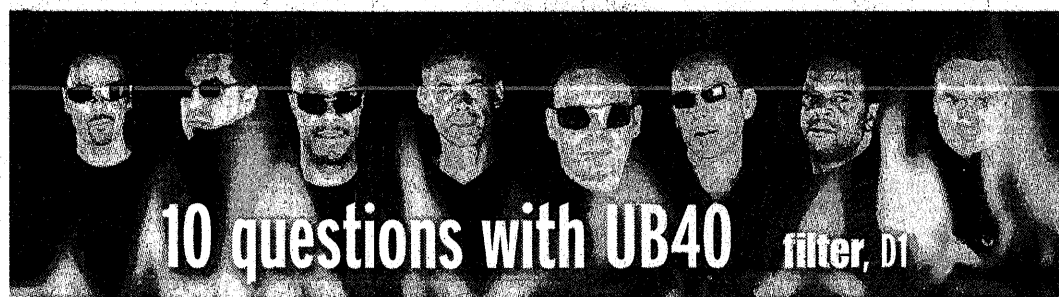


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Bond rating shows city's outlook 'stable'

BY TONY BRUSCATO
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The city of Plymouth is an AA-rated community. At least that's what Standard & Poor's believes. The ratings service moved Plymouth's unlimited-tax and limited-tax general obligation debts two notches from A+ based on the city's improved financial reserves.

S&P also called the city's outlook "stable," reflecting Standard & Poor's "expectation that the city's long-term and conservative budgeting approach will continue to have a positive effect on its overall financial position through the maintenance of strong reserves."

The general fund reserves at the end of the 2007-08 fiscal year, which ended in July, totaled \$1.9 million, supplemented by a \$550,000 budget stabilization fund. The outlook is much better than in 2003, when the general fund balance was only \$110,000.

"The overall impact to the city (of the rating increase) is potentially lower bond costs for financing of major projects, like the street projects," said City Manager Paul Sincok, who remembers the days when budget projections included multimillion-dollar deficits. "We struggled to keep our rating stable and a stable outlook, but clearly the fruits of our labors have paid off."

Mayor Pro Tem Ron Loiselle has been on the city commission through both the good and bad financial periods.

"Seeing deficits and being very scared about even being able to make payroll," Loiselle said. "Trimming down employees and benefits gave us the ability to balance the budget and build a up a little bit of surplus every year, which ups the ratings and saves us money. It's very cool."

Warren Creamer, a director in the Public Finance Department for the financial services firm Robert W. Baird in Traverse City — the city's bond financial adviser — said Plymouth is a "well-run community, financially strong."

"The key factors in the rating include access to a wide variety of employment opportunities and strong wealth and income levels," Creamer said. "A lot of wealthy people live in Plymouth, in comparison to other communities, and their incomes are higher. The city also has very strong management, very strong financial operations and low debt levels. To jump two steps is huge."

While city officials are pleased at the jump to an AA rating, don't look for a jump to AAA.

"You don't want a city with a AAA rating," Creamer said. "That would mean the city would have too much of your tax money in their bank accounts."



Matt Watroba and Friends perform during the last Music in the Park concert for the summer Wednesday afternoon at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

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One final note

Final concert draws one last happy crowd

BY BRAD KADRICH
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Laura Abney hasn't missed a single concert in the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Music in the Park series all year, and she wasn't about to miss the last one. That's why Abney, a mother of three from Belleville, was among the hundreds of people who crowded into Kellogg Park Wednesday to watch Matt Watroba in the final performance of the summer-long series.

"The kids love it," said Abney, who watched Watroba with son Carson, 5, and daughters Kendall, 3, and Chloe, 19 months. "We pack a lunch and make it an event. The kids love dancing, the moms get together with the moms and we all have fun."

The 24th annual series, hosted by the Plymouth Community Arts Council and sponsored by major sponsor McCully's Educational Resource Center, Main Street Bank, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., and Huron Valley Ambulance, featured a variety of artists, some of whom are regulars, and drew thousands of visitors to the park each week.

Even Mother Nature cooperated — for the most part. "It was a great season," said Deb Madonna, who organizes the concerts for the PCAC. "We had great crowds and the weather was nice most of the time."

While the crowd generally consists mostly of mothers and their young children, the concerts also tend to draw "children of all ages." On Wednesday, a group of 19 senior citizens from the Village of Westland enjoyed the show.

"I love them because they sing to all of us," said Bertha Rodriguez, a Corpus Christi, Texas, native who is now a Village of Westland resident whose late husband used to play the guitar. "It doesn't matter what age you are."

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Three-year-old Maggie Wilhite of Plymouth dances with dad Josh as she and her 9-month-old sister Anna attend the last Music in the Park concert for the season at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

High-tech firms bringing jobs to township

BY BRAD KADRICH
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Gov. Jennifer Granholm announced this week three companies are expanding operations as a result of assistance from the Michigan Economic Development Corp.

And two of them — expected to mean more than 500 new jobs — are in Plymouth Township.

Danotek Motion Technologies, which develops and manufactures permanent magnet generators, power control electronics and brushless motors for power generation industries and advance automotive applications plans, plans to expand its operation and relocate to Plymouth Township.

The new expanded facility would accommodate the manufacture of up to three-megawatt variable speed generators for use with wind turbines. The project is expected to create 353 new jobs, including 141 directly by the company. Analysts also estimated the project will generate an additional 212 indirect jobs.

A \$2.5 million state tax credit over 10 years, approved by the Michigan Economic Growth Authority board based on the MEDC's recommendation, helped convince Danotek to pick Michigan over a competing site in Indiana.

The company, which will move into an existing building on Keel, plans to ask Plymouth Township officials for a tax abatement. Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said Danotek plans to make the request in September, and a public hearing could be held in October.

Meanwhile, The Aisin Group, the sixth-largest automotive supplier in the world, is considering expanding its Plymouth Township technical center. The \$8.6 million project still needs approval from Aisin's parent company, Japan-based Aisin Seiki, but could create up to 301 new jobs, including 82 at the company.

A new company — Aisin Technical Center of America, Inc. (ATC-A) — has been created to lead the company's product development for the North, Central and South American marketplace.

"The exciting thing is these are good, high-paying jobs," Reaume said of the Danotek and Aisin announcements. "We're putting Michigan employees to work. And it's not just the employees who prosper, but it's their families, too. That's exciting."

The state granted Aisin a tax credit valued at \$1.3 million over seven years.

Aisin is considering building a 40,000- to 60,000-square-foot expansion to its current facility, which serves as the company's North American headquarters, or on new property close by.

"This kind of job creation and economic development is exactly what we need to get our local economy back on track and keep moving forward. This is great news for our workers and Plymouth Township," said state Rep. Marc Coriveau, who supported the plan that cleared the way for approval of the MEGA tax credit.

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Plymouth man tabbed for Energizer Hall

A few months ago, Ron Bachman's friends and family surprised him with a party at E.G. Nick's in downtown Plymouth as a way of letting him know he was a finalist for the Energizer "Keep Going Hall of Fame."

On Monday, Energizer's Hall of Fame came knocking, announcing Bachman, a Plymouth Township resident who became a nationally known motivational speaker, as the

fourth inductee. "When they called me, I was just ecstatic," Bachman said. "I'm excited to be their guy. It was a gigantic shot in the arm."

Bachman was chosen from among 10 finalists by a public online vote at as the "everyday" inductee to the Keep Going Hall of Fame, established to honor those who best embody the characteristics and spirit of the Energizer Bunny and the batteries he represents. Each online

vote triggered a donation to the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation. Balloting raised some \$10,000 for the organization.

Bachman — who won \$10,000 plus a \$5,000 donation to his favorite charity — was nominated by Kathy Vander, Bachman's friend of 20 years and his former teacher at the Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts in Southfield, who produced a

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Ron Bachman (left) is congratulated by his father, Bob Bachman, on becoming an Energizer Keep on Going Hall of Fame finalist. The younger Bachman was named the 2008 inductee earlier this week.

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Coming Sunday:
 In a tough economy, you can still plan a family trip with these savvy budget travel ideas

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

Symphony Society meeting

The Plymouth Canton Symphony Society conducts its annual meeting and offers a "sneak peek" at the 2008-09 season at the Plymouth District Library 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3.

The event is free and open to the public; light refreshments will be served in honor of the 10th anniversary season for award-winning musical director and conductor Nan Washburn.

This year's "A Seasoned Celebration" will feature the music of Broadway, the music of the movies, Grieg's Piano Concerto with former Michigan artist David Syme, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony and much more! The Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestra is entering its 63rd season and this year will continue to feature the celebrated classics along with new compositions by American composers including a World Premiere by Michigan's own composer, James Aikman of his new work, "Tempus Fugit (Time Flies)."

For tickets and more information on the Plymouth Canton Symphony's 63rd season visit their Web site www.plymouthsymphony.org

Masters dance

Kathy King, Director of Michigan Dance Project, Denise Caston, Founder of Motor City Tap Fest and

Heather-Dawn Sipler, former member of the Broadway National Tour of 42nd Street join the master faculty of Metro Dance for a week-long Masters Dance Intensive at their Plymouth studio Aug. 25-28.

Classes are designed for advanced-level students and adults and include Latin Ballroom, Jazz, Ballet, Modern, Lyrical, Musical Theater, Hip Hop and Tap.

Registration information is available in studio and on-line at www.MetroDanceCompany.com. Contact Metro Dance Company at (734) 207-8970 or info@MetroDanceCompany.com

Perennial exchange

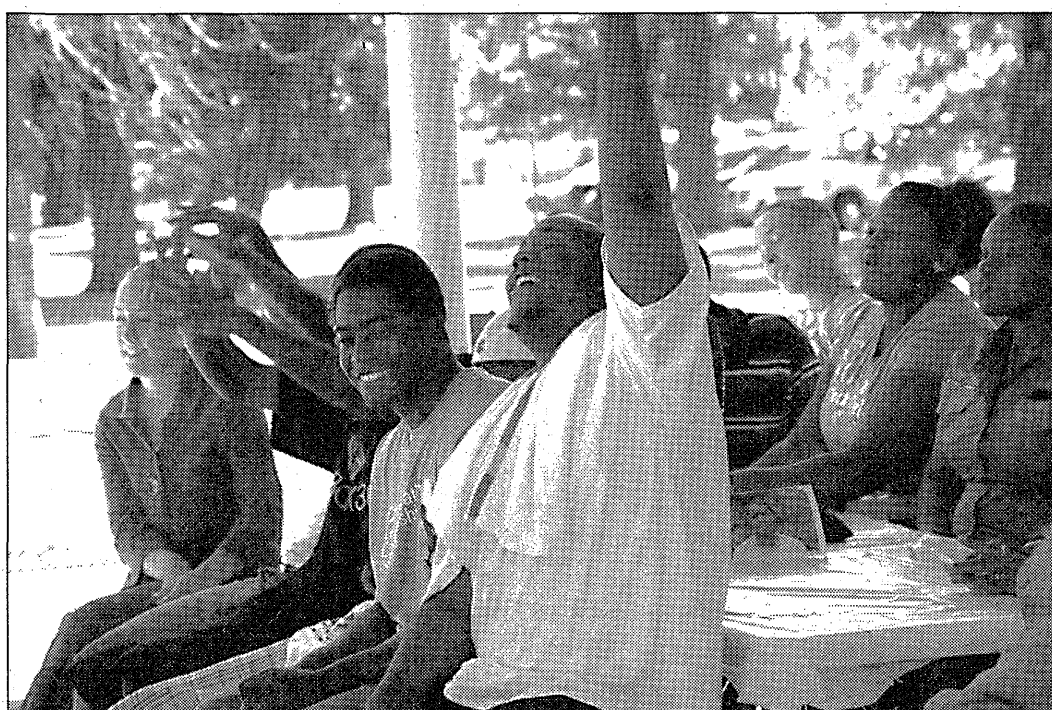
The Trailwood Garden Club, member of Woman's National Farm & Garden Association, sponsors a community perennial exchange at the Plymouth Fall Festival 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6.

