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Students lining up for Mandarin

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Mandarin Chinese, one of the most widely spoken languages in the world, will be taught as a fourth language option at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park this fall.

And, with heightened awareness of the Chinese, in general, because of the Summer Olympics and China's growing status as a world economic power, nearly 130 Plymouth-Canton high school students are set to take the challenge.

"I took Spanish for two years and was bored with it," said Mirissa Alfera, 16, of Canton Township, who will be a junior at Plymouth High School this year. "It was either French or Chinese, and I wanted to take something that would look good on my college applications. And, if I want to go into business, Chinese and Spanish will look good

"I've heard from a lot of people it will be hard," she added. "But I like a



challenge." Alfera and the four classes of students who have signed

up for Mandarin Chinese might not find it as difficult as previously thought. At least, that's the goal of the newly hired teacher, Stacey Aksman of Ypsilanti. "There are definite chal-

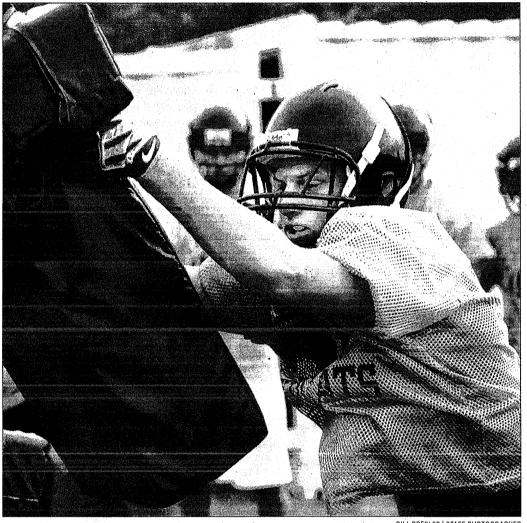
lenges to learning Chinese," said Aksman, 38. "There's no phonetic alphabet and learning the characters is a challenge. But I think I can break the language down and make it accessible to the kids.

'Being a native English speaker, I can appreciate the struggles and hurdles in learning the Chinese language," she added. "You don't have to be a language genius to learn

Aksman, who has taught elementary school and worked in the organic food industry, has an undergraduate degree in Chinese from the University of Michigan and spent a year studying in Taiwan.

"To live in the culture and get a sense of the language in an authentic situation was invaluable," Aksman said. "Taiwan and other parts of China are fairly westernized, but

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Time to start hitting

Plymouth High Wildcat senior Connor Martin hits the sled on the third day of football practice for the 2008 season. High school football teams across the state kicked off practice on Monday, a sure sign that the start of school is around the corner. Teams will play their first game on Aug. 28. Plymouth plays Salem, and Canton visits Brighton.

Gas leak drives residents out temporarily

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Residents forced to leave their Plymouth neighborhood Wednesday morning because of a natural gas leak were back in their homes less than two hours after being evacuated.

City Manager Paul Sincock-said the area evacuated was bounded by Arthur, Irvin, Blanche and William streets, affecting about two dozen homes.

"The gas main was secured by Consumers Energy, and then the roads were reopened," Sincock said. "Anyone who was evacuated

was allowed back in their homes. There were only a few customers who didn't have gas service when the main was secured, and Consumers Energy worked with them directly."

An e-mail blast alerted Plymouth residents about the gas leak at 11:16 a.m., as Plymouth Police and the Plymouth Community Fire Department went door-to-door to evacuate the

Sincock gave the all-clear at about 12:45 p.m. No injuries were reported.

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Team finds plenty of reasons for walking

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The reasons are varied, but the goal shared by four neighbors in the 400 block of Ann Street in Plymouth is the same — to walk 60 miles in the Breast Cancer 3-Day, Sept. 26-28, to help to raise money and awareness in the fight against breast cancer.

'I walked two years ago and I'm rested up and ready to go again," Dan Dwyer said. "Breast cancer has impacted many people I love ... and this walk is my way of doing more

than just praying for these incredible women. "I have a daughter (Emma), and I want breast cancer to be gone by the time she's an

adult." he added. The team is calling itself The Breast of Plymouth, and includes Lisa Carney, Ed Hingelberg and Kate Hondorp.

Watching them walk through Plymouth last year was amazing," said Hondorp, who lost an aunt to cancer. "I never really knew much about the organization until then, but to see the never-ending line of people coming through dressed in pink and carrying signs made me



Ed Hingelberg, Kate Handorp and Dan Dwyer are training for the Breast Cancer 3-Day in September. Not pictured is the fourth member of their team, Lisa Carney.

say, 'We've got to do that next year."

Hingelberg, whose sister is a cancer survivor, felt the same calling as Hondorp after seeing the walkers pass through Plymouth.

"It was just fabulous to see the excitement and support that was given to the walkers," Hingelberg said, "and how appreciative the

walkers were of the people cheering them on. It was remarkable and moving."

Carney said she's fortunate not to have anyone close to her suffer from breast cancer. However, she has three good reasons to walk.

"My girls are 2, 4 and 6 years old and I hope in the future there's a cure for their sake," Carney said. "Last year, my (then-)5-year-old sat at Penniman and Main and high-fived all the women. It made me think, as the year went on, that I should do this.'

While The Breast of Plymouth has been training, Dwyer has the war stories on the grueling walk.

"Near the end of the first day, the back of my knee swelled up, so I walked the second and third days with an ice pack taped to my knee," Dwyer said. "But when you see 75-year-old ladies going past you, you're inclined not to

The Breast of Plymouth needs to raise at least \$8,800 before the event. Contributions can be made on its Web site at http://08.the-3day.org/site/TR/Walk/MichiganEvent?team_ id=41580&pg=team&fr_id=1185&et=Vhlgw5Js DVrt5uxkljkhcA..&s_tafId=6325.

Challenger seeks recount in clerk vote

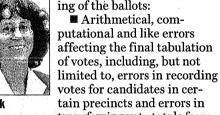
County asked to check results in close race

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The losing candidate in the Aug. 5 primary for Plymouth Township Clerk doesn't think her loss came naturally, and she wants Wayne County elections officials to find out for sure.

In a letter dated three days after she lost by 150 votes to deputy clerk Joe Bridgman, Mary Ann Prchlik of Plymouth Township signed a letter to Plymouth Township's Board of Canvassers alleging three instances of "mis-

takes or fraud" she claims took place during the counting of the ballots:



tain precincts and errors in transferring vote totals from machines to poll books. ■ Errors in determining spoiled ballots, which errors may have had the effect of excluding votes for candidates which should have been counted and excluding votes which

should not have been counted; and Other errors or tampering which did cause the official tally of votes to inaccurately state the actual tally of votes.

In her letter, Prchlik asked for a manual recount. She took great care to point out she's not accusing anyone of malfeasance, but she suspects there were equipment or human errors.

"When I had a chance to look over the results, I believe errors could have been made, either human handling errors or in the machine processing," said Prchlik. "There were some odd things in the results."

According to Plymouth Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill, some 500 absentee ballots were spoiled, largely by voters who unknowingly split their ticket between Republican and Democrat races, a no-no in Michigan primary voting.

The only other problem, she said, came when the battery on a memory card in one precinct failed, forcing those votes to be recounted.

Massengill said the township's election set-up, including its machines, were tested prior to the primary by Grand Rapids-based MC&E. She said she's "not anticipating" inspectors finding anything wrong.

"I welcome (the recount)," Massengill said. "I'm confident our results are correct, but most of all I want to make sure everything is right."

Massengill said the matter was referred to the Wayne County Clerk's office, but no word has come yet when the recount might take place.

The clerk's race was the most hotly contested in Plymouth Township. Bridgman, the deputy clerk for the last five years, took 1,920 votes, while Prchlik, an accountant at Herriman & Associates, the property management company run by her husband, finished with 1,770.

Bridgman said he "hates to see a waste of taxpayer dollars on a recount," but he's confident in the numbers.

"The positive is that (the recount) will show our equipment is accurate and our election process is intact," Bridgman said. "The processes we have in place are solid, and I'm confident the recount will show the vote count was accurate."

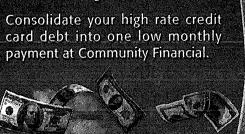
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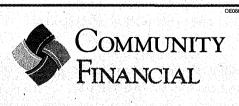
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The latest, coolest stuff for home offices

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

By late this afternoon, Sean Shearon will get a welldeserved rest after walking the equivalent of 18 marathons (26.2 miles) in 18 days

beginning in Sault Ste. Marie and traveling through Plymouth before concluding his journey in downtown Detroit's Hart Plaza.

The Windsor native and Detroit school teacher was

diagnosed with a form of cancer at age 12. His mother, a Michigan native and Detroit Public Schools teacher, lost a 10-year battle with breast cancer. Shearon is hoping his 472-mile pilgrimage will raise \$10 million for the Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit.

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"My feet are sore, but people I've met along the way who either have had cancer or lost people to cancer helped me know they appreciate what I'm doing," said Shearon,

43, who walked Ann Arbor Trail through Plymouth Township to Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth Tuesday night, before leaving early Wednesday morning. "The emails I've gotten and messages on my blog ... people are just touched by what I'm doing and motivated to do things. One girl told me she was going to do the (Breast Cancer) 3-Day

Shearon didn't receive much attention in many parts of

walk as a result."

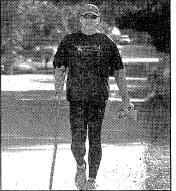
Michigan during his travels, including in Traverse City.

"When I was there most people were more excited to see (singer) Madonna (Ciccone) at the Film Festival," said Shearon. "Here I was walking to raise money for cancer, which my mother — whose maiden name was Ciccone and a distant cousin of Madonna died from, and ironically she got all the attention."

But, Shearon is in good spirits knowing he helped bring more attention to the fight against cancer and raise money to fight the disease.

"When you have a goal and are focused and motivated, you just do it," said Shearon. "There have been days I wanted to pack it up, but the people I met along the way kept met going."

More information on Shearon's efforts can be found at the victory walk.org



Sean Shearon hikes east on Ann Arbor Trail. He finished the Victory Walk in Kellogg Park. Shearon is walking the equivalent of 18 marathons in 18 days to raise money for the Karmanos

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

Jay Sprout wants to bring a bit of Michigan Avenue to

Palmetto, Florida. Sprout, a former Canton resident, now lives in the Sunshine State and is the production manager of Cruisin' Style Magazine.

The magazine, a national publication for hot rod, classic, cruising and muscle car fans, will be accepting entries for its first-ever.

Woodward Dream Cruise Design Contest after the end of Saturday's 14th annual

"The Dream Cruise is one of the biggest chances to see thousands of auto enthusiasts in one place," said Sprout, who came up with the idea of the

Targeted at high school and college students but open to anyone, participants can work individually or in a group to take photographs, write an accompanying story and

"Catching a snooze

at Happy Hounds

design a two-page spread on the Cruise.

The winning entry will be featured in an upcoming issue of Cruisin' Style. "We are looking for some-

thing different," Sprout said, adding that the participants don't have to be car lovers. "People who have never read a car magazine have as good of a chance at winning. We want something out of the

In addition to the grand prize winner, the magazine will honor those entries with the best story and the best photography.

The Dream Cruise, touted

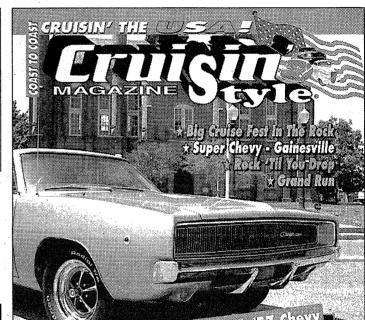
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Citizen police academy

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

Participants meet 7-10 p.m. each Wednesday at Plymouth Township hall. There is no charge for the program; however, application and acceptance to the program are required. Students must be 18 years old to participate.

Deadline for applications is Aug. 17, and class size is lim-

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.

2008 car and bike show

Motor City Muscle Car Club, the Vietnam Veterans of America and the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters hosts the 2008 Car and Bike Show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23 at the UAW Local 735, 48055 Michigan Avenue in Canton.

All proceeds are going to Voluntary Services Group of the Ann Arbor VA Medical Center. Among others, a proj-

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ect to place decent televisions in patient rooms is their goal.

The "Monkee Mobile," from the television show The Monkees, will be there through the day. Chapter 528 will be making "dog tags" with the proceeds being donated. Lynn Dery from REMAX of Canton will be collecting "Cell Phones for Soldiers"

where each cell phone or accessory turned in becomes an hour calling card for one of the troops.

Items are needed for the auction. Call Bill Balou at (734) 223-1118.

Breathing Waters open house

Dr. Julie TwoMoon and **Breathing Waters Health** Center are welcoming the community to their first monthly free Open House 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16. The center is located at 44670 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 110 in Plymouth.

An exploration of new options in health will include QiGong demonstrations, organic food samples, and an opportunity to meet one on one with Dr. TwoMoon to discuss Chinese Herbal Medicine, Acupuncture, Naturopathic Medicine and Naturopathic Medicine.

TwoMoon has a Doctor of

Naturopathy Degree from the

acclaimed National College of Naturopathic Medicine in Portland, Oregon. She also has a Master of Science in Oriental Medicine and has Diplomat Status in Acupuncture. Her education included six years of medical school, with specialties in Oriental Medicine, Acupuncture, Western and Chinese Herbal Medicine and Nutrition. Among the conditions successfully treated are depression, bipolar disorder,

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Sue Trussel, a representative for state Sen. Bruce Patterson, reads a proclamation signed by Patterson and Gov. Jennifer Granholm congratulating Charlotte Kime on her 100th birthday. Kime, a resident at Plymouth Inn in Plymouth and a member of United Methodist Church of Plymouth, celebrated with a party at Plymouth Inn, which celebrated a 100th birthday for the second time this year. On hand to celebrate with her were brother-in-law Bill Neff, also a Plymouth Inn resident; great-nephew Ken; and other church members.

autism, low back pain, fatigue, weight gain, food allergies and many others!

The event will also feature magician Rudy TwoMoon to entertain children of all ages!

Breathing Waters Health Center also offers massage therapy, infrared sauna treatments, reiki, neuro-transmitter evaluation and toxic elements analysis and treatment. The center can be reached at (734) 414-7669. Learn more at www.breathingwaters.net

Children's book seminar

Children's book author and illustrator Charles Barker will present a two-hour class on how to write and publish a children's book 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19, at the Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman.

Participants will learn how to develop your story/concept, how to determine what publishers might be interested in your work, how to approach

publishers, how to write a book proposal and what to expect in the entire process from idea to finished book.

Cost is \$20 per person, with a limit of 15 people.

To sign up for the class, contact Barker by e-mail at cfbarker@earthlink.net or call (313) 506-5643 and leave your name & call back number in case you need to be reached about any schedule change, etc.

Chiefettes car wash

The Canton Chiefettes conduct a Car Wash Fund-raiser for the Canton Chiefettes Pompon Teams 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16.

The car wash takes place at Fast Lane Quick Oil Change, 5881 N. Canton Center Rd., a half-block north of Ford Road in Canton. Donations will be appreciated.

Lotsa Helping Hands

Officials have announced Lotsa Helping Hands, a network of volunteers through Plymouth First United Methodist Church. Plymouth First United Methodist Church, located at 45201 North Territorial in Plymouth, is providing a matching service, through LHH, of com-

munity needs and volunteers. Having volunteers available to deliver meals, run errands to pharmacy & grocery stores, drive a person to chemo or doctor's office, or offering a simple act of kindness is worth more than words can say. Other non-medical services include, but are not limited to, helping children with their homework, providing daily check-in for homebound recipients, assisting new moms with childcare for older children, prayer requests and English as a second language (free) starting in October (first 20 applicants).

LLH is serving Plymouth City residents at this time and plan to expand to Plymouth Township and Canton within the next few months. Anyone needing the service or knowing someone who needs it - or businesses wishing to sponsor - can e-mail helping-hands@ 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.

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

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.

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Aksman said while there are hundreds of different dialects spoken in China, Mandarin is

the universal dialect used by the government, schools, public institutions and the media.

Canton High School Assistant Principal Erin MacGregor was instrumental in developing the fourth language to be taught at P-CEP.

"I knew that with almost 6,000 kids at the Park, it was very important we expand our world language offerings," MacGregor said. "We



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Modify Definition ARC District Section 78-169

Political sign: A temporary sign, relating to the

election of a person or persons to public office, or relating to a political party, or relating to a matters to be voted upon in a local, state or national election or referendum. Means a temporary sign, whose message relates to a candidate for political office, to a political party, to a political issue, or an

Modify Regulations for Political Signs ARC

Political signs. Political signs subject to the

a. Political signs shall be removed within ten days

Said signs shall not be placed closer than 100

feet from any polling place entrance and shall obtain permission from the owner of the property upon which the sign is to be located No political sign is to exceed eight square feet in area, and in the case of a ground mountedpolitical sign, the height may not exceed four

a. Political signs are permitted in any use district provided they do not exceed four square feet in

Political sign means a temporary sign, whose $\underline{\text{message relates to a candidate for political office, to}}$

a political party, to a political issue, or an

(9) Temporary signs for special civic events may be

side or four (4) feet in height and shall not be illuminated. Permission cannot be granted for a

temporary sign for a commercial, industrial or

provided they do not exceed four square feet in area per side or four feet in height. Such signs

(13) Political signs are permitted in any use district

must be removed with 14 days after the

Rights and Duties which have matured, penalties which have incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this

Should any section, clause or paragraph of this ordinance be

declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the

same will not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or part

All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this

ordinance are to the extent of such inconsistencies hereby repealed.

This ordinance shall become effective one day after publication.

permitted by the city manager. Such signs shall not exceed 32 four (4) square feet in area per

area per side or four feet in height.

Modify Definition Section 78-221

Modify Section 78-225 as follows:

Required conditions in any use district.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 78, THE CITY OF

PLYMOUTH ZONING ORDINANCE IN THE CODE OF

ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH FOR THE

The City of Plymouth Ordains:

Section 78, "Zoning" in the Code of Ordinances of the City of

District Section 78-169(e)

and one half feet.

Definitions.

ideological opinion.

private use.

Rights and Duties.

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put together a committee and researched it for six months, and all indications came back it should be Mandarin.

"With the impact they're having in the U.S., it's a very logical choice," he added. MacGregor said offering

Arabic was also discussed, and could be added in the future.

Aksman said she's hopeful the Mandarin Chinese program at P-CEP will evolve into one where students will eventually study abroad to complete the experience.

The schedule:

The Internet is a huge factor in making us a smaller world, and kids are more sophisticated today in knowing other cultures," Aksman said. "Learning Chinese will go a long way toward a global relationship ... a powerful message that we're willing to learn their language and culture.

"Diplomatically and strategically, those are good moves on a larger scale," she added.

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Beijing isn't the only place

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BY DARRELL CLEM

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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 soccer-ball kick, tennis matches, a swimming competition, volleyball, golf, horseshoes and less physical contests in baking, photography and Pinochle, among other events.

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

"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 over.

Seniors going for

gold at Olympics

Seniors will compete for gold, silver and bronze medals. 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 Center.



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PHIL PURSELL, Mayor

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Park path a win-win for city, Rotary

Linda Rupp, who lives near Toledo, Ohio, was visiting family in Westland Thursday, Aug. 7.

"I'm baby-sitting for my grandchildren this week." she said, keeping an eye on grandson Noah, 2. She was impressed with the new walking path at Rotary Park, at Florence and Christine in the Wayne Road-Cherry Hill area.

"It's great," Rupp said of the path, the formal dedication of which was held at lunchtime last Thursday with Westland city officials, Westland Chamber of Commerce representatives and Rotarians.

Rupp noticed the park was much cleaner than in previous visits.

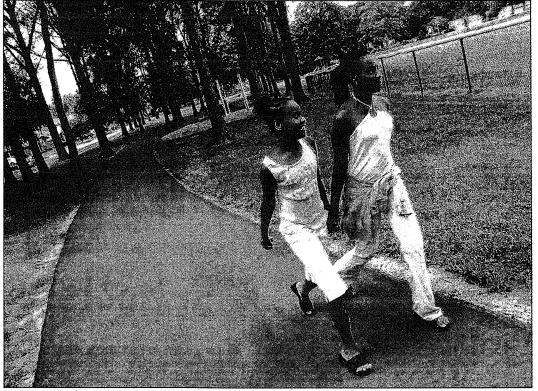
"Much better," she said, telling Noah, "You go climb on the

slide." Noah likes the park's playground equipment, and soon tried out the swings with

grandma's help. Mayor William Wild likes the city's 17 neighborhood parks (in addition to the closed Central City Park). He also appreciates the civic and service groups that contribute to the parks.

"I think they're very important, probably even more so now with the closure of Central City Park (for environmental reasons)," Wild said.

People look at parks when deciding where to live, he added.



Sisters Shanijy Reed-Ginyard, 9, and DaiJa Reed, 11, take a walk on the new City of Westland walking path at Rotary Park. Westland Rotary recently gave \$13,000 to the City of Westland for the walking path at Rotary Park which was dedicated last Thursday afternoon.

"I think that's one of the draws to our community," the mayor said.

The city spends from its coffers to maintain the neighborhood parks, so donations from service clubs and other organizations are a big help.

"It doesn't leave much money

to do improvements," said Wild. "We just appreciate all that Rotary does for the city of Westland.

Holding fund-raisers over several years, the Westland Rotarians were able to donate \$13,000 for the walking path, which circles the perimeter

of the tree-filled park. The club held its meeting at the park Thursday, joining for lunch with city and chamber representatives following the official ribbon-cutting for the path.

- By Julie Brown

ARAB-CHALDEAN FEST IS AUG. 23

The Detroit Zoo will celebrate Metro Detroit's Arab-Chaldean community and culture at the Arab-Chaldean Festival on Saturday, Aug. 23, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is part of Summer Festivals at the Detroit Zoo ... Like Nowhere Else, presented by

Comcast. Activities will take place in the plaza east of the Ford Education Center and are free with the cost of zoo admission.

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The Arab-Chaldean Festival will feature live entertainment, including music by Ara Topouzian and dance performances by Troupe Ta'amullat. There will also be food available for purchase from local Middle Eastern restaurants, calligraphy demonstrations,

henna art, and enrichment activities with animals from Middle Eastern countries.

