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# Hometown celebration Parade kicks off patriotic observance Annual picnic

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Aliya Blackson, 11, of Plymouth attends the Kiwanis Good Morning USA Parade every year with her family, many times hearing the bands tune up in the nearby Cultural Center parking lot before stepping off in the state's earliest Fourth of July parade at 7:30 a.m.

This year, Aliya — and about three dozen others from Camp Mirage at the Oasis Golf Center in Livonia — will be in the parade on two floats they constructed this week in camp.

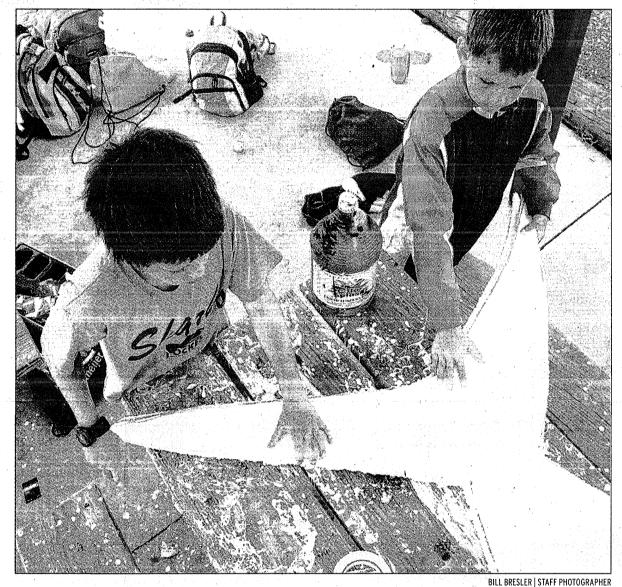
"Since Mom and I go to the Fourth of July parade every year, I thought it would be fun being in the parade," said Aliya. "A lot of my friends will be at the parade and they'll see me ... and be jeal-

Camp Mirage supervises about 2,100 children over the course of the summer with all kinds of athletic, dance and even golf cart driver's camp.

"One is a huge sinking pirate ship and the other is a tropiand that the Pirate s stranded on," said camp director Cara Gray of Livonia, who watches the parade each year with family who live in Plymouth. "The 33 kids are divided into pirates and island natives ... and have been give roles for the parade and are making their own costumes. We even have a kid who is going to be 'sandwich boarded' as a rock that the ship capsized on.

It's the 12th year for the Good Morning USA Parade, with 84 entries and more than 1,000 people who will travel Main Street from Theodore to Hartsough. Parade organizer Fred Hill said he's gathered 18 major sponsors to cover most of the \$20,000 it takes to stage the parade.

"The uniqueness of the parade is the variety of units providing true entertainment - from a stilt walker, to Civil War re-enactors, a dog drill team and monster truck," said Hill. "It's the proverbial 'something for everyone' and then some."



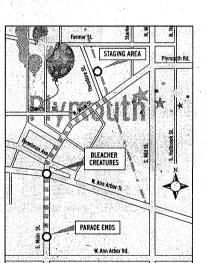
Trevor Lerner, 11, and Brendan George, 9, work on a shark for the float.

## FORWARD, MARCH

- What: Kiwanis Good Morning USA Parade
- When: 7:30 a.m. Friday, July 4
- Where: Starts at Theodore, runs up Main Street to Hartsough
- Notable: The parade includes 84 entries and more than 1,000 people; Bleacher Creature seats at Main and Penniman, which sell for \$10 and come with a bag of patriotic goodies, are available at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail.

The community's Fourth of July celebration ends with the weekly "Music in the Air" concert series, sponsored by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority. Friday's featured performer is Steve King and the Dittilies. The concert starts at 7 p.m.

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# thrives on family atmosphere

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Late-comers to Friday's Good Ol' Fashioned Picnic in Plymouth Township Park might not get any potato chips, but it's about the only thing organizers say they'll miss out on.

The old reliables will be there — hot dogs, chips, ice cream and pop for a nickel apiece - and a couple of new events are planned as residents celebrate the annual picnic.

Organizer Ron Edwards said he was told there's a potato shortage, so he didn't get as many bags of chips as he'd have liked. Other than that, everything else is all set.

"It's a great event for families," said Edwards, the Plymouth Township treasurer. "It's affordable, it's fun and something for everyone.

The picnic's standard fare returns such as the bike decorating and fishing contests for kids. Two of Plymouth Township's

THE BIG BANG What: Plymouth Township

Fireworks Display When: Dusk Thursday.

Where: Fireworks will be staged from Hilltop Golf Course; spectators can watch from Plymouth Township Park, Ann Arbor Trail and McClumpha; should also be visible from yards. etc., in west end of township

Parking: First-come, firstserved at Plymouth Township Park. The park will close Thursday afternoon; gates reopen for fireworks at 7 p.m.

Admission: Free

newest businesses — Grand Traverse Pie Company and Leo's Coney Island — are also getting involved. Grand Traverse will sponsor a pieeating contest, while Leo's is hosting a hot dog-eating contest. Registration for both will be done at the picnic; no pre-registration is

"The hot dog contest won't be like the ones you see on TV, it'll be to see who can eat three dogs the fastest," Edwards said. "We wanted to add a couple of new things to keep the picnic

The picnic officially starts at 11 a.m.

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# Candidates take different road to township clerk's seat

## Deputy says experience makes him best suited | Hopeful: Accounting background key factor



BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Joe Bridgman has served as the deputy to longtime Plymouth Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill for some five years now, an apprenticeship he said makes him the best candidate to replace Massengill, who is running for supervisor. Bridgman, who faces Mary Ann

Prchlik in the Aug. 5 Republican primary, said lessons learned the last five years will stand him in good stead should he be elected.

"I have the experience to move into the clerk's position with the expertise and knowledge to make a seamless transition."

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**Prchlik** 

**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Mary Ann Prchlik knows the Plymouth Township clerk's job is roughly divided into two parts: accounting and elections.

Prchlik believes her accounting background - she's got a bachelor's degree from the University

of Michigan with an emphasis on accounting and she's the client accounting services manager in the company she owns with her husband takes care of the first part.

The elections part, she figures she can learn, and she hopes voters will give her the chance. She's running

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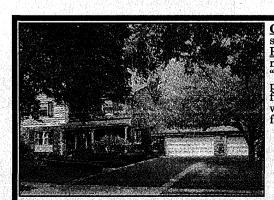
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The facts about cats

While he thinks Massengill has done a good job and the department runs smoothly, Bridgman said there are some changes he'd like to see made:

Getting ordinances online: Bridgman said township ordinances need to be codified, then put on the township's Web site (www. plymouthtwp.org). He pointed out that such a move could be costly, but would be "worth it."

"I think the last time the board looked at it it was something like \$40,000," Bridgman said. "It'll need board support."

■ Accounting changes: Bridgman said a new accounting system is needed, and he'd like to see one that links the accounting functions of all

for clerk in the Aug. 5 pri-

Bridgman.

don't know.'

a seed."

mary against Deputy Clerk Joe

"Accounting is a big deal,"

said Prchlik, who's been at her

important, too, especially with

eight elections in the next four

Prchlik, who had never run

for public office, said she saw

an editorial in a newspaper

encouraging people to "step

up to the plate" and run for

public office, and "it planted

"I've always been passionate

about Plymouth," said Prchlik,

who has lived in the township

for 18 years. "I knew (current clerk) Marilyn (Massengill)

was retiring, and I thought,

with my background, it could

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years. ... I can learn what I

### THE BRIDGMAN FILE

Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, July 3, 2008

- Who: Joe Bridgman
- What: Running for Plymouth Township clerk
- Now: Deputy clerk for Plymouth Township
- Family: Wife, Susan; children Alexander, 10, and Sydney, 4
- Education: Bachelor's degree, Cleary University; associate's in

accounting, Schoolcraft College

■ In the community: Kiwanis Club; Association of Wayne County Clerks; Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks;

**National Notary Association** 

township offices.

THE PRCHLIK FILE

Township clerk

**Associates** 

■ Who: Mary Ann Prchlik

■ Now: Client accounting

Family: Husband, Dan

Nancy and Margaret

on accounting

Herriman; daughters Jane,

Education: Bachelor's degree,

University of Michigan, emphasis

In the community: Volunteers

at PB&J Outreach; Plymouth

2007); Community Financial

She remembers when her

husband, Dan Herriman, was

expired term a few years ago.

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services manager, Herriman &

He also pointed out that functions such as check-signing and maintenance of the general ledger are clerk functions currently being done, at least in part, by the treasurer's

"We are responsible for the accounting department," Bridgman said. "That's one of the things I'll have to take over (if elected). If it's my responsibility, I'll take it over."

Bridgman believes running elections is the vast majority of the clerk's job, with accounting functions taking up some 20 percent. The clerk's office also employs two accountants to handle those functions, he pointed out.

With so many changes in election procedures and equipment in recent years, Bridgman said his experience will make a huge difference.

"There've been so many changes in election laws the last few years, so I got in at the right time," he said.

Among other issues, according to Bridgman, are taxes and

At the time, meeting packets

Prchlik said she wants to

bring the clerk's office into

"(Massengill) has done a

good job, but I think technolo-

gy has passed the clerk's office

by a little bit," Prchlik said. "I

also think we need to codify

the ordinances and get them

Prchlik said she'd also be

open to the idea of expanding

hours of operation (the office

is currently open from 8 a.m.

to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday)

to include Saturday hours and

"People who work need to

be able to get into the office,"

Among the issues Prchlik

■ Sidewalks: Prchlik would

sees as key in the township:

like to see gaps in sidewalks

around the community filled

in. "People like to walk, and

we don't have sidewalks every-

perhaps extended hours dur-

were delivered by hand to

trustees.

online."

ing the week.

Prchlik said.

the 21st century."

water rates. The township's tax rate remains Wayne County's lowest, but Detroit Water has passed on double-digit increases the last couple of years, most of which the township board has declined to pass on, a practice Bridgman said the board must be careful to monitor.

"We need to make sure our water/sewer fund is viable," Bridgman said. "Our infrastructure is beginning to age. We have to look at it to make sure we don't have huge issues to fund."

Bridgman said getting elected will fulfill his desire to serve his community.

"I want to be able to serve the public," he said. "It's one of the best ways to serve the constituents ... being elected and being accountable to them."

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■ Roads: Prchlik thinks

in the township. Since the

county owns many of them,

she said Wayne County "needs

■ Recreation: Prchlik said

there are recreation issues that

a community pool, but that the

could be addressed, including

board must be wary of spend-

ing.
"Plymouth is a great place to

live, but you have to keep it up

people are having a hard time

financially, I'm not sure recre-

ation is where they want their

Prchlik said her accounting

background makes the answer

easy when voters ask why they

"I'm the best qualified can-

didate," she said. "I think the

accounting is important; the

other stuff can be learned, and

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there," she said. "(But) when

'roads are becoming atrocious'

where," she said.

to step up.

money spent."

should vote for her.

learned fairly quickly."

### AROUND PLYMOUTH



### New board

Members of the Plymouth Business and Professional Women (BPW) Board (from left) Joanne Delaney, corresponding secretary; Marilyn Alimpich, secretary; Ann DeGhetto, treasurer; Elizabeth Johnson, vice president; and president Gail Scherer are preparing for the Friday Night Bingo at the Plymouth Fall Festival, which runs Sept. 5-7. The Bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. and is the main fund-raiser for the Plymouth BPW. The local chapter uses the money they raise to foster the success of working women by providing scholarship opportunities for career advancement or to women that are re-entering the workforce who demonstrate financial need. The Plymouth BPW celebrates its 80th anniversary this year. The group meets at 6 p.m. the third Monday of the month at the Plymouth Crossing Restaurant on Main Street. Prospective members are welcome to attend.

"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

### **Blood drives**

■ There will be a Red Cross blood drive 2-8 p.m. Monday, July 7, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth.

The church is located at 574 S. Sheldon. To make an appointment, call Carolyn Libeau, (734) 455-5395.

■ The Plymouth post office sponsors an American Red Cross blood drive 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 16, at the Clipper Street post office.

Appointments are available, but walk-ins are welcome. To make an appointment, call Barb Mitchell, (734) 453-6111.

### Ice cream social

Plymouth Community Council On Aging will host the annual "Ice Cream Social" 1:30-3 p.m. Monday, July 14, at the Plymouth

201 Main St. Edy's will again donate the ice cream for this event. Ticket prices are \$1 for PCCA members and \$3 for nonmembers and guests. For any additional information please call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

### Chorale fund-raiser

The BeckRidge Chorale is selling the 2009 Entertainment Books in order to raise funds to support local charities and to provide vocal music scholarships to talented local high school students.

Special fund-raising price for the book is \$20. Supplies are limited; call (734) 459-6829 to order. Books will be available Aug. 5.

### 'Memory Lost'

**Plymouth Community** Council on Aging will host "Memory Lost" presented by Four Chaplains in Westland. The presentation will be held 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 23, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street in Plymouth. Everyone is invited, its free. RSVP required at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

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## Soaring gas prices fuel budget pressure

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

The rapid rise in gasoline prices cost the Plymouth-Canton school district an additional \$300,000 in the 2007-08 fiscal year that ended Monday.

"We did exceed our budget for the current school year and we've taken a number of steps to mitigate it," said Deputy Superintendent Ken Jacobs. "We've adjusted our bus routes and consolidated stops so the buses aren't stopping as often. We've also looked at ridership to make sure there are no empty buses riding around.

"We've done as much as we can to keep down the number of miles driven, but we still drive over a million miles a year," said Jacobs. "It's more than any district in Wayne County.'

Plymouth-Canton surveys vendors and purchases gasoline in bulk every couple of weeks to take advantage of the best price quotes. Because the district is exempt from some

taxes, the price per gallon is currently over \$3 per gallon; not the pump price that's currently averaging \$4.18 a gallon.

"We also supply fuel for municipal vehicles in Plymouth and Plymouth Township," said Jacobs. "My transportation department is now looking at getting into a bigger consortium, perhaps with as many Wayne County school districts as we can to see if pricing can be more advantageous to us."

Jacobs said there will be adjustments made in the 2008-09 budget to keep pace with escalating gasoline

Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock said he expects the final 2007-08 budget figures to show gasoline costs for police and Municipal Services Department vehicles to be \$90,000-\$100,000. That will be significantly up from the 2006-07 fiscal year cost of \$61,761.

"None of our trucks are really fuel-efficient and snow removal this year killed us," said Sincock. "We've insti-

tuted a no-idle policy for Municipal Services vehicles. When the truck isn't needed for safety or operations, it's turned off."

Plymouth Township, which budgets on a calendar year, is expecting to pay \$44,000 more for police, fire, water and parks department vehicles than it did two years ago. According to Treasurer Ron Edwards, the township paid \$151,000 for gas and diesel in 2006. That jumped to \$162,212 last year. And, Edwards said it wouldn't surprise him if the total reaches \$195,000 by the end of this

"We don't feel the heat as much as our residents because government gets a break on the taxes," Edwards said. "Overall, a \$33,000 increase from last year is not a bad amount.

"Our major increases are from labor and health costs, which are skyrocketing more than gasoline," he said. "Those are 80 percent of our budget."

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## Music in the Park

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

The schedule: ■ July 9 - Gemini

- July 16 Like Water Drumworks
- July 23 Jan Krist
- July 30 Zak Morgan ■ Aug. 6 - elmoThumm
- Aug. 13 Guy Louis, Chautauqua 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

### ON STAGE



Steve King and the Dittilies are the featured attraction at Friday's 'Music in the Air' concert series event in Kellogg Park. The concert starts at 7 p.m.

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- Shield: ■ 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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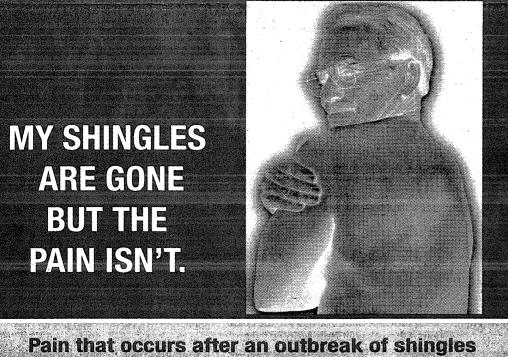
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It took a lot of derring-do to author the Declaration of Independence, but its signers knew exactly what they were doing. In the final graphs of the document, signed July 4, 1776, by members of the Second Continental Congress, they proclaim the British as "Enemies in War, in Peace

Clearly they had worked to resolve their differences with the British. The list of disputes in the document is exten-

But given the alternative, the document declares, the signers have the gumption to go to war. That's pretty tough talk, but it is also thoughtful and well-reasoned.

All people have rights, unalienable rights, Thomas Jefferson reasons in the document he authored. That means those rights come from a higher order and can't be abolished by any person, like a king of England — or president of Zimbabwe. Nor can any group of men — whether the British Parliament or Al Qaeda — disband those rights.

"Look, we tried," says the document in so many words. "But you folks are taking away our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Our safety is threatened, so it seems better to just go our own way."

That we did and the rest is history, but it is a living history that is being renewed daily, whether by citizen groups such as the League of Women Voters or by men and women serving in Afghanistan and Iraq.

It's been 232 years since 56 men from 13 states put pen to paper. But we still carry that independent streak declared July 2, 1776, as the British fleet entered the New York harbor. It was declared again on paper two day later. Independence is inbred in us, part of our genetic make-

That's why we bolt upright at attempts to abridge our civil liberties, and growl over things like foreclosures and the price of gas that threaten our happiness.

But our independence must be nurtured aggressively, if it is to continue. That doesn't mean agreeing with everything that comes out of Washington; it does mean passing along the memories and the message of the Declaration of Independence.

What better way to do so than by taking time on the Fourth of July to celebrate what we have achieved and to renew our will to protect it.

From parades to flying the U.S. flag, there are ample ways to renew our patriotic spirit. Parents will want to go to www.usa.gov for everything from recipes from First Ladies to activities for children and teachers.

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It's summertime and the living really is easy, especially if you're looking for family style entertainment close to home.

Summer festivals and concerts that are near home in Oakland and Wayne counties are a good way to save money on gas - without giving up quality entertainment. Many of the events, such as concerts, are free and easy on the family

If you haven't experienced the festivals and concerts offered in local communities, this is a good week to investigate what's available.

Starting with the Fourth of July holiday, take note of festivals planned in Westland and Plymouth.

The 39th Westland festival continues through July 6,

ending with the annual fireworks show. Plymouth Art in the Park, July 11-13, is Michigan's second largest art fair and has been rated as one of the "Gems of the Great Lakes" by AAA Magazine. While the major Rochester, Troy and Plymouth festivals are in September, Troy also is hosting its annual family festival 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 16, at Boulan Park.

The Farmington Area Founders Festival begins with the annual Miss Farmington pageant at 7 p.m. July 16, at the Farmington Civic Theatre. It continues with a parade at 10 a.m. July 19, and through July 20 with Art on the Grand.

But don't just wait for the big events, take advantage of the many concert venues offered throughout the area. Examples are Wednesdays at Shain Park in Birmingham, music and movies events in Troy. In Plymouth, concerts take place at noon Wednesdays and Thursday and Friday evenings, all in Kellogg Park.

In Southfield, the Eat to the Beat summer music festival runs from noon to 2 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 11 at the Civic Center Plaza, while the Burgh Park gazebo concert series runs 7 p.m. Wednesdays through Aug. 13.

These special events offer a chance to greet neighbors you haven't seen all winter and share in the spirit that makes up our communities.



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### **LETTERS**

### **Garden Club thanks**

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Georgia Randinitis Trailwood Garden Club Plymouth

### **Supports Prchlik**

I am writing to endorse Mary Ann Prchlik for Plymouth Township clerk. Mary Ann is the best candidate for this position based on her educational background and her commitment to the com munity in which she has grown up.

Mary Ann is a shining example to the Plymouth community. Her U-M degree in business, work experience and volunteer commitments make her the best choice for this position.

As residents of Plymouth Township for the last 15 years, our votes go to Mary Ann Prchlik, township clerk.

**Barbara and Darrell Cope** 

## Save the Wall

On the Nov. 21, 2005, the City of Plymouth agreed, at the request of the developer, to amend the original development agreement for Daisy Square to now only preserve the facade of one the original buildings (originally it was to save one entire building): "4. Conditions Developer agrees to the following conditions governing the use of the property: a. Preservation of the facade and existing wall of the former Daisy Building (center portion on Union Street), incorporating said wall into a four unit condominium, ...

Fast forward 2 1/2 years later to June 2008 — "Barry Levin, Daisy Square project manager, told the Planning Commission that the wall isn't stable and would need costly renovation work to stabilize the foundation and repair weathered and deteriorating bricks and mortar."

Translation — it's too expensive to save, so we want to renege on our previous written commitments and use some of the bricks in a new wall or park. I like the park idea — but use your own bricks and keep the wall as you promised!

