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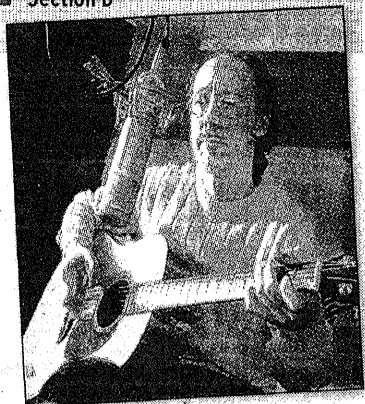
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Walkers aim to stomp out cancer

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Like many people, Beth Kochevar has seen her share of cancer over the years.

Kochevar, a Plymouth resident, has seen two aunts die from it. Her father was diagnosed with kidney cancer 12 years ago, and a brother-in-law was diagnosed as terminally ill with cancer — and survives 15 years later.

That's why Kochevar will be on the track for Plymouth's second Relay for Life to benefit the American Cancer Society, scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday through 10 a.m. Sunday at Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth.

"We've had a lot of encounters with it, and I felt like it's a really worthy cause," said Kochevar, who will walk with the Defining Image Salon team and owner Luann Andes. "People have to do something to help. Everyone's been affected one way or another, either personally or by knowing someone."

Some 19 teams and more than 130 walkers are expected to participate in the event, nearly double the teams that walked in the inaugural 2007 event. Each team is responsible for having a walker on the track the entire 24-hour event.

The event will start, though, with an hour dedicated to cancer survivors, who will be the only ones on the track.

"The survivor lap (10:30 Saturday morning), is dedicated to survivors," said Brian Waskiewicz, who chaired this year's event. "They'll be wearing purple survivor shirts and carrying a banner. After that we'll have an actual luncheon for survivors and caregivers."

The Relay for Life is an American Cancer Society fundraiser, for which the Plymouth

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Anyone not registered for the Relay for Life can show up at the Central Middle School track Saturday morning. Anyone who'd like to donate can visit the event's Web site at <http://events.cancer.org/rflplymouthmi> or they can call Brian Waskiewicz, (734) 664-7042.

event has already been pledged nearly \$21,000. Waskiewicz said organizers started planning the 2008 event "as soon as we wrapped up last year."

Like Kochevar, who will also walk the event with her 11-year-old daughter, Kimberly, the event is near-and-dear to Waskiewicz's heart.

"I've lost family members to cancer, and I believe something has to be done to either find a cure or prevent the disease," Waskiewicz said. "Last year, a week before the event, I lost a dear friend to cancer. Most of the volunteers have either survived it themselves or have lost loved ones to the disease."

While the disease it's designed to fight is deadly, the event that aims for its eventual defeat is anything but somber.

"It's a fun-filled overnight event, designed to bring people within your community together in memory of those who have been touched by cancer," Waskiewicz said. "We not only gather to celebrate survivors, but to remember those we've lost to cancer, and to fight back against the disease, we raise money to support awareness and help support the American Cancer Society in their mission, which is to eliminate cancer."

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Anniversary present

60th year sees new
endowment for
historical society

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As the Plymouth Historical Society celebrates its 60th year, the Plymouth Historical Museum's benefactor — Margaret Dunning of Plymouth — has revealed her lifelong friend recently willed a trust worth more than \$350,000 to fund educational programs at the museum.

When Irene Walldorf of Plymouth — a former Plymouth-Canton Schools teacher — died Aug. 20, 2002, her will indicated that any money left in her trust, after all her relatives died, would be given to the Historical Museum.

"Irene felt a person should give back to their community," said Dunning. "She wanted to take care of her family, but decided the rest should go to something that was useful and memorable to the community. She became interested in the museum and gave several trusts to the museum for educational purposes."

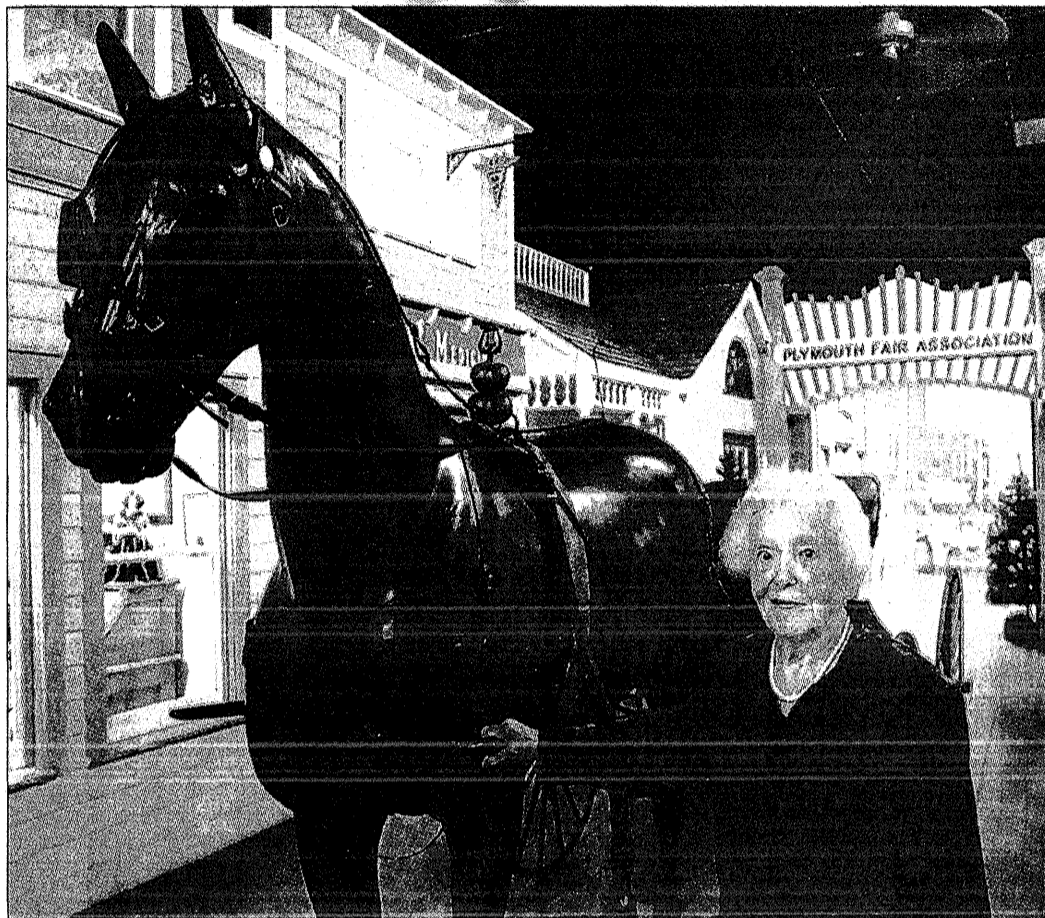
Walldorf had earlier given a \$100,000 trust to the Plymouth Historical Museum, also for teaching history.

According to law, the museum is required to use 5 percent of the trust interest each year. The latest trust left by Walldorf netted the museum \$17,500.

"This money allows us to beef up our educational offerings," said Liz Kerstens, the museum's executive director. "Schools have cut field trips ... and this money will allow us to offer some teachers more money so kids can come here for field trips."

"We're also trying to add technology into the exhibits, such as touch-screen monitors that will allow us to add more content and interpretation to the exhibits," she said. "Irene's gift is so phenomenal for this museum. Hopefully, others who would like to see children experience the past of this area will do the same."

Kerstens said the Plymouth Historical Society has a total of \$800,000 in endowments, with



Margaret Dunning and 'Old Bill,' the wooden horse brought to the Plymouth Historical Museum by Dunning and Clarence Moore.

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Margaret Dunning donated the \$1.3 million for an addition to the Plymouth Historical Museum, which was completed in 2001.



The Plymouth Historical Society celebrates 60 years and museum benefactor Margaret Dunning celebrates 98 years.

\$671,000 in a PHS endowment.

"Margaret's goal is for the PHS endowment to get over \$1 million so it can sustain operations," said Kerstens. "We take a certain amount of money each year to help with operating funds because we couldn't make it without it." Kerstens said the museum's annual operating budget is \$142,000, with funding from memberships, donations, fund-raisers and endowments. There are only two part-time employees, including Kerstens, with nearly 130 volunteers helping to keep the museum functional. The Plymouth Historical Museum doesn't receive state or

federal grants. The museum at Main and Church streets opened in February 1976. It was donated by Dunning in memory of her parents who were among the original 52 Society members in 1948. Currently, the Society has 625 members. Dunning also donated the \$1.3 million for an addition that was completed in 2001, which houses the Abraham Lincoln exhibit.

Dunning is hopeful more people will consider giving trusts to the museum so Plymouth's history can be perpetuated.

"People have been very kind about leaving trusts for the future," said Dunning.

"You can give and designate how you want the income used. And, your money is perpetuated and you will always be remembered."

Incumbent, newcomer among 5 for 4 seats

Budget, recreation among key issues

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Doroshewitz

Bob Doroshewitz shrugs off all the political nonsense that comes with being a member of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees.

Instead, Doroshewitz said simply being able to deal with real people and their issues is what has him coming back for more as he seeks re-election in

the Aug. 5 primary.

"I love it, I really do," Doroshewitz said of serving. "When you get to talk to people about fence issues or barking

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THE DOROSHEWITZ FILE

- **Who:** Bob Doroshewitz
- **What:** Running for Plymouth Township Trustee
- **Now:** Works for Siemens Communications; current township board trustee
- **Family:** Wife, Tammy; children Allison, 4, and RJ, 3.
- **Education:** Bachelor's and master's degrees, Michigan State; juris doctor, Wayne State

Newcomer would freeze salaries, watch spending

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Kelly

Political newcomer Michael Kelly has already been baptized in political warfare.

Shortly after he put up some 25 campaign signs in his quest for a seat as a Plymouth Township Trustee, five of them were stolen.

"I've had one taste of local politics already," Kelly said.

"My signs are already being stolen."

Kelly, a Plymouth Township resident since 1991, seeks his first elected political office. However, it's not his first foray into the

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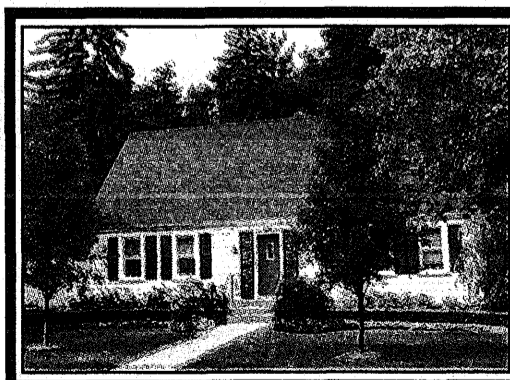
THE KELLY FILE

- **Who:** Michael Kelly
- **What:** Running for Plymouth Township Trustee
- **Now:** Materials and corrosion engineer, Ford Motor
- **Family:** Wife, Brenda, and their dog, Maizey
- **Education:** bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry, University of Michigan

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Museum celebrates Burr's service

Sanford Burr has been a member of the Plymouth community all of his life, with contributions to the community some say "are legion," and on Sunday, Burr is going to be honored for those contributions.

Sunday has been designated Sanford Burr Commemoration Day by both the City and Township of Plymouth. To celebrate Burr's life, the Plymouth Historical Museum will host an Open House 1-4 p.m. There will be no admission charge to the Museum that day, and light refreshments will be served in the early afternoon.

Burr was born in Plymouth in July 1926 and hails from a long line of Plymouth residents and Plymouth Historical Society members, according to Elizabeth Kelly Kerstens, executive director of the museum. Burr's grandmother, Maude



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sanford Burr, pictured with his pals Abe and Mary Todd Lincoln of the Plymouth Historical Museum's celebrated Lincoln collection, will be honored for a lifetime of service at an open house Sunday.

Robinson Bennett, was a charter member of the PHS in 1948, and both of his parents, George and Mildred Burr, served as presidents of the Society.

Burr served in a U.S. Army field artillery unit in World War II, and retired as assistant principal of Southfield High School in 1982.

"Sandy" served as president of the PHS from 1978-80 and then again from 2004 until June 2008, and is a life member of the Society.

He has worked on the maintenance crew at the Museum for about 10 years and frequently gives popular tours, both within the

Museum and in Plymouth as part of the Historical Walking Tours sponsored jointly by the PHS and the Plymouth Preservation Network. When Burr stepped down as president last month, the PHS Board of Trustees honored him with the title President Emeritus.

Kerstens hopes to draw a big crowd Sunday.

"If Sandy has touched your life in some way, please stop by the Museum to say 'hi,'" Kerstens said.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main in downtown Plymouth.

Court hopeful's stepson admits to stealing sign

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The stepson of 35th District Court judge candidate Martha Snow has admitted he stole and destroyed a campaign lawn sign belonging to one of her competitors, Jim Plakas.

Plymouth police are investigating the actions of 21-year-old Ryan Xuereb — a University of Michigan student who lives with Snow and her husband, Joe Xuereb, in Northville Township — following a complaint filed by Plakas. Ryan Xuereb has not been charged in the case.

"Ryan made a mistake and we're dealing with it at home, and it will obviously be dealt with in court," said Snow.

"My opponents will make this a political event and it's not. It's a family matter."

In a story reported in Sunday's *Plymouth and Canton Observers*, another judicial candidate, Cam Miller, reported to police he saw a hatchback vehicle "full of lawn signs" on Hamilton,

near Ann Arbor Trail, in Plymouth Saturday, July 5. Miller said he "got a description of the person, the vehicle and license plate number and called the police immediately."

Joe Xuereb said when he and Snow were discussing the story about the high number of judicial lawn signs stolen, Ryan admitted to stealing the sign. Xuereb said his son was frustrated by a recent e-mail sent to judicial candidates and the media attacking his siblings, as well as stolen Snow lawn signs.

"But, it was wrong, inexcusable," said Xuereb, who said they called Plakas to apologize.

"The only question I asked him was about my signs," said Plakas. "That's when he claimed he took only one, threw it away and would reimburse me for it. He said he was frustrated by the campaign and I explained to him that it's a very frustrating process, there's really nothing

pleasant about it and there's a lot that happens."

Plakas said he accepted the apology but won't drop the complaint, waiting instead to find out the results of the police investigation.

"I know that it's interesting he was in an area where other signs were taken," said Plakas. "I've heard certain things that lead me to believe, and I think certain things, but I will let the police do their investigation."

Snow said she doesn't believe the incident will derail her bid for 35th District Court judge.

"People who know me and my family know Ryan is a top-notch kid, a good human being who is always helping people," said Snow. "He had a momentary lapse in judgment and he's suffering for it. And, if it means I have to work that much harder to achieve my goal of becoming judge, I will."

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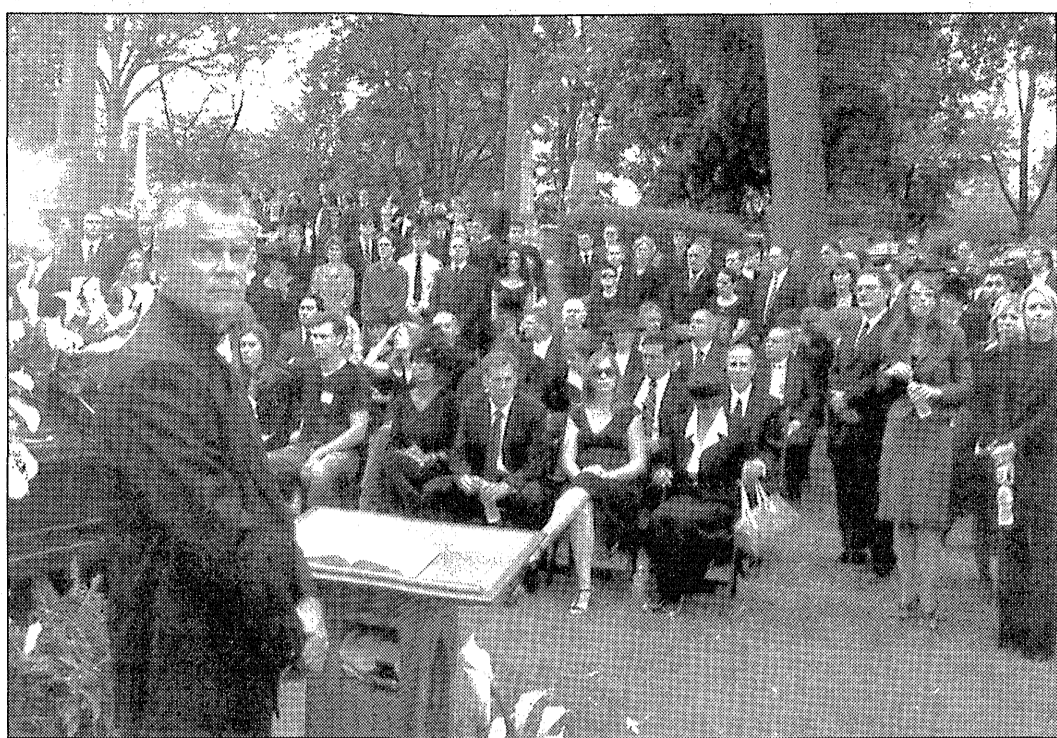
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'Memory Loss'

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

Candidate forum

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts a candidates forum for the Plymouth Township primary elections 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 23 at Plymouth Township Hall,



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On the air

Dennis Baranik of Plymouth (foreground) got a featured role as the reverend who officiates at the funeral of legendary auto tycoon William Hamilton III, owner of Hamilton Motor Works, a Detroit based auto company, who dies mysteriously and leaves the company to his son, Billy (Warren Christie, "October Road") who is a Harvard professor. The show, "The Prince of Motor City," also stars Andie MacDowell, Aidan Quinn, Piper Perabdo, Aunjanue Ellis and John Carroll Lynch ("Drew Carey Show"), and is directed by Jack Bender ("Lost"). The new Michigan tax breaks for the film industry has brought this show to Michigan and the extra cast numbered over 200 for the funeral, filmed at historic Elmwood Cemetery in Detroit.

