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Walkers aim to stomp out cancer

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 know-

ing 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 sur-

vivors and caregivers." The Relay for Life is an American Cancer Society fundraiser, for which the Plymouth

WANT TO HELP?

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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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."

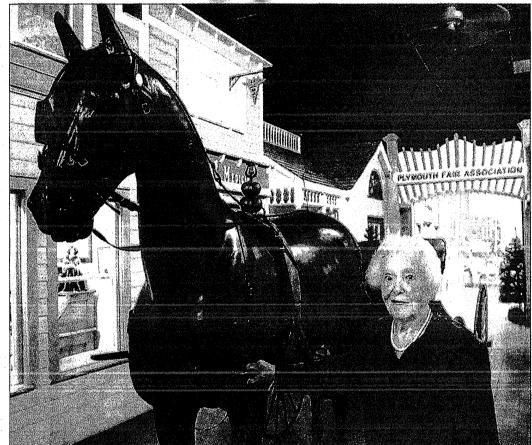
Walldorf had earlier given a \$100,000 trust to the Plymouth Historical Museum, also for teaching history.

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



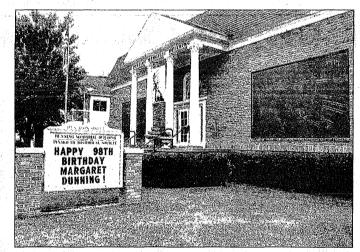
Margaret Dunning and 'Old Bill,' the wooden horse brought to the Plymouth Historical Museum by Dunning and



Margaret Dunning donated the \$1.3 million for an addition to the Plymouth Historical Museum.

which was completed in 2001. \$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



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

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

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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



Doroshewitz

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

the Aug. 5 pri-

mary.

fence issues or barking

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THE DOROSHEWITZ FILE

■ Who: Bob Doroshewitz

Wavne State

- **What:** Running for Plymouth Township Trustee
- Now: Works for Siemens Communications: current township board

Family: Wife, Tammy; children Allison, 4,

and RJ. 3. ■ Education: Bachelor's and master's degrees, Michigan State; juris doctor,

BY BRAD KADRICH

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

Newcomer would freeze salaries, watch spending

stolen.' Kelly, a Plymouth Township resident since 1991, seeks his first

elected political office. However, it's not his first foray into the

Please see KELLY, A4

THE KELLY FILE

Who: Michael Kelly

- What: Running for Plymouth Township Trustee
- Now: Materials and corrosion engi-
- neer, Ford Motor
- **Family:** Wife, Brenda, and their dog.
- **Education:** bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry, University of

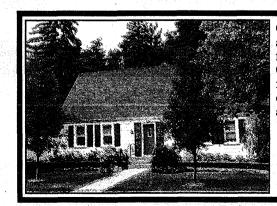
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Museum celebrates Burr's service

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



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

Court hopeful's stepson admits to stealing sign

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 21year-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 Hamiliton,

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 lawns 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

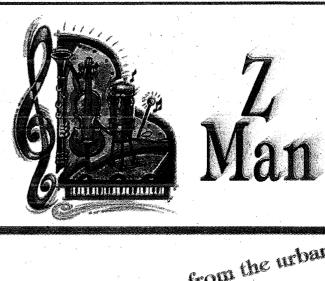
police investigation. "I know that it's interesting he was in an area where other signs were taken," said Plakas. "I've heard certain things that lead me to believe, and I think certain things, but I will let the police do their investigation."

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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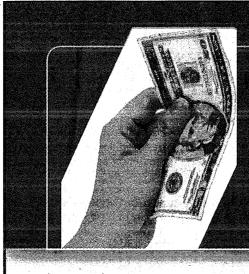
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Handouts and light refreshments will be provided. For more information and to RSVP, call (734) 432-0212, Ext. 203 or e-mail memberservice-cpfcu@ twmi.rr.com

'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.

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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.

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

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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 apprehead 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



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, darkskinned black male with little or no hair.

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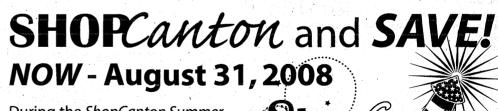
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Doroshewitz, who works for Siemens Communications, a global telecommunications company, said the wide range of issues board members tackle is a perfect complement to his skill-set.

"The subject matter is pretty broad," Doroshewitz said. "One day you're talking legal issues, the next day you're building a building. It taps into a broad set of skills."

Doroshewitz, who is completing his first term as a trustee, said there are several issues facing the board, many affected by a struggling economy. Among them:

■ Declining revenue: Township revenue, Doroshewitz said, is declining from "virtually all sources."

"Containing costs in the face of declining revenue and a stalled economy is a huge challenge," he said.

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■ Roads: Most of the township's roads are owned by the county, leaving Plymouth Township with very little control over them. Doroshewitz said he's "done a lot of walking" in the township, talking to residents, and one of the most common complaints is about the continuing deterioration of the roads.

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"We have very little voice with Wayne County," Doroshewitz said. "It's something I'd like to find a solution for."

■ Assessing: Doroshewitz believes many homes in Plymouth Township are over-assessed, which means owners are paying more taxes than they should. Doroshewitz said he'd like to see the township change to one-year cycles on assessments.

"When you're looking at assessments that are two years old, it's not realistic," Doroshewitz said. "I don't think people mind paying their fair share of taxes, I just don't think anyone should pay more than their fair share."

■ Recreation: Doroshewitz said he'd like to see the township "repurpose" some or all of Hilltop Golf Course, the township-owned

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course most observers say isn't bringing in the kind of revenue they expected.

Doroshewitz said he counted some 212 public golf courses within an hour's drive from his house, meaning the market is over-saturated, which he said at least partly accounts for Hilltop's poor performance.

Doroshewitz said he'd like to see perhaps a recreation complex, possibly with a pool, a dog park and maybe some softball fields. The trick, he said, would be to do it without raising taxes, although he thinks perhaps some residents would be willing to pay more for such a facility.

"There are people who don't want services, just their taxes kept low," he said. "But there are new people moving in who are willing to pay for first-

Doroshewitz said he hopes voters will look at his performance over the course of his first term and return him to his seat.

"I think what I've brought to the party is a level of professionalism," Doroshewitz said. "I disagree with people, but I don't do it disrespectfully. I look at the issues, and I try to

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political world. He's served two terms on the township's compensation commission, and he got involved in his Ridgewood Hills subdivision association almost immediately upon moving in.

The stints on the compensation commission, he said, opened his eyes.

"I found it amazing (commission members) wanted to give 20-percent raises," said Kelly, a materials and corrosion engineer for Ford for nearly 30 years. "In this economy, taxpayers certainly aren't getting those kinds of raises."

He was encouraged to run, though he believes "most people in township government are entrenched." Still, he decided to give it a shot.

"I'm alarmed we don't have more people who want to run for this," said Kelly, who is one of just five candidates for four trustee seats.

Kelly said his first priority would be to watch the budget, making sure spending is controlled in these difficult economic times. For instance, he'd freeze pay and eliminate perks such as cars.

"(Governments) are living like it's the 1950s," Kelly said. "I'd put a freeze on pay, and I don't think (officials) need cars any more. You don't (have) that in the private sector."

Kelly said the township "is getting mature," and is showing signs of filling vacant spaces. For instance, he said, the retail center at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty "appears to be a little slow" in getting tenants.

"I'd like to see more green space," Kelly said. "They say the golf course (Hilltop) isn't going well. Maybe we could put a facility there similar to the Summit (the recreational facility in Canton)."

Kelly said he shares the pet peeve of many of the residents of his subdivision: A feeling Plymouth Township is a donor community in terms of taxes sent to Wayne County and the lack of services coming back

"You don't get anything for

the county tax dollars," Kelly said. "Try getting something fixed (by Wayne County). I submitted a request four years ago and they still haven't responded."

The idea of hiring a township manager and making the supervisor a part-time position has come up in the campaign, and Kelly said the township should at least look

"It's something worth looking at," he said. "I also think in these hard times they should think about rolling salaries back 5 or 10 percent. I don't know if (salaries) are too high, but benefits are definitely (higher than surrounding communities). Maybe we need to find a creative way to work with our unions."

Stolen signs aside, Kelly thinks his newcomer status will be a benefit if he's elected.

"I'm new, and I'm trying to see if there are new ways to reign in costs," Kelly said. "I want to fight for the taxpayer. I think sometimes (government) boards forget to do that."

bkadrich@hometownlife.com (734) 953-2153

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings July 8, 2008

Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service

Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or

Shurgard TRS, Inc. will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage

(formerly Shurgard) located at 2500 S Industrial Hwy Ann Arbor,

MI 48104-6130 (734)973-5584 on 7/31/08 at 12:30 Noon. Sales are

hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past

1058 - Jonathan Rose - 4 Chairs, 50 Boxes, 4 Filing Cabinets

Personal property described below in the matter of:

2035 - Greg Cannon - Desk, Loveseat, Dresser

3045 – Danisha Herrod – 3 Chairs, Trunk, TV

4050 - Rosario Lionudakis - Printer, Chair, TV

9006 - Roddrick Wado - TV, 4 Totes, Misc Items

4090 - Natalla Gamble - 4 Chairs, Lamp, 2 Boxes

4088 - Jerry Taylor - Dresser, TV, 20 Boxes

3018 – Sean Smith – TV, Stereo, Desk

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The Board of Trustees convened at 6:30 pm for a walking tour of the Public Safety Cell Block and Booking Area. Members present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo. The tour was guided by Executive Director Santomauro, D.C. Nemecek and D.C. Golles.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, July 8, 2008, at 1150 Canton Center S. Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call:

Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: None. Staff Present: Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Eva, Director Faas, Deputy Chief Nemecek, Deputy Chief Golles. Staff None. Adoption of Agenda: Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board meeting minutes for June 24, 2008. Motion carried. Payment of Bills: Motion by Kirchgatter seconded by Bennett to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried. Presentation: 1. Citizen Citation Presented To Nabil A. Fawzi. Motion by Bennett second by McLaughlin to enter the resolution into the record. Motion carried. CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1: Motion by Bennett, second by LaJoy to approve the request from Mongolian Operation Company, LLC to nsfer all interest in 2008 es C licensed husiness 42089 Ford, Canton Shopping Center, Canton, Mi 48187, Canton Township, Wayne County, from existing members, William T. Downs, III (21.10%), Matthew G. Kirby (19.20%), WTD III Enterprises, Inc. (49.71%) and David Ulgenap (9.99%) to new member, DK Group 2008, INC. Motion Carried. Item 2: Motion by Bennett, second by LaJoy to amend Section E., Administrative Organization of the Senior Advisory Council By-laws, "Terms of Office," 3rd paragraph: Delete "and At-Large members" and replace with: "At-Large members shall serve for a period of three years each, beginning January 1, expiring December 31, each to serve until his/her successor is appointed. Up to 9 At-Large members may serve. Upon appointment of a vacant at-large position, terms will begin upon approval of the Board of Trustees and run from the date of appointment through, and in addition to, the January 1 through December 31, 3-year term. Motion carried. Item 3: Motion by Bennett, second by LaJoy to set the public hearing for August 12, 2008, to consider a request to establish the Marimba Canton Industrial Development District. Motion carried. Item 4: Motion by Bennett, second by LaJoy to set the public hearing for August 12, 2008 to consider the Industrial Facilities Exemption application of Marimba Auto, LLC for real and personal property at their facility to be located on Van Born Road just east of Haggerty. Motion carried. Item 5: Motion by Bennett, second by LaJoy that the Canton Board of Trustees makes the appointment of Mr. Brad Cambridge to the Planning Commission to fill the remainder of Katharine Bovitz's term that expires on 12-31-08. Motion carried. Item 6: Motion by Bennett, second by LaJoy to accept the \$4,500 grant award from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs towards the programming expenses for the June-August 2008 free Thursday Nights Concert Series at the Heritage Park Amphitheater, and further to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the contract agreement. Motion carried. GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1: Motion by Bennett, second by Zarbo to approve the sponsorship of the 3rd annual Cherry Festival in the amount of \$6,000 for Huntington Bank, 801 West Big Beaver Rd., Troy, MI 48084 and authorize the Township Clerk to sign the agreement. Motion carried. Item 2: Motion by Bennett, second by McLaughlin to approve the purchase an HP LaserJet printer for Planning Services for \$3,000.00 to be paid for with monies from Planning Services Capital Computer - Computers account # 101-853-970-0100. I further move to approve the reprogramming of \$2,907 from Planning Services, Account #101-853-970-0010, Computer Replacement line item #1, to the same account, line item #2. Motion carried. Item 3: Motion by Bennett, second by LaJoy to increase Purchase Order No. 70817 to Heaney General Contractors by \$3,848.00, to cover the increased quantity of chip sand for the Lower Rouge Trail Project. Motion carried. Motion by Bennett, second by LaJoy to approve the following budget amendment for this project: Community Improvement Fund Increase Revenues: Misc. Revenue #246-000-671, \$4,714 Increase Appropriations: Capital Improvements Park & Rec #246-750-970-0010, \$4,714. This budget amendment increases the Canton Sports Center division budget from \$2,547,038 to \$2,551,752. Motion carried. Item 4: Motion by Bennett, second by McLaughlin to authorize increases as necessary up to \$20,000.00 in each of the following purchase orders: PO#68800 - B & F Auto Supply, Inc., PO #68804 -Blackwell Ford, PO#69009 - Midwest Golf and Turf and PO #68810 - Coach & Motor Co. Motion carried. Item 5: Motion by Bennett, second by LaJoy to approve the selection of CDPA architects to provide preliminary drawings for the renovation of the Public Safety dispatch and cell block booking area. I further move that the Director of Public Safety and Operations and the Director of Finance & Budget are authorized to negotiate a contract for these services in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. Motion carried. Additional Public Comment: None Other: Study session will

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

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

be held on July 15, 2008. Adjourn: Motion By Zarbo, second by

Bennett to adjourn at 7:35 PM. Motion Carried.

NOTICE OF SALE

SURPLUS/CONFISCATED VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids until 10:00am, local time, on Tuesday, July 29, 2008 for the sale of the following:

Vehicle

2000 Dodge Intrepid, 2.7L V6 4DR Sedan 1998 GMC 3500 Sierra, 4WD

1991 Buick Regal Limited 3800 1996 GMC Vandura 3500

2000 GMC 2500

1980 OMC Lincoln Cushman Cart

1991 Trailer, Model SM-10961-T Ford 2600 Tractor Model BA213C Unit 9L28B

Rake - ARPS 8' Utility Blade Brush Hog – Woods 5' R105 Lincoln Arc Welder Model SA-200-F163

Dixie Chopper Lawnmower X2000 Quad Loop Land Pride 6' PTO Mowing Attachment Flat Deck Model

1136 Gallon Plastic Water Tank Kubota 5' Snow Blower Attachment for tractor model

B2100HSDB Land Pride PTO Spreader Attachment FS700

All vehicles and equipment are being sold "AS IS" with no warranty either expressed or implied.

Vehicles and equipment my be inspected at the City of Plymouth Municipal Services Department, 1231 Goldsmith, Plymouth, MI between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm on Monday through Friday. Please call (734) 453-1234 x273 to schedule an inspection. Proposal forms are available at the City Manager's Office, 201 S Main, Plymouth, MI during regular office hour or on the City website at: http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

Photos of the vehicles and equipment are also available online at: http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive ay irregularities.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS **BOARD BY-LAWS**

By-Law Nos. 0164.1: Regular Meetings - Time, Place, and <u>Notification</u>

Regular meetings of the Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, shall be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month (except on the fourth Tuesday in July, November, December, February and the second Tuesday in April at 7:00 p.m. at the following location (except as agreed herein) unless otherwise directed by a majority vote of the members:

> E. J. McClendon Educational Center 454 South Harvey Street Plymouth, Michigan 48170

By-Law No. 0164.2 Special Meetings - Time, Place, and

Special meetings of the Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, may be called by the President of the Board, or any two members thereof, by serving on the other members a written notice of the day, time, and place of such special meetings, or by a majority vote of the

Service of the notice shall be by:

1. Delivering the notices to the members personally at least twentyfour (24) hours before such meeting is to take place, or

2. Leaving the notice at the member's residence with a person of the household at least twenty-four (24) hours before such meeting is to take place, or

3. Depositing the notice in a government mail receptacle enclosed in a sealed envelope plainly addressed to such member at his/her last known address at least seventy-two (72) hours before such meeting is to take place.

Services as above described may be made by a member of the Board or any employee of the Board.

PUBLIC NOTICE of each special meeting and of each rescheduled regular or special meeting shall be given by posting a copy of the NOTICE on the message board by the front entrance to the E. J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time of the meeting.

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Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc. will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage located at 2101 Haggerty Rd Canton MI 48187 (734)981-0303 on 7/31/08 at 11:30 pm. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due. Personal property described below in the matter of:

Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service

3040 - Andrea Dortch - Headboard, Dresser, Mattress 4062 - Synobia Rahming - Dryer, Loveseat, Mattress 4241 - Dorothy White - Mattress, 5 Totes, 10 Bags 5040 - Sarah Campbell - 2 TV's, Bookcase, Dresser

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Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property. Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc. will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage (formerly Shurgard) located at 41889 Joy Rd Canton MI 48187 (734)254-0243 on 7/31/08 at 11:00 am. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Persona 1056 - Keith Urban - Couch, Desk, Refrigerator 2014 - Samuel Bruce Horste - 20 Totes, 10 Boxes, 5 Bags

2032 - Tydala Brown - Sofa, Loveseat, Microwave

2046 - Michael McFadden - Dresser, Couch, Mattress 4002 - Scott Laser - 10 Boxes, Toolbox, 2 Totes

4036 - Sefina Ali - DVD's, 10 Boxes, Misc Items

4035 - George Gallo - Jensen Automobile vin 1255269, Car Parts 4047 - George Gallo - Studebaker Automobile, Car Parts

5032 - George Gallo - 1967 Mercedes Benz vin 10801212047788,

5036 – Henry C. Klann – Bicycle, Dinning Table, Air Hockey Table

5037 - David Hieb - 40 Boxes, Coffee Table, File Cabinet

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CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD **CANTON, MI 48188**

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be

sold at public auction July 22, 2008 at 10:00 am.
The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing 6375 Hix Road, Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

YEAR	MAKE '	MODEL .	BODY	VIN#
1996	Plymouth	Voyager	S/W	2P4FP2534TR548514
1990	Ford	Crown Vic	4 Dr	2FACP74F0LX154543
2001	Pontiac	Grand Am	4 Dr	1G2NF52E41M545367
1992	Buick	Century	4 Dr	1G4AG54NXN6475187
	Trailer			Black
1998	Ford	Escort	4 Dr	1FAFP13P6WW254859
2004	Saturn	Ion	4 Dr	1G8AJ52F64Z192245
1994	Ford	Aerostar	S/W	1FMDA31X4RZB19511
1995	Nissan	Pathfinder	S/W	JN8HD17Y0SN099352
1995	Saturn		4 Dr	1G8ZG5289SZ275622

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

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a Bid for New Projector Power for Salem and Plymouth High Schools. Bidding documents prepared by TMP Associates, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335 or (248) 427-8400; FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit; and the Builders Exchange, Lansing.

There will be a pre-bid meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 15, 2008 at the Canton High School Construction Trailer located at 8415 Canton Center Road, Canton, 48187. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the bidding requirements, schedule, project scopes of work, and to answer any question that bidders may have. Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend. This Bid Package will consist of sealed bids for Bid Division: #143: Electrical.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to the Plymouth Canton Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract. Bid securities may be in the form of a Bid Bond or Certified Check.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the corresponding bid division identified on the outside of the envelope. All submissions should include 1 original and 1 copy and the Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted. Bids are due to the PCCS E.J McClendon Educational Center on or before 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 23, 2008 where they will be opened and read publicly. This project is to be bid and the work performed at the Prevailing Wage Rates. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

> **Board of Education** Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Steven Sneideman, Secretary

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Fall Festival seeks crafters, cars

The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for its Craft Show that takes place during the Fall Festival Sept.

Once again, the craft show will be on Union Street. Tenby-ten foot spots will be \$75 per day or \$200 for the weekend. Applications are available to download at www. plymouthfallfestival.com or for more information, call Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614.

CAR SHOW

Registrations are also being

taken for the annual Antique Car show (1978 and older) that takes place during the Fall Festival (Sept. 6-7). Cars will be parked in downtown Plymouth. This year, festival officials are bringing back the pre-registration cruise night Friday, Sept. 5, beginning at 6 p.m.

Registration before Sept. 5 will be \$10 for one day or \$15 for two days. Door prizes will be awarded both days. Applications will be available to download at

o download at www.plymouthfallfestival. com or for more info call Dave Reeves (734) 455-4018.

BUSINESS PROMOTION

Applications are now available for businesses interested in booth space or Entertainment Sponsorship at the Plymouth Fall Festival, which runs Sept. 5-7. Booth applications can be found at www.plymouthfallfestival.

