-721HA) \$140,000



BACKS TO WOODS

Great Rm w/frpl, finished bsmt w/

wetbar, 1/2 bath, huge rec room, &

(P-917BR)

theater. Great location, a must se

MECHANIC'S DREAM Let your dreams come true in this 3 bd brick ranch w/huge 3 car Gar w/pit & a drive rear door. Large fenced lot can be split, eat in Kit, ull bsmt, & covered Patio (C-025JO)



2006 Built home feat 3 bds, 2.5 baths, pond view from oak Kit w/ on this inviting home in Livonia. 1.5 granite, spacious Fam Rm w/frpl, Master w/WIC, vaulted ceiling & jetted tub, & too much more to list. \$274,900 (C-211BR) (C-211BR)



baths, LR w/bay window & frpl, 2 car Garage, & addt lot next door included. \$114,900



Beautiful 3 bd, 2 bath brick ranch in walking distance to grade school. Hwd firs, brick frpl, 1.5 car ight across from Cass Lak (P-415CA) \$129,900 (C-884CA)

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NEWLY REMODELED

Open floor plan, maple Kit, large

Fam Rm. bright Master w/3 closets

& bath, neutral paint & carpet t/o,

new roof, windows, doors, etc.

\$210,000



PARK LIKE SETTING

RARE OFFERING Redone top to bottom in 2007. Wonderfully cared for Canton cape cod w/generous updates. 3 bd, 2 bath, spacious rooms, Fam Rm w/ frpl & French doors to Deck, open Kit, 1st fl Master, bsmt, & 2 car





GREAT BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

Well known pizza business for sale. Great chance to be your own

(C-344FO)

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\$84,900

Move here to this 3 bd, 2 bath Plymouth ranch & relax. Plenty of updates inc: Pella Windows, bath. arge Kit, oversized Garage w/ workshop, fin bsmt w/rec rm & bath. Must see!



2 bd, 1.5 bath Livonia condo w/ open floor plan, fresh paint, appliances stay, large screened in Patio, updated furnace & hwh Pets welcome & 1 yr Home \$89,900 (C-281UN)



Awesome location backing to woods. Gourmet Kit w/corian & stain steel appl's. Glamour bath w/ Jacuzzi tub Master w/cath ceil upgraded carpet, walkout bsmt, & much more. \$399,900 (C-215BA)



Great island Kit, Master w/bath &

WIC. Din Rm, Fam Rm w/frpl,

/elec awning, & more

\$210,000

(C-932BR)



CUSTOM COLONIAL

maple Kit, LR & DR w/custom

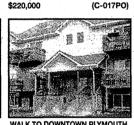
built-ins. & lot of room to roam

and home on property can be in-

laws or income property.

see this custom interior in

IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY 2 bd condo on beautiful Colonial states. Full bsmt, large Liv Rm, Dining Area, 2 car Garage w opener, C/A, & ceiling fans. Appl's \$114,900 (C-613CO)



CUL DE SAC LOCATION

Beautiful Canton home w/3 bd. 2.5

lattice covered Patio. Recent

undates inc. baths, cherry Kit, roof

furnace, & C/A. Appl's stay & Rec

WALK TO DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH Great 2 bd condo w/fresh paint vaulted ceilings & skylights, new carpet, snack bar in Kit, Fam Rm. animals Area, small (C-331PI) \$116,500



GREAT OPPORTUNITY Traditional floor plan feat a formal LR/DR, large island Kit w/nook & all appl's. Spacious Fam Rm w/ frol, Master w/his & her wic's & a (P-576AA) \$223,000



BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPING appl's, & butlers pantry. Amazing Deck & natio Fam Rm w/frnl vaulted Master w/WIC, & so much

\$250,000



CUTE & COZY Wonderful ranch on almost half an acre on prime real estate property. Very nice open floor plan, 2 bd, lots of big windows, bright & airy, 2 car Garage, great updates t/o, & immed occup.



FABULOUS FIND The amenities of this home will outshine the effort needed for paint & cleanup! 2003 updates inc: shingles, siding, furnace, C/A, baths, oak Kit, Patio, bsmt, & built in grill.



NOVI CONDO Great condo for lease feat 2 bd. 2 baths, 2 car att Garage, within walking distance to 12 Oaks Mall & Fountain Walk. Great location & \$1,700/month







PERFECTLY LOCATED w/all appl's, vaulted Fam Rm w/ frpl & recessed lights, vaulted Master Suite w/WIC & glamour \$210,000 (P-892CR)



2 bd, 2 bath ranch condo located Westland's Deerhurst community. Master Bdrm w.private Great Rm w/frpl, bsmt, private Deck. & more



Kit, finished bsmt w/dry bar, updated C/A, 2 car Garage, & nice fenced yard. Walk to elementary

Popular Ridgewood offers this nice

colonial w/4 bd, 2.5 baths, Fam

w/nook, large Deck off Family Rm,

& 2 car Garage



Garage, & priced to sell.

2600 sq ft, cherry cabinets, gas frpl, no maint Geo-Deck, extra deep bsmt, huge side entry model

(P-035AR)

\$107,000



(P-403CA)

\$155,000

Don't wait to build, you could have this better than new Carrington instead! Tastefully decorated, large island Kit, 1st fl laun, Master Suite, & oversized

pools, soccer field, & so much



(C-465CA)

Master w/2 wic's & bath, 1st fl laun, soaring ceilings, Library w/ built-ins, finished bsmt w/bath, excellent location, & close to



Great find on this 2 bd, 2.5 bath condo in Canton. Meticulously maintained, open floor plan, Great Rm w/vault ceil & frpl, loft overlook, bright oak Kit, Patio, \$168,000 (C-173LO)



6000 sq ft, custom details t/o, granite kit w/subzero, fin walkout

bsmt w/au pair or inlaw suite &



(C-990OT)

skylights, \$279,900

NOT A DRIVE BY Great Livonia home w/1026 sq ft, 3 Stunning 3 bd Dearborn colonial bd, 1 bath, updated kit cabs & corian, LR/Dr w/hwd flrs, prof formal DR/LR, updated Kit, nice Like new 3 bd, 2.5 bath home w/ large loft for office or game room, 265 acres of commons, 15 parks, tennis courts, walking trails. 2 finished bsmt whome shadows.

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heated pool, & pets are welcom

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Great home w/3 bd, 2 baths, huge

Kitchen w/Pergo, Master w/2 wic's, professionally finished bsmt

w/bar & bath, tons of storage

(P-137MA)

space, & so much more

area. 2 bd, 1.5 bath, 2 story unit w private setting, hwd firs, appl's Room, 2 car Garage, & walk to downtown shopping & events



4 bd, 2.5 bath stunning home w/

gourmet Kit with hardwood floors LR/DR w/crown mldg, vaulted

family room with fireplace, vaulted

(P-487ME)

r with glam bath.

\$379,000

NATURE ABOUNDS All brick ranch w/4 bd, finished walkout bsmt, updated Kit w/all appl's, freshly painted, new carpet in bsmt, Garage, & priced to sell



Garage, appl's stay, full bsmt,

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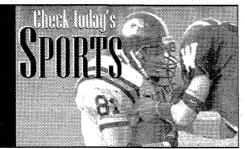
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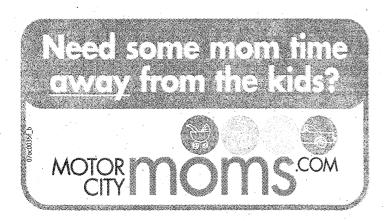
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The Blitz Build first started in 2005 with the Jimmy Carter Work Project where Habitat and its cadre of partner families and volunteers were able to see energy pour into another Pontiac neighborhood in this quick results

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 around the world.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built™ Training Introduction on Wednesday, July 9, from 9-10:30 a.m. at 879 Benjamin, Troy 48098 (house built by Wake-Pratt Construction).

Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction discusses building with materials and methods that result in Green Built™ certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making a positive environmental statement. This is the first in a series of five trainings. The training is free for BIA members. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.

■ The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will host its "Macomb County Golf Spectacular" on Thursday, July 17, at Cherry Greek Golf Club, 5200

Cherry Creek Drive (24 Mile and Van Dyke), Shelby Township.

Registration and continental breakfast will take place from 9-10 a.m. Shotgun start is at 10 a.m. Steak dinner is at 3 p.m.,

The complete golf package includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, three drink tickets, dinner, golf competition contests and door prizes.

Registration fees are \$130 for a complete golf package for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan members, guests and nonmembers or \$45 for dinner only. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

RE/MAX addition

RE/MAX Classic announced its most recent addition to the elite group of Realtors at the Canton Classic office — Lysa Kowalik. Her expertise and drive have made Kowalik one of the top producing Realtors in the tri-county area for more than eight years. Her knowledge, professionalism and passion for servicing her clients continue to build her strong referral base of returning happy clients. She's built a reputation as a pacesetter when it comes to innovative marketing ideas and personalized service. Aligning herself with RE/MAX Classic and their systems allows Kowalik to take her business to the next level and better serve her clients. Her credentials as Graduate of the Realtor Institute and also an Accredited Buyer Representative have elevated her career in servicing her clients.

Townhome offer

Cohen Homes of Southfield announced June 18 the new phase of the Heron Hills community in the Commerce Township area is now open with a special townhome offer of a finished lower

"We want homeowners to enjoy their new home the moment they move in," said Larry Cohen, president of Cohen Homes. "We pride ourselves in taking care of the details with superior design, quality construction and personal attention."

The townhomes in the new

phase start at \$169,900 and are 1,900 square feet. The homes are available in two- or three-bedroom floor plans and come with two and half baths and two car side-by-side garage.

The community also offers raised ranch homes that begin at \$104,000 and 1,186 square feet and range up to models starting at \$129,900 and 1,318 square feet. Floor plans are available in two or three bedrooms, two bathrooms and one- or two-car garages.

Some of the many included amenities are flooring, lighting, appliances, walk-in closet, community pool and cabana. "Hundreds of selections let the homeowner create the right home for their lifestyle or they can purchase one of the four decorated models," said Cohen. "We include the refrigerator, range, dishwasher, microwave, washer and dryer in the homes." Additional choices include granite counters, stainless steel kitchen appliances, wood or ceramic tile flooring, library or third bedroom option, recessed lights and three car garage.

Heron Hills' new phase has 12 townhomes available for immediate occupancy in two buildings. The Wolverine Lake condominium community is in the Walled Lake school district and located west off South Commerce Road between Oakley Park and Glengary Roads near the all sports Wolverine Lake.

For more information, visit their Web site at www.cohenhomes.com or call the decorated models and sales office, open daily noon to 5 p.m., at (248) 960-8048. Cohen Homes has built more

than 3,000 homes since 1981 in Oakland, Washtenaw and Livingston counties and currently has models and homes available for sale in southeast Michigan. They also build high-end custom designed single family homes in Birmingham, Bloomfield and Northville. A separate division, Transformations, provides remodeling and renovation services for homes and offices in southeastern Michigan. For more information, call their main office, (248) 355-

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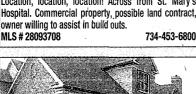
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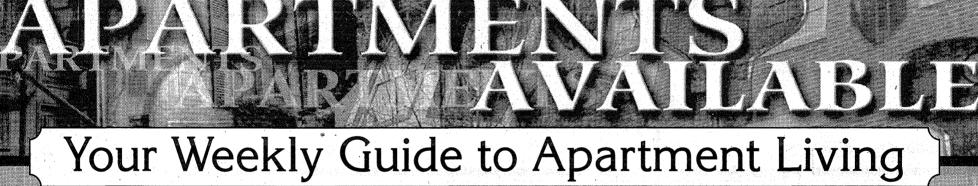
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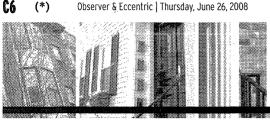
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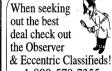
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FARMINGTON HILLS Birwood 9 Mile/Halsted. June 26-28, 9am. Household & decor items, dinette set, toddler bed clothes, a lot of quality items. FARMINGTON HILLS Multi-Family - June 27-28, 9am-2pm. 26291 Pillsbury, 1 blk NE 11 Mile.

FARMINGTON HILLS Sub-Wide Garage Sale - 25-9am-4pm

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FARMINGTON HILLS. Thurs Fri, 8-4pm. 21570 Flanders, S of 9, W of Farmington btwr of Farmington Adams & Squirrel. Antiques collectibles, household goods Household items, kid's toys clothing & more!

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Household, toys, clothes! Thursday, June 27th. 32500 Marquette **GARDEN CITY** Huge Garage Sale/Estate Sale One day June 28, 10am-6pm 31026 Birchlawn, one block off Merriman.

Years of stuff 470 Helen, S. of M-59, W. of Milford Rd. Thurs -Sat 9am-4pm

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LIVONIA Decluttering Sale 2 Families 15951 Blue Skies, S of 6, W of Newburg (back of sub). June 9-5pm. Furniture household items, collectibles

LIVONIA GARAGE SALE

Lyndon, June 28-29, 9-5pm.

une 27-29, Fri-Sun, 10-6pm 18181 Floral, S of 7 Mile, E of Inkster LIVONIA Garage Sale - 29869 Linda, 5 Mile & Middlebelt Crib, baby items, toddler boy's clothes, toys, some fur-

niture, etc. Fri-Sat., June 27 28th, 9am-4pm. LIVONIA Huge Garage Sale! 34731 Perth. 6/26 to 6/28

LIVONIA Multi-Family Sale 15009 Heyer, S. of 5 Mile, W. of Newburgh. Some of everything - including light fixtures and furniture. Thurs.-Sat., and furniture. Thurs June 26-28, 9am-5pm.

9am-3pm.

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NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE @ Th Link's. Fri/Sat, 6/27, 28 9am-4pm. S of 6 Mile,

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NOVI 24780 Picara Dr., 10/Beck. Fri./Sat., 9am 4pm. GIANT SALE.

NOVI 44850 Dunbarton Dr., 9

Mile & Novi Rd. Antiques, fur

niture, brass bed & other

household items, kid's stuff

bike & lots of other great stuff

side of Beck.

Thurs-Sat., 8:30-5:30pm NOVI Briarwood Of Nov Condo Assoc., located 1/2 mile N of 10 Mile, just E of Beck, Fri., June 27 & Sat., June 28, 9am-5pm.