Also supported by Comerica Charitable Foundation, the Summer Festivals at the Detroit Zoo celebrate the cultural diversity of the metro Detroit community.

Following 'hot' tip might leave you in the cold

henever people find out strategy will fail today just as what I do for a living, it failed in the past. the first question they Investors need to learn ask me is should they invest from the past or be destined in what is hot. My standard to make the same mistakes. answer is a question: "Should Before investing even one dol-I take a heavy jacket on my

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ment, simply say you have an investment that will lower their taxes.

I've said many times "taxes" are not the issue. Your goal is not to lower your taxes, but to increase net worth. Lowering taxes does not automatically increase net worth. In fact, in many situations, when you lower your taxes, you are low-

Another common mistake is relying on tips. The best tips" at all costs. My experience with investors who buy up losing money. When you

of gamblers lose. One other mistake investors make is falling in love with their investments. Your and you should not love them.

make money and we should ment that has done well in the past, but is no longer performing. That doesn't mean if the investment has a bad vear, vou sell. However, if the investment is underperforming other investments in the same category for a number of years, sell. I cannot tell you how many people in our area refused to sell Kmart even though the stock had many years of miserable performance. Many people in our area continued to hold Kmart stock out of loyalty. Loyalty is fine, but not in the investment world.

Even great investors who follow all the rules occasionally lose money. That is the nature of investing. However, the better investors minimize their losses and maximize their gains by reducing mistakes.

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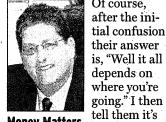
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Money Matters

Rick Bloom

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in a rut when it comes to investing. They remember the old days, when a stockbroker recommend buy or sell based on the investment du jour. From an investor's standpoint, that model has proven to be a failure. Few people today refer to themselves as stockbrokers — they call themselves financial advisers or financial counselors. However, no matter what the title, if it is a strategy that encourages constant buying and selling, the

lar, you must have an overall long-term strategy. That said, there are some common mis-

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Test scores good way to start year

Dr. Craig Fiegel's first year as the superintendent for Plymouth-Canton Schools appears to be getting off to an auspicious beginning.

First came word last week Gov. Jennifer Granholm is increasing state funding, somewhere between \$56-\$112 depending on where the district falls in the formula the state uses. (OK, so the total increase to Plymouth-Canton's budget would be miniscule, but ANY funding increase is better than none.)

The better news, especially in a district that prides itself on the academic prowess of its students, is those students' performance on the Michigan Merit Exam, where Plymouth-Canton students — as they did a year ago, in the first year of the test - scored much higher than the stage average on tests on reading, writing, English-Language arts, math, science and social studies.

Plymouth-Canton juniors improved their scores in five of the six test areas, dropping only in their social studies scores. And even there, they dropped by a lower margin (a 1-percent fall) than the statewide average (which fell 3

Students at all four high schools — Plymouth, Canton, Salem and Starkweather — recorded improvements, a testament to the job teachers are doing getting them ready, but largely — as administrators noted — also an indication students are taking the test seriously. It does, after all, provide them an ACT score (the district's composite ACT score climbed to 21.7 from 21.4, while the state's score remained at 18.8).

District officials acknowledge they still need to get better to comply with the federal No Child Left Behind Act, but have no doubt they'll be able to meet the act's 2014

In the meantime, in a district starting over with a new superintendent and a stretched budget, the MME results were a good starting point.

Keep election clean

With the primary election in the rearview mirror, it's obviously time to focus on the November general elec-

In the past, that has been more a formality than a reality in Plymouth Township, because the Republican primary usually settles it. Of course, there's always a general election for the 20th District state House seat, and this year is no exception.

But in the township, we have both a Democrat (Mike Watts) and an independent (Don Schnettler) challenging incumbent Republican Richard Reaume for the supervisor's seat. There's also an independent (Richard Sharland) challenging Republican incumbent Treasurer Kon Lawaras.

The 20th House seat will be decided between Republican Jerry Vorva and Democrat incumbent Marc Corriveau, while the nonpartisan 35th District Court race is between Jim Plakas and Joe Barone.

Now that we've described the lineup, here's what we're hoping for: A clean playing field.

While there were some political shenanigans in the primary, it never got personal. There was no individual nastiness where one candidate besmirched the name (or the heritage) of another.

We hope that holds true in the general election, as well. Talk about the issues, draw distinctions between candidates, and provide a better-informed electorate the chance to make up their own minds.

And may the best candidate win.

New programs are promising ideas

Last week, Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed the state school aid bill assuring school districts that they would be receiving \$56 to \$112 more per pupil for the 2008-09 school year, a meager 2-percent increase over last fiscal

But the bill does include support for two Granholm proposals that offer some promise of improving education on both ends of the K-12 continuum.

The \$13.4 billion school aid fund will include \$15 million for a pilot project to create smaller high schools. The small school concept is aimed at reducing Michigan's high dropout rate, particularly in the city of

Granholm had asked for a plan to raise up to \$300 million over several years by borrowing against future school aid revenue, but legislators rejected that idea over concerns about adding to the state debt.

The funding bill also provides a combined \$10 million for early childhood education and school readiness programs. The aid package also will cut funding for half-day and alternate-day kindergarten and fully fund all-day kindergarten. This will be phased in over several years.



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LETTERS

Political attack ignored

Plymouth Observer editor Brad Kadrich wrote an editorial last Thursday called "Primary season proves there's more than one way to do ugly." He makes a nice list of past and current examples of dirty tricks in local elections. However, the most egregious and yet-to-occur attack was ignored, even though its planning has been shared with the Observer.

It is now common knowledge that I am running for state representative. The voters deserve a full and open debate on issues, not a mudslinging contest. That is why I alerted the media three weeks ago of a Democrat dirt-digging operation in Plymouth. The Observer has been eerily silent on this matter.

In June, a Democrat operative named Dan Mahoney made a Freedom of Information request to the City of Plymouth for my personnel file from my 10 years as a Plymouth police officer. Mahoney has been in the employ of the House Democrats' campaign committee and Speaker Andy Dillon. This is public information and was provided to the *Observer*. Mr. Kadrich, while mentioning the FOIA issue in Plymouth Township, failed to talk about this dirt-digging being done on me.

Let's be clear what this is about. It is public knowledge that in 1988 I was illegally discharged from the Plymouth Police Department by the corrupt Hank Graper administration for exposing the department's ticket quotas. Graper and Police Chief Myers wrote slanderous letters of reprimand and termination and placed them in my personnel file. My political opponents are after these letters for use in political attacks. But there is more to the story, and those at the Observer know it.

With the help of the Police Officers Association of Michigan I fought back against Graper for nearly 18 months for my job, my damages, and most of all, the good Vorva family name of my adoptive father and career Marine who taught me about never giving up.

During this 18 months of hell, I was elected to the Plymouth City Commission after going door to door telling Plymouth residents about my fight. I was elected with the highest vote count in that election. I have never been ashamed of my service as a police officer. I am proud that with the help of friends and my union I was able to fight back and secure justice for myself and my family.

If Mr. Mahoney and Democrat hacks in Lansing wanted to see my personnel, file, they could have asked. I released it 20 years ago to the press when I ran for City Commission and later for state representative (I was elected to that post despite this same dirty trick being used against me). I have also sent to the media a letter from retired Police Chief Bob Scoggins, who was my training officer and supervisor my whole career, stating that I had done nothing to be disciplined or terminated for.

The Observer's complete lack of coverage, discussion and exposure of this nasty attack-in-waiting is even more confusing to me since their own reporter was with me at City Hall when I reviewed my file with him and agreed to have it re-released not only to the press, but sent to Mr. Mahoney and his bosses. In fact, I e-mailed all of the information directly to Brad Kadrich himself.

If Mr. Kadrich and the Observer are

truly dismayed by nasty political attacks, they can cover this story and expose it for what it is. And then we will know for certain just how far their outrage extends.

Jerry Vorva Republican nominee

20th District state representative

Check facts first

An open letter to Plymouth Observer Editor Brad Kadrich:

First, I should like to disclose that I am the husband of Mary Ann Prchlik, the defeated candidate for Plymouth Township clerk. Thank you from both Mary Ann and myself to all who voted. Mary Ann captured 52 percent of the votes cast on Election Day, losing the race in absentee votes.

In Observer Editor Brad Kadrich's column ("Primary season proves there's more than one way to do ugly") on Aug. 7, two days after the primary election in Plymouth Township, Mr. Kadrich takes considerable license in reporting stories as if they were based in fact.

Even though his column is a format for editorializing, certainly the editor himself has an obligation to investigate, at least to some depth, allegations made by political candidates. He also has an obligation to disclose what he knows about someone's actions, particularly when quoting someone as if she were in a position to pass judgment on others.

To the latter point, Mr. Kadrich concluded that "the manipulation prompted longtime township Trustee Kay Arnold to call it one of the 'ugliest' campaigns she's ever seen." Strange he quoted Ms. Arnold. An objective observer would have been a better source for such a quote. Mr. Kadrich had known for weeks that Ms. Arnold met with township supervisor candidate K.C. Mueller, to ask her to withdraw from the race and throw her support to Marilyn Massengill. K.C. Mueller personally verified this story to me. Don't get me wrong; I am not condemning such a maneuver by Arnold. More power to Ms. Massengill if she could have pulled it off. Given her noncampaign, Massengill apparently subsequently decided she didn't really want to get elected supervisor anyway.

As for Kadrich's representation of a conversation between Treasurer Ron Edwards, Trustee Steve Mann and Clerk-candidate Joe Bridgman, wherein Edwards and Mann purportedly told Bridgman that Prchlik promised to retain him as deputy clerk if Bridgman dropped out of the clerk's race, Prchlik never made such representation to Edwards or Mann, or anyone else for that matter.

Further, I don't believe Edwards or Mann made such representation to Bridgman. Of course, that element makes the story juicier than the Arnold-Mueller one because of its carrot-and-stick element. Had Kadrich done any checking, however, he would have learned that Prchlik's position on Bridgman's future, if she were to win the election in which he opposed her, was that she would retain Joe so long as he met performance expectations.

Of course Mann and Edwards have no authority on their own to make any commitment regarding the clerk's selection for deputy clerk. Only the clerk has such authority. They know that, as does Bridgman.

Lastly, Kadrich needs to do his homework on who was responsible to fulfill

supervisor candidate Dianne Gonzalez's Freedom of Information Act request. That responsibility rests solely with Clerk Marilyn Massengill. As an astute observer told me, she can't just throw it over the fence and walk away. It was Massengill's responsibility to monitor the status of responding to the request and to make sure the township was timely and reasonable in its response. Seems Massengill adopted a lame duck attitude long before the election results came in.

Dan Herriman Plymouth Township

Band deserves credit

You have seen them march down Main Street in Plymouth and Ford Road in Canton, but now it is showtime.

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Before the school year begins on Sept. 2, the band and its staff will have put in over 160 hours of practice during "summer vacation." When the school year begins, it is practice everyday after school for approximately three hours. Saturdays are reserved for either practice or competition. On these days students will dedicate some 10-plus hours towards their craft.

Pit, color guard, and band — three separate units united into one body. Each group practicing, training, and honing their own specific discipline; then combining to create the 2008 show.

Opportunities exist throughout the year to show your support for the band. Attend one of the band's performances. If you know or notice a band member inquire about the season and wish them luck. A word of encouragement goes a long way.

Visit the band Web site at www.pcmb. net and see what the band is about. Listen to past shows and experience how these students bring music to life. The "season" begins Sept. 13 at Novi High School culminating with the Grand Nationals in Indianapolis the weekend of Nov. 13-15.

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Carl Katafiasz Canton

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"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 ... I don't understand why we would want to impose a burden on them."

- Mike Wright, Plymouth City commissioner, on possible side effects of the city's restructuring of the sign ordinance

Creative, bipartisan leadership needed for regional issues

attended the Detroit Chamber of Commerce Policy Conference on Mackinac Island in the week following Memorial Day. This was the third year in a row I represented the City of Farmington Hills at the Mackinac Conference.

The Mackinac Conference is billed as a retreat where business and political leaders from southeastern Michigan come together to discuss common issues, finding solutions. However, after attending for three years, I have yet to hear or see any issues upon which there is cooperation or

agreement.



The legislators appear to talk at each other, not to each other. Each one intent on advancing their own agenda, which, of course, includes getting re-elected. The so-called big four — the Oakland County executive, the Wayne County executive, the chairman of the Macomb County commissioners,

and the Detroit mayor — while all. professing the need and desire to cooperate, spend most of their time bickering with each other.

The governor, again, gave a wonderful speech. asking for bipartisan support on three issues she believes are necessary to move Michigan forward. However, if past performance is any indication of future action, the governor's words fell on deaf ears and she will not exhibit the leadership skills necessary to get the bipartisan support she needs to get the job done.

If I seem skeptical that our state and regional leaders will put aside their political differences and find a common basis for solutions, it is because I am skeptical. Our state legislature is totally dysfunctional, and the leadership in the City of Detroit is too busy trying to stay out of jail to resolve city or regional problems.

For three years at the Mackinac Conference I have heard that Cobo Hall must be expanded, we need a regional transit system, and we have to retain our college graduates in the state if we are to grow our economy. None of these issues require rocket science for solutions; they do, however, require a little imagination and bipartisan cooperation from our state and regional leadership.

I have given some thought to these issues and would suggest the following as a basis to jump start the discussion to finding solutions.

■ First, I am advised that Cobo Hall must be expanded to retain the International Auto Show, which I am told creates 16,000 jobs and brings \$500 million of economic benefits to southeastern Michigan each year. The expansion may cost up to \$500 million. Cobo Hall is presently paid for by taxes on alcoholic beverages in restaurants and bars and by a hotel tax on rooms in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. This tax structure is so that visitors to the region pay a substantial

portion of the taxes to support Cobo Hall. I would suggest that the state legislature set up a Cobo Hall Authority, with two representatives from each of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties and three representatives from the City of Detroit. This nine member authority would be charged with the job of (a) seeing that the bar and hotel tax was extended as necessary to raise the funds required for the expansion of Cobo Hall; (b) holding the City of Detroit harmless on the existing debt on Cobo Hall; and (c) building and maintaining the expanded Cobo Hall, I would also suggest (although this will never happen) that all the members of the authority be apolitical.

■ Second, everyone seems to be in agreement that future economic growth in this region depends, in part, on installing a regional transit system in at least Wayne, Oakland and Macomb

Currently, DDOT operates buses in Detroit, and SMART operates buses in all of Macomb and parts of Wayne and Oakland counties. There are a number of people currently advocating a light rail

system, costing billions of dollars, as the panacea for a regional transit system.

Again, I would suggest that the state legislature take action to establish a Southeastern Michigan Regional Transportation Authority with two representatives from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties and three representatives from the City of

This nine member authority would have the responsibility of taking over and merging the DDOT and SMART operations; extending bus service throughout Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties; and extending the current SMART millage throughout the service area.

Once having accomplished all of the foregoing, then look at expanding into light rail service.

■ Lastly, I would suggest that there is a way to encourage our young adults who are graduating from our Michigan colleges and universities to stay, work and live in Michigan. We can do this by giving them an incentive to stay.

If we reduce by \$2,500 per student, per year, the state provides to its colleges and universities, and allow the state colleges and universities to raise their tuition by \$2,500 per student, per year, and then loan each student, who so requests, the sum of \$2,500 per year.

At the end of four years, the students will each owe the state \$10,000. Then, if the college graduate stays and works in the state, their state income tax would be applied to reduce their student loan until it is paid in full. If the graduate stays and works in Michigan for four years, the loan will have cost them nothing. If they leave after graduation, they will be obligated to repay the loan, and will not have taken our tax dollars elsewhere.

I believe with a little bipartisan and regional cooperation, Michigan can accomplish all of the foregoing and more.

Jerry Ellis is mayor of Farmington Hills.

AARP card arrival proves again what goes around, comes around

Six months before I'm chronologically ready for them, they found me. Heck, I didn't even know they were looking for me and they found me anyway.

And, as they say, what goes around, comes around. Many years ago, I sat at my brother's

house, chuckling heartily because my stepfather had just received his application to join what was then called the American Association of Retired Persons. It came in the mail smack-dab on his 50th birthday, and I (along with my brothers and sister) thought it was funny at the

Brad Kadrich

I'm sure wherever he is (he died a couple of years ago) he was laughing out loud last week when my own application to join AARP (it's now known simply by the acronym) arrived in the mail.

When I opened it, my only thought was,

OK, it wasn't my only thought, but it was my first thought. After that, I wondered this: "When did this happen? When did I get old?" (Note to those approaching 50 and those already past it: Before you write to complain,

I know it's not old. I'm just sayin' ...) I remember when I was 12 and baby-sitting for the older couple across the street. They were probably in their late 20s, maybe early 30s, but I still thought of them as "this older

couple across the street.' When I was 25, I didn't want to turn 30 because it meant I was getting older. When I hit 35, I didn't want to see my 40th, for the same reason. Guess what I thought when I hit 45? If you guessed, "I don't want to turn 50

because I'll be old," you're pretty close. I tossed the application aside, vowing not to give it another thought. Which is better than our all-world photographer, Bill Bresler, did when he got his a few years ago. Bill sent it back (and actually still remains deep in

Age is only a number, although it seems to me I only hear people my age or older say that. It's becoming more so as life goes on, with life expectancies creeping past 80 for women, beyond 75 for men. It's one of the reasons, I think, when you hear someone "died at the age of 58," you hear so many people say, "Wow, that's young!" I heard that a lot when Tim Russert died.

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I also found all kinds of advertising, stories that show what older folks are doing with their lives, and even a crossword puzzle (which I couldn't finish).

Go to its Web site (www.aarp.org) and you find a ton more stuff, on money, leisure and health, all designed to help you not only survive into your Golden Years, but to thrive in

Unfortunately, even though I know age is only a number, although I'm sure there are people older than me who are in better shape physically, mentally and every other which way, and even though I know aging is a natural part of life, there's still one thing the AARP hasn't helped teach me about turning

How to avoid it.

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Redford couple embraces Woodward Dream Cruise

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Dan'Czar owns a 1972 Chevrolet El Camino. Darlene

Czar owns a 1937 Ford pickup. During the summer months, both vehicles can be seen at car shows and both will be in the Woodward Dream Cruise,

Saturday in Oakland County. But Dan Czar also plans to display his latest creation: a stained glass semi-truck.

For both of these Redford residents, the trucks are warm reminders of a bygone era.

Dan loved the 1970s vehicles, particularly the El Camino.

"It seats like a car, and it was the first luxury pickup," Czar said. "It was called a gentleman's pickup. You could go to work as a contractor, then go home, get cleaned up and go '

pick up your date."

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"I love it for its handling," Czar said. "I've never had a car that handled like it."

It sports a Corvette 350 engine with a 780 four-barrel carburator.

Darlene loves her Ford truck, an old farm truck, which she has owned for six years. "It's just a rugged looking truck," she said. "It's got a mean look to it. It's my pride and joy.

The sinister look to the truck, with its black color, is enhanced with the spider web encasing the engine, replacing the panels that were removed due to overheating. They wanted to cover the engine to prevent bystanders from reaching into it. "The kids grab it and ask, 'Is that real, is it real?" Dan Czar said. Spider webs wrap the steering wheel and

decorate the inside door panel.

The black color makes it a challenge to keep cool inside the truck in the summer. "It's cooled with 'country air," Dan said jokingly, referring to the lack of air conditioning in older vehicles.

The couple enjoys the Dream Cruise each year. Dan likes the old vehicles from the 1940s and the Willys, but he also loves the racy looks of the 1970s, too. "My dad had a '53 Plymouth that he used to sit me up in," Dan recalled. "The Dream Cruise always brings back those memories."

Darlene likes the cruise to remember when cars were built differently. "It's great to be able to see some of the old nostalgic cars," she said. "You knock on it and it's steel. Today, it's plastic."



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dan Czar, left, and his wife Darlene talk about Darlene's 1937 Ford truck which she is planning to take to the Dream Cruise with Dan's 1972 El Camino.

The couple expects to be in the area of Woodward Avenue and 14 Mile Road, near Duggan's in Royal Oak.

Not only do they get into the Dream Cruise, the couple enjoys other car and truck

shows, too. And what might be more

fascinating is his latest creation: a small "semi-truck" made with stained glass.

Last year, Dan finished installing the stained glass cab over the truck, which will be on display at the Richard Crane Memorial Truck Show and Mackinac Bridge Parade

of Lights in St. Ignace in September.

The stained glass and aluminum diamond plate vehicle is named Lead Poison, because it contains more than 350 pounds of cut glass, including flame-etched windows and all-glass mud flaps, held together with more than six pounds of lead. It features white-lettered tires and real semi-truck stacks.

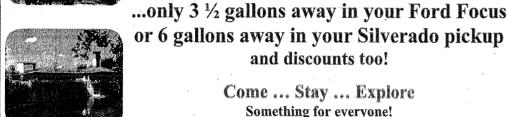
The truck measures 6 feet long, 2 feet, 3 inches wide and 4 feet, 4 inches high. It weighs 150 pounds.

But this weekend, they'll be cruising in the '37 Ford and '72 El Camino. Dan expects to attend every evening through Saturday night in the Woodward Avenue and 13 Mile area in Royal Oak, and will display the stained glass truck Friday night, he says.