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The forum will feature candidates running in contested primaries for supervisor, trustee and clerk. The chamber's Government Affairs Committee decided to hold this forum to highlight issues important to the business community.

At the forum, the Chamber will be taking questions from the audience. The committee will also have some questions prepared that deal with business related issues. While not all the questions may relate to business concerns, many of them will have that focus.

Residents from the Plymouth Township are welcome to attend the forum.

Comcast Cable Channel 12 will broadcast the forum July 26-27 and Aug. 2-3. The forum will be broadcast on Saturdays four times between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. and five times on Sundays between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

WOW cable channel 10 will broadcast the forum July 28 to Aug. 4 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. On Sunday, Aug. 3 it will also be broadcast on WOW at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Police ID suspect in laptop thefts, still searching for suspect in beating case

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township Police have identified a suspect in a series of laptop computer thefts taking place around the township.

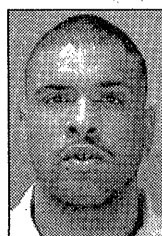
Police have identified 34-year-old Jason Smith in the thefts. Police say Smith, described as an African-American male, 6-foot-3, weighing some 200 pounds with brown eyes and brown hair, obtains entry into businesses and pretends to be part of a cleaning crew. They also say the suspect leaves the premises if confronted by employees.

Police say anyone who sees Smith should not try to apprehend him; rather, they say, anyone seeing Smith should dial 9-1-1.

While police do want to talk to Smith about the random laptop thefts, he is not a suspect in the May 24 beating of a local woman during a robbery attempt at a business in the township's industrial park at Sheldon and Helm.

That attack took place, police say, when the suspect broke into the business looking to steal laptop computers.

Plymouth Township Police



Smith

Assistant Chief Bob Smith said Jason Smith is not a suspect in that case, and that a suspect has yet to be identified in the beating.

"We still get tips on a daily basis about the vehicle and about possible suspects, but we don't have anyone yet," Smith said.

The suspect in that case is described as a light-skinned black male, late 20s to early 30s in age, with little or no hair, light-colored eyes (possibly hazel), approximately 5 feet, 10 inches, and weighing some 180 pounds.

Witnesses told police they saw a purple or pink Ford Escort LX 4D, perhaps 1998 to 2000 model year, with two men inside. The driver, police believe, was the suspect in the beating. The other man is described as a taller, dark-skinned black male with little or no hair.

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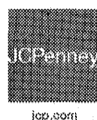
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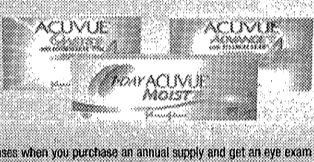
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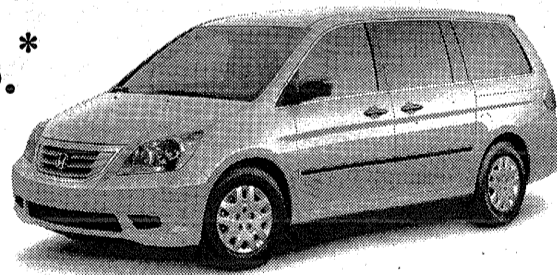
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When a loved one of Tony Mitchell was diagnosed with schizophrenia a few years back, he decided he wanted to help support research into this still-befuddling illness. After much research, he came across the National Alliance on Mental Illness-Metros, a national organization with sub groups all over

the Unites States.

When he learned more about the organization he decided to produce a charity golf outing to raise money for the cause.

On Sunday, July 20, Mitchell and good friend Vince Toia, who owns Plymouth Fish Seafood in Plymouth's Old Village, will host the third-annual "Skins and Pins

Shootout," a shotgun-style start at Fox Hills Golf Club in Plymouth that starts at 9 a.m.

The \$85 per-person event will include brunch served in the Golden Fox Clubhouse with a plethora of delicious foods, 18 holes of golf with cart and prizes ranging from golf equipment to gift certificates, from restaurants and retailers, to auto-graphed sports items and PGA Championship items. People may attend just the brunch for \$25.

The first event raised \$700, last year's event raised \$3,300 and Mitchell hopes this year's event raises well over \$6,000. All profits will go to NAMI-Metro to be used for education and support programs for families with loved ones suffering with a mental illness.

"We are very excited about the amount of golfers and donations we have this year," said Mitchell. "We are hoping to raise over \$6,000 to help further research in mental illnesses and to help families effected by mental illnesses."

To sign up for the third-annual Skins and Pins Shootout or to make a donation call Tony Mitchell at (313) 550-2117.



Mass Transit provides the musical entertainment at Friday's Music in the Air concert, 7 p.m. in Kellogg Park.

ON STAGE

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Music in the Park

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Club of Plymouth A.M., and Huron Valley Ambulance, takes to the Kellogg Park stage Wednesdays at noon.

The schedule:
 ■ July 23 - Jan Krist
 ■ July 30 - Zak Morgan
 ■ Aug. 6 - elmoThumm
 ■ Aug. 13 - Guy Louis, Chautauqua Express
 ■ Aug. 20 - Matt Watroba & Friends

Music in the Air

Here's the schedule for the

Music in the Air concert series, sponsored by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority and Blue Cross/Blue Shield:

■ July 18: Mass Transit Band
 ■ July 25: Bluescasters
 ■ Aug. 1: Paul King's Rhythm Society
 ■ Aug. 8: Trilogy Band
 ■ Aug. 15: Sean Riley Band
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 ■ Aug. 29: Lady Sunshine and the X Band

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, August 7, 2008 for the following:

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PLEASE TAKE NOTE: A public accuracy test of the M-100 Optic Scan Voting System will take place at 1:00 p.m., on Wednesday, July 23, 2008, at Plymouth Township Municipal Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI. 48170, for the Tuesday, August 05, 2008, Primary Election. For further information contact the Clerk's Office. Phone # 354-3224.

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MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk
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Be sure you save for a rainy day, have money to live on

I recently took a call on my radio show from a man who needed \$25,000 for an emergency. His believed his options were to withdraw money from his 401(k), sell some mutual funds or borrow against his charge cards. He wanted my opinion as to which option would be least painful.

In today's difficult economic climate many people find themselves in a situation of needing money at a time they had not planned. Whether in good times or bad, knowing where to obtain money in times of need is a crucial decision. You do not want a short-term fix to create long-term problems.

In deciding where to access money, it is important to recognize that while everyone's situation is unique, there are some common issues to consider.

The interest you pay on your charge card is the highest you will pay and it is not tax deductible. Furthermore, with charge-card debt, the terms of the loan can change. On the whole, putting additional debt on charge cards is not prudent.

I have never been a fan of withdrawing money from a retirement account other than for retirement. When people withdraw money from their retirement account for non-retirement purposes, they need to consider the consequences of their action. There could be adverse tax consequences. Remember, in most situations if you withdraw money from your retirement account before age 59½, you could be liable for an additional 10 percent early withdrawal penalty. In addition you will pay taxes on the distribution.

However, forgetting the tax consequences, there is also the lost opportunity cost and that could be substantial particularly the younger you are. If that money was left in the retirement account it would continue to reinvest and grow.

The third option — to liquidate other investments in the portfolio — is one that I generally recommend to individuals. I don't like to take on a lot of debt and so I recommend liquidating certain investments in a financial emergency.

Considering the stock market, it is not a great time to liquidate. All too often, people will sell the losers and keep the winners. Unfortunately, this is a strategy that will lead you into greater problems down the road.

I recommend focusing on what the portfolio is going to look like after the liquidations. In other words, liquidate investments so that it will leave you with a well-balanced and diversified portfolio. If that means you have to sell

your winners fine.

In this situation, the easiest way of handling the problem would have been if the individual had an emergency fund of money. It is important for investors to have three to six months of expenses liquid.

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

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OUR VIEWS

Incumbents, newcomer our trustee picks

When voters go to the polls Aug. 5 to choose four trustees for the Plymouth Township board, they'll find a small field (five) of candidates.

We believe their first three choices are easy: incumbents Steven Mann, Bob Doroshewitz and Kay Arnold should be returned to their seats. While we believe either former Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry or political newcomer Michael Kelly would do a fine job,



Kelly

Kelly gets our nod as the fourth choice for voters.

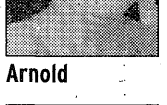
Mann seeks his second term as a trustee, his third term overall (he served as supervisor from 2000-04). During his term as supervisor, recreational additions included Lake Point Soccer Park and Miller Family Park, and he got the ball rolling on the new township hall. It's true some of these things were discussed long before his tenure, but he got them done.



Mann

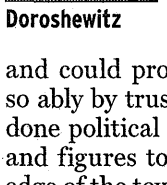
When he got a job at the law firm Miller-Canfield, he could have simply left the board and people would have understood. However, he wanted to continue to serve, and has done a good job.

Doroshewitz is perhaps the board's most reasoned voice. When discussions with the city about the joint fire agreement began to blow up because of personalities, Doroshewitz's calming influence kept them from digressing into a political morass. He asks pertinent questions, does his homework on issues and doesn't let emotion sway his thinking.



Arnold

Arnold will be the board's longest-serving member (if Clerk Marilyn Massengill fails in her bid for supervisor), and her experience and historical perspective are valuable to the board. As a long-standing member of the planning commission, she's also intimately familiar with development issues the township faces. Her quiet, reasonable manner is often a striking contrast to the sometimes heated voices owned by other board members.



Doroshewitz

Berry, a political and security consultant by trade, has some intriguing ideas and could provide the kind of opposing voice supplied so ably by trustee Charles Curmi for so many years. He's done political battle with several of the board members, and figures to keep them on their toes with his knowledge of the township functions and history.

Kelly wants the board to take a long, hard look at things like salaries and benefits. We believe Kelly would bring a fresh voice, an outsider's perspective that would be beneficial to a board loaded with entrenched long-timers, much the way Doroshewitz did four years ago.

We urge voters to cast their ballots for Steve Mann, Bob Doroshewitz, Kay Arnold and Michael Kelly for Plymouth Township trustee.

Lowering highway speed should be voluntary

Who isn't hurting or at least feeling the pinch from \$4 per gallon gasoline? The rise in the cost of fuel has impacted nearly every segment of the economy. Here in Michigan, it has been even worse with the Big Three suffering major losses as consumers turn away from buying SUVs, trucks and other gas guzzling vehicles.

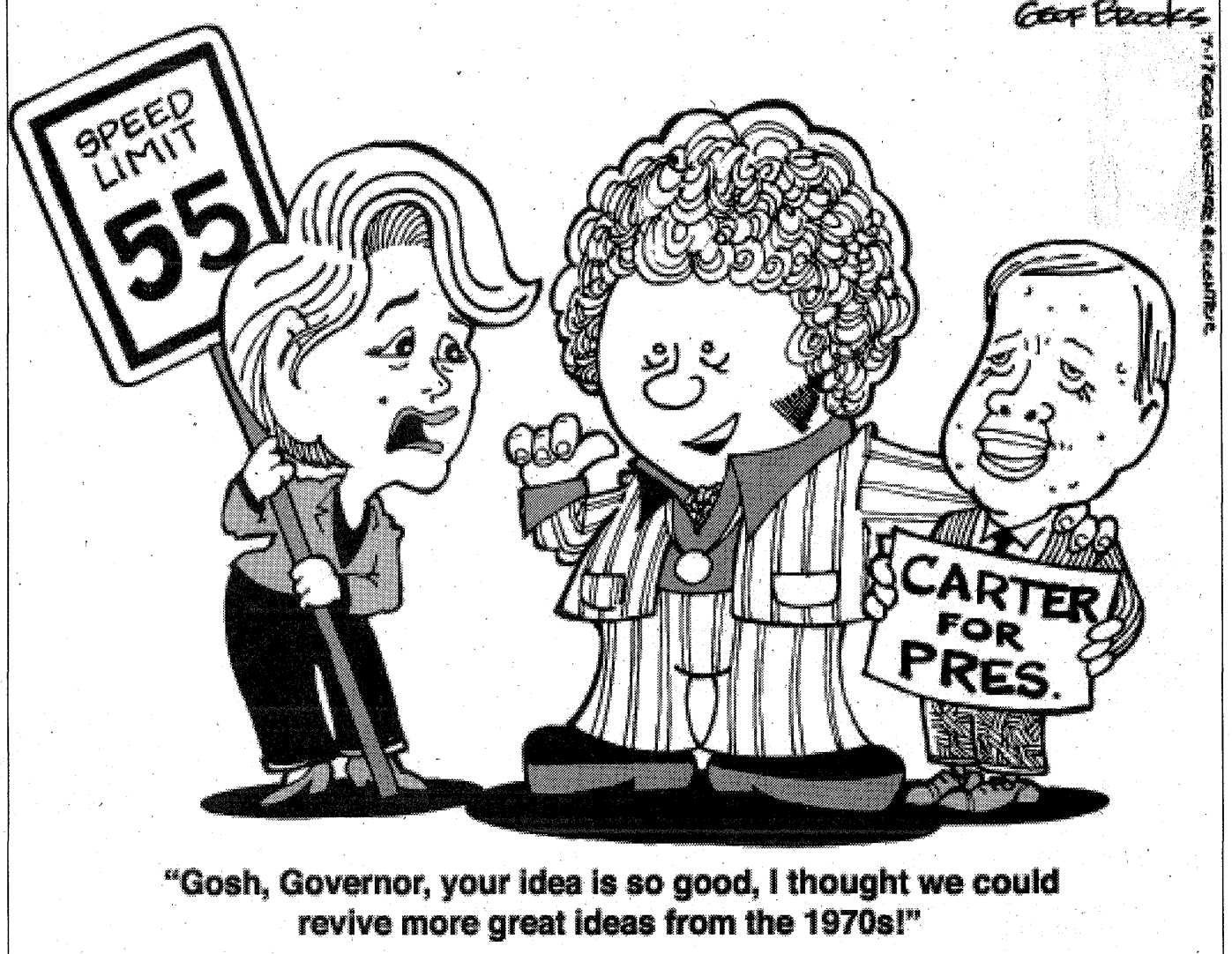
For those who must drive long distances to get to work or who drive for a living, the skyrocketing costs at the pump have been particularly crippling.

In an effort to bring the cost of gas back down to earth, some political leaders have floated around the idea of reducing the speed limit down to 55 mph.

Virginia Sen. John Warner recently asked the U.S. Energy Department to investigate imposing a national speed limit of 55 mph, similar to the way it was from 1974 to 1995. Warner says the national speed limit of that era, which was imposed because of another fuel crisis, saved 167,000 barrels of oil a day, or 2 percent of the country's highway fuel consumption.

Closer to home, state Rep. Aldo Vagnozzi, D-Farmington Hills, recently introduced a resolution urging Congress to do exactly what Warner is advocating. Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who has started riding her bike to work on some days, has also said that lowering the speed limit to deal with high fuel costs "is something we should consider."

While we commend Vagnozzi and the governor for addressing the current fuel crisis, we don't think a mandatory lowering of the speed limit on state or federal highways is the answer. It should be up to individual motorists whether or not to slow down.



LETTERS

Public safety concerns

Right now, Plymouth Township voters are being asked to choose leaders who will see us through the next four years. Admittedly, the choices are few, but there are choices to be made.

We believe a strong township is the result of a large group of people who all do their part to make our community the best it can be. We know for a fact there are employees at Plymouth Township who are dedicated to this goal.

We place a high priority on public safety because in emergency situations they are the people you will call. You will contact 9-1-1 dispatchers, and you will eventually deal with paramedics, firefighters and/or police officers and you can be assured when you call they are the people who are trained in their respective positions who will be there to assist you however necessary.

The training they have received and the abilities they have to act and react to any given situation is beyond what any of you can imagine and hopefully beyond what any of you will ever have to experience.

Several years ago, we were asked to approve a millage increase for the police and fire departments. We were specifically led to believe the money generated from this increase would be used, at a minimum, to maintain staffing levels in our public safety departments. The voters of Plymouth Township approved the request.

Now it is election year 2008, and we read the newspaper and see that our elected officials have provided themselves with hefty pay increases and they do this through their very own established pay commission (so don't let them kid you) at a time when we pay more for our health insurance, residents are losing jobs and pensions and trying to hold on to what they have, and still our Plymouth Township officials have not maintained the staffing level of our public safety departments.

In fact, the township has spent well over \$100,000 in legal fees to negotiate, mediate and arbitrate a new labor contract with the firefighters' union and that doesn't include the thousands of dollars spent in overtime to maintain a minimum staffing level of six on-duty staff per day in accordance with the merger agreement with the city, and they still have not hired enough staff to get back to the level that was there when I retired as chief in 2003.

Because of the lack of staff, one firehouse had to be closed for a shift in June of this year and several other times before that. There are currently 25 full-time firefighters, three of whom were recently hired. When I retired in 2003, there were 27 full-time firefighters.

Why do we write this letter? No one else dares, the fear of repercussion from the current administration at township hall is real. Only you, as a voter and a resident, can force these people to do the right thing.