PLYMOUTH 9237 Sheldor

Rd. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 9am-4. furniture, clothing, toys, household items, books,

sporting goods, lots more.

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(7110) **PLYMOUTH CLEAN STUFF** SALE. 9055 McClumpha, between Joy & Ann Arbor Rd. June 26th, 27th, and 28th. 9am-5pm. Baby gear,toys,

household items & more!

PLYMOUTH - 4 FAMILY YARD

SALE Sat June 28, 9-3pm. 184 Caster, btwn Mill St & Holbrook just past the inter-section of Mill & Main. PLYMOUTH 8951 & 8939 Manton Ave. Neighborly Garage/Estate Sales. Fri. & Sat. (6/27 & 28th) 9am-6pm.

1 blk W. of Lilley, N. of Joy. Estate items, Hummels, Baby/kids items, clothing, household goods, music, and other misc. items!!! PLYMOUTH 9322 Mapletree Beck & Ann Arbor Rd. Thurs

Sat., 10-3pm. Children's toys

& clothing, scrap booking

books, bikes household items

SALE PLYMOUTH SALE ANNUAL SALE June 26-27 -6pm, 8800 Corinne Joy & Main, 200+ perenni digital camera, 45's furniture, lamps, GREAT boy's clothes 18-24 mo.

girl's 4T-5T and lots more!

PLYMOUTH Garage Sale 50902 Richard Dr. Anti ques, 4 wheeler, bikes, VHS movies, air conditioner, fur niture, baby items, gas dryer, household items

Thurs-Fri, June 26-27, 9-5.

PLYMOUTH Moving Sale, Fri-Sat 9am-4pm., 15001 Maple

wood, Haggerty & 5 Mile Furniture, exercise equip.

misc. household goods. PLYMOUTH-MULTI FAMILY June 26-28, 9-5. Sat, 9-noon Baby clothes, toys, furniture decor. collectibles 9869/9900 Dorian Dr, Anr Arbor & Canton Center Rd.

REDFORD - GAYLORD BLOCK SALE N of Grand River, W of Beech 6/26-6/29, 9-5pm. REDFORD - Huge 10 friend

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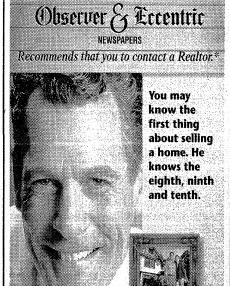
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DWF, 58, 5'7", slender, very attractive, college-educated, enjoys movies, theater, sports, concerts, dining and travel. Seeking widowed, divorced WPM, 55-63, athletic, healthy, tall, N/S, D/D-free, with good sense of humor. 2200296 HIDDEN TREASURE

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ARE YOU HERE? SBF, 61, enjoys going out, having fun, dancing playing, laughing, and enjoying life. Seeking ar honest SBM, 56-62, with varied interests, for pos sible LTR. 2269770 LADY IN THE WOODS

LADY IN THE WOODS

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SWF, 68, looks younger, in search of a SWM, 62-69, who likes movies, dining, theater is it you? 7271085 FOLLOW THIS HEART DWF, 59, 5'2", attractive

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If you're a WF, 40-48, who shares my interests,

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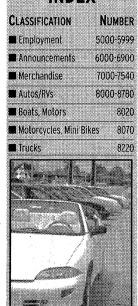
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By Dale Buss



Two new TV advertisements are telling American consumers and auto dealers that car manufacturers are hearing - loud and clear - their increasing clamor for fuel efficiency in vehicle offerings and for a green cast over everything automotive.

One is a new spot for General Motors on the Planet Green cable TV network it is sponsoring, touting its investment in a startup company that makes cellulosic ethanol from trash and other non-desirable feedstocks. The other is a new ad that began running nationally

on Monday for BMW, promoting - of all things - fuelefficient transportation across much of the luxury maker's product lineup. BMW added its silver-plated brand to the parade of automakers that have turned to fuel-economy

Fuel-Efficient Heritage

BMW's spot on several cable-TV channels will promote the fact that the German luxury maker has eight models that get more than 28mpg on the highway, Patrick McKenna, manager of marketing and consumer events for BMW in the United States, told AutoObserver.

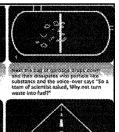
The models touted will include 128i coupe and convertible, 328i sedan and coupe, 528i sedan, and three versions of the Z4.

As a company, BMW managed to post an overall sales increase of 3 percent in May, but that was because of surging sales of its Mini brand. For the flagship BMW brand, sales fell by nearly 5 percent in May compared

BMW and other leading luxury brands are beginning to encounter strong headwinds from U.S. economic uncertainties created by the housing mess and credit crunch, in addition to high gas prices. But its executives determined that they could make more of an explicit fueleconomy play toward American consumers who are increasingly conscious of, if not worried about, gasolineprice increases - and about what they communicate by what they drive.

Still, McKenna said that corporate executives have been going back and forth about the decision to enter the fuel-economy marketing derby for the last few weeks and





commercial.

BMW's 1 Series is among the eight models the company is featuring in a new TV ad about fuel economy.

that they even tested some mileage-oriented themes -versus their usual emphasis on "no-cost maintenance" in online campaigns.

Where we come from," the ad says, showing shots of Germany, "high fuel prices are nothing new." BMW also considered making the claim that it is the only luxury-car company that can boast so many models that generate more than 28mpg on the highway, but it isn't clear yet if the ad will actually make that claim. BMW also has 22 models that obtain 25mpg on the highway or better,

The ad will start appearing on cable networks including ESPN, Fox, CNN, Discovery, Speed and the Golf Channel.

The BMW spot will be reminiscent of the ubiquitous Chevrolet ad that boasts that the General Motors division offers "6 models that get at least 30 mpg" on the highway. But interestingly, BMW's ad is essentially the same one that BMW ran for a while last year, to relatively little notice - though the new version slightly updates the number of models and mileage information.

Last year, the similar ad said that BMW had six models that each gained at least 30mpg. "But the EPA standard changed, and we also added the 1-Series,

McKenna said, explaining the difference in the new ad. "It's amazing because the relevance of it is so much higher now, and the attention it's getting from dealers and internally is so much more intense now, because people are so much more focused on fuel economy, McKenna said.

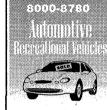
"For people who may think we're just a performance-car company and not fuel-efficient, we want to make sure they know this part of the story," McKenna said. "We've been engineering toward fuel economy for decades." GM's Ethanol Play

Meanwhile, GM is increasing the hype around Coskata, the Warrenville, Ill.-based company that has come up with a process for converting municipal trash, wood chips, old tires and many other widely available raw materials into ethanol. The process promises to ease the burden on corn as the main source of ethanol

GM has a new ad that is airing, for now, exclusively on Planet Green, the new cable-television network of which GM has become a major sponsor. The spot uses simple graphics to depict the conversion of waste into fuel.

Oil – it's not going to last forever," the ad begins. "But what's the one thing we have tons of?: Garbage. So a team of scientists asked, 'Why not turn waste into fuel?' So that's exactly what they're doing. We liked their ideas so much, we're investing in their company." And while the ad doesn't specifically mention Coskata or depict the company, it ends by displaying the website gm.com/ GM spokeswoman Kelly Cusinato said that, while the

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SELL AND SHOW THIS ONE! This is a great house; good location. Cath clngs, island kit; cermc tile BAs. Blcny upr lvl; jetted Mstr BA w/ shower. Fin bemt+2 addnl bdrms. Att gar w/htd

office. Brk patio (28088484) \$235,000



Belleville 734-284-5400 BEAUTIFUL LIKE NEW HOME 3 bd. 2.5 ba. Hrdwd firs from entry to kitchen & nook. MSTE w/ WiC, soak tub in bath. Owner transferred. Pack your bags & move right in! Look and see!



Brighton 248-437-3800 Country Living, City Convenience! This 4 BR colonial has premium 1/2 acre lot that offers dramatic view overlooking Woodruff Creek & rolling hills. Enjoy privacy from the 3 season

\$219,900



Canton 734-455-7000 BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED CAPE COD! Open fir pln on prem wooded lot! Gourmet kit, grand rm w/fir to ceiling wndws, 3 FPs. Library, 1st fir mstr ste. Fin. LL w/Fam Rm, huge bar, 3.1



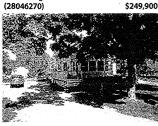
248-851-4100 WELCOME HOME! 4 BR, 2.1 bath brick contemporary features 2 story foyer, French doors to library, large granite island kitchen





Canton 734-455-7000 THIS COLONIAL IS A 10+!!! Central vacuum, yard wired for invisible fence, custom deck&landscaping. Kit w/under cabs lighting, rdwd firs, opens to lg GR. Mstr ste w/WIC, bath. 3car gar.

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Canton 734-284-5400 REMODELED BUNGALOW 2 BD, 1 BA home on large lot which backs to Fellows Creek Gold



Canton 734-591-9200 Desirable floor plan w/private MSTR BR BA & W/I closet; updtd, open kit overlooks FR w/cath clng &fp; PVT 1/4 acre lot, fncd yad, pool & view of woods; Fin ofc in bmst.



734-455-7000 OPEN FLOOR PLAN RANCH! Many updates in this much-sought-after ranch. Great location near park and close to everything you need. Huge basement, private patio and extra deep fenced lot.



CHERRY HILL VILLAGE LIVING! Condo with a flare! Nice open floor plan, great for entertaining! Neutral decor, basement, garage,



Commerce 248-684-1065 Enjoy all sports Lk Sherwood. Boat/dock priv. & ingrd. pool. Priv. treed yard. Remodeled brick w/o Ranch. Open flr pln, granite kit, 3 gas FP & more!



248-684-1065 Oak Brook Village condo end unit w/ view of trees & lake. Open flr plan. Vaulted ceilings Warm/inviting great room w/ FP & skylights



A Must See Gem! Excellent curb appeal, landscaping, oak hdwd flr, updt kit opens to DR w/bay wins, deep 2 car gar, year around breezeway, 2 FPs, new BA upr fin bsmt w/full kit, brick patio & much more. (28096644) \$169,900



Original Owner, custom built 3 bedroom home on 2 acres! New hardwood floors & huge kitchen, family room overlooks 20x16 deck & spacious backyard, low utilities.



Farmington Hills 248-348-6430 Almost everything is new! Kitchen with granite, ceramic floor, cabinets, lighting, appliances, garage roof, carpet. Screened back porch, nestled on almost 1 acre.





Novi 248-348-6430 Imagine Owning Ths Beautiful Homel Accent on details, hdwd fir highlights kit & bkfst area, FR w/vaulted ceiling, elegant LR & DR, lib, nice mstr, extra wide 2 car garage, patio



Garden City 734-455-7000 COMPLETELY REDONE RANCH! Located on a court setting! Newer furnace, HWT, roof, siding, windows, circuit box, kit, bath. Entire interior was gutted & put together with a high end flare!



Green Oak 248-437-3800 Resort Living At It's Finest! Gourmet kitchen w/granite, cherry cabinets, hardwood firs. Breakfast nook W/French door to private (28097875)



Highland 248-684-1065 Custom built lkfrt home; 1.7 acres. Maple cabs & granite t/o 2 kits & baths. 2 story GR w/ gas 1st flr mstr w/ ba & 2 WIC's. Fin W/O; prof

\$579,900

(28004735)



248-684-1065 Highland Waterbury lakefront. 2 gar/1 heated. Huge 64x36 pole barn. 54x36 indoor pool rm w/ 38x15 fiberglass pool w/ sep HVAC. Apt/off over gar. 30x22 paver patio.



Lovely updated lakefront home in Seven Harbors Sub. Open floor plan, Oak kitchen, wood floors, loft, custom fireplace, ceramic BA,



3 acres w/ pines for privacy. 2 mstr stes on main fir w/ jet tubs/ceramic firs. 3rd br w/ bit-in shelves. Open upper loft w/ full ba for 4th br. 2 fp. Huge kit.

248-684-1065

Highland



Relax on covered deck and enjoy peaceful hilltop setting from lakefront ranch. Numerous updates. Move in condition. W/O Bsmt w/ natural FP. Access to 5 lakes.



Livonia 248-851-1900 LARGE YARD IN LIVONIA Beautiful colonial built



Livonia 248-348-6430 Renovated With Style! 3 bedroom ranch with impressive details & many updates including: updated kitchen, main bath, light fixtures. Finished basement, vinyl windows, and deck.



734-591-9200 Livonia Stunning! Curb appeal-great! 3 BR Brick ranch; Ig updtd kit with breakfast rm, bay window in LR, updtd BA & 1/2; newer c/a & roof;elec plbg-blown in-insu. full bsmt; fam rm w/wood stove 2.5 car gar.



248-348-6430 Livonia Sought After Northwest Livonia Ranch! Remodeled KIT, new ceramic BA, 2 car att garage, LG Fla room. Newer roof & windows, coved ceilings, LG FM, walk to Livonia recenter& library. Shows very well!



Livonia 248-851-1900 UPDATED RANCH ON A COURT IN LIVONIA 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, full finished basement, Hot tub, fenced yard, 2 car garage, sidewalks.



248-437-3800 Lyon Country Living At Its Best! 4.82 acres w/creek running on property. Ranch home features living rm w/large front window, country kitchen w/snack bar, 3 BR, 2BA, 1st flr laundry, \$249,900 (28012308)



Melvindale 734-591-9200 Great and Clean 4 bedroom and 2 full baths, w/fin bsmt, 2.5 car gar; new siding, wins and entry doors. Hdwd firs, newer furn, 4 bedroom and 2 full baths, fresh paint; long driveway and fenced yd.



Great fir plan! 2 story entry w/ oak firs, foyer, den w/ french drs, granite kit, nook. LR w/ fp. Lg mstr w/ WIC. Fin bonus rm over gar. \$25K in upgrades free. (28084731) \$360,000



Milford 248-437-3800 BRING ALL OFFERS! Full remod, in 2007! Kit w/new granite, GE profile stain. appl., tile w/granite inlay. Baths w/new tile and granite counters. New carpet/trim Bdrms/BA/FM/ (28040237) \$299,750



Sharp Ranch On Almost 2 Private Acres This Big Value turn key home offers a Irg great rm w/custom fp, a comfortable granite kitchen w/bar, Irg mstr suite, fully finished bsmt w/huge



Enjoy Kensington Metro Park! Desirable 3 BDRM, 2.5 BA ranch. Lovely LM w/FRPLC & vaulted ceiling, remodeled KIT w/granite counters & oak cabinetry, FM, FF laundry, W/O LL on 1/2 acre lot. (28088357) \$229,900

248-348-6430

Milford



New Boston 734-455-7000 NESTLED ON ALMOST AN ACRE! Hard to find 5 bedroom brick colonial with over 3300 sq.ft. Offering an open floor plan with expensive features. Five minutes from three metro parks!



