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First Kidpalooza! promises to include variety of events

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Children ages 8-12 will participate in fun activities and collect treasures Saturday as nearly three dozen merchants hold the first Kidpalooza! throughout downtown Plymouth.

"No matter what corner you turn, there will be some kind of engaging entertainment for kids," promised Jessica Perlman, event organizer and owner of Creatopia Pottery on Ann Arbor Trail. "We want to provide an event that is fun for the kids as well as help parents discover the different places in Plymouth and what we have to offer."

Registration begins at 10 a.m. in Kellogg Park, where kids will receive a bucket and treasure maps to guide them to the various merchants and their activities, including a coloring quiz, sidewalk chalk art and a wheel of fortune.

"The kids complete a game or craft at the stores and then receive a ticket," said Perlman, 28. "The idea is to collect as many tickets as possible and redeem them afterward for

Sidewalk entertainers will feature a balloon twister, stilt walker and juggler and face painters, as well as student performers from the Plymouth Symphony.

Kids who stop at Creatopia will make Critter Tiles, using their thumb prints to paint an animal on a ceramic tile which they can take home or have glazed and fired for free. Jaime White, owner of Core Sports Pilates fitness studio in downtown Plymouth, will combine fun activities with family fitness in Kellogg Park.

We'll have a potato sack race, Hula Hoop and jump rope contests for the older kids, and bubble blowing and bean bag toss for the little kids," said White, 30, of Plymouth Township. "These are games that parents remember doing when they were little, and they can teach them to their kids. You don't have to be in a gym to get exercise and have fun.'

Kidpalooza! will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Jessica Perlman holds one of the pails that each child will receive for

raffle tickets and prizes.

Steak and ail

Township loses one eatery, another remains despite bankruptcy filings

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Longtime Steak and Ale customer Cheryl Rehfield of Westland is wondering what she's going to do with some \$200 in unused gift cards she'd normally give to customers of her Plymouth business, Select Air Systems.

Unfortunately for Rehfield, there's no one around to tell her. The restaurant, located for more than 25 years on Ann Arbor Road near I-275, closed its doors Tuesday.

"It's a shame," Rehfield said of the closing.

The closing came the same day it was announced restaurant chains Steak and Ale and Bennigans filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy protection and would shut their doors.

The same fate will not befall the Plymouth Township Bennigan's, however, since it is a franchise owned and operated by LaBelle Management. LaBelle franchised the Plymouth eatery — one of 37 establishments it owns in Michigan and Indiana — from Metromedia Restaurant Group.

The two restaurant chains

filed for bankruptcy protection in the Eastern District of Texas. MRG, the parent company for both Steak and Ale and Bennigan's, is based in Plano, Texas.

In a Chapter 7 bankruptcy filing, a company seeks to liquidate its assets and shut down.

In the filing, the company indicated that it has up to 49 creditors. It said it will have no funds left after administrative expenses are paid to repay its creditors.

No one at the Plymouth Steak and Ale nor at MRG returned calls for comment.

.Brad Hansen, CEO of LaBelle Management, said his group would keep all 14 Michigan Bennigan's locations — including the one in Plymouth Township — going

"We are a strong, viable company that simply represents the Bennigan's brand in Michigan," Hansen said. "We have no intention of closing any of our locations statewide. We will continue to take care of our internal and external guests."

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Auditors have praise, concerns for township

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Officials at Plante & Moran talked in fairly glowing terms about the financial condition in which Plymouth Township found itself following the presentation of its 2007 audit.

It's in the succeeding years — perhaps as early as 2009 — auditors found cause for some concern.

Joe Heffernan, who has overseen the township's audit for years, warned trustees at their last meeting the township's property assessments in 2007 were "flat," with some neighborhoods actually decreasing as much as 1 percent.

Since property taxes make up about half the township's revenue, that trend, if continued, could have a detrimental effect on the township's budget, Heffernan said. "You need to be a little cautious when you do your 2009 budget," he told trustees. "You might want to be looking ahead to 2010."

Flattened assessments and a continuing

decline in state-shared revenue, as well as falling building department revenue and burgeoning salaries, mean the township could face hard economic times in the future, according to its treasurer.

Ron Edwards said the township will tax properties at the same rate as last year and, with a decline in real estate values, estimates an 8- to 10-percent drop.

'We're not going to see any growth," said Edwards, who estimated the loss of tax revenue next year could be as much as \$500,000. "This will have an effect on everything ... everything is going down right now because of the economy. Times are going to be tough next year."

The rest of the audit was complimentary. The township brought in a little more than \$14 million in revenues in 2007, with some \$6.3 million coming from the police/fire millage. Township expenses totaled some \$13.2 million, with \$8.8 million of that attributed to police and fire services. Some 50 percent of the township's total expenditures, according to figures contained in the

audit, come from salaries and wages. Township officials added more than

\$373,000 to its general fund balance, which at the end of fiscal 2007 stood at \$2.36 million. That figure is slightly below the targeted 20 percent of the township's \$14 million budget.

Heffernan also urged caution when talking about that figure, a fund frequently referred to as a "rainy day" fund, because before a small surge in 2007, it had shown a steady decline.

"You need to be cautious there," Heffernan said. "There were four years straight of decline in your fund balance."

Other than that, Heffernan said. his firm found "no issues," with the township's books. Plante & Moran audits a wide variety of municipalities, and Heffernan pointed out "about 80 percent of them have issues."

"It's not unusual for communities to have issues," he told trustees. "Not having issues is not something you're usually going to see. (But) basically there were no issues here."

Xuereb is expected to attend

today (Thursday) in connec-

tion with a June 24 accident

a civil infraction hearing



Longtime Steak and Ale customer Cheryl Rehfield of Westland holds \$200 in unused Steak and Ale gift cards that she gives to clients of her business, Select Air Systems, of Plymouth.

Hopefuls pouring cash into court election

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Some of the 35th District Court judge candidates in the Aug. 5 primary had predicted at the start of the race campaign spending would reach \$100,000 for the six-year seat on the bench.

In campaign finance reports required by the Michigan Secretary of State, as of July 20 half of the six candidates were well on their way to reaching the unofficial spending goal they expect will lead

them to one of the two top finishes in the primary.

According to Secretary of State records, Joe Barone of Plymouth Township had spent the most. Barone reported spending \$61,101 through July 20, with another \$2,734 left in campaign funds.

Martha Snow of Northville Township spent \$60,527, leaving her with \$14,521 in available funds. Jim Plakas of Northville Township - who spent \$98,000 trying to win

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City seeks warrant on alleged sign thief

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Police Chief Wayne Carroll said he's given a "warrant request information packet" to city attorney Bob Marzano in the case of a stolen campaign sign.

While Carroll declined to identify the suspect, the Observer reported July 17

that 21-year-old Ryan Xuereb of Northville Township, the stepson of 35th District Court judge candidate Martha Snow, admitted to his parents he stole and destroyed a campaign lawn sign belonging to one of her five competitors, Jim Plakas.

The case would normally be handled by city prosecutor Cam Miller. However,

since Miller is also a judicial candidate, Carroll turned the case over to Marzano "who is independent from anybody involved with the incident.'

Marzano is expected to decide soon if a warrant should be sought against Xuereb.

Meanwhile, 35th District

Court records also indicate

in Plymouth Township. Xuereb was ticketed with failure to stop causing an accident, which is a civil infraction.

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"Around Plymouth" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.

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The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band host-

ing 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 Canton.

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

Individual band members of the not-for-profit organization are accepting between one-half cent to two cents for every car washed or a donation prior to the

CORRECTION

Information accompanying a photo promoting Barefoot Productions' presentation of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream, scheduled Aug. 7-10 and 14-17 at the old Walker-Buzenberg building (240 N. Main), should have said tickets are available by calling (734) 582-9688.

KNOW THE SCORE check out the numbers in

day's activities. The band expects to wash about 1,000 vehicles. Donations are tax deductible.

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.

Literary arts class

Literary Arts Class For Children - Embark On A **Creative Writing Journey**

Poet and photographer Cheryl A. Vatcher-Martin of Canton offers a Literary Arts Class for Children noon to 1 p.m., Aug. 4-7, at the Tinkham Center off Venoy Road in Westland.

The class is designed to liven up your story telling skills by writing in your journal, learn about new ways to describe things so that all of your stories and haiku will be cool to write and fun to share with others.

Call (734) 419-2426 to register. Anyone wishing to speak first to Martin can e-mail her at peroinc5@ comcast.net or call (734) 397-

Fife & drum event

The Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps is preparing for it's 2008 summer tour. As part of tour preparation, the Corps will be showing off their concert moves with a pre-tour concert in the park Thursday, July 31.

The 2008 PFDC will perform a pre-tour concert at 7:30 p.m. at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth, just prior to the Plymouth Community Band. The PFDC concert is free and open to the public.

Preceding the concert, the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps will host a picnic for current and alumni PFDC members and families. It will be held at 5 p.m. at Jaycee Park, located at the northeast corner of Joy and Harding, near downtown Plymouth. For those PFDC families planning to attend, please bring lawn chairs, beverages, a dish to pass (A-L salads/appetizers, M-Z desserts). The Corps will provide hamburgers and hot dogs with condiments.

Please let Debbie Johnson know how many from your family will be attending the picnic. She can be reached at

(734) 718-2184 or adlk1@comcast.net

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.

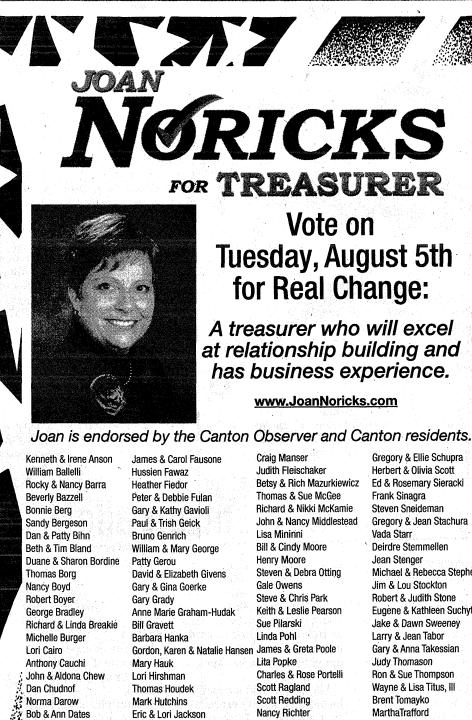
Deadline for applications is Aug. 17, and class size is limited.

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.









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Former Pfizer building gets a new tenant ELECTION

A former Pfizer Inc. laboratory in Plymouth Township will become the Michigan Life Science and Innovation Center under a plan announced Wednesday from the Michigan Economic Development Corp., Ann Arbor Spark and the Greater Wayne Economic Development Corp.

The aim of the center is to connect well-funded, experienced entrepreneurs with business accelerator organizations and start-up companies.

The proposed center is a 57,518-square-foot building that offers office space, laboratory facilities and vivarium areas. The MEDC, Ann Arbor Spark and the Greater Wayne group have contributed a combined \$3.5 million to purchase the building from Pfizer.

The actual purchase would be made by a to-be-formed non-profit who would also operate the facility.

The building is located at 46701 Commerce Center Drive. IN BUSINESS

It was acquired by Pfizer to house Esperion Therapeutics Inc. after Pfizer's 2003 purchase of Esperion. It was left vacant after Pfizer decided last year to stop all research efforts in the Ann Arbor area. "The state of Michigan and

its partners strongly support the development of our life sciences industry," said James Epolito, MEDC president and CEO. "The collaboration propelling the Life Science and Innovation Center will ensure its long-term success and present an exciting opportunity for life sciences

east Michigan." The center's plan calls for the funding of ongoing operational costs through a combination of public, private and foundation support.

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will include peer-to-peer mentoring that will connect experienced entrepreneurs with start-up ventures. Several tenants have committed to occupying the Center with announcements to be made at a future date. Additional business acceleration services offered will include access to wet lab and research space, funding support and other critical services.

"The Life Science and Innovation Center fills a need for entrepreneurial support and incubator space in southeast Michigan," explained Roger Newton, founder, president and CEO of newly restarted Esperion Therapeutics, Inc. "It's exciting that this initiative will connect entrepreneurs and established business owners; entrepreneurial experience can benefit startup companies throughout their formation and growth."

Ann Arbor Spark and Greater Wayne EDC have worked closely to bring .

together the resources needed to support the acquisition and ongoing operation of the Life Science and Innovation Center.

"The Life Science and Innovation Center represents the region's next step in diversifying our life sciences economy beyond Pfizer," said Michael A. Finney, Spark president. "Ann Arbor Spark and our partners in this effort are committed to attracting and retaining high-value knowledge workers and leading-edge life science companies."

a seat on the bench two years ago - had spent \$46,616 through the reporting period, but had the largest remaining

balance of \$24,453. Cam Miller of Plymouth reported spending \$15,865; Art Butler of Plymouth Township \$2,667; and Jim Malinowski of Canton Township \$1,881.

The two candidates with the highest number of votes will face off in the November general election for a chance to succeed Judge John MacDonald, who is retiring at the end of the year.

Meanwhile, in the race for the 20th House District, state Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, reported spending \$38,289 of his \$134,710 war chest.

Republican Jerry Vorva of Plymouth had \$10,800 in his coffers, which included a \$5,000 donation from the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, which is supporting Vorva; a \$500 contribution from the Michigan Association of Insurance Agents and a \$5,000 loan to himself. Vorva has thus far spent \$2,896.

Corriveau and Vorva do not have competition in the primary race and are gearing up for the November election.

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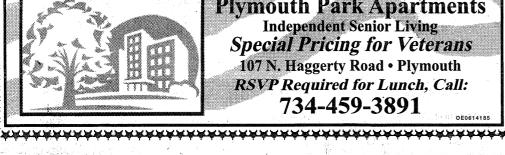
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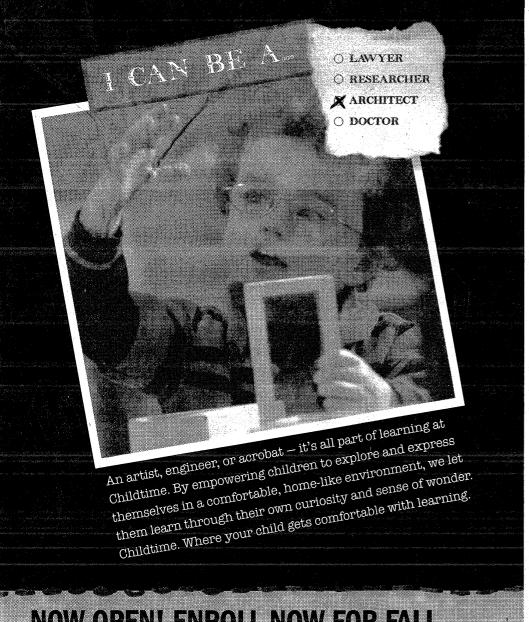
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13 candidates vie for county treasurer

Nine candidates have filed to run against incumbent Wayne County Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz in the Aug. 5 Democratic primary. Two Republicans are seeking the GOP nomination. The county treasurer serves a four-year term. The position pays \$128,768 a year.

All candidates were asked to respond to an online questionnaire by Gannett Newspapers in Michigan for our online

voter guide. Three Democrats, Wojtowicz, County Commissioner Philip Cavanagh and Beverly Kindle-Walker and two Republicans, former county auditor Brenden Dunleavy and Timberly Robinson responded.

Kevin Kelly of Grosse Ile, Thomas Marciniak of Plymouth, Robert John Nozicka of Deaborn, Brian O'Donnell of Dearborn, Catherine O'Meara of Grosse Pointe Farms, Sigmunt John

Szczepkowski of Riverview, Keith Windham of Detroit, and Linda Kay Zebrowsk of Garden City did not respond to the questionnaire.

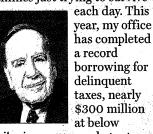
These are the responses of the Democratic candidates to the questionnaire. The responses of the Republican candidates will run on Sunday.

For responses in this and other contests, go to the Voter Guide at www.hometownlife.com.

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Wojtowicz

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millions for the County. I have guided the County's investment activities, never losing a dime nor missing a payment. We have the most extensive and most effective Community Outreach Program in the State, with demonstrated results. More than 3000 people have been helped by our Taxpayer **Assistance Department** this year. We do not auction occupied properties. Hardship applications have more than doubled versus last year to over 1300. More than 2700 properties have been saved by accepting payments after the March 31 statutory deadline. I have faced change and challenges with honesty, integrity and genuine concern for my constituents. I will continue to use my experience to deliver for Wayne County taxpayers.

What are the two most important issues facing the treasurer's office, and how would you address

1. Keeping families in their homes. It is a multi-faceted and complex issue. The extended adverse economic climate has had a severe impact on a family's ability to pay taxes. For this reason, Phase I of

RAYMOND WOJTOWICZ

Party: Democrat Age: 79 Marital Status: Married

Family: 5 children, 9 grandchil-City/Town: Lifelong resident of the City of Hamtramck

Education/Degrees: Graduate of St. Ladislaus High School Great Lakes College, Diplomate Medical Radiographer Occupation: Wayne County

Treasurer Experience: I have had the honor of serving as the Wayne **County Treasurer since August** 1976.

"Operation Normandy" was launched in February 2008 to enlist the support of more than 20 community organizations to provide a wide range of services to help the citizens of Wayne County. As a result of the innovative and creative approaches taken by my office, we are recognized as setting the standard in educating and helping families stay in their homes. 2. Safeguarding County funds in the current challenging market. My office invests all County funds in such a way as to judiciously protect the safety and security of those funds, while meeting liquidity requirements and maximizing yield. We constantly monitor key financial data, using only those institutions with acceptable levels of estimated

risk. Just a few, quick, personal trivia questions: What was the last book you read?

The Century by Peter Jennings and Todd Brewster. What is the best movie you've seen in the last 12 months?

The Sound of Music.

CAVANAGH SAYS FORECLOSURES TOP ISSUE

What makes you the most qualified to hold this position?

I have served as a Wayne County Commissioner for the last eight years, overseeing the budget and trying to get a handle on how many properties have gone through



Cavanagh

foreclosure process. The commissioners are told there are 9000 vacant parcels sitting idle but the treasurer's office has never disclosed

the annual proceeds or the accumulative total from auctioning off our county's assets. I am not sure they know how much money they are holding. I have an MBA and a law degree, both would prove invaluable with the continuous avalanche of litigation plaguing the treasurer's office from improper procedures. I have also studied at Harvard University and learned nationally acclaimed programs to fight foreclosure and blight from other county treasurers. I have the energy and ambition to bring proven best practices

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since 1996, to determine how

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could better serve its citizens.

Act 123 (which accelerated to

tax reversion process) went

I have consistently challenged the status quo. When Public

receive the most votes. I have a record of service which is

the office of Wayne County

to hold this position?

country to turn the tide on the escalating problems facing our neighborhoods.

What are the two most important issues facing the treasurer's office and how would you address them?

1. Foreclosures, home and business - most counties in our state have NEVER taken an occupied home or business. The treasurer does so as a matter of procedure. It takes hard work and compassion to put the effort into helping someone stay in their home not just referring them to a non-profit that does the heavy lifting. We need people to stay in their homes to stabilize our communities.

2. Stabilizing property values and reducing blight by maintaining or rehabbing the 9000 County Treasurer owned properties. This will create JOBS! The treasurer's office has reserved all the auction proceeds for pending litigation. We need procedures in place so we are not wrongfully taking someone's property and being sued, Therefore the proceeds can be used to develop and reconstruct our neighborhoods.

Tax Delinquencies! 201,000 of 857,000 residential taxpayers are currently

PHILIP CAVANAGH

Party: Democrat

Age: 46

Marital Status: Married to Lily Cavanagh

Family: Three daughters. Veronica and Erin (17), twins, just graduated from Thurston High School, attending U of M in the fall and Mary (16), senior at Thurston High School and three stepchildren: Alex, 28; Stacey, 26; and Raymond, 21

City/Town: Redford Township

Education/Degrees: Milford High School, class of 1979 BS and BA from Aguinas College (1983) in Accounting and Business Administration: Juris Doctorate and MBA (1998) from the University of Detroit Mercy: Harvard JFK School of Government: Senior Executive in State and Local Government Program (2005). Michigan Political Leadership Program Fellow at MSU (1998)

Occupation: Wayne County Commissioner, 9th District Attorney and Counselor at Law (part time) Business Consultant (part time) **Experience**: County Commission - Vice chair of Ways and Means Committee, also served or am serving on Economic Development. Public Safety Judiciary and Homeland Security, Health and Human Services. Government Operations and Mental Health Taskforce Committee. Attended Harvard JFK School with Dan Kildee, Genesee County Treasurer, and learned best practices for national model of land banks. Balanced budgets and eliminated deficits as treasurer of the Detroit-Wayne County Mental Health Board and Health Choice.

delinquent on their taxes. The County government cannot own a quarter of the County. Residents are fleeing Wayne County. We have to stop this tread before the 2010 federal

Just a few, quick, personal trivia questions: What was the last book you read?

