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Police look for suspect in computer thefts

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

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

Police have identified 34-year-old Jason Smith in the thefts. Police say Smith, described as an African-American male, 6-foot-3, weighing some 200 pounds with brown eyes and brown hair, obtains entry into busi-



pretends to be part of a cleaning crew. They also say the suspect leaves the premises if confronted by employees. Police say

nesses and

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

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

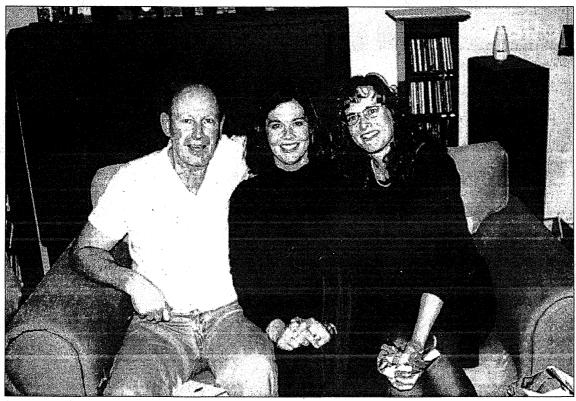
That attack took place, police say, when the suspect broke into the business looking to steal laptop computers.

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 5foot-10, 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.

Anyone with information about either case can call Plymouth Township police at (734) 354-3250.

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Brian Murphy with daughters Bridget Wallman (center) and Kelly Seelbinder.

One last 'fling'

Family: It's time to bid farewell to missing man

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Every year around his birthday, Brian Murphy would throw himself a birthday bash.

Murphy, who disappeared in December while vacationing in Hawaii and hasn't been seen since, isn't here to celebrate his 68th birthday. But his daughters, who flew to Hawaii to search for their father over the winter, aren't letting the tradition die.

They're hosting a party Saturday at the Murphy home in Plymouth, dubbed "Murphy's Last Fling," and they're hoping Brian Murphy's friends will join them to remember their father, whom they describe as quite the social person.

"My dad was very social and liked to throw a lot of parties," said Kelly Seelbinder of Kalamazoo. "When my sister and I were in Hawaii looking for my dad right after Christmas, she commented that so many of his friends have been calling. She said, 'I had no idea how many friends dad had.' She said it'd be really good if we did something so people could say their good-

Murphy disappeared Dec. 5 when he was hiking on Mauna



as a powerful snowstorm was approaching, and he had not returned from his hike. A six-day, full-scale search (using 50 or more searchers) was

Kea. His rental

car was found

that evening,

conducted. Later that month, family - including Seelbinder, her sister Bridget Wallman and sister-in-law Sarah O'Hare travelled to search for him with the help of authorities and volunteers (some 30 searchers). At the end of May, according

to the Seelbinders, another family member travelled to Hawaii, where additional searchers joined in the effort and again found nothing. About a month ago, after almost all of the snow had melted, another large search party (approximately 35 searches) again came up with nothing.

The family, according to Seelbinder, has decided it's time to say good-bye. The party "A memorial celebration of life," Seelbinder said — takes place Saturday at Murphy's home, 10995 N. Territorial, in Plymouth. The picnic luncheon starts at noon, followed by

"memory sharing," and then an afternoon of socializing and fun, including music, food, drinks, volleyball, swimming, dancing, yard games and a bonfire with

Murphy, his daughter said, had many friends, developed over years of coaching, whether it was at Our Lady of Good Counsel or track and cross country at Central Middle School.

Murphy leaves behind his two daughters, Kelly (David) Seelbinder and Bridget (Brian) Wallman; five grandchildren; his mother, Anne O'Brien; brothers Bruce and Brett; and sisters Patricia and Sharon.

The family is hoping many of Murphy's friends will attend the party. Those who can't, Seelbinder said, can send their memories via e-mail (to Seelbinder at calltheexperts@ vahoo.com or Wallman at bmw1002@comcast.net) for inclusion in the memory sharing.

We thought it would be a great idea," Seelbinder said. "We said if he wasn't found once six months had passed we'd do something, and we thought we'd do it around his birthday, because he usually had a big party for his birthday."

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Chamber forced to shift location for election forum

Township board does last-minute back-pedal

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An 11th-hour decision by the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees left organizers of a forum for candidates in the Plymouth Township election scrambling to find a new location at the last minute.

The unanimous decision by the township board — made at the end of a lengthy meeting that included a closed session — forced Wes Graff, executive director of the Plymouth

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Community Chamber of Commerce, to find a new location for the forum, which had been scheduled for Wednesday night at Plymouth Township Hall.

In the end, Graff was able to find a new location — the Comfort Inn of Plymouth. The forum featured candidates for supervisor, clerk and trustee. The forum had been scheduled for nearly a month. Graff said he requested use of the

township's meeting room in mid-June, and sent letters to candidates June 26. He found out about the board's decision in a voice mail left for him on the chamber's voice mail. "I'm frustrated it was 10:30 the night before

the event," said Graff. "But at the same time I have to respect their decision based on the legal advice they received." According to Plymouth Township Supervisor

Richard Reaume, Township Attorney Tim Cronin advised the board late Tuesday night he believed the forum violates the state's campaign finance law. Reaume said he wasn't sure who asked

Cronin for the opinion.

"Some members of the board were concerned," Reaume said, without identifying anyone individually. "(Cronin) said he'd done some research and said there could be concerns in relation to state campaign finance law."

Michigan's Campaign Finance Act says, in part, "A public body ... shall not use or authorize the use of ... office space ... or other public resources to make a contribution or expenditure or provide volunteer personal services that are excluded from the definition of contri-

However, among a list of exemptions from this section is this: "The use of a public facility owned or leased by, or on behalf of, a public body if any candidate or committee has an equal opportunity to use the public facility."

According to Graff, all candidates in contested races were invited to the forum. The only candidates not invited were Treasurer Ron Edwards, who is unopposed; and independent candidates Don Schnettler (supervisor) and Richard Sharland (treasurer), who aren't on the August primary ballot.

Reaume said some concerns were raised following a recent forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County, at which some candidates produced campaign literature. That was the second such forum allowed by township officials.

"It was brought up, I don't know how or why," Reaume said. "Do other communities do it? Yes. Have we done it in the past? Yes. Does that make it right? Maybe not, I don't know."

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Relay's cancer fighters pleased with success

The New Liberty Bank team, which included (from left) Pam Hendrickson, former employee Sue Volz, who walked in the Survivor Lap, Nancy Foutch and Lee Panagiotides, got a Silver Team sign for raising more than \$2,500 for the Relay for Life.



BY JULIE BROWN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Dean Klump and wife Linda of Plymouth are both cancer survivors, so participating in this past weekend's Plymouth Relay for Life was a natural.

"Most everyone has been touched by cancer," said Dean Klump, retired pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. He was team captain for the Plymouth Kiwanis club's team, one of 19 teams made up of some 130 walkers.

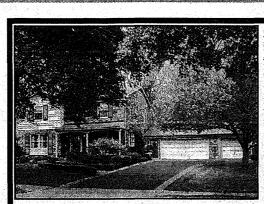
Linda, a school psychologist with the Monroe intermediate district, is a six-year breast cancer survivor; her husband is a four-year survivor of prostate cancer. Their team had 24 walkers, said Dean Klump, a Colonial (Noon) Kiwanis member.

"This is just an opportunity for us to raise money," he said of the American Cancer Society fundraiser, held for the second year in Plymouth. "If it rains, it rains." The pastor must have some pull with the

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Coming Sunday: Shawn Johnson is the gymnast to watch in Beijing, says 1996 gold medalist Shannon Miller.

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Lord, as rain was minimal. "We won't melt," Linda added with a smile.

"We're glad for community support," her husband agreed. "We know without community support this really wouldn't happen."

Linda Klump has found cancer survivors benefit from being together, realizing there's hope. Many of those survivors, in their distinctive purple shirts, led the way around the Central Middle School track as the event got under way just after 10 a.m. Saturday. The Relay ran through 10 a.m. Sunday, and

Saturday night luminary ceremony to honor and remember those impacted by cancer.

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"We have 19 teams who have committed to walk for 24 hours," said Angela Harris, associate director for the ACS Metro Detroit Service Center, based in Southfield. "Our goal is \$40,000," compared to \$22,000 raised last year. As of Monday morning, the Plymouth event had raised more than \$48,000.

Money supports research, education and advocacy services, said Detroit resident Harris, who noted the ACS is the country's second largest cancer researcher, after the federal government.

There are 54 Relays, with Plymouth the last for the season for her office. "We try to put

who lost an aunt, a nonsmoker, to lung cancer June 19.

Brian Waskiewicz of Canton, Plymouth event chair, was a busy man Saturday morning. "We are going to have a wonderful event." said Waskiewicz, who's in sales with PromoPix/Experiential Marketing of Farmington Hills. He and his company were providing memento photos with the walkers on the Central Middle School track.

Waskiewicz lost his grandfather to cancer, and last year lost a good friend to the disease, giving her eulogy in his Relay shirt. He was pleased Friday night that \$39,000 had been raised before the Relay even started, almost to the goal.

Waskiewicz walked with the Kiwanis and the Plymouth Chiropractic & Wellness Center teams.

Program rewards kids 'caught' being safe

BY NATALIE BURG CORRESPONDENT

Moms nagging won't be the only reason kids in Plymouth have to keep safety in mind this summer.

Thanks to the trauma prevention program ThinkFirst Michigan, McDonald's and the Plymouth Police Department, kids who get "caught" wearing a helmet while bicycling this summer will receive a coupon for a free ice cream cone or apple dipper treat as a part of the Caught Being Safe! pro-

"This is a great chance for us get out there and interact with the kids in our community," said Plymouth Police

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Chief Wayne Carroll. "If there's anything that can help them remember to put their helmets on, it's got to be ice cream. And to us, whatever it takes to keep them safe is a good thing."

According to ThinkFirst, more than 800 Americans are killed and 55,000 are injured each year in bicycle accidents, and wearing a helmet can greatly reduce a rider's chance of being harmed when accidents occur. This is ThinkFirst's fourth annual Caught Being Safe! campaign. ThinkFirst states the program has shown a significant increase in helmet use and public awareness of its importance.

"And plus, its fun!" Carroll said. "Nothing is better for us than keeping kids safe and happy, and nothing's better for them than getting prizes."

Plymouth police officers will be watching for helmet wearers and distributing the McDonald's coupons throughout the summer.

For more information on the program, contact the Plymouth Police Department at 734-453-8600.

CORRECTION

A story in the July 20 Plymouth Observer should not have said former trustee K.C. Mueller is running for trustee in the Aug. 5 election. Mueller is running for supervisor. Michael Kelly is on the ballot for trustee.



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Citizen police academy

The Plymouth Township Police Department hosts its seventh Citizens Police Academy beginning Sept. 10. The 11-week program offers residents and businesses a first-hand look into the law enforcement operations of the Plymouth Township Police Department.

Participants meet 7-10 p.m. each Wednesday at Plymouth Township hall. There is no charge for the program; however, application and acceptance to the program are required.

Students must be 18 years old to participate. Deadline for applications is Aug. 17, and class size is limited.

Applications can be obtained at the Plymouth Township Police Department, 9955 Haggerty, or by calling (734) 354-3232. Application forms may also be downloaded from the Plymouth Township Web site at www.plymouthtwp.org under the heading "Forms." For more information on the program, contact Officer Jamie Senkbeil at (734) 354-3243.

Electronic waste collection

The Wayne County Department of Environment and Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit partner to bring the "Dell RECONNECT" electronic waste collection program to Plymouth Township July 26.

RECONNECT is a comprehensive electronics recovery, reuse and environmentally responsible recycling opportunity offering free dropoff recycling and reuse options for unwanted

Only the following items will be accepted: computer monitors, CPUs, keyboards, mouse devices, printers, copiers, fax machines, cell phones. No boxes, manuals or software will be accepted.

The event takes place 8 a.m. to noon at Compuware Arena, 14900 Beck, in Plymouth Township. For additional event information, please call (734) 326-3936.

Band car wash

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band hosting its annual "PCMB Car Washathon" 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9 at the Plymouth High School parking lot on Beck Road south of Joy in

The car wash is free. Money is raised through pledges gathered by approximately 200 band members.

Individual band members of the not-forprofit organization are accepting between one-half cent to two cents for every car washed or a donation prior to the day's activities. The band expects to wash about 1,000 vehicles. Donations are tax deductible.

'The Car Washathon" is one of the biggest fund-raisers of the year," said Scott Ragland, president of the 2008 Plymouth Canton Music Boosters. "The money raised helps the kids with participation fees to be in the band, including uniforms, instruction, and the cost to attend



Wishes granted

Sue lanni of the Make-A-Wish Foundation presents 'thank you' plaques to (from left) Russ Sarns and Barry Hensel, Eastern Michigan Camaro Club, and Scott LaRiche, owner of Lou LaRiche Chevrolet, after the EMCC, sponsored by LaRiche, presented a check for \$1,500 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation Monday. The money was raised at the EMCC's 17th annual Camaro Superfest all-Camaro car show in Riverside Park in Ypsilanti. Featuring 210 Camaros, EMCC raised the donations through various activities at the event. "We held 50-50 drawings, we did a silent auction, had a raffle for a couple of special die cast model cars and \$1 of every spectator admission was donated directly to our charity efforts," said Barry Hensel, event chairman and EMCC Vice President. For more information on the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan visit www.wishmich.org and for more information on Camaro Superfest, visit www. camarosuperfest.com.

band camp in August. The car wash itself is fun for the kids and parents alike."

The award-winning high school band is comprised of students at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park in Canton, Mich. This is the first year the car wash will be hosted at Plymouth High School.

Internet workshop

Learn strategies and techniques to raise your Google rankings and increase traffic to your Web site during an interactive workshop 6-8:30 p.m. Aug. 19, (networking begins at 5:30 p.m.) at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Internet marketing expert Corey Perlman will discuss low-cost strategies such as using eNewsletters, press releases and blogs to create more buzz about your business and bring more visitors through your door. This workshop will be conducted in a simple, easy-to-understand presentation that Perlman promises to be fun, entertaining and extremely beneficial to your

Before creating the Small Business eBoot Camp, Perlman spent three years with the e-Commerce division of General Motors where he visited 37 cities throughout the country providing one-day seminars to GM dealership personnel. He left GM in 2002 to help build an internet start-up, InfoAlly.com, which was recently acquired in 2005.

Anyone interested in learning more about the upcoming workshop, contact Sherrie Pryor from the Downtown Development Authority, (734) 455-1453.

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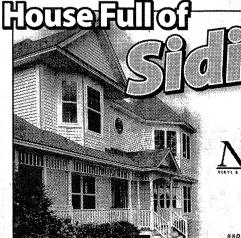




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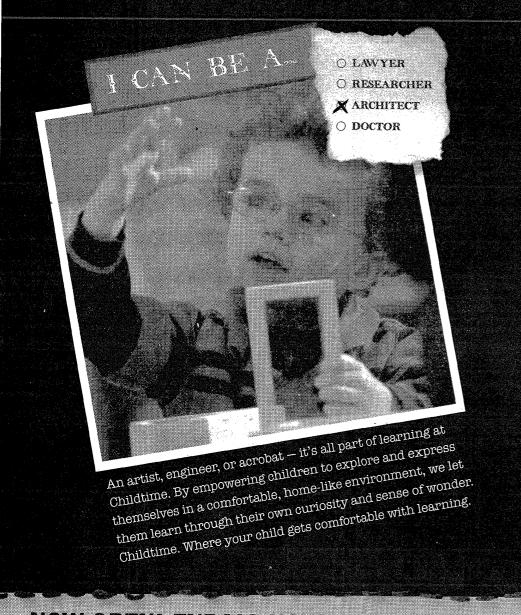
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Plymouth Community Band

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 major sponsor McCully's Educational Resource Center, Main Street Bank, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., and Huron Valley Ambulance, takes to the Kellogg Park stage Wednesdays at noon.

- The schedule:
- July 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.

The Bluescasters take to the stage in the Friday night concert series in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

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- Shield: ■ July 25: Bluescasters
- Aug. 1: Paul King's

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You have to be proactive to seek out available scholarships

It's hard to believe that summer is more than halfway over and before you know it kids will be heading back to school. Since home equity loans are no longer a viable alternative for many, the question of where to get money for college this fall becomes an issue many fami-

One way to go - if you're short of money — is through one of the college loan programs. There are many types of loan programs available. In addition to talking to a college financial aid officer, there are excellent Web sites to use to learn about loans and how to obtain them. Findaid.org is just one of these sites.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are another alternative to paying for col-



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Unfortunately, scholarships don't come to you, you have to go get them. In other words, you must be proactive.

Many people believe that scholarships are given either based upon academic excellence or hardship. Although, there are many scholarships for excellence in education and hardship, these are not the only scholarships available.

Scholarships are given for other types of achievements or situations. As an example, many scholarships reward students for community service.

The key to obtaining many of these scholarships is to search out the organizations providing them and do what is necessary to apply.

It is doubtful you will get one scholarship that pays your way through college, so you do have to apply to many groups. In fact, I saw a story where a student received approximately 20 scholarships to pay his way through college.

How to find the organizations who give scholarships has probably never been easier. Using the Internet makes the task a lot easier. However in using the internet we sometimes let our guard down.

Don't do it in your search for scholarships. There are many sites on the Internet that offer free scholarships searches and even offer free scholarships. However, some of these are not what they appear to be. Some of these sites ask for a variety of sensitive financial information that can be used against you in identity theft situations. Therefore in doing your search, be careful about what information you release.

A couple of sites to checkout are www.findaid.org and www.cityofcollegedreams.org. Both Web sites have a wealth of information about scholarship searches and other ways to finance college.

Is it too late to apply for scholarships for the fall? Although, many scholarships have been awarded, many

have not. It is amazing how many scholarships go unused. Although your scholarship search may be more difficult, it is not impossible and if nothing more, you can get a jump on next year.

Searching for scholarships is not something parents should do alone. Involve your students because they are the ultimate beneficiary.

LOANS

For those who need money now and are considering loans, make sure that you do your homework to shop the loan. Many people think that all student loans are the same but they are not.

Remember, in obtaining a loan always make sure you understand the terms including the interest rate,

how the interest rate is calculated, when payments begin and what fees and costs are involved. The time spent in making sure you obtain the right loan will definitely save money down the road.

It is never too late or too early to begin looking for scholarships. For parents who have children that will be attending college in the fall of 2009, now is the time to get proactive and to begin your scholarship search.

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

Madonna creates a smooth transition for retiring faculty

Across the nation, 78 million 'baby boomers' from every profession are moving towards

retirement. At Madonna University the average age of its 166 fulltime faculty is 57. The 4,100student, private liberal arts school has created a strategic plan that will aid retirees, while ensuring a smooth transition from one generation of faculty to the next. University faculty retirements equate to more teaching jobs in Michigan, as 96 percent of higher education institutions are recruiting new professors, according to The Chronicle of

Higher Education.

"The heart of this issue is how a university retains its character and core values when one generation passes the teaching-learning enterprise off to another," said Ernie Nolan, vice president for academic administration. "As in most human endeavors, something of value may be lost while something new and

exciting may be gained." To better prepare, Nolan and some 50 members of Madonna's faculty took part in a development workshop, led by the Department of Gerontology. The group mapped out the University programs slated for faculty

retirements and developed a strategic plan to retain the University's successful traditions and values, and build upon the fresh perspective brought by new professors.

"The 'baby boomer' generation is characterized by a tremendous dedication to teaching and student learning, however incoming students or the 'digital generation,' often perceive the world and learn new information differently. This results in a conflict of cultures centered on ways of knowing and understanding reality," said Nolan.

Madonna University currently offers retiring faculty

members the opportunity to stay on part time to mentor new hires and impart the knowledge they've gained over the years.

"What makes many of the classes unique at Madonna is that professors are willing to share their years of personal and professional experiences with their students," said Jill Hamilton-Krawczyk, graduating senior.

Sign language studies professor, Ken Rust, decided to retire after teaching at

Madonna for 33 years. "Choosing to retire was difficult because I have watched

the sign language program

flourish over the years thanks to the commitment of the administration, faculty and staff, as well as the skill and enthusiasm of the students," said Rust. "I wanted to make sure that the person coming on board was aware of the program's history and contacts throughout the community, and understood the program's potential for the years to come."

After retiring Rust agreed to work part time so he could continue working with the students, while training a newly-hired faculty member, who happens to be his former student.

At the development workshop it was suggested that a retirement link be placed on Madonna's Web site. This link, planned for fall 2008, would provide useful information about dealing with lifestyle changes and other post-retirement issues. It also would serve as a communication tool for retirees to stay in touch with others in the Madonna community.