For more information or Entertainment Sponsorships, contact Colleen Brown, (734) 455-1614.

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Event benefits mental health research

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 stillbefuddling illness. After much research, he came across the National Alliance on Mental Illness-Metros, a national orga-

nization 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

"I get lots of

hugs at Happy

Hounds

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 autographed 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 ill-

"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.

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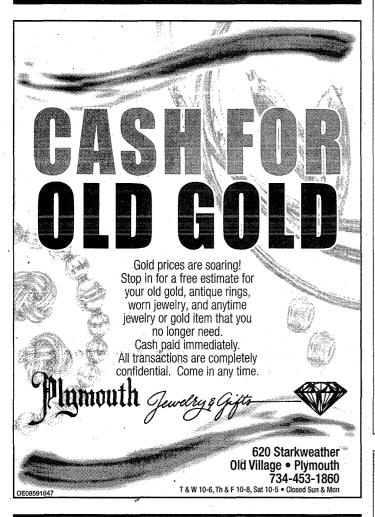


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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

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, July 31, 2008 for the

PURCHASE OR LEASE OF CARDIOVASCULAR EQUIPMENT Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

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

RENOVATIONS TO THE HUMAN SERVICES CENTER

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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LEGAL NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PUBLIC TEST OF THE M-100 OPTIC SCAN VOTING SYSTEM FOR THE AUGUST 05, 2008, PRIMARY ELECTION

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.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth

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Plymouth Community Band

The Plymouth Community Band, entertaining crowds since 1960, performs Thursdays at 8 p.m. in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

Music in the Park

The Music in the Park "kiddie" concert series, hosted by the Plymouth Community Arts Council and sponsored by Main Street Bank, Rotary

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

ON STAGE

The schedule:

Wednesdays at noon.

- 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

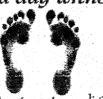
■ Aug. 15: Sean Riley Band ■ Aug. 22: Fifty Amp Fuse

■ Aug. 29: Lady Sunshine

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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



Rick Bloom You do not want a short-

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.

term fix to create long-term

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 nonretirement 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 591/2, 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 moneymatters@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,

serve, and has done a good job.

emotion sway his thinking.

Doroshewitz is perhaps the board's

most reasoned voice. When discussions with the city about the joint fire agree-

ment 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

Arnold will be the board's longest-serv-

ing 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-stand-

ing member of the planning commission,

she's also intimately familiar with devel-

opment issues the township faces. Her

quiet, reasonable manner is often a strik-

ing contrast to the sometimes heated voic-

es owned by other board members.

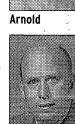
Mann seeks his second term as a trustee, his third term overall (he served as supervisor from 2000-04). During his term as supervisor, recreational additions included Lake Point Soccer Park and Miller Family Park, and he got the ball rolling on the new township hall. It's true some of these things were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

Kelly gets our nod as the fourth choice for









Berry, a political and security consul-Doroshewitz tant 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 longtimers, 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.



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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 fulltime 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

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 tac-

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 peo-

ple 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 mor-

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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QUOTABLE

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

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

Looming 'great transformation' calls for knowledge of history

ome 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.

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. **Phil Power** 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.

with low-interest rates and an expectation of ever-increasing home values that provided us with an ever-increasing home equity loan line of

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 allterrain-vehicle, all the toys. That's suddenly no

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 vou 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

We've built a lifestyle on cheap fuel, combined 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.

Phil Power is the founder and president of The Center for Michigan, a think tank based in Ann Arbor. The opinions expressed here are Power's and do not represent the official views of The Center. Comments are welcome at ppower@thecenterformichigan.net.

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 Michiganians 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

LETTERS

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 Bacyinski Plymouth

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Plymouth Township has been recognized as

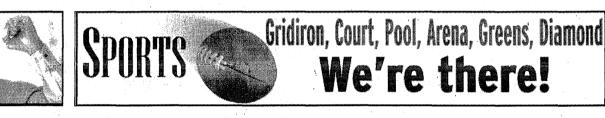
one of the Top 100 places to live and remains one of the most prestigious sites for business. As a resident and small business owner in Plymouth Township I know what it is like to manage a budget under financial strain with rising costs and declining revenues. Our township supervisor has done an excellent 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.

> Jerry Jagacki Plymouth Township







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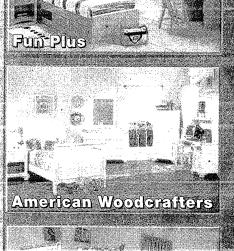






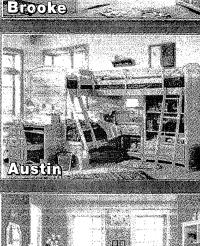


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Hole in one

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

Siedlik used an eightiron on the 124-vard 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 allstar 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-andfield 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

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).

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 invitationonly 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

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 16year-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

Please see GATT, B2

Rain check: 50th annual Junior Olympics to be rescheduled

Central in the fall.

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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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 recre-

ation'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.redfordtwpparksandrec.com.

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Big Ten beckons for Chester

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

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.



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

Chester

According to Covenant offensive coordinator Dewuane Jones, several high-profile universities

also have been in strong pursuit of Chester. Those included the University of Michigan and

Michigan State University. "I think they'd make me offers eventually, but I wanted to get it (the decision) over with," said Chester, also a top-

notch prep basketball player.

Chester said what might have tipped the scales toward Indiana University was the fact friends Jeremy Gainer (Livonia Clarenceville) and Kenny Watkins (Brother Rice) have also made verbal commitments

to become Hoosiers. "I decided on Indiana because a couple of my friends are going there, too," Chester

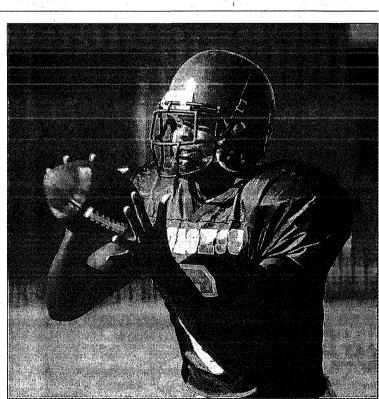
said. According to Jones, college coaches and scouts were able to get a good read on Chester's talents during various camps.

"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

Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, July 17, 2008

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 (2for-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-

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 outhit Tecumseh,

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.

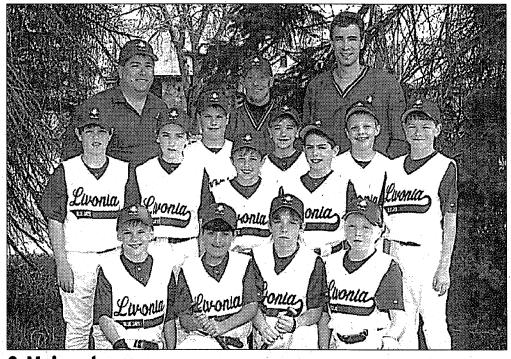
On July 11, the Rams edged the Dodgers, 3-1, thanks to Derek Mosher's two-hit gem. Mosher struck out 11 while walking just one. The former Ann Arbor Pioneer ace faced just 25 batters in his completegame effort.

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 hardluck losing pitcher as he yielded just one run and one hit while striking out eight.

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



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 basketball guide, created coverto-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."

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 CCand will grapple for Heidelberg (Ohio) College beginning this

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MU's Rizzo named WHAC's top AD

Madonna University Director have an unbelievable staff that 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

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

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 homecom-

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 tack-

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

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)
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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 limelight 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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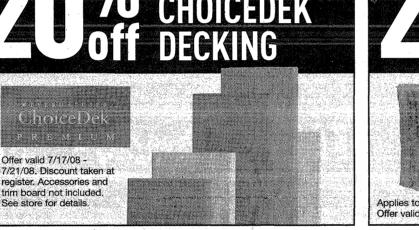


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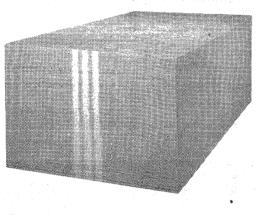
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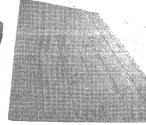


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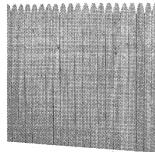
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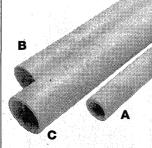
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4th annual training run/walk benefits PPD support group

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

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With every step they take on July 26, participants in the Dirt Road Divas' 4th Annual PPd4PPD Training Run/Walk will be doing their part to help battle post-partum depression.

All proceeds from the 5K, 10K and 15-mile races will be donated to the Post-Partum **Depression Support Group** of Ann Arbor, which assists numerous mothers who struggle with the debilitating effects of PPD.

The event has grown each year we've run it," said race director Christine Hughes, who experienced PPD following the birth of her youngest daughter. "It's not a huge race — probably because we don't do the computer-chip timing — but it's a fun race because we keep getting a lot of the same people back year after year.

"The people who put on the race are runners, so we know what runners like and don't like. The course is great and we know what kinds of food runners like when the race is over." Check in for the race will

run from 6:30-7:25 a.m. on Saturday, July 26, at Canton's Independence Park, which is located on Denton, one-half

mile south of Cherry Hill. The race will commence at 7:30 a.m.

The course, which stretches as far north as Joy Rd., takes runners over a variety of surfaces, including pavement and

Gatorade, Water, gel and entertainment will be provided by local volunteers.

Aid stations will be set up every two to three miles along

All participants will receive finisher medals, as long as supplies last.

The entry fee for the 5K, 10K and 15-mile races is \$10. The cost of the Kids Fun Run, which will start at 10 a.m., is

Registration forms and further information regarding the event can be obtained at www. dirtroaddivas.com.

The acronym for the event stands for: Pounding Pavement & Dirt for Post Partum Depression.

Hughes estimated the event

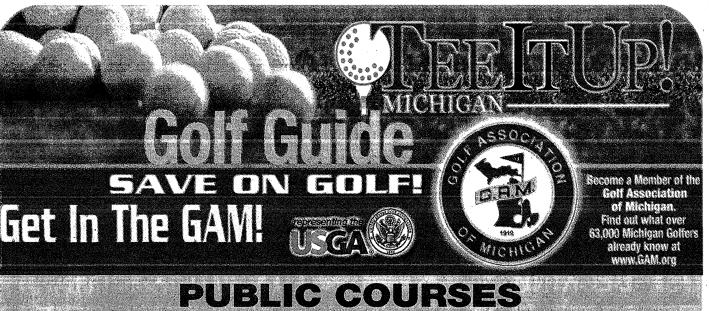


Lili Ontko (right), a member of the Dirt Road Divas running group, assists "Fun Run" participants prior to the group's 2007 5K, 10K and 15-mile training run/walk for post-partum depression.

has raised between \$6,000-\$8,000 over the first three years.