It will be located on the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Union, at the east end of Kellogg Park. Please bring your healthy, labeled plants and exchange them for something new. Members will be available to answer questions about our club, we are always looking for new members, as well as general garden questions.

For additional information call (734) 459-7146.

Call for crafters

The Delta Kappa Gamma Education Society hosts its annual juried handmade-only Craft Show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at West Middle School in Plymouth.



Green grads

A team of Detroit Conservation Leadership Corps members cheers as 'mock awards' are handed out at the graduation ceremony for the DCLC on Belle Isle Friday. Detroit high school students were honored during the program, sponsored by Johnson Controls, Inc., of Plymouth, the Student Conservation Association and The Greening of Detroit. The CLC is an innovative summer jobs program that promotes environmental stewardship and skill development to a diverse group of high school students. Guest speakers at the graduation ceremony included Johnson Controls representatives Jennifer Mattes and AL Louis.

Organizers are expecting some 1,500 customers for the show, which also features food and drawings.

For more information, call Sandy Downs at (734) 340-4229 or e-mail Judy Stone at JBSTONE.716@COMCAST.NET

Barefoot auditions

Barefoot Productions of Plymouth announces auditions for its next production, *Playing With Fire (after Frankenstein)*, a play by Barbara Field, with performance dates Oct. 23 to Nov. 2.

Auditions are 7-9 p.m. Aug. 25 and Aug. 26 at the old Walker/Buzenberg furniture store, 240 N. Main in Plymouth.

Barefoot officials say the production "is a faithful and stunning adaptation of Mary Shelley's Gothic Horror Novel, 'Frankenstein.'" Roles are available for four males (ages 19-25), one female (age 19-25) and one male (age 40-60). Auditioners should bring headshot, resume and a prepared monologue (if available).

For more information contact director Craig A. Han at (734) 582-9688 or write Admin@justgobarefoot.com

Tiny Tots Preschool

The Salvation Army Tiny Tots Preschool is still accepting registrations for two classes this fall. There are openings for 3-year-olds in a Tuesday/Thursday morning class, from 8:45 to 11 a.m. There are also openings for 4 year olds in a Tuesday/Thursday afternoon class, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Tuition for either class is \$95 a month, plus a one time \$35 registration fee. Classes begin the week of Sept. 8. Visit www.usc.salvationarmy.org/plymouth for more information, or call Sheila at (734) 453-5464. The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main in Plymouth.

Senior Fest picnic

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging hosts its 23rd annual "Senior Fest Picnic" 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, at Waterford Bend Park, located at 6 Mile and Northville Road.

Tickets must be purchased by Sept. 8 at the PCCA office, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236. Tickets are \$6 for PCCA members, \$7 for non-members and guests, and include box lunch from Lee's Famous Chicken in Plymouth, entertainment and prizes.

For free transportation call Senior Transportation at (734) 459-8888

Grief workshop

Ward Presbyterian Church sponsors an eight-week grief workshop, "From Grief to New Hope," beginning Sept. 8.

This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough of Plymouth, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. Each session will begin with a presentation about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Attendees will be placed in groups with others who have had similar losses.

The workshop will meet 7-8:45 p.m. for eight consecutive Monday nights at Ward Church, located at 6 Mile and Haggerty in Northville. For registration information call Barb at Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5943. For information about other age and loss specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support call (248) 348-0115.

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 Ave. in Canton.

All proceeds are going to

Voluntary Services Group of the Ann Arbor VA Medical Center. Among others, a project 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.

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 community 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

Exhibitors wanted

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

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

Plymouth High School is located at 8400 Beck Road in Canton. In addition to over 100 exhibits, there will be food, a raffle, and entertainment by local musicians and artists throughout the day. Admission is \$2.

CORRECTION

A chart listing the candidates for election in the Nov. 4 general election should have listed Jerry Vorva, a candidate for the 20th District seat in the State House, as a Republican.

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Plymouth seniors make their way through the crowd during the opening ceremonies of the 2008 Western Wayne County Senior Olympics.

Torch lit for fun and fitness at Senior Olympics

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Charles Hamilton already survived cancer and triple bypass heart surgery, so he thought he'd try his luck at winning an Olympic medal.

Hamilton, a 71-year-old Inkster man, is among nearly 600 people competing this week in the 2008 Western Wayne County Senior Olympics, which started Monday morning with opening ceremonies and a torch-lighting in Hines Park in Westland.

"I'm old, so I thought I'd do this because I get tired of sitting at home," Hamilton said, as the five-day event began.

Hamilton decided to enter bowling and horseshoe-pitching contests, two of dozens of events that will culminate Friday with a banquet and medals presentation inside the senior Friendship Center in Westland, this year's official host city. Contests will be scattered among the communities.

During opening ceremonies near the old Nankin Mill in Hines Park, seniors approached a main stage and proudly carried banners representing their 16 communities. The procession began with Westland, followed by Redford, Belleville, Canton, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights,

Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Sumpter, Van Buren and Wayne.

Westland Mayor William Wild lit the Olympic torch as Wayne County Senior Services Director Kevin Kelley wondered which local athlete might become the senior version of Beijing Olympic star Michael Phelps.

Long before Monday, seniors had been practicing for a 5K run, softball- and football-throwing, a ring and Frisbee toss, soccer kick, ballroom dancing, photography, baking, tennis, volleyball, creative writing, golf, swimming, a 10-mile bicycle race and numerous other events.

Wanda Altese, a 79-year-old Plymouth Township woman, is a bocce ball enthusiast.

"I'm trying to win a medal," she said, "but it's more for the fun of it than anything."

Seniors took advantage Monday of health screenings offered under a tent in Hines Park.

Westland senior Director Barbara Schimmel-Marcum called it "an honor" that Westland was this year's host community and said, "It gives us a chance to showcase our city."

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Middle schooler attends leadership university

Jared Davis, a student at West Middle School, recently attended the 2008 Leadership University sponsored by LeadAmerica, at DePaul University in Chicago.

The Leadership University is a leadership program for young leaders from across the United States and internationally. It's an intensive leadership development conference for teens who want to challenge themselves to excel and realize their full potential. In a hands-on learning environment, Davis and fellow students faced real-life situations in which they learned specific and tangible leadership skills, such as team building, collaboration, negotiation, creative think and problem solving.

"I loved it there and learned so much," Davis said. "I learned what my leadership style is, and when to be a leader and when to be a follower. I am a talkative leader who is always in the middle of the pack. You name it, they brought it. This was my first conference and I was so glad that I could relate to my peers."

Leadership "can make important differences in the lives of teenagers - their academic and personal performance in their acceptance to the college of their choice, and in their level of focus, passion and purpose," according to Chris Salamone, founder and executive director of LeadAmerica.

"Leadership University helps young leaders to uncover their natural leadership abilities and inspires in them a new sense of personal responsibility," Salamone said. "Since 1989 I have had the privilege of seeing more than 60,000 exceptional students from over 51 countries learn first-hand about leadership and explore its role in a variety of educational disciplines. It's my sincere hope that LeadAmerica will give young leaders the skills to help them along the road toward a successful and rewarding life of leadership."

Sous chef honor

Craig Pierson of Plymouth has earned the certified sous chef designation from the American Culinary Federation. Pierson is kitchen

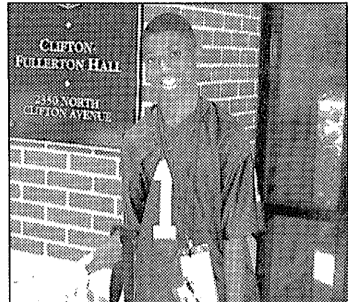
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manager at Penn Grill and Bar in Plymouth and a member of ACF Michigan Chefs de Cuisine Association, Detroit.

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documentary film — *Walk this Way* — about Bachman.

"There's no other person on this planet who has kept going more than this guy, despite everything that's gone on in his life," said Vander, of Berkley. "He's impacted a million kids, there's always a smile on his face and he keeps on going."

Bachman had his deformed legs amputated at the age of 4. He learned to walk on his hands. He wore artificial legs

through high school, but has tossed them aside in favor of a scooter.

Bachman is now a nationally known motivational speaker with his own foundation, *Walk this Way*, designed to convince middle- and high-school kids to keep on going and pursue their dreams.

"This is about finding someone who has that 'keep going' spirit; I've had a disability my entire life, and I always keep going," Bachman said. "I'm out there every day, teaching kids to keep going. I tell them, 'You look at what I've been through in my life, if I can do it, so can you.'"

Woman thrives on changing the world one child at a time

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Mary McCully has several joys in the world: Her husband, her two sons and seeing children and adults learn the joys of reading.

"This is my calling," she says of McCully's Educational Resource Center. "This is what I'm here to do and it's just like breathing for me. When I have a student that was failing completely get on the honor roll, I do a happy dance with them."

McCully, who started her company at her kitchen table more than 20 years ago, has added her stamp to thousands of students whether they were academically challenged or wanted to add an extra zing to their knowledge base.

"It doesn't matter if it's a child that is struggling or a child that wants to go to Harvard, we can help," she said. "You know that phrase that says we can change the world one child at a time? I think that's what we do."

While walking around the



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Mary McCully is the owner of McCully's Educational Resource Center.

diplomas and adults learning to read, works with her husband, Bill, and has a staff of about 18 employees in the summer. That number jumps to around 40 during the school year.

With sessions offered for individuals or for small groups of two or three students, McCully said each class is centered around the needs of the students, who come from as far as Saline, White Lake and Rockford.

"We are here to help everybody and anybody that needs academic assistance," she said.

A former educator and teaching consultant with Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, McCully calls basic reading her "love" and said that as her center has grown, she's had to let go of being in the classroom herself and instead trains all of the instructors.

"There is a part of me that misses tutoring but obviously, I'm still involved with the hugs," she said.

roomy center in the small plaza that sits at Canton Center and Sheldon Center roads, McCully stops and chats with a high school girl that is trying to test out of her pre-calculus class and a young boy that was learning to spell the word 'who.'

McCully offers academic tutoring in language arts, mathematics, science and history. The company also has classes that focus on test preparation, study skills and home schooling support. McCully, who has assisted with drop outs getting their

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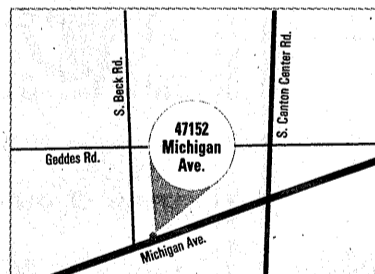
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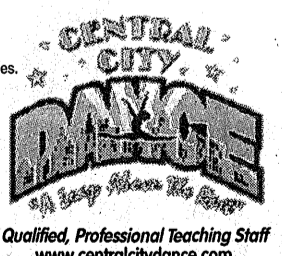
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McCotter: Bush reaction to Georgia invasion 'inexcusable'

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Following a blistering e-mail message to fellow Republicans attacking President George Bush's plan to attend the Olympics in China, U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, said Monday it was "inexcusable" that the Bush administration was "surprised" by Russia's invasion of Georgia.

"The West has failed to understand the collapse of Communism, for 70 years an atheistic, socialistic philosophy that ravished that country," McCotter said. "When they put shock therapy in place, they equated the decline in productivity, the decline in life expectancy to democracy and allowed (Russian Prime Minister and former President Vladimir) Putin to do exactly what he is doing, turning down an authoritarian path modeled on China."



