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# Plymouth gets artsy

#### Thousands crowd the streets for annual festival

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Christine Jansen of Canton Township and her mother, Marge Hay of Plymouth Township, make it an annual ritual to walk Art in the Park on the first day of the three-day event.

"It's a mom-and-daughter thing, we like to come together for a girls day out," said Jansen, 31, who leaves the kids home with dad. "When you have kids in tow, you can't get as much done. We get Christmas presents and stuff every year.'

Hay wholeheartedly agreed it's more fun without the men and kids to hold



Early afternoon crowds are always good at Art In The Park.

them back.

"Oh, God, yes," said Hay, 60. "There's nobody around telling us how to spend our money."

Hay uses the shopping opportunity to purchase gifts for her family and friends who are Michigan State Spartan fans.

"I come down to buy Ohio State stuff just to irritate peo-

ple," she said. Jimmy Dreskin, who has been selling his crystal and glass jewelry at Art in the Park for 11 years, has a prime spot at Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail.

Dreskin said Plymouth is one fair he eagerly anticipates every year.

"It's one of my favorite shows all over the country," said Dreskin of Ft.

Lauderdale. Fla. "The ladies who put it on (Dianne Quinn and Raychel Rork) are wonderful, the show gets a phenomenal turnout and there's always beautiful weather. And, financially, it's a good show to do."

Anne Alatalo of Superior Township, a Bentley Elementary teacher, said she was concerned Art in the Park might suffer the effects of the Michigan economy.

'I don't know how many people are buying, but lots of people are here and that's great," Alatalo said. "I like looking at photographs and buying jewelry. My pocketbook isn't empty, but it's diminished.'

For more photos, see the gallery at www.hometownlife.com.



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Petty Shepard, originally from Kenya, now of Kingsford, Tenn., brought handwoven baskets and hats colored with natural dyes for Plymouth's annual Art in the Park festival.



Emily Oberlitner, Melanie Thoms and son Jack Thoms, 4, look at purses, lamps and clocks designed and made from cigar boxes. The work is created by Elaine Laurent of Sarasota, Fla.

# **Arbitration settles** firefighter contract

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Some 27 months after the last deal expired, an arbitrator has settled the contract dispute between Plymouth Township and the firefighters of the Plymouth Community Fire Department.

The three-year deal, which runs retroactively to April 1, 2006, expires March 31, 2009. That means the labor peace won't last long; the sides will likely begin negotiations again in March.

Both sides claimed victory in the negotiations, which for the first time went to binding arbitration. And both sides said it should never have gone that far.

"We didn't want to go to arbitration," said Rick Tefend, president of the firefighters union. "If (the township) had negotiated and accepted our offer, they could have saved the citizens a lot of money.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said wages were not the sticking point, but that the township decided to hold the line on fringe benefits.

"We were trying to save money on benefits," Reaume said. "The dollar increase for benefits was going to be just as much as the salary increase."

According to a copy of the document obtained by the Observer, the arbitration panel accepted union proposals on some issues, township proposals on others. Some of the key issues:

■ Wage increase: The township proposed a 2-percent hike per year, while the union wanted 3 percent the first year, 1.5 percent every six months after that. The arbitrator ruled in favor of the union's proposal.

■ Health care: The township asked firefighters to pay 5 percent of the cost of HMO coverage (some \$49 per month for a family covered by Blue Care Network HMO coverage). The arbitrator agreed with the union and left it at 1 percent of the firefighters' base pay.

However, effective April 1, 2008, firefighters choosing the more expensive PPO coverage will have to pay the difference. According to township records, 14 of the department's 25 firefighters are covered by a PPO plan now.

■ Sick time: The union currently gets 144 hours of regular sick time, 96 hours of supplemental sick tim hours. They were seeking ble the regular sick time t hours per year. The par in favor of the townsh sick time at current

Paramedic bor union sought to rais it from \$2,000 to \$3,0 Township office efit alone woul have cos \$25,000.

The panel s ed with the township and eft it tatus.
The arbitration turned out

to be an expensive proposition. Township officials said they spent between \$100,000 and \$150,000, while estimates for the legal costs for the union were some \$80,000.

The difference: The township expense comes from the budget, while individual firefighters foot the cost for the union.

"We didn't want to go to arbitration (because) we pay out of our pockets," Tefend said. "It's not the citizens' money that we spend. We didn't want to go to arbitration. The township wanted to take a lot of things away."

Not so, according to Reaume. "We have been responsibly negotiating salary and benefits with the firefighters to keep our costs in line and save our taxpayers money," Reaume said. "The health and safety of our community is my first priority.'

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# Veteran trustee, former chief among five on ballot

#### Watching township budget key issue for incumbent | Berry: Township manager should be considered

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Kay Arnold, the longest-serving trustee on the Plymouth Township board, admits she gave some consideration to giving up her seat rather than seek re-election in 2008.

But Arnold, along with current Clerk Marilyn Massengill elected to the board in 1992, decided there was still enough left to do to warrant another term.

"I have no axes to grind, and I think I can look more clearly at things other people might have issues with," Arnold said. "I weighed it (dropping out) pretty heavily, but I felt I needed to do it one more time to keep that sense of community."



Arnold

Arnold said managing the township's budget is the biggest issue the board faces, what with declining property values and a struggling economy.

Plymouth Township has the lowest taxes in Wayne County, and Arnold said the board needs to keep it that way. To do that, she said, board members

have to watch their spending. With the challenges we have with the budget, we have to oversee administrators who want to spend money," Arnold said. "We need to watch what we do and keep our taxes low.

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BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Carl Berry has spent years consulting with politicians about their political careers and

Now Berry, the first chief of the Plymouth Township Police Department some 25 years ago, is heeding his own advice and running his own campaign. Berry is among five candidates - with incumbents Kay Arnold, Steven Mann and Bob Doroshewitz and newcomer Michael Kelly — vying for a quartet of four-year trustee seats in the Aug. 5 Republican primary.

After years of coaching other candidates, Berry figured it was time to get into the game



"I've always been dedicated to public service," said Berry, who is head of security for the Detroit auto show. "I've been around a long time, and I've got a lot to offer.

Berry said he's thought in years past about running, but felt his schedule wouldn't permit him "to do a good job."

"I thought about running for supervisor, but I don't want a full-time job," Berry said. "I think now I can dedicate the time it'll need."

Berry said the next board will have to help manage a transition from a developing com-

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# Thefts seem sign of the times during campaign season

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The stealing of campaign lawn signs during an election season is almost as predictable as the sun coming

And, rarely does someone actually get caught.

However, Plymouth police are investigating a complaint by 35th District Court judge candidate Jim Plakas after someone was reportedly seen stealing his lawn signs. The witness, surprisingly, is one of Plakas' competitors, Cam

Miller said he was driving to dinner with his family about 7 p.m. July 5 when they noticed a hatchback

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"We saw a person casually walk to the corner, look in every direction, get a sign and throw it in the back," said Miller. "I got a description of the person, the vehicle and license plate number and called the police immediately. I know it may help my competitor, but it's illegal."

Plakas said he's lost nearly 50 signs recently.

"It's just too many to be a coincidence," said Plakas, who said he's also lost signs in Northville. "There's a lot of planning and scheming going on.

"It's very frustrating," he

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said. "But, it also gives a charge and a lift to the campaign, and all those people who support you and participate with you."

Miller said he's lost nearly 100 signs during the campaign. Martha Snow said she's missing about 80 lawn signs, and doesn't consider it just a prank.

"It's not just happening at night, but in broad daylight," said Snow. "Sometimes I'll go past a location where I got permission to put a sign and when I come back several hours later it's gone. I don't think it's a coincidence that when a particular candidate (who she wouldn't name) put signs in a subdivision, mine go down."

The other 35th District Court judge candidates - Joe Barone, Art Butler and Jim Malinowski - said they aren't experiencing problems with stolen campaign signs.

Judy Hudson of Plymouth had a Plakas sign stolen from her yard, and said it's not only disturbing but illegal.

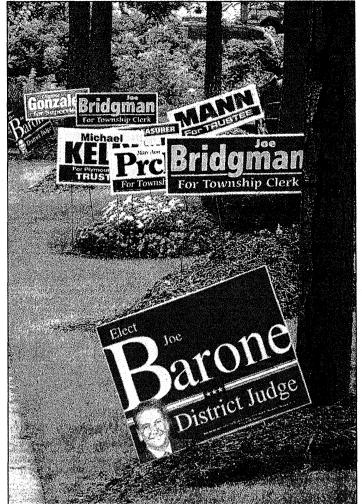
"I can only assume it's somebody who is supporting a different candidate," said Hudson. "The fact that this is a judicial race and someone representing the candidate is breaking the law is ironic. You don't have to support my candidate, but don't shut up others rights to speak."

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An article on a forum for candidates to the Wayne County 3rd Court Non-Incumbent position incorrectly said that six candidates will advance from the Aug. 5 primary to the general election in November to compete for the three open seats. The three positions will be filled in the Aug. 5 primary.

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# Third DUI arrest costs Plymouth-Canton teacher his job

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

The Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education has taken steps to fire a Plymouth High School teacher who has had three drunken driving arrests in the past four

Trustees voted 7-0 Tuesday to terminate 48-year-old Dennis James Ross of Plymouth Township — a social studies teacher in the district since 2000 — following an April 2 arrest while driving his Chevrolet Trailblazer on Ann

Arbor Road in Plymouth. "He came off the light at Main Street, continued eastbound and drifted left into the adjacent lane, nearly striking another eastbound vehicle." Police Chief Wayne Carroll said. "The officer smelled the odor of intoxicants, observed his eyes were glassy and bloodshot and his speech was slurred, all indicators that he was possibly under the influence."

Carroll said Ross' bloodalcohol level was 0.18. In Michigan, the legal limit is

Records at 35th District

Court indicate Ross was charged with driving while intoxicated third offense, a felony, and driving with a suspended license. His video arraignment was conducted by Judge John MacDonald, who released Ross on a \$1,000 personal bond. Ross waived his preliminary exam and the case was bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court.

Court documents also reveal Ross was charged with driving while intoxicated in May 2005, and also waived a preliminary exam with the case

incident, Ross hit a curb in the parking lot at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and was charged with drunken

And in December 2004, Ross was charged with driving while intoxicated second offense, but had the charge reduced to driving while intoxicated.

Ray Bihun, the executive director of human resources for P-CCS, said tenure charges against Ross were presented July 2 to the Board of Education. After a bound to Circuit Court. In that closed door meeting Tuesday

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# Whatever the price of gas, summer is here

icadas humming from tree tops with the rhythm of miniature chain saws, orange day lilies edging rural roadsides and suburban gardens, fireflies flickering over moist meadows, hen turkeys clucking to their trailing chicks and house wrens chattering all day — I cannot deny the season we call summer is here.

And summer for hundreds of thousands of area residents is a time for boating. Or it used to be.

I've got a good friend, a country neighbor of mine, that keeps his 1936 nautical love, a tug boat, on the Detroit River. But if he was to say "fill her up," that would set Paul back \$5,748. The math: 1,200 gallons of diesel fuel at \$4.79 per gallon. That was the going price yesterday to keep Elizabeth, his 61-foot, 80-ton tug, chugging about. Might be more today. He hasn't filled up for over a year.

Every now and then, I prepare my nautical love, a nameless 12-foot Old Time kayak for a cruise. Not on the big river, but on a small, secluded, gla-



Jonathan Schechter

**On Nature** 

exact, on state land barely a five-mile drive from my home. And as I remind Paul, my energy expenditure

is a bit lower

than his, and

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bite the pain of exorbitant wallet-stinging fuel prices and the painfully obvious rising costs of a day on the water.

And as a naturalist. I find another advantage to what I call seclusion kayaking. It can be an otherworldly adventure, something of an intimate caress with the subtleties of nature, for a quiet kayak, on a small weedy lake, as the sun starts to settle on the western horizon, becomes a part of the scene as wild creatures go about their ways.

But I must confess I am not just out on the lake to see what Mother Nature is doing in the

cially sculpted hours preceding darkness. Nor am I out there paddling about as a sacrificial lamb to tempt blood-thirsty mosquitoes. I am there tempting bass with my jitterbug lure. Every now and then, a bass explodes from under the lily pads, hits my surface lure hard and gives me an excuse to keep paddling and dreaming. I release the bass and cast again.

> And although on most excursions I paddle alone, I am not alone, and that makes all the difference. With darkness two hours away, a pair of painted turtles slips off a halfsubmerged log and slide back into their nightly underworld. A doe and her twin fawns appear, feasting on succulent vegetation.

Sandhill cranes fly over as catbirds start their melodic mew of melody. With darkness one hour away, an odd slow chatter — almost what I would imagine a drug overdosed red squirrel to sound like — wafts from among the thick lily pad bed. Much to my surprise, it belongs to an inquisitive muskrat that loops slowly around

the kayak, comes within a foot for a better look and then continues silently on its journey.

The rising moon sets bullfrogs into full serenade of competitive territorial chorus from every corner of the pond, all but drowning out the distinctive, "whoo, whoo, whooooo" of a great horned owl, a hidden night hunter that I think perches on a dead oak beneath a stand of pines. Fireflies signal me: Time to work my way back to shore. But perhaps the best moments are the mysterious splashes and kerplunks from the among the lily pads and snaps from the edge of the woods that I cannot identify, but that fall silent as I paddle back to my half-sand, halfmuck point of exit, ending my intrusion for a another summer's night in nature's way, a boating experience not held back by the harrowing effects of rising fuel costs that curtail so much summer passion for so many.

Jonathan Schechter writes on nature's way. E-mail him at oaknature@aol.com.



# League of Women Voters offers voters guide

The League of Women Voters sor, trustees and clerk of NW Wayne County has produced Voter Guides for the contested area races appearing on the Aug. 5 ballot. The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government and which never supports or opposes any candidate. Voter Guides will be available on the League's website at www.lwvnww.org on July 10

for the following area races: Canton Township treasurer

Plymouth Township supervi-

Redford Township supervisor, trustees and clerk

Wayne County commissioner: 9th District and 12th

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trict judge The Voter Guide for Northville Township trustees will be posted by July 14.

Candidates for all of the contested races were invited to submit responses to questions prepared by the League. In addition to the Voter Guides prepared by the Local League of Women Voters, the League of Women Voters of Michigan will post an on-line Voter Guide for the contested Michigan House of Representatives races. A link to that Voter Guide will also be available at www.lwvnww.org.