"A portion of the Web site dedicated to retired faculty would be useful. Even though I am finishing my part-time work, I do plan to stay in contact with the Madonna family," said Rust.

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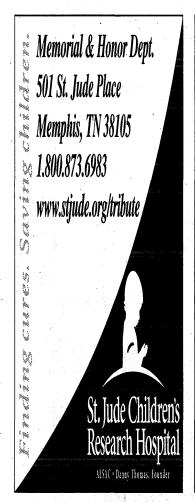
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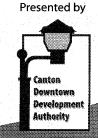






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Zoo millage proposal would create authorities Maxfield Training Center in

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER Residents in Wayne,

Oakland and Macomb counties will decide Aug. 5 whether to help finance the Detroit Zoological Park in Royal Oak. If approved, the 0.1-mill tax

Michigan's "economic storm." About 25 people attended an informational recently, organized by Oakland County Commissioner Mike Rogers,

of Farmington Hills, at the

would help the zoo weather

Farmington.

Under the proposal, each county would have a locally appointed board or authority.

We are going to use a contract and purchase services from the zoo," said Gerald Poisson, deputy Oakland County executive. "We will not be involved in the day-to-day governance of the zoo."

Residents in these counties would receive specific benefits which would be spelled out in a negotiated contract,

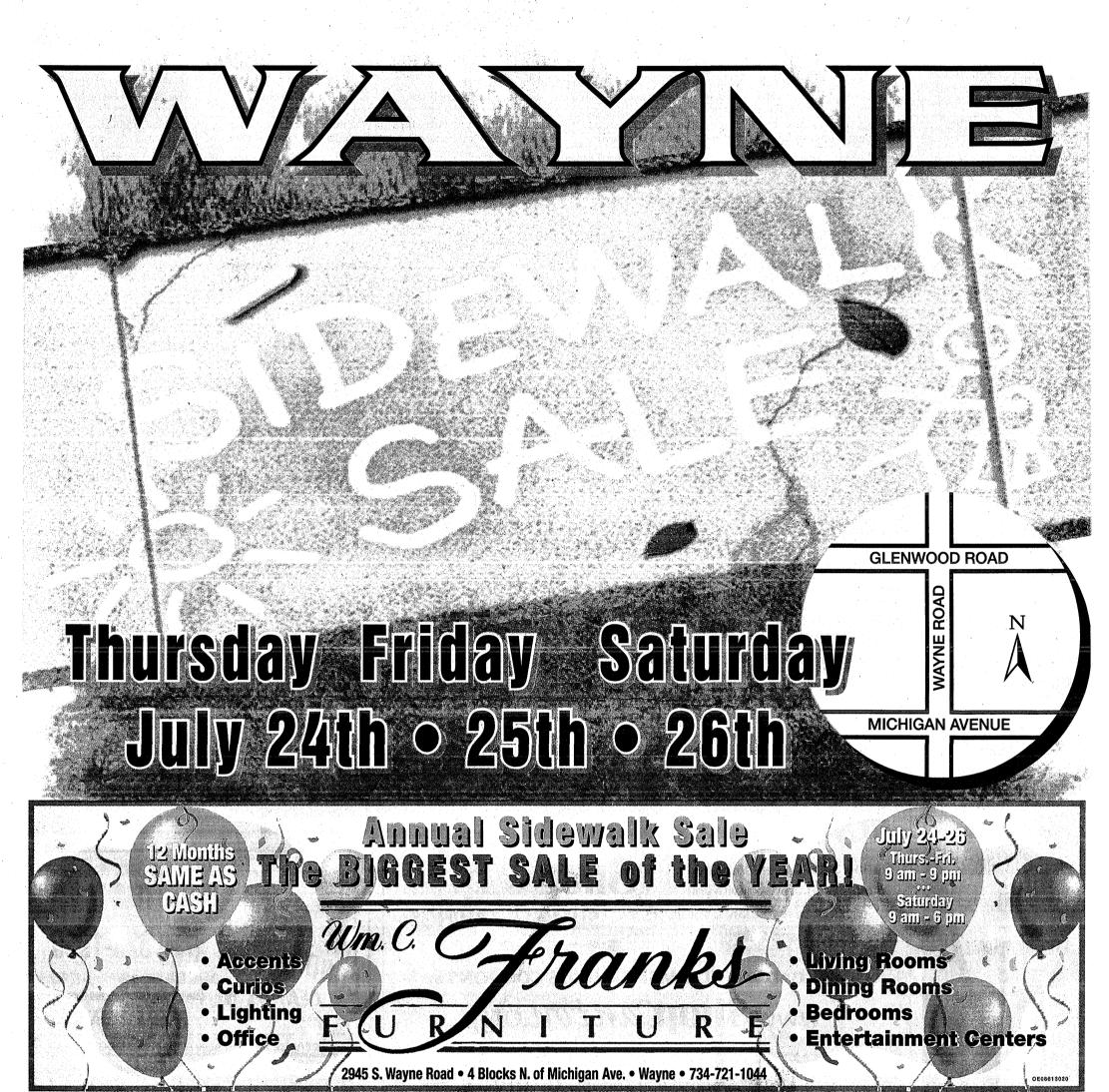
Poisson said. They would include cost breaks for senior citizens and children, for example. Professional zoological personnel would continue to decide which animals to purchase and which exhibits should be expanded.

If the 0.1-mill regional 10-year tax is approved, the average owner of a \$200,000 house would pay \$10 a year. The tax could not be increased without another vote of the people.

The annual operating bud-

get of the zoo is \$26 million. Millages from the three counties would generate about \$12 million, Poisson said. The rest of the money would come from admission fees and private donations.

If the contract between the Zoological Society and the City of Detroit ends, this contract would also end, Poisson said. The City of Detroit cannot sell the property while there is a contract with the Zoological Society, according to Ron Kagan, zoo director.





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Music man

This family plays together, stays together

BY JULIE BROWN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The year was 1948, and Bill Upton, then a University of Michigan engineering student, headed to the Rose Bowl with U-M's Marching Band under famed director William D.

Upton was later a founding member of the Plymouth Community Band. He's particularly noteworthy in that three generations of his family have played with the Plymouth band.

"I think it was the greatest thing that ever happened to me," Upton recalled of that train trip west to California. "It was a wonderful trip ... through the mountains and the snow. It was a beautiful trip out."

Upton, a naval veteran of World War II, had gotten to know Revelli. Upton was with the U.S. Navy's band, and noted the university band in the war years was mostly naval men. "That was a big officers training area there," he recalled. He was told basically "Look, you're going to have to march with somebody" and figured the Navy band was

After the war, Upton was at U-M as a civilian and looked up Revelli "to find out whether or not he wanted me to continue in the university bands." Upton has great memories of playing trumpet in the "Big House," although it wasn't as big in the 1940s.

"Obviously, it kept me in the music end of things," said Upton, who had a nearly 40year career with Ford Motor

'A GREAT GUY'

"Bill's a great guy," Carl Battishill of Plymouth,

'If I did nothing else in this world was bring four very talented musical people into the world with the help of Jean.' BILL UPTON, musician

who directs the Plymouth Community Band, said just before taking the stage at the July 17 concert in Kellogg Park. "He's a great musician, very dedicated."

Upton, now 83, and a handful of others formed the group in the winter of 1959. Summer concerts started in 1960 and have been going strong ever since.

Upton considers the PCB the best of its kind in the tri-state region or beyond. "It built from a meager beginning, believe me," Upton said. They talked Jim Griffith, then Plymouth High School's band director, into being the first PCB direc-

"He did a marvelous job getting us under way," Upton said. "We enjoyed having him help spark the spark."

Battishill, who's directed the PCB since 1979, agreed the three-generation link is unusual, although there are many family ties in the band. "It's a tough instrument," Battishill said of the trumpet, which Upton played into his 80s.

Battishill, during the July 17 concert, noted Upton isn't well, in his fight with cancer of the esophagus, and urged concertgoers to keep the musician in their thoughts and prayers.

"When I hit 80, I think that was enough," Upton said of his playing days.

Upton, a Plymouth resident, recently celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary with wife Jean, a U-M alumna in psychology. The couple met

in college, and married upon graduation in 1948. "If I did nothing else in this world was bring four very talented musical people into the world with the help of Jean," he said of the couple's children.

Their oldest daughter is Karen Chapin of Plymouth, a soprano soloist who traveled to South America, Europe and Russia with Youth for Understanding in the 1960s and early 1970s to perform as part of the U-M Chamber Choir. She's also a guitarist and has conducted choirs at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth and taught music at Our Lady of Good Counsel School.

"I am still teaching guitar," said Chapin, who also helps lead the choir at Webster United Church of Christ in Dexter, Mich. Chapin knows music has enriched her father's

"I think he enjoys the ensemble experience. He's not interested in being a big-time soloist. I think it's the community spirit thing," Chapin said. "There is just something about blowing through a horn or making vocal sounds. It's a very spiritual thing, really.

"It doesn't matter if it's perfect or not, it's the act of doing it and sharing it with an audience," Chapin said. "My life was just full of it. I think it's that way for John Gonthier (her nephew) and Bill, too. Music's definitely a community thing for all of us.'

The Uptons' next oldest child is Laura Upton, followed by Carla Gonthier, and then a son, John Upton, a trombonist now in the Flint area who played in the Plymouth Community Band. Laura also went to South America and Europe with the Youth for Understanding group while at



Bill Upton of Plymouth, a founder of the Plymouth Community Band, has enjoyed his involvement with music — and the fact that his four children have musical interests.

"We didn't play band instruments. When you got to college they were all male bands," Chapin said of the daughters who became vocalists. Carla, an accompanist at EMU, was a piano major at U-M, where she earned her master's in piano accompaniment.

NEXT GENERATION

Grandson John Gonthier, a senior in music education at Eastern Michigan University, is proud of Bill Upton's accomplishments. Trombonist Gonthier, 21, a Plymouth Salem High School graduate, will be featured tonight (Thursday, July 24), at the band's 8 p.m. concert as a soloist, along with sax player Joe Girard.

"This will be my eighth summer doing it," Gonthier said of playing with the PCB. He's in his 10th year of playing the

Gonthier, son of Greg and Carla Gonthier of Plymouth and a former Plymouth-Canton Educational Park



Bill and Jean Upton's grandson, John Gonthier, will be a featured soloist at tonight's Plymouth **Community Band** concert at 8 p.m. in Kellogg Park. Gonthier is a senior in music education at Eastern Michigan University.

Marching Band member, plans to teach for a couple years after graduation, and then get a master's in trombone performance from EMU or U-M.

"He had no idea it would blossom into this," he said of his grandfather. "This is the escape from everyday life."

Following tonight's performance, the PCB's final summer concert this year will be 8 p.m. Thursday, July 31, in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg

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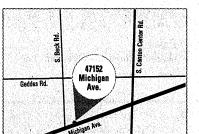
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OUR VIEWS

FOIA not intended as political shield

Michigan's Freedom of Information Act went into effect in April 1977 as a means of making sure ordinary citizens had access to public records, to keep local governments from hiding information from the constituents they're

Though the FOIA doesn't force governments to give up all of their secrets — it contains, for instance, a list of records exempt from its rules — it sets a fairly strict standard for what is expected to be revealed, and how long the answering of such requests should take.

The FOIA doesn't care whether an employee is busy, or whether members of a government want to turn the records over. And the FOIA certainly doesn't care whether it's an election year.

Unfortunately, those governed by its regulations frequently do care about such things. That appears to be the case in Plymouth Township's handling of a FOIA request made by Dianne Gonzalez.

Gonzalez, who is herself a candidate for Plymouth Township supervisor and therefore whose motives are certainly subject to question, filed a request under FOIA seeking, among other things, legal fees paid to the township's municipal attorney and labor attorney for the last two years.

Gonzalez is primarily seeking records showing how much money was spent on fees pertaining to the binding arbitration of the contract with the Plymouth Community Fire Department, as well as records of a settlement over a lawsuit by a former police officer.

Such FOIA requests are generally handled in the township clerk's office; this one got bucked to Township Attorney Tim Cronin, who responded to Gonzalez within the allotted time frame, but only to tell her he'd need more time.

The FOIA allows the township to charge fees for the collection of these records, including the cost of copies and the salary of the lowest-paid employee qualified to provide the response. In this case, apparently, the township has determined that lawyers and elected officials will have to get involved. To offset potentially high costs, the township has asked Gonzalez for a \$200 deposit.

Our question is: Why?

Why can't Gonzalez be provided copies of the bills? They're right there in township hall, so why can't Gonzalez — or anyone interested in knowing these facts — simply see them? Why all the secrecy? Why hide behind a lawyer? The figure — if it's as high as some believe — could be a source of considerable discomfort, but it's not exempt from the FOIA.

Is her request politically motivated? Almost certainly. Is her request being deflected because she's running against the incumbent administration? Maybe not. Perception, however, tends to become reality fairly quickly, and the delay certainly looks political.

The FOIA isn't about a board's ability to delay the production of information to its citizens. It's about the clear and transparent governance taxpayers pay for.

It's about the public's right to know. Board members would do well to remember for whom they work.

Vote 'yes' on zoo millage

These are tough times to ask taxpayers to approve yet another tax.

On Aug. 5, voters in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties will vote on a 10-year, 0.1-mill tax to support the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak and Belle Isle Nature Zoo in Detroit. If approved, the tax would generate about \$12 million annually and cost the owner of a \$200,000 home \$10 a year. The annual operating budget of the zoo is \$24 million. The rest of the zoo's budget would be covered by admission fees and private donations.

Zoo officials have argued that the new tax is needed to fill an \$8 million annual operating shortfall created when the city of Detroit, which owns the zoo, terminated its annual subsidy and turned over operations to the Detroit Zoological Society.

The ballot proposal would create taxing authorities in each of the three counties with the legal authority to levy

Questions have been raised about putting the millage on the August ballot rather than on the November ballot, when many more voters are expected because of the presidential election. Ballot supporters argue that they want the issue on the August, ballot so that if it fails they can return to voters in November, a common practice for tax questions.

Though failure doesn't seem to be a concern, the Zoological Society has been reluctant to discuss contingency plans if the millage fails, citing polls that show 78 percent of voters support a millage. It is also unclear what would happen if one or more of the counties votes against the millage.

Despite these questions, we believe the zoo is a major asset to the Detroit area as a regional tourist attraction and a valuable educational institution with numerous school programs. We agree with proposal supporters that

the tax is reasonable for the benefit. We strongly support a yes vote on the zoo millage.



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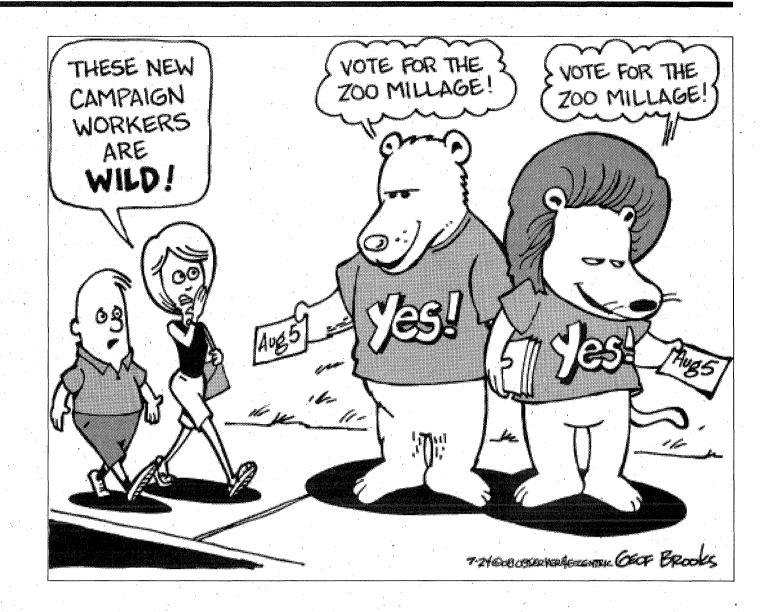
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LETTERS

Backing Barone

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you why I am supporting Joe Barone for 35th District Court judge.

As the former executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce I spent the last 18 years getting to know the 1,500 business owners and professionals in the city and township of Plymouth.

I met Joe and his wife Maria 11 years ago when they opened their law practice, Barone Law Offices, in Plymouth and joined the Chamber of Commerce. Immediately, I could see that Joe and Maria were good and honest people who worked hard and were committed to serving their community. While working hard to establish their practice, Joe also took the time to involve himself in the community.

Joe is the only candidate who took he time and expense to atter graduate from Leadership Plymouth. Joe also volunteered his time and services for many chamber-sponsored events. Over the years I have come to know Joe both personally and professionally, and I can tell you that Joe is an exceptionally good attorney.

Joe is dedicated to his wife, his two little girls, his clients and to helping various organizations and causes that better our community. In addition, Joe's experience in our court speaks for itself. Over the past 11 years, Joe has represented more people in the 35th District Court than any other candi-

In my opinion, Joe is an honest and loyal man who has made significant personal and professional contributions that have enriched our community. His kind and caring personality and wealth of experience makes him more than qualified to be our next judge at the 35th District Court. I hope you will join with me in supporting and voting for Joe Barone Aug. 5.

Fran Toney Plymouth

(Editor's note: Fran Toney is the retired longtime executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce)

Picking Prchlik

We are writing this letter to endorse Mary Ann Prchlik for Plymouth Township clerk.

We have known Mary Ann for several years. We have volunteered with Mary Ann through the Scrips (gift card) fund-raising program at OLGC school. Annually, this program generates thousands of dollars which benefits the school. Mary Ann has co-chaired this program for 10 years. Our frequent interaction with her on this program has allowed for us to observe that Mary Ann has a great work ethic, and is organized and detailed.

We are also aware that Mary Ann is actively involved with the P.B. and J. Ministry at OLGC church, which feeds hundreds of disadvantaged men, women, and children in the Cass

Corridor. She is one of the regular weekly volunteers who donate a few hours to prepare sandwiches and meals for distribution.

Whether in her service as a board member for the Plymouth Historical Society, or trustee for the Plymouth District Library, or any of the other organizations she has served, Mary Ann's passions are grounded in people and relationships. In addition to being very qualified to manage the accounting duties assigned to the Clerk, Mary Ann is dedicated to serving others.

We encourage you to vote for Mary Ann Prchlik for Township Clerk on Tuesday, Aug. 5.

Lori Childs

Nancy Merkel **Nancy Pashnik**

Plymouth

Judge vote is important

I'm often asked two questions regarding the election of judges: 1) How do you choose which judge to vote for and avoid falling victim to the name game? and 2) Why are judges on the non-partisan ballot?

Voting for judge is an important and personal decision. Unlike other elected officials, trial judges have the unique authority and sometimes the responsibility to take away one's liberty which is a power that should not be taken lightly and should be carefully entrusted to

the right people.

The following are some factors (strictly my opinion) that you may want to consider. I don't pretend to possess all of these qualities but they are qualities that I aspire to and believe that the best judges possess. Feel free to disregard them but hopefully they will help you in your decision.

Qualities to look for in a trial judge: Honest; caring, compassionate, fair; a good decision maker; ability to see things from multiple perspectives; ability to make fine distinctions; eventempered; hard-working; knowledgeable; independent; humble; attentive; patient; respectful; courageous.

How does one gauge these qualities in a candidate? Some ways include personal knowledge of that person; what is the candidate's reputation (personally and professionally) and is it deserved; what type of character has the person demonstrated in their personal and professional life? (Look at their history of activities/behavior/involvement); is the person a good lawyer? Are they knowledgeable, thorough, honest and fair; what do clients and especially opposing counsel say about the way they practice law? How do they treat people?

Why are judges on the non-partisan ballot?

Justice is not a partisan concept or issue. Judges are sworn to be impartial. Judges will have many cases come before them where a governmental entity is a party or has a vested interest in the outcome. Judges are entrusted to apply the laws enacted by the other

branches of government. These branches of government are run by partisan elected officials.

Our three branches of government are designed as system of checks and balances. Judges need to avoid any appearance of bias and that is best achieved by running as non-partisan candidates.

Mike Gerou

35th District Court Judge

Supporting Prchlik

We believe Mary Ann Prchlik has the right resume for the position of township clerk.

Her education and background in accounting and her managerial experience gained in running a business will make a good fit. Mary Ann has conscientiously served the community in a volunteer capacity for many years. She has also served on boards for the Plymouth Historical Society, Plymouth Education Excellence Foundation, and Plymouth District Library.