The last time I read the agreement, it didn't say, "You must first destroy all of the old factory buildings, build an ugly steel brace to hold up one wall, build every other condominium first, and then construct the Daisy building last, leaving the wall exposed to the elements for three years. No, I don't think so. If it's now too expensive, that's too bad, that's your fault not

We aren't dealing with some fly-bynight development firm here either (www. josephfreed.com). It's interesting to note that the first bullet in their Culture and

Values is: "Integrity and fair dealing which results in the creation of lasting relationships with communities, customers, business partners, our associates, and industry

But more disturbing than Freed's actions are some of the statements by current commissioners on this issue - "... others say that they "aren't married" to the wall ..." I expect a large corporation to try and maximize its bottom line, but it's pretty sad when your own city officials won't even step up and protect the rights of its citizens from some out of state entity.

Commissioners, please protect our rights and honor the words of the commissioners before you. Citizens, no need to type some long-winded e-mail like this one. Simply send a one sentence e-mail, "Save the Wall," with your name and address to building@ci.plymouth.mi.us. They'll get

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## Change needed

Barack Obama's selective posturing and parenting on the backs of black folks is becoming a tired campaign tactic.

Obama has developed a recent and predictable history of visiting black venues to chastise black voters on their personal shortcomings. He is reluctant to take this same show on the road to similar white venues or to other ethnic audiences to challenge them on their cultural foibles.

Obama's laments on black parenting on Father's Day rang hollow. From afar and filtered through the usual media outlets and pundits, his remarks displayed a cheap carnival barker applause seeking pandering designed not for his captive black audience but those outside the black pews. Obama's politically scripted urban Southern strategy is aimed not to address urban issues but to recruit and harvest white voters who have always sought a spokesman of color to wage their morality battles with the black urban class.

Obama's scripted siren on black pathologies is not new. It is a theme that is echoed daily in black homes and frequently on Sundays in most black religious venues. Instead of offering up creative ideas and solutions to economic issues or ideas about developing innovative urban paradigms which focus on community business growth or topics about financial themes Obama goes down the same tired trail of blaming the poor.

This penchant for playing the self-righteous social engineer only at black venues runs counter to his theme of change. Apparently black voters are not worthy of those speeches which promote change or which focus on what is right. What is tragic is that unless a black leader has the courage to get in Obama's ear and advise him that black voters deserve and are worthy of more, we can expect the same themes from Obama whenever the ZIP codes and area codes get darker.

Many are tired of black voters becoming a convenient doormat for Obama's political agenda. That is not the change many of us expect from him.

**Greg Thrasher** Birmingham

### Anti-Obama

Barack Obama arrived in Michigan and his followers succumbed to the herd syn-

He was going to increase funding to all levels of education. He was giving free tuition to students who opted to stay after graduation and teach in their own localities. There would be \$4,000 scholarships to all college students. In his plans, a foreclosure prevention plan was just around the corner. He had a vision of universal health care which he dangled seductively. He would help the car industry with research and re-tooling. And this was just the tip of the iceberg.

He made promise after promise and the flock bleated with joy. He successfully touched upon the gimme-gimme nerve which too many in our country have grown to expect. He made people feel good. He didn't tell them about the billions upon billions that it would cost. Wait until he sends them the bill.

What he didn't tell them was that he will expand the role of central government, that he doesn't believe in private property rights, that Americans will be stripped of their Second Amendment rights, that there must be a redistribution of all earnings, that our military will be bared to the bone and the money saved will be disseminated by our distribution center, the Congress, to impact all social services. He professes to cut back funding on all our defense systems and will eliminate all those still in research.

He will not allow development of any future nuclear weapons thus leaving us at the mercy of those countries who do not share his delusional views. He will negotiate with Russia to take all ICBMs off nuclear alert. This, of course, would indicate that he gained his limited global education in a vacuum and has no clue that Russia has never known a treaty it wouldn't break. In short, his naiveté will strip us of our military defenses. His ambivalence to our flag and to our national anthem is now legendary.

If this is the type of person you want to lead our nation then what was once an American culture, an American way of life, an American free spirit, an American fierce independence and love of freedom have become perverted.

George M. Haddad Franklin

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## **QUOTABLE**

"Our main thing is to glorify God ... It's not about denomination or tradition – God continues to be our emphasis. We are going to have the pipe organ and the praise band together. There is no book on this ... But I believe God wants us to come together."

- the Rev. Jeff Noble, pastor, on the merger of First Baptist Church of Plymouth and Main Street Church of Canton

# Common-sense legislation takes aim at protecting state's water

ow for some really good news: Last week, both houses of the state Legislature reached a key agreement designed to protect the Great Lakes and Michigan's water. Gov. Jennifer Granholm happily signed what is, beyond doubt, state government's most important accomplishment this year.

Though the final process seemed nearly effort-



less, in truth, the lead lawmakers, Rep. Rebekah Warren, D-Ann Arbor, and Sen. Patricia Birkholz, R-Saugatuck, have been negotiating for months on a 12-bill package that enters Michigan into a treaty of sorts with seven other Great Lakes states and Ontario and Quebec. The Great Lakes Compact

Phil Power

— which still must be ratified by

Congress— is designed to govern
the use and especially limit withdrawal of water from the lakes. That last point is
crucial: The five lakes hold more than 80 percent

of all the drinkable fresh water in North America.

The bills set new standards for water use within Michigan. Any business is now required to seek a permit to take more than one million gallons a day from the lakes or underground aquifers for any

Michigan. Any business is now required to seek a permit to take more than one million gallons a day from the lakes or underground aquifers for any reason — farm irrigation, bottled water or other industrial uses. Permits — which now cost \$5,000 each — also are required if water taken from cold streams reduces flow by more than 20 percent or cuts the fish population — mainly trout — more than 3 percent.

The bills also set new tough standards for export of water — the bottled variety, in particular — from the Great Lakes basin.

Michigan's Legislature has been scandalously partisan in recent years, but the negotiations over the water bills stand out as a fine example of the rule of common sense. Early on, both Birkholz and Warren agreed that the overall objective was to strike a balance between protecting Michigan's water resources and allowing commercial use of that water.

"Economic development and job creation and protection of Michigan's world-class natural resources are not mutually exclusive goals," Warren said, in comments aimed perhaps at her environmentalist constituency.

"This agreement gives businesses certainty about how much water they can take and how they can grow," Birkholz said, comments possibly seeking to reassure business people who may not look forward to new rules

Though things may have looked smooth at the end, negotiations on this complex package took more than 1,000 hours of workgroup meetings and conference calls. The process required resolution, yes, of differences between the two parties and the two chambers. (Republicans control the state Senate, while Democrats run the House.) But in addition, very complex disagreements had to be thrashed out between and among the various powerful interest groups — environmentalists, farmers, manufacturers, water bottlers and business owners.

A key part of the package is a computerized water withdrawal assessment tool, the product of new, Michigan-based technology.

**OTHER OPINIONS** 

"To our knowledge, no other state in the country is using science to protect water resources in this way; and no state has protected as much of their water resources as we are doing with these laws," said the Michigan Environmental Council's James Clift, a respected leader in his field.

Now, only Pennsylvania has yet to ratify the interstate and international water compact, and its Legislature is expected to follow soon. Once it has signed on, congressional approval will be necessary to give Great Lakes states collective jurisdiction over water use within the basin.

Congress has approved most interstate compacts of this sort, but Midwest states are losing population and political clout to water-poor states in the south and west. The fear is that envious and thirsty eyes are being cast on the estimated six quadrillion gallons of water in the Great Lakes. The Great Lakes Compact is designed to thwart this threat by prohibiting export of water outside the basin, except for small amounts of bottled water.

Both Warren and Birkholz are regarded in Lansing as among the sane and sensible members of the Legislature. Both have expressed (separately) frustration with the hyper-partisanship that has paralyzed the political system. A first-termer from Ann Arbor, Warren is chair of the Great Lakes and Environment Committee. Now in her second term, Birkholz is chair of the Senate Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee.

When I reached Warren after the joint commit-

tee vote, she was upbeat: "What a process! It seems as though Lansing is so broken that sometimes it's impossible to get anything done. From the time we started eight months ago, both Senator Birkholz and I were committed to working together until this got done. At any stage in the process, people could have drawn a line in the sand and walked out. But at every step of the way, we worked to bring people together, and finally it worked."

Her Senate partner was equally enthusiastic: "This process teaches an important lesson for us all. You have to sit down with your counterparts and decide on a goal to be reached. And then you have to keep at it, day after day, disagreement after disagreement, until you get it done. Ultimately, you have to recognize that the real goal is to do what's best for all the people of this state. That clearly applies to our water resources."

Both Warren and Birkholz get my award for Lansing heroines for all of Michigan. Through sense and sanity, level-headedness and attention to detail, they demonstrated the legislative process in Michigan is not necessarily fated to dysfunction and hyper-partisanship. They recognized that their real jobs were to act as custodians of the general good for all of us.

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# President Bush comes to town with no apologies, no answers

e've been watching the HBO series on John Adams, based on David McCullough's admiring biography of our second president.

In one scene, President Adams strolls down a Philadelphia street with his vice president, Thomas Jefferson. People hurry

by without giving a notice to the oddly matched pair. There were no bodyguards, no perimeter around the famous couple. No paparazzi (well, of course, there were no cameras).

That's quite a contrast to

Hugh Gallagher
Bush, our 43rd president, visited Livonia. Freeways

were closed. Police cordons were established. Local and national press were herded behind a barrier before the president arrived and weren't allowed to leave until after he had gone.

But, even in Adams' days, life wasn't safe. In McCullough's version of it, Adams was manipulated by Alexander Hamilton and other Federalists into signing the Alien and Sedition Acts that made it a crime to criticize the government and rounded up "Frenchmen." In those days, the revolutionary French were the source of concern. They were seen as incendiary terrorists whose terror might find its way to American shores.

Adams and Jefferson, the authors of our Declaration of Independence, friends before and after their party struggles, were on opposite sides. Adams was a basically conservative man who was the strongest voice for separation from Britain but also the most tied to English values and history. Jefferson may have had his reservations about the excesses of the French revolution, but he valued the right of rebellion against oppression. He believed what he wrote, that human beings have "unalienable rights."

Karl Rove would have loved going after Jefferson who used big words, drank French wines, read in Greek and Latin and admired French thinkers. Sort of a Barack Obama "elitist." What a pansy Rove would have made of him.

Some of those concerns of our founding fathers are playing out in our own con-

cerns about Middle East terrorists.

At Laurel Manor, Bush lashed out at the Supreme Court for ruling that detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, could have access to civilian criminal courts.

"By a bare majority, five Supreme Courts 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.

He paused, expecting applause, but I'd like to think he didn't get any because his audience was embarrassed by what he said.

First, we don't know how many of the detainees are, in fact, terrorists. The Supreme Court majority was skeptical of a panel who studied their cases. Second, Jefferson would not have said the rights to just treatment are "reserved for Americans," though others in his day might have.

Adams wrestled with his decisions, but like the current president was reluctant to say he was wrong.

Bush was speaking to a comfortable group who could pay \$1,000 or \$5,000 to aid their party. But he was also speaking in a place hard hit by the crumbling economy and riddled by fears.

"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."

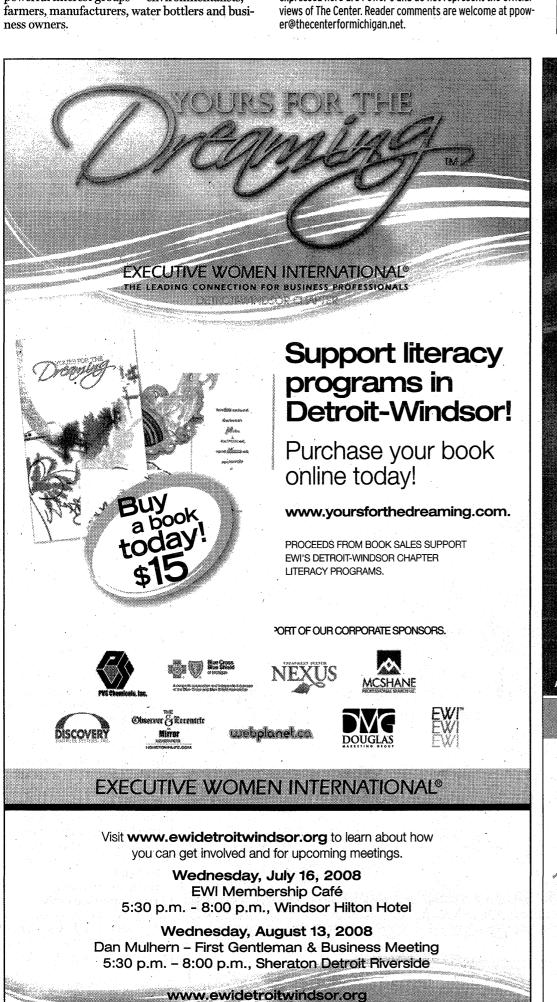
He never said that his policies helped bring about these "challenges" or that he had failed miserably to face these "challenges." He never acknowledges that he and his advisers, like Mr. Rove, have played on people's fears and prejudices. Instead, he urged his listeners that the country needed more the same kind of "leadership."

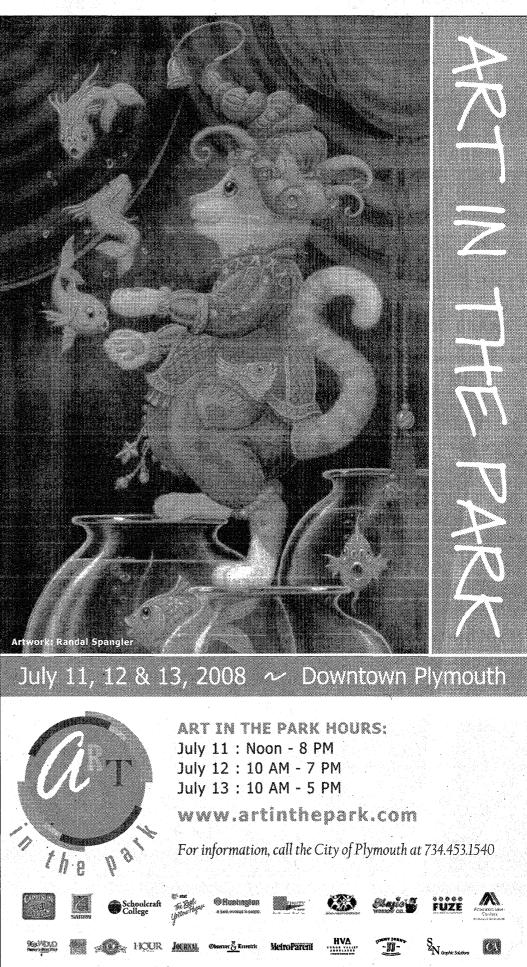
Since his approval rating is in the mid-20 percent range, most Americans would probably opt for something different.

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4th of July reminds us of U.S. strengths appy Fourth of July, particularly to the men and women of the U.S. Armed

Forces who are serving our

country in faraway lands to

protect our freedoms and our

way of life. It certainly doesn't feel like the Fourth of July. I'm sure that the main reason is due to the weather. Despite all the storms, most longtime



Rick Bloom

weather will pass and we will have a

summer. One can compare the present difficulties with the economy to the weather. In fact, the dif-

ficult economic

experiencing will also pass.

We've been through difficult times before. In fact, much more difficult times. Consider the price of gas. Yes, \$4 a gallon is outrageous but many of us remember the '70s when gas prices, were high and we experienced severe shortages. Many remember the long gas lines and stations that closed early because there was no gasoline.

Unemployment is rising in Michigan. However, even here we have not reached the double digit unemployment numbers of the past.

Nearly 30 years ago, after the stock market had been beaten up by inflation, there was a famous article written about the death of equities. The theory was that the U.S. economy, because of inflation, could not regain its strength.

Despite all sorts of difficulties over the last 30 years, the Dow has gone from the mid 800 range to over 11,000 today. The reality is the economy has been through difficult periods, but it has always bounced back. It's done so not because of actions in Washington, D.C., Lansing or America's large multinational corporations. The real strength of the U.S. economy lies in the entrepreneurial spirit of the American people. We are the "can-do people" and I have no doubt we will get through the present difficulties.

The Fourth of July is the one day we should take a step back and pat ourselves on the back for a job well done. Despite our current economic problems, we still are the strongest economic power in the history of the world.

There is a reason people from all over the world continue to flock to our shores to fulfill their dreams. We take for granted the rights and freedoms. However, we should recognize that the rest of the world does not have the same opportunities.

As our economy and the world goes through changes, it is important to recognize that the American economy has always been a work in progress. Americans have adapted to change and embraced it to our benefit.

I have no doubt this economic roller coaster ride will continue. However, as we celebrate our country's birthday, we should all be confident in the challenges that we face. After all, when we examine history we should all never forget that anyone who has bet against the U.S. economy has always lost.

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## Celebrate 4th safely

housands of kids go to hospital emergency rooms with injuries from fire-

works every year.

Most injuries

occur around

the Fourth of

July. Fireworks



Tom Kiurski

injuries can be very serious - like losing eyes, hands or fingers. Here are some real stories that have happened: ■ A 12-year-old, celebrating his team's basketball champi-

onship, lost an eye when he and his friends set off fireworks. He now wears a glass eye. A 7-year-old boy lost half his left hand when he ignited an M-80 firework found hidden

in a family bedroom. The M-80 exploded in the boy's hand. An 8-year-old girl was badly burned on her leg when a

sparkler ignited her dress. ■ Three teenage boys shot a roman candle firework into a large wooded area. Fourteen acres burned before the fire was

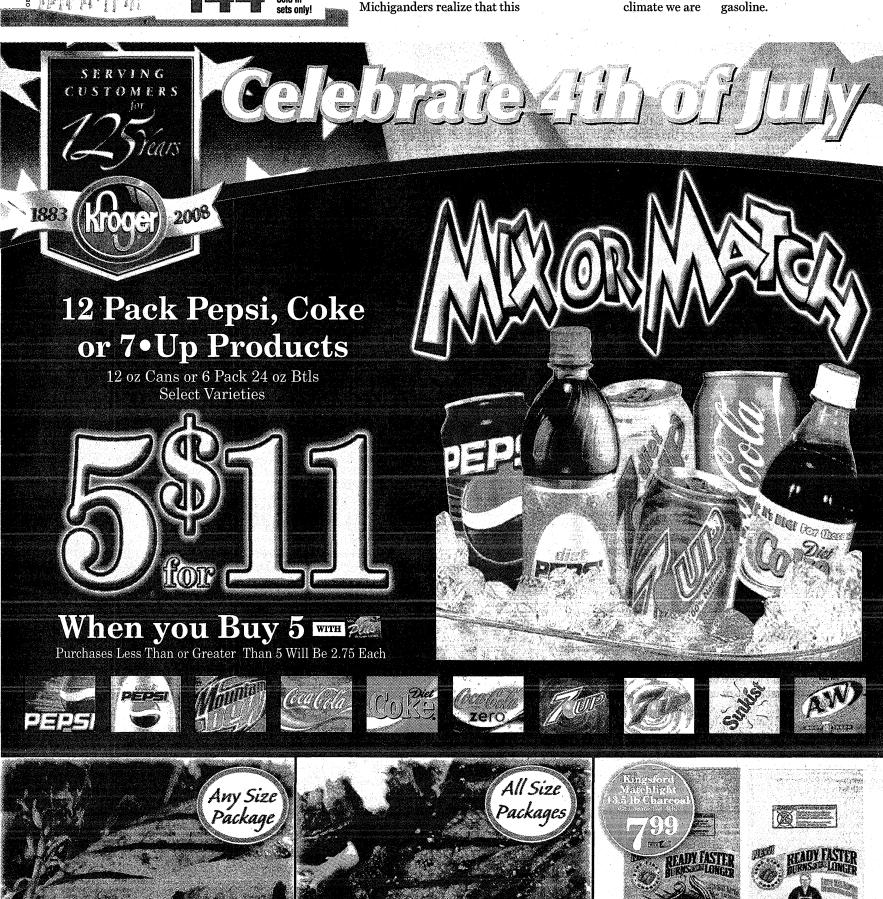
extinguished. ■ Two boys, 8 and 10, were seriously burned on their arms when a bottle rocket exploded in their garage. The garage and

a car were totally destroyed. ■ An 8 year-old boy lost three fingers after igniting an M-80 firework on the kitchen stove. The victim was on his way outside when the device exploded in his hand.

The stories get worse. Children have died by the improper use of fireworks.

Remember to celebrate our national independence - visit a professional fireworks display!

Tom Kiurski is a Livonia firefighter.



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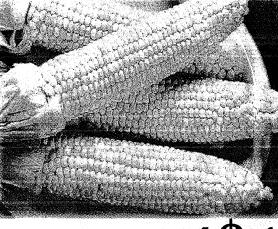
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# Schmitt dialed in

## Canton swimmer draws closer to Beijing

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If things hold according to seed, recent Canton High grad Allison Schmitt is on verge of making the U.S. Olympic swim

In Tuesday's pair of preliminary heats of the women's 200-meter freestyle at the U.S. Olympic Trials in Omaha, Neb., the 18-yearold Schmitt put herself both in position to earn an individual spot along with a relay berth after finishing runner-up in both races to Katie Hoff of Towson, Md.

In the semifinal heat, the 19-year-old Hoff, the women's star of the U.S. Trials so far, went 1:57.1 followed by Schmitt in 1:57.92.

