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## Plymouth-Canton juniors top state merit exam scores

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton 11th-graders continue to perform much better on the Michigan Merit Exam than their counterparts statewide, with improvements coming at a faster rate than students across Michigan.

Results released Thursday indicate students at all four high schools — Canton, Plymouth, Salem and Starkweather who took the test last year and are now seniors - recorded improvements in reading, writing, English-language arts, math and science.

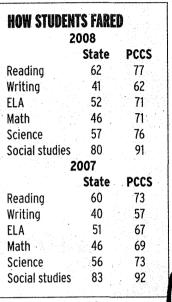
Statewide, scores increased slightly in most areas of the MME. In social studies, students statewide showed a 3-percent decrease in social studies proficiency, while Plymouth-Canton students were down 1 percent.

"We attribute the improved scores to the effort of students and the skills they demonstrate, a great job in the classroom by our teachers and support from the community," said Mike Bender, director Plymouth-Canton Schools.

This is the second year of the Michigan Merit Exam, which was designed to determine how well-prepared students are for college. The exam consists of the WorkKeys job skills assessments in reading and math; Michigan tests in math, science, social studies and persuasive writing; and the ACT college entrance exam.

The scores indicate the percentage of students who scored in the top two performance levels, Advanced and Proficient. Those who place in the Partially Proficient or Not Proficient levels are considered "not proficient."

The Class of 2009 took the MME as juniors in March. Completing the MME qualifies students for a \$4,000 Michigan Promise



Scholarship from the Michiga Department of Treasury.

The test also gives collegebound students a free ACT score, while the WorkKeys score including reading and applied mathematics can be used for employability skills.

Plymouth-Canton juniors received a composite ACT score of 21.7, compared to 21.4 last year. The composite ACT score wide remained at 19

"The MME, with the inclusion of the ACT, is a rigorous test and all students have to be prepared with the knowledge to excel," said Mike Flanagan, state superintendent of public instruction. "As the requirements of the new high school curriculum continue to be implemented, we expect to see students' scores improve."

While Plymouth-Canton scores continue to be higher than the state average, they still need to get better to comply with federal regulations.

"Our goal is to reach 100 percent by 2014, which is the national expectation by the (federal) No Child Left Behind Act," said Bender. "We take our responsibility very seriously to serve all learners, and we'll continue to try our best."

## **Transcending** technology

## Embracing new formats keeps library relevant

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

When 8-year-old Mara Sinacola visits the Plymouth District Library, she heads for the Junie B. Jones and Saddle Club books. Her brother, 5-year-old Joey, also knows exactly what he's after.

"My favorite in the whole library is dinosaurs," said Joey. "I like them because they fight other dinos. The ones I like most are plant eaters."

Their mother, Sheri Fisher-Sinacola, 37, of Plymouth, said she uses the library for all kinds of activities for her

"We've done the computer games on occasion and sometimes the crafts," said Fisher-Sinacola. "We used to participate in the storytime when they were

"When it's time to renew the books we come back and take more books out,' she said. "I like to read a lot, so I use the computer for renewals."

Requesting books online is just one of the many patron-friendly services of the Plymouth District Library, which has had to transform itself — like most libraries — to remain relevant.

#### **OLD AND NEW**

"More and more we're combining new technologies with the traditional aspect of a book, such as requesting them online," said Susan Stoney, public relations director for the library. "We've had parents of young children request 10-15 books online and they are ready for them when they come in the next day to pick them up. If we don't have the book, we can get it through a new Michigan electronic library system from all over the state.

The fear years ago — when the Internet became accessible for most people — was libraries would themselves become dinosaurs. However, quite the opposite has occurred as

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New at the library are dedicated MP3 players that contain one book and have simple controls.

## New sirens signal high-tech warning system

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Plymouth Township officials are taking the first step toward what could be a Wayne County-wide emergency warning system by replacing its old civil defense system with a newer, high-tech version designed to warn residents of impending emergencies ranging from approaching

storms to terrorist attacks. Using money obtained through a federal Homeland Security grant, the township is in the process of replacing seven aging and worn sirens and upgrading the control panel for an eighth.

When the system is replaced — officials hope in some two weeks — the entire

community will benefit from a system with wider range.

"It's a much better coverage of the community," said Mark Wendel, acting chief of the Plymouth Community Fire Department. "The old system is 25 years old and was constantly breaking down. It just didn't work."

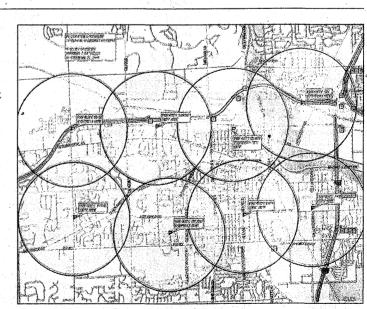
The \$175,000 cost is being paid out of Homeland Security money Wendel said has been available for a couple of years, but "it took this long to get everything in place to get the project started.'

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said the planning team charged with spending 2005-06 Homeland Security dollars, after cutting through some initial red tape, decided it made more sense to include as many communities as possible, including some that didn't

even have such a system. The committee determined there would be enough money for everyone if they combined two years' worth of grant money.

"If you're going to use Homeland Security money, the more communities you can get involved, the easier it is to justify," Reaume said. "We shepherded it through the Wayne County Emergency Management Team, then through the

Wayne County Commission." Wendel said as of this week some new sirens had been installed, and hoped the rest of the system would come on line in about two weeks. Once it's up and running, the system itself will let dispatchers know whether it's working.



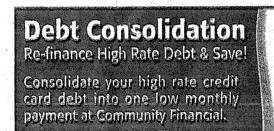
Fire officials say the new emergency warning system will provide better coverage to the entire Plymouth community.

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#### CORRECTION

The chart accompanying the Observer's election coverage in the Aug. 7 Plymouth Observer should have reflected 1,770 votes for Plymouth Township Clerk candidate Mary Ann Prchlik.



## Hearing delayed as lawyers try to reach deal

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BY TIFFANY L. PARKS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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Elizabeth Ann Koet's preliminary exam was postponed Friday to give her attorney a chance to meet with officials from the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office regarding the negligent homicide charge against the 17-year-old Plymouth girl.

Koet, who is represented by Mount Clemens attor-

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**Prosecutor Carol Murray** requested that Judge John E. MacDonald reschedule Koet's exam to Aug. 29 because Cherry wanted to meet with her superiors to "see if an agreement can be reached."

"I'm not sure what we are going to do yet," Cherry said after the hearing, noting that Murray had no authority to discuss a deal. "I want to explore reducing the charge."

Eickmeyer of Gregory,

Mich,, came in contact with Koet's minivan as the teen, who was traveling south on Ridge Road, attempted to cross Ford Road. Police have said neither speeding, drugs nor alcohol were factors in the collision.

Eickmeyer died of her injuries April 25.

Koet remains released on a \$5,000 personal bond.

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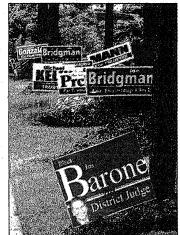
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Political signs like these along Ann Arbor Road will be subjected to new size requirements in the City of Plymouth following the Nov. 4 general election.

## City slashes sign sizes

Plymouth city commissioners voted to reduce the size of political signs by half beginning Nov. 5, the day after the

"Most recently we have seen signs for judicial candidates popping up in the city at a size significantly larger than what is currently allowed and we would anticipate that this trend from these candidates will continue," said City Manager Paul Sincock. "Administratively, we do not endorse the concept of negatively impacting our local civic organizations in order to prevent Plymouth from becoming more like a neighboring community (Livonia) where huge political

The old ordinance allowed political signs of 8 square feet. The new ordinance will reduce tive date of the new ordinance until after the November elec-

The new sign ordinance not only affects political signs, but civic groups to announce such events as the Kiwanis pancake chicken dinner and Plymouth Historical Museum events.

"I'm more concerned about the hurtful effect it will have on civic clubs because they do contribute so much to the life of the community," said Commissioner Mike Wright of the new ordinance. "I don't understand why we would want

City officials were forced to tighten the sign ordinance language following an October 2006 complaint from the ACLU when the city attempted to force a homeowner to take down a billboard-size political sign on Sheldon supporting

Commissioner Stella Greene called political signs in

"If there was any way I could eliminate political signs altogether I would do it in a heartbeat," said Greene. "However much money you have to buy bigger, better, slicker signs shouldn't be the determination whether or not you are elected in this community."

City manager gets

3 percent pay hike

BY TONY BRUSCATO

**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

The Plymouth City

Commission has given City

Manager Paul Sincock a 3-per-

cent raise, retroactive to July 1.

Sincock's pay will increase

by \$2,923 to an annual salary

of \$100,371. His contract also

includes five weeks' vacation.

"We gave Paul the raise

based on his outstanding work

for the city of Plymouth," said

think we'd have the quality of

life we do if it wasn't for guys

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work with," he said. "We've

gone from 105 full-time posi-

tions to 42 full-time. And, a

lot of them do double duty and

have a lot of responsibilities."

as few people as he can possibly

"He's done a lot of consolidat-

like Paul Sincock.

Mayor Phil Pursell. "I don't

## BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

general election.

signs are placed all over that city."

that in half to 4 square feet. Commissioners put off the effection to avoid changes during the current election cycle, thereby avoiding any possible lawsuits.

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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.

#### Wine/dinner events

Station 885 presents its 2008 Event & Wine Dinner Schedule beginning with the season-opening event, "Caribbean Wine Dinner," 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14.

The evening will feature food specialties from the Caribbean and will be pairing each course with hand-selected wines. The cost is \$30, and a limited number of tickets are available.

Other events on the schedule: Aug. 24, Pig Roast; Sept. 5, Fall Taste Fest; Sept. 16, Western Style BBQ Dinner; Oct. 3, October Fest with Sam Adams; Oct. 14, Michigan Harvest Dinner; and Nov. 11, Titanic Menu Dinner.

Tickets can be purchased over the phone or on a firstcome, first-served basis. Station 885 is located on Starkweather in Old Village. For more information, call (734) 459-0885.

#### Studio tour

Room Revisions announces its grand opening studio tour, a fun-filled evening of "Wine & Interior Design, 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22.

Room Revisions is located at 15095 Northville Road in Plymouth. To RSVP or for more information, call Michele Gonzalez, (734) 516-0746.

#### Call for crafters

The Delta Kappa Gamma Education Society host it's annual juried handmade-only Craft Show Saturday, Oct. 18, at West Middle School in Plymouth.

The show, which runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and features food and drawings, is expected to draw some 1,500 customers.

Crafters interested in the show should call Sandy Downs, (734) 340-4229 or e-mail Judy Stone at JBSTONE716@COMCAST. NET

#### Riverside tour

The Plymouth Historical Museum and the Plymouth Preservation Network offer a walking tour of Riverside Cemetery 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 16.



#### **Cell phones for the troops**

Vietnam Veterans Post 528 member Bob Lamoureux (from left), Sharon and Brian Metzger of Canton and Lynn Dery from REMAX Classic of Canton display some of the more than 100 cell phones the post and REMAX have collected as part of an effort to provide our troops overseas with free calling cards. For every cell phone that is turned in they are able to provide the calling cards to the troops. They will be collecting cell phones at the Vietnam Veterans car shows Wednesdays at 1426 S. Mill Street in Plymouth. In addition, Dery will be at the Aug. 23 car show at the UAW HALL on Michigan Avenue in Canton. Also the post is accepting old American flags that need to be retired, and will replace them with new flags (while supplies last). For more information, contact Gary at (734) 459-6700.

Sanford Burr, Plymouth Historical Society President Emeritus, guides participants through the public cemetery in Plymouth. Burr will recount stories of the lives of those buried in the cemetery.

Cost is \$10 per person for members of the Plymouth Historical Society, \$15 per person for non-members, with a limit of 25 people on tour.

Tickets are available at the Plymouth Historical Museum during museum hours

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. or purchase tickets through PayPal or Google Checkout at: www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html

#### Charity golf

North Brothers Ford hosts its 19th-annual charity golf event at Fox Hills Golf Center in Plymouth Tuesday, Aug. 12.

In the past 18 years, this golf outing has provided more than \$300,000 for local charities and organizations. This year, all proceeds are going to Wayne County Family Center, Westland Youth Assistance. YMCA Strong Kids Campaign, and the Royal Oak Salvation

For more information, call (734) 524-1243.

#### 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.

#### **Exhibitors** wanted

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters is hosting its Holiday Arts and Crafts Ensemble 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 22. Exhibitors who hand-craft their own items are invited to submit an application to exhibit at the fundraising event to be held at Plymouth High School in Canton. The juried art event is produced twice each year by the PCMB to assist the music programs at the Plymouth-Canton Education

Park. Artists and crafters who are interested in applying for consideration to exhibit should visit www.pcmb.net/artcraft to download an application and submit with photos by Sept. 1. Only 100 exhibitors will be permitted to exhibit at this artistic event. Over the last four years, over 6,000 attendees have visited the PCMB Arts & Crafts Ensemble.

Plymouth High School is located at 8400 Beck Road in Canton. In addition to over 100 exhibits, there will be

food, a raffle, and entertainment by local musicians and artists throughout the day. Admission is \$2.

#### Bilingual childrens' event

Join Bilingual Fun for a morning of stories, music, dancing, and fun activities 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, at Borders Books and Music in Canton.

Children of all ages will be exposed to the Spanish language at this upbeat and interactive story time. Admission is free, no registration required. Contact info@bilingualfun. com or visit www.bilingualfun.com for more information.

#### Internet workshop

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

Internet marketing expert

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

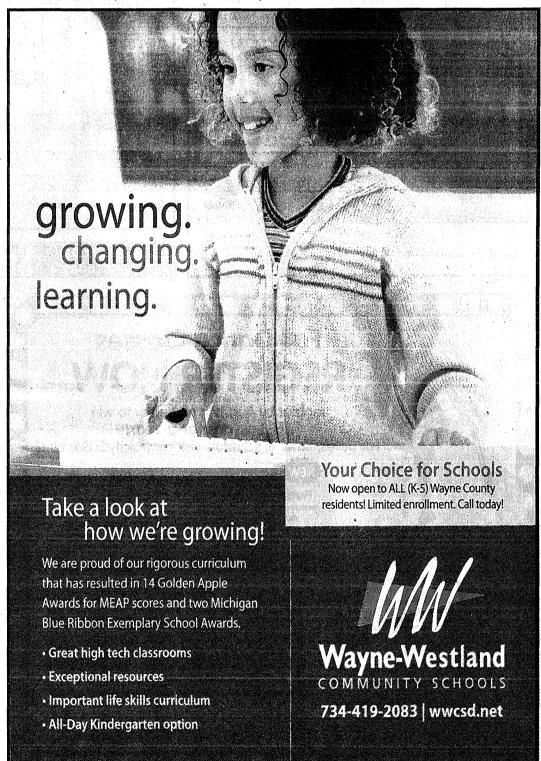
Before creating the Small Business eBoot Camp, Perlman spent three years with the e-Commerce division of General Motors where he visited 37 cities throughout the country providing one-day seminars to GM dealership personnel. He left GM in 2002 to help build an internet startup, InfoAlly.com, which was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

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



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librarians have embraced the electronic age. Computers have become commonplace as part of a library's offerings, with the PDL providing 68 computers for patrons, including eight game computers in the youth

Audio books, Mp3 players, music CDs and movie DVDs have also become staples.

"We have a palm-size Mp3 player that can hang around your neck," said Stoney. "It's not complicated. You can stop it anytime, and when you pick it up the next time it starts where you left off. All you need to provide are the headphones.

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around the world eight times since this library was built 10 years ago," said Stoney.

#### **DIRECTOR'S VIEW**

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Pat Thomas, who has been the director since 1979, said she's not surprised about the changes. In fact, she remembers fighting to get paperbacks into circulation.

"Old-time librarians said they didn't have a place in the library," remembered Thomas. "Then the quality books, like Hemingway and the classics, started coming in paperbacks and I said 'Why not?"