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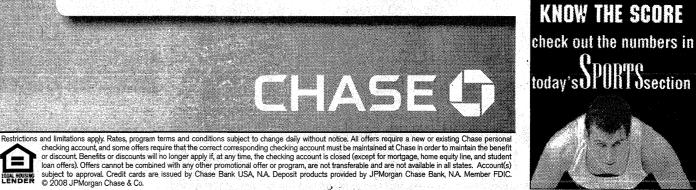
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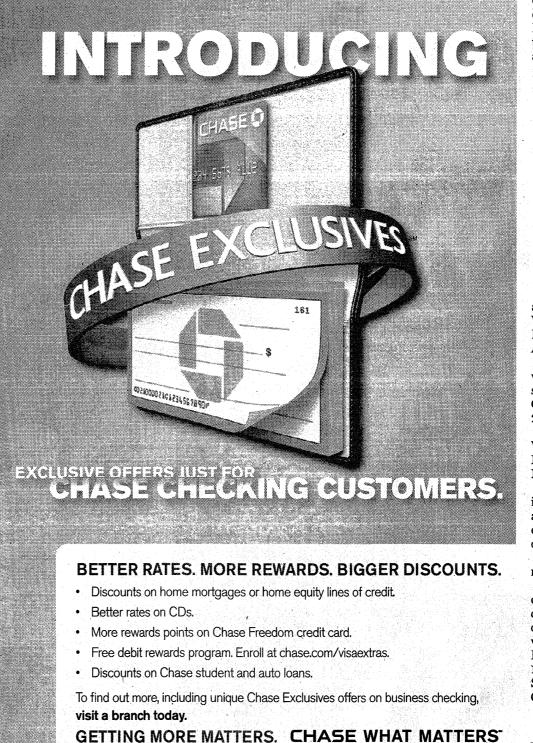
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# Joint and survivor benefits is safest route for pensions

Dear Rick: I am retiring and I have a pension. I will spread out payments over my lifetime instead of the lump-sum option. I have been approached about taking payments over my lifetime and then buy a life insurance policy to protect my wife upon my death. I was told that, by doing it

this way, I can get more money per my wife.

Money Matters think?

Rick Bloom

month while I am living and at the same time protect What do you

I don't like this strategy for many reasons. There are

many issues that can severely impact your spouse. One of the reasons you selected a lifetime pension benefit vs. a lump-sum is you wanted a more conservative approach. Considering some of the other potential pitfalls, I would discourage the insurance option and encourage you to select a joint and survivor pension.

In analyzing whether someone should take a pension for their life or a joint and survivor pension, one issue that must be considered is health care. In many pensions, a surviving spouse would lose health care benefits if they survived the working spouse and the pension was not a joint and survivor pension. We all know how costly health care can be and that must be factored into the equation. In addition to the cost, health care availability also must be factored into the decision.

I do not like buying insurance in this type of situation because people have a history - for many reasons - of canceling the policy or stopping premium payments. When this happens, it puts the surviving spouse at risk.

Other issues in include not enough insurance or purchasing the wrong type of insurance. I remember a situation where a couple purchased a 20-year term life insurance policy. They made the assumption the husband the wife would be protected. The husband was living 20 years after he retired and it caused all sorts of problems because extending the term coverage was too expensive. His wife was left with no pension and no insurance upon his death.

I have done calculations regarding this strategy many times and almost always taking the joint and survivor pension is the most prudent course of action.

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Although it is interesting conversation, it is rather immaterial with respect to

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Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM In analyzing whether someone should take a pension for their life or a joint and survivor pension, one issue that must be considered is health care.

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- Aug. 8: Trilogy Band Aug. 15: Sean Riley Band
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When we decide to do something, we need to make sure we've got the money."

Arnold said property values are going down and, with the state's economy continuing to struggle, less money is coming in the form of state-shared revenue. With that in mind, she said, the township has to manage its expenditures.

For instance, with less development coming into the township, the planning commission has stopped having so many workshop sessions. Now, she said, if a workshop is needed, they are more often conducted in conjunction with regularly scheduled meetings.

You have to watch your expenditures," she said. "I think the board is doing a good job

with that on most things.' While housing values are falling, development is still coming to the township. Arnold said a developer looking to build on property near

#### THE ARNOLD FILE

- Who: Kay Arnold
- What: Running for Plymouth Township trustee
- Now: Business manager, Colonial Collision in Plymouth
- Family: Four children, six grandchildren
- Education: "A lot of common
- In the community: Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, United Way volunteer, nine years on Community Financial board; Schoolcraft College Foundation; 12 years on planning commission

the Elks Lodge comes before the planning commission Tuesday. She said more than a half-dozen facilities have opened in recent months.

"We don't have that many. foreclosures yet, so that's a good thing," she said. "There's building going on. We've had seven ribbon-cuttings in the last two months. I think that's incredible. We're a viable community, and

we want to keep it that way."

She said the township has recreation opportunities, some of which have faltered in recent years. For instance, there was a plan to partner with Plymouth-Canton Schools to renovate playgrounds at township elementary schools. They got it done at Isbister Elementary, but the school district pulled out not long after, citing budget problems of its own.

The township has seen recreational opportunities such as the drive-in movies at Compuware Arena thrive. Hilltop Golf Course hasn't provided the kind of cash infusion the board envisioned, so Arnold said "we have to take a serious look at that."

Arnold said she's spent 16 years looking after the township's fortunes, and she wants one more term to keep on doing just that.

"I have common sense," shè said. "I've always looked out for our citizens' welfare. This is their community."

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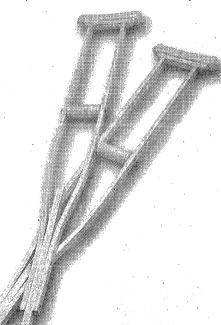


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#### On the stump

Republican presidential candidate John McCain shook hands with customers, including former Plymouth Township board member Abe Munfakh (left) during a campaign stop at Senate Coney Island in Livonia. The senator and his wife, Cindy, also ate breakfast and greeted supporters.

munity to a maintenance community, with the township largely built out in terms of residential building. He said the township must focus on its industrial building, since "they give us our strong tax base."

It's Berry who's been pushing the idea of shifting from a full-time to a part-time supervisor and hiring a professional manager to run things, much the same as is done in Northville Township. Berry thinks a manager would "bring some consistency."

"If we put a plan in place, it won't be a plan that could change in four years," with the

election of a new board. Berry said. "There are a lot of advantages. I don't know if it's the best way, but you've got to take a hard look at it."

With a golf course (Hilltop) struggling to provide the revenue board members thought they'd see, recreation has become an issue. Berry said the township offers plenty of opportunities — Plymouth Township Park, Lake Point Soccer Park, Miller Family Park and Compuware Arena - but said people may simply not know that much about

them. "The township has a lot to offer, but how many people know about it?" Berry said. "I think we can coordinate all the activities and get the information out to people, and

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do it all at no additional cost. I really think we can do that."

He said in a failing economy. fewer people are leaving home and are, therefore, looking for local recreational opportunities. Many residents would like to see a community pool, for instance. Berry thinks partnerships with the city and school district could help take advantage of existing oppor-

"There are pools (in schools), the cultural center (in the city)," Berry said. "Can we do concerts in the park in township park? What can we share? I think more can be done. Maybe if we sit down and work with the city and schools, maybe that can happen."

In the struggling economy, Berry said the township has to be careful to maintain the few homes being foreclosed upon. He said keeping up homes people have walked away from is vital to maintaining quality neighborhoods. While praising the board for cutting where necessary — "The township has been good about eliminating positions they don't really need," he said - board members must be careful not to cut too deep in areas such as public safety.

"When you see the economy go south, you generally see

#### THE BERRY FILE

- Who: Carl Berry ■ What: Running for Plymouth
- Township trustee Now: Political consultant; head of security, Detroit auto
- Family: Wife, Lucy; three chil-
- dren, six grandchildren Education: Graduated Plymouth High School; served in
- U.S. Air Force ■ In the community: Past member of Kiwanis, Rotary and Jaycees; volunteers for Habitat for Humanity; American Legion member

crime go north," Berry said. "You have to be careful what you eliminate."

Berry said his previous involvement in the township and his lifelong commitment to the community - he graduated from the original Plymouth High School make him a perfect candidate to oversee the government.

"I have a specific interest in the community," Berry said. "I have the experience and the knowledge. I've been very long involved in the community, and I have a lot to offer."

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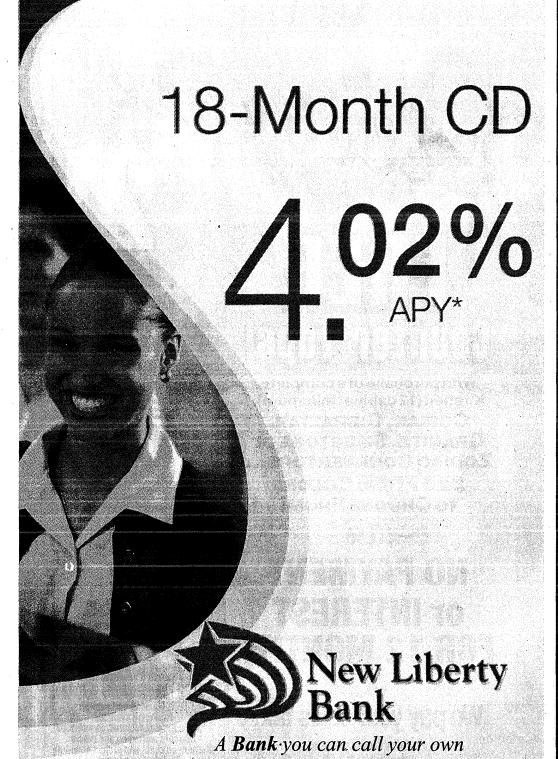




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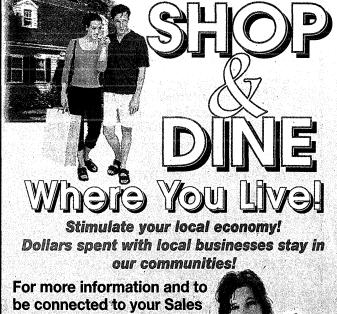
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**OUR VIEW** 

# Bridgman our pick in clerk's election

When Plymouth Township Clerk Marily Massengill made Joe Bridgman her deputy some five years ago, she did so with the idea Bridgman could replace her when she decided to retire.

Massengill isn't retiring — she's running for supervisor — but she's still backing Bridgman in his bid for clerk in the Aug. 5 election.

And so are we.

Bridgman is running against Mary Ann Prchlik in the Republican primary. There is no Democrat in the race, so the winner on the Republican side will be the next clerk, barring a run by an independent candidate.

We believe Bridgman has spent the last five years learning election law and everything else he needs to run the clerk's office efficiently. He's taken the classes, attended the meetings and done the homework necessary to make him-



Bridgman

self the best candidate for the job.

He's got the educational credentials: a bachelor's degree from Cleary University and an associate's degree in accounting from Schoolcraft College.

That's key, because the accounting function in the clerk's office is an important one.

In fact, one of the biggest criticisms of Bridgman is he doesn't have the accounting background of his challenger, Mary Ann Prchlik. While her education and experience in this area are, in fact, deeper than Bridgman's, it should be remembered the clerk's office employs a pair of accountants, and Bridgman still has a better background than Massengill.

Bridgman has said he will take over full responsibility for the clerk's accounting functions, currently managed in large part by the treasurer's office. We believe he should do exactly that. Massengill has been comfortable allowing the treasurer to keep a hand in, because it's not her strongest area. Bridgman should regain control there.

In considering the clerk's race, we've heard several people say the best part of each candidate — Bridgman's elections background and Prchlik's accounting experience — would make a great clerk if they could somehow be combined.

We believe they can be, and think whomever gets elected would do well to make the other his or her deputy clerk.

But we believe Bridgman should be the clerk, and we urge voters to cast their ballot for him Aug. 5.

#### LETTERS

I am a resident and fiveyear employee of Plymouth Township. I am writing to give my full endorsement to Joe Bridgman for Plymouth Township clerk.

**Backing Bridgman** 

Joe has earned not only my respect as a fellow employee, but my enthusiastic support as the only choice for township clerk. I know that Joe possesses the most experience as well as the professional knowledge to handle the complicated operations of the clerk's office.

Officers of local government need to be qualified, as stated by Mr. and Mrs. Lawson in the Sunday, July 6, opinion, and Mr. Bridgman's five years of experience as deputy clerk with his educational background and training clearly make him the most qualified candidate.

In the five years Joe has been with Plymouth Township, he has been trained and educated as a certified municipal clerk by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (it takes three years of international certified education to earn this certification). Joe is a certified election inspector trainer, as well.

The Michigan Townships Association has awarded Mr. Bridgman the prestigious Townships Governance Academy Credential. He is an active member of the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks. He also has a degree in accounting, as well as a bachelor's degree in business administration. Joe has previously served as a trustee for the Plymouth Community Library Board. Joe is also an active member of Kiwanis, serving as past president, vice president and treasurer. These are just a few examples of Mr. Bridgman's education, accomplishments and commitment to the community and the

position of clerk.

In order to continue the outstanding service provided by the Plymouth Township clerk's office, remember to vote Aug. 5 for Joe Bridgman. Joe is the only experienced, qualified candidate for the position of clerk.

**Deanna Foerster** Plymouth Township

#### Bridgman is best

As a Plymouth Township resident and township hall co-worker, I would like to enthusiastically endorse Joe Bridgman as the best choice for Plymouth Township clerk.

He has worked as deputy clerk for more than five years and is familiar with all procedures necessary to ensure elections run smoothly. He is always patient and helpful when working with residents, as well as with his co-workers at Plymouth Township Hall.

His knowledge of all election procedures as well as the day-to-day workings of the clerk's department is second only to the current clerk, Marilyn Massengill. I have known Joe for five years and worked closely with him for the last two. His work ethic is above reproach as he puts out his best effort each and every day.

His education (accounting degree, B.A. in business administration), work experience and knowledge from a multitude of municipal training seminars have helped to keep his office one of the most efficiently run in the township hall. The surest way to guarantee that the work of the clerk's office in Plymouth Township remains in top form is to vote for continuity, vote for the best candidate, Joe Bridgman.

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**Diane Leclair** Plymouth Township

## Larkin better choice for 11th District nomination

Whoever wins the Democratic nomination in the 11th Congressional District will have an uphill battle to unseat incumbent Republican Thaddeus McCotter

Despite McCotter's support for the unpopular war in Iraq and his solid party line voting record at a time when many voters are disenchanted with Republican positions, McCotter remains a formidable candidate. As chair of the Republican House Policy Committee, McCotter is respected within the ranks of his party and with the party's conservative base.

McCotter is running unopposed in the Aug. 5 primary election.