The Secret by Rhonda Burne What is the best movie you've seen in the last 12 months?

No Country for Old Men by the Cohen Brothers (2007).

BEVERLY KINDLE-WALKER

Party: Democrat

Age: 54

Marital Status: married

Family: one adult son City/Town: Detroit

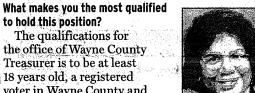
Education/Degrees: Associate's degree, General Studies, Wayne County Community College District Transfer Student, B.A. Community Development-Public Administration, Central Michigan

Occupation: Legislative assistant to Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, 1st District (currently on unpaid leave) **Experience**: I have over 20 years of administrative and managerial

experience in public and private sector employment.

census.

KINDLE-WALKER WANTS TO PROTECT VULNERABLE



into effect in 2000 I began to alert people to the potential problem. The Treasurer was too slow in responding. Thus we experienced

this crisis which started to escalate in 2004. We need a visionary with compassion in this office. Over 71,000 people have voted Beverly Kindle-Walker for Wayne County Treasurer in the last three elections.

What are the two most important issues facing the office you are

running for, and how would you address them?

A: Responding to the crisis of tax-reverted foreclosed homes is a great concern. The Treasurer has the discretion to withhold any property from foreclosure. I would enter into special payment arrangements with those most vulnerable citizens. As the keeper of all County funds I would make certain that millages are used as the voters intended. I would protect retiree pensions from the likes of Bear Stearns investments and MCA/ RIMCO type investors and

speculators.

Just a few, quick, personal trivia questions: What was the last book you read?

Currently reading Raised from the Dead by former TV anchor Frank Turner (sharing the book with my husband). The last book that I read is Bishop C. H. Mason and the Roots of the Church of God in Christ by Bishop Ithiel Clemmons.

What is the best movie you've seen in the last 12 months?

The Great Debaters with Denzel Washington. My alltime favorites are Beaches with Bette Midler and Eddie with Whoopi Goldberg.

Hospital seeking volunteers

The volunteer services department of the new Providence Park Hospital in Novi is beginning its first volunteer recruitment campaign. The hospital is scheduled to open Sept. 5 and expects to recruit some 400 new

volunteers within the first year. Kathy Zaguroli, manager of volunteer services, said, "Hospital volunteers not only make a difference in people's lives, but at the same time they experience a sense camaraderie amongst their peers, and a sense of fulfillment in giving back to the community."

he Doll Hospital & Toy Soldier Shop

Volunteers are needed for responsibilities in the **Emergency Center, surgical** lounge, pediatric department, gift shop, and visitor services, as well as duties in the areas of spiritual care, transporter, clerical, patient greeter.

The hospital is looking for adults 18 and older to work a minimum of one, four-hour shift per week.

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OUR VIEWS

Dress code push not a rights violation

Administrators and educators spent the last few weeks using summer school students to tune up enforcement of Plymouth-Canton's dress code, following plans hatched during months of committee discussions among administrators, teachers, students and parents.

We think it was time well spent.

The district has decided, after its dress policy committee started studying the issue as far back as October, to increase enforcement of the code. For the second straight year - last year, it was cell phones - officials decided to begin the enforcement in summer school, giving them those few weeks to tweak and teach, to let students and parents alike know what was coming, and gauge reaction to it.

District officials maintain the policy itself isn't changing — indeed, they say the policy has been pretty much the same for 15 years — but that a stronger enforcement has become necessary.

The targets are items the district deems distracting - plunging necklines, sagging pants that reveal undergarments, clothing that glorifies drugs, alcohol or sex. Also on the radar are potential safety items or possible weapons, such as large belt buckles, and colored contact lenses, which educators say can mask the fact the wearer could be high or inebriated.

We agree such things can be a distraction, but if you don't want to listen to us or to administrators, listen to the students themselves, who said so in an anonymous survey taken as part of the committee's discussions.

Of course there are also students calling this new enforcement push a violation of their freedom of expression. Kids, they say, use dress as a means of expressing themselves. We agree with that part, and that's all fine and good, in the right circumstance and

But a classroom is not the right venue. Students are there to learn, and those who push the envelope on things like the dress code do a disservice to those they would deter. It's a matter of respect, for self and others, a lesson best learned young, because it's one students will need as they move on to the more heavily regulated world of the adult work force.

Conspiracy theorists would have you believe such a move on the district's part is a first step toward a uniform policy, but there's no indication anyone in the district wants that, and we don't think it should.

What district officials want is a more uniform enforcement of an existing policy. Such enforcement removes any gray areas; students now know what constitutes a violation and what the resulting penalty will be. It gives the policy, and the district, a much more regimented code.

Schools have never been intended as bastions of democracy. There are certain rules to be followed. It can only benefit students to make those rules their resultant consequences — clear.

We support no-reason absentee voting

Every Election Day, there are countless people who plan to vote, but don't make it to the polls for one reason or another.

These well-intentioned citizens want to participate in our democratic system, but the logistics of life prevent them from doing so.

Perhaps they have to work a long shift or stay late at the office to finish up a project. Maybe they commute a long distance to work and have to leave before 7 a.m. and don't get home until 8 p.m.

Maybe they have young children or an elderly family member to care for at home and can't get anyone to relieve them. Or perhaps they have to rush home after work to fix dinner for the family and then rush out the door again to drive a child to soccer practice or attend a child's recital.

Whatever the reason, it's no reason not to vote. That's why we support no-reason absentee voting in

Currently, the only people in Michigan eligible to vote by absentee ballot are those who are 60 years old and older, incarcerated, have religious reasons for not voting on election day, plan to be out of town, or need assistance

Earlier this month, state Sens. Liz Brater, D-Ann Arbor, and Gilda Z. Jacobs, D-Huntington Woods. announced a "No Excuses Voting Initiative" that supports the passage of Senate Bill 12, which would allow voters to vote by absentee ballot for any reason.

We support the passage of S.B. 12 as well. Any change in law that would give more people the chance to participate in democracy gets a yes vote from us.



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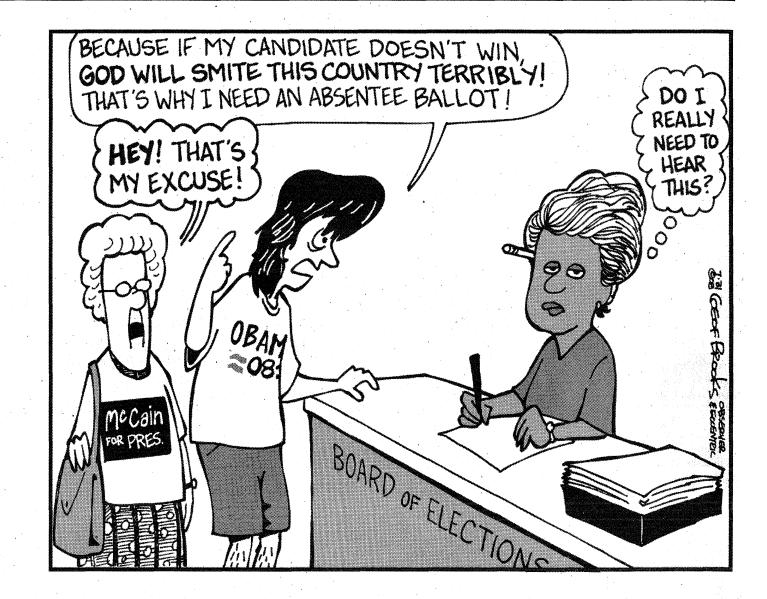
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LETTERS

Barone is best

I believe Joe Barone is the best candidate for judge.

When my family needed expert legal advice, Joe displayed his honesty, integrity and willingness to work above and beyond what was needed to make sure we understood how the law is interpreted. He is active and committed to making this a community one that we can be proud to live and work in. He is no stranger in the courtroom and is fair and just.

Please vote for Joe Barone, 35th. District Court judge. He is experienced. involved and the best candidate for the

Faith Demorest

Supporting Bridgman

I am a new resident in Plymouth Township. Since I am a senior citizen I qualify to receive an absentee ballot.

I am going abroad in the fall and my passport was nearing expiration. I also wanted to see the new township hall. I made the trip one afternoon to the clerk's office. I was greeted by Joe Bridgman, current deputy clerk.

He courteously and efficiently issued me a ballot and helped me prepare the needed information for a new passport. Before leaving, he also gave me a township calendar and a map.

I feel blessed to live in a community that takes such good care of its citizens. I will do everything I can to see that Joe Bridgman progresses from deputy clerk to clerk. He cares about people and their

Richard Kenneth Clark Plymouth Township

Miller for judge

In the August primary we will be given the opportunity to vote for a new judge who will serve the Plymouth, Canton and Northville communities. Of the six candidates in this race, Cam Miller is far and away the most qualified to become the next judge of the 35th District Court. Here are just a few of the reasons we are encouraging you to vote for Cam:

■ Experience. As a civil attorney, defense attorney and prosecuting attorney for the City of Plymouth, Cam has appeared in more than 2,600 cases in the 35th District Court over the past 11 years. This is 10 times more than all of the other candidates combined. This experience in our local court gives Cam knowledge and insight into our court unmatched by any other candidate. As a judge, he will treat everyone with respect and dignity. He'll be fair and impartial with all, but tough when he needs to be.

■ Community service. There is no greater measure of one's commitment to the community than their volunteer record. Cam's service to our community is second to none. He's been a Rotarian

for close to 20 years and is currently chairman of the Fall Festival Chicken BBQ. He's worked with the Plymouth Goodfellows for more than 30 years, is a past president of the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees and continues to volunteer for the Salvation Army.

■ Strong family man with lifelong ties to our community. Cam and his wife, Barb, raised their daughters, Courtney and Jillian, in the same house where Cam's parents raised him. He has been actively involved in all aspects of their lives. From figure skating to cheerleading to lacrosse, Cam supported their activities by serving on boards, fundraising and, of course, showing up for events.

■ Track record. As prosecuting attorney for the City of Plymouth, Cam worked diligently with local police to help crack down on drunk drivers and the bars/restaurants that served them. He's also been a leader in seeing the punishment suits the crime.

Each district court is as unique as the community it serves, and experience within the court and the community is of the utmost importance. Cam Miller will be the kind of judge we want to protect our families. Please vote Aug. 5 for Cam Miller.

> Elaine Kirchgatter Canton Township treasurer **Kay Arnold** Plymouth Township trustee **Tonya Lowe** Canton resident Judge Lita Popke Canton resident **Marilyn Massengill** Plymouth Township clerk Jeanine Lowe Canton resident **Rainy Kirchhoff** Plymouth resident Pat Pulkownick Plymouth Township resident Margie Banner Northville Township trustee

Michelle Kelly Former Northville prosecutor

Ellen Elliott

Plymouth resident

dous job in achieving great results. Smart, intelligent, articulate, Martha

cate for children by Attorney General

Mike Cox and she has done a tremen-

will work hard to respect our values in this community. Martha respects the right of all individuals and her conservative judicial philosophy has earned her the respect and support of many judges. She is also the ONLY candidate supported by the Right to Life of Michigan. Her philosophy and ideas that judges should interpret the law and not make the law is a breath of fresh air. She believes strongly that life is a gift and should be protected.

Martha has been endorsed by elected officials from both sides of the aisle. She is dedicated, a hard worker and has served on many service club functions and volunteer boards of non-profit organizations. She works hard for all of us, and I feel that it is a time to continue the tradition of electing distinguished jurists in the 35th District Court by elevating her to the bench.

Also, the 35th District Court has never had a female judge serve. I think it is about time that this happens, and Martha Snow would be the best first female judge to serve with distinction.

Please join me in voting for and electing Martha Snow as our next judge of the 35th District Court. •

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former Plymouth Township trustee

Chamber too political

The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce must be a "political group" since it hosted a political forum 12 days before the Aug. 5 primary election.

Why is the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce engaging in these political activities?

Kurt Heise, a key supporter of Carl F. Berry, and officer of the 11th Congressional Republicans, was one of the persons who read the questions at the chamber's forum.

I want to commend the League of Women Voters for their non-partisan forum on June 25.

Don Hessel Plymouth Township

Support for Snow

In the 30 years that I lived in Plymouth Township, I have served in many elected, appointed and volunteer positions. This allowed me the opportunity to work with all the judges in the 35th District Court, as a friend, elected official and community advocate.

Over the years, I worked with Judges Jim Garber, John McDonald, Ron Lowe and Mike Gerou. They are all great judges and the 35th District Court has been fortunate to have such distinguished jurors to preside.

I believe we should continue this great tradition by electing Martha Snow in this upcoming election. Martha is a distinguished attorney who has worked hard over the years to protect our children. She was assigned the task to advo-

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QUOTABLE

"You get kids who try to test the policy ... The majority of our students understand why we need to increase our enforcement. For the most part, the kids have been cooperative."

- Pat Fitzpatrick, Salem High School interim principal, on the school district's decision to more stridently enforce the dress code

Vote for Malinowski

From a daughter's perspective, a bit of insight into a man who is finding himself in the middle of a not-so-nice local political scene as he is now a candidate for 35th District Court judge. He is not just another politician, he is our dad, James Malinowski.

For years, our dad had a small neighborhood office a few blocks from the house we grew up in. It was a family affair as our mother (Sue) was his secretary and we both worked in the office during our summers off. All that came to an abrupt. end near the beginning of 1989 when our mother suffered a brain aneurysm and was hospitalized for four months.

It was a turning point in all our lives as she was left with a condition known as aphasia which severely impaired her communication skills such as speaking, reading and writing. She was also left with a seizure disorder which could only be controlled by medication and after much study and research, dad could probably be considered somewhat of a seizure "expert."

When our mother became ill, our father became — in essence — a single parent. Dad became more important to us than ever. Growing up, he had always been a great father, providing for us, stressing schoolwork and our love of sports while instilling good values such as respect for God and family as well as community and

In the years since, while being the sole caretaker for our mother, as well as fulltime parent, he maintained his thriving local law practice. His clients often inquired how our mother was doing, and what her progress and prognosis was. Several years ago, our mother started to lose control over her motor skills and began falling and breaking bones. After a broken leg, her condition started to degrade and she lost the use of her legs. Again, dad took the lead, being determined to help his wife walk again - researched and went for opinion after opinion. And after an unsuccessful surgery, dad set out to make the necessary adjustments to living with mom in a wheelchair.

This year, after more health scares in our family, and the passing of his mother, dad decided to make his bid for judge. We wondered how he would do it. We have asked him why he wanted to be a judge. "I've always felt privileged that I get the opportunity to help people every day. I love what I do, I love my family, my work and the law. Being a judge will allow me to expand my knowledge and continue on with what I started 35 years ago when I decided this is what I wanted for my life and my family."

James Malinowski is our father. He is a husband, a health care provider, a sportsman, a lover of the law, and a reluctant politician. He is striving to do his best for himself, his family, his friends and the community around him. As his daughters, of course we are biased, but we can confidently say he is NOT just another candi-

Andrea and Janelle Malinowski

'No' on Berry

Recently, I opened my absentee ballot for the Aug. 5 primary. I was very surprised to see the name of Carl Berry on the Republican slate for Plymouth Township trustee.

Considering all the trouble Mr. Berry has brought to our community, he has a lot of nerve to ask for the public trust by running for office. I am also amazed that he has the nerve to show his face in public!

The following are Carl Berry's "claimed qualifications" for public office:

"Public Service." While serving as chief of police for Plymouth Township, Mr. Berry was known for his politicization of the office and a lack of professional conduct. Remember, the stray dog incident in the trailer park?

"Involvement in Community." Mr. Berry seems to be "puffing" his resume when it comes to this subject. His main "involvement in the community" has been of a "political" nature. Mr. Berry was the "front man" in the dirty politics campaign during the primary election of 2006. Carl Berry instigated calls to the IRS, to his friend, Mike Cox, the attorney general, and the local newspapers asking them to "investigate" the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Such dirty, negative political activities do not provide any reasonable trust that is essential for any elected official. Every township employee should be concerned that the possibility exists that Carl Berry might come after their job for political

"Integrity, Trust, Commitment." Mr. Berry was front-page news when he became a principal in a Harley-Davidson dealership some years ago. Then, he stepped aside following a lawsuit against local developer, Robert DeMattia.

The pattern continued when Carl Berry resigned from his position on the Plymouth-Canton School Board before his term expired. Why is Berry running for township trustee if he lacks sound principles such as commitment and integrity?

Mr. Berry is not interested in serving our community. He only is interested in furthering his own political agenda.

On Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2008, vote for Michael Kelly, Bob Doroshewitz, Kay Arnold and Steve Mann for Plymouth Township trustees.

Don Bain Plymouth Township

Miller for judge

I've known Cam Miller for over 20 years, and I know him to be a good and fair man. He's been the Plymouth prosecutor for eight years, has made over 2,600 court

and has still found time to give back to our community by being actively involved in the Rotary, the Goodfellows, the Jaycees and his church.

Until campaign time, I never even see most of the other judicial candidates in our community. I'm voting for experience and commitment to our community. I'm voting for Cam Miller for judge.

> **Chuck Lowe** Canton

Firefighters respond

Plymouth Township trustee Bob Doroshewitz recently wrote a letter about the firefighters contract arbitration, the second time an elected official has reported a distorted version of the arbitrators ruling for personal political gain.

Attempts have been made to intimidate and discredit the firefighters by township officials up for re-election, just because we exercised our American right to participate in the democratic process and support a non-incumbent. The firefighters are not up for re-election, we have no reason to inform the citizens of anything but the simple facts. We have nothing to hide.

Mr. Doroshewitz refers to the year 2007 in his letter, but what he did not tell you is that in 2007 the fire department staffing was seven firefighters short. Seventy percent of the time one or two firefighter had to volunteer to work overtime just to keep all three stations open. To date, the fire department is short two firefighters, a chief, and a training officer. There are no plans to replace them anytime soon.

Trustee Doroshewitz named four of the fire department officers and listed their alleged wages. He did some political voodoo math and the wage amounts he listed are approximately \$12,000 higher than the officers W-2 forms reflect. So let's put these wages in perspective and look at some simple numbers that we can under-

A township hall employee who works five days a week works 1,950 hours per year, less the days the township is closed. A firefighter works 2,912 hours per year before any overtime is added in. The fire officers that Mr. Doroshewitz named in his letter were forced to work a large amount of overtime just to keep all three stations

These officers were also mandated by the Township to attend a staff and command school at Eastern Michigan University. This course was 11 months long and 23 credit hours. Mr. Doroshewitz listed Captain Jury as the highest paid firefighter. In 2007 Captain Jury worked 3,600 hours (now remember that a township hall employee works 1950 hours per year). Lieutenant Mann, Lieutenant Gross, and Captain Russo's hours were slightly less than Captain Jury's.

The fire department is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Firefighters are away from their families on Christmas, Thanksgiving, etc. We miss our children's birthdays and sporting events. Mr. Doroshewitz should thank these firefighters for their dedication to keep stations open and the community safe, not bash them in the newspaper.

If you compare pay-per-hour it looks approximately like this: A firefighter makes \$22 per hour. A secretary makes \$19 per hour. The township supervisor makes \$48 per hour. The treasurer and clerk make \$45 per hour. Bob Doroshewitz, a trustee, makes \$11,400 per year and spends roughly 72 hours in board meetings, which works out to \$158 per hour. Now who should be ranked as the top paid in the township?

The Township Board keeps bringing up sick time and they do their political voodoo math. Again they come up with a number and say look at this eye-popping amount of sick time the firefighters want. The truth is, it's not eye-popping at all. Every department in the township gets 12 sick days a year except the fire department. We get six sick days per year. All we asked for in arbitration is one sick day per month, the same as every other township employee.

Pete Bukis

representing Plymouth Fire Dept. Command Officers

Vote for Bridgman

Joe Bridgman has the experience. He's been in the Plymouth Township clerk's office as deputy clerk for the past five-plus

Joe is the only candidate with the education, knowledge and experience for a smooth transition into the clerk's position. Joe has experience in the election process. Joe has proven ability to perform the work needed to be the Plymouth Township clerk. Joe will be a conscientious, dedicated, hard-working public servant.

Sonia Mayer

Plymouth Township

Supporting Reaume

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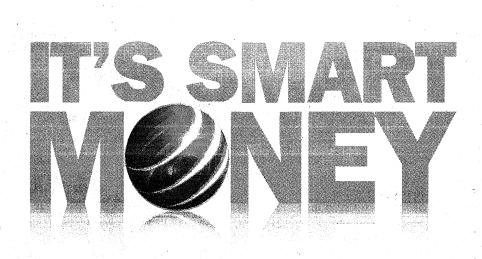
We are all aware of the great publicity that Plymouth Township has attracted. This doesn't happen by accident. Strong leadership plays an integral part in a community's success.

That is why I am supporting and encouraging your votes for Richard Reaume for re-election to township supervisor. I have known and interacted with Richard for the past four years. I have seen the hard work and hours that he has committed to our community. His dedication and passion for Plymouth Township's success are everpresent in all he does.

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> Patrick O'Neill Plymouth Township





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Sarah Gilbert spars with her trainer, Greg Wright.