While the so-called "new media" have gained in popularity, books are still king.

"The majority of library activity still centers around books," said Stoney. "In June, we checked out 56,000 books compared to 35,650 electronic

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"We currently have 1,600 young people registered for our summer reading programs, which is consistent with participation from previous years, and our adult summer reading is up," she said. "The idea that print is dead ...

no way."

June checkouts at the
Plymouth library were up
almost 14 percent from June

"That puts us at 505,119 for the first six months of the year," said Stoney. "This may be our first one million checkout year." Stoney added Book Club Kits have become quite popular.

"It used to be that book club members scrambled to find a copy at the library or had to go buy it," Stoney said. "Now, we have a kit with 10 copies of a book. It can be checked out, everyone in the club can have a copy and it doesn't have to be returned for a couple of months. There's also a folder with information on the author and discussion questions."

There are also the used books for sale at the Plymouth District Library — \$1 for hardcover, 50 cents for a paperback.

Arthur Remy of Plymouth Township patronizes the Plymouth District Library, and finds himself mainly visiting the movie section.

"Sometimes I'll get a book, but most times I come just for the free movies," said Remy, 77. "You have to pay \$4.69 at the movie store. I come to look at the one-day section and see what they've got."

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#### PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY PUBLIC NOTICE

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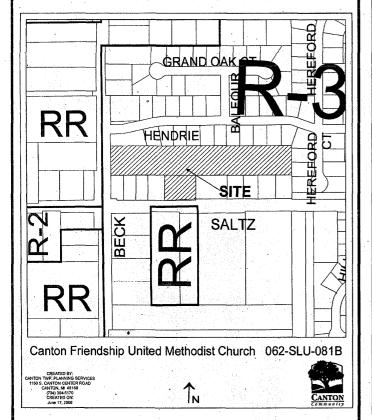
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 25, 2008 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

CANTON FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SPECIAL LAND USE AMENDMENT - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE SPECIAL LAND USE IN SECTION 11.02B.3 AND 6.02U. FOR PARCEL NOS. 062 99 0025 701 AND 062 99 0027 000 (PART OF). Property is located north of Saltz and west of Beck Rados.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Adminstration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, August 22, 2008 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chariman



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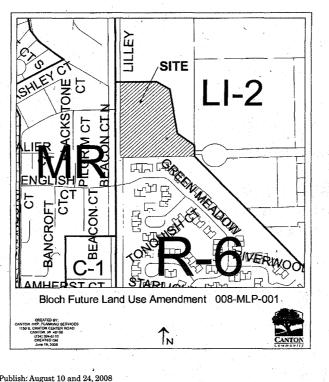
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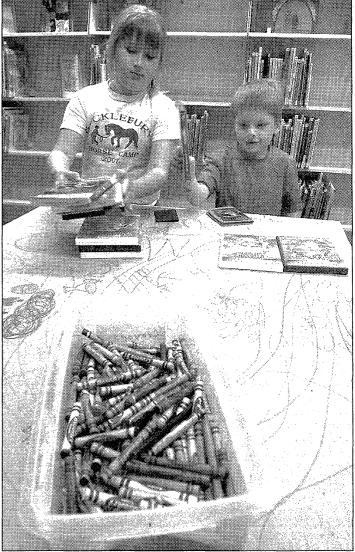
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Mara Sinacola, 8, and brother Joey, 5, selected a pile of books and games. The table tops in this area of the library are covered with paper and crayons are supplied, to encourage kids' creative instincts.

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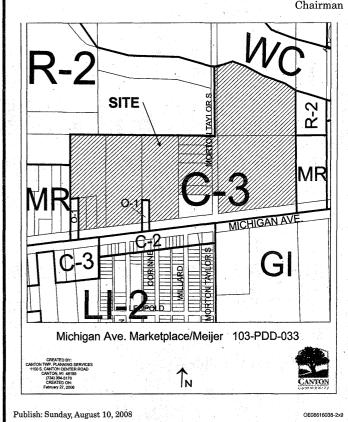
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MICHIGAN AVENUE MARKETPLACE/MEIJER PLANNED DEVELOPMENTDISTRICT (PDD) -(PRELIMINARY PLAN)-CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 103 99 0001 003, 133 99 0001 001, 133 99 0001 002, 133 99 0001 003, 133 99 0001 004 (3650 MORTON TAYLOR S.), 133 99 0002 000 (3700 MORTON TAYLOR S.), 133 99 0007 000, 133 99 0004 000 (43600 MICHIGAN AVE.), 133 99 0006 000, 133 99 0007 000, 133 99 0008 000 (43780 MICHIGAN AVE.), 133 99 0009 000 (43800 MICHIGAN AVE.) AND 138 99 0004 000. Property is located north of Michigan Avenue between Sheldon and Lilley Roads. (First Public Hearing.)

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## Health care firm aims to keep patients in own house

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Brett Melnick was working in information technology for Ford Motor Company, he helped a friend returning from out-of-state find an IT job.

From that humble beginning grew Melnick's first company, Cybertech.

Two years later, when his office manager had a friend who did medical staffing who was losing her job, Melnick met with the friend and hired her to do medical staffing out of Cybertech.

From that humble beginning grew another Melnick creation, WellsBrooke Premium Home Health Care.

And, while the beginnings may have been humble. Melnick started in his dining room - the results have been anything but. WellsBrooke, started almost as an afterthought to Cybertech, is now Melnick's biggest company, employing more than 300 people with regional offices in East Lansing and Perrysburg, Ohio.

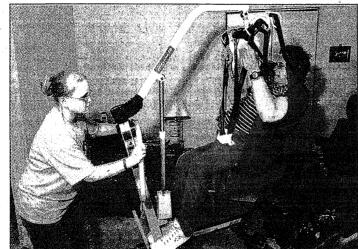
WellsBrooke provides inhome health care services ranging from a two-hour bath visit to 24/7 care.

"The population is aging, and it's a need that's there," said Melnick, who founded Cybertech in 1995 and WellsBrooke in 1997. "People want to stay in their homes. We've got a lot of quality programs that allow them to do that."

Among the services WellsBrooke arranges are inhome companions, nursing, physical and occupational

therapy and basic wound care. That's in addition to CyberTech, which provides IT and engineering staffing for larger corporations, generally on six-month or one-year contracts. When he started, Melnick brought in a nurse to help with the home healthcare portion, which he said has grown some 30 percent over the last couple of years.

"We do a lot of auto and



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Jennifer Patterson helps client Larry K. Moyer into his wheelchair. Patterson works with Moyer three days per week.



Owner Brett Melnick and executive director Cheryl Nagle have been running WellsBrooke since 1997.

injuries," said Melnick, who owns a bachelor's degree in IT and a master's in finance, both from the University of Michigan. "My expertise is in growing a business.'

Like other businesses, Cybertech, the IT job-finding arm of Melnick's empire, has been the victim of a tough economy the last few years. While it has maintained, it hasn't seen much growth. On the other hand, his newest company, IndeQuest - a nurse care management firm - has seen as much as 50-percent growth in the last 12 months.

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That's fine with Cheryl Nagle, WellsBrooke's executive director and the woman who got Melnick into home health care staffing 11 years ago in the first place. A licensed practical nurse with 25 years' experience in hospitals, nursing homes and the health care industry, Nagle joined the company in January 1998.

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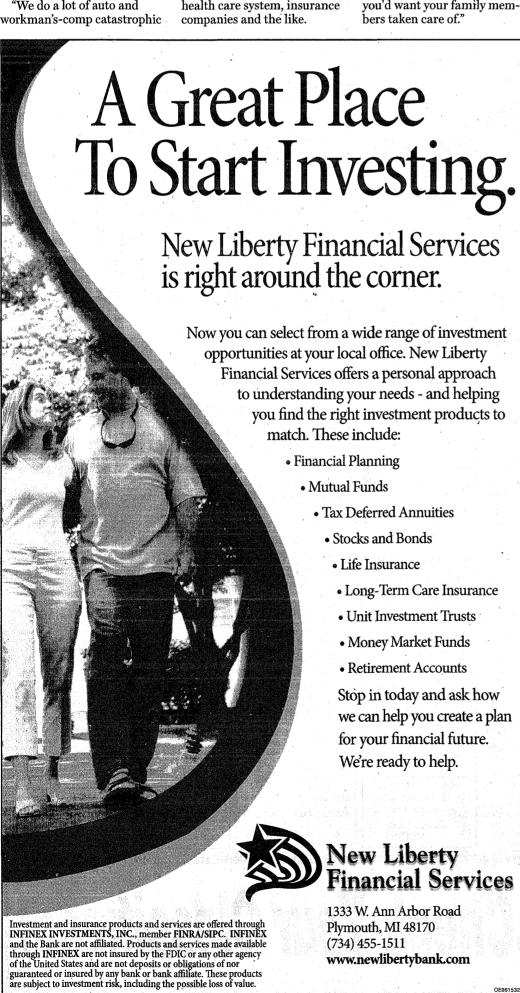
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## '8th Wonder' of the theater world

## New production company to debut with upbeat 'Joseph'

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

With a giant 'King' sign glowing behind him, Phil Simmons said it's only fitting that Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat serve as the first production of the newly-formed 8th Wonder Theatre company.

"Joseph really has something for everyone," said Simmons of Ypsilanti, who runs the Ann Arbor-based company with Ryan Lewis and Brian Carbin.

Joseph is one of the few musicals that appeals to audience members of all ages.'

Simmons and Lewis. both professors at Eastern Michigan University, joked about the wide range of personalities depicted in the popular play, which relays the Biblical saga of Joseph being sold into slavery by his brothers and eventually reunited with his family.

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Phil Simmons (left) and Ryan Lewis will present 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

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Elvis and Barack Obama. If you don't like a number, just wait a minute," Simmons said, while Lewis added, "It's like the weather in Michigan, it keeps changing."

The play opens Friday with an 8 p.m. show at The Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill

The production has a cast of 23 actors and a 16-mem-

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being taken for the annual

Antique Car show (1978 and

older) that takes place dur-

ing the Fall Festival (Sept.

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ber children's choir from an Ypsilanti elementary school and 15 crew members.

With this being his eighth production of Joseph, Simmons, who has toured internationally, said he never tires of the production.

"Even if you are in a really bad mood or have had a tough day, you can't help but smile,"

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Lewis applauded the talents and dedication of those participating in the production, which includes students from EMU, the University of Michigan, Penn State University, Michigan State University, Grand Blanc High School and Oakland University, and said he hopes 8th Wonder will be able to expand next summer.

We want to be a professional company for summer stock work," he said. "We've gotten pretty good feedback on people that are happy and pumped up about us bringing this to the area. A lot of things focus on younger and older (actors) but the in-between has been lacking.'

For more information on 8th Wonder, visit www.8thwondertheatre.com. To purchase tickets for the show, log on to www.cantonmi.org/villagetheater or call (734) 394-5300.

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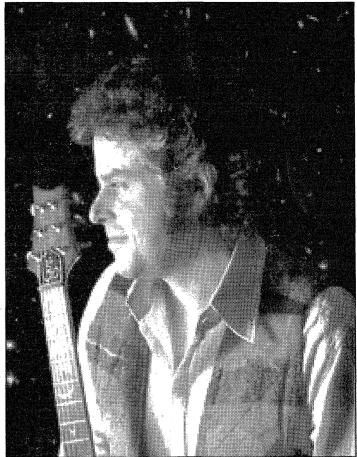
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ON STAGE



Guy Louis takes to the stage for his second and final appearance as part of the Music in the Park "kiddie concert" series in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park Wednesday at noon.

#### Music in the Park

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Michael Robins of Livonia talks with Theodore 'Dutch' Van Kirk, navigator on the Enola Gay, after Van Kirk signed a book for him during a signing and presentation Wednesday, the anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima, at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills.

## Enola Gay

#### Last survivor of A-bomb mission shares memories

BY SUE BUCK **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

"It was the easiest mission that I ever flew in my life."

That's how 87-year-old Theodore "Dutch" Van Kirk remembers the historic flight of the Enola Gay to drop an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, on Aug. 6, 1945.

Van Kirk, the last surviving member of the Enola Gay crew, snared his memories Wednesday with an audience of 300 at the Costick Activities Center. His visit on the 63rd anniversary of the event was sponsored by Southeast Michigan Mensa.

"This was a rare opportunity to hear firsthand from a man who personally participated in

changing the course of history," said Harley Berger, Mensa vice president, who organized the visit.

Van Kirk, the aircraft's navigator, became the last survivor of the historic mission following the death last fall of Paul Tibbets, the Enola Gay's commander.

While Van Kirk remembers the mission as easy, he also remembers how anxious crew members were the night before they dropped the 9,400-pound bomb. They worried about how quickly they could fly away from the site without being destroyed in the process.

"The scientists told us, 'We think the airplane will be OK if you are nine miles away when the bomb exploded. Some people said five miles, 10 miles, 15 miles away. Some people said that you couldn't get far enough away," Van Kirk

But everything went according to plan.

The weather that day was perfect. I could see the coast of Japan from 100 miles away," he said.

The bomb destroyed 69 percent of the city.

"The city was covered with thick, black smoke," Van Kirk said.

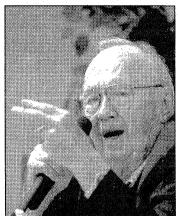
Three days later, the United States dropped another atom bomb on Nagasaki, Japan. In Hiroshima, 140,000 people were killed, in Nagasaki, 80,000. The missions are credited with bringing a quick end to the war in the Pacific and World War II.

Starting in 1942, Van Kirk flew 58 B-17 missions from England and in North Africa with the 97th Bomber Group, before returning to the United States in 1944 for additional training.

He was then assigned as group navigator of the 509th Composite Group and began training for atom bomb deliv-

In June 1945, the group moved overseas to the Pacific Island of Tinian in the Marianas chain.

Following the war, Van Kirk participated in the first Bikini Atoll atomic bomb tests and, in August 1946, having



Theodore 'Dutch' Van Kirk, navigator on the Enola Gay, talks about being a part of the mission to drop the first atomic bomb.

reached the rank of major, Van Kirk returned to civilian

Among his decorations are the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with 14 oak leaf clusters, plus many theater awards.

He went back to his longdelayed college career, earning both a bachelor of science and master of science degrees in chemical engineering at Bucknell University.

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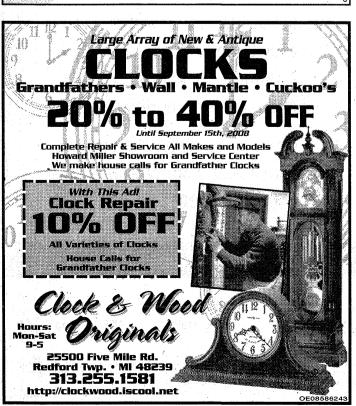
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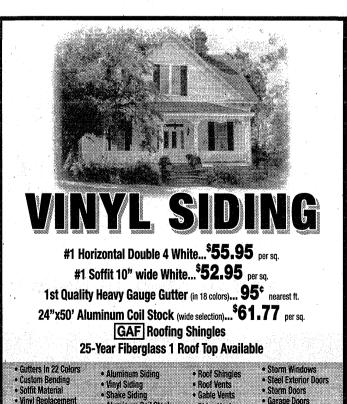
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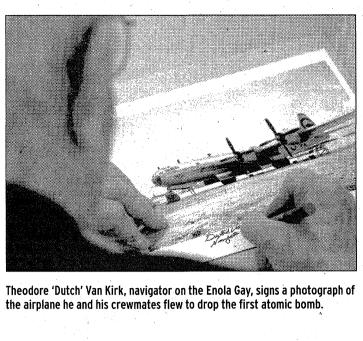
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## Seniors going for gold at Olympics

BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Beijing isn't the only place to earn an Olympic medal this summer.

In all, 566 senior citizens are preparing to compete in the 2008 Western Wayne County Senior Olympics, with opening ceremonies set for the morning of Monday, Aug. 18, in the Nankin Mills Recreation Area of Hines Park in Westland.