McCotter

McCotter said there is a link between the administration's "kid glove" policy toward China and the new aggression of Russia. On Aug. 6, McCotter sent an e-mail complaining about Bush's trip to China at a time when Congress was engaged in a battle over a controversial energy bill. The e-mail called the Republican president "wildly unpopular." McCotter also criticized Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and the Democrats for adjourning the House session and not allowing an "up or down vote" on the energy bill, which he said has bipartisan support.

"On his part, perhaps our Compassionate Conservative-in-Chief will bring our absent Democrat Congress some

'Made in (communist) China' souvenir T-shirts: Bush went to Beijing and all I got was this lousy five-week, paid vacation," the e-mail read.

Republican House members have been taking turns meeting in the House chambers despite the adjournment.

BUSH SHOULD HAVE KNOWN

On Monday, McCotter said the Bush administration and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, an expert on the Soviet Union, should have known what was coming.

"I think their continuing emphasis on dialogue with Russia is exactly what Putin expected and is exactly what is helping them (the Russians) achieve their strategic objective which is to cow all the former Soviet republics and now democracies, not just Georgia but Ukraine," he said.

Russia has objected to plans to allow Georgia and Ukraine to become members

of NATO. McCotter said it was important to "get Georgia and Ukraine into NATO" and make sure they have weapons to defend themselves.

Joseph Larkin, the Democratic candidate running against McCotter in this fall's election, said he found it "ironic" that McCotter is critical of Bush's policies.

"I find it funny because he has been a foot soldier for George Bush," Larkin said Tuesday. "I saw the e-mail where he called George Bush wildly unpopular, but he has been wildly supportive."

Larkin said he has long considered Putin a problem that needed closer watching as he moves his country back to a more autocratic form of government.

"Now due to Iraq, we don't have the moral authority to act against Putin," he said.

MOVES BY CONGRESS

McCotter said there are

actions that Congress can and probably will take.

"The first step for Congress, and it should happen, is to invite the president of Georgia to speak to a joint session of Congress," he said. "It will show and affirm that at least the legislative branch is totally supportive of Georgian democracy."

McCotter said Bush's trip to China seems to lend support to the Chinese government and its repressive policies.

"The message he sent was exactly the opposite message he should have sent to the Chinese or the Russians,"

McCotter said. "I can't imagine Harry Truman in a time of war, or Eisenhower, going to watch beach volleyball."

McCotter said he didn't support boycotting the Olympics, citing Canton's Bronze medal swimmer Allison Schmidt as an example of an athlete who shouldn't be punished for political issues.

Larkin agreed that a boycott of the Olympics would have been a mistake. He said he didn't fault Bush for attending but for not returning immediately in the face of the situation in Georgia.

Learning about your charge card can save you money

Charge-card companies are notorious for changing the terms. Whether it is how interest is computed, the due date of payment, or the interest rate, charge-card companies are constantly changing their terms. And they do it in such a way that it is difficult for the average person to understand the changes.

In some situations, the changes are minor. In other situations, the changes are major and can cost a substantial amount of money.

If you have not looked at your charge card in a few years, it is probably time to spend a few minutes to make sure you are using the most effective charge card for your situation.

The issue for consumers to consider is when's the last time you decided the best charge card for you.

There is no one right answer.



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

It depends on each individual situation and how you use your charge card.

One of the key issues is whether you carry a balance or not. If you do not carry a balance, then interest rates are not as important and so some of the reward programs become an important feature.

If you carry a balance, the interest rate is key and how it is calculated is extremely important.

The Internet makes it easier to compare cards. I use www.bankbreak.com to help analyze charge cards. Another Web site that is easy to use is

www.cardhub.com. On this site, you can compare a variety of reward programs based upon those you will actually use. The site also offers a wealth of information about charge cards.

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

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OUR VIEWS

Energizer honor latest example of community's heart

It may have been difficult for Ron Bachman of Plymouth Township, who lost his legs to amputation at the age of 4, to envision himself linked to baseball Hall of Famer Cal Ripken.

But that's the case now, after Bachman, 50, has become the fourth winner of the Energizer "Keep Going Hall of Fame" award (Ripken was the first). The honor celebrates people who have done extraordinary things in their lives, and Bachman certainly qualifies.

Despite losing his legs so young, Bachman learned to walk on his hands, used artificial limbs to get through school, and has since discarded those in favor of a scooter.

He survived the bullying, the taunts and the challenges, using the help of family and friends to endure and prosper. Today, Bachman is a proud father to his daughter, and founder of Walk This Way, an organization for which he travels all over the country providing motivational speeches to schools to inspire both able-bodied and disabled children to stay confident and face adversity.

While the selection may have come as something of a surprise to Bachman, it really shouldn't be much of a shock to anyone else that someone from this community would be thusly honored.

The Plymouth community is filled with people doing extraordinary things, so many people we'll include an apology for not being able to name them all here. Need examples:

How about all the people, including former Mayor Dan Dwyer, walking in this year's Breast Cancer 3-Day.

How about all those people who lined the streets of this community last year, when hundreds of walkers made their way through Plymouth, shouting, singing and praising their efforts.

There are the dozens of folks who stand near Red Kettles for the Salvation Army over the holidays, many of them in freezing weather, in order to keep that organization going.

How about all the people who donate to charitable drives like the United Way campaign, the Goodfellows paper drive, and to groups like the Lions Club who stand on street corners to collect donations.

And don't forget parents who serve on parent-teacher organizations, volunteers who help groups like Habitat for Humanity and so many others.

We could go on forever, but you get the gist. People in this community do a lot of extraordinary things.

Ron Bachman simply stands as the latest example.

Growing diversity could help bridge racial gap

Data released by the U.S. Census Bureau earlier this month indicate there has been significant growth of ethnic populations in Detroit's suburbs. Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties have all seen increases in the number of ethnic minorities between 2000 and 2007, according to the Census Bureau.

Each of the counties has seen a surge of Asian and Hispanic populations. For example, the number of Hispanics in suburban Detroit grew by nearly 23,000 people, a 32-percent increase, with Wayne County (not including Detroit) seeing a 39-percent increase.

Of particular note, the figures show that the number of African Americans living in the suburbs has jumped, especially in Macomb and Oakland counties. In Macomb County, for example, the black population has increased 164 percent, or by nearly 35,000 individuals, since 2000. In Oakland, the increase wasn't as large, but there was still a 22-percent increase. Livingston County, at the northwest edge of suburban Detroit, experienced a 93-percent increase of black residents.

Although some people might disagree, this growing diversity is encouraging news for a region that has been plagued with racial strife for decades.

The fact is metro Detroit is one of the most racially segregated metropolitan areas in the nation. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, our area is ranked second in terms of racial segregation, behind only Gary, Ind. This segregation has played a major role in the lack of trust that exists between the city of Detroit, which is nearly all black, and its formerly lily-white suburbs.

But there is growing evidence that feelings are starting to change. First and foremost, the census figures show people of color are more open to moving into the suburbs, attracted by the same quality of life issues that brought (white) people to these towns in the first place.

Most people, regardless of the color of their skin, want the same things in life: safe neighborhoods, good schools, well-paying jobs, clean air to breathe, etc. And regardless whether one lives in Rochester, Canton, Southfield, Westland or Detroit, most of us also take pride in our region.

So it's time we start having frank discussions about race, what it means to our region and how to overcome the impediments it has caused. The best way to do that is to be in the same room with one another. And that's a lot easier to accomplish when people who look different happen to be neighbors.



The whole truth

Mr. Doroshewitz, sorry for the late reply to your Aug. 3 post (letter to the editor). I apologize for the fifth-grade math application error of adding "a 50-year-old firefighter's age" to 2008, yielding the 2058 date; you're right, 2036 is correct.

However, do you really think new hires at GM or American Axle would agree with your 28-year projection of their compensation in 2036? Do you project that gas will continue to rise the \$1/gallon/year that it has over the last year, for the next 28 years, yielding \$32 per gallon in 2036?

You stated "the 2006 numbers are worse than the 2007." I assume that means that by not hiring replacement firefighters and paying large amounts of overtime you actually saved money in 2007? You can't have it both ways.

I take offense to your assumption that the Manoogian Mansion comparison was race-baiting. Maybe it was about not telling the whole truth; maybe it was about not telling the whole truth, telling half-truths and "bullying."

Even Mayor Kilpatrick has given up on his attempted "race defense," very poor assumption on your part.

Tom Kelly
Plymouth

What about German program?

In response to the Aug. 14 *Observer* article, "Students Lining Up for Mandarin," I would agree that the addition of the Mandarin Chinese language courses at PCEP is a laudable accomplishment if only German 4/ German AP wasn't being discontinued at the same time.

My daughter was informed in June that she would not be able to continue her studies this fall, along with 13 fellow students, due to budget restraints (although one has to wonder how a new Mandarin teacher was retained during the purported hiring freeze cited by school board president, Judy Mardigian, in the Aug. 17 *Observer* article "Workman Student Count Still Highest in District"). After spending three years studying German and participating in a student exchange program this past spring she was informed that her only option was to apply and enroll in a university program if there were any still accepting applications at this late date which also offer a course time that doesn't conflict with her high school schedule.

Additionally she must pay the tuition difference, purchase her own textbooks, parking permit, and gas for traveling to and from a college campus. Even more disheartening was the lack of assistance from school counselors and administrators given the last-minute notification of the course cancellation just days before she was to leave for her trip to Germany as a student representative of our school district.

Assistant Principal Erin MacGregor states that, "it was very important that we expand our world language offerings." Yet it is clearly not a district priority given the systematic dismantling of foreign language studies in the middle

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schools until its state of near extinction today and leaving dedicated high school students just short of completing their studies. It's ironic that the hopes for the new Mandarin program will be to study abroad and cultivate international understanding when this has already been successfully achieved by the German language program now being abandoned.

Kimberly Mabie
Canton

Obama breaking promises

First, he failed to keep his campaign finance reform promise — a pledge he made to the public and the press.

Second, Barack Obama promised us that a surge in Iraq would not work, and now that it has he is calling for one in Afghanistan.

Thirdly, he is failing to keep his promise to debate John McCain numerous times and in two formats. Suddenly, with the race tight, he is only willing to debate three times and not in the town hall format he previously and publicly agreed to.

Barack Obama has brought us only failed promises so far and with a track record like that, why should anyone vote for him as president?

Ed Johnson
Royal Oak

How much is enough?

The *Observer & Eccentric* roared about "unfunded mandates" in its editorial titled, "Good ideas merit adequate funding."

Based on the language, I've got to wonder which education official was the ghostwriter.

The editorial suggests that any requirements the state places on schools should be considered an unfunded mandate. What it fails to point out is that state provides over one-third of the state budget — some \$13 billion dollars — to schools. Are these requirements really unfunded?

The editorial takes an unsubstantiated swipe at the migration to all-day kindergarten as another example of an unfunded mandate. What it fails to point out is that schools already receive the full state grant per pupil for kindergarten students, while only providing a half-day of service. Unfunded mandate?

The editorial claims these mandates come "at a time when state aid already has fallen behind increased costs." What it fails to point out that schools are responsible for managing their own budgets, and allow employee costs to balloon out of control.

If the *Observer & Eccentric* does not believe schools get enough money, then exactly how much does the *Observer & Eccentric* think schools should get? How much should it increase each year? Articles like this only further the notion that no amount of money is ever enough.

Mike Reno
trustee, Rochester Community Schools

Life in the fast lane

I read your (editorial) on whether government should mandate a speed limit cut.

You don't think this is the answer, and feel it should be up to individual motorists whether or not to slow down. Individuals who wish to slow down really have no choice in the matter, unless you are willing to risk being run off the road.

While I know I am in a very small minority with this opinion, I have always felt that a speed limit of 70 is too high. Even following the posted speed it is fairly routine to have people on my bumper, weaving in and out of traffic around me, and flashing their lights because I am not going fast enough. It gets really nasty when I dare drive 65 — and I'm not referring to being in the left lane!