Please vote for those who will do the right thing for your public safety departments, you've already said yes to the money. We plan to vote for Dianne Gonzalez for supervisor and Joe Bridgman for clerk.

Larry and Sandra Groth
Plymouth Township

Sign stealing is insulting

I am a Plymouth resident who supports Jim Plakas for 35th District Court judge.

On the morning of July 6, I noticed my Plakas yard sign was missing. As I looked down my street, I realized dozens of other Plakas signs on Ann Arbor Trail were also gone!

When I called Jim to report the missing sign, I was disheartened to find out that over the Fourth of July weekend, nearly 50 of Jim Plakas' signs had been stolen from people's yards in Plymouth, Canton and Northville.

It's disappointing and disturbing that a person, or group of people, would be willing to stoop so low as to break the law in, of all things, a judicial race. I find it insulting that someone would come on to my property to steal a sign in an effort to silence my voice in this election.

Our communities deserve better than these childish and, ironically, illegal tactics.

Judith L. Hudson
Plymouth

Supports Gonzalez

I have known Dianne Gonzalez for many years. During those years, I have had the privilege of working on many committees and projects with her including homeowners associations and school PTO activities.

To each activity, no matter how large or how small, Dianne brings her unending enthusiasm and dedication. She has a dynamic personality and is a natural leader focusing on all aspects of her projects including delivering projects on time and within budget restrictions. She is always searching for ways to do things better, faster and at a lower cost. Dianne is extremely devoted to our community and has a remarkable ability to rally people together to deliver amazing results.

I believe that Dianne would be a great supervisor for Plymouth Township and we would be a better community for her leadership.

Jill Beshears
Plymouth Township

Backing Reaume

Four years ago, candidate Reaume came to my house seeking my vote for his election at Plymouth Township supervisor. I walked with him through our neighborhood for awhile and listened to his vision and objectives, and he earned my vote. I have not been disappointed in his performance and am fully supporting his re-election. The township has moved forward under his direction, with solid plans in place for the Ann Arbor Road corridor (Plymouth Towne Center, completion of the development of the old Honda site, the former township office site and the demolished Shell station) despite real estate market difficulties.

Richard is aware that with a maturing area with decreasing room for new development, prudent redevelopment that is synergistic with the true destination location of the City of Plymouth will be the most beneficial for Plymouth Township. His experience and demonstrated progress make him the best

candidate to continue to lead Plymouth Township. He has completed the job to which he was elected, and does not view the supervisor position to further any political ambitions but rather to continue the progress which has been accomplished under his leadership. I have lived in Plymouth Township for 25 years, and urge the re-election of Richard Reaume as supervisor.

Randy Jost
Plymouth Township

Bridgman for clerk

Having worked for the best and worst clerks since the '70s, believe me, experience counts! It is such a pleasure to work for Joe Bridgman.

Being a member of myriad clubs and associations is not an indication of leadership. Experience is. Why elect an unknown when a known has an exemplary, proven record? Joe Bridgman is the only candidate worthy of your vote Aug. 5.

Kathie Gornick
Plymouth Township

Supporting Miller

I have recently had several opportunities to talk with Cam Miller, and find him a great choice in the election for judge.

After being friends with one of his daughters through school for the past several years, I was pleased to finally have an opportunity to sit and talk with Mr. Miller. He emphasizes the importance of using qualifications in an election, rather than spending great amounts of money on a campaign to "buy" the position. He is a person with solid morals.

His background as an attorney and prosecutor, as well as his involvement in many community activities, shows that he is highly qualified for judge. Mr. Miller is a fair and honest person, and I always find it a pleasure talking with him and the rest of his family, and on a personal note, I truly hope I have many more opportunities to do so in the future.

Our community benefits from having great people like Cam Miller. He would be an excellent choice for judge in the upcoming election.

Matt Ankrapp
Plymouth Township

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- Rick Tefend, Firefighters union president, on why negotiations on a new contract went to binding arbitration

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Looming 'great transformation' calls for knowledge of history

Some weeks ago, I arranged to meet a friend at the gas station at the Grand River exit off I-96, just north of Brighton. As I waited, I watched the traffic go by: SUVs, big pickups, RVs. Every one of them happily guzzling gas on a warm spring afternoon.



Phil Power

And I thought to myself: I'm watching the end of an era. That's because we are at the end of cheap gas (relatively speaking) and the lifestyle it made possible during the last century. Cheap petroleum has produced "exurban" communities like Brighton and Howell, where people drive 20, 30, even 40 miles each way to their jobs and think nothing of driving 20 miles to Wal-Mart to shop on the weekends. It is a lifestyle that has produced enormous, elaborate new high schools. Think Northville, South Lyon, Walled Lake, with vast parking lots for the convenience of students — students, mind you! — driving back and forth to school.

The bulldozers that produced all of this, the endless scrapings of the ground in outer ring suburban communities for new subdivisions, new shopping malls, new schools, new roads, were made possible by one thing: Gasoline that sold for under \$2 a gallon less than 10 years ago, but which today is marching past \$4.19 even at the cheapest stations.

We've built a lifestyle on cheap fuel, combined with low-interest rates and an expectation of ever-increasing home values that provided us with an ever-increasing home equity loan line of credit.

And now that the world is changing, it is time to look back and assess what was happening, and who we have been.

The era we are watching end involved an entire interconnected set of things that, taken together, have pretty much defined the American way of life ever since the end of World War II.

Jobs, for the most part, have been plentiful in Michigan. And if you were lucky to catch on with the auto industry and happened to be a United Auto Workers' union member, you got a big paycheck and gold-plated benefits. And with solid job security and a good pension, you could get that cabin Up North, the boat, an all-terrain-vehicle, all the toys. That's suddenly no longer true.

As a result of the rise of industrial farming and federal government subsidies for beef and corn and rice, food was pretty cheap. Sure, fast food was fattening and not very good for you, but you could feed a family on your weekly paycheck and have something left over for fun. Anybody who's been at the supermarket lately knows that's changed drastically, too.

For most of that time, people also felt, all things considered, that things were pretty good, that the country was generally on the right

track, and that things would gradually get better and better for Michigan families, and that the kids would live better lives still.

America was the most powerful nation on earth and, at the same time, the moral beacon of hope to do the right thing, to be the shining city on the hill. The government that kept our Social Security checks coming was reasonably effective, and the social and political institutions that knitted our country together worked fairly well.

Then, however, came Sept. 11, followed by Iraq. And Hurricane Katrina, followed by more Iraq. Then came a melted-down mortgage system and an over-extended and ethically challenged financial industry. Michigan was additionally shackled with a fiercely partisan political system that failed to get the important things done.

Now, the signs are all around us that our long era of good times will never again be what it was. All manner of things are starting to go wrong, or at least fraying at the edges. My gut tells me they're interconnected in a complex and subtle pattern.

Americans have, of course, seen massive transformations before. Starting in 1775, our revolution brought us independence from colonial England and ushered in a great and successful experiment in creating an entirely new system of self-government.

The Civil War confirmed that America was in fact destined to be primarily an industrial

economy, not an agricultural one, and that this required a strong national government.

Finally, the frightening Great Depression sowed the seeds of a national safety net and the notion that our society, acting through our government, has some responsibility for each and every one of us.

Craig Ruff of Public Sector Consultants in Lansing is a deeply thoughtful man who knows something about almost everything. In a recent column, he suggested our nation is on the eve of a "great transformation." Echoing the argument of William Strauss and Neil Howe in their influential book *The Fourth Turning: An American Prophecy*, Ruff noted that these fundamental transformations take place every 70 years or so. Given that the modern era started in 1945, we are about due.

The philosopher George Santayana once observed that "those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

Nobody knows what future historians will conclude about these turbulent and contentious times. But it is getting clearer and clearer that rough waters are ahead, and we're going to need every bit of our historical memory and common sense to get through what's coming.

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LETTERS

Polls manipulate opinion

All along, it has been said Michigan has an abundance of unemployed mostly due to layoffs, well-educated, experienced and talented workforce, certainly true, available and eager to be productively employed.

What we need is companies, manufacturing, research and other, taking advantage of the availability of this much-desirable workforce to choose Michigan for their businesses.

In his column ("Some news is gloomy, but most residents still have hope for state," *Observer*, June 26), the author says that people (whoever they are) want, among other things, "a great quality of life attracting talented people to Michigan," as if we didn't have more than enough of them of our own.

How would the "attracting to Michigan" benefit our own talented unemployed, urgently needing jobs? Great quality of life comes when people enjoy fair and adequate incomes from having productive and satisfying employment. Why, then, while having a great quality of life

would we want to attract people from outside?

About the thriving economy that we had here but no more, we Michiganders cannot do much, if anything. This is the problem created by decision-making politicians in Washington, promoting Globalismic policies obviously detrimental to our people, and the country.

The poll numbers quoted in the column may or may not reflect true opinions. In polling, responses depend to a considerable extent on how questions are formulated, often suggestively, whether those who are being polled are chosen purposely, how familiar with the issue the respondents are, etc., perhaps even sometimes are falsified or picked from thin air to fit the aims of pollsters.

Many polls, perhaps most, are taken for the purpose of manipulating public opinion for the advancement of interests of the entities sponsoring them, and should be viewed with a grain of salt.

Joseph Wira
Plymouth

Bridgman right choice

I am writing to express my support for Joe Bridgman for Plymouth Township clerk.

Over the past five years, Joe has served our community with pride, dignity and a professional nature as the township's deputy clerk. He has also served on the Plymouth District Library Board of Trustees, as the president of the Kiwanis Club of Plymouth-Canton and was selected in 2004 as the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce's Volunteer of the Year.

In addition to being a superb professional, Joe is also a longtime resident of the township who exemplifies a positive and friendly nature. Simply put, I believe Joe Bridgman is the best candidate for Plymouth Township clerk.

Please join me in supporting Joe Bridgman for township clerk Aug. 5.

Eric Baczynski
Plymouth

Supports Reaume

Plymouth Township has been recognized as

one of the Top 100 places to live and remains one of the most prestigious sites for business.

As a resident and small business owner in Plymouth Township I know what it is like to manage a budget under financial strain with rising costs and declining revenues. Our township supervisor has done an excellent job of ensuring that the job still gets done in these tough economic times.

Richard Reaume has been successful in providing essential services to Plymouth Township, at the same time reducing expenditures, implementing necessary technology and securing grants to ease the burden on taxpayers. We need someone at the helm who has a record of streamlining government and offers the leadership needed to continue meeting the needs of citizens with fewer available resources.

For this reason, I will be casting my vote for Richard Reaume and urge anyone else interested in effective government to do so as well.

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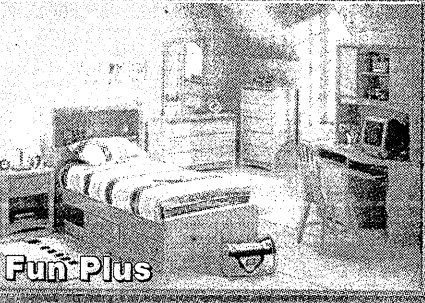
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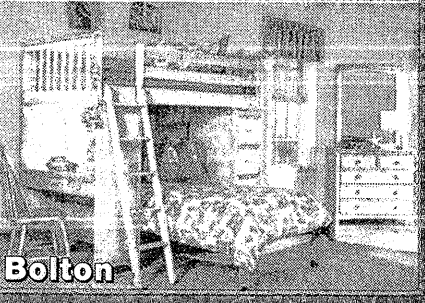
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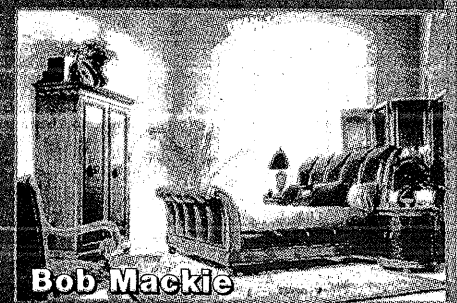
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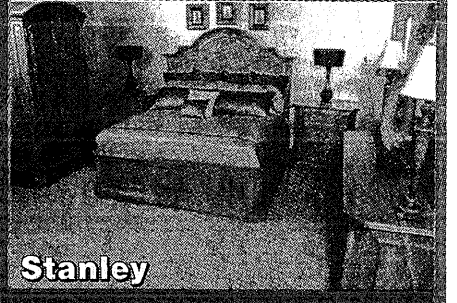
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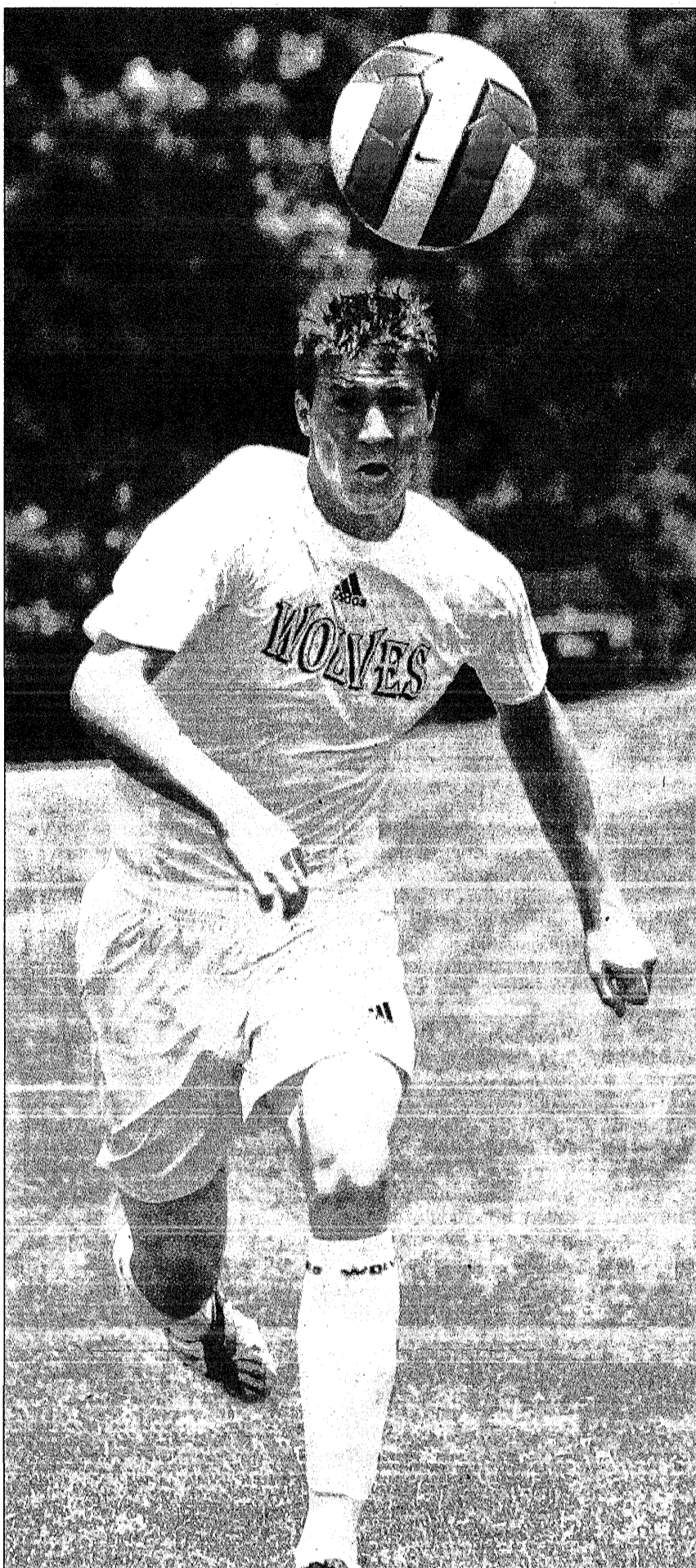
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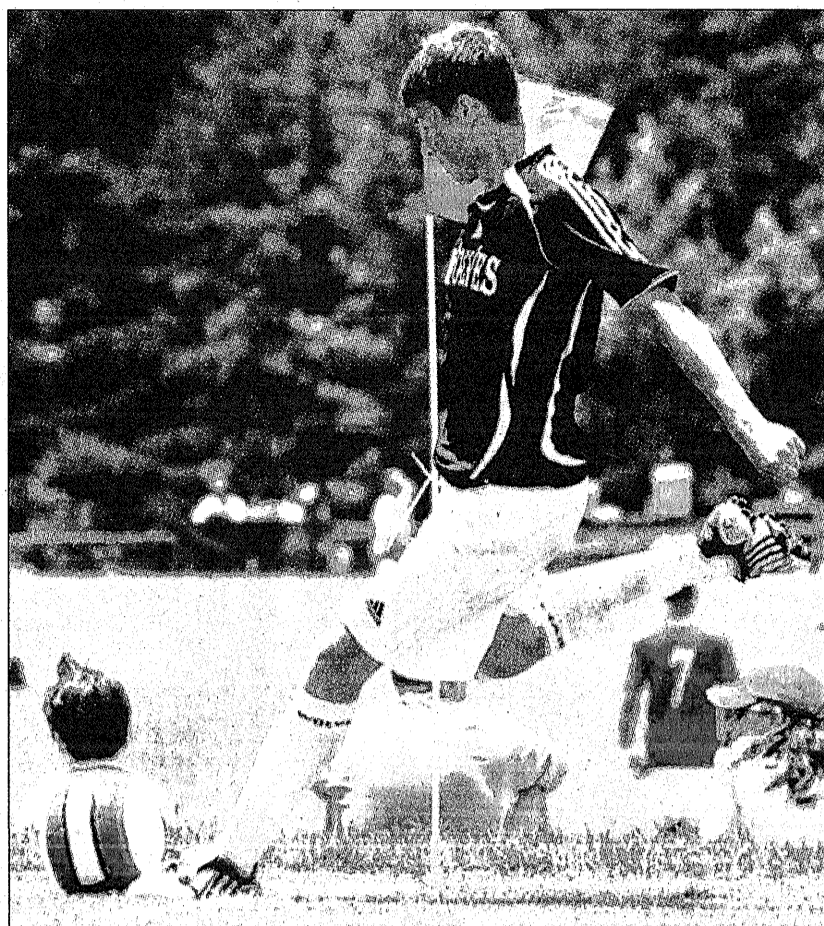
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Plymouth resident Josh Gatt was one of just 102 16U soccer players nationwide to participate in the 2008 adidas Elite Soccer Program in Denver. Gatt will be a junior at Novi Catholic Central in the fall.