McCotter hasn't faced a well-known elected Democrat since his first con-



Larkin

gressional race against then Redford Township Supervisor Kevin Kelley. That holds true in this election. Livonia attorney Joseph Larkin has never run for elected office. Former Novi City Manager Edward

Kriewall served in appointed government positions. Both candidates are running as relatively conservative Democrats.

Larkin and Kriewall share many of McCotter's views on immigration, gun rights and even trade agreements. Larkin describes himself as a pro-life Catholic Democrat. They both say the war in Iraq is a major reason they decid-

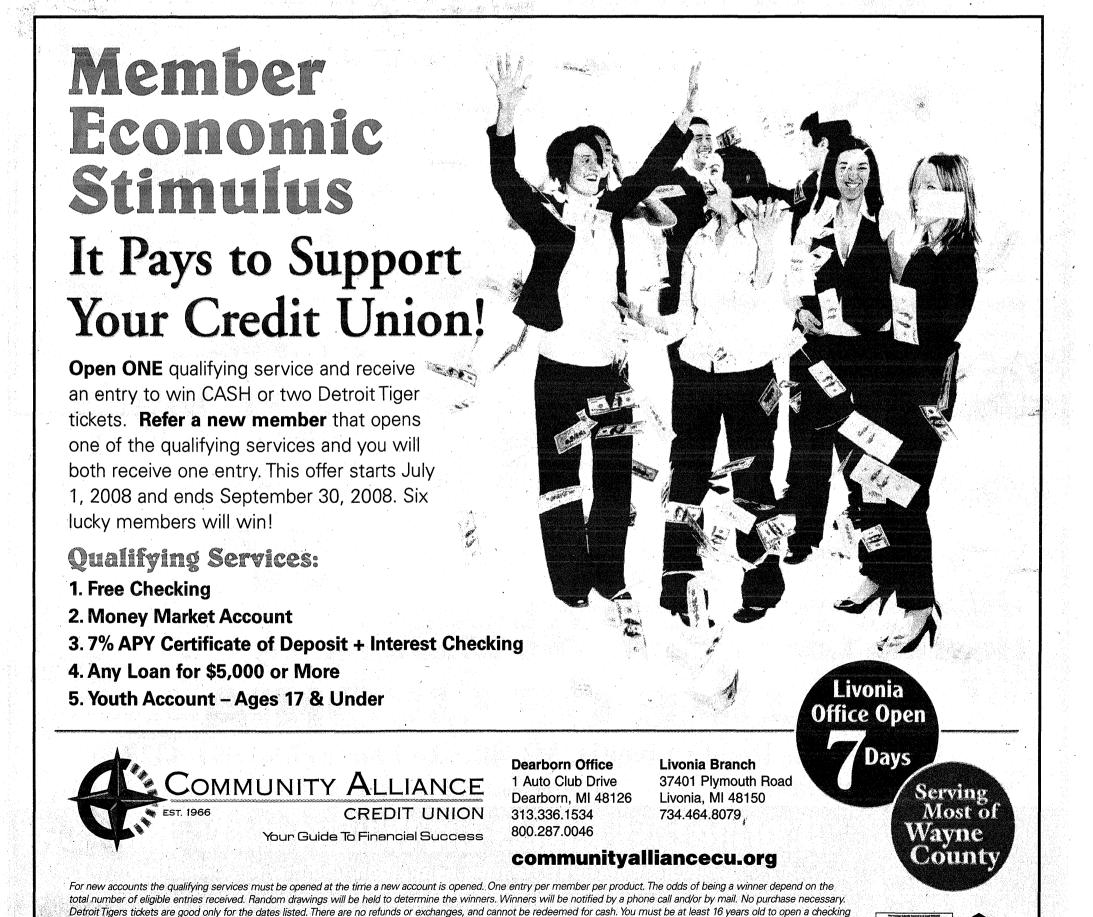
ed to run.

While Kriewall has more government experience, he doesn't give Democratic voters a clear alternative. He admits voting for George W. Bush in the last two presidential elections. His views on energy, immigration, guns and taxes could easily fit into a Republican candidacy.

Larkin makes a stronger case against the war, for alternative energy, fair trade and measures that would help people keep their homes in the foreclosure crisis

In the primary election on Tuesday, Aug. 5, The *Observer* recommends Democrat **Joseph Larkin** as someone who will offer voters a clearer choice.

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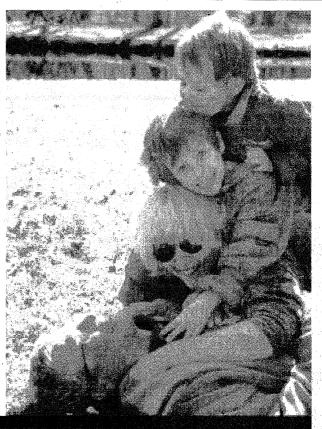


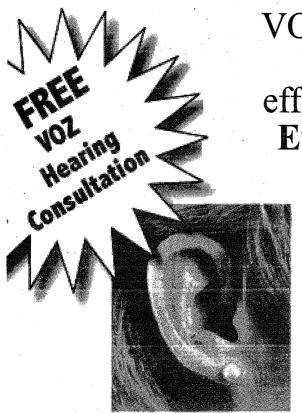
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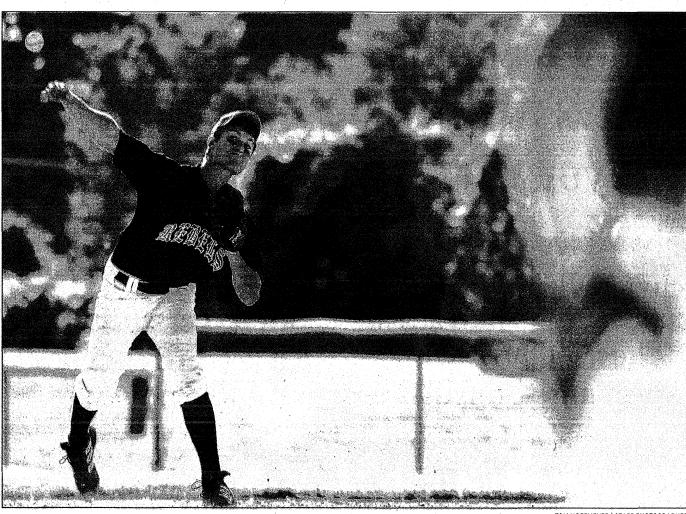
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Redford Rebels shortstop Jeremy Wafer delivers a strong throw to first to retire a Lake Orion batter early during Wednesday's travel baseball contest at Capitol Park.

# Rebels can't finish comeback bid

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Brad Emons, editor . (734) 953-2123 . bemons@hometownlife.com

Walks, errors and lack of clutch hitting Wednesday night cost the Redford Rebels, as the visiting Lake Orion Chargers earned an 8-4 win at Capitol Park in Redford.

The Midwest Alliance Travel Baseball League contest hinged on two half innings. Lake Orion (8-9, 2-2) scored four runs in the third — with a two-run homer by Drew Ordakowski the key hit — to take a 5-1 advantage. But the Rebels committed two errors and pitcher A.J. Ewart (Novi-Detroit

Catholic Central) walked three in the frame to keep the Lake Orion rally going.

But Redford could not cash in on a chance to get right back into the game. With runners on second and third and one out in the fourth, Ryan Smith (Redford Thurston) popped up a bunt before Chargers pitcher Derrick Berriman retired Jeremy Wafer (Thurston) on a grounder to third base.

"Our batting was not where it needed to be tonight," Rebels head coach Bruce Corner said. "That's for sure. We talked about it after the game, about taking better approaches at

"That means that, with less than two strikes, being focused on the hitting zone."

The Rebels (5-10-1, 2-4-1) did chip away at the deficit, scoring three in the fifth to make

After Ewart reached on a Lake Orion error, Zach Carroll (Dearborn Divine Child) lined a single to left, but Ewart was caught in a rundown between second and third for the inning's second out. Pitcher Eric Knoblock hit Brian Corner (Thurston) with a pitch to extend the frame, but it looked as if Carroll

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# Shankin strong in Rams' win

Brett Shankin made sure Wednesday night that the Michigan Rams remained a leg up on their 20-and-under Michigan Collegiate Baseball League rival Michigan Dodgers in the race to go to the All-American Amateur Baseball **Association Tournament next** month in Johnstown, Pa.

The right-hander from Wayne State pitched a two-hitter over six innings to propel the Rams to a 6-1 triumph over the Dodgers at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High School.

With the win, the Rams improved to 16-7 in the Collegiate League, while the Dodgers slipped to 12-9.

Shankin faced just 22 batters, allowing the only run. He struck out seven and walked four before giving way to Madonna University's Bret Spencer, who pitched a scoreless seventh.

Oakland University's Aaron Wick paced the Rams' offensive attack going 3-for-3, including a double and RBI. Frank Persichino also went 2-for-4 with a double an RBI.

Canton's Shawn Little (MU), Joe Barnes and Tim Cross also knocked in runs for the Rams. Derek Mosher tripled and scored a run, while Brett Mazmanian doubled and scored a run. Losing pitcher John Ballerin

had control issues, allowing four runs on four hits and eight walks in 3.2 innings. Rob Liller and Tom Jones came

on in relief.

Casey Dishman had the lone RBI for the Dodgers, scoring Aaron Cieslak who had doubled in the sixth.

#### **MU** signs Bathurst

Madonna University women's golf coach Scott Marzolino announced the signing Wednesday of Livonia Stevenson's Chelsea Bathurst, an All-Observer firstteam selection.

"Chelsea will come in and help our squad right away, Marzolino said. "She was an outstanding player in high school and we expect that to continue at MU. She's a great addition to our program.

In the 2007 MHSAA state finals, Bathurst was Stevenson's top golfer shooting rounds of 90-94. The team MVP also made All-Western Lakes **Activities Association** and finished third at the regional her senior year.

The four-year letter winner was WLAA Tournament medalist as a sophomore and made all-Division as a freshman.

#### Hawks routed, 7-0

Kelly Parker and Laura Del Rio scored two goals each Thursday as the firstplace FC Indiana Lionesses routed the host Michigan Hawks, 7-0, in a United **Soccer Leagues** W-League game at Livonia Stevenson High School.

Fatima Leyva also had a goal and assist as the Lionesses improved to 11-0-1 in the Midwest Division's Central Conference. Other goals came from Lauren Sesselmann

and Maria Ruiz. The loss drops the

Hawks to 4-7-1. The Hawks, who played Saturday in Chicago, wrap up their W-League season 6 p.m. Saturday, July 19 at Livonia Stevenson against the Minnesota Lightning.

#### Women's Amateur

Former two-time **MHSAA** Division 1 state medalist Shannon Warner, a recent graduate of Livonia Churchill High, reached the round of 16 in the 92nd Golf Association of Michigan Women's Amateur before losing Thursday to Jennifer Domalgalski of Okemos, 4-and-2, at Walnut Hills Country

Club in East Lansing. Warner, who will be playing this fall for Michigan State, defeated Michelle Bowles of Davison, 1up, in the round of 32.

Plymouth's Ashley Smith (Salem), who just finished her sophomore year at Grand Valley State, fell to Enid Gage of Wyoming on the 20th hole, in the opening round of match play.

# Glenn's Sanders hopes to get leg up for East All-Stars

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

Westland John Glenn's Victor Sanders views Saturday's Michigan High School Football Coaches Association East-West All-Star Game at Michigan State University's Spartan Stadium as his own personal gong show.

The 5-10, 170-pound Sanders, will handle the East punting chores, while Warren DeLaSalle's Kyle Torzy will do the kicking.

Sanders averaged 38 yards per punt his senior year for the 5-4 Rockets. He also made 37-

of-40 extra points and 3-of-4 field goals (including a long of 37). Eight of his kick-offs reached the end zone.

Sanders will be joined on the East All-Stars by a pair of first-team All-Observer picks - Matt Broome, a 6-foot-3, 235-pound defensive lineman from Division 1 state runnerup Livonia Stevenson, and 6-3, 240-pound offensive guard Pat Cecile of Livonia Franklin.

Both Broome and Cecile are scholarship recruits in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Conference. Broome is headed to Northwood University, while Cecile is going to Wayne State.

State lineman and University of Michigan recruit Mike Martin, a 6-2, 285-pound Redford native who played defensive and offensive line at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

Sanders, who has yet to commit to a school, sent out a demo tape to colleges following his senior season and got only a lukewarm response. He attended a spring tryout at Bowling Green State University, but once he arrived he learned that it was only for high school juniors. He also had a workout

for Wayne State. "They (WSU) said to they

Also in the East roster is All- would report back to me after they checked out my (high school) transcripts," said Sanders, who carried a 3.0 grade-point average.

> Sanders played soccer from second-through eighth-grade, but quickly discovered that kicking a football was more his liking.

"Some friends told me to come out for football and I quit playing soccer," said Sanders, who punted and kicked for the freshman and JV teams before landing spot on the varsity at Glenn as a junior.

Sanders remains optimistic

the next four years. For the punter and kicker from Glenn, it's a final chance to get noticed by somebody in the collegiate

Where's Chuck Barris when you need him?

"I'm still hoping for it (an offer)," he said. "What they're looking for is consistency. Right now I'd say I'm more suited to be a punter."

Kickoff is at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 19 in East Lansing. Tickets for the 28th annual East-West All-Star Game are \$10 at the

that he can find a football home bemons@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 953-2123

# Gridiron 'fun'damentals taught at Lions' camp

**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

The most revealing sign that a summer football camp is successful is when even the fumble-recovery drills are spirited, educational and filled with high-five-slapping enthusiasm.

That was the case this past week during the Detroit Lions Youth Football Camp at Plymouth's Central Middle School, where 100 kids from throughout Observerland learned everything from how to recover a fumble to proper pass route-running techniques under cloud-dotted Detroit Lion blue skies.

Every time a camper pounced on a loose football or snared a spiraling pigskin, they were greeted with gustolaced cheers from their peers and members of the coaching staff, which was spearheaded

by Chris Fritzsching, the Lions' the effervescent attitude of enthusiasm-charged director of youth football.

"First and foremost, we want to make it fun for the kids," said Fritzsching, who coordinates year-round football-related clinics and camps throughout Michigan. "After that, we want the kids to get a better understanding of how the game is played — from the on-the-field skills to the offthe-field things like what you have to learn in the film room and in the classroom.

"We spend two days focusing on offense and two days on defense and we rotate the kids through all the position groups so that they can see the entire field and know what's going on because you never know what position you're going to end up

playing in the fall." The upbeat environment of the camp was energized by Fritzsching, who has no doubt secured the job of his dreams.