If you leave a decision to voluntarily reduce speeds to a public who loves to speed, drive while on their phones, while putting on makeup, while reading newspapers, and who feel a need to pass you on subdivision side streets because you are only driving 25, it will not happen.

Marianne Jokisch
Rochester Hills

McCain is right

I love the new McCain ad that points out the lack of leadership with the Democratic candidate Barack Obama. I think the McCain campaign got it right. We have been watching the "rock star" treatment that Obama has been enjoying for months without any challenge what he has been actually saying. The use of analogy and metaphor is a very effective technique. It efficiently communicates a message with a picture and gets people's attention. The ad correctly depicts Obama's position on offshore drilling and asks the question: Is this what we really want? It is up to the public to answer that question for themselves.

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

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

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"You could argue we won't (be a declining enrollment district this year) because more private school students are choosing the public school option in these economic times. And people are not relocating because of the housing market. We might have a unique situation this year."

- A hopeful Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education President Judy Mardigian said after learning the number of new students enrolling for the fall is not yet meeting projections the administration had budgeted for

There must be a better choice than leaving Daisy wall alone

When officials for Joseph Freed and Associates asked the Plymouth City Commission to approve a Planned Unit Development project called Daisy Square five years ago that would be built on the site of the old Daisy Air Rifle Factory, they promised commissioners they'd make at least part of the old building part of the new, thereby preserving a rich piece of Plymouth's history.



Brad Kadrich

When they got into the project, the idea was to use one wall as part of the new facade. Now, that wall has sat unused, largely ignored except for the supports they've put up to keep it from tumbling to the ground.

And it's up to city officials and Freed officials to decide this question: Historical monument or deteriorating eyesore?

No matter which you decide it is — and arguments can be made for both, as you'll see in a minute — maybe we can agree it's time to decide what to do with it.

There's no question the Daisy Air Rifle factory is a rich piece of Plymouth's history. Certainly there are those who would argue Daisy helped put Plymouth on the map. There would also be those who would argue — perhaps rightly so — the factory left Plymouth decades ago and many people who live here now have no idea it was ever here.

That's part of what makes the discussion about whether to maintain the rotting, decaying Daisy wall to be included in the development that bears the factory's name so interesting. On the one hand, you have Freed, which agreed to use the factory as part of the development. Freed admits they've been unable to secure funding to finish the project, caught in a construction Catch 22 where they can't get the funding until they sell some of the units, but they can't sell any units because they don't have the money.

Joseph Freed and Associates in June told Plymouth planning commissioners they wanted to demolish the last wall of the old factory because it isn't stable and needs costly renovation.

Last week, Daisy Square project manager Barry Levin said Freed will continue with plans for the wall to be part of a four-unit building on the site.

The question, at this point, has become: Should they have to?

Freed knew what it was getting into when it agreed to use the building, and then the wall. It's tough to believe, as successful a firm as Freed is, that officials who are now crying poverty didn't know such a promise was going to cost a bundle. The cynic might say Freed never really wanted to include the

old factory in the new building in the first place and they're trying to use the delays to get out of it. If city commissioners let them get away with it, one argument could say, they're simply rewarding bad developer behavior.

On the other hand, things change. The economy is different than it was when Freed first presented the PUD five years ago; it wasn't nearly this deep in the economic toilet. Is it reasonable to hold the developer to an agreement it made when its coffers were fuller?

And to what end would they be doing it? According to at least one city official, residents in the neighborhood who've attended public hearings would rather see the wall come down than have it be allowed to deteriorate and become even more of an eyesore. It's residents from outside the neighborhood, the official said, who scream the loudest when talk turns to tearing down the wall.

Of course, historical preservationists want the wall saved. Plymouth Preservation Network chair Wendy Harless of Plymouth Township said a collaboration of affected parties need to discuss the future of the Daisy wall.

"Of course we understand the market isn't what it was when the project was started, but we have to look at ways to save the wall," said Harless. "Maybe it will take a combination of people who already live there and the city to talk with the developer and see how the wall can be saved. There's no easy answer, but if nothing is done it will deteriorate further and crumble," she said. "We need a creative solution."

Maybe a plaque could be included in the new building, or perhaps Freed could include a Daisy display in the lobby of the development, a tribute to the factory's role in Plymouth's history.

Much of the factory's historical significance is already preserved in an exhibit in the Plymouth Historical Museum; is it necessary to maintain an old wall in addition?

Freed isn't living up to its agreement, a situation the city should do what it can to remedy, but don't we need to be realistic here, too? It would have been great to have Freed get the development up years ago, including the use of the wall, but they didn't. Now it stands as a decaying eyesore.

The wall isn't getting any sturdier just standing there, although it's probably not going to fall to the ground any time soon. There's probably a compromise solution here. Let's hope someone finds it before the wall comes tumbling down.

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Beware of 7 scams targeting job seekers

A recent survey by The Conference Board shows that people are increasingly turning to the Internet to assist them with job searches, noting that 73 percent of job seekers reported using online sources in 2007 compared to 66 percent in 2005.



Tim Burns

While the Internet has become a great tool for assisting job searches, it also provides an opportunity for identity thieves and scam artists to take advantage of people.

In 2007 alone, the Federal Trade Commission received more than 11,000 complaints regarding fake employment opportunities.

Because many people who are victims never actually report it, these complaints may be just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to phony job scams.

Unfortunately, with a tough economy and tight job market, desperation will entice some job seekers into being tricked out of their money or misled to participate in criminal rackets.

The following are seven red flags to be on the lookout for when doing an online job hunt.

- E-mails filled with grammatical and spelling errors. Most online fraud is perpetrated by scam artists located outside the United States. Their first language usually isn't English, and this is often evident in their poor grasp of the language. If you receive an e-mail offering you a job filled with poor grammar and misspelled words, beware. This very well could be a scam.

- The salary and benefits offered seem too good to be true.

The adage holds true for job offers: If the deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Phony employers brag about exceptionally high salary potential and excellent benefits in order to lure unsuspecting job hunters into their scam.

- You're hired without an interview. Some job seekers have been surprised to learn they've been "hired" without having to do a single interview.

The only catch is to first provide your Social

Security or bank account number before starting the job, so you can allegedly be paid by direct deposit.

To avoid becoming a victim of identity theft, job applicants should never give out Social Security or bank account numbers over the phone or by e-mail to an unknown individual.

- Become rich without leaving home. While there are legitimate businesses that allow employees to work from home, there are also a lot of scams trying to take advantage of senior citizens, stay-at-home moms, students, injured or handicapped individuals, and people looking for a second source of income. Job hunters should use extreme caution when considering any work-at-home offer and always research the company with their Better Business Bureau by calling (248) 644-9100 or visit www.bbb.org.

- The job requires wiring money through Western Union or MoneyGram. Many phony jobs require the prospective employee to cash a check sent to them through the mail and then wire a portion of the money on to another entity. Reasons given for doing this vary from scam to scam.

Whatever the reason, the check might clear your bank but will eventually turn out to be a fake. You will be responsible for paying back the bank the full value of the check you cashed.

- An employer asks for money upfront. Aside from paying for a uniform, it is rarely advisable for a job applicant to pay upfront fees or make a required purchase to get a job.

- All you have to do is reship merchandise. One of the fastest growing scams involves receiving in the mail goods purchased online by others through stolen credit card numbers and forwarding the items to the thieves, often in locations outside the United States.

You could be held criminally liable if caught participating in this fraud.

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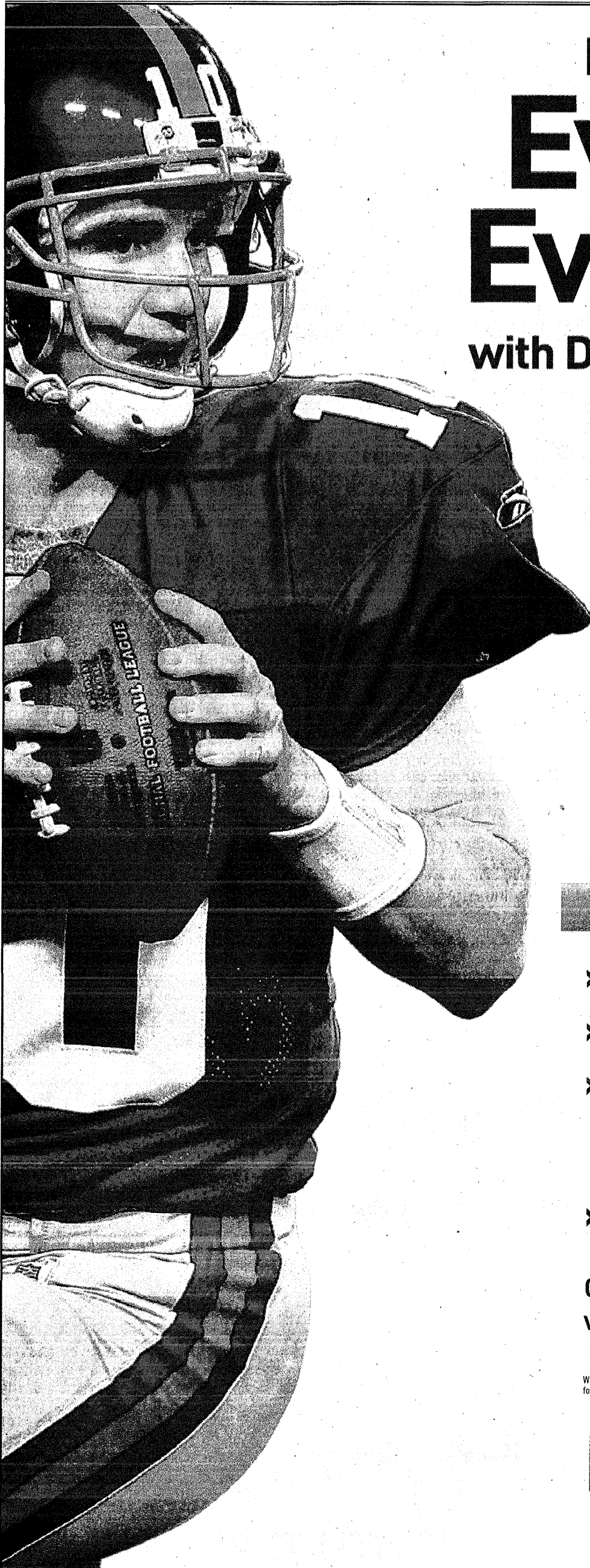
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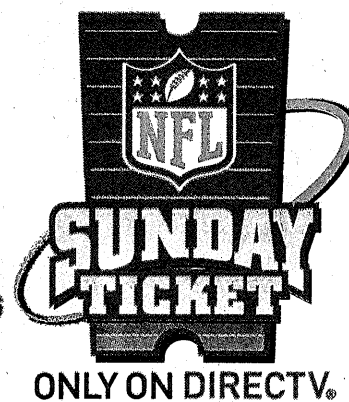