"We usually have around 200 year," she said. runners, but we're hoping to bring it up closer to 300 this

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Plymouth Whalers President and General Manager Mike Vellucci (right) congratulates Austin Levi after the 16-year-old Farmington Hills native signed a contract to play for the Whalers starting with the upcoming season.

Whalers ink Levi to OHL agreement

Plymouth Whalers President 21-27 in Rochester, NY and General Manager Mike Vellucci announced the signing of 16-year-old defenseman Austin Levi, who was taken by the Whalers in the sixth round (110th overall) of the 2008 Ontario Hockey League Draft.

"Austin Levi is a big, strong defenseman," Vellucci said. "His midget coach last year (Todd Jenkins) said Austin had the most potential of any of the players on his team. He has a lot of raw ability. We're very excited to work with him and get him to be the National Hockey League defenseman we think he can be."

Levi - 6-foot-3 and 190 pounds and from Farmington Hills - recorded five assists in 22 games and 33 PIM's for the Compuware Under-16 team of the Midwest Elite Hockey League last season. Levi (pronounced LEE-vi) recently participated in USA Hockey's Under-16 Festival, held June

"I've been in this rink for two years and I know what the Whalers are like," Levi said. "I can get my education taken care of right now, so I wanted to go ahead and do this. It's very comfortable and I know a lot of people here. It's a good situation and I'm ready to take the next step." The Whalers have a long his-

tory of drafting and signing local players. There are nine local players on the Whalers current roster - Jeremy Smith (Brownstown), Josh Bemis (Clarkston), Christian Steingraber (Oregon, OH just outside of Toledo), RJ Mahalak (Monroe), Beau Schmitz (Howell), AJ Jenks (Wolverine Lake), Tyler J. Brown (Westland), Mike Yovanic (Highland) and now Levi (Farmington Hills).

Levi is expected to report to Plymouth's training camp in late August.

Bucks can't put out Fire

BY DAN STICKRADT **ECCENTRIC STAFF WRITER**

The Michigan Bucks missed out on a grand opportunity to distance itself from he rest of the PDL Central Conference field. Already clinching a postseason spot, the host bucks battled to a 3-3 tie with arch-rival Chicago Fire Saturday night at the Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

The Bucks (11-2-2, 11-1-2), who have already clinched the Great Lakes Division title, currently have 35 points with two regular season games remaining. The Thunder By Chill (11-3-1, 11-2-1) have 34 points entering the final days of the regular season and are the only team that can catch the Bucks for the Central Conference championship and first-round postseason bye.

There are 16 total teams in the Central Conference's three divi-

Michigan hosted the Kalamazoo Outrage Wednesday night and wrap up the regular season Sunday at the Toronto Lynx, a team still chasing a playoff bid.

Seven teams from the three-

division Central Conference will advance to the postseason, with the top seed gaining a first-round bye. The first three rounds of the playoffs are July 23-27. A total of 28 franchises out of 67 total teams around the United States and Canada will participate in the PDL postseason at sites and times to be determined by the United Soccer Leagues.

ALL TIED UP

Against the Fire, Michigan fell behind 2-0 at the half on Chicago goals by Andrew Duran (38th minute) and Carlos Franca (45th minute penalty kick).

The Bucks stormed back with three straight goals, the first in the 55th minute by Dave Hertel, followed by two tallies by Doug DeMartin (59th, 77th minute).

Chicago forged the tie in the 88th minute on a goal by Mark

Michigan outshot Chicago 9-7 but Chicago held a 8-4 edge with shots directly on goal. The Bucks held a 5-3 edge on cornerkicks.

SUMMER CAMPS & CLINICS

Plymouth YMCA clinics

The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering three sports clinics this

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.

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.

Churchill pom-pon clinic

The Livonia Churchill varsity pom-pon 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 registrtions will be accepted.

People can call (734) 458-9734 for more information. Maplewood, where the fields are, is located at 31735 Maplewood

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-

Franklin boys basketball

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

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

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

Sports development

Redford Parks & Recreation is presenting 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-



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 Gardnercoached 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 Wojcik 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 divi-

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







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

Rummage sale 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, July 17-18, and 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, July 19, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia.

Sprout time

Preschoolers and Toddlers ages 1 to Pre-K and their parent are invited to join Bell Creek Community Church for bible stories, music, crafts 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday, July 17, at McKinley Elementary School,

9101 Hillcrest, Livonia. Bring a lunch and have fun. For information, call (734) 425-1174 or e-mail jen@bellcreek.org.

Moms wanted

Tables available to rent for \$20 for Mom 2 Mom sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 19, at Full Gospel Temple, 34033 Palmer Road, Westland. Call Debbie at (734) 891-8693.

Used book sale

Noon to 7 p.m. Friday, July 18; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 19; and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, July 20, at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile. Visit www.unityoffivonia.org.

Free Summerfest

Free Summerfest featuring food, inflatables, clowns, face painting, mimes, balloons, pony rides, 'Ask the Doctor' and health screenings, 1-7 p.m. July 19 at Harvest Christian International Church, 26360 Stephenson Hwy., Madison Heights. Community welcome. Call (248) 582-9700.

Eucharistic adoration

St. Michael the Archangel Church in Livonia continues its monthly program of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration on the third Wednesday of each month. The church will be open for prayer and private worship from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Benediction service in the evening. All are welcome. Call (734) 261-1455.

Bethany Suburban West

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

Vacation Bible school

Gather your gear and set sail to Outrigger Island: Living God's Unshakable Truth! 6-8:30 p.m. Sunday-

WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER

"Kit" MORGAN II

William Christopher "Kit" Morgan,

III, age 74, died peacefully in Kerrville, TX, on June 21, 2008. Kit

was born in Detroit, MI, January 10,

1934, to the late William C. "Bill"

Morgan, Jr., and Helen Wohn Morgan.

He was raised in the suburbs in

Beverly Hills, MI, also Birmingham

and Jackson, MI. He graduated from

Baldwin High School in Birmingham

in 1951, and married Barbara Hobart

in 1962. In 1963, Kit received an hon-

orable discharge as 1st Lieutenant,

Infantry, from the US Army after

actively serving in the 82nd Airborne

Division and in the US Army Reserves. He graduated from Trinity

College, Hartford, CT, with a Bachelors degree in History in 1955

and a Masters degree in History in 1962. He continued his education at

Michigan State University and was

awarded a Ph.D. in History in 1966.

Kit retired as Emeritus Professor of

History in 1992 after 35 years in aca-

demics. He began his teaching career

at the Taft School, Watertown, CT, for

two years while in the Masters pro-

gram at Trinity College. He taught

undergraduate and doctoral level

courses at the University of Toledo

before moving to the State University of New York (SUNY) College at

Oneonta, NY, in 1969. He was a pop-

ular teacher in western civilization,

ancient and medieval history at

Oneonta, known for his storytelling

and dry sense of humor. He was pas-

sionate about history, translating

Medieval Latin, designing and build-

ing houses, reading, writing, research-

ing and gardening. He loved his fam-

ily. He is survived by his daughter,

Tracy Elizabeth Rusch (Greg) and two

grandchildren, Katherine and Rebecca; and his son, William "Bill"

Hobart Morgan (Kelli) and three

grandchildren, Jacob, Rachel and

Jessica; his sister, Patty Morgan Smith and nephew, Peter John Laney, and niece, Sara Morgan Laney Caldwell. A

memorial service will be held on July

16, 2008, at 10:00 A.M. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church (956 Main Street),

Kerrville, TX. In lieu of flowers,

memorials can be sent to VistaCare

Hospice, 1001 Water Street, Suite B-

100, Kerrville, TX 78028. To send

830-257-4544

online condolences please visit: www.grimesfuneralchapels.com

Thursday, July 20-24, at Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Dr., Canton. Please register online at www.CantonCF.org, by e-mail at vbs@ CantonCF.org, or call Stacy King at (734) 404-2480. David Washington Jr. Pastor/teacher.

Jazz worship

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11 a.m. Sunday, July 20, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church conducts a special Jazz Worship service featuring instrumentalists and singers leading hymnody and liturgy in a format that is easy and very uplifting to sing, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. Call Mark at (734) 522-6830.

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

Indy car sermon

Pastor Herschel Ele of Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt Road, will present "Finding the Finish Line," 10 a.m. Sunday, July 20 at the newly dedicated outdoor gazebo. To illustrate his theme, a Team Rahal Indy car will be on display. Photos welcome. Call (734) 421-6913.

Vacation Bible school

Water Works park where kids ride the wave of God's love 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 21-25 for K-6th grade, at Faith Community Church 14560 Merriman, Livonia. Call Missy at (734) 466-8694 for information or to register.

Fall craft show

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

Seekers of spiritual intelligence

Beacon Hill Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) examines if God, Christ and the Holy Spirit are tied into one and what it means to us during the 1 p.m. Sunday worship service in July at St. Michael Lutheran Church Chapel, 7000 N. Sheldon, south of Warren, Canton (enter through the south double doors next to the play area) For information, call (313) 402-6900 or (313) 806-PRAY, send e-mail to beaconhillccdoc@aol.com.

Summer camp

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Program for Summer Camp continues to Aug. 22. The center is open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday for ages 18 months to 12 years. For

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more information, call (734) 513-8413 or drop 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia.

Grandparents/kids weekend

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

Costs are \$283 per grandparent couple or \$154 per person, Grandchildren ages 6-17 \$90 each, 5 year olds free. Call (248) 374-7400.

Clothing bank

Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 26, at the church, 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy, between Haggerty and Lilley. The Clothing Bank is open to everyone in the community who is in need of new or like-new clothing and is held on the fourth Saturday of every month. Donations are also accepted. For information, call (734) 404-2480 or visit www.CantonCF.org.

Vacation Bible school

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

Summer music ministry

Family Choir all ages invited to sing at 9 a.m. rehearsal and then morning service July 27, Aug. 24, and Sept. 7, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730. All are welcome. Hymn sings Aug. 10, Sept. 7.

Vacation Bible school

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

Family movie night

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

Water works park

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

org. Summer day camp

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

Crafters wanted

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

UPCOMING

Married couples retreat

Friday-Saturday, Aug. 1-2, at Manresa Jesuit Retreat House, northwest corner Quarton Rd. and Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. For reservations, call (248) 644-4933 or visit www.manresasj.org.