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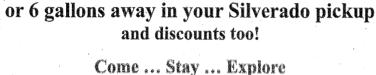




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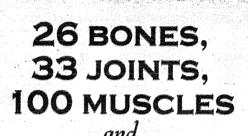
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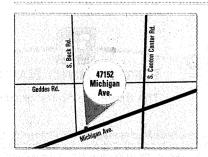
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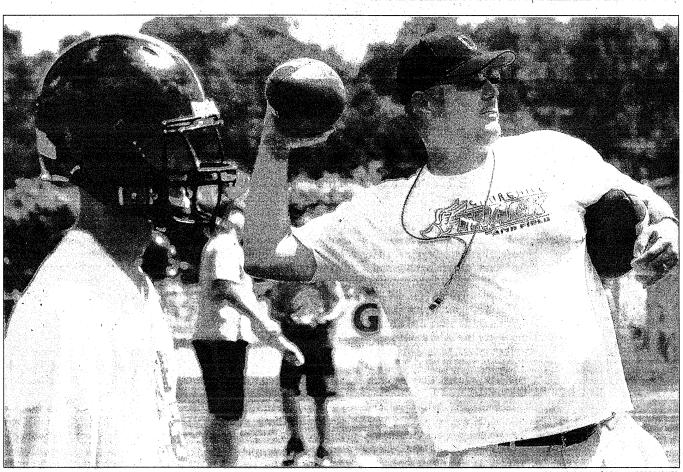
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Two-a-days launched

Livonia Churchill varsity football coach John Filiatraut looks to make a throw to his receivers during practice Tuesday afternoon. Teams from around the area and across the state began official practice under comfortable temperatures and dry climate.

Weather cooperates for gridders

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The first days of high school football practice in recent years have been like

doing laps inside a sauna. But on Monday and Tuesday, teams in Redford, Garden City and everywhere else in Observerland enjoyed relatively cool, comfortable temperatures and low humidity as they geared up with two-a-days.

"The weather's been wonderful," noted Redford Union head football coach Miles Tomasaitis, watching some passing drills at Tuesday evening's practice. "We haven't had as many concerns about weight loss (due to dehydration).

Tomasaitis said the team continues doing conditioning and other weight room work in morning sessions before going out onto the field for calisthenics and various

On Thursday evening, players will don the full gear for the first time.

BY TIM SMITH

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Madonna University's 2008 wom-

en's volleyball team qualifies on both

accounts even though the first regular

Lubovj Tihomirova and junior defen-

sive specialist Brynn Kerr (Churchill/

with sheets of shrink-wrapped plastic

22nd-year head coach Jerry Abraham.

Both Tihomirova, the All-American

Kerr were part of the 2007 Crusaders

team that finished 35-12 and won the

Yet both players are working so hard at practice they can barely move after-

ward because they want to finish the

but recent Madonna graduates Jacqui

"There's always a place for improve-

Redford family during her first season at

Madonna. "With this team, we're pushing

Gatt (Churchill) and Amy Szymanski

(Redford/Ladywood) are back, too.

ment, no matter how hard you work"

said Tihomirova, 22, who lived with a

job this time around. They already

complex fol-

ble practice

others usually win.

the alums is 7 p.m. Friday).

VOLLEYBALL

ders and backs.

extremely fierce."

National Tournament.

Although the weather provided a nice change of pace for the second week of August, the veteran Panthers' coach wouldn't mind it heating up a bit before the start of the season (Thursday, Aug. 28, at Dearborn Heights Crestwood).

"They can work a lot harder (with bearable temps)," Tomasaitis said. "But my only concern and my only fear at this point in time is (that on) the 28th of August, it will be 85 at 7 p.m. and the humidity will be 65 percent."

He said that with a knowing chuckle. "That's just the way it seems to work

Over at Garden City, seniors Robert Snvder and Zack Griwicki were bouncing back onto the field after taking a

They had been working hard, but there wasn't much perspiration to be

"It (weather) is not that bad," Snyder said. "But we are working hard."

Crusaders thrive on competition

Snyder added that, with the cooler weather, players will be able to keep pushing right to the end of the day.

With it being cooler, we can work harder and not be as worried about passing out or anything," Griwicki said. "As long as we're well hydrated we can go out there."

While Snyder, Griwicki and other teammates began the next segment of practice with laps, Cougars' head coach Mike Salter concurred that the weather should prove beneficial in the area of players maintaining their energy level. Salter, like Tomasaitis, did see one

potential pitfall. "It makes it a little easier on the kids," Salter explained. "But if it gets hot again next week or the first week of the season it might hurt us a little bit."

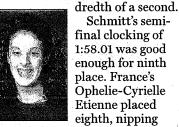
Garden City opens the season Thursday, Aug. 28, at Taylor Kennedy.

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Touched

Olympian Schmitt denied in 200 free

Canton swimmer Allison Schmitt's quest to win an individual medal in the 2008 Summer Olympics fell short by the smallest of margins Monday morning at the Water Cube in Beijing, China, when she failed to reach the finals in the 200-meter freestyle by one-hun-



final clocking of 1:58.01 was good enough for ninth place. France's Ophelie-Cyrielle Etienne placed eighth, nipping Schmitt after touching in 1:58.00.

Only the top eight semifinalists from the two heats qualified for Tuesday's finals as Italy's Federico Pellegrini, who set a world record a night earlier in 1:55.45 in the first prelim, captured the semifinal in 1:57.23.

Slovenia's Sara Isakovic posted the top semifinal time: 1:56.50, while Schmitt's U.S. teammate Katie Hoff, advanced with a second in 1:57.01.

The 18-year-old recent graduate of Canton High School was seeded seventh going into the semifinals following Sunday night's first preliminary heat where she was finished second and was clocked in 1:57.38.

But Schmitt, who swims for Michael Phelps' coach Bob Bowman, was well off of her Olympic Trials performance last month in Omaha, Neb., where she posted a personal best of 1:55.92 (finishing runner-up to Hoff).

Schmitt, headed this fall to the University of Georgia, can still capture an Olympic medal as she is expected to be a member of the U.S. 4 x 200 freestyle relay contingent that will compete for a medal on Wednesday.

The U.S. has captured the gold medal in the women's 4 x 200 freestyle relay every year it's been an Olympic event.

MU adds cager

Madonna University men's basketball coach Chuck Henry added his third recruit for the 2008-09 season with the signing Wednesday of Kirtland Community College's 6-foot-8 forward Leroy Allen (Detroit/ Dearborn Henry Ford Academy).

During his sophomore year, Allen averaged 9.5 points and 9.4 rebounds for Kirtland under coach Ty McGregor. He joins Jon Jacicuk and Kevin Henry in Henry's latest recruiting class.

"Leroy brings experience to our roster after two years at Kirtland," Henry said. "He has proven he can play on the college level and will help us in our quest to capture at WHAC championship and advance in the national tournament."

White signs SS

Madonna University women's softball coach Al White announced the signing Wednesday of Monroe High School shortstop Katie Cooley to an NAIA letter-of-intent.

As a junior Cooley made first-team All-Mega Conference Red Division for the Trojans, who captured Division 1 district and regional titles. She was also a prep teammate of fellow MU recruit Amanda Straub and Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Newcomer of the Year Jess Irwin, who just finished her freshman year

Cooley, who plans to major in Sports Management, graduated Summa Cum Laude and was a member of the honor roll and National Honor Society while at Monroe.

"Our staff was very pleased to signee Katie this late in the game," White said. "She's going to be a nice addition to our club for next season. The program Coach (Vince) Rossi has built at Monroe produces great kids and even better people. We're glad to have another one of his players to go along with Jess and Amanda.

Charity hoops

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches and Wright & Filippis will stage charity basketball game to benefit Children's Hospital of Michigan beginning at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4 at Livonia Franklin High School, located at 31000 Joy Road (between Merriman and Middlebelt roads).

The game will feature the AmpuTeam Spartans against the Saints.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Suggested donations are \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors and children (ages 11-8). For advance tickets,

call Richard Shebib of the COCC at (734) 422-0278; or e-mail paschabooks@ sbcglobal.net; or Brad Shebib at (248) 829-8327; or e-mail bshebib@ wright-filippis.com.

Dynamic boxer, 69, wins Ringside belt

BY BRAD EMONS

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia's Paul Soucy continues to prove you're never too old to step into the ring.

The 69-year-old trainer and boxer, who took a 10member contingent from Westland's Dynamic Boxing Club to last week's Ringside World Championships, came away with the 165-pound title for men ages 65-70 with pair of victories at the KCI Expo Center in Kansas City,

Soucy garnered his third Ringside World Championship belt in four years by rallying in the final

The tournament

featured 1,500

participants from

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from as far away as

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round after taking an standing eight-count in the second, avenging a loss last year to 70-year-old Ron Guidry of Baton Rouge, La. Soucy also won his first match

with a unanimous decision of Michael Tarnaw of Madison, The tournament featured

1,500 participants from around the world, including competitors from as far away as China and just over the border from Canada. "They have six rings going at

once, two sessions per day, it's just an awesome tournament," Soucy said.

Also coming away with a title for Dynamic was 16year-old super-heavyweight Dan Smith of Garden City, the USA Junior Olympic national champion, who finished 2-0 in the Boys 16-17 age division.

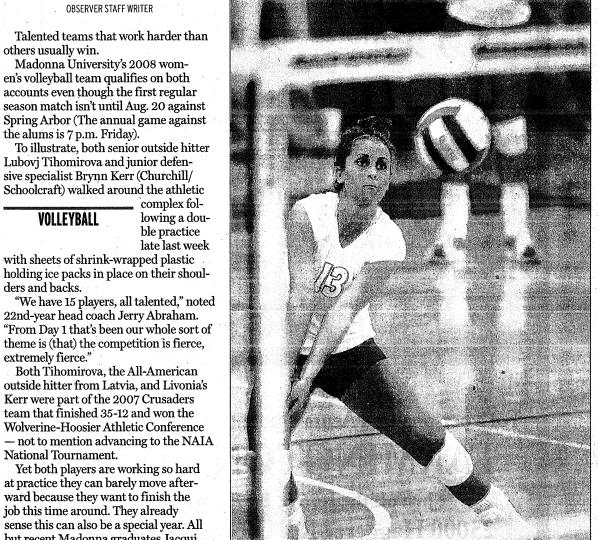
Smith defeated a pair of local boxers from Kansas City, Brandon Carmack and Chris Walker, en route to the

Also turning in an impressive performance for Dynamic was Wyandotte's Gabriel Garza, who fell to Indiana's Anthony Sims Jr. in the Boys 13-14 final.

The 13-year-old Garza, who finished 4-1 during the five-day tournament which started on Wednesday, lost a close decision in the final to the nation's top-ranked

"All of Gabriel's fights were tough," Soucy said. "A lot of people there thought he won that match."

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Expectations rise for Lady Ocelot spikers

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Shortly after Schoolcraft met Madonna University in Tuesday's volleyball scrimmage, Lady Ocelots' head coach Rich Lamb thought his team gained valuable experience that will help it during the soon-to-begin Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

"I think it is" a confidence-booster, said Lamb about the four-team scrimmage that also included the host Crusaders, Owens and Kalamazoo Valley community colleges. "Jerry (Abraham, Madonna head coach) has a great program here and for us to even be close and play well against them is really good for us."

Lamb, beginning his second season at the helm, and a roster featuring five solid sophomore returnees and several promising freshmen will begin finding out just how valuable the preseason test will be.

Schoolcraft (29-17 overall and 14-2 in the conference, good for second place) opens the season Friday, Aug. 22 at Delta College with matches against the host Pioneers and Alpena Community College.

Another test will be seeing how well several talented freshmen step in to help fill the void created by the graduation of standouts Carly DeClerq (first-team All-Eastern Conference) and second-teamers Stacy Urbats, Amanda Ballnik and Lauren Braun.

FASTER, QUICKER

Schoolcraft, the coach emphasized, will attempt to mix things up this season, too.

"We're trying to play faster than we did last year," Lamb said. "That was one issue. At times (in 2007) we seemed a little slow and a little predictable.

"So we're trying to design some things that will make us less predictable, such as making our middles more active." **COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**

Starting at middle blocker will be sophomore Whitney Clay, who the coach said is a strong performer as well as floor leader. "She's very knowledgeable, she seems to understand everything on the floor and that's a real asset."

Clay also is breaking in promising freshmen middle blockers Emily Bronkema and Jennifer Brunik, both from McBain High School near Cadillac, Mich.

Also expected to make their presence felt in the front row will be 6-0 sophomore outside hitter Virginia Butler (Canton/Westland John Glenn) and sophomore right-side hitter and Livonia Churchill alum Sarah Button.

Lamb said Butler (about 500 kills in 2007) was an All-Region 12 player and could very well be "a candidate for player of the year" this season if she continues her upward path.

Button, meanwhile is the squad's best blocker but is improving in the passing and serve-reception areas. She also can hit. "We may use her as an outside hitter as well and move her around."

BEGINNING TO GEL

Rounding out the handful of sophomores are defensive specialists Marissa Daron (Howell) and Hillary Colomina. Daron's versatility should make her a valuable player again this season while Lamb said Colomina so far in practice is opening some eyes.

"She (Colomina) has been a surprising back row player for us so far in practice," Lamb said.

Both Butler and Button said they think the team is meshing quickly, which they partly attribute to players and the coaches being familiar with each other from last season.

"Now that it's coach's second year it's easier going into the flow and I think we're going to have a great team," Butler stressed. "... We started out a lot stronger the first week of practice than we did last year.

"We just seem to flow better, everybody plays good together."

Butler said Schoolcraft will be working toward the team goal of winning the regionals and Button agrees that the Lady Ocelots could make a lot of noise.

"We have a good foundation of sophomores and returning with the same coaching I think it will be a real good transition from last year to this year," Button said. "And helping getting the freshmen getting settled in. We have gone real good recention."

some real good recruits."

Among the promising newcomers is Churchill grad and
libero candidate Jordan Kerr.

"She's incredibly quick and can read a block really well," Lamb said. "She can read a hitter very well."

Because Kerr excelled as a softball player in high school, she also has the arm strength to be a power server.

UP TO SPEED

Other freshmen who will definitely see plenty of playing time are setters Brittany Denter and Katie Williams (South Lyon), both vying for the starting role.

Denter led Kingsley in assists and kills her senior year while Williams helped set up three players who Lamb said are bound for Division-1 colleges. "They're both one pretty steep

"They're both on a pretty steep learning curve right now," Lamb said. "That's typical of a freshman setter. We're asking them to do things they're not really used to and it's just going to take some time. They're just struggling with the speed of the game right now."

Also looking to make an early impact is 6-0 outside hitter Kaitlyn Litteral (Wyandotte Roosevelt), who excelled as a middle blocker in the Mega Conference.

"She can play defense pretty well and she's learning a new position," said Lamb.



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According to Kerr, 20, her strong work ethic is something she wants teammates to pick

"I work hard and I push people with the way I play," she explained. "So hopefully, that will make everybody else around me better. Everybody is working real hard.'

Abraham likes the work ethic, but doesn't mind having a deep, talented roster, either.

"We have great depth on both sides of the ball, defense and offense," Abraham said. "And other players are ready to take other players' positions on a daily basis so it should make everybody better.

"We have freshmen coming in that have the ability to make an impact immediately as a starting player. Really, the combo of veterans and freshmen make it really exciting right now."

Leading the charge are Madonna's three senior cocaptains, including Tihomirova (967 kills), 5-10 middle/rightside hitter Whitney Fuelling (459 kills) and 6-3 middle hitter Stephanie Parslow (264 kills).

Abraham said the offense should continue to be strong led by front-row power hitting from Fuelling and Tihomirova.

"Whitney is probably the best overall athlete on the team, very fast," Abraham said. "She has a great vertical leap and attacks from the outside and middle and actually hits from antenna-to-antenna."

Tihomirova, the WHAC player of the year last season, should continue dominating "at the net, both as a hitter on the outside and in the middle. She'll be a go-to player for us, just like Whitney," the coach

Augmenting that duo is Parslow, described as a "dominant blocker" up front who can take the steam out of other teams' scoring attempts. Parslow "makes it very tough for opponents to hit because she's so strong and has a nice reach."

LEADERS ABOUND

Abraham said the tri-captains this season provide a different element because they are such strong players.

"We've always had great captains on our team, ne said. Bu to have three seniors who are major contributors, who are all All-American potential kind of players who are great leaders and great students in the classroom, ... they're really going to be extensions of the coaches on the floor."

Add to that list of leaders junior setter Inta Grinvalds (2171 assists), another allconference returnee who orchestrated the high-powered Madonna offense in 2007.

"Inta is more confident. stronger, she's a junior ready to start her third season as a starting setter," Abraham said. "You know, the setter is the one that runs the show and we just have a nice attack."

Abraham said Grinvalds brings floor savvy as well as pinpoint passing and setting abilities to the table.

Also expected to provide firepower is junior outside hitter Mary McGinnis (610 kills), who peaked down the stretch a season ago.

"It took last year (for McGinnis) to get used to us and get comfortable with our system," he said. "By the middle or the end of last year she turned it on and looks better than ever this year. We're so excited about her."

With McGinnis "hitting the ball with so much confidence" during preseason workouts, her offensive talents coupled with Tihomirova could lead to a "real strong one-two punch on the outside."

Scoring points shouldn't be a problem, and neither should containing other teams.

Helping in the latter department will be junior defensive specialist Abby Long, and liberos Kerr and Amanda Koszela. (a red-shirted freshman in '07).

Long will provide "great speed, great range in the back row," and could have a breakout year in her third season with the Crusaders.

Both Kerr (who played her freshman year at Schoolcraft) and Koszela should be in the defensive lineup somewhere, although both are now vying for the all-important libero position.

"Both are excellent liberos

and both are excellent allaround defensive players," Abraham said. "I would say we're going to be a two-libero team and we'll see which one

wins the position." Add to the mix versatile sophomore and Livonia Franklin alum Liz Dempsey and sophomore Anna Gatt (Churchill), who will provide important contributions off the

Dempsey will gain playing time both at outside hitter and defensive specialist while Gatt is another defensive specialist who "is fast, quick to the ball

- much like her sister (Jacqui Gatt). Just like Jacqui she has a defensive nose for the ball."

Other key returning reserves include sophomore outside hitters Martie Mazur and Amanda Lenart, who Abraham said will benefit from chipping in during last year's WHAC championship and march to the nationals.

FROSH PHENOMS

Almost providing icing on the

Marie Martin (middle hitter), Wyandotte Roosevelt grad Megan Fricke (outside hitter) and Allen Park Cabrini's Karie Altman, who can play anywhere up front.

Martin already brings a net presence with her 6-1 frame and ability to thwart offensive attempts from the other side.

"The upside for Marie is, ... her ability to get better and (that) is already showing," Abraham said. "She's going to be a great player for us. She'll just have to, like all the fresh-(college) game."

Fricke, although just 5-9, "has a great vertical jump and a real terminating attack. She gets up and hits over the block."

The coach also likes the potential of Altman, who was all-Catholic League first team player as a senior.

"She's extremely athletic and has great range at the net," Abraham said. "...She'll be competing for one of the starting middle hitter positions right in and contribute."

even veterans like Tihomirova and Kerr are working themselves to the bone to stay at the top of the depth chart.

We truly have a great group of kids (who) are more determined than ever to continue to have a great regular season and be tops in our conference," Abraham added.

If Madonna does, it will skip right into the national tournament because the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics has phased out the





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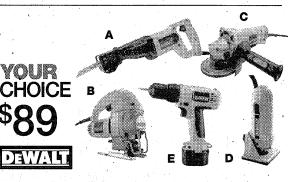
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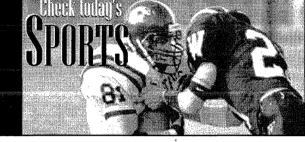
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Colt champions

The Seawolves of the Livonia Baseball-Softball Association captured the North Oakland-Wayne Inter City Colt championship with an 8-6 victory, Aug. 2, at Ford Field. Members of the Seawolves include: Nate Belyk, Troy Bogenschutz, Drew Carlson, Tad Evans, Stephen Foster, David Harris, Trey Jardine, Adam Lane, Christian Leathley, Drew Macorkindale, Cody McGaw, Sean Servalish, Chris Vincentini and Matt Windle, all from Livonia Churchill High School; and Jake Blach, Redford Union H.S.

Got Game?

Yep, got scores, too.



Reliever Bertakis keeps Rams alive in Johnstown tournament

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Reliever James Bertakis provided a Rolaids moment to keep the Michigan Rams alive Tuesday in the All-American Amateur Baseball Association double-elimination tournament in Johnstown, Pa.

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The right-hander from Edgewood (Wis.) College allowed just one run on five hits in six innings to pick up the win to

give the 20-and-under Rams, now 29-11 overall, an 11-4 triumph over Cortland (N.Y.) in a game played in nearby Portage, Pa.

Bertakis struck out six and walked only three after replacing starter Aaron Wick in the third inning after West Chester County squad jumped out to a 3-0 lead.

West Chester County squad jumped out to a 3-0 lead. The Rams came back with two runs in the third, three more in the fourth and four in the fifth to take a

commanding 9-3 lead.

Madonna University's Shawn Little (Canton) and
Brett Mazmanian were the hitting heroes, each going
4-for-5 to pace the Rams' 16-hit attack. Little had a
double and two RBI, while Mazmanian scored twice

and knocked in a run.

Dan Augustine contributed two hits and two RBI, while Concordia University's Tony Pounders (Livonia Stevenson) and Brad Herman each added two RBI for the Rams.

Frank Persichino also scored three runs and knocked in a run along with Tim Cross.

Losing pitcher Mike O'Hanlon went 3-for-4 with two runs scored to lead Cortland's 10-hit attack. P.J. Rigand added two hits and two RBI, while Tom Gilleo went 2-for-4.

"Wick came in with some control trouble, he walked a bunch early and they (Cortland) got some timely hits and we were down 3-0," Rams manager Rick Berryman said. "Bertakis came in and did a great job. His slider and cutter were working. He rolled his ankle coming off the mound in the fifth inning and had trouble throwing his fastball, but was able to keep the other team off-balance."

On Wednesday, the Rams were scheduled to play Brooklyn. Both teams are 1-1 with the winner remain-

ing alive and the loser going home.

"We used only used two pitchers today," Berryman said. "And that's good thing because and we needed some fresh pitchers going into the next game."

Rams drop opener, 7-1

It was a tough draw and even a tougher opener for the Michigan Rams in the AAABA Tournament in Johnstown, Pa.

On Monday, the Rams drew five-team defending champion Youse's Maryland Orioles of Baltimore and suffered a 7-1 setback at Revloc Field.

Winning pitcher Scott Swinson limited the Rams, the Michigan Collegiate Baseball League's third-place finisher and 20-and-under representative, to just one run on four hits and one walk in seven innings. Swinson struck out six before giving way to reliever Kevin Jacob, who pitched two scoreless innings to close out the victory.