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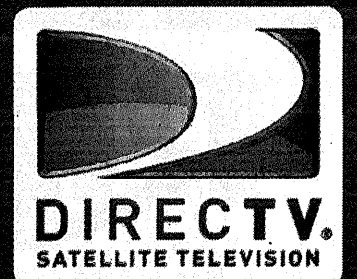
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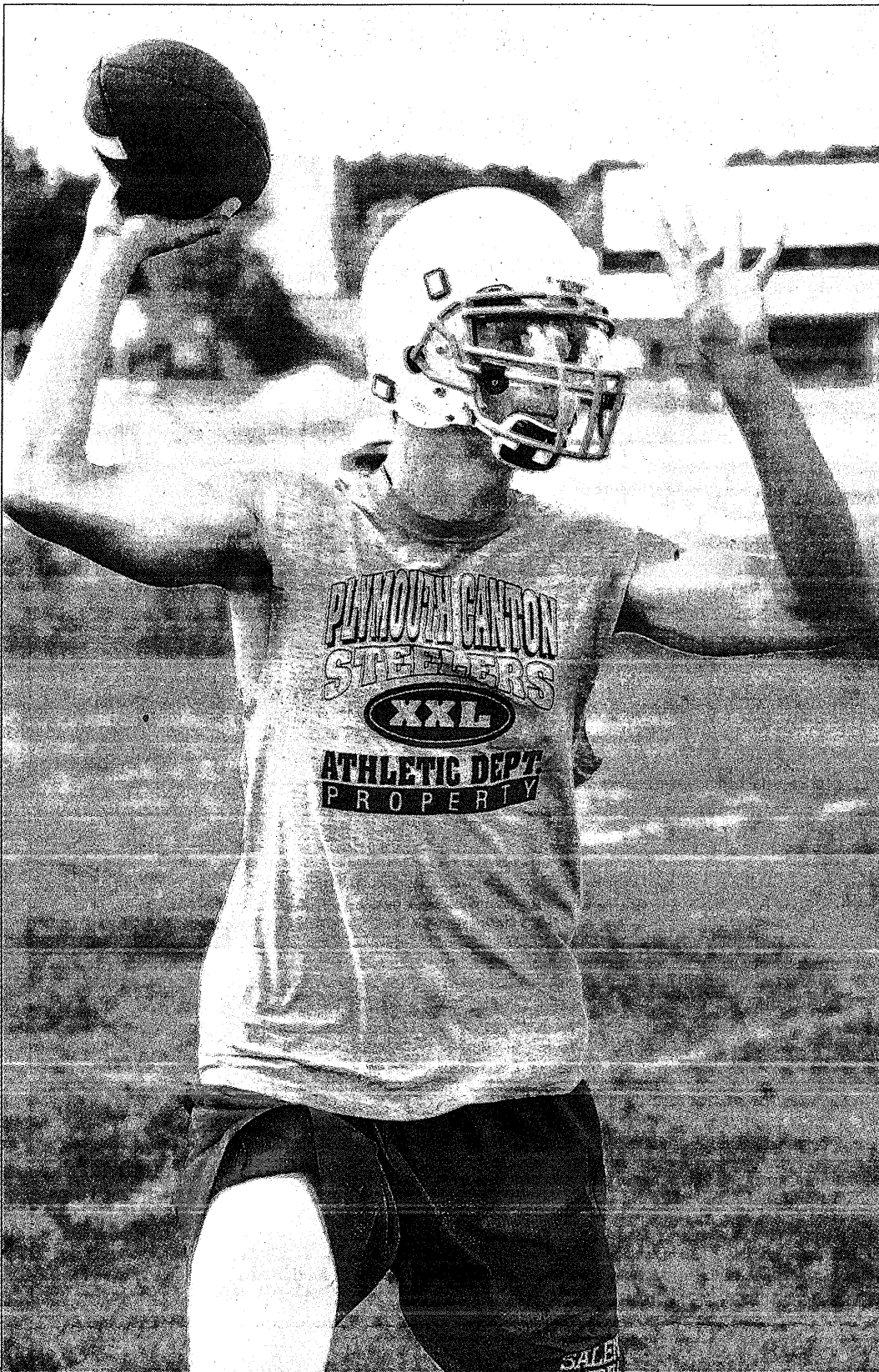
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2008 Prep Football Preview



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Senior Heath Parling is entering his third year as Salem's starting quarterback. The strong-armed signal-caller will be throwing behind a mammoth offensive line that averages 250 pounds.



Sophomore kicker Ethan Walsh splits the uprights on a field goal attempt during a Salem practice last week. Walsh's incredible range gives the Rocks' a potent weapon any time they cross the opponents' 30-yard line.

HUNGRY FOR SUCCESS

Salem gridders hope off-season dedication leads to on-field wins

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

They're big, fit and loaded with experience. And if that trio of assets isn't enough to put the Salem football program on the fast track to success this fall, this intangible might: The Rocks' 17 returning starters and the team's remaining key contributors have had it up to their chin straps with losing, which they did 17 times in 18 games in 2006 and 2007.

"There's a hunger to win around here now — there's no more empathy," emphasized third-year Salem head coach Parker Salowich. "These guys are hungry for success and they're tired of the stuff that's happened in the past. Hopefully all the hard work the kids and the coaching staff have put in during the off-season has put us on the right track."

Several key numbers point in the right direction for the Rocks. The 160-plus players currently listed on the program's freshmen, junior varsity and varsity rosters are double what the total was prior to Salowich's arrival in the spring of 2006.

The five Rocks expected to start on the interior offensive line tip the scales at an average weight of 250 pounds.

And the spread offense's two key players — senior quarterback Heath Parling (6-foot-2, 200 pounds) and senior running back Anthony Mullins (6-0, 190) — have both started since their sophomore campaigns.

"The senior leadership we have on this team is great," said Salowich. "Having 32 seniors is

wonderful. A lot of them have experience from starting last year and a few have two years of starting experience."

Fitness-wise, the Rocks are in remarkable shape, Salowich said.

"We brought a speed-and-strength guy in from the outside to work with the team this summer and he really pushed them," Salowich said. "He has a Ph.D. in exercise physiology, so he knows where the threshold is; how far to push them. We're going to incorporate a lot of what he showed the kids into our regular conditioning program."

If given time to do what they do best, Parling and Mullins could prove to be a dynamic one-two punch for the Rocks. Parling has a cannon for an arm and uncanny leadership skills while Mullins galloped for over 1,000 yards as a junior.

"Heath's leadership abilities are unsurpassed," said Salowich. "He has a commanding presence when he steps into the huddle. He's like a coach on the field."

"Anthony's a great example for the other kids because he's a great athlete who never gets too high or too low. He keeps an even keel, which is what we need. He's kind of the yin to Heath's yang."

Parling will be backed-up by junior Jake Peterson (6-7, 215), who shined during the Rocks' intra-squad scrimmage on Saturday.

Senior Al Ibe (5-11, 215), a transfer from Novi Catholic Central, will see time at running back and linebacker, Salowich said. Senior Zach Sponseller will serve as the

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ALL ABOUT THE ROCKS

Head coach: Parker Salowich;
2007 record: 1-8;
Returning starters: 17;
Key returners: Heath Parling, Sr. QB; Anthony Mullins, Sr. RB; Andrew Grabowski, Sr. OT; Jim Dexter, Sr. LB/TE; Dana Baltazar, Sr. OT; Al Covington, Sr. DL.
Coach's outlook: "The guys we

have on the team this year really seem to want to play for each other and they want to win for Salem. There's a hunger to win around here. There's no more empathy."
Impressive stat: Junior OT Ed Merhi can bench press 365 pounds.

2008 schedule
(all games start at 7 p.m.)

Thursday, Aug. 28 - @ Plymouth
Friday, Sept. 5 - @ W.L. Northern
Friday, Sept. 12 - @ Stevenson
Friday, Sept. 19 - NOVI
Friday, Sept. 26 - @ S. Lyon East
Friday, Oct. 3 - NORTHVILLE
Friday, Oct. 10 - @ South Lyon
Friday, Oct. 17 - CROSSOVER*
Friday, Oct. 24 - CANTON

*-homecoming

Macinkowicz repeats as O&E golf champion

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Susan Macinkowicz didn't have to venture over to Woodward Avenue to stage her own Dream Cruise during Saturday's Observer & Eccentric Women's Golf Tournament held at Livonia's Whispering Willows G.C.

The special education teacher from Woodhaven, who hails from Chesterfield Township, repeated as the winner of the championship flight with an 18-hole round of 83, four shots better than Livonian Nancy Rhatigan and five better than Sona Pysh-Dennison of Shelby Township.

A regular on the Michigan Women's Publix circuit, Macinkowicz survived a tough stretch on the 11th and 12th holes where she carded back-to-back 7s en route to a 43 on the back nine after shooting a 40 on the front side.

"I got the ball up into the woods and it got me," said the 47-year-old Macinkowicz said. "But overall it was fun. It was good playing on great municipal course. They have a real gem in Livonia."

Macinkowicz earned a first-place trophy and an \$80 golf shop gift certificate for her efforts.

"The key here is course management," said the two-time win-

ner with an U.S.G.A. 8-handicap index. "You have to know where to put the ball. Tee shots are critical. The putts are true and Paul (Worley, the club pro) has the course and grounds in good shape."

Rhatigan, who has an 17-handicap, carded 42-45-87, but was able to take low-net honors with a 70, earning a \$60 gift certificate.

Pysh-Dennison, who resides in Shelby Township, carded a gross total of 43-45-88 followed by Theresa McPherson (Royal Oak), 48-45-93; Pat Witek (Livonia), 51-44-95; and Debrah Pringle (Lake Orion), 49-49-98 to round out the championship flight.

Canton's Lu Stockton captured first flight honors with a 48-48-96, edging Detroit's Suzanne Madej, who shot 53-44-97, by a stroke.

And sporting a 25-handicap, Stockton also won low net honors with a 71 to take home a first-place trophy along with a \$70 gift certificate. She also won closest-to-the-pin on the 120-yard No. 7 hole.

Rounding out the first flight field was Kathy Brennan (Livonia), 54-57-101; Monica Oliver (Farmington Hills), 50-52-102; and Pat Shelton

Please see **GOLF, B5**



ROSSIO FAMILY PHOTO

Canton resident Ron Rossio is pictured handling the sail trim during a recent Bayview Mackinac Race. The 46-year-old sailor has captured five first-place finishes and four seconds in the past decade.

WIND/WIN SITUATION

Canton man racks up boat load of sailing titles

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Ron Rossio wants to take a temporary detour from the rat race that life can turn into sometimes, he turns to another form of racing — a subtler, more peaceful kind of competition that requires no engines or fuel.

The 46-year-old Canton resident is a champion sailor whose most recent gold-medal performance came last month in the 84th Bayview Mackinac Sailboat Race.

Rossio was part of a crew made up of several

friends and his brother, Rich, that maneuvered "Falcon" across the finish line first in record time in the Level 35 Class event.

The triumph was the fifth overall for Rossio, who specializes in handling the vessel's sail trim.

He has also registered wins in the 1998 Chicago-to-Mackinac Race, the 1998 Bayview Mackinac event, the J35 North American Championship Regattas and the North American Off-shore One Design Regattas.

"I love sailing because it's relaxing to me," said

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Sidelines

Patriot golf

The second annual Patriot Golf Days will be observed at golf establishments across the country — including Fox Hills in Plymouth Township — from Aug. 29 through Sept. 1. Golfers will be asked to donate a minimum of \$1 in support of Patriot Golf Day, which is supported by the USGA and PGA. All funds raised will benefit the "Folds of Honor Foundation" to provide educational scholarships for the families of those who have become disabled or lost their lives in the line of duty.

Fox Hills will match all funds raised.

PCS hockey golf outing

A golf outing to benefit the Canton, Salem and Plymouth hockey teams will be held Saturday, Aug. 23, at Hickory Creek Golf Club in Canton.

The fee is \$110 per player or \$400 per foursome.

Included in the fee are greens fees and a cart; a steak dinner; a snack at the turn; pop and water on the course; and prizes for best team, longest drive and closest to the pin.

The event will tee off with an 8 p.m. shotgun start.

For more information, contact Kathy Lash at (734) 453-6518 or Chris Wolfe at (248) 766-6754.

Please report prep results

High school coaches in the Plymouth and Canton communities are encouraged to report their results to *Observer* Sports Editor Ed Wright so that their athletes receive the recognition they deserve.