Woman, 53, steps into ring 200 pounds lighter

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

How in the world did a Redford Township woman lose over 200 pounds, shed the need for high blood pressure medications, free herself of a "borderline diabetic" label and become a highly respected boxer - all after she turned 50?

Simply by changing her life's motto from "No Sweat" to "Know Sweat" - and by falling in love with the sport old-time sports writers referred to as the "Sweet Science."

Roughly five years ago, Sarah 4 Gilbert, now 53, weighed more than most household scales can register. Her excess poundage not only made her feel miserable and listless — it made living dangerous, considering heart disease sprouted up all too frequently in her family tree.

"I finally said enough is enough, started working out and watching what I ate and my weight went from 312 pounds to around 165," recalled Gilbert. "I wanted to lose another 30, but everything I tried failed."

That's when, approximately three years ago, she crossed paths with Greg Wright, a former world champion boxer who taught a boxing class at Lifetime Fitness in Canton.

"I was working out regularly at Lifetime, I'd walk by Greg's class and thought it would be fun, but I was afraid I'd make a complete idiot of myself if I tried it," Gilbert said. "Finally, I got the nerve to give it a shot and I totally fell in love with boxing. It was very rigorous and demanding, but it helped me lose the extra 30 pounds I wanted to lose."

Along with losing the pounds, she acquired enough ring skills to regis-



Sarah Gilbert trains for the second fight of her career.

ter for last year's Women's Masters competition at the Ringside World Championships in Kansas City.

Gilbert's amazing improvement in the ring floored Wright, who chuckled the first time he saw her footwork.

"Honestly, after the first time I saw Sarah box, I didn't think she'd last very long," said Wright, the owner of Canton-based Wright Cardio Fitness, where Gilbert and several other local athletes train. "She had two left feet. But she kept going, and going and going and now she's a whirlwind in

"I've worked out in gyms alongside some great boxers — Tommy Hearns, Lenox Lewis, Oscar De La Hoya but I tell everybody, Sarah is the best athlete I know. To see someone her age who came from where she

came from to do what she's doing now, it's truly inspirational. If I would have worked out in my prime like she works out now, I would have been a champion a lot longer than I was."

Gilbert has the undivided support of her biggest fan — her husband, Dallas, even though he's never seen her in action.

"He won't watch my fights," Gilbert said, smiling. "He's afraid that if he saw somebody hit me in the face during a fight, he'd jump in the ring and go after them."

Gilbert's visit to the Ringside Championships in 2007 ended in disappointment.

The only other lady in my age division backed out at the last minute," she said.

When the 2008 event kicks off next Tuesday in at the KCI Arena in Kansas City, she's guaranteed to square off against one opponent in the 35-and-over women's division.

"I talked to a lady from New York who's entered and she said she'll be there for sure," said Gilbert.

The bouts for the first three rounds of the tournament consist of three one-minute rounds. The championship match will include five 90-second rounds.

Win or lose, the admiration for Gilbert at Wright's training facility won't be diminished.

"She is an unbelievable inspiration to all of us," said Shannon Vanderen, a workout colleague.

Gilbert's advice to middle-aged, overweight women who may want to follow in her footsteps is as direct as one of her punishing jabs. "If I can do it," she said, "you can do it."

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Hornets eye Puerto Rico, Reese crown

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

An all-expense paid trip to Puerto Rico is the next destination as the 12and-under Michigan Concealed Security Hornets have advanced to the American Amateur Baseball Congress Pee Wee Reese Division World Series.

The Hornets, managed by Livonia's Lou Pirronello, are among eight teams that will compete Aug. 6-10 in Toa Baja, P.R. for the coveted AABA title. They will take on defending champion and host Levitton, Puerto Rico.

A total of 1,200 AABC 12-and-under teams were registered this season with the Hornets, 64-15 overall, qualifying last weekend by winning the AABC North Central Regional in Rockford, Ill.

Concealed posted a 5-0 record including a 17-3 victory over the Adrian Lookouts in the championship final as Livonia's Mike

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Vomastek went 3-for-4 with two RBI and two runs

scored, while Drew Horde of Oak Park went 2-for-4 with a homer and six RBI. Also collecting two hits apiece were

John Slater (Southfield), Jake Ginster (Commerce Township) and Zack Tallman (West Bloomfield). Alex Roed (West Bloomfield) also scored three runs and walked three times. Jake Semak (Livonia) also scored twice.

Vomastek, rested for the final, was the winning pitcher, going the first four innings to improve his season record to 11-4. He allowed three runs on two hits and one walk before giving way to Trenton's J.T. Conti, who pitched a scoreless fifth in the five-inning mercy win.

This team hits well, we have a team batting average of .389," Pirronello said. "We score a ton of runs, but we have good pitching, too. I think we have a chance (at the World Series)."

In the regional opener, Semak tossed a one-hitter, allowed just two base runners and struck out seven as Concealed belted four homers in a 19-0 win over Maple Lake, Minn.

Vomastek paced the offense going 4for-5 with an RBI, while Badih Jawad (Dearborn Heights) went 3-for-4 with a homer and four RBI. Roed, Ginster and Slater also homered in the victory.

In the second round, Concealed routed the Lookouts in an eight-run, five-inning mercy, 11-2, as Jawad went all five innings to pick up the victory. He allowed two runs on five hits and a walk while fanning three.

The Hornets clubbed four homers led by Horde, who went 2-for-3 with a pair of round trippers and three RBI. Ginster also went 2-for-3 with a homer and three RBI, while Slater and Roed each added two hits. Slater collected the other homer.

In the third round, Concealed got past the host Rockford Longhorns, 7-4, with Slater, Conti and Vomastek dividing the mound duties, each going 2.1 innings

Vomastek paced the offense going 3for-4 with an RBI and three stolen bases.

Please see HORNETS, B4

'Sheed' to appear

Detroit Piston power forward Rasheed Wallace is scheduled to make an appearance Saturday, Aug. 9, when the Livonia-based Detroit Seminoles take on the Detroit Ravens in a Mid-Continental Football League game beginning at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9 at Stevenson High School.

The Seminoles, who will donate half of their proceeds to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan, currently sport 4-0-1 record heading into a 7:30 p.m. clash Saturday. Aug. 2 at Stevenson with the Flint Fury.

Tickets are \$7 for ages 13-and-up; \$5 for age 6-12. Children 5and-under are free.

For more information, visit www.detroitseminoles.org.

UDM signs Youssef

Former Plymouth High forward-midfielder Ali Youssef (Canton) is one of seven student-athletes who have committed to play for the University of Detroit men's soccer program beginning with the 2008 season.

The 5-foot-10, 160-pound Youssef is a transfer from Schoolcraft College and has played seven years with his club team (Canton Celtic).

The 2006 Plymouth grad scored 17 goals his senior year and earned MVP honors twice in wrestling for the Wildcats (where he ranks first in career wins with 115).

GC needs coaches

Garden City High School is seeking two assistant football coaches for the upcoming season.

Those interested should contact GC head coach Mike Salter at salterm@gcity.12. mi.us; or call (734) 891-0220.

WDFN's MEATA

Join sports radio talk show host Sean Baligian an your closest meat-eating friends for the sixth annual MEATA from 1-6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1 at the Compuware Arena parking lot, located off M-14 and Beck Road, in Plymouth.

The Men Eating All The Animals tailgate features all red-blooded food including wild game.

Patrons are also urged to bring a canned good for the Oakland County Food Bank to feed those who are less fortunate.

All vendors and restaurateurs who would like to participate in MEATA '08 must download the rules and an example insurance certificate form. You must provide your proof of insurance certificate before cooking.

For more information, visit wdfn.com.

Surprise package

Franklin's Taylor twins 'say yes' to Grand Valley

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Under NCAA rules, Grand Valley State University women's basketball coach Janel Burgess isn't allowed to comment on her two latest recruits until they sign an NCAA letter-ofintent later in the year.

But it's a safe bet she's performing a few cartwheels in Allendale these days after Livonia Franklin senior twins Briauna and Brittany Taylor verbally committed last Friday to play for the Lakers beginning in the 2009-10 sea-

Burgess, coming off a 16-12 season in her inaugural year as head coach, was able to attract a pair of Division 1-caliber athletes who are also considered top-notch softball players.

To say she got a steal with the package deal would be a huge understate-Division 1 schools Michigan State,

Toledo and Central Michigan all vied





Briauna Taylor for the Taylors' services in softball,

while Loyola of Chicago expressed interest in basketball.

The 5-foot-9 Brittany, a catcher, was an honorable mention All-Stater and first-team All-Observer selection while batting .526 with 21 extra base hits (including six homers), along with 27 RBI and 30 stolen bases. On the basketball court, she averaged 12 points and 11 rebounds per game for the 18-5 Patriots, who captured their first Class A district championship since 1993.

Briauna, who stands an identical 5-9, earned first-team All-Observer honors in basketball and softball. She

averaged 18 points and 13 rebounds per game while shooting 46 percent from the floor. As a shortstop, the honorable mention All-Stater helped the Patriots to 23 wins while batting .518 with team-best 33 RBI and 87 putouts.

The two honor students, who plan to study pre-med and biology, have been inseparable since their days at Adams Elementary and Riley Middle School.

"I guess we made a pact — since I was born," Brittany said. "We're going to room together and go to med school together. I didn't have to convince her (to go to Grand Valley). She knew, too, and I wanted to go there already.

"It's a good (scholarship) offer, a nice school and a good match. It a modern campus, lots of (academic) choices, nice dorms and the food is good, too. You're not too far from the beach and there's a downtown mall. It's a good location."

Please see TWINS, B3

Area icer Darnell heads for Europe

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Brent Darnell might be a little tardy for the start of school, but he has a legitimate excuse.

The Livonia native and junior from Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High is among four Michigan players selected to play for the 2008 U.S. Under-17 Select hockey team, which will compete in the Five Nations Tournament, Aug. 19-24, in Prievidza, Slovakia.

The center from Canton, who scored 13 goals and had 20 assists during his sophomore season at CC, will be joined by Rochester's Eric Preston (Little Caesars), Bloomfield Hills' Bryan Rust (Honeybaked) and Austin Czarnik (Belle Tire) on the 21-player 2008 squad which will compete against teams from the Czech Republic, Germany, Switzerland and Slovakia.

The U.S. squad will be coached by Eric Rud, an assistant at St. Cloud State (Minn.).

The 6-foot, 175-pound Darnell has his passport ready and is anxious to make the trip, which will cut into his schooling. He has played in Canada, but never in Eastern Europe.

kids are as good as you, if not better. I'll just try to

"It's good competition," Darnell said. "All the other

play my game and hopefully click with my linemates. Please see DARNELL, B3

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings July 22, 2008

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, July 22, 2008, at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda deleting employee negotiations. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to move from open session to closed session at 6:04 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of pending litigation. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to move from closed session to open session at 7:08 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. **Approval of Minutes for** July 8, 2008. Motion carried unanimously, Citizens Non Agenda Item Comments: Mark Waldbauer presented Canton with a Item Comments: Mark Waldbauer presented Canton with a plaque from the American Cancer Society. Tom Lieberman spoke about the Canton Waste Recycling One-day Free disposal. Payment of Bills Motion carried unanimously. CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. BUDGET AMENDMENT-FEDERAL GRANTS FUND 2008 COMMUNITY-DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT. (FBD) Motion carried unanimously. Item 2. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO SIGN THE INTER-AGENCY AGREEMENT WITH WAYNE COUNTY TO ALLOW CANTOR TOWNSHIP TO REVIEW AND PERMIT STORM WATER TOWNSHIP TO REVIEW AND PERMIT STORM WATER MANAGEMENT STANDARDS. (MSD) Motion carried unanimously. GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE AND SITE PLAN FOR EXPANSION OF ST. JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC CHURCH. (MSD) Motion carried unanimously. Item 2. CONSIDER SAHOTA REZONING. (MSD) Motion carried unanimously. Item 3. CONSIDER ACCEPTING AGREEMENT IN LIEU OF LETTERS OF CREDIT FOR COMPLETION OF PUNCH LIST ITEMS FOR CHEPIN HILL WILL ACE DEVELOPMENT (MSD) CHERRY HILL VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT. (MSD) Motion carried unanimously. Item 4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT TO LEASE TOWNSHIP-OWNED PROPERTY TO ALLIED WASTE C/O SAUK TRAIL HILLS DEVELOPMENT, INC. FOR THE STOCKPILE OF CLAY FOR LANDFILL DAILY COVER. (MSD) Motion carried unanimously. PLACE THE PROCEEDS OF THE AGREEMENT TO LEASE TOWNSHIP PROPERTY TO SAUK HILLS TRAILS DEVELOPMENT DATED 7/22/08 BE DEPOSITED WITH MERS FOR THE UNFUNDED LIABILITY FOR RETIREMENT HEALTHCARE. Motion carried unanimously. Item 5. HEALTHCARE. Motion carried unanimously. Item 5.
CONSIDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF S260,276.00 FOR A PUBLIC SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT ALONG THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSMISSION CORPORATION CORRIDOR AND AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO SIGN THE EASEMENT (MSD) Motion carried unanimously. Item 6. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE PO#2008-0000650 TO BEST ASPHALT, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000 FOR PAVING HIGH VELOCIT (MSD) Motion carried unanimously. Item 7. CONSIDER AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS OF LILLEY AND HANFORD TO PETER A. BASILE SONS, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$373,272.21. (MSD) Motion carried unanimously. Item 8. BUDGET TRANSFER - CLERK'S OFFICE Motion carried unanimously. Item. 9. PILOT TAX ABATEMENT ORDINANCE AND CONTRACTS WITH LINCOLNSHIRE APARTMENTS. (SUPERVISOR) Motion tabled unanimously. Item 10. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING JOHNSON ROSATI TO FILE A LAWSUIT AGAINST PARTIES FOR NON-PERFORMANCE OF DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR HAMPTON RIDGE NORTH (PHASE 1) (MSD) Motion carried unanimously. OTHER: Supervisor Yack stated there will be no study session on July 29, 2008 or August 5, 2008. The next regular Board meeting will be August 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan 48188. ADJOURN: Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. Motion carried

Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor Terry G. Bennett, Clerk Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd,

Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org Publish: July 31, 2008

Outrage ends Bucks' year, 3-1

BY DAN STICKRADT **O&E STAFF WRITER**

The No. 1 seed and high expectations didn't save the Michigan Bucks Saturday night.

After reaching the USL Premier Developmental League national championship each of the past two years with the same core of players, the Bucks were upset in the Round of 16 Saturday night at the Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

The bucks gave up a late goal in regulation and two more in overtime in suffering a season-ending 3-1 defeat to the Kalamazoo Outrage.

On Sunday night, secondseeded Thunder Bay Chill ousted Kalamazoo 4-0 to claim the Central Conference regional title and advance to

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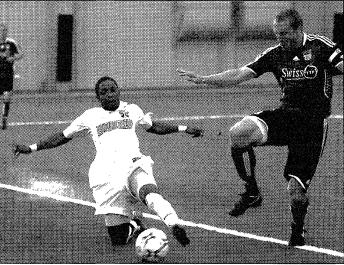
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the PDL Final four.

"We just didn't get it done," admitted third-year Bucks head coach Dan Fitzgerald, who cited many reasons for his team's unexpected upset exit from the national tourney.

All-PDL midfielder Nate Jafta, who had missed five games during the last month due to injuries, was held out and fellow all-league forward Kenny Uzoigwe, ranked in the top 10 in the nation with 23 points during the regular season, went down with a reaggravated hamstring injury in the seventh minute and didn't return. With two core players gone from the Bucks' attack, Michigan struggled to find the back of the net.

"With Nate out and Kenny going down in the first few minutes, it really hurt," offered Fitzgerald. "We had to move



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Michigan Bucks midfielder Ty Shipalane and his teammates were upset victims in the Round of 16 Saturday night in the United Soccer Leagues-Premier Development League national tournament, falling to the Kalamazoo Outrage, 3-1, in overtime.

people around. But even with them out, I think we dominated a little bit. We just couldn't get that

Michigan (13-3-2, 13-2-2 against PDL teams) took the lead in the 31st minute, when forward Doug DeMartin (Mason/ Michigan State) finished off a cross from Billy Weaver (Lake Orion/Indiana).

second goal to put it away."

That proved to be the Bucks' last goal of the season.

Kalamazoo (10-7-2), which opened the PDL tourney with a 2-0 victory of favored Chicago Fire, finally weather the storm

of Michigan's attack and forced overtime in the 86th minute. Eric Alexander's cross into the box was redirected into the goal by Tom Oatley, who headed the ball past Bucks netminder Steve

"They gained a little momentum after that goal," said Fitzgerald. "We had our chances, but they were the ones that scored in the overtime. It's disappointing."

Lance Muckey scored the goahead goal in the 98th minute of the first overtime, finishing off a cutback pass by Chase Corricelli.

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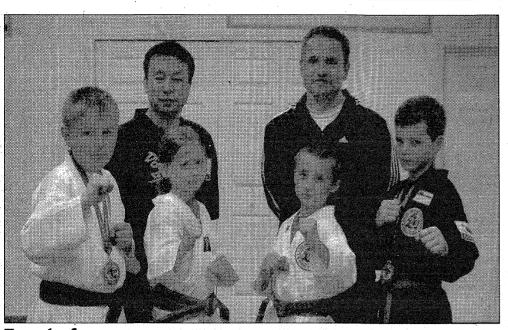
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True to forms

Over the Fourth of July weekend, Kil's Taekwondo of Livonia came away with three medals in the 2008 U.S. National Taekowndo Championships and USAT Junior Olympic Championships held at Detroit's Ford Field. The event attracted nearly 3,000 athletes from all over the country competing in four different categories including forms, weapons, board breaking and sparring. Representing Livonia were Master Choi (top row, left), a fifth degree black belt who was born and trained in South Korea, and Master Tim Dennis (top row, right). Also representing Kil's were (front, from left) Ryan Delp, Ali Birge, Shane Morge and Laurent Shala, all of Livonia. Dennis, a fourth degree black belt, captured a gold medal in forms and competed in sparring despite a broken thumb. Delp, a heavyweight blue belt and Shala, a lightweight red belt, each captured silver medals in sparring while also competing in forms as 11-year-olds. Birge, 9, was the only female who competed in forms as a lightweight red belt, while Moore, 8, was a lightweight blue belt who competed in forms and sparring. Beau Bloomfield (not pictured), 13, was a first degree black belt who competed in board breaking and forms.

It's going to be mostly all hockey when we're there, but I think we'll have a little sightseeing and team building the first few

days." Darnell was invited last month to earn a spot on USA Hockey's 2008-09 Under-17 National Select Team (based in Ann Arbor) during a player development camp at the ESL Sports Centre in Rochester, N.Y. The camp featured several

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in 1992.

Darnell, entering his third year on the varsity with the Shamrocks, did not make the cut, but benefited immensely from the six-day camp.

"It was pretty intense, we had one practice and then we'd have a game," he said. "There were a lot of college and junior scouts there and I tried to make a good impression. It was a top camp, a ton of fun and a great experience.'

Darnell attended St. Michael's grade school for eight years before enrolling at Novi-Detroit CC as a ninth-grader.

He began playing organized hockey as a Mite with the Livonia Hockey Association Sabres where he was coached by John Louwers. He also played for the Livonia Knights, a squirt travel team, in 2001-

He credits his stepbrother Brad Darnell, now a Livonia police officer, for exposing him to the game.

"I don't play any other sports, he's the one who got me into it,' said Brent, who aspires to play collegiate hockey some day.

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Briauna Taylor also echoed Brittany's sentiments.

"It's the best campus we visited," she said. "It's modern, it's clean and they're always putting up a new building. It's perfect for me, right in the middle (between a big school and a small school)."

During the summer the Taylor sisters have been busy playing softball tournaments for the Livonia Storm, but now they will concentrate on winter basketball season in preparation for the late November start. Both will opt out of playing volleyball this fall for the Patriots.

Brittany also entertained

thoughts of playing high school golf in the fall, but decided oth-

"Golf is fun, but I wanted to work out for basketball as far as college and the high school season," she said. "I want to play with more confidence and start off this year the way I finished last season."

Added Briauna: "Personally I want to become more rounded offensively and defensively. I want to become a better defensive player. Team-wise, I think we can go pretty far — possibly the regional final or beyond."

Their father, Reno Taylor, was also impressed with Grand Valley, which captured the NCAA Division II national championship in 2005-06.

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scheduled for Sept. 20 and 21 at both Whispering Willows and Fox

"They have a good team already, they're just missing a couple of key ingredients," Reno said. "They play a good schedule. It's a good program and they put

a good offer on the table." The Taylor twins said Burgess also left the door open to play

softball. "We still love to play softball," Briauna said. "Before we worked to become better at both (sports), but now we're going to try and get better to play basketball."

"She (Burgess) said that we could choose softball as well as basketball," Brittany added, "but the first year we're going to concentrate on basketball because the first-year is a transition year."

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O&E Women's Tourney

"Drive" time is fast approaching for all women golfers looking to claim the title of 2008 Observer & Eccentric Women's Open cham-

The one-day, 18-hole tournament is set to tee off Saturday, Aug. 16, at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia.