Rams starter Derek Mosher, who had trouble locating his pitches for strikes, went the first 4.1 innings, allowing four runs on six hits and five walks in taking the loss. He fanned four before being lifted in favor of Colin O'Connell, who allowed two runs on four hits and a walk during his 1.2-inning stint.

Kalamazoo College's Ben Schroeder (Livonia Stevenson) worked the final three innings, allowing one runs on one hit and a walk.

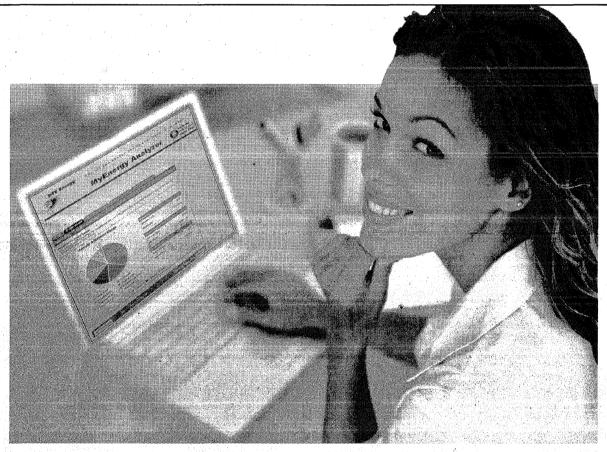
The Orioles scored three times in the third inning and added three more in the sixth before adding one more in the eighth to put the game away.

"Drew (Mosher) wasn't himself like he was his last four starts," Berryman said. "He too many early walks (three in the first inning) and they (Baltimore) got some timely hits. They're a good hitting team and they hit some good pitches.

"And their pitcher (Swinson) did a good job staying in (strike) zone and he limited us to four hits."

John Hicks paced the Orioles' 11-hit attack, going 3-for-4 with two RBI. Leon Landry added two hits and two RBI, while Reed Gragnini went 2-for-5 with an RBI.

Ryan Abraham went 2-for-3 and scored the Rams' lone run in the sixth inning on a single by Josh Kirsten.



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Michigan Bucks to overhaul 2009 roster

BY DAN STICKRADT O&E STAFF WRITER

Whether onlookers view the Michigan Bucks as a success or failure this 2008 season, given their talent level and expectations, the Premier Development League team should have a different look next season.

Of the 30 or so players that suited up for at least one game with the Bucks this summer, or were on the roster but injured, many likely won't be back when the team begins the next season in May 2009.

"It will be a new team, that's for sure," predicted Dan Fitzgerald, the Bucks' head coach the past three seasons.

With many of the team's top players set to enter their senior years of college eligibility, many of them will likely opt for new avenues: attempt to play semi-pro ball in the United Soccer League's First Division or Second Division, a step of above the PDL; possibly get drafted by a Major League Soccer team and play pro ball stateside; go overseas and attempt to play on a foreign club; or take their college degrees and enter the general workforce.

"I look at our roster and I see a lot of these guys moving on," added Fitzgerald. "Most of our top 15 guys or so likely won't be back."

Sweeper Michael Holody (University of Michigan), midfielder Nate Jafta (Lindsey Wilson College, Ky.) and goalkeeper Steve Clark (Oakland University), all three-year starters for the Bucks and All-PDL Central Conference First-Team picks this season, are seniors and will be the toughest to replace if they opt to depart.

All three have already trained with MLS teams during the past three years.

Additionally, midfielder Ty Shipalane (Lindsey Wilson), forward Doug DeMartin (Michigan State), midfielder Billy Weaver (Indiana), forward Jake Stacy (Michigan), midfielder Alex Morriset (Michigan), midfielder Piotr Nowak (Oakland), defenseman Ian Daniel (Trov Athens/Oakland), defenseman Kyle Russell (Coastal Carolina), midfielder Zac Scaffidi (Michigan State) and defenseman Dave Hertel (Michigan State) are also entering their senior seasons of college soccer and may not return.

Defenseman Adam Brent, who has used up his eligibility at Oakland and will graduate in December, may also be lost. Most of the players in the 67-team PDL are current college players.

"We'll be talking to the coaches at Michigan, Michigan State, Oakland, Lindsey Wilson, wherever we can find top-level (college) players, about bringing in some new guys next year," said Fitzgerald. "We'll have a lot of new young guys. But there's a lot of good, young, talented players out there. We'll see what we need."

Fitzgerald said that some of Michigan's class of 2008 high school players, who are starting their freshman seasons of college ball, will be targeted to play with the Bucks in the future.

The Bucks finished the 2008 season with a 13-3-2 overall record, 13-2-2 against PDL teams, which was the league's top record. Michigan's only PDL losses were to the Toronto Lynx (1-0) in the regular season and to the Kalamazoo Outrage (3-1, overtime) in the Round of 16 of the PDL national tournament.

The team was also the 2006 national champion, finished as the national runner-up in 2007 and has advanced to the PDL national tournament in 12 of the past 13 seasons.

As for potential returning players, Mauro Fuzetti (U-M), Bret Mellon (Tulane), Nosa Iyoha (MSU), Fabien Lewis (Western Massachusetts), Stefan St. Louis (Oakland), Besmir Bega (Drake), Nik Djokic (Livonia Stevenson/Lindsey Wilson), Machel James (Oakland) and Fred Braun (Rochester/Louisville) could all return, but collectively they saw little playing time with the Bucks. Braun missed the year with an injury and Mellon played in just one game as Clark's backup.

Spencer Thompson (MSU), Luke Norman (Rochester Stoney Creek/Wake Forest) and Colin Givens (Troy/Virginia) were all on the preseason roster this year, but left earlier in the season for various reasons.

The Bucks eldest player, 28year-old Kenny Uzoigwe, a three-time All-PDL Central pick, currently works for the Bucks organization and may also return. College players interested in trying out for the Bucks in 2009 can obtain information on the Bucks' web site at www.buckssoccer.com.

Bucks land 2 on PDL team

Although the Michigan Bucks did not reach their destination of their third straight national finals appearance of the United Soccer Leagues-Premier Developmental League, two of the Bucks' stars garnered the highest honor of the 67-franchise PDL.

Attacking midfielder Nate Jafta (Lindsey Wilson College, Ky.) and sweeper Mike Holody (Clarkston/ University of Michigan) were named to the PDL Dream Team. They were chosen out of more than 1,600 players from around the U.S. and Canada, mostly collegiate players who play in the league during the summer months.

Golf's generation gap? Junior McCurley edges senior Johnston for title

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If 71-year-old Claud Johnston is any inspiration, 18-year-old Zach McCurley has many good years ahead of himself in the game of golf.

McCurley, the former Belleville High standout and Canton native, repeated as individual medalist last weekend at the City Golf Championships & Challenge held at Fellows Creek G.C. in Canton.

McCurley carded a 76 on Saturday and followed up with a 74 on Sunday for a 150 total to win the tournament over Johnston by two strokes.

Westland golfers, meanwhile, captured the City Challenge portion with a five-player total of 787 led by Johnston's 152. Wayne and Canton were a distant second and third with 863 and 915, respectively.

An errant tee shot on the final hole cost Johnston, who is a well-known in the Michigan Publinx and Golf of Michigan Association senior player circles.

"Claud played pretty well," tournament organizer Bill Hawley said. "He's a guy who went to Wayne High and did not play golf in high school - he played baseball.

'He told me he's won city tournaments in the 1960s, '70s, '80s and '90s, but he wanted to win one in the 2000s. He's a quality player and a real gentleman.

McCurley, who took his first tournament title of the summer after a runner-up and a third, has never been paired with Johnston.

"I heard he's a good golfer, but I've never seen him or played with him," McCurley said of Johnston.

Thunderstorms and rain called the golfers off the course twice during the two-day tournament, which attracted 30 entrants.

"The first day the weather was pretty bad, you saw what happened at the PGA (at Oakland Hills)," said. McCurley, who has been busy during the summer playing close to 20 events, mostly of the junior variety. "A lot of putts were not falling. It was not as bad the second day. I just clicked a lot better. I've been working on my irons this summer, but I've been struggling. I finally got some putts to go down (the

McCurley, who qualified for last June's Division 1 state boys golf finals, would like to continue his golf career at Grand Valley State University. He'll play one more tournament at his club - Pine View C.C. in Ypsilanti - before heading off to school on Aug. 21.

"I haven't gotten a yes or a no from the coach yet about a tryout," he said. "McCurley said. "But that's the plan."

Westland's individual winners included Johnston (championship flight), Tom Kalinowski (first flight) and Bob Decker (senior flight).

Zach McCurley took the championship flight in



Canton's Zach McCurley, a recent Belleville High grad, was the overall medalist at the City Golf Championship & Challenge Tournament with a two-day total of 76-74-150 held last weekend at Fellows Creek G.C.

Canton, while his father Tim McCurley ruled the first

Wayne winners included Ted Salvatori (championship flight) and Doug Tompkins (senior flight).

Sandy Felan (Westland) shot a 173 to repeat as the women's championship flight division, while Darlene Hawley (Wayne) took the women's senior flight.

In the Open Division, Livonian Matt Molnar was first with a two-day total of 167.

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City), 77; 2. Cooper Christie (Livonia), 79; 3. Jimmy Vayis (Livonia), 80; 4. Zeb Hancock, 82; 5. Karl Allen, 83; 6. Tyler Jarosz, 85; 7. Thomas Firavich, 87; 8. Josh Perrin, 88; 9. (tie) John Marlow and Drake Hernmann, 90 each; 11. John Selinski, 91; 12. (tie) Jeramy Stover, Jeff Meek, Paul Scott and Jake Allen, 92 each; 16. (tie) Jeff Barton and Dan Wilk, 94 each; 18. (tie) Aaron Nichols, Patrick Stephensor and Josh DiDiminico, 95 each: 21 John Chantres, 101: 24, Jack Chinavare, 104: 25 Scott Bunzeluk, 105; 26. Andrew Seton, 112: 27. Paul Cheerewick, 113: 28. Stepher Klos, 122; 29. Jake Anderson, 132. 14-and-under: 1. (tie) Sam Studnicka (Northville Township) and Ben Proben (Livonia), 83 each; 3. Nick Proben

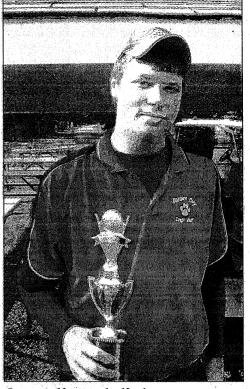
Andrew Newman, 91 each: 6, Justin Meac and Matt Nanuzkowski, 97 each; 8. Jacob Whitlow, 98: 9. Max Humitz, 104: 10. Zack Kubiak, 105, 11. Kevin Darcy, 109, 12. (tie) Adam Findlay and Brian Tulpa, 110 each; 14. Erick Anderson, 111; 15. Kaine Marnon 12-and-under: 1. Glen Piot (Canton),

(Livonia), 85; 4. (tie) Joey Hanba and

88; 2. Danny Vayis (Livonia), 92; 3. Billy Bonnano (Livonia), 103; 4. Justin Bradford, 104; 5. Zack Giamapola, 111; 6. Jordan Atienza, 114, 7. Nolan Bradford, 117, 8. Jake Kubiak, 122. 10-and-under: 1. Kyle Walter (Canton), 81; 2. James Piot (Canton), 90; 3. Mitchell

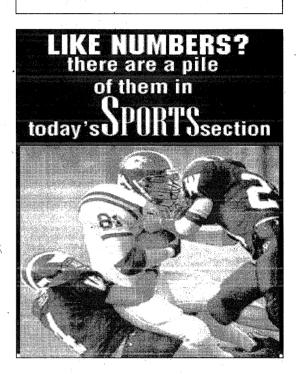
Kubiak (Northville), 118; 4. lan Knopp, 125; 5. Christian Nabozny, 125; 6. Chase mann, 129; 7. Nathan Atienza, 146. GIRLS AGE-GROUP RESULTS **17-and-under**: 1. Marissa Briden (Livonia), 92.

14-and-under: 1. Christine Bonanno (Livonia), 121;2. Megan Dwyer, 126; 3. Christine Briden, 127; 4. Katie Gubachy,



Overall medalist

Garden City's Jared Cusmano came away as the overall individual medalist and the Boys 17-andunder age group champion by carding a 77 on Sunday in the first annual Wolverine Sports & Conservation Junior Tournament held at Livonia's Idyl Wyld Golf Course. The free event attracted 70 golfers. See results.



AREA GOLF DIVOTS

Hole-in-one club

Chuck Meagher, of Livonia, used a 5-wood to ace the 187-yard, No. 8 hole, Aug. 12, at Idyla Golf Course.

For Meagher, who shot a 44, it was his first hole-in-one in 36 vears.

Salem lacrosse outing

The 2nd Annual Salem Boys Lacrosse Golf outing will be Sept. 14 at St. John's Golf and Banquet Center, which is located at Five

Mile and Sheldon roads, Plymouth. Registration begins at 12:45 p.m. with a shotgun start slated for 1:30 p.m. A scramble format will

be used. The cost is \$110 per golfer and \$440 per foursome if they register after Aug. 16. All those who register prior to Aug. 16 will receive a

\$10 break. The fee includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, lunch at the turn, a rib dinner following the outing, a 50/50

raffle and many contests. To reserve a foursome, contact Lynn Kerchen at (734) 844-7336 or lynn.kerchen@comcast.net; or Eric Bielecki at (248) 351-3824 or (734) 891-3590.

The cost for dinner only is \$50.

North Brothers outing

The 19th annual North Brothers Ford charity golf outing will be Tuesday, Aug. 12, at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth.

Registration starts at 10 a.m. Proceeds go to: Wayne County Family Center, Westland Youth Assistance, YMCA Strong Kids Campaign and Royal Oak Salvation Army.

For more information, call Jackie Marcaccini at (734) 524-1243; or e-mail info@northbrothers.com.

Junior boys fall series

The Michigan PGA Junior Tour, sponsored by Carl's Golfland and Nike Golf, will launch is 2008 Fall Series for boys and girls ages 13-16 with mid-morning tee times the first four Saturdays in September and the first two Saturdays in October.

There is no members fee for the Fall Series for Michigan PGA Junior Tour members. For juniors that are not regular season members, the fee is \$50. The cost for each event is \$50.

The schedule includes: Sept. 6, Washtenaw Country Club; Sept. 13, in Ypsilanti; Grand Valley State's The Meadows, Sept. 20, in Allendale; Sept. 20, Sunnybrook C.C., Grandville; Sept. 27, Country Club of Jackson; Oct. 4, Detroit Golf Club; Oct. 11, MSU's Forest Akers (West Course), East Lansing. Registration begins Aug. 6 at

www.michigan.pga.com. Call Justin Phillips at (517) 641-

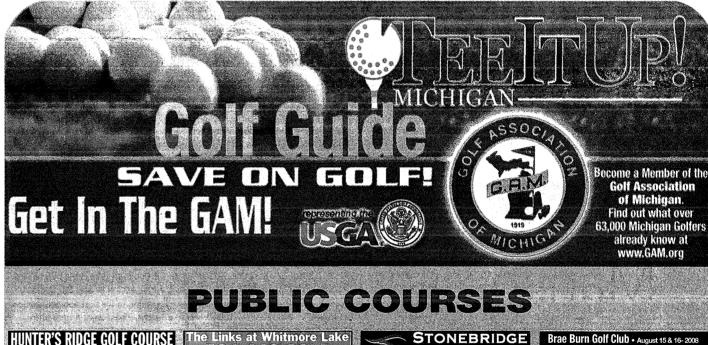
7421; or e-mail jphillips@michiganpga.com.

Disc Golf Guide Disc Golf Michigan! A

Comprehensive Guide to Disc Golf Courses of Michigan, is available for \$19.95 from Planetary Eagle Publishing through the book's web site: www.discgolfmichigan.com; or by calling (269) 342-4929.

The web site also list more than 30 retailers.

The guide book, authored by Stephanai Myers, includes 175 pages of up-to-date information on the 90 courses in Michigan. It includes regional maps, color photos, course and park information, detailed course descriptions, hole lengths, directions, relevant web sites, contacts and where to find maps and scorecards.



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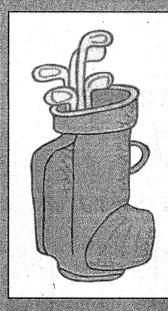
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RELIGION CALENDAR

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AUGUST

Open house

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

Vacation Bible school

Continues 5:30-8:30 p.m. through Friday, Aug. 15, at Good Shepherd Missionary Baptist Church, 20915 Evergreen, Southfield. Come join us for food, teaching, arts and crafts. To register, call (248) 353-4368. All are welcome.

Vacation Bible school

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

Vacation Bible school

Bird Tales, adventures in the forests and jungles of the world continues 6:30-8:30 p.m. through Saturday, Aug. 16. for ages 4-10, crafts, music and refreshments, at Cherry Hill Seventh-

day Adventist Church, 33144 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Garden City. Please pre-register at (734) 524-0880.

Greek festival

Enjoy the culture, homemade food and pastries, music and dance, and shop the Marketplace with Greek artifacts and jewelry noon to 11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, and noon to 9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter Rd., St. Clair Shores. Admission \$2, children age 12 and under free. Proceeds benefit church programs and renovation projects. Call (586) 779-6111 or visit www.assumptionfestival.com. Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia. Summer service time is 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

Bethany Suburban West

Monthly breakfast meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at Leon's 30149 Ford Rd. next to Tim Horton's, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome; for details please feel free to call, Kathy M. (734) 513-9479. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit Office for Family Ministry and provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peer-to-peer ministry to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

Crop walk

Kick-off planning meeting for the

Walk Against Hunger Saturday, Aug. 16. All recruits are invited to share breakfast and learn what is new for 2008 and pick up their walk materials

and pledge sheets for the walk on Sunday, Oct. 5, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, Livonia. For information, call John Hirtzel at (248) 477-5181.

Concert

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

Carillon concert series

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

Bible study

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

Family movie night

The Ten Commandments (from the animated series of Epic Stories of the Bible) 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., north of Six Mile,

MARCELLA E. (Garvin) BERGSTROM

Age 93, of Bloomfield Hills, MI

passed away August 8, 2008. She was born February 19, 1915 in Newark

NJ. Marcella was married to Swede

for 58 years until he preceded her in

death seven years ago this summer

After her children were grown,

Marcella volunteered her time and

energy to the Detroit Deaf and Blind

Club for over 20 years. Following her

time with he Deaf and Blind Club, she

donated her services as a Braille tran-scriber and proofreader for 20 years

She was a generous supporter of the

numerous charities including the Pearl S. Buck Foundation and the Southwest

Indian Children Fund. Marcella was a

lover of classical music, and was an

accomplished pianist in her young

adulthood. She is survived by her

Thornton, Janice (Thomas) Krakowski

and Karen (Frank) Flanagin; seven

grandchildren, Brittany, Graham, Garrett, Hillary Snyder, Lee, Giles and

Brody and two great-grandchildren,

Ryan and Sean. Because of Marcella's

great love for all animals, her family

requests any contributions be made in

her memory to the Michigan Humane Society. A.J. Desmond and Sons

MARGARET L. HILLIARD

Age 86, of Milford, MI, formerly of Farmington, MI, passed August 7, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home,

ROSEMARY A. YOUNG

Age 86, August 10, 2008, Beloved

wife of the late Robert. Dear mother

of Carol Bashista, Mary (John) Jones,

Kochanowski, Cheryl (John) Cochran,

William and the late Barbara and

JoAnne Miles. Grandmother of eight Great-grandmother of four. Visitation

Thursday 1-9pm with a 7pm Rosary at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral

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daughters.

Livonia. No charge. Popcorn and beverages provided. To RSVP, call (734) 425-5950.

Rummage sale

Garden City Presbyterian Church will hold a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 21-22, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, at the church, 1841 Middlebelt. Lunch will be available each day. For more information, call (734) 421-7620.

Summer camp

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Program for Summer continues 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday for ages 18 months to 12 years to Aug. 22, at 14175 Farmington Rd., north of I-96, Livonia. For details, call (734) 513-8413.

Summer music ministry

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

Summer day camp

Offered by Ward Church in Northville for children entering grades one-six, continues to Aug. 24. Hours 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. with extended care available at extra cost. Weekly full-time registrations range from \$135 to \$165. Information available at wardchurch. org, or by calling (248) 374-5975.

Bethany Suburban West Free concert featuring Air Margaritaville 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug.

24, during Lincoln Park Days, 3525 Dix Rd., Lincoln Park MI 48146. Bring a comfortable chair, your favorite drink and a laid back mood. Call Kathy M. for details, (734) 513-9479.

Prayer service The Metropolitan Detroit Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Moses the Black will hold an akathist prayer service honoring the saint 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27, at St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 23300 W. Chicago, Redford. St. Moses the Black is the Orthodox Christian patron saint of African-Americans. He was a 4thcentury Ethiopian slave and gang leader who repented his sinful life and became a monastic in the Egyptian desert, known for his humility, wisdom and power over demons. An akathist is a hymn that recalls the life of a saint, a holy event or one of the persons of the Holy Trinity. No charge and open to the public. There will be an informal discussion of the life of St. Moses following the service. For information, call Sharon Gomulkaat (248) 477-6411 or Robert Mitchell (313) 866-8630.

Mom's retreat

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

Bethany together dance

8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Aug. 30. at Don Hubert V.F.W. Hall 27345 Schoolcraft (this is the I-96 service drive east of Inkster Rd., Redford. Limited to the first 450 paid admissions. Please wear proper attire. Admission \$12. For details, call Loretta at (586) 264-0284. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit and provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peer-to-peer ministry to divorced and

separated of all Christian faiths. Health program

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

Yard sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Redford. Bring your own table for \$10 or rent a church table for \$15. Food and drinks available. Call to reserve your space or table no later than Aug. 31. Cash Only. Call (313) 538-2660 or (313) 533-1646.

Outdoor worship

10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 31, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. A picnic will follow. Call (734) 464-0211. Seekers of spiritual intelligence

Beacon Hill Christian Church

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

806-PRAY, send e-mail to beaconhillccdoc@aol.com.