Northville 248-348-6430 Beautiful Remodeled 2006 Historic Home In downtown Northville, abundance of windows fabulous new kitchen, elegant dining & living room, great room, family room & 3 porches. A spectacular home! (27159086) \$749,000



248-348-6430 Northville Stately Custom Colonial Spacious RMs t/o. Gorgeous entry w/curved strcse. Gour KIT, FR w/2 sty paladium windows. Priv lib. All BR suites. Deck, sidewalks, pool & clbhse in



Northville 248-851-4100 6 LAKE PRIVILEGES. NORTHVILLES STONEWATER 4 BR.4.1 BA,1st flr MBR suite w/glamour spa bath, hearth rm w/2 way FP. Walls of windows, princess suite. Granite kit. & baths, 3 car garage, fin. daylight bsmt.



248-348-6430 Novi Completely Redone Kitchen with granite & ceramic backsplash, newer appliances, 2 way fireplace in family room & library, newer carpet, lovely finished basement with bedroom & (28048404) \$365,900



248-348-6430 Beautiful Cape Cod with original owners, nonsmoking & no pets, hardwood floors, spacious kitchen with double oven, pewter light fixtures throughout, brick paver patio & walkway.



W/O BSMT Ranch on .75 Acre Wooded Sitel Gorgeous treed setting highlights this Novi home located in popular, convenient, Brookland Farms! 2 FPs, Northville schools, loads of potential! Home Warranty. (28047742)\$275,000



Good Value On the Very Nice Home, Nice circular Dr, 6 panel DRs, spacious rms, priv den, formal LR & DR, nice KIT, FR w/cathedral ceiling, 1st flr laundry, side entry gar. Awaiting (28058160) \$315,000

Novi

248-348-6430



Novi 248-348-6430 You Have Found the Gem Quiet location, awesome Kit, Granite, HDWD fl, appl, newer windows, roof 07, 2 BR, 1.5 BAS, att gar DW, fin bsmt, upgraded BAs.



Pinckney Private 8.16 Acres! Own your own get-away. Magnificient land w/towering pines & hardwood. Truly feels like a retreat up north. 650 FT of river front. New kit/w/granite.

248-437-3800



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



734-455-7000 **Plymouth** PLYMOUTH "FIXER UPPER"! Great potential in this 3 bedroom colonial near downtown Plymouth. Needs work but has some updates.



Redford 248-684-1065 Quaint brick home on treed lot. Knotty pine kit cabs, part fin bsmt adds 910 sq.ft and recroom. 3 BDRM/ 1.1 BA. Fenced yard. Lovely neighborhood.



South Lyon 248-437-3800 All Sports Lake Front This chain of lakes is a well kept secret, beautiful tranquil area close to everything. Outdoor fun yr round. 3 BR, 2 BA, full bsmt, updated kit. Move right in.



Great Income Potential Updated duplex in South Lyon. Each unit features 2 bedrooms, full bath, living rm, kitchen, dining area, laundry rm. Each unit has patio & storage shed. (28102205) \$149,900



South Lyon 248-437-3800 Everything You See Will Please You! Beautiful hardwood firs thru-out main floor. Door wall in kitchen leads to large deck, fenced yard, oversized garage. Fin basement offers family rm, full bath.



South Lyon 248-437-3800 NEW PRICE!! Beautiful home, Over 55 complex. Handicapped ramp to front door thru private courtyard. Well kept unit. Main fir laundry. Spacious mstr bedroom. Neutral decor.



248-348-6430 South Lyon Extremely Nice Upper Unit Offers Privacy Great location. Upper ranch offers more sq footage w/Fla RM, 2 BD, 2 BA, office area, KIT& DR, w/cathedral ceilings, plush carpeting, CA, pool & carport, Hurry.



Southfield 248-348-6430 Ground Level Condo - No Steps! Won't las Move right into this nice ranch condo in Evergreen Woods! 2 BDs, 2 BAs, including a MSTR BA, FRPL, & Garage! End unit, Appliances included! Immediate occupancy.



Walled Lake 248-684-1065 Charming 3 BDRM/3BA Cape Cod on wooded, fenced lot w/ view of Wolverine Lake. LR w/ all-brick natural FP. 1st flr master. Fin. LL w/

(28090416) \$189,900

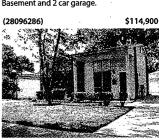


734-455-7000 Westland CONVENIENCE AND COMFORT! Vanity in all baths, newer pergo flooring in kit, dining rm, & family rm, Neutral carpeting thru-out. Great

storage. Skylights. Deck. New roof.Home \$149,900 (27210545)



734-455-7000 Westland TOTALLY UPDATED! Absolutely gorgeous inside. Merillat cabinets, ceramic, stainless steel, beautiful baths, new furnace, C/A, water heater. Basement and 2 car garage



Westland 734-591-9200 Larger Affordable Home Just Under 1500 SF. Nice size BRs,1.5BA; kit w/Dining area & DW to paver patio. 2 car gar; newer driveway; motion lights on front & side doors; 4 Clng Fans; Newer



White Lake 248-684-1065 DR w/ D/W to deck. GR w/ vault ceil & gas fp. Fin W/O LL w/ full ba, bar, FR & BR/office. Priv yard.

(28056611 \$198,995 248-684-1065 White Lake

Immaculate home with cozy living room, spacious kitchen, family room w/ nat FP. Part. fin. bsmt. Lrg fenced yard w/ pool. Shed & extra



Ypsilanti Great starter home in historic Ypsilanti! Cute bungalow w/ many updates: roof, furnace, windows, HWH, paint. Kit appl. stay. 0.4 acre

\$92,000

\$105,000 (28091391) (28099011)

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Chablis - the ideal unoaked chardonnay

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inding a number of California chardonnays to have heavy-handed oak, many wine lovers have opted for unoaked or no-oak char-



Ray & Eleanor

Heald

where have they been? Why did it take so long to make them?" Actually for centuries, uno-**Focus on Wine** aked chardonnays have come

from the Chablis

region of France.

donnays. Yet, reaction to these unoaked versions has been,

From Chablis, though, they have different characteristics - more floral, a lot more minerally with crisper acidity. Elegance and finesse are also a hallmark.

FRANCE'S CHABLIS REGION

The Chablis region is the most northerly in Burgundy. Near the city of Auxerre, the Chablis vineyards are midway between Beaune and Paris. In the 19th century, there were more than 100,000 acres of vineyards in Chablis, but only 2,500 acres were planted to "beaunois," as the chardonnay was called then.

Along came phylloxera about 1885 and decimated the vines to such an extent that in 1960. there were barely 1,250 acres planted. After that, a flurry of plantings saw vineyard development in the best areas and those least vulnerable to frost damage. The best vineyards have a pebbly, clay-limestone composition derived from the Jurassic era, containing fossil oyster shells, which contribute the mineral (sometimes called flinty) character.

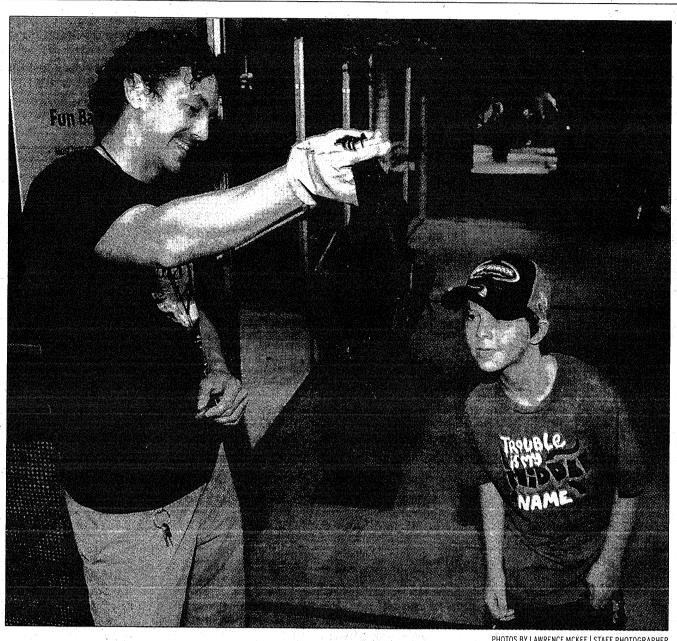
Chardonnay is the only variety permitted for wines with the Chablis Appellation Controlee. In descending order of quality, chablis is classified as Grand Cru, Premier Cru, Chablis and Petit Chablis. Essentially, forget the bottom category!

MAISON JOSEPH DROUHIN

To experience some of the best chardonnay from the Chablis region, choose a producer that has a passion for the appellation. Maison Joseph Drouhin is a good place to start your palate education. In ascending order, the following four wines are a good begin-

■ Joseph Drouhin 2006 Chablis (\$20) is a wine to be enjoyed through 2009. It's fruity with some lemongrass, mint, peach and characteristic flintiness. Shellfish and fish, goat cheese and classic Caesar

Please see WINE, D2



PHOTOS BY LAWRENCE MCKEE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Rob Mies, Director of the Organization for Bat Conservation, holds up an Indian Flying Fox Bat for Lukas Sznewajs, 9, of Birmingham at the a newly-opened exhibit at Cranbrook Science Institute.

Cranbrook 'bats' 1,000 with new exhibit

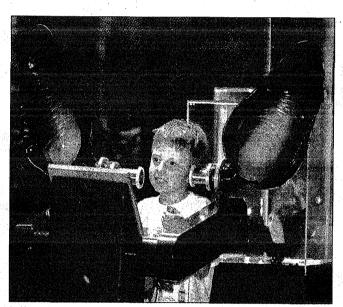
BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Rob Mies wants to separate fact from fiction, dispel fears and myths, and prove just how important bats are to our world.

Six years ago the director of the Organization for Bat Conservation established a homebase at Cranbrook Institute of Science, making the local museum a sort of national headquarters for bat rescue and bat education. In addition to running Cranbrook's Bat Zone, Mies travels the country speaking to sell-out crowds about one of the world's most mysterious, and misunderstood, mammals.

Staff members from the organization and Cranbrook Institute have incorporated those live nocturnal animals along with the best elements of a traveling hands-on exhibit to create Bats: Myths and Mysteries now open at the science museum. By providing the most up-to-date information, the exhibit allow visitors to learn about bats — from their own backyards and beyond. "It's a one-of-akind experience," said Mies, a Bloomfield Hills resident.

The experience is divided into three segments. Visitors



Anthony Varnadore, 8, of Roseville tries on some bat ears to find out how well bats can hear at Cranbrook last week.

can experience echolocation, see a mechanical bat come to life and compare the enlarged skeleton of the world's only flying mammals to that of a human skeleton. Then, they can walk into a castle setting for a hanging bat's eye view of a medieval room and see humorous caricatures of bat myths crafted by Jack Davis of Mad Magazine fame. Bat's aren't prone to flying into one's hair and they aren't flying mice.

From there, five separate glassed-in exhibits will give visitors a chance to see the real thing — from the oldest bat in captivity, a 21-year-old "retired" Rodrigues Fruit Bat to the largest species with a wing span of 5-feet. Watch the bats interact in their environment — eating, sleeping, even grooming one another.

More than 1,000 people had already seen the exhibit in its first week, but more than 100,000 are expected to pass through during its

Please see BATS, D2

Watch movies on the run, but leave the DVDs at home

hese days it's the rare traveler who doesn't an Internet connection (home, the airport, a pack a notebook PC-not just for work, but also for watching movies.

Usually, when I'm on a flight and get up to stretch my legs, I peek at book jackets as I stroll the aisle. But on my most recent trip, I couldn't help checking out my fellow passen-

Tech Savvv

Rick Broida

gers' movie selections. Seemed like everyone was watching something!

In case you're wondering, watching movies on the go doesn't necessarily mean packing a stack of DVDs. Instead, try one of the growing number of movie-download services, which let you

rent or buy online. They're not perfect, but they're undeniably convenient: You can download a movie to your notebook's hard drive anywhere there's

hotel room, etc.). But you don't need a connection to actually watch the movies once they've been downloaded.

Many people are already familiar with iTunes, which offers movies you can view on vour PC. Mac, iPod, iPhone, Apple TV, etc. It's a great service, but the selection is a bit limited: only 1,000 titles or so. Let's look at a couple worthwhile alternatives.

The first is Amazon Unbox (amazon.com/ unbox), home to nearly 6,000 movies you can rent and over 7,000 you can buy. (Tons of TV shows, too.)

Most rentals cost \$3.99, but Unbox has a generous helping of titles (decent ones, like Batman Begins and Super Size Me) priced at \$2.99 or less.

As with iTunes, you must begin watching your rented movie within 30 days of down-

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Pay a small monthly fee and Vongo lets you watch over 1,000 movies though it's questionable how many you'd actually want to see.

The Montreux dining table (\$1,199) and side chairs (\$229) are among **Bernhardt Furniture Company** collections now available at Art Van Furniture.

ART VAN OFFERS NEW LINE

Beginning in July, Art Carolina, one of the largest family owned and operated marketers of fine wood and upholstered furniture in the United States.

The Belmont Collection features hardwood with dark chestnut finish, a double pedestal table and leather headboard with antique brass hardware.

The Montreux Collection is made of hardwood with brown suede finish and offers a double pedestal table with upholstered and wood chairs, framed headboard leigh bed and bronze hard ware.

See them at select Art Van locations and at artvan.

DREXEL HERITAGE RETURNS TO GORMAN'S

Drexel Heritage Furniture has returned to all four metro Detroit Gorman's Home **Furnishings** and Interior Design show-

rooms. Gorman's is the exclusive retailer in southeastern Michigan.

"The

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Postobello Home, one of six collections by Drexel Heritage, available at Gorman's.

A chair from

originated at Gorman's and we have enjoyed a wonderful 30-year relationship with them," said Tom Lias, President and COO of Gorman's.

"We are looking forward to the line joining our 100 Brands and to again provide our clients with the beauty and quality that is synonymous with Drexel Heritage." One of the largest residen-

tial furniture manufacturers in the country, North Carolina-based Drexel Heritage produces six distinctive collections: the comfortable, versatile and chic dh; the sophisticated and elegant Drexel and the refined Heritage.