"I'm working with kids, I'm working outside in Michigan in the summertime and I'm coaching football — to me, it's the best job in the world," he

During Thursday morning's post-camp awards presentation, Fritzsching emphasized to the captivated gridders the importance of not only their on-the-field efforts, but how vital it is to excel in school and to appreciate the sacrifices their parents make for them during their youth-sports expe-

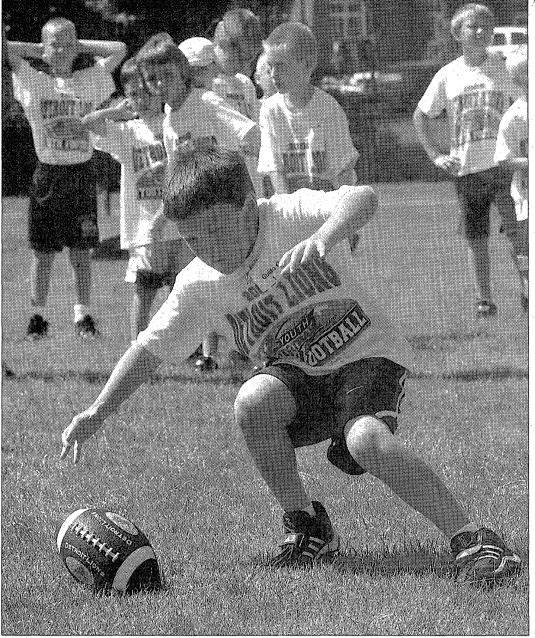
"I liked how they taught us all the things we need to know about football and the love of the game," said 9-year-old Canton resident Jason Arnold,

Please see CAMP, B2





Nine-year-old Reilly Sullivan, above, of Livonia hauls in a pass during Thursday's Detroit Lions Football Camp held at Central Middle School in Plymouth. One-hundred kids between the ages of 6 and 15 attended the four-day clinic. Nine-year-old Canton resident Jason Arnold, left, received the prestigious Calvin Johnson Future Superstar Award during the post-camp ceremonies Thursday morning.



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Eight-year-old Guido Costantino of Canton prepares to pounce on the football during a fumble-recovery drill at Thursday's Detroit Lions Youth Football Camp at Plymouth's Central Middle School.

who was presented with the coveted Calvin Johnson Future Superstar Award Thursday morning. "And they brought in a real Lion (tight end Sean McHugh), which I really liked.'

The Plymouth-based Lions' camp, which is just one of many Fritzsching coordinates, has been filled to capacity all four years it has been offered.

"We like to limit it to 100

kids so that everybody gets a lot of attention," Fritzsching said. "We've always had a good turnout in Plymouth."

In addition to Arnold, seven other campers earned coveted awards that are named after Lions players who head coach Rod Marinelli feels epitomize the honors.

Awards winners included:

- **■** Alex Lewis Hustle Award: Jonas Mayerhofer;
- **■** Ernie Sims Attitude Award: James Lewis;
- **■** Cory Redding

Leadership Award: Jonathan Michalak;

- Jeff Backus Extra Effort Award: Eddie Allen;
- **■** Dominic Raiola Consistency Award: Mitch
- McKenzie; ■ Jon Kitna Teammate Award: Connor Flanigan;
- Jared DeVries Most Improved Award: Brian Leaken: and
- **■** Calvin Johnson Future Superstar Award: Jason Arnold.

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# Whalers sign No. 1 draft pick

and General Manager Mike Vellucci announced the signing of 16-year-old center Tyler Seguin, who was selected by the Whalers in the first round (ninth overall) in last spring's Ontario Hockey League Draft. Seguin (pronounced SAY-gann) scored 39 goals and 47 assists for 86 points in 51 games last season for the Toronto Young Nationals.

"We are very fortunate to sign Tyler," Vellucci said. "He was a top-five pick in this year's OHL Draft and had several NCAA school offers. In the end, Tyler decided that he would play in the top developmental league in the World and at the same time receives a great education."

"I'm just glad to get the opportunity to come to this great hockey club," Seguin said. "I can't wait to suit up in August. Plymouth is an unbelievable town with unbelievable fans. I got to meet all the rook-

Plymouth Whalers President ies on the team from last year. Everyone seems to be a great guy. I can't wait to play. The summer's going by so slow."

Central Scouting describes Seguin as "a very skilled, offensively minded forward who plays a very prominent role in the success of his team. He is a very good skater that possesses quickness, agility and a great start. He plays the game at top speed and is always moving his feet while handling the puck. He is a great puck handler and an equally adept passer. He displays great vision and the ability to get his teammates the puck anywhere on the ice."

Whaler fans saw flashes of Seguin's skill at Plymouth's Rookie Orientation camp in May when he scored a goal with four assists over two ses-

As Vellucci said, Seguin considered going to college. His dad, Paul, played from 1984-88 for the University of Vermont.

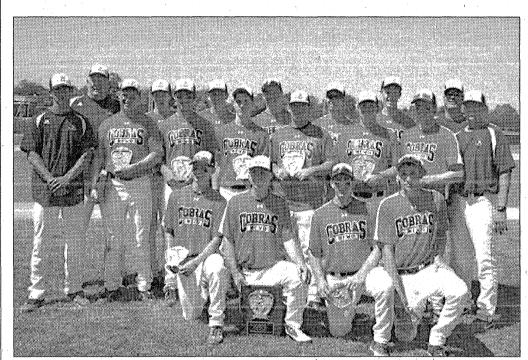
"All my life, I thought that

was the path (college hockey) that I was going to take," Seguin said. "But two or three weeks before the (OHL) Draft, I came to Plymouth, found out about the program, found about the school packages and fell in love with the place. So that's (Plymouth) where I see myself playing for the next couple of years."

Seguin, a native of Brampton, Ont., will report to Plymouth's training camp in late August and will attend school at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park during the 2008-09 school year.

Vellucci also announced the signing of goaltender Scott Wedgewood, who was taken by Plymouth in the 7th round (130th overall) in the 2008 OHL Draft.

Wedgewood, who turns 16 next month, compiled a 2.17 goals against average and recorded two shutouts in 29 games last year for the Mississauga Senators.



#### **Cobras sparkle at Firecracker Classic**

The NFWB U16 baseball team captured the 2008 USSSA Firecracker Classic over the Fourth of July weekend. Contributing to the Cobras' first-place effort were several Observerland-area players. The Cobras won the title game, 13-1, over the Michigan Buzz in a mercy rule-shortened four-inning contest that was highlighted by Kevin Delapaz's pitching (three-hitter, eight strikeouts) and the hitting of Matt Priebe, who contributed a leadoff home run. The roster includes: Mickey Amboyan (Birmingham Brother Rice), Andrew Barron (Fowlerville), Cody Blakita (Canton), Zane Birchler (Canton), Michael Clutterbuck (Dexter), Delapaz (Canton), Alex Dixon (Canton), Tommy Doyle (North Farmington), Eric Glanz (Walled Lake Central), Dan Mills (Northville), Priebe (Plymouth), Garrett Reichle (Lakeland), Matt Schaeffer (Novi Catholic Central), Tyler Schofield (F.J. Brennan High School) and Marc Zughaib (Catholic Central).

# Bucks clinch divisional crown despite 1-1 deadlock vs. Fever

The Michigan Bucks did everything possible Tuesdav night to put away the Fort Wavne (Ind.) Fever en route to capturing the Great Lakes Division title in the Premier Development Leagues (PDL) Central Conference - except finishing the job.

After playing with a 1-0 lead most of the game on a goal from Indiana University's Billy Weaver (Lake Orion), the Bucks continued to pound the ball at the solid Fever defense, but could not penetrate the goal to put the game away settling for a 1-1 deadlock.

Bucks leading scorer Kenny.

Uzoigwe missed a penalty kick 5) at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in the 70th minute that would have put the Bucks in front to

After giving up a counterattacking goal by Nick Wilson in the 83rd minute to the Fever (2-7-3) to tie the game, the Bucks (11-1-1) created three more stellar chances to recapture their lead and remain the front runner in the Central Conference and the all important playoff bye; but finishing was just not in the

The Bucks returned to action Saturday for a rematch against the Chicago Fire (7-2in Pontiac.

Preceding the PDL match with two of the top franchises in USL history was the Michigan Bucks reunion game, featuring former Bucks players from the first 12 seasons coached by Bucks Hall of Famers Steve Burns and Jim Duggan.

Chicago stood alone in first place in the Midwest Division of the Central Conference over Kalamazoo, while a win for the Bucks will give them the Great Lakes Division title and keep them in the driver's seat for a first round playoff bye.

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#### Cards deal foes nothing but L's

On Sunday, June 29, the Canton Cardinals 10U travel baseball team captured its second straight USSSA Class AA state championship. The Cardinals defeated the Michigan Elite Thunder, 15-1, in the title game. The Cardinals are a community travel team consisting of only residents from the Plymouth-Canton community. The Cardinals are currently ranked No. 1 in Michigan in their age group. Members of the team are (bottom row from left) Mike Groff, Trevor McManus, Cameron Stella, Cameron Shaughnessy, Michael Jossey, Andrew Hejka, (top row from left) Aaron Madsen, Kevin Anthony, Andrew Jossey, Grant Hartwig, Brett Lee, Seth Hubbard, (top row from left) coaches Dave Madsen, Dan Hejka, Kurt Anthony, Mike Groff and Bob Lee.

#### PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPT. 734-354-3232

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that on 07/18/2008, at 9:00 a.m., at B&B Towing, 934 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170, a public auction of the following:

1989 Chevrolet

At 10:00 a.m., at Mayflower Auto Transport, 1179 Starkweather, Plymouth, MI 48170

1997 Ford 1990 Pontiac 1992 Acura 1989 Ford

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Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property. Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc. will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage (formerly Shurgard) located at 45229 Michigan Ave Canton MI 48188 (734)397-0082 on 7/31/08 at 12:00 pm. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Personal property described below in the matter of: 2032 – Sharell Lewis – Lawnmower, Microwave, 2 TV's

2037 - Shawn Booth - 4 Kitchen Chairs, Couch, Dresser 2038 - James Jenkins - Headboard, Rollerblades, Misc Items 3020 – Isiah Wardlow – 10 Boxes, Toolbox, Misc Items

3021 – Regina Griffin - 50 Boxes, Dinning Table, Misc Items 3042 – Christina Cabrera – Dryer, Microwave, Refrigerator

4027 - Jason Brodie - Couch, Dresser, Kids ATV

4030 – Tammara Dudley – Dresser, Couch, 2 Boxes 4041 – Shane Ratliff – China Cabinet, VCR, Mattress

4114 – Carolyn Jordan – Keyboard, 3 Totes, Leafblower 4121 - Rosalyn Jackson - Vacuum, Dresser, End Table

5008 - Amicie Crayton - Leather Couch, Love-seat, Vanity

5030 - Sonja Rice - Entertainment Center, 50 Boxes, Mattress 5143 - Ashley Lockett - Kids Bike, 4 Boxes, 1 Tote

5227 – Bobbie Carr – 20 Boxes, 2 Totes, Misc Items 5312 - Jackie Page - Cedar Chest, Pool Table, 2 TVs 5341 - Charon Renea Roberts - 20 Boxes, Mattress, Misc Items

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#### PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for Salem High School Auditorium Orchestra Pit Filler. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746 or for Technical questions please contact Paul Bird of the Salem High School Auditorium at (734) 416-7744. There will be a pre-bid meeting on Wednesday, July 30, 2008 at 10:00 a.m at the Salem High School Auditorium located at 46181 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48170. Sealed bids are due to the E.J McClendon Educational Center, RE: "Salem Pit Filler Bid", 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 on or before 2:00 p.m. Thursday, August 14, 2008. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

Pre-Bid Meeting: Bid Opening: Resolution Due to Board: Board Review:

Publish: July 13 and 20, 2008

THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary Wednesday, July 30, 2008 @ 10:00 a.m. Thursday, August 14, 2008 @ 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 20, 2008

Tuesday, August 26, 2008

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> Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary

Wednesday, July 30, 2008 @ 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 6, 2008 Tuesday, August 12, 2008

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# Big boom in boomer knee 16 blaceline mas

BY KRISTA HOPSON U-M HEALTH SYSTEM

John Birko's knee had osteoarthritis, which was painful and severely limited his day-to-day activities. While his knee felt as though it was about 80 years old, Birko was only 49. And like many other baby boomers today, he was not ready to slow down and instead decided to have knee replacement surgery.

"Having knee replacement surgery made an extraordinary difference in my life," says Birko, who is now 51. "The day after surgery, I felt terrific. I had forgotten what it was like to not be in pain. I was on top of the world."

The number of baby boomers who are opting for knee replacement surgery earlier in life is growing at an exponential rate, says J. David Blaha, M.D., an orthopedic surgeon at the University of Michigan Health System. Only a few years ago, between 300,000 and 350,000 knee replacement surgeries were being done. Today, that number has risen to a staggering 500,000. Ten years from now experts estimate there could be as many as 3.2 million annual knee replacement surger-

While knee replacement surgery does have a positive impact on a patient's quality of life, Blaha and other experts in the field worry that the demand for new knees will far outpace the availability of surgeons trained to perform the procedure.

"A recent study that looked at trends in joint replacement found that although the number of orthopedic specialists who do joint replacement is going to increase by about 2 percent, the need for orthopedic surgeons is going to increase by 500 percent," he says. "That's a problem of epic proportions."

The reason for the increase can be attributed to baby boomers wanting to maintain an active lifestyle. Previously, Blaha notes, knee replacement surgeries were reserved for very old patients who were severely crippled by osteoarthritis. But younger patients like Birko, who tore his ACL and cartilage when he was a teenager and later injured his knee again while playing sport, are experiencing an earlier onset of osteoarthritis that affects their

daily lives. Today, degenerative arthritis remains the main reason for joint replacement surgery. Degenerative arthritis is a chronic disease that causes the cartilage at the end of the bones to deteriorate, bringing with it pain and a decrease in joint function. Without a means to replace cartilage in knees, total knee replacement remains the only option to regain mobility and end



Fortunately, knee replacement surgery has come a long way in recent decades and is now far less painful and the recovery much faster. With knee replacement surgery, the ends of the damaged thigh, lower leg bones and often the kneecap are capped with artificial surfaces lined with metal and plastic. Usually, doctors replace the entire surface at the ends of the thigh and lower leg bones.

Although knee replacement surgery allows patients to do many of their daily activities more easily, Blaha says surgeons still don't have a good estimate for how long knee implants will last, especially now since so many patients are getting new knees at a younger age.