Church bazaar

7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3, includes entertainment, open air market, children's games, food, raffles, petting farm and pony rider, at Sacred Heart Church, 3451 Rivard at 1-75 and Mack, Detroit. Free admission. Friday night jazz concert is \$20 advance, \$25 at door (313) 863-4687. For information, call (313) 831-1356 or send e-mail to sacredheart@mcleodusa. net. Proceeds benefit the church benevolent fund including feeding the homeless.

New Song ministry

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church at 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville, hosts the music and drama ministry sponsored by Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Penn. on Sunday August 3 during morning and evening services. A reception follows the 7 p.m. service. No charge. For information, call (248) 374-7400.

Vacation Bible School a.m. to noon Monday-Thursday, Aug.

4-7, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, Call (734) 422-0149.

Tent revival

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

Mom's retreat

St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia invites all Catholic Moms in the area to take personal time for prayer and relaxation, coupled with adult discussion of topics relevant to daily faith life. 8:30-10:45 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, and Aug. 27. Children's Ministry offered while moms enjoy Mass, continental breakfast, and discussion. Cost is \$8 per session with an additional \$2 per child for Children's Ministry care. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200 or visit www.livoniastmichael.org.

Open house

For Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, at 9600 Leverne, Redford. The school offers infant day care, preschool for 3-4year olds, full day kindergarten and first-eighth grades. Call Laura at (313) 937-2233 or e-mail Igoodman@ hosanna-tabor.org.

Exploring the Catholic faith Starts 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2,

in Bixman Hall (church building) at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950.

Dorje Chang is living in America Presentation focusing on the rein-

carnation of the Highest leader of Buddhism, HH Dorje Chang Buddha III, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, at 960 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit. For information, visit www.zhaxizhuoma.net/. Respected Zhaxi Zhuoma, a close disciple of HH Dorje Chang Buddha III will be the one leading the congregation in Detroit.

Tiny Tots Preschool

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

ONGOING

Thursday fellowship dinner

All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$8. Call (313) 534-7730.

Worship schedule

11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday (9:45 a.m. Sunday School), at Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland. Wednesday prayer and Bible study is 7 p.m. Youth fellowship every other Friday at 7 p.m.

Time change

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

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

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

Sanskrit chanting

An ongoing, weekly class taught by Ania Kopczynski, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No pre-registration required. A free-will collection taken at the session. For information, call (586) 353-2300 or visit www. renaissanceunity.org.

Church schedule

Garden City Presbyterian Church continues its 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music (fellowship follows). Youth Sunday School and nursery care also available at 10 a.m. Adult Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. Informal gathering 6 p.m. every Sunday with scriptures and discussion at the church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Rd. Call (734) 421-7620.

Single Place Ministry

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

Prince of Peace Church

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

Tai Chi and strength classes

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

3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org. **Church offerings**

Riverside Park Church of God, Sunday worship is at 10 a.m., Wednesday bible classes (child through adult) at 7 p.m. Youth outings held monthly. The senior group (age 50 plus) has lunch together every month. The men get together for breakfast the first Saturday of the month plus

we offer choir practice for all singers. All visitors welcome. The church is at 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for details.

Church services

Want a unique church experience? Join in Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for information.

Thrift store

Open Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Tai Chi class Orchard United Methodist Church,

30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is great for reducing stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning

to experienced participants at any time. Classes continue every Monday. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587

or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc.org for updates.

Living Water series

Mark McGilvrey leads a 10-week video series called H20 starting 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722. The group is open to men and women who would like to review the basic teachings of Jesus who claimed to be living water.

Couple prayer series

St. Colette Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia, is offering a Couple Prayer Series (www.coupleprayer.org) for married or engaged couple, began 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, in the Activity Center Hall. For registration information, call Mary Ellen at (734) 464-4435.

Day of service

Began in January, a Day of Service and Spirituality will be made available by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center. The purpose of the day is to serve, to meet, and to have one's faith grow. The day allows groups to help at the Capuchin Services Center and dine with guests at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. A tour of the Earth Works urban garden, which provides six tons of produce each season, will also be made available. The day concludes with a self-guided tour of the Solanus Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is 7th grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For information, send e-mail to ccrane@thecapuchins.org. To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit www.cskdetroit.org.

New schedule

9 a.m. Sunday school for all ages and Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion and nursery, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. All visitors welcome. For more information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www. holycrosslivonia.org.

Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Sunday, Adult Bible Class at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship at 10:30 a.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call (313) 278-5755.

Sundays: 10 a.m. Worship Service with

nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for tots through high school and Adult Faith Forum at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org. Visitors welcome. Worship service

10:45 a.m. Sundays, Adult Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship, Youth Group 5-7 p.m. and Catechism for Grown-ups 5:30-6:30 p.m., at Trinity Church of Livonia, 34500 Six Mile. For information, call (734) 425-2800.

F.I.R.E. ministries

With theme scripture, He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire (Luke 3:16), is organizing in Livonia at Living Water Church, 11663 Arcola in the Inkster and Plymouth roads area at 7 p.m. Fridays under the leadership of Luke Willis, F.I.R.E. Ministries, For more information, call (734) 425-

6360. New worship schedule

Regular church service 10 a.m. Sundays with Communion and Nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and Faith Forum, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA). 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414.

All visitors welcome. Visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

Sunday worship

11 a.m. Sunday worship service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. For information, call (734) 721-0800.

Worship services 10 a.m. Sundays Divine Liturgy fol-

lowed by a fellowship/coffee time, at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, between Newburgh and Wayne roads, Livonia. Church school for children and adults begins at 9 a.m. Sunday. Vespers are celebrated 5 p.m. Saturdays. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call (248) 476-3432 (church), (248) 477-4712 (rectory) or Web site at www.orthodoxlivonia.org.

Men's breakfast Ham & eggs, hash browns, pancakes,

and more when you come to the Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month at The Senate Restaurant, located off Haggerty Road between Five Mile and Six Mile in Northville. All men are invited for fellowship and food. Sponsored by Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

MOPS meetings

The Hosanna-Tabor Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group began meeting this fall at a new time at the Lutheran church, 9600 Leverne,

Please see CALENDAR, B7

Age 45, of Farmington Hills, MI, passed away July 12, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

LOIS M. PEDDLE (nee Warner) Age 82. Died peacefully at her home in Livonia on July 14, 2008. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest, in 2005. Dolly, as she was known by those who love her, will be sadly missed by her daughter, Lois Emerson, grandchildren (Craig) Nemier, Thomas (Terry) Karen (Sarah) Hatlen, and Keven (Tara) and great-grandchildren Matthew, Caitlyn, Cara and David, as well as her devoted collie companion Katie. Cremation and private memorial services have taken place. MICHAEL SHAY

TERESA M. NOBLE

Age 67 of Plymouth, July 14, 2008. Loving husband of Beverly. Proud father of Scott (JoAnn), Jolie, Jennifer (Brian) Sturkie and Christine (Dean) Royson. Beloved grandfather of Justin and David. Michael was a school teacher for 31 years in the Plymouth/Canton school district at West Middle School. He also coached basketball at West Middle School and Canton High School for over 30 years. Visitation will be Tues 5-9 and Wed. 1-4 and 6-9 with a Prayer Service at 7PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd (btw Sheldon & Beck), Plymouth, Funeral Service will be Thurs 11AM. Memorial contributions may be made to the Educational Excellence Foundation or Habitat for Humanity. To share memories, visit: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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Robert (Smitty) Smith, age 69, of Algonac, Mich., and Port Charlotte, Fla. died quietly at home on 7-14-2008. Arrangements have been made by the National Cremation Society

and no funeral is planned.

EDWARD SNABB Age 89 of Farmington Hills, MI, passed away July 12, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI



FRANCES "Jean **STOFLET**

Age 88 of Plymouth, June 22, 2008. Daughter of the late Harry and Clara Rogers Stoflet. Loving sister of Harriet (Howard) Boyle Lawson, Gaylord, MI. Proud aunt of Jack Boyle, Taylor, MI and Patricia Boyle McNamara, Lake Tahoe, CA. Graduate of Walled Lake High School in 1938 and graduate of Michigan State University. Employed by Parke Davis/Warner Lambert in Ann Arbor until retiring in 1979. Resident of Plymouth since 1962 and a volunteer at Plymouth Historical Society. To share memories, visit:

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ANNIE DELL H. WHITE Age 70, formerly of Farmington, died July 12. Massey Funeral Home, Zebulon, North Carolina

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Church hopes to attract visitors with race car CALENDAR

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.

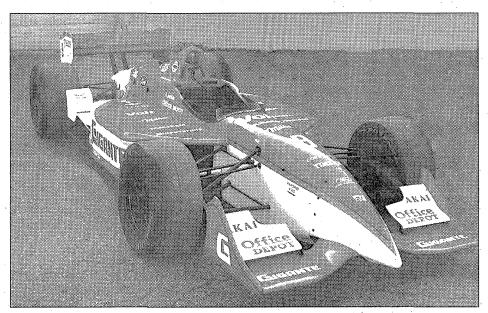
Since the church's We Have A Vision Committee is always looking for ways to revitalize the church and attract new members it was easy to come up with a sermon and event to illustrate the mes-

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

Get on the ball.

Read today's



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

"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.

coverage!

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

Garden City Presbyterian Church is located at 1841 Middlebelt on the corner of John Hauk Street, south of Ford Road. For more information, call (734) 421-7620 or visit www.gardencitypresbyterian.org.

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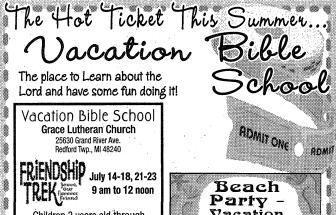
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Plan ahead now to cut steep winter heating bills

0&E STAFF WRITER

It's still midsummer, but people are already thinking ahead to winter's high home heating bills.

"I would say yes," said Sharon Klicker, owner of Sharon's Heating & Air Conditioning in Westland, when asked if customers are conscious of savings on home heating. "It's a little early to

A lot of her customers buying air conditioners are also seeking a more fuel-efficient furnace.

A recent report on the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. Channel 9 indicated Windsorarea residents are already planning for a chilly coming winter by buying fuel-efficient furnaces. Klicker, whose family business has been in Westland since 1981, emphasized you should think about a replacement furnace if yours is 15 years old or thereabouts.

"The older ones weren't as efficient as the new ones are," she said.

The price varies, but you'll generally pay \$2,000 to \$2,500 for a new furnace, including installation.