The company also makes Postobello Home, the Lillian August Collection and Walt Disney Signature.

Gorman's will offer a variety of Drexel Heritage bedroom, living room and dining room pieces and sets at its locations in Southfield, Novi, Lakeside and Troy.

For more information, visit www.gormans.com.

7-month run. Steve Pagnani, director of marketing for Cranbrook Institute of Science, noted that the exhibit attracts both adults and children. For those who are still a bit squeamish, the exhibit gives way to an alternate route showing only pictures and video of bats in various regions. But 9year-old Lukas Sznewajs of Birmingham had no trouble standing just inches away from a flying fox bat, as Mies held it in his hand. "I don't really know about bats but I like them a lot," Lukas said.

That's just the point of Bats: Myths and Mysteries. Mies hopes the public will walk away wowed, having learned much more about the benefits bats offer.

While most people realize that bats in Michigan tend to be insect-eaters, he said they consume much more than mosquitoes.

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Bats eat moths and beetles and serve as an important component for agriculture, feeding on crop pests that can harm or diminish the food

Bats pollinate, helping to grow fruits like banana and mango and papaya.

Some bats prefer solitude while others live in a colony.

The exhibit shows bats' preferred habitat - caves and crevasses under bridges. It shows ways to protect the bat population locally. Mies suggests building a bat house on your property.

"Give bats an alternative," he said. "They won't enter a house if they have somewhere else to go."

For those who leave as avid bat fans, sponsor-a-bat options are available and range from \$20 to \$500.



LAWRENCE MCKEE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Female Fruit Bats huddle together in an exhibit titled 'Bat: Myths and Mysteries' at Cranbrook Science Institute.

For more information visit www.batconservation.org.

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What: Separate fact from fiction, try hands-on activities and see live bats at a new exhibit When: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, extended hours from 6-9 p.m. Fridays, now through Jan. 4, 2009 Where: Cranbrook Institute of Science, 39221 Woodward Ave., **Bloomfield Hills**

BATS: MYTHS AND MYSTERIES

Museum admission: \$9 adult. \$7 children 2-12 and seniors 65+, children under 2 and members admitted free.

Bat Festival 2008: 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1 hear Guest Lecturer Janell Cannon, author of Stellaluna and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 2 enjoy live music and witness bat netting and demonstrations at Cranbrook.

Species of Bats in Michigan Big Brown Bat Little Brown Bat

Red Bat Hoary Bat Indiana Bat Eastern Pipistrelle **Evening Bat** Northern Long-eared bat Silver-haired Bat

See for yourself

The best time for bat-spotting: About 15 minutes after sunset The best places for bat-spotting: Near water or lights.

Protect bats in three easy steps

- Build or buy a bat house
- Create a wildlife garden that will attract hummingbirds and butterflies by day and bats at
- Talk about bats to help dispel myths and support bat conservation

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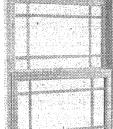


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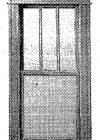
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Salad make perfect pairings. Joseph Drouhin 2006

Domaine de Vaudon Chablis (\$23) is drinking very well now and will age for another five years. Vibrant and citrusy, it's a treat with crabmeat and will make a classic Caesar Salad sing.

Joseph Drouhin 2006 Chablis Premier Cru (\$29) is fermented in neutral cooperage but remains steely and minerally with tangy orange and lemon flavors that last long into the finish. Try it with smoked salmon.

Joseph Drouhin 2005 Chablis-Sechers (\$33) is a single-vineyard Premier Cru. Buy and cellar it until oyster season rolls around in September. We're in the "r" month camp for these bivalves. In summer, oysters, except from the coldest waters, are milky and a little too fat in the mouth. We like them briny as does Chablis-

Eleanor & Ray Heald are Contributing Editors for the internationally-respected Quarterly

WINE PICKS

Over the centuries, the French have gifted us with some great things, the Statue of Liberty and Champagne among them. And now, a star-spangled sparkler to celebrate July 4, 2008, Pommery POP America Champagne \$18/187mL, dressed in red, white and blue, stars and stripes, to honor our country's flag. If you're having a Fourth of July Celebration, chill the bottles and serve this bubbly with a straw - no glass needed. The style is a touch sweeter than a more traditional Brut Champagne but makes a lively aperitif to get the party started.

Most CHARDONNAY is barrel fermented and aged, so if you prefer this style, the following are winners!

PICK OF THE PACK: 2006 Beringer Sbragia Limited-Release, Napa Valley \$40. Once we say delicious in a generously-oaked style,

there's no need for more words.

Review of Wines and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, and

ALSO VERY GOOD:

2006 Chateau St. Jean Belle Terre Vineyard, \$25 2006 Sbragia Home Ranch Dry Creek, \$26 2006 DeLoach OFS Russian River Valley, \$30 2006 Pine Ridge Dijon Clones, \$33

2005 Merryvale Carneros, \$35 2006 Beringer Private Reserve Napa Valley, \$35 2006 DeLoach Porter-Bass Vinevard, \$43 2006 Paul Hobbs Russian River

Valley, \$45 2006 Williams Selyem Hawk Hill Vineyard, \$50 2006 Williams Selyem Heintz Vineyard, \$50

2006 Paul Hobbs Richard Dinner

Vineyard, Sonoma Mountain, \$65

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

Eccentric Newspapers. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol. restaurants for the Observer &

Use caution when creating outdoor 'rooms'

While reading the latest home magazines, I'm noticing that designers are creating outdoor areas that look a lot like interior rooms. I think these they are very beautiful, but are they practical?

There has been a trend in the interior design industry towards extending the interior



Design Solutions

Terri Guastella

right out the door and onto our patio. Yes, this is very beautiful, but not always practical.

style and décor of our homes

Many of these outdoor entertaining spaces you see in magazines

are created for clients living in warm weather climates. For example, it rarely rains in Phoenix and with the dry days and cool evenings; outdoor living spaces become a natural extension of the home.

While here in Michigan, we

only have a few short months to enjoy our outdoor spaces. When it comes time to pur-

chase items for our patios and decks, we need to make choices that still consider the effects rain, wind, mosquitoes, etc. The upholstered furniture

and beaded pillows you see in the photographs do not work in every environment. If you are fortunate enough to have an enclosed or covered patio area, you have more choices than those of us with completely exposed patios. However, for either type of situation, you can still create beautiful and luxurious outdoor spaces.

Modern technology has allowed fabric companies to create sun & weather resistant fabrics. A wellknown brand of outdoor fabrics is Sunbrella, but there are other companies that make this type of product, too. You will want to make sure your patio furniture cushions are able to withstand our Michigan spring and summer seasons. Otherwise, you will be replacing everything in a year or two.

Fabric is not the only consid-

eration for outdoor spaces. The type of furniture you select is also relevant. Wood is beautiful, but it must be treated or it will fade and warp in short order. Wrought iron is very weather resistant, but may require paint touch-ups over time. With that said, don't be afraid to bring out some interior accessories for the weekend or whatever occasion you will be entertaining. Place candles in votive containers to avoid being blown out by the wind and scatter them around your patio or use tiki torches that are lit with oil.

In Michigan, we may not be able to move our living room furniture to the patio, but with a little creative thinking, we can definitely create stunning outdoor vignettes.

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



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Planning on repeat viewings? Consider buying the movie instead. Purchase prices range from \$9.99 for older titles to \$14.99 for newer ones, though you'll also find movies selling as low as \$5.99.

Whether you rent or buy, movie downloads require Amazon's Windows-only Unbox Video Player. It's used not only to view your movies, but also to transfer them to portable players.

Unbox supports PlaysForSure-compatible models from the likes of Archos, Creative, and SanDisk. (If you're an iPod/iPhone owner, you're stuck with iTunes.)

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Vongo (vongo.com), which lets you watch all the movies you want, as many times as you want, for a flat fee of \$9.99 per month.

That's the good news. The bad news is that Vongo (owned by cable network Starz) has a relatively limited selection (1,000 movies, no TV shows), much of which is dreck.

Sure, the library has a few winners, like Ratatouille, Pirates of the Caribbean, and even Annie Hall. But it's largely filled with junk like Cutthroat Island and Home Alone 2: Lost in New York.

That's too bad, because Vongo supports a variety of non-iPod portable players, including those from Archos, Creative, and Toshiba. It also integrates very nicely with Windows Vista Media Center.

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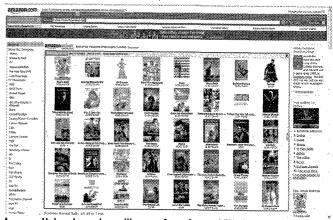
view titles-better fare like **Enchanted and No Country** For Old Men-for \$3.99 apiece. If you can live without that option, you're better off subscribing to Verizon Starz Play (verizon.net/starzplay): It's the exact same service (minus PPV) for just \$5.99 monthly.

Finally, there's always the option of "ripping" your DVD collection for viewing on your notebook, iPod, Microsoft Zune, or just about any other device.

I've mentioned freeware gem

Handbrake (handbrake.fr) in the past, but it's not the most user-friendly tool. A friendlier option is Xilisoft DVD Ripper Platinum (xilisoft.com), which, though pricey at \$45, makes short and simple work of ripping DVDs.

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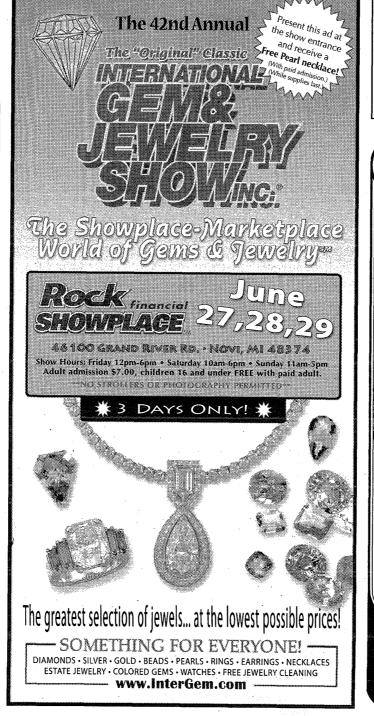


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Hot weather calls for sheer sparkle and sun-kissed beauty

hen weather heats up and humidity hits hard, it's necessary to adjust your makeup routine accordingly. Summer months call for a light touch, a pop of color, a dab of shimmer and some serious sun protection. There are plenty of

new products on the market ready to help us PINK ladies strike our best pose in the sunlight.

At a recent visit to Birmingham's Todd's Room, Makeup Artist Jeannie Klotzer recommended a slew of summer must-haves, starting with - what else? — the foundations.

Turns out Todd's Room is an exclusive Michigan carrier of the ModelCo, a new

ty line out of Australia. The items flying off the shelves include a translucent spray formula called Tan: Airbrush in a Can. Get an instant bronze glow at home while a longer lasting self-tanner develops.

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Another option that Klotzer said is "so easy breezy to use" is the **Self-Tanning** Glove. Just slide the glove on and apply the cocoa-butter scented sunless tanner on your body. Klotzer promised there will be no streaks.

No summer beauty routine can truly begin before you choose the perfect sun protection. SkinCeuticals Active applying. A mirrored case also helps the cause. **UV Defense** provides

a reliable broad spectrum of protection from UVA and UVB rays. "You can wear it underneath your foundation," said Klotzer.

Speaking of which, instead of relying on heavy foundations or powders that can



Star Smile by ModelCo gives you color and teethwhitening all in one.

feel sticky and become impossible to apply in humid weather, try Alison Raffaele Reality Base Foundation. It's sure to balance out skin tone. Just a drop on your fingertip will do the trick. Smooth it evenly across your face - and know you're getting an extra sun protection factor of 15.

I've become such a fan of SPF-stocked powders and foundations. It's just another layer of defense where we need it most. ModelCo also managed to wow me with

> its double-duty products — **Star Smile** boasts a neutral or berry hydrating lip shade on one end and a teeth whitener on the other, while Lip Lights dishes out a wand of gloss that actually lights up for application. No more fumbling for gloss in a dark nightclub. The squared tube is also mirrored on one side so application's a

> Klotzer prefers the line's eye shadows, calling them buttersoft to apply and true in pigment.

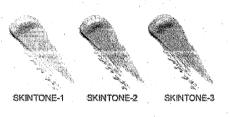
To sculpt a flawless and flushed summer face, Klotzer sug-Light up your smile with ModelCo Lip Lights gloss, gests stocking your which actually lights up allowing you to see while makeup bag with the following:

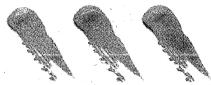
■ A tinted foun-

dation — look for one with SPF like Alison Raffaele's Reality Base.

■ Don't-leave-home without-it *lip* gloss — think strawberry-bitten lips, a high-shine berry like ModelCo Star Smile







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Reality Base Foundation is feather-light and contains sunscreen perfect for summer.

in Abby.

Shimmery gold or bronzed eye **shadow** — like Senna's Sun Dance, a metallic copper gold, or De-Vine, a metallic khaki green.

Eyeliner is back — This time it's black, brown or eggplant and liner in the inner lower lid with a smudged, smoky effect.

A bronzer and a touch of blush for a pop of color — try Senna's Blush & Bronze for a perfect summer face in a flash.

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(choose from 'Life's a Beach!', lip print or seashell motifs) for \$15 with the purchase of any two cosmetic or fragrance items at through Aug. 22 (or while supplies last!). Best of all,

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Books & Buds at The Village ROCHESTER HILLS - The Village of Rochester Hills, in partnership with Rochester Hills Public Library, continues "Books, Buddies & Blankets" free story times Tuesdays and Wednesdays throughout summer in the Village's Festival Park. From 11-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 2, children can bring their favorite book to read to atten-

tive therapy dogs Guy & Tizzie. For a

complete list of guest readers, visit www.villageofrochesterhills.com. New Treatment for Hair Loss

Birmingham - Shear Pointe Hair Replacement Center is implementing Laser Hair Therapy, a new method of non-surgical and non-drug treatment for fine, thinning, damaged hair. Long available in Europe, but relatively new to the United States, the FDA approved treatment can revitalize thinning hair with zero side effects. For more information, call (248) 645-1310 or visit www.shearpointe.com.