Coaches can either call Wright at (734) 953-2108 weeknights from 6 p.m. to midnight; e-mail him at ewright@hometownlife.com; or fax results to (734) 591-7279. The deadline for Thursday editions is Tuesday at 11 p.m.; the deadline for Sunday is Friday at 11 p.m.

Adult women's hockey

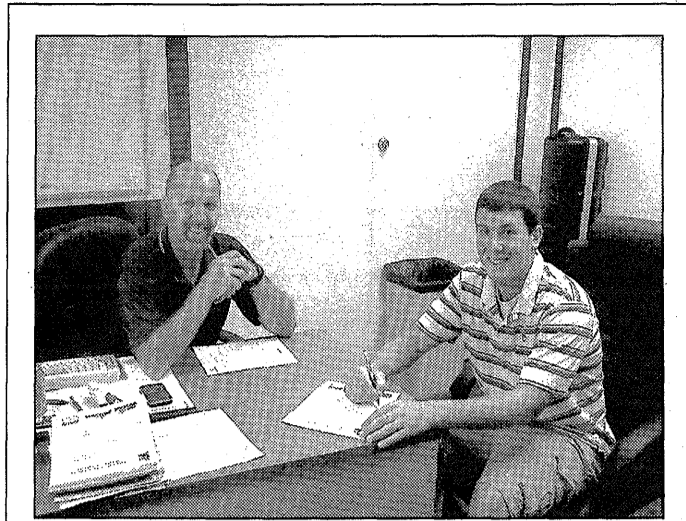
An adult women's hockey league will begin its fall session (Oct. 3 through Sept. 12) at Veterans Arena in Ann Arbor.

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.machrhl.com.

Crusaders look to move up in WHAC standings



Catching on with Madonna
Recent Plymouth High School graduate Garrett Rebin (right) agreed to play collegiate baseball at Madonna University. Rebin is pictured above with Crusader head coach Greg Haeger. Rebin enjoyed a successful prep career with the Wildcats as a catcher and pitcher. He is expected to catch primarily at MU.

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BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There were too many occasions last fall where Madonna University's women's soccer team couldn't hit the back of the net.

Inconsistent offense and injuries plagued the Crusaders, who tailed off badly in the second half of the season to finish 8-7-2.

But a rise to the top of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference in 2008 might not be a pipe dream thanks to the addition of some promising recruits, including former Schoolcraft forward Jessica Austin — along with a preseason camp where coach Paul Thomas isn't handing out guarantees of playing time. "All of our players are working hard, there are 25 players competing for 11 spots," said Thomas, entering his third season as Madonna's coach. "Players are going at it (in practice), they want to succeed, they want to win and they want to be in the starting 11."

Last season, some players didn't have to fight as hard for regular playing time. This time around, which begins 4 p.m. Friday against host Trinity International (Illinois), that won't be the case.

"I won't be afraid to start a team that is new to this college," said Thomas, adding that message is being heeded by his

returnees. "The majority are knuckling down and working hard."

The Crusaders should keep goals from their opponents down, with strong midfielders and defenders in front of aggressive sophomore goalkeeper Brittany Warner (Canton/Oakland University).

PLENTY OF TALENT

Leading the midfield corps are the team's co-MVPs from a season ago, senior Ashley Stoychoff (Canton/Salem) and junior Lauren Hess (Livonia/Ladywood). Both also have offensive skills, sharing the '07 team's goal-scoring lead (five) with forward Kaila Moore (Howell), who is back for her junior year.

Stoychoff and Hess are helped out by sophomore Diana Brda (Westland/U-M-Dearborn) and impressive newcomers Andrea Mareel and Shannon McIntyre, the latter a senior coming over from Eastern Michigan University. Providing depth will be junior Rachel Thompson (Livonia/Stevenson) and freshman Nicole Rodriguez.

According to Thomas, if the midfielders play as well as they've looked during preseason, the offense will emerge.

"The midfielders are effective because of their level of fitness and technical ability, to work in tandem with the defenders and

forwards," the coach explained. "It's hard to score goals if you don't have the service."

Up front, the team will be looking for Austin (one of Schoolcraft's top goal scorers last year) to reach double figures in goals, something the Crusaders haven't had since Kelly Japowicz tallied 15 in 2006.

"I expect a lot out of Jessica," Thomas said. "Expectations are high with the (high-scoring) reputation she has. But she's going to have to continue to work hard" and adjust to the speed of the WHAC game.

Austin won't have to do it alone, because Moore is looking solid in the early practices and is determined to pick up where she left off last season.

The Crusaders also have junior newcomer Jaclyn Ventimiglia (Macomb/Concordia) and returning senior Dina Allie who will be prowling for goals. Thomas likes how both players are performing thus far, particularly Allie.

"Dina Allie probably looked the best I've seen her in the past four years this preseason," Thomas said. "She's looked very sharp, very fit. ... She has the desire to go out with a bang and win something. She's very, very motivated right now."

If sophomore forward Chelsea Skinner (Milford) bounces back from a leg injury, she could also contribute to Madonna's scoring

BACKING IT UP

Madonna's defense will feature steady senior Andrea Johnson (Canton) and juniors Gina Leone and Lia Melasi. Both Leone and Melasi were named to the all-WHAC first team last year.

"Those three players have been the standouts in the back line," Thomas said. "They've all been consistent players the past three years."

Milford alums Chelsea Shrewsbury and Allison Zematits, both freshmen, will bolster the defense as will sophomore Katie Kozlowski (Crestwood).

The defenders will assist Warner, who was redshirted at Oakland University last fall due to a hand injury.

"She's a very aggressive goalkeeper with a good pedigree," Thomas said. "She's played a high level of club soccer and high school (at Canton) and will be a solid player for us back there."

One thing for fans of the Crusaders to get used to as they take aim at the top of the conference standings is watching a goalie who likes to gamble.

"She's brave, but you need to be brave as a goalkeeper," he noted. "You need to be able to put your head where other people's feet are. You have to come out for crosses. Those types of attributes Brittany has."

CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188
The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at Public Auction August 26, 2008 at 10:00 AM. The Auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY	VIN #
1995	Nissan	Pathfinder	S/W	JN8HD17Y0SW099352
1993	Eagle	Summit	4DR	JE3CB50G8PU052525
1996	Saturn		4DR	1G8ZG528XTZ167866
2000	Saturn	SL1	4DR	1G8ZH5286Y22527251
1995	Pontiac	Gr. Am	4DR	1G2NE55D8SM554094
2003	Mini Cooper		2DR	WMWRC33493TC46059
1990	Olds	Cutlass	4DR	2G3AL54N7L2341736

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS-AUGUST 12, 2008

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, August 12, 2008, at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Executive Director Santomauro, Director Eva, Director Conklin, Director Faas. **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as amended, adding G-8 Second Reading - Pilot-Tax Abatement Ordinance and Contracts for Lincolnshire Apartments and Closed Session for discussion of employee negotiations. Motion carried unanimously. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Study Minutes of July 15, 2008. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the Board Minutes of July 22, 2008. Motion carried unanimously. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **PUBLIC HEARING: Item 1. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MARIMBA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to open the public hearing at 7:12 p.m. to hear comment on establishment of the Marimba Industrial Development District. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to close the public hearing at 7:13 p.m. to hear comment on establishment of the Marimba Industrial Development District. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution establishing the Marimba Industrial Development District. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 2. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT FOR MARIMBA AUTO, LLC. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to open the Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m. to hear comments on a tax abatement for Marimba Auto, LLC. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to close the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m. after hearing the comments on tax abatement for Marimba Auto, LLC. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution approving application of Marimba Auto, LLC. Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Real and personal Property. Motion carried unanimously. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. BUDGET AMENDMENT - CARRY OVER OF FY2007 PURCHASE ORDER. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following budget amendment to the 2008 General Fund Budget for a contractual commitment from 2007: Increase Revenue: General Fund Balance - Fund Balance Appropriation #101-000.695 \$306,929 Increase Appropriations: General Government - Capital Outlay-Intangibles #101-200.970.0100 \$306,929 This budget amendment increases the General Fund Budget from \$27,969,625 to \$28,276,554. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 2. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PARTICIPATION OF GOVERNOR'S CENTERS FOR REGIONAL EXCELLENCE PROGRAM. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the resolution in support of participation of Governor's Centers for Regional Excellence Program. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 3. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR CONNECTION CHURCH MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS (MOPS) MOM TO MOM SALE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve special event status and placement of signs at locations for Connection Church Mothers of Preschoolers Mom to Mom Sale which will be held on September 6th, 2008 at 3855 Sheldon Road. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 4. APPROVE EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR MAINTENANCE OF PATH. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution approving the contract between the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Canton Township for maintenance of a 0.42 mile section of non-motorized path north of Highway US-12 (Michigan Avenue) between Haggerty Road and the existing non-motorized path on the east side of Highway I-275. Motion carried unanimously. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT DONATION OF POLE BARN FROM THE CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the agreement to accept the donation by the Canton Historical Society of the pole barn at the Bartlett-Travis House site to the Charter Township of Canton and license agreement permitting use of the barn and further; that the Township Supervisor be authorized to sign said agreement on behalf of the Township. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 2. CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO ASSIST WITH MIGRATION TO CITYVIEW VERSION 9. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the proposal from Municipal Software Corporation to provide customization and development services for the implementation of CityView Release 9, for a total cost not to exceed of \$41,000. Funds are available in the 2008 Budget in the accounts: Planning Services Contracted Services Account # 101-853.801.0050 and Planning Services Capital Computer - Computers account # 101-853-970-0100. I further move to approve the purchase of one (1) copy of ArcPublisher, from ESRI for \$2040, based on State of Michigan contract pricing, from Planning Services Capital Computer - Computers account # 101-853-970-0100. I further move to approve the reprogramming of \$2040 from Planning Services, Account # 101-853-801-0050, Contracted Services, to the Planning Services Capital Outlay Computers account. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 3. CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENT TO PURCHASE PROPERTY OFFERED BY WAYNE COUNTY FOR TAX FORECLOSURE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the following budget amendment for the purchase of property offered by Wayne County for Tax Foreclosure: Increase Revenues: Fund Balance Appropriation 101-000-695-0000 \$ 6,700 Increase Appropriations: Capital Outlay - Land 101-200-970-0070 \$ 6,700 This budget amendment increases the General Fund Revenue budget from \$27,969,625 to \$27,976,325 and the General Fund - General Government budget from \$774,822 to \$781,522.