"I have seen individuals that when people buy air they are also replacing their furnace that leads me to believe they are planning ahead," Klicker said. She agreed newer furnaces are not only more efficient but also safer.

"They need to have it

checked every year for carbon monoxide," said Klicker, whose company can do that work.

Mike Miller, general manager of Family Heating, Cooling & Electrical in Garden City, agreed that residents are concerned about looming high heating costs. "More and more people are looking to replace their furnace," said Miller, with the family-owned business that's been there 40 years.

Miller noted 80 percent's the industry standard for annual fuel utilization, meaning 80 percent goes to heat the home and there's minimal loss to the outdoors.

'We usually say about 20 years is a good life expectancy, 20 to 25 years," he said of furnaces lasting.

The government changed air conditioner efficiency guidelines a few years ago, but that's less of a concern here in Michigan, said Miller, than in the South, due to our relatively few really hot days.

"Just basically to keep their filters clean and changed," he said of keeping costs down this coming winter. He agreed an annual inspection for safety with carbon monoxide is vital.

"Usually, people have it sitting in the basement until it breaks," Miller noted with a chuckle, adding other customers are diligent about furnace maintenance. He recommends you turn on your



furnace each fall to make sure it's operational. That should be done in the spring as well for air conditioning.

"All the companies are slammed because they're all getting the calls the same day," he said of those customers who don't plan ahead. "So it's a good idea to get them checked early."

Caring for kids could be an issue at condo

Q: We live in a condominium complex where the president is a nitpicker and most of the residents are "elderly." We are relatively young and baby-sit for our friends' kids who live down the block. The president has come to our house and said that since we are baby-sitting, that is somehow in violation of the condominium documents. What can we do about it?

A: It, of course, depends upon the documents, but I do not see



Robert Meisner

situation.

how you can be faulted for what you are doing even if you are being paid for it, unless you are running a day care center,

which is specifically prohibited by the documents. I would suggest that you retain the services of an experienced community association attorney and write the association questioning its authority to deal with the

Q: I heard about a dispute about a dog swimming in a condominium pool leading to an altercation. Do you have any information on this?

A: I am advised that an argument over a pet swimming in a condominium pool lead to the death of one resident. A resident had requested that the co-owner obey the condominium rules prohibiting dogs from the swimming pool, and he later head butted the co-owner and held him under water until he suffered a heart attack. This underscores the need for directors and officers of the association to refrain from directly getting involved in bylaw enforcement issues. This should be left to the managing agent and/or attorney and, if necessary,

the police. Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisnerassociates.com. This column

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Use of a space heater calls for plenty of caution

Did you know that the peak time for home heating fires is between 6 and 9 p.m.? Or that space heaters account for nearly three-quarters of homefire fatalities, two-thirds of the injuries and more than half of property damage?

Those are some of the intriguing and yes, disturbing findings of a survey by the National Fire Protection Agency — findings that serve as a good reminder at the start of winter to take care in heating our homes, especially if we use space heaters.

According to the NFPA, heating equipment was involved in an estimated 62,200 reported home structure fires in 2005, resulting in 670 civilian deaths, 1,550 injuries and \$909 million in direct property damage. Chimneys and chimney connectors accounted for the largest share equipment, better building of home heating fires, 36 percent in 2005, but resulted in no deaths. The chief reason for these fires was failure to clean chimneys and connectors.

But space heaters continue to be the most dangerous, at least in terms of injuries and fatalities. And the major reason for space heater blazes: The heater was too close to something that could catch

Fire safety officials take heart in some of the report's good news. There has been a steady decline in home heating fires since 1982 when there more than 235,000 fires resulting in 1,190 deaths and 3,480 injuries. NFPA attributes the decline to a variety of factors, including safer codes, wider use of smoke alarms, somewhat warmer winters and public education.

Consumers Reports offers these safe heating tips from NFPA and the Consumer **Product Safety Commission:**

■ Inspect all heating equipment annually, and clean as necessary.

■ When buying a space heater, make sure it carries the mark of an independent testing laboratory and is approved for use in your community (some communities may not allow kerosene heaters, for example).

■ Space heaters need space. Keep all things that can burn, such as paper, bedding or furniture, at least three feet away from heating equipment.

■ Use the proper grade of he proper fuel for your liquidfueled space heater, and never use gasoline in any heater not approved for gasoline use. Refuel only in a well-ventilated area and when the equip-

ment is cool. ■ Turn portable heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.

■ Plug power cords only into outlets with sufficient capacity and never into an extension cord.

■ Inspect for cracked, frayed or broken plugs or loose connections. Replace before using.

■ Have your chimney inspected each year and cleaned if necessary.

■ Use a sturdy fireplace screen. Allow ashes to cool before disposing. Dispose of ashes in a metal container.

■ Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. For the best protection interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home — when one sounds, they all sound. Test smoke alarms at least once a month.

■ Install and maintain a carbon monoxide alarm in a central location outside each sleeping area.

■ Never use an oven to heat your home.

■ Periodically check the CPSC's recall list to make sure a heater you own has not been the subject of a recall.

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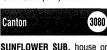
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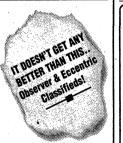
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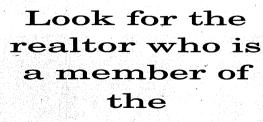
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July 19 ,9am-2pm. Furniture clothes, glassware, pics, etc. **ROYAL OAK** July 19-20, 9am-3pm. 4502 Tonawanda Ave., S. of 14

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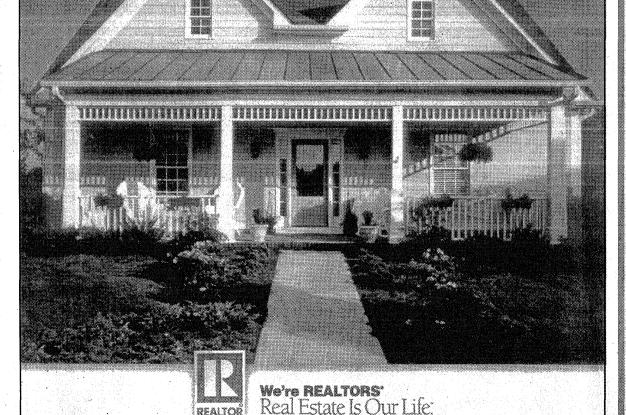
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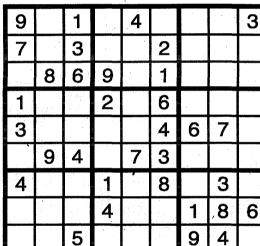
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Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) is launching a new program to assist southeastern Michigan's homebuyers in finding ready-to-move-in new homes this July. The Buy In July program features more than 100 homes built by the 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

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"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.

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Build Southeast Michigan sets goals

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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

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 "The majority of businesses

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

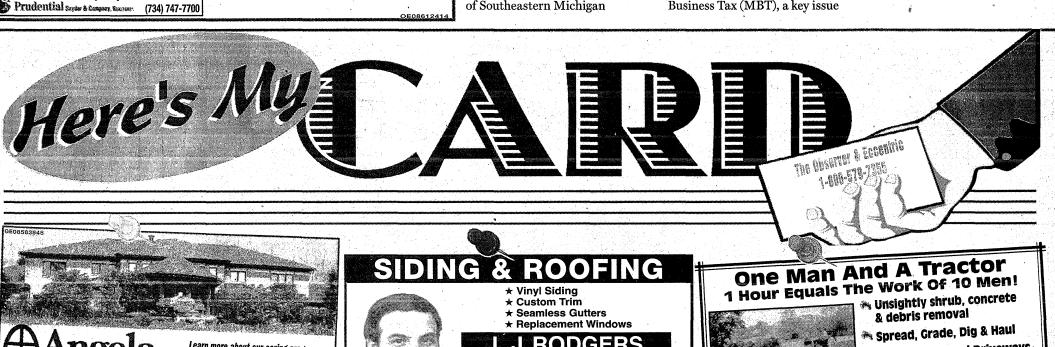
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is to work with state legislators and the governor to reduce the negative impact of the Michigan Business Tax (MBT), a key issue

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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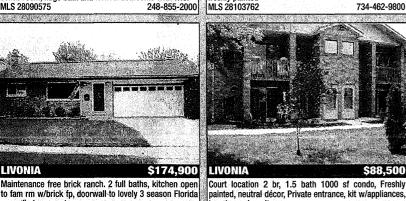
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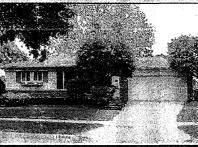
Beautiful 3 br, 3 ba lakefront home! Two story great rm w/views of lake. Beautiful kit w/all appls. Finished walkout has family rm w/frplc.



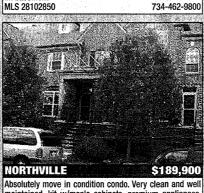
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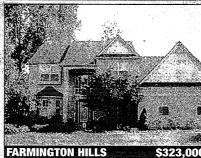
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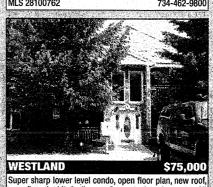
4 BR, 2 1/2 BA, 2 car side entry gar, large deck. Mstr bdrm w/large W/l closet & vanity. Kit w/wood firs, gran counters, all appls incl. Office/lib, new crpt/cer firs, paint MLS 28096714 248-855-2000



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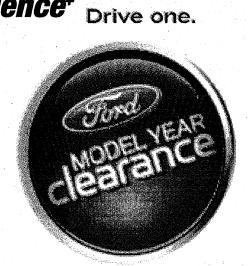
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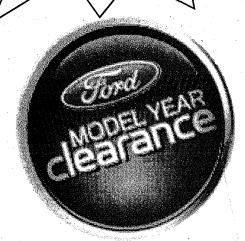


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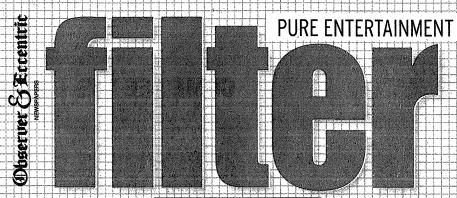
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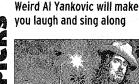


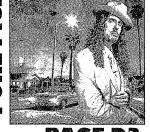


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FILTER gets a facelift

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

The Observer & Eccentric's weekly entertainment sec-



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till be your guide to entertainment in metro Detroit, filtered for you by our staff of hip and talented

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writers. It will still appear each Thursday, and will contain fea-

tures 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 OಆE'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 for-

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

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MANKERS



Jeff Robinson mixes a song for the band Severance.