Josh Gatt is pictured executing a corner kick during a recent game for the Livonia Wolves. The Plymouth resident is a junior-to-be at Novi Catholic Central.

Sidelines

Hole in one

Livonia's David Siedlik shot a hole in one at Warren Valley Golf Course during his Monday night league in April.

Siedlik used an eight-iron on the 124-yard 17th West hole (Par 3) to score the first ace in the 22 years he has been golfing.

Devon-Aire's 50th

The Devon-Aire Softball League in Livonia will celebrate its 50th anniversary Saturday, July 26. But league president Tony Perez said he needs to get in touch with former players, coaches and managers to let them know about the festivities, which will include all-star games and a picnic. Contact Perez at (734) 890-1586 or via e-mail, mistergraphics1@yahoo.com.

Runners lauded

Three former Livonia high school track-and-field standouts earned Academic All-American honors from the National Collegiate Track Coaches. The three honorees are ex-Churchill runners Megan Maceritini (Grand Valley State University) and Kylan Cieslak (Northwood University); and former Stevenson standout Kelly Gibbons, who also attends GVSU.

GCYBSA sign-ups

Fall registration for the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association can be performed over the Internet at www.gcybsa.com. Leagues from T-ball through 14U are offered.

Livonia kickers win

A Livonia City Soccer Club U-18 Girls soccer team took home the tournament championship at the Michigan Soccer Classic in Rochester Hills the weekend of July 11-13.

The U-18 girls team coached by Ken Shingledecker (Livonia Ladywood) received the game-winning goal from Darcy DeRoo (Livonia Churchill) off a header en route to a 1-0 win over the Troy Cobras in the tournament championship game.

Members of the team include Alessia Vagnini (Livonia Ladywood), Megan Bauman (Livonia Churchill), Samantha Kliman (Livonia Stevenson), Joelle Williamson (Livonia Stevenson), Brooke Williams (Plymouth Christian), Allison Krueger (Livonia Ladywood), Darcy DeRoo (Livonia Churchill), Sheri Zakalowski (Livonia Churchill), Nicole Marlow (Livonia Churchill), Andrea Lopez (Livonia Churchill), Sharon Zalupski (Divine Child), Bri Waldie (Walled Lake Northern), Samantha Jackson (Livonia Stevenson), Alyssa Smith (Livonia Ladywood), Alisha Lidstrom (Livonia Stevenson), Ashley Riordan (Livonia Churchill), Lauren Vance (Novi) and Kim Cleary (Plymouth Christian).

ELITE FEET

Plymouth resident participates in acclaimed national soccer program

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Playing in the "Mile High City" among players loaded with mile-high talent, Plymouth resident Josh Gatt more than held his own at the prestigious week-long adidas 16U elite Soccer Program held earlier this month.

Gatt, a junior-to-be at Novi Catholic Central High School, matched his skills with 101 other top-notch players at the invitation-only event held July 3-8 at Dick's Sporting Goods Park in Denver.

"It was a cool feeling to be invited to participate in a program that included the top high school sophomore soccer players in the country," said Gatt, who netted 14 goals and 10 assists for the Shamrocks last fall. "The most important thing I left the program with was knowing that I need to keep improving and keep working hard if I want to reach my goals."

With close to 100 big-time college coaches

and scouts looking on, Gatt and his high-performance peers were led through a series of practices and games that were orchestrated by Major League Soccer Player Development Director Alfonso Mondelo, who served as the program's technical director.

"We got up early every day — about 7 a.m. — ate, then trained until lunch. After lunch, we usually played games. The days were long, but they went by fast because we were always doing something and it was fun."

Gatt's post-high school sights are set on playing for a top-of-the-line collegiate team like Indiana, Notre Dame or the University of Michigan.

It is a vision well within the talented 16-year-old's reach in the estimation of Lars Richters, Gatt's coach for the Livonia Wolves. "The word that best describes Josh's skills is 'electric,'" said Richters, who guided the Wolves to a 20-4-6 record during his team's recently completed U.S. Soccer Development

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Rain check: 50th annual Junior Olympics to be rescheduled

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

REDFORD PARKS AND REC

Every summer, the Piontek family of Redford jots down the date for the annual Redford Parks and Recreation-hosted Junior Olympics.

Only this time around, Mary Piontek lamented that the program — because it was moved from a weekday to the weekend to celebrate its 50th year — clashed with a planned family camping trip.

"It (the Junior Olympics) was supposed to be a big one, too," said Piontek, who participated in the athletic showcase as

a youngster and has two daughters continuing that tradition.

The Pionteks and other families from Redford and surrounding communities will get a reprieve because Saturday's Junior Olympics at Hilbert Middle School were postponed due to a morning rainstorm. As of Tuesday, the makeup date had not yet been determined, said Theresa Burgess of parks and recreation's youth department.

"I'm going to find out when the make-

up date is and make sure we're there," said Piontek, adding that daughters Madeline, 11 and Faith, 6, are geared up to participate. "When I was a kid I did the Junior Olympics, and that's why it's special to us that they keep doing it."

"I guess it's a good thing it rained." Last year, Madeline won the high jump in the Girls Pee Wee Division with a mark of 3-feet, 10-inches.

According to Burgess, the program will be rescheduled instead of canceled as is normally the procedure because the event actually got started and people were disappointed to have to leave

Hilbert. She said August is looking more likely for the make-up date.

"Unfortunately, we only got part way through the first event when everything started to be a torrential downpour," said Burgess, noting there were about 50 participants on hand when the rains came. "We are going to reschedule it."

For updates about the rescheduling, please call (313) 387-2650 or go to the Redford Parks and Recreation Department's Web site, www.redfordtwparksandrec.com.

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Big Ten beckons for Chester

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Chester

The Big Ten is calling for Redford Covenant's Jamonne Chester.

Chester, entering his senior year at Covenant, recently made a verbal commitment to play football at Indiana University.

"I feel very excited, I feel good about it," said Chester, who in 2007 caught 32 passes for about 700 yards while leading the Spartans to their first playoff berth. "There's a lot of pressure off my shoulders. Now I can just sit back and play."

The 6-2, 195-pound Chester will officially sign a national letter of intent to play at Indiana in February. Among colleges making offers were Eastern Michigan, Central Michigan, the University of Toledo and Ball State.

"I decided on Indiana

because a couple of my friends are going there, too," Chester said.

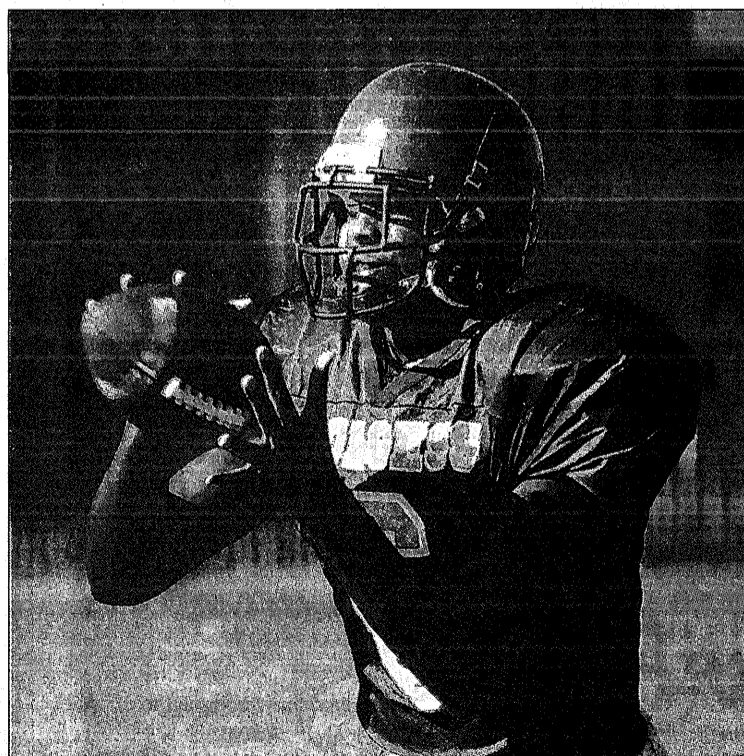
According to Jones, college coaches and scouts were able to get a good read on Chester's talents during various camps.

"Jamonne is ranked as a top-20 kid in the state of Michigan," Jones emphasized. "And he's one of the top four receivers in the state. He's been going to a lot of camps and doing extremely well."

Because Chester showed his skills against the cream of the prospect crop undoubtedly worked in his favor, the coach said.

"I did pretty good at all the camps," said Chester, who added that he intends on "attacking every corner (of the field) and be the best receiver out there" at Indiana.

Please see **CHESTER, B3**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

After an all-state junior season at Redford Covenant, wide receiver Jamonne Chester excelled during college camps. Earlier this month, Chester verbally committed to play football in the Big Ten, at Indiana University.

Rams reign over Thunder in doubleheader sweep

The Michigan Rams silenced the Tecumseh (Ont.) Thunder in a Livonia Collegiate Baseball League double-header played Saturday at Ford Field in Livonia.

The Rams slugged their way to a convincing sweep, taking the opener, 13-3, before dominating the nightcap, 14-3.

The pair of triumphs improved the hosts' record to 19-7. The Thunder slipped to 2-16. The Rams ended the week with a six-game winning streak after having outscored their foes, 51-9.

The winners' hitting star in game one was Ryan Abraham, who went 3-for-4 with three RBI and two runs scored. Other key contributors were Canton grad Shawn Little (2-for-3, two RBI, two runs), Frank Persichino (2-for-3, two RBI), Joe Barnes (2-for-3, RBI) and Aaron Wick, who chipped in with two hits and two runs.

Ben Schroeder earned the

mound win by scattering seven hits and four walks over three innings. Matt Tuttle yielded one run and three hits in his two-inning stint.

Brent Walker suffered the setback for the Thunder after giving up nine runs and eight hits in just two frames.

The Rams led 9-1 after two thanks to a seven-run second inning. They put the game away with a four-run fourth.

The Rams out-hit Tecumseh, 12-10.

Former Northville star hurler Bret Spencer earned the victory in the second game as he gave up just one earned run in three innings while striking out four. James Bertakis closed the games with a pair of hitless innings on the mound.

The pivotal inning was the third when the Rams expanded their 5-0 advantage to 14-0.

Little shined again at the plate, going 2-for-4 with two RBI and two runs. Wick added

two hits and two RBI while Josh Kirsten and Persichino both knocked in two runs a piece.

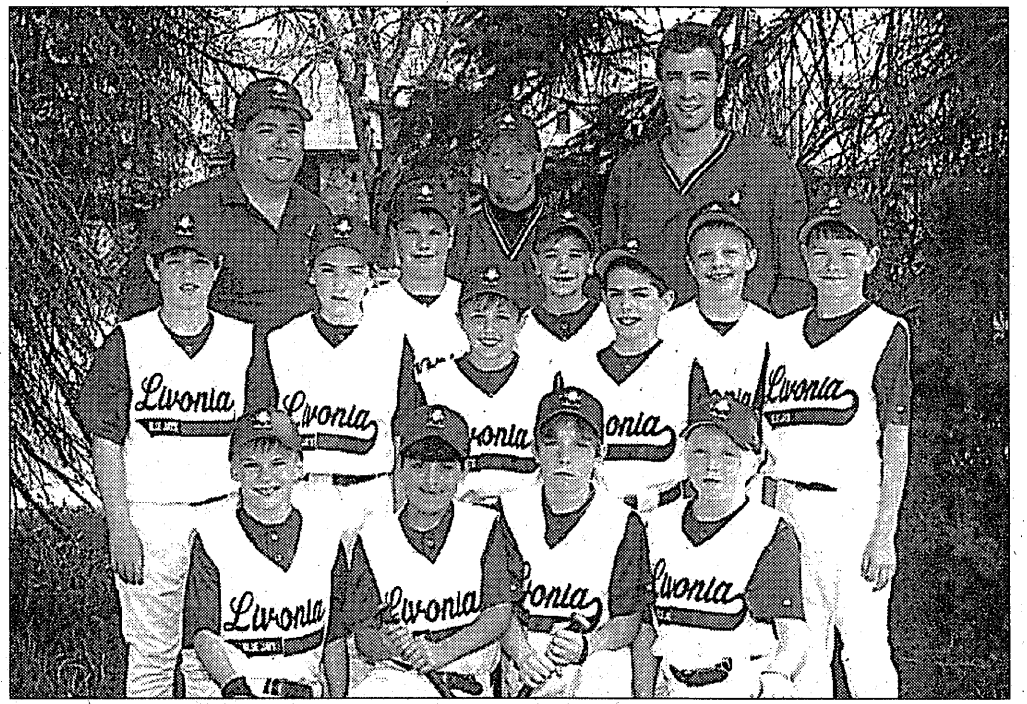
On July 11, the Rams edged the Dodgers, 3-1, thanks to Derek Mosher's two-hit gem. Mosher struck out 11 while walking just one. The former Ann Arbor Pioneer ace faced just 25 batters in his complete-game effort.

Brad Herman excelled at the dish for the winners, going 2-for-2 (both doubles) with an RBI and two runs scored.

On Monday, the Rams dropped a 1-0 pitchers' duel to the Monarchs at Ford Field.

Brett Shankin was the hard-luck losing pitcher as he yielded just one run and one hit while striking out eight.

Louie Sharp earned the win with seven innings of three-hit pitching. Kirsten, Herman and Wick each had hits for the Rams, who slipped to 19-8 while the Monarchs improved to 19-4-1.



G-Major champs

The Blue Jays captured the Livonia Junior Athletic League's Mustang G-Major Division with an 11-1 record, including an 11-game winning streak. The Blue Jays outscored their opponents 142-40, along an on-base percentage of .587. Members of the Blue Jays include (front row, from left) Keenan Jones, Xavier Sanchez, Brent Webb, Nate Binkiewicz; (middle row, from left) Jordan Stasser, Noah Billingsley, Jake Giacobbi, David Connelly; (back row, from left) Joe Fortin, Griffin Riley, Andrew Klopfer, Joe Chinavare; (far back row, from left) Tom Chinavare, Tobin Jones and Dave Riley. Not pictured is Jacob Mushinski.

Madonna publications notch top marks

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and Sports Information Directors of America announced the results of their annual Publications Contest, with the Madonna tandem of Matt Fancett and Patrick Moore earning five total awards.

At the top of the list for Fancett and Moore: a "Best in the Nation" selection for the 2007 volleyball media guide and a "Best Cover" nod for the 2008 baseball media guide.

In addition to the first place finish for volleyball and a fourth place overall finish for the baseball guide, the 2007-08 MU men's basketball guide took home a top-10 placing while the MU women's bas-

ketball guide, created cover-to-cover by Moore, earned a seventh-place finish.

The honors by NAIA-SIDA come on the heels of last week's announcement by the College Sports Information Directors of America (COSIDA) who honored Madonna's SID office, with a fourth place national finish for the 2007 volleyball guide.

The most recent awards for the MU Sports Information Office bring the total during Fancett's tenure to 11 top five media guide finishes and two top-five website awards.

He has now been honored with a pair of No. 1 media guides (2007 volleyball, 2003-04 basketball), two No. 1 covers

(2008 baseball, 2006 baseball) and a No. 1 website (2005-06).

"It is always nice to be recognized by your peers," commented Fancett. "To have SIDs around the country view your work among the best across the nation is always a nice feeling."

The latest round of awards are made even more special, according to Fancett, because of the group effort involved in producing this batch of publications.

"Being able to share these honors with Patrick makes this years honors more special," Fancett stated. "It was a group effort on every guide and in the case of women's basketball, Patrick deserves 100 percent of the credit."

GATT

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Academy campaign. "He's not the biggest guy out there, but because of his quickness, instincts and one-on-one ability, he makes things happen."

"Next year is a big year for him because that's when the college recruiting intensifies. He's definitely the kind of player the elite college programs will be keeping their eye on."

Gatt's passion for soccer was ignited at the age of 5 when his parents signed him up for a YMCA clinic.

"I think they wanted to find something that let me run off some of my energy," said Gatt. "I played other sports growing up — basketball and baseball — but soccer's the sport I've dedicated most of my time to now."

Gatt is the member of an athletic family.

His older brother, Stefan, was a state-qualifying wrestler at CC and will grapple for Heidelberg (Ohio) College beginning this fall.

MU's Rizzo named WHAC's top AD

Madonna University Director of Athletics Bryan Rizzo was named the 2008 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference AD of the Year for the second time in his career.

Rizzo, who was also honored in the same capacity in 2004, is in his sixth year at the helm of the Crusader program. He was also named the 2005 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Region VIII AD of the Year and 2005 National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics General Sport Turf Central Region AD of the Year.