The deadline for entries is 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9.

All entrants will be trying to dethrone defending champion Susan Macinkowicz, who earned medalist honors by carding an impressive round of 78.

Participants must have a current United States Golf Association index to play in the annual O&E

Registration forms can be picked up at Whispering Willows Golf Course, which is located at 20500 Newburgh Road, Livonia; at Fox Creek Golf Course, which is located at 36000 Seven Mile Road,

Registration forms can also be found at www.golflivonia.com. The entry fee for the tournament

Creek golf courses. The men's event is a 36-hole tourney.

Hole-in-one club

on Thursday, Aug. 14.

On July 27, Steven Berriman, of Livonia, used a 9-iron to record an ace on the 126-yard, No. 4 hold at Idyl Wyld Golf Course. It was his first ace in 19 years. Berriman shot a 102 for 18 holes.

■ On July 28, James Paval, 52, of Livonia, used a pitching wedge to ace the 119-yard, No. 4 hole at Redford's Glenhurst Golf Course. For Paval, who shot a 39 for nine holes, it was his third ace in 29

On July 26, Stephen Morawa, of Livonia, used a 7-iron to ace the 144-yard, No. 17 hole at Whispering Willows Golf Course. It was Morawa first ace in 10 years.

hold at Fox Hills Classic Hills.

He shot a 42 for nine holes. Also on July 26, Kevin Elsner, 23, of Canton, used a pitching wedge to ace the 150-yard, No. 6

On July 25, Andrew Vagnetti, of Livonia, used a 9-iron to ace the 126-vard, No. 4 hold at Idyl Wyld Golf Course. It was Vagnetti's first ace in three years. He shot 90 for 18 holes.

On July 22, Evan Chipman, 12, of Canton, used a 9-iron to ace the 90-yard, No. 1 hole at Fox Hills' Strategic Fox.

On July 18, Cliff Fair, of Livonia, used an 8-iron to ace the 161-yard, No. 11 hold at Fox Creek Golf Course. It was Fair's first ace

in 48 years. He shot 87 for 18 holes. On July 18, Harry Ganas, of Livonia, used a 5-iron to ace the 184-yard, No. 3 hole at Fox Creek Golf Course. It was Ganas' first ace in 43 years. He shot a 38 for nine

■ On July 15, Jacob Hettell, 11. of Plymouth, used a 7-iron to ace the 94-yard, No. 3 hole at Fox Hills' Strategic Fox.



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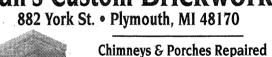
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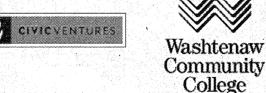
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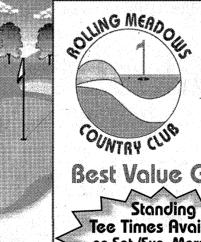
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Horde also had three hits, while Semak went 2-for-4.

A 3-0 record in preliminary round play put the Hornets into the regional semifinals with Jawad going 3-for-4, including a pair of doubles and three runs scored in an 11-6 triumph over the Illinois Big Dogs.

Conti added two hits and two RBI, while Horde went 2for-4 with an RBI. Roed also knocked in three runs.

Ginster (5-2) worked the first four innings to pick up the win. Roed came on for the final three innings in relief to

pick up his fourth save of the year. The pair combined to allow six runs on six hits and five walks.

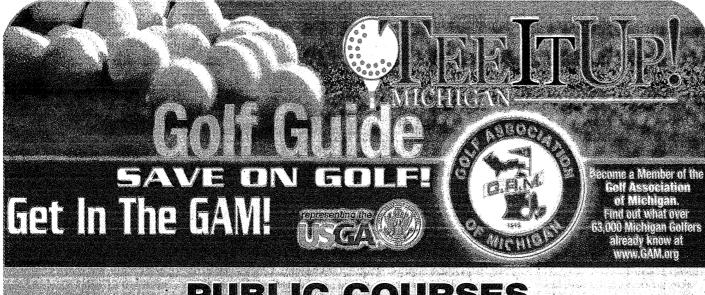
The Hornets will fly out next Wednesday and play against the host team beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7. The game will be broadcast on local Puerto Rico television and radio. Area fans can follow the game on www.tutv.puer-

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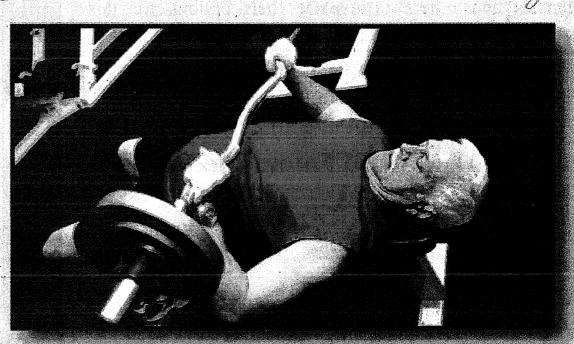
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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Girls hockey tryouts

A final tryout for the Livonia Knights, a girls 16-and-under travel hockey team will be from 8:30-9:50 tonight at Edgar

The tryout cost is \$15 (per

For more information, e-mail Joe Monendo at coachjoe31@ comcast.net; or visit www.livo-niahockey.org.

GC volleyball tryouts

Tryouts for the Garden City girls volleyball team will be from 3:30-5:30 p.m. (JV players in grades nine-10) and from 5:30-7:30 p.m. (varsity players) beginning Monday, Aug. 11, at the high school.

Coaches wanted

Wayne Memorial High School is seeking a boys varsity soccer coach for the fall and a girls var-

sity bowling coach for the winter. Previous high school coaching experience is preferred.

Interested candidates should send a letter of interest and resume to: Greg Ambrose, athletic director, 3001 Fourth St., Wayne, MI 48184. Information can also be fax to (734) 595-2227.

Girls fastpitch tryouts

Tryouts for the Livonia
Storm girls fastball softball team
will be from 10 a.m. until noon
(10- and 12-and-under) and from

1-3 p.m. (14- and 16-and-under), at Bicentennial Park (fields nos. 9 and 10).

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Additional inform is posted on www.livoniastorm.com; or e-mail Ken Jewell at kjewell@ livoniastorm.com.

For more information, call Jewell at (734) 266-9109; or (313) 350-5183.

■ The Thunderbirds girls travel fastpitch organization will hold tryouts for 2008-09 on Aug. 16, 17 and 23 at Heritage Park in Canton.

Try-out sessions will begin at 9 a.m. (10U), 10 a.m. (11/12U), 11 a.m. (13/14U) and noon (16U/18U).

Most players will only need to attend one session.

Thunderbirds Softball Inc. (TSI) is a Canton-based non-profit corporation (founded in 2000) dedicated exclusively to supporting and promoting young women's fastpitch softball. The organization is comprised of travel teams with players ranging in age from 8 to 19 years.

For more information, contact Ray Barnes (734) 927-4739 or Humaira Afzal at hafzal@comcast.net.

Jr. Olympics Aug. 6

The rescheduled 50th annual Redford Parks and Recreationhosted Junior Olympics will be Wednesday, Aug. 6, at Hilbert Middle School, located at 26440 Puritan, one-half mile north of Five Mile and one-half mile west of Beech Daly, in Record.

Registration is from 9-10 a.m. and is free for Redford residents (\$5 for nonresidents). Field events and races begin at 10 a.m.

Parents should be present at all times, no organized teams are welcome and no spikes will be permitted on the field. For more information, call (313) 387-2650.

Churchill High fall tryouts

Fall team sports 2008 tryouts have been announced at Livonia Churchill High School including:

Boys cross country – 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 11, at Cass Benton Park in Northville. (E-mail coach John McGreevy at jmcgreev@ livonia.k12.mi.us);

Girls cross country - 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 11, at Cass Benton Park in Northville. (E-mail coach Sue Tatro at statigia2@livonia. k12.mi.us);

Football - 6-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 6 (workouts and conditioning) at the Churchill football field. (E-mail coach John Filiatraut at (jfiliatr2@livonia. k12.mi.us);

Girls golf – 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 7 at Whispering Willows Golf Course. Bring golf equipment. (E-mail coach Paul Worley at paulworley@pga.com);

Boys soccer - 9:15 a.m. Monday, Aug. 11 the Churchill track. (E-mail coach Reid

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Boys tennis - 3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 11 at the high school courts. (E-mail coach Dave Farmer at daf222@msn.com; or call (734) 709-8574);

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nier@livonia.k12.mi.us. For general information, call the Churchill athletic office at (734) 744-2650.

Youth baseball tryouts

■ Tryouts for the 2009 Motor City Pirates 12-and-under baseball team will be from 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, at the UAW Fields, located at 48055 Michigan Avenue, Canton.

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

Those interested should contact coach Angelo Lanava at alanava@wowway.com.

■ Tryouts for the Canton

Cardinals 2008-09 12-andunder travel baseball team will be Wednesday, Aug. 6 and 13. The team competes in the KVBSA League and 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.

■ The 14-and-under Plymouth/ Canton Grizzlies travel baseball team will stage tryouts for the 2009 season from 6:30-9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10 at Heritage Park in Canton.

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■ Tryouts for the 2009 Livoniabased, 11-and-under Michigan Bulldogs travel baseball team will be from 10 a.m. until noon, Saturday, Aug. 16; and 3:30-5:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17 at Bicentennial Park in Livonia.

For more information, e-mail head coach Scott Linser at coach-scott@michiganbulldogbaseball.com; or visit www.michbulldogs.com.

Adult flag football

Players are need for an adult flag football league, which runs Mondays and Wednesdays, during the months of September and October, in Royal Oak. The sponsor is Waterford Flagstar Bank.

Registration is through Wednesday, Aug. 20. For more information, call Rod Honaker at (248) 627-4815.

Elks Soccer Shoot

The City of Livonia
Department of Parks and
Recreation will stage its annual
soccer shoot beginning at 5 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 18 at the Livonia
Community Center soccer
fields, located at Five Mile and
Hubbard.

Registration starts at 4:30 p.m. the day of the event, which is free. Age divisions for boys and girls include 7-and-under, 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13.

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

Punt, Pass & Kick

The City of Livonia
Department of Parks and
Recreation will stage the 2008
Pepsi Punt, Pass & Kick competition for ages 8-15 beginning at 5
p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27 at the
Livonia Community Recreation
Center soccer fields, located at
Five Mile and Hubbard.

Registration starts at 4:30 p.m. the day of the event, which is free. For more information (734) 466-2410.

Boys hoop league

Beginning the week of Sept. 23, the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage a fall boys basketball league at the Livonia Community Recreation Center

Team placement tryouts for Division I (ages 9-11) will be from 6-7 p.m. and Division II (ages 12-14) from 7-8 p.m., both Tuesday, Sept. 9 at the LCRC. Team notification will be Tuesday, Sept. 16.

Division 1 practices will be Tuesday, Sept. 23 and 30 followed by games on Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28; Nov. 4 and 11.

Division II practices will be Thursday, Sept. 25 and Oct. 2 followed by games Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30; Nov. 6 and 11.

The registration deadline is Monday, Sept. 8 and starts Monday, Aug. 18 (LCRC pass holders); Tuesday, Aug. 19 (Livonia residents); and Thursday, Aug. 21 (non-residents) at the LCRC, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

Fees are \$49 (pass holders), \$58 (Livonia residents) and \$65 (non-residents).

For more information, call (734) 466-2900.

Girls hoop league

Beginning the week of Sept. 28, the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage a fall girls basketball league for ages 10-13 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center gym.

Team placement tryouts will be from 6-7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, followed by practices on Sept. 26 and Oct. 3. League games follow Oct. 10, 17, 24; Nov. 7, 14 and 21.

The registration deadline is Thursday, Sept. 11, and starts Monday, Aug. 18 (LCRC pass holders); Tuesday, Aug. 19 (Livonia residents); and Thursday, Aug. 21 (non-residents) at the LCRC, located at 15100 Hubbard.

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For more information, call (734) 466-2900.

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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 Wayne County Proposal:

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Wayne County Proposal
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Shall this proposal be adopted? YES____

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:

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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, August 5, 2008.

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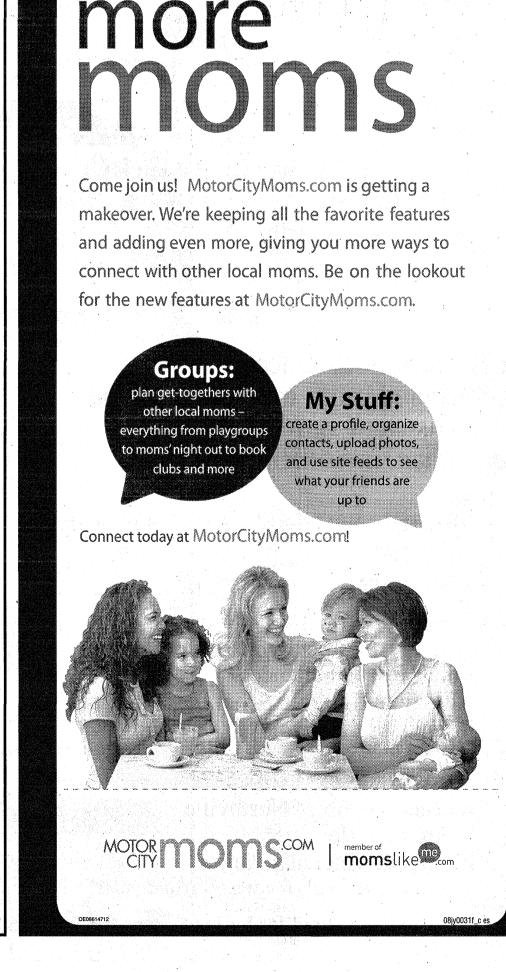
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Diesels elude K'zoo Outlaws

BY CHRISTIAN YOUNG CORRESPONDENT

After a snarling, tough first half, followed by a second-half shootout, the Detroit Diesels outgunned the Kalamazoo Outlaws, 22-13, in a Great Lakes Football League matchup Saturday at Mayor's Riverfront Park.

The Outlaws got on the board first with a touchdown pass, but the extra-point attempt was blocked.

Quarterback Andy Hess (Lutheran Westland) struck right back in the second quarter for the Diesels, with a halfback option to Venzal Russell, who then connected with Jon Craven (Farmington) for a 40yard score. Keith Thomas ran in for the two-point conversion to take the Diesels up 8-6 at halftime.

The Outlaws, however, came right back scoring on a punt

return in the third quarter.

But the Diesels retaliated when Russell leaped in the air for a long bomb from Hess. It initially looked to be broken up by the Outlaw defensive back until Russell fought for the ball, and cut across field, winning the foot race for the end zone. He also caught the ensuing two-point pass.

Hess found Craven again for the final go-ahead touchdown early in the fourth quarter.

The Outlaws had another chance to go after them, but the Detroit defense held like a brick wall, allowing the Diesels to run out the clock.

Hess finished 9-of-21 passing manager Al Seder isn't worried. for 144 yards, two touchdowns, and five interceptions.

Despite those miscues, he was able to manage the game and pull out the win. Russell caught four balls for 72 yards and that wild cross-field TD, in addition to his 40-yard scoring portion of their schedule.

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toss, while Craven had three catches total for 61 yards and his two TDs.

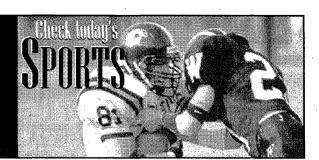
Earl Blanchette led the Detroit defense with six sacks, while Dan Hayes added four. Ja'Ron Embry and Lamarr Miller had three broken up passes each.

Taking their third straight win, the Diesels (4-3 overall, 4-2 GLFL) will face an old foe in the Genesee County Patriots, beginning at 6:30 p.m. this Saturday at Livonia Franklin High School.

The original opponent, the Lenawee County Crusaders, folded, but Diesels general

"The Patriots game should be a good tune-up for our game against the (Northwest Ohio) Knights," said the G.M, whose team will meet the Knights at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9 at Franklin to close the home

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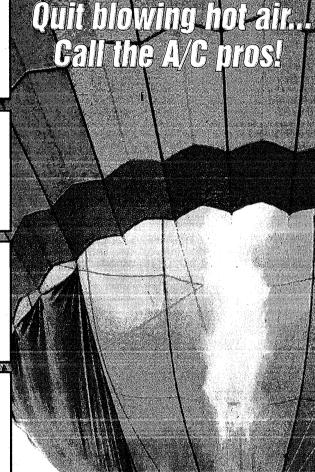
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AUGUST

Vacation Bible school

Outrigger Island continues 6:15-9 p.m. through Friday, Aug. 1, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City. Bible stories, crafts, music, games, and snacks in a tropical paradise setting. Free, open to ages infant to senior adult. One of the highlights of the VBS is the children's musical 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3. The church offers a wide range of ministries for all ages. Sign interpretation for the deaf and nursery for young children available at all services. Call (734) 421-

RICHARD KOZLOW

Beloved husband of Lois Kozlow

Dear father of Amy (Dr. Eddy)

Elkaim, Abby (Avi)Gruber, Rabb

Julie Kozlow and Jenny (Ricardo Kozlow Rodriguez. Loving grandfa-ther of David (Noemie) Elkaim,

Chelsea (J. Nieto) Poyo, Zachary

Poyo, Marley Poyo, Gabriel Rodriguez, Julian Rodriquez and Antonio Rodriguez. Cherished broth-

er of Robert A. (Carol) Kozlow

Dearest brother-in-law of the late

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and the late Joel Feinberg. SER-VICES 10:30 FRIDAY MORNING

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SUZZETTE WEST

PISTAGNESI

Age 80, of South Lyon, passed July 27,

2008. Funeral Service Thurs., July 31.

11am at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

WIN FACKNITZ

Germany August 12, 1921. Win

immigrated to Hamtramck through Ellis Island in 1926 and wes rein-

Centerline. He married the love of his

life, Anna Pedersen October 2, 1942

"She was beautiful and she would be

a wonderful mother of his children,

he would say. He served in the Army

as an occupational counselor at the

end of WWII, and had a 40 year

career in the Carboloy division of

General Electric until his retirement

in 1983. Win loved his family, his Lord, "up north" vacations, fishing and German celebrations. Through

his woodworking hobby he fashioned

clocks and toys for his grandchildren

Win is survived by his beloved wife

Anna; daughters Christina (Hugh) McMartin and Lisa (Rod-recently

deceased) Minto; grandchildren Erika

(Kenny)) Ingle, Amy Thompson,

(Martin) Bocks; great-grandchildren, Cameron and Donovan Ingle, Anna

and Sara Thompson, and Caitlin and

Emma Bocks; sisters-in-law Wilma,

Geraldine, and Julianne Facknitz, as

well as many nieces, nephews, and

friends. Win was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Alvin, Arnold,

and Konrad and great-grandson Luca

Nayus Ingle. Visitation will be held

for Win at 10am Saturday, August 2

until time of memorial service 11am.

Hope Lutheran Church, 39200 W. 12

Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. Pastor

Brad Gee officiation. Memorial con-

tributions in Win's name may be

made to Hope Lutheran Church.

(Paula) McMartin and Alissa

July 24, 2008, age 86, of Farmington Hills. The eldest

son of Albert and Martha,

born and baptized in Barth

59255 10 Mile Road, South Lyon.

Jordan

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ther of David (Noemie)

Gruber,

0472. **AMPEC** election

7:15-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1, at Canton Islamic Center, 40440 Palmer. Sponsored by American Muslim

Political Education Committee. 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 rides, at Sacred Heart Church, 3451 Rivard at I-75 and Mack, Detroit, Free admission, Friday night jazz concert \$20 advance, \$25 at door (313) 863-4687. For information, call (313) 831-1356 or send e-mail to sacredheart@mcleodusa.net. Proceeds go to church benevolent fund including feeding the homeless.

Seekers of spiritual intelligence

Beacon Hill Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) pastors show how injustices in the Bible are played out today and why God gave you a passion for justice, during the 1 p.m. Sunday worship service in August at St. Michael Lutheran Church Chapel, 7000 N. Sheldon, south of Warren, Canton (enter through south double doors next to play area) For information, call (313) 402-6900 or (313) 806-PRAY, send e-mail to beaconhillccdoc@aol.com.

New Song ministry

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church at 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville, hosts music and drama ministry sponsored by Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Penn. Sunday Aug. 3, during morning and evening services. Reception follows 7 p.m. service. No charge. Call (248) 374-7400.

Carillon concert series

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

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

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 offered. No charge. Call (313) 372-4902 for infor-

mation. **Summer music ministry** Hymn sings Aug. 10, Sept. 7. Family Choir, all ages invited to sing at 9 a.m. rehearsal and then morning service Aug. 24, and Sept. 7, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford, Call (313) 534-

7730. All are welcome. Vacation Bible schoo

The Anglican Church of Livonia holds 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.

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, \$2 per child for Children's Ministry care. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200 or visit www. livoniastmichael.org.

Onen 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.