Stanford University's Julie Smit (Mt. Sinai, N.Y.) was third in 1:58.48, while former Ann Arbor Pioneer standout Kara Lvnn Joyce (University of Georgia) also qualified for Wednesday night's final in seventh in 1:58.66. A top-two individual placing will earn Schmitt an automatic trip to the Olympics in Beijing, China.

However, a third- or fourth-place finish in the 200 freestyle will assure her of a spot on possibly the women's 4 x 200 freestyle relay.

Some fifth- and sixth-place finishers also will be considered to make the team.

Schmitt's quest to make the U.S. squad was going swimmingly Monday after the preliminary rounds of the women's 400 free-

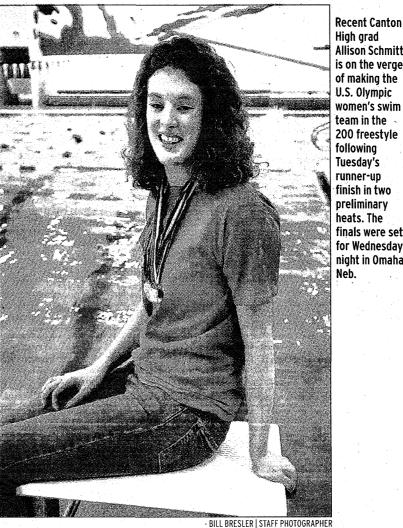
Following her 4:05.72 effort, the University of Georgia-bound Schmitt was seeded second behind only Hoff (4:05.61) heading into the finals, but wound up third in 4:05.05 behind Hoff (4:02.32) and 20-year-old Kate Ziegler (4:03.92) of Great Falls, Va., the latter whom knocked three seconds off her prelim time to beat out Schmitt.

Despite the near-miss, Schmitt rebounded with a strong showing in the 200 freestyle, in which she entered the trials seeded fourth.

This week, the Club Wolverine member will also swim the 100 freestyle, where she is seeded 15th seed; and the 50 freestyle, where she is seeded 47th.

The trials are being broadcast live from 8-9 p.m. Thursday on USA Network. NBC will take over the finals coverage from 8-9 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Livonia-Westland Sports Editor Brad Emons also contributed to this report.



**Allison Schmitt** is on the verge of making the U.S. Olympic women's swim team in the 200 freestyle following Tuesday's runner-up finish in two preliminary heats. The finals were set for Wednesday night in Omaha, Neb.

# Skating on wheels provides challenge

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With all due respect to competitive ice skaters, Livonia's Krysten Johnson believes her brand of skating - the four-wheelin' kind – may be the more challenging of the two, even though it's a distant second in the fame game.

"Because ice skaters have a blade, they can stick it in the ice when they need to stop," said Johnson. "We have four wheels that have a mind of their own sometimes. I've never ice skated, but everyone who's tried both have told me that it's a lot easier to go from roller skates to ice skates than ice skates to roller skates."

Johnson was defending her sport Monday afternoon inside the spacious Skatin' Station II facility in Canton.

Despite the fact the sun was shining on a near-perfect summer day, the 28-year-old figure skating champion was indoors preparing for a three-hour practice along with five other skaters, all of whom had earned berths in the USA Roller Skating National Finals set for July 20 to Aug. 4 in Lincoln, Neb.

"It takes 150 percent commitment from these skaters to reach the level they've reached," said Vickie Hudson, a South Lyon resident who serves as the national. championship-bound skaters' head coach. "To be world-class skaters like these individuals are, it takes at least six-days-a-week practices, sometimes seven — even when you're sick and not feeling great and it can cost as much as \$15,000 a year, depending upon whether their parents can sew their outfits.

"Some kids think they can come out here and practice two days and do what these skaters can do, but it's just not going to happen. You have to have the commitment."

The ages of the Lincoln-bound local skaters range from 28 (Johnson) to 7-year-old Hailey Maples, who qualified for the Nationals by placing third in the Primary A Dance event at the Great Lakes Rollerskating Regionals in Flint June 18-22.

"It's my first time going to Nationals, so it's pretty exciting," said Maples, who has some pretty impressive roller-skating genes. Her grandmother, Jean Jenkins, was a member of the "Skating Vanities" — a traveling roller-skating company that traveled across the United States back in the 1940s.

Recent Livonia Franklin graduate Brittany Adams' specialty is the figure event, which requires

Please see **SKATING**, **B2** 

### Fox swims at Trials

Megan Fox, who will be a junior this fall at Livonia Stevenson, made her inaugural appearance Sunday night in the U.S. Olympic Swimming Trials in Omaha, Neb. finishing 77th overall in the 400-meter individual medley with a time of 5:03.46.

The 16-year-old Fox, who swims for the Novi Sturgeons, had a qualifying time of 4:54.93.

### Piot wins qualifier

Canton's Glenn Piot, Jr. captured a sudden death playoff to win his age division at the U.S. Kids World Championship golf qualifier held June 26 at Michigan State University's Forest Akers in East Lansing.

The 11-year-old shot a 42-36-78 for 18 holes and qualify for the U.S. Kids World Championship later this month in Pinehurst, N.C.

Glenn's younger brother James, 9, finished second in his division scoring a 39 for nine holes and will also be eligible to compete in the U.S. Kids

### World Championship. MIAA honor roll

The Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association recently recognized its top scholar-athletes who carried a 3.5 gradepoint average or better on a 4.0 scale for 2007-

Among the area nominees included: **Emily Collins** (Livonia Clarenceville), Kalamazoo College; Megan Crumm (Canton), Albion College; Sean Dillon (Plymouth), Adrian College; Olivia LaFortune (Wayne), Olivet College; Kelly Lepper (Salem), Kalamazoo: Laura McKendry (Canton), Alma College; Maggie McNicholas (Canton), St. Mary's, Ind.; Heather Michalsen (Salem), Olivet; Katie Mills (Canton), Albion; Carrie Oleszkowicz (Canton), Albion; Alexandra Plisko (Livonia Stevenson), Alma; Ben Schroeder (Stevenson), Kalamazoo; and Lauren Siedlik (Livonia

# Instructor Vickie Hudson (right) works with student Kelsey Adams of Livonia. This is certainly no way to reward a job well done

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hanks for everything, but thanks for nothing.

So it seems for Al Chambo, following Monday's series of events that ended in his layoff after eight groundbreaking years - literally - as Redford Thurston's athletic director.

Chambo, who also oversaw athletics at Pierce Middle School, was told he had to go to help the South Redford Board of Education climb out of a financial pitfall ahead of finalizing the 2008-09 budget. With a hole of \$2 million, the ax was sharpened by board members. Targets were determined.

One of those had Chambo's name and likeness all over it.

Gone is that salary. But also gone (barring some unforeseen reprieve) is one of the best and most-dedicated administrators ever to grace

the halls at Thurston. And principal Bill Zolkowski certainly knows it, although he must tow the company line and go along with whatever Plan his job so well that it saved dollars is B the board eventually decides on.

"Under Al's leadership the taxpayers of the district not only ended up with a top-of-the-line set of athletic facilities, they saved untold amounts of money because of his careful and creative stewardship," wrote

Zolkowski in an e-mail following the decision to cut loose Chambo.

How ironic that someone who did being sacrificed in the name of the bottom line.

We're talking about the man who worked untold extra hours making sure plans outlined in a \$32.65 mil-

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# Top-notch talent gets leg up on competition

FIRST-TEAM Stefanie Turner, Jr., GK, Liv. Churchill: The junior goalkeeper is a repeat first-team All-Observer selection after earning All-Western Lakes Activities Association and Division 1 All-Region honors.

Despite missing four games at the end of the season due to an illness, Turner helped the Chargers to a No. 2-ranking in Division 1, a 14-3-2 overall record and the Western Division title in the WLAA.

"Stefanie was the backbone of our team, she was a leader on the field and a great shot stopper," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "The technical ability as far playing the ball with her feet is better than anybody I've seen in high school this year. It gives us so many options when you have a player like that."

Michele Ring, Jr., GK, Ladywood: The junior goalkeeper posted a career-best nine shutouts and a goals-against average of 1.24 en route to All-Catholic League, All-District, All-Region and honorable mention All-State honors (Division 2).

"Michele was a big reason for our success this season," Ladywood first-year coach Ken Shingledecker said. "She was able to make the big save when we needed it. She's a respected team leader and extremely hard worker at practice.

'Michele did a great job communicating with our defense and directing traffic in front of her."

Stephanie Nichols, Jr., GK, Garden City: Nichols had a consistently strong season from start to finish, racking up nine solo shutouts and splitting two others in just 18 games.

She only allowed 15 shots to

get past her all year. "It's her third year as keeper and she's the hardest worker at her position on our team, Garden City coach Bill Torni said. "Stephanie never missed a practice, stayed extra after practice and she learned a lot at camp last year. She was ready. At first of the year it was two-goalie position and she won it outright. She improved a lot this year.'

Melanie Pickert, Fr., Def., Canton: Pickert's future is incredibly bright as she nailed down All-State honors in her first year of high school The ninth-grader combined supreme athleticism, intelligence and an unparalleled level of hustle to become one of the state's elite defenders.

"Melanie's All-State selection says it all," Canton coach George Tomasso said. "She was one of the reasons we had as many shutouts as we did (16). She's all over the field and she consistently made the big play

when we needed her to.' Rachel Stevens, Sr., Def., Liv. **Stevenson:** the senior defender earned All-Division honors in the Western Lakes and made

All-District. She finished with four goals

and three assists. "Rachel was our toughest player this year and our team MVP," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said. "She was very instrumental in our two games this year with Churchill (a win and a tie). She did most of her work from a defensive position, either from the backline, or as a defensive or holding



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Churchill's Bailey Brandon (6), passing off in the WLAA championship game against Northville, was a first-team All-Stater and first-team All-Observer pick.

### **ALL-AREA GIRLS SOCCER**

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GK-Michele Ring, Jr., Liv. Ladywood
GK-Stephanie Nichols, Jr., Garden City
D-Melanie Pickert, Fr., Canton
D-Rachel Stevens, Sr., Liv. Stevenson
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D-Meeghan Hughes, Soph., Plymouth
D-Kelli Mapes, Sr., Red. Thurston
D-Taleen Mergian, Jr., Liv. Stevenson
MF-Alison Szczypka, Sr., Liv. Ladywood
MF-Rachel Gizicki, Sr., Salem
MF-Kayla Johnston, Jr., Liv. Churchill
MF-Jalese DeBiasi, Sr., Ply. Christian
F-Balley Brandon, Jr., Liv. Churchill
F-Tracy Rymph, Jr., Canton
F-Jessica Busuito, Jr., Redford Union
SECOND TEAM
GK-Sara Ross. Sr., Plymouth Christian

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D-Lindsey Marlow, Sr., Liv. Churchill
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MF-Julianne Puroll, Sr., Liv. Churchill
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MF-Kelly Powers, Sr., Liv. Franklin
F-Whitney Jacobs, Sr., Wayne Memorial
F-Alessia Vagnini, Jr., Liv. Ladywood
F-Amanda Moody, Sr., Liv. Clarenceville
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F-Hannah Otto, Jr., Liv. Churchill
F-Cara Braun, Jr., Garden City
F-Katie Shull, Sr., Salem
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midfielder. Without Rachel we simply wouldn't have been the same team.'

Meeghan Hughes, Soph., Def., Plymouth: The sophomore played a pivotal role in the eight shutouts the Wildcats accumulated this season. Her energetic sideline-to-sideline efforts earned Hughes WLAA All-Division accolades and cemented her spot among the league's top returning defend-

"Meeghan was solid back there all year," Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich said. "Having a freshman goalie like we did,

in front of her and Meeghan was very reliable for us the entire year. She'll be one of our leaders next season.'

Kelli Mapes, Sr., Def., Red. Thurston: Mapes finished her high school career the way she started it as a freshman, playing superbly in the back end of the pitch. Her speed, tenacity and game savvy were indispensable, said Eagles' co-coach Jason Brater.

Moreover, Brater said Mapes transformed her game from "using her speed to catch whomever got by her to being a sweeper who used her positioning and technical understanding of the game to let only a handful of players get by her all vear."

For her strong, consistent efforts, Mapes was named to the All-Mega Red team.

Taleen Mergian, Jr. Def. Liv. Stevenson: The All-District and honorable mention All-WLAA pick led the Spartans with eight assists, including six from the backline.

"Taleen was probably our most versatile player, she can play anywhere on the field," Pinta said. "She's a leader, was a captain as a junior and is a member of the Michigan Hawks '91 team that won the State Cup championship the past three years.

Mergian has signed to play for NCAA Division 1 school Ohio University.

Alison Szczypka, Sr., MF, Ladywood: The senior midfielder, headed to Western Michigan University, earned Division 2 honorable mention All-State honors along with All-Region, All-District and All-Catholic League accolades.

The Blazers' team captain finished with 10 goals and four assists and was named co-MVP.

"Allison did a little of everything for us this year," Shingledecker said. "She played a good majority of the time this season as our center defensive midfielder. She is one of the best players in the air I have ever coached. I believe eight of her 10 goals came from headers off restarts. She always scored the big goal this year by getting four game-winners for us."

Rachel Gizicki, Sr., MF, Salem: Gizicki has been a three-year

you need dependable defenders mainstay on the Rocks' varsity squad, covering the mid-field for the Rocks with a non-stop display of effort and determination. She was also a captain for the Rocks, which she earned with her enviable lead-

> ership skills. "Rachel contributed to the team this year in a lot of ways, both with her play and the way she led," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "She makes great decisions, can control the ball and is a great role model for the younger players to look up to."

> Kayla Johnston, Jr., MF, Liv. Churchill: The junior midfielder made All-WLAA, All-Region and All-District while leading the Chargers with 14 assists. She also scored 10 goals.

"Kayla's one-on-one ability is at times breathtaking," Hebestreit said of the honorable mention All-Stater. "There were so many times this year that where she made defenders miss awfully, and she was such an attacking threat. She is a versatile player who has great athleticism, speed and can hit a cross better than most in the game today. She was our offensive catalyst this year."

Bailey Brandon, Jr., F, Liv. Churchill: The junior forward was named first-team All-State, All-District and All-Region while also earning All-Western Lakes accolades.

Brandon scored 16 goals this season and added nine assists. "Bailey was our on-field leader this season," Hebestreit said. "Her natural athletic ability,

speed and tenacity make her a wonderful player to have on a team. She is able to play many spots and in many systems. "Bailey is going to win the

tackle, distribute the pass, and lead by example. She is an excellent central midfielder who will help the team succeed."

Jalese DeBiasi, Sr., MF, Plymouth Christian: The senior racked up several accolades this season, including Division 4 first-team honors and she was also voted Most Valuable Player of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. DeBiasi chalked up 14 goals and 21 assists while leading the Eagles to a No. 2 state ranking.

"One of the things that separates Jalese from a lot of other players is her experience,"



**Stefanie Turner** Churchill



Melanie Pickert Canton



**Rachel Stevens** Stevenson





**Meeghan Hughes** Plymouth



Kelli Mapes **Thurston** 



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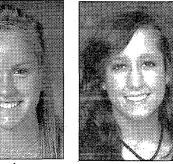
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Churchill



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**Bailey Brandon** Churchill





said PCA coach Nathan Yates. "She's played several years for a high-level club team — the Hawks — and that experience shows through on the field. She's fundamentally sound, a smart ball-handler and she always works hard.

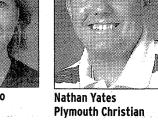
Tracy Rymph, Jr., F, Canton: The junior forward was a constant scoring threat for the Chiefs as she led coach George Tomasso's balanced squad with 17 goals and eight assists.

Rymph was equally adept at bending in a shot from 25 yards out as she was from sticking in a header from the doorstep of the goal crease.

Jessica Busuito, Jr., F, Redford Union: The Panthers surged to co-championship of the Mega Blue thanks in large part to Busuito's offense. She registered 17 goals to lead the team, including two hat tricks, as well as eight assists. The co-captain's efforts earned her All-Mega and Team MVP

"Jessica likes to score goals and she's determined and driven, not only for her success but for the team's success as





well," said RU head coach Joe

Knoerl. **COACH OF THE YEAR** Nathan Yates, Plymouth **Christian Academy:** The Eagles didn't lose a step after Yates took over the head-coaching reins from Chris Johnson mid-

way through the season. He guided PCA to its third-consecutive Michigan Independent Athletic Conference title and a No. 2 state ranking in Division 4. PCA finished 17-3-1 and advanced to the D4 Regional semifinals against Ann Arbor Greenhills before dropping a

thrilling game in a shootout. "The key to our success this year was that we had experienced players in all three of the major position groups - defenders, mid-fielders and forwards," said Yates, who served as the team's top assistant for the past few years before being promoted mid-way through the 2008 campaign. "We had good team unity and the girls were very cohesive on the field. They all got along with one another, which was very important.'

> Skatin' Station II members include:

Krysten

Johnson,

Hailey

Maples,

Trevor

Kelsey

Adams.

Bean and

**Brittany** 

Adams.

Lexie

Anthony,



## **Rockets blast off**

The Livonia Soccer Club Rockets, an under-16 boys soccer team, recently captured first place in the Superior Division of the Great Lakes Soccer League with a 7-1 record while outscoring their opponents 31-6. The Rockets defeated the runner-up Taylor Predators (6-1-1) in a late-season match, 4-0, to secure the title. Members of the Rockets, coached by Mark Matchynski and Kevin Maillard, include: John Ahwal, Rishi Amin, Avery Baerlin, Kyle Beguhn, Isaac Bowen, Brandon Carlington, Collin Crowell, Ajay Eapen, Nathan Gallegos, Sean Gardner, A.J. Good, Matt Kemppainen, Owais Khwaja, James Koepke, Matt Maillard, Jim Matchynski, Robert Pasick and Matt Tzafaroglou.

skating along a series of circles and loops that are painted on the roller skating surface. Points are deducted if a competitor veers off course even by the smallest of margins as up to seven judges eyeing the skaters' performances.

"I've been to the World Championships three times, so I've had a chance to meet a lot of nice people from a lot of different countries," said the 18-year-old Adams. "Leading up to nationals, I'll train five or six days a week for three hours a day. It can get difficult sometimes because I have a job, but the place I work at is very flexible with my schedule, which helps."

Adams advanced to Lincoln by placing first in the Junior World Class Figure event at the regional level. Her 15-year-old sister, Kelsey, is also heading to Nationals after placing third in the figures event and third in dance.

Other Nationals-bound skaters who train under Hudson include 14-year-old Trevor Anthony, who placed first in freshman solo



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dance and first in freshman A Figures at the regionals; 16-yearold Alexandria Bean, who placed second in freshman/sophomore B Dance and third in loops; and 25year-old Lynsey Mann, who placed first in women's world class freestyle singles. Considering all the hard work

her skaters put in, Hudson hopes that some day her sport will rival ice-skating on the recognition

"What makes roller skating harder than ice skating is that they kids don't get near the recognition that ice skaters get — even though they work just as hard," Hudson said. "When I tell people I coach roller skating, some of them will say, 'Oh, you're into roller derby?' A lot of people don't real- ' ize there's an artistic part of roller skating."

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## **Blue Angels soar**

The Livonia Blue Angels, a sixth-grade travel basketball team, completed their American Youth Basketball tour with a 4-1 record, June 21-22, at the Livonia Tournament held at Stevenson and Churchill high schools. The Blue Angels completed their travel season with a 17-8 overall record, including wins over Common Bond of Ann Arbor and the Michigan Select team. Members of the Blue Angles include (from left to right): Joe Hoskin, Justin Bradford, Matt DeMoss, Devin Kelly, Dominic Ferrera, Jake Ivey, Thomas Myler, Jordan Cernik and Ryan McGillivary. Not pictured is Connor Pollock and Dustin Hart. The Blue Angels are coached by Tim McGillivary (back).

# Thurston principal praises Chambo, looks ahead

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

What is clear, according to Redford Thurston principal Bill Zolkowski, is that recently laid-off Al Chambo did an exceptional job as Redford Thurston's athletic director particularly in his efforts keeping the department running smoothly during a period of heavy transition.

Chambo drew high praise from Zolkowski for how well he kept things rolling even while besieged with a string of facility projects since the May 2005 bond issue (\$32.65 million) was approved by South Redford School District voters.

"It took a lot of extra time and effort, in addition to the job of running the athletic department," said Zolkowski in a Wednesday e-mail to the Observer, two days after the school board laid off Chambo in order to help fix a \$2 million budget shortfall for 2008-09. "And he went well beyond what reasonable expectations might have been.

"Under Al's leadership the taxpayers of the district not only ended up with a top-ofthe-line set of athletic facilities, they saved untold amounts of money because of his careful and creative stewardship."

A bit more cloudy is where Thurston (and Pierce Middle School, also part of the dis-

trict's athletic department) goes from here and whether the loss of Chambo will impact the quality of program available to student-athletes in recent years.

Meanwhile, it is possible an assistant principal — either already on board or yet to be hired — would pick up some of Chambo's duties.

No matter what direction is taken, Zolkowski said there will be some painful decisions yet to come.