Under Rizzo's guidance, the 2007-08 year saw MU win four regular season conference titles, three WHAC tournament titles and a pair of teams advance to their respective NAIA National Tournaments (men's soccer, volleyball). MU finished just one-and-a-half points shy of winning their second conference all-sports title.

"I really believe in the mission of Madonna University and feel that athletics has its own unique way to carry out that mission" states Rizzo. "I feel we

have an unbelievable staff that exhibits dedication, commitment to excellence and a desire to do things ethically.

"That, to me, is what this job is all about. I'm humbled to be a part of Madonna Athletics and my goal is to make our department the best it can be."

Rizzo was appointed to his current post in July of 2002 but has been a longtime member of the Crusader athletic family.

Previously, Rizzo served as Madonna's Assistant Athletic Director as well as its first ever Sports Information Director, from October 1994 through June of 2002.

During his time at Madonna Rizzo has also been involved in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) as well as the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

Rizzo assisted in Madonna's admission to the WHAC in 1997. Since then he has served as the conference Media Relations Director for several years and more recently has been President of the WHAC for the past four years.

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Diesels defeat Cougars

BY CHRISTIAN YOUNG
CORRESPONDENT

Ask anyone of the Detroit Diesels, and they'd say that this was a heck of a homecoming.

After three weeks on the road and a holiday week off, Western Wayne County's minor league football team celebrated their return to Livonia Franklin High School Saturday in a gritty, yet good style, downing the Lakeshore Cougars 14-6.

The greatness started when a Detroit defensive stand gave the Diesels the ball inside the Lakeshore red-zone. Three plays later, Brandon Fender tossed an 11-yard scoring pass to John Craven (Farmington).

"Our offense is steadily improving," Diesels general manager Al Seder said. "It was truly one of our better games all around."

The second touchdown came at the beginning of the second half, when TJ Dillard (Wayne Memorial) busted a 17-yard scoring run between the tackles.

Even with those two decisive scores, there were even more touchdowns left on the field, with two fumbles and three interceptions committed by the offense.

"We were able to recover from those mistakes and pull out the win," Seder said.

But that's also the amount of turnovers the Diesels defense forced as well, holding the Cougars to less than 50 total yards until the final minute of the game, when they mounted a long drive to finally score. The game was well in hand anyway.

Fender threw nine passes in the first half, connecting on five, for a touchdown and two interceptions before giving way to Andy Hess (Lutheran Westland) in the second half. He went 6-of-8 with an interception. Dillard ran for 74 yards on 15 carries as well as his second half score, and Craven had four catches for 64 yards and a two-point conversion as well as his score.

The Diesels even their GLFL record at 2-2, and now stand at 2-3 overall. They will return to Franklin on July 19th to play the Belleville Giants at 6:30 p.m.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MICHIGAN COLLEGIATE BASEBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE

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)
Mich. Rams vs. Blue Knights (2), noon.
(at Tecumseh, Ont. LaCasse Park)
Tecumseh Thunder vs. Det. Eagles (2), noon.

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W-LEAGUE
Saturday, July 19
Michigan Hawks vs. Minnesota Lightning
at Livonia Stevenson H.S., 6 p.m.

CHESTER

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Jones said Chester has the potential to make an impact in the Big Ten.

"It's the big time," said Jones about Indiana University. "But he has big-time ability. ... He's just scratching the surface on his ability."

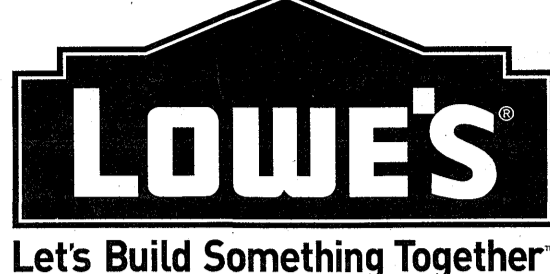
Meanwhile, Jones said having another Covenant athlete headed for the Big Ten lime-light puts the small, independent high school in a better position. Durrell Summers, an outstanding basketball player for the Spartans, is entering his second season at Michigan State.

"To go the Big Ten, that's huge for us," Jones said. "There's a lot of recognition in the state right now for us."

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Plymouth YMCA clinics

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The facility's experienced staff will lead players through fun activities that are intended to stimulate curiosity and excitement of the players.

Close personal attention will help the players improve their game skills and develop a love for the game.

Among the offerings will be:

- baseball (July 21-25) for is 9-11-year-olds;
- soccer (July 28-Aug. 1); and
- basketball (Aug. 4-8).

Soccer and basketball are open to 6-9-year-olds.

The clinics will run from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The programs are open to YMCA members and community members.

For more information, please contact the YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

Motor City Pirates tryouts

The 2009 Motor City Pirates 12U baseball team will hold tryouts on Saturday, Aug. 2, from 3-5 p.m. at the UAW Fields, located at 48055 Michigan Ave. in Canton.

The Pirates play in the Kensington Valley Baseball and Softball Association and will play in several tournaments in 2009. Players interested in trying out should contact coach Angelo Lanava at alanava@wowway.com.

Churchill pom-pom clinic

The Livonia Churchill varsity pom-pom team will be offering a pom clinic on Aug. 23 from 9 a.m. to noon. The event will be held at Churchill High School for kids between the ages of 6 and 14.

All who attend the workshop will be performing a routine at a Churchill varsity soccer game. To register, call Robin Schwarz at (734) 464-0556.

Summer Blast Soccer

Garden City Soccer Club is holding its "Summer Blast Soccer Camp" Monday, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Aug. 18 through Friday, Aug. 22 at Maplewood Community Center, noted club president Paul Schultz.

For just \$30, campers ages 5-14 will be able to enjoy a learning experience in a fun environment. Campers will work with several trained, experienced and licensed coaches on foot skills, technique and goalkeeping.

The registration fee includes a camp T-shirt, water bottle and a pizza party on the last day of camp.

All registrations must be received by Aug. 1 in order to guarantee T-shirt size. Walk-in registrations will be accepted.

People can call (734) 458-9734 for more information. Maplewood, where the fields are, is located at 31735 Maplewood in Garden City. It is west of

Merriman and east of Venoy, between Ford Road and Warren roads.

Glenn football camp

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

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

RU Wing-T football camp

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

For more information, call Miles Tomasaitis at (313) 575-4753.

Franklin boys basketball

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

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

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

Sports development

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

Skills include throwing, kicking, catching and batting.

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

For more information, call (313) 387-2650. The camp fee is \$25 per participant.

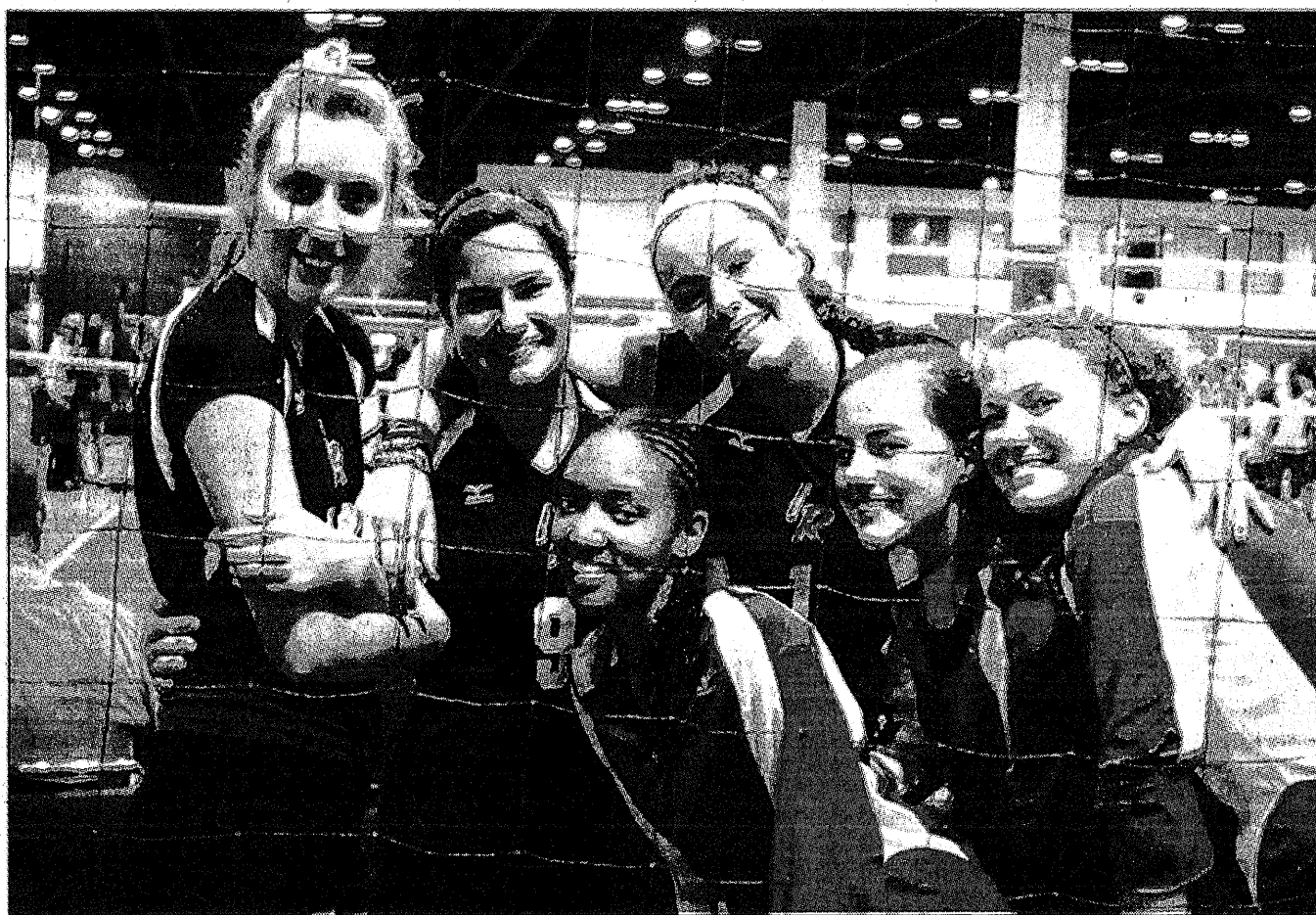
Future Stars wrestling

The Livonia Franklin Future Stars wrestling clinic for those entering grades 1-9 will be from 5-7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, July 22-23, in the mat room (second floor of the fieldhouse).

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

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

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



The Instant Replay 17-U Amateur Athletic Union volleyball team competed at last month's national championships in Florida. The squad includes: (back row, from left) Redford Union's Loran Stenzel, Farmington Hills Mercy's Sara Wojick and RU's Kristine Vulaj; (front row, from left) Mercy's Nia Martin, RU's Tory Hebner and Danielle Sweeney.

RU spikers compete at AAU nationals

Several Redford Union varsity volleyball players recently traveled to Orlando, Fla. with the rest of their "Instant Replay" Amateur Athletic Union teammates to take a shot at a national title.

After reaching the semifinals at the state tournament in Grand Rapids and earning a Bronze Medal, Instant Replay's collective goal was to make a similar splash at the 35th Annual AAU Volleyball National Championships in mid-June.

But although the Irick Gardner-coached squad came up a little short at the Orange County Convention Center, it finished in a still-respectable third place in the Blue Division of the 17-Under Club Division.

Among those competing for the team were Redford Union's Loran Stenzel (her third trip to the championships), Danielle Sweeney, Tory Hebner and Kristine Vulaj as well as Nia Martin and



Enjoying the sun and fun at Disney World during a break in the volleyball nationals is Instant Replay, the AAU team that features a Redford Union contingent. The team is coached by Irick Gardner (far right).

Sara Wojick of Farmington Hills Mercy. According to Gardner, the experience

will be valuable for the girls, particularly if they apply it during the high school season this fall.

Instant Replay the past two years (with Stenzel on the squad) finished first, but in lower-level divisions. Places for 17U are: National, Classic, Consolation, Red, White, Blue, Yellow and Purple.

A total of 317 teams in 18U, 17U and 16U divisions from the United States, Puerto Rico and South America participated at Orange County Convention Center as well as Disney's Wide World of Sports Milk House.

Of those, 103 were assigned to the elite open division while 214 (including Instant Replay) were in the club division.

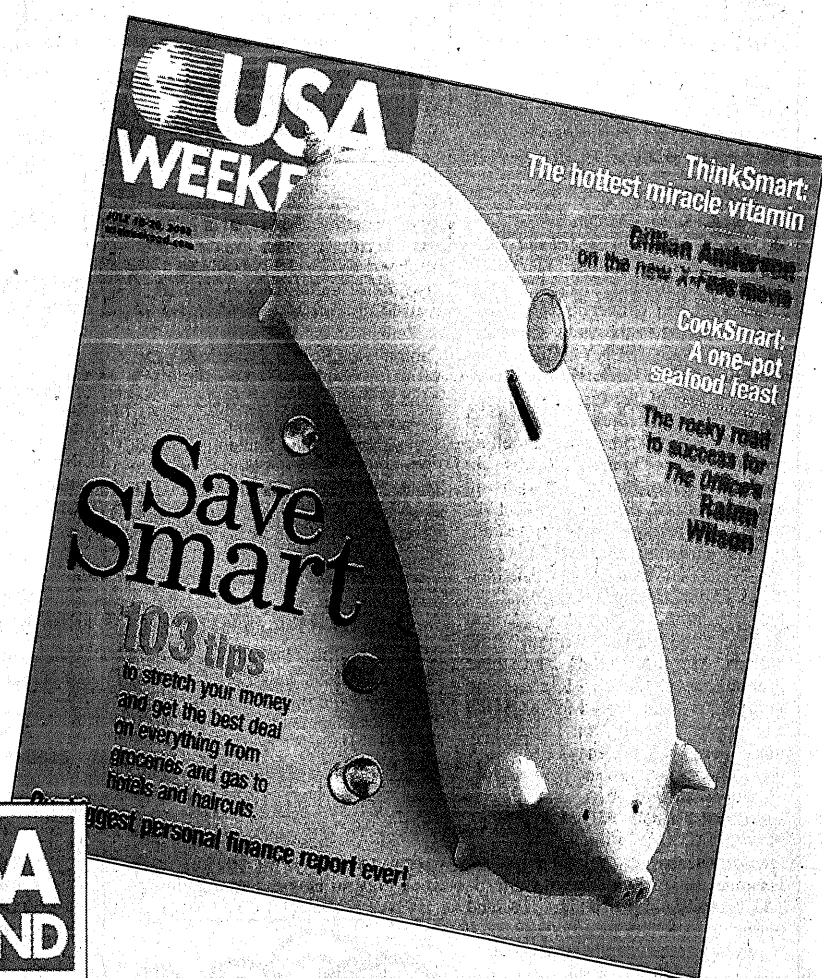
Capping off the week was an AAU-sanctioned beach volleyball tourney in Cocoa Beach, about 90 miles from Orlando. Stenzel and Vulaj played in the 18-U division.

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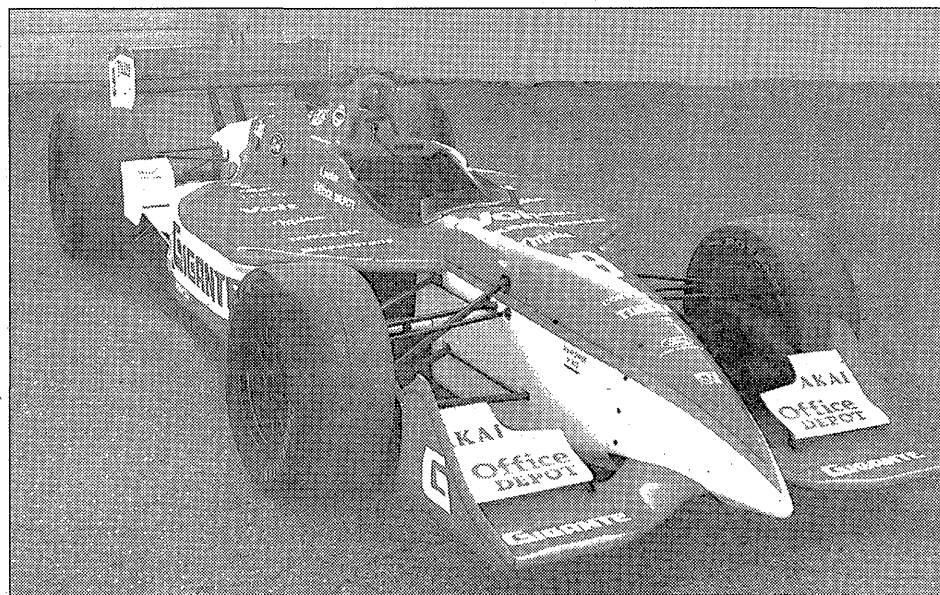
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Church hopes to attract visitors with race car

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Scott Minch never dreamed that God had a plan for the Team Rahal Indy car the Livonia man recently purchased. Minch owns Kar Kraft Engineering in Livonia and bought the bright red machine with the hope of racing it on a track. It wasn't until speaking with his pastor at Garden City Presbyterian Church that the two came up with the idea of using the car to promote God's word. An elder for the church, Minch went to work and researched the Bible. He found that at the end of his life, the Apostle Paul, sensing he did not have much time left, wrote to Timothy "I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith." Since the church's We Have A Vision Committee is always looking for ways to revitalize the church and attract new members it was easy to come up with a sermon and event to illustrate the message. On Sunday, July 20, at the 10 a.m. service, Rev. Herschel Ele, pastor of Garden City Presbyterian Church, will talk about "Finding the Finish Line" while running the race of faithful service to God. To help demonstrate that goal, the Indy car will be on display in the newly dedicated gazebo setting on the church grounds. Everyone is invited to hear the message. "We're pretty excited about it. The pastor is going to relate the car and driver with the apostle. It's pretty interesting," said Minch of Livonia. "And we're going to



Scott Minch of Livonia bought this Team Rahal Indy car with the thought of racing it but God had other plans. On Sunday the bright red machine will be the focus of an outdoor service at Garden City Presbyterian Church.

offer a photo opportunity for the kids to sit in the racing car." Minch and the rest of the members of the vision committee promise many more exciting ways to experience the word of God. "We're spending a lot of money trying to come up into the 21st century with high tech PowerPoint and sound systems, areas for productions, and new types of sermons," said Minch, who was baptized as a baby at the church where he was later married.