The five-day event will feature a 10-mile bicycle race, a football toss, a soccerball kick, tennis matches, a swimming competition, volleyball, golf, horseshoes and less physical contests in baking, photography and Pinochle, among other

Westland will serve as this year's official host, but competitions will be scattered among other communities,

'We've really been trying to market this not only to get the involvement up, but also to show that any activity is better than no activity," Westland senior Director Barbara Schimmel-Marcum said.

Seniors from Westland, Garden City, Canton. Plymouth, Livonia, Redford, Wayne, Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Inkster, Northville, Sumpter Township and Van Buren Township plan to compete in four age categories: 50-59, 60-69, 70-79 and 80 and

Seniors will compete for gold, silver and bronze med-

"I think it's a wonderful program for seniors," Garden City senior Director Cheryl Stepanian said. "It stresses fitness and staying active and healthy."

In its fourth year, the Senior Olympics event has steadily grown, and 566 participants beat a July 31 deadline to enter this year's contests. Westland again has the most seniors involved, with 130 this year.

On Aug. 18, seniors will gather in Hines Park for a morning run, breakfast with Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and opening day ceremonies, including a veterans honor guard, the singing of the national anthem and a parade of cities in which representatives of participating communities will display their local flags. Westland Mayor William Wild will welcome the crowd, and an Olympics torch will be lighted.

The games will end with a celebration and awards banquet on Aug. 22 at Westland's senior Friendship

## Canton man facing terrorism charges headed to circuit court



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

lan Michael Douglas, shown here with his attorney, waived his preliminary examination Friday. The tattoo on his left arm asks the question, "What's Left."

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Canton man facing five felony charges stemming from his alleged attempt to blow up a railroad overpass was in court briefly Friday morning to waive his preliminary examination.

Ian Michael Douglas, 18, dressed in Wayne County inmate clothing, decided to bypass his exam and will be arraigned Aug. 22 in Third Circuit Court on five charges: false report or threat of terrorism, a 20-year felony; placing explosives near property, a 15-year felony; two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, each a four-year felony; and felony firearm, a two-year felony.

Douglas, who is being held on a \$500,000 cash bond, is accused of pointing a 12-gauge shotgun at two people at a railroad overpass near Haggerty Road and I-275 during the early morning hours of July 27. The two later reported that Douglas spoke of derailing a train and ignited a pipe bomb on the ground under the overpass.

The explosive caused no damage. Upon arresting him at his Kaiser Street residence, police say they found bomb-making materials, such as pipes and powders.

As the Starkweather Educational Center student exited the courtroom Friday, Douglas' supporters gave him a few words of encouragement.

A female said "I love you," and a man offered, "Stay strong, bro."

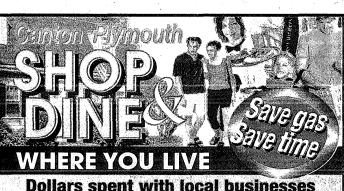
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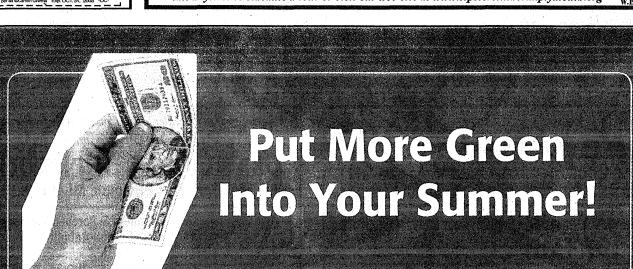
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**OUR VIEWS** 

## Water compact should sail to president's desk

While partisanship is still alive and well in Lansing, state lawmakers deserve some credit for finally reaching an agreement and passing the Great Lakes Compact — even though Michigan was one the last states in the region to do so.

The Compact is an agreement between the eight Great Lakes states (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin), as well as the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Quebec, that all but bans

Considering how long it took

the state legislature to pass

astonishing how quickly the

the Compact, it is pretty

accord is moving through

Congress, which also must

approve it because it is an

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large scale water diversions from the Great Lakes Basin and requires the partner states to enact water conservation measures.

Considering how long it took the state legislature to pass the Compact, it is pretty astonishing how quickly the accord is moving through Congress, which also must approve it because it is an interstate agreement.

Behind the leadership of U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, the

Michigan Democrat who authored the legislation, the Senate unanimously passed the Compact last week.

Officially known as the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact, it now moves on to the House, which is on recess and will return to session in September. All of Michigan's representatives in the House should make it a priority to push the Compact through and get it to the president's desk. President Bush has said publicly he will sign it into law if it is approved by the House.

Hopefully, House members will be inspired by the quick action of the Senate. If there was ever a bipartisan issue, this is it. Protecting the Great Lakes is vital to this region. Millions of people rely on the waters of the Great Lakes basin for everything from drinking water to irrigating farm crops.

We can't let our water be siphoned off to the highest bidder or to thirsty neighbors in the drought-stricken Southeast or arid Southwest. Those states need to utilize their own resources, not try to lay claim on ours. That's why the Compact is so important. No state (or province) within the basin will be able to sell off the water, no matter how cash-

So we urge the House to pass the bill as quickly as possible. Making the Compact law is important to protect our greatest resource for future generations.

#### Thanks for support

Thank you to the Plymouth Township residents who took the time to vote in the Aug. 5 primary.

My gratitude is extended to those many people who endorsed and supported my campaign. I particularly would like to thank those voters who cast their votes for me as their supervisor and showed a willingness to keep our township moving forward in a positive direction.

I look forward to your continued support in the Nov. 4 general election.

**Richard Reaume** 

Plymouth Township supervisor

#### Hail to victors

The Charter Township of Plymouth saw a well-contested primary election culminate Tuesday night, and the real winners were the citizens who had to choose from a slate of very qualified candidates.

My congratulations to the winners, and my condolences to those who ran but fell short of their goal to serve the community as I know they all worked very hard on their campaigns.

For the first time in memory the winner of the Republican primary will not automatically be seated as township supervisor; rather, the process will continue as it was designed, and the winner of the most votes in the general election in November will become supervisor.

I look forward to a clean, fair, and spirited campaign, and I encourage the voters to seek out the best candidate. Anyone wishing to learn more about

the my candidacy in the race please visit watts4super.com

> Michael Watts Plymouth Township

#### Candidate says 'thanks'

Thank you for the overwhelming support you showed me during Tuesday's primary election. I worked very hard to earn your 7,380 votes, not only during the campaign, but also during my past 13 years as a district court prosecutor, assistant city attorney, civil litigator and criminal defense attorney.

Thank you also to the thousands of people who patiently gave me their time while I knocked on your doors to introduce myself to you. I look forward to continuing to earn your trust and support during the days leading up to the Nov. 4 general

Jim Plakas 35th District Court candidate

#### **LETTERS**

#### **Dress code enforcement overdue**

Hats off to the Plymouth-Canton Schools officials who decided it was time to FINALLY start enforcing the dress code for students — something that has been long overdue.

Yes, we want students to have freedom and expression, but we also want them to learn respect for others and respect and modesty for themselves — and apparently that is something that is not being taught to all of our students today. Students should be there to learn and a good dress code will aid in having a healthy learning environment for everyone with no unnecessary distractions - and I am sure the teachers will appreciate the students being able to focus more on the curriculum instead of what the person next to them "is" or "is not" wearing.

And yes, students, you still have freedoms. If you don't like the dress code, you have the freedom to find another school

Thanks, school officials, for bringing some decency back to the classrooms.

**Karen Jeffries** 

#### Listen to elders

I know my thoughts won't be important to the kids in school. After all I'm 65 and an old man. When I was a student we didn't have a say in our dress code. We just followed the direction of our elders.

Perhaps there wouldn't be such a fuss now if the elders had not been remiss in enforcing the codes consistently since 1993 when they were enacted.

Thank you for the opportunity to put my two cents in.

Len Roberts

Canton

#### McCain is right

I love the new McCain ad that points out the lack of leadership with the Democratic candidate Barack Obama. I think the McCain campaign got it right. We have been watching the "rock star" treatment that Obama has been enjoying for months without any challenge what he has been actually saying. The use of analogy and metaphor is a very effective technique. It efficiently communicates a message with a picture and gets people's

The ad correctly depicts Obama's position on offshore drilling and asks the question: is this what we really want? It is up to the public to answer that question

for themselves.

We need a leader in the White House, not someone who when challenged by a creative ad that is politically substantive, responds with made-up accusations that he is being picked on because he looks different than previous presidents.

The McCain campaign has never challenged him because he looks different. They are challenging his positions on significant issues and his lack of experience. To use a metaphor, the emperor is not wearing any clothes.

Jill Wilkinson Birmingham

#### **Energy bill lacks vision**

Late on a Friday night not long ago, our Michigan Senate, in an act singularly lacking in both vision and courage, voted out a package of energy bills - pathetically weak and in sharp contrast to the negotiated bills of the Michigan House weeks before.

The House included a 1 percent per year energy efficiency standard and a 10 percent RPS by 2015, placing Michigan in the middle of the 26 states who already have such standards — hardly exemplary, but a step in the right direction nonetheless.

The Senate's contains a combined EE and RPS standard of 7 percent, placing Michigan at the BOTTOM of those states. Since Michigan ALREADY gets 5 percent of its electrical energy from renewables, no courage here.

Perhaps most egregious of all, the Senate bills have the audacity to include coal in its definition of acceptable "renewables." Just which planet are they living

One wonders: Who do our senators really represent? The public, who want clean air and mercury-free edible fish, children without asthma and optimally functioning brains? Or an energy industry, fearful of change and eager to perpetuate its reliance on the dirtiest, most destructive - and most expensive - of all energy sources? Michigan is rich in alternative resourc-

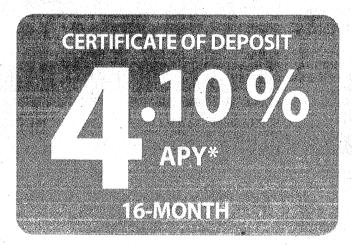
es, with the manpower, skill and manufacturing capacity to be a world leader in the delivery of equipment for harnessing it. Yet, our senators would continue to spend billions annually to bring in fuel from out of state.

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## Metro Airport sets record for passenger traffic

The first half of calendar year 2008 set an all-time record for total passenger traffic for the first six months of any year in the history of Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW).

According to statistics released Thursday by the Airport Authority's Division of Financial Planning and Analysis, total passenger traffic in June 2008 topped June 2007 by 3.4 percent as well

as the record year of 2005 by 1.8 percent.

Every month thus far in 2008 has out-performed the equivalent month in 2007 in passenger traffic for a growth rate of 3.1 percent for the first half of the year.

Even operations (aircraft landings and take-offs) were up 3.4 percent for the month of June at 39,908, but remain essentially flat for CY 2008. On an average day

in June more than 1,330 aircraft arrived or departed DTW.

June's total arriving and departing passengers of 3,276,330 averages out to more than 109,000 every day, or the equivalent of every man, woman and child in Allen Park, Lincoln Park, Romulus and Wayne, MI combined. In the first half of CY 2008 more than 18.5 million total passengers have used DTW, about twice the population of the State of Michigan.

"Our data analysts are quite convinced that airline schedule reductions and increased fares and other charges will dampen passenger demand in the fourth quarter," said Airport Authority CEO Lester Robinson. "But in the meantime, passenger activity is still strong, here in Detroit, and clearly outpacing any year in our history."

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## Zoo needs you to help with Run

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this outstanding community

event," said Bank of America

Thousands of runners and walkers are expected to lace up their running shoes and head over to the Detroit Zoo on Sunday, Sept. 7, for the annual Bank of America Run Wild for the Detroit Zoo. Proceeds from the Run Wild event benefit the Zoo's Ruth Roby Glancy Animal Health Complex and veterinary care.

The event includes 5K and 10K runs as well as a noncompetitive one-mile Fun Walk. Runners in the 5K and 10K events will start at the zoo's 10 Mile Road entrance and wind through the scenic streets of **Huntington Woods surround**ing the zoo. Walkers will follow a course past award-winning animal habitats as they stroll through zoo grounds.

The Bank of America Run Wild for the Detroit Zoo begins at 8 a.m. with the 5K run, followed by the 10K run at 8:45 a.m. and the untimed Fun Walk at 9 a.m. Online registration is available at www.detroitzoo.org (click on Events, then Run Wild) until Sept. 2, and registration will also be available at the zoo on Sept. 5, 6 and 7.

Medals will be presented to the top male and female runners in various age groups. All participants will receive commemorative tee shirts as well as free admission to the zoo on race day. A Post-Race Party will follow the Run Wild event with live music, family entertainment, and complimentary food and beverages. Regular zoo admission applies for nonrace participants.

"Bank of America is happy

Cockrell.

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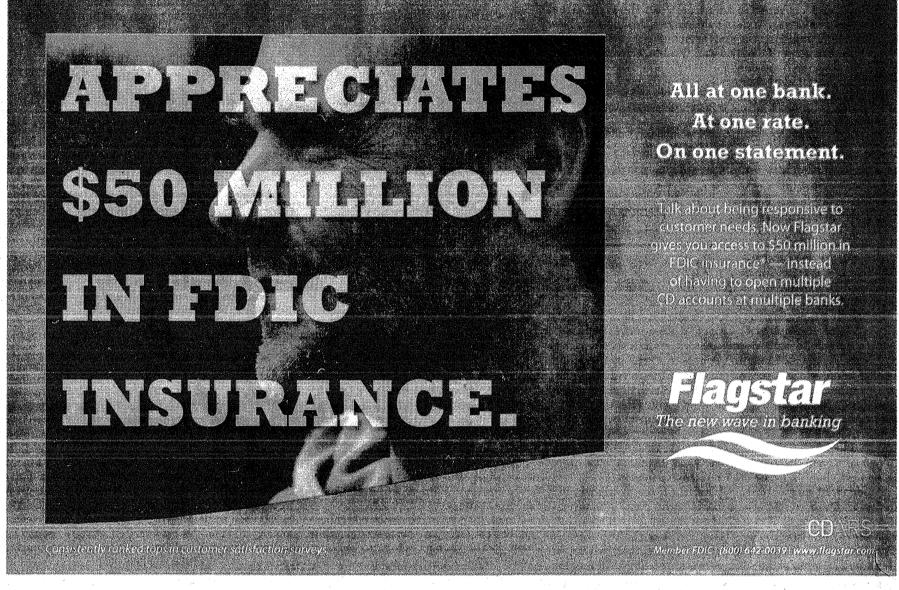
world's largest road races, the Bank of America Chicago Marathon and the Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle

The Bank of America Run Wild for the Detroit Zoo is

also supported by Gatorade, Saturn and Southeastern Michigan Veterinary Medical Association (SEMVMA).

The zoo is looking for 200 volunteers to assist during the event. For information on

volunteer opportunities, visit the Run Wild section of the zoo's Web site or contact Linda Denomme at (248) 541-5717, Ext. 3806, or ldenomme@dzs org.



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Eight-year-old Ryan Garchar of Redford receives his blue ribbon for a first place finish in the softball throw. His older sister, Lauren, also won the softball toss in her division.