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.

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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&F 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 PAH-



Fest, an intense weeklong shop in storytelling and filmmaking

pletely 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 Dragonmom 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.

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

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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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.

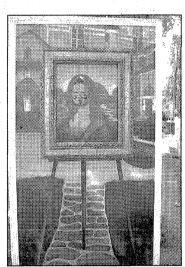
It's highlighted with a parade, historic tours, a prestigious juried art fair, music and hordes of events of kids.

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 Founder's 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

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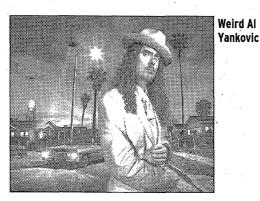


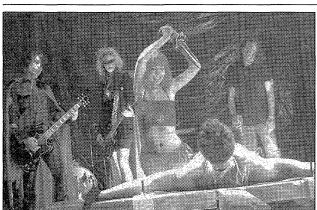


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this weekend, July 17-22

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.

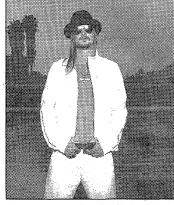




Craig Martin (from left), Lauren Brielle, Laura Lyon, Simon Burzynski and Colby Veil star in "Attitude for Destruction," premiering 5 p.m. July 19 at the Motor City Nightmares convention in Novi.

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.motorcitynightmares.com for the particulars.

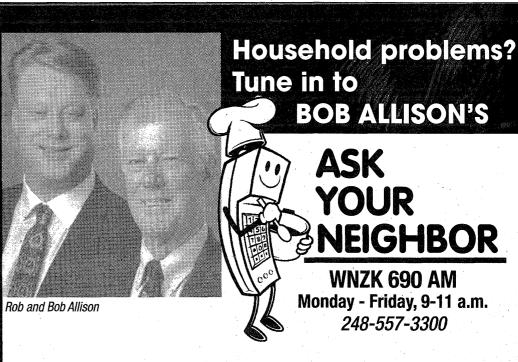
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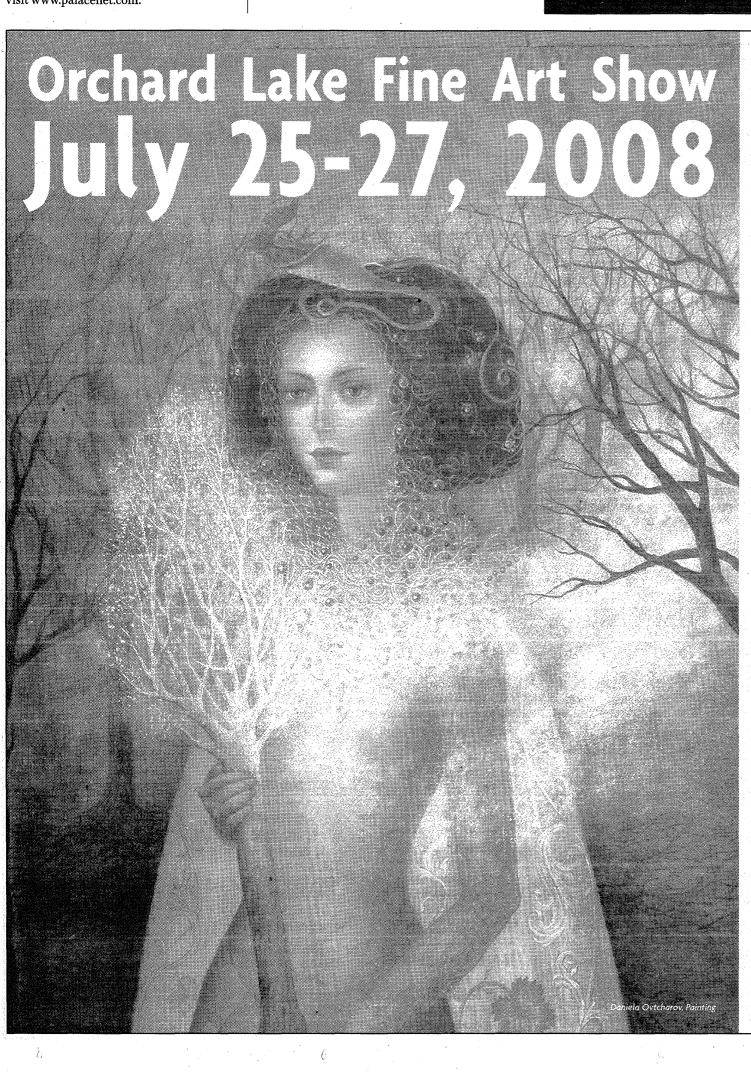
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and Sunday, July 19 and 20. Birmingham features one stage and the audience congregates on the grass at Shain Park.

Livonia features six stages, including one outdoor stage stocked with a lineup of younger talent. Livonia's jazzfest has a jazz cafe to teach you how to listen to jazz and notice the wild,

well-honed improvisation created by musicians live on stage. Birmingham's has a children's program so your little ones will have plenty to keep themselves occupied.

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BELIEVE IT OR NOT

HE'S THE GOOD GUY

Flutist Alexander Zonjic returns as the artistic director for the festival in Birmingham. On Friday, there's a kickoff party at the Community House from 6 to 9 p.m. with drinks, hors d'oeuvres and entertainment by Carl Cafagna & North Star Jazz. Tickets are \$75. Call (248) 644-5832.

Cafagna is one of just several musicians performing at both festivals. He is a saxophonist, clarinetist, flutist and vocalist. Tumbao Bravo, playing Latin jazz, plus music students in The Motor City Quartet also perform at both.

The Community House Jazzfest almost didn't happen this year, but was pulled together at the last minute when sponsors pledged their help.

"In spite of a challenging economy I am so pleased to announce the 2008 Community House Jazzfest is back and better than ever," Zonjic said. "Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors and a lot of hard work from the Community House and our Jazzfest Committee, jazz lovers will once again enjoy a weekend of world class jazz."

In Livonia, the festival offers several stages to suit the huge, rich talent pool of Detroit-area jazz musicians.

"Detroit is an incredible jazz town," said bass player Ray Enderle. "There are so many talented musicians that deserve more exposure.

THE MUSICIANS

Visit each festival's website listed here for the full lineup. Examples in Livonia include Tartar Sauce Traditional Jazz

Band at 6:15 p.m.; Johnny Trudell Big Band at 8 p.m. and the Terry Lower Sextet at 1:30 In Birmingham, performers

include Sunday with Zonjic & Friends with Nelson Rangell and The Motor City Horns at 7:30 p.m., University of Toledo Faculty Jazz Ensemble at 4 p.m.

LOCAL BANDS AT CONCERT OF COLORS

Don't forget this weekend is the Concert of Colors, the free world music festival where Grammy Winner Don Was is performing with some of the area's best musicians.

The festival is at the Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave. in Detroit Friday to Sunday July 18-20. Was, a founder of the band Was (Not Was), performs at 7:15 p.m. Sunday. His super session includes Luis Resto on keyboards, Randy Jacobs on guitar, and Terry Thunder on percussion. Also performing are David Was, activist John Sinclair, the MC5's Wayne Kramer plus members of The Black Bottom Collective; Detroit Cobras; The Dirthombs; The Ramrods; Black Merda; The Muldoons; Sisters Lucas and Lola Morales. Visit www.concertofcolors.com.



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Celebrate the birthday 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday, July 18 with DJ Michael Geiger. The bosco is located at 22030 Woodward Ave., next to the Magic Bag, in Ferndale.

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Robinson said. "If it's a baby (young) band, I have to see if the project will go the distance, and look at their chemistry to see if the musicians are serious.'

When Robinson determines the band has potential, and once the recording is finished, he helps arrange to get the CD ready for sale with an actual bar code - from start to finish the average project can cost up to \$10,000. He then guides the artists about the business side of music. His studio isn't just for vanity projects — that's what Myspace is for, he said.

"They're getting more than a CD, they're getting facilitated growth ... we make a campaign to make some noise about the CD."

Robinson knows his recording studio has heavy competition. Musicians today can mix music on their home computers — but most of them will not take it further.

"In 1965 there were 215 albums," Robinson said, quoting statistics from Top Ten Review. "In 2007 there were 37,000."

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Robinson is making noise for the indie rock band

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Woodward; the band takes its modern sound (with an '80s vibe) to clubs throughout metro Detroit. He also has faith in The Mark White Band.

"Mark White is a Christian band, so it's a niche market," Robinson said. "The sound is alternative — imagine the Barenaked Ladies with Christian lyrics.'

He's also recorded and mixed (sometimes producing) bands like Penumbrae; Verb and Black Grass Orchestra. He's currently working to bring Los Angeles country rockers Merle Jagger to the Motor City.

In the late '80s, he worked in the radio industry at Q 106. FM in Lansing, for example. Later he relocated to L.A. to work in the recording indus-

But, as the industry changed, Robinson came home to Michigan. Today a band doesn't have to live in LA for success. Technology has changed that and Robinson can work here near his family.

Wherever he lives, he wants to guide musicians and protect them from entities that take too much money.

"There are some websites that will take a band's money and do nothing to help sell CDs," Robinson said. "The bands would make as much money selling straight from their own Web sites.'

SPEAKING OF THE MAGIC BAG...



Tony Lucca plays the Magic Bag.

Pontiac's own singer/songwriter Tony Lucca, who has a big fan base online, performs 8 p.m. Sunday, July 20 at the Magic Bag with musicians Joe Firstman and Brian Wright. Tickets are \$10, 21 and over.

In his teen years, Lucca played in garage bands throughout Oakland County. At 15, he moved to Orlando working as a Mouseketeer on the Disney Channel's All New Mickey Mouse Club. Then, he went to L.A. and landed a role on Aaron Spelling's Malibu Shores before he realized he wanted to focus on music.

His music been featured in the WB television show Felicity and he has shared the stage with Macy Gray, Alanis Morissette, Sheila E and Jonny. Lucca has also

toured with Marc Anthony and N'Sync. Firstman, of North Carolina, is the son of a professional opera singer. He has played piano since the age of 10, and toured with Sheryl Crow. He signed with Atlantic Records in 2001. The Magic bag is located at 22920 Woodward Ave., in Ferndale. Call (248) 544-1991.

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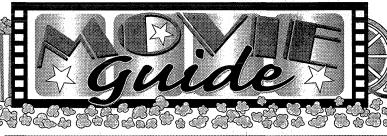
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Oakland Hills was one of four facilities to receive the award in the Private Clubs or Resorts category, which recognizes food-service establishments that exemplify a commitment to excellence in their area.