Outsourcing "many aspects" of the athletic department is one potential outcome; another is possibly doing "without things" in athletics as well as academics.

"Al Chambo is a loyal, hardworking individual who also happens to be a terrific athletic director," Zolkowski said. "We do not expect a part-time person to be able to 'fill his shoes'; we only hope that we can create a system that allows us to manage the Thurston academic programs as well as the athletic department without too severe a loss of program offerings."

Chambo, 49, a Garden City resident, recently completed his eighth year as athletic director in the district. He also has been Thurston's varsity girls track and field coach in récent seasons.

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lion bond issue (that voters approved in May 2005) would come to fruition.

With the official unveiling of the football-soccer field closing in fast in August 2006, who else but Chambo would get on his cell phone after noticing striping on the new footballsoccer field needed to be redone near one of the end zones. He called up a project manager, ordering that the gaffe be corrected.

That area also is where the 18-yard box near the goal is located, and lines were out of whack. I know the phone conversation happened because I was sitting with him in the stands that afternoon.

Because of Chambo's unfailing attention to those kind of details, Thurston's 21st-century world of athletics definitely is worth boasting about.

Community members can watch the Eagles compete in football, soccer and track on a state-of-the-art facility abutting a gleaming fieldhouse to buy hot dogs and hot chocolate from. Thanks, Al.

Basketball and volleyball teams benefit from the renovation of the competition gymnasium as well as the auxiliary gym, the latter available for more than one team to practice on at the same time. Thanks again, Al.

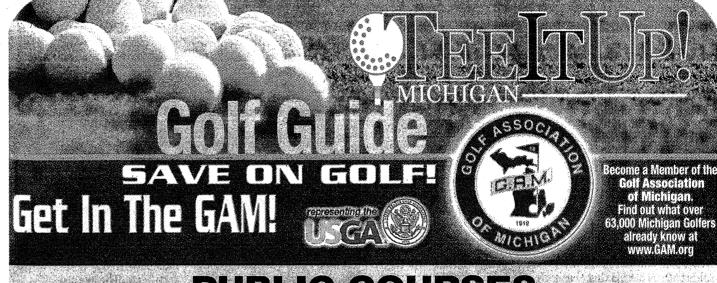
The natatorium also got a facelift.

Yet after doing all the dirty work that future generations will only gain from, Chambo's thank you came in a pink enve-

That just doesn't seem right. Thanks for nothing.

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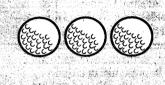
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### Salem wrestling camp

The Salem wrestling program will be hosting a summer camp for all experience levels Monday through Thursday, July 14-18, at the high school.

For more information, visit www.wrestling.salemrocks.com.

### Salem football camp

Kids between the ages of 7 and 13 are invited to attend the annual Salem Youth Football Instructional Camp, which will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 12 at the high school.

The camp is open to all Plymouth and Canton residents, regardless of where they will be attending high school.

Individuals who register prior to July 7 are required to pay just \$10. Registration at the camp will cost \$20.

The camp will be held at the PCEP varsity turf field. Players are encouraged to where football cleats (rubber spikes) and gym shorts with no helmets.

For more information, visit www.football.salemrocks.com.

### Glenn grid camp

The Westland Senior High football camps for any student entering grades 9-12 for the 2008-09 school year will be from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Monday, July 7; Wednesday, July 9; and Monday through Friday, July 21-23, at John Glenn High School.

For camp fees and registration information, call camp director Tim Hardin at (734) 419-2329.

### RU Wing T camp

Redford Union is hosting the Panther Wing T-camp for football players entering high school this fall from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, July 29, through Friday, Aug. 1.

For more information, call Miles Tomasaitis at (313) 575-

### 4753. Franklin boys basketball

The Livonia Franklin boys basketball camp for grades 4-9 (fall of 2008) will be from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday, July 21-24, at

the high school.

Included in the \$65 registration fee is a camp T-shirt and red, white and blue basketball. The camp also features contests, awards, skills and games.

For more information, e-mail franklinbball@gmail.com; or to obtain a printable brochure for mail-in registration, visit franklinbasketball.googlepages. com. (Walk-ups also welcome for \$75).

### Sports development

Redford Parks & Recreation is presenting this one-week camp (Aug. 11-15) for youngsters ages 3-7, to help teach them basic motor skills necessary to play organized sports while working one-on-one with their

Skills include throwing, kicking, catching and batting.

The program fee is \$25, and parent/guardian participation is required. Classes will be at Pearson Education Center, located on Beech Daly between Eight Mile and Grand River. For more information, call

### (313) 387-2650. Pre-beginner soccer

Kids ages 3-7 with little or no previous experience plaving soccer are invited to take part in the one-week camp, slated to take place 12:30-to-1:30 p.m. Monday, July 14 through Friday, July 18 at Pearson Education Center.

The camp fee is \$25 per participant.

The Redford Parks & Recreation Department staff will teach fundamentals of the sport. Parents are required to attend in order to reinforce proper techniques and skills after the camp concludes.

Pearson is located on Beech Daly between Eight Mile and Grand River.

Call (313) 387-2650 for more information.

### Future Stars wrestling

The Livonia Franklin Future Stars wrestling clinic for those entering grades 1-9 will be from 5-7:30 p.m. Tuesday-

Wednesday, July 22-23, in the mat room (second floor of the fieldhouse).

No experience is necessary. Basic to advanced moves will be covered. Groups will be based on age, weight and level of expe-

The cost is \$35 (includes Tshirt if registered by July 8). Walk-up registrations will be accepted.

For more information, call Franklin wrestling coach Dave Chiola at (248) 752-2340; or email chiola44@yahoo.com.

### MU women's camps

The Madonna University women's basketball coach Carl Graves will stage a series of summer camps including: super shooters youth (grades 4-7), Monday through Friday, July 14-18; guards-n-bigs (grades 7-12), July 21-25.

Cost ranges from \$50 to \$160. For more information, call Sandi Wade at (734) 432-5606; or e-mail cgraves@madonna. edu. You can also visit www. madonnacrusaders.com.

### Madonna hoops camp

Madonna University men's basketball coach Chuck Henry has announced the 2008 All-Star Basketball Camp for boys ages 8-15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 28-Aug. 1, at MU.

Among instructors is camp founder Bernie Holowicki.

The cost is \$175, with checks payable to All-Star Basketball Camp, 42183 Woodcreek Lane, Canton, 48188.

For more information, call (734) 398-5975, (734) 432-5591 or e-mail to nemenhiser@ madonna.edu.

### MU volleyball camps

Madonna University will offer a defensive specialty camp, Monday through Thursday, July

For more information or to secure a spot, call (734) 432-5612 or (734) 254-0698. You can also e-mail MU coach Jerry Abraham at jabraham@ madonna.edu.

### WYAA football signup

**LOCAL SPORTS** 

The Westland Youth Athletic Association begins its 50th year of football with 2008 season registration from 7-9 p.m. each Wednesday and 10 a.m. until noon on Saturdays at the WYAA's Lange Compound, located at 6050 Farmington

Road (north of Ford Road). Both the Meteors (41st year) and Comets (37th year) offer age groups for 7-8 (Junior Freshman), 8-10 (Freshman). 11-12 (Junior Varsity) and 11-14 (Varsity).

The cost is \$175-\$195. Nonresidents are welcome at no extra fee. You must provide a current photo and new players must have a copy of their birth certificate. The age cut-off is Sept. 1 of the current year and there are weight restrictions for each age level.

For more information, including the WYAA's play for free program, call the Comets' Mark Simkow at (734) 731-11-76 or the Comets' Keith DeMolay at (734) 516-9269; or Galen Huren of the Meteors at (734) 716-

You can also visit www.wyaa. org; or call the WYAA office at (734) 421-0640.

### WYAA cheerleading

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association cheerleading for the Meteors and Comets squads will be from 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays; also 10 a.m. until noon each Saturday at the WYAA's Lange Compound Building, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road).

Openings are available for both units' squad for Junior Freshman, ages 7-8; Freshman, 8-10; Junior Varsity, 10-12; and Varsity, 11-14. Non-resident are welcome at no extra fee.

The cost is \$135 for freshman, JV and varsity; or you will receive 27 \$5 raffle tickets (sell all 27 and there is no cost). The cost for instructional is \$115 (you will receive 23 \$5 raffle tickets (sell all 23 tickets and the cost is free).

For more information, call the Meteors' Kathy Henderson at (734) 968-3272; or the Comets' Caryn Timbs at (734) 722-5806.

You can also call the WYAA's Lange Compound during regular business hours at (734) 421-

### **SPORTS ROUNDUP**

0640; or visit www.wyaa.org to inquire about the 2008 cheer for free program.

### Soccer players wanted

The Livonia Family YMCA is seeking 3-4 players for its under-11 girls select soccer team.

For more information, contact the YMCA at (734) 261-2161 or e-mail Scott Millman at Dirtrunner21@hotmail.com.

### Stevenson needs coaches

Livonia Stevenson is seeking coaches for the following sports: girls assistant swimming and diving (experience necessary to coach diving); boys assistant swimming and diving (experience necessary to coach diving); JV cheerleading head coach for fall sideline and winter competitive seasons (experience necessary to coach at the high school-level MHSAA format).

For more information, e-mail Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman at lhyman@livonia.k12. mi.us.

### **Archery introduction**

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will offer its introduction to target archery classes from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23 at the archery range, located off Glendale Avenue off Farmington Road (between I-96 and Plymouth Road).

The fee is \$12 for residents and \$14 for non-residents. Children 9-and-under must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration will be at the Parks and Recreation desk located in the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

### Youth triathlon

The fifth annual Livonia Youth Triathlon for boys and girls ages 14-and-under will be Saturday, Aug. 16 at Clements Circle Park, 9999 Harrison (south of Plymouth Road).

Race times will be 8:30 a.m. (8-and-under); 9:45 a.m. (9-10); 11 a.m. (11-12); and noon (13-14).

Check-in is a half-hour before each race. Awards for winners 10-and-under will be from 10:45-11 a.m. and for 14-andunder 1-1:15 p.m. Equipment

need is swimsuit, bike (and helmet) and running shoes.

Pre-registration, which is \$10 (including T-shirt), will start Monday, June 16, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

Race day registration is \$15. For more information, call Erin Knieper at (734) 466-2414.

### 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-and-under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18. The open division includes 30-40 and 40-andover.

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 (13and-over), 100 and 110 hurdles, 400 hurdles, long jump, high jump; and 4 x 100 relay.

### Open skating in GC

Garden City Civic Ice Arena's summer open skating season is underway from 6-8 p.m. Thursdays (through Aug. 14).

The cost is \$4 (adults, ages 16 and older) or \$3 (children, ages 15 and under) with \$2 skate rentals available.

Meanwhile, if you hurry, a special discount "summer pass" is available. The one-time purchase is good for all eight open skating sessions and cost \$12 for kids (ages 15 and under) and \$16 for adults (ages 16 and older). Call (734) 793-1880 for more information.

Civic Arena is located at 200 Log Cabin Road, just north of Cherry Hill and just east of Merriman.

### Adult softball

Garden City Parks & Recreation Adult Softball's second season kicks off in mid-July with room for late registrants on teams. Players and/or teams can still call (734) 793-1880 to sign up.

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# Frosh hurler Irwin, Ballinger earn MU postseason honors

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Al White surveyed the Madonna University banquet room recently as if he were the proud father of a new bride at her reception.

But the veteran MU softball coach had just watched a parade of young ladies come up to the podium to receive a flurry of awards at the team's annual awards banquet.

Coming up the most times were freshman pitcher Jessica Irwin and senior pitcher Liz Ballinger - each winning two of MU's eight major awards.

"When they dress up they don't even look like athletes,' White said. "They look like models, they're completely different.

"But it (banquet) gives them the chance to have some fun and joke at each other, all in a good manner."

Irwin, who compiled a sensational 24-7 record with an earned-run average of 1.03, was named the Most Valuable Player and won the Newcomer Award. She talked afterward about being recognized by her team.

"It's pretty cool that I got these awards and that I can help out on the team," Irwin said. "But all of this can't be

done without my teammates.

The (two) no-hitters, obviously they have to field the ground balls and make the outs for me. I can't do anything without them."

Ballinger, one of two seniors leaving the team (the other is infielder Christina Finch), won the MU Academic Excellence Award as well as The Coaches Award.

"She's an outstanding kid, just an outstanding kid," repeated

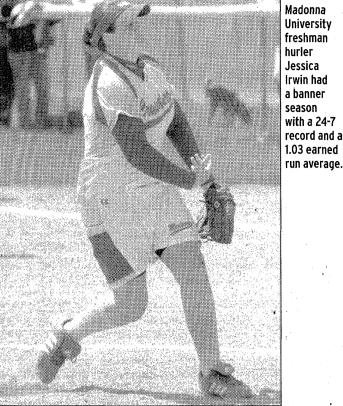
Earning one team award each were sophomore infielder and Livonia Churchill product Cat Sidor (Offensive Player of the Year), junior catcher Danielle Richardson (Defensive Player of the Year), Finch (Scholar-Athlete Award) and junior infielder Tedi Johnston (Leadership Excellence award).

Irwin and Sidor (.378, 46 RBI) also were recognized at the banquet for being named to the All-Region team.

### Showing appreciation

As a special thank you, the team presented Tracy Ballinger (Liz Ballinger's mom) with a bouquet of flowers for her tireless behind-the-scenes work.

Players also provided coaches with tickets to Detroit Tigers games, although one coach



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cracked that he hoped they "weren't all for the same game."

According to White, the event provided the perfect way to show the players how much they mean to the coaching staff and those parents on hand for the two-hour program.

"When we're playing, when we're coaching and when we're practicing, it's like a boot camp, really," White explained. "We're pushing them to do better, to be better.

"But this ... (lets them know) that we love them. It's a good thing all-the-way around, for players, coaches and the parents."

The Crusaders finished 37-14-1 and 20-4 in the WolverineHoosier Athletic Conference. But the best could be yet to come, especially with the addition of recent Garden City graduate Hallie Minch - who pitched the Cougars to the Division 1 state softball title.

"I think we're going to do great things as a team," Irwin said. "We have so much talent and if we all come together it's unbelievable what we can do."

White noted that he is "excited for next year already," particularly with Minch joining a solid returning nucleus.

"I'm losing a Finch but I'm picking up a Minch," he said with a hearty laugh.

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# Cain proves able

## Walk-off HR gives Monarchs 6-5 win vs. Rams

Scott Cain's one-out, walk-off homer in the bottom of the seventh enabled the Michigan Monarchs to earn a 6-5 Michigan Collegiate Baseball League triumph Monday over the Michigan Rams in a make-up game played at Salem High School.

The 22-and-under Monarchs improved to 14-4-1 in the MCBL, while 20-and-under Rams slipped

Andrew Marshall also homered for the Monarchs, while Adam Connell and Joe Hemry each contributed two hits.

T.J. Swanson pitched two scoreless innings in relief of starter Louie Sharp to pick up the win.

James Bertakis, who went the final 1.1 innings for the Rams in relief, suffered the loss. Starter Aaron Wick allowed four earned runs on six hits, three walks and one hit batter in his five innings of

The Rams out-hit the Monarchs, 10-7, as Brad Herman, Josh Kirsten and Canton's Shawn Little (Madonna University) also collected two hits apiece.

Herman led off the game with a homer, while Kirsten, Ryan Abraham, Tim Cross and Frank

Persichino each added an RBI. On Sunday, the Rams and the Monarchs split a double-header at

Livonia Bicentennial Park. John Carrier's game-winning RBI in the sixth inning scoring Rob Wendzicki gave the Monarchs

a 5-3 triumph in the opener. The Rams collected just three hits off Monarchs starter Chad Nielson, who worked the first five innings, allowing one earned runs

with seven strikeouts, three walks

relief to earn the save. Rams starter Colin O'Connell went the first five innings, allow-

ing three runs on four hits and

pitched two scoreless innings in

and a hit batter. Justin Mazur

two walks. He fanned seven and suffered the loss. Bret Spencer (MU) and Kalamazoo College's Ben Schroeder (Livonia Stevenson) each worked an inning, allowing one run apiece.

Ryan Abraham had an RBI for Rams, while Josh Kirsten doubled and scored twice.

Cain knocked in two runs for the Monarchs.

The Rams bounced back to win the nightcap, 4-1, as Brett Shankin went the first 6.1 innings, allowing an unearned run on just three hits. He struck out nine and walked five in earning the victory. Bertakis came on to get the final two outs.

Herman went 2-for-3 with two RBI, while Little knocked in what proved to be the game-winning run in the sixth.

Brad Wolfe knocked in the lone run for the Monarchs.

On Friday, Western Michigan University's Derek Mosher threw a three-hit, complete-game the Rams blanked the 22-and-under Michigan Bulls at Livonia's Ford Field, 2-0.

Mosher, who prepped at Ann Arbor Pioneer, faced just 25 batters. He struck out 11 and walked

only three. Cross delivered the game-winning RBI in the fourth inning scor-

ing Joe Barnes. Brett Mazmanian, Little and Kirsten contributed two hits

apiece. Aaron Powell countered with two hits for the Bulls, who slipped

to 13-4-1 in the MCBL. Losing pitcher Steve Teno (Central Michigan University) allowed both runs on six hits. He struck out six and did not allow a walk in six innings

On June 25, the Rams were there at Ford Field, but the 22-andunder Trailblazers (1-12-1) were a no-show in what was officially scored a 7-0 forfeit victory.

# Short-handed Hawks secure weekend split

The Michigan Hawks Women of the United Soccer Leagues went 1-1 over the

weekend in W-League action. Jordan Mueller's goal from Stephanie Martin in the 25th minute carried the Hawks to a 1-0 win over the West Michigan Firewomen in a game played Sunday at Livonia Stevenson High School.

Hawks goalkeeper Shaylin

Mannino made six saves en route to the shutout.

The fifth-place Hawks are now 4-5-1 in the Midwest Division of the Central Conference, while the firstplace Firewomen fall to 1-7-0.

On Friday, the host Fort Wavne (Ind.) Fever got a goal from Sarah Killion in the 90th minute to beat the Hawks, 1-0, at Hefner Stadium.

Former University of Michigan standout Melissa Dobbyn (Livonia Stevenson) took a team-high five shots, but was red-carded in the 45th minute and did not play in Sunday's game along with teammate Sarah Stanzyh, who was also ejected in the 86th minute, leaving the Hawks two

players short. Fever goalkeeper Libby Hake

made five saves for the shutout as Fort Wayne now stands 1-7-1 in the Midwest Division following a 0-0 tie with the Kalamazoo Outrage.

The Hawks traveled Wednesday night to play the Cleveland Internationals and return home to play the firstplace FC Indiana Lionesses 7 p.m. Thursday, July 10, at

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON COMBINED NOTIFICATION FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 21, 2008, the above named Township will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93.383) for the following projects located in the

Charter Township of Canton: PROJECT: Sheldon School Site Improvements, \$45,000, 44649 Michigan Ave. (Continuing Relevance)

PROJECT: Housing Rehabilitation, \$170,860. ("Continuing Relevance")

PROJECT: Leisure Services Department arts education program ("Totally Canton Totally Art"), \$1,225. (Public Services) (New) DETERMINATION: It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and, accordingly, the Charter Township of Canton has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190). The reasons for such decision not to prepare such a statement are as follows: Sheldon School Site Improvements was environmentally assessed under 24 CFR 58.36. Housing Rehabilitation is categorically excluded under 24 CFR 58.35(a)(4). Leisure Services arts education program is categorically excluded under 24 CFR 58.35.(b)(2) An Environmental Review Record has been made by the Charter Township of Canton which documents the environmental review of the projects and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file with the Charter Township of Canton and is available for public examination and copying (for a fee) upon request at the office of the Community Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188-1699, 734-394-5194, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Nor further review of the projects is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of federal funds. All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the Community Services Division at the above described address. Such written comments must be received on or before July 18, 2008. All such comments so received will be considered by the Township and the Township will not request the release of federal funds or take administrative action on the projects before the date

specified in the preceding sentence. CERTIFICATION: The Charter Township of Canton will undertake the project with Community Development Block Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under Title I of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974. The Charter Township of Canton is certifying to HUD that the Charter Township of Canton and Thomas J. Yack, in his capacity of Township Supervisor, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making, and action, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon approval, the Charter Township of Canton may use the Block Grant funds and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. HUD will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the Chief Executive Officer of the Applicant; or (b) that the Applicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding or step applicable to the project in an environmental review process. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to HUD at: McNamara Federal Building, 17th Floor, 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226. Objections to the release of funds on the basis of other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. No objection received after August 5, 2008, will be considered by HUD.