#### With sun shining, kids enjoy 50th annual Redford Junior Olympics

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

oungsters had their day in the sun, literally, during Wednesday's Redford Junior

The 50th annual event, held at Hilbert Middle School, had been postponed due to rain on the origi-

nally scheduled date (July 12). But about 60 boys and girls mostly from Redford, Livonia, Canton and South Lyon and their parents had no qualms about having to come out a second time for exercise and cama-

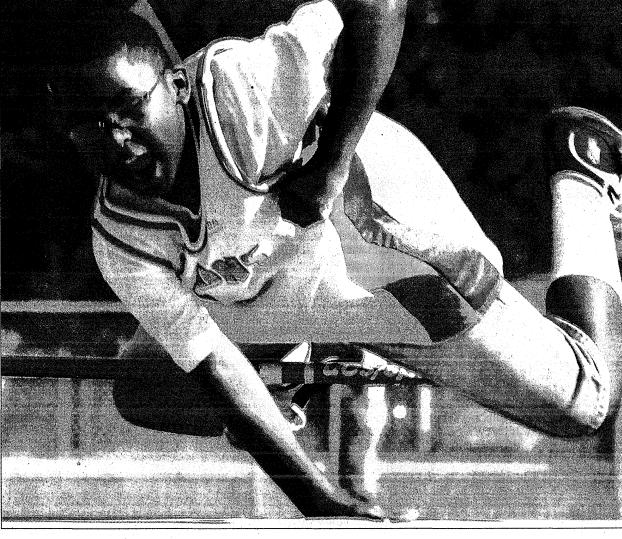
"We had a lot of people come back that were at the rain date so it was nice to be able to provide another date for them," said Theresa Burgess, event coordinator For Junior Olympics results, please visit www.hometownlife.com or see Thursday's **Observer Sports** section.

for Redford Parks and Recreation's youth department. "We already started the events at the last date, the kids were ready to go and unfortunately the weather didn't cooper-

"I wanted to make sure they could finish their events."

That was good news to many families enjoying Wednesday's perfect weather — including the Hombergs of Redford. Stephanie and Chuck Homberg came out with 5-year-old son Brendan and his 2-year-old brother, Riley.

"We weren't going to be able to



Nine-year-old Brandon Smith of Redford takes a leap at 3-feet, 3-inches in the Pee Wee boys division high jump during Wednesday's Redford Parks and Recreation Junior Olympics held at Hilbert Middle School. It was the 50th annual event.

go to that first one anyway and we found about it (makeup) later," Stephanie said. "So we made it. It was great, it's a wonderful experience for the kids.'

That's because the Redford Parks and Recreation-hosted event is a vehicle for kids to "get out and compete against their friends," Burgess noted. "It's all friendly competition."

#### **LETTING LOOSE**

Participants, including youngsters between ages 2-12, also collect ribbons for every place they finish in. "The kids just keep them from

year-to-year," Burgess said. "They just try to outdo their times the next

Chuck Homberg, meanwhile, liked the Junior Olympics because it provided a way for children to shake off some of the summer doldrums.

"This gives them some exercise, they get out and run around instead of sitting around the house all day long," Chuck emphasized.

For Redford's Judy Brewer, the rescheduled event also enabled her 11-year-old grandson to enjoy Wednesday's various field events and races.

Chris Skowronek earned a blue ribbon for winning the 35-meter race in the boys' midget division, finishing in 5.75 seconds.

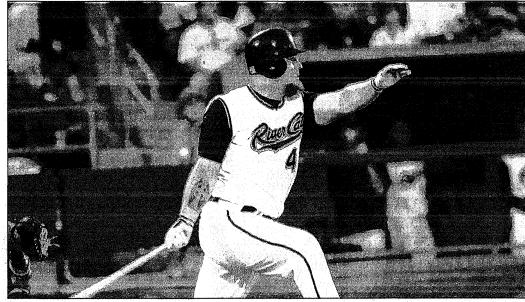
"I'm very thankful they did (reschedule the first one) because we were out of town," Brewer said. "It worked out well for us.

"He (Chris) is very competitive.

He really enjoys it, he gets a lot of energy from participating. Also enjoying the Junior Olympics was 12-year-old Hunter Iuliano,

entering seventh grade at Livonia Please see OLYMPICS. B2

## Casey at the bat, Ryan's Song



RIVER CATS PHOTO

Livonia native Casey Rogowski, a first baseman, has found new life with the Sacramento River Cats of the Class AAA Pacific Coast League after spending nine seasons in the Chicago White Sox farm system.

## Mat career on hold for Triple-A first baseman

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER** 

After nine years in the minors, Casey Rogowski figured he didn't just hit a roadblock in his professional baseball career. It was more like a dead end.

The 6-foot-3, 230-pound first baseman from Livonia, who had played the last two years with the Chicago White Sox Class AAA affiliate, the Charlotte (N.C.) Knights, was coming to terms with his baseball career and retirement at the ripe old age of 26.

Following a frustrating 2007 season when he batted just .245, not to mention being lodged behind the Sox's Paul Konerko at first base, Chicago's 13th-round pick in the 1999 Amateur Draft was given his outright release and he became a free agent.

With a wife, a 1-year-old son and another baby on the way, Rogowski enrolled the fall semester of 2007 at Washtenaw Community College with the idea of rekindling his storied prep wrestling career and going to the University of Michigan in January.

He was Rodney Dangerfield in the movie Back to School, only this was no laughing matter. Rogowski was simply looking for a little respect and a different path in life.

"I was going to enroll at U-M to wrestle, I was working out and had been contacted by their coaches — I was going in that direction," said the 27-year-old Rogowski, a former state heavyweight champion at Redford Catholic Central High who excelled in three sports there, including football and baseball. "I had

not gone to school in so long. I was taking classes - U.S. history, (English) composition, college math and government. I had never taken a class before. It was funny, but a good time. There was a change in my priorities. It was interesting being in there with 18-year-olds and I'm in there as a soon-to-be a father

But around Thanksgiving, Rogowski was back in baseball, given a second chance by the Oakland A's, where he now plays for the Class AAA Sacramento River Cats of the

Pacific Coast League. Through Friday, the former CC all-stater was hitting a respectable .282 with 13 homers and 61 RBI in 102 games.

Rogowski feels he has a new lease on his baseball life

Please see CASEY, B2



Livonia native Ryan Rogowski, an outfielder, was recently promoted to the Jacksonsville (Fla.) Suns of the Class AA Southern League.

## Younger Rogowski adapts to AA promotion

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER** 

Livonia native Ryan Rogowski knows that every ladder he climbs in the minor leagues, he gets closer to his ultimate goal.

An outfielder in the Dodgers' chain, Rogowski has already climbed up to the Class AA rung in just three seasons after recently being promoted from Inland Empire 66ers of the high California State League to the Jacksonville (Fla.) Suns of the Southern League.

But the former Catholic Central High and University of Illinois standout also realizes professional baseball can be a humbling experience and that patience is a

virtue. "I've been struggling (at the plate), but overall it's going well and I can't complain," said Rogowski, who is hitting .200 (9-for-45 with a homer and three RBI) through his first 25 games (as of Friday) with the Suns. "The pitchers here (in Class AA) throw a lot of junk, a lot of off-speed stuff. They'll throw a first-pitch fastball for a ball, then throw changeups, curves and sinkers. It's a little bit more of an adjustment. I've always had a good eye, but you have to

be more disciplined at the plate and know which (ball/ strike) counts to look for."

The 6-foot-2, 200-pound Rogowski brings speed and defense to his new team, where he is normally stationed in either left or center field.

In 74 games this season with Inland, he earned a promotion by stealing 30-of-37 bases while hitting .270 with 13 doubles and scoring 48 runs.

During his first season in Rookie League (2006) with Odgen (Utah), Rogowski batted .312 with four homers

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With youthful spring in their step and smiles on their faces, participants in the 3-year-old boys category make their way down the track in the 35-meter race during the Redford Parks and Recreation Junior Olympics Wednesday at Hilbert Middle School.

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Clarenceville.

"I really think it's a good way to get in shape for some people," Hunter explained. "And when you win a ribbon it feels really good. It just feels like an accomplishment and stuff."

Hunter — who started tak-

ing part in annual program around age 3 or 4 - placed second in seven events.

#### **FAMILY FUN**

The Junior Olympics are becoming a family affair for the Iuliano household. At Hilbert besides Hunter were 14-year-old Nikki, 10-yearold Tiffanie and 6-year-old Antonio.

It was a similar story for

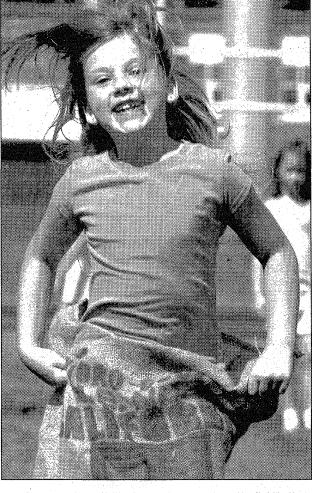
the Garchars, who had two siblings giving it a go.

Lauren Garchar, 11, soon to go to Pierce Middle School in South Redford, grabbed a blue ribbon in the girls' midget division in the softball throw.

Perhaps not to be outdone, her 8-year-old brother Ryan also showed some arm strength by winning the boys's squirt division softball

"I like it (Junior Olympics), you get to meet new people plus it's fun," said Lauren, who found out about the event through summer camp at Redford Parks and Recreation.

Although the rescheduled event did not feature the live DJ as had been originally planned, several family fun activities did provide some



Dalanie Morgan, 8, of Redford makes her way down the field in the Sack Race during Wednesday's Redford Parks and Recreation Junior Olympics at Hilbert Middle School. The activity was part of several specially planned for the 50th annual event.

variety. Those included a "Crazy Bat Race," sack race and water balloon toss.

"It's fun for the kids and the parents can come out," said parks and rec summer counselor Sara Mayne, a

2008 Redford Union graduate who helped out during the family activities. "It's definitely a family thing and I think it's good for Redford."

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and 36 RBI in 70 games. He was first in the Pioneer League in walks (52), triples (8) and runs (64); second in stolen bases (30); fourth in on-base percentage (.429); and fifth in hits (82) en route to Baseball America Rookie All-Star honors.

In 2007, Rogowski batted .253 with 27 doubles and 39 stolen bases.

The speedy 24-year-old continues to make adjustments as he goes

"When I get on base, I pretty much have the green light to steal," he said, "I'll bunt, too, but the thing I have to work on is my discipline at the plate. I have to learn to go the other way

on the off-speed stuff because I'm a pull hitter. I can go the other way, but they (the pitchers) can see when I'm on top of the plate and they keep pounding away inside. In this (AA) league, the pitchers know how to pitch. I just have to keep working in the (batting) cage.'

Rogowski's older brother Casey is a 27-year-old who has played in the minors since graduating from CC in 1999. Casey is currently a first baseman for the Sacramento River Cats of the Class AAA Pacific Coast League.

"He (Casey) played in this league (Southern) a couple of years," Ryan said. "He told me you can't give atbats away and at every level you have to hit and put up the numbers.

"He just told me that if I played hard every day, it will happen."

After two years in the hot California desert, Rogowski also had to make a radical adjustment with the Florida climate.

"In California it's hot, but here you step outside you're raining in sweat, you feel so hot," he said. "I feel like I'm back in the wrestling room again wearing a long-sleeve shirt trying to lose weight. But it's good because it keeps me in shape.'

When Rogowski got the call to go to Jacksonville, he had to hurriedly pack up his clothes and had to catch a flight early the next morning.

'I played the night before, got up at 6 a.m., flew all day and got to Jacksonville at 7:30 (p.m.)," he said. The game was at 7, but I actually did get into the game to pinch run." During his abbreviated stint in

Jacksonville, Rogowski is also adjusting to a more limited role.

"It's tough to get comfortable, especially when you're struggling and not getting the at-bats," he said. "I've gone from playing 20 games in a row to playing every other day, but I just have to make the best of it."

Rogowski isn't sure if he'll be asked to play in a fall league, which starts Sept. 20 in Arizona. He spent two months in Hawaii following his rookie minor league season and called it "a great experience."

If he doesn't play during the offseason, he'll head to North Carolina again and work a job for an oil company involved in the NASCAR Truck

"NASCAR — I really never got into it, but I did go to Daytona and it's

exciting," Rogowski said. "It's through a high school buddy of mine (the job), it helps me survive because right now I don't make much money (playing baseball)."

Meanwhile, Rogowski continues to navigate through the Dodgers' farm system. And even though he's just two rungs below the majors, the distance to the big leagues remains a long way away.

"Right now I'm low man on the totem pole," he said. "Even on the long bus rides, I take my body pillow and sleep on the floor. I'm the new guy and I just need to make my way. And once you think you've figured it out, it bites you and you start all over

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and credits his agent, Danny Lozano of the Beverly Hills (Calif.) Sports Council, with keeping his major league quest alive.

"He (Lozano) looked for some teams, he was able to keep the lines open and he's been around the game long enough," Rogowski said of his agent. "He has some good clientele. When he got me hooked up with Oakland, I got excited again. Last year was a bummer and I felt like I didn't get the support with the Sox. I was sick of playing, sick of the politics, plus the Sox were going in a different direction.

"After that last game (in Charlotte) I did hang up my cleats."

Rogowski was able to get some major league atbats during spring training and was assigned to the west coast after spending his entire eight-year minor league career in the south and on the east coast.

"It could have been over, but it wasn't," Rogowski said. "I got a second chance. I'm glad I got the opportunity. It was my first experience as a free agent, which was good, but I was worried about getting cut in the spring."

Rogowski, however, survived spring training and feels resurrected. His priorities have changed.

His young family includes

wife Libby, 2-year-old son Brooks and 7-week-old Cael (named after collegiate wrestling great and 2004 Olympic champion Cael Sanderson).

Rogowski now seems con-. tent and doesn't fret anymore if he's going to get the major league call.

"It's been fun, great guys, great team and great organization," Rogowski said. "We're in first place in our division. There hasn't been a drop of rain there and the temperature drops at night. You can't beat the weather. The ballparks are hitter friendly. I like this league, but the only drawback is that the travel is

Rogowski was hitting .282 despite going through a recent 0-for-19 slump.

"I couldn't get anything to fall, it was always right at somebody, but it's going good now," he said.

Casey Rogowski's younger brother Ryan is also in his third year in the minors, an outfielder with the Jacksonville (Fla.) Suns of the Class AA Southern League, where Ryan was a postseason and mid-season All-Star during 2005 with the Birmingham (Ala.) Barons.

The brothers touch base via phone at least twice a week. "He (Casey) is one step away and I hope he gets his shot," Ryan said. "When we talk, we usually forget about baseball.

He has two kids now. He's a family man. He's Mr. Mom." Casey, however, isn't averse to lending some much-needed advice to his younger sibling.

"I let him do his thing, but he'll come to me every now and then," Casey said of his

24-year-old brother. "He's got his own ideas about what he wants. We have our baseball talks, but we usually talk about fantasy football or the UFC, stuff like that." Casey Rogowski said would

like to return to Sacramento next season and eventually stay at the pro level as either coach or manager. Meanwhile, he'll be keeping

a close eye on the Olympics the next few weeks, particularly when it comes to the sport of wrestling.

T'll definitely be interested," Casey said. "I can't wait for the Olympics. I watched the NCAA (tournament) and I'd call my brother. We'd go back and forth. I've kept up 'When I was home (over the

winter), I also enjoy watching my old high school's matches (at CC), watching guys like Mike Martin (CC's two-time state champ now playing football at Michigan) tear people up." Tearing the cover off the

ball is Rogowski's main priority right now, but he wonders what might have been if he followed through on changing his gears.

"Even though I'm getting up there in age, college sports has always been in the back of my mind," he said.

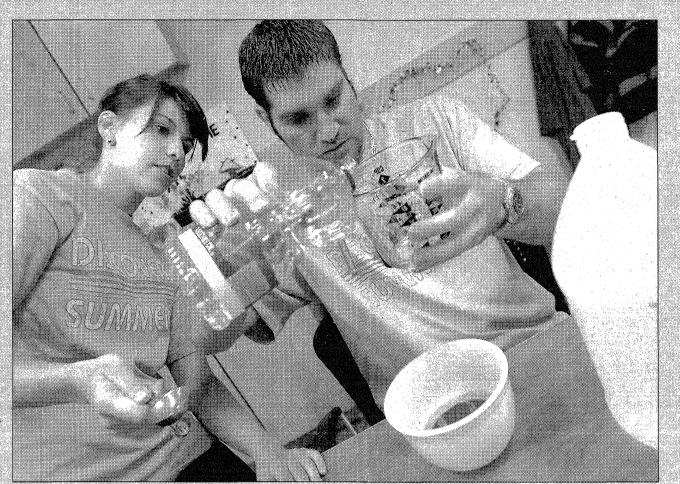
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Jeremy Buschmohle of Farmington Hills works on preparing an Asian dressing under the direction of staff member Lindsay Seitz at the

## Life-changing injury

#### Rehab program helps children deal with brain trauma

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O&E STAFF WRITER

Several students were busy Tuesday morning chopping and mixing ingredients for their lunch at Special Tree Student Center in Livonia. While it looked like fun, the teens were either learning or relearning skills they lost after sustaining a brain injury.