Concert

Karen Peck & New River, 2007 Grammy Award Nominee, perform 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, in the sanctuary at Joy Baptist Church, 37055 Joy Rd. at Newburgh. Westland. Admission free, but seating limited. Doors open at 5 p.m. For information, call (734) 425-0466.

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 informa-

tion, call (313) 289-8336. 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 information, call (734) 513-8413 or drop by 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia.

Water works park

For families needing all-day activity, Ward offers SHINE day camp with hours from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. Cost is \$115, requires pre-

registration. Details at wardchurch.org.

Summer day camp Offered by Ward Church in Northville for

children entering grades 1-6, continues to Aug. 24. Hours 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. with extended care available at extra cost. Campers participate in one field trip per week with additional local outings and weekly water days. Daily elective classes 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.

Health program

U-Count Empowered to Get Health Family Edition is an 8-week, life-changing program that promotes complete health and family development. Biblically-based classes, workshops, exercise training, and accountability. Breakout sessions for adult, youth (12-18), and kids (5-11). Informational meeting noon Saturday, Aug. 30, in R-201, at Detroit World Outreach Christian Center, 23800 W. Chicago, Redford. Opening Day 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, in R-201, cost \$75. Information available at (313) 255-2222 ext. 359 or sledlie@dwo.org.

UPCOMING

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.

Dorie Chang is living in America

Presentation focusing on reincarnation of the highest leader of Buddhism, HH Dorje Chang Buddha III, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, at 960 E. Jefferson, Detroit. For information, visit www.zhaxizhuoma.net/. Respected Zhaxi Zhuoma, a close disciple of HH Dorje Chang Buddha III will lead 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 \$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) 464-0211.

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

ONGOING

Thursday fellowship dinner

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

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,

faith.org.

30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. For information, visit www.livon-**Sunday worship** The early service for the Anglican Church

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

Reformed Protestant services

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

Sanskrit chanting

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

Church schedule

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

also available at 10 a.m. Adult Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. Informal gathering 6 p.m. every Sunday with scriptures and discussion at the church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Rd. Call (734) 421-7620.

Single Place Ministry

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

Prince of Peace Church

Recovery, Inc., meets at 10 a.m., every Wednesday at the church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc., is an international, nonprofit, 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@shcglobal.net.

Tai Chi and strength classes

Orchard United Methodist Church is hosting a Tai Chi class 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Mac at the church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills.

The cost per class is \$10 or \$40 prepaid for five classes.

The strength class takes place 9:30-10:30 a.m, Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$5 per class. Drops in welcome.

For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

Church offerings Riverside Park Church of God, Sunday

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

first Saturday of the month plus we offer choir practice for all singers. All visitors welcome. The church is at 11771 Newburgh at

Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for details. Church services

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

Thrift store

Open Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and

Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile. Redford. Call (313) 534-7730. Tai Chi class

Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is

great for reducing stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes continue every Monday. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc.org for updates.

Living Water series

Mark McGilvrey leads a 10-week video series called H2O starting 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722. The group is open to men and women who would like to review the basic teachings of Jesus who claimed to be , living water.

Couple prayer series

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

(734) 464-4435. Day of service

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

To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit www.cskdetroit.org.

New schedule

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

Worship Service

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

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ALLEN NEIL SMITH

Arbor, MI, (formerly Plymouth, MI). Age 71, died on July 22, 2008 after a long struggle with cancer. Former husband of Dian Barnard of Plymouth, he is survived by his daughters: Andrea (Darren) Morgan of Lewis Center, OH; Melissa Ann Smith of Williamsport, PA; and Penelope (Donald) Timmer of Kettering, OH, six grandchildren, and his partner, Susan Rasmussen of Ann Arbor. Visitation on Monday, August 4th from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Muehlig Funeral Chapel, 403 Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor, and Memorial Service on Tuesday, August 5th at 11:00 a.m., also at Muehlig's. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Single Place Ministry of First Presbyterian Church, 200 East Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.



CATHERINE McDONALD Loving mother, grandmother and wife, died Monday at her home in Westland. Catherine, or Cathie, was born July 27, 1934, in Glasgow, Scotland, to James Archer, a manufacturer for Singer Sewing Machines, and Annie Archer, a homemaker. Raised in Glasgow, Cathie was the youngest of nine children, including her identical twin sister, Charlotte. Cathie was just entering grade school at the outbreak of World War II, and she and her family were often evacuated to underground shelters during air raids. She and her twin sister were briefly sent to live with a family in the countryside before being retrieved by their mother Annie, who to be senarated from children. In 1955, at the age of 20, Cathie decided to emigrate to America. She was sponsored by her older sister May, who had made the journey years earlier, and May's husband, Robert Sinnerton. Cathie sailed on the Queen Elizabeth Two, arriving in New York with \$13 in her purse. In March of 1956, Cathie met her husband-to-be, Hugh "Red" McDonald, at Patterson's drug store in downtown Detroit. They were engaged to be married by October of that year. Within weeks, Red was drafted into the U.S. Army. Knowing a good thing when she saw it. Cathie waited two years for her fiance's return. Red was discharged from service on October 15, 1958. Red and Cathie were married at St. Gregory's church on October 25 – ten days later. On March 8, 1960, Cathie gave birth to the couple's first child, Carol Ann. On January 17, 1961, came their second, Kenneth James. In 1970, the family moved from Detroit to neighboring Redford Township. Their third child, Glenn Michael, was born May 11, 1971. For many years, Cathie worked as a data technician for the accounting firm Ernst & Ernst, but spent most of her time raising the children and making a home for the family. Cathie was active in her church and community, and known as an avid and impossibly lucky bingo player. In 1991, Red and Cathie retired to their home in Westland. In addition to her husband and children, Cathie is survived by brother Freddie, of Westland Michigan; sister Patricia, of Largo,

grandchildren: Aaron, Cole, Declan, Emme, Jennifer and Jessica; and one great-grandchild, Mya. Visitation will be from 1 pm to 4 pm, and 6 pm to 8 pm, Wednesday at Griffin Funeral Home, 7707 Middlebelt Road, Westland. In state 11:30 am until the funeral service at 12 pm Thursday at St. Damian Catholic Church, 30055 Joy Road, Westland. Memorial contributions in Cathie's name to Beaumont Hospice service are

Florida; and sister Charlotte, of

Glasgow, Scotland. Cathie had six

In Memory Of

greatly appreciated.



IN MEMORY OF Dr. KURUVILLA ZACHARIAS

Passed away August 1, 2006. So be loved & missed very much. Love you always! Your wife Mariann

JOSEPHINE NAEL

EDWARD SCHOMBERGER

Age 78, of Plymouth, July 27, 2008. Beloved husband of Flora "Liz". Dear

father of Theresa (Dan) Antieau,

Edward (Florence), Mary (David)

Eddington, and Margaret Johnston.

Dear grandfather of seven and great-

grandfather of one. Funeral service were held Wednesday 11 AM. at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W

Ann Arbor Road (btwn, Plymouth.

Tuesday

Memorial contributions may be made

to Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan, 230 Huron View Blvd.

Ann Arbor 48103. To view obituary

vermeulenfuneralhome.com

or share memories, please visit:

Of Livonia, MI. Passed away with her loving family around her on July 26, Josephine was born in New York City on March 10, 1922 to Roy and Frances Browner. She married her sweetheart Wilfrid on October 5, 1946 in Detroit, MI. She is survived by her son Patrick (Tina) of Lapeer and daughter-in-law Cheryl of Whitmore Lake, grandchildren Adam and Audrey, sister Regi Kovak and broth-er-in-law George. Josephine is preced-ed in death by her husband wilfrid, son Michael and sister Delores. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Thursday, July 31, 2008 at 10 AM at St. Damian's Catholic Church in Westland. Donations are suggested to Angela Hospice, envelopes will be available at the church where the family will receive friends from 9 AM until the time of service. Please leave a message of comfort to Josephine's family by calling 877-231-7900 or sign her guestbook atL

www.borekjennings.com

Funeral Home, Livonia, MI

JUDITH M. GRODEK July 29, 2008, Age 68, Livonia, MI. Service St. Edith Catholic Church, Livonia. Visitation Fred Wood

KIMBERLY J.

MANOOGIAN Age 50, of Farmington Hills, MI, passed July 26, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

LOIS M. KUFFEL Age 81, of Milford and formerly of Farmington Hills, died July 28, 2008. Loving mother of Sandy (the late Richard d. 1996) Clodfelter, Sue (the late Pat d. 1999) Quiney, Mike (Carolyn) and the late Don (Linda) d. 2002. Dear grandmother of Darcy Tracey, Lisa, Richard, Beth, Patrick (Stephanie), Ben and Peter. Sister of Avis (Bob) Skelley and Gus (Anne) Amundson. Also leaves many loving nieces, nephews, extended family members and dear friends. Lois worked for the Farmington Hills Post Office for 20 years. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, Friday, August 1, 2008 at 3 PM with Rev. Gregg Mayberry offici-ating. Burial Milford Memorial Cemetery. Friends may visit Thursday 3-9 PM. Memorials to the Arthritis Foundation. For further information call 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

Mrs. JOYCE McROBERT "Grandma Sam" Passed away on July 28, surrounded by her family at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, MI following a lengthy illness. She was born on

1920 in Petrolia, December 12. Ontario, Canada. Joyce was preceded in death by her husband Donald on November 30, 1995. Grandma Sam was a member of Dearborn Baptist Temple, Fordson Chapter Order of the Eastern Star and the Rainbow Hues. She is survived by her loving children; son, Michael (Patty) McRobert of Butler, IN, and her daughter, Joanne Zavisa of Dearborn, MI, her cherished extended family; Amy Denstedt, David (Carrie) Darkowski, Christine Denstedt, Kerri Svenson, Zach, Nick and Kayla. Funeral services for Joyce were held on July 30 at the Higgerson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main Street, Belleville, MI 734-697-9400.

Interment followed at Roseland Park

Cemetery in Berkley, MI. Memorial

contributions in Joyce's name are suggested to Heartland Hospice, 3840 Packard Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48108.

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A priest for peace goes to war

BY LUIS CARLOS MONTALVÁN CORRESPONDENT

Jesuit priest the Rev. Timothy Meier does not exactly fit the typical profile of a soldier serving in a war zone. And yet Meier, director of the Honors Program in Biology at Stanford University, was mobilized to go to Iraq on June 30.

"I never dreamed of being a soldier," said Meier, 52. "I never, ever dreamt it. I was a kid during Vietnam and felt it a mistake for us to be there. I saw people mutilated from the war. My cousin, George, was severely wounded, his right arm damaged along with other wounds, and still walks with a perpetual

Meier never thought he would become a Jesuit priest, either.

Who wants to not be married and vow to a life of poverty?" Meier said with a chuckle.

Born in Detroit and raised in Farmington Hills, Meier worked seven days a week at his local parish and at a raquet club doing administrative work to help pay his tuition to University of Detroit High School, where he graduated as class valedic-

It was after completing bachelor of arts degrees in biology and music with honors from Kalamazoo College that Meier decided to become a priest. And it was while on foreign study in Spain that he felt compelled to become a Jesuit. From

1978-80, he was a Jesuit Novice. In 1982, Meier received a Master of Arts in Philosophy from Loyola University of Chicago. He was then sent to La Speccola Vaticana, the Vatican Astronomical Observatory, in Castel Gandolfo, Italy, where the pope has his summer residence.

While there, Meier identified 700 late-type red giant stars near the center of the galaxy. He also had the privilege of singing an a capella solo for Pope John Paul II at a Mass in his private chapel at the 17th-century Castel Gandolfo near Rome. The pope was still recovering from gunshot wounds he sustained in an assassination attempt the previous

"Every night I would walk to the heights of a spiral staircase of the medieval castle because I learned the acoustics were incredible. One day, some Polish children, who were visiting Pope John Paul II, heard me singing. For a few weeks we got to know one another and would sing together," said Meier.

One day, Meier was summoned to the Pope's private residence in the castle where he celebrated Mass. The pontiff had heard Meier's mellifluous tenor voice and the then 26-year-old was asked to sing at a Mass celebrated by John Paul II for a group of Canadian pilgrims. Afterwards, the pope gave him a modest pen and a photograph of Meier with the pontiff.

In 1984, Meier attended

Georgetown University and earned a master's of science in Biology (immunology), graduating again with distinction.

From 1984 to 2004, Meier vigorously pursued his studies. He was a Jesuit Fellow in Biology at John Carroll University in Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

From 1990-91, he attended the Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge, Mass., earning masters' degrees in divinity and theology. In 1998 and 1999, Meier received his Ph.D. in Biological Sciences (molecular neurobiology) and a post-doctoral degree in molecular virology from Stanford University. From 2002-04, Meier earned his postdoc in molecular neurobiology from Stanford, where he has been undergraduate research coordinator and director of the biology department's honors program since 2004.

"It is a joy to mentor students who are so dedicated to the pursuit of scientific research and advancement. They challenge me and I them. It is such a privilege," Meier said.

In 2006, Meier was commissioned a captain in the Chaplain Corps of United States Army Reserve. Later that year, he was transferred into the California Army National Guard, While at Stanford, Meier taught, coached and mentored R.O.T.C. cadets who studied there but travelled to train in military science elsewhere.



The Rev. Timothy Meier is a Jesuit priest and a U.S. Army captain now serving as a chaplain in Iraq. He served Mass at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville shortly before leaving for the war-torn country in June.

The kind of help that cadets and soldiers want and need of chaplains these days is rare.

A shortage of chaplains, who give invaluable counsel to soldiers in times of stress and personal hardship, comes at a time when the number of suicides among activeduty U.S. soldiers has seen a sharp increase.

According to a statement given at the American Psychiatric Association's annual meeting in Washington on May 5, Thomas Insel, the U.S. government's top psychiatric researcher and director of the National Institute of Mental Health in Bethesda, Md., said, "The number of suicides among veterans of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan

may exceed the combat death toll because of inadequate mental health

Army Capt. Meier knows he is unarmed in a dangerous place where his entire life's experiences will be put to the test. "My goal in Iraq is to provide

spiritual comfort to women and men who place themselves in harm's way," Meier said.

Meier is the son of Tom and Nancy Meier of Northville.

Luis Carlos Montalván is a former Army cavalry captain who served two tours in Iraq and is recovering in New York from various wounds sustained in combat. Meieris his Catholic priest and spiritual coun-

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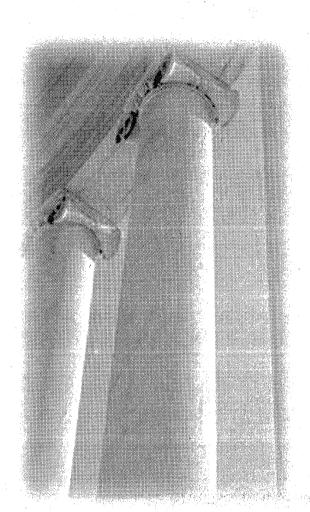
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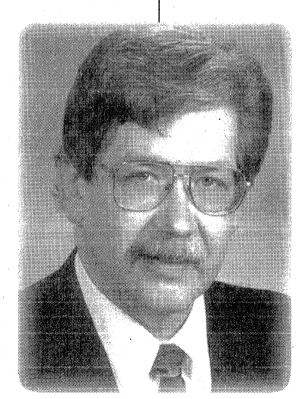
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Richard Cunningham serves as an elected member of the Board Of Commissioners (the board of directors) of the State Bar of Michigan. He previously served two terms on the State Bar Representative Assembly. Other professional leadership positions include a term as President of the Criminal Law Section of the State Bar and three terms as Chairperson of Criminal Law Section of the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association. He is a Trustee of the DMBA Foundation, and a Fellow of the State Bar Foundation.

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Richard Cunningham is involved in the community. He is the Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors for U-SNAP-BAC, a non-profit housing corporation. He is a graduate of Belleville High School, and was recognized in 2004 with a "Distinguished Graduate" award. He has served as an adjunct instructor at Henry Ford Community College.



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Robert Meisner

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measures to assist in the event of an emergency for on-site health care. Of course, to the extent that the board undertakes such responsibility, it may also incur potential liability if it does not follow through in the time of need.

Q: One of our board members signed a contract against the property manager's advice. The manager is still new to the property and she feels that she is still proving herself and her worth to the board. She could sit silently by and make nice with the new board or she could bring the matter to the association's attention and risk alienating the board. What should she do?

A: The professional manager should guide the board, but the best manager knows his or her role as an advisory one and the manager should never usurp the authority of the board. Some boards choose to ignore their manager's advice and when a decision could put the association in peril, it puts the manager in an awkward position of following the board's wishes or taking a firm but opposing stand. A manager should state his or her position and let the minutes reflect same. Sometimes managers usurp the role of the board to fill the vacuum of power which is not good either. Proper balance should be between the board's decisions and that of the manager.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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50462 Burr St	\$235,000
1417 Colonade Ct	\$379,000
51158 Gold Ridge Ln	\$308,000
886 Harrison St	\$199,000
49069 Hawksburry Rd	\$180,000
50324 Jackson Ln	\$208,000
7049 Kennesaw Rd	\$325,000
4097 Kimberly Dr	\$195,000
4129 Kimberly Dr	\$190,000
45197 Lemont Rd	\$194,000
45168 Lothrop Rd	\$278,000
47377 Northgate Dr	\$335,000
841 Roosevelt St	\$181,000

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22 Plymouth Rd	\$225,000
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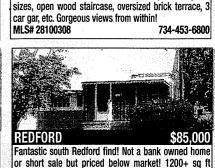


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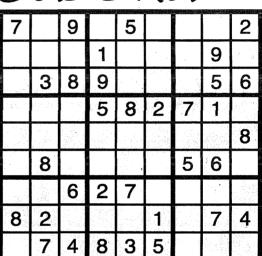
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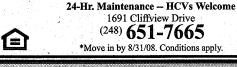
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Mile & Taft, in Windridge Place Sub. Fri-Sat, 9-4. Dining Sub. Fri-Sat, 9-4. Dining room/furniture, dishwasher, toys, bikes, kid's clothes. PLYMOUTH - July 31-Aug 1, 9am 51049 Northview Ann Arbor Rd & Napier. Many

baby things, clothes, toys furniture, other items. PLYMOUTH 51349 Plymouth Ridge Dr., in County Club Village, 9am-4pm. Aug. 1st & 2nd. Household goods, furni ture, accessories, quality clothes, nice stuff!

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just E/275, S/Ann Arbor Rd. Aug 1-2, Fri-Sat, 9-4pm.

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ances, and miscellaneous pieces of furniture. PLYMOUTH- Garage Sale July 31-Aug. 3rd, 9am-5pm. Gift sale rep samples, home decor, baby items. 242 Blunk,

W of Main, N of Church.

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of 8 Mile, W. of Beech, July 31-Aug. 3, 9am-6pm. 2 hous es combined. REDFORD MOVING SALE 26051 Hope, S/ 5 Mile, W/ Beech Daily. Thurs-Sun, 9-5pm. Furniture & household.

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Willowood Sub. Garage/Estate Sales - S off Walton, btwn Livernois & Old Perch. July 31st & Aug 1 & 2, 9am-4pm. SOUTHFIELD - 2 Family Sale. Sat, Aug 2, 9-5pm. Girl's toys, TV, furniture, misc household.

Evergreen & 12 Mile.

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garage in back, follow signs.