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Terry Bennett, Clerk

MAYFLOWER TOWING PLYMOUTH, MI 48170 734-459-0053 NOTICE OF SALE

The following vehicles will be sold at Public Auction for cash to satisfy lien pursuant to F.S. 713.78 On July 10, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

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1963	Ford	Fairlane	3F41F209555
1993	Chevrolet	Lumina	2G1WL54T2P9215553
1994	Ford	Taurus GL	1FACP52U0RG129954
1985	Chevrolet	Camaro Berlinet	1G1FS87SXFN142497
1998	Ford	Windstar Wagon	2FMDA5142WBB05381
1991	Chevrolet	K1500	2GCDK14Z4M1129458
1996	Volkswagen	Jetta GLS	3VWSA81H9%M026023
1989	Chevrolet	1500	1G0GC24K5KE130777
	Buick	Riveria	1G4GP221654713240
	Chrysler	Lebaron	FH22D9G206715
2000	Ford	Taurus SE	1FAFP53U4YG101097
2006	KIA	Optima	KNAGE123865225766
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1997	Ford	Taurus LX	1FALP53S3VG152314
1989	Mercury	Topaz GS	1MEPM31X0KK655507
2001	Pontiac	Grand Am GT	1G2NW12E71M501274
1997	Mercury	Sable LS	1MELM53S8VG610656
1999	Chevrolet	Cavalier	1G1JC524XX7287463
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Notice is hereby given that on Monday, July 21st, 2008, Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Extra Space Storage, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Extra Space Storage reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: EXTRA SPACE STORAGE, 6729 N CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:00 PM.

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Denise Marcellino J351 10x10 Computer Table, 6+ Totes, Curio

Cabinet, Bag of Collectibles, Very-large floor fan, MANY Misc. boxes/totes etc. of household goods collectibles.

Claud Stopchinski E196 10x10 Wood Desk\*, Caribbean Chair\*, Sofa\*, Box Springs, Mattresses, Coffee Table, Vacuum, trail bike, 2 antique chairs and matching table, Tiffany Lamp, Dresser\* Refrigerator with vertical doors\*, Misc. household goods.

> Note: Items marked with an asterisk (\*) are wrapped in cellophane.

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, July 17, 2008 for

### PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE DESIGN SERVICES

Proposals may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, ton-mi.org, o Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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### NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN 2008 SUMMER TAXES

Summer taxes are due July 1, 2008 and payable through August 10, 2008 without penalty. Additional information appears on the reverse side of your tax statement. MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CITY OF PLYMOUTH.

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Teresa Cischke, CPFA City Treasurer

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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

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### PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP SENDS OUT WATER QUALITY REPORT

The Plymouth Township Water and Sewer Department has sent out its annual drinking water quality report to consumers. Among other things, the report discloses the amount of various materials in the water, including microbial and inorganic

contaminants, and pesticides and herbicides. The annual report has been required by law since the U.S. Congress passed the 1996 Safe Drinking Act Amendments.

Most of the Detroit metro area, including Plymouth Township, gets its drinking water from the Detroit River. The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department operates the water treatment facilities and pumping stations that supply water to the township, which operates the pipeline infrastructure and acts as the retailer to area businesses and residents

Residents or business owners who have not received the report

further questions can contact the Plymouth Township Water and Sewer Department at (734) 354-3270.

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# Diesels can't sustain prosperity, fall 26-20

BY CHRISTIAN YOUNG CORRESPONDENT

Keep the foot on the gas pedal, and on their necks.

The Detroit Diesels learned that after relinquishing a twotouchdown, first-half advantage before falling, 26-20, to the host Northwest Ohio Knights last Saturday in a Great Lakes Football League clash at the Lucas

County Recreation Center's field. The Knights rode in first, scoring the first TD of the game in the opening quarter.

The teams traded three-andouts for the next two possessions before Diesels quarterback Brandon Fender (Canton) fired a slant pass to Venzal Russell (Dearborn Heights Robichaud).

The ball bounced off Russell's. fingers - and into the waiting hands of the Diesels' Jon Craven (Farmington), who took it to the Northwest Ohio 3-vard line, setting up a Detroit TD run early in the second quarter.

The Diesels would score twice more in the second quarter and build a 20-7 lead, before a Knights player picked off a Fender pass and ran it back for a TD to end the half.

The Knights came back out swinging, scoring on their first possession of the second half to knot the game at 20.

Then, midway through the third quarter, a Knight receiver caught the go-ahead touchdown

The Diesels offense was put-

ting together a promising drive with five minutes left, but another interception iced the game for the Knights.

Fender finished 6-of-11 passing for 101 yards, a TD and two interceptions, while T.J. Dillard (Wayne Memorial) rushed for 44 yards on six carries for the Diesels.

Defensively, Jaron Embry, Bernard Evans, Earl Blanchett, and Lamarr Miller stood out for the Diesels.

The Diesels (1-3 overall, 1-2 GLFL) will take a much needed rest for the Fourth of July weekend after playing three straight road games.

They return to action at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 12 at Livonia Franklin High School against the Lakeshore Cougars.

## Whalers import Czech defenseman

Plymouth Whalers President and General Manager Mike Vellucci announced the selection of 18-year-old defenseman Jan Latal in the annual Canadian Hockey League Import Draft.

Latal, a right-handed shot from the Czech Republic, was taken by the Whalers with the 55th selection of the draft.

The Whalers were scheduled to have the 25th pick

in CHL Import Draft, but Vellucci decided to trade down when he moved the pick to Belleville for the Bulls' 55th selection in the Import Draft. Belleville also sent a fourth round pick in the 2011 OHL Draft to the Whalers to complete the

Plymouth passed on its second selection of the Import Draft, 85th overall.

Latal played for Kladno in the Czech Republic last season, scoring three goals with three assists in 28 games. A knee injury (since repaired) cut Latal's season short last year. Before that, Latal played internationally for the Czech Republic in the Under-16 and Under-17

World Tournaments.

"Our scouts knew about him," Vellucci said. "Latal's a steady, stay-at-home defenseman. Although we traded down, he was still available and we were able to get a fourth round pick as well."

"Latal's got an excel-lent shot," Plymouth scout Willy Langer added. "He's a good skater with good vision. He's not afraid to play in traffic in front of

the net or along the boards." Latal comes from a hockey playing family. His brother, Martin, is a Phoenix Coyotes draft choice who has played the last two seasons for Prince Edward Island in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League. Latal's uncle, Jiri,

played from 1989-92 for the Philadelphia Flyers. Canadian Hockey League teams can play with two Imports. The Whalers currently have three - Carolina draft Michal Jordan, veteran Jozef Sladok and now Latal.

Jordan, Sladok and Latal are expected to report to Plymouth's training camp in late

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **Board Proceedings-June 24, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, June 24, 2008, at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo (on Military leave) Staff Present: Executive Director Santomauro, Director Eva, Director Faas Staff Absent: Director Conklin Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as presented noting that the Board cancelled the 6:30 p.m. Closed Session, employee negotiations and intend to move to closed session at the end of the meeting. Motion carried by all members present. Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the Board Meeting Minutes for June 10, 2008. Motion carried by all members present. Payment of Bills Motion carried by all members present. PRESENTATION: 1. PRESENTATION OF COMPLETION CERTIFICATES TO "INSIDE & OUT" PARTICIPANTS. Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Zarbo to recognize the presentation of completion certificates to "Inside & Out" participants. Motion carried by all members present. PUBLIC HEARING: Item 1. HOLD THE PUBLIC HEARING OF NECESSITY AND CONSIDER ADOPTING THE CONFIRMING RESOLUTION NO. 3 FOR THE MARLOWE STREET ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, SAD 2006-2. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to open the public hearing at 7:08 p.m. to hear comment on the Public Hearing of Necessity for the Marlowe Street Road Improvements, SAD 2006-2. Motion carried by all members present. 1447 Marlowe and 1613 Oakview, spoke in favor of the SAD for Marlowe Street Road Improvements. 43945 Gordon and 1784 Marlowe spoke in opposition of the SAD for Marlowe Street Road Improvement. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to close the public hearing at 7:23 p.m. to hear comment on the Public Hearing of Necessity for the Marlowe Street Road Improvements, SAD 2006-2. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to discontinue the Marlowe Street Road Improvements, SAD 2006-2 and do not approve the confirming resolution. Motion carried by all members present. <u>CONSENT CALENDAR</u>: Item 1. A REQUEST FROM PIZZA HUT OF AMERICA, INC. (A DELEWARE CORPORATION) TO TRANSFER STOCK IN 2007 CLASS C LICENSED BUSINESS, LOCATED AT 44995 FORD, CANTON, MI 48187. (CLERK) Motion carried by all members present. Item 2. AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO CLOSE WAYNE COUNTY ROADS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS. (CLS) Motion carried by all members present. Item 3. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STATE REVOLVING FUND FINANCING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE NORTH HURON VALLEY/ ROUGE VALLEY (NHV/RV) WASTEWATER DISPOSAL SYSTEM. (MSD) Motion carried by all members present. Item 4. SECOND READING OF THE RETAIL FRAUD ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 46, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 2, SECTION 46-91. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to remove from the table and approve the second reading of the Retail Fraud Ordinance, Chapter 46, Article III, Division 2 of the Code of Ordinance, Section 46-91, publication and effective date of July 3, 2008. Motion carried by all members present. STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON RETAIL FRAUD ORDINANCE AN ORDINANCE TO ADD SECTION 46-91 TO CHAPTER 46, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 2 TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON; TO PROHIBIT RETAIL FRAUD; TO PROVIDE FOR VIOLATION AND PENALTY; TO PROVIDE FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, AND SAVING OF ALL PENDING MATTERS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: SECTION 1: AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER

46, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 2. Chapter 46, Article III, Division 2, Subdivision II, Section 46-91 is hereby added to read as follows: Sec. 46-91. Retail Fraud. (1) A person who does any of the following in a store or in its immediate vicinity is guilty of retail fraud, a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both imprisonment and a fine: (a) While a store is open to the public, alters, transfers, removes and replaces, conceals, or otherwise misrepresents the price at which property is offered for sale, with the intent not to pay for the property or to pay less than the price at which the property is offered for sale, if the resulting difference in price is less than \$200.00. (b) While a store is open to the public, steals property of the store that is offered for sale at a price of less than \$200.00. (c) With intent to defraud, obtains or attempts to obtain money or property from the store as a refund or exchange for property that was not paid for and belongs to the store, if the amount of money, or the value of the property, obtained or attempted to be obtained is less than \$200.00. **SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.** Unless otherwise provided, any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who violates the Unlawful Acts provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and/or imprisonment for up to ninety three (93) days. Every act or violation and every day upon which a violation shall occur shall be considered a separate offense. SECTION 3. REPEAL. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, except as herein provided, are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect. SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof. SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE. The repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, as amended. **SECTION 6. PUBLICATION.** The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law. SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication. CERTIFICATION The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the 24th day of June, 2008, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law. TERRY BENNETT, Clerk, Introduced: June 10, 2008, Adopted: June 24, 2008, Published: July 3, 2008 Effective date: July 3, 2008 GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. RENEWAL OF ASSESSMENT

CONTRACT. (SUPERVISOR) Ayes: Bennett, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Nays: Kirchgatter Motion carried . Item 2. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST FOR LIFE CHURCH. (MSD) Motion carried by all members present. Item 3. CONSIDER AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR CANTON'S 2008 LOCAL ROAD MAINTENANCE PROGRAM TO BARRETT PAVING MATERIALS, INC. (MSD) Motion carried by all members present. Item 4. CONSIDER AWARD OF CONTRACT TO GAGLIO P & R CEMENT CORPORATION FOR THE 2008 SIDEWALK GAP INSTRUCTION PROGRAM. (MSD) Motion carried by all members present. Item 5. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH NON DESTRUCTING TESTING (NDT) GROUP TO PERFORM TESTING ON EXISTING MAST ARMS WITHIN WAYNE COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY. (MSD) Motion carried by all members present. Item 6. CONSIDER ENTERING INTO RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT FOR MAINTENANCE FOR A FENCE INSTALLED WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CROSSROADS VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT ON MICHIGAN AVENUE. (MSD) Ayes: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack Abstain: Zarbo Motion carried. Item 7. CONSIDER CREATING A PURCHASE ORDER FOR SOIL AND MATERIALS ENGINEERS, INC. TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION FOR THE COPPER CREEK SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT SAD NO. 2006-1. (MSD) Motion carried by all members present. Item 8. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO WAYNE COUNTY TO COVER THE COST OF OVERTIME FOR COUNTY CREWS TO INSTALL MAST ARMS DURING WEEKENDS. (MSD) Motion carried by all members present. Item. 9. BUDGET AMENDMENT POLICE-JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) EQUIPMENT PURCHASES. (PSD) Motion carried by all members present. Item 10. APPROVE WESTERN WAYNE CO. FIRE DEPARTMENT MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION DUES. (PSD) Motion carried by all members present. Item 11. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF 4-LAPTOP COMPUTERS FOR FIRE PREVENTION. (PSD) Motion carried by all members present. Item 12. APPROVAL OF BID FOR FIRE SAFETY SYSTEMS SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT. (FBD) Motion carried by all members present. Item 13. APPROVAL OF BID FOR ELECTRIC SCISSOR LIFT. (FBD) Motion carried by all members present. Item 14. EXTENSION OF ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACT. (FBD) Motion carried by all members present. OTHER: Supervisor Yack stated there will be no study session on July 1, 2008. The next Board meeting will be July 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor, Board Room, Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to move from open session to closed session at 8:26 p.m. to discuss employee negotiations. Motion carried by all members present. A closed session of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, June 24, 2008, at 1150 Canton Center S. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 8:26 p.m. to discuss employee negotiations. Roll Call: Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo (on Military leave) Staff Present: Executive Director Santomauro, Director Eva, Director Faas Staff Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to return to open session at 10:20 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. ADJOURN:

> Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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

Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 10:20 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.

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The format is double-elimination qualifier. Awards include a paid-berth to Michigan USSSA Men's D State Tournament at Liberty Park in Sterling Heights on Aug 23 as well as trophies and apparel for top two teams.

Team registration fee is \$175, which includes a two-game guarantee, game balls, official score sheet and USSSA umpire. Call (734) 793-1886.

### Summer playground

Redford Parks & Recreation is hosting a Summer Playground Program at three locations: Stuckey Elementary School, 26000 Fargo; Bulman Elementary School, 15995 Delaware; and Capitol Park, 12121 Hemingway.

The outdoor drop-in program runs from June 23 through Aug. 15. It is for Redford Township residents ages 6-13 who must either live within walking distance of a particular site or be able to be picked up within 10 minutes in case of an emergency or inclement weather. Pre-registration and the registration fee (\$50 per child) are required in the parks and rec office before participation in the program.

Each site is supervised by counselors to provide a fun, safe and structured environment. Parks will have planned daily activities, games, arts, crafts and more.

Meanwhile, Tuesdays are field days. Permission slips will be available about one week before the scheduled trip.

Call (313) 387-2650 for more information.

## Intro to tennis

Redford Township Parks & Recreation and the Northwest YWCA is co-sponsoring an introduction to tennis program. Classes will be held weekly for those ages

YWCA is located on Grand River at Beech Daly, but those interested in participating must sign up at the parks and rec department, 12121 Hemingway (inside the Redford Community Center).

Call (313) 387-2650 for more information.



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# Household energy impacts housing costs

**0&E STAFF WRITER** 

It's not your imagination that housing costs and other bills have risen. Household energy costs in the U.S. rose 4.4 percent February to April of this year, 3.6 percent in the Midwest

and 10.9 percent locally. "Household energy has really taken a jump," said Kurt Metzger, director of Research, United Way for Southeastern Michigan. "It's utility gas that has done it, it isn't electricity."

Gasoline for vehicles has seen a 14 percent growth locally in that time, added Metzger, a veteran demographer who spent 15 years with Wayne State University and 15 with the U.S. Census Bureau.

The Consumer Price Index for the region is figured in even-numbered months six times a year. "When you look at the numbers in terms of the overall change, Detroit is actually doing pretty well," Metzger said.

The Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 1.4 percent from February to April, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported in May. This was in line with the 1.2 percent average gain for this two-month period over the previous three years. On an annual basis, April 2007-April 2008, the Detroit area CPI-U rose 2.4 percent. This was more than the 1.6 percent gain in the previous 12-month period ended in April 2007.

Jay A. Mousa, regional commissioner for the BLS in Chicago, noted that increases in the components for transportation and housing were responsible for most of the 1.4 percent bimonthly gain in the Detroit area all items index. The components for food, apparel, and medical care also rose over the two-month period, but with less effect on the all items index. The components for recreation, education and communication, and other goods and services declined, only partially offsetting the gains in the other components.

"But we took a hit on gasoline. In Detroit, it's even higher than the Midwest as a whole," said Metzger, who noted we fared reasonably well on food. For food from April 2007 to April 2008, our area's increase was 2.3 percent, lower than the 5.1 percent for the Midwest.

The energy index, which primarily consists of gasoline, utility (piped) gas service, and electricity was up 13.1 percent over the two-month period. Gasoline was the largest contributor to this gain with prices at the pumps increasing 14.5 percent. For the 12month period ending in April 2008, gasoline prices were up 25.9 percent. This increase contrasts with the previous 12-month period where gas prices rose 0.4 percent but was comparable to the 12-month period ending in April 2006 when gasoline prices rose 24.0 percent. The utility (piped) gas service index increased 22.8 percent from February to April and was up



15.9 percent compared to April a year ago.

The electricity index increased 0.8 percent since February and increased 2.2 percent for the year. For the 12 months ending April 2008, the composite energy index rose 18.3 percent. With energy removed, the all items index in the Detroit area increased 0.1 percent from February and 0.7 percent over the year.

The transportation component advanced 4.9 percent from February to April. The aforementioned increase in gasoline prices was the largest contributor to this increase. Over the year, transportation costs were up 9.1 percent. During the previous 12-month period, transportation costs fell 0.8 percent.

The housing component increased 1.1 percent over the two-month period. This was almost entirely due to the aforementioned increases in household energy prices. Costs for shelter, which includes rents, owners' equivalent rent, and lodging away from home, edged up only 0.1 percent. Over the year, the housing component was up 1.1 percent with shelter costs declining 0.1 percent and household energy costs rising 9.1 percent.

Household furnishings and operations costs fell 1.4 percent from February-April, but were up 1.4 percent over the

"It's probably just the fuel rise generally," Metzger said of household energy costs. In the U.S., household energy costs rose 4.4 percent from February to April 2008, compared to 3.6 percent in the Midwest and 10.9 percent here.

"We're getting a lot of calls for energy assistance," Metzger said of the 2-1-1 help line. "They really are having to balance rising costs all around."

That's particularly challenging for people with low or fixed incomes. "People are having such a difficult time as it is," said Metzger, who added utility bills and other items aren't discretionary purchases.

"These are bills you've got to pay. The food prices are seeing significant increases." Costs for energy continue in the summer, he said, and help from the state and such agencies as THAW is limited.

"So many people, we just don't have the system that lets people get on a bus and go to work," Metzger said of limited mass transit in metro Detroit. "It's very difficult."

The food and beverages component was up 0.7 percent during the February-April bimonthly period. The food away from home (restaurants, cafeterias, vending machines, and catered affairs) index rose 1.1 percent while the food at home (grocery) index rose 0.5 percent. Prices for alcoholic beverages were up 0.8 percent during the same period. On an annual basis, food and beverage prices increased 2.2 percent with grocery prices rising 2.0 percent and costs for food away from home increasing 2.8 percent.

The apparel component increased 0.4 percent during the bimonthly period after falling 2.8 percent during the same period last year. For the year, apparel prices were up 1.3 percent. This contrasts with the 1.7 percent decline for the 12-month period ending in April 2007.

The medical care component rose 0.2 percent from February to April, substantially less than the 3.3 percent increase reported during the same period last year. Over the year, medical care prices in the Detroit area were down 0.4 percent. This contrasted with an 8.5 percent increase during the 12-month period ending April

The component for recreation, which includes admissions and club dues, video and audio equipment, sporting goods, and pets declined 1.2 percent from February to April. This compares to a 0.3 percent drop during the same period last year. For the year, recreation costs were down 3.6 percent after increasing 0.6 percent during the previous year.

The education and communication component, which includes items such as school tuitions, computers, and wireless phone services, fell 0.2 percent over the past two months but was 1.8 percent higher than a year ago. In the previous 12-month period, this component increased 3.3 percent.

The other goods and services component, which includes goods such as tobacco and personal care products and services such as legal counsel and dry cleaning, fell 0.2 percent from February to April. Over the year, this component gained 0.8 percent. During the previous 12-month period, this component increased 2.1 percent.

Metzger and other demographers hear on the news that oil prices continue to rise, and agree it's tough to know why. "You kind of wonder where the costs are coming from." Some say it's increased use in emerging economies overseas; some question if prices are artificially controlled for profit.

This housing crisis continues," Metzger said. Costs are expected to remain up for the summer, unless there's decreased demand.

It's not possible to switch to alternative fuels overnight, he added. "It's difficult from day to day to know why prices do what they do," Metzger said.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics Web site contributed to this report.

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# Flood victim may have a case

Q: My neighbor and I live on the lake, and they have flooded their property and caused trees to die by, in our opinion, wrongfully raising the level of the lake. Do we have any basis for money damages? If so under what theories?



**Robert Meisner** 

may well have a theory for money damages under the theories of negligence, negligence per se, nuisance, trespass and civil

conspiracy,

A: You

among other things. Moreover, you should bring the action within three years from the time that the submersion occurred, i.e. the flooding of the property, to protect your rights after you consult with a knowledgeable real estate attorney.