Water works park

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

UPCOMING

Bethany Suburban West

Deadline is Sept. 1 for head count for Detroit Princess Riverboat cruise featuring Air Margaritaville 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12. Cost is \$54.50 and includes cruise, meal, tax and gratuity. For details or reservations, call Kathy M. (734) 513-9479. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the **Detroit Office for Family Ministry** and provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peerto-peer ministry to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

Exploring the Catholic faith

Starts 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, in Bixman Hall (church building) at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950.

Charity basketball game

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) and Wright & Filippis sponsor a charity basketball game 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, at Franklin High School, 31000 Joy, Livonia, for the benefit of Children's Hospital of Michigan. Teams are the AmpuTeam Spartans sponsored by Wright & Filippis and the Saints sponsored by the COCC. Halftime activities include a 50/50 drawing and silent auction. Suggested donation is \$10 adults, \$5 seniors and children ages 11-18, children 10 and under free. For tickets or information, contact Richard Shebib at (734) 422-0278 or paschabooks@ sbcglobal.net, or Brad Shebib at (248) 829-8327 or bshebib@wright-filippis.com. The Spartans are a team of amputees sponsored by Wright & Filippis and coached by Brad Shebib, a physical therapist at the company and a member of the Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary, Livonia. The Saints are volunteers from COCC member churches coached by Nisreen Fakhouri, a former member of Wayne State University's women's basketball team. COCC church members interested in playing for the team may contact her at (313) 770-3733 or fakhourn@cooley.edu.

Bethany Suburban West

Monthly dance 8 p.m. until midnight Saturday, Sept. 6, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster Rd., Redford. No dance lesson this month. Cost \$10, refreshments included. Doors open a 7:30 p.m. Call Diane K. for information, (734) 261-5716. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit and pro-, vides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peer-to-peer ministry to divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

Picnic

All-church and neighborhood picnic follows festival worship and communion 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, on the lawn at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Meet new people and visit with long-time friends, get information on upcoming programs and how to grow closer to Christ, food, music, games, fellowship, moon walk, face painting, Call (734) 422-0149.

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

Tent sale

Begoms at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. Household item, specialties like Avon, candles, tools, houseplants, books and crafts. Also a used clothing sale inside the church for \$2 a plastic grocery bag. All proceeds donated to area organizations to help people in the community. Cost to participate is \$25 if you bring your own table, \$35 to use one of the church's 8-foot tables. For details, call (734) 722-1735 or (734) 722-4363.

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Monthly breakfast meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at Leon's 30149 Ford Rd. next to Tim Horton's, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome; for details call, Kathy M. (734) 513-9479. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit and provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peer-to-peer ministry to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

Celebration

This year, Israel celebrates a significant milestone that provides a great opportunity to celebrate the achievements and history of the Jewish State. In honor of this momentous occasion. The Russian Chapter of American Friends of Magen David Adom (Israel's equivalent to the Red Cross) will host

a celebration 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, at Adat Shalom, Farmington Hills. The evening includes Russian-Jewish delicacies, entertainment by Ben Opengeim, door prizes and auction. Tickets \$90, with proceeds benefiting ARMDI. Friends and families of all faiths and backgrounds welcome, but space is limited. For details, visit www.lifetosave.org.

Organ recital

Robert Bates, associate professor of organ at University of Houston, performs 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22, at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward, north of Grand Blvd., Detroit. \$10 per person at the door or call (313) 875-7407. Reception follows concert. Free supervised parking adjacent to church.

Mom-to-Mom sale

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0149.

Bethany hay ride

Saturday, Sept. 27, for Bethany Suburban West and Bethany South in South Rockwood. Cost is \$20, includes hay ride, hot dogs with all the fixings plus beverages and a DJ. They have an indoor facility for dining and dancing. Call Kathy M. at (734) 513-9479 or Judy at (313) 389-4730 for tickets.

Spirit of Manresa

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

Tiny Tots Preschool

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

Crafters wanted

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

sold must be submitted. Fall craft show.

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

ONGOING

Thursday fellowship dinner

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

Eucharistic adoration

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

Worship schedule

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

Time change

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

Sunday worship The early service for the Anglican

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

Reformed Protestant services

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

Sanskrit chanting

An ongoing, weekly class taught by Ania Kopczynski, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No pre-registration required. A free-will collection taken at the session. For information,

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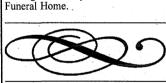
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Age 87, August 10, 2008. Beloved wife of the late Milton. Loving mother of Shirley (Dave) Speirs and Carole (the late Michael) Quinn. Dear grandmother of Mark (Sue) Speirs, Doug (Christine) Speirs and Scott (Michelle) Speirs, Kevin Quinn and Michele Quinn. Great-grandmother of Manny, Jessica, Ashley, Amanda, Patrick and Blake. Funeral Service Friday 11 a.m. at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia (East of I-275). Visitation Wednesday 3-9 p.m., Thursday 1-9 p.m. Interment ELTA IRENE TINKHAM ssed away August 11, 2008, age 92. Widow of Matthew H. Tinkham, Sr. and Ernest M. Hicks. Survived by daughters Erna Farrington of Michigan and Nancy Darwin of Clayton, North Carolina. Sister of Molly Mousseau of Chatham, Ontario. Also survived by six grand-children and eight great-grandchil-

dren. Cremation has taken place.

EVELYN I. EVANS Age 80, August 10, 2008. Beloved wife of the late Stanley. Dear mother of David Neil, James Stanley and Steven Thomas. Grandmother of Kristin, David, April and Ashley. Great-grandmother of 4. Sister of Robert Curfman and the late Eleanor Hopkins. Services were held. Arrangements by Santeiu & Son

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GERALD R. ENGLE

Age 93, formerly of Royal Oak and Hudson, FL. Beloved husband of 67 years to Theresa; cherished father of Janice Endress (Jim), Sandra Engle and Douglas Engle; loving grandfa-ther of Scott (Leada), Nicole Olds (Aaron), Melissa Endress, Jaclyn Hinkle (Eric) and Jeffrey Engle (Amber) and great-grandfather of Tiffany Engle, Lauren and Tyler Olds; dear brother of Arlene Succop, Carlton Engle and the late Shirley Moody. Private cremation services by Pixley Funeral Home-Godhardt-Tomlinson Chapel, Keego Harbor, Memorials to Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Birmingham. Visit www.mem.com

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Age 51, of Willis, MI. went to be with his Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ after a long illness, on Sunday, August 10, 2008. Born in Hampton, Virginia on November 1, 1956, son of Gerald Edwin and Dolores (Moore) Colton, Sr. Survived by his wife of over 24 years, Waneta, two children Timothy Mischka of Newport News, Virginia and Tara Owens of Virginia Beach, Virginia, six grandchildren, his birth father, also his step-father, five sisters, one half-brother and one half-sister, one step-brother and numerous nieces & nephews. Jerry enjoyed playing pool, watching the Sci-Fi channel, as well as bird watching and he loved playing ball with his dog. He proudly served his country in the United States Army and remained a proud veteran. Preceded in death by his mother, Dolores Joyner, also a daughter Tina Eldridge. Funeral service on Thursday, August 14, 2008 at 10 AM at Belleville Church of God, 45170 Hull Rd., Belleville, MI with Pastor Allen R. Campbell officiating. Interment at Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, MI following at 2:30 PM. Memorial contributions to the wishes of the family would be appreciated. Arrangements by DAVID C. BROWN

FUNERAL HOME, Belleville, MI. www.davidcbrownfh.com

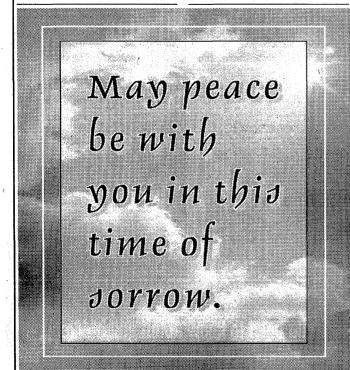


HAROLD W. FOSNESS

Age 83, of Farmington Hills, MI, passed August 9, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

JUNE TOTH

Plymouth, MI, age 77. Beloved wife of John Toth. Sons: John, Kenney, David, Daughters: Karen Hirth, Darleen Southworth, Sister Virginia, Brothers: Bill, Jim, Roy Yardbrough. Born March 23, 1931, passed July 27, 2008. Memorial Services to be held August 16 at Connection Church in Canton, Michigan. Cremation has taken place.



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Pastor eager to begin new career

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Steven Newton wanted to be sure it wasn't just a mid life crisis when he decided to go into the ministry so he and his wife Sharon prayed about the decision that would take them far away from the Detroit area where they grew up.

Nearly five years later the couple and their children returned home and couldn't be happier. On Sunday, July 27, the 51-year-old Newton was ordained into the holy ministry and installed as Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in

Newton knew something was missing from his life even though he had landed a good job after graduating from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. For 22 years he worked as a transmission design engineer at General Motors in Ypsilanti.

"I grew up as a Christian but was not strongly committed. The peer pressure was too great. At age 18 I changed and since then always wanted to do what God wanted me to do," said Newton who first began

thinking about the seminary around age 36, while living in Ann Arbor with his wife Sharon who he married 21 years ago.

"I had a young family, was making money at GM and was an elder at my church and saw closer what the pastor had to do to love and serve God. By 42 or 43 I began to take it more seriously.

Before long Sharon, Newton and their sons Aaron and Charlie were moving to St. Louis, Mo. where he studied át Concordia Theological Seminary for three years. The family then moved to Grand Island, Neb. where Newton served his one year as a vicar at Trinity Lutheran Church. On April 22 he accepted the Divine Call to become Pastor at Grace Lutheran Church but had to finish the internship a Trinity Lutheran first. They returned to the Detroit area July 16, and just last week bought a house in Canton where Newton is looking forward to serving as pastor of the church with 120 members.

"First and foremost I want to get to know the brothers and sisters here and build a



Pastor Steven Newton was ordained into the holy ministry and installed as Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Canton on Sunday, July 27. He is pictured here with his wife Sharon and their sons Aaron, 18 (left), and Charlie, 15.

 $relationship\ between\ them\ and\quad keyboard ist\ and\ bass\ player.$ me," said Newton. "We know the Bible but want to understand it more and how we can impact and interact with the community and serve the community."

While Newton isn't planning any drastic changes at the church, he would like to start a Bible class for adults on Wednesdays come September. Catechism classes for 7th and 8th grade students also begin in the fall.

Newton describes Grace Lutheran as more of a contemporary church with Sunday morning services at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. He is currently looking for a guitar player for the contemporary worship team for the 10:30 a.m. service

to accompany the drummer,

Sunday School for children, teens and adults takes place at 9:15 a.m. Youth meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

"We're always looking for new members," said Newton. "Grace offers a family environment, a close environment. People love and care and look out for each other, pray for each other. We want to grow as disciples of Jesus and offer that in a contemporary, modern setting."

Grace Lutheran Church is at 46001 Warren Road, west of Canton Center. Visitors wel-

For more information, call Newton at (734) 414-7422.

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call (586) 353-2300 or visit www.

renaissanceunity.org. Church schedule

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

Single Place Ministry Single Place Ministry continues to meet Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for

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

Prince of Peace Church

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

Tai Chi and strength classes

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

The cost per class is \$10 or \$40

prepaid for five classes. The strength class takes place 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$5 per class. Drop-ins welcome. For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

Church offerings Riverside Park Church of God, Sunday

worship is at 10 a.m., Wednesday bible classes (child through adult) at 7 p.m. Youth outings held monthly. The senior group (age 50 plus) has lunch together every month. The men get together for breakfast the first Saturday of the month plus we offer choir practice for all singers. All visitors welcome. The church is at 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth * Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990

for details. Church services

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

Tai Chi class

Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is great for reducing stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes continue every Monday. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc.org for updates.

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Youth baseball tryouts

■ The Livonia Travel Baseball Club, along with Livonia Baseball & Softball Association, will stage tryout evaluations for the following age groups (determined as of May 1, 2009) at Bicentennial Park, located at Seven Mile and Wayne roads, on Diamond No. 8:

10-and-under, 1-3 p.m.; 9-andunder, 3-5 p.m.; 12-and-under, 5-7 p.m. - all Saturday, Aug. 16; 11-and-under, 1-3 p.m.; 13-andunder, 3-5 p.m.; 14-and-under (for players who have not entered high school yet), 5-7 p.m. - all Sunday, Aug. 17.

Managers and coaches are also needed.

If interested, call travel director Bruce Rosen at (313) 531-0721; or e-mail mblr1218@aol.com.

■ Tryouts for the Westland Warthogs, a 13-and-under travel baseball team will be from 6-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23; Wednesday, Aug. 27; Friday, Sept. 5; and Wednesday, Sept. 10, at Wayne-Ford Civic League baseball fields, located at Wayne Road, just south of Ford.

For more information, call Keith Kiesznowski at (734) 846-

■ Tryouts will be staged the next few weeks for the 2009 WaCo Wolves, a 14-under team which will play in the 15-andunder division of the Kensington Valley Baseball-Softball Association, along with regional

The Wolves will start play in early April and end in late July with close to an 80-game schedule which includes the Omaha (Neb.) Slump Buster held during the College World Series.

For more information, call Bill Hardin at (734) 560-0820.

■ Tryouts for the 2009 Livoniabased, 11-and-under Michigan Bulldogs travel baseball team will be from 10 a.m. until noon,

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Saturday, Aug. 16; and 3:30-5:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17, at Bicentennial Park in Livonia.

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

Girls fastpitch tryouts

■ Tryouts for the Livonia Storm girls fastball softball team will be from 10 a.m. until noon (10and 12-and-under) and from 1-3 p.m. (14-, 16- and 18-and-under), Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 16-17, at Bicentennial Park (diamonds nos. 9 and 10).

Tryouts for all ages will also be from 6-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 18, at Bicentennial.

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

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

■ Tryouts for the Livonia Wild girls fastpitch softball team will be from 10 a.m. until noon, Saturday, Aug. 23, at Livonia's Ford Field.

The Wild will fled travel teams for 10-, 12-, 14-, 16- and 18-andunder levels.

For more information, e-mail Paul Seewald at info@ljal.com.

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

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

Most players will only need to attend one session.

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

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

Elks Soccer Shoot

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage

its annual soccer shoot beginning at 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 18 at the Livonia Community Center soccer fields, located at

Five Mile and Hubbard. Registration starts at 4:30 p.m. the day of the event, which

Age divisions for boys and girls include 7-and-under, 8-9,

10-11 and 12-13. For more information, call

(734)466-2410

Punt, Pass & Kick

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

Registration starts at 4:30 p.m. the day of the event, which is free.

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

Inline hockey tryouts

Tryouts for the Wayne-Westland combined JV inline hockey team will be from 6-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4 at Skateland West, located at Newburgh and Cherry Hills

You must attend Wavne-Westland Schools and be entering grades 8-11 in Sept. 2008 to be eligible.

For more information, e-mail wwinlinehockey@hotmail.com.

Adult women's hockey

An adult women's hockey league will begin its fall session (Oct. 3 through Sept. 12) at Veterans Arena in Ann Arbor. Beginners are welcome. No

experience necessary. The registration fee, due by Sept. 12, is \$190 (includes jersey). Games will be scheduled at 7:50 p.m., 8:50 p.m., 9:50 p.m. and 10:50 p.m. on Fridays.

To register online, visit www. macrhl.com.

Churchill Pompon clinic

The Livonia Churchill varsity pom-pon team will be offering a pom clinic (ages 6-14) from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, Aug. 23, at high school.

All who attend the workshop

will be performing a routine at a Churchill varsity soccer game.

To register, call Robin Schwarz at (734) 464-0556.

Baseball Academy

The Pro Secrets Baseball Academy will be conducting showcase sessions for high school players as well as skill sessions in power pitching, hitting and fielding.

The latest pro pitch trainer will be used and former Phillies pitcher Mark Rutherford will be the featured instructor.

For more information, call (734) 421-4928.

Need flag football coach

A coach is needed for the Garden City Parks & Recreation After-School Program's boys and girls flag football team, which includes fourth, fifth and sixth graders.

Games are played 7 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays and 10 and 11 a.m. Saturdays at Henry Ruff Elementary School with practices after school Mondays and Fridays.

Tryouts for the season will be held the week of Sept. 8. Practices begin in mid-September and the season extends through mid-November.

Those interested in the job should contact Dan Plamondon, recreation supervisor for Garden City Parks & Recreation. He can be reached at (734) 793-1886 or via e-mail at dplamondon@gardencitymi.org.

WYAA football signup

The Westland Youth Athletic Association, entering its 50th year, is seeking football players ages 12-13-14 interested in playing varsity-level for the Comets or Meteors. Openings remain for both squads.

The Comets play their home games at John Glenn High School and practice and Marshall Middle School, while the Meteors' home field is Wayne Memorial H.S. and practice at Voss Park in Westland.

For more information, call the WYAA Lange Compound Building at (734) 421-0640; Meteors unit director Galen Huren at (734) 716-6047; or Comets unit director Mark Simkow at (734) 732-1176.







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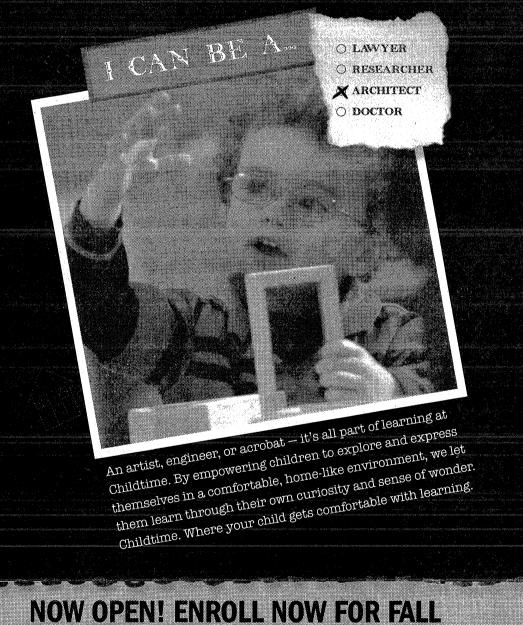
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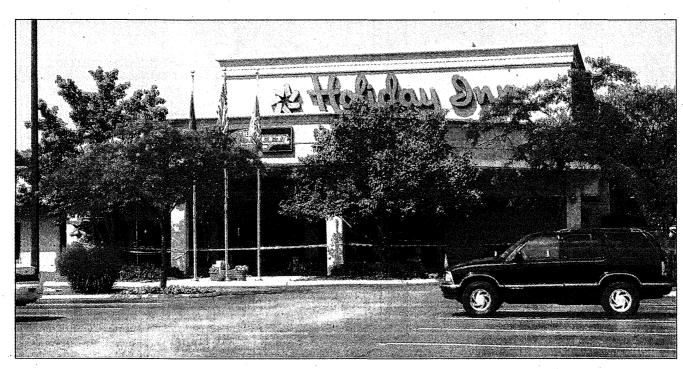
Holiday Inn-Troy has earned Green Lodging Michigan (GLM) Partner certification from the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth (DLEG).

Green Lodging Michigan (GLM) encourages hotels, resorts, motels, and bed & breakfast facilities to implement environmental initiatives and costsaving "green" practices to conserve energy, reduce water consumption, protect air quality, reduce waste, and participate in environmentally preferred purchasing.

'This accreditation is the mark of environmental responsibility of hoteliers who are committed to 'green' business practices that make environmental and economic goals their top priority," said DLEG Director Keith W. Cooley. "Green Lodging Michigan is also helping to ensure the viability of our lodging facilities and the thousands of jobs related to Michigan's hospitality industry."

Holiday Inn-Troy implemented several environmental initiatives such as installing low flow faucets, showerheads, and toilets. The facility uses safe paints, detergents, and cleaning products and has a comprehensive recycling program which includes specifying the purchase of post consumer recycled content paper supplies. Recently, the hotel completed an energy audit that will help identify other ways to cost effectively reduce energy consumption.

'We are proud to be a part of a growing list of hospitality professionals in Michigan that are 'green," said Brett Leiteritz, food and beverage director of the Holiday Inn-Troy, on Rochester Court. "One of the most rewarding aspects of our hotel going 'green' is the opportunity we have to make our guests aware of the ways they can help



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the environment when they travel. Our facility's environmental program also unites our staff, guests, and suppliers with the common goal of creating a culture of environmental awareness."

Green Lodging Michigan is a joint effort between DLEG and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to encourage the lodging industry to conserve and protect the state's natural resources while increasing marketability and lowering utility costs.

"Green Lodging Michigan has been an effective way of including hoteliers in the effort to help Michigan continue as the leader in environmental beauty and abundant natural resources," said Steven E. Chester, director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Green Lodging Michigan is a voluntary and non-regulatory certification program offered through the Michigan Energy Office in DLEG to hoteliers at no charge. The Michigan Energy Office and the DEQ provide technical assistance to those who are interested in implementing "green" strategies and earning certification. The GLM program certifies facilities based on environmental initiatives such as air quality, energy efficiency, solid waste reduction, toxic waste management,

water conservation, purchasing and communication. There are three levels of certification: Partner, Steward, and Leader, which can be earned by completing a self-assessment checklist and achieving a minimum number of requirements and points.

The Michigan Energy Office promotes energy efficiency and renewable energy resource development to Michigan's residents, businesses, and public institutions. For more information about the Green Lodging Michigan program and to download the GLM application packet and selfassessment checklist, visit the Web site at www.michigan.gov/greenlodging.

Avoid fair housing violation on dog

Q: We have a dog in our community who is being used for the "support" of the co-owner and we are concerned about the ramifications of the Fair Housing Act. Do you have any comments?

A: You certainly should be concerned about precluding a homeowner from keeping a support animal in their townhouse

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community is subject to a restriction prohibiting dogs. You may well have violated the Federal Fair Housing

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Amendment Act if in fact the person is disabled. In a recent Florida case, the person was disabled by diabetes and depression and the court granted an injunction requiring that the association allow the dog, assert certain limitations on the use of the dog in the premises, as well as making the homeowner accept responsibility for any damage to the common areas the dog caused.

Q: We have a condominium association that has a prohibition on "for sale" signs in the window. Our real estate agent put it in. Do we have a basis to stop the association from interfering with us?