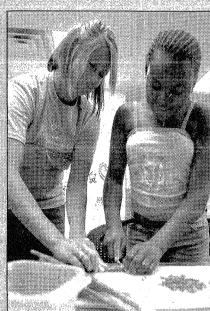
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 1.4 million people suffer a traumatic brain injury in the U.S. every year and at least 5.3 million Americans need long-term or lifelong help in performing daily activities due to a TBI.

The therapeutic focus of the day-long summer program at Special Tree is to not only develop the students' skills but strengthen muscles and improve endurance during afternoon sessions at the park or swimming pool. Earlier, students and staff visited a supermarket to purchase items. Others were in the Special Tree parking lot washing and detailing vehicles.

"We put them in many different situations to work on gross and fine motor skills," said Peggy Allen Bock, director of children's services. "We're taking the child into the community to create opportunities for them. Many are dealing with anger and frustration. They learn to follow directions, how to stav safe in the kitchen, how to stay safe in the community, to stop and look both

Many people who suffer TBIs are at risk of further injury according to Dr. Charles Pelshaw, medical director of Special Tree Children's Services.

"Behavioral problems are a very common complication after head injury. They're not inhibited. You and I may think of saying something, it comes out of their mouths. They're more impulsive that's why a person with one head injury is more prone to a second injury. They're



Peer counselor Jenny Adams of Livonia, left, helps 12-year-old Bahjnique Stamps of Woodhaven chop onions at Special Tree Student Center in Livonia. Special Tree helps people regain skills after brain injury.

more impulsive and with their reduced attention span they're more likely to dart in front of a car than someone else," said Pelshaw, a pediatric physical medicine and rehabilitation physician at Children's Hospital of Michigan and an assistant professor at Wayne State University School of Medicine.

The summer program reinforces the progress made in Special Tree afterschool therapy sessions. The program runs at three locations from June to August including Livonia, Troy and the Flint area for children ages 5 to 26.

"Patients who have had head injuries often can have losses of skills and memory during the summer," said Pelshaw. "We want to prevent that to help maintain and overall improve socialization skills."

After lunch the students and staff were heading to the park to work on group and team building activities. The Olympic theme week included games such as the shoe kick, along with choosing countries and keeping count of the

On Wednesdays and Fridays they go

on field trips led by Christine Morabito, Special Tree manager of children's services. Morabito earned a degree in recreational therapy at Wayne State University and is a certified brain injury

Kids can socialize, work on social skills. We try to give them an opportunity to feel validated, part of their community, try to build their self esteem," said Morabito. "The kids are looked down on in school and the community. We're just helping them to grow and develop to become productive citizens whether it's going on to an educational or vocational

Some of the students, like Jenny Adams, go on to become staff or peer counselors at Special Tree. The Livonia woman was in a car accident in October 2006 and came to the center for speech therapy and short term memory prob-

"I like working with kids," said Adams. "The kids become more social and verbal, and accepting they can't always have their way. We have fake money and they have to earn. It promotes good behavior. If they don't listen or start talking back we ask for a dollar back. When they earn money they can buy something in the store. I've seen kids go from buying to putting it back in

Like Adams, Jeremy Buschmohle enjoys working with students. The 31year-old Farmington Hills man joined the staff after sustaining a brain injury in a car accident in 1997. Buschmohle had just finished his second year at Central Michigan University. From July to December he was in Beaumont Hospital where he went through rehabilitation. Buschmohle was able to earn an associate's degree later from Oakland Community College. He has been on the Special Tree staff for about six years.

"With brain injury you never stop learning," said Buschmohle who grew up in Beverly Hills and Southfield and graduated from Birmingham Groves. "I had to learn to walk, talk, eat. When I went back to college I had to read books twice to retain. Repetition helps a lot I

tell the kids."

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## County to hold conference on childhood obesity

Oakland County, in partnership with Commissioner Marcia Gershenson, Oakland Schools, and other community agencies, will hold a conference on childhood obesity 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at Oakland Schools Intermediate School District, 2111 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford. Fighting Childhood Obesity

Through Education and Empowerment is designed for parents, preschool educators, child care providers and anyone concerned with the health of children and families. The keynote speaker is Dr. Thomas Robinson, professor of pediatrics and director of the Center for Healthy Weight at Stanford University School of Medicine and Lucille Packard Children's Hospital.

Conference sessions include learning about outdoor activities in Southeast Michigan,

exploring ways to create healthy menus and snacks, dealing with emotional and psychological issues of the overweight child, and learning to cook with your children. Nutrition, physical activity demonstrations and educational exhibits are also part of the event. In addition, healthy lifestyle activities for children ages 5-12 will be available while parents attend conference ses-

Registration is \$5 for students, \$10 per parent/professional or licensed child care provider who need a certificate of attendance, and includes continental breakfast, lunch, conference materials and handouts. Scholarships and CEUs are available.

To register or for more information, call Clare Cheesman at (248) 858-0539 or e-mail cheesmanc@oakgov.com.

#### **MEDICAL DATEBOOK**

#### **AUGUST**

#### Lupus walk

The two-mile Amster Lupus Butterfly Walk takes place Sunday, Aug. 10, at Civic Center Park, Woodhaven. Registration begins 10 a.m., walk 11:30 a.m. A pancake breakfast will be held during registration time. Registration is \$15 per person or \$50 for a team of four. For information about lupus, to register or donate, call (734) 671-2367 or (248) 582-2727, e-mail butterflies@ wowway.com or visit www.amsterlupus.org.

#### An evening with the mystic

An evening of wisdom, meditation and bliss 4 p.m. Reception, 4:30 p.m. Talk, 6:30 p.m. Book signing Sunday, Aug. 10, Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River, Novi. Visit www.midnight swiththemystic.com or contact (248) 601-6362 and Detroit@ishafoundation. org. Free and open to the public.

#### Donor registration/fund-raiser

A special organ, tissue and eye donor registration event and fund-raiser for Donate Life Coalition of Michigan is being held at the Tigers vs. Toronto Blue Jays game, 7:05 p.m. Monday, Aug. 11. Tickets \$22 with a portion going to Donate Life. Call (248) 770-5172 or (248) 701-2323.

#### Kidney cancer symposium

For patients and families 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12, at the University of Michigan Bioscience Research Building, 109 Zina Pitcher Place, Ann Arbor, www. umich.edu/urology. For more information, contact Steffanie Fineman (734) 615-9843 or ssamuels@umich.edu.

#### Divorce support group

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

#### Diabetes support

St. Mary Mercy Hospital hosts the presentation Exercise and Diabetes 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, in the auditorium at 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Use Main Entrance on Five Mile. For information, call (734) 655-8961. During the presentation you will learn the benefits of exercise on blood sugar control and general well-being. There will be tips for people with functional limitations. No charge, pre-registration not required.

#### Metro fibromyalgia/cfs support

Meets 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, one block south of Ford Rd., Garden City. The speaker is Dr. Barry Hobbs, a chiropractor, who will share easy-to-do stretching exercises. For information, call (734) 462-1768.

#### Lupus support meeting

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

#### Active older adults workshop

Learn about issues such as medical considerations, orthopedic concerns and the normal effects of aging on exercise and health, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. To register, call Julie Burt at (734) 394-5460 or online at www.netafit.org.

#### Vinyasa yoga

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

#### **Blood drive**

From 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 18, in the DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital Conference Center, 1 William Carols Drive, Commerce, Pledge a blood donation by going to www. givelife.org with the sponsor code DMC and choose the HVSH drive. Walk-ins welcome but appointments encouraged to prevent lengthy waits. Sharing & Caring

#### Education and support program for breast cancer survivors features field

trip Ai Chi: Range of Motion through Aquatic Exercise 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug 21, at the Goldfish Swim School, 2388 Cole St., Birmingham. To register or for more information, call (248) 551-8585. Movie marathon

Begins 10:00 a.m. Friday, Aug. 22, and runs for 24 hours through Saturday morning at Emagine Theatre in Novi to benefit Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan, an independent foundation that helps families cope with the many financial and emotional stresses of battling leukemia, lymphoma and related blood

Raising a minimum of \$105.10 in pledges will get you admitted to the Theatre for 24 hours of watching your choice of current-run movies, also a catered lunch, dinner and continental breakfast on Saturday morning, snacks throughout your stay and all the pop and popcorn you can eat is included. New for this year is the "Family Pack Special" for a family of four. A special admission allows parents with two children to arrive on Friday at 5 p.m., watch two movies, have dinner, and enjoy pop and popcorn all for the same pledge total as one individual, \$105.10. The top fund-raiser for 2008 will win a one-year pass to Emagine Theatre. Register online at www.leukemiamichigan.org or call Children's Leukemia Foundation at (800) 825-2536. Individuals aged 13-17 may only participate until 10 p.m. unless accompanied by a parent or quardian.

#### Alzheimer's memory walk Saturday, Aug. 23, at the Detroit Zoo

in Royal Oak, rain or shine. To start a team or make a donation, contact the Alzheimer's Association at alzgmc. org or (248) 351-0280. The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's research, care and support. For more information visit www.alz.org.

#### Hatha yoga classes

From 5:15-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Aug. 26 to Sept. 30, in Classrooms 1 and 2 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Hatha Yoga increases flexibility, energy level and strength at your own pace in a non-competitive setting. Class participants need to be able to move between a standing position to a hands and knees position with ease. There is a fee. Space limited. To register, call (734) 655-1162.

#### **Total joint replacement**

Educational seminar 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, in classroom 10 of the Marian Professional Building at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Five Mile and Levan, Livonia. No charge. To register, call (734) 655-

## Head injuries can often be prevented

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Bahjanique Stamps had to learn to walk and talk again after suffering a brain injury when a drunk driver hit the family car, killing her mother and sister in July 2001. Stamps now lives with her aunt and is entering seventh grade this

Izmun Hayes, 15, spent a month in the hospital after a 2003 car accident left him with a brain injury. Today he's a student at the Detroit Academy of Arts & Sciences, Jessica Mathis was 14 when the car she was riding in slid on black ice and was hit by another car. A year later she is a peer counselor helping other brain injury patients. Jesse Koslakiewicz, now 14, spent six months in the hospital seven years ago after a seat belt malfunctioned and he suffered a traumatic brain injury.

While these students continue to

make progress as a result of the therapeutic programs at Special Tree Student Center in Livonia, their lives will never be the same. The sad part is many of their accidents could have been prevented.

Monica Scott still has nightmares about her accident four years ago. She was 17 and sitting on the back of her car when a friend got in and starting horsing around. She jerked the car again and again until Scott fell off and hit her head. After 10 days in a coma, Scott had to learn to walk and talk again. Her message to teens is "be careful about what you do and who you hang around with."

Jeremy Buschmohle believes prevention, in many cases, can prevent brain injury. Once a year he speaks to the first grade class at Pierce Elementary in Birmingham.

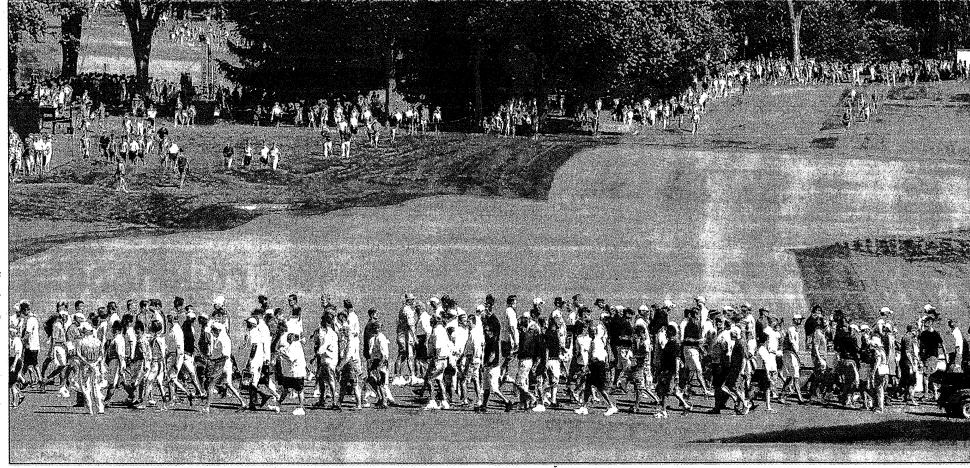
"I tell them to always protect your head, always wear a bike helmet," said Buschmohle was 20 when he injured

his head in a car accident. "I want to get them while they are young. I wish I knew. At age 20 I thought I was invincible. All I had was a lap belt. Not enough people know about brain injury. There needs to be more education. The only prevention for brain injury is education."

Dr. Charles Pelshaw couldn't agree more about the need for precautions. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, motor vehicle crashes account for 20 percent of brain injuries, falls for 28 percent.

Parents always have a helmet on your child. If your feet are off the ground whether riding a bike, roller blading you can mend an arm or leg, if you injure your brain you end up with a lifetime of problems," said Pelshaw. "If you're riding in a car a younger child should be in a car seat and proper restraint with an older child is imperative."

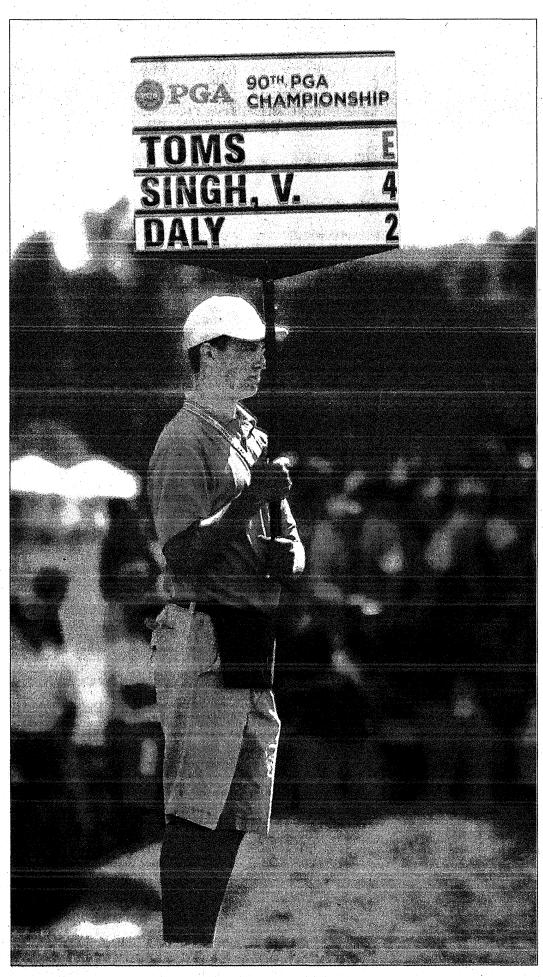
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Photos by Staff Photographer Lawrence McKee

Crowds were in abundance as Oakland Hills Country Club played host to its fourth championship with major implications in the past 12 years.

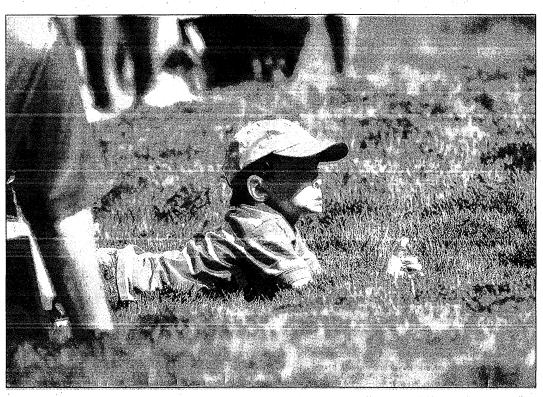
# 'Monster' crowds cheer on PGA pros



Eric Harbour, of Birmingham, displays the scores of one of Thursday's more intriguing threesomes - David Toms, Vijay Singh and John Daly. All three playing partners are former PGA champions.