Q: We have a situation where one the homes in our subdivision went into foreclosure and was purchased by a new owner who is turning it into an adult group home. Many of the neighbors have concerns about the group home located next to or near their home and there are concerns about the safety of their young children. Our city does not have any ordinances regarding group homes. What remedy do we have?

A: It all depends upon your bylaws in regard to the operation of a business and/or other use restrictions. It would be necessary for you to retain the services of a knowledgeable community association lawyer to assist you in advising the association as to what action, if any, it can take.

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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41457 Elsa Ct	\$175,00
1203 Hereford Ct	\$298,00
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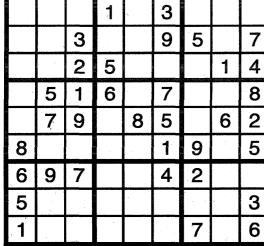
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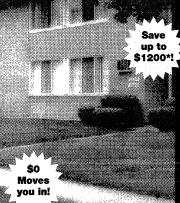






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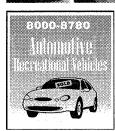
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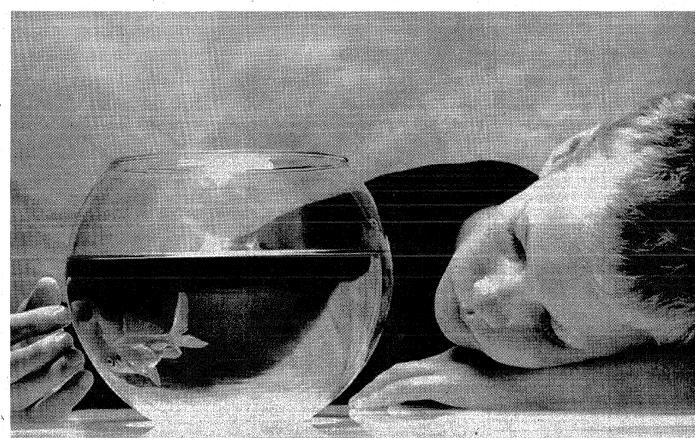
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# Wine market competition heats up

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ordeaux remains California's biggest com-

This is especially true for high-end wines starting at \$25. Even in these hard-pressed economic times, wines with bottle prices over \$15 are the growth



Ray & Eleanor Heald

recently indicate that a majority of wine consumers are unwilling to give up wine to reduce their household Philippe

segment of the market. A

number of surveys released

Blanc, managing director of Chateau Beychevelle, a classified Fourth Growth estate in Bordeaux, seemed somewhat disconcerted when we started our interview with questions about Bordeaux wine prices.

Chateau Beychevelle and its sister property Chateau Beaumont, a Cru Bourgeois Superieur, "have always been considered wines of good value for the money," Blanc said. "There are significant pressures driving up prices of Bordeaux wines. It's not just the depressed U.S. dollar against the Euro. Asia is booming. Hong Kong and Singapore are hot markets and Moscow is growing. Each vintage, Chateau Beychevelle produces only 20,000 cases for the whole world.

"U.S. consumers put pressure on the Bordeaux market for wines from the excellent 2003 and 2005 vintages. For the lat-

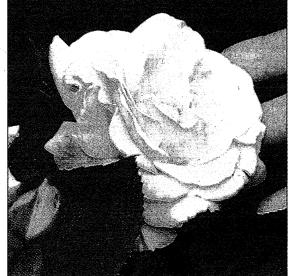
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## **WINE PICKS**

Pink (or more properly, rose) are the hottest wines on the market for summer. They pair splendidly with salmon, spicy crab sushi, grilled sausages; roast chicken and Mediterranean tapas.

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- 2007 Domaine de Gournier (Costieres de Nimes France) Rose, \$11 (syrah, grenache, cinsault blend)
- 2007 Bodegas Julian Chivite Gran Feudo Rosado, Navarra Spain, \$12 (100 percent garnacha a.k.a. grenache)
- 2007 Domaine de Tariquet Rose, \$12 (pretty "pomegranate red" merlot, syrah and tannat blend)
- 2007 Louis Jadot Rose, \$14 (100 percent gamay grapes from Beaujolais)
- 2007 Clos La Chance Rose, \$14 ■ 2007 Yangarra McLaren Vale (Australia) Rose, \$15 (grenache
- and shiraz blend) ■ 2007 Wild Rock Vin Gris Rose,
- New Zealand, \$16 2007 Beckmen Purisima Mountain Vineyard Grenache Rose, \$18
- 2007 Chateau d'Acqueria Tavel
- Rose, \$19 bone dry ■ 2007 Etude Rose of Carneros
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A rose from Anne Reeves' garden.

# Moments of Delight

Photographer celebrates everyday beauty in new book

Moments of

Troy resident Anne Reeves wrote,

Delight."

photographed and published "Moments of

BY MEGAN SWOYER CORRESPONDENT

Whether it's relishing that old bend in the road on the way back from a popular hamburger spot near her family's vacation home, or hanging handmade Christmas tree ornaments of vintage heirloom photos, homespun traditions flecked with heartfelt emotions accentuate Anne Held Reeves' life.

So it's no surprise that Reeves recently published a book that for beauty.

"I decided a long time ago that my business philosophy of me," says the 38year-old Troy entrepreneur. Those layers become apparent in Moments of Delight, a 140-page, self-published tome that was printed in late May.

what if I took all the photos I have and love and gave them their due and put them into a

After researching printers online, Reeves found one with which to work. "The book allows Christmas time is another me to affect people and bring delight with my words and photography."

The self-published book includes everything from photos of lush peonies and roses to



features her passion Anne Reeves, author of "Moments of Delight," finds inspiration in her rose garden.

favorite blueberry stands and herb pots created with her includes, really, layers father. Each photo is complemented with text that explains her motivation for the photos.

> "The book is perfectly me," she notes. "I don't live a narrow life. I bake, I travel, I sew, I do photography, I craft. That's real life to me - all of it." Reeves and her husband,

"I wanted to put the Dan, a senior systems anabeauty of everyday life lyst at Behr America in Troy, in the spotlight," she live in a charming home -aexplains. "So I thought, nod to all things pretty. One can imagine Martha Stewart chumming with Reeves among her handmade, button-themed photo frames, bundt cakeshaped soaps, book sculptures and origami adornments. story altogether. With six Christmas trees (even a miniature, laundry room-themed tannenbaum), Reeves totally embraces the holidays.

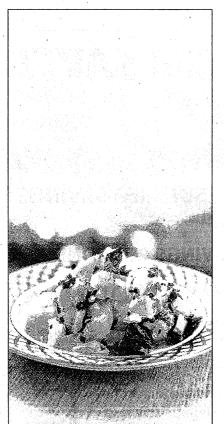
"I've followed Martha since

I was 17 years old," admits Reeves, who grew up in Bloomfield Hills and attended Groves High School. "The fact that Martha Stewart brought gardening, cooking, baking and decorating to the world as wonderful pastimes made it easier for me to be me."

Reeves' new book is a perfect extension of her business. As the clever owner of Ana Designs, Reeves creates and sells "subscriptions" to "a state of mind," called Delight, in which subscribers might receive in the mail anything from recipes to flowers to Michigan fare.

The Michigan State University graduate also makes and sells tin wallets, purses, ribbon watches, and tour bracelets that each feature miniature photos of a variety of scenes from Paris to

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A fresh watermelon salad to cool you down.

# Knock, smell or examine? Local expert offers advice to choose a watermelon

BY LANA MINI O&F STAFF WRITER

Do you smell it, knock on it, listen

for an echo? Study how green its shell? We've heard a lot of suggestions on

how to choose a great watermelon. For example, Crystal Voytal, of Berkley, says she has the best way to choose the fruit:

"I bring my grandma with me," she said. "She finds the best ones."

Our summer gift to you isn't Voytal's grandma - it's a tip from another expert — a seemingly sure way to get that sweet watermelon which has a good amount of vitamins C, A, B1, B6, potassium, magnesium, carotenoid and lycopene.

"I'm 52 years old and have been selling watermelon for 12 years and I have

always chosen a good melon searching for the sound of a snare drum," said Dominic Acione, general manager of Westborn Market in Berkley.

You flick the outside of the melon with your finger (he uses his index finger), hitting it pretty hard, and put your ear down to it to listen for the sound," Acione said. "You don't want it to sound like a thump, because then it's overly ripe. You want it to sound like a snap, like a snare drum."

And for cantaloupe, the best way to chose isn't with a knock. It's by gently pressing the bottom of it — the opposite end of the stem — and searching for a bit of softness. That's when it's ripe enough, Acione said.

Hardly anything is as refreshing as freshly cut watermelon. But if you want to add a twist with your watermelon, Whole Foods Markets offers a drink

recipe to blend chunks of the fruit with ice and a splash of lime juice. Serve it with a fresh mint

And, Cooking Light recommends a watermelon salad with this recipe:

### WATERMELON SALAD, SOMETIMES SERVED OVER A BED OF GREENS

Ingredients

½ cup chopped red onion

3 tablespoons fresh lime juice (about 2 limes)

4 cups cubed seeded watermelon ¼ cup pitted kalamata olives

¼ cup finely chopped fresh parsley

¼ cup finely chopped fresh mint

Combine onion and juice in a medium bowl: let stand 10 minutes. Add watermelon, olives, parsley, and mint. Cover and chill one hour.

### **GARDEN CALENDAR**

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### **Great Lakes Roses**

The final year of popular rose programs continues as owners Nancy & Roger Lindley plan to retire in the fall. Sunday sessions start at 1 p.m.; Monday at 11 a.m.; Japanese Beetle Control for Roses, July 6-7; Herbs from Head to Toe, July 13. Dress for the weather. The events are free and open to the public without reservations. Great Lakes Roses is located at 49875 Willow Road, in Sumpter Township. Visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com or call (734) 461-1230.

### Country Garden Club of Northville

Six gardens will be featured in Northville's 15th Annual Garden Walk, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. July 9, \$10 tickets, www. cgcnv.org, (248) 348-3263.

### **Annual Daylily Dig**

Merrittscape Nursery and Gardens will host its Annual Daylily Dig July 12-13, and 19-20. You pick, they dig. Choose from reds, yellows, pinks, purples and whites and receive 20 percent off all perennials and hostas. A lecture on daylilies will be held 3 p.m. Saturdays; and a lecture on hostas will be held 3 p.m. Sundays during the dig, 5940 Cooley Lake Road, • Waterford. Call (248) 681-7955 or visit www.michmerrittscape.com.

## Romeo Lavender Festival

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Michigan's Sixth Annual Lavender Festival will be held July 17-19 at Gabriel's Garden in Romeo. The event

will feature classes, workshops, harp entertainment, activities and vendors featuring handmade products. Expert gardeners will be on hand amidst the lavendar gardens to answer questions about growing, harvesting and using the plant. Lavendar themed food and beverages will be sold, including Michigan Cherry Salad with Grilled Lavender Chicken, Lavender Brownie Sundaes and Lavender Lemonade. Admission is \$4, children under 12 free. Visit www.MichLavenderFestival. com or call (877) 452-8363.

### **Farmington Garden Walk**

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

### Nursery, 20815 Farmington Road. Maintain the Magnifigance

Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club is selling raffle tickets during an ongoing fund raiser to benefit Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club, which maintains the hall's 14 gardens. Supporters may purchase tickets (\$10 each, or 11 for \$100) for a chance to win \$2,500. \$1,250, and \$625 cash prizes. The drawing will be held 1 p.m. Aug. 19 at Meadow Brook Hall and Gardens, but ticketholders need not be present

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# Capture and organize information with free service

Question: What's all this I hear about Firefox 3? What is it? Do I

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Type a few letters of a site's name or Web address, and the Location Bar immediately drops down a list of sites you've visited and bookmarked. Doesn't sound like much, but trust me: It's a huge time-saver. You'll wonder how you ever lived without it.

Speaking of bookmarks, Firefox 3 makes it incredibly easy to add any site to your favorites list: Just click the little star on the end of the

Location Bar. Or, click it twice if you want to add more information about the site you're bookmarking.

Firefox 3 also offers robust protection from malware, a greatly improved password manager, a built-in spell checker, and countless other great features. I have only one complaint. Firefox is famous for its add-ons (software plug-ins that enhance or tweak the ture: the Smart browser's capabilities), but many of my favorites aren't yet compatible with the new ver-

> Thus, if you're using Firefox 2 and have some favorite plugins of your own, I recommend waiting a month or two before upgrading. By then, most plugins should be updated. For everyone else, Firefox 3 is the Web's best browser, bar none.

Question: Is there a good way to manage the vast amounts of information I encounter at work, on the Web, on the road, and so on?

**Answer:** Try Evernote (evernote.com), a new service designed expressly for that purpose. With it you can

capture information from a variety of sources, including the Web, your PC, and even your cell phone, then organize it for easy reference.

A new "note" can consist of just about anything: a snippet of text on a Web site (or the site itself), a whiteboard photographed with your camera phone, an audio recording, an e-mail message, a scanned receipt, or whatever.

I'll admit Evernote hasn't quite hooked me yet, but I know lots of people who absolutely love the service. It's free, by the way, though a \$5/month premium account entitles you to a few extra goodies.

If you want to know more, there's a YouTube video (tinyurl.com/2kdt4j) that demonstrates the how and why of using Evernote.

### Question: How can I harness the power of the Web to get in shape? **Answer:** Start with

CalorieKing.com, which has a huge searchable food database. Want to know how many calories are in a Tim Hortons Café Mocha? The site will tell you,

and show how many minutes you'd have to walk, jog, swim,

or cycle to burn those calories. Need similar information when you're away from your computer? Put your cell phone to work: Compose a text message listing any restaurant name and menu item, then

send it to DIET1 (34381). Diet.com will shoot you back a message listing the nutrition stats: calories, fat, carbs, and protein. This is a free service, but standard text-messaging rates apply.

Finally, check out One Hundred Pushups (hundredpushups.com), which offers a six-week training program designed to help you do, well, 100 pushups.

As someone who can barely eke out 25, I'm looking forward to giving this a try.

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

# Reader submits a perfect summer entree recipe

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Recently I met the Henry family, Dean and Nancy of Livonia, who reached out to thank me for writing about the frighteningly strong connection between meat production and global warming.

(If you want to re-read it visit www.hometownlife.com Click on Voices & Views to see my

The Henrys are vegetarian because of health reasons, and because they respect that animals have the basic right to live, not as commodities, but as their own beings.

Dean Henry is an executive chef at a local hospital and creates wonderful recipes.

"I gave up eating meat for Lent 15 years ago," Dean Henry said. "At the end of Lent, I decided not to go back, for health reasons, both mine and the animals."

He recommends the book Fast Food Nation by Eric Schlosser and I recommended Diet for A New America by John Robbins. (Robbins is the only son of the founder of Baskin-Robbins. He walked away from the empire, and is a vegan).

But back to the Henrys, they also avoid meat because they want the planet to thrive for your grandkids. Meat-production, according to the UN, produces more greenhouse gases than transportation.

So if you want to save the world, change your diet.

Dean Henry sent me a great recipe that I tried last night, for vegetarian sloppy joes. It was fabulous and easy. And it's the perfect summer protein entree.

Normally I make sloppy joes with veggie crumbles (the fake ground beef made from vegetable protein found in the frozen food section of nearly all grocery stores) and Hunt's Manwich.

The Henry's recipe is nice because it contains no high fructose corn syrup. The sweetness comes from brown sugar. And other than the soy crumbles, chances are you have most of the ingredients in your

The recipe below.

kitchen already.

If you have an easy vegetarian recipe to share e-mail me at: Imini@hometownlife.com; subject line: meatless

### THE HENRY'S SLOPPY JOES

- 2 ounces onion, minced
- 2 ounces green pepper, minced 2 teaspoons garlic, minced

1 pound soy crumbles (Morningstar Farms and Quorn both make a ground beef analog from soy; it's a ground beef substitute in the frozen food section of most markets)

- 2 teaspoons black pepper
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste 4 tablespoons ketchup
- ¼ teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon cider vinegar 1 teaspoon brown sugar

Saute the onions and green peppers until slightly brown. Add the garlic, saute two min-

Add the soy crumbles, tomato paste, ketchup and spices. Heat to 140 degrees or

This is an easy recipe and very

rendered harmless.

tasty, Henry said. One of the all-time favorite meat sandwiches has now been

# Rules for using multiple colors on your walls

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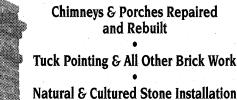
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Linda of Farmington Hills asks: 'My husband and I are repainting the inside of our entire house. Is it important that all of the colors in every room match? I think this will be boring and I don't want everything to



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many different colors to use in your home, I always use these

When

selecting how

basic rules of Solutions thumb:

Terri Guastella Rule #1: Stick to no

more than three main colors in your public spaces. Usually one of the colors is classified as a neutral, with the other two colors used as accents or

to make stronger statements in adjacent rooms. This doesn't mean that all

of your rooms in your public spaces need to use all three colors. For example, if you choose burgundy, olive, and gold for your color palette, with gold being the neutral, your rooms may play out like this: The great room could be painted gold, with burgundy. olive and gold patterned furniture and accent pieces. The dining room might be painted burgundy with gold accents (no olive); the kitchen could be olive and burgundy (no gold).

Rule #2: A neutral is typically selected by an existing material in the room. For instance, the carpet or tile may dictate this neutral as being gold, beige, camel, gray, taupe, etc. Sometimes it is

called out by furniture, such as a beige sofa. Other times, it is a permanent item in the room, such as a tan brick fireplace or golden hardwood

floors. Rule #3: Public spaces do NOT include the powder room, the laundry room and any of the bedrooms. Feel free to explore other colors in these private rooms. If your daughter wants hot pink and purple in her bedroom, go for it. It is not relevant in regards

the other rooms of the house. When applying these rules, you can see that you need not end up with an entirely beige house, unless that is what you are after.

to the overall color palette in

You can insert your personality in the house by putting bolder color combinations in private spaces. You can also

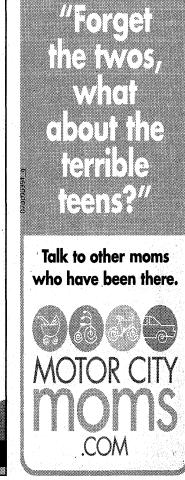
create a very interesting palette if you already have dramatic color combinations in your existing furniture or permanent material selections.

Then go for the drama; but still remain true to no more than three colors in your public spaces and your house will have flow and continuity throughout. When there is a visual connection between rooms, it is imperative that the number of colors stay to three to avoid a chaotic color blocking effect.

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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Her business background comes from working closely with her family for 11 years in their Bavarian Village ski and golf specialty-store operation. That business allowed her to gain experience in everything from accounting to marketing. Reeves is an honoree (one of nine entrepreneurs) of Country Living's 2007 Pitch Your Product Contest.

"I learned from my mother (Louise Held of Troy) and grandmothers how to see the world," she explains, while adjusting a blue-and-white checked tablecloth at her kitchen table and setting out a plate of just-baked oatmeal cookies. Of course, the tablecloth picks up on her blue placemats and several blue-and-white plates that adorn a nearby hutch.

"My mother would tell me what roses she loved, their names, their color," Reeves recalls. "But she'd also note things like a just-tilled field of dirt in northern Michigan. She'd say, 'Look at that beautiful field of dirt.' Beauty isn't always the obvious."

Inspiration also comes from notables such as Thomas Jefferson ("he was the first 'Martha,' she laughs, citing his gardening techniques); Cathy Black, president of Hearst Magazines; chef Ina Garten; and Donny Deutsch, an advertising executive and host of the CNBC talk show The Big Idea with Donny Deutsch. A favorite author is Rosamunde Pilcher, author of The Shell Seekers. "I somehow relate to that book," enthuses Reeves. "Cornwall, England; the war, icy glasses of scotch, picnics with enamelware, the generations."

As for being a first-time author, Reeves said it was pretty easy, especially because she is the publisher. However, Reeves is looking for an outside publisher who may be interested in this book idea and others she plans to develop. One friend told her after reading Moments of Delight that the names of seasons aren't capitalized. "But I told her, in my life, all seasons



Reeves, a big fan of Martha Stewart, prides herself on homemaking as an art.

are capitalized," she laughs, stressing her passion for Michigan's summers, falls, winters and springs.

Her favorite season? "My husband says it's always the next season," Reeves says with a laugh. True.

She eagerly anticipates the beauty that awaits around the next corner, whether down a country road or after a flower's bloom is spent. "I like to think about what's coming next."

"Moments of Delight" is available for \$29.95. To order a copy, visit www.anadesigns.com, (248) 425-0842.



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In Support of the Michigan Avenue Cruise (www.CruisinMichigan.com) and as a Fund Raiser Event for the Wayne Park & Rec Department we are having a HUGE Expo/Open House with dozens of local businesses.

### **HOME CALENDAR**

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

### **Antiques Appraisal Show**

The Royal Oak Farmer's Market will transform into a local "Antiques Appraisal Show," 8 a.m.-5 p.m. July 13. An appraiser will offer insight on your treasure or family heirloom, and you may be selected to share your antique story for a local TV seament as well.