A: Probably not, based upon a recent case from the State of Georgia. In that case, a homeowner claimed that the prohibition against signs did not apply to a real estate agent's right to erect a "for sale" sign on the property. The court rejected her claim stating that the agent may not do any more than his or her principal and that the agent, therefore, lacked the authority to erect the sign on the homeowner's behalf You certainly should be concerned. The court also rejected the homeowner's argument that the restrictive covenant was an unenforceable restraint on trade. You are likely to get a similar result in Michigan.

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

Housing legislation greeted with praise in industry

Landmark housing legislation signed into law July 30 by President Bush is aimed at ending the current cyclical downturn in the housing industry, helping homebuyers and strapped borrowers and strengthening the housing finance system.

The legislation contains several provisions to get home buyers back into the marketplace, stop the slide in home prices, provide a lifeline to borrowers facing foreclosure, improve mortgage liquidity and bolster confidence in Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Senate Banking Committee Chairman Chris Dodd, D-Conn., a chief architect of the bill, calls it "the most important piece of housing legislation in a generation.'

TAX CREDIT CENTERPIECE

The centerpiece of the housing bill is a temporary, \$7,500 first-time homebuyer tax credit for the purchase of any home. The tax credit will stimulate home buying, reduce excess supply in housing markets and shore up home prices.

"A similar federal housing tax credit was used in the mid-1970s which stimulated housing purchases and reduced housing inventories by nearly 50 percent, virtually overnight," according to Michael Stoskopf, CEO of the Building **Industry Association of** Southeastern Michigan (BIA), located in Farmington Hills. "Reducing existing inventories helps stimulate new home construction making this new legislation's combination of tax credits and related reforms a significant benefit for the working families in southeast Michigan."

He went on to note that a large selection of new construction homes is available in every price range, throughout southeastern Michigan. Information on these homes can be found year round at www.builders. org, through Aug. 18 at www. BuyinJulyMichigan.com and beginning on Aug. 15, at www. BIAparadeofhomes.com.

According to the National **Association of Home Builders** (NAHB), the tax credit can be used for homes purchased between April 9, 2008 and July 1, 2009. It is expected to provide a significant — and temporary - financial incentive for home buyers. To qualify, you must actually close on

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the sale of the home during this period.

The \$7,500 tax credit is available for first-time homebuyers only, defined as a buyer who has not owned a home during the past three years. All U.S. citizens who file taxes are eligible to participate in the program.

There are income limits to eligibility for the tax credit. Homebuyers who file as single or head-of-household taxpayers can claim the full \$7,500 credit if their adjusted gross income (AGI) is less than \$75,000. For married couples filing a joint return, the income limit doubles to \$150,000. Single or headof-household taxpayers who earn between \$75,000 and \$95,000 are eligible to receive a partial first-time home buyer tax credit. Married couples who earn between \$150,000 and \$170,000 are eligible to receive a partial first-time home buyer tax credit. The credit is not available for single taxpayers whose AGI is greater than \$95,000 and married couples with an AGI that exceeds \$170,000.

TAX CREDIT IS REFUNDABLE

A refundable credit means that if you pay less than \$7,500 in federal income taxes, then the government will write you a check for the difference. For example, if you owe \$5,000 in federal income taxes, you would pay nothing to the IRS and receive a \$2,500 payment from the government. If you are due

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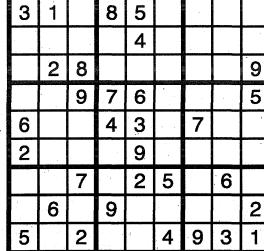
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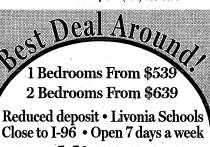
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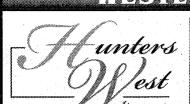
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■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) NAHBR **Professional Remodelers** present "Cash In On CAPS" on Wednesday, Aug. 20, from 6-8:30 p.m. at Association Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills. CAPS refers to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

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

Fall Parade of Homes, the 14th annual fall exhibition of new model homes located across southeastern Michigan, will open on Aug. 15 and run through Sept. 14. Building **Industry Association of** Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and Bank of America Mortgage are the sponsors of this public event.

The Parade of Homes offers potential homebuyers a unique opportunity to visit the area's finest model homes, including condominiums and single-family homes, affordable housing and estate-sized homes.

Visitors to the homes will have an opportunity to see firsthand the latest trends in energy efficiency and green building, architecture, interior design, amenities and materials. The 37 model homes range in base price from \$95,900 to \$1,999,900.

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NAHB has launched a new Web site, www.federalhousingtaxcredit.com, which includes a set of comprehensive questions and answers about how the credit works and how consumers can put it to their advantage.

Other key elements of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008, include:

FHA modernization and expansion. A revitalized FHA will have greater flexibility to respond to the needs of borrowers, enable more working families to become homeowners and play an important role in the mortgage markets. To address the foreclosure crisis, the FHA is given additional authority to insure up to \$300 billion of mortgages to refinance loans headed for foreclosure.

■ GSE (government-sponsored enterprise) reform. The law reforms the regulation of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and permanently increases the conforming loan limit to help buyers in high-cost markets. To reassure financial and global markets, the government will temporarily expand its line of credit to Fannie and Freddie and permit the U.S. Treasury to purchase an equity stake in the companies through the end of 2009.

■ Mortgage Revenue Bond Program. The measure gives states the ability to issue an additional \$11 billion in mortgage revenue bonds, which will help strapped borrowers seeking to refinance their home loans.

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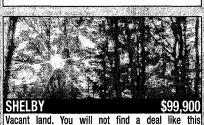
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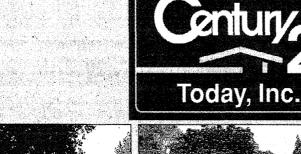
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Extensive granite. Cstm Ightng, wndw trtmnts & shutte Mtl & wd railing. 2-sty GR. DR w/buttler cab. Fp in FR. Bkft rm w/dr to patio. islnd kit w/pantry & ss appls. Mstr ste 248-855-2000 MLS 28042442



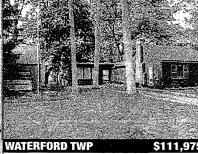
Gorgeous condo, nicely decorated with new furniture Spacious master bedroom has closet space galore Laundry facilities, carport. MLS 28123202 734-462-9800



\$278,900 Beautiful ranch on private 1.35 acres, Updated kit, roof, a/ c. nat fp, mst br suite, fin lower level, tiered brick pave patio w/hot tub. MLS 28096741 734-462-9800



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Original owner has maintained this wonderful 4br, 2.5ba colonial. LR, FR, DR, full bsmnt, fireplace, 2 car att gar.



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Beautiful stamped concrete patio. Att garage. MLS 28065669 248-647-8888



Well-kept w/fin'd bsmnt & multi-lev deck w/view of pond. LR has bay wndw as does mstr w/whrlpool tub, shwr & WIC. Hrdwd firs & ceramic in kit. FR w/cstm fp. MLS 28119179 248-855-2000



5 full BA w/granite! Marble & mosaic flr in foyer & DR! HW firs in Lib, GR, FR & stairs! Wet bar. Mstr ste w/fp, 2 pers tub, sep shower & WIC! isInd kit w/ss appl & granite! MLS 28029947 248-855-2000



Beautiful, very clean updated ranch, hardwood floors, fireplace, Florida rm off din rm, huge basement, new patio 2.5 car garage. MLS 28125005 734-462-9800



Maintenance free brick ranch. 2 full baths, kitchen open to fam rm with brick fp doorwall to lovely 3 seasor Florida room, fin basement. 734-462-9800 MLS 28100560



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Stunning 3br, 2ba home. Living rm w/fireplace. Family rm w/doorwall to wrap around deck. Master suite. Finished Outstanding 3br, 2ba vintage cape cod. Oak flrs & cove ceilings, natural fireplaces in living rm & finished rec rm. Updtd kit, frml DR, deck, 2 car att gar. 248-647-8888 MLS 28117103 248-647-8888



Lrg foyer, circ. staircase, bridge overlooks 2 stry ceiling FR w/fp, wd firs, 4 skylights. Mstr ste w/jacuzzi. Kit w/islar & wd fir, doorwall to deck. Fin bsmnt w/bdrm, bar & lav.



Move right in! 3 br, 2.5 bath, newer carpet, newer furnace, c/a. large kit, mstr bath,fin bsmt, patio, w/hc tub, retractable awning, MLS 28038552 734-462-9800



Enjoy park like setting, updated kit with appliances newer carpet thru out, windows, roof, electrical, coppe



\$244,000 WHITE LAKE TWP Beautiful 4 bedroom, 3 bath home. Home features cathedral Great Room with fireplace, oak kitchen, eating rea with doorwall to patio, and finished lower lev 248-673-2211



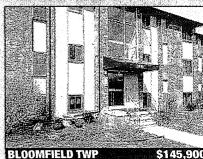
Well maintained 4 bedroom 2 bath brick ranch. Living rm w/built-in entertainment cntr, dining rm, newer kitcher nished basement w/family rm. Doorwall to deck. MLS 28092845 248-673-221



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Sits on a priv country setting of 1.12 acres. Open fir plan overlooks priv bckyrd. FR in LL w/rec rm, office & BR. MLS 28097096



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Updated colonial, Bkfst rm overlooks fam rm w/fireplace MLS 28104373 734-462-9800



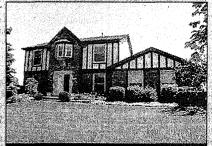
Immaculate home in Western Golf sub, vinyl windows bsmt, 2 car gar, MLS 28018802



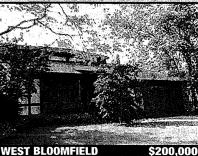
\$239,900 Charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Granite throughout, hardwood and tile floors, open kitchen, fireplace in dining room, French doors, bay window in family room MLS 28125247 248 248-673-2211



3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home with Morgan Lake privileges. New kitchen, eating area overlooking wooded private lot, formal living room, family room with fireplace. MLS 28111692 248-673-2211



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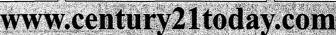


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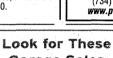
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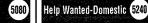
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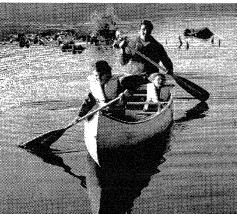
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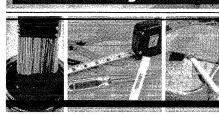
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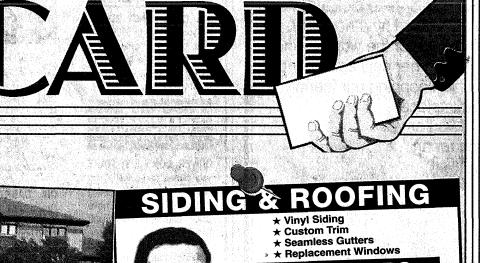
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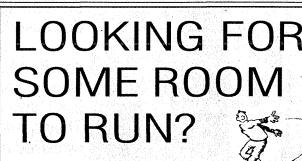
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The past, present and future of the automobile will be on display during the 2008

Dream Cruisers gear up for new events

For a Dream Cruise event schedule, visit us online at www.hometownlife.com

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

Each August Woodward Avenue undergoes a transformation — a ride back in time — to honor the Motor City's cruising days of old. And it's already begun. Vintage cars rev down Michigan's Highway One and perfectly restored classics park along the road, hoods popped anywhere from Pontiac to Ferndale, all to catch the eye of car buffs across the metro area.

It's not everyday spectators can spot a 1953 Buick Skylark parked near a cherry '84 Corvette. But such a sight comes as a clear sign that it's time for the Woodward Dream Cruise.

The world's largest one-day annual event dedicated to the automobile marks its 14th year this Saturday, Aug. 16 and more than a million visitors are expected to tra-

verse the road.

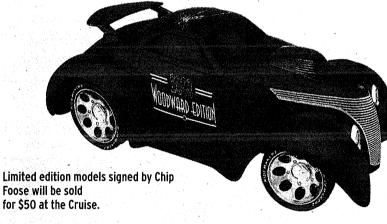
During a press preview event July 31, Dale Dawkins, president of Woodward Dream Cruise, Inc., noted that the event marks a collaborative effort — with organizers from all nine host communities and beyond working together. Those communities include Berkley, Birmingham, Bloomfield Township, Bloomfield Hills, Ferndale, Huntington Woods, Pleasant Ridge, Pontiac and Royal

A GRAND GUY

Trov Trepanier, a leading custom car designer and president of Illinois-based Rad Rides by Troy, will serve as grand marshal of this year's WDC. In addition to building cars for some of the top collectors in the country, he's developed the only EPA-certified ethanol kit, meant to keep motors running in an environmentally friendly way.

Trepanier said he was hon-

Please see CRUISE, D7



'Overhaulin' Chip Foose comes to Dream Cruise



TV's 'Overhaulin',' will

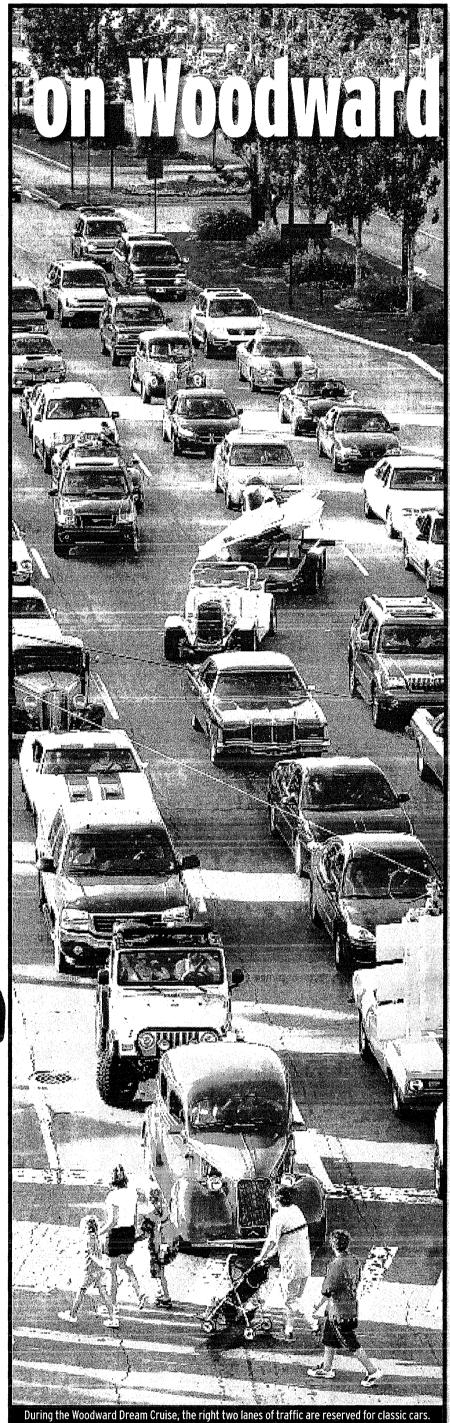
to sign autographs.

O&E STAFF WRITER

Chip Foose, the talented auto designer and star of television's hot rod show Overhaulin', has attended the Woodward Dream Cruise at least five times over the years. Most of his visits have been for socializing and car cruising, not for "work."

Foose will be at the Cruise again, on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 15-16, to sign autographs, help raise money for charity and promote the cool collectible miniature cars he personally customized with The be at the Dream Cruise Ridemakerz Dream Collection.

Please see FOOSE, D6





Leigh Scott, Bloomfield Hills, and his '66 Caprice Classic appear on wrenchHEADS.tv.

BACKYARD WRENCHHEADS AT WDC

Two-Lane Blacktop Productions, a Waterford-based company that creates online videos dedicated to car hobbyists, will be filming during the 2008 Woodward Dream Cruise.

Two-Lane Blacktop Productions is dedicated to car enthusiasts who build, restore and customize classic cars, hot rods, muscle cars and low-riders, along with Gen X and Gen Y tuner cars.

Their online webisodes, which appear on backyardwrenchHEADS.tv, feature everything related to the do-it-yourself car culture, including "On the Street" driving videos, photo galleries of viewers' car restoration projects, backyard garage tours, and special events videos.

According to Donald Cenkner, founder of Two-Lane Blacktop Productions, most of the 40,000 classic cars expected at this year's Woodward Dream Cruise are built, restored or fixed by the car owners themselves.

Cenkner and his crew will spend all weekend at the WDC filming a special episode for backyardwrenchHEADS.tv. By W. Von Buskirk



Warren Christie (left) stars in the ABC pilot 'The Prince of the Motor City" directed by Jack Bender, known for his work on the hit drama "Lost."

Meadow Brook Hall, on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills, serves as a setting for the ABC pilot The Prince of the Motor City, starring Warren Christie (October Road) and directed by Lost's Jack Bender (pictured). Location scouts chose the elegant Tudor-style mansion as a setting for show, the family home belonging to Christie's character Billy Hamilton.

Born the son of an auto baron, the young Harvard professor returns to Detroit to find he's inherited a fortune after his father's mysterious death. The hour-long pilot was created by Hamish Linklater (The New Adventures of Old Christine) and Jessica Goldberg, and its plot follows that of a haunting drama with *Hamlet* overtones.

For 14 days last month the cast, including Andie MacDowell, Morris Chestnut, Piper Perabo and Aidan Quinn, shot in various metro Detroit locations. "We came to Detroit because it's hard to fake Detroit," said Tara Flynn, a development associate working on the show. "Plus, this pilot is like a love letter to Detroit."

Film-goers can also look for Meadow Brook Hall as it appears in the Miguel Arteta-helmed comedy Youth in Revolt, which recently completed its shooting schedule in Michigan. Michael Cera (Superbad, Juno) stars in the film adaptation of CD Payne's cult classic novel and the mansion will represent a French prep school in which girlobsessed Nick Twisp attempts to track down his love, Sheeni Saunders.

By S. Casola

Want to avoid Dream Cruise? Have fun in Wayne County



Daniel Dugar will make you laugh at Joey's Comedy Club in Livonia.

Looking to stay as far away from the Dream Cruise as possible this weekend?

OSE STAFF WRITER

Then, have fun in Wayne County. Redford, Plymouth, Garden City, Westland, Livonia and Canton should be quieter as thousands upon thousands of people will descend on

Woodward Avenue, north of Eight Mile Road.

If you want fun that's not about cars, you can wade in the waters in Canton; try a "West Bloomfield" sandwich in Garden City; bang your head to speed metal in Westland; giggle with comedians in Livonia; or sip on a refreshing fruit smoothie while bowling in Plymouth (smoothies at bowling alleys? yes!).

There's a lot of rocking & rolling going on in

suburban Wayne County this weekend Aug. 15-17, plus there's family fun.

Here are some suggestions:

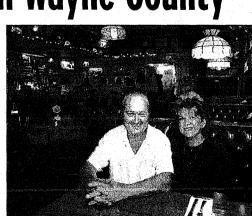
SUMMIT ON THE PARK AQUATIC CENTER POOL/SLIDE/ RIVER

Hours: Open swim Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 16 and 17 from 1-7 p.m.

Where: 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, (734) 394-5460; www.leisure.canton-mi.org What: The Aquatic Center is for all ages. Enjoy the five-lane, 25-yard lap pool, the zerodepth leisure pool; a river and slide; spa and

sauna and more. Rates: Adult residents ages 18-54, \$6; other

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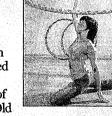


More than 40,000 vehicles from across the globe are expected to hit Michigan's Highway 1.

Joe and Bonnie Rogala offer sandwiches like the Birminghamer - right in Wayne County.

Was your neighbor a hooper?

A lot of people came out last Friday to World Hoop Day at the Temple of the American Dream which is located on 17363 Lahser Road just south of Redford, in the Old



Redford area of Detroit. World Hoop Day was an event held worldwide to raise money to give hoops (as in Hula), to kids who might not be so fortunate — to put a smile on their faces.

Want to see who participated from The Observer Newspapers? Want to see others from your community?

Check out Lana Mini's blog online at: www.hometównlife.com Then click on Voices & Views.

What: Pianist/

writer Matthew

release party

When: 8 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 15

Admission: \$7

Where:

singer/song-

Marsh CD

THE ART OF DOMESTIC BLISS

Paint Creek Center for the Arts will present *Domestic Bliss*, a group show of works in all media which celebrates artists' takes on home life, Aug. 22-Sept. 20.

The show offers everything from pop paintings inspired by grocery store ads, to slightly disturbing photos set in a child-sized retro kitchen.

Locally-based artists include Madeleine Barkey of Ferndale, who draws from memories of her favorite childhood books; Siouxsan Miller of Ferndale, who layers canvases with vintage textiles, sewing patterns, magazine clippings, wallpaper, paint and photographs; and Steven Miller of Royal Oak, who presents three paintings from a previous show called *Trophy Husband*.

The exhibit will close with a reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19 — part of the Downtown Rochester Gallery Stroll, and a gallery talk with the artists at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20.

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By W. Von Buskirk

STAGECRAFTERS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

Stagecrafters Youth Theatre has announced the recipients of the 2007-08 Jennifer

DeRita Scholarship for the Performing Arts.
Nick Yocum, son of Jeannie Dolson and Mike
Yocum of Royal Oak, and Elyse Moon, daughter of
Rene and Eric Moon of Royal Oak, each recieved
financial support toward their college education.

Yocum was a member of the youth theatre program for 10 years, involved in more than 25 shows, most recently playing Prince Robert in *Snow White* and the Seven Dwarfs.

Yocum will attend Western Michigan University in the fall.

Moon became a member of the youth theatre at age 9, and has been cast in more than 17 productions. She plans to pursue a musical theatre degree at Oakland University.

The scholarships, started in 2001, were named in memory of a former SYT member who was tragically killed in a car accident. They are awarded annually, using funds raised by youth throughout the year.

By W. Von Buskirk



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Kid Rock helped give DTE its most successful months in years — with four sold-out performances.

WE LOVE TO ROCK

Michiganders love their music! The economy can be down, the weather can be rainy or humid — it doesn't matter. We go to concerts.