In our 15 years as neighbors we have come to know Mary Ann as an honest and caring individual with a sense of responsibility and a moral compass that is always pointed in the right direction. These are character strengths that all of us should be looking for in our elected officials. We fully support Mary Ann in her candidacy.

Teresa and Brian Rokash

Plymouth

Mom for clerk

My mom is running for Plymouth Township Clerk; so is Mr. Joe Bridgman.

I find it self-serving that most of the letters to the editor supporting Mr. Bridgman have come from employees in the Clerk's office. I guarantee that Sen. McCain's and Sen. Obama's employees are supporting them.

I mean, who wouldn't want to follow their boss to the White House?

Nancy Herriman Plymouth

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"It's a much better coverage. The old system is 25 years old and is constantly breaking down. The system just didn't work. This (new) system is a state-of-the-art system."

- Mark Wendel, Plymouth Community Fire Department Assistant Chief, on the benefits of a new emergency warning siren system being purchased through Homeland Security grant money

Republican or Democrat?

In the 26 years that my family and I have lived in Plymouth Township, this will be the first time I can remember voting twice for Plymouth Township Supervisor. This is because one candidate has declared himself a Democrat and four have declared themselves Republicans.

Apparently in the past, the only candidates were Republican so there was only one election required. But are all of the Republican candidates really what they say they are? I'm suspicious and here's why:

Any candidate that campaigns on the following points indicates to me that they may not be a Republican as they declared: Currently Plymouth/Canton school board trustee, Michigan Education Association endorsement, she sought out and received endorsement by firefighters union, states that the township should employ school board tactics interest-based bargaining to run the township, college degrees in education, states that the township should commercialize itself by developing a "BRAND" and bring in the YMCA.

In the Michigan Presidential primary you have to declare yourself as a Republican or Democrat in order to cast your vote. Each candidate should be required to report what their party declaration was in the primary in order to be consistent with the Township Supervisor Party Declaration and help voters make an informed decision for Plymouth Township Supervisor.

If Dianne Gonzalez is elected in the Republican Township Supervisor Primary Aug 5, she will then have to run against the other Democrat from the Democratic Ticket ... and voters get to choose between a Democrat and a Democrat. Plymouth Township doesn't need to be run like the school board, it doesn't need to be commercialized with a "BRAND" and we don't need a YMCA, we already have the Plymouth Township Park and the Sprayscape!

The MEA and the unions endorsed Jennifer Granholm and look what a mess Michigan is in. Beware of the political deception; if it looks like a duck and quacks like a duck, it's a Democrat.

Dan Holton Plymouth Township

Barone is best

I am writing to express why I feel Joe Barone is the best candidate for the 35th District Court Judge.

I personally got to know Joe when he did some legal work for my family. He is a man of great integrity with very high moral standards.

Joe and his wife, Maria, have been an integral part of our community since the day they opened their practice. Joe's contributions to local community groups are too numerous to mention. He didn't simply join our community groups to run for judge. He got involved from the start.

I hope citizens will take Joe's experience, honesty and willingness to give back to our community into account when voting for our next judge.

Fred Eagle Livonia

Berry for Trustee

I am writing to express my support and choice of Carl Berry for Plymouth Township Trustee Aug. 5.

Carl has been a member of the Plymouth community for over 60 years and has never relented his deep affection for our beloved township. Since graduating from the original Plymouth High School and serving our nation in the United States Air Force, Carl has lent his efforts to our community through his membership in the Kiwanis, Rotary and Jaycees organizations.

Additionally he volunteers for Habitat for Humanity and is a member of the American Legion. As the first Chief of the Plymouth Township Police Department and a lead organizer in the Annual Great Lakes Chili Cookoff, Carl has proven himself as a successful leader who knows how to work cooperatively with fellow community leaders.

Please join me in ensuring the livelihood, safety and low tax rates of Plymouth Township by supporting Carl Berry for Plymouth Township Trustee on Aug. 5.

Eric Bacyinski Plymouth Township

Supporting Reaume

We need to retain Richard Reaume as our supervisor because he is a proven and dedicated leader taking projects long talked about and seen that they were implemented.

Richard has kept our neighborhoods safe, expanded services to our seniors and streamlined our township government.

Richard has also retained and attracted vibrant businesses to help revitalize the economy and bring jobs and residents to Plymouth Township. With our new Township Hall municipal complex he has truly established our identity as a Top 100 Place to Live.

George and Mary Elizabeth Smith Plymouth Township

Township stood ground

Plymouth Township and the IAFF Firefighters union recently settled its contract through statemandated binding arbitration, known as Act 312.

Candidates for supervisor and trustee and others have leveled grossly uninformed criticism at the Board of Trustees for the lengthy process and costs of this negotiation. While the supervisor must drive the process, the attacks are an indictment of the entire board as the board sets direction through deliberated consensus at every step in the process.

My colleagues and I painfully swallowed this criticism without comment as confidentiality laws barred board members from revealing the details of an ongoing negotiation. Not anymore, though.

Act 312 mandates binding arbitration when a municipality and a firefighters union cannot reach agreement on every pay and benefit issue. The arbitrator picks one side or the other and may not compromise. Among the 20-plus issues was the union demand to double paid sick time from 144 hours to an eye-popping 288 hours per year. The township held its ground and the union took it to arbitration.

Act 312 is one of the worst laws ever written in Michigan, it is a major factor threatening to bankrupt municipalities by effectively doubling costs each decade.

The Detroit News (June 28, 2008) said that "binding arbitration for police and fire offi-

cers. Act 312 of 1969 was pushed through the Legislature by then state Sen. Coleman Young, who spent the rest of his political career complaining about its effects when he became mayor of Detroit."

It was the union that ceased negotiations and filed to take the township to arbitration. Arbitration is a bargaining tactic that firefighters unions are using throughout Michigan.

The board must strike a balance between paying market wages for its firefighters while protecting the long-term financial health of the township. It is not surprising that every new contract comes with a new set of costly demands to expand wages and benefits and threaten our long-term financial health. If this trend continues, a 22-year-old hired this year could make \$175,000 at age 50 and then retire with \$140,000 in pension plus health care for life.

The 2007 ranked gross wages from highest to lowest for 104 full-time township employees shows zero elected officials in the top 10. Supervisor Richard Reaume was 11th, while Clerk Marilyn Massengill and Treasurer Ron Edwards tied for 23rd.

Five of the top eight and nine of the top 20 were in the fire department. Total compensation (wages plus contribution to pension) put union members Capt. James Jury second in the township at \$108,705; Lt. Charles Mann third at \$108,501; Lt. Scott Gross seventh at \$104,813; and Capt. Charles Russo eighth at \$103,126.

The department average was \$76,637.39, ironically far more than we pay our teachers! And these numbers do not include the arbitratorordered retroactive raises.

In addition, they receive a comprehensive benefit package with retirement eligibility at 28½ years that includes both township-paid health care and 80 percent of their pay for life.

Claims that our fire department is understaffed are nothing more than good, old-fashioned fear-mongering. Every board member lives here, too. I can speak for all of us when I tell you that we would never put anyone, including our own families, in harm's way.

Arbitration costs were nominal compared to the \$250,000 combined savings per year for fire and parity for other unions had the township acceded to every demand. We stood our ground with a resulting payback period of four months and a savings topping \$500,000!

And that "is the rest of the story."

Bob Doroshewitz

Plymouth Township

Bob Doroshewitz is an incumbent Plymouth Township trustee seeking re-election in the Aug. 5 primary.

Negative campaigning

The voters of Plymouth Township need a little insight into the negative campaigning that seems to pop up every election year.

Richard Sharland wrote a letter purporting the "ways" Ron Edwards seeks to consolidate control of the township. Mr. Sharland implies that Marilyn Massengill and Mary Ann Prchlik were recruited and/or coerced to run for the positions of supervisor and clerk, respectively. I know both of these intelligent individuals and I believe they would be insulted that anyone would think they couldn't make a decision on their own to run for office.

Regarding the compensation committee allegation, the decision for fair compensation is made after careful and thorough study by committee, not by one individual as Mr. Sharland would have you believe. Any information Mr. Sharland or any other concerned citizen wishes to obtain regarding lawsuits against the township as well as financial statements is available through the clerk's office. Nothing is hidden, especially not by Ron Edwards.

Perhaps most importantly, the voters of Plymouth Township need to be aware of the positive impact Ron Edwards has on this community. He has worked tirelessly to help make this a place we can all be proud to say we live. Ron is the driving force behind the July 4th Good Old Fashioned Picnic, the July 3 fireworks and this year he rescued the Easter Egg Hunt when it was cancelled. All of these events are funded by donations only and not taxpayer money.

Ron works to maintain a balanced budget, an especially hard task in these difficult economic times. He is the only certified public finance officer in Wayne County. His accounting practices are stellar, so much so that the township has received the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for the last five years.

I have been a resident of Plymouth Township for 24 years. My husband and I have raised our family here and I am very proud to say that I choose to live in this wonderful community. I can also state that my department co-workers and I are grateful, positive, happy and proud employees of Plymouth Township with no "morale" issues.

Please join me and elect Ron Edwards, treasurer, Richard Reaume, supervisor, and Mary Ann Prchlik, clerk.

Michelle LozierPlymouth Township

Supporting Miller

You cannot buy an elective office, especially at the local level.

Yet every Sunday morning, I find our community streets cluttered with campaign signs. Never mind that many are placed without owner permission (some later removed), many are illegally placed on the public right of way and, as a recent *Observer* article observed, many are apparently stolen by competitive candidates. Apparently if there is enough funding available, they will get replaced next week. If advertising works, the largest budget will prevail.

So what? Well, none of this contributes to our information on candidate qualifications. Will I vote? Certainly. Although I personally know many of the candidates, I choose not to provide public support simply because others also are qualified in the offices they seek.

Any exceptions? Of course, I personally support Cameron Miller for 35th District judge. Why? Because I have known him for more than 40 years, watched him truly earn his law degree, gain a tremendous amount of experience in the local court, dedicate untold hours to the community and raise a family where he himself grew up. I believe he will be a judge dedicated to fairness and beholden to no one. That is enough for my one vote.

Now I suppose he needs a few thousand signs to remind people to vote for him.

L.E. (Larry) Pulkownik
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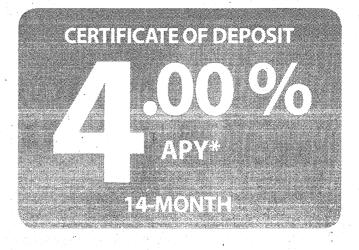
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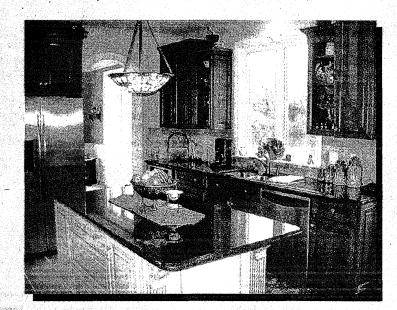
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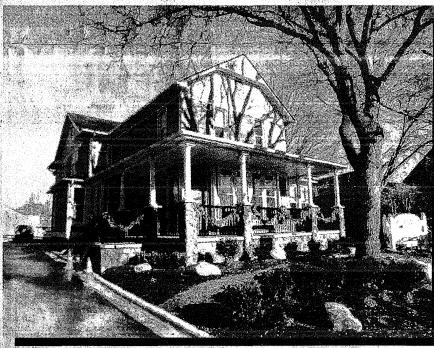
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Red-hot Rams earn 5th straight AAABA berth

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Unfortunately, the stock market and economy aren't as reliable as the Michigan Rams' 20-and-under baseball team.

The Rams (23-9) captured their fifth consecutive Livonia Men's Collegiate Baseball League title Monday night with a 9-1 thrashing of the Tecumseh (Ontario) Thunder in a contest played at LaCasse Park in Tecumseh,

The Thunder closed out the regular season with a 2-19 record.

The league title earned the Rams a berth in the AAABA national tournament in Johnstown, Pa. — their eighth such berth in the team's history.

The Rams struck early and often on Monday, registering seven first-inning runs

Hail to

the 'Victor'

John Glenn kicker

boots East to win

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Add a "y" to the end of Victor Sanders'

first name and you'll end up with

what the former Westland John Glenn

kicker led the East team to in Saturday's

Michigan High School All-Star Football

Playing in front of more than 7,000 fans, Sanders booted three field goals

– one from 42 yards out along with a

pair of 32-yarders — to account for all

Sanders also handled kick-off and punt-

"I never kicked three field goals in a

game in high school and the one I kicked

from 42 yards today was the longest

I've ever kicked in a game," recounted

Sanders, explaining how he saved his

University) our first game my senior

vear, so I wasn't star-struck by playing

in a big stadium, but I was still a little

though, during pre-game warm-ups.

Three other Observerland players

played key roles in the East's triumph.

Franklin) and Matt Broome (Livonia

ing the West off the scoreboard.

Stevenson) were instrumental in keep-

ter, the former rivals jarred West Kirk

Doering on successive plays to force

Hanchett, who is headed to Saginaw

Valley State University to play football

next month, grabbed two passes, includ-

quarter that helped lead to Sanders' sec-

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ing a 14-yard screen pass in the second

Defensive tackles Pat Cecile (Livonia

During one key stop in the third quar-

Former Plymouth wide receiver Mike

great players."

incompletions.

nervous. I was able to get the nerves out.

"It was a great week. I got to meet a lot of nice people and hang out with some

best for the last high school game of his

career. "We played at Eastern (Michigan

the scoring in his team's 9-0 victory.

ing duties for the victors.

Game at Michigan State University's

Spartan Stadium.

on five hits and never looked back.

Ben Schroeder picked up the mound victory as he gave up just three unearned runs and three hits while striking out three in a walk-less effort.

Matt Tuttle was solid in relief, yielding just one run over the final four innings. Tuttle gave up one hit while whiffing three batters.

Brent Walker suffered the setback for the Thunder after he was rocked for eight runs in two innings.

Aaron Wick and Frank Persichino paced the winners' hitting attack with two hits and two RBI each. Brad Herman, Dan Augustine (two) and Nick Plinka also knocked in runs for the Rams.

Joe Barnes proved to be a thorn in the Thunder's side as he scored three runs.

The clinching victory was set up by Saturday's doubleheader sweep of the Knights at Ford Field in Livonia.

The Rams notched the opener, 5-0, thanks to six innings of three-hit pitching from starter Derek Mosher and a near-perfect seventh from Tuttle, who gave up just one walk while King three.

The Rams, who stroked just five hits, broke open a scoreless encounter with three runs in the third and two in the fourth.

Dan Augustine led the Rams with two hits and a pair of runs scored. Herman (1for-3, RBI, run), Brett Mazmanian (1-for-2, run) and Ryan Abraham (1-for-2, run) also contributed at the plate in the winning effort.

Tony Pounders went 2-for-2 for the Knights.

Knights hurler Dustin Hill deserved a better fate as he gave up only five hits and two earned runs.

The Rams won the nightcap, 1-0, thanks to Brett Shankin's one-hit masterpiece. The shutout was the ninth of the season for the

Shankin faced just 23 batters, 11 of whom struck out.

The Rams manufactured the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh when Tim Cross reached on an error before scoring on Persichino's RBI hit.

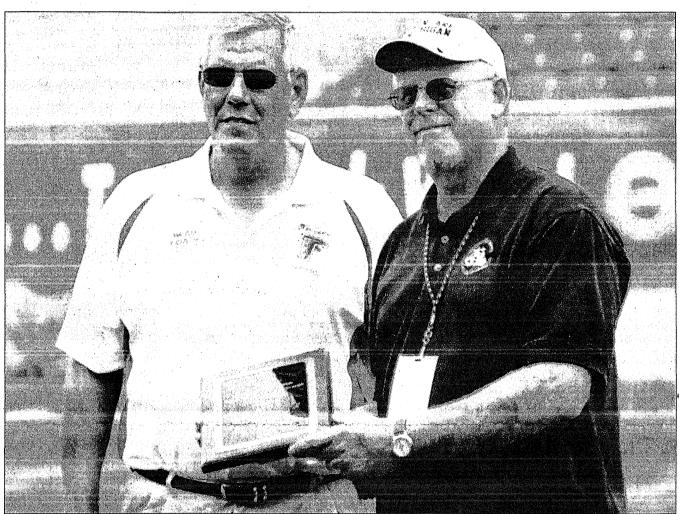
Ex-Ram Ryan Gunderson suffered the loss despite yielding just one hit.

The 16-team AAABA double-elimination national tournament begins Aug. 11 in Johnstown.

The Rams are coached by Rick Berryman, Harvey Weingarden, Mike Taylor and June

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2008 PREP ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAME



Fred Miller (left), longtime coach of the Livonia Falcons, was presented with the MHSFCA Alliance Award during Saturday's All-Star football game in East Lansing. At right is MHSFCA's Bill Hollenbeck.

Herstin

Livonia grid coach accepts MHSFCA Alliance Award

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Fred Miller laughed when asked what receiving the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association's coveted Alliance Award meant to him.

"Longevity, I guess," said Miller, 56, a longtime coach of the Livonia Falcons' youth football team and a Redford Union alum. "But really, I just try to teach the boys to be competitive and always do their best.

"We really have a great tradition with the Falcons, we play with a lot of pride."

The Livonia resident was honored during halftime of Saturday's Michigan High School Football All-Star Game at Michigan State University's Spartan Stadium. Presenting the award was MHSFCA's Bill Hollenbeck, who described Miller as a man who "not only gives his players a passion for the game, but also for representing themselves, and their community, with pride and

Miller's family - wife Beth, and 13year-old son Matthew, entering his final season with the Falcons — were on the field when Hollenbeck presented the

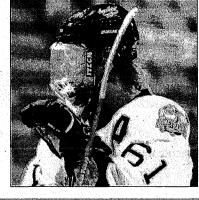
Alliance Award.

Miller, about to start his 37th season coaching the Falcons' varsity, emphasized that getting such an award really means many others have been dedicated to the program over the decades. For example, former Falcons' player Rob Shepley (who went on to be a starting fullback at Plymouth Salem) is head coach of the Falcons' freshman team some 20 years after playing for him.

The award recipient also continues to find it rewarding to take a group of

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Canton resident Greg Wolfe (left), pictured above and at right playing for the Honeybaked Midget Major team last spring, was drafted by the United States Hockey League's Chicago Steel in April. Wolfe has his sights set on playing Division 1 collegiate hockey.



Shooting star Wolfe's ice goal: earn opportunity to play for D1 college

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

To say June 8 was a milestone day in the life of Greg Wolfe would be an understatement.

A few hours after accepting his diploma during Canton High School's senior commencement ceremony that Sunday, Wolfe was in Chicago, trying out for the Steel, the Windy City's United States Hockey League franchise.

The sharp-shooting, slickskating Wolfe made the Steel's roster, which wasn't the least bit surprising considering he was the team's fourth-round pick in the USHL's May draft.

The USHL's talent level is comparable to the Ontario Hockey League, but unlike the OHL, its players are still eligible to play in college — which is

Wolfe's primary goal. "There were probably about

80 guys trying out for 25 roster spots," said Wolfe, who led his nationally ranked Honeybaked Midget Major team with 55 goals and 45 assists during the 2007-08 campaign. "I felt pretty good going into the tryouts since they had drafted me. But just because you're drafted, doesn't mean you're going to make the team."

Wolfe's ultimate dream is to play Division 1 college hockey. He's already drawn interest from Bowling Green, among other schools.

His tenure in Chicago could last one year or two, depending upon how quickly he can impress the college coaches.

"There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that Greg Wolfe will play D1 hockey," said Rob Krohl,

Wolfe's coach for Honeybaked two of the past three years. "He has tremendous offensive ability and he's one of the best shooters I've seen in the 10 years I've been coaching.

'If you placed a BB somewhere in the net, Greg could hit it with the puck anywhere from inside the blue line. His shot is not only super accurate, it's hard.'

Krohl said Wolfe's skills are not limited to his lethal slapshot.

"Greg has tremendous hockey sense," the veteran coach said. "He's smart with the puck and he sees the ice really well. It's like he has eyes in the back of his head sometimes.

"He's a leader, too. Guys follow him. He put the entire team on his back during this year's state tournament (when Honeybaked

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Star performer

Leading Garden City's varsity softball team to a Division 1 state championship last month apparently wasn't enough for Hallie Minch. She pitched the Red team to a 4-1 victory over the White team on Saturday at the 27th annual Michigan High School Softball Coaches **Association Division 1** All-Star game, held in Holt.

Minch, a 2008 graduate of Garden City, will attend Madonna University in the fall and play for the Crusaders' softball team.

City Golf Championship

The 45th Annual City Golf Championship will be held Aug. 9-10 at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton. Included in the field will be past champions including Claude Jonston, Sandy Felan, Bill Hawley and last year's titleist, Zach McCurley.