The cost is \$10 per antique appraised.

There is no limit to how many antiques you can bring. For more information please visit myspace.com/AppraisalShow.

### **Antiques Roadshow in Michigan**

See the popular PBS show as it tours the states and stops Saturday, Aug. 9 at DeVos Place, 303 Monroe Avenue NW, Grand Rapids.

### The Birmingham Showhouse

"An ideal home created from a woman's perspective." Sept. 18-21, benefits Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, sponsored by Wellington Chase Homes and Michigan Design Center, also open Sept. 25-28, 4,580-square-foot English Arts and Crafts style, developed by women with products exclusively from MDC. Tickets, \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door, are available starting Aug. 1 at Michigan Design Center, (248) 649-4772 and Wellington Chase Homes (248) 594-9696. Visit michigandesign.com or birminghamshowhouse.com

ter, prices for some classified growths became stratospheric by the end of Summer 2006."

## **BORDEAUX ADVANTAGES**

Bordeaux wines may not have a price advantage over domestic wines, but they have a tremendous advantage when it comes to lower alcohol levels.

Because of the cooler Bordeaux climate, grapes ripen evenly with sugar and flavors maturing at the same time. Alcohol levels for the wines are generally between 13 and 13.5 percent.

In California's warmer climate, sugar levels rush ahead of flavors and grapes must hang on the vine longer to develop. During this longer "hang time," sugar levels rise and the resulting wine has higher alcohol, often above 14.5 percent.

"We are picking riper," Blanc said, "but our focus is on polyphenols (tannins) and yields. With a lower crop load, grapes will ripen with mature flavors at lower sugars. Because we do not over-extract, resulting wines have velvety tannins. Sandy, gravelly Bordeaux soils also control vigor. Vines stop growing naturally and then vine energy goes into ripening grapes. This happens earlier than in most California vineyards.

## WHAT TO BUY

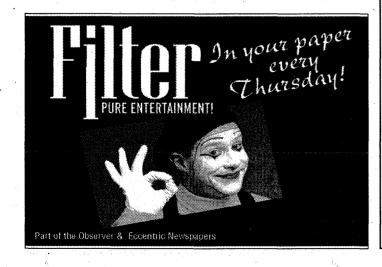
From the stellar 2005 vintage, Chateau Beaumont Haut-Medoc, Cru Bourgeois Superieur \$30 is a true value wine with loads of dark fruits and a solid fruit core. At \$30, it's a very good introduction to Bordeaux wines. Moving up more than a few notches gets you 2005 Chateau Beychevelle (\$120) which is simply delicious.

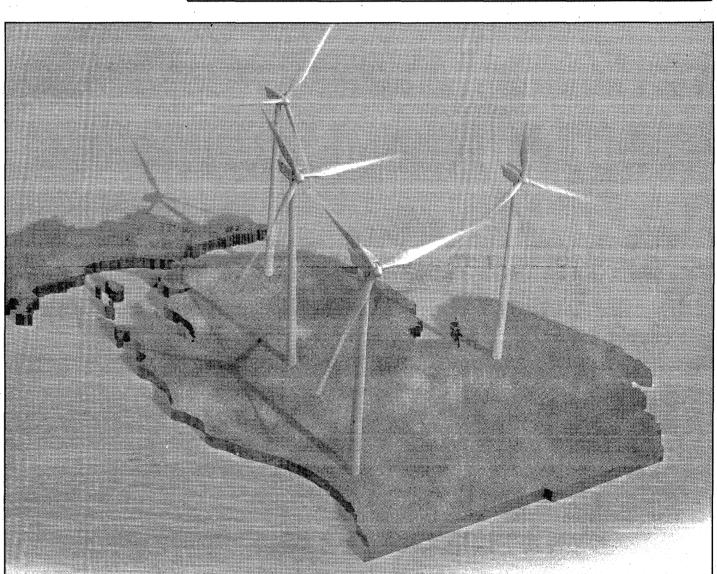
Vintage 2004 was cooler than 2005, so both the Chateau Beaumont (\$25) and Chateau Beychevelle (\$100) are classic Bordeaux wines, showing more red fruits and a leaner struc-

Their pairing with food is also more classic. Steak and potato gratin can't be beat with both of these wines. A sampling of 2001 Chateau Beychevelle \$140 proved that these wines do and will age.

Not every wine shop carries these wines, but the following do or are willing to order them from Eagle Eye Imports, the distributor: Holiday Market, Canton and Royal Oak; Papa Joe's, Birmingham and Rochester Hills; Champane's Wine Cellar, Warren; and Vintage Wine Shoppe, West Bloomfield.

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# Small churches use variety of ways to attract new members

O & E STAFF WRITER

Donna Pelto likes going to church on Sunday morning knowing the names of everyone there. Nativity United Church of Christ in Livonia has only about 40 active members and Pelto likes it that way, but she would like to encourage anyone interested in joining the congregation, especially young people, to visit the church celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

Pelto thinks smaller churches create a sense of community. A couple years ago she had moved and started going to a megachurch but found it overwhelming. She was happy to eventually move back to Livonia and return to Nativity (www.nativitychurchucc.org).

"I know everybody and their families," said Pelto, a member since 1973. "We have so much to offer in terms of warmth and spirit of compassion. People who don't feel comfortable going to church, don't want to dress up, or are maybe going through a divorce, loss of a spouse, it's a place where you can come and feel love."

Shirley Stephan has not only been a member of the church for 40 years, but serves as secretary. She likes the fact the church offers a number of activities including a Wednesday night Bible study for women that just finished the book "Bad Girls of the Bible and What We Can Learn From Them." Stephan's still talking about the outdoor worship service and picnic two Sundays ago.

"Adults brought their lawn chairs from home for the worship service," said Stephan of Livonia. "After it was sort of an old fashioned picnic. Everybody sat around and chatted while the kids played and had water balloon fights. We just had a great day."

Stephan says the church is always reaching out to the community by loaning its facility to Cub and Girl Scouts as well as a soccer team. Every month they collect items for their Giving Tree. The goods go to Ja'Noah House, Audrey Mattson's Christian Ministry that helps the homeless and poor in areas such as Cass Corridor, Norwayne and the

### **SMALL CHURCHES**

Nativity United Church of Christ, Livonia (734) 421-5406 www.nativitychurchucc.org

Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), Canton (734) 402-7186, www.members.aol. com/rsiworship/detroit.html

Canton Christian Fellowship (734) 404-2480 www.cantoncf.org

Brightmoor area. For information, call the church at (734) 421-5406.

"It's our mission," said Stephan. "For July it's baseball caps because it's for August when it's hot. They need their head covered. Any kind of caps they can drop them off at the church. I'm there just about every day. We try to help our community but try to reach out beyond our community."

When Margaret Waldecker was looking for a congregation that practiced reformed Protestantism she was disappointed to learn there wasn't a Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) in the area so she started one that would focus on worship only. It was about a year ago that people first met at Cherry Hill School in Canton. For information, call (734) 402-7186, send e-mail to sean.humby@ att.net, or visit www.members.aol.com/ rsiworship/detroit.html.

The church split in 2000 with Free Church of Scotland,' said Waldecker of Canton. "We sing psalms instead of hymns and it's beautiful. We believe in the elements of worship God provided and preaching, praying and reading of scripture. We worship according to the Bible."

Currently the church has about 10 members. Rev. Sean Humby says if more people joined he would add a prayer meeting on Wednesday nights similar to their Lord's day service. Humby agrees with Waldecker about keeping the church a house of worship.

"There's more entertainment values in the church today to get people in," said Humby. "We believe you don't become like the world to



attract the world. I want to warmly encourage anyone who wants to attend to know they'll receive a warm reception."

Pastor David Washington is using creative marketing to attract new members to Canton Christian Fellowship, which he refers to as a contemporary blended church. Currently there are about 260 members of the church Washington says is technically affiliated with Southern Baptist, but is more nondenominational.

"In our internal newsletter we encourage their unchurched friends and try to drive them back to our Web site recreated a year ago (www.cantoncf.org)," said Washington of Canton. "We have a Six Pack of invite cards and encourage each of our members to carry these to the grocery store, their children's T-ball and soccer games and give them out.

"One of the key marketing things was a 10,000-piece mailer and now a second 10,000-piece mailer that said 'you're invited.' We saw some excellent traffic from that."



The day started with an outdoor worship service lead by Nativity United Church of Christ interim Pastor John Landis. Children's games were part of the festivities two Sundays ago at Nativity United Church of Christ in Livonia.

The church also pays for an advertisement located at Westland Mall between the Coffee Beanery and Victoria's Secret.

"It's a picture of my wife and self in a backlit display, life-size with service information," said Washington.

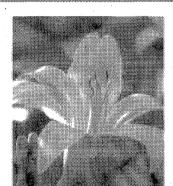
"We have more traffic that goes to the mall. More than a million go to the mall every year. For a little under \$500 a month, we have no less than two to three

families a week come in our

Washington, who grew up in a traditional African-American church, says he wants Canton Christian Fellowship to be a lighthouse in the community attracting the spiritually and financially needy. On the fourth Saturday of every month, the church offers a Clothing Bank for the poor. For information, call (734) 404-2480.

"I had a vision after I read a story where Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. said you cannot be silent about the things that matter. People are hurting right here in our community. We had adopted families for Christmas but wanted to do more because the Bible says whatever you do for the least of these you do for me.'

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### DR. HELEN E.R. **DITZHAZY**

June 22, 2008, age 81 of Novi, 52 years a Michigan edu-Michigan. cator and "glass ceiling" breaker: teacher, guidance counselor, assistant principal at Thurston High in Redford; principal, high school builder in Novi; assistant and deputy superintendent in Jackson; 20 year professor and professor emeritus in Ypsilanti (EMU). Obtained B.S. and M.A. at MSU, Ph.D. at U of M and M.B.A. at MSU. Paul Harris Fellow Rotarian, Phi Delta Kappan, and past president of John Sackett chapter DAR. Descendant of Mayflower Compact signor, Edward Doty. Survived by husband of 59 years, Joseph Andrew, Sr. and daughter Carol (Walter) Vogel of Beloit, WI; predeceased by son Joseph A., Jr. Grandmother of Kimberly, Alexander, and Christina Vogel, Kira, Hillary, and Whitney Ditzhazy, Joseph A. III and Hunter Ditzhazy. Sister of the late John (Maxine) Ringold. Visitation Monday, July 7, from 5-8 pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd., Livonia. Funeral service Tuesday, July 8, instate 10 am until the time of service from 11 am to 1 pm at the Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Rd., Northville.

## THOMAS F. DONNELLY

Age 81, of Bethesda, OH. Grew up in Garden City, died Saturday, June 21, 2008. Born Feb. 11, 1927, on of the late Thomas and Mary Donnelly. Served in the US Navy during WWII. Survived by his wife Clara Jordan Donnelly, daughters Mary S. Donnelly and Carol A. Donnelly. Also survived by sister Baraba J. (Ralph) Harris.

## BRAD G. FREDERICK

Age 51, passed away June 2, 2008 at Angela Hospice in Livonia. Beloved husband of Dawn (Slater) Frederick. Much loved father of Missy and Justin. Son of the late Glenn and the late Barbara Frederick. Brother of Mark, Rahn, Rick and Kirk. Son in law of James and Marcia Slater. Services were held at First Congregational Church of Wayne on June 4, 2008.

## **ELSIE GRANATA**

Age 97, June 28, 2008. Beloved wife of the late Carmine Antonio. Dear mother of Thomas and Robert. Loving grandmother of Garret, Tom Jr Cynthia (Rand) Weborg and Jill Granata. Great-grandmother of ten. Great-great-grandmother of one. Dear sister of Caroline, Genevieve and Edith. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Funeral service was held at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church. Arrangements by the Harry J. will Funeral Home, Livonia.

## KIM A. GREENWALD

Age 54 of Royal Oak, formally of Rochester, passed away after a brave year battle with cancer, June 23, 2008. He was a loving brother to Liz (Steven) Waatti, Guy (Nancy) Greenwald, Heidi Piot, Uncle to Erika, Kristen, Paul Waatti, along with many other family members, also many wonderful friends, a son Jason R. Greenwald. He will be missed by many. His wish was to donate his body to Wayne State in hope to help find a cure for cancer. There will be no service at this time, but a celebration of his life will take place in the near future.



## SUZANNE MULDOON

Age 57, July 1, 2008 of Livonia. Beloved wife of Jack. Loving mother of Michael (Susie) and Daniel. Dear daughter of Betty Lou Robinson and grandmother of Nathan. Also survived by several brothers and sisters. Funeral service Thursday at 10:30 am at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Visitation Wednesday 1-9pm. The family suggests donation to Karmanos Cancer Center. Please sign Suzanne's online guestbook at: www.rggrharris.com

## RALPH PECKHAM

Age 72, of Farmington, MI, passed June 27, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

## DAVID W. STOVALL

Age 57, of Rochester, died June 28, 2008. Loving husband of Cheryl and dear father of Dan. Memorial service was held at Pixley Funeral Home, Rochester. Donations may be made to the family for MS Research.

## **YVETTE STRAUB**

Of Westland, passed June 28, 2008. Arrangements: Uht Funeral Home

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## **RELIGION CALENDAR**

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

## 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, Redford. No dance lesson this month. Cost \$10. Doors open 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, Livonia. For information, call (734) 425-

## **Summer music ministry**

Thursday, July 10 (Sci Ridge Brass Quintet), dinner at 6 p.m. for \$6, concert 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.

## Red Cross blood drive

7. All are welcome to music events. 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. Moms wanted Tables available to rent for \$20 for Mom 2 Mom sale 9 a.m. to 3

p.m. Saturday, July 19, at Full Gospel Temple, 34033 Palmer Rd., Westland. Call Debbie at (734) 891-8693. **Vacation Bible school** 

This Royal Adventure teaches students about the character of God through Kings and Queens of the Bible 6-8 p.m. Monday-Friday. July 7-11, at Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church, 15585 Haggerty, 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.

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, 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. **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 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, 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 9:45 a.m. Wednesday prayer and Bible study is 7 p.m. Youth fellowship 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.

## Vacation Bible school

SonAdventure Vacation Bible School 7-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, July 14-17, at Livonia Church of Christ. 15431 Merriman, Livonia. Call (734) 427-8743 to pre-register or for information www.livoniachurch.net. Free for children age 3 through 6th grade includes a class for adults Bible stories, games, crafts, snacks, singing and fun.

Bible study All are invited to A Word for You Bible Study which continues 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 15, the one hour study includes praise and worship and the Word in the Green Room at the Bailev 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. 8-foot-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@hosanna-tabor.org.

## 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 16, Aug. 13, and Aug. 27. A Children's Ministry will be offered while moms enjoy Mass, a continental breakfast, and conversation and discussion with other moms at St. Michael's on the southwest corner of Hubbard and Plymouth Road, Livonia. Moms may register for as few or many sessions as their schedules permit, cost is \$8 per session with an additional \$2 per child for Children's Ministry care. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200 or on-line at www. livoniastmichael.org.

Please see CALENDAR, D5

### **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) 261-1455,

**Bethany Suburban West** 

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

### Jazz worship

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

For information, call Mark Lohmeyer at (734) 522-6830.

### **Carillon concert series**

10 a.m. and noon Sunday, July 20 and 27, and Aug. 3, 17, 24 and 31, at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd. Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 625-2515 or visit www.kirkinthehills.org.

### Fall craft show

Applications are now being accepted for the Fall Craft Show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

Seekers of spiritual intelligence Beacon Hill Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) examines if God, Christ and

the Holy Spirit are tied into one and what it means to us during the 1 p.m. Sunday worship service in July 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.

### 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,

### Grandparents/kids weekend

July 25-27, at FaHolo Camp & Conference Center, Grass Lake, sponsored by ReMarried Ministries of Ward Church. The event is a retreat for grandparents and grandchildren, and includes two nights lodging, five meals, inspirational teaching by Barbara George-Howard, a wagon ride and bon fire, water blob and trampoline, go carts, initiatives, and lots of fun. Costs are \$283 per grandparent couple or \$154 per person, Grandchildren ages 6-17 \$90 each, 5 year olds free. Call (248) 374-7400.

### Clothing bank

Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 26. 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. Donations are also accepted. For information, call (734) 404-2480 or visit www.CantonCF.org.

**Vacation Bible school** 

Registrations due July 27 for Aug. 4-7 (for 3-years to fifth grade), at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The theme is God's Big Backyard and focuses on service to others. Call (734) 422-0149. Cost \$10.

### **Vacation Bible school**

Loving God and Serving Others runs 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, July 28 to Aug. 1, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. Cost is \$15. To register, call (734) 422-6038, for information visit www.stmatthewslivonia.com.

### Family movie night

A Man for All Seasons 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 30, in Bixman Hall (church building) at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., north of Six Mile, Livonia. No charge. Please RSVP at (734) 425-5950. Popcorn and beverages provided.

### Water works park

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.org.

### 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.

### **UPCOMING**

### Tent revival

Join radio personality Robin Sullivan, vocalist Ruth Naomi Floyd and other

Christian musicians along with Detroit preachers 2-7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, at Resurrection Lutheran Church on Kelly Rd., one block south of 8 Mile. Health screenings will be offered. There is no charge for any portion of the event. Call (313) 372-4902 for more information.

### **Tiny Tots Preschool**

Now enrolling for 2008-2009, openings for 3 and 4-year olds at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Cost \$25 for the first child, \$20 for each child thereafter. Call (734) 464-0211.

### **ONGOING**

### Time change

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

### Sunday worship

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

### **Reformed Protestant services**

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

### worship/detroit.html. Sanskrit chanting

An ongoing, weekly class taught by Ania Kopczynski, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No pre-registration required. A

free-will collection taken at the session. For information, call (586) 353-2300 or visit www.renaissanceunity.org.

### Church schedule

Garden City Presbyterian Church continues its 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music (fellowship follows). Youth Sunday School and nursery care also available at 10 a.m.

Adult Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. Informal gathering 6 p.m. every Sunday with scriptures and discussion at the church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Rd. Call (734) 421-7620.

### Single Place Ministry

Single Place Ministry continues to meet Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org. Cost is \$5.

### **Prince of Peace Church**

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

### Tai chi and strength classes

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

### **Church offerings**

www.orchardumc.org.

Riverside Park Church of God, Sunday

worship is at 10 a.m., Wednesday bible classes (child through adult) at 7 p.m. Youth outings held monthly. The senior group (age 50 plus) has lunch together

every month. The men get together for breakfast the first Saturday of the month plus we offer choir practice for all singers. All visitors welcome. The church is at 11771

Newburgh at Plymouth Road, Livonia.

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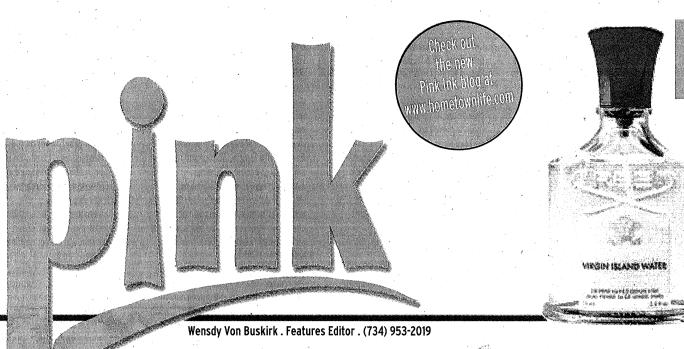
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### WOMEN

Tops, dresses and bodysuits in solid colors or nature patterns form the basis of this collection. Also included are garments made of organic and recycled wool, such as a coat with dolman sleeves and a funnel collar, a kimono jacket, carrotshaped pants, a tulip skirt and knit sweat-

Wide jeans in organic denim, a patterned dress, and a blouse are also featured, as is outerwear, such as a coutureinspired anorak and a second anorak made from recycled polyester. Organic cotton underwear and sleepwear feature floral patterns, checks and stripes, as well as pretty lace and embroidery.

### MEN

In the men's department, H&M is offering basics that are made of organic cotton, including boxer shorts, socks, scarves, and T-shirts in several colors.

### DIVIDED

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The children's line features long-sleeved T-shirts in patterns or prints, a dress, underwear in cute animal prints, rugby shirts, hoodies with prints, undershirts and boxer shorts. A shopping bag completes the collection. All are made of organic cotton.

The Young concept for children between 9 and 14 contains a complete range of tops, blouses, shirts and a cardigan. For girls, the collection features a sea-themed jacket, jeans and a skirt with matching knit accessories. Boys can choose from Tshirts, a shirt with a button front, a cardigan, a hoodie, a lumber jacket, jeans, hat and scarf. All these garments are made of organic cotton. The prices of these pieces are in line with other H&M collections.

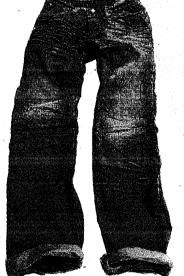
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Rochester will host "Late Nite Thursdays." Merchants will stay open until 9 p.m. or later, and shoppers can enjoy street entertainment and a chance to participate in a "Summer in the City" scavenger hunt, with prizes valued at \$2,000. Call (248) 656-0060 or visit DowntownRochesterMl.com.