The month of July was magical for Palace Sports & Entertainment's three venues. The Palace of Auburn Hills, DTE Energy Music Theatre and Meadow Brook Music Festival, had 16 sellout shows. That marks the most full houses in a one-month period since July 2001

since July, 2001. And, Meadow Brook notched its best month

for sellouts in its 15 year history by filling four July shows: Trace Adkins with Kellie Pickler; Crosby, Stills & Nash; and "Live" featuring Blues Traveler, O.A.R. and Collective Soul. Add James Taylor's June 4 capacity crowd, and Meadow Brook has already matched its previous best season total.

DTE Energy Music Theatre had eight sold out shows in July, with four full houses for Kid Rock and His Twisted Brown Trucker Band with Rev Run and Uncle Kracker — the longest run of shows by an artist in the 18 years of PS&E's ownership of the venue. Other July sellouts were Ted Nugent, Jonas Brothers and The Police with Elvis Costello and the Imposters.

The Palace had four sellouts: Bon Jovi, Neil Diamond and two Detroit Shock games.

"We enjoyed a great July schedule of events, one of our best ever, and the concert-goers of this area showed they weren't letting the economy slow down their appetite to be entertained," said Tom Wilson, President and CEO of PS&E.

And summer isn't even over.

By Lana Mini

TEST DRIVE SPYDER ROADSTER

Woodward Dream Cruisers can test drive the all-new 2008 Can-Am Spyder Roadster 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 15-16. Since hitting the open road in the fall of 2007, the three-wheel vehicle has made heads turn. Its unique Y-architecture, described as part motorcycle and part convertible sports car, is manufactured by Bombardier Recreational Products, makers of Sea-Doo watercraft, Ski-Doo snowmobiles, Can-Am ATV's and Evinrude outboard engines. Visit www. SpyderRyder.com to reserve a test drive.

By W. Von Buskirk

Livonia native brings his engaging sound to Ferndale

BY LANA MINI 0&E STAFF WRITER

His lyrics are poignant. His piano style is powerful, mature and catchy. The sound of music is moody, dreamy and wise.

Matthew Marsh, a Livonia native who now lives in New York to study music composition at NY University, is an upcoming singer/songwriter/pianist who is hosting a CD release party at the Magic Bag in Ferndale, on Friday, Aug. 15.

His CD, *Timeline*, includes saxophonist Nick Stone who is currently on tour with Alicia Keyes. We asked Marsh if he realizes he's hosting such an

important event on Dream Cruise weekend.

"I realize that I will be performing during Dream

"I realize that I will be performing during Dream Cruise but this was not intentional," Marsh said. "I'm very excited about this though. People who have nothing to do after the cruise can literally walk in from the street and see the show. Detroit loves both music and cars. It's the perfect mix."

And for Marsh, the Dream Cruise is special. "My dad sells cars for a living, and has always been a car buff, so we were pretty much expected to at least drive by the cruise," he said. "The best thing about the Dream Cruise is that it doesn't just happen on Woodward. You see old cars and enthusiastic drivers all over metro Detroit. While I'm not into cars as much as my dad, I can still appreciate people with a passion."

Passion, family and music is what Marsh is all about; his love of music is intense, it's a part of him. He's been writing music since he was 11 years old.

"My first song was a piano ballad entitled *You're* Never Too Far Away. I wrote it for my dad who had suffered from a closed head injury while on a business trip in Las Vegas.

"I've been singing since I could talk, playing piano since I was five."

Although Marsh, who attended University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Stevenson High School — and St. Michael's School in Livonia for grade school — has been a composer for years, he's still new to the live music scene here.

"But I have found that it is extremely supportive," he said. "There are plenty of ways in which an artist can promote themselves in Detroit and reach an audience."

We asked him a few questions about his music: Tell us about the song, "Happy Birthday Girl" (hear it on his myspace). How did that come about? Fiction or reality?

The song is named after a one-act play I was cast in my freshman year of high school. It was actually titled "Happy Birthday Girl." The cast consisted of me and one other girl, Liz, who became, and still is, my close friend. She is the girl whose photo appears on my Myspace when you click on the song. The song consists of me wanting the best for her, but knowing she would have to find her path on her own.

MATTHEW MARSH WITH LIZ LARIN AND ETHER AURA



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How is writing music in New York different from your hometown of Livonia?

The things I write about tend to be different when I'm in New York. (In Livonia) my lyrics tend to revolve around the rift that exists between the person I was before I moved to New York, and the person I have become.

Are you a self-taught musician? Your musical skills are very well-honed, very mature. Who else plays on the album? Who is on sax?

I definitely am not self-taught.

I owe a lot to my teacher, Amy Sauve (Michigander). I have been her student for more than 10 years and she has taught me a lot, not just about music, but about professionalism and hard work. She was the lead singer of the former Detroit band Blush. She not only knows music, she knows the music scene and has been extremely supportive in pushing and pointing me in the right direction.

I started writing music on my own, and have had no formal voice training, and a lot of my improvisational skills have been self-taught, but I've trained in classical piano for 15 years.

Bill Higgins is a well-known jazz drummer and he plays on the album. Charles Bartels plays bass. Nick Stone is responsible for the saxophone licks. Nick and I have worked together for years. (Currently is touring with Neyo and Alicia Keys.) All of these musicians exceeded my expectations and the sound was better than I could have imagined. I learned a lot from them.

Tell us what people can expect about your show. Describe it for someone who has never seen you perform live.

Expect a lot of youthful energy from the band and crowd. I'm kind of compulsive, so I have no idea what I'm going to do once I get up there, but its bound to be fun and new.



non-resident adults \$12; all kids 10-17, \$5; and all 4 to 9-yearolds, \$4. Seniors (55 and above) \$5 for residents and \$10 for non residents. Must be accompanied by an adult if under 11 years old.

NO SLEEPY SUNDAY

When the cruise action ends on Sunday the Oakland County area will seem sleepy. But life will still be lively at other locations such as the Bullfrog Bar & Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road Redford, (313) 533-4477. At 6 p.m., for those 18 and over, the Bullfrog hosts "The Eclectic Connection" a night of music with the theme "Rejected the expected. There are no rules."

Cover charge is \$5. Bands include fun acoustic pop band Color vs. Clarity, rockers Switchblade, hip hop performer Mr. Cliffnote, progressive musicians Shado, alternative punks Strange Habits and more.

SMOOTHIES & BOWLING

The whole family can enjoy open bowling at 42001 Ann Arbor Road E., Plymouth, (734) 453-4880. What's so special about this place? It's known for it's good pizzas and cooling fruit smoothies. Fun and fresh entertainment. Open bowling is Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.

HAAAAAA HAAAAAA IN LIVONIA!

Daniel Dugar has made people laugh on his appearances on HBO, BET Comic and other events. He's opened for Damon Wayans and Cedric the Entertainer. Dugar is a fixture on the hip hop comedy scene and performs at Joey's Comedy Club, 36071 Plymouth Road in Livonia, (734) 261-0555. Shows are 8 and 10:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, August 15 and 16. Cost:

TACO PIZZA? WANT TO PRETEND YOU'RE IN OAKLAND COUNTY?

On Saturday, August 16, at Rogala's Bar & Grill try the taco pizza that includes corn chips and basic taco fixings on top of the pizza dough. Or pretend you're in Royal Oak, West Bloomfield, Berkley, or Birmingham by ordering deli sandwhiches of the same name. Located at 31831 Ford Road, Garden City, (734) 522-4110. Atmosphere is super casual and it's also known for drink specials like piña coladas, lemon twists and strawberry daiquiri.

PONG, BEER AND AC/DC

Okay, they have a game called beer pong. It's Jamie's, the rocking bar in Garden City!

And this Friday, pre-Dream Cruise night, Jamie's is showcasing local musical talent. Then on Saturday, August 16th, the Livonia-based band 13th Floor performs. 13th Floor performs cover tunes from a big variety of popular rock bands such as Weezer, Aerosmith, AC/DC, The Babies and more.

Jamie's has bee open for more than 35 years. Located at 33729 Ford Road in Garden City, between Venoy and Merriman.

AND CONTINUE TO ROCK...

At the Token Lounge, 28949 Joy Road, Westland (734) 513-5030, with hardcore bands H8 Inc.; Bloody Knuckle Combat, U.D.I. and Wreckless Fate Token Lounge. Haven't been to the Token? This legendary rock club has hosted Megadeth, Quiet Riot, Foghat, Humble Pie, Mitch Ryder, The U.K. Subs and The Exploited. This isn't a fake rock club, this is the real deal.

Chris Isaak talks about his sound and sex appeal

O&E STAFF WRITER

Roots rocker, rockabilly performer and actor Chris Isaak with special guest James Hunter will perform at Meadow Brook Music Festival Aug. 17.

In Isaak's career, he's released nine albums, 12 hit singles, been nominated for two Grammy awards, acted in several motion pictures and starred in his own critically acclaimed TV series. Some of Isaak's hit singles include Wicked Games and Baby Did A Bad Bad Thing.

FILTER recently chatted with the heart-throb via e-mail. Here's what he said:

Tell us about your most recent CD

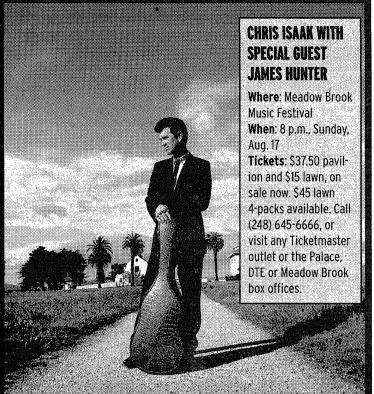
I am just finishing up a new CD. I always work up a bunch of songs then I make a tape and listen to it while I'm doing whatever the heck I gotta do around the house. The songs that stick in my head are the ones I keep working on. I think I have a good album coming up. We have been playing some of the new songs at our live shows already and people seem to like them. Of course it could be trick of some kind ...

Does being listed in the top 100 (number 68) of VH1's all time 100 Sexiest Artists change anything in your life? If so, what?

Being in somebody's "Sexiest Nitwits" list is always a secret pleasure. I guess everybody wants to think they are sexy, but then I see myself in the mirror in the morning and I get a dose of reality. I doubt · I'm the top 100 anything, but I am punctual and my penmanship is good, so I have that going for me.

We love you as an actor, any roles coming up that you can speak of?

I did a film in Uruguay this year. I play a drunk. I never drink, and I haven't seen the film yet so I am hoping I got it right! Should be a good film. Winona Ryder, Billy Bob Thorton and Mickey Rourke are in it and I like to watch them in anything they do. I am also doing a new TV show for the Bio Channel and we will start shooting in September. We will have live music, I will talk to some musicians, and hopefully we will throw in some laughs and witty repartee. It's called "The Chris Isaak Hour" and I in a moving bus. I travel a lot. With



Chris Isaak is named one of the sexiest entertainers of all time and he's coming to Meadow Brook.

think it will be the best 30 minutes

Do you regret turning down a role in "Blue Velvet"?

I didn't turn down a role in Blue Velvet. I have been working with David Lynch for a long time. I have music in a bunch of his films and I have acted in Fire Walk With Me. He is really fun to work with and if he asked me to play Gramma Moses I would do it.

The role I stupidly turned down was in a Jonathan Demme film. I didn't have a manager at the time and I called my older brother and told him I got offered a part in Demme's film.

My brother told me I had better finish my record first or people might think I was a flake. The good thing is Jonathan was nice enough to cast me in a later film Silence of the Lambs.

Where do you reside now? And do you often get down to Baja? (that album describes that location perfectly!)

I'm in San Francisco, but most of the time I'm living out of a suitcase

an act like mine it pays to keep moving. I did get to Baja this year. We played a show but I always find some way to hit the water! My garage looks like a surf shop.

You seem to avoid the paparazzi, how do you manage that?

I don't get drunk, I don't hit people, I don't date supermodels and I pay my taxes. I never had a drug habit so I guess I don't do anything crazy enough to be exciting. I'm having a ball playing music. I don't feel like I'm missing out on anything!

Touring or recording, what do you prefer and why?

I have the right job. I like traveling in a bus and doing live shows, and I like recording. Doing both keeps it always fun. I also know how hard a lot of the other jobs I used to do were and I feel lucky to sing for a living. Try roofing for a summer and see if you like singing better!

Do you ever fantasize about being born earlier in history so that you could have shared the stage with Elvis? Do

you ever feel you were born too late? (Even though your music is still exciting

I think I am lucky to be here now. I love the world just the way it is and I don't think anybody sane would want to share the stage with Elvis, except Scotty Moore and the band. If I do fantasize it usually is about me being warden at the School For Wayward Girls and not about being born earlier.

You are a fan of people like the Everly Brothers, for example. Is there any

current musician you are a fan of? I love the Everly Brothers! I think Nicole Atkins is a great talent that people are just finding out about. She sings like ... nobody else. Buy the record, you will dig it. I also dig James Hunter. He plays soul that sounds kinda like Sam Cooke only it isn't. He takes it a way out there. I have been lucky to have both these artists on tour with me.

Do you feel you have complete control over your art?

I'm working on it.

What do you want people to feel at your shows?

Good music, a good time, some words and melodies that they might think of later ... and a chance to have a damn good time and leave the world behind for a while. Enjoy yourself, it's later than ya think!

When writing today, what moves you? When a song has a good melody

and a story that is real. The rest is gift wrapping.

Thoughts/experiences about Detroit that you can share?

I was scared of Detroit until I got there. I always thought of it as a fast, big city, and coming from a small town I didn't know what to make of it. But when I got there it really is a lot like where I come from. Almost anyplace I go I think most folks are nice to you if you treat people polite and don't get outta line.

I hope if folks come to see us they can hang out and say hello afterwards. We always try to hang out and shake hands and say hey. It's our chance to be "stars" for a moment before we climb back on the bus and we live it up!

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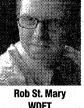














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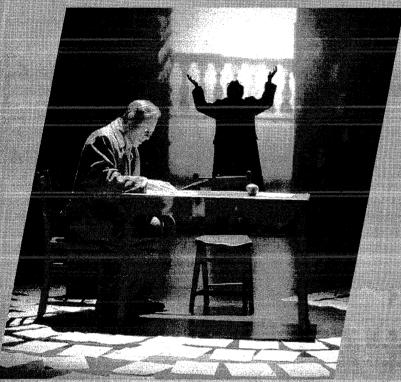


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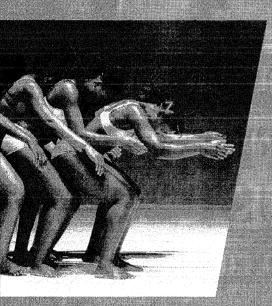
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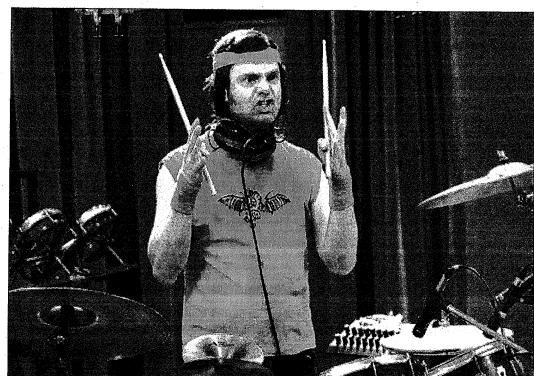
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Slide on your headband kids, Rainn Wilson is "The Rocker," in area theaters Aug. 20.

Here comes Rainn

'The Office' star drums up excitement for rock star comedy

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA OSE STAFF WRITER

Rainn Wilson made a name for himself as the coworker that would make about any employee cringe, Dwight Schrute, in NBC's The Office. This month Michael Scott's second-in-command takes the reins - and a good dose of eyeliner and hairspray — in the comedy The Rocker. With his first lead in a feature film, Wilson captures the very essence of '80s hair metal with the swagger, skin-tight pants and sneers required of any real rock drummer.

He's Robert "Fish" Fishman. And he's half the driving rhythm section of the fictitious smoke-andmakeup headbangers Vesuvius. It's a return to an era where bands like Poison, Warrant, Cinderella, Twisted Sister and Guns 'n' Roses ruled the stage. It's a time when rock was more fun and less political and musicians like Fish lived for groupies and a major record deal.

When Fish finds himself tossed out of the band he suffers a two-decade slump and gets stuck rooming with his sister Lisa (Jane Lynch), her envious husband (Curb Your Enthusiasm's Jeff Garlin) and their kids. But in this quirky comedy of second chances Fish finds himself behind the kit once again, playing for his nephew's band A.D.D., a ragtag group of brooding teens who manage to rise within the ranks of rock stardom straight from their Cleveland garage.

On a recent press tour to promote the film, Wilson stopped in Birmingham to answer audience questions (and sign a few autographs) following a screen-

Fish is only the most recent in an impressive line of oddball characters for Wilson. That includes his breakout role as Arthur on HBO's Six Feet Under. "I lefinitely identify with people on the outside," he said in a recent interview, "people who don't fit in."

While he doesn't rule out "the well-balanced characters," Wilson said he finds the outsiders more interesting. And in the case of Fish, the weight of the film lies squarely on his shoulders. "I'm always sort of reacting to a Michael Scott or a Luke Wilson," he said. "As a lead character I have to create that

dynamic of energy. It was a difficult shift."

Music is central to the film — and to that end musician Teddy Geiger makes his acting debut in The Rocker as sensitive songwriting frontman Curtis. "He has a great voice," said Wilson, "a rock n' roll voice." The band, A.D.D., is rounded out by Superbad's Emma Stone and whisper-shy 21 star Josh Gad.

Wilson told the crowd at Birmingham's Palladium Theatre last month that he's proud of the music written for and performed in The Rocker. He said unlike other films with a musical backdrop the songs crafted for the movie are "memorable." And he admitted to listening to the soundtrack often. Though he tuned in to plenty of hair bands in the 80s himself — telling the crowd that Guns 'n' Roses still stands strong — Wilson said he's more of an alt-rock

He named bands like The National, My Morning Jacket and Josh Ritter among his favorites. Thanks to the film, he's been rounding the music festival circuit and recently has had a chance to meet the likes of The Cold War Kids, The Flaming Lips, Dave Grohl, Pete Townsend and Roger Daltry.

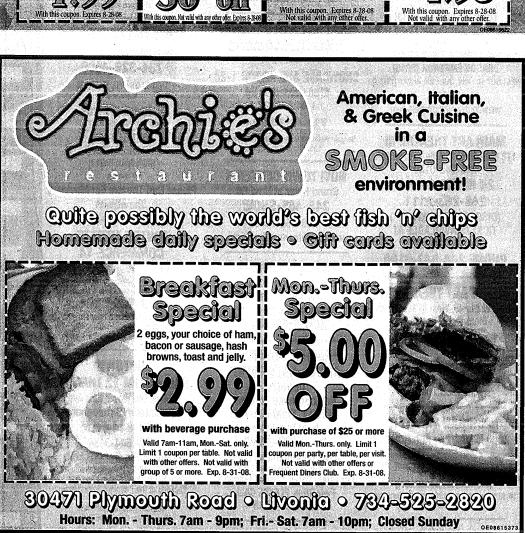
The Rocker, filmed mostly in Toronto with a few key shots in Cleveland, is set to open in area theaters on Wednesday, Aug. 20. Since it's directed by Peter Cattaneo (The Full Monty), be prepared to find out why Fish earns the nickname "The Naked Drummer." The movie was clearly filmed with a nod to actors with a history of rockstar-worthy personas. WKRP in Cincinnati's Johnny Fever, or Howard Hesseman, appears as the band's bus driver and Married With Children's ultimate groupie, Christina Applegate's flirtatious Kelly Bundy, now plays Curtis's mother and a former rocker herself.

Look out for appearances by funny men Demetri Martin (The Daily Show), Will Arnett (Arrested Development), Aziz Ansari (Human Giant), Fred Armisen (Saturday Night Live) and Jason Sudeikis

Wilson is currently working on the fifth season of The Office, set to premiere in late September. When asked what he'd like to see transpire between his character Dwight Schrute and on-again-off-again love interest Angela, he said: "I'd like to see Andy and Dwight fight it out on the paintball court — for her

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Movies in the park, **Penn are Dream Cruise alternatives**

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

Maybe you are *not* one of the million people expected to attend the Woodward Dream Cruise this weekend.

Maybe you don't want to burn the gas money or get stuck in traffic. Don't skip out on having summer fun, check out movies in the park in Westland and Garden City. Or see Iron Man for just three bucks right in Plymouth.

Here's a schedule of local film

Bee Movie, Rated PG Dusk, Friday, Aug. 15 Where: Nankin Mills, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, (734)

Admission: Free Park facts: It's a historic site in the heart of Hines Park. In the late 1700s, it was an important meeting area for the three Algonquin Indian Tribes, Ottawo, Ojibwa and Potowanami.

Bee Movie theme: The animated Dreamworks' film is about Barry B. Benson, a bee who just graduated from college, and leaves the hive. He makes a mistake by talking to a human; something bees are supposed to avoid. Barry learns that humans have been stealing honey from bees for centuries. And he decides to sue them.

Meet the Robinsons, Rated G 7 p.m. Friday Aug. 22 Where: Garden City Park, Garden City, Cherry Hill Road and Merriman Road, Garden City, (734) 261-1990

Admission: Free

inventor who creates the "Memory Scanner;" a machine to help him find his birth mother. But the scanner is stolen and things go wild when Lewis meets Wilbur Robinson, a man who tries to help him find his mom through a time machine.

Who organizes it: Movies in the Park are sponsored by Garden City, Redford, Livonia, Woodhaven and Westland Parks and Recreation departments.