Motion carried unanimously. **Item 4. REQUEST TO PURCHASE AN IRRIGATION PUMP SYSTEM COVER FOR CANTON SPORTS CENTER. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the purchase of a cover for the irrigation system for Canton Sports Center at Victory Park from Park-Kut International, Inc., 40961 Production Drive, Harrison Township, MI 48045-1351 in the amount of \$14,280 to be taken from Account No 246-750-970-0000, Line Item 2. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 5. MUNICIPAL CREDIT AGREEMENT WITH SUBURBAN MOBILITY AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION (SMART). (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the 2008-2009 Municipal Credit Contract between SMART and the Charter Township of Canton for \$71,768 and to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the contract on behalf of the Township. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 6. CONSIDER NORTH ARROW TECHNOLOGIES TO DEVELOP MAP BOOKS FOR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS FIELD RESPONSE AND DAMAGE ASSESSMENT TEAMS-UASI. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve North Arrow Technologies to develop map books for Emergency Operations Field Response and Damage Assessment Teams for the amount of \$9,587. Funding to come from account # 101-860.801.0050 and will be reimbursed through the 2005 UASI grant. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 7. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF PATROL RIFLES. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase of 10 Patrol Rifles, 15 lighting systems and 10-weapon cases from Vance's Law Enforcement, 3723 Cleveland Ave, Columbus, OH 43224 in the amount of \$13, 239. Funds to come from Police Drug Forfeiture Account # 207-301-50.740.0001. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kirchgatter Nays: Bennett, Caccamo, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Motion denied. **Item 8. SECOND READING - PILOT - TAX ABATEMENT ORDINANCE AND CONTRACTS FOR LINCOLNSHIRE APARTMENTS. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to remove from the table and approve the second reading of the Tax Exemption Ordinance for Lincolnshire Apartments. Publication of the first reading was on July 31, 2008. The second reading will be published and effective on August 21, 2008. Motion carried unanimously. **STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, SUMMARY OF TAX EXEMPTION ORDINANCE FOR LINCOLNSHIRE APARTMENTS CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE III AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A SERVICE CHARGE IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR A MULTIPLE FAMILY DWELLING PROJECT OF LOW INCOME TO BE FINANCED OR ASSISTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ACT OF 1966, AS AMENDED; TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR ORDINANCE TERMS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE CLASS OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS TO WHICH TAX EXEMPTION SHALL APPLY AND TO DETERMINE LINCOLNSHIRE APARTMENTS IF OF THIS CLASS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTRACTUAL EFFECT OF ORDINANCE; TO PROVIDE ORDINANCE DURATION; AND TO PROVIDE FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY AND SAVING OF ALL PENDING MATTERS AND FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: SECTION 1. PURPOSE. This section provides the purpose of this Ordinance to be added to the Canton Township Code of Ordinances. SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS. This section provides that all terms shall be defined as set forth in the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, being Public Act 346 of 1966 of the State of Michigan except those listed in this section. SECTION 3. CLASS OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS. This section provides that Lincolnshire Village Apartments is part of the class of Housing Development to which the tax exemption shall apply and for which a service charge shall be paid in lieu of such taxes. SECTION 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGE. This section provides for the establishment of an Annual Service Charge. SECTION 5. CONTRACTUAL EFFECT OF ORDINANCE. This section provides for the contractual effect of the Ordinance. SECTION 6. DURATION. This section provides for the duration of this Ordinance. SECTION 7. REPEAL. This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect. SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY. This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance. SECTION 9. SAVINGS CLAUSE. This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance. SECTION 10. PUBLICATION. This section provides that the Clerk cause this Ordinance to be published. SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE. This section provides that this Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication. Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, during regular business hours. Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to move from open session to closed session to discuss employee negotiations at 8:16 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Executive Director Santomauro, Director Eva **CLOSED SESSION - EMPLOYEE NEGOTIATIONS.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to move from closed session to open session at 8:39 p.m. and adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. **OTHER:** Supervisor Yack stated there will be a study session at 7:00 p.m. on August 19, 2007 at the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan, 48188. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk - Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval.
Publish: August 21, 2008**

Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Orangeo, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage (formerly Shurgard) located at 45229 Michigan Ave Canton MI 48188 (734)397-0082 on 8/29/08 at 12:00 pm. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.
Personal property described below in the matter of:
3004 - Dawn Morton - 50 Boxes, Toolchest, Washer
3017 - Darisha Davis - 30 Boxes, Couch, Upholstered Chair
3030 - Charles Graham II - 4 Kitchen Chairs, Leather Couch, Big Screen TV
3046 - Anthony Dobbins - Refrigerator, Stereo, 2 Washers
4018 - John Boehret - 10 Boxes, Handtruck, Cooler
4041 - Shane Ratliff - China Cabinet, VCR, Mattress
4201 - Russell Pfeiffer - 3 Bicycles, 3 Toolboxes, 5 Totes
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS
The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:
David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
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(734) 394-5260
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Personal property described below in the matter of:
2037 - Donald Moss - Bike, 50 Boxes, 10 Totes
4126 - Mildred Glover - Couch, Grill, Table
5054 - Darius Mason - Tools, Bicycle, Childs Motorcycle
5082 - Jewell Washington - Microwave, 10 Totes, 4 Chairs
6001 - Aja Hunter - Futon, Kids Bike, Misc Items
6008 - Jewell Washington - Vacuum, Mattress, 2 Totes
9006 - Roddrick Wade - TV, 4 Totes, Microwave
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Personal property described below in the matter of:
2026 - Carin Malley - Dresser, Dryer, 20 Boxes
3047 - Carin Malley - Entertainment Center, Mattress, 5 Boxes
4015 - Chad Cummins - Golf Clubs, Freezer, Mountain Bike
4031 - Charisse Dansby - Coffee Table, 10 Boxes, 1 Tote
4263 - Shantae Matthews - TV, 2 Suitcases, 2 Totes
4270 - Lisa Young - 8 Totes, 5 Boxes, Misc Items
5201 - Michele Robbins - 5 Boxes, Endtable, Misc Items
5202 - Nyeema Pinkston - Dresser, Mirror, Misc Items
5230 - Andre Johnson - Pool Table, Chair, Misc Items
6243 - Marchelle Moore - 10 Boxes, Sofa, Tote
9016 - Robert Garry - Chair, Skateboard, 2 Boxes
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USBC provides certification process to train instructors

So you want to be a bowling coach?

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For those in the metro area, the USBC will conduct a Bronze Level coaching certification conference, Friday through Sunday, Sept. 19-21, at two locations in Livonia.

Registration and brief classroom activities will be Friday, Sept. 18, located at the Comfort Inn, 29235 Buckingham Drive. The on-lanes portion of the seminar will be followed at Cloverlanes, 28900 Schoolcraft Road.

Participants will receive training to prepare them to coach intermediate-level bowlers.

The course will develop coaching skills in the four essential areas of bowling including the physical game, lane play, equipment and the mental game. Videotaping, video analysis and instruction on giving lessons will be also covered.

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To register for this conference, download a registration form from the coaching section of www.usbc.com; or call USBC Coaching at (800) 514-BOWL, Ext. 3169. The registration fee for Bronze Level conferences is \$275.

The fact that it takes place locally will save more money for the usual travel and lodging expenses.

The USBC coaching program - the only coaching program for bowling recognized by the U.S. Olympic Committee - offers four levels of certification: Level One, Bronze, Silver and Gold.

The prerequisite for attending the Bronze Level class is successful completion of the USBC Level One course or past Young American Bowling Alliance (YABA) Level 1 certification.

Bronze certification must be completed for a year as a qualifier to step up to the Silver Level conference.

The finest instructors in the country teach the USBC Coaching Certification, which trains and certifies coaches to teach the sport of bowling. The seminars also provide opportunities to learn from and network with these renowned instructors.

The Recent BOWL-4-Animal Rescue benefit held recently at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills was a huge success.

Over \$12,000 was raised for the Dearborn Animal Shelter and the Michigan Animal Adoption Network (MAAN).

The house was totally packed with enthusiastic participants and a good time was had by all, myself included.

There were several rescued pets on hand, which received plenty of attention and adoration.

It was a great job by Aleta Sill, Michelle Mullen and lots of volunteers who helped out.

Both Aleta and Michelle are USBC certified coaches and Michelle is one of only 22 Gold Level coaches in the world. Along with Lisa Bishop, they operate Aleta Sill's Bowling World, a pro shop inside Country Lanes.

Jim Hamlin, Country Lanes proprietor, also donated the use of the lanes for the event. He also wanted to thank the many donors who came up with a load of fine door prizes and raffle items.

One particular bowler had a very grand time, Jeremy VanMeteeer, of Farmington Hills, who enjoyed the 9-pin "No-Tap" format and most of his strikes were 10-down. He shot 35 of a possible 36 strikes en route to an 878 series on games of 300-300-278.

Jeremy didn't win any money for the effort, but he walked away with some fine door and raffle prizes.

The real winners were hundreds of dogs and cats.

Al Harrison is a resident of Southfield and a member of the Bowling Writers Association of America and the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame. He can be reached via e-mail at: tenpinalley710@yahoo.com.



Fun trip to Disney

The 12U PC Pride Stars completed an ultra-successful 2008 campaign last month by finishing 13th at the 12U World Series, which was held at Disney's Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Fla. The team went 5-2 and yielded just 16 runs. It was the best finish ever at the World Series by a Pride Stars team. Pictured are (front row from left) Kaitlyn McIntosh, Elaine Gerou, (second row from left) Megan Webster, Casey Bias, Jessica Webster, Elliott Mitchem, (back row from left) assistant coach Kevin Bias, Lauren Hayes, Katy Meade, Shannon Watson, Aubrie Cragg, Catherine Porter and head coach Mike Gerou.



Wonderful summer for Wolfpack

The Plymouth/Canton Wolfpack U14 AAU basketball team took first place in the Midwest Summer Classic Tournament held in Harper Woods July 19. The Wolfpack enjoyed a prosperous summer as they also won the Basketball America Friendship Tournament and notched runner-up finishes in two other tournneys. Pictured (front row from left) are Aaron Laurentius, Marcus Oden, Steven Kushner, Tyler Stewart, (back row from left) coach Marcus Oden, Clay Behrman, Devin McMillan, Ryan Jankowski, Paul Baumgart and coach Rob Stewart. Not pictured are Gavin Carney and Eric Jipping.

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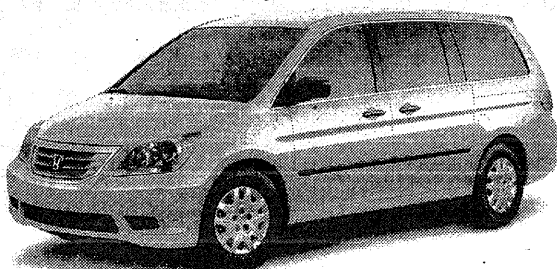
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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BOYS SOCCER
 Thursday, Aug. 21
 Agape at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
 W.L. Northern at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 22
 PCA at Macomb Christian Invitational, TBA
Saturday, Aug. 23
 Plymouth, Canton and Salem at Balconi Tournament, 10 a.m.
 PCA at Macomb Christian Invitational, TBA
PREP VOLLEYBALL
 Saturday, Aug. 23
 Canton at South Lyon Invitational, 8 a.m.
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
 Saturday, Aug. 23
 Canton at S. Lyon Invitational, 9:30 a.m.
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
 Saturday, Aug. 23
 Canton at South Lyon Invitational, 10 a.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
 Friday, Aug. 22

(at Delta Community College)
 Schoolcraft vs. Alpena CC, 6 p.m.
 Schoolcraft vs. Delta CC, 8 p.m.
 (UM-Dearborn Early Bird Classic)
 Madonna vs. Marian (Ind.), 1:30 p.m.
 Madonna vs. Robert Morris (Ill.), 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 23
 (UM-Dearborn Early Bird Classic)
 Madonna vs. Point Park (Pa.), 9 a.m.
 MU vs. Mt. Vernon Nazarene (Ohio), 1 p.m.
 (at Delta Community College)
 Schoolcraft vs. Alpena CC, noon.
 Schoolcraft vs. Delta CC, 2 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
 Saturday, Aug. 23
 Schoolcraft at Cincinnati State, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
 Friday, Aug. 22
 Madonna at Trinity Int. (Ill.), 4 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 23
 Madonna at Illinois Tech, 1 p.m.



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Senior Andrew Grabowski will anchor a strong offensive line unit for the Rocks.