The world's top golfers gave fans plenty to cheer about during the competition.



The 90th PGA Championship attracted golf fans from around the world, including Baptiste Dury, 4, of France, who enjoys the tournament from the vantage point of the front row.

nd the winner is, once again, Oakland Hills.
The course widely known as 'The Monster' reared its beastly temper and beat down the world's best golfers like a frantic drummer through the first two rounds of the 90th PGA Championship Thursday and Friday on the internationally-renowned South Course.
The season's final Major

began with a field of 156 golfers and by Friday evening was reduced to 73 exhausted pros who managed to break the cut mark of 148, or eight over par.

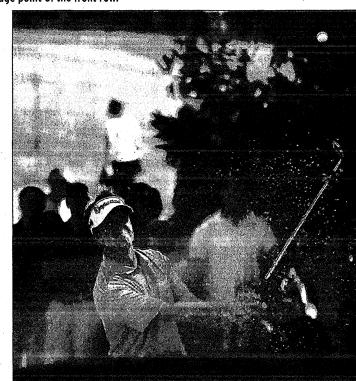
J.B. Holmes, a 26-year-old fourth-year pro from Orlando, Fla., was the lone marksman to break par with a one-under total of 139 through the first 36 holes. His two-day totals included eight birdies, seven bogevs and 21 pars.

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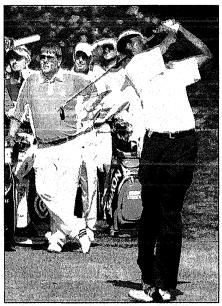
Three players - Charlie Wi,
Justin Rose and Ben Curtis
- were the only golfers to play
even par. Former PGA champ
Phil Mickelson survived to
play the weekend while Ryder
Cup captain Paul Azinger
and Pennsylvania native Jim
Furyk barely made the cut at
plus-8.

Former PGA champs John Daly (plus-9) and Vijay Singh (plus-12) were among many familiar tour names who did not make the cut and were forced to watch the remaining two days from outside the ropes.

ropes.
While the fans flocked to
Oakland Hills, their cheers
remained polite and light as
birdies and eagles were few and
far between. There were a total
of just 10 eagles over the first
two days, including seven on
Thursday and three on Friday.



David Toms watches the flight of his shot out of the sand during early-round play of the 90th PGA Championship held at Oakland Hills Country Club.



With playing partner John
Daly looking on, two-time
PGA Champion Vijay Singh
tees off on the par 3, 257yard ninth hole during
Thursday's opening round of
the PGA Championship held
at Oakland Hills Country
Club. Singh did not fair as
well in this Championship as
he failed to make the cut.



The media center was abuzz as the national press corps came to Oakland Hills Country Club for the 90th PGA Championship tournament. Above, members of the media keep a close eye on the leaderboard during Thursday's opening-round play.

# **HOMETOWN**

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## For reading on the run, iPhone trumps Kindle

Dear Steve Jobs:

Earlier this year, you were quoted as saying "people don't read anymore." This was in response to Amazon's Kindle, the electronic-book (e-book) device you dubbed a "flawed" concept.

As someone who loves to read (and has plenty of friends and family members who feel the same way), I am seriously disappointed in you.

Obviously there's nothing flawed about the concept of the Kindle, which has been a sell-out success since its debut last December. In fact, the hardware itself has some notable flaws, not the least of which are its high price and rather ugly design.

And, yet, people love the thing. They relish a lightweight, paperback-sized device that holds hundreds of books and can download new ones on the run, no PC required.

Now let me clue you in on a little secret: The iPhone is a better e-book Rick Broida reader than the Kindle. (Same goes for its similar

sibling, the iPod Touch.) Consider: The Kindle is a single-purpose device.

Sure, it can display newspapers and blogs in addition to books, and even access Wikipedia, but ultimately it's a text

The iPhone is — well, duh. But it's also a music player, movie theater, photo viewer, game system, Web browser, e-mail client, GPS navigator, and a lot more. (The Touch isn't a phone, but does most of these other things.)

It's smaller, thinner, lighter, and way, way sexier than the Kindle. And it taps the same high-speed data network for on-thego downloads.

Granted, the iPhone's battery life isn't great, but most people recharge daily anyway. It also has

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Not since his university days had Be been deprived of entirely private hygiene And he did not, to be honest, enjoy thi espect of his new democratic life. Although

The iPhone and iPod Touch are fantastic on the go. It's too bad

pages by swiping your finger, just like in a real And let's not

a smaller screen

I find it perfectly

comfortable for

Plus, it's much

brighter, and it's a touchscreen:

You can turn

reading.

3.5 inches verus 6 inches on the Kindle — but

devices for reading books forget the most important con-Apple doesn't agree. sideration: price. The iPhone

starts at \$199; the iPod Touch, at \$299. As noted, both models perform significantly more functions than the Kindle — which

costs \$359. Consequently, I think the iPhone and iPod Touch could blow the Kindle out of

There's just one problem: The iTunes

Store doesn't sell e-books. Why not? It sells audiobooks.

(Apparently people don't read books, but they do listen to them.) By not offering ebooks, you're missing an incredible opportunity. Two of them, actually.

First, there's money to be made. The Kindle is proof of that. You've already got a store in place; you just need to make the content available. I'll bet book publishers would line up down the street for a chance to hawk their tomes on iTunes.

Second, you'll encourage more people to read. Anyone packing an iPhone could also be packing a novel — perfect for those

Please see BROIDA, C4



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Tina Gerlach cuts off Swiss chard along with Helene Flesher and her son, Jack, 8, of Canton from the garden at Resurrection Catholic Parish in Canton which helps to feed needy families.

Church garden efforts feed needy, build communities



Onions were almost ready.

BY JULIE BROWN

ina Gerlach of Canton thought a few moments about why she works the garden at Resurrection Parish in Canton.

"It's helping other people and doing something you like," she said of the garden she coordinates with fellow church member Elaine Jeris. "It's enjoyable."

About 10 church volunteers have worked on the 70-by-40-foot or so plot at Resurrection, on Warren near Beck. The project got under way a few years back, with the harvested produce going to St. Aloysius Parish in Detroit to feed

"Father Dick (Perfetto) lets everybody do (ministries), within reason," said

Please see GARDEN, C5



Ken Graham of Superior Township and his grandson, Phillip Doran, 10, of Canton pick yellow wax beans from the garden.

## Budding pianists perform with professional musicians

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN **O&E STAFF WRITER** 

Kelvia Jaupi is only 8 years old but she's already played a concerto with a professional string quintet. It's rare that young piano students have the opportunity to work with an ensemble, so her mother Entela can't say enough about the summer program at Schoolcraft College. Entela, a violinist with the

Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra, says the piano camp allowed her daughter to interact with the musicians.

Students chose from Concertos and Chamber Music or Solo Piano and Piano Duets for the intense two week sessions on the Livonia campus

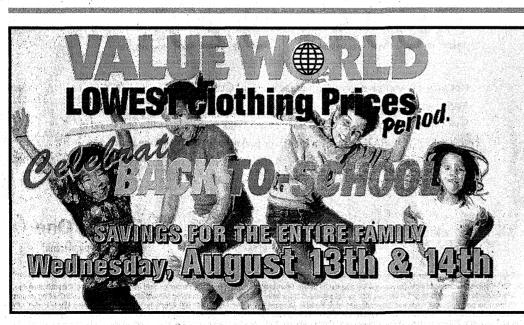
in July. At the end, 22 budding pianists performed in recital with the Ambassador Chamber Players who worked with students throughout the concertos camp.

"It's a unique kind of opportunity to work together as an ensemble," said Donald Morelock, the program's

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Kelvia Jaupi played Mozart's Concerto in C Major in a recital with the Ambassador Chamber Players at Schoolcraft College.



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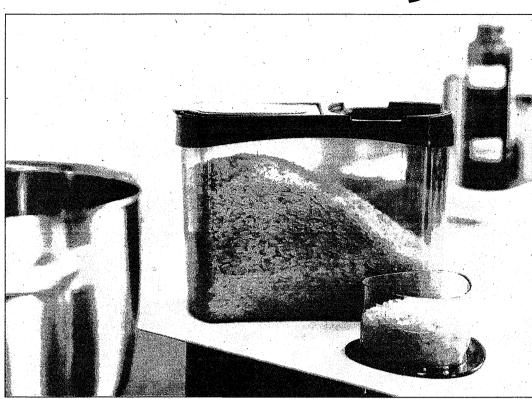
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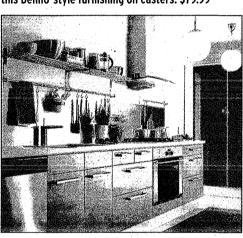
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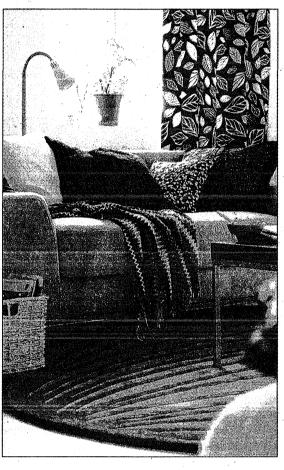
This Raritet jar includes a measuring cup in the lid. \$9.99



Store media in a wall unit or a low-rise TV bench, like this Benno-style furnishing on casters. \$79.99



Find inspiration for your own kitchen from showrooms like this.



Ikea is showing lots of mixed patterns — florals mixed with stripes and abstracts — this year in white, black, brown, green, and other earthy colors.

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# IKEA offers solutions to beautify, organize every room in the house

BY SHARON DARGAY 0&E STAFF WRITER

It's 374 pages long and as eagerly awaited as a best-selling povel

And if you don't have a copy in your hands by now, you soon will.

Lisa Allen, public relations spokeswoman for the Ikea store in Canton, says the 2009 Ikea catalog will be mailed to those who haven't already received a copy last weekend with a daily newspaper distribution.

But the book, essential reading for any Ikea fan, doesn't tell the whole story about the retailer's new furnishings and accessories. Or about new trends in color and pattern.

If you want to see it all, you've got to check out the showrooms, the marketplace shelves, peek into cabinets and test out the chairs in person as media and business community members did this week during a catalog kick-off breakfast and tour.

Allen and her colleagues led the group through the store's 54 showrooms and three model homes.

"The goal at Ikea is to make everyone their own interior designer," explained Heidi Tippery, design manager. "That's what we hope to do, so you get inspired, go home and say, 'oh, I want to do that.'

"Hopefully as people walk through the store, they'll identify with something. Something will draw them in."

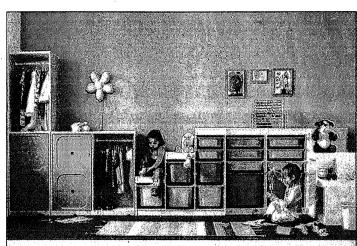
That lure might be the furniture style, such as traditional, modern or country. Or it might be the lifestyle reflected in a showroom. Ikea designs its display areas with specific people in mind.

"For example, this is a basement solution. Everyone has a basement in this area," said Tippery, referring to a showroom that included seating, a bar and entertainment areas. "This is about a divorced father with a couple of kids. He likes to entertain."

Another setting's contents might appeal to an "empty nest" couple. Or to an environmentally-conscious young person.

Tippery said the store also keeps the local market in mind as it displays its merchandise.

"You have to meet the range of who's coming here," she



Keep children's rooms neat with storage bins and drawers.



These Knubbig table lamps, made of blown glass, with a cherry blossom pattern, are \$8.99 and \$16.99.

explained. "It's a very traditional market here."

At that same time, it stays true to its focus on functionality, organization, and maximizing the use of space, whether the customer owns a McMansion-style home or a one-room loft.

"The idea of what Ikea stands for is that you can do-it-yourself. The knowledge is here to support you if you need it. But we don't have designers that go to your house," Tippery noted. "You tailor (products) to your own taste and space. That's why Ikea products work."

So, how does this year's catalog differ from its predecessor? What's new on the showroom floor?

"I think last year was all about Scandinavia designs — bright, bold. This year it's very earth tone...a lot of browns, grays, whites, beiges. Deep greens, light greens, yellows."

Tippery pointed out that the store is showing a mix of patterns — florals, stripes, abstracts — within some of its showrooms. A floral chair might sit near a striped rug, across from a table with an abstract-patterned lamp shade.

"If you look at some of the fur-

niture coming back in, it's black, brown, some oak, she added. "Our leather range is expanding, so that brings in more blacks and browns. And I think that's what the market is looking for."

Ikea is located at Haggerty and Ford roads, west of I-275. Hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Sunday. (734) 981-6300.

#### **CATALOG BROWSING**

Media storage on pages 72-73
- You need to stash all those
DVDs; video games, and equipment somewhere. Why not put
it all together in a wall unit?
"Media is huge for us," says Heidi
Tippery, design manager. She
said Ikea's media storage furnishings have expanded over the
past few years. Find low-rise TV
benches on pages 74-75.

■ Duvets on page 194-95 – "The greatest part about a duvet, which is very European, is that you can change the style by changing the cover," says Tippery. "So, if you get bored quickly, get a new cover rather than buying a new comforter." Find covers in the textile section, starting on page 274

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For kids, pages 206-225

Amid the new blankets, toys and organizers are old favorites, including the PS Lomsk swivel chair with a pull-down hood and the indoor/outdoor Ekorre swing.

■ Wall-mounted laptop work station, page 244 — When there's no room for a desk, this new computer station with four cubby holes can turn even a hallway orempty corner into a mini-office.
■ Flooring on page 300 — Yes, you can buy laminate flooring from 65 cents per square foot for a beech effect to \$1.15 per square foot for antique, maple,

oak, white and brown looks. Or

head to the store and check out

the bamboo floor in some of the

showrooms.

Celeber series food storage on page 314 – Don't hide these white porcelain jars in a kitchen cabinet. "This is something that is meant to be seen," Tippery notes. The solid acacia wood lids include a plastic see-through

center.

Slatthult stickers on page
342 – Plant a folk tree design on
the wall with decorative, selfadhesive paper stickers. "A lot
of people use these in schools
because they can't put nails in
the wall," Tippery says.

– Sharon Dargay

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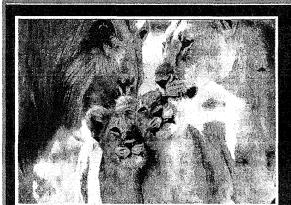
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The Perfect Present and Maxima Salon are teaming up to raise money for the Susan G. Komen 3-Day Walk, one of the largest fundraisers for breast cancer, by holding their own 3-Days Aug. 14-16.

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Rick

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida, of Commerce Township, also writes the Cheapskate blog for CNET (blogs. cnet.com/cheapskate). He welcomes questions sent to rick.

## First Step looking for volunteers

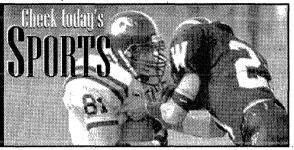
Do you want to help end domestic violence and sexual assault in your community? If so, it's time to get involved.

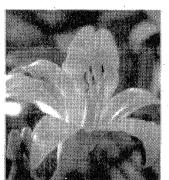
First Step, Wayne County Project on Domestic and

Sexual Violence, is looking for volunteers to act as victim advocates in the legal system, assault responders and to nurture survivors and their children. The next volunteer train-

ing starts Saturday, Sept. 6. For more information, call Sally Coder-Martinez at (734) 955-3850, ext. 3807 or visit the Web site at www.firststepmi.org.