'We want joint replacements to last for more than 20 years. But one of the problems is that no matter how good we get with statistics, it still takes 20 years to get 20-year results," says Blaha, a professor in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at U-M Medical School, "so we're faced with

a young population that is in its 50s and has the opportunity to live into its 80s and 90s. They want their joint replacements to last 30 to 40 years, and we just don't know yet if that will happen."

One way to avoid needing a knee replacement is to take steps to prevent degenerative arthritis. Since obese people have a higher incidence of degenerative arthritis, Blaha recommends maintaining a healthy body weight and taking steps to stay active at every age.

#### JULY

#### Divorce support group

Divorce financial management with Eudora Adolph 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, in room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

#### Benefit concert

Tribute-Fest: A benefit concert for Gilda's Club Metro Detroit 7 p.m. Sunday, July 27, at The Emerald Theatre, 31 N. Walnut, Mt. Clemens. Tickets \$10 and can be purchased at box office before and during show and through all Ticketmaster outlets. Fest includes tributes to The Beatles, U2, and Pink Floyd. For more information, call (248) 577-0800 or send e-mail to cmcqueen@ gildasclubdetroit.org.

#### Volunteers needed

For the new Providence Park Hospital in Novi which is scheduled to open Sept. 5. Volunteers are needed for a variety of activities including responsibilities in the Emergency Center, surgical lounge, pediatric department, gift shop, and visitor services as well as duties in the areas of spiritual care, transporter, clerical, patient greeter. Must be age 18 and older and able to work a minimum of one, four-hour shift per week. To request a volunteer application packet, call (248) 465-4096 or send e-mail to volunteerservice@stjohn.org.

#### **UPCOMING**

#### Summer camp

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

#### PGA hospitality experience

To raise money for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Michigan Chapter, tournament runs Aug. 4-10, at Oakland Hills Country Club. A 3,200 sq. ft. home overlook the 10th and 17th greens, and 11th and 18th tees is available per day. For information, call (800) FIGHT MS #2 or visit www.nationalmssociety.org/mig.

#### Donor registration/fund-raiser

A special organ, tissue and eye donor registration event and fund-raiser for Donate Life Coalition of Michigan is being held at the Tigers vs. Toronto Blue Jays game 7:05 p.m. Monday, Aug. 11. Tickets \$22 with a portion going to Donate Life. Call (248) 770-5172 or (248)

#### 701-2323. Divorce support group

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12, attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come first served basis, in room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

#### Lupus support meeting

6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, in Adray D at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. For more information, call Lisa Muson at (313) 581-2937.

#### Active older adults workshop

Learn about issues such as medical considerations, orthopedic concerns and the normal effects of aging on exercise and health 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at Summit on the Park, 46000

**MEDICAL DATEBOOK** Summit Parkway, Canton. To register, call Julie Burt at (734) 394-5460 or online at www.netafit.org.

#### Vinyasa yoga

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17, Vinyasa yoga blends strength and flexibility training emphasizing power, precision, timing, grace and coordination, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. To register, call Julie Burt at (734) 394-5460 or online at www.netafit.org.

#### **ONGOING**

#### Tai Chi classes

Began May 5, at 165 E. Square Lake, Bloomfield Hills (7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday), and 38121 Ann Arbor Road (11 a.m. Wednesday, and 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Presented by the nonprofit Michigan Tai Chi Association in Livonia. For details, call (734) 591-3530.

#### Recovery, Inc.

The support group meets at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at Prince of Peace Church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc. is an international, non-profit, self-help community based organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or send e-mail to marthapaul@ sbcglobal.net.

Self-help meetings in Livonia run 7:30 p.m. Monday St. Matthew's Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile; 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Call

#### (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recovery-inc. org. No charge, contributions collected.

Low vision support group Meets 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. For more informa-

tion, call Ellen Stross at (734) 453-0750,

#### Ext. 232. Self-defense class

For women and men 11 a.m. the first Saturday of every month at the Sanctuary Chiropractic & Wellness Spa, 35275 Plymouth, Livonia. Call (734) 421-7100. No charge, but a \$5 donation will be sent to a shelter for abused women and children.

#### **Arthritis Foundation programs**

Winter classes begin for warm-water and land-based exercise programs, Tai Chi, and a six-week series that offers keys to successful arthritis self-management, in Canton, Redford and Westland. Call (800) 968-3030 or visit www. arthritis.org.

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#### contributions are collected. Health enhancement classes

Classes began Feb. 4 for exercise (including yoga), CPR and childbirth, and support groups for cardiac, cancer, stroke and diabetes patients; eating disorders; Alzheimer's caregivers, and the hard of hearing. The offerings are part of an array of offerings at Garden City Hospital's Health Enhancement Center. For more information, call (734) 458-3242. Blood pressure (free) and cholesterol testing \$5) are also available noon to 2 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month in Garden City Hospital lobby. No registration required. The hospital also offers free blood pressure testing for senior citizens at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 6 and every other Wednesday at Maplewood Community Center. For information, call (734) 458-4330.

#### Free mask fitting clinic

For CPAP and BIPAP users, most insurances cover new supplies every year, try a new style of mask and learn how to get one 5-6 p.m. every Wednesday, at the Garden City Hospital Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan, 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland. No appointment needed. For information, call (734) 458-4330.

#### Splash classes begin

HAP's free Senior Splash Bash & Moms in Motion classes begin in January in five southeast Michigan communities

with indoor pools including Southfield and Troy. Any adult can join. Classes not limited to HAP members. For more information, call (313) 664-8420.

#### Grief support group

Offered by Romulus Wesleyan Church and Hospice of Michigan for 13 weeks began 9 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, at the church, 37300 Goddard, and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at the Romulus Public Library on Wayne Road at Goddard. For information, call (734) 941-1511, (734) 942-7589 or visit www.griefshare.org.

#### New parents support group

Meets at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. For details, call (248) 858-7766.

#### H.U.G.S. support group

Help, Understanding and Grief Support Group and counseling for parents who have suffered a pregnancy or newborn loss, meet 7-9 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month, at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. For information, call (248) 937-4847. There is no pre-registration required.

#### Hospice volunteers needed

Looking for caring volunteers to provide in-home companionship visits to patients with life-limiting illnesses and/or respite support for their caregivers and families. Weekday availability preferred. St. John Hospice provides services in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and St. Clair counties. Mileage reimbursement available. For information, call (800) 248-2298 or visit www.stjohn. org/Hospice.

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

MICHIGAN COLLEGIATE BASEBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE Monday, July 14

(at Livonia's Ford Field)
Blue Knights vs. Michigan Bulls, 5:45 p.m.
Mich. Rams vs. Mich. Monarchs, 8:15 p.m.
(at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central H.S.)
Mich. Dodgers vs. Det. Eagles, 6 p.m.
(at Tecumseh, Ont. LaCasse Park)

Fecumseh Thunder vs. Trailblazers, 7 p.m Wednesday, July 16 (at Livonia's Ford Field) Blue Knights vs. Det. Eagles, 5:45 p.m. Mich. Bulls vs. Mich. Rams, 8:15 p.m. (at Livonia's Bicentennial Park) Mich. Monarchs vs. Trailblazers, 5:45 p.m. Mich. Dodgers vs. T Thunder, 8:15 p.m.

Friday, July 18

(at Livonia's Ford Field) Mich. Rams vs. Det. Eagles, 5:45 p.m. Trailblazers vs. Tecumseh Thunder, 8:15 p.m. (at Livonia's Bicentennial Park)
Blue Knights vs. Mich. Monarchs, 5:45 p.m (at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central H.S.) Mich, Dodgers vs. Mich, Bulls, 6 p.m. Saturday, July 19 (at Livonia's Ford Field)

Trailblazers vs. Mich. Bulls (2), noon.
Mich. Dodgers vs. Mich. Monarchs (2), 5 p.m.
(at Livonia's Bicentennial Park)
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Monday, July 14

Redford Rebels vs. Michigan Bulls at Oakland University, 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 16
Michigan Bulls vs. Redford Rebels at Capitol Park, 7 p.m. Friday-Sunday, July 18-20 MATBL Charity Showcase Tournament
UNITED SOCCER LEAGUES UNITED SUCCEK LEAGUES
PREMIER DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE
Wednesday, July 16
Michigan Bucks vs. Kalamazoo Outrage
at Pontiac's Ultimate Arenas, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 20
Michigan Bucks vs. Toronto Lynx at Varsity Centre (Ontario), 4 p.m.
W-LEAGUE Saturday, July 19 Michigan Hawks vs. Minnesota Lightning at Livonia Stevenson H.S., 6 p.m.

#### **SPORTS ROUNDUP**

#### Hole-in-one club

■ On June 29, Ron Hopson of New Boston used a 9-wood to ace the 128-vard, No. 14 hole at Livonia's Idyl Wyld Golf Course.

It was Hopson's first hole-inone in 35 years.

On June 20, 12-year-old Matthew Taliaterro of Livonia used a sand wedge to ace the 91-yard, No. 8 hole at Fox Hills' Strategic Fox Golf Course.

#### PC Pride needs coaches

The PC Pride girls fastpitch softball organization is accepting coaching applications for the 2008-09 season. Applications, due Aug. 1, can be downloaded on the Pride Web site at www.eteamz. com/pcpride. The Pride offers three levels of play for 10-, 12-, 14-, 16- and 18-and-under divisions for Western Wayne County, Community Travel and Premier travel leagues.

For more information, call Rick Hayes at (734) 367-2557.

#### Soccer players wanted

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

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

would wriggle out of the jam when Charles Melvin (Thurston) hit a two-out grounder to short.

But the setting sun blinded first baseman Berriman (who only pitched the fourth) and the throw glanced off his face, permitting Carroll to score. Mark McRobb (Livonia Churchill) followed with a single up the middle to plate two more and make it a one-run game. McRobb went 2-for-3 to pace Redford's six-hit attack.

#### **PADDING THE LEAD**

The Chargers quickly got one of those runs back, tacking on an unearned run in the sixth against Charles Daly (Catholic Central), who pitched three strong innings for the Rebels. That proved plenty, because Redford could only manage a ninth-inning single by Smith over the final four innings.

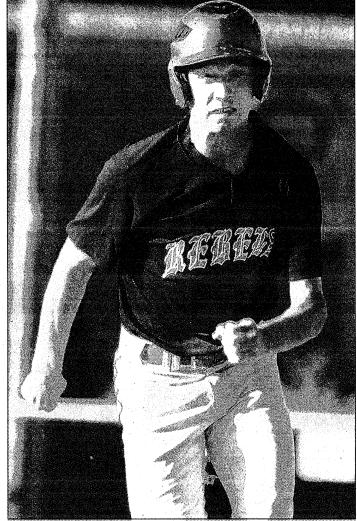
Several errors did lead to a couple of Lake Orion insurance tallies in the ninth, however.

"That last inning, we threw the ball around a little bit," Corner

Other Redford hits were collected by Brian Corner and Melvin.

Coach Corner said Daly's lengthy relief stint will help the team in the pitching department during this weekend's Spartan Classic Tournament at North Farmington High School.

Redford started University of Detroit-Jesuit's Kevin Neaton. who gave up just an RBI single to Chris Baumann in his two innings of work. In addition to Ewart and Daly, other relievers for the Rebels were Wafer, McRobb and Smith (who retired



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Charles Melvin of the Redford Rebels races toward third base during Wednesday's game against Lake Orion at Capitol Park.

the last batter).

"Everybody got in and we used (six) different pitchers," Corner said. "We didn't want to wear out any of our pitchers" before the Spartan Classic.

The Rebels will finish the sea-

son mostly on the road, although the team does host the Michigan Bulls at 7 p.m. Wednesday. That MATBL game will take place at Capitol Park.

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#### **BASEBALL TRYOUTS**

The PC Pride girls fastpitch organization will stage tryouts and skill evaluation for the 2008-09 season on Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 23-24, and Tuesday, Aug. 27, at the Canton Sports Center, located on Michigan Avenue.

Participation on all three dates is not required. For tryout times and a tryout application, visit the Pride Web site at www.eteamz.

com/pcpride.

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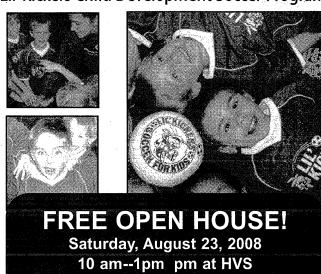


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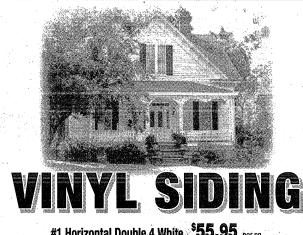


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#### ONE WORLD, MANY BEINGS

# Greyhounds, rabbits, purebreds and friendly little mutts need you

hen I adopt animals I don't look for the cutest; I look for the animal who needs me most.

Usually they're older and not pictureperfect, but who cares



Lana Mini

perfect, but who cares? It makes me sick to choose an animal based on cuteness factor.

My most recent rescue is a pitbull; the friendliest dog who has ever lived with me. She even sleeps under the blanket, head on the pillow, in bed.

Also living with us is a rescue dog from Hurricane Katrina; a small black lab no one wanted.

Rescuers say that at shelters, tan or lighthaired dogs are always adopted before the dogs with dark fur. How superficial! My black lab is the most sensitive dog I'v

My black lab is the most sensitive dog I've ever had, and just wants hugs, pillows and to play fetch.

#### **GREYHOUNDS, RABBITS NEED HOMES**

One breed of dog that really needs help from compassionate people are greyhounds from racetracks.

I do not support greyhound racing.

Animals shouldn't spend the majority of their lives in cages only to be let out once in a while to run a lap, and then forced back behind steel bars. They should run whenever the heck they feel like it.

And, when racing greyhounds don't make a buck, they're usually killed — often when they're just two to five years old. Nice life, eh?

Greyhounds are big couch potatoes, they would rather cuddle than run.

If you would like to meet one, and maybe save one too, visit the Retired Greyhounds as Pets (REGAP) booth at the Ann Arbor Art Fair through July 19. REGAP will be in the non-profit area on Liberty Street, near 5th Street. Or visit them at www.rescuedgreyhounds.com

REGAP needs people willing to foster greyhounds. They need gentle families willing to teach the dogs how to walk up and down stairs, and reassure the dogs that no one will hurt them. Greyhounds will follow you throughout the house once they've gained trust. They give love and seek gentle affection. REGAP also needs families willing to adopt these sweet and often silly dogs who normally love other dogs too. Many are good with cats.

REGAP will help you choose a dog best for your family. It's a fantastic group that drives across the country to help these dogs — and they are all local volunteers.

If you've made the trek to Ann Arbor, like many of us will, and if you like rabbits, consider visiting a rabbit adoption group that day too. Don't adopt a rabbit if you think he or she will only be around for a few months — they can live as long as dogs.