Annual Twilight Gathering is set for 5:30-8 p.m. Walters, 2955 Morrow Lane, Milford. Tickets, \$100 in advance/\$125 on site, include gourmet meal,

beverages and silent auction; and benefit Childcare Commitment Program, which assists families ineligible for child care provided by the state. Call (248) 415-1442 or visit WomensCaringProgram.org.

SOUTHFIELD - Women's clotheir and travel author Lynn Portnoy will host "How to Travel with One Bag," 6:30 p.m July 10 at her self-named store, 29260 Franklin Road, Southfield. Enjoy refreshments

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ROYAL OAK - The Royal Oak Antique & Garage Sale will take place July 19-20, in the parking structure on Lafayette Ave. between Fifth and Sixth. About 300 dealers will sell books, paintings, furniture, jewelry, clothing and more. Joseph Del Guidice of Del Guidice Gallery will again offer free "Antiques Roadshow"-style value estimates. Admission is \$1,

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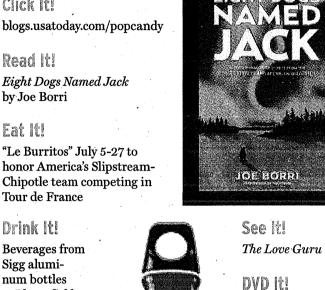
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# Girl's Night Out Winner

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She and three friends enjoyed VIP seats to see Pat Benatar and her hubby Neil Giraldo at the RenCen on June 27, along with manicures at Clippers, dinner at Andiamo **Detroit Riverfront restaurant** and Godiva Chocolatier goody

Congrats Cheryl! Rockin' on the Riverfront continues with free concerts by 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; and

Foreigner, Aug. 22.

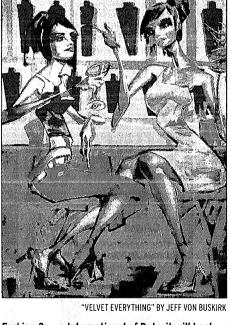
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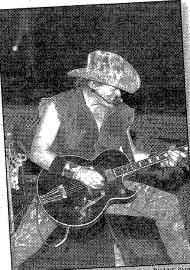
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### **PURE PICKS**

Filtering your top entertainment picks between July 3-8, 2008



Ted Nugent

If the Nuge has his way, metro Detroiters will be set to paint the town **Ted**, **White** and Blue this year when the Motor City Madman himself, Ted Nugent, takes the stage 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 4, at DTE Energy Music Theatre in Independence Township. Tickets are \$39.50 pavilion or \$15 lawn, visit www.palacenet.com or call (248) 645-6666.

If it's summer, it's time for movies at the park. Campus Martius Park continues its Comcast Summer Film Series with Tyler Perry's Meet the Browns, on Saturday, July 5, at the park at 1 Campus Martius, off Woodward Avenue. Call (313) 962-0101. Music begins at 8 p.m. and the movie starts around 9 p.m. It's free.



Comerica CityFest - now in its 20th year - will be in full swing by Sunday, July 6, and chances are you've already experienced the



**George Clinton** 

barrage of live music bouncing off of four distinct stages, you've already had tastes of the city's best restaurants and shopped the street market for clothes, jewelry and Detroit-made goods. But you can't miss George Clinton and Parliament Funkadelic hitting the Motor City Casino Stage at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, in Detroit's New Center Area. It's free, family-approved fun. Visit www.comericacityfest.com for more.

There is only one **Bon Jovi** and the band is back, ready to return to the *Lost Highway*, with a performance Monday, July 7 at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 1 Championship Drive in Auburn Hills. Special guest is The All-American Rejects and the show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$39.50 to \$132 at palacenet. com, or call (248) 645-6666.



Bon Jovi

Compiled By Stephanie A. Casola, O&E staff writer

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### ART

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, 1516 Cranbrook (between 14 and 15 Mile roads), Birmingham, www. BBArtCenter.org, (248) 644-0866.

CPOP: "Persons of Interest" with Bask and Tes One, through mid-August, 4160 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-9901, www.cpop.com. Habatat Galleries: "From the Belkin Collection," July 19-Aug. 14, 4400 Fernlee Ave., Royal Oak, (248) 554-0590, www.habatat.com. Lawrence Street Gallery: "Fill the Frame Juried Exhibition" through July 25, reception 6-9 p.m. July 11. 22620 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-0394, www.lawrencestreetgallery.com.

Orchard Lake Framing & Gallery: "The Aha Moment – A Print Revealed," through July 19, 4301 Orchard Lake Road, W. Bloomfield, (248) 538-9021, www.orchardlakeframing.com.

**The Print Gallery:** Paul Adams' Detroit, through July 19, 29173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, (248) 356-5454, www.everythingart.com.

### CLASSICAL

**Detroit Symphony Orchestra:** Salute to America at Greenfield Village, through July 5, www.detroitsymphony.com.

### CHIRS

Eden Nightclub & Ultralounge: Friday night party with DJ Ryan Richards, 10 p.m. guest celebrity hosts and DJs; DJ Urban Chris in the Garden Room, DJ Pannos in the Ultralounge accompanied by percussionist Jared Sykes, 10 p.m. Saturday, 22061 Woodward Ave, Ferndale (248) 541-7674.

Edison's: Robert Penn, July 3 & 5, 220 Merrill, Birmingham, (248) 645-2150.

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, Farmington Hills, no cover, (248) 851-8222.

Magic Bag: Chris Duarte, July 13; Tony Lucca, July 20, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.

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### COMEDY

**Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle:** Tony Deyo, July 3 & July 5, \$8-\$15, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900.

### 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: 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, 7774 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston. (248) 645-6666.
The Fox Theatre: Van Morrison, July 9, 2211 Woodward, Detroit,

Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

Freedom Hill Amphitheatre: Dropkick Murphys, July 8, 14900
Metropolitan Parkway, Sterling Heights. Call (248) 645-6666.

Meadow Brook Music Festival: Trace Adkins and Kellie Pickler, July 17;
Weird Al Yankovic, July 18, on the campus of Oakland University,

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Costello, July 26, 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills, (248) 645-666 or Palacenet com

Ren Cen Riverfront Plaza: Mark Farner and Mitch Ryder, July 11; Starship featuring Mickey Thomas, July 18, www.gmrencen.com.

### DANCE

**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

### FESTIVALS

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., through July 6, New Center Area, Detroit, www.comericacityfest.com.

### FILM

Campus Martius Film Series: Runs Saturdays, 8 p.m. now through Aug. 9; "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. Defroit Free.

**Detroit Film Theatre:** Jean-Luc Godard's "Contempt," July 5-7; My Winnipeg, July 11-13, Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit (313) 833-7900.

### JAZZ

2008 Chene Park Jazz Series: Michael Franks, July 5; Najee and Maysa, July 9; Jazz Fusion, July 16, (248) 645-6666 or via the website at www.ticketmaster.com.

### MORE MUSIC

Callaham's: 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, Motor City Brass, July 10, 24915 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 473-1857/1870.

### MISTIMS

Charles H. Wright Museum: "Camp Africa," three sessions will run between July 22- Aug. 8; "Piecin' It Together" jazz, stories, kids and quilts, July 18; African World Festival with The O'Jays, Aug. 15-17, 915 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. (313) 494-5800.

Cranbrook Art Museum: "William Massie: An American House," through Oct. 31, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (877) GO-CRANBROOK, www.cranbrook.edu.

Cranbrook Institute of Science: PGA Championship 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:** Violinist Michelle . Makarski, 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. July 11; "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, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 833-7900.

Detroit Historical Museum: "Cinerama Adventure" showing July 12-13, 5401 Woodward, Detroit, www.detroithistorical.org, (313) 833-1805. Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit: "Considering Detroit" with works by Ellen Cantor, Maurice Greenia, Jim Gustafson, Allie McGree, Heather McGill, Gordon Newton, and TIME STEREO's UFO Factory, through July 28, 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 832-6622.

### SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Alexander Zonjic's Smooth Jazz Cruise: Set sail for a jazz and dinner cruise on the Detroit Princess Riverboat, docking just west of the Renaissance Center. Cruises board at 5:45 p.m. and 9 p.m. July 8, Sax Pack; July 15, Chicago Detroit Guitar Summit; July 22, Alex Meets Alex; July 29, Peter White; Aug. 5, Marion Meadows; Aug. 12, Alexander Zonjic and Friends; Aug. 19, Gerald Albright; Aug. 26, Kirk Whalum, tickets, (248) 645-6666 or visit www.zonjic.com.

### THEATER - COMMUNITY

Tipping Pointe Theatre: "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, Sept. 12-18. 34660 Woodward, Birmingham. \$15. (248) 644-2075.

Water Works Theatre: Fundraising garden party Love on the Balcony features oppirtunity 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.waterworkstheatre.com.

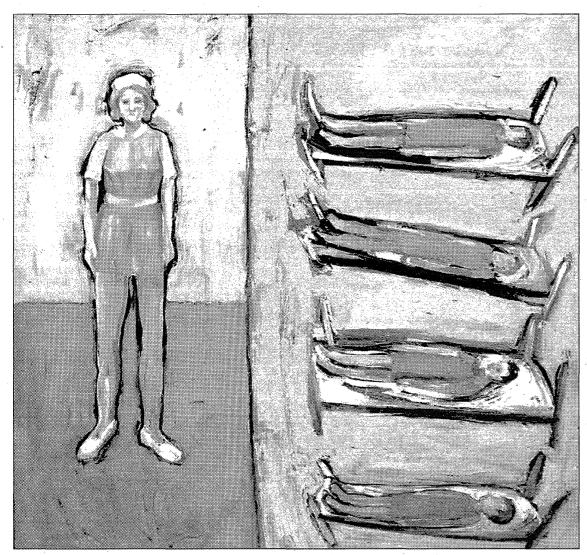
Who Warts Cake: "The Facts of Life - The Lost Episode," July 12 through Aug. 4, The Ringwald, 22742 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 556-8581.

### THEATER-PROFESSIONAL

Fisher Theatre: The theatre is undergoing major renovations and will open this fall to feature the Broadway plays "Avenue Q" (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

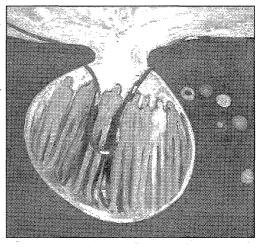
Fox Theatre: "Irving Berlin's White Christmas," Nov. 19 to Dec. 28, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com, OlympiaEntertainment. com, (248) 433-1515.



See Sally Schluter Tardella's "30 Euro Bonus" now on display at the Paint Creek Center for the Arts.



Tim Johnstone presents his first solo show at the **Paint Creek Center** for the Arts. This painting, "Monkey," will be featured.



**Bloomfield** Hills artist Schluter Tardella's painting '3786 Miners" will be part of a new exhibition "Uneasy" Rochester.

# Paint Creek's latest exhibit strikes an offbeat chord

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

OSE STAFF WRITER

It's not easy to pin-down a description of the latest exhibition to hit Rochester's Paint Creek Center for the Arts. In fact it's titled *Uneasy*. This collection of works by six artists are stylistically different but all exhibit something that Exhibition Director Mary Fortuna calls "a little sinister.'

The PCCA put out a call to artists and received submissions from across the state. Ultimately Michigan's George Bennett, Thomas Carey, Cyrus Karimipour, Carl Oxley III, Sally Schluter Tardella and — lone New Jersey resident — Ivar Theorin were chosen to participate. "One of the things we saw was that you couldn't categorize them," said Fortuna, "but they had a similar appeal. They made you pay attention.'

Tardella will contribute four to five oil paintings to the exhibit, depending on space. All are part of a series titled Witness, which was inspired by political or social events reported in news media. "I am a painter and a storyteller, attempting to translate contemporary culture into relevant personal meaning," said Tardella, a Bloomfield Hills resident who teaches art at Oakland University in Rochester. One such painting, 3786 Miners,

was created as a response to news that a mine deaths in Beijing had dropped by 20 percent. Another, 30 Euro Bonus, references a hospital in Spain where nurses who wear skirts earn a 30 Euro monthly bonus. Tardella said the connection between news — be it local, national or international — and the painted image "characterized by color, brushwork and imagery intended to elicit an emotional response is what truly sets her work apart. "But of course, artists have been making 'political' paintings forever," she added.

Whether the works of *Uneasy* came in the form of DVD, painting or photography, they all evoked a sense of apprehension. Fortuna described Oxley's work, influenced by graffiti art, as portraying "cute little animals that have an edge to them.'

Karimipour will showcase at least four photographic pieces from an ongoing series titled Invented Memory in the exhibit. "I am fascinated with the way we organize information, particularly how we recall what we believe to be accurate memories," said the Bloomfield Hills-based artist. "Neuroscience casts doubt on our notion of accuracy with regard to memory, postulating that memories are not stored as wholes in one area of the brain. but rather are fragmented across the brain. When we remember, we are actually gathering and reassembling the pieces. Every previous memory is affected by each new memory formed. This results in a slight change in our memories each time they are recalled. This also seems to help explain how easily our memories can be corrupted, and how 'false memories' can be suggested into existence. Photography enables me to isolate fragments of moments and cast my characters in new situations, and create new scenarios that represent more of a feeling, than an actual event."

Featured in the main gallery, Uneasy includes about 25 pieces. The show runs through Aug. 8, with an opening reception July 11.

"As sweet as it is there is a slightly devious quality," said Fortuna. "It's not what you'd expect.

Equally unexpected is the simultaneous solo show by Auburn Hills-based painter Tim Johnstone. "I'm very excited about the work he's doing," said Fortuna. Johnstone, who works at Haig's of Rochester Fine Jewelry, has frequented the PCCA as a patron for years. Last year he donated a clock for a PCCA fundraiser and, Fortuna said, "people bid like crazy on it. He does amazing work. He has skills as a jeweler as much as a painter's ability."

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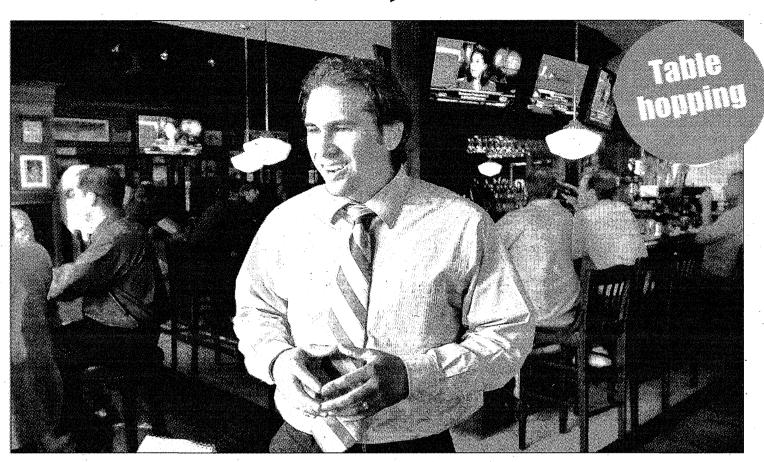
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More information: Visit www.pccart.org or call (248) 651-4110.

# BlackFinn kicks open its doors in Royal Oak



Assistant General Manager Christian Dorsch welcomes newcomers into BlackFinn — the latest addition to Royal Oak's dining and nightlife scene.



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Pan-seared Tilapia was the fresh fish option of the day at Black Finn.

### **BLACKFINN**

What: A New York-style saloon and restaurant that opened May 30. Where: 530 South Main Street, Royal Oak Cuisine: Everything from sliders to Surf & Turf and a daily fresh fish entree. Contact: Call (248) 582-9460 or visit www.

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Royal Oak's streets are practically paved in restaurant and nightlife choices. So when proprietors of a true New York style saloon called BlackFinn were looking to expand into Michigan, the city was an obvious choice.

"It's a great community," said Christian Dorsch, assistant general manager. He isn't a newcomer to the restaurant business, either.

Dorsch, a Rochester native, was a partner and general manager at Harper's in East Lansing. A seemingly natural next step, he's moved on to a lively bar and restaurant that caters to a post-college clientele. Its walls are covered in University of Michigan and Michigan State paraphernalia and the bar tends to fill up with a crowd of young professionals nightly.

Dorsch said BlackFinn prides itself on being the go-to place for nearly any occasion. From a menu suitable for a quick lunch or a hearty dinner to a prime spot to watch the game, BlackFinn can manage it all. Open since May 30, it's already become a happy hour hot spot and a haven for fund-raisers. Dorsch describes it simply as "upscale casual, an entire dining experience."

There are distinct rooms for private dining in a non-smoking atmosphere, a main pub room where diners will find 16 beers on tap and signature martinis, the Pearl Room available fee-free for private parties and a section of saloon-style booths complete with their own televi-

For Sarah and John Roberts, of Rochester, the saloon's open air atmosphere on Main Street was the main draw. The couple split a BlackFinn Sampler one sunny day last week. "They have a great beer selection," said John Roberts, commenting on his first visit.

BlackFinn's menu features everything from plentiful appetizers like Seared Ahi Tuna and three-cheese cheesesticks flash-fried in wonton, to sandwiches like the popular Black Angus Saloon Burger. The burger sells for \$1.50 from 10 p.m. to midnight on Wednesdays. Dinner entrees like BlackFinn Chicken, sauteed in white wine, garlic and butter sauce, and Grilled Steak Tips, marinated in Guinness, are constantly coming out of the kitchen.

Beyond the dining itself, it's the sort of place where DJs spin a mix of every genre of music Thursday to Saturday. "Our goal is to get everyone dancing," said Dorsch. And that's sure to happen on Wednesday nights when Jerry Sprague performs live.

With about 100 employees and a bar crowd that kicks in almost religiously between 5:30 and 6 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, it's been a strong start. The restaurant aims to foster a "longterm guest relationship," according to

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# July 4th & jazz, raw foods and health classes

On July 3rd and 4th, Volare offers lunch and dinner specialities on the patio — and at 6 p.m. a live jazz show with Ray Ward and Michael Moore (no, not that Michael Moore!).

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Patio entertainment continues through the whole month of July.

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Certified executive chef Mary Brady, co-owner of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro in Novi, does it every July, and each year the number of people increases. Brady

caters the Women's Caring Program annual summertime garden party fund raiser that benefits low-income families by offering child care grants.

Brady donates her time as a Women's Caring Program board member and arranges food donations through her vendors at Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro.

The 2008 "Twilight Gathering" is set for 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, July 10 on the grounds of Meadow View in Milford. Visit womenscaringprogram.org for ticket information.

(Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro is located inside the Novi Town Center at 26053 Town Center, Novi. For reservations, call 248/380-

### **COOK FOR HEALTH**

The "Cancer Prevention and Survival Cooking Course" (four Wednesday classes) is 7 to 8:30 p.m. July 9-30 at Whole Foods Market, 7350 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. The sponsor is The Cancer Project. Cost is free but a suggested donation is \$20. Register by calling (248) 538-4600.

"The single easiest and best thing most of us can do to prevent cancer or its recurrence is to eat right," says Jennifer Reilly, R.D., a senior nutritionist for The Cancer Project. "More than a third of all cancer deaths in this country are due to poor diet."

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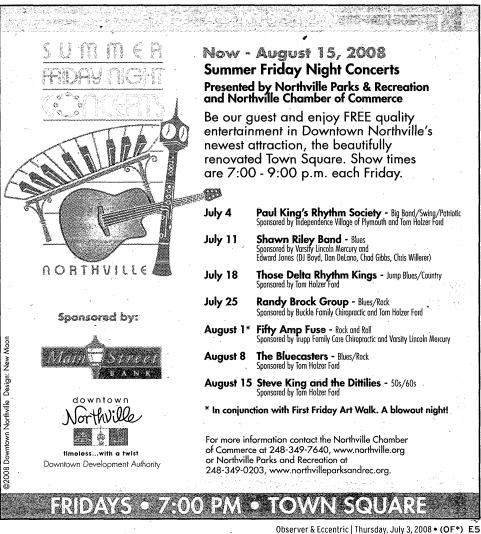
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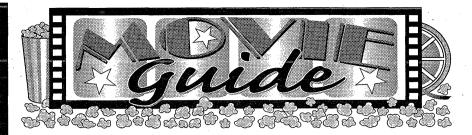
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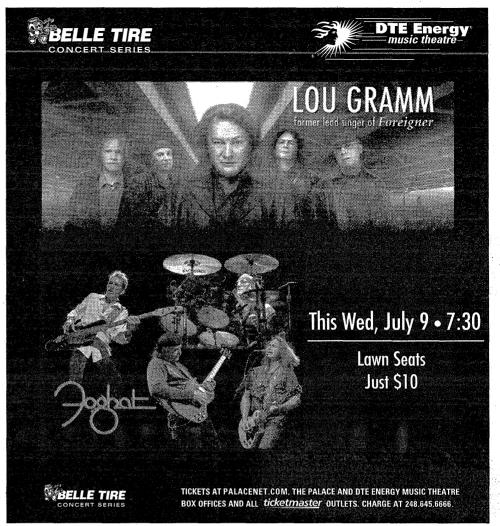
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