The competition is open to residents of Wayne, Westland, Canton, Livonia, Romulus, Plymouth, Inkster and Garden City. The city whose residents compile the five lowest scores will earn the prestigious Rotary Club traveling

trophy. There are flights for all ages, genders and abilities. The top three places in each flight will win trophies.

The entry fee is \$60, but does not include a cart fee.

To enter, call Jeff Rutter or Steve Winkelman at (734) 721-7400.

Salem soccer

The Salem boys soccer team will be holding optional conditioning workouts for all student-athletes entering ninth through 12th grades from 6-8 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays through July 30 at the high school soccer fields located at the corner of Joy and Canton Center roads.

Thomas signs

Canton High School graduate Devin Thomas recently signed a four-year contract with the NFL's Washington Redskins worth a reported \$4.83 million. Thomas, who starred at Michigan State University during the 2007 season, was the Redskins' second-round pick (34th overall) in April's NFL

Thomas signed two days before training camp started.

The 6-2, 218-pound ex-Chief caught a school-record 79 passes for 1,260 yards and eight touchdowns in 2007 as a junior at Michigan State. He also had a 29.1-yard average as a kickoff returner.

The Canton softball team will be hosting a camp Aug. 12-13 for girls between the ages of 8 and 13 years old. The \$75 registration fee includes a free

Canton softball camp

T-shirt. The camp will be held from $\,$ 9 a.m. to noon both days at the Canton softball complex, located behind the high school.

For more information, contact Beth Dunleavy at (734) 751-6061.

Precision Baseball

Precision Baseball in Canton will be hosting a structured hitting program every Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants will work at stations that will include hitting off machines, tee work and soft toss.

Michigan as part of its regular meeting.

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Instruction will be provided by Wayne State University head coach Jay Alexander.

The program is limited to the first 50 baseball and/or softball players (there is no age limit). The cost is just \$20 per session.

To reserve a spot, call Precision Baseball at (734) 459-5921.

Motor City Pirates tryouts

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, August 12, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.

in the First Floor Meeting Room at the Canton Township

Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request

from Marimba Auto, LLC to designate their property located on

Van Born Road east of Haggerty (tax ID #71-143-99-0020-000 &

71-143-99-0018-000 covers more land), as an "Industrial

Development District" proposed to be known as Marimba

The West 15.82 acres lying West of the West line of Highway 1-275

in Section 36, Town 2 South, Range 8 East, Canton Township,

Wayne County, Michigan of the following described parcel: That

part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 36, Town 2 South, Range 8

East, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, described as

follows: Beginning at a point on the North and South 1/4 line of

said Section 36 distant North 00 degrees 12 minutes 20 seconds

East 60.00 feet from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 36 and

proceeding thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 30 seconds West

along the North line of Van Born Road, 1970.38 feet; thence North 01 degrees 42 minutes 20 seconds West 1102.06 feet to the

Southerly line of the Michigan Central Railroad Right-of-way;

thence North 79 degrees 24 minutes 35 seconds East along said

Southerly line, 2043.29 feet to the North and South 1/4 line of said

Section 36; thence South 00 degrees 12 minutes 20 seconds West

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North 691.37 feet from the Southwest corner of said Section 36;

thence due North 60.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 43 minutes 10 seconds East, 665.01 feet; thence South 01 degrees 42 minutes

20 seconds East, 60.04 feet; thence North 89 degrees 43 minutes 10

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

along said line, 1454.86 feet to the Point of Beginning.

seconds West, 666.80 feet to the point of Beginning.

Tax Item No. 71-143-99-0018-000, covers more land

Tax Parcel Number: 71-143-99-0020-000

Tax Item No. 71-143-99-0020-000

EASEMENT PARCEL:

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Industrial District, the legal description of which is as follows:

Tryouts for the 2009 Motor City Pirates 12U baseball team will be held Saturday, Aug. 2, from 3-5 p.m. at the UAW Fields, located at 48055 Michigan Ave. in Canton.

The Pirates play in the Kensington Valley Baseball and Softball Association and will play in several tournaments in 2009.

Players interested in trying out should contact coach Angelo Lanava at alanava@ wowway.com.

Cardinals 12U tryouts

Tryouts for the Canton Cardinals 2008-09 12U travel baseball team will be held Wednesday, Aug. 6, and Wednesday, Aug. 13.

The team competes in the KVBSA League and in the USSSA and Sylvania tournaments.

The Cardinals will also play in one or two tourneys later this fall.

For the first time ever, outof-district exemptions are allowed.

For more information on tryout times and locations, contact Jim Hejka at James_ Hejka@jeffersonwells.com.

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National bowling tournament in Canton proves successful

hey came, they saw and they bowled.

Nearly 40,000 women bowlers invaded Canton to participate in the 92nd United

States Bowling Congress women's championships at Super Bowl Lanes, which recently ended its 88day run.

It turned out to be a great success, especially for the local economy.

Although our local ladies did not fare so well on the leaderboard this year, most of them enjoyed the experience of bowling in national competition.

Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

As for the multitude of outof-town visitors to our community, they discovered the many fine attractions the Detroit area has to offer — and that made for a most memorable trip.

Attempting to list all of the top finishers in each division would take up a lot of space here, but it is all available on the Internet at www.bowl.com.

Here are some of the locals who finished among the top five in their divisions: Division 1 Team event (845-945 average.) fifth place, "Girlfriends" of Rochester Hills with a total score of 2,675; Division 1 All-Events (170-189 average.) Karen Linebaugh, Romulus, 1,744; Division 3 Team (651-745 average.) second place, Michael B's Foxie Ladies, Romulus, 2,409; Division 4 Doubles (260 average. and under) fourth place (tie) Robin Pickens, Romulus and Theresa

Caloia of Redford, 916.

Much of the success of this huge event was due to the efforts of Mark and Diane Voight and Roger Philipi of the Community Bowling Centers; the entire staff at Super Bowl; Mark Martin and Libbi Fletcher of the Metro Detroit USBC Association; the Detroit Sports Commission and a host of volunteer workers who devoted their time and energy

to help make it all work out. About the same time the last of the ladies rolled the last ball in the tournament, a couple thousand youth bowlers came to town to compete in the 11th annual USBC Gold Championships July 5-11 at three Detroit-area bowling centers: Sunnybrook Lanes and Sterling Lanes, both located in Sterling Heights, as well as Century Bowl in Waterford. A record sold-out field of 1,728 from all 50 states plus Canada, Puerto Rico and military zones in the Far East and Europe have pre-qualified for the trip to Detroit. They were competing for more than \$100,000 in scholarship money.

Participants are USBC Youth and Junior Gold program members. Boys must have a minimum average of 175 and girls 165.

They range in age from 10 to 21 and advanced here by qualifying in leagues and tournaments.

This event is held under a demanding format with the most challenging conditions bowling offers.

The entrants bowled three rounds of qualifying over three days (July 7-9), with each round consisting of six games to determine those who made it to the semifinals.

Once competition reached

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the finals, all bowling took place at Sunnybrook Lanes.

The leader in each division after 46 games of competition was declared the U.S. Junior Amateur Champion of 2008. The Girls Division winner was Kristie Petravich of West Palm Beach, Fla.

The boys winner was Geoffrey Young of Denton,

That's not all, folks, the **USBC** Youth Championships was held on July 7-15 at Skore Lanes in Taylor while the Pepsi USBC Youth Championships were held July 14-16 at Sunnybrook Lanes. This event was for youth bowlers who have qualified at the local and state

For all of you parents of kids who are wannabe bowlers, Plaza Lanes in Plymouth has quite an attractive offer. Kids bowl free — and there are no strings attached.

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National Bowling Week this year is August 23-30.

Al Harrison is a resident of Southfield, and a member of the **Bowling Writers Association of** America. He can be contacted by Email at: tenpinally710@yahoo.com

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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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 NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabulating equipment to be used for the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 5, 2008. The test will take place on Wednesday, July 30, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Clerk's Office, in the Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. This test is open to all interested parties. For further information, contact the

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

BOARD PROCEEDINGS July 15, 2008 A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, July 15, 2008 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting

Terry G. Bennett

Clerk

Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack Members

to order at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

Absent: Zarbo

Staff Present: Director Faas, Director Eva, Tom Casari, Bill Serchak, Jeff Goulet, Mike Ager, Carol Rosati

Adoption of Agenda

Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all members

GENERAL CALENDAR:

1. CONSIDER OFFER TO PURCHASE PROPERTY UNDER WAYNE COUNTY TAX FORECLOSURE. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the offer to purchase the following parcel of land under Wayne County tax foreclosure at the minimum bid amount listed; Parcel #1 (Tax ID # 71-128-99-0006-703) for an amount of \$6,689.77. Further, I authorize the Municipal Services Director to make the written offer on behalf of the Township Board. Motion carried by all members present.

STUDY SESSION TOPIC

Item 1. HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PROJECT, 2160 ELMHURST STREET (FBD) Discussion of future land purchase for Habitat for Humanity.

Item 2. CLAY STOCKPILE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR SAUK TRAIL LANDFILL DAILY COVER. (MSD) Township representatives have been in discussion with Allied Waste in regards to a stockpile lease agreement for soil cover on acres owned by Canton Township adjacent to Sauk Trail Landfill.

Item 3. RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPLETION UPDATE. (MSD) On June 11, 2008 staff met with council to seek advice and guidance on dealing with ensuring completion of the Cherry Hill Village project and Hampton Ridge North projects.

Item 4. MDEQ STORMWATER PERMIT REQUIREMENTS. (MSD) On May 22. 2008 the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) issued its final version of the updated stormwater permit for communities requiring coverage. Canton's effort to improve the water quality in the Rouge watershed will be adversely impacted under the updated permit. Together with the majority of the 40 communities and three counties that make up the Alliance of Rouge Communities (ARC), they intend to object to the new permit requirements. The objection is in the form of a "contested case" hearing before an Administrative Law Judge to be filed on or before July 21, 2008.

<u>Adjourn</u>

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin at 8:40 p.m. to adjourn

Motion carried by all members present.

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

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

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Arena's skating program a big hit

Like hockey players, aspiring figure skaters need ice and shifts in order to improve. Sensing a need in Plymouth and the surrounding community, Compuware Arena has expanded its focus on figure

The arena is offering Figure Skating Drop-in sessions from 7 a.m. until Noon Monday through Friday.

The price is \$10 per hour. The arena's sound system and an ipod connection are also available for music for figure skating routines.

Skaters in the area have responded to Compuware Arena's program. On a recent Monday, 20 skaters and instructors of all ages and abilities worked to improve throughout the five-hour program.

"The program is a great opportunity," said Jennifer Hancock, Compuware Arena's Skating Director. "Everyone's very excited to be skating here. We have about a dozen coaches from the area coming here using the ice with their students. We're getting a great turnout from everyone.

"Summer is the prime time for students to train and maximize time with their coaches. Like hockey players, figure skaters use this time to gear up for the upcoming season."

Wendy Andison has been a figure skating instructor in the Detroit-area for over 30 years and appreciates Compuware Arena's new pro-

"I love it," Andison said. "We get a good amount of hours to be on the ice. Kids often make their most improvement in figure skating during the summer, because they don't have to worry about

school. "Figure skaters skate the full year. During the winter, we skate in competitions. Even our recreational figure skaters enjoy the fact that they don't have the pressure (now) to rush to school and then come to the rink. These sessions are more relaxed, but the instruction is more concentrated because the skaters don't have other things in the way."

Compuware Arena also offers Learn to Skate and Learn to Play programs for aspiring figure skaters and hockey players.

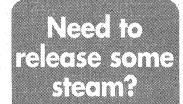
Learn to Skate classes are offered on Tuesday from 11-11:50 a.m. Classes started on July 8 and run through August 12. The cost of the sixweek session is \$75.

Learn to Play is offered on Wednesday from 6:10-7:00 p.m. starting on August 6 running through August 27. The cost of the four-week session is \$50. For more information, or to register, please call 734-453-6400.

Information can also be found online at http://www. compuwarearena.com/learn_ to_skate.html.

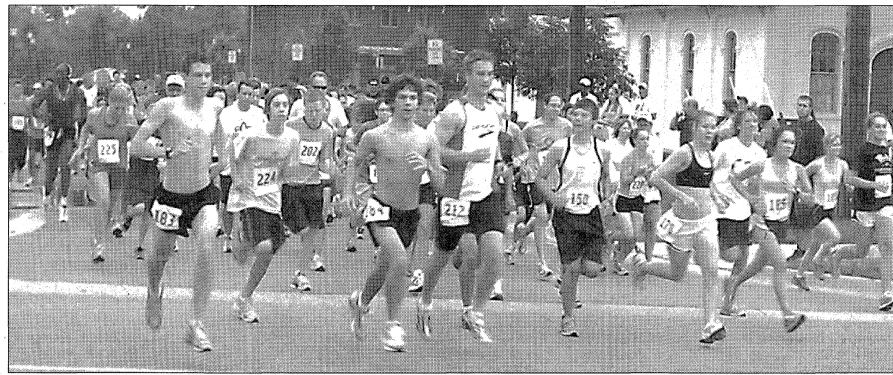
The Plymouth Whalers offer hockey schools for all ages and abilities starting July 28 and running though August. The schools feature instruction from Whaler assistant coach Joe Stefan and Whaler players. More information can be found online at

http://www.plymouthwhalers.com/camps_and_clinics. html.



Vent and find out how





Pictured is the start of the inaugural Canton Historical Society 5K run Sunday through Cherry Hill Village.

First time's a charm for Canton 5K

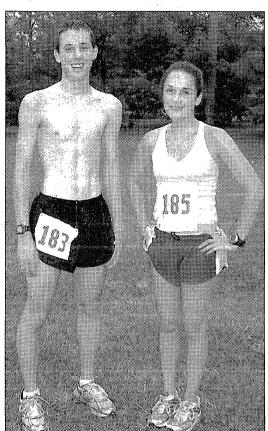
he inaugural 5K Run for Canton's History was a rousing success Sunday as over 140 runners pounded the pavement through a route that stretched through and around the townships history-rich Cherry Hill Village community.

The first male to cross the finish line was former Plymouth High School cross country standout Derek Lax, who clocked a time of 17:46.

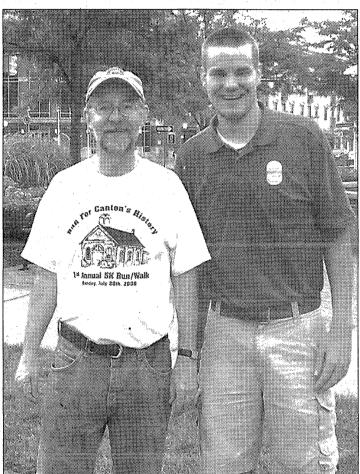
First-place in the women's division went to Hannah Cavicchio, a former running star at Salem High School who registered a time of 20:48.

Serving as co-coordinators of the race were Mike Hoffmeister, of Canton Leisure Services, and Jerry VanDusen, of the Canton Historical Society.

All proceeds from the race will be donated to the Canton Historical Society. State Representative Phillip LaJoy served as the official race starter.



Derek Lax and Hannah Cavicchio placed first in the men's and women's division at Sunday's 5K race.



Pictured are Jerry VanDusen and Mike Hoffmeister co-coordinators of the 5K Run for Canton's History.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

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

PURCHASE OF VIDEO SERVER 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 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, August 12, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton Michigan as part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from Marimba Auto, LLC for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real and personal property for their new facility to be located on Van Born Road east of Haggerty (tax ID #71-143-99-0020-000 & 71-143-99-0018-000 covers more land), within the Marimba Industrial Development District, the legal description of which is as follows:

The West 15.82 acres lying West of the West line of Highway 1-275in Section 36, Town 2 South, Range 8 East, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan of the following described parcel: That part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 36, Town 2 South, Range 8 East, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 36 distant North 00 degrees 12 minutes 20 seconds East 60.00 feet from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 36 and proceeding thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 30 seconds West along the North line of Van Born Road, 1970.38 feet; thence North 01 degrees 42 minutes 20 seconds West 1102.06 feet to the Southerly line of the Michigan Central Railroad Right-of-way; thence North 79 degrees 24 minutes 35 seconds East along said Southerly line, 2043.29 feet to the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 36; thence South 00 degrees 12 minutes 20 seconds West along said line, 1454.86 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Tax Item No. 71-143-99-0020-000

EASEMENT PARCEL:

Non-exclusive 60 foot wide Easement for Road and Sanitary Sewer Easements:

That part of the Southwest corner Section 36 described as Beginning at a point on the West line of said section distant due., North 691.37 feet from the Southwest corner of said Section 36; thence due North 60.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 43 minutes 10 seconds East, 665.01 feet; thence South 01 degrees 42 minutes 20 seconds East, 60.04 feet; thence North 89 degrees 43 minutes 10 seconds West, 666.80 feet to the point of Beginning.

Tax Item No. 71-143-99-0018-000, covers more land

Tax Parcel Number: 71-143-99-0020-000

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **ELECTION NOTICE**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON:

You are hereby notified that a Primary Election will be held in the Charter Township of Canton on Tuesday, August 5, 2008 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of nominating Democratic and Republican candidates, and nonpartisan judicial candidates for the following offices, and deciding upon a

United States Senate Representative in Congress 11th District State Representative 20th or 21st District Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney Wayne County Sheriff Wayne County Clerk Wayne County Treasurer Wayne County Register of Deeds Wayne County Commissioner 11th District Canton Township Supervisor Canton Township Clerk Canton Township Treasurer Canton Township Trustee

Delegates to County Convention by Precinct Judge of the Circuit Court - 3rd Circuit, Regular Term, Non-Incumbent Position Judge of the District Court - 35th District, Regular Term, Non-Incumbent Position

Wayne County Proposal WAYNE COUNTY ZOOLOGICAL AUTHORITY

The Wayne County Zoological Authority was established pursuant to Public Act 49 of 2008, and formed to allow for continuing zoological services for the students, residents and visitors of the County of Wayne. The law allows the Authority to seek authorization from the electors to levy a tax of not more than 0.1 mill (10 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value) on real property and personal property to provide revenue for this purpose. Accordingly, to continue providing zoological services to benefit the residents of the County, shall a 0.1 mill on all taxable property located within the County of Wayne be imposed for a period of ten (10) years, being years 2008 through 2017. It is estimated that if approved and levied, this new millage will generate approximately \$5,299,640.48 in 2008.

> Shall this proposal be adopted? YES NO

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PRECINCT NUMBERS AND LOCATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 5, 2008 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following polling locations:

1 & 23	Discovery Middle School	45083 Hanford Road
2	Connection Church	3855 S. Sheldon Road
3, 10, & 21	St. John Neumann Church	44800 Warren Road
4 & 13	Miller Elementary School	43721 Hanford Road
5 & 31	Crescent Academy	40440 Palmer Road
6	Royal Holiday Clubhouse	39500 Warren Road
7	Salem High School	46181 Joy Road
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	Resurrection Parish Church	48755 Warren Road
9 & 34	Township Administration Building	1150 S. Canton Center Rd
11 & 19	. Tonda Elementary School	46501 Warren Road
12 & 14	_Hulsing Elementary School	8055 Fleet Street
15	Walker-Winter Elementary School	39932 Michigan Avenue
16 & 17	Bentley Elementary School	1100 S. Sheldon Road
18 & 29	Fellows Creek Golf Club	2963 Lotz Road
20	Township Fire Station No. 1	1100 S. Canton Center
22	Hoben Elementary School	44680 Saltz Road
24 & 25	Canton High School-Phase 3	8415 N. Canton Center
26,27 & 36	Summit on the Park	46000 Summit Parkway
28	Agape Christian Center	45081 Geddes Road
30	Mettetal Airport	8550 N. Lilley Road
32	Main Street Baptist Church	8500 N. Morton Taylor
33 & 37	Dodson Elementary School	205 S. Beck Road
35	Canton Human Services Building	50430 School House Rd.
38	Historic Cherry Hill School	50440 Cherry Hill Road
39	Plymouth High School	8400 N. Beck Road
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The Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, will be opened from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 2, 2008 for obtaining and casting absentee ballots. Qualified voters must appear in person to receive a ballot.

On Monday, August 4, 2008, those requesting an absentee ballot must appear in person at the Clerk's Office no later than 4:00 p.m. Emergency absentee ballots ONLY will be issued on Election Day,

Handicapped voters with an inaccessible polling place are eligible to vote without notice at the Clerk's Office until the close of voting at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. To obtain election instructions in an alternative format (audio or Braille), contact the Clerk's Office prior to Election Day. If you are unsure of your voting location, please refer to your voter registration card, check the online voting page on Canton's Website at http://www.canton-mi.org, or contact the Clerk's office at 734-

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

394-5120.