"We're revitalizing the youth group and completely computerized Sunday School so kids can learn about the Bible on the computer."

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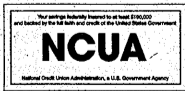
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<p>PRESBYTERIAN</p> <p>Fellowship Presbyterian Church Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. • Worship: 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Dr. Jimmy McGuire Services held at: Madonna University's Kresge Hall 36600 Schoolcraft Road • Livonia Parking lot is on N.W. corner of Levan & Schoolcraft • Nursery provided</p>			

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- 13 Desktop symbol
- 14 Bear constellation
- 15 Poached edible
- 16 Upset
- 18 Not crisp
- 20 Congeals
- 21 Refrain syllable
- 22 Mal de —
- 23 Persuade
- 27 Alphabet ender
- 29 Contains
- 30 Bluff
- 31 — hoc committee
- 32 Crayola choice
- 33 Traipse
- 34 Argon, in the lab
- 35 Common Cause founder
- 37 Outscored

- 38 Pasture mom
- 39 Big birds
- 40 Umbrella part
- 41 Mall of America's st.
- 42 Russian name
- 44 Menu phrase (2 wds.)
- 47 Strangers
- 51 Crude metal
- 52 Sitter's bane
- 53 Opera tune
- 54 Ms. Lupino
- 55 Motels of yore
- 56 No-hitter king
- 57 Filbert

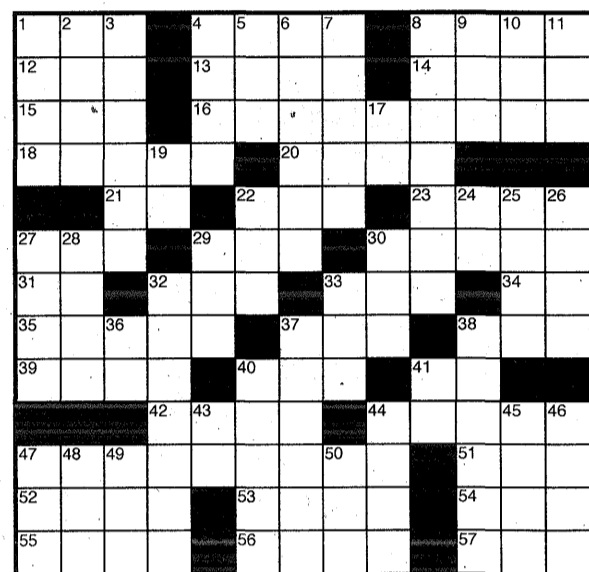
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- 1 Hilo guitars
- 2 Disco dancer (hyph.)
- 3 Bargain
- 4 Shipshape
- 5 Here, in Paris
- 6 Tree trunk coverers
- 7 Register for
- 8 Chased

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 9 Sun, poetically
- 10 Consume
- 11 Pet rock, e.g.
- 17 Ogdon's st.
- 19 Tenn. neighbor
- 22 In a snit
- 24 Providence loc.
- 25 Chew on
- 26 To be, to Balzac
- 27 Grey of western novels
- 28 Wax-coated cheese
- 29 The lady
- 30 Cooling device
- 32 Holds firm
- 33 Sea dog
- 36 Daphne — Maurier
- 37 Napa Valley stop
- 38 Forbid
- 40 Speeder's nemesis
- 41 Greek letter
- 43 Sundial numeral
- 44 Mighty — oak
- 45 Karachi language
- 46 Chair or sofa
- 47 Teahouse attire
- 48 Footed vase
- 49 Beige
- 50 Estuary

SUDOKU

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SUDOKU

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H	D	S	H	U	T	T	E	R	E	
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BRIEFS

Buy In July

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) is launching a new program to assist southeastern Michigan's homebuyers in finding ready-to-move-in new homes this July. The Buy In July program features more than 100 homes built by the Professional Master Builders of BIA. All homes are either ready for occupancy or will be ready within 60 days. Along with BIA, the program is sponsored by Bank of America Mortgage.

Buy In July homes and condominiums will be open to potential homebuyers from

1-5 p.m. on Friday, July 18; Saturday, July 19; and Sunday, July 20. All participating builders will work directly with homebuyers or with a homebuyer's Realtor, if requested. Homes will be featured in a tab section in *The Detroit News* and *Detroit Free Press* on Friday, July 18. Additionally, all homes are featured at www.BuyInJulyMichigan.com.

"We are encouraging homebuyers to buy now and be in their new homes before school starts in September," said Richard Komer, BIA first vice president, of Wineman & Komer Building.

Hard work, innovation, dedication and self-determination describe the spirit of Michigan's workforce. From the youngest engineer to the oldest laborer, Michigan workers have demonstrated time and again their ability to overcome adversity to create a bright economic future.

With this spirit of innovation and productivity in mind, Build Southeast Michigan has been launched, bringing together major forces from across the nine county region's commercial and residential development, construction, real estate and property management industries. "The purpose of the partnership is simple," said Janet Langlois-Resto and Michael Stoskopf, co-chairs of the new partnership. "Create economic prosperity through commercial and residential development supported by an action-oriented advocacy forum at local, county and state levels with respect to codes, legislation, taxes and incentives."

Current Build Southeast Michigan members include, in alphabetical order: Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM), Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan

(BIA), Building Owners & Managers Association (BOMA), Construction Association of Michigan (CAM), Institute for Real Estate Management (IREM), International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC), Livingston County Home Builders Association (HBALC), Michigan Association of Realtors (MAR), Monroe County Home Builders Association, National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP) and Washtenaw County HBA.

While recently suffering as the result of broader economic influences, the partnership's members still represent nearly 11,000 companies employing over 370,000 individuals. These employees inject over \$18 billion into the southeast Michigan economy each year.

"The majority of businesses represented are small, family-owned businesses, many of which have been integral to this region for several generations," noted Richard Ives, President of the BIA.

The first goal of the coalition is to work with state legislators and the governor to reduce the negative impact of the Michigan Business Tax (MBT), a key issue

facing each of the partnership's members. "For our region to move into a new economic era requires investment, development and construction," said Paula Goldman-Spinner, president of BOMA-Detroit. "Just as tax incentives have created a movie industry in Michigan virtually overnight, MBT revisions and incentives geared toward the development, construction and real estate industries will quickly jump-start another major sector of our economy."

The partnership's first significant action is a legislative reception where leaders from each Build Southeast Michigan member organization will meet with state legislators from southeast Michigan's nine county region. At the reception, the partnership will introduce several ideas aimed at providing viable alternatives for revising the MBT to create new economic growth when it is needed most.

For additional information on Build Southeast Michigan and its member partners, please contact Michael Stoskopf at (248) 737-4477 or Janet Langlois-Resto at (248) 848-3714.

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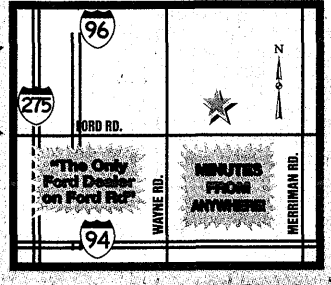
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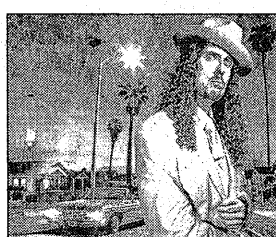
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The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers

FILTER gets a facelift

You might notice this week that something's different about FILTER.

The Observer & Eccentric's weekly entertainment section has gone from tabloid to broadsheet. Aside from its shape, not much has changed.

FILTER will still be your guide to entertainment in metro Detroit, filtered for you by our staff of hip and talented writers.

It will still appear each Thursday, and will contain features you're used to, including Pure Picks (a weekend's worth of top entertainment picks) and Get Out (our calendar of events), along with expanded coverage of everything from local festivals and entertainers to art exhibits and pop culture.

We'll continue to profile a restaurant each week in Table Hopping, and round up events in our City Bites calendar, but our food and wine coverage will be supplemented by the O&E's weekly "Focus on Wine" column by Eleanor and Ray Heald, along with occasional food features and recipes.

To accommodate the change, we are shifting our home and garden coverage to Sunday's Hometownlife section.

Favorite columnists like Rick Broida ("Tech Savvy"), Joe Gagnon ("Appliance Doctor") and Terri Guastella ("Design Solutions"), will also move to Sunday's Hometownlife.

We hope you enjoy the format.

Please send comments, questions, suggestions and story ideas to me at wvonb@hometownlife.com.

Wendy Von Buskirk
features editor

MUSIC

MAKERS



Third Monk's Jeff Robinson and guitar player Mark Pilotto of the band Severance, listen to the mix.



Jeff Robinson mixes a song for the band Severance.

THIRD MONK RECORDS

What: Third Monk Records
Who: Owner Jeff Robinson

What he does: Records/mixes music then coaches bands to market and promote themselves

Current projects: Robinson has strong hopes for the indie band Woodward performing Aug. 9 at the Berkley Front, 3087 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Hear them at myspace.com/woodward. He also believes in Christian alt-rockers The Mark White Band performing at various locations. Hear them at myspace.com/markwhiteband.

Contact: E-mail thirdmonkrecords@sbcglobal.net; visit www.thirdmonkrecords.com



Jeff Robinson of Third Monk Records helps local musicians take their project from its earliest demo stage to master recording to distribution.

Plymouth studio owner helps launch new bands

BY LANA MINI
O&E STAFF WRITER

Rewind two years: Recording engineer Jeff Robinson, of Plymouth, is asked to judge a high school battle of the bands.

While the other judges sit at a table taking notes near the back of the room, Robinson immerses himself in the middle of the teenage audience; observing their reaction

to each band and occasionally getting lost in the music himself with a nod of the head or hearty applause.

The winner, a twosome hip-hop Kid Rock-type band, earned a recording session with Robinson at his studio, Third Monk Records in Plymouth.

Flash forward to present day:

Robinson is on the faculty at Schoolcraft College in the recording technology program. And, he's still busy at Third Monk. Currently he's mixing the Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestra's first live CD — under the prestigious

leadership of conductor Nan Washburn.

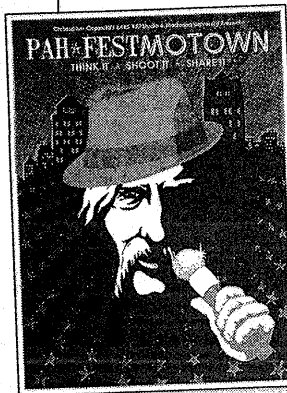
Robinson, who has a long history in the music industry, offers musicians his recording and mixing talents. But what makes Third Monk special is what happens after the CD is mastered. He doesn't just collect the paycheck and turn away.

"When a band approaches me I first have to decide if their music is a demo or if it's going to be a legitimate release ... meaning whether the band is working hard to take the music to the next level or not,"

Please see **MUSIC, D4**

MADONNA U. HOSTS DIGITAL MEDIA FESTIVAL

Christopher Coppola is in town for the second annual Project Accessible Hollywood Motown Digital Media Festival, underway at the Livonia campus of Madonna University through July 20.



PAH-Fest, an intense week-long workshop in storytelling and film-making that's completely free and open to the public, is the brainchild of Coppola, nephew of director Francis Ford Coppola and brother to actor Nicholas Cage.

PAH-Fest will 'wrap' with Closing Night Ceremonies hosted by WXYZ's Dennis Neubacher at Kresge Hall, 6-8 p.m. Sunday. The ceremony, which includes screenings of films created during the week, is a great way to get a glimpse of what PAH-Fest is all about.

Madonna University is located at 36600 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia. Call (734) 432-5578 or visit www.madonna.edu or www.pahnation.org.



Listen for the beat of the "Robot Heart" July 19 at MOCAD.

LISTEN FOR A HEARTBEAT

Experimental noise and performance art group Princess Dragonmoom examines the mysterious *Robot Heart* Saturday, July 19 with an opening at The Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit. Get ready for artwork and performances by PDM's Davin Brainard, Warn DeFever, Ronald Cornelissen and Dion Fischer. It's a Time Stereo and UFO Factory event, that according to Livonia native Brainard, could be considered "a horror story and sci-fi mystery told from the rarely seen and heard robot's perspective." The art show begins at 7 p.m. and a live performance is set for 10 p.m. at MOCAD, 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Stop by to find out "Who stole the robot's heart? Or did he have it all along?" Visit www.mocadetroit.org.

A TALE OF TWO JAZZ FESTS

MICHIGAN JAZZ FESTIVAL

When: Noon-9:15 p.m. Sunday, July 20

What: The Festival features six stages — five of them indoors, 18 groups, five big bands, six piano workshops, plus the Steinway Cafe teaching visitors how to listen to jazz. Wine and beer available for purchase. Hear a lot of old school jazz, big band and Latin here.

Admission: Free

Where: Schoolcraft College on Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Roads in Livonia

Information: <http://Michiganjazzfestival.homestead.com>

THE COMMUNITY HOUSE JAZZFEST

When: 1-9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, July 19 & 20

What: Newer jazz, smooth jazz and some Latin sounds. The festival takes place over two days and is located outside on one stage. There is a children's program on Saturday.

Admission: Free

Where: Shain Park, downtown Birmingham, on South Bates just south of Maple and west of Woodward.

Information: www.communityhouse.com

All that JAZZ

New or old school: choose your festival this weekend

BY LANA MINI
O&E STAFF WRITER

Two free, long-running jazz festivals — one in Birmingham and the other in Livonia — are both happening this weekend.

What a weekend for music! Livonia's is the Michigan Jazzfest at Schoolcraft College featuring traditional, swing and old-school jazz played by both young and older musicians. Birmingham's is The Community House Jazzfest featuring smooth and newer jazz sounds at Shain Park.

You can choose one, or both. Livonia's is on Sunday, July 20 and Birmingham's is Saturday

Please see **JAZZ, D4**



Tumbao Brave, of Ann Arbor, plays its Latin jazz at The Community House Jazzfest in Birmingham at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 19; and at the Michigan Jazz Festival in Livonia 12:15 p.m. Sunday, July 20.

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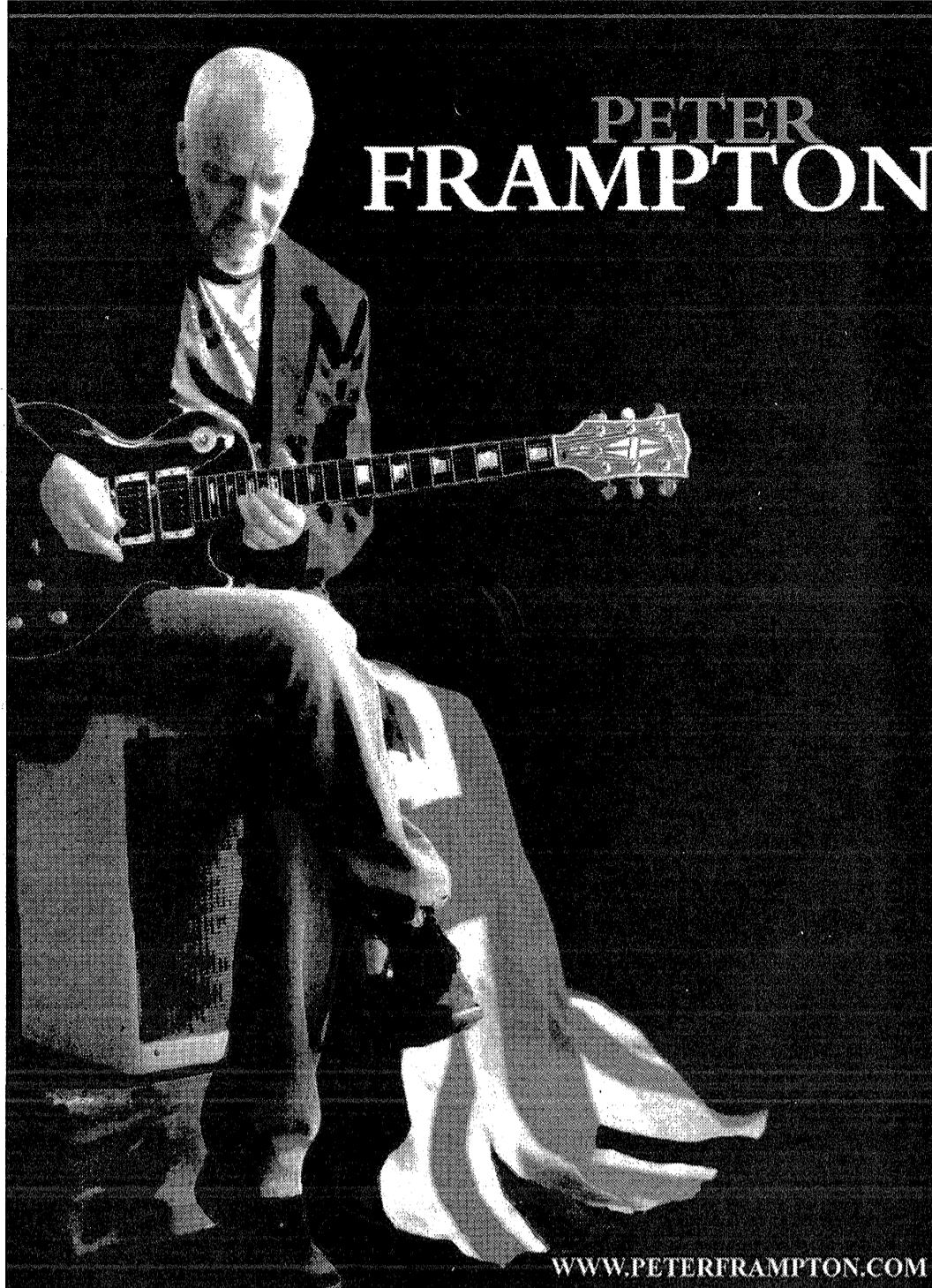
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Live statue Robert Shangle entertains Alyssa Costyk at the fair last year.