## Obituaries, Memorials, Remembrances

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#### SALLY CHRISTINE BERRY

Of Rochester Hills, age 60. Died suddenly July 26, 2008 in San Francisco, while doing what she loved most: visiting one of her children. Sally was the beloved wife of Paul for 39 years and mother of Scot, Gretchen, Leanne and Craig. Sally was also the proud grandmother of Parker. Mother-in-law to Krista and Renee and sister of Raymond and Elton Merrill. Daughter of Norman and Bernice Merrill. Sally knew what was important in life and pursued those things with joy and humor. We love you, Mom! Sally will be buried in Wake Forest NC and her Memorial Service will be held at University Presbyterian Church, Rochester Hills, MI at 11:00 AM on Saturday, August 16, 2008. Donations in lieu of flowers may be given to United Cerebral Palsy or to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.





**DOLORES J. MOLONEY** 

Age 71. August 5,2008. Beloved wife of Perry J. Dear mother of Dianne (Ralph) Chamberlain, Moloney-Pelto (Kevin Pelto) Colleen (John) Schneider, & Jim (Kelley). Loving grandmother of Paul, Jake, Haley, Carly, Meghan, Tyler, Luke, Justin, & Ross. Sister of Ronald Suzanne Dixon. Thurner and Visitation Friday, 3-9pm, Rosary 7:30 O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi 248-348-1800. Instate St. Gerald Church 21300 Farmington Road, Farmington, Saturday 9:30 until time of funeral liturgy 10am. On line sympathy mes-

sage at: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



ROSE MILLER Rose Miller, age 91, beloved mother, and loving grandmother, passed away Thursday, July 31, 2008, in Austin, Texas. Rose was born in 1916, in Detroit, Michigan and spent her childhood years in Michigan, Pennsylvania and working in New York. In 1942 she married Clarence Miller and for several years they owned and operated a restaurant in the Detroit area before having a child and becoming a homemaker. Following her husband's death, Rose was very active in the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) for Wayne County for 25 years. During this time her selfless service working for the American Cancer Society for the benefit of Cancer patients was recognized many times by the Wayne-Westland Mayor's office and in 1989 by the Governor's Office. She loved to spend time with her son's family traveling extensively in the Middle East, and Europe or vis-iting the Grand Canyon, Hawaiian Islands, and the Bahamas.In 2002, she relocated to Austin, Texas to live with her son and his family. However, due to a stroke she was residing at the Heartland Healthcare Center in Austin prior to her death. Her husband, two brothers, two sisters, and her former daughter-in-law, preceded Rose in death. She is survived by her son C. J. Miller and his wife Laura, formerly of Canton, Michigan, Her grandchildren, Brett and Adrienne Miller and her sister Josephine Worthington of New Boston, Michigan also survive her. Rose had a reputation as a tireless worker who always had a smile on her face and a kind word for those who met her. She will be greatly missed. Memorials can be sent to Hospice Austin (1-800-445-3261) in lieu of flowers. Weed Corley-Fish funeral home in Austin, Texas handled funeral arrangements. Obituary and Guest



book online at: wcfish.com

#### ELINOR M. RUNDLES HALL

Age 81, passed away on August 1, 2008, after a courageous battle with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. The 37-year resident of Winter Park was born in Detroit, Michigan on November 26, 1926. A graduate of Flint Central High School, she attended Northwestern University and, after marrying Trevor W. Hall and having five children, she completed her undergraduate degree at Oakland University in Michigan followed by an M.S. in Library Science at Wayne State University in Detroit in 1970. Her area of interest was in enhancing library services to the aging. She worked in library servat Baldwin Public Library in Birmingham, Michigan, where the family lived, and was active in local civic and community organizations there until moving to Winter Park with her husband in 1971. After the relocation to Florida, she joined the staff of the Orange County Library System and became active in the American Red Cross, League of Women Voters, National Organization for Women and Planned Parenthood. She retired in 1991. She is survived by her daughters: Andrea J. Schewe of Wheaton, Illinois; Barbara E. Branic of Carmel, Indiana, and Cameron Hall Spitznagel of La Canada, California; sons: Trevor W. Hall, Jr. of Orlando and Mark R. Hall of New Smyrna Beach, Florida; ten grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Walter Z. Rundles, Jr., M.D., and sister, Marilyn McTaggart of Michigan and many friends. The family will receive friends on Thursday, August 14 from 6-8 PM at Baldwin Fairchild Funeral Home, 301 Lake Ivanhoe Boulevard, Orlando. A memorial service will be held on Friday, August 15 at 10:00 AM. All Saints

Episcopal Church, 338 E. Lyman, Vinter Park. In lieu of flowers the family is asking contributions be made in her memory to The American Red Cross.

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#### **ANNIVERSARIES**



John and Dorothy Hull will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with family and friends at the Marriott Park Hotel at Laurel Park Place in Livonia. The couple has five children, nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The Hulls live in Plymouth Township, though John is formerly of Royal Oak and Dorothy lived in Detroit. They attended Royal Oak High School and Western High School respectively. John is a World War II Navy veteran. The couple wed Aug. 14, 1948.



Benoit

Robert and Nancy Benoit of Livonia celebrate 50 years of marriage this month. The couple wed on Aug. 2, 1958 in Detroit and have two children: David (Shelly) Benoit of Northville and Robert (Leslie) Benoit of Midland. They also have three grandchildren. The couple are retired from their respective jobs and enjoy spending time fishing, cooking and traveling. To celebrate

the anniversary they planned a

Caribbean cruise vacation.



#### Milliken

Pat and Ginny (Verpoort) Milliken of Redford will celebrate 60 years of marriage next month. The couple wed on Sept. 4, 1948 in Detroit and have lived in the metro area all of their lives. They have three children: Marilyn (Bruce) Godfrey of Northville; Pattie (Mike) Conzelman of Plymouth and Mark Milliken of New York City. They also have four grandchildren. Pat has retired from owning a Ford dealership in Redford Township, They will celebrate their anniversary with family.



Siefman

Ronald and Rhoda (Rosche) Siefman of Livonia will celebrate 50 years of marriage this month. The couple wed on Aug. 16, 1958 at Bushnell Congregational Church in Detroit. They have lived in Livonia for 46 years and have three adult children: Sherry Siefman of Plymouth; Scott (Judy) Siefman of Livonia and Susan (William) Adams of Troy. The Siefmans also have five grandchildren and one greatgrandchild.

Ronald Siefman retired in 1996 from his work at Chrysler Corporation and Rhoda has worked as a homemaker. The couple are members of Mt. Hope Congregational Church. They enjoy golf, traveling, and spending time at their lake house in Irish Hills.

To celebrate the anniversary, The Siefmans took a family vacation to Branson, Missouri in June. A party with family and friends will be held this month at Page. the lake house.

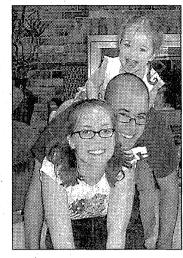
#### **ENGAGEMENTS**

#### **Young-Torres**

Frank and Cheryl Young of Naperville, Ill. and formerly of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren, to David Torres, son of John and Christine Torres of Livonia.

Lauren is a graduate of Churchill High School and is studying at Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill, where she is pursuing a degree in nursing. David is a Stevenson High School graduate and is currently at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, Texas, where he serves as an airman for the U.S. Air Force. He plans to earn a degree in meteorology.

The couple met at the Youth Group at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville. David is in the process of adopting Grace Young, Lauren's daughter, so they may be a family



by their wedding day, July 4, 2010. The wedding will take place in Michigan. David proposed to Lauren this past July 4 weekend, on top of the Ferris Wheel at Chicago's Navy Pier, with fireworks bursting around them.

#### **Bruce-Boran**

Stephen and Carol Ann **Bruce of Farmington Hills** announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Marie Bruce of Chicago, to Christopher Joseph Boran, also of Chicago. He is the son of Jerry and Colleen Boran of Forest City. Iowa. Heather is a 1999 graduate

of Farmington High School, a 2003 graduate of University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and she earned her juris doctorate from the Chicago School of Law at Loyola University in 2006. She currently works for Sidley Austin LLP in Chicago. Christopher is a 1987 graduate of Forest City High School in Iowa, and a 2000 graduate of University of Northern Iowa, where he earned a bachelor's



degree in accounting. He earned his juris doctorate from Georgetown Law School in 2004 and now works for Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP in Chicago.

The couple are planning a Nov. 15 wedding at Old St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Chicago.

#### Skwiers-Brady

Peter and Camille Skwiers of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Amelia Rose Skwiers, to Patrick Joseph Brady of Livonia. He is the son of Frank and Pamela Brady of Plymouth.

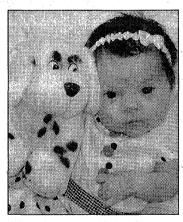
Amelia is a 1998 graduate of Churchill High School in Livonia and she earned her bachelor's degree in education from Western Michigan University in 2003. She works as a teacher at West Middle School in Ypsilanti and teaches dance at Bunny Sanford's School of Dance in Livonia. Patrick is a 1994 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and he earned his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Michigan State



University. He is senior project manager at Coretek Services in Milford.

The couple is planning a Nov. 29 wedding at St. Mary Orthodox Church, with a reception at St. Mary Cultural Center. They will make their home in Livonia.

#### **BIRTHS**



#### Highhouse

James and Kellie Highhouse of New Hudson announce the arrival of their daughter, Olivia Rose Highhouse, born May 30 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Olivia joins siblings Joseph, 19, and Cecilia, 12. Darrell and Anna Hoffman of New Hudson; Stewart and Johanna Highhouse of Highland and Juanita Highhouse of Wixom are grandparents.



#### Wright

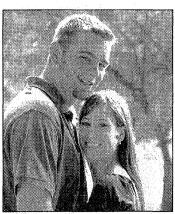
James and Jennifer Wright of Canton announce the birth of their daughter, Paityn Gabriella Wright, born July 10, 2008 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Paityn joins sister Kaidence Isabella, age 3. Linda Warren of Canton, the late Marvin Finnerty, Jr and Paul and BettyAnn Wright of Harrow, Ontario are her grandparents. Ruth Browne of Westland, Betty Finnerty of Detroit and Violet Shepley-Clark of Harrow, Ontario are her great-grandparents.

#### WEDDING

#### Hercula-Boyd

Mark and Janice Hercula of Fraser announce the wedding of their daughter, Carrie Hercula, to Bryan Boyd of Canton. Bryan is the son of William and Robyn Boyd of Northville and Crystal Glass-Boyd of Canton. The couple wed Aug. 9, at St. Thomas a'Beckett Church in Canton and held a reception at Burton Manor in Livonia. The bride was attended by maid of honor Catherine Hercula, and bridesmaids Carrie Sliwinski, Kelly Boyd, Stephanie Wolfe, Jen Wolfe and Tracy Stop. The groom was attended by Bill Boyd, Mitch Uyeda, Burke Daneman, Josh Tilley, Trent Van Wormer, Eric Konopka, Dave Partaka, Tom Hercula and Jeff

Carrie is a graduate of Fraser



High School and Oakland University. She teaches at Central Middle School in Plymouth. Bryan is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and Central Michigan University. He teaches at Central Middle School in Plymouth. They will make their home in Canton.

Gerlach, owner of Ideal Cakes in Canton, of the many parish ministries. She's a gardener, and other church members garden as well, so a vegetable plot to feed the needy was a natural.

"I think that everyone who does it likes to garden," she said. "Food is such a basic need. There's so much space at Resurrection that it's conducive to having a garden."

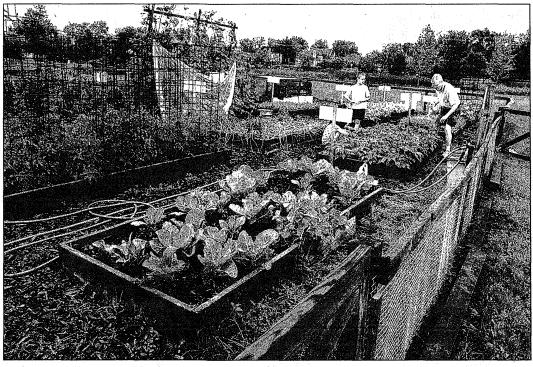
This year's bounty includes onions, beans, carrots, beets, Swiss chard, tomatoes and peppers. Gerlach noted food pantries often get a lot of canned foods and items like pasta and cereal, but not as much fresh produce. Also, there are few grocery stores in Detroit.

"They're doing a lot of community gardens in Detroit," she said of the growing trend to

"grow your own." Elaine Jeris' husband works at the Detroit Public Library, and regularly takes food to St. Aloysius. A Resurrection deacon's been making deliver-

ies, too. We just coordinate when we pick the produce," Gerlach said of the organic garden.

She doesn't think such a ministry is common, but noted Our Lady of Good Counsel Church of Plymouth has planted greens. Gerlach finds summer's a bit slower, so there's more time to volunteer.



Resurrection Parish garden produce goes to St. Aloysius Parish in Detroit.

Michael Carsten, director of the outreach center at St. Aloysius, called their Canticle Cafe a "Franciscan Starbucks," complete with Internet access on four or five computers, coffee, tea, breakfast and other "light fare."

We also serve the senior citizen population in the area," the Fenton resident said of grocery bags distributed monthly. The parish only has about 160 families.

"We are really going to be able to use it this year," he said of Resurrection's produce.

"I would also like to reach out and involve some of the people in the mosques in the area and our Jewish brothers and sisters," Carsten said. Donated items support the Detroit ministry, such as from Knights of Columbus groups: "A huge amount of that already is coming from the suburbs. What we're given, we give away. Today, we had hamburgers.

City businesses like Compuware have donated box lunches, he added.

**Another Canton church** decided to start a veggie garden last year, and is continuing this summer. "Very good, very good," said Gary Call of garden progress at Geneva Presbyterian Church. "Better Geneva garden was overwatered, said Call, a Canton resident and retired GM tool-

zucchini, acorn squash, onions, tomatoes and summer squash this year. Church members Don Glass and Buddy Stover also do much of the work.

"If someone comes in and needs some food, we'll give it to them," said Call of the church food pantry. Church members have also enjoyed the harvest bounty, added something to do since I've retired."

than last year." Last year's

Geneva's growing beans,

Call, who got involved "to have



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#### **Attracting butterflies**

Brenda Dziedzic, President of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, will talk about monarchs and other butterflies, their habitats and plants that attract the insects, at 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 16, at Goldner Walsh Garden & Home, 559 Orchard Lake Road, Pontiac. Come away with the knowledge to plant your own butterfly paradise that will be pleasing to the eye and will promote the diversity of the local butterfly population. Cost is \$10. Seating is limited. Call (248) 332-6430 for reservations.

#### Maintain the Magnificence

Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club is selling raffle tickets during an ongoing fund raiser to benefit Meadow

Brook Hall Garden Club, which maintains the hall's 14 gardens. Supporters may purchase tickets (\$10 each, or 11 for \$100) for a chance to win \$2,500, \$1,250, and \$625 cash prizes. The drawing will be held 1 p.m. Aug. 19 at Meadow Brook Hall and Gardens, but ticketholders need not be present to win. To purchase tickets, call Laurence Cathey at (248) 467-0617.

#### Fall gardening tips

Nancy Szerlag, author of "Perennials for Michigan" and "Annuals for Michigan" will present the free gardening seminar "Fall Gardening Tips Make Spring Magic," 6:30 p.m. Aug. 21 at Art Van, 29905 Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Refreshments will be served. Call (888) 619-2199

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Learn the basics of canning, freezing and storing fresh produce for optimal quality and safety through the Michigan State University Extension Oakland County. Robin Danto, MSU Extension instructor will teach a class from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 27, at Tollgate Education Center. 28115 Meadowbrook, Novi. \$20 per person. (248) 858-0887 or e-mail to



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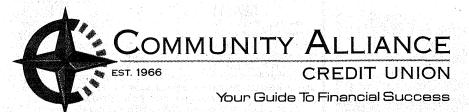
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Kelvia spent hours learning Mozart's Concerto in C Major,

That's no easy task for a third grade student. Kelvia goes to Webster Elementary in Livonia. This year she was a finalist in the Michigan Music Teachers Association competition in Lansing where she was one only one of two competitors under age 10.