Iron Man, Rated PG 7 and 9:15 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15 and Saturday, Aug. 16; and 5 and 7:15 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17 Admission: \$3

Where: Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, (734)

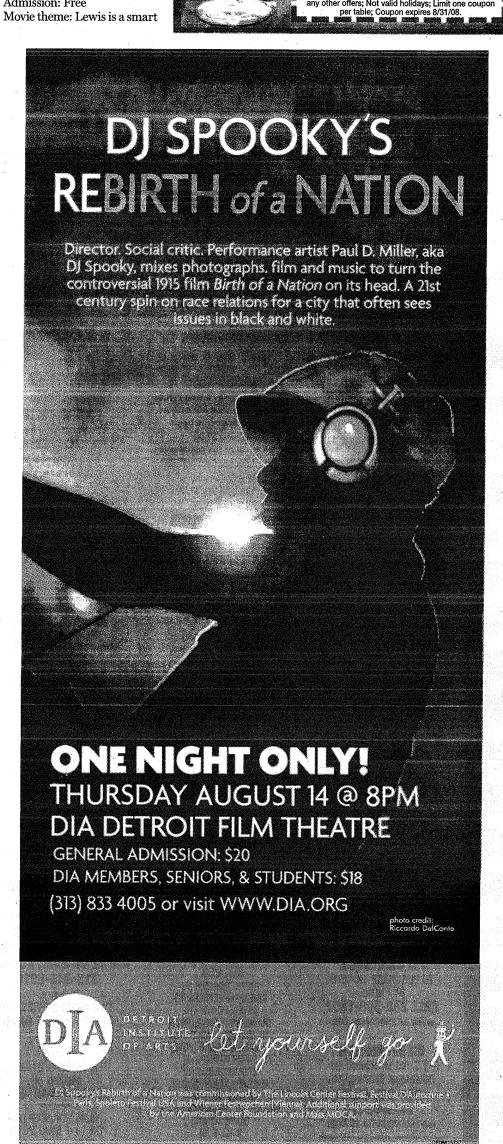
The theater: In downtown Plymouth, the historic Penn Theatre seats 405 and is managed by the Friends of the Penn. Barry B. Benson (Jerry Seinfeld) is a bee suing humans in "Bee Movie," which also stars Renée Zellweger, Matthew Broderick, John Goodman, Chris Rock, Kathy Bates, Patrick Warburton. Barry Levinson, Megan Mullally, Larry Miller and Rip Torn. Rated PG.

non-profit organization.

The theme: You know it! Robert Downey Jr.'s character is a sexy, hip, rich, genius inventor who also heads a company founded by his father. One day he realizes the corporation his father started isn't saving the country. In fact, it's giving weapons to the bad guys. He invents an Iron Man suit to help save himself — and then becomes a hero.

DREAMWORKS ANIMATION L.L.C.





And he'll be there for fun because for Foose, his auto career is also his passion.

In the middle of the Woodward stretch is the Eaton Performance Park at Memorial Park in Royal Oak where Foose will hang out with Ridemakerz.

To commemorate the 14th annual Woodward Dream Cruise, Foose will debut The Ridemakerz Dream Collection, a first-of-its-kind collection of 14 different miniature model

The collection includes classic Detroit muscle like the Ford Mustang and Dodge Challenger, a retro hot-rod and pick-up, a stock race car, a Dodge Viper, Ford and Dodge pick-ups, two Cab-over trucks, even a MINI-Cooper and a Scion xB, among others.

Each Ride measures approximately 10 to 12 inches long or about 1:14th to 1:20th scale.

Foose built, accessorized and hand-painted each Ride using BASF paints at his Foose Design Shop in Huntington Beach. He'll sign and add the final touches to each miniature when he arrives at the Cruise. Then they will go on public display at the Ridemakerz booth located next to the Main Stage at the Eaton Performance Park starting at noon on Friday through 9 p.m. Saturday.

"I just started painting them vesterday," Foose said during a telephone interview from his Huntington Beach shop eight days before his Cruise appearance.

At the booth, people can purchase their own Ride. One dollar from each sale at the booth and retail stores this weekend will be donated to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit.

"I'm excited to come to Detroit, talking to the people who actually build the cars. There is a sense of ownership and pride ..."

Foose plans to spend time enjoying the event on foot, and also in a car. He doesn't know whose car; he just knows that he's customized quite a few for metro Detroiters. With a sharp memory he rattles off names of countless Detroiters and the cars he built for them. He hopes one of those friends will show up and take him for a ride. Last time he was

OVERHAULIN'

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Who: Chip Foose, host of "Overhaulin" on TLC, and hod rod shop owner and auto designer When: 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday & Saturday, Aug. 15 & 16 What: Foose will sign autographs on the Main Stage 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Friday; and 9 a.m.-noon, 2-5 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Saturday. He will also finish tricking-out 14 miniature cars with Ridemakerz. Where: Memorial Park (Eaton Performance Park), W. 13 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue in Royal Oak Why: To debut the Ridemakerz Dream Collection, a collection of 14 miniature cars customized by

Hurry: A 2008 Woodward Edition RZ Rod from Ridemakerz, that Foose signed and numbered, will be on sale for \$50 at the Eaton Performance Park during the Dream Cruise (while supplies

here, he cruised in a Roadster that he built a few years ago.

"I build cars for people who become my friends," Foose said. "And every time I do one, it brings back a memory. For me, building cars also brings back memories of when I built with my father," he said.

Foose built his first car with his dad at the young age of 7.

"If a dad builds a car with his kid, that kid never forgets," Foose said. "And that's what's cool about Ridemakerz because kids can do this with their parents."

Foose serves as an adviser to Ridemakerz, the first-éver carcustomizing experience where kids ages six to 106 create cool one-of-a-kind "Ridez." It's like Build-A-Bear Workshop (from the same family), but with modern day model cars.

Following the Dream Cruise, the collectible Ridez will tour the country, stopping at each of the 12 Ridemakerz Shops including locations at Great Lakes Crossing and Twelve Oaks Mall.

In January, The Dream Collection will be auctioned in Scottsdale to benefit the Progeria Research Foundation. Progeria is a syndrome that took the life of Foose's youngest sister, Amy, in 1985. Progeria is a rare syndrome that accelerates the aging process of children who then rarely live past the age of 13.

Cruise over to burger heaven with our guide

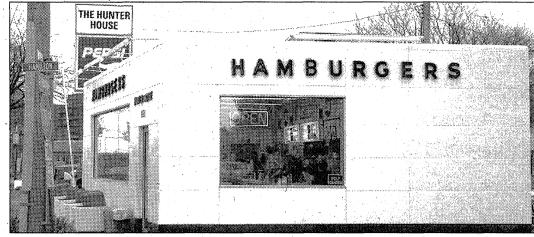
Though the culinary options stretching along Woodward Avenue from Pontiac to Ferndale are plenty, there's just some undeniable link between cruising the strip and stopping off for a classic American meal. A burger, French fries and a thick-thick milkshake seem as essential to top-down driving as poodleskirts and roller-skating waitresses. Blame American Grafitti for burning that iconic image into our minds, but tastebuds don't lie. And that might be why some of the Metro area's very best burgers can be found on, along or just a few miles off the beaten path of the Woodward Dream Cruise. From north to south, here are some of our mouth-watering favorites for 2008:

Hunter House: These sliders have ruled the roost since the little white iconic diner opened in 1952. Follow your nose to the steaming grill where burgers are grilled with sizzling sweet onions for a distinct old-fashioned flavor. Located at 35075 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Call (248)

Duggan's Irish Pub: Formerly The Totem Pole, this double-decker open-air joint is among the landmarks of cruising Woodward. Dream Cruise weekend or anytime its seats are always packed by fans of the Big Chief burger, with its sweet pickles and special sauce crafted from yellow curry. It's a must if you can find a seat, and you'll have one of the most coveted spots to watch the cruise. Located at 31501 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Call

(248) 549-3659. Red Coat Tavern: While you won't be able to spot convertibles and classic cars from your seat inside this British-style tavern, it's worth the battle for a booth under dim red lights to try one of the best burgers around. Red Coat serves them up with your choice of more than 20 toppings, and the option to substitute Piedmontese beef, with just two grams of fat per burger. We suggest going all out with grilled onions and mushrooms, the zesty special sauce and swiss cheese on an onion roll. Located at 31542 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Call (248) 549-0300.

A&W Restaurant: Head east on 13 Mile and go north on Livernois/Main to this classic drive-up fast food spot. While



Stop in for sliders at Hunter House during the WDC and see The Beatles Tribute (1-5 p.m.) and DJ Boogie Brian (5-10 p.m.) Thursday and Friday. On Saturday, see 'Elvis', face painting and the Batmobile, all starting at noon.

there's nothing fancy about A&W's burgers, that creamy sweet root beer float is sure worth the trip. And it's one of a few places where you can order and eat right in your car. If that's not Dream Cruise-worthy, we don't know what is. Located at 303 S. Main Street, Clawson. Call (248) 588-1814.

Bagger Dave's: A new option for Dream Cruisers, veer right on 12 Mile and left at Coolidge Highway and you're on your way to building your dream burger at this Berkley hot spot. Or try a signature style - like the Cajunspiced Tijuana burger topped with black bean chili or the Baja, a turkey burger with guacamole. Fresh is the word at Bagger Dave's, where you can indulge in sweet potato fries with honey, sea salt and cinnamon. Located at 2972 Coolidge, Berkley. Call (248) 543-3283.

Comet Burger: Best known for a late-night bite the chrome bar stools at this throw-back Main Street haunt cater to slider fans who hunger for a bigger burger. The Monster burger is aptly named. It's a challenge to finish one, especially when paired with the popular chili cheese fries. Located at 207 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. Call (248) 414-4567.

Dino's Lounge: Grab a table at this Ferndale bar and you can choose from the Stuffed BFJ Burger, a 1/2 pounder stuffed with cheddar, Swiss, mozzarella, bacon, pepperocini and garlic, or the non-burger Portabella Burger packed with portabella caps, roasted red peppers, caramelized onions, spinach, provolone and spicy mayo. Your basic burger has traffic, Wayne County offers



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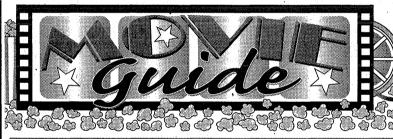
Birmingham's Cupcake Station, 136 N. Old Woodward, shows off its Woodward Dream Cruise spirit with these sweet treats — top your favorite flavor with everything from custom wheels to poodle skirts and fuzzy dice. Or try this month's featured cupcake. Pucker Up is a raspberry cake with lemon filling and topped with raspberry lemon swirled butter cream frosting.

gone gourmet. Located at 22740 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Call (248) 591-3466.

The Emory: Find a half-moon booth or custom-wood table at this Ferndale favorite and try the house-made Black Bean Veggie Burger with your choice of toppings, ranging from grilled onions to guacamole, or the Turkey Burger made with herbs, walnuts, red and green onions and topped with red pepper aioli. All burgers come with French fries, and milkshakes and sliders are also on the menu. Located at 22700 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Call (248) 546-8202.

For those burger fans who prefer a taste of Americana without all the Woodward Dream Cruise some ultra-craveable options. We'd suggest **Stables Bar &** Grill, Bates Hamburgers or Mason's Lounge in Livonia, Sandy's By the Beech in Redford, Sheehan's on the Green or the Box Bar in Plymouth, the ever-popular Miller's Bar in Dearborn, and for the go-to chain restaurant, **Red Robin Gourmet Burgers** with locations in Livonia and Westland.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola daydreams about traveling around the country in a convertible, in search of the perfect burger. She writes about food and pop culture for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Got a favorite end-of-summer recipe to share? Call (248) 901-2567 or send it in e-mail to scasola@hometownlife.com.



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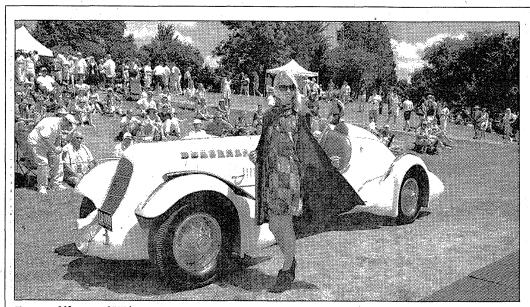
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Recalling d'Elegance

While the engines rev for the Woodward Dream Cruise, car enthusiasts catch their collective breath after a weekend of events centered on the Aug. 3 Concours d'Elegance at Meadow Brook Hall. The 30th annual event brought 230 exceptional vehicles onto the grounds of the mansion near Oakland University in Rochester Hills. Among them was this 1935 Duesenberg SJ special Mormon Meteor, owned by Harry Yeaggy. It earned the 2008 People's Choice Award.

CRUISE

ored to be chosen as this year's grand marshal. "I've been coming up to the Dream Cruise for 10 years and it's such a big event," he said.

Look for Trepanier at the ribbon cutting ceremony and WDC kick-off in Ferndale on Aug. 15 as well as Berkley parade. He'll judge a new element to the WDC, the Dream Show exhibition on Aug. 16.

NEW FUEL

The Dream Show will feature a total of 50 vehicles said to embody the spirit of the WDC. Winners will be chosen in each of 10 classes representing American hot rod culture — including a Green Car category. The event will be organized on Saturday, Aug. 16, at 13 Mile and Woodward Avenue on the grounds of the Northwood Shopping Center. Listen for live entertainment by The Contours.

Dick Ruzzin, designer of this year's WDC logo, developed the Dream Show. During a recent press conference on the same spot where it will be held, Ruzzin called the event evi-

dence of the "American can-do spirit."

He said he believes the WDC to be a tribute to the past, present and future of the automobile. To that end, cruisers can expect to see more "green" vehicles, with engines made specifically to accommodate E85 fuel, all along the route.

SOUND OF SPEED

Cruising generates a sound all its own — those revving engines, squealing tires and the hum of a vintage vehicle picking up speed. To add to that, RG Dempster and his Detroit Rocks! label offers up a new collection of original music and classic cruising songs. Titled Drive On! the CD is available at Dempster Designs in Royal Oak and online at www.woodward-dreamcruise.com.

While drivers are set with a soundtrack behind the wheel, spectators can enjoy live music throughout the metro area beginning Friday, Aug. 15.

"This is my third year working with the Dream Cruise and every year it seems to get better and better," said Paul Lochirco, events manager for Motor City Casino. He is coordinating entertainment for the weekend, a task that

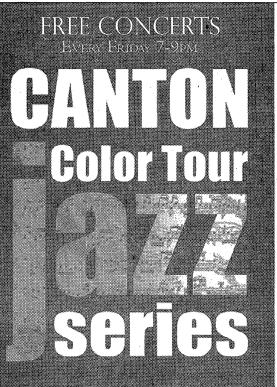
MCC has handled for the past eight Dream Cruise events.
Lochirco excitedly announced upcoming performances by The Miracles in Pontiac, Blue Suede Shoes — an Elvis tribute band in Berkley and, in Royal Oak, The Contours. See sidebar for a comprehensive list of music, children's events and more.

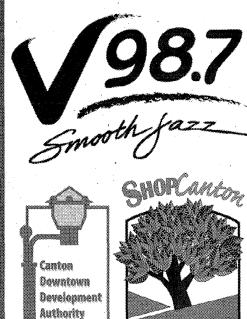
OWN THE SHOW

Drive the WDC home by bidding on a classic car or hot rod this year, during the first-ever American Concours Foundation-sponsored online auction. Those interested in owning a slice of automotive history can bid on vehicles at Ebay Motors. Some of the cars available for auction will be on display during the Dream Show, but bidding will continue throughout the month of August. Proceeds, from 5 to 100 percent, support the Woodward Dream Cruise. After all, classic car owners have the incentive of cruising the two right lanes of Woodward each year during the Dream Cruise.

For more on the classic car cultural event of the year, visit www.woodwarddreamcruise.

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Date / Venue

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August 15

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Duane Parham

Ford between Morton Taylor and Sheldon (Free admission)



August 22

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Ford between Morton Taylor and Sheldon (Free admission)

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The Village The 8:00pm

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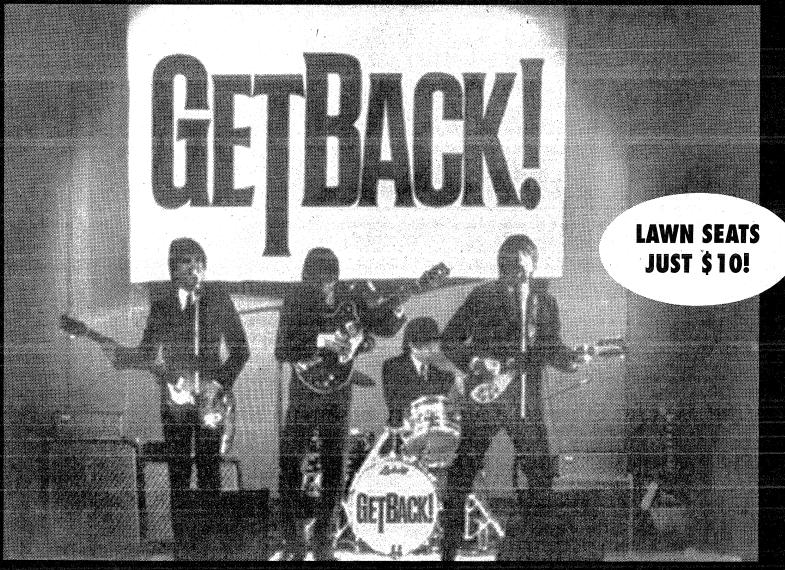
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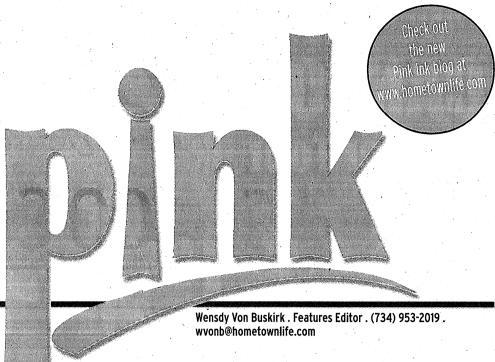




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Malls & Mainstreets

If you have an item for Malls & Mainstreets, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Wensdy Von Buskirk at wvonb@hometownlife.com.

Shirt Box collects men's clothes

FARMINGTON HILLS - The Shirt Box has been designated by Neighborhood Service Organization as an official drop-off site for gently used men's professional clothing. Customers are encouraged to bring in used garments, including dress shirts, slacks, ties and sports coats, to help the non-profit organization's clients dress for success when applying for new jobs and transitioning back into the workforce. The Shirt Box is located at 32500 Northwestern Hwy. Call (248) 851-6770. Southfield spa saves the day

SOUTHFIELD - The Green Room Salon and Day Spa has learned that Truth Spa and Salon on Orchard Lake in West Bloomfield has abruptly closed its doors leaving people stranded with unused gift certificates. Gina Coleman, owner of The Green Room, will accept Truth Spa and Salon gift certificates, for 50 percent of their value, through Oct. 31.



Ron Elkus, owner of The Shirt Box (left), hands off donated men's clothing to Joseph Howse of Neighborhood Service Organization.

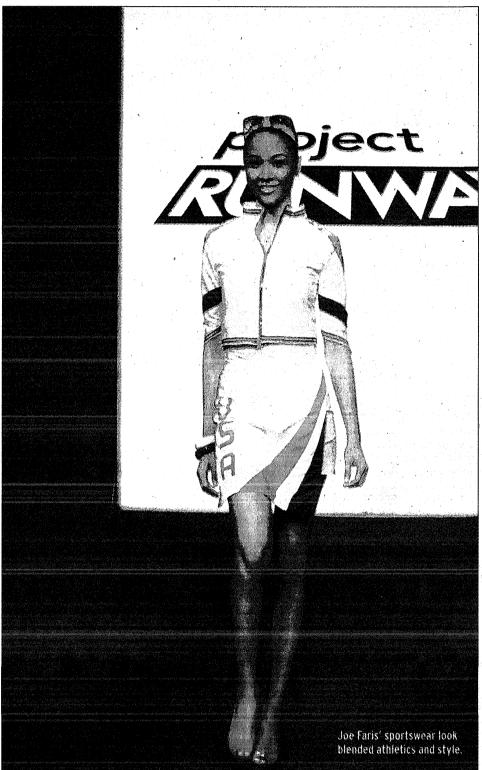
The Green Room Salon and Day Spa is located at 26571 West 12 Mile Road. Call (248) 350-9322, or visit www.greenroom-



Joe Faris of Troy puts the final touches on his Olympic look during 'Project Runway.'

A gold medal design takes home silver

INK thinks Joe Faris of Troy should have won the Olympic Challenge on Project Runway. Faris ranked among the top three finalists for his athletic and fresh design, which featured a sporty jacket and skirt in red, white and blue. He captured the spirit of the challenge with an outfit that was truly wearable and appropriate to the 2008 Beijing Olympics Opening Ceremonies. He was the only one who emblazoned the letters USA on his outfit, and we loved it! Tune in to see how Faris fares on the hit fashion design show, 9 p.m. Wednesdays on Bravo. Wensdy Von Buskirk



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Rolls Royce martinis at Border Cantina, Novi

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Paris Hilton dons local designer's duds in viral video

O&E STAFF WRITER

Trisha Geftos was in New York when Paris Hilton showed up on national TV in a swimsuit Geftos designed.

"I could not believe it," said the Riverview, Mich., native. "I knew she purchased the suit and matching coverup from Lisa Kline in Los Angeles, but I never imagined it would be seen by over four million people nationwide."

Hilton is wearing the "totally hot" leopard print one-piece in a viral video that got a flurry of attention last week. It got

more than 6.5 million hits at FunnyorDie.com, and was picked up by news celebrity gossip shows like TMZ.

In the video, Hilton

responds to a campaign ad by Republican John McCain that featured clips of her and Britney Spears. Hilton jokes about running for president, choosing a vice-presidential candidate — perhaps Rihanna and painting the White House pink. But more important than what the celebutante says is what she's wearing.

Her "Animal Attraction" cut-out swimsuit is part of the up-and-coming Geftaki



Swimwear collection, which Geftos designs and sells out of her family's business, Brothers

Fine Jewelry in Southgate. The suits are available at select boutiques in five states, and stars like Kim Kardashian, Denise Richards and Jessica Simpson have also been spotted in Geftaki.

According to Geftos, the **Animal Attraction suit was**

Paris Hilton wears Geftaki Swimwear's Animal Attraction suit. \$136 at www. geftaki.com.

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already popular, selling out within a month at MGM Grand and Mandalay Bay resorts in Las Vegas. But thanks to Hilton, sales have increased.

"I believe that people are drawn to this suit because it is unique, flashy and you probably are not going to see anyone else wearing the same suit as you," Geftos said.

Anyone, that is, except Paris.

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