Farmington's Art on the Grand focuses on art and kids' fun

Thousands of families will visit the Farmington Hills Founders Festival July 18 to 20 to celebrate the city as the state's first Quaker settlement.

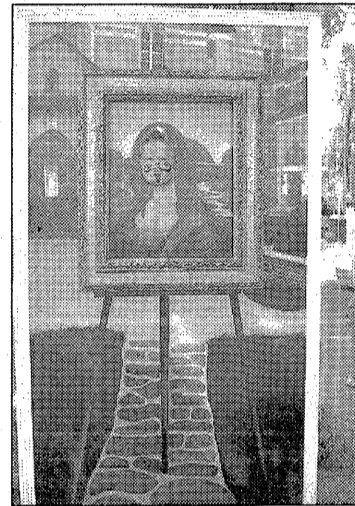
It's highlighted with a parade, historic tours, a prestigious juried art fair, music and hordes of events of kids.

The parade is at 10 a.m. Saturday morning, July 19, at the intersection of Grand River Avenue and Liberty Street with a "good old summertime" theme featuring barbershop quartets and a lot more.

At Art on the Grand, artists from across the country will display their work in mediums such as oil and watercolor, sculpture, photography, jewelry, pottery, fiber and more.

Music includes jazz, pop and oldies. There's face painting, "live statue" street performers and other kinds of fun.

Gemini, a beloved children's entertainment act is performing Sunday. It's two twin brothers who have released six recordings for kids. Their video *Fancy*



There's all types of quirky fun for kids at Art on the Grand at the Farmington Founders Festival.

That! was voted one of the Top 10 children's videos by the American Library Association and Random House.

The brothers have a flair for involving the whole audience in the music — from tots to grandparents.

- Lana Mini

FOUNDER'S FESTIVAL

What: The art festival that's part of the Farmington Hills Founders Festival for families
When: Friday through Sunday, July 18-20

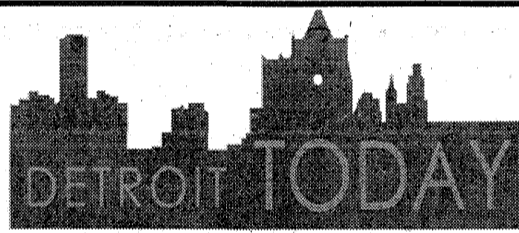
Where: Downtown Farmington, corner of Farmington Road and Grand River by Masonic Hall
Hours: Noon-9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.
Call: (248) 473-1870.

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE AT ART ON THE GRAND

Friday, July 18
Noon-8 p.m., Children's Free Art Tent
4-9 p.m., 2clowns.com, Free Artistic Face Painting
4-6 p.m., Brazil and Beyond, Latin Jazz
7-9 p.m., Randy Brock Group, Blues/Rock

Saturday, July 19
11 a.m.-8 p.m., Children's Free Art Tent
11 a.m.-9 p.m., 2clowns.com, Free Artistic Face Painting
1-7 p.m., Robert Shangle, Live Statue
12:30-2:30 p.m., Tom Dennis Quintet, Featuring Vocalist Linda Piccoli
3-4 p.m., Campaneros de Flamenco, Flamenco Dance & Guitar
4:30-6:30 p.m., Austin Scott and the Detroit Cowboy Association, Contemporary Country
7-9 p.m., Rock and Soul, Pop, Oldies, Rock

Sunday, July 20
Noon-5 p.m., Robert Shangle, Live Statue
Noon-5 p.m., 2 Clowns.com, Free Artistic Face Painting
Noon-5 p.m., Children's Free Art Tent
1-2 p.m., Gemini, Children's Music
3-5 p.m., Matt Watroba Trio, Folk/Country



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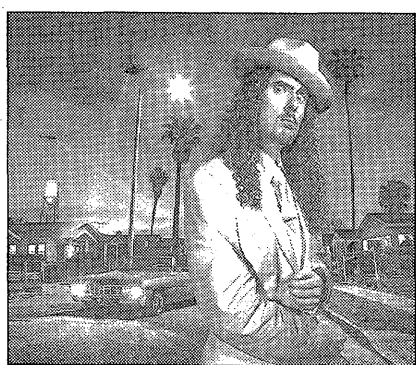
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pure picks

Filtering your entertainment best bets this weekend, July 17-22

18 Those who caught his act at the 2007 Cityfest in Detroit know to expect a lot from parody rocker **Weird Al Yankovic**. Who can forget hits like *Eat It*, the Madonna-esque *Like A Surgeon* or *Smells Like Nirvana*? It's a spectacle that will make you laugh and sing right along. Don't miss Weird Al 8 p.m. tonight at Meadowbrook Music Festival, on the campus of Oakland University at Walton and Adams roads in Rochester Hills. Tickets \$18.50 lawn to \$35.50 pavilion, visit www.palacenet.com.



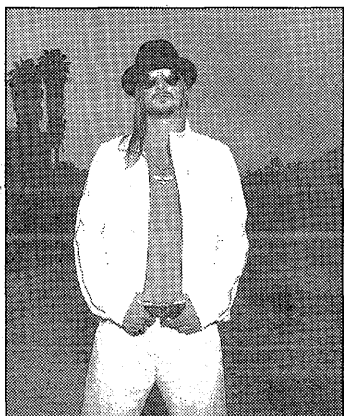
Weird Al Yankovic



Craig Martin (from left), Lauren Brielle, Laura Lyon, Simon Burzynski and Colby Veil star in "Attitude for Destruction," premiering 5 p.m. July 19 at the Motor City Nightmares convention in Novi.

19 Don't get scared now, it's time for the **Motor City Nightmares Convention**, a spooky slice of Horror and Sci-fi films and fodder. Though the event runs, July 18-20, tonight's the night to see the Detroit premiere of *Attitude for Destruction* (think fictitious Sunset Strip-era Guns-n-Roses if Axl had been murdered by his bandmates and returned to avenge his death), starring Colby Veil and Jed Rowen and directed by Ford Austin. The movie starts at 5 p.m. tonight. It all goes down at the Novi Crown Plaza, 2700 Sheraton Dr. Visit www.motorcity-nightmares.com for the particulars.

Kid Rock



21 Not even **ABBA** predicted this, the screen version of the hit musical stage show *Mamma Mia* hits theaters this weekend, complete with an all-star cast including **Meryl Streep**, **Christine Baranski** and **Pierce Brosnan**. Take a chance on this heart-felt comedy with a penchant for pop.

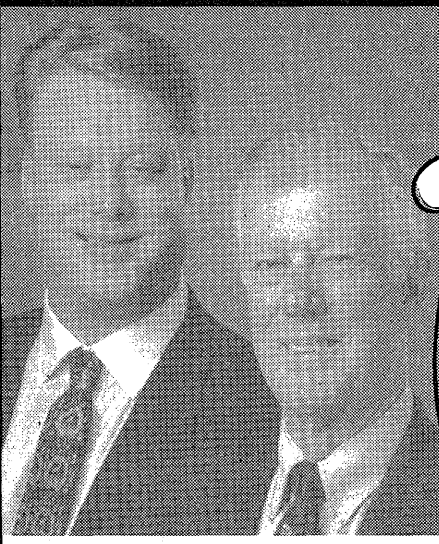
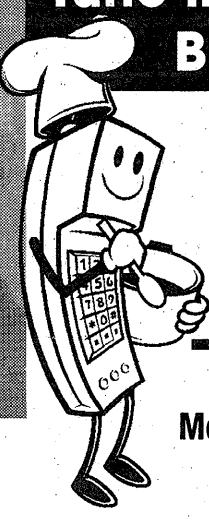


20 Tonight's the last night to catch Detroit's original **Cowboy Kid Rock** accompanied by his 11-piece Twisted Brown Trucker Band and special guest **Rev. Run** of rap legends Run DMC, and of course **Uncle Kracker**. The show kicks off at 7 p.m. tonight at DTE Energy Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road in Independence Township. Tickets \$29-\$55, visit www.palacenet.com.

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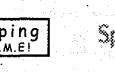
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OAKLAND HILLS EARNS AWARD

The American Culinary Federation honored **Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Hills** with an Achievement of Excellence Award at the 2008 ACF National Convention in Las Vegas, July 14-17.

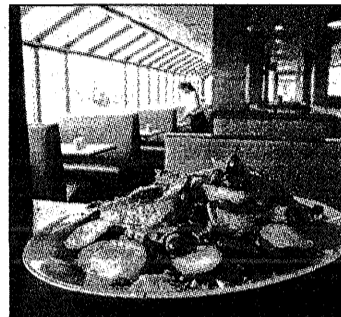
Oakland Hills was one of four facilities to receive the award in the Private Clubs or Resorts category, which recognizes food-service establishments that exemplify a commitment to excellence in their area.

Oakland Hills offers upscale casual, comfort and fine dining. The club's extensive wine list complements menu options including cedar-planked salmon, five-spice seared ahi tuna and sake-marinated sea bass.

The club is ranked sixth nationally as a Platinum Club of America and has hosted 12 major golf championships. Oakland Hills, which is gearing up to host the 90th Annual PGA Tournament Aug. 4-10, is located at 3951 W. Maple Road in Bloomfield Hills. Visit www.oaklandhillsec.com.

WINE LOVERS SWEEPSTAKES

To celebrate the introduction of the annual Fleming's 100 wines-by-the-glass list, **Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar** is offering one lucky wine lover a one-hundred bottle collection of wine from the 2008/2009 Fleming's 100. The top prize includes 70 bottles of vintages from around the world; 30 bottles



Grecian Café is one of the restaurants in Plymouth that will participate in Plymouth's crawl.

TWO GRUB CRAWLS

Plymouth's 9th Annual Old Village Restaurant Crawl is planned for 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6.

Participating this year are Grecian Café, Hermann's Olde Town Grille, Station 885, Crawford's Kitchen and Plymouth Fish & Seafood.

Tickets, (\$15 for adults; \$5 for children under 12) can be purchased at select restaurants or the Chamber of Commerce, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail. Call (734) 453-1540.

Northville's 4th Annual Grub Crawl is 6-10 p.m. Thursday, July 29.

Tickets (\$40) may be purchased at the Northville Chamber of Commerce, Gardenviews and Good Time Party Store. The price includes free shuttle service, a BBQ Apron and drawing for a grill. Crawlers must be 21 years or older. Call (248) 349-7640 or visit www.northville.org.

- Compiled by Lana Mini and Wendys Von Buskirk

Koji serves favorite dishes of Japan, Korea

BY PAM FLEMING
GUEST WRITER

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Hours: 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and 5-9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and 5-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday; closed Sunday.
Menu: Lunch items range from \$7.95-\$9.95; dinner choices range from \$13.95-\$15.95, with some fresh fish entrees priced up to \$19.95.

Carryout: Available, and the restaurant plans to offer catering in the future.

When Steve Song first opened a business in downtown Detroit, he used to sleep at his store to prevent burglaries.

He now feels safe and sound and invites area residents to come for lunch — or dinner — at his new restaurant, Koji, in downtown Northville.

The Japanese and Korean eatery opened June 6.

The word Koji has a few different meanings in Japanese, according to Song.

The most popular use is a boy's name. It's also the name of a city. But for the restaurant, Song liked the meaning "truly trustworthy."

A native of Seoul, Korea, and the son of a retired school principal who later opened a construction business, Song has lived in Novi for about 10 years with his wife, Jin, and daughters Helen, 16, and Linda, 13.

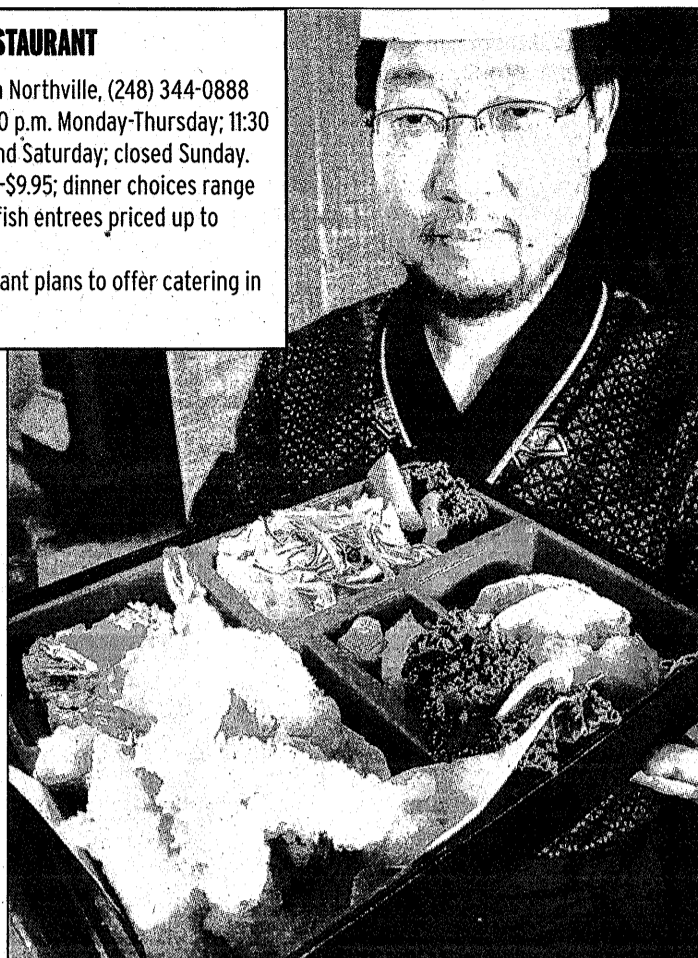
He moved to the United States in 1984. "I remember the year I moved here because the Detroit Tigers won the World Series that year," Song said.

It was his wife's idea for him to open a restaurant after he operated men's clothing stores for 20

years. With the current economy, he found it difficult to compete with the large department stores in the area. He has a few friends in the restaurant business, so he learned the ropes from them. He then hired a chef, Jung Park, who formerly worked at Mine Sushi in West Bloomfield and Sushi Ko in Farmington Hills.

Sushi is Koji's specialty, with soup and rice served with most dishes. Japanese green tea is also served. A favorite is the traditional Japanese bento, a lunch box that features compartments for several different items.

"This is a service business," Song said, "So, I teach my employees to always treat the customers right. I'm praying every day the business becomes a success."



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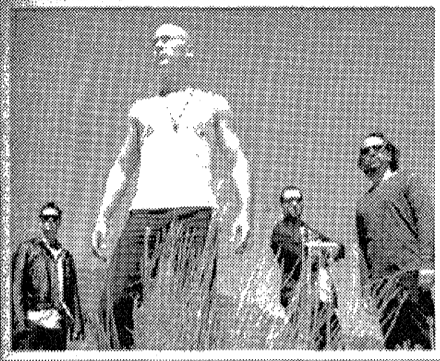
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Gear up for Concours d'Elegance

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
O&E STAFF WRITER

In its 30th year, the Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance has developed into much more than a prestigious automotive exhibition celebrating the history, design and culture surrounding vintage cars. It's a celebration of the luxurious lifestyle that surrounds those vehicles. It's appropriately set on the grounds of Meadow Brook Hall, a 1920's Tudor-revival mansion built by Matilda Dodge, and serves as the single largest fund-raiser supporting the historic mansion.

Each year spectators of all ages mingle among the rare Ferraris and Bentleys on the Rochester Hills property. They seek out automotive-related art and bask in the lush green surroundings near Oakland University. This year 235 cars, hailing from 38 states, will be represented and will compete for the coveted "Best in Show" award.

"This will be a breakout year for Concours," said Matthew de Larcinese, executive director for the event.

The West Bloomfield resident first became involved in Concours d'Elegance in 1999 as event director. Over the years he has taken on a variety of roles, each helping to shape the event. Over the past 10 years, he said, sponsorship of the Concours d'Elegance has grown from car companies, like Ford and General Motors, to German aviation company Lufthansa and the financial firm Smith Barney.