And don't adopt a rabbit if you plan to force them in a cage their whole life. What kind of life is that? Rabbits, like all

animals, have the right to roam around.

When they gain trust, rabbits like to be held, are quite playful and some will snuggle.

Great I also Rabbit Sanctuary bots a rab-

Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary hosts a rabbit adoption day from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., each Saturday in July, at Arborland PETCO, 3537 Washtenaw Ave., in Ann Arbor.

Members of the adoption group are on hand to answer questions about rabbit care. Call (734) 461-1726, e-mail karen@rabbitsanctuary.org or see the rabbits who need

bitsanctuary.org or see the rabbits who need homes on http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/MI120.html.

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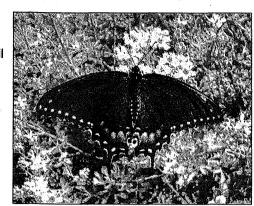
Professional bowling champions Aleta Sill and Michelle Mullen — co-owners of *Aleta Sill's Bowling World* — host the 3rd Annual Bowl-4-Animal Rescue on Saturday August 9 at 7 p.m. It will be held at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills, 30250 W. Nine Mile Road, west of Middlebelt Road.

All the proceeds, not just a portion like some big events, will benefit The Michigan Animal Adoption Network at Dearborn Animal Shelter. Tickets are \$25 and include three games, food and shoe rental. There will be auctions (computer, digital cameras, etc), raffles, door prizes and Karaoke. Bowlers can even have one of the professional bowlers throw a strike for them.

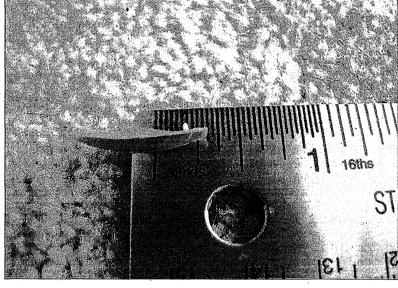
Shelters are desperate for funds right now. The weak economy means less donations. As people lose their homes they are abandoning their animals inside them — or taking them to shelters for euthanasia. It doesn't have to be that way. Help raise funds at a fun event. Visit: www.YourBowlingCoach.com

Lana Mini's "One World, Many Beings" column focuses on animal freedom issues, the environment and how we look at it, plus more. E-mail her at Imini@hometownlife.com or call (248) 901-2572.

Female Black Swallowtail



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A monarch butterfly egg.















A female monarch rests on a Swamp Milkweed flower.

#### Butterfly enthusiasts plant native flowers to lure their favorite winged insect

#### HANDLING AND TAGGING BUTTERFLIES

**What**: Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association's monthly meeting.

monthly meeting.

When: 7-8:30 p.m., Thursday, July 16

Where: Nankin Mills Interpretive Center,
33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland.
Parking on Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Trail.

Cost: \$3 for non-members. Members pay \$15 in annual dues and attend meetings,
which include programs and speakers, for free.

Details: The 70-member group meets monthly a

Details: The 70-member group meets monthly at the nature center. This month's program includes a naturalist-led walk to identify native trees and plants and information on tagging live butterflies for the purpose of studying migration patterns.

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BY SHARON DARGAY O&E STAFF WRITER

renda Dziedzic raises them. Doris Applebaum

counts them.

And Laura Palombi exhib-

its them.
They and other members of
the South Eastern Michigan
Butterfly Association
(SEMBA) can't get enough of
their favorite insect.

"I love butterflies," said Applebaum of Oak Park. "I think they are lovely. They are such serene creatures."

Palombi tends only to tropical butterflies in the Detroit Zoo's butterfly house, where she works as associate curator of invertebrates. She joined SEMBA to meet others who love butterfly watching and to lend her professional experi-

"It has helped me learn a



Officers of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association are Brenda Dziedzic, (left) presiden, Teri Bongiovanni, secretary, Carolyn Sohoza, vice president, and Stephanie Rife, Webmaster.

lot about local butterflies," she said.

Dziedzic, who has "about 20 butterflies fluttering around at all times" in her Westland back yard, a certified wildlife habitat, started SEMBA last year to make lepidoptera lovers aware of native plants that are key factors in attracting butterflies and moths.

"People are more into hybrid plants that may be genetically altered. But the adults (butterflies) don't want to get nectar from those. Native plants are what they lay their eggs on. More of their habitats are being destroyed to put in homes and strip malls. That's one of the rea-

Please see BUTTERFLIES, C2

# Michigan Jazz Festival brings youth to the stage

#### MICHIGAN JAZZ FESTIVAL

What: This isn't a smooth jazz festival, it's traditional, big band, Latin jazz. The Festival features six stages, 18 groups, five big bands, six piano workshops, plus the Steinway Cafe to actually learn how to listen to jazz. Wine and beer available for purchase

Admission: Free

Where: Schoolcraft College on Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Roads in Livonia, http:\\Michiganjazzfestival.homestead.com

**When:** Sunday, July 20 from noon to 9:15 p.m.

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

Young music lovers: jazz aficionados are passing the torch to you.
It's yours for the taking.

Longtime jazzheads are worried this American music will be forgotten by future generations.

They worry that someday there will be no dark, sultry jazz clubs creating smoldering vibes for talented saxophonists who belt out robust sounds. Places in Detroit like Baker's Keyboard Lounge, the country's oldest jazz club — and Cliff Bell's, the city's newer spot, are

crowded, yet still unknown to the masses.

Jazz, music that originated in America, is still an underground sound in that it doesn't receive much radio play — which makes it cool.

Midge Ellis, a strong, robust 85year-old jazz music die-hard, who credits the music for her youthful ways, is an organizer of the The Michigan Jazz Festival; the free festival at Schoolcraft College next Sunday, July 20.

Please see **JAZZ, C2** 



Enderle's quartet performs on the stage with "younger" musicians.

For her, jazz is about freedom — and she wants to see young people embrace its rebellious sound.

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"There's so much freedom in it, it's composing music right on the spot, live on stage," Ellis

That's why she, and others, work hard to keep the festival alive. Now in its 14th year, it's once again aimed at introducing new people to jazz. And this year, some of jazz music's best newer talent will take the stage.

Worth checking out is The Ryan Enderle Ensemble. Enderle, currently of Clarkston, has traveled the world performing jazz on standup bass and electric bass.

Enderle isn't a hobbyist musician — it's his livelihood. He teachers out of his home, and performs at clubs like Baker's and Cliff Bell's. He and his wife Jessica Enderle, a violinist, created a string duet named Courante, and romantically perform classical ceremonial music at weddings.

Enderle will take the festival stage at 4:45

His career began as a teenager playing in punk and rock bands. His taste in music grew as he was exposed to jazz, realized he wanted to make music his livelihood and then majored in music at Wayne State University. Later he performed worldwide with the U.S. Marine Corps band; and then lived and performed for several years in Hawaii.

At the festival, when listening to Enderle's original composition, you will hear the influence of all his musical tastes.

"Be ready to here some new music that exemplifies jazz," Enderle said.

His ensemble, that will release a CD next

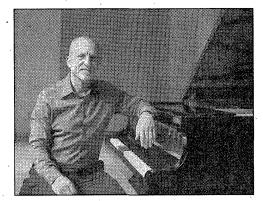
month, performs new original compositions. "We play some standards but arrange them in ways that have never been done," Enderle

said, giving an example of the standard

Autumn Leaves. Also at the festival, saxophonist Carl Cafagna, of Troy, is bringing students from his Sweet Beat Institute to perform. Jazz promoters are so excited about the young, strong talent that they have added a sixth stage to the

Cafagna is a full-time professional musician in Metro Detroit. He is a saxophonist, clarinetist, flutist, vocalist and drummer who has performed with the Temptations, Natalie Cole, Mel Torme, the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, Marcus Belgrave, the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra, Don Rickles, Bobby Watson, Verve Pipe, the Johnny Trudell Orchestra, Simone

Vitale, Richie Cole and many more. He's currently in Hot Club of Detroit — the swinging young jazz cats who play gypsy jazz.



Pianist Dennis Tini performs at 5 p.m.

Also worth seeing are the Wayne State University and Eastern Michigan University iazz ensembles.

Plus there's the Tartar Sauce Traditional Jazz Band, Tumbao Brabo Latin Ensemble, the George (sax) Benson Quartet, Johnny Trudell Big Band and a lot more.

This year's festival is dedicated to Trudell, who founded the festival in 1991 with big band leader Emil Moro. Ellis and fellow promoter Eileene Standley were asked to join in and help that same year.

It's not often that people will donate their time, for 14 years, at no charge — just for the love of the music.

But it's happening at the Michigan Jazzfest for the love of the music.

#### THE SCHEDULE:

Leven Stage

Noon, Motor City Jazz Octet 1:30 p.m., Terry Lower Sextet 3 p.m., Naima Shamborquer 4:30 p.m., Russ & Jeannine Miller 6 p.m., Tom Saunders &

Detroit Jazz 7:30 p.m., Soneo Latin Jazz

Woodbridge/Moro Stage 12:15 p.m., Tumbao Bravo, Latin

w.Barbara Ware

1:45 p.m., Cliff Monear Quartet

3:15 p.m., Detroit Tenors w Steve Wood & Cafagna 4:45 p.m., Jerry McKenzie's Just Jazz 6:15 p.m., Tartar Sauce Traditional Jazz Band 7:45 p.m., World's Oldest Sax

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Section

2 p.m., Matt Michaels 3:30 p.m., Richko, Keller, Ryani 5 p.m., Dennis Tini Quartet 6:30 p.m., Playing with the 8 p.m., George Benson

Cohen/Steinway Stage

Quartet

Noon, WSU Jazz Ensemble 2 p.m., Masters of Music Big 4 p.m., WSU Jazz Lab Band 6 p.m., Ed Nuccili & Plural

Circle 8 p.m., Johnny Trudell Big

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12:15 p.m., Bess Bonnier 1:45 p.m., Alma Smith 3:15 p.m., Charles Boles 4:45 p.m., Sven Anderson & Janet Tenaj

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My experience is that in many instances younger women with families are too critical of themselves. The combined physical and mental stress of carrying for children under 10 providing companionship and support for a husband, and often being employed full time at the same time, causes fatigue that needs no other explanation then being overworked.

The next most common cause for fatigue, after physical and emotional strain, is poor physical condition. This problem occurs most often in older, retired people or widowed individuals. The elderly person believes that cleaning the house or working around the home suffices as exercise. The physician needs to explain that such activity does not stress the body in a manner that muscles need to keep strength, flexibility, and stamina. Daily

Finally, fatigue may be the signal of a medical condition. Hypothyroidism, fibromyalgia early lung or heart disease, and anemia are examples of disorders that can present as fatigue. Physicians are experienced in screening for such causes and can uncover them through examination and selected laboratory studies.

exercise becomes the therapy of choice, and like a medication, needs to be taken sever

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sons I wanted to start this organi-

The group, which has 70 members, meets the third Wednesday each month at Nankin Mills Nature Center in Westland to talk about all things butterfly.

The session on July 16 will focus on tagging the delicate, colorful monarch butterfly in late summer and early fall in preparation for its migration south to Mexico.

#### **TRACKING MONARCHS**

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"The University of Kansas has a program called Monarch Watch. People tag the Monarchs. There's a 1-800 number on the tag so if

someone sees it along the way they can call. It gives entomologists and researchers more information on their migration. I've tagged for several years myself. It gives the researcher more knowledge about migration routes," Dziedzic said.

Nets help catch the elusive creature and a sticky substance adheres the tiny tags to the Monarch's orange-and-black colored wings.

"You just press it between your two fingers. There's a spot they want you to put it on. You press it on and it adheres very easily."

Dziedzic not only tags butterflies and tends to native plants anything in the milkweed family attracts them — but she also raises butterflies, patiently collecting the tiny eggs from plants in her back yard, feeding the caterpillars and protecting the chrysalis until the insect emerges to dry its wings and fly away.

She figures she has raised about 1,720 butterflies since 2002.

"My neighbors never used to have butterflies in their back yards and now they enjoy them," she noted. "I have at least 30 different species of butterfly coming to my back yard."

Dziedzic, who holds a degree in electronic engineering technology, is retired and spends her time lecturing about native plants and lepidopterans, which includes

moths, butterflies and skippers, raising butterflies and tending to her back yard. She's a master gardener who learned about butterflies from books.

"I was fortunate to find a lady who had a lot of knowledge about it. She was my mentor and she got me going in the right direction of what books to read."

#### **LEARNING MORE**

Palombi said a good butterfly guide, combined with networking in such groups as SEMBA and the Lepidopterous Society in Michigan can help novices learn more about the insects. Butterfly watchers can post sightings at www.lepalert.org.

Apartment dwellers or others with no backyard space can plant their butterfly garden in an "adopted" plot at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak.

Palombi said some of the zoo gardening volunteers, in fact, do maintain native plants on site that attract butterflies.

Dziedzic was on hand Wednesday when Palombi released federally-endangered Karner blue butterflies at the Petersburg State Game Area in Monroe County. The release was part of a multi-year project to reestablish the Karner blue that had not been observed in Michigan since 1987.

"Tm just proud of SEMBA. It's a great group and it has been a joy to see its membership grow so fast," Palombi said.

Applebaum, who is retired after working with animal records for 34 years at the zoo, said SEMBA's fast-growing membership shows "there are a lot of people interested in butterflies who were just waiting for a group like this."

"It's a 40-minute drive (to Westland) but it's worth it."

Applebaum, also a member of the North American Butterfly Association, helps count butterflies every June and July, the results of which are sent to a national data base. She participated in two this summer, in Springfield Township and Lapeer, and plans to join others in counting on Saturday, July 19, in Heritage Park, Farmington Hills.

When she's not bird-watching or looking for butterflies in her own back yard, she heads out to favorite nature areas to identify her favorite insect species.

"I just got back from Douglas Evans Nature Preserve. It's in Beverly Hills on Evergreen, just north of 13 Mile. It's a lovely day and I had to get out. I saw 10 different kinds as I walked along the path."

Asked to name her favorite, Applebaum hesitated and then said, "I just like so many of them."