"The summer school was a great experience. She sounds different," said Entela Jaupi. "It's amazing how Kelvia improved. She's playing songs that sixth graders play."

"It's fun to learn," said Kelvia who plans on becoming a concert pianist when she grows up. "I had to play three movements over 30 minutes by memory. You have to know all the lines in your head, viola, violinist, every part, when to start and stop. It is difficult, but once you do it a few times you get used to it. It's in your heart."

Kelvia's piano teacher Mary Siciliano helped her practice the concerto. She recommends the piano camp to her students. Siciliano is a professor of piano at Oakland University and teaches piano pedagogy at Schoolcraft College.

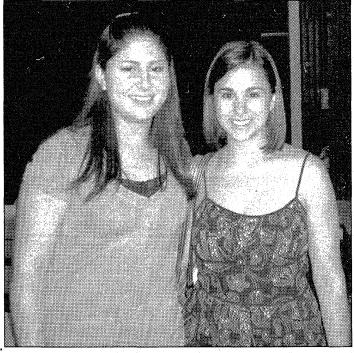
"I think it really builds the self esteem," said Mary Siciliano of Livonia. "I think it's intimidating the first time, but it's also extremely inspirational. If a student felt unsure of this is what they want to do, it inspires them to continue and even listen to orchestral music and not just piano music. It opens up their musical experience.

Siciliano's daughter Julia taught at both piano camps this year. Julia attended the sessions as a student as well.

"The fun part about the camps is they're there with students their ages, all doing music together," said Julie Siciliano, who teaches privately in Livonia and Ann Arbor. Siciliano is studying for a master's degree in performance at the University of Michigan School of Music. "Piano is very isolating. During the year

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Katherine Dougan of Plymouth (left) and Julia Siciliano pose for a photograph after a recital at Schoolcraft College. Siciliano was an instructor at a summer piano program on the Livonia campus.

they're on their own. They can inspire each other, learn from each other. It's fun but very much a learning experience. As pianists we're kind of all on our own, only hear our instruments. Teachers tell them to imitate the cello. They get to hear those sounds teachers are always talking about, to play with professional string play-

Kathryn LaBelle thought it would be a good experience to play with a chamber ensemble even though she'll be studying engineering at the University of Notre Dame this fall. The Livonia woman has been studying piano 12 years, nine with Mary Siciliano.

"The camp was very educational," said LaBelle, who recently graduated from Stevenson High School in Livonia. "Every day we'd spend half the time in the rehearsal hall listening to other people play and playing ourself with the quintet, the other half listening to lectures on practice skills, how to play with an orchestra. I had to work on listening to the orchestra but not so much that I wasn't paying attention to my own music. It was just how the music was meant to be played. I've played a lot of concertos before, but it was special to hear what it was supposed to sound like (with orchestra)."

MEADOWYBROOK

Like LaBelle, Katherine Dougan isn't planning on becoming a concert pianist but wanted to play a concerto with a professional ensemble. This was her fourth piano camp, but her first focusing on concertos. Dougan is a senior at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills.

LaBelle, who's studied piano I never appreciated classical music. It was a once-in-a-life experience for me. I'm not going to have the opportunity to play with professionals."

Susan Nye enjoys working

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#### "The teachers are amazing," said LaBelle, 17, of Plymouth. since first grade, takes private lessons with Morelock. "Before

with the students as much as they appreciate learning to play with an orchestra. Nye plays cello with the Ambassador Chamber Players. First violinist is Windsor Symphony concert mistress Lillian Scheirich; second violin, Delia Turner; viola, James Greer, and bass, Gregg Powell.

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#### **Brighton High School** Class of 1989

Planning a 20th reunion and searching for classmates. Please sign up at "yahoo groups-brighton high school class of 1989" for more information.

#### **Cass Technical High School** Classes of 1964-67

Reunion dinner dance, Saturday, Nov. 15. Call Rita, (313) 567-8133.

Christ the King School All Class Reunion in honor of 70th year anniversary 6 p.m. Sept. 12, at the church in Detroit. School tour. Tickets \$25. For more information, contact Rosanne Jodway at rmjodway@sbcglobal.net or Yvonne

Perrault-Moyer at yvonnemoyer@

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#### school scholarship fund. Clarenceville High School Class of 1988

A reunion is being planned for the summer of 2008. Trying to reach as many classmates as possible. Send contact information to Dale Weighill at resource@gfn.org.

#### **Crestwood High School**

Class of 1968 A 40th class reunion Oct. 4, 2008. For information, contact Gail

Goodall Welch, (313) 937-3477 or e-

#### mail CHS1968Sec@yahoo.com.au. Dearborn Edsel Ford

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#### Class of 1988

A 20-year reunion, Friday, Aug. 22, 2008 adult gathering at Avenue Bar & Grill, Dearborn, \$25 per person. Saturday Aug. 23, Family Picnic at Ford Field, Dearborn. \$25 per family. For details and to RSVP see www. freewebs.com/fordson88 or e-mail fordsonclassof88@yahoo.com

A 50-year reunion, Oct. 11, 2008. For details, call Isabelle at (313) 882-

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REUNIONS

#### **Detroit Christ the King Elementary** Class of 1963

A 45-year reunion is being planned for 2008. Searching for classmates. The reunion date has not been set. Contact Dennis Place at (734) 354-0223 or e-mail denplace@bigfoot.

#### Detroit Holy Redeemer High School Class of 1958

A 50th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008, at O'Kelley K of C, Dearborn. Contact Mary Burns at (313) 937-3979 or burnsmary@aol.com for information.

#### **Detroit High School of Commerce** Class of 1958 January, June and **August**

A 50-year Reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008. Contact Bester King, (248) 547-1693, or Jackie Wilkinson, (313) 861-0834.

#### **Detroit Northeastern** Class of 1958

A 50-year reunion Saturday, Aug. 23, at Farina's Banquet Center, Berkley. Contact Audrey Bynum Bibbs at (248) 474-2716 or Dorothy Rodgers McCree at (248) 224-7598.

#### **Detroit Redford High School** Class of 1968

A 40th reunion is being planned for Saturday, Sept. 13, 2008, at Mama Mia Ristorante, 1403 S. Commerce, in Wolverine Lake (Walled Lake). Check out the class's Web site: www.redfordhigh1968.com or contact Jessie Wysocki Farkas at (248) 669-3364.

#### **Detroit Western High School**

Class of 1978 A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008. For more info, contact Donna Willingham at (313) 605-0377 or e-mail western1978@att.net.

#### Farmington Harrison High School Class of 1998

A 10-year reunion will be held at Andiamo Italia's Dirty Martini Lounge, 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008. Purchase advance tickets, \$55, by sending a check payable to "HHS Class of 1998" c/o K. Crites. 4105 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, III. 60613. A limited number of premium priced tickets will be available after Nov. 1. No tickets at the door. Contact Kelly English Nelson at HHS.1998.Reunion@hotmail.com.

#### **Garden City High School Class of 1958**

A 50-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Sept. 6, 2008, Call Willbey Pistor: (734) 261-5193 or call Jim Fill: (734) 722-4453.

#### Class of 1960

Mini-Reunion Luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275, Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@vahoo.com.

#### Class of 1989

Need classmates to register online. Send names, addresses and e-mail addresses to Paula at gchs1989reunion@hotmail.com. Visit www.mvspace.com/gchs20threunion. The reunion date has not been set yet.

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#### Lincoln Park High School Looking for members of Lincoln

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#### Livonia Bentley Class of 1958

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#### (248) 474-3728. Livonia Franklin

Class of 1969 A reunion is in the pre-planning stages. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-

#### mail: Kayninilu@aol.com. Livonia Stevenson

Class of 1978 A 30-year reunion, Aug. 16, 2008, at Marriott, 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Includes DJ, cash bar, and strolling buffet. For information, contact Tim Oehmke at (734)637-1002 or

#### superchargertest@aol.com Milford High School

Class of 1978 Planning a 30th reunion. Class members should contact the reunion committee as soon as possible. E-mail

#### milford78@gmail.com. Plymouth-Canton high schools Class of 1973

Searching for classmates for 35th reunion, 7 p.m.-midnight on Saturday, Sept. 6 (Fall Festival Weekend) at Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Cash bar, business casual, light hors d'ouévres, donation at the door. E-mail Roxanne McTurner Gill at gillroxanne@yahoo.com or Curt Horton at curtis.horton@hortonplumbing.com.

#### **Pontiac Senior High School**

Class of 1958 Seeking classmates for 50-year reunion dinner/dance 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22, at the Marriott Pontiac, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway. Tickets, \$75, include dinner (cash bar) music and more. Call (248) 375-0316 or (248) 642-8026, or e-mail phs1958reunion@ sbcglobal.net or cholstein8494@wow-

#### way.com. **Redford Thurston** Class of 1968

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#### Royal Oak Dondero Class of 1988

20-year reunion, Friday, Oct. 10 at the Royal Oak Music Theater featuring The Mega 80's. More information on classmates and where to register can be found at www.dondero1988. myevent.com.

#### **Royal Oak Kimball** Class of 1988

A 20-year class reunion will be held Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008. For more information please go to www.kimball1988. myevent.com to register.

#### South Lyon Class of 1993

15-year reunion 6 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008 at the Barnstormer Banquet Center in Whitmore Lake. Tickets, \$55, (\$60 after Sept. 1) include dinner and cash bar. Visit www.southlyon93.com, or send check payable to "South Lyon High School Class of 1993" to Brian Abela, 207 Fox Grove Place, Hummelstown, PA 17036.

#### St. Frederick's All classes

Annual Pontiac St. Frederick's Mass and all class reunion, Sept. 7. Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Pontiac, Luncheon will follow at Santia Hall on Cass Lake Road in Keego Harbor. Tickets are available at the Madonna Shop in Pontiac, (248) 681-3964 or contact Jim Russell, (248) 363-4209, st\_freds\_ alumni@yahoo.com by Sept. 3.

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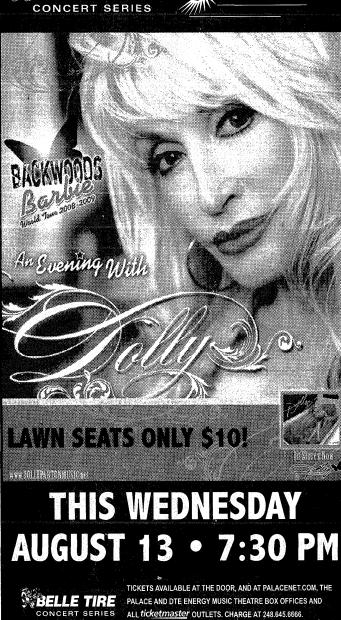
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#### WHAT EMPLOYERS SAY ABOUT COLLEGE-LEVEL RESUMES



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become an essential job-hunting tool, especially because of the explosion of bv methods job seekers use to get them in front of employers. Young job seekers face a particular

problem that's difficult to overcome: no job experience or little bits of job experience, seemingly unrelated. Do employers want all of the gory details?

Erika Cavins, director of Campus Recruitment at Northwest Mutual Financial Network in Chicago, has been recruiting college juniors and seniors for the company's internship program for more than two years. She's read resume after resume spanning restaurant jobs to jobs in large organizations. Cavins indicates that the trend is to shorter resumes, a page or three-fourths of one, rarely less.

Ken Whiting, president of WAVES for Success Inc., in Santa Cruz, is both a consultant on youth hiring and an employer. His Whiting's Food Concessions Inc., has hired and employed several hundred teenagers for 55 years to work in food and

beverage at amusement parks, handling hotdogs, hamburgers, pizza and ice cream. As such, he's aware of some of the most basic work that can appear on resumes. Does all of that experience need to appear on a college resume?

"I think less is more," Whiting states. "I don't think a resume needs to be cluttered. It should be specific about experiences and education and what the person is applying for. Skills are the easy part (for training). The tough part to get instilled is the attitude and ability to work in a team environment. There needs to be a cover letter addressing why they're applying and where their interest and passion lie. They need to include something about the company to draw connection."

"How less is less?" Cavins asks. "I don't think they should necessarily put everything, but maybe their top three or four experiences . . . appealing to their strengths" and their current objective. Resumes that stand out to her include the name of her company and statements reflecting familiarity with the organization and its internship. She points out that lots of entrylevel job experience can be a really good thing, because it indicates that "students have identified what they like and don't like.'

Is this really true? Do most students truly come out

of college with an idea about what they want to do for the rest of their lives? When you were in college, did you know where you'd be sitting right now? Most careers make sense in hindsight, but many of them are completely unpredictable during college. Students can't predict where the workplace is going, and its people with it. Some people deeply ensconced in the workplace can't either.

Much of Whiting's consulting to teachers and employers involves telling them to show students how an entry-level job can be on track for a career. Whiting sees this as "cause-and-effect" and believes that this can be done. Of course, not all employers are good career counselors.

What can you do when a bright young applicant brings you a resume with an endless list of entry-level jobs? This situation presents an exceptional opportunity to focus on critical thinking. Turn it into an interview the applicant won't forget. Ask the person to explain which of the jobs is relevant to the one for which he's a candidate. If he replies, "None," it's open season for filling in where teachers and parents failed to communicate.

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connect skills used in entry-level jobs, such as communication, organization, coordination and implementation and organization, are essential to the workplace, family and society overall.

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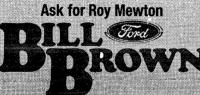


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To the right of the Great Room is the kitchen area that is open with an island eating bar. The counter area is an L-shape around the exterior wall. The pantry faces the kitchen area and is oversized to store the vacation essen-

The bathroom is next around the octagon with a single sink, large shower, and a special feature of a bidet. The bathroom was designed to have a feel of openness and spaciousness.

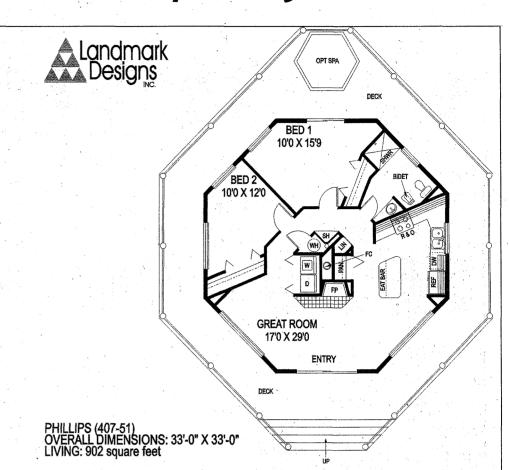


Bedroom 1 (which could also be called the master suite) has a large wall closet behind folding doors. There is one window and a sliding glass door, opening directly onto the deck. Area on the deck has been oversized for a hot tub for those evenings when relaxation is a must. This particular part of the home has been designed to look out over the best part of the view, such as the ocean if on the coast.

Bedroom 2 has an even larger wall closet and has two wonderfully large windows facing the view. This room is also good sized and roomy.

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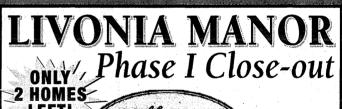
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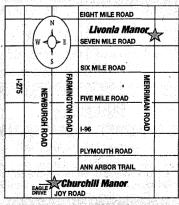
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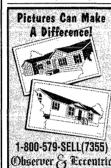
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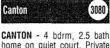
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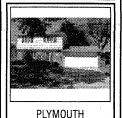
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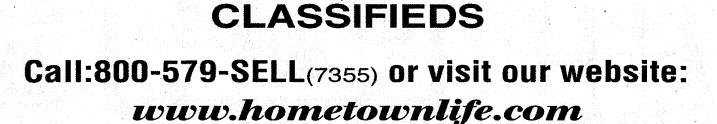
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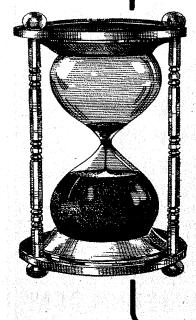
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