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young, raw talent and help turn them into competitive high school players as well as

outstanding young men.

"It's great when you (get) a
group of kids and you have to
build and mold them," Miller
said. "Hopefully, you have
some athletes. But I've been
blessed to have some of the
finest athletes in the city play
for me."

BIG INFLUENCE

Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, July 24, 2008

The person nominating Miller was Chuck Padden of Livonia, an assistant football coach at Birmingham Brother Rice.

"The Livonia Junior Athletic League has become one of the premier youth leagues, in the country, with approximately 1,200 boys and girls participating in several sports, 12 months a year," wrote Padden in his letter of nomination to Hollenbeck. "The Livonia Falcon Unit has set the bar

high on how these programs should operate for the benefit of the kids, and Fred Miller's influence on the kids, coaches, and the parents is a big reason for the success of the whole league."

Among others in support of the Miller nomination were Novi-Detroit Catholic Central football coach Tom Mach, LJAL football commissioner Michael Rotter, Livonia Stevenson varsity football coach Tim Gabel and Mike Gatt, head coach at Livonia St. Edith School. Most of the players who go through the Falcons' program, which includes units for freshman, junior varsity and varsity, join the Stevenson

or Catholic Central programs. "I want to thank everyone who made the award possible," said Miller, noting that a caravan traveled to and from Spartan Stadium and then finished off the big day with a celebration at Coach's Corner in Livonia.

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ond three-pointer.

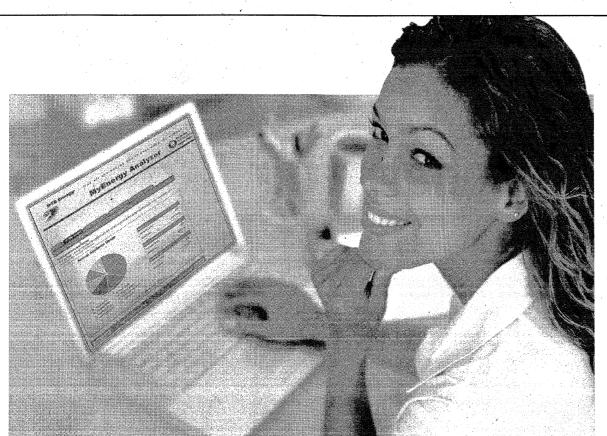
Hanchett was an alternate for the game until finding out a few weeks ago that he was added to the roster when another player had to drop

"This week really opened my eyes to what the college game is going to be like," said Hanchett. "Today was a lot faster game than what I was used to in high school."

Hanchett was shifted from his customary wide receiver role to tight end — a move he took in stride

took in stride.
"I was able to work on my blocking a lot," said the 6-foot-4, 190-pound speedster. "I was blocking a lot against some pretty big guys."

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finished second)."

Wolfe is a member of a hockey-loving family. His older brothers — Brad and Mitch — both played for Canton and his dad, Chris, was instrumental in bringing high school hockey to the Plymouth-Educational Park 10 years ago.

Wolfe, who won't be paid by the Steel, said he's always been attracted to hockey because of the sport's uniqueness.

"It's different from every other sport I played growing up," said Wolfe, who played high school baseball during his freshman and sophomore years at Canton. "Probably the thing I've enjoyed the most are traveling to the weekend tournaments, the long bus rides with your teammates."

Fittingly, Wolfe has worked with youngsters at a shooting camp this summer.

Judging by his previous success, it won't be long before he'll be teaching opposing USHL defensemen a thing or two about how to put the puck in the back of the net.

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Eagles eye WS crown

The Detroit Eagles travel baseball team has won three straight World Series championships, beginning with the AABC Sandy Koufax 14-and-under division in 2005.

The Eagles have won back-to-back titles in Major League Baseball's RBI (Reviving Baseball in the Inner Cities) Program the past two seasons, winning the championship games at Angels of Anaheim Stadium in 2006 and Dodgers Stadium in 2007.

The RBI format sends seven regional champions and the defending champion to MLB's Youth Academy in Compton, Calif., to compete in the week-long event.

The RBI program created by former player and scout John Young now includes teams from 205 cities worldwide and over 250,000 players ages 13-18. Major League all-stars Coco Crisp, Dontrell Willis, Jimmy Rollins and Carl Crawford are recent graduates of the RBI program.







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Detroit Diesels are Giant killers, 40-0

BY CHRISTIAN YOUNG CORRESPONDENT

That home cooking got even

better as time goes on. After a 14-6 win over the Cougars on Saturday, the Detroit Diesels showed what they could truly do.

They set season highs on offense — 40 points scored – and defense, shutting out the Belleville Giants in a dominating victory at Livonia Franklin High School.

"I knew that we would put it all together soon," Diesels general manager Al Seder said. "We finally got clicking in all phases of the game and look what happened."

The Diesels defense got it in gear early, forcing two fumbles from the initial Giant offensive drive and giving the Diesels great field position inside the Belleville 20, which culminated with a quarterback sneak from Andy Hess (Lutheran Westland). The two-point attempt was good.

Detroit would score again later in the second quarter on a Hess toss to Jon Craven (Farmington), going into halftime 16-0.

A Ja'Ron Embry (Dearborn Heights Robichaud) interception set up the Diesels' next scoring drive, marching 74 yards before Keith Thomas walked into the endzone over left tackle.

Amped up by the offensive fireworks, the defense got into the act as well in the third quarter, when Bernard Evans (Wayne Memorial) recovered a fumble and scooted into the endzone from the Belleville seven-yard line.

Detroit capped off the night with a Hess pass to Brandon Fender (Canton), who moved to tight end following Hess' emergence at quarterback.

Hess finished 10-of-14 passing for 193 yards, two touchdowns, and an interception. Jon Craven (Farmington) 74 yards on five catches, including two for touchdowns, and Fender had two catches for 16 yards, including his scoring snare. Thomas had 38 yards on five carries with his score, and Giles Cassel rumbled for 44 yards.

Defensively, Evans had a sack in addition to his fumble recovery for a score, Embry had two interceptions, and Lamarr Miller had three batted passes. Dan Hayes and Earl Blanchette each had two sacks for Detroit. Overall, the entire defense stood out, holding Belleville to 25 net yards of offense.

The Diesels (3-3 overall, 3-2 GLFL) will hit the road next week to play the Kalamazoo Outlaws before returning to Livonia Franklin on August 2nd to face off against the Lenawee County Crusaders. They will close the home portion of their season on August 9th against the Northwest Ohio Knights.



Happily clutching trophies after capturing the Bronco Division title at Sunday's PONY Baseball 2008 District 3 tournament at Garden City's Moeller Fields are the U11 Garden City Gladiators. In the front row (from left) are Tyler Harnos, Zackary Maszatics, Brendan Ferracciolo, Brendan Spehar, Brian Widmer and Nick Montroy. In the middle row (from left) are Angelo Policicchio, Jeremiah Vera-Burgos, Kyle Murray, Nick Radtke and Ryan Browne. Standing in the back row (from left) are team coaches Tony Widmer. Dave Ferracciolo and Jim Montroy. Not present for the tourney was Vinny Cadotto. The Gladiators advance to the state tournament this week in Grand Ledge.

Homer lifts GC Gladiators to Bronco Division title win

Clutch performances on defense and offense Sunday propelled the Garden City Gladiators to a 6-5 victory over the Westland Cobras in the Bronco Division championship game of the PONY Baseball 2008 District 3 tournament at Moeller Fields in Garden City.

With the eight-inning triumph, the Gladiators advanced to this week's state tournament in Grand Ledge, which begins Thursday.

PONY LEAGUE TOURNEY

After leading most of the well-played contest, the Cobras knotted the score at 5-5 in the top of the seventh and looked ready to take the lead. But Garden City's Brendan Spehar made an outstanding defensive play at second base to end the

In the top of the eighth, Gladiators' pitcher Bryan

Widmer retired the side and that set the stage for the gamewinning home run by Jeremiah Vera-Burgos in the bottom half of the frame. According to team coaches

Dave Ferracciolo, Jim Montroy and Tony Widmer, the Gladiators — an Under-11 team performing in a U12 tournament — prevailed thanks to excellent team defense as well as the pitching of Ryan Browne and Vera-Burgos.

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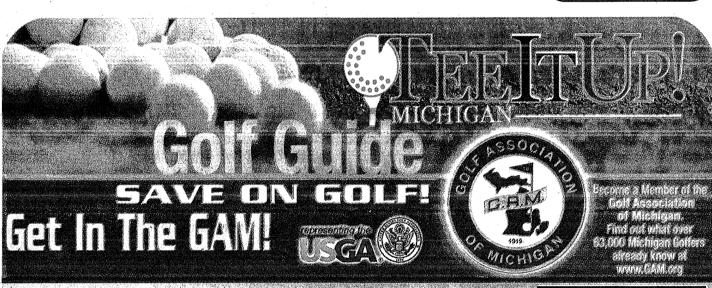
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Canton church reaches out to community with clothing bank

O & E STAFF WRITER

Individuals in need need not be a member of Canton Christian Fellowship to shop at the church's monthly clothing bank, thanks to the thoughtfulness of the congregation. Over the years their kindness has been bountiful.

When Hurricane Katrina displaced about 50 of Adonna Wright's family members in New Orleans in August 2005, she turned to the church for help. After collecting and shipping many clothes and items to Texas and Baton Rouge, Louisiana where they were staying, Wright started thinking that people in Michigan needed the same kind of help, so she prayed about it and asked Pastor David Washington for his thoughts.

In January the church opened The Clothing Bank to individuals as well as organizations like the Salvation Army. The Clothing Bank is now held the fourth Saturday of each month (except for November and December this year when it will be on the third Saturday.) The next date is Saturday, July 26, from 10 a.m. to noon.

"We've had people who have had fires and lost everything, people in foreclosure and out of their homes and financially strapped," said Wright, ministry leader for the church's Clothing Bank and a Canton resident. "We even had one woman with breast cancer who needed clothing but asked for prayer. We routinely ask during intake if they would like prayer directly there or to be put on a prayer list."

The church staff depends on the honesty of individuals as to whether they're in need and tries not to intrude on privacy. Few questions are asked during intake.

We ask for sizes and have volunteers go around and shop and help them find sizes," said Wright. "We call them shoppers. We ask that people who are in need come. Your honesty is between you and God. We're not here to judge how needy vou are.

"If we don't have their size, a

CLOTHING BANK

When: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 26

Where: Canton Christian Fellowship Church, 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy between Haggerty and Lilley

Details: 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 also accepted. For information, call (734) 404-2480 or visit www.CantonCF.org

lady needed a bra and we didn't have it but were able to purchase it for her later. If people need a certain size we put it in the bulletin for next time."

Church members as well as the community have been generous in donating clothing to the bank.

"Sometimes when we're open on Saturdays people will see the sign and stop in and donate clothes. We often get beautiful things," said Wright. "We're going to have a back to school extravaganza to donate school supplies in August so we can give out pencil and paper and notebooks. We're getting a lot of return visitors who know it's the fourth Saturday."

Pastor Washington estimates about 10 to 15 families show up each month for the Clothing Bank run by the contemporary church, which is affiliated with Southern Baptist. Washington, a Canton resident, brought many of his concepts for the church from California where he lived for five years.

"It took us a couple years to understand the culture in the area," said Washington, who says he grew up in a traditional African-American church. "It's taken a lot of blood, sweat and tears but the mission of the church is to take in those in your community, regionally and in the world. We have a global vision to be a lighthouse in our community. A lighthouse reaches out to the community. We recognize that need."

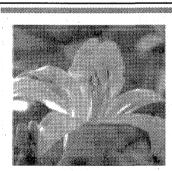
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Cynthia Shelton (left), Minister Wallace Shelton, Alexa Wright, and Leo Regular set up just before the Clothing Bank opens to the public. The Clothing Bank has been available to the needy once a month since January at Canton Christian Fellowship Church.



Minister Wallace Shelton helps Beverly Neal shop for clothing at **Canton Christian** Fellowship Church.



Obituaries, Memorials, Remembrances

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IRENE M. CARSON

Age 63 of Vicksburg, died Friday, July 18, 2008 at her Indian Lake home. She was born in Detroit on March 31, 1945 the daughter of Earl and Wilva (Norris) Markham. Irene was married to her high school sweetheart, Donald Carson on March 13, 1965 in Plymouth, MI. While living there, she was Secretary to the Director of Finance for Plymouth-Canton Finance for Plyr Community Schools. She taught Sunday School, and following her retirement, worked briefly at the Physicians Center of Physical Medicine. Irene is survived by her husband, Donald; three grandsons, Joshua, Jeremie, and Jacob Murray all of Rockford, MI; and 1 brother, Ronald Markham of Bradenton, FL. She was preceded in death by her parents; and her daughter, Lisa S. Murray. Visitation was Monday, July 21st at the Chapman Memorial Church of the Nazarene. Funeral Services were held Tuesday, July 22, 2008 at the church with Rev. Dave Downs officiating. Burial will follow in Vicksburg Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Southwest Michigan, or the Cancer American Society. Arrangements were by the Eickhoff Funeral Home of Mendon. Online register and condolences may be left at: www.eickhofffuneralhome.com



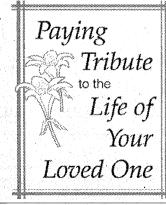
JOHN ROBERT GABEL

July 20, 2008. Age 84. Beloved husband of Jeanette. Loving father of Bob (Lynn) Gabel and Jack (Helen) Gabel. Devoted grandfather of Amy (Grady) Coon and Kelly (Auriel) Gabel-Acuna. Proud great-grandfather of Ava and Kendall. Visitation Tuesday 5-8pm at McCabe Funeral Home 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills. Funeral Service Wednesday at 11:00am at McCabe Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Antioch Lutheran Church 33360 W. 13 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills, MI 48334. www.mccabefuneralhome.com



JAMES JOHN HAPP, JR.

Of Westland, Born December 22, 1942 in Los Angeles, Calif. died July 18, 2008, age 65. He was a longtime employee of the Wayne-Westland ommunity Schools where he taught English at Nankin Mills and Marshall Junior High Schools and John Glenn High School. He was a member of the estland Civitans and volunteer at the Detroit Institute of Art and for the American Red Cross. He is preceded in death by his father, James John Happ, Sr., and a nephew, Matthew Robert Mason. He is survived by his mother, Frances Happ, brothers Robert of Kodiak Island, Alaska; Timothy (Susan) of Brighton, and sisters Elizabeth (Richard) McClure of Milford and Susan (Robert) Mason of Westland; nieces Colleen, Amy and Brian Happ, Kristin (Matthew) Weber, Katie (John) Tomasatis and Jonathan Happ, Ian (Melissa) McClure and Robert and Carolee Mason. Instate Thursday July 24, 9AM until 9:30AM Mass at St. Richard Catholic Church, 35637 Cherry Hill, Westland. Interment Cadillac Memorial Gardens-West. Memorial may be made to the American Red Cross. To view obituary and share memories log on to www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com.



CHRISTINE B. DICICCO

Age 79, of Troy, MI, passed away July 17, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.

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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.

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.

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.

Carillon concert series

10 a.m. and noon Sunday, July 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. ora.

Soccer camp

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church provides an opportunity for the beginning and intermediate soccer player to go to a soccer camp to learn and develop proper skills and knowledge of the game. It is open to all boys and girls ages 5-12 (any skill level). The mini-camp offers small group instruction allowing individual attention 6:30-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, July 28-31, at the church, 14175 Farmington Rd., north of I-96, Livonia. Cost \$25, includes instruction, T-shirt, snacks, and a soccer ball to take home. Register at www.christoursavior.org. Fee payable at time of registration. Students may bring their own soccer ball or shin guards. Items not required to enroll. For information, call (734) 522-6830.

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

RELIGION CALENDAR

Church, 30900 Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. Cost is \$15. To register, call (734) 422-6038, for information visit www.stmatthewslivonia. com.

Family movie night

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

Water works park

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

Summer day camp

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

Crafters wanted

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

Fall craft show

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

Seekers of spiritual intelligence

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

or (313) 806-PRAY, send e-mail to beacon-

hillccdoc@aol.com. Summer camp

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Program for Summer Camp continues to Aug. 22. The center is open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday for ages 18 months to 12 years. For more information, call (734) 513-8413 or drop 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia.

UPCOMING

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.manresa-sj.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 I-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

9 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.

Vacation Bible school

The Anglican Church of Livonia will hold its Vacation Bible School 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, Aug. 12-15. This year's theme is Bible Beach Bash - Soak up the Son! For information, call (248) 442-0422.

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CALENDAR

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 3-4-year olds, full day kindergarten and first-eighth grades. Call Laura at (313) 937-2233 or e-mail Igoodman@hosanna-tabor.org.

Bible study

A Word for You Bible Study continues 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19, in the Green Room at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Rd., Westland. The one hour study includes Praise and Worship and the Word. All are welcome. For more information, call (313) 289-8336.

Health program

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cost \$75. Information available at (313) 255-2222 ext. 359 or sledlie@dwo.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 reincarnation 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 Dorie Chang Buddha III will be the one leading the congregation in Detroit.

Spirit of Manresa

Dinner and auction begins with 5:30 p.m. Mass Saturday, Sept. 27, at The Marriott at Centerpoint, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway, Pontiac. Cost is \$150, \$250 patron, includes dinner, silent and live auctions, dancing. Call (248) 644-4933, ext. 34 or visit www.manresa-sj.org. Manresa Jesuit Retreat House is a place of quiet, peace and prayer that seeks to help people grow in their spiritual life.

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)

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)

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.

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

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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.

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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.

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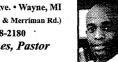
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Hard work keeps Habitat Inkster effort on track

BY JULIE BROWN **0&E STAFF WRITER**

It's been a rainy spring and summer, but progress is strong and steady for two Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County homes in Inkster.

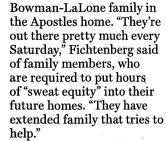
'We have a dedicated group of core workers who are out there every day," said Barb Fichtenberg of Canton, church relations chair for the affiliate, currently building two homes on Dunning in Inkster. Partner Northwest Airlines, which donated \$20,000 for the Apostles Build effort, has volunteers at the site weekdays. A number of area churches have volunteers each Saturday.

Work generally stops on Sunday. "As a Christian ministry, we tend to honor the Lord's day," said Fichtenberg, a medical technologist at Garden City Hospital.

The Apostles Build involves a number of area churches. The second home is the Thrivent Build, supported by a Lutheran financial organization.

We're still struggling," Fichtenberg said of current fund raising for the Christian ministry, which aims to provide new homes for needy families. "It seems the economy is really having an effect on our ability to raise funds.'

The Gucwa family will live in the Thrivent home, the



The two homes will likely be done late September/early October. The Habitat affiliate will start work in late summer in two additional homes on Dunning for a total of eight Habitat homes

"That neighborhood is totally different," said Fichtenberg, adding the new homeowners have young children who play together.

A number of area congregations are participating in the Apostles Build II/Thrivent Build Churches 2008. Sponsoring churches for the Apostles Build are: First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, First **United Methodist Church** of Plymouth, Geneva Presbyterian Church of Canton, Meadowbrook Congregational Church, **Resurrection Catholic** Parish of Canton, St. John Neumann Catholic Church of Canton, St. Michael the Archangel Church and Trinity Episcopal Church, Belleville.

Participating churches are: St. Robert Bellarmine Church of Redford, St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic



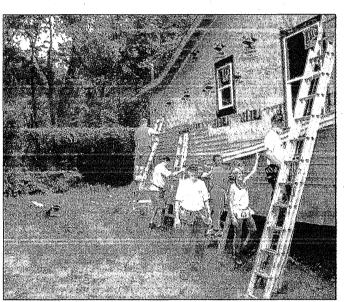
Geneva Presbyterian Church of Canton and Northwest Airlines volunteers worked at the Inkster home site on a recent Saturday.

Church of Canton, St. Aidan Catholic Church of Livonia and Allen Park Presbyterian Church.

Sponsoring churches for the Thrivent Build are: Christ Our Savior Lutheran, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Hope Lutheran Church of Dearborn, St. Matthew Lutheran Church, St. Michael Lutheran Church, St. Paul Lutheran of Northville and Timothy Lutheran Church of Livonia.

If vou'd like to join the Habitat volunteers, you can visit the Web site at www.habitatwwc.org. The Plymouth-based affiliate's phone is (734) 459-7744. There is also a Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County affiliate, based in

Lynnette Jefferson, executive assistant for the Western Wayne affiliate, knows how valuable volunteers are. "We are a volunteer-driven organization, so we needs volunteers to help us in all phases," including office work. By using volunteers, Habitat can save money, and build



Putting siding on the Habitat home keeps these volunteers busy.