Oakland Hills offers upscale TWO GRUB CRAWLS casual, comfort and fine dining. The club's extensive wine list complements menu options including cedarplanked 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.oaklandhillscc.com.

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

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.

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

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GUEST WRITER

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 differ-

ent meanings in Japanese, accord-

ing 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

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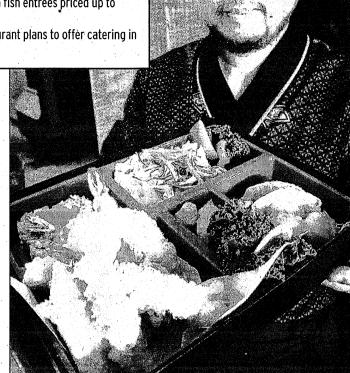
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Carryout: Available, and the restaurant plans to offer catering in the future.

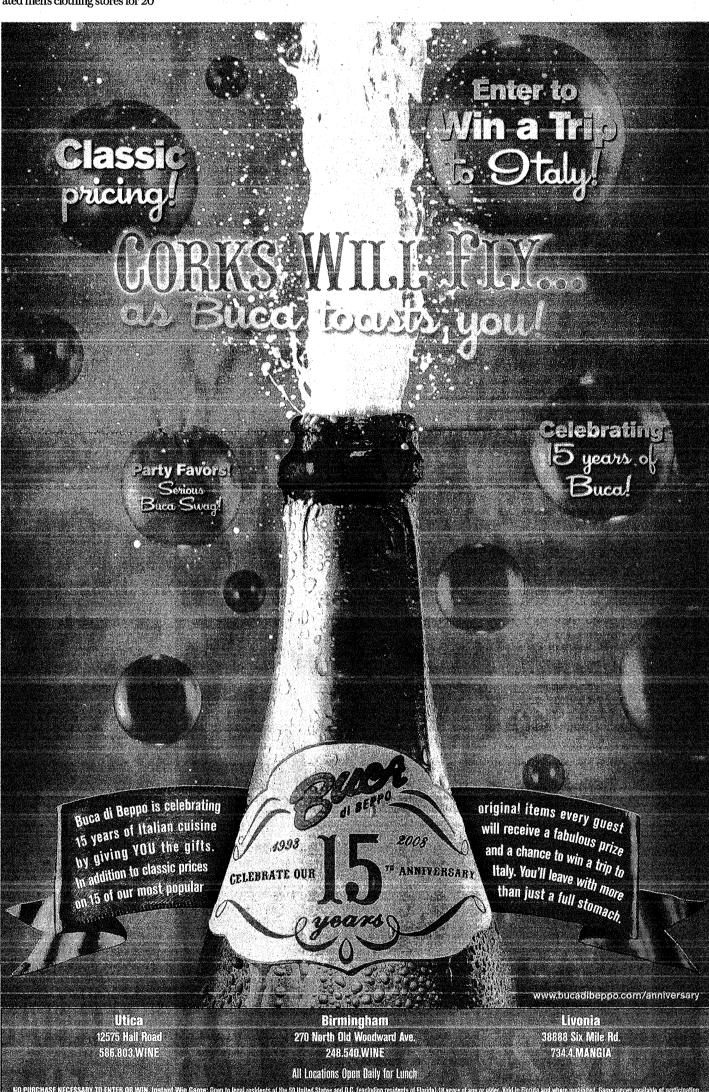
years. With the current economy, he found it difficult to compete with the large department stores in the area. He has a few friends in the restaurant business, so he learned the ropes from them. He then hired a chef, Jung Park, who formerly worked at Mine Sushi in West Bloomfield and Sushi Ko in Farmington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

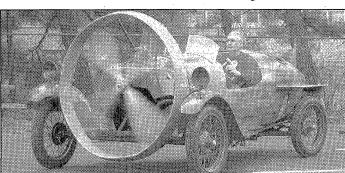
This year's festivities kick off today. Here's a rundown of what's to come, in Concours-style:

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 CONCOURS 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.

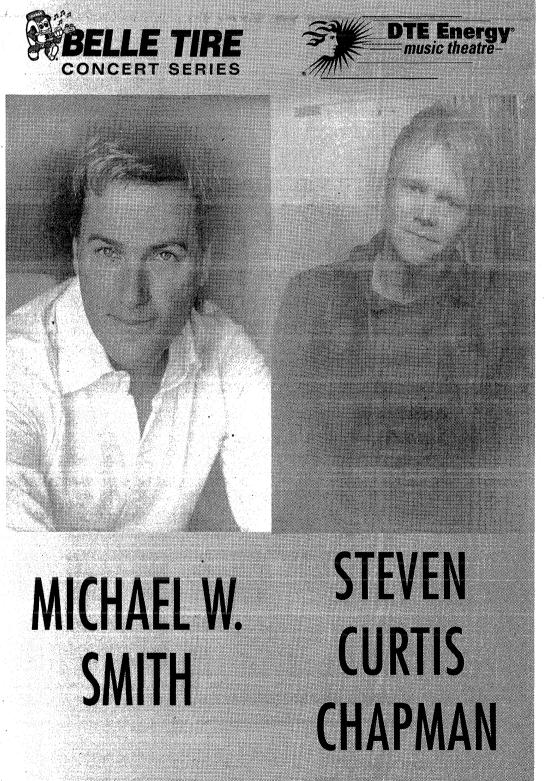
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Each year the night before the Concours features a gala — and this year's event will span the tastes and cultures of the globe under the theme Vineyard on the Hill. Sample wines and food pairings from five countries as well as a silent auction, art 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 **0&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 Chowen of Oakland Township. the show will mark his first outdoor acting endeavor. And he said performing Romeo ಆ Juliet around sunset makes for a suitable, romantic setting. Chowen saw the auditions posted at Wayne State University this spring and earned two parts.

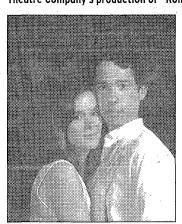
He portrays Gregory in the action-filled opening scenes of the show and returns later as Paris, Juliet's husband. "He loves Juliet and is willing to die for her," said Chowen.

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.



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 ${\rm comedy}\,\textit{Bare foot in the Park.}$

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

OPENING FRIDAY, JULY 18 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, Garv Oldman, Aaron Eckhart, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Morgan Freeman. PG-13.

MAMMA MIA!

Meryl Streep leads an allstar 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.

FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2008 BRIDESHEAD

REVISITED 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





Glamorous Marlaina Stone tells stories in her jewelry

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

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 neck laces, bracelets and rings are available only through a few prestigious locations — such at 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, braclets 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 Magdelena has rounded turquoise stones, nearly three-dozen pieves of long of black

coral, one rare piece of red coral, a pearl

MARLAINA STONE

Who she is: Designer of the Marlaina Stone Collection; jewelry consisting of rare stones, exotic crystals and funky beads from around the world. Each piece tells a story. Stone is a fashionista who has set trends in the fashion world for more than 15 years.

Wear her pieces with: Anything. Dress them up or down. However, the high-end necklaces, bracelets and rings are intended to spice-up a plain outfit, she said.

Shops: Marlaina Stone Studios, by appointment only, (248) 544-9925; Art Leaders Gallery, West Bloomfield, (248) 539-0262;

Detroit Institute of Arts Museum Shop, (313) 833-7900. Website: www.marlainastone.com

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. Magdelena represents peace, love and ripped denim.

The story of Magdelena, 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 jawdropping 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

New 'Project Runway' features Troy designer

BY WENSDY 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 premeire 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.

Wear It!

Bangles

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

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 thou-

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

Stone, whose savvy website is an experi-

ence itself, is no stranger to setting trends.

For years, she helped decide what teens

of the first stores to make super-trendy

looks not as a purchaser, but a designer.

Stone's prestige is obvious; getting

feat. Seeing her line accepted by Kerzner

International, a major developer of desti-

nation resorts and also the owners of the

lush Cove Atlantis of Paradise Island in

Her style is pure glamour. Everyone

woman can use some Marlaina in her life.

the Bahamas, is an accomplishment on its

into the DIA Museum store is no easy

clothing affordable. Now Stone is creating

and 20-somethings would wear — defining the style at Contempo Casuals, one

sand gentlemen wanting her attention.

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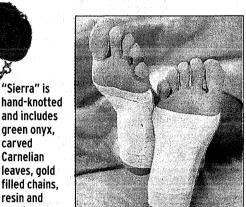
Bento box lunches at Sushi House, Farmington Hills

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ROCHESTER - Merchants will offer

discounts and promotions during the city's annual Sidewalk Sales, July 17-19. Call (248) 656-0060 or visit www. DowntownRochesterMl.com.

MIXX hosts Cut-A-Thon

ROCHESTER - MIXX Salon and Spa will host a Cut-a-Thon during the Rochester Sidewalk Sales 5-8 p.m. July 18. Cuts, \$10 for children 1-12; \$15 for men; \$20 for women, benefit the Career Dress Program at Lighthouse of Oakland County. MIXX is located at 303 South Main Street. Call (248) 651-8288 or visit www.mixxsalon.com.

Brows for Bow Wows ROCHESTER - Mariposa Beauty

Boutique & Studio will host "Brows for Bow Wows" July 21-26. Book an appointment to have your brows shaped, and 10 percent will be

donated to the Michigan Humane Society. Mariposa is located at 6814 N.

Rochester Road. Call (248) 656-3400. Peek-A-Bootique Grand Opening WEST BLOOMFIELD - Sisters Marla

Bednarsh and Alisa Berke invite shoppers to celebrate their new upscale children's clothing shop, Peek-A-Bootique, 10 a.m. July 21 at The Boardwalk shops. The store features trendy labels and a kids area with TV, toys and books. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. Call (248) 935-4503. **Garage Sale benefits Judson Center**

Hawes, 15, will host garage sale to raise money for the Judson Center, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. July 19 in the front lobby of Lahser High School, 3456 Lahser Road, Bloomfield Hills. All items will be under \$10. Call (248) 723-0794 or

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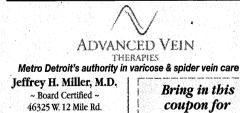
ahawes93@yahoo.com. Antique & Garage Sale

ROYAL OAK - More than 300 dealers will sell wares at The Royal Oak Antique & Garage Sale July 19-20, in the parking structure on Lafayette Ave. between Fifth and Sixth. Del Guidice Gallery will offer free "Antiques Roadshow"-style estimates Sat. and Sun. Call (248) 547-4000 or visit royaloakchamber.com.



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