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30210 & 30230 Woodgate Dr,

Garage Sales

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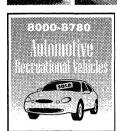
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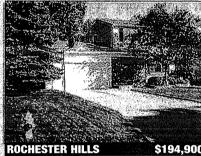
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WIXOM CONDO Det'd condo w/yard & deck w/hot tub. Grt rm w/high ceiling & 2 skylights, gas FP. Newer roof, furn, & wd fir in kit & din rm. Fin'd bsmnt w/studio, full ba & storage. MLS 28116122 248-855-2000 MLS 28116122



Updated brk col w/att 2 car gar near dwtwn & xways! New -gutters Indscp-sump pump & hmdfr '07-BAs w/cer firs kit cabs, gran tops-dishwasher-wd firs-all lighting-fin bsmt. 248-855-2000



Beautiful 4 br/2.5 BA ranch, Newer fin bsmt incl: wet bar. efrig. fpl, full BA, ent ctr + lots of strg. Updts incl rf (07) siding, hwh, a/c, kit flr & cabs. Hdwd flrs under crpt. 248-855-2000



NEST BLOOMFIELD Gorg 4 BR brk wide front col w/att side entry 2-car gar w/ nat'l fp. Kit w/some appls- st fir Indry. Great landscaping 248-855-2000



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FARMINGTON HILLS Maintained w/upgrades incl phone & intercom/cer tile & hrdwd firs/huge FR w/fpl/brick pavers in front & in patio extra insulation/high ceiling. Mstr suite w/fpl & whiripool. MLS 28046265



FARMINGTON HILLS Cust brick home w/ fin walk-out LL w/full kit & BA. Larg patio. Lg. foyer, formal liv. Kit w/brfst bar & nook opens t FR w/ cath cings. Drwl to lg. verenda. Prof indspng. 248-855-2000 MLS 28107442



Move in condition! Updt 2000 kit w/mpl cab, gran cntr. s.: appls, rf, hdwd firs & cer tile. Fin bsmt w/wet bar. Brick pavers frnt & bck w/priv trd lot. Tandem gar & bsktball ct. MLS 28071300 248-855-2000



Charming! 3 br, 2 full baths, fin basement, Updated kitchen, hardwood floors thru out. Walking distance to downtown Royal Oak. 734-462-9800 MLS 28097809



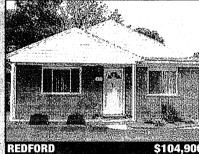
Adorable ranch! Neutral carpeting, newer roof, viny windows & siding, remodeled kit & bath, nice deck. MLS 28108931



Absolutely gorgeous backyard! Updated kit w/island, fam rm, large bedrooms with walk in closets, fin basement, n court setting. MLS 28113997



Spacious home is prestigious sub. new chefs kitcher formal dr, nat fp, master bedroom has private decl master bath, serene setting. MLS 28112891 734-462-9800



Many updates! carpet, c/a, furn, new windows ed bath, kit cabs, wood flooring, copper plmg, cir breakers, doorwall to deck 734-462-9800



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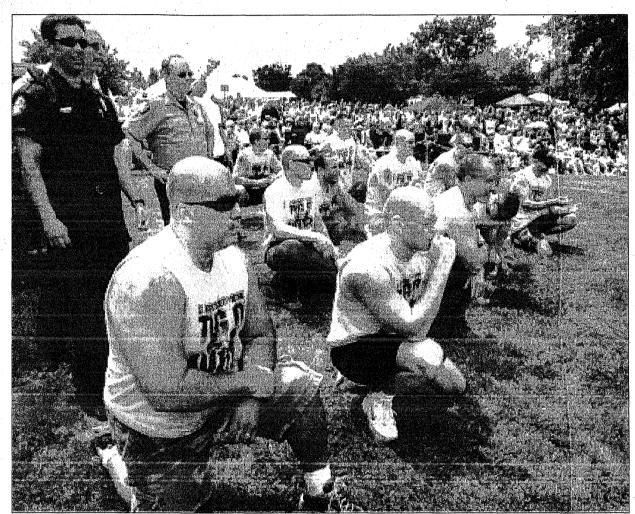
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The St. Andrew's Society 159th Annual Highland Games

Livonia Firefighters ready to cream Marines



The big burly type will be showing off their strength in the traditional



Who will win the tug-of-war at the Highland Games? The Livonia firefighters? The Harley riders? The Marine Corps or the Army?

Event takes place at Highland Games - Royal Oak woman crowned queen



Fiona Dohanyos was crowned at the Highland Games. Her goal is to preserve her heritage and better the community.

BY LANA MINI OSE STAFF WRITER

Livonia Fire Captain Robert Simmons was ready to do some Marine Corps trash-talking.

Relax, he means no disrespect, it's all in good fun. Besides, Simmons has to regain his team's title. The Livonia Firefighters lost a tug-of-war contest to the U.S. Marine Corps last year. It was the first time in four years the firefighters were defeated.

"But we're taking a different approach this year," Simmons said, treading carefully not to reveal too much of his strategic tug-of-war secrets. See the event at The 159th Annual Highland Games, taking place Aug. 1-2 at Historic Greenmead Village in Livonia.

'We have a 300-pound anchor (a firefighter) who will have the rope tied around his waist," Simmons said.

Other than that there's no gloves, no spiked shoes — just

strength. Each team is permitted 2,200 pounds of weight - which could mean about 12 men weighing 183 pounds — or fewer men with a lot

more muscle. The firefighters will pull against the Marines. The Harlev-Davidson group will pull against the U.S. Army and then the two winners will pull for the title.

Simmons is coaching his team. The fun begins with a Scottish party on Friday, Aug. 1. Saturday, Aug. 2 are the games. Highland Games is the longest, continuous running Scottish festival in North America and is organized strictly through volunteers.

The tug-of-war begins at 1:15 p.m. on Saturday. And there's beauty.

Fiona Dohanyos of Royal Oak was crowned queen of the games. Her Scottish roots are traced to clans Buchanan and Ramsay.

"I'm so excited," Dohanyos said. "The group does a lot for many charitable organizations and I want to be a part of that ongoing effort."

Proceeds from the games go to many charities.

A cosmetology student, Dohanyos said she wants to carry the independent spirit of Scots throughout her life and help people everywhere.

IT'S ALL COMPETITION

During the games, where will be Scottish music; athletic games; bagpipe, drumming and dance competitions; parades including clans from across the

country, and food. The highlights though are the

The games include massive men who are among the Earth's strongest who toss large stones, hammers and the popular caber.

We're fortunate to have most of the continent's top performers coming to compete year after

Please see GAMES, D5

Farmington Hills hosts Johnny Cash tribute

He's the ultimate cool guy - Johnny Cash.

The man in black will be remembered tonight as the Farmington Hills "Stars in the



songs including Ring of Fire. Goffee grew up admiring Cash's music.

One of his greatest thrills was when he was performing and Cash's brother and sister attended the show. Joanne Cash Yates told him, "you don't impersonate my brother; you pay tribute to him with honor."

The concert takes place in the new amphitheater, opened last month, situated in a grassy "bowl" with outdoor acoustics. Heritage Park is located at 24915 Farmington Road, just south of 11 Mile.

Call (248) 473-1848.

Count On Kidpalooza at Kellogg Park

Plymouth's Kellogg Park will surely be kid central 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, in celebration of Kidpalooza. Participating youngsters are invited to embark on a Treasure Hunt through the downtown shopping district, where they'll play games, watch kid-friendly street performers and earn

"This is really about families discovering the treasures of downtown Plymouth," said Jessica Perlman, event chair. "It's exciting to be doing something new and different."

To participate, stop by Kellogg Park any time after 10 a.m. and register. Activities are meant for children 6-12, though all ages are welcome. Child care will not be provided. Call (734) 455-1453 or visit www.downtownplymouth.org.

Top Chefs work to end hunger

Talented chef Rich Travis of Tribute restaurant in Farmington Hills gathers six top chefs from the Detroitarea and around the country to create a masterful menu paired with exquisite wines for Share Our Strength's A Tasteful Pursuit presented by Lexus, on Monday, Aug. 4.

Funds raised from the high-end dinner and auction will support Share Our Strength's efforts to end childhood hunger in America. Other chefs include: Steve Allen and Chuck "Rocky" Rachwit of Steve & Rocky's in Novi; Brian Polcyn of Five Lakes Grill in Milford; Greg Stroker, pastry chef of Tribute Restaurant in Farmington Hills; Bradford Thompson of Lever House in New York; and Don Yamauchi of Forté Restaurant in Birmingham.

Also special guest Tony Abou-Ganim, The Modern Mixologist of Bar Milano in New York, will demonstrate his cocktail craft. Each chef will

prepare a course. The live auction will be conducted by Billy Harris, one the country's most sought-after corporate entertainers. Guests can bid on culinary and travel items.

Tickets are \$150 each. Tribute is located at 31425 W. 12 Mile in Farmington Hills. Reservations can be made by visiting: www.strength. org/atp_detroit or calling (248) 848-9393.

Birmingham appraiser featured on 'Antiques Roadshow'

ANTIQUES ROADSHOW What: The popular PBS show stops in Michigan When: Saturday, Aug. 9 Where: DeVos Place, 303 Monroe Ave. NW, Grand Rapids Tickets: Distributed earlier this summer based on a random drawing. For more information, visit http://www. pbs.org/wgbh/roadshow/cities/grandrapids 2009.html. Only those with tickets may enter, and they may bring two items for appraisal.

Watch: Season 13 will begin airing Monday, Jan. 5, 2009 on PBS stations.

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA **0&E STAFF WRITER**

Birmingham's Caroline Ashleigh grew up surrounded by art, antiques and collectibles in her Michigan home. She was bound for a career steeped in art and culture. And since the popular PBS program Antiques Roadshow got its start, she's been featured as an appraiser, circling the country in search of American

On Aug. 9, the show will film in Grand Rapids. According to Erika Denn, a marketing executive with WGBH in Boston, this marks a notable return. Antiques Roadshow filmed in Southfield in 1996, for an episode that aired in

its first season the following year. Antiques Roadshow serves as a sort of Americana treasure hunt,

drawing people from across the country who bring their collectibles, heirlooms and more to be appraised by experts like Ashleigh. Born to parents who were avid

collectors, she said: "I decided really early on I wanted to pursue a career in art." She worked at her parent's shop, Noah's Ark Antiques in New Hudson, Mich., to gain practical experience and earned her bachelor's degree in art history from the University of Boulder, Colo.

After working as an art dealer on Rodeo Drive, Ashleigh

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Birmingham appraiser Caroline Ashleigh (right) estimates this 18th Century men's embroidered vest is worth between \$3,000 and \$5,000, during a Season 12 episode of "Antiques Roadshow" in Baltimore.

Lebanese Fest includes ethnic bazaar, music, dance and comedy

What: Lebfest 2008, the Lebanese Festival

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The Lebfest in downtown Birmingham's singers Amalia Kaddo and Soumaya Shain Park was so popular last year - that this year the festival has expanded.

Last year, it was held during the week. This year it has a precious weekend spot - all day and evening Friday and Saturday August 1 and 2. This year there's even more entertainment that celebrates the music, food, culture, dance, crafts and art of Lebanon and the Lebanese American community.

LEBFEST

The musical mix is interesting - from jazz to a master oud player (a

stringed instrument with an exotic sound) to music performed by several Lebanese divas. The event

kicks off with some Motown. Detroit's Martha Reeves will sing the National Anthem on Friday.

The festival is organized by the Lebanese American Chamber of Commerce.

"I'm so glad that Birmingham welcomed us back so warmly this year," John Akouri, the chamber chairmen said.

Presented by Mezza Mediterranean Grille, the second annual event - is also known as a Mahrajan - which is Lebanese for festival.

There's also dabke dance (Lebanon's national dance) and traditional bellydance

The festival is influenced by the Baalbeck International Festival of Lebanon that includes classical music, dance, theater, jazz, and modern world music.

In Birmingham there will be An Evening of Lebanese Stars' featuring Jimmy A & his Rat Pack Rollers (paying homage to American greats); heart-throb teenage male singer Lance Attalla and teen sensation Ashley Peters; popular Lebanese

Aziz; energetic Arabic performers Bassam Saleh and Usama Baalbaki; the Our Lady of Lebanon Dabke Troupe, Detroit Bellydance, jazz by Eric Watson, actor Alex Safi, New York veteran comedian George Saba, Oud player Karim Badr and others.

"This year we have a true national presence," Akouri said. "Attending will be film directors, national book authors, interna-

tional singers. The support we are seeing locally and regionally - including the Lt. Governor (and his wife who is Lebanese), and the arrival of dignitaries, diplomats and celebrities is a nice attest to the work that we do."

Well-known faces who will attend:

Honorary Chairman of the Festival **Host Committee** this year is Detroit Pistons Trainer Mike Abdenour. The 2008 LEBFEST Grand Marshall is NFL Great Lomas Brown, who will officially

cut the ribbon to open the concert. The former Detroit Lion will be joined by US Ambassador Sam Zakhem, Lt. Governor John Cherry, Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land, Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano, Southfield Mayor Brenda Lawrence, Detroit Red Wings singer Karen Newman, WNIC Radio Personality Kevin O'Neill, Miss Michigan 2006 Angela Marie Corsi, Lebanese Consul General Bachir S. Tawk and Birmingham Mayor Donald

As part of the closing ceremonies, the Lebanese American Chamber of Commerce is hosting a screening at the Landmark Maple Art Theatre in Bloomfield Township, of a yet-to-be released film shot entirely on location in Beirut, on Sunday, August 3, at 12:30 p.m.

Director Deborah Harse will attend that screening and discuss the film. Seating is limited to the first 400 guests.

Woodward Dream Cruise music

The Woodward Dream Cruise has an official song. It's all about stopping and going and checking out the sights at the country's biggest love it or hate it car

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The Great Art-doors

The Village of Rochester Hills will transform into an open air art gallery once again for its Summer Fine Art at the Village festival, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2 and noon-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3 at the corner of Adams and Walton roads in Rochester Hills.

More than 100 artists will present works in a wide array of media for this juried event.

"We believe the beautiful and relaxed atmosphere of the Village of Rochester Hills is the perfect setting to view artwork of this caliber and meet the artists," said Donna Beaubien, executive director of the festival. "Along with enjoying the exciting fine art and fine crafts, patrons can stroll the tree lined streets and visit the over 50 intriguing shop and restaurants. Children can

enjoy the playground and participate in the free arts and crafts activities." Visit www. FineArtAtTheVillage.com.

- S. Casola

Illuminated Pleasures in Ferndale

The public is invited from 6-9 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 2, to Lawrence Street Gallery in Ferndale for the opening reception of this vintage-inspired show that runs through Aug. 30.

Artist Larry Zdeb of Troy and Gene Smith, formerly of Michigan and now in North Carolina, say "Objects d'Art" is an exploration into the past. The artists use vintage found objects as a major component in their constructions along with elements of data, randomness and chance. Layer after layer, the surfaces of these constructions reveal a variety of stimulating possibilities to the viewer.

Lawrence Street Gallery is located at 22620 Woodward, two blocks south of Nine Mile. Call (248) 544-0394, or visit www.lawrencestreetgallery.com

8 great works

Barebones Theatre Productions offers 8X8@8, an evening featuring eight plays by eight local playrights beginning at 8 p.m. and running Aug. 6-8 at the Ringwald Theatre, 22742 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Company Founder and Rochester Hills resident John Rutherford has assembled a cast of 10 local actors to feature this collection of funny and dramatic works centered on intimate and relatable moments in interpersonal relationships. The works are: Blockbuster by Birmingham's Kitty Dublin; How Many Chuck's Would by Pontiac's Janet Torreano Pound: Last Call by Farmington's Jan Radcliff; The Tide That Binds by Rutherford; Subtext by Beverly Hills' own Kim Carney; Revelation by David McGregor of Brighton and Housewife With An Attitude by M.V. Patton of Ferndale. Tickets \$10-\$15, call (586) 215-7538 or e-mail btptix@

- S. Casola



include The National City Art and Apples Festival among a list of upcoming local art fairs. Presented by Paint Creek Center for the Arts, the 43rd annual festival will take place Sept. 5-7 in Rochester Park, located in downtown Rochester. To find out more about the state's second largest juried

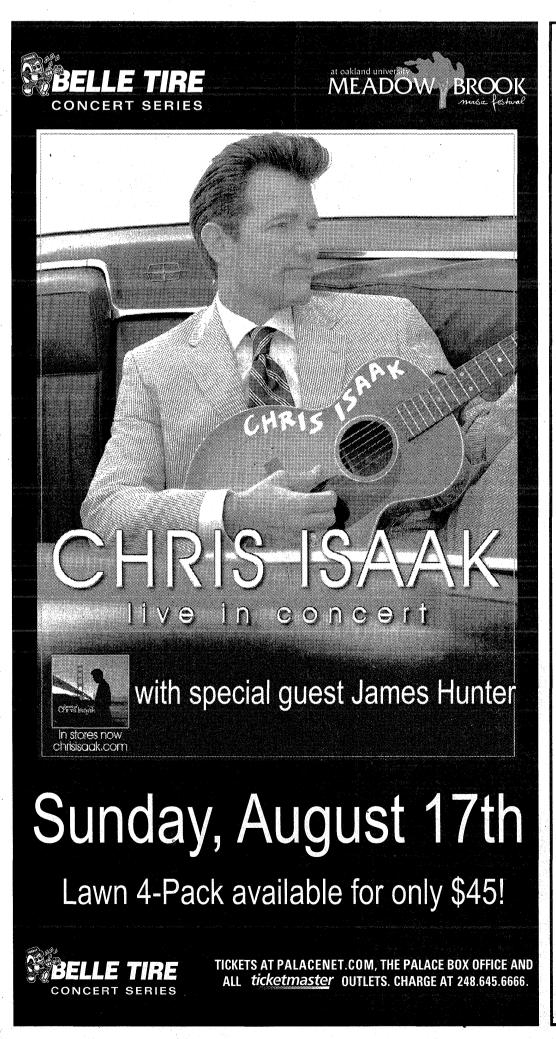
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Choppers, custom motorcycles, art enthusiasts, rock music devotees, entertainers And barbecue connoisseurs will roll into Corktown Tavern 3 p.m. Aug. 9 for the fourth annual Chopper Show Detroit. Bikers are welcome to view motorcycles created by customs by Ron Finch, Keith Coleman and Garage Built, or ride in and compete for Chopper and Custom Class trophies. The event also features an art exhibit, live music, a fashion show with vintage wear from Mother Fletchers and performances by The Motor City Dolls. Foxy Fearless will offer a Burlesque Tribute to Tiger Stadium, while The Chanteuse From Crud hosts an R-rated dunk

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returned to her Michigan roots to start a family. To stay connected to the art scene, she volunteered as a docent for the Detroit Institute of Arts and worked as an educator at Cranbrook Art Museum. She sought advanced degrees in fine and decorative arts and appraisal studies at New York University, which led to work for such prestigious auction houses as Sotheby's and Doyle New York. In 1994, Ashleigh brought all of that expertise into her private practice, Birmingham-based Caroline Ashleigh Associates. "I always think of my job, not as a job but as enjoyment," said Ashleigh.

She was familiar with the British version of Antiques Roadshow when she was asked to be part of the American series. Now on its 13th season, the show draws in 11 million viewers every week and is considered the mostwatched series on PBS

It blends a penchant for art and family history with the suspense of an appraisal that could far exceed or fail to live up to its owner's expectations. "It's real people and real stories, a slice of Americana," Ashleigh said. "I do love meeting the people.'

She said Roadshow visitors are as individual as the items they bring with them. And she never knows what might come her way. She once appraised a 12-foot propeller dating back to 1920 and a rice kernel with an Elvis painting on it, all in the same day.

The visitors with the best stories, those that could have a very valuable item, those with a piece that hasn't been appraised on air before, or those who have a reproduction or less-valuable item have the best shot at making it on the show. Producers have the final say when it comes to who will appear on camera. But appraisers wait until those cameras roll to share their findings, ensuring an authentic reaction. "You get a lot of hugs," Ashleigh said. "There are a lot of grateful people. Sometimes tears well up and the people become very emotional. It's always

fun to make a grown man cry." Of course not everyone who is filmed will appear on the show. After editing is complete 15 to 20 people make it through the final cut. Episodes filmed this summer will air at 8 p.m. Mondays, beginning in January 2009 on PBS

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Music Festival, Walton at Adams Road on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. Tickets \$15-\$50, call (248) 645-6666 or visit www.ticketmaster.com.

Jazz is the word when The Friends of African and African American Art present their annual gala and fund-raiser Bal Africain 6 p.m. tonight at the Detroit Institute of Arts, at 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Explore the legacy of this musical genre under the 2008 theme Jazz: An African American Art Form, and stay late for the Cool Jazz afterparty 8:30-9:30 p.m. The 45th annual event will honor Grammy-winner Al Jarreau for his musical contributions, though he won't be performing. In addition to dinner, dancing

and open galleries, the event will feature music by Jimmy McKee, Modern Tribe featuring Charles and Gwen Scales and Marcus Belgrave's All Star Jazz Ensemble. Proceeds from the Bal Africain are used to acquire African and African American works of art to add to the DIA's collection. Tickets \$150-\$500, call (313) 833-1049 or visit www.dia. org for details.



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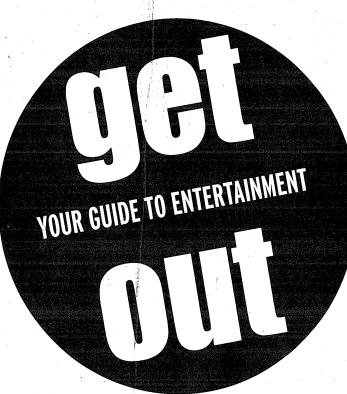
Art Leaders Gallery: "Art of Championships" Red Wing Victory Painting and more by Malcolm Farley, through Aug. 30, 33030 Northwestern Hwy., West Bloomfield, (248) 539-0262, www.artleaders.com Biddle Gallery: "13th Annual Climate Controlled Art Fair," through Sept. 12, 2840 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, (734) 281-4779, www.biddlegallerv.com.

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: Ruth Adler Schnee, open now; monotype prints by Dorothy Anderson Grow, through Aug. 29; Marie Woo, opening Sept. 21. 1516 Cranbrook (between 14 and 15 Mile roads), Birmingham, www.BBArtCenter. org, (248) 644-0866.