HOMES SOLD

more homes, said Ypsilanti resident Jefferson.

Janice Mulholland is the volunteer coordinator for the Western Wayne affiliate. "They can sign up online. It's not a problem," Jefferson said.

"We've been very fortunate," she added of volunteers and corporate sponsors who support Habitat's work. "We've got quite a good

number of volunteers. So it's really nice."

She agreed with board member Fichtenberg that the work on Dunning is proceeding on schedule.

"It's going very well. They were even working on Saturday," Jefferson said July 1, referring to a rainy Saturday. "They were working in between the downpours."

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The seminar series will continue on the first and second Thursday of each month with a new

These are the Observer & Eccentricarea residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 31 to April 4, 2008, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales

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Canton	4040.000
45736 Baywood Blvd	\$249,000
1577 Brookdale Dr	\$222,000
1461 Colonade Ct	\$430,000
45841 Graystone Ln	\$145,000
577 Meadowlake Rd	\$182,000
43439 Michigan Ave	\$125,000
409 Princeton St	\$210,000
49972 Proctor Rd	\$175,000
1567 Rustic Ridge Rd	\$179,000
42262 Trent Dr	\$226,000
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Farmington Hills	
23850 Glencreek Dr	\$153,000
34785 Pickford Dr	\$260,000
30229 S Meadowridge	\$275,000
Garden City	
28946 Florence St	\$107,000
Livonia	
9605 Arden St	\$163,000
19114 Canterbury Dr	\$100,000
11814 Farmington Rd	\$114,000
32900 Five Mile Rd	\$1,150,000
9970 Harrison St	\$130,000
14959 Henry Ruff St	\$260,000
29721 Hoy St	\$130,000
18841 Lathers St	\$52,000

Northville	
19340 Clement Rd	\$196,000
48550 Freestone Dr	\$129,000
46773 Greenridge Dr	\$345,000
21127 Maybury	\$670,000
16019 Merion Ct	\$652,000
49052 Rainbow Ln N	\$314,000
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24616 Cavendish Ave E	\$390,000
27989 Hopkins Dr	\$156,000
40677 Lenox Park Dr	\$250,000
43479 Mclean Ct	\$515,000
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25275 Sutton Ct	\$779,000
Plymouth	
11662 Aspen Dr	\$182,000
530 Byron St	\$198,000
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50912 Richard Dr	\$100,000
120 S Holbrook St	\$185,000
Redford	
16724 Beech Daly Rd	\$51,000
8918 Robindale	\$60,000
South Lyon	
981 Hidden Creek Dr	\$174,000
726 Westhills	\$233,000
938 Westbrooke Dr	\$182,000
Westland	
33003 Alamo Ct	\$105,000
1434 Mar Ann Dr	\$120,000
359 Marigold Cir	\$120,000
28999 McDonald St	\$115,000
526 N Hanlon St	\$159,000
32263 Parkwood St	\$127,000
2270 S Wayne Rd	\$150,000

Be wary of nepotism on bids

Q: We have a dedicated board member who tried to save the association a few bucks by having his brother bid on the landscaping services. Our board members found out he submitted a bid far below all of the others so that he in return received the contract. Do you think that there is a conflict of interest?

A: Familiarity with a service provider's work is an important consideration in any bidding constitution. However, when the relationship between a board member and a service provider is a little too cozy, it creates a problem with both the association and the volunteer A conflict of interest is generally defined



Robert Meisner

as a situation in which an individual's duty to one leads to the disregard of a duty to another. The most common conflicts of interest arise

when volunteers suggest a friend or relative for an association contract. In this case it was an example of blatant nepotism and probably a violation of the fiduciary duty of the board member. It also creates a problem if in fact the landscaping services are not done well which, in the event of litigation, may involve a suit against the brother of a board member. You are best advised to not ever hire any one who has any proprietary interest in the association, which has been this writer's advice to community associations for over 35 years.

Q: The wife of a board member was hosting a few neighbors for a barbecue and she commented to one of her quest, privately and discreetly, that it was unfortunate that one of the neighbors had fallen on hard times indicating that they were late on their assessments. The co-owners found out about it and are extremely angry. Do they have a

A: One of the most sensitive and challenging tasks for an association volunteer is separating their association responsibilities from their personal and social life. An offhand comment about a neighbor's current hardship may be well-meaning and sympathetic in nature, but is also a breach of confidentiality if the news came via closed door discussion of delinquent assessments. That may be a breach of the fiduciary duty of the board member and the neighbors may well claim that their privacy has been violated, among other things. Board members should understand their fiduciary duties and consult with counsel to get a further explanation or otherwise read the appropriate legal journals and/or treatises written about this subject.

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



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Fam Rm w/frpl, large fenced yard

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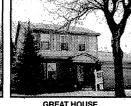
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Brick ranch



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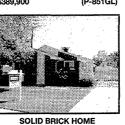
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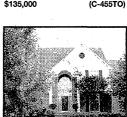
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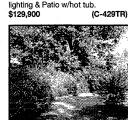
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Rm w/vaulted ceiling.

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Master w/WIC. open floor plan

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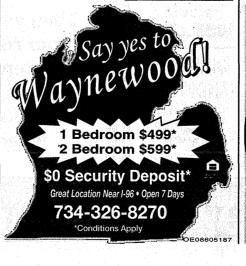
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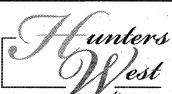
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24-26th, 9am-5pm. 13984 Sunset, N of 96, S of Lyndon,

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24 - 26th, 8am to 5pm. 11029

Plymouth Rd, btwn Merriman

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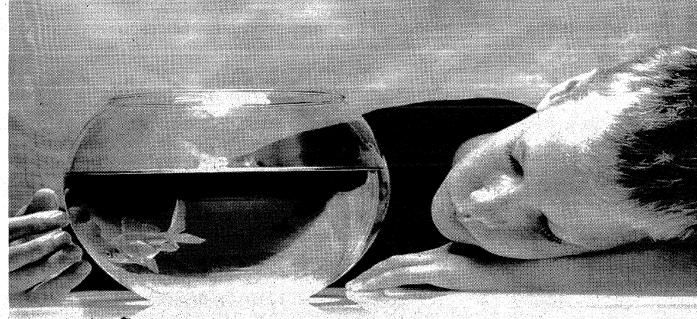
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■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) NAHBR Professional Remodelers present "Cash In On CAPS" on Wednesday, Aug. 20, from 6-8:30 p.m. at Association Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills. CAPS refers to the Certified Aging-In-Place Specialist designation offered by the National Association of Home Builders and earned by attending specific classes held locally at BIA headquarters.

Bob Johnson, Johnson Building Co., will present topics that relate to CAPS: using CAPS to expand your customer base; evaluating your qualifications to serve aging customers; marketing for jobs; knowing the similarities and differences between ADA and CAPS; using universal and elegant design; and describing the CAPS certification program.

Registration is \$35 for BIA members. Advance registration required. For registration infor-

mation, call (248) 862-1008 or register online at www.builders.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a Certified Graduate (CG) course, "Building Codes & Standards," on Thursday, Aug. 14, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS, of **Builders Professional Services** will identify the organizations that develop, revise and regulate building codes and standards. Emphasis will be on state and local building departments, plan review, building permits, inspections, code enforcement and the appeal process.

The course counts toward requirements for National **Association of Home Builders** designation programs including Certified Graduate Associate (CGA), Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) and Certified Green Professional (CGP). It also counts toward Prelicensure and Continuing Education Competency for the State of Michigan.

Registration fees are \$155 for NAHBR Professional Remodelers, \$175 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www. builders.org.

■ BIA and Bank of America will also sponsor a Fall Parade of Homes event running from Aug. 15 to Sept. 14. Parade of Homes features ready-to-move-in homes as well as under construction and pre-construction homes throughout southeastern Michigan.

Staging

The Great Lakes Regional International Association of Home Staging Professionals® Chapter

(GLRIC) showcased their Home Staging efforts at the Lighthouse Community Development Open House Ceremonies on Saturday, July 19, at Beacon Square Apartments, 101 Mechanic in Pontiac.

'The renovated and new construction low-income family rental housing development have been professionally Staged by IAHSP® participating members with a zero budget," said Carolyn Stieger, co-lead of the Staging committee. "Just like you see on the home improvement shows, we found create ways to make both properties look like you're coming home."

The Great Lakes Regional IAHSP Chapter of Home Staging Professionals have staged a two-bedroom apartment at 101 Mechanic and a three-bedroom townhome off Whittemore Street, using furniture provided by The Furniture Bank of Southeast Michigan. "By utilizing the loan of furniture, artwork and some accessories combined with our Staging inventories, we have been

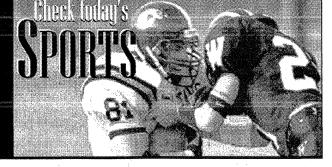
able to create a welcome and warm feeling for any potential renter," said Heather Roberts, colead of the Staging Committee. "This was a fun opportunity to think outside the box and make these properties look great."

The Lighthouse Community Development Open House Event was to showcase the renovation and construction of a 28-apartment facility and 12 three-bedroom townhomes available for low-income families.

The Great Lakes Regional IAHSP chapter members, located throughout southeast Michigan, usually work with Realtors and homeowners preparing their homes for sale. All of the IAHSP® Chapter members are Accredited Staging Professionals® (ASPs). For more information visit the Web site: http://greatlakeschapter. iahsp.com/home.php.

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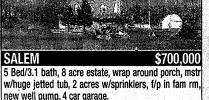
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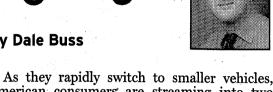
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By Dale Buss



American consumers are streaming into two camps: those who want to hold onto their automotive accoutrements -- and those who are just looking for a cheaper ride. "There are two trends out there," said Mark

Perry, director of product planning for Nissan North America. "Some consumers are giving up some size but want to hang onto amenities they got used to. Others are just looking for very basic, maybe no-frills transportation that is fuelefficient.

"These are competing consumer behaviors, and I'm not sure which will outweigh the other."

How the two trade-down trends ultimately reconcile will affect everything in the industry from product planning to pricing to marketing. Some suggest this is a major sign that the U.S. market is quickly evolving into something similar to Europe, where highly contented though small cars reign.

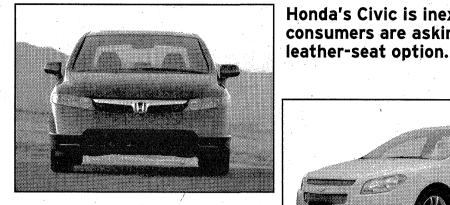
But because the current shift toward smaller and more fuel-efficient vehicles has been precipitous, OEMs already have been adjusting to them on the fly as much as possible.

With an industry running at only 12 million to 13 million [annual sales rates] now, it's even more important to have the right vehicle at the right price at the right time," Perry said. "Stale inventory is a problem because it costs you lots of incentive money. So everybody is studying this

Portable Comfort

At least fairly distinct identities already have emerged for the two groups currently trading down and bloating the market for small- and mid-size cars and light SUVs.

Let's call the first one Comfort Cravers. These are the fast-growing ranks of large- and luxuryvehicle owners who have decided to downsize in the interests of fuel economy but want to



More and more buyers of the Chevrolet Malibu LTZ are demanding amenities along with a four-cylinder engine.

"content" their new purchases as much as possible and are willing to pay the price of doing

"These people include many boomers who are in their peak earning years and have become accustomed to leather seats and higher levels of trim, moon roofs, audio systems and navigation systems," said George Pipas, Ford's head of U.S. sales analysis.

General Motors is seeing the Comfort Cravers' impact in the changing profiles of buyers of the Chevrolet Malibu and Pontiac G6 midsize sedans. Typically, those who bought the fourcylinder models of these vehicles were happy with a base content level; only buyers of the sixcylinder engine wanted to add a lot of bells and whistles.

"But now we're seeing that the people who are getting four cylinders in these vehicles don't' want to give up the creature comforts," said GM spokesman John McDonald.

Granted, the Malibu is a brand-new model this year and has generated more interest in general from upscale buyers than did the rather utilitarian version it replaced. But McDonald nevertheless believes it's significant that, for example, nearly 50 percent of recent Malibu four-cylinder buyers have requested the remotestarting option, compared with only about five percent a year ago.

Similarly, nearly 20 percent of Malibu fourcylinder buyers are purchasing sunroofs, compared with significantly fewer than 10 percent a year ago. Adjustable gas pedals now are requested in more than 40 percent of fourcylinder Malibus, versus just five percent a year

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ago. Heated seats: more than 20 percent now compared with less than five percent a year ago.

Ford is recognizing this phenomenon in the high numbers of buyers of Focus subcompacts who insist on including the heavily marketed Sync electronics system. Meanwhile, packages including Bluetooth connections and upgraded audio systems in the Versa subcompact "are just flying off the shelf," said Nissan's Perry.

And Honda is seeing the preferences of Comfort Cravers show up in the five-percent penetration of factory navigation systems in its Civic subcompact since the option was added in 2006 as well as in high take levels for the leather-seating option that Honda added for Civic with the current model year.

But a group that might be called Price Purchasers -- the other prominent strain among downsizing consumers -- are exerting a huge pull on the market as well.

These people often are downsizing for reasons beyond high gas prices alone; in today's shaky U.S. economy, many Price Purchasers are seeking inexpensive vehicles for general financial reasons as well. This camp also includes consumers who are merely staying in the smallcar segment rather than trading up as American car buyers traditionally have done.

"If gasoline is costing you \$100 a week when it may have cost you \$50 a week before, and you're not seeing a raise, something has got to give in many households," Perry said.

While these trends remain highly volatile, so far the collective effects exhibited by emerging groups of Price Purchasers and Comfort Cravers basically seem to be offsetting each other.





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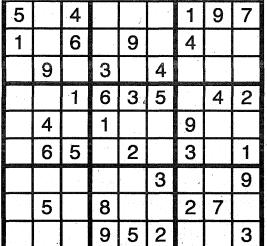
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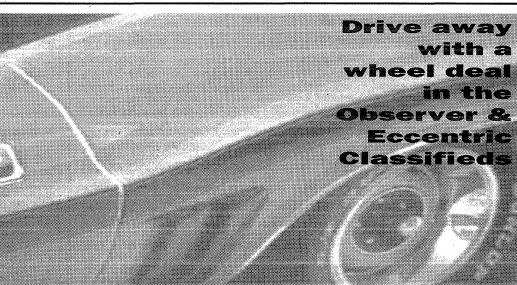
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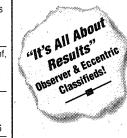


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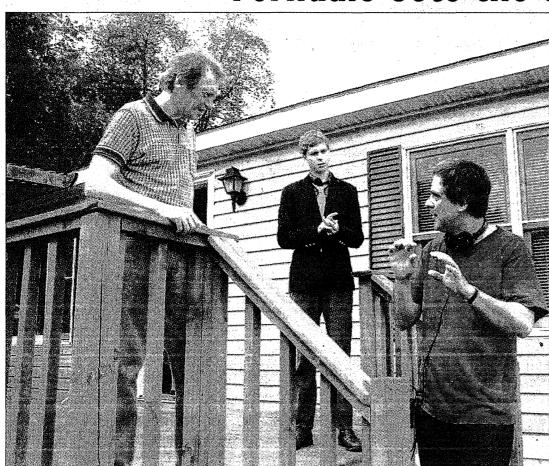
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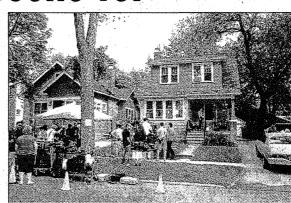
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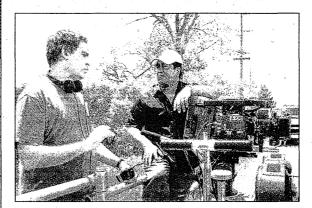
Ferndale sets the scene for



Actors Steve Buscemi and Michael Cera discuss a scene in "Youth In Revolt" with Director Miguel Arteta, while on location in Wixom in June.



This lavender house in Ferndale currently serves as the setting of Estelle Twisp's house in the movie "Youth In Revolt" starring Michael Cera.



While filming the comedy "Youth In Revolt" around Michigan, Director Miguel Arteta and Director of Photography Chuy Chavez line up a driving shot in Wixom.



Comedian Dave Bell

LAUGH UP A STORM WITH COMEDIAN DAVE BELL

Ready for a reality check? Catch Comedian Dave Bell when he unleashes his irreverent brand of comedy this weekend at DTE Music Theatre. Bell, a Southfield resident, will perform as the opening act for Earth, Wind and Fire. He keeps his one-liners clean and, according to Roger Feeny of the Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase, Bell's "keen sense of comedy results in cleverly written material that is presented with a charismatic stage presence. In other words — the guy's funny and I book him all the time."

He takes the stage at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 27. DTE Energy Music Theatre is located at 7774 Sashabaw Road, at I-75 in Independence Township. Visit www.palacenet.com or call (248) 645-6666 for tickets.

'Youth In Revolt'

Editor's Note: This is the second in an ongoing series of stories highlighting the hometown impact of a newly passed 2008 Michigan tax incentive on a now burgeoning local film industry in and around metro Detroit. The incentives offer up to a 42 percent cash rebate as long as the production spends \$50,000 in Michigan. As a result more than 80 applications (and 150 scripts) have been submitted to the Michigan Film Office to date, according to Director

> BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Dieve Lo moved from Royal Oak to Ferndale three months ago, never imagining his neighbors might include the likes of actors Ray Liotta, Michael Cera and Jean Smart. The actors are all currently shooting the Miguel Arteta-helmed comedy Youth In Revolt, which has taken over three homes on Lo's tree-lined street. "You can't beat that," he said, standing on his porch July 16.

Lo even had a chance to meet and take a photograph with its star, Cera, best known for his roles in 2007 hits Juno and Superbad.

On the same sunny afternoon, 16-year-olds Aaron Moskal and Devin Verhulst lounged on a patch of green grass just across the street from the set — which on that day centered on a lavender house with an old shiny trailer parked in the driveway.

They drove in from Metamora just to get a glimpse of the movie, and its star Cera, in



Michael Cera stars in "Youth In Revolt." Based on the C.D. Payne novel, the movie has been filming around Michigan, including Frankfort (above). Currently, scenes are being shot in Ferndale.

action. "We got a picture with him," said Devin, with a smile. The teens spent the day watching actors and crew at work. "You always watch movies but you never see how many people it takes and all the equipment it takes to make a movie," added Aaron. Last month he and Devin had a chance to work as extras in another film that recently wrapped in Royal Oak - a Lifetime movie title *Prayers* for Bobby, starring Sigourney

Both movies share producers Steven A. Longi and David Permut of L.A.-based Permut Presentations, Inc. Initially Youth In Revolt was to be shot in Oregon and Prayers for Bobby in Calgary. Instead the Michigan tax incentives lured the projects to the mitten state. "We planted our flag

here first for Youth In Revolt," said Permut, speaking from a backyard transformed by tents, monitors and sound equipment. "We were the first film to do that."

He said so far, the experience of filming in Michigan has been a good one. Permut raved about the creative talent and people he's met who have been "so accepting of us being here." Only the weather — rain and thunderstorms — has posed concerns. Co-producer Longi agreed "the great thing about filming here is the people in Michigan. They have been very accommodating and very nice." The film itself requires a cast and crew of some 125 people — some hired from right here in the metro Detroit area.

Please see REVOLT, D6

Fresh from Ferndale Fans can expect star-studded cast

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

Youth In Revolt, a film based on C.D. Payne's novel of the same name, follows the exploits of mischievous 16-year-old Nick Twisp (Michael Cera) in his quest to win the heart of one Sheeni Saunders, a girl he met on vacation. According to Producer David Permut, of L.A.-based Permut Presentations, Inc., Cera (Superbad) had been a fan of the book and was the only actor considered for the lead role.

It took five years to get the project moving, but Permut noted, fans of the novel should be pleased. "The tone is a little different, but it maintains the integrity of the book." Adapted from Payne's 500-pages, he said: "Gustin Nash crafted a script and chose what to take and what not to take. It's fresh and original." Nash also wrote the indie flick Charlie Bartlett.

While filming the comedy, two separate houses on Ferndale's Leroy Street currently repre-

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EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE PRESENTS INTENSIVE BALLET

The prestigious Eisenhower Dance Ensemble will present La Bayadère, at 4 p.m. Sunday, July 27, at Oakland University's Varner Recital Hall in Rochester.