Coldwater Creek for a Cure

Country music star Trisha Yearwood has partnered with Coldwater Creek for "Share your journey ... for the Cure," a viral fund raising program to benefit Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Make a \$1 minimum donation

online and receive a referrer e-mail to pass on to friends, family and breast cancer survivors, encouraging more donations along the way. Visit any Coldwater Creek store, or www. coldwatercreek.com/journey to get started.

bec & sam's Clothing Drive

Now through July, bec & sam's is collecting gently used children's clothing for customers to donate to Lighthouse of Oakland County in Pontiac, which provides emergency food, housing and medical services to families in need. Drop off gently used children's cloth-

ing and toys at bec & sam's locations at 6612 Telegraph Road in Bloomfield Hills, or the corner of Tienken Road and Rochester Road in Rochester Hills, and receive a free gift and coupon. Call (248) 539-0500.

First Lady Gown Exhibit

PLYMOUTH - The Plymouth Historical Museum is hosting "Inaugural Gowns of the First Ladies" through Nov. 5. The exhibit showcases 14 reproduction gowns of presidential first ladies from Martha Washington to Rosalyn Carter. It also highlights dolls of the first ladies and other political objects The Plymouth Historical Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children (6-17), and \$10 for families, Call (734) 455-8940 or visit www.plymouthhistory.org, or www.myspace.com/plymouthhistory.

BY NIKI JOHNSON

If you're into fashion, chances are you're already addicted to www.DetroitFashionPages. com. And if you're out and about, you've likely met the Web site's fabulous founder,

> Niki Johnson. Niki is con-

stantly search-

designers and

promoting the

local fashion

scene through

a host of fun.

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Johnson

events. Right now, Niki's planning her next Designer Showcase FUSE, 7 p.m. July 10 at CPOP Gallery in Detroit but she wasn't too busy to 'pick' her favorites for PINK:

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Unibeatable premieres

Art in the Woods Troy offers Prime dining

Entertainment venues go green

was at a major store recently and saw a T-shirt that said Go Green. Read the label and realized there was nothing green about it. No recycled fibers, no safe dyes, the fabric wasn't even made of soft hemp.

Going green — which means reducing your carbon footprint to lessen global warming — is fashionable, but I want people to put their actions where there, um, fashion is.



Lana Mini

DTE Energy Theatre and The Palace are doing a good job of going green. So is Amici's Pizzeria in Berkley and Om Cafe in Ferndale.

Let's start with DTE.

It began its green initiatives this summer. The plan is highlighted by the venue's participation in DTE Energy's GreenCurrents program to "green up" 100 percent of its power with renewable energy created from wind, biomass and other environmentally

friendly sources. (The GreenCurrents program voluntary program is available to DTE Energy's residence and business electric customers and has already signed up more than 10,000 customers, making it one of the fastest growing voluntary renewable energy programs in the country.)

"We are trying to do our part to 'green-up' our venues, including DTE Energy Music Theatre," said Tom Wilson, president and CEO of PS&E. "The process has begun, there is more to do but we feel it is important, and increasingly tours — including those of Dave Matthews Band and Jack Johnson — are requiring the venues they play to be involved."

In addition to renewable energy, DTE has converted its light bulbs, wherever possible, to more energy-efficient, compact fluorescent lighting. To conserve water, more than half of the front-of-house men's lavatories feature waterless urinals and backstage dressing rooms include low-flow toilets and showerheads. The cleaning supplies are more environmentally friendly,

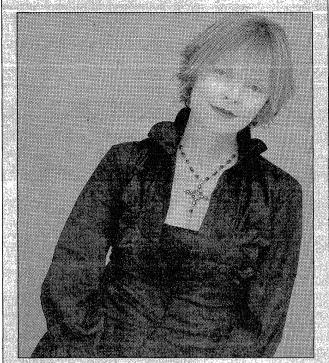
The amphitheater is following the lead of its sister venue. The Palace, to recycle more. Expect to see recycling stations on certain areas of the grounds of DTE. The Palace began a building-wide program in 1996 and has recycled more than 2.3 million pounds of

To conserve food, and help the community, the venues work with the local charity Forgotten Harvest, an organization that takes prepared and perishable food and donates it to emergency food providers. As Health Department approved sources, unused food from the venues' catering, restaurants and clubs is picked up by the charity organization. An average of more than a ton of food a month is donated by Palace Sports & Entertainment.

Since the UN announced recently that meat production is a leading contributor to greenhouses gases, let's hope they will offer more vegan food.

Restaurants like Amici's pizza offers vegan soy cheese pizza and its plates and cups are 100-percent biodegradable, which makes them more eco-friendly than washing permanent plates when you count the energy and chemicals used to clean them.

Om Cafe, like Amici's, uses biodegradable carry-out containers.



Benatar Rocks Riverfront

Rockin' on the Riverfront, Detroit's free Friday night classic rock concert series, will kick off with Pat Benatar on June 27. Sponsored by General Motors and WCSX-FM, the shows will continue at the RenCen with Mark Farner and Mitch Ryder on July 11, Starship featuring Mickey Thomas on July 18, Rick Derringer and the Classic Rock All Stars on July 25, The Guess Who on Aug. 1, Kansas on Aug. 8, Blue Oyster Cult on Aug. 15 and Foreigner on Aug. 22.

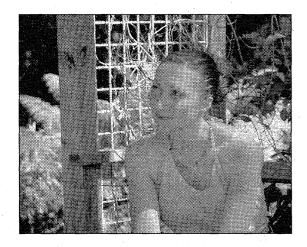




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See 'Sometimes in Life,' a feature film showing at 7 p.m. Friday June 27, The Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth in Detroit. It's all part of the first Detroit Windsor International Film Festival this weekend.

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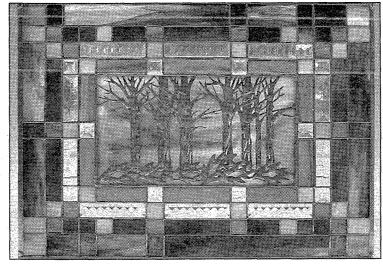
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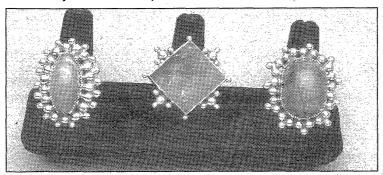
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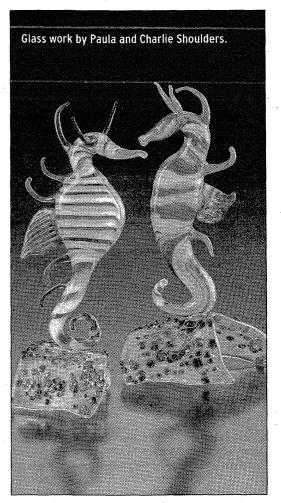




Charlie and Paula Shoulders created original pieces of fired, stained, etched and flamed glass. This stained piece is titled 'Naked Trees.'



Milton Bennett of Detroit will feature his jewelry.



Art in the Woods Fine Art & Craft Fair 2008

O&E STAFF WRITER

The setting: The quiet weekend grounds of Berkley High School.

The event: The 17th Annual Art in the Woods Fine Art & Craft Fair.

The enjoyment: Jazz music, lunch provided by some of the area's most interesting restaurants who are hosting vending booths and, of course, the art.

This family-friendly event boasts the greatest collection of fine arts and fine crafts available in the Metro Detroit area. Artists hope to tempt your body, mind and spirit with their works.

Jazz musician Paul Miles — a local guitarist known for creating ambiance at outdoor events - will perform, as will other musicians from varying genres. The bands will offer their CDs for purchase. - to help you reminisce about the relaxing summer event when it's cold and snowy next winter.

And, there will be gold buyers on site to purchase unwanted, mismatched or broken gold or platinum event is organized by volunteers.

ART IN THE WOODS

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, June

When: The grounds of Berkley High School, 2325 Catalpa Road, Berkley. Directions: I-696 to Woodward exit. North on Woodward, left onto 12 Mile. Catalpa is just a few blocks south of 12 Mile, on the east side of Coolidge. There is ample free parking in the Berkley High School parking lot.

Details: http://www.woodsgallery.org/art_fair.html

Don't forget the kids booth and bake sale. It's a mix of creative sophistication and old-fashion community fun.

Arts Academy in the Woods of Fraser will partner with Huntington Woods' Woods Gallery the gallery that hosts the fair

to provide volunteers. The whole

"This is a great opportunity for

back to the community while raising the profile of Arts Academy in the Woods," says Maxwell Spayde, principal of Arts Academy in the Woods. "It is also the first in a series of events that we are attending this summer. Our goal this summer is to provide volunteer and performance opportunities to our students while being very visible

and improving our student recruiting." Arts Academy

in the Woods is a Fine and Performing Arts Public High School serving all of Southeast Michigan. It's a free public school that features instruc-

tion in multi-media art, dance, instrumental music, theater, vocals and more.

Make sure to check out Ruth Hegginbottom's interesting Bella Boxes; and the jewelry by Marilyn Joy, just to name a few. The variety of artists is large at this fair.

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Feature film to premiere in Detroit, kick off festival

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLAO&E STAFF WRITER

Gordon Michaels, sporting a signature black *Unbeatable Harold* cap, can't hold back a smile when he talks about the character he's crafted into his first feature-length film. He's infused much of himself into Harold since he first took on the character in 1988.

"It was based on a one-act play I did in New York," said Michaels, a Westland native and actor who's performed on Broadway, on television, and in films like *The Cooler* and *Air Force One*.

He's lived with this character — the sort of guy who just oozes positivity — for two decades now. On Thursday, June 26, *Unbeatable Harold* will premiere in Detroit, and serve as the opening of the first-ever Detroit Windsor International Film Festival.

Over the years Michaels translated the story into a screenplay. "Harold is an eternal optimist," said Michaels, who grew and re-grew some serious sideburns for the Elvis-like role. "He's a lovable loser."

Even though Harold works as an assistant manager for a steakhouse, he takes his job rather seriously. He drives around in a vintage, battered pink Cadillac that he's sliced the top off of to create a makeshift "convertible." And through the course of the film he falls in love with a blonde named Wanda.

Through several fits and starts the film finally came to its completion this spring. Much like his glass-halffull portrayal of Harold, Michaels noted that the delay in the project was worthwhile. "The cast I got in the end is much better," he said.

That cast features everyone from Dylan McDermott and Henry Winkler to Phyllis Diller, Charles Durning and Gladys Knight.

and Gladys Knight.

Michaels worked with McDermott on the hit television show *The Practice*. Once McDermott signed

on to play Jake Salamander, Michaels altered the role from a Wayne Newton-like lounge singer to a washed up rock star. In character McDermott is nearly unrecognizable. It marks a real departure from the buttoned-up attorney audiences tuned in for on television.

Once Gladys Knight came on board, Michaels added in a song and a scene that required her to perform. Titled *Harold Has Arrived*, it's featured in a dream sequence.

And Henry Winkler, known best to TV audiences as The Fonz from *Happy Days*, takes on the role as Harold's difficult boss. Michaels said he'd look over from the makeup chair and see Winkler there, in disbelief. The veteran actor went so far as to bring two loaves of banana bread to the set — despite the fact that the craft services table was full of food. "What a humble guy," Michaels said. "It was incredible."

Two years ago Michaels began working with John Lauri, of Birmingham-based J. Lauri Filmworks, on the film. Drawing on their Michigan roots, the two are planning a few new film projects, including an action thriller, which will be entirely filmed in Michigan with local talent.

"We're trying to keep a pulse on how we can affect and help the film community," said Lauri, second unit director on *Unbeatable Harold*. The DIA world premiere is one step in the direction of calling attention to the Michigan film community and supporting the growth of a new industry here.



UNBEATABLE HAROLD

When: 7:30 p.m.

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Thursday, June 26.

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Gordon Michaels

"We're focused on talent, and there's a lot of talent here," said Michaels, a graduate of John Glenn High School and the prestigious Neighborhood Playhouse School of Theater in New York City.

Some of that local talent includes Mike Kelly, an Ann Arbor resident formerly of Royal Oak. He was cast in a role as a newscaster named Donnie James. His counterpart at the newsdesk is actress Jennifer Kincer of Rochester Hills. Together they are featured in a transitional scene introducing Harold, who's reporting in the midst of a terrible storm.

Both actors said they were honored to join the cast. "I like comedy," said Kelly, "so it's a perfect fit." He studied theater and communications at Eastern Michigan University and is now featured in television commercials, corporate films, radio voice-overs and more. He's works with Lauri as a writer and his next film project, *The Man Who Collects Food*, will be helmed

Kincer, a Plymouth Canton High School grad and professional singer has always been leaning toward acting.

leaning toward acting.

"I used to pretend to do TV commercials,"
she recalled. That led to acting courses at
Oakland University and later film and televi-

Kincer recently appeared in the locally-filmed productions *Born of Earth* and has just wrapped on *Red & Blue Marbles*. Earlier this month she was named The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's 2008 Woman of the Year after raising \$18,000 toward the cause.

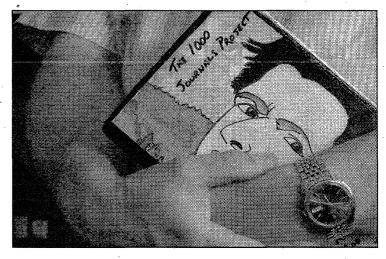
Michaels called the completion of *Unbeatable Harold* "unbelievable." "To see it on the screen, you dream about it," Michaels said.

The film itself is based around a character who doesn't use vulgar language, and there won't be any questionable material in it. That's one of the reasons executive producer Lance Jones got on board with the project about eight years ago.

Jones said thanks to the "redeeming qualities of Harold and the true-to-life script that Gordon was blessed with to write, it's pretty encouraging. We hope the movie-going public finds value in Harold and his sincere interest to do right."

The film is expected to be released in theaters this fall.

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See '1000 Journals,' showing as part of DWIFF, at 7 p.m. Friday June 27, at the Wayne State University Law School Building, Theatre 3, at 471 West Palmer Street in Detroit.

Detroit and Windsor kick-start a film fest

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

O&E STAFF WRITER

Ask Shane Sevo and he'll tell you — the Detroit film community has been clamoring for a festival to call its own. And this weekend, its finally come to fruition in the form of the Detroit Windsor International Film Festival.