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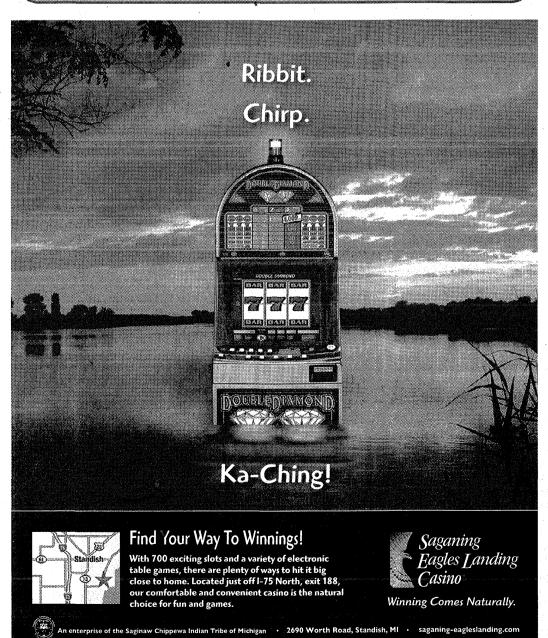
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# Never done with dryer vent line

📗 n last week's column I touched on a class action lawsuit having to do with major retailers installing the improper vent line on their customers' new clothes dry-



Joe Gagnon

ago I had the privilege of being on XM Radio Channel 169 with Joe Madison, a name many of you will recognize from his years here on Detroit

A week

radio. Not only did we discuss the upcoming lawsuit on his radio show but we also talked about his recent frustrating experience with an appliance repair company.

Joe had this company come over to his house and replace a burnt out heating element in his clothes dryer. While the dryer was all apart and Joe was observing the technician work on it, he noticed lint inside the casing of the drver.

Joe asked the guy to wait a minute before reassembling the dryer so he could get his vacuum cleaner and get rid of the lint. The service technician refused to let Joe do this simple maintenance and told him to call the office

of his service company and schedule another technician to come over and clean it.

The cost would be an additional \$65. It appears that they

do things different in Washington D.C. I told Joe to take the guy to court. It's called "double

dipping." Backing up the column on

dryer vent line, I received this e-mail from James Haupt who wrote:

"I thought I would share with you my recent dryervent experience. I wanted to offer my first-hand testimonial of the message you have been sending to your listeners and readers regarding the dryer-vent safety issue. This past week, my girlfriend and I were visiting with her parents when they mentioned changing their dryer vent. They did not say how long it had been since they last changed it but stated that their dryer had been acting up and the dryer vent may have been the cause of the problem.

While I was there, they pulled the dryer from the wall and detached the dryer vent to inspect the situation. Joe, I do not exaggerate when I say that a skilled person could have knitted a quilt from the amount of debris that was choking the dryer vent. Not only was the dryer-vent full of debris, the vent itself was made of plastic! Shocked at the potential danger of this situation, I mentioned that Joe Gagnon recommends to his readers and listeners that they install a solid aluminum dryer-vent in order to keep this type of potential hazard from escalating to some-

thing more serious. I must say Joe, after witnessing first hand this type of situation I rushed over to my parent's house and replaced the dryer vent even though it was nowhere near as congested as the one I had just seen. The only tool I needed to accomplish this task was with the help of a screwdriver to loosen and retighten the vent clamps.

Believe me when I say the short trip to the hardware store and the small amount of cash needed to complete the job was well worth the peace of mind received knowing that a potential fire hazard has been completely

Thank you James for helping me help others. Stay

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. Saturdays on WAAM 1600. His phone number is (734) 971-1600 Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or have a problem with one? E-mail it to kabramcz@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

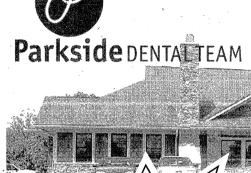
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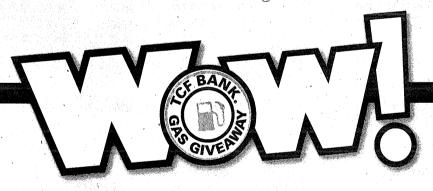
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ter Kelli to Scott Camiller,

26, of East Lansing. He is

Camiller of Livonia. Kelli,

the son of Frank and Joanne

25, is a graduate of Michigan

State University and works as

an elementary school teacher

in Grand Blanc Schools. Scott

State University and works as

The couple plans to wed July

project manager of Granger

is a graduate of Michigan

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Kronk-O'Shea

Phil and Kathy Kronk

of Livonia are pleased to

announce the engagement

of their daughter, Lauren

Louise Kronk, to Timothy

Ryan O'Shea, son of Mike and

Sandy O'Shea of Northville and

George and Gail Stoll of Saline.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 grad-

uate of Stevenson High School

in Livonia and currently works

as an attorney in Southfield.

Timothy is a 1997 graduate of

Brother Rice High School and

works as director of services for

MT Services Inc. in Plymouth.

The couple is planning an

August wedding. They will make their home in Plymouth.

26 in East Lansing.

The Grace Family of Ann

Arbor announces the engage-

ment of Rebecca Grace to Eric

Rebecca is pursuing her gradu-

Stokan of Sterling Heights.

ate degree in economics at

Wayne State University and Eric is seeking his graduate

degree in political science at

Wayne State University. The couple has yet to choose a wed-

make their home in New York

#### BIRTH



#### Cipolla

Dave and Lindsay Cipolla of Plymouth announce the birth of their daughter, Liliana Grace Cipolla, born April 18, at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. She joins sister Lynette, 2. Her grandparents are Jerry and Renee D'Ortenzio of Livonia; Frank and Jeanette Cipolla of Canton; Sam and Mary D'Ortenzio of Sun Lakes, Ariz.; Vivienne Melnik of Livonia and John Cipolla of Gladwin, Mich.

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Class of 1958

#### ANNIVERSARY

#### Krogol-Balogh

Daniel Balogh and Melissa Jay (Krogol) Balogh are celebrating 10 years of marriage this August.

The couple wed Aug. 1 at the Church of Christ in Southgate. They have lived in Canton for nine years and have two children, Jaylen, 13, and Ethan, 9. Daniel works for Ford Motor Company and Melissa owns Cleaner Image Cleaning Services, Inc. The couple enjoys spending time with family, watching their children play sports, traveling, golfing, shopping, working out and watching television together. They are planning to celebrate the anniversary with a trip to Mexico or the Caribbean.



#### REUNIONS

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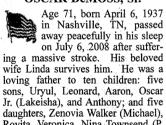
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#### OSCAR DeMOSS, Sr.



loving father to ten children: five sons, Uryul, Leonard, Aaron, Oscar Jr. (Lakeisha), and Anthony; and five daughters, Zenovia Walker (Michael), Rovita, Veronica, Nina Townsend (P. Joseph), and Tiwanna, plus numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is also survived in life by his older brother Charles DeMoss of Nashville, TN. Long-term resident of Southfield, MI, Oscar Sr. faithfully served his country in the United States Army. He was a Korean War Veteran and a 32nd degree Mason. Funeral services will be held Monday, July 14 at Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church, 15125 Burt Rd., Detroit, MI 48223. Flowers, cards and condolences can be sent to James H. Cole Home for Funerals, 2624 West Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48208.

#### **MARION "Tommy"** PATERSON FISCHER

Born May 25, 1914 to Edmund and Marjorie Paterson of Detroit and passed away peacefully June 14, 2008. Tommy grew up in Detroit graduating from Liggett High School and the University of Michigan where she was a member of Alpha Phi. She married Carl Fischer and they spent their working lives in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Tommy was a wonderful wife and mother and, with her strong support, was a major asset to Carl's successful business career. Tommy was a member of the Junior League and was active in the golf community at Oakland Hills Country Club as well as Bloomfield Hills Country Club. Carl and Tommy retired to Vero Beach, Florida where they were one of the early members of the John's Island Golf Club. Tommy was preceded in death by her loving husband Carl, (1999) and will be missed greatly by her children Carl Fischer of Stuart, FL, Nancy Kay of Pittsburgh, PA and Corinne Stolz of Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers the family has requested contributions to University of Michigan Alumni Assn, Att: James Spies 200 Fletcher Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48109 Or Hospice of the Treasure Coast, 1201 SE Indian Street, Stuart, FL 34997. Arrangements has been entrusted to Strunk Funeral Homes and Crematory, Vero Beach.

#### JANE ANN KEPHART (Donnelley, DeLano)

Formerly of Livonia entered Heaven's Gate on May 20, 2008. She is survived vived by daughters: Marianne (Steven) DeLano of Jackson, MI and Deborah (James) O'Leary of Royal Oak, MI; grandchildren Elizabeth Cutcher of Jackson, Jack and Janet O'Leary of Royal Oak; and many nieces and nephews. Memorial Service at Spring Arbor Free Methodist Church, 120 E. Main St, Spring Arbor, MI on July 19, 2008 at 2 pm. In lieu of flowers, family requests donations to help defray funeral costs.

#### DOROTHY KURTZ

Age 85, of Livonai, MI, passed away July 7, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

#### LLOYD W. MILLER Sr.

Of Westland, MI. Age 74, passed away Monday, July 7, 2008. He was born July 9, 1933 in Pottsville, PA, the son of William H. and Elmira P. (Martz) Miller. Survivors include: his wife, Margaret; one daughter, Monique (Mark) Caswell; one son, Lloyd Jr., four grandchildren, Emily, Wyatt, Aaron and Craig; one sister, Jeanette (George) Vought; and many dear friends. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Lorie and three brothers, Robert, James and Lyman. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Contributions in Lloyd's memory may be made to Mark and Allison Beaver Medical Fund, c/o Chris Lickman, 1549 Singer Road, Reading, PA 19610. Arrangements by Stark Funeral Service Moore Memorial Chapel. Please sign his guest book at:

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#### FLORENCE H. RABIOR

Age 95, of Farmington, MI, passed away July 7, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

#### IRENE E. SHERIDAN

Dec 18, 1929 - June 30, 2008. Irene went home to Heaven to start her eternal life with Jesus, her late husband Kenny and a host of friends and family. She leaves behind six brothers & sisters; her children Pam Blanchard (Steve), Deborah Smith (Dan) & Patrick Sheridan (Cheryl); grandchildren Deedee, Lisa, Cheryl, Casey, Kelli, Kendall, Kayla, Colin, Aaron & Tyler; great-grandchildren Ashley, Emma, Hanna, Gavin, Owen & Ashton. She will be sadly missed by all of us. Come join us as we celebrate her life with a memorial being held at Harvest Christian Church in Detroit on Thurs. July 17th at 11 am.

#### JOSEPH H. SMITH

July 9, 2008 age 83.
Beloved husband of the late
Mae Post and previously the
late Marge. Dear brother of Betty Hall and Shirley Brown, the late Robert, Ned, Wanda, Martha, Donelda and Helen. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Dear friend of Roger and Phyllis Barrette. Member of Local 98 Plumbers for 50 years. Member of Grand Lodge #569 & AM for 50 years. WWII Navy Veteran. Funeral was Saturday 10 am at the Dearborn Chapel of the Howe-Peterson Funeral Home; 22546 Michigan Ave. Visitation was Friday pm. Architect-University Lodge #569 Service was 7 pm. Memorials suggested to American Heart/Stroke Association.

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#### **ELSIE VIRGINIA STRONG**

Of Farmington Hills, Michigan. Passed away Tuesday, June 24, 2008. Elsie was born August 26, 1926 in Farmington, Michigan, the daughter of Helen and Charles Clark and was a lifelong resident of the Detroit area. Surviving are her children, Mark (Lynda) of Aptos, CA, Terry (Lisa)of Climax, MI, Dennis (Kelsie) of Woods Cross, UT, Jeff (Debbie) of Prairie du Sac, WI, and Rex (Cynthia) of Farmington Hills, MI and sister Eleanor Hornbrook of Sanibel Island, Florida. She was blessed with 13 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and a large extended family that surrounded her throughout her life. Elsie was predeceased by her husband Jim, sister Margaret House, halfbrothers Lewis Layton, Floyd Layton, Charles Layton, and grandson Joshua Strong. Elsie loved bowling, golfing, playing cards, travel and her family. She was greatly leved by all and will truly be missed. Family and friends will gather together and celebrate her life: Sat., July 26, 2008 at 11:30am to 4pm. Refreshments at 1:30pm Embassy Suites Hotel, 19525 Victor Parkway, Livonia, MI. Memorials in Elsie's memory may be directed to: COPD Foundation, 2937 S.W. 27th Ave. Suite 302, Miami, FL 33133 www.copdfoundation.org/donate

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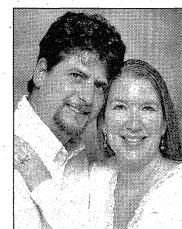
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#### **ENGAGEMENTS**

#### Harris-Truchan

**Eleanor Harris of Westland** announces the engagement of her daughter Melinda Lee Harris of Garden City to Brian Michael Truchan, son of Greg and Alice Truchan of Pinckney. Melinda, also daughter to the late Tommie Harris, attended John Glen High School and graduated from Nankin Mills Senior High school. She is a graduate of Schoolcraft College and has worked for Airport Services at Detroit Metro Airport's Berry Terminal for the past nine years. She is also a full-time caregiver in the Companionship Program, which is affiliated with Community Living Services. Brian works for CDI Corporation and is an



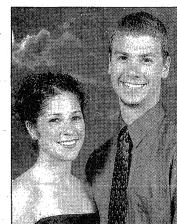
avid golfer. Throughout their courtship, he has been teaching Melinda how to golf. The couple were engaged May 6 in Las Vegas. A 2009 wedding is being planned.

#### Corp Volunteers who served in **Anzalone-Rosemary**

Charles and Janice Anzalone of Howell and formerly of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter Nicole Marie, to Christopher Alex Rosemary, son of Alex Jr. and Susann Rosemary of Farmington Hills.

Nicole is a Stevenson High School and Eastern Michigan University graduate. She is currently a special education teacher at Treeline Elementary School in Fort Myers, Fla. Christopher is a Harrison High School graduate and currently works as a retail sales consultant with AT&T in Fort Myers, Fla.

The couple is planning an August 2008 wedding at St.

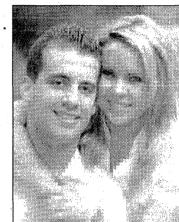


Sabina Church in Dearborn Heights and a reception will follow at the Italian American Club in Livonia. They will make their home in Ft. Myers, Fla.

#### **Dupuy-Mancuso**

Linda and Milton Dupuy of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter Kayla to Christopher Mancuso, son of Rose and Peter Brown of Troy. Kayla earned her bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in philosophy at Eastern Michigan University. Christopher graduated with a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan with a double major in political science and economics. He works as an investment banker at a private firm in Detroit.

The couple is planning a



Valentine's Day wedding in Plymouth in 2009.

#### Polisano-Davis

Anthony and Joanne Polisano of Wixom announce the engagement of their daughter Jayne to Ernest James Davis of Livonia. He is the son of Jim and Sue Davis of Lake Placid, Fla. Jayne earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees from Central Michigan University. She works as a human resources manager for NLB Corp. in Wixom. Ernest is a graduate of Vincennes University in Indiana. He works as a maintenance technician for Northwest Airlines. The couple is planning an Aug. 16 wedding at Brentwood Golf Club & Banquet Center in White Lake.