La Bayadère is a story of eternal love, mystery, fate, vengeance and justice, all portrayed with the beauty and tradition of classical ballet.

The performance is part of its 6th annual Summer Ballet Intensive. Joining EDE this



Students at the Eisenhower Dance Center.

summer is Barbara Schoen, a former student at the center and professional ballerina from the Fort Wayne Ballet. She takes on the role of Nikiya, a temple dancer who is loved by the noble Solor. Solor will be danced by Chris Taddiken, another former EDE student, currently studying dance on scholarship at Mercyhurst College in Pennsylvania.

Tickets, \$8. Visit www.ede-dance.org. -L. Mini



Deborah Kay hosts CD release party

Singer, songwriter and pianist Deborah Kay will pursue her life-long musical dreams, when she performs at the national launch party for her much anticipated debut CD Love Stories this weekend. The CD, on Visionmoore Music Group Records, is a blend of R&B, jazz, pop, gospel and classical influences, and will yield Kay's first single, Love Everlasting. The Detroiter, who teaches English in Detroit Public Schools, will perform two shows, at 8 and 10 p.m. on Saturday, July 26, at Arturo's Jazz Theatre and Restaurant, at 25333 W. 12 Mile Road (in the Star Theatre Complex), just west of Telegraph Road in Southfield. Tickets are \$20 per show. To purchase tickets, call (248) 357-6009 or visit www.arturosjazz.com.

-W. VonBuskirk

Memphis Smoke hosts concert for serious teen musicians

(Left to Right): Bubba Ayoub, Alie Miller, Nicole Amine, Lea Garsh and Joe Silver are members of Nuclear Autumn. The teens just met earlier this year at **Detroit School** of Rock and Pop in Royal 0ak.



O&E STAFF WRITER

At the Detroit School of Rock and Pop in Royal Oak, young local musicians learn to get along, jam together, hone writing skills and perform in concert. They also learn the business side of rock life.

On Sunday, July 24 they will show off their energy playing rock, pop, blues and punk rock — old school style — at Memphis Smoke in Royal Oak.

The bands are all new. The members all just recently met each other at the school. Detroit School of Rock and Pop owner Jason Gittinger matched teen musicians up with each other to help them

DETROIT SCHOOL OF ROCK AND POP CONCERT

Featuring: Young rock & pop bands formed at the Detroit School of Rock and Pop in Royal Oak. Bands are the UnOriginals, Watership Down, Royal Clinton Heights and Nuclear Autumn When: 6-9 p.m., Thursday, July 24 Where: Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak

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learn the ropes of being in a band. To coach them, Gittinger brings in teachers who are musicians themselves who have worked with Kid Rock, Tupac, Obie Trice, 50 Cent,

Eminem and Aerosmith.

Gittinger is an accomplished musician who wants to share with young bands everything he learned about the industry.

For guitar player Joe Silver, 14, of Huntington Woods, joining the school has changed his world. "In just one hour, we can learn

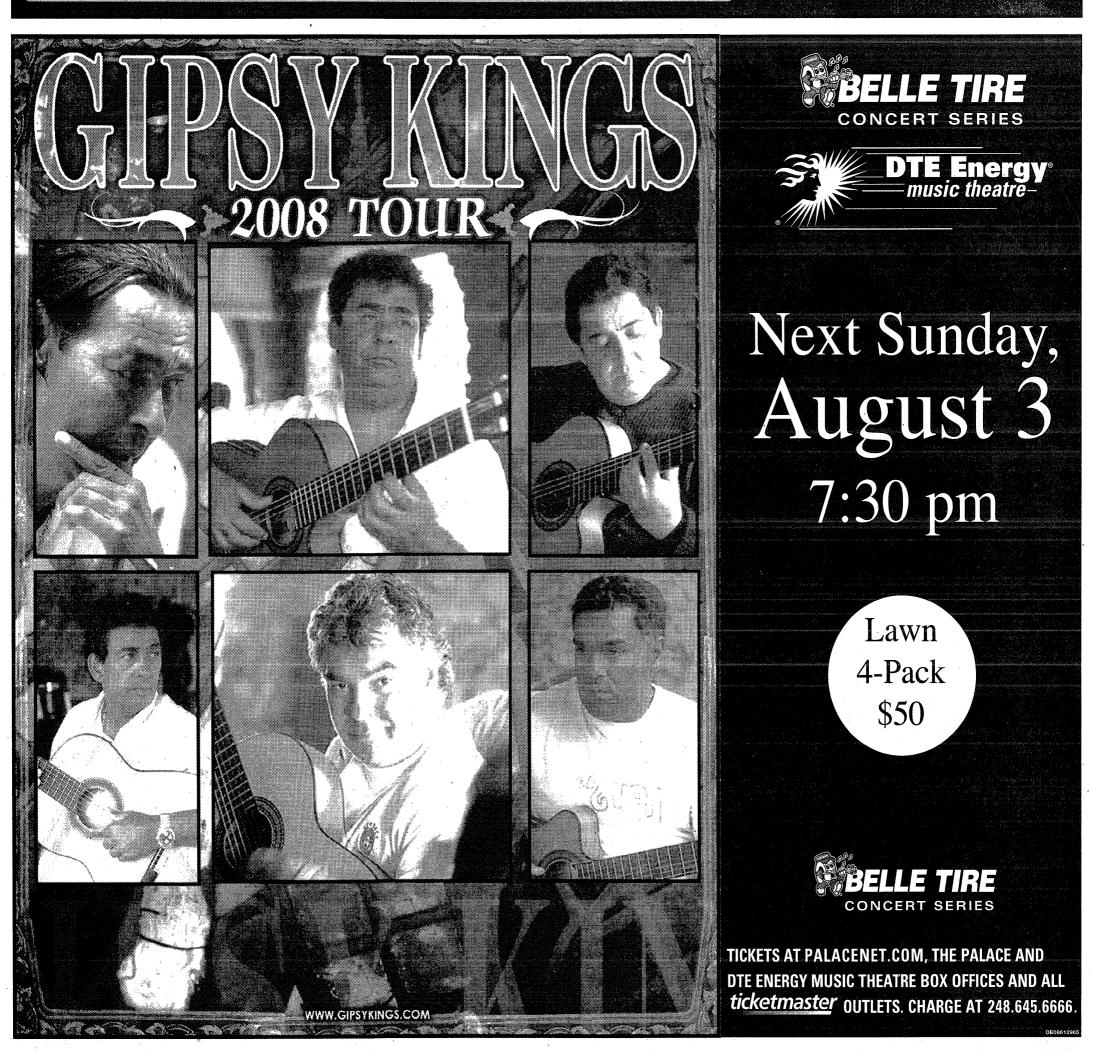
a new song," Silver, of the band Nuclear Autumn, said. Other members of Nuclear

Autumn are Bubba Ayoub, of Warren; Lea Garsh and Nicole Amine of Troy; and Alie Miller of Bloomfield.

Silver is intense about his guitar. He practices four hours a day. He's open-minded enough to

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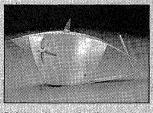




6TH ANNUAL ORCHARD LAKE FINE ART SHOW

Where: Orchard Lake St. Mary's Schools, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake, (corner of Commerce & Indian Trail Roads) When: Friday, Saturday and Sunday July 25, 26 & 27 Event Hotline: (248) 685-3748 Hours: Ticketed Artist Preview Party 6-9 p.m., Friday, July 25, \$25 (www.TicketWeb. com) includes drinks and hors d'oeuvres; 10 a.m.- 7 p.m Saturday, and 11 a.m. to -5 p.m. Sunday, free admission. Parking is \$6 and benefits Orchard Lake Schools.

Music: Sheila Landis Trio performing jazz standards, Gratitutde Steel Band performing Caribbean sounds and world jazz musicians Brazil & Beyond



Rebecca Hungerford's works will be on display.



Dawn Reeves, fiber artist, will show her wares at the show.

Art demos, landscaping, jazz highlight art show

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

There are so many festivals in Michigan — that's a good thing. But how do you choose which one to attend?

If you want an event where the focus is fine art from 150 of the best chosen artists from the U.S. and Canada, consider the Orchard Lake Fine Art Show.

And, if you want an event where the setting is pretty; where you can see artists in action and hear steel drums, Brazilian jazz and jazz standards, your best choice is still

the Orchard Lake Fine Art Show. It's consistently awarded one of the top 100 art shows in the country by various publications.

The festival is this weekend,

Lake St. Mary's Schools on Indian Trial in Orchard Lake. Here a garden display was landscaped just for the event. Splashy Designs of Novi and Tyme Landscaping of Livonia spent two weeks customizing a garden, the focal point of the fair. Guests can sit near the watery landscape and relax to the music. There's also a youth art competition which will display the works of local young up and coming creatives. Winners' works will be posted on www.HotWorks.org.

Throughout the weekend there will be glass blowing, painting and drawing demos from top notch art-

The glass will be blown by Michigan Glass Beadmakers Guild with a program called GlassAct an international group dediand preservation of glass working techniques. This show is a hot one for art-

ists, as it gives away \$2,500 in art awards.

Other aspects of the festival include:

Milestones: The City of Orchard Lake celebrates its 80th birthday, and West Bloomfield Township celebrates its 175th! Stop by their booths for details about codes, construction and career opportunities; information regarding disaster preparedness, mold, green building, benefits of permits, pool, spa and hot tub safety, and flood cleanup.

Kids Activities: The Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan Family Area offers the budding artist a chance to make their own masterpiece. Plaster painting, T-shirt tie dyeing, sandy candy

making and candle making activities are hosted by Plasterworks of Waterford. Kids can take home their works of art.

Local restaurants: Mezza, Bombay Grille and Mountain Jack's will serve up food.

The Caesar's Windsor Artist Preview Party kicks off the event on Friday from 6-9 p.m., sponsored by The Observer and Eccentric Newspapers. The preview gala offers patrons first choice to purchase artists' work. Complimentary beverages, including beer and wine, and savories will be served, with catering by Whole Foods Market. Maggie's Chocolate Fountain Bar provides a chocolate fantasy with free flowing milk chocolate in a delicious fountain. Additional food will available for purchase.

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The High Strung

THE HIGH STRUNG RETURNS TO PLYMOUTH

For the past three years The High Strung has been electrifying patrons across the nation with their sunny three-part harmonies and witty, lyrical bravado. This year, the Detroit-based band has taken its singalong lyrics to libraries all over the country, from Michigan to California, Maryland, Illinois, Missouri, Virginia and back. They will perform the last concert of their tour in Plymouth's Kellogg Park at 7 p.m. Wednesday, August 27.

Band members Josh Malerman, Derek Berk and Chad Stocker have come a long way since they shared a Detroit childhood. They've been hailed by Rolling Stone and the New York Times. The Village Voice recognized The High Strung as one of the best rock & roll bands in America; NPR's Ken Tucker named The High Strung's debut album These Are Good Times as one of the Top 10 Rock Records of 2003. The band's videos have been seen on MTV.

Opening for The High Strung will be Amelia with band members Colin Lazorka, Garret Schmittling, Matt Carlson and Kevin

-W. VonBuskirk

'THE UNDERTAKING' NOMINATED FOR EMMY

The Undertaking, PBS Frontline's look into the lives and work of Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors of Oakland County, has been nominated in the 29th Annual Emmy Awards for News and Documentary. Final judging will take place Sept. 21.

The Undertaking is one of four nominees in the Outstanding Arts and Culture Programming category.

Produced and directed by Miri Navasky and Karen O'Connor and adapted from the book by the same name by Thomas Lynch, The Undertaking was filmed at Lynch & Sons Funeral Homes in Milford and Clawson, January-June, 2007. It aired on PBS stations nationwide in late October last year.

The film followed several families through the process of terminal illness, decisions about funerals, burials, cremations and into the early months of bereavement.

The Undertaking can be seen in its entirety online at PBS Frontline's site at www.pbs.org/ frontline/undertaking.

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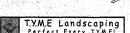
















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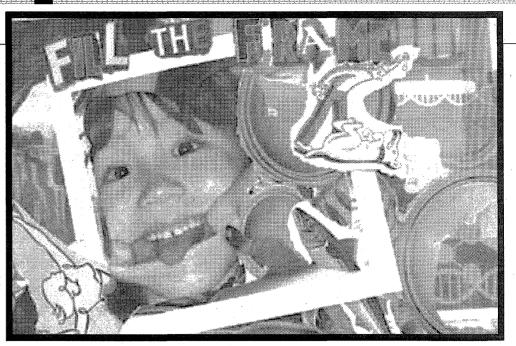
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Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly in "Step



Just imagine if Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly were related. The comedy gene would surely run in the family. Catch the funny duo, last paired in Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby, in the new Columbia Pictures release Step Brothers. The screenplay is by Will Ferrell and Adam McKay from a story by Will Ferrell, Adam McKay and John C. Reilly. Jimmy Miller and Judd Apatow produce. Catch it in area theaters.

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He installed the best possible equipment for proper vinification and aging, reducing the time spent in barrel in order to make a modern Rioja wine. Forner used the finest French and American oak barrels to achieve a subtle, delicate vanilla touch that complements the

WINE PICKS

Focus on Wine details the excellence of the Spanish producer MARQUES DE CACERES and here's WHAT TO BUY:

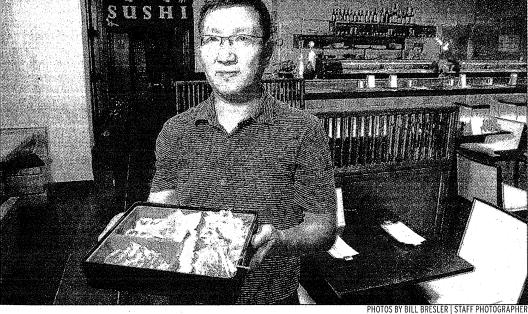
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If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor.

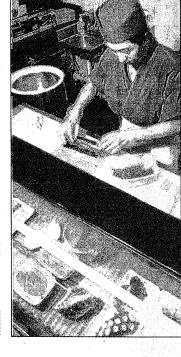
fruit, especially for the Reserva and Gran Reserva Rioja reds.

Today, noted Bordeaux enologist Michel Rolland consults with the vineyard and winery team and Forner has turned over management of the winery to his daughter Christine. This adds another very capable woman to the growing list of females heading quality wine producers worldwide.

Eleanor & Ray Heald are Contributing Editors for the internationallyrespected Quarterly Review of Wines and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, and restaurants for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.



Tomo owner Kevin Lim presents the day's special lunch box. The lunch box includes tonkatsu (fried pork), shrimp and veggie tempura, sushi roll, ginger salad, rice, and miso soup.



Sushi chef David Kim prepares sushi

Tomo's in Plymouth offers Japanese, Korean fare

O&E STAFF WRITER

Crash course in Japanese dining: Modern sushi is not raw fish, but most don't realize it.

It's the rice that makes it sushi. When it's rolled in the dried, flattened seaweed, it's called a nori or Maki roll.

Raw fish is called sashimi. The word tempura means "to season" so when you're eating eggplant/sweet potato/asparagus or other tempura, you're eating it fried and seasoned.

Tell your friends, it makes for interesting chatter.

If you want a restaurant with a huge selection of Japanese-fusion cooking, including sushi rolls stuffed with interesting ingredients, visit Tomo's Japanese Cuisine in Plymouth.

There are 50 different kinds of sushi roll at Tomo's, owner Kevin Lim said. And they include the traditional sushi such as the popular asparagus, tofu, pickled vegetable, cucumber and California rolls. Diners can sit at the sushi bar to watch the artistic preparation — or at the



Tomo offers an assortment of Japanese beers and sake.

TOMO JAPANESE CUISINE

Where: 47249 Five Mile Road, Plymouth, (734) 254-9944

Owner: Kevin Lim, former owner of the popular Sushi.com in Ann Arbor

Specialities: Huge menu of nori rolls; Japanese fusion menu and more

Tomo's opened six months ago on Five Mile Road in Plymouth. Lim, of Northville, said he opened there because Plymouth-area residents enjoy a diverse

choice of ethnic cuisines and are willing to try new menu offerings. Lim is the former owner of the well-received Sushi. com, the Ann Arbor restaurant he recently sold. Sushi.com is praised by U of M students as an affordable yet high-quality sushi bar.

Tomo's is the same with reasonable prices.

Lim, who is Korean, doesn't stop with Japanese cuisine at Tomo's. The restaurant also offers several Korean options.

Still a huge hit is the Japanese lunch box which includes tonkatsu (a fried pork developed in the late 19th century), tempura (pieces of shrimp, sweet potatoes, pepper and onions dipped a wheat batter and fried), cabbage ginger salad, rice, and miso soup.

The name Tomo means "friends" and Lim works to create a friendly atmosphere, helping new customers order off the menu if they ask. He will also offer advice on the Japanese beer and sake - rice wine that can be served hot or cold during the meal.

"Our menu is very popular with Americans," Lim said. "Especially the sushi. People love the variety."

HEALTHIEST IN THE COUNTRY

Only six independent restaurants in the country were named America's Healthiest Restaurants by *Health* Magazine.

On that prestigious list is Inn Season Cafe in Royal Oak. Inn Season is just one a handful of restaurants in the area that is 100 percent vegetarian. You won't find fish, chicken, beef or pork on this menu. The restaurant also offers vegan (dairyless) soy cheese.

Inn Season uses top-quality, organic, locally grown soybeans, grains, veggies, fruits, flowers and more. The enormous Big Bapbrawski burger, made from tempeh and nondairy 1,000 Island dressing, is out-of-this-world.

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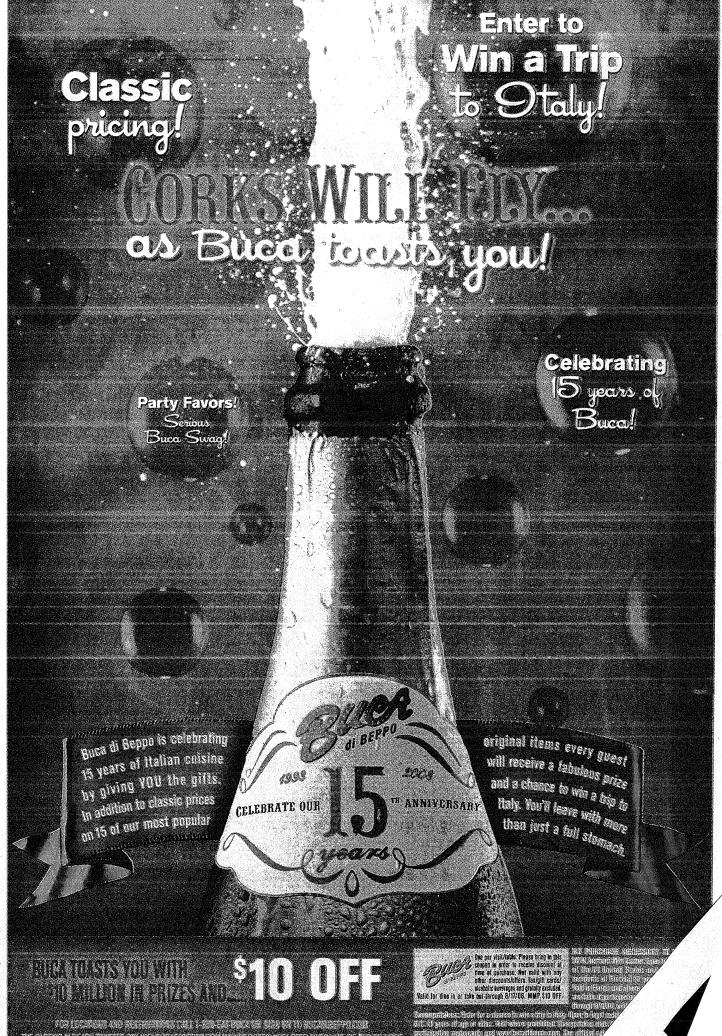
BIG BOY'S NEW MENU

Big Boy updates its menu for the summer with the return of annual favorites.

Diners can enjoy the new Breakfast Quesadilla or Santa Fe Omelette and the return of the Super Slim Jim plus mango ice cream desserts.

The Breakfast Quesadilla is a new twist on the classic Mexican favorite. Its grilled flour tortilla comes with scrambled eggs, red pepper, red onions, melted mild pepper jack and cheddar cheeses and bacon or sausage. Sour cream and Black Bean & Corn Salsa bring a little extra kick.

The Santa Fe Omelette is stuffed with mushrooms, red pepper, red onion and mild pepper jack cheese and served with hash browns and choice of toast, biscuit or hot cakes.