Birmingham Conference Center: Abstract Landscape Paintings by Joy Huyck, Aug. 2-29, 31301 Evergreen Road, Birmingham. Birmingham Unitarian Church: "People, Places & Things: From Realism to Abstraction." Aug. 29-Sept. 5, artist reception 6-9 p.m. Sept. 5, 38651 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, (248) 647-2380. **Bohemian National Home Gallery:**

"SOMENEWWORK featuring Diana May and Robin Sommers," through Aug. 1, 3009 Tillman, Detroit, (313) 525-5253, www.jeromium.com/bohouse.htm. CPOP: "Persons of Interest" with Bask and Tes One, through mid-August; Celebrate the release of the book "Please God Save Us," featuring Derek Hess and Kent Smith, 6-9 p.m. Aug. 1, 4160 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-9901, www.cpop.com. Focus HOPE Gallery: Focus on the Mission, teen photography, through Aug. 29, The

Gallery is located on the second floor of the Center for Advanced Technologies, 1400 Oakman Blvd., Detroit, (313) 494-4376. Habatat Galleries: "From the Belkin Collection," through Aug. 14, 4400 Fernlee



Ave., Royal Oak, (248) 554-0590, www.

Kresge Art Museum: "Silk Road to Clipper Ship: Trade, Changing Markets, and East Asian Ceramics," through Aug. 1; Michigan State University, East Lansing, (517) 355-7631,

www.artmuseum.msu.edu. Livonia Arts Commission: Liz & Bill Oliver, Mixed Media/Sculpture, Aug. 2-30, Fine Arts Gallery, second floor; Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, (734) 466-2490; Livonia Arts Commissioners, mixed media, and "Collections," Aug. 2-29, Livônia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, (734)

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4700. www.susannehilberrygallery.com.

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BOOKS

Borders Birmingham: Daniel Silva, "Moscow Rules" (G.P. Putnam; Aug. 2008) 2 p.m. Aug. 2: Birmingham native Susan Shaniro, "Only As Good As Your Word: Writing Lessons From My Favorite Literary Gurus" and Liza Monroy, "Mexican High," 6 p.m. Aug. 6, 34300 Woodward Ave., (248) 203.0005. CPop Gallery: Detroit artist Derek Hess and Cleveland politician Kent Smith will sign their new socio-political art tome "Please God Save Us," (\$25, Strhess Press) during release party, Q&A and signing 6-9 p.m. Aug. 1, 4160 Woodward Ave., www.cpopgallery.com, www.strhesspress.com. Westland Public Library: Vickie Stringer, "Still Dirty," 7 p.m. Aug. 7, 6123 Central City Parkway, (734) 326-6123.

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Plymouth Symphony League: Entertainment book sale, with coupons for entertainment purposes, purchase a 2009 book and get a 2008 book free while supplies last, (734) 451-2112, www.plymouthsymphony.org.

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The Ark: Shawn Mullins, July 31; Del McCoury Band, Aug. 1; Mustards Retreat, Aug. 2; Goldmine Pickers, Aug. 3, 316 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor. www.theark.org. Crofoot Ballroom: The Medic Droid, Aug. 19, 1 South Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 858-9333. Magic Bag: Natives of the New Dawn, Aug. 1: The Supersuckers, Aug. 5: Matthew Marsh CD Release Party with Liz Larin, Aug. 15; The Backbeats, Aug. 16; Steve Lukather, Aug. 21; Gaelic Storm, Sept. 12; Brian Vander Ark, Sept. 26, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, www. themagicbag.com.

Plymouth Coffee Bean: Open mic 7:30-10:30 p.m. Mondays, 884 Penniman, Plymouth. myspace.com/plymouthcoffeebean. The Shelter: Anthony Green, Aug. 8; Good Old War, Aug. 8, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (313)

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Harris and Michael McDaniel, Aug. 1, 2100 Woodward Ave., Detroit (248) 433-1515. The Fillmore: Carlos Mencia, \$42.50, Nov. 22, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (248) 645-

Fox Theatre: George Lopez, Sept. 20, \$49.50-\$59.50; Kathy Griffin, Oct. 18; Jeff Dunham, Nov. 29, \$37.50-\$65, at 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515. Go Comedy! Improv Theatre: Auditions Aug. 9-10, callbacks Aug. 12 to cast nine performers for new resident comedy troupe, register for an audition time by called PJ Jacokes at (248) 327-0575 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Aug. 4-5. Stage manager and accompanest positions also available, visit www. gocomedy.net.

JD's House of Comedy: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com. Joe Louis Arena: Jeff Dunham Spark of Insanity tour, Nov. 29, 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (248) 645-6666.

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle: Ken Rogerson, July 31-Aug. 2; \$8-\$18, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal 0ak, (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.

Meadowbrook Music Festival: Chelsea Handler, Aug. 9, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills. (248) 645-6666. Michigan Theater: Bill Maher, Aug. 15, \$45-\$55, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (248) 645-6666.

CONCERTS Clutch Cargo: Rancid, Aug. 1; Children of Bodom, Oct. 4; Relient K with Ludo, This Providence, House of Heroes, Oct. 11, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. (248) 645-6666 DTE Energy Music Theatre: Tony Hawk's Boom Boom Jam, July 31; Sheryl Crow, James Blunt, Toots and the Maytals Aug. 5; Rod Stewart and Bryan Adams, Aug. 6; Backstreet Boys, Aug. 8; Rockstar Énergy Drink Mayhem Festival with Slipknot, Disturbed, Dragonforce, Mastadon, Machinehead, Underoath, more, Aug. 9; Dolly Parton, Aug. 13; Travis Tritt, Aug. 14; Steely Dan, Aug. 15; Judas Priest, Aug. 18; Third Day and Switchfoot, Aug. 21; Brooks & Dunn with ZZ Top, Aug. 23; Allman Brothers Band, Aug. 27; Maroon 5 and Counting Crows, Aug. 29; Journey, Heart, Cheap Trick, Sept. 9; Toby Keith, Sept. 14, 7774 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston. (248) 645-6666. The Fillmore-Detroit: Boys Like Girls, Aug.

2; Paramore with Phantom Planet and Paper Route, Aug. 13; No Fear Music Tour with Bullet for My Valentine, Aug. 16; Kottonmouth Kings, Aug. 24; Sigur Ros, Sept. 23; My Morning Jacket, Oct. 4; Henry Rollins, Oct. 26, 2115 Woodward, Detroit. Call (248) 645-6666. The Fox Theatre: Maze, Sept. 13; Kem with

Rahsaan Patterson, Sept. 26; Celtic Thunder, Oct. 14, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515. Ford Field: Luke Bryan, 4 p.m. Aug. 2, \$69.50 & \$99.50, www.ticketmaster.com. Freedom Hill Amphitheatre: G Love and Special Sauce, Aug. 8; Poison with Dokken, Sebastian Bach, Aug. 9; Paramore with Phantom Planet, Aug. 13, 14900 Metropolitan Parkway, Sterling Heights. Call

Gem Theatre: Idina Menzel, 8 p.m. Thursday, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit, call (248) 645-

Joe Louis Arena: Def Leppard with REO Speedwagon and Styx, Aug. 23; Carrie Underwood, Oct. 4, (248) 645-6666, www. ticketmaster.com, OlympiaEntertainment. Michigan Theatre: Alanis Morissette, Oct. 7, 603

E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (248) 645-6666. Meadow Brook Music Festival: Chris Isaak, Aug. 17; Disney Music Block Party Tour, Aug. 19-20; George Thorogood & The Destroyers, Aug. 21, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills, (248) 645-6666 The Palace of Auburn Hills: Neil Diamond, July 31: Rascal Flatts, Sept. 20; Nine Inch Nails, Aug. 23: Celine Dion, Sept. 26: Janet Jackson. Sept. 27: The Who. Oct. 21: New Kids on the Block, Oct. 25; Coldplay, Nov. 3; Sarah Brightman, Dec. 3, 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills, (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.

Ren Cen Riverfront Plaza: The Guess Who, Aug. 1; Kansas, Aug. 8; Blue Oyster Cult, Aug. 15; Foreigner, Aug. 22, www.gmrencen.com. Royal Oak Music Theatre: Squeeze w/Aimee Mann, Aug. 29, 318 W. Fourth Street, Royal 0ak. (800) 919-6272, www.royaloakmusic-

theatre.com St. Andrew's Hall: Flobots with People Under the Stairs, Aug. 15; Robin Thicke, Sept. 22; Lagwagon and MXPX, Sept. 19, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

DANCE

Detroit Dance Collective: DDC Artistic Director Barbara Selinger teaches class, 10-11:30 a.m. Aug. 25, 27, 29, \$15-\$36, Marygrove College, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit, Liberal Arts Building, Dance Studio, room 211, (810) 444-4553, bselinger@twmi.rr.com, www.

detroitdancecollective.org.

Detroit Opera House: Erin Lamont, Jazz/Hip Hop, through Aug. 1; Christopher Huggins, Intermediate/Advanced Modern Intensive, Aug. 4-8, (313) 237-3426, chalsted@motop-

University Musical Society: Mark Morris Dance Group, Sept. 19-20; Batsheva Dance Company "Three," 8 p.m. Feb. 14, 2009, and "Deca Dance" 2 p.m. Feb. 15, 2009; Compagnie Heddy Maalem "Rite," 8 p.m. Oct. 15, 2009; Compagnie Marie Chouinard, "Orpheus and Eurydice," 8 p.m. April 25, 2009 and "Rite of Spring," 2 p.m. April 26, 2009; Rubberdance Group, "Elastic Perspective," 8 p.m. Jan. 9 and "Redux" Phase II" 1 and 8 p.m. Jan. 10, 2009. www.

FAMILY

Canton Cinema: Free matinees 10 a.m. & 11 a.m. Saturdays, 43555 Ford Road, (734)

Meadow Brook Music Festival: "If You Give A Mouse A Cookie", July 31; Disney Music Block Party Tour, Aug. 19-20, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills. (248) 645-6666.

Meadow Brook Theatre: Children's Series, "Freedom Train," 10 a.m. Feb. 23, 2009; "Nate the Great," 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Feb. 28, 2009; "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere," 10 a.m. March 20; "Charlotte's Web," 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. May 9, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills (248) 377-0300, www.ticketmaster.com, for more information, visit www.mbtheatre.com.

Palace of Auburn Hills: Pop Go the Wiggles, Live, 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Aug. 12, 1 Championship Drive, (248) 645-6666. Playhouse Disney Life: Noon, Oct. 26, \$19-\$40, 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills, (248)

FESTIVALS

Chrysler Arts, Beats and Eats: Aug. 29-Sept. 1, downtown Pontiac, (248) 334-4600, www.. artsbeatseats.com. Dancin' in the Street: Aug. 8-9, downtown

Rochester. FILM

Campus Martius Film Series: Runs Saturdays, 8 p.m. now through Aug. 9; "Bee Movie," Aug. 2; "The Accidental Husband," special advanced screening, Aug. 9, at the park between Fort Street and Michigan Ave., Detroit. Free.

Compuware Arena: Drive-in theatre, open seven days a week through Sept. 7, gates open at 7:30 p.m., movies at dusk (usually 9 p.m.). \$9, 13 and older; \$7, children 4-12 and students; free, children 3 and under, 14900 Beck Rd., Plymouth, (734) 927-3284, www.compuwarearena.com.

Fathom Events: Presenting one-night movie engagements, "Long Way Down," chronicling Ewan McGregor and Charley Boorman's 15,000-mile motorcycle trek though 20 countries, 7:30 p.m. July 31, Canton Cinema, 43555 Ford Road, and Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty Road, www. FathomEvents.com

Magic Bag: Brew & View, "You Don't Mess With the Zohan," July 31 & Aug. 6; "Iron Man," Aug. 7 & 13; "The Love Guru." Aug. 14: "Indiana Jones: Kingdom of the Crystal Skull," Aug. 20, "College," Aug. 28, ; doors 8 p.m., film, 9:30 p.m., 21 and over, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.

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year," said Kurt Pauli, a four-time champ himself.

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Other musicians include Needfire, a Texas-based Celticrock band; Alex Beaton, a singer and storyteller; Barleyjuice, a band

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The Raggle Taggle Band is the only local musical group performing at the Highland Games. **Metro Detroiters** pictured from left to right: Bob Ervin of West Bloomfield, Jeff Axelsen of Redford, John Dooley of Chesterfield, Franklin Dohanyos of Royal Oak, Ron Karvonen of Waterford and Jean Dohanyos of Royal Oak.

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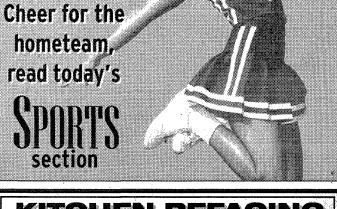
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"After pinot noir," he said, "I think that syrah will be the best grape for the Santa Lucia Highlands, especially in the warmer, southern reaches of the region. Since our vineyard is closer to the ocean and cooler, our emphasis is pinot noir and chardonnay."

A LITTLE HISTORY

Lee fell in love with the wine business while at the University of California Davis. "I was born and raised in Turlock, Calif.," he said, "a

small farming town south of Modesto. I thought I wanted to be a veterinarian, but in my junior year I took an introductory viticulture class and fell in love with growing grapes."

Lee is one of the rare people who got into the wine industry without first earning a fortune in another business. "When we got into the wine business," he explained, "we had a brand but no vineyards. We had a couple of tanks, we bought 50 barrels and 30 tons of fruit and we were off and running. We started our business in the midst of a recession in 1982 and our friends warned us against starting our winery. People were having a tough time selling wine. We were too dumb to know better so we just plowed ahead and did it anyway."

Double L is the only certified organic vineyard in the Santa Lucia Highlands, so if earthfriendly strikes a chord with you, Morgan is a winery to get to know.

Eleanor & Ray Heald are

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Chef Michelle Bommarito waxes on healthy eating at Concours

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA **-0&E STAFF WRITER**

Ferndale-based Chef Michelle Bommarito made a name for herself as a foremost wedding cake and culinary artist in the metro Detroit area and beyond. But the energetic entrepreneur is about to step out of the bakery and devote more time to culinary coaching and promoting healthy living through her specialty — delicious

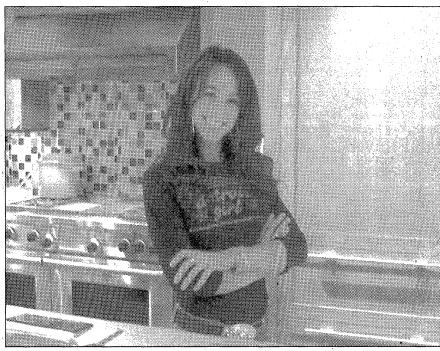
The timing couldn't be better as Concours d'Elegance organizers have asked Bommarito to host two interactive cooking seminars at its inaugural Destination d'Elegance event on Aug. 2. Visitors to the Rochester Hills automotive event will taste the good life during this new day-long soiree, including Bistro d'Elegance food vendors, Shoppes on the Green and Ferrari seminars.

The Farmington Hills-bred chef began her career in the hotel business, after earning a bachelor's degree in marketing from the University of Michigan. She lived as far away as Italy and studied at the Institute of Culinary Education in New York, before she began working at the esteemed Waldorf Astoria Hotel or serving as a freelance artist for Martha Stewart Omnimedia. Since 2004, Bommarito been featured on The Food Network six times in culinary competitions, taking home a gold medal in 2006. She crafted a cake that resembled a stack of antique books for a segment on the show

It was a Food Network appearance that led to her participation at the Destination d'Elegance. "I was so excited that they asked me," she said. "It's about food, cars and the luxury lifestyle."

Though her name may be synonymous with artistically crafted wedding cakes, Bommarito has devoted her life to living, eating and being healthy - and she's ready to share all she's learned and prove that healthy choices can taste delicious too. She offers private at-home courses, and culinary classes — from Cake Decorating to Super Power Foods — at Specialties Showroom in Berkley, Whole Foods in Rochester and Schoolcraft College in Livonia, to name a few. At Destination d'Elegance, she'll auction off a private cooking class for one lucky winner and up to 30 friends.

Bommarito is a believer in eating all foods



Ferndale-based Chef Michelle Bommarito is at home in the kitchen. She'll share healthy tips and techniques during Destination d'Elegance at Meadow Brook Hall.

DESTINATION D'ELEGANCE

What: Culinary seminars add new flavor to Concours d'Elegance events

When: "Che Buono! Panini with the Posh Lifestyle" begins at 11 a.m. and "Cooking Healthy" begins at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug.

Where: Meadow Brook Hall, at Adams and Walton roads on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills.

Tickets: \$60 per person, visit www. mbconcours.org or call (248) 643-8645

in moderation. "When you eat well, you won't believe how much energy you'll have,"

And she's a fiery testament to her words. In her first year of college, she was diagnosed with the fatigue-inducing Epstein-Barr syndrome. But through exercise and adopting a holistic diet, she found boundless energy — which comes in handy while working straight through the night to perfect a wedding cake.

Bommarito's approach to eating all but omits fast food, white flour, white sugar, and cream sauces. She favors flax seed, brown

rice, whole wheat pasta, quinoa, organic meats and locally-grown produce. It's a lifestyle built around being active, planning ahead and enjoying foods for fuel. But she doesn't rule out what she calls "celebratory foods." Wedding cake is one of them. Fettucini is another.

She doesn't ban anything completely - she just wants to inform, educate and show how healthful choices can make a difference. "It's not a diet," she said, "it's a lifestyle change."

During the cooking seminars on Aug. 2, she'll discuss the benefits of buying locallygrown food. Bommarito suggests shopping at your farmer's market, getting to know the grower and feeling good about what you purchase. "There are too many unknowns when you buy commercially," she said.

At Destination d'Elegance, she'll share preparation tips and grant tasting portions of healthy meals including roasted salmon with a yogurt dill sauce on a bed of fresh greens with candied walnuts, pistachioencrusted goat cheese and toasted quinoa, and a flat iron steak with a horseradish yogurt sauce.

For more about the chef herself, upcoming classes and appearances, visit www. michellebommarito.com.

> Last year, Nicole Miller and Benjamin Whitefoot

beef at Station 885. Chef Mark Hincker carves and Kim Buerkle

adds sauce.

Jack blac The comedian reveals a softer side to his funny-guy persona. Observer & Eccentric MAGAZINE This Sunday in



Be hungry, and then get ready for Plymouth charm

O&E STAFF WRITER

What a lovely way to absorb the charm of historic Plymouth: a walking tour of area restaurants.

Bring your empty belly.

It's time for the Plymouth's ninth annual Old Village Restaurant Crawl. It's a three-hour event which gives you plenty of time to digest tasty food and hop from restaurant to restaurant.

The event, organized by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, is Wednesday, Aug. 6, from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Last year, hundreds of people attended. So this year, tickets must be ordered in advance, said Plymouth Chamber Executive Director Wes

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

At each restaurant, guests are offered a sam-

pling of food items. For example, at Plymouth Fish on Starkweather, patrons will get pieces of cod, steak cut fries and cole slaw dinners.

"It's a fun event, we really look forward to it," said Lorenzo Toia, whose parents, Vince and Lori Toia, own the restaurant.

"My dad and mom helped form the first restaurant crawl, we participate in it every year." The Canton family has owned the restaurant for 12 years.

OLD VILLAGE RESTAURANT CRAWL

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. They can be purchased at any participating restaurants or at the Chamber of Commerce office, located at 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail. Tickets must be purchased in advance, call (734) 453-1540.

At the Grecian Cafe, on Main Street, the restaurant is regularly open late nights and can be crowded even at 3 a.m. Regular menu items include Greek salads, big breakfasts, Greek, Mexican and American fare. Expect some of the cafe's most popular menu items to be served at the Crawl.

At Station 885, a family restaurant (but it also has a martini and wine menu) on Starkweather, regular menu examples are the Heartland Salad with candied walnuts, field greens and dried cherries. There's also a wild mushroom pasta and gourmet burgers. Expect to see hearty items at the Crawl.

At Crawford's Kitchen, on Starkweather, the ambiance is friendly and regular menu items include sandwiches and salads plus veggie options. The restaurant will serve its more interesting food items, too.

At Hermann's Old Town Grille on Liberty, there's often live music and pizza, burgers, quesadillas and more. You won't leave the place

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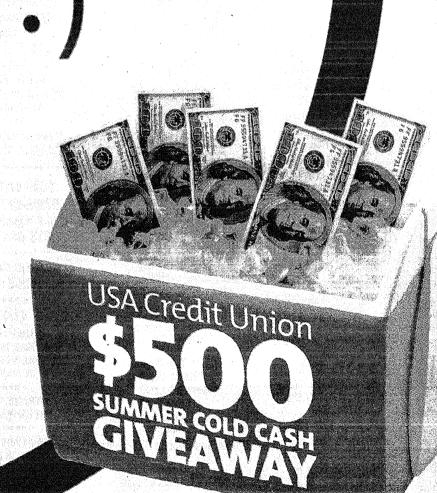
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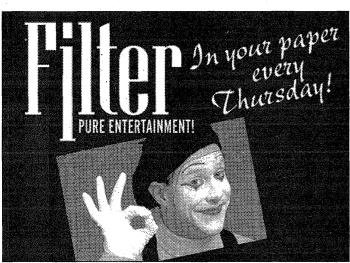
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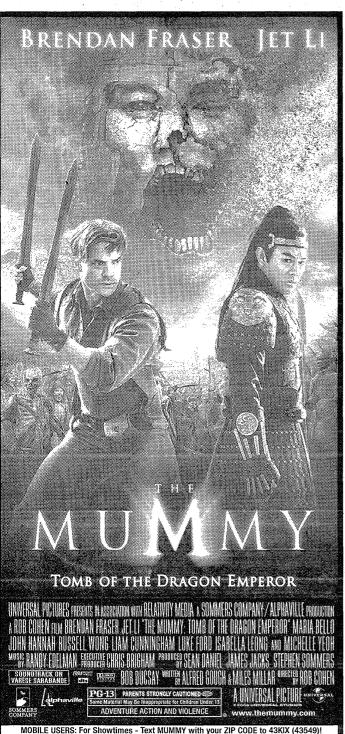
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Chelsea Handler talks about Detroit

Hilarious comedienne Chelsea Handler is coming to Meadow Brook next week - and popping in for a book signing for her very funny book Are You There Vodka? It's Me Chelsea earlier that day.