#### **Moraitis-Gorney**

Jeffrey and Arlene Moraitis of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachael Macie Moraitis of Westland to James Reed Gorney of Westland. He is the son of Francie Gorney of Canton and John Gorney of Canton.

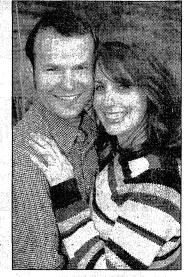
Rachael is a 2000 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and earned her master's degree in biology from Wayne State University. She works as a medical imaging analyst at Therma-Scan in Birmingham. James is a 2000 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and works as an entrepreneur and as hockey director at Total Sports in Wixom.



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The couple are planning a May 16 wedding at St. Kenneth Church in Plymouth and a reception at the Italian American Banquet Center in Livonia.

of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Milyne to Charles Gaden Jr. of Rockaway. He is the son of C. Richard and Sheila Gaden of Rockaway. Milyne is a graduate of Canton High School and Eastern Michigan University. She works as a manager at Limited Too in Livonia. Charles is a graduate of Kettering University and works as an engineer for the U.S. Army. The couple are planning an Oct. 25 wedding at St. James Catholic Church.



#### Matheny-Gaden

Jeff and Lynn Matheny

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How to Profit from the Coming Demographic Storm," by Kenneth Gronbach (Amacom, \$24.95). Gronbach, of KGC Direct L.L.C., in Haddam, Conn., specializes in generational marketing.

One of the book's most compelling mantras is that Gen X (a.k.a. Echo Boomers and Millennials) has nine million too few members -- or 11 percent -- to replace the 78 million-member Baby Boom. From a demographic standpoint, the most opportunities in B2B marketing will be to Gen Y (1985-present), which will expand to 100 million by 2010. That means that most B2B business owners still have time to plan how to adjust or replace their product/service/marketing strategy.

PRODUCT/SERVICE How can you make your product or service appeal to founded the online community JaneOutOfTheBox.com, reports that "Gen Y B2B customers are like all Gen Yers." Connections with: -- environmentalism/sustainability, -- the community. -- social responsibility (including humanitarian issues), and -- the Internet

are essential, according to Andy Hines, futurist in the Houston office of Social Technologies L.L.C, which is headquartered in Washington, D.C. Hines states that Gen Y's questions are geared to obtaining tangible results, such as "How do we make the community a better place, the environment safer? What do we do to translate into people getting more food?" These customers also want their lives to be better. That

will be in demand, says DeKinder-Smith, "Gen Y wants to be free to pursue their personal goals and/or get out of the office to pursue their lives," she states. Making your product or service easy to talk about will help tremendously in developing your market. MARKETING For this generation, the rules of marketing will be

changing. Steven Kleber of the Atlanta marketing firm Kleber & Associates Inc., has 15 employees, of whom six are Gen Y. He mentions that this cohort "wants to develop solutions and change (and is) all too often disrespected from a marketers' point of view as quirky and atypical. They're go-getters who want to be seen, heard and valued. Take them on their own terms."

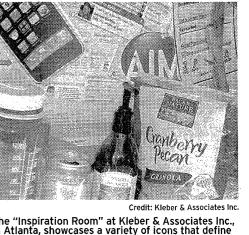
the cohort, "marketing can get in the way, particularly if it's misleading or exaggerated. They're very accustomed to doing their own research, relying on word of mouth and validation from peer groups to help them make intelligent decisions." Eric Papp of Tampa's Generation Y Results-Based Consulting L.L.C., agrees. He advises you to:

-- convey integrity in your brand, product, service and

advertising; -- promote instant gratification and rapid delivery; and

-- for power, use "word of mouth (so that) Gen Y talks

So how do you market? Here's what these people say: -- "Bring in a Gen Y intern to mentor you" (Hines). -- "Forming focus groups to identify customer needs can lead to developing additional products and services growing



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knowledge in an engaging way" (DeKinder-Smith). (Dr. Mildred L. Culp is an award-winning journalist. Copyright 2008 Passage Media.)



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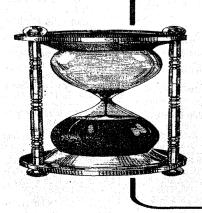
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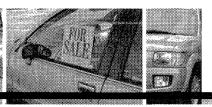
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# Ford F-350 Super Duty Sets A New Standard

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By Wendy Clem **Avanti NewsFeatures** 

The 2008 FORD F-350 4X4 Super Duty FX4 diesel truck can have all the bells and whistles added to it, and the bonus is that it also comes in bright Red Clear-Coat paint finish, reminiscent of a big and robust fire engine. The only thing missing is the

Get geared up to do justice when squiring the F-350 around town, and get ready for a challenge when trying to park it in a mere parking lot or driveway. Be prepared to take up to two spots for this big 'un; it's a power to be reckoned with.

This is the must-have for hauling, too. With a 12.5K trailer tow hitch - added to more possible weight to be hauled in the bed -- and a standard towing package, Ford also offers an extra heavy-duty alternator and traction control, which adds to the good news. You'll be surprised at how much you can

Also, go for the extra of the reverse vehicle aid sensor. You will need it with this very long truck. Another plus as you tool down the highway: Other vehicles get out of your way. You know those people who taunt by edging out of driveways, and seem poised to bolt in front of you and test your airbag efficiency?

You won't encounter them when in this F-350. They seem to acknowledge, and respect, Ford's muscle-intruck-form, and act as if you ARE a fire engine - or at least a police cruiser -- by shrinking back. One advantage to this truck is its unusual quiet, from both outside interruptions and during inside

conversations. One disadvantage is that if you are on the shorter side, expect the same strangling sensation so common in vehicles for the seat belts. Why can't the industry get THIS right?!

Predominantly an off-road 4X4, the Super Duty FX4 has the same features as the standard models, but incorporates better shocks, skid plates that protect the transfer case and fuel tank, and 18-inch wheels with all-terrain tires, among additional features. At 350 horsepower, this truck has 650 foot pounds of torque. The 6.4- liter V-8 diesel adds to the hefty



Ford gets high marks for its much improved and luxurious F-350 Super Duty 4X4 Crewcab FX4, with a roomy and quiet interior, and ability to tow up to 30,000 pounds.

package that is the Ford F-series, and you won't feel comfortable unless you are immersed in the whole must-play-Toby-Keith-music, too. In fact, I suspect it's a law somewhere.

Twin-turbo Power Stroke with piezo fuel injectors replaces previous engines, and is proving to be amply

Probably one of the more unique features of this truck is the side mirror, which is divided into two segments on each side of the vehicle. Power-driven, the top mirror provides the normal, blind-spot viewing area, while the bottom one is a minor miracle-worker. It gives an amazingly accurate view of the road, and at enough of a distance to also change lanes safely. Just ask for the Powerscope trailer tow mirror.

You might be tempted to fill up the truck bed with water, and laze in the sun while viewing a movie on the DVD player in the rear seat. But there are classier ways to use your F-350.

As soon as you enter and turn the key, the very proficient standard air-conditioner is instantly cool, a wonderful relief on stifling days. Optional features like Sirius radio, the navigation system - along with the Audiophile system for navigation -- further enhance the front, which also sports a standard AM/ FM single CD/MP3 player.

The standard rubber mats over black carpet provide flexibility in the long haul, and are a good match for the available molded black cab steps and tailgate step to access the bed easily. There is also an optional stowable bed extender.

It's worth mentioning the 30.5-gallon fuel tank, although the sheer size of the F-350 itself precludes its having to be rated for EPA fuel economy. With diesel, the mileage results are a bit more encouraging

than with other models; my experience was about 15 miles to the gallon in the city, and almost 17 per gallon on the highway.

Some of the Super Duties come equipped with another \$20,000 in options, including features ranging from power additions to luxury extras that take the F-350 into a whole different class of trucks. The primary truck, without options, comes in at under \$37,000. Heated seats can be ordered, as can a 6-way power driver's seat and leather captain's chairs. The rear bench is spacious, and can be folded down; its 60/40 flexibility is standard. The option of a rear-sliding window makes it even comfier when the air is off. The center console is generous for storage, and joins the numerous features that give this vehicle more of a luxury than a truck feel. Instrument dials are easily visible and handy, with less of a plastic feel and more of a leather aura.

A locking removable lift-gate with a lift assist is another standard item, and gets considerable attention from the public, which finds it an attractive

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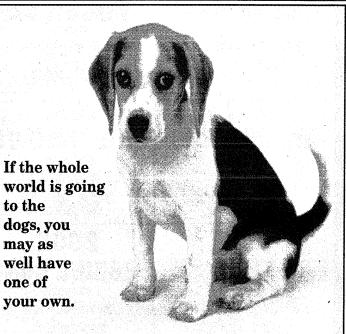
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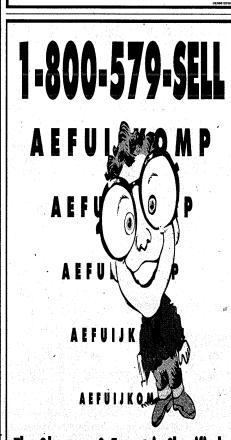
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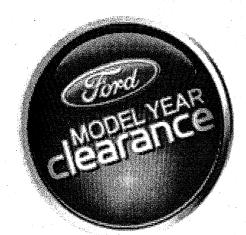




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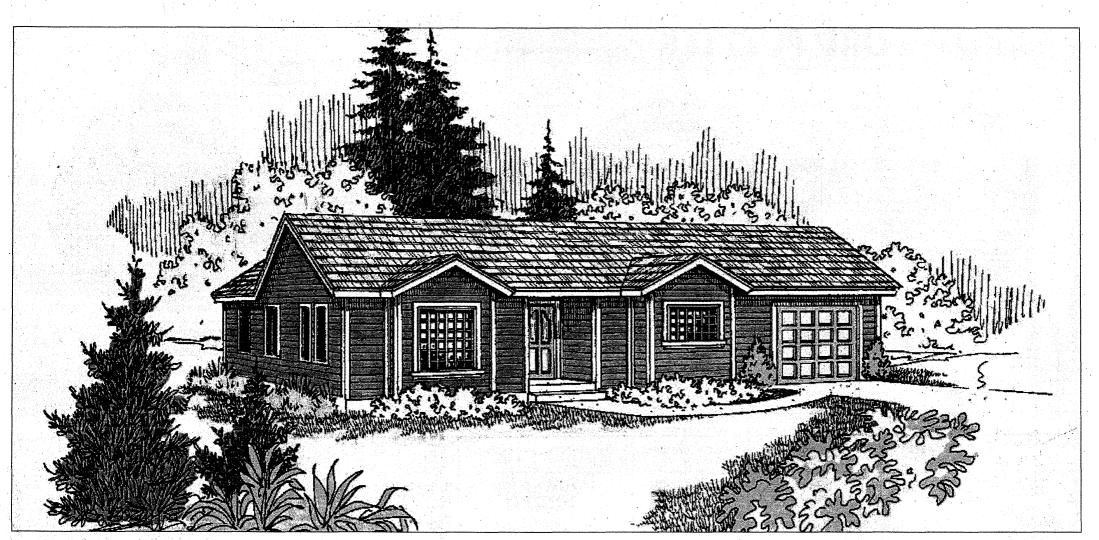


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# Simplicity, spaciousness highlight Neptune

The Neptune (406-58) offers symmetry and simplicity on the exterior, with a spacious interior floor plan at 1,157 square feet. The inset-covered entry is lit by a door-side window and opens toward a coat closet straight ahead. Living and sleeping quarters are on the left, while the kitchen and dining rooms are on the right. A convenient storage area in the rear of the single-car garage could be used for storage of bicycles, tools or yard equipment.

- Access to the kitchen with bags of groceries is a very convenient one step up from the

garage. There is also a door from the garage onto a covered deck, as well as access from the dining room. This makes it ideal for planning outdoor parties or for easy accessibility for doing yard work.

The unique U-shaped kitchen has a bay window for the sink and dishwasher. The cabinets stop at the wall, eliminating hard to reach corner cabinets. There is an abundance of counter space beside the refrigerator and on both sides of the range. A traditional center island completes this bright, spacious and inviting kitchen.

Down the hall to the rear of the home, three large bedrooms share a full bath on the right. A hall linen closet is ideally located between the bath and bedroom

For a comfortable spot to sit quietly and read, or do needlework in a well-lit area, or even a spot to meditate, a window seat is well-placed in the living room. From this vantage point, one could also see who is stopping by to visit.

The Neptune is an exceptional plan for a young family just starting out, or for the retired couple that needs less home and vet

wants one that is still fun and spacious. The dimensions of this home also make it ideal for narrow lots.

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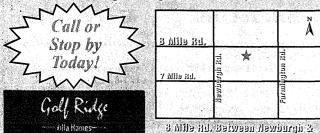
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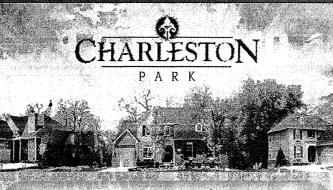
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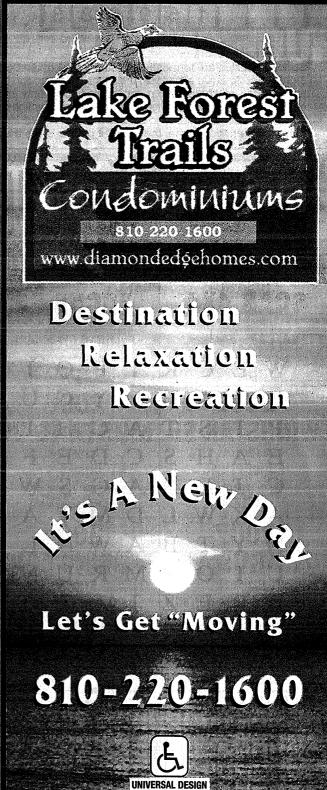
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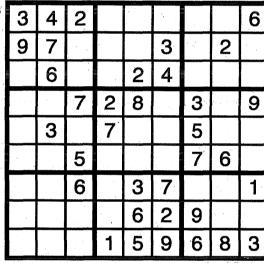
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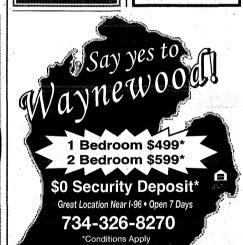
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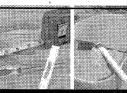
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