Sevo, a festival organizer and founding member of Livoniabased film collective Superhouse, has been working toward this goal for the past year. Running June 26-29 around Detroit and Windsor, it's been a complete volunteer effort. "It's pretty impressive where it stands now," said Sevo, noting the more than 300 volunteers making DWIFF a reality.

Former state Sen. John F. Kelly helped get the ball rolling and serves as director of the festival. And submissions have come in from the metro area, across the United States and Canada. Of the 200 entries received, Sevo said festival organizers boiled down the number to 60 films that will be shown over the course of the weekend.

John Lauri of Birmingham-based J. Lauri Filmworks was also involved with festival-planning from the start, around May 2007. He served as second unit director for the film *Unbeatable Harold*, written by and starring Westland native Gordon Michaels.

"I thought *Unbeatable Harold* was the performance to launch it," said Lauri of the festival. The big-hearted comedy will world premiere, and kick off a weekend of screenings at 7:30 p.m. June 26 at the Detroit Film Theatre at the Detroit Institute of Arts. A VIP reception will follow.

While there is no overall festival pass this year, tickets to each film series cost \$8. The festival will span about 10 venues total, Sevo said. They'll range from the campus of the College for Creative Studies to the University of Windsor, the Scarab Club to a free Children's Film Festival at Detroit Public Library. For a complete list of the films to be screened, synopsis and locations, see www.dwiff.org.

While movies lie the core of the event, movie-related workshops will be organized at CCS, a CineFlow Tech fair is scheduled to showcase the latest tools in the movie trade, and even the local works produced during last weekend's 48-Hour National Film Challenge may be shown.

"Eighteen teams signed up (for the competition) and we'd like to show all the films that qualified to be accepted in the competition," said Sevo.

Then, he said, the audience's top three choices will be eli-

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See 'The Flyboys,' directed by Rocco DeVilliers, at 7 p.m. Saturday June 27, at the Welcome Center at Wayne State University, 42 W. Warren in Detroit and again 7 p.m. Saturday, June 28, Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. It's featured in the Detroit Windsor International Film Festival.

gible for judging by DWIFF judges. That will give the aspiring filmmakers

involved in this make-a-movie-in-aweekend challenge "an opportunity to have their work critiqued," he said.

Tickets will be available at each venue and a DWIFF headquarters will be set up on Wayne State University's campus.

"I've been part of the independent film community here in Detroit for the past five years," said Sevo. "Everyone has always wanted this kind of oppor-

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Ocean Prime creates high living supper club

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

We have to applaud a restaurant company willing to take a chance on Michigan while the economy is teetering.

Ocean Prime opened its doors this month during a time when we need a place like this - a place where we can forget our woes and choose a meal in an atmosphere that's luxurious.

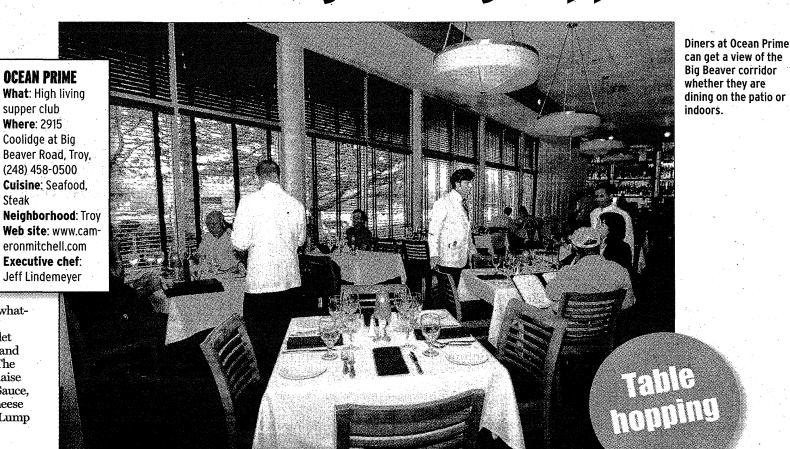
The restaurant, in Troy, is owned by Cameron Mitchell Restaurants, headquartered in Columbus, Ohio. Mitchell opens concept restaurants with a highend, supper club feel reminiscent of times past.

The restaurant is for meat-lovers - no vegan entree menu options what-

Steak

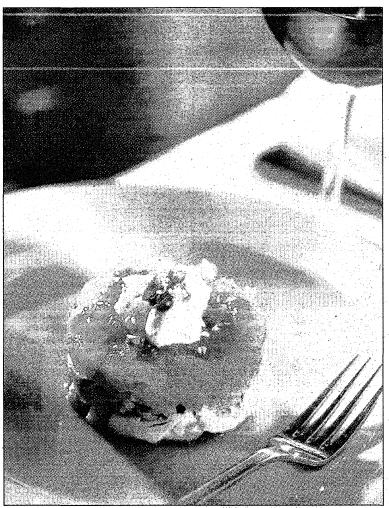
Steak options are a seven-ounce Filet Mignon, 12-ounce Kansas City Strip and 22-ounce Porterhouse, for example. The meat topping offerings include Béarnaise Sauce, Green Peppercorn & Cognac Sauce, Black Truffle Butter, Maytag Bleu Cheese Crust and "Oscar" Style with Jumbo Lump Crabmeat & Béarnaise Sauce.

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Hawaiian Big Eye Tuna Tartare with ginger ponzu.

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Mitchell began his restaurant career almost 30 years ago — starting from the bottom as a dishwasher and working his way up to open his own restaurants in an industry that he loves.

Ocean Prime capitalizes on CMR's Mitchell's Ocean Club concept to redefine luxury dining. The tan finishes and rich woods are combined with contemporary styled sheer drapery and granite bar tops. In addition to Troy, Mitchell is expanding into Miami, Orlando, Tampa and Scottsdale.

"There will be an energy in every Ocean Prime restaurant that our guests will appreciate. Ocean Prime will be the place to see and be seen," said Mitchell. "Our commitment is to deliver unsurpassed service, food and cocktails in surroundings that will make Ocean Prime a dining destination for couples and groups, young and old."

Menu items at the Troy location include appetizers such as French Onion soup; a raw bar of oysters, shellfish and crab; aged cheddar fondue; calamari; and classic oysters rockefeller.

Salads include a crisp wedge of iceberg with red onion, smoked



Ocean Prime markets itself as a supper club looking to deliver the high life.

bacon, grape tomatoes, Bleu Cheese and a Cabernet buttermilk dressing.

Or try the hearts of Romaine Knife & Fork Caesar with Parmesan garlic dressing and sourdough crostini. The signature salad is the House with Romaine, spinach, Granny Smith apples, goat cheese, walnuts and a sherry mustard vinaigrette.

Popular entrees are the chef's compositions of pecan crusted mountain trout with skillet beans and brown butter; and the Chilean Sea Bass with glazed carrots and champagne truffle sauce.

Items are 'A la Carte.' For

example, the large potato selection (since it is a meat and potatoes restaurant) include potato latkes; mashed potatoes; sea salt and vinegar fries; Maytag Blue Cheese whipped; jalapeno au gratin; butter & sour cream; scallion twice baked with cheddar cheese & bacon, and candied yams with marshmallow brulee.

There are also vegetables like creamed spinach, jumbo asparagus with Hollandaise sauce, French bean; forest mushrooms, crispy onion straws with creamy horseradish, glazed carrots with brown sugar butter and sesame stir-fried snap peas.

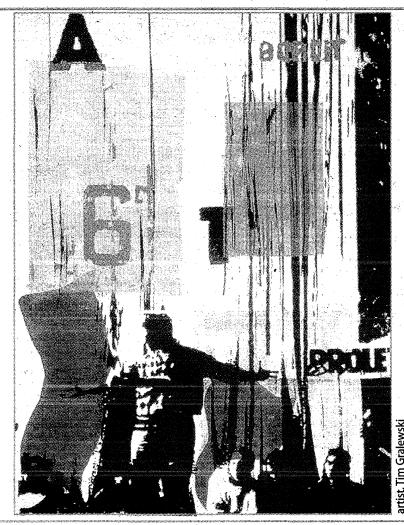
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ART

Art Leaders Gallery: "Art in Bloom," contemporary floral show, through June, 33030 Northwestern Hwy., West Bloomfield, (248) 539-0262, www.artleaders.com.
Biddle Gallery: "13th Annual Climate Controlled Art Fair," through Sept. 12, 2840

Controlled Art Fair," through Sept. 12, 2840 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, (734) 281-4779, www.biddlegallery.com.

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: "River," a mural of photographs of the Clinton River by artist Robert Bartley, and "View of Toledo," group show of Toledo artists, through July 11; artBLAST family arts event with chuck wagon supper, petting zoo, music by Twistin' Tarantulas and fireworks, July 3; Ruth Adler Schnee, open now, Marie Woo, opening September 21. 1516 Cranbrook (between 14 and 15 Mile roads), Birmingham, www.BBArtCenter.org, (248)

Birmingham Unitarian Church: 38651 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, (248) 647-2380. Bohemian National Home Gallery: Betty Brownlee and Tricia Soderberg "With Regard," through July 5, 3009 Tillman, Detroit, (313) 525-5253, www.jeromium.com/bohouse.

Cary Gallery: 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester.

(248) 651-3656.

Cass Cafe Gallery: 4620 Cass Avenue, Detroit, (313) 831-1400, www.casscafe.com.

Community Arts Gallery: Wayne State University, 150 Community Arts Building, Detroit, (313) 993-7813, www.art.wayne.edu.

CPOP: "Persons of Interest" with Bask and Tes One, through mid-August, reception, 7 p.m. June 28; "Warriors: Come Out and Play," through June, 4160 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-9901, www.cpop.com.

D&M Art Studio: Sharon Lee Dillenbeck
"Friends & Flowers," 28691 N. Lilley Road, Canton, (734) 453-3710, www.dmartstudio.

Eastern Michigan University: University Gallery, 900 Oakwood St., Ypsilanti, (734) 487-0465. Elaine L. Jacob Gallery: 480 W. Hancock, Detroit (313) 992-7913, www.pst. wayno. edu.

(313) 993-7813, www.art.wayne.edu. Farmington Art Club: "You Can't Fool Mother Nature" new watercolors by Barbara Eko Murphy, through June 27, Farmington Community Library, 23500 Liberty St., Farmington, (248) 553-6261, www.barbaraekomurphy.com.

Farmington City Gallery: "At Peace with Nature" by Kristina Gregory Hsu, through July 1, Costick Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Road, (248) 473-1856

First United Methodist Church: 1589 W. Maple Road, Birmingham

Focus HOPE Gallery: Focus on the Mission, teen photography, through Aug. 29, The Gallery is located on the second floor of the Center for Advanced Technologies, 1400 Oakman Blvd., Detroit, (313) 494-4376.

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Furnace Design Studio: The Glass Academy, 25331 Trowbridge, Dearborn, (313) 561-4527 G.R. N'Namdi Gallery: 1435 Randolph St., Detroit. (313) 831-8700, www.grnnamdigal-brycem.

Habatat Galleries: "From the Belkin Collection," July 19-Aug. 14, 4400 Fernlee Ave., Royal Oak, (248) 554-0590, www. habatat.com

Janice Charach Gallery: Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield, (238) 432-

Kresge Art Museum: Silk Road to Clipper Ship: Trade, Changing Markets, and East Asian Ceramics, through Aug. 1; Michigan State University, East Lansing, (517) 355-7631, www.artmuseum.msu.edu.

Lawrence Street Gallery: "Invitational," through June 28; "Fill the Frame Juried Exhibition" July 2-25, reception 6-9 p.m. July 11. 22620 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 544-0394, www. lawrencestreetgallery.com.



Lemberg Gallery: 23241 Woodward, Ferndale - (248) 591-6623, www.lemberggallery.com. Lotus Arts Gallery: 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth (888) 889-4ART.

Next Step Studios & Gallery: , 530 Hilton, Ferndale (248) 342-5074, www.nextstep-studio.com.

Northville Art House: 215 W. Cady St., (248) 344-0497, www.northvillearts.org.

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Orchard Lake Framing & Gallery: "The Aha
Moment - A Print Revealed," through July
19, 4301 Orchard Lake Road, W.Bloomfield,
(248) 538-9021, www.orchardlakeframing.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts: "Uneasy," group show, July 3-Aug. 9, reception, 7-10 p.m. July 11, gallery talk, 2 p.m. July 12; Tim Johnstone, July 3-Aug. 9, reception, 7-10 p.m. July 11, gallery talk, 2 p.m. July 12; 407 Pine, Rochester, (248) 651-4110, www. pccart org

Paul Kotula Projects: 23255 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-3020, www.paulkotula.

Pewabic Pottery: "Six Ceramic Artists: Pioneers of the German Studio Craft Movement," through July 6, 10125 East Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 822-0954, www. pewabic.com.

Picasso Cafe: "The Muses," through June 30, 39915 Grand River Ave., Novi 48375, (248) 427-0600

Plymouth Community Arts Council: 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth, (734) 416-4278, plymoutharts.

The Print Gallery: Paul Adams' Detroit, through July 19, 29173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, (248) 356-5454, www.everythingart.com.

River's Edge Gallery: 3024 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte. (734) 246-9880, www.artattheedge.com.

Sherry Washington Gallery: 1274 Library Street, Detroit. (313) 961-4500, www.sherrywashingtongallery.com.

Susanne Hilberry Gallery: 700 Livernois, Ferndale (248) 541-4700, www.susannehilberrygallery.com.

The Print Gallery: 29173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, (248) 356-5454, www. EverythingArt.com

Sisson Gallery: Henry Ford Community College's MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn, (313) 845-6485.

Warren Tri-County Fine Arts: Warren City Hall Gallery, One City Square, Warren, (586) 791-4047

Waterford Cultural Council: WCC's de la Ferriere Gallery, 2303 Crescent Lake Road, Waterford, (248) 618-7529.

CHAMBER

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings: 850 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham, (248) 559-2095, www.detroitchamberwinds.org.
Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival: 19 concerts throughout southeast Michigan, Featuring music by French school of composers, June 29, (248) 559-2097, www.greatlakeschambermusic org

chambermusic.org. University Musical Society: Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor, (734) 764-2538

CHORAL

Chorale Reunion Concert: 160 singers will sing music from their S. American and European tours, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the first chorale, 3 p.m. June 29, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor, free with donation, (734) 455-8353.

Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts: 350 Madison, Detroit. (313) 887-8500, www.musichall.org.