Family-friendly show pits boy against cookie-munching mouse

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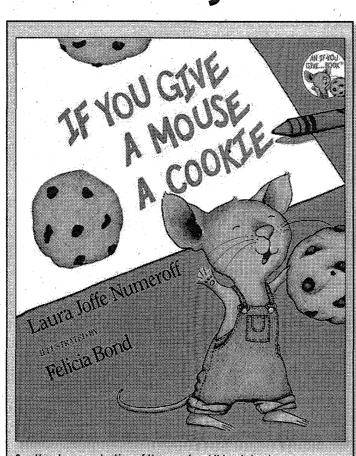
BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA **O&E STAFF WRITER**

When officials from the Palace Sports & Entertainment sought to host locally-produced child-friendly summer shows, they asked John Manfredi for help. The former managing director of Rochester Hillsbased Meadow Brook Theatre, kick-started his own company, Etico Productions, in March. He answered the call with two new shows — both based on beloved children's books.

The first - The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe — was produced in late June for John Manfredi's Working Theatre, The Camp Project. It allowed local 30 campers a chance at being part of a professional production from start to finish. "It went really well," said Manfredi, a Waterford resident. Actors and crew working this month on the second Etico Productions show, If You ${\it Give \, A \, Mouse \, a \, Cookie}, {\it will}$ share the same rehearsal space - courtesy of Troy Athens High School. This show features only professional actors Sara Catheryn Wolf of St. Clair Shores and Jason Allen, a Garden City native and New

York City resident. Manfredi chose both scripts because they represented entirely new versions of familiar stories.

"If You Give A Mouse A Cookie is a book I remembered reading to both of my kids," he said. The Laura Joffe Numeroff story had not been produced as a play until last year, and it has not been performed in the metro Detroit area. The show follows the story of a boy who desperately tries to please the increasing demands of his unlikely houseguest — a mouse. Manfredi will produce and direct. Rehearsals began July 20, with costumes by Troy's Christal Renaud and



See the stage production of the popular children's book July 31 in Rochester Hills.

IF YOU GIVE A MOUSE A COOKIE

What: A stage adaptation of the children's tale by Laura Joffe Numeroff When: 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, July 31

Where: Meadow Brook Music Festival, on the campus of Oakland University at University Drive between Squirrel and Adams Roads,

Tickets: \$10-\$25, visit www.palacenet.com or call (248) 645-6666.

elaborate sets completed ahead can't really fool them. They are of time. The set, which is primarily an oversized kitchen where a small boy and mouse will meet, was constructed in a Rochester warehouse. It will feature special effects, including a 6-foot tall glass of milk. "The trick is getting it into the

refrigerator," said Manfredi. He aims to provide a highquality show, one that will capture and keep the attention of children as well as their parents. And he knows just what that will take. "You can't talk down to kids," he said, "and you scasola@hometownlife.com | (248) 901-2567

willing to suspend disbelief." When it comes to a talking

mouse, that will be required.

Fans of the book can count on a story that follows suit and costumes that mirror those familiar illustrations.

Manfredi advocates introducing children to the theater. early on — for their own wellbeing and to foster a future audience as well. Of If You Give A Mouse A Cookie, he said, "we're really excited to do it."

embrace all forms of music from various eras, but he leans toward old blues and rock. And he's a "huge Led Zeppelin fan."

When Gittinger meets young musicians who are serious about improving their skills, he puts them in working bands. The show at Memphis Smoke will give four young bands a chance to strut their stuff and gain stage experience. Gittinger is also teaching them how to promote them-

"There would probably a lot more arguments with each other if we weren't supervised," Silver said. "So we all get along

And how to get along.

friends." The students will perform both cover songs and original

pretty well ... we've become

"One song called The Greatest Composition Ever

Recorded on Earth is still in the process ... we're working on the lyrics," Silver said. "I came up with a few riffs and the rest of the band liked it, so we started to write around it."

These kids could be the next Zeppelin — only time will tell.

The Detroit School of Rock and Pop is currently hosting a Summer Rocks! program and is accepting applications for new musicians.

Summer Rocks! is a threeweek, day camp in Royal oak where students play in a band, write songs, record in the studio, meet industry professionals and perform live.

"It is very important for the students to receive insight to what the music industry is all about and how the guest speakers have become successful themselves," said Gittinger. "Plus, they will have a fun time playing along with professionals from Detroit. It's great to have Detroiters helping young Detroiters."

Guest instructors include producer Luis Resto, also a

keyboardist, who is one of the founding members of '80s funk band Was Not Was. He has produced albums for Jay Z, 50 Cent, Obie Trice, Tupac Shakur, Patti Smith, Paul Simon and Eminem. In 2003, Resto won an Oscar for cowriting Eminem's song Lose Yourself.

Paul Nowinski, a bass player, has played with Aerosmith, Patti Smith, Les Paul, Keith Richards, The Boston Symphony/Pops, Hubert Sumlin, Rickie Lee Jones and Paquito de Riviera.

Fratangelo has performed on

Percussionist Larry

Gold, Platinum and Grammy award-winning albums. He's played with Aretha Franklin, Anita Baker, George Clinton and Kid Rock, and has been on the $Late\,Show\,with\,David$ Letterman and Saturday Night Live. Instructor Christopher Zajac-Denek is a drummer of the successful

Detroit rock band, The Hard Lessons.

And wherever the production goes, a curious crowd of respectable, quiet onlookers seems

In addition to Ferndale, scenes for Youth In Revolt have been shot at a mobile home community in Wixom, a market in South Lyon, a donut shop in the tiny town of Frankfurt and around Traverse City.

Permut noted that this is just the beginning, when it comes to filmmaking in Michigan. "With Clint Eastwood and Drew Barrymore filming here, there will be many others to follow," he predicted. Eastwood's project is titled Gran Turino and currently filming around Grosse Pointe, Royal Oak and Highland Park, while Barrymore's directorial debut Whip It! starring Ellen Page is filming around Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor. While an infrastructure to better support the onslaught of feature films must still be put in place, Permut said the industry is bound to draw and retain creative talent.

Residents and city officials alike might as well get used to road closures, alternate traffic routes, whispering in the streets while cameras roll, and the sight of local police officials controlling crowds and restricting access to filming locations.

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FROM PAGE D1

sent the Oakland, Calif. neighborhood where Nick lives with his divorced mother Estelle (Jean Smart) and deals with her difficult boyfriends, including a smarmy cop played by Ray Liotta. One of the homes has been reconfigured to support the weight of a battered Chevy Nova that fills the entire living

A key element to the plot - and proof of Estelle's questionable taste in men — the gray hunk of metal was driven into the home through a large opening cut into the backyard with the permission of the homeowner.

The Weinstein Co. production is due out in 2009 and features Steve Buscemi as Nick's philandering father George Twisp, Fred Willard as bizarre neighbor Mr. Ferguson, comedian Zack Galifianakis as another of Estelle's boyfriends Jerry, and Justin Long as Sheenie's all-knowing brother Paul. Miguel Arteta (The Good Girl) is directing.

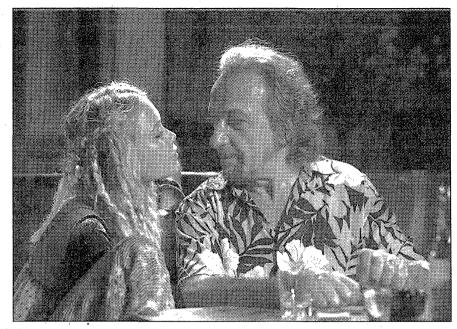
Look for cameos by writer C.D. Payne, astronaut Michael Collins and possibly even Royal Oak's own Jack Kevorkian, who visited the Ferndale set in mid-July. And according to Permut, a Youth In Revolt sequel is

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Dr. Jeffrey Squires (Ben Kingsley), a psychiatrist and lost soul, has a discussion with a young feisty woman played by Mary Kate Olsen, in the film The Wackness only at the Landmark Art Main in Royal

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Soulsearching, silliness and the supernatural

FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2008 BRIDESHEAD REVISITED

Forbidden love and the loss of innocence in pre-WWII. 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

MOVIES

David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson. PG-13.

THE WACKNESS

Troubled high school student Luke Shapiro (Josh Peck) is a teenage pot dealer who forms a friendship with Dr. Jeffrey Squires (Ben Kingsley), a psychiatrist and kindred lost soul.

When the doctor proposes Luke trade him marijuana for therapy sessions, the two begin to explore both New York City and their own depression.

Also starring Method Man and Mary Kate Olsen. Exclusively at the Landmark Main Art Theatre, Royal

STEP BROTHERS

Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly star in Step Brothers, directed by Adam McKay (Talladega Nights). Ferrell plays Brennan Huff, a sporadically employed 38year-old who lives with his mother, Nancy (Mary Steenburgen). Reilly plays a terminally unemployed

40-year-old who lives with his father, Robert (Richard Jenkins). When Robert and Nancy marry and move in together, Brennan and Dale are forced to live with each other as step brothers. As their narcissism and laziness threaten to tear the family apart, these overgrown boys orchestrate an insane, elaborate plan to bring their parents back together. Screenplay by Ferrell & Adam McKay. Not yet rated.

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THE ROCKER The Rocker is Robert "Fish" Fishman, the drummer for an eighties hair band. He's living the rock n' roll dream ... until he is kicked out of the group. Twenty years later, the desperate rocker joins his nephew's band, "A.D.D.," finally reclaiming the rockgod throne he's always thought he deserved — while taking his much younger bandmates along for the ride of their lives. Starring Rainn Wilson and Christina Applegate. PG-13.

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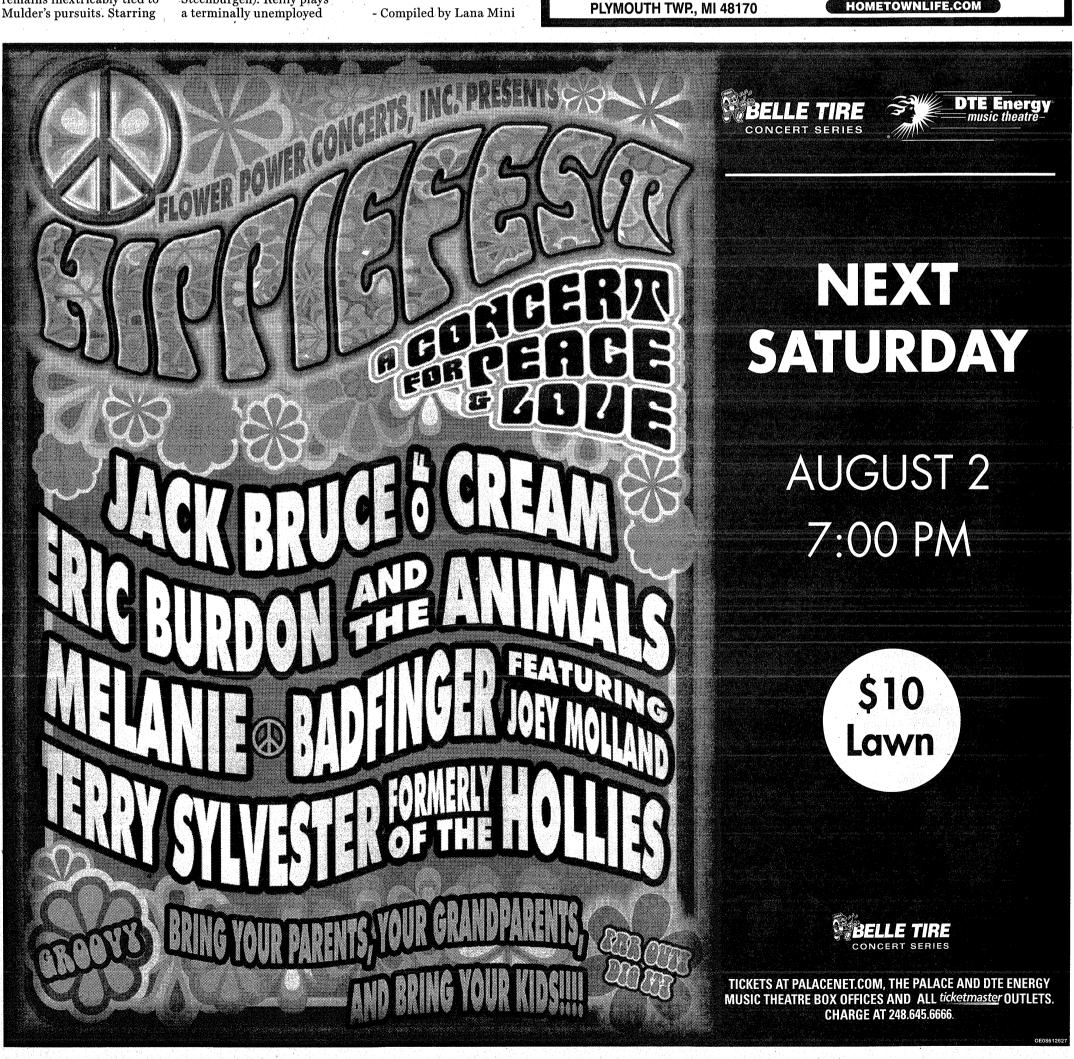
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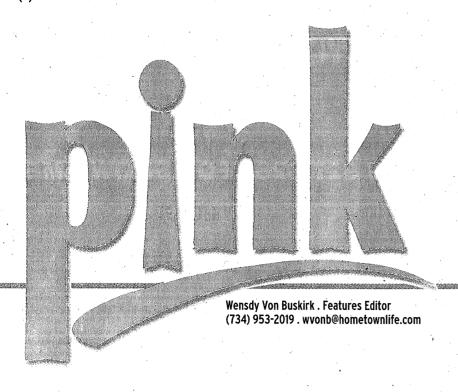
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BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK **O&E STAFF WRITER**

When word spread that a local designer is among the contestants on Project Runway Season 5, the local fashion community was put on pins and needles.

Phones Tweeted with questions — just who is "Joe" of Troy, and how will he fare?

Turns out Joe Faris, 41, made the cut during the show's premiere July 16, when contestants were challenged to design garments from grocery store finds. Faris crafted a bustier out of a printed oven mitt, and an A-line skirt laced with pasta — perhaps a nod to Salvatore Scallopini, the chain of Italian restaurants his in-laws own throughout Metro Detroit.

Faris' colorful design was not singled out as best or worst, so he quietly moved on to the next

Jason Hochstein, co-owner of Chaud Jeans in Royal Oak, has carried Faris' clothing lines, and attended a Project Runway viewing party to watch the first episode. He said Faris didn't get

"But I thought that was a good thing, because it seemed like they were highlighting people who weren't doing so good," Hochstein said. "Joe is very talented, but low key. He's a laidback kind of a person."

Niki Johnson, publisher of Detroit Fashion Pages, is hosting weekly viewing parties at Centaur Bar, and said about 100 people showed up to the first one to support Faris.

"Joe is an amazing designer," she said. "There is a lot of talent on the show and it's going to be a great season."

At International Academy of Design Technology in Troy, fashion design chair Julie Patterson said students and staff are buzzing about Faris.

"I hope he wins it all," she said. "We need to put Michigan on the global fashion map."

PROJECT RUNWAY

Who: Joe Faris, 41, of Troy

What: Selected as one of 16 contestants on Project Runway Season 5, which launched two weeks ago. When: Tune in at 9 p.m. Wednesdays on Bravo.

Faris has worked in the design industry for 18 vears, at Bugle Boy, Ralph Lauren and Rochester Hills-based Pelle Pelle. For the past seven years he has been independent, launching the labels Redfly and Inkslingers USA, and most recently working for Schott NYC.

He called *Project Runway* 'a fluke.' "A friend forwarded the application to me and I left it out on the counter. My daughter saw it and that was it. I had to do the show," said Faris, who lives in Troy with his wife, Kara, and daughters Keely, 8, and Maia, 5. "My main focus is to show her that her dreams aren't bigger than she is. My parents really encouraged me to follow my dreams and I want that to continue.' In a recent phone interview

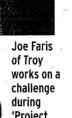
with PINK, Faris couldn't find enough words to describe being on the show. "It was one of the

most amazing, hardest, most challenging, rewarding, incredible experiences that I've ever done in my life, he said. "This season really is great. I've watched previous seasons, but I can tell you it's an amazing and diverse group of designers."

> Faris passed the first challenge on 'Project Runway' with this dress, made from an oven mitt and pasta.



Joe Faris of Troy works on a challenge during 'Project



time songwriting was the container for it. After I quit Runway.' I went to grad

We could write about whatever we wanted, and I always found myself writing about the band and trying to figure out what just happened to me.

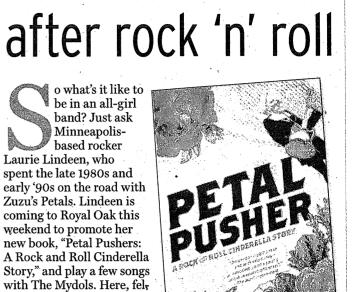
Judy: So how did you resolve the transition from life "on the road" to life in suburbia? Was it an easy adjustment?

Laurie: When Zuzu's Petals first disbanded, I felt disengaged. I was used to a certain lifestyle filled with certain characters and circumstances that I just wasn't finding in the grocery stores and car washes of the suburbs — so for a while I felt lost.

Judy: But you grew up in the 'burbs, right? Would you describe your childhood as normal?

Laurie: Yes. I did have a normal childhood. It was the next phase of my life that was abnormal. I felt like while I was in a band I missed 10 years of ordinary human development - you know, of friends getting married, working in offices, having babies. So I had a difficult time relating to my neighbors in the beginning.

Judy: You're a mom. Did vou learn anything from all those years on the road that you feel shaped you as a mother?



Author mom

discusses life

be in an all-girl band? Just ask

Minneapolis-

based rocker

Laurie Lindeen, who spent the late 1980s and

Zuzu's Petals. Lindeen is

weekend to promote her

low musician and author Judy Davids of The Mydols chats with Lindeen about her experiences with Zuzu's

Judy: At what point did

you decide to write a book about your all-girl band?

Laurie: I always had a

passion for writing. For a long

the band, got

married, had a

baby, I needed

to find a new

container. A

bigger one. So

school and took

writing classes.

Petals and beyond.

Laurie: Definitely. Particularly during the first six months. I was used to staying up all night and getting very little sleep! I also had taught myself how to deal with the fear of failure, and I knew how to get things done on the fly when I had to. And then there's grooming. A lot of women think they're going to have this baby and everything is going to be perfect. They're still going to have time to put on makeup and look beautiful. I was used to living in boxcars and not worrying about such things. I lived a hard scrambled life, so I found motherhood calming.

Judy: You are married to Paul Westerberg of The Replacements. Do you ever find yourself missing the spotlight and living vicariously through him?

Laurie: Paul doesn't tour like he used to, but when he did I got to see what a true rock star existence is like. As much I wished for success for Zuzu's Petals, traveling with Paul made me wonder. I obviously have great respect for his work and his gift, but with it comes a lot of isolation and pressure. It takes a special type of person to make it in the music business. I don't think I am that type of person.

Judy: But you haven't given up music completely, right?

Laurie: No. I still manage to play a couple of times a year. I have friends in bands and they'll let me join them on stage every now and then. They play and I sing. Usually covers. Fun stuff.

Laurie Lindeen will sing and discuss her book at 3 p.m. Sunday July 27 at Barnes & Noble, 500 S. Main St., Royal Oak. She'll be joined by Davids, author of "Rock Star Mommy: My Life as a Rocker Mom," and the rest of The Mydols. Visit www.mydols.com. Full disclosure: Pink editor Wensdy Von Buskirk is also in The Mydols!

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METRO DETROIT - Glitz Salon at Great Lakes Crossing will host its 7th Annual Cut-A-Thon July 27 to benefit Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan. Events begin at 8 a.m. and include a 5k Run, car show, silent auction, character appearances for children, inflatable games, live music, pizza and hot dogs, \$20 haircuts and princess makeovers for girls. Glitz Salons are located in Rochester, Lake Orion, Clarkston and Orion Township. Call (248) 200-9006 or visit www.glitzsalons.

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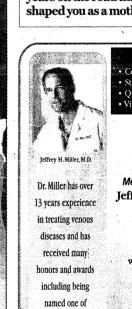
TROY - Fashion Group International of Detroit will honor Irene Miller, founder of the legendary Claire Pearone boutique, with an intimate gathering 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3 at the Somerset Collection South Rotunda in Troy. Miller is credited with bringing couture to metro Detroit and helping to launch designers like Valentino, Oscar de la Renta and Geoffrey Beene. Tickets, \$25, include hors d'oeuvres and drinks from Brio. RSVP at (248) 540-6202 or email FGI.Detroit@ gmail.com.

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