We had a little e-mail chat with her recently and here's what she had to say.

Being a New Jersey girl, what's your opinion on **Detroit?**

My opinion on Detroit is that it gets the same rap as New Jersey. Although, you guys have the advantage of only being a city and we are an entire state. You win!

Why did you turn down "Dancing With The Stars?" No desire to dance? (We know you would do better than Jane Seymour, for example!)

I'm never doing DWTS, primarily because I'm already on a show five nights a week and don't want to force myself down everyone's throats every time they turn on their television. The second reason is that I'm a horrible dancer and I prefer to be horrible alone. Not with a partner.

You hold nothing back on your celebrity jabs, have you had instances of celebs confronting you for the insults? If so, can you share a story?

I haven't been confronted by anyone yet. Dina Lohan came up to me and told me she loved the show. I can only assume she can't

How did you find Chuy? We love him.

I was looking for a nugget and they brought Chuy to me. I asked him what 2x2 was and he said 18. That's when I hired him.

How has your standup style changed from your initial days until now?

When I started doing stand-up I was 21 and a waitress, so my material primarily revolved around that experience. My material was a lot angrier when I started because I was generally a pretty angry person. I hated waiting tables and never knew if and when I was going to make it. I thought people were obnoxious and couldn't understand how it could take 20 minutes to decide what kind of pasta to have for lunch.

Do you have a preference between writing books and standup?

I prefer stand-up, because there's an instant reaction to a story although writing allows you to get into many more details of a story. With stand-up, the punch line needs to be close by, but with writing, it's easier to give into your imagination.

On your show, your humor of course is more celebrity-based rather than political - do you intentionally avoid politics?

I'm very interested in politics, but since my show is on E!, there's an expectation for it to be celebrity heavy, and I think most

CHELSEA HANDLER Comedienne Chelsea Handler Saturday, Aug. 9 5 p.m. In-store book signing at Barnes & Noble, 2800 S. Rochester Road. Rochester Hills 8 p.m., Meadow Brook Music

people watching my show are trying to get away from the serious news of the day. It's my job to give people's brains a timeout.

live performances - what can people expect? I talk much

more about my personal life during stand-up than on the show.

Favorite songs in your iPod?

Natasha Bedingfield's "Pocket full of Sunshine." I'm listening to a lot of Shooter Jennings, Sheryl Crow and Estella.

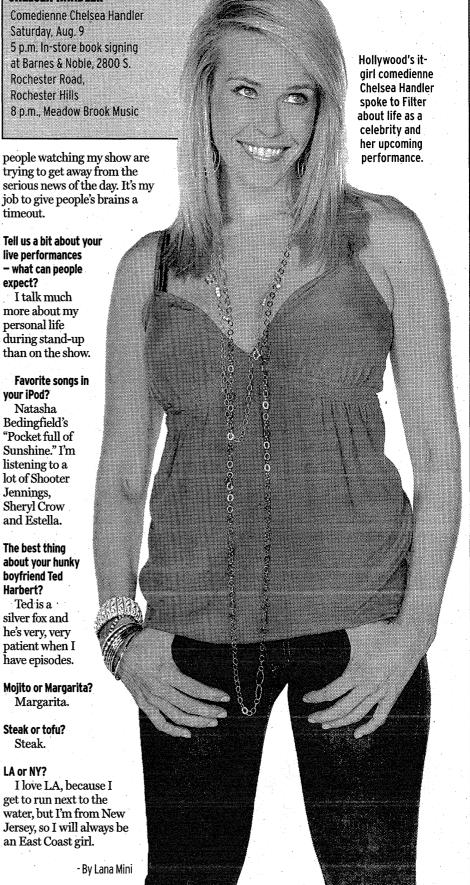
The best thing about your hunky boyfriend Ted Harbert?

Ted is a silver fox and he's very, very patient when I have episodes.

Margarita. Steak or tofu?

Steak.

LA or NY? I love LA, because I get to run next to the water, but I'm from New Jersey, so I will always be an East Coast girl.





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PB&J AND A COLD BEER

Who doesn't love PB&J? We just had to share this little tidbit from the July/August issue of DRAFT magazine:

What beer do you pare with a peanut butter and grape jelly sandwich?

Answer: Sierra Nevada Porter

"The porter's dark roasted malt flavors match up well with the roasted peanut taste, while the beer's effervescence washes the stickiness from your teeth. Plus, the sweet grape jelly evokes chocolate notes in the porter, creating a truly grown-up snack experience," the magazine states. Also try: Deschutes Black Butte Porter, Marin Point Reyes Porter.

CHOCOLATE, I NEED CHOCOLATE!

Panera Bread and The Henry Ford have teamed up to offer discount cards, good for 25 percent off admission to Henry Ford Museum which is hosting a huge chocolate exhibit. The cards, offered at all 44 southeast Michigan Panera Bread locations, are available for the duration of the exhibit through Sept. 7.

Visitors attending the decadent event, may sample Panera's chocolate-themed products on select weekends.

Henry Ford Museum is open seven days a week, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$14 adults, \$13 seniors and \$10 youths; members and children 4 and under are free. Call (313) 982-6001 or visit www.thehenryford.org or www.panerabread.

POPULAR CHEF TAKES NEW POSITION

Jim Barnett, former executive chef for The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, has been appointed executive chef for The Westin Book Cadillac Detroit, the 455-room, 33-story historic hotel that will reopen Oct. 1 following a \$200 million restoration. Chef Barnett will be responsible for all culinary operations including the 125seat restaurant, The Boulevard Room, and Motor Bar. He will also oversee the hotel's 24-hour, in-room dining services; the gourmet "grab-n-go"

coffee outlet; banquets and catering and all menu content and execution.

"We are thrilled to have chef Barnett join our Westin team," said The Westin Book Cadillac Detroit General Manager Tim Freisen. "He has

tremendous culinary experience and knows our community well. Our hotel guests, including meeting and conference groups will be very pleased with his cre-

Barnett

ative offerings. Prior to joining The Townsend, Barnett was a corporate executive chef for the Matt Prentice

Restaurant Group based in

Bingham Farms. Over the last five years Barnett provided culinary leadership for the Detroit Share Our Strength's Taste of the Nation, a fund-raising event to help end childhood hunger in America.

Barnett was named the Midwest Operation Frontline Chef of the Year in 2000.

Learn more about the hotel at www.westin. com/bookcadillac; or call (313) 442-1600.

IT'S VINO MANIA!

The Community House in Birmingham hosts Vino Mania, an event that combines wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres, wine trivia games and live jazz on the terrace, Thursday, Aug. 8, from 7:30-10 p.m.

Proceeds benefit Children's Health and Wellness in Oakland County on behalf of the Junior League of Birmingham and The Community House's 21st Century Leaders Program.

Hosting the event is certified sommelier Nidal Daher, who has worked in the wine industry for more than 15 years. He has served as the wine director, event sommelier, and catalogue scriber for the Detroit International Wine Auction; is a former fine wine director and buyer for the Merchant of Vino and is a professional member of the French gourmet society Chaine De

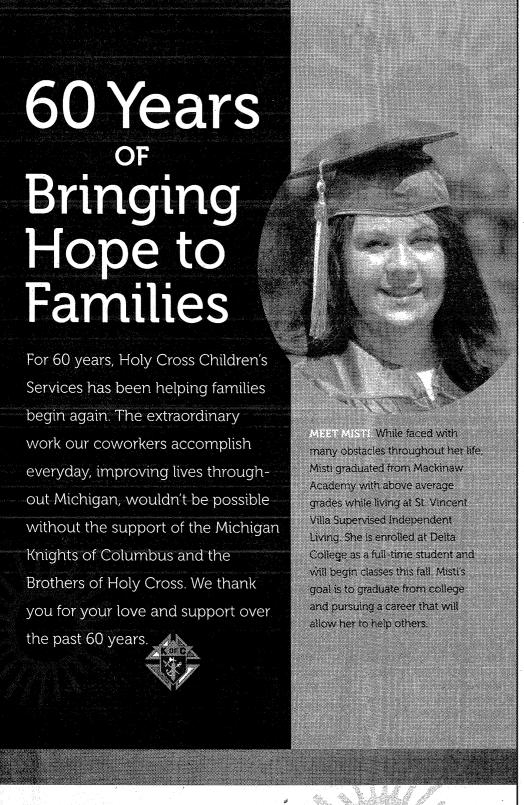
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AND MORE WINE ... THIS TIME AT DTW

Vino Volo (derived from the words "wine flight" in Italian) is a contemporary wine tasting room and retailer that just opened at Metro Airport's McNamara Terminal at gate A-45.

There travelers can taste wines and enjoy small food samples while chilling on lounge chairs. More Vino Volo's are supposed to open in the Detroit area over time.

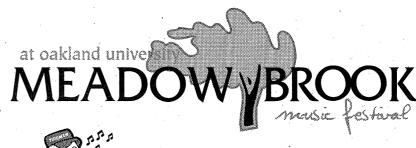
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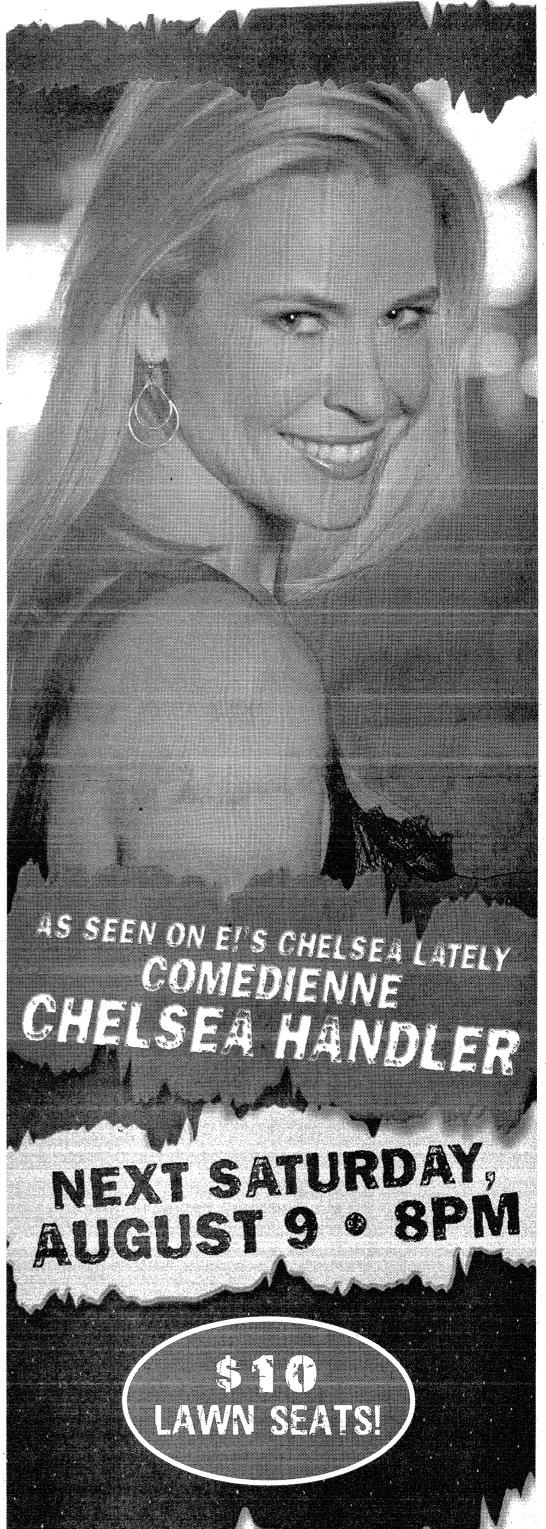


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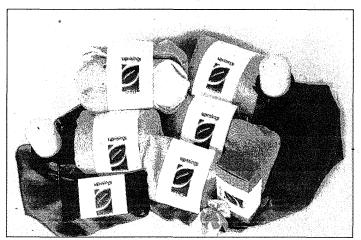






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Find Meghan Rossi's Uprising spa products at Plum Market or online at www.uprisingholistichealth.com.

Comfort goes green with new Uprising spa goods

or Birmingham's Meghan Rossi a splendid spa experience simply goes handin-hand with sustainable environmental practices. But early on, she noticed the spa industry itself had some catching up

to do when it came to going Rossi has ong held an

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Stephanie

treatments. For years she dabbled in creating comforting spa products Casola on her own. So much so, she said, "my brother called me the

witch doctor." Her combined professional experience working in the fields of homeopathy, nutrition and spa treatments has led her to create her own line of products under the name Uprising Holistic Health and Spa Products.

"Uprising is definitely a political type of word, but I see it as people coming together for a change," she said. And that's just what she's aiming to do. From spa pillows to eye masks and neck rolls to sweet sachets, Rossi combines natural, sustainable, fair-trade ingredients and materials with whimsical patterns for plush comfort in the spa, at home, or as fabulous gifts.

When Rossi began working in the spa industry — at the prestigious Golden Door Spa in Telluride, Colo. — she noticed the vast amount of paper, plastic and waste involved in the practice. "At that point, we

weren't doing anything green in the spa," she said.

She pondered solutions even before she headed back to her home state to start her own

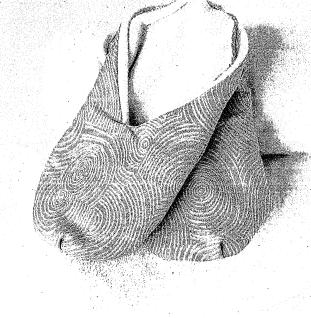
At Uprising Holistic Health, she offers massage, mud wraps, salt scrubs and other treatments, as well as health and nutrition consultations and homéopathic remedies, all based in Royal Oak. "I wanted to provide a

product for people to take care of themselves," she said.

Rossi researched all sorts of textiles, fabrics and materials, conceptualizing, sewing and testing every prototype to find out which worked best. She tried out everything from toasty booties to warm neck rolls on family

members and friends. After more than two years of development, Uprising products are now available.

Veering away from lotions, soaps and potions — simply because there are so many quality items on the market she's focused on comfort items her clients can purchase for themselves. Uprising bath soak is made of Celtic sea salts, Epsom salts and an array of seaweeds that leaves water



PHOTOS BY KAREN LIPPOWITHS Uprising comfort booties, made with organic materials, will warm you up.



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Uprising Holistic Health offers lovely sachets made with sustainably-harvested hemp and silk, and filled with organic herbs and fragrant essential oils.



Meghan Rossi

are filled with certified organic flax seed and buckwheat," she said. After trying various seeds and beans to fill the organic cotton spa products, she opted for those that heated without burning and had

the most subtle scent. Perhaps the most pampering items in her line include plush mittens, booties and a neck roll that would easily make any PINK girl feel like she's escaped to a spa while right at home. The packaging is made

of biodegradable cellophane and recycled paper. Rossi believes these products can be both environmentally friendly and luxurious.

Still an upstart venture, Rossi sews and fills every product by hand. The green goods — in a variety of patterns and colors — are available at Plum Market in Bloomfield Township and in Ann Arbor, as well as online at www.uprisingholistichealth.com. Rossi is currently expanding her line to include travel eye masks, yoga props and plush robes. She's also scouting for area boutiques Parisian Laurel Park Events interested in carrying these nurturing products.

Uprising Holistic Health is located in Suite 140, 225 South Troy Street, Royal Oak. Call (248) 414-4275 or e-mail meghan@uprisingholistichealth.com for products or information.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola plans to sport a pair of comfort booties while working on deadline. She covers beauty, fashion and pop culture for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Have an idea suitable for Dollface? Contact her at (248) 901-2567 or scasola@hometownlife.com.



A local couple won stylish second place in the national "Stuck at Prom" Scholarship Contest, which challenged students to create formalwear from Duck brand duct tape. Haley Cavanaugh, 17, of Farmington Hills, and her date, Keith Porter, 17, of Grosse Pointe Shores, each won a \$2,000 scholarship, along with \$2,000 for Cavanaugh's school, Mercy High. Their purple, white and black geometric prom looks (above) impressed judges, who selected 10 top finalists based on workmanship, originality, use of colors, accessories and quantity of duct tape used. The public then voted for their favorite ensembles during a two-week online voting period. Next year's contest is slated to start on March 2, 2009 and end on June 8. Visit www. duckproducts.com for more.

Malls & Mainstreets

Saks Debuts David Yurman Fragrance TROY - The David Yurman Fragrance Collection will debut at Saks Fifth Avenue on Friday, Aug. 1. The floralchypre fragrance captures strands of exotic woods, patchouli, soft musk, rose, peony, water lily, and accents of mandarin, cassis and fresh green petals. Call (248) 614-3370.

Salon Awesome Makeovers

PLYMOUTH – When Kidpalooza takes place in downtown Plymouth 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 2, more than 25 stores will help create an entertaining familyfriendly summer day. Salon Awesome, 290 S. Main St., will offer princess makeovers for \$10 per child, along with a story-reading and signing by Cheryl Zuzo, author of "Being Bella." Call (734) 927-0800.

FGI Honors Local Icon

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. Aug. 3 at the Somerset Collection South Rotunda. Miller is credited with 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 FGI.Detroit@gmail.com.

LIVONIA - Earn a free \$10 gift card for every \$50 you spend on your Parisian card through Aug. 3 at Parisian Laurel Park Place in Livonia; Receive a free 8-piece gift with any Elizabeth Arden purchase of \$24.50 or more through Aug. 17. Call (734) 953-7536.

Books & Buds at The Village **ROCHESTER HILLS - The Village of** Rochester Hills, in partnership with Rochester Hills Public Library, continues "Books, Buddies & Blankets" in

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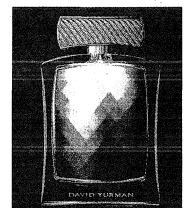
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The David Yurman Fragrance comes in a pressed Italian crystal bottle designed to reflect the David Yurman Jewelry Collection.

Village's Festival Park. On Aug. 6 hear Cynthia Furlong Reynolds read her story "Grammie's Secret Cupboard." For a complete list of guest readers, visit www.villageofrochesterhills.com. **Rochester Offers Property Tour**

ROCHESTER - The Rochester DDA will host its first-ever Downtown Rochester Property Tour 1-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, showcasing available retail lease space in the downtown, and hopefully sparking interest in new business ventures. Check in at 314 Main Street, and use maps and brochures to navigate the self-guided tour. Call (248) 656-0060 or e-mail Sheila@DowntownRochesterMl.com.

METRO DETROIT - Shop, save and support a great cause with the Glam Pass, available in all Detroit area Macy's stores Aug. 1-23 for \$5. The Glam Pass highlights the season's hottest trends and includes coupons. Proceeds benefit Beaumont Hospitals. Visit www.macys.com.

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STYLE BRIEFS

Rock the Runway

Kid Rock, Mariah Carey, Justin Timberlake, Beyonce and Rihanna will perform at the fifth annual Fashion Rocks concert celebrating the relationship between music and fashion.

The event will be held Sept. 5 at Radio City Music Hall, and will air in a two-hour special on CBS the following night. Proceeds will benefit Stand Up to Cancer.

Also performing: Keith Urban, Chris Brown, Fergie,

Lil Wayne and the Black Eyed Peas. Fashion Rocks magazine will also return for its annual issue. The magazine, helmed by Vogue Editor-in-Chief Anna Wintour, will accompany the September edition of 16 Conde Nast magazines.

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Pattern Mixing Primer

There seem to be no "rules" when it comes to mixing patterns and prints — a hot trend in the youth market. But here's some advice if you want to get the look:

■ Work in color schemes perhaps blues and greens, or oranges and yellows, or choose only one patterned item and mix it with pieces in solid colors that wouldn't normally seem complementary. For example, a pink floral-pattern skirt is OK with a solid blue

T-shirt. ■ Allow one large-scale pattern per outfit, Harmon says. A small dot or floral, or a thin stripe can almost be treated

like a solid, though. ■ Don't just mix patterns, mix styles, too. Try an argyle sweater with rugged denim or a letterman sweater with a graphic tee underneath.

■ Your daughter will get more use out of a crazy pattern skirt with a lot of colors in it than one with just one or two colors, because it will go with many solid-colored tops.

■ Choose patterned socks or a patterned backpack if you want to be stylish but not draw too much attention.

■ For girls, printed leggings can replace tights on cool mornings.

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