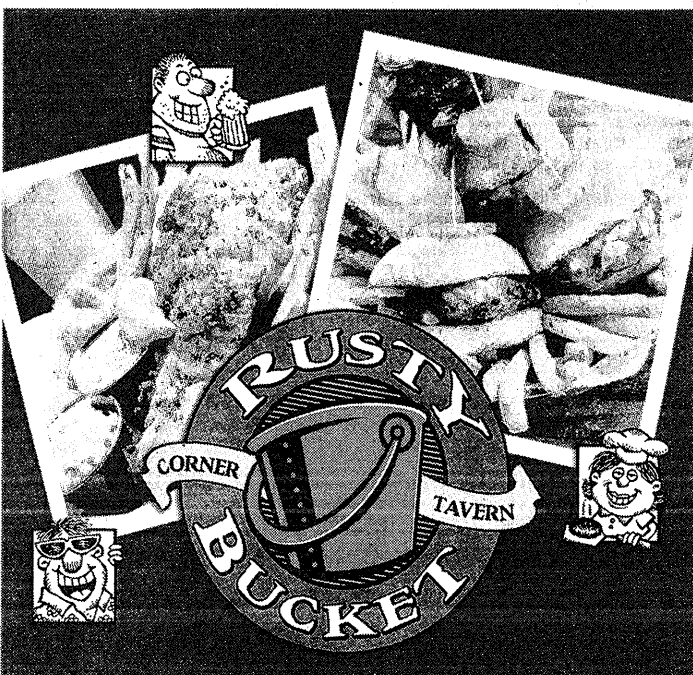
FOOTBALL

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fullback in two-back sets.
 The Rocks' receiving corps will be paced by senior ends Brian Hattie (5-9, 160) and Shawn Lyons, a pair of small but speedy targets.
 "Both Brian and Shawn have outstanding work ethics — I don't think they missed a work-out during the entire off-season," said Salowich. "They're both go-to guys who run great routes and block their tails off."
 Seniors Justin Bashi and Jim Dexter will be utilized as tight ends when the Rocks shift out of the spread. Dexter is also slotted as one of the team's starting linebackers.
 Salem's offensive line is big, strong and mobile, according to Salowich. The left side is anchored by senior tackle Andrew Grabowski (6-2, 270) and junior guard Ed Merhi (6-5, 290), both of whom started in 2007. Zack Pelech (6-1, 240) will get the call at center while Dana Baltazar (6-5, 300) and either Ryan Winkler or Blake Abbey will man the right side.
 The Rocks' defensive line will

be spearheaded by senior Al Covington (6-0, 240).
 "Al really came on this summer," said Salowich. "He has a great work ethic."
 Anthony Davis (5-10, 290) will start at nose guard beside senior Russ Brown (5-10, 180).
 Junior Austin Root, senior Chris Watkins and Dexter make up the first-string line-backing unit.
 Both starting cornerbacks — junior Derek Draplin and sophomore Devon Mullins (Anthony's younger brother) — started last year.
 "Our safety positions are still up for grabs," Salowich said.
 The Rocks' kicking game is in great hands, er, feet, thanks to sophomore Ethan Walsh, who should also see time at line-backer.
 "I think he's going to kick in the NFL someday," predicted Salowich. "He kicks it through the end zone consistently on kick-offs and he drilled a 42-yarder field goal in practice the other day when the entire team was lined up behind him screaming."
 The Rocks open Thursday, Aug. 28, at home against cross-campus rival Plymouth. The opening kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

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SAILING

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Rossio, who works at Chrysler world headquarters in Auburn Hills. "There's nothing quite as relaxing as sitting back and hearing the water peel off the hull of the boat. And you've never seen as many stars as you can see when you're sailing at night on the middle of Lake Michigan."

Sailboat racing is no different than many team sports when it comes to the importance of teamwork, Rossio said.

"Most of our crew has been together for a long time, so everybody knows what everybody else is doing," he said. "I know how to do just about everything except actually steering the boat."

"My job is trimming the jib and spinnaker sails. I'm always looking to make sure the sails keep their shape."

The Bayview Mackinac races are tests of endurance for the crew members and the boats as this year's winning time of just over 31 hours confirms.

"The entire crew is on the deck for about the first six hours of the race," Rossio said. "Then we'll

work in shifts throughout the night. Five crew members will be on while the other five sleep. The shifts last about four hours."

Rossio was introduced to sailing in the summer of 1983 by his uncle, Charlie Miller.

"He took my brother and I out on Lake St. Clair for the first time when we were in our early 20s," said Rossio. "I absolutely loved it and I've loved it ever since."

A third generation of the family is on the brink of discovering the joys of sailing. Ron's two young sons — 6-year-old Cooper and 3-year-old Cole — have shown early signs of interest in the sport.

"They're too young to race with me, but they meet us on the docks after the races with my wife (Michelle)," Rossio said. "They seem to enjoy being around the boats."

Next year, Rossio's longevity will be rewarded when he enters a class of sailors known as "The Society of Mackinac Island Goats."

He will have earned the title "Old Goat," which is reserved for sailors who have completed at least 25 Bayview Mackinac races.

GOLF

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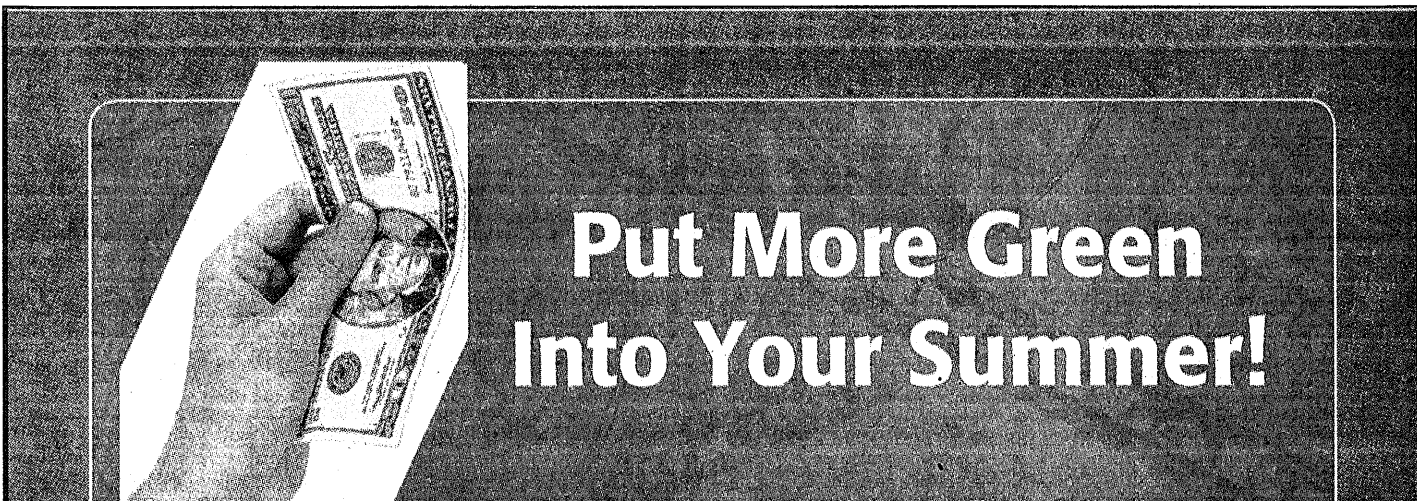
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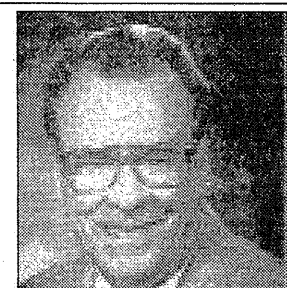
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CHARLES FRANKLIN ZEIGLER

Age 93, passed away Sunday, August 17, 2008 in Penny Farms, Florida. Charles was born in Beaver Falls, PA on November 6, 1914 the son of Frank F. Zeigler, and the former Clara E. Wahl. He was married in 1940 to Norah Patricia Ead, who after 52 years of marriage passed away May 16, 1992. He was a graduate of Carnegie Institute of Technology with a BS in Electrical Engineering. Additionally he attended both MIT, and Harvard University. Charles entered the US Army in 1941 and was a commissioned officer in the Army Signal Corps. He was assigned to the 7th Infantry Division under Major General Joseph Stillwell. He was honored and promoted from Captain to Major and served as 2nd in command of the 596 Signal Aircraft Warning Battalion, which was the pioneer force to formulate the use of radar by the United States Army. Major Zeigler remained in the Philippines until all his troops returned to the United States after WWII. After WWII, Charles was employed by Philco Corp. in Philadelphia, PA for three years, and the W. M. Chace Company, Detroit, MI for 35 years. He was active in Ham radio for over 75 years, his call letters were W8GLV. Charles was active in numerous civic and social organizations including, Kiwanis Club, Leland United Methodist Church, American Radio Relay League, Boy Scouts of America, and an associate member of the Penney Memorial Church. He moved to Penney Retirement Community in the fall of 1993 and on May 29, 1994 married his high school classmate Charlotte Burns. Charles is survived by his wife, Charlotte, two sons; Charles F. Zeigler Jr. of Irvine, CA; and Andrew J. Zeigler, of Chelsea, MI; a sister, Inez Koontz, of Mechanicsburg, PA; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Norah, and his parents. Visitation will be held Saturday, Aug. 23 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Martinson Funeral Home of Suttons Bay. A funeral procession will then proceed from the funeral home to Beechwood Cemetery for the 2 p.m. graveside service. Memorials may be directed to the Penney Retirement Community, Pavilion Expansion Fund, PO Box 555, Penney Farms, FL, 32079. Please share thoughts and memories with Charles' family on their online guestbook at: www.legacy.com/record-eagle/ Arrangements are with the Martinson Funeral Home of Suttons Bay



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**JEAN C. (Smookler)
FREITAG MD**

Plymouth, MI. Born on October 17, 1956 in Lansing, passed away on August 12, 2008 at the age of 51. Jean was a graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School, but what was most important to her was being a mother. She was preceded in death by her father, Dr. Bernard Smookler; mother, Judith Smookler and her sister, Ruth Smookler. Surviving are: son, Alex Freitag of Plymouth; daughter, Laura Freitag of Plymouth; brother, Alan (Karrie) Smookler of Evanston, IL; sister, Betty (David) Simon of East Lansing; and her former husband and good friend, Les Freitag of Plymouth. Graveside services were held on Friday, August 15, 2008 at Evergreen Cemetery in Lansing. Memorial contributions may be made to: APlastic Antibia & MDS International Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 310, Churchton, MD 20733-0310, website: AAMDS.org, in memory of Jean C. Freitag.

PAUL P. PANOFF

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RUTH K. OJANEN

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EUGENE "GENE" PAUL NEPH

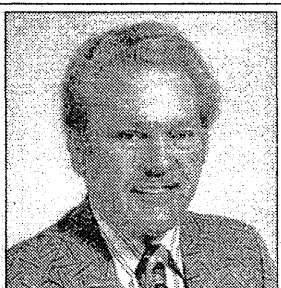
Of Livonia passed away on August 18th 2008 after a brief battle with bile duct cancer. Mr. Neph was born on September 9, 1929 in Detroit. He was a life long resident of Michigan. After attending the St. Rita High School in Detroit, he attended the University of Detroit, receiving a Masters of Business Administration degree. He also served a brief time in the army. After working for Michigan Bell, Mr. Neph founded his own medical billing company. An auto restoration hobbyist, Mr. Neph is remembered for his passion for restoring classic Ford Thunderbirds. He also loved opera and ballet. He was interested in paranormal psychology, politics, and criminal justice issues. He was a 50+ yr. member of St. Valentines Church, serving as a eucharistic minister. He was preceded in death by his wife, the late Ann Brylowksi. He is survived by his wife, June "Cindy" Neph, daughters Julia Neph (Arthur Baker Jr.) and Paula (James) Cleaver; son William Neph; granddaughters Sheila Plein and Olivia Cleaver. He was preceded in death by brothers Robert (Jane) and Ronald (Millie) Neph. He is survived by brother Gerald (Loretta) Neph and sister Linda Lehto. A viewing is scheduled for Wednesday, August 20 from 3-9 pm at the Charles Step Funeral home on Beech Daly Road in Redford. In state on Thursday, August 21 from