Farmington Community Chorus: Seligman
Performing Arts Center of Detroit Country
Day High School, 22305 W. 13 Mile Road (at
intersection of Lahser and 13 Mile Roads)
in Beverly Hills, (248) 669-4146.

Farmington Hills Youth Choir: Wexford Hall, Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile Road in Farmington Hills, (248) 473-1859.
Fort Street Chorale & Chamber Orchestra: Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W. Fort, Detroit, (313) 961-4533, www.fortstreet.org. Plymouth Oratorio Society: First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, (734) 455-8353.

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Sweet Adelines International: Women are invited to enter the Sweet Adelines International A Capella Unleashed YouTube.com Singing Contest by July 18 for a chance to win \$1,000. Visit http://www.youtube.com/SweetAdelineIntl for complete rules or call (800) 992-7464.

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CLASSICAL

Chamber Music at the Scarab Club: Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee Ave., Detroit, (248) 474-8930, www.scarabclub. org/chambermusic.

Chamber Music Society of Detroit: Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, (248) 855-6070, www. ComeHearCMSD.org.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra: Salute to America at Greenfield Village, July 2-5, www. detroitsymphony.com.

Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival: Music of French School of Composters, 19 concerts

with works ranging from Franck to Ravel, with appearances by John Harbison, Joan Tower, William Bolcom and John Corigliano, through June 29, www.greatlakeschambermusic.com, (248) 559-2097.

Plymouth Symphony League: Entertainment book sale, with coupons for entertainment purposes, purchase a 2009 book and get a 2008 book free while supplies last, (734) 451-2112, www.plymouthsymphony.org.

CLUBS

The Ark: Mayra Andrade, June 27; 316 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor. www.theark.org. Bosco: NoWax nights at 7 p.m. every Wednesday, no cover, 21 and over only, 22930 Woodward in Ferndale, www.thebosco.com, (248) 541-8818.

Bullfrog Bar: 15414 Telegraph Road, Redford, (313) 533-4477, www.bullfrogrocks.com.

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Court, June 29, 2030 Park, Detroit: (313) 961-2543

Eden Nightclub & Ultralounge: Friday night party with DJ Ryan Richards, 10 p.m. guest celebrity hosts and DJs; DJ Urban Chris in the Garden Room, DJ Pannos in the Ultralounge accompanied by percussionist Jared Sykes, 10 p.m. Saturday, 22061 Woodward Ave, Ferndale (248) 541-7674.

Ginopolis on the Grill: Don Swindell and Shuffle Play, with Swindell, Sheila Brown, Mike Lorenz and Jake Reichhart, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 27851 Middlebelt at 12 Mile in Farmington Hills, no cover, (248) 851-8222

Magic Bag: Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise, June 27; Echoes of Pink Floyd, June 28; Hayden, June 29; Chris Duarte, July 13; Tony Lucca, July 20, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.

Motor City Casino: www.motorcitycasino.com. O-Zen Lounge: Hot 'N Ready with DJ U.N.I. hip hop soul, Thursday; Insomnia Music, hip hop, soul, old school, Friday; Super Sonic Smooth Music with DJ Shug, Saturday; karaoke with Chez, Sunday; '80s and Rock N Roll; bring your CDs, Tuesday; and Energetic House with DJ Tony Bell, Wednesday; www.ozenlounge.com, 21633 W. Eight Mile, Detroit (313) 535-4664.
The Park Bar/Unterpark Theater: 2040 Park Ave.

Plymouth Coffee Bean: Open mic 7:30-10:30 p.m. Mondays, 884 Penniman, Plymouth. myspace.com/plymouthcoffeebean. The Shelter: 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (313) 961-MELT.

Sky Club: Tango, salsa, and Latin dancing every Wednesday beginning at 8 p.m., located above Sangria's Restaurant, 401 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, (248) 543-1964.

COMEDY

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase: 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor (734) 996-9080, www.aacomedy.

The Fillmore: Carlos Mencia, \$42.50, Nov. 22, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (248) 645-6666.

Fox Theatre: George Lopez, Sept. 20, \$49.50-\$59.50; Kathy Griffin, Oct. 18, \$37.50-\$65, at 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515. Historic Holly Hotel Comedy Club: Dave Dyer, June 27-28; 110 Battle Alley, Holly (248) 634-5208.

JD's House of Comedy: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com.

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia: 36071 Plymouth Road, (734) 261-5500, www.kickerscomplex.com.

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle: 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com.Maxie's Sunday Night Comedy Shoppe: 2500 W. Hill (just west of U.S. 23), Flint (810) 232-2500.

Michigan Theater: Bill Maher, Aug. 15, \$45-\$55,

603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (248) 645-6666. **Royal Oak Music Theatre:** 318 W. Fourth Street, Royal Oak. (800) 919-6272

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CONCERTS

Clutch Cargo: Alkaline Trio, July 8; Rancid, Aug. 1, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. (248) 645-6666.

Comerica Park: Van's Warped Tour, July 18, featuring The Academy Is..., Relient K, Gym Class, Heroes, Reel Big Fish, Everytime I Die, Norma Jean, From First To Last, Anberlin, The Bronx, As I Lay Dying, Street Dogs, Pennywise, Against Mel, Say Anything, Bouncing Souls, Story Of The Year, Cobra Starship, Angels And Airwaves, more, \$32-\$35, 2100 Woodward Ave., Detroit, call (313) 471-6611.

DTE Energy Music Theatre: Steve Miller, June 27; The Temptations and The Four Tops, June 29; Ted Nugent, July 4: Jonas Brothers, July 5; Lou Gramm, July 9; Martina McBride, July 11; Crue Fest with Motley Crue, Buckcherry, Papa Roach, Sixx:AM and Trapt, July 15; Survivor with John Waite, July 16; Michael W. Smith, July 17; John Mellencamp with Lucinda Williams, July 18; Kid Rock with Rev. Run, July 19-20; Earth Wind and Fire, July 27; Peter Frampton, July 29; Three Doors Down, July 30; Tony Hawk's Boom Boom Jam, July 31; Sheryl Crow, James Blunt, Toots and the Maytals Aug. 5; Rod Stewart and Bryan Adams, Aug. 6; Backstreet Boys, Aug. 8; Rockstar Energy Drink Mayhem Festival with Slipknot, Disturbed, Dragonforce, Mastadon, Machinehead, Underoath, more, Aug. 9; Dolly Parton, Aug. 13; -Travis Tritt, Aug. 14; Steely Dan, Aug. 15; Brooks & Dunn with ZZ Top, Aug. 23; Allman Brothers Band, Aug. 27; Maroon 5 and Counting Crows, Aug. 29; Third Day and Switchfoot, Aug. 21; Journey, Heart, Cheap Trick, Sept. 9; Toby Keith, Sept. 14, 7774 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston. (248) 645-6666. The Fillmore-Detroit: Shinedown, July 26; Boys Like Girls, Aug. 2; No Fear Music Tour with Bullet for My Valentine, Aug.

6666. **The Fox Theatre:** Van Morrison, July 9; Celtic Thunder, Oct. 14, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

16; My Morning Jacket, Oct. 4, 2115

Woodward, Detroit. Call (248) 645-

Freedom Hill Amphitheatre: Dropkick Murphys, July 8; Yes, July 19; Poison with Dokken, Sabastian Bach, Aug. 9; Paramore with Phantom Planet, Aug. 13, 14900 Metropolitan Parkway, Sterling Heights. Call (248) 645-6666.

Gem Theatre: Idina Menzel, 8 p.m. Thursday, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit, call (248) 645-6666.

Joe Louis Arena: American Idols Live, July 24; Def Leppard with REO Speedwagon and Styx, Aug. 23; (248) 645-6666, www.ticketmaster.com, OlympiaEntertainment.com. Masonic Temple Theatre: Outlandish (in the Scottish Rite Cathedral), 500 Temple, Detroit. (313) 433-1515.

Michigan Theatre: 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (248) 645-6666. Meadow Brook Music Festival: Trace Adkins and

Kellie Pickler, July 17; Weird Al Yankovic, July 18; Live/Blues Traveler/Collective Soul, July 24; OAR, July 25; Chris Isaak, Aug. 17; Disney Music Block Party Tour, Aug. 19-20; George Thorogood & The Destroyers, Aug. 21, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills. (248) 645-6666.

The Palace of Auburn Hills: BonJovi, July 7; The Police with Elvis Costello, July 26; Neil Diamond, July 31; Nine Inch Näils, Aug. 23; Celine Dion, Sept. 26; Janet Jackson, Sept. 27; New Kids on the Block, Oct. 25; Coldplay, Nov. 3; Sarah Brightman, Dec. 3, 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills, (248)

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645-6666 or Palacenet.com.

Ren Cen Riverfront Plaza: Rockin' on the
Riverfront free classic rock concert series –
Pat Benatar, June 27; Mark Farner and Mitch
Ryder, July 11; Starship featuring Mickey
Thomas, July 18; Rick Derringer and the
Classic Rock All Stars, July 25; The Guess
Who, Aug. 1; Kansas, Aug. 8; Blue Oyster Cult,
Aug. 15; Foreigner, Aug. 22, www.gmrencen.

Royal Oak Music Theatre: Mike Birbiglia, June 26; Xtreme Cagefighting: Rumble in Royal Oak II, June 28; Less Than Jake w/Goldfinger, July 1; Squeeze w/Aimee Mann, Aug. 29, 318 W. Fourth Street, Royal Oak. (800) 919-6272, www.royaloakmusictheatre.com.

St. Andrew's Hall: Jakob Dylan, June 28; All Time Low, July 16; Lagwagon and MXPX, Sept. 19, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

DANCE

Detroit Dance Collective: Ford Community & Performing Arts Center Dance Studio, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. (810) 444-4553, www.detroitdancecollective.org.

Detroit Opera House Summer Dance Workshops: Instructor Giuseppe Canale, Advanced Ballet, July 21-25; Erin Lamont, Jazz/Hip Hop, July 28-Aug. 1, Christopher Huggins, Intermediate/ Advanced Modern Intensive, Aug. 4-8, (313) 237-3426, chalsted@motopera.org. Eisenhower Dance Ensemble: EDE Center for Dance,

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble: EDE Center for Dance 103 S. Street, Rochester, www.ede-dance.org. MoreDances Contemporary Dance Company: 20500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, \$15/Adults, \$12/ Students & Seniors, (586) 899-2629.

Motor City Tap Fest: Featuring and honoring Dr. Prince Spencer of the Famous Four Step Brothers, master classes, tap jam, discussions, June 26-29, Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center, followed by performances 5 p.m. June 29 at Dondero Auditorium, Royal Oak Middle School, www.motorcitytanfest.com.

University Musical Society: Mark Morris Dance Group, Sept. 19-20; Batsheva Dance Company "Three," 8 p.m. Feb. 14, 2009, and "Deca Dance" 2 p.m. Feb. 15, 2009; Compagnie Heddy Maalem "Rite," 8 p.m. Oct. 15, 2009; Compagnie Marie Chouinard, "Orpheus and Eurydice," 8 p.m. April 25, 2009 and "Rite of Spring," 2 p.m. April 26, 2009; Rubberdance Group, "Elastic Perspective," 8 p.m. Jan. 9 and "Redux Phase II" 1 and 8 p.m. Jan. 10, 2009, www.ums.org.

FAMILY

Baby Loves Disco: Eden Nightclub and Ultra Lounge, 22061 Woodward, Ferndale, www. babylovesdisco.com. Barnes & Noble Northville: Summer reading pro-

Barnes & Note Northville: Summer reading program, children entering grades 1-6 can earn free book; weekly children's storytimes for ages 3 and up, 11 a.m. Tuesdays and 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Beverly Armstrong 2 p.m. July 19, Six Mile at Haggerty, www.barnesandnobleinc.com.

Canton Cinema: Free matinees 10 a.m. & 11 a.m. Saturdays, 43555 Ford Road, (734) 844-3456. Detroit Windsor International Film Festival: Two days of children's programming at the Detroit Public Library Main Branch. Visit www.DWIFF.

Detroit Zoo: (248) 541-5717, www.detroitzoo.

org. **Exhibit Museum of Natural History:** Free dinosaur tours, 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, (734) 763-4190, www.las.umich.edu/exhibitmuseum.

Jaws Jumbo Burgers: 29216 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills (248) 855-2228, www. myspace.com/jawsjumboburgers.

Kensington Metropark: (800) 47-PARKS, www. metroparks.com.

Matrix Theatre: 2730 Bagley, Detroit, (313) 967-0999.

Michigan's Adventure Amusement Park: 4750 Whitehall Road, Muskegon, www.miadventure.com.

Nankin Mills Interpretive Center: 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, (734) 261-1990, www.waynecountyparks.org.

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Stony Creek Metropark: (800) 47-PARKS, www. metroparks.com.

FESTIVALS

Ann Arbor Summer Festival: Free concerts and movies at the Top of the Park, Ingalls Mall at Washington between Fletcher and Thayer streets, 6:30 p.m. nightly through July 6, Ann Arbor, www.annarborsummerfestival.org. Comerica CityFest: 20th anniversary of Michigan's oldest taste festival, outdoor dining, free music, kid's stuff, skateborad demos, outdoor shopping bazaar, indoor art gallery, etc., July 2-6, New Center Area, Detroit, www.comericacityfest.com. Plymouth Art in the Park: Noon-8 p.m. July 11, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. July 12, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. July 13, (734) 453-1540, www.artinthepark.com.

FILM

Campus Martius Film Series: Runs Saturdays, 8 p.m. June 28 to Aug. 9; "Alvin & The Chipmunks," June 28; "Tyler Perry's Meet the Browns," July 5; "First Sunday," July 12; "I am Legend," July 19; "Dr. Suess's Horton Hears a Who," July 26; "Bee Movie," Aug. 2; "The Accidental Husband," special advanced screening, Aug. 9, at the park between Fort Street and Michigan Ave., Detroit. Free. Compuware Arena: Drive-in theatre, open seven days a week through Sept. 7, gates open at 7:30 p.m., movies at dusk (usually 9 p.m.). \$9, 13 and older; \$7, children 4-12 and students; free, children 3 and under, 14900 Beck Rd., Plymouth, (734) 927-3284, www.compuwarearena.com.

Detroit Windsor International Film Festival: Festival will be held June 26-29, with screenings at the DIA, College of Creative Studies, University of Windsor, Wayne State University, Detroit Public Library, and other venues. Films include "Unbeatable Harold," "Certifiably Jonathan," and "Bitch," \$8 per screening/\$6 for seniors and students, www DWIFF.ord.