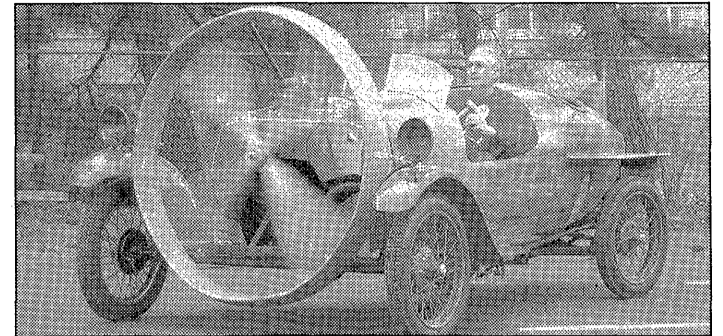
This year's festivities kick off today. Here's a rundown of what's to come, in Concours-style:

NEXT GEN MIXER

From 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 17, in the Grand Court at the Somerset Collection, catch a precursor to the Concours d'Elegance. Young professionals are invited to wander among some spectacular vehicles, enjoy appetizers by McCormick & Schmick's Seafood in Troy and gear up for the main event. About 200 people are expected to attend. Tickets \$25.

SECOND ANNUAL HANGAR PARTY

From 6:30-11:30 p.m. Thursday, July 31, at Oakland County International Airport in Waterford, watch Concours celebrations shoot from the road



This propeller-driven Helicron is a one-of-a-kind example of the sort of vehicles found only at Concours d'Elegance.

to the sky. In its second year this gala event features planes and automobiles. According to de Larcinese, last year's event featured a grand entrance by GM's Bob Lutz, taxying up to the party in his private jet. This year the Saab Performance Team will hit the track with stunts.

MEADOW BROOK CONOURS MOTORING TOUR

From 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1, vintage vehicles chosen for the 2008 Concours d'Elegance will take to the streets from Meadow Brook Courtyard to the GM Heritage Center for a tour.

ART RECEPTION, ART AUCTION AND RM AUCTION PREVIEW

From 6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1, art enthusiasts can experience antique automobile-inspired works by 16 artists from across the globe and get a sneak peek of vehicles up for auction at the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion. Tickets to the art reception are \$35. The auction is invitation-only.

DESTINATION D'ELEGANCE

Destination d'Elegance, beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, will feature catered foods, Ferrari seminars, vendors like Churchill Cigars and two culinary seminars with Chef Michelle Bommarito, a Ferndale resident who has been featured on the Food Network. Sign up for her 11 a.m. *Che Buono! Panini with the Posh Lifestyle*, or the 1 p.m. demo for *Cooking Healthy* (\$60 each). At noon and 1:30 p.m. wine enthusiasts may attend *If Wine Matters, So Does the Glass*, a wine tasting and lesson by Dan Schwartz of W.J. Deutch & Sons, Ltd. and Robert Hall of

Bottega del Vino Crystal (\$45).

RM AUCTIONS

From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2 the vintage motor car auction will take place at the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavillion. Admission is by catalogue only, visit www.rmauctions.com for details or call (800) 211-4371.

GALA VINEYARD

Each year the night before the Concours features a gala — and this year's event will span the tastes and cultures of the globe under the theme Vineyard on the Hill. Sample wines and food pairings from five countries as well as a silent auction, art exhibit and afterglow. Tickets \$150 each. For de Larcinese, the event celebrates the camaraderie of motorists involved in the world-class event.

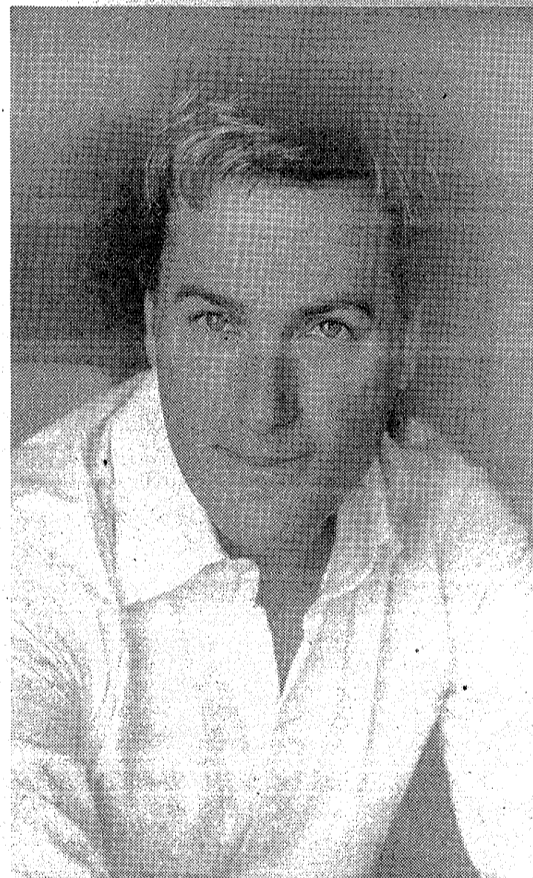
CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

The main event is set for 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3 around and inside Meadow Brook Hall. Newer vehicles and Cadillacs will pave the road to the hall, while the Concours itself will be featured behind the mansion on what de Larcinese called "sacred ground." No vehicles developed after 1969 will enter that space. Highlights this year include the largest selection of 8-litre Bentleys in one space, at least 20 Ferraris from across the country, the centennial anniversaries of both General Motors and of the Ford Model T, vintage motorcycles with sidecars and much more. Tickets are \$25 each, or \$20 each for groups of 10 or more. Children 12 and under and students with ID enter free.

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Water Works returns to Shakespeare

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
O&E STAFF WRITER

Vanessa Renee Sawson set her sights on playing the part of Lady Capulet in the Shakespeare classic tragedy *Romeo & Juliet* and the Ferndale-based actress landed just that role.

It's her third show performing with Water Works Theatre Company — the only area company producing Shakespeare as it was meant to be seen, outdoors.

"I absolutely wanted this," said Sawson, describing her part prior to a July 9 rehearsal at Royal Oak's First United Methodist Church. "We're playing it like she got married at 14 and was trapped in the marriage." Sawson was eager to explore the dynamics dancing between the mother and daughter, her Lady Capulet and Juliet, in this open air presentation, set to begin July 24.

For castmate Brandon Choven of Oakland Township, the show will mark his first outdoor acting endeavor. And he said performing *Romeo & Juliet* around sunset makes for a suitable, romantic setting. Choven saw the auditions posted at Wayne State University this spring and earned two parts.

He portrays Gregory in the action-filled opening scenes of the show and returns later as Paris, Juliet's husband. "He loves Juliet and is willing to die for her," said Choven.

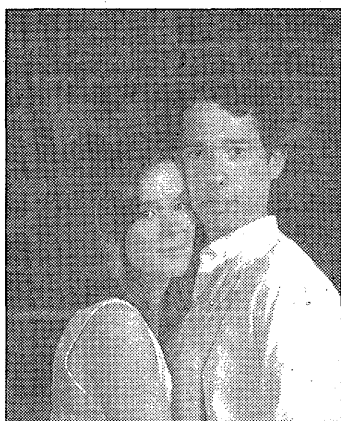
Company Artistic Director Jeff Thomakos is also directing the show and has prepared his cast for the unexpected elements of theater in the park — everything from planes flying overhead to road noise. "You don't really know where your voice is going to go," said Thomakos, so his actors must project as best they can.

Since the theater company, founded by Ed Nahhat of Royal Oak, got its start in 2001 the actors said the shows run more and more like a well-oiled machine. One uncontrollable factor — rain — is the only reason the show might not go on.

The actors will perform on



Jaclyn Stretz, Dylan Stuckey, and Michael Brian Ogden appear as Benvolio, Romeo and Mercutio in Water Works Theatre Company's production of "Romeo & Juliet."



Anne Marie Damman and Dylan Stuckey appear in Water Works Theatre Company's production of "Romeo & Juliet" July 24 to Aug. 10 at Royal Oak's Starr Jaycee Park.

platforms constructed to fit in a 40-foot space in Starr Jaycee Park. For this production the rather elaborate design incorporates a balcony and multiple levels. When the sun sets trees will be lit from the ground, amping up the atmosphere.

"I think it will be really beautiful," Thomakos said.

ROMEO & JULIET

What: Water Works Theatre Company returns with this classic for Shakespeare in the park

When: Shows begin at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 7 p.m. Sunday from July 24-27; July 31- Aug. 3 and Aug. 7-10

Where: Starr Jaycee Park, 1101 W. 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak

Tickets: \$16-\$20, group rates available, Kids Free Sundays, buy one hour prior to performance or online at www.waterworkstheatre.com

More information: Low-to-the-ground lawn chairs are allowed and group discounts are available. Send a message to waterworkstheatre@earthlink.net

This version of *Romeo & Juliet* will take place at the turn of the century, a "Godfather-era" in Verona. Expect sleek black suits or vests and flowing flowery dresses rather than Elizabethan costumes — which will be more conducive to performing in the summer heat.

The choice of show marks a return to Shakespeare after last summer's brief hiatus, when Water Works presented the Neil Simon comedy *Barefoot in the Park*.

The troupe tends to draw 100 to 300 spectators per show, up to 2,500 for the run of the production. Scott Myers, spokesperson for Water Works Theatre Company, said the excitement does seem to build each year.

Plan ahead to picnic or pack lawn chairs to see the family-friendly performance. Or choose a seat on one of three bleachers set up in the park for the run of this production.

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Batman, Abba music, X-files highlight July

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THE DARK KNIGHT

The Dark Knight and IMAX — *The Dark Knight* reunite director Christopher Nolan with star Christian Bale, who returns to continue Batman's war on crime. With the help of Lieutenant Jim Gordon (Gary Oldman) and District Attorney Harvey Dent (Aaron Eckhart), Batman sets out to destroy organized crime in Gotham for good. The triumvirate proves to be effective, but they soon find themselves prey to a rising criminal mastermind known as the Joker (the late Heath Ledger), who thrusts Gotham into anarchy and forces the Dark Knight ever closer to crossing the fine line between hero and vigilante. Cast: Christian Bale, Michael Caine, Heath Ledger, Gary Oldman, Aaron Eckhart, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Morgan Freeman. PG-13.

MAMMA MIA!

Meryl Streep leads an all-star cast in the feature-film adaptation of the beloved musical seen by more than 30 million people in 8 languages around the world. Inspired by the storytelling magic of ABBA's songs from "Dancing Queen" and "S.O.S." to "Money, Money, Money" and "Take a Chance on Me," *Mamma Mia!* is a celebration of mothers and daughters, old friends and new family found. PG-13.

SPACE CHIMPS

An intergalactic comedy that highlights the antics of astronaut chimps with the "wrong stuff." Ham III (Samberg), the slacker grandson of the first chimp blasted into space before manned

spaceflight, joins two other astronaut chimps for a dangerous mission through a black hole to a populated planet. While stranded, the chimps must help the inhabitants rid themselves of a tyrannical leader, then figure out how to get back to Earth. Featuring the voices of: Andy Samberg, Cheryl Hines, Kenan Thompson, Stanley Tucci, Kristin Chenoweth and Patrick Warburton. G.

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A heartbreaking romantic epic of forbidden love and loss of innocence in the pre-WWII era. Charles Ryder becomes entranced with the noble Marchmain family, first through the charming and provocative Sebastian Marchmain, and then his sophisticated sister. The rise and fall of Charles' infatuations reflect the decline of a decadent era in England between the wars. Directed by Julian Jarrold. Starring Matthew Goode, Ben Whishaw, Hayley Atwell and Emma Thompson. PG-13.

THE X-FILES: I WANT TO BELIEVE

A stand-alone story in the tradition of some of the show's most acclaimed episodes, this film takes the complicated relationship between Fox Mulder (Duchovny) and Dana Scully (Anderson) in unexpected directions. Mulder continues his unshakable quest for the truth, and Scully, the passionate, intelligent physician, remains inextricably tied to Mulder's pursuits. Starring David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson. PG-13.

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Glamorous Marlaina Stone tells stories in her jewelry

BY LANA MINI
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Oh, to own a Marlaina Stone necklace. A pretty, sexy, couture Marlaina Stone art piece — as beautiful and unique as the enchanting, tall, model-thin, platinum blonde fashionista who designs them. When you see a Marlaina Stone piece, you cannot mistake it for any other design — just as there is no other Chanel, Betsey Johnson or Gaultier. Marlaina Stone, the vogue Royal Oak designer whose one-of-a-kind necklaces, bracelets and rings are available only through a few prestigious locations — such as the Museum Shop at the Detroit Institute of Arts, Art Leaders Gallery in West Bloomfield and The Cove Atlantis in the Bahamas — has created a line that touches on human emotion, be it with a whisper or a shout.

Her pieces are daring arrangements of rare stones that she has found around the world. The necklaces are bold and often chunky, yet can feel either demure or daredevilish. They can be worn, surprisingly, with everyday denim.

"People think big, brave jewelry is supposed to be with simple monochrome outfits," Stone said. "But I think of mine as the spice for a plain outfit ... for when you want to funk it up."

The necklaces, bracelets and rings, ranging from \$800 to several thousand dollars and higher, are each original art pieces. Each has a name and story behind them.

For instance the necklace named Magdalena has rounded turquoise stones, nearly three-dozen pieces of long of black coral, one rare piece of red coral, a pearl



Marlaina Stone's couture jewelry is created at her Royal Oak studio. She uses rare stones, most with history behind them, from across the globe.

drop and centered pendant of amber stone that's surrounded by sterling silver. Magdalena represents peace, love and ripped denim.

The story of Magdalena, as if it has soul (which it does, as Stone explains, because the artist sees the jewelry's spirit grow as she designs it) is otherworldly; she rests on your neck to show you the secrets of the universe with her goddess soul.

Does that suit you? Or meet the jaw-dropping necklace Rex. The warrior. The highlight of this stunner is a one-of-a-kind piece of Jade with a very subtle dragon carved into it.

The story behind Rex is that, like many women, Rex's spirit is stronger after each loss. Every chain on the necklace is a reminder of a struggle, which Rex has turned into a learning lesson and opportunity. The piece also features turquoise, black onyx and calcite.

Why have just a piece of jewelry, when you



This piece, named Elizabeth, is one of the more delicate of Stone's designs.

can have a creation containing stones and beads that no one will ever see on anyone else's neck?

For the softer soul, there's Elizabeth, who cries in loneliness, but still feels hope despite her lost loves. As Stone describes, this is the soul that runs after the rainbow with her Southern belle beauty and a thousand gentlemen wanting her attention.

Elizabeth includes pink Peruvian opal, lava rock, glass, vintage chains and hand-carved Jade.

Stone, whose savvy website is an experience itself, is no stranger to setting trends. For years, she helped decide what teens and 20-somethings would wear — defining the style at Contempo Casuals, one of the first stores to make super-trendy clothing affordable. Now Stone is creating looks not as a purchaser, but a designer.

Stone's prestige is obvious; getting into the DIA Museum store is no easy feat. Seeing her line accepted by Kerzner International, a major developer of destination resorts and also the owners of the lush Cove Atlantis of Paradise Island in the Bahamas, is an accomplishment on its own.

Her style is pure glamour. Everyone woman can use some Marlaina in her life.



"Sierra" is hand-knotted and includes green onyx, carved Carnelian leaves, gold filled chains, resin and wood.

New 'Project Runway' features Troy designer

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK
O&E STAFF WRITER

Summer's TV doldrums are over now that *Project Runway Season 5* is on the air.

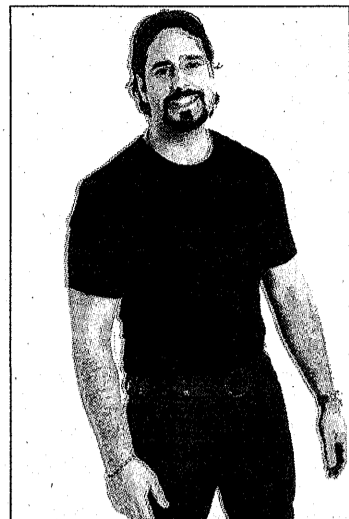
Making the fashion design show even more exciting is a local contestant from Metro Detroit.

Joe Faris of Troy made his debut with the show's premiere last night. The 41-year-old is co-founder of Inkslingers USA, a company that designs jeans and tees emblazoned with tattoo-inspired artwork.

Faris is a graduate of Parsons School of Design, and has worked in the fashion industry for 18 years at Bugle Boy, Ralph Lauren, and Rochester Hills-based Pelle Pelle.

He currently travels between New York and Detroit promoting his boutique jean and leather line, which is sold at about 300 venues across the country. Inkslingers USA is best known for its men's and women's jeans, which feature vintage washes, sexy cuts and sturdy hardware, along with burning hearts, pin-up girls, flames and skulls drawn by Faris' partner Mike Jeziak, founder of the Inkslingers tattoo chain.

Faris reportedly works in a studio above an auto body shop in Royal Oak, and is keeping



Joe Faris of Troy is among contestants on "Project Runway" Season 5.

hush-hush for now about his experience on *Project Runway*. According to his bio on Bravo.com, Faris' favorite designers are Giorgio Armani, Yves Saint-Laurent and Betsey Johnson, though he spends most of his time in a simple black T-shirt.

He says he is most inspired by his wife, and daughters Keely and Mia.

Watch *Project Runway Season 5* (the last season before the show moves to Los Angeles and Lifetime) Wednesdays at 10 p.m. on Bravo. And stay tuned to PINK for updates on how this local designer fares in the competition.

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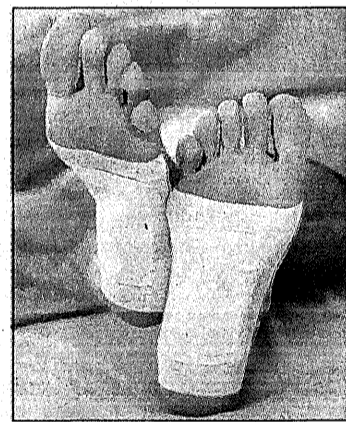
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