Detroit film Theatre: "Girls Rock," June 27-29; Jean-Luc Godard's "Contempt," July 5-7; Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave. Detroit (313) 833-7900.

Magic Bag: Brew & View, doors 8 p.m., film, 9:30 p.m., 21 and over, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.

Penn Theatre: Summer Cinema Matinee Series "Flipper" June 26: Hans Christian Andersen. July 10; Charlotte's Web, July 17; The Wizard of Oz, July 24; National Velvet, July 31; Life Begins for Andy Hardy, Aug. 7; The Yearling, Aug. 14; Swiss Family Robinson, Aug. 21; The Muppet Movie, Aug. 28; showtimes 1 and 7 p.m., all seats, \$3, 760 Penniman, Plymouth 734-453-0870, www.penntheatre.com. Redford Theatre: "The Incredible Shrinking Man" with Warner cartoon "Dog Tired." June 27-28, "Pride and Prejudice" with Warner cartoon "Dog Daze," July 11-12; "Swiss Family Robinson," July 25-26; "The Adventures of Robin Hood," with Warner cartoon "Adventures of Rabbit Hood," Aug. 8-9; "The Scarlet Claw" with Warner cartoon "Rabbit Transit," Aug. 22-23; "Airplane," Sept. 12-13: "Casablanca," Sept. 26-27; "House of Wax" in 3D with glasses, Oct. 17-18; Halloween Double-feature "The Invisible Man," "House of Frankenstein" Oct. 24-25; "Miracle on 34th Street," Dec. 5-6; "White Christmas," Dec. 19-20, all at 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit. www. redfordtheatre.com.

GALAS

Capuchin Soup Kitchen Benefit: The 15th Annual Benefit on the Bay is 5:30 p.m. Aug. 22 at Mac & Ray's, on Lake St. Clair, Harrison Township. Raffles, silent auction, dinner, live music. Tickets \$50 per person with all proceeds going to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Call (313) 579-2100, ext. 202 or ext. 153.

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Arturo's Jazz Theatre and Restaurant: 25333 West 12 Mile Rd., Southfield, (248) 357-6009, arturos-



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Ferndale-based Gangplank Records' has just released the awaited, eponymous debut by Detroit duo Sunshine Doray. Don't miss a rare performance by songwriter-planist Kate Feeny and drummer Deanne lovan, 9:30 p.m. Sunday, June 29, at Detroit's Cliff Bells. Opener is Serenity Court. For more, visit http://www.myspace.com/sunshinedoray.

azz.com.

Baker's Keyboard Lounge: Gospel Show 2 p.m. Sundays; The International Detroiters Tuesdays, Jam Session Wednesdays, 20510 Livernois, Detroit, (313) 345-6300. B'Jazz Vespers: First Baptist Church, 300 Willits

dat Bates), Birmingham (248) 644-0550.

Cliff Bell's: Scott Gwinnell Jazz Orchestra, 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays; Jesse Palter Quartet 9:30 p.m. Thursdays; Social Sundays featuring blues, roots, americana at 8 p.m., 2030 Park, Detroit (313) 961-2543.

Detroit Windsor Jazz Club: Saturdays at Shield's (1-4 p.m.), 25101 Telegraph, Southfield (248) 356-2720.

2008 Chene Park Jazz Series: LEDISI and Kindred the Family Soul, July 2; Michael Franks, July 5; Najee and Maysa, July 9; Jazz Fusion, July 16; Dave Koz and Friends, July 23; Mint Condition and After 7, July 30; Pieces of a Dream, Walter Beasley and Regina Belle, Aug. 6; Brian Culbertson & The Funk Experience and Gary Taylor, Aug. 13; (248) 645-6666 or via the website at www.ticketmaster.com.

Meadowbrook Hall: "Jazz in the Garden," Shahida Nurullah 7 p.m. July 24; George "Sax" Benson, 7 p.m. Aug. 28; \$30 includes main floor tour of the hall and hors d'oeuvres, (248) 364-6263, www.meadowbrookhall.org

MORE MUSIC

Arab American National Museum: Brian Vander Ark w/special guest Ellery to benefit WHFR, 7:30 p.m. June 28, \$12-\$15, www.aanm.org, www. whfr.fm.

Callahan's: John Nemeth, June 28; Bernard Allison, July 12; Walter Trout and the Radicals, July 31; Jason Ricci & New Blood, Aug. 14; 2105 South Blvd., Auburn Hills, (248) 858-9508,

www.atcallahans.com.

Heritage Park: Free "2008 Stars in the Park" concert series at new amphitheatre, 7:30 p.m.-dusk, Barbara Bailey-Hutchinson (folk), June 26; Motor City Brass, July 10; Farmington Community Jazz Band, July 24; Terry Lee Goffee, (Johnny Cash tribute artist), July 31; Sun Messengers, Aug. 7; Shout (Beatles tribute band), Aug. 14; Farmington Community Chorus, Aug. 21; Jill Jack, Aug. 28, all at 24915 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 473-1857/1870.

Motor City Brass Band: Ford Community and

Performing Arts Center, Dearborn, \$15/adults, \$12/students and seniors, (313) 943-2350, www.mcbb.org. Nardin Park United Methodist Church: Melvin C.

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Rookus, Patriotic Music, July 2; Mandy
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Boogie Woogie Babies, July 23; The Raisin
Pickers, July 30; David Hall, Marimba, Aug 6;
David Bennett Quartet, Aug. 13, seating at 7:15
p.m., 29887 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington
Hills, (248) 476-8860, www.nardinpark.org.
Palmer Woods Concerts: tickets will be available
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MUSEUMS

Arab American National Museum: Performance by Brian Vander Ark to support WHFR-FM, 7:30 p.m. June 28, 13624 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, \$12, (313) 845-9842.

Charles H. Wright Museum: African World Festival with The O'Jays, Aug. 15-17, 915 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. (313) 494-5800.

Cranbrook Institute of Science: PGA Championship

Cranbrook Art Museum: "William Massie: An American House," through Oct. 31, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (877) GO-CRANBROOK, www.cranbrook.edu.

History Exhibit, golf artifacts and memorabilia, through July 30, free with museum admission, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3200, http://science.cranbrook.edu. Detroit Institute of Arts: "Give it a Rest: People at Play in American Prints and Drawings. 1895-1945," through Aug. 3; "Kenro Izu: Sacred Places," July 9 through Oct. 12; "The Private World of India's Mughal Emperors: Albums of Painting and Calligraphy from the Chester Beatty Library," Aug. 23 to Nov. 16; "Jane Hamond: Paper Work," Oct. 1 to Jan. 11, 2009; "Monet to Dali, Modern Masters from the Cleveland Museum of Art" Oct. 12 to Jan. 18, 2009; "In the Company of Artists: Photographs from the DIA's Collection" Nov. 19 to Feb. 15, 2009; "Master Pieces: Chess Sets from the Dr. George and Vivian Dean Collection" Dec. 26 to March 22, 2009; 'American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell," March 8 to May 31, 2009; "On Life and Loss: The Polish Photographs of Roman Vishniac and Jeffrey Gusky," April 15 to July

12, 2009, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 833-7900

Detroit Historical Museum: "Ford and Kahn At Gaukler Pointe," through June 29, 5401 Woodward, Detroit, www.detroithistorical.org, (313) 833-1805.

Detroit Science Center: "Shipwreck: Pirates & Treasure," through Sept. 1; New IMAX, "Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk"; New planetarium show "Bad Astronomy: Myths and Misconceptions"; Kids Town exhibit open for children 5 and under; Summer Science Camps for grades pre-school to 8, through Aug. 11; Ford Free Fundays complimentary admission on Sept. 28, Oct. 5, Oct. 26, Nov. 23 and Dec. 6, 5020 John R. Street, (313) 577-8400, www. detroitsciencecenter.org.

The Henry Ford: "Celebrate 100 Years of the Model T," now through September, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, (313) 982-6001, www.hfmgv.org.

Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit: "Considering Detroit" with works by Ellen Cantor, Maurice Greenia, Jim Gustafson, Allie McGhee, Heather McGill, Gordon Newton, and TIME STEREO's UFO Factory, through July 28, 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 832-6622.

Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 832-6622.

Plymouth Historical Museum: "Inaugural Gowns of the First Ladies" runs through Nov. 5, 155 S. Main, Plymouth, \$2-\$10, (734) 455-8940, www.plymouthhistory.org.

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm:

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Balthazar Korab's "Images of Michigan,"
through June, open Wednesdays through
Saturdays, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, Rochester,
(248) 565-4663, www.rochesterhills.org.
Walter P. Chrysler Museum: "Cruise Nights," every
other Thursday night, 6-9 p.m., through Aug.
21; Hot Truck Night, June 26; Jeep Night, July
10; Luxury Car Night, July 24; Electric Car
Night, Aug. 7; Dodge Challenger Night, Aug.
21; Chrysler Complex, Auburn Hills, (248) 944-

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The Dante Alighieri Society: Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, business attire, \$15-\$18, (313) 792-1442, www. dantemichigan.org.

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Celebrating the Quilt: The Greater Ann Arbor Quilt Guild, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. July 26-27, Washtenaw Community College, Morris Lawrence Building, 4800 E. Huron River Dr., \$5, www./gaaqg.com.

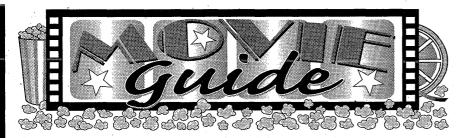
Circus at the Park: Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration, circus shows, fireworks; live music, jewelry raffle, food court, performances by Boogie Dynomite, Van Hammel, Persuasion and Pointe Academy of Dance, Comerica Park, (313) 579-2100, ext. 201, cskdetroit.org. Detroit Historical Society: Elmwood Cemetery

Detroit Historical Society: Elmwood Cemetery Memorial Art Walking Tour 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, June 28, (313) 833-1801, or visit www.detroithistorical.org/thingstodo. Detroit Zoo: Ten Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, just off 1-696, in Royal Oak, call (248) 541-5717.

Greenmead Historical Park: Sunday tours at Historic Greenmead, 1-4 p.m. Sundays, through October, Greenmead is located at 20501 Newburgh (at Eight Mile Road) in Livonia.

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THEATER - COMMUNITY

Jewish Ensemble Theatre: Neil Simon's "Chapter Two," Sept. 2-28; "Collected Stories" Oct. 28-Nov. 23; "Two by Two," Dec. 9, 2008-Jan. 4, 2009; "Halpen and Johnson," Feb. 17-March 15, 2009; "Deathrap," April 21-May 17, 2009, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 788-2900, www.jettheatre.org.

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild: (248) 737-3587 or www. StDunstansTheatre.com, 400 Lone Pine Rd., Bloomfield Hills (248) 737-3587, www.stdunstanstheatre.com.

Spotlight Players: "Hello Dolly" runs Sept. 19-20, 26-28 and Oct. 3-5, Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton (734) 394-5460, www.spotlightplayers.net.

Stagecrafters Contemporary Theatre: Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette Ave., Royal Oak. (248) 541-6430, www.stagecrafters.org

Tipping Pointe Theatre: "Don't Dress for Dinner," through June 29; "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change, Sept. 3-5; "The Dinner Party," Nov. 19-21; "The Rabbit Hole," Feb. 4-6, 2009; "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)," April 22-24, 2009, 361 E. Cady Street, Northville, (248) 347-0003.

The Village Players of Birmingham: Auditions for "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying,: 7 p.m. June 29-30, show dates, Sept. 12-18. 34660 Woodward, Birmingham. \$15. (248) 644-2075.

Warren Civic Theatre: Neanderthal Acting Company, "Waiting on Sean Flynn," 8 p.m., June 27 and 28, 5460 Arden in Warren, www.neanderthalactingco.com. Water Works Theatre: Fundraising garden party Love on the Balcony features opportunity to earn a part in "Romeo and Juliet," running July 24 to Aug. 10, Starr Jaycee Park, Royal Oak, call (248) 399-3727 or visit www.water-

workstheatre.com. **Who Wants Cake:** "The Facts of Life - The Lost Episode,"
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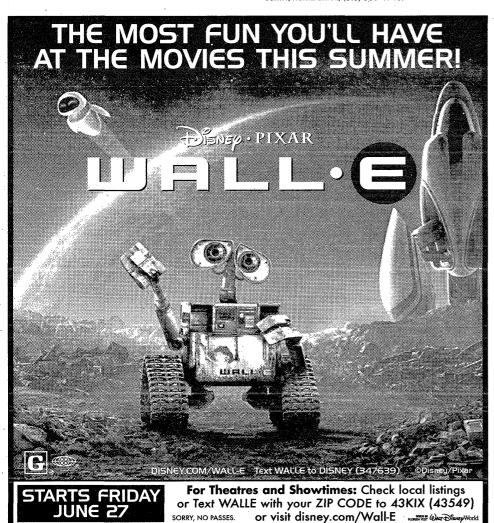
Fisher Theatre: The theatre is undergoing major renovations and will open this fall to feature the Broadway plays "Avenue O" (Nov., 2008); "A Bronx Tale" with Chazz Palminteri, (Nov.-Dec., 2008); "Wicked," (Dec., 2008-Jan., 2009) "A Chorus Line," (Jan., 2009); "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," (March, 2009); "Grease," (June, 2009); and "Jersey Boys," (Nov., 2009).

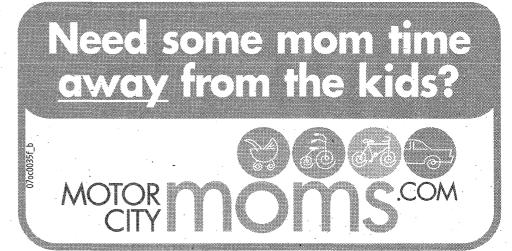
Fox Theatre: "Irving Berlin's White Christmas," Nov. 19 to Dec. 28, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com, OlympiaEntertainment.com, (248) 433-1515.

Gem Theatre: "Say Goodnight Gracie," Sept. 9 to Nov. 16; "The Rat Pack is Back," Nov. 19 to Jan. 4, at 333 Madison, Detroit, (313) 963-9800, www.ticketmaster. com, www.gemtheatre.com.

Joe Louis Arena: Radio City Christmas Spectacular, Nov. 21-23, 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit, (313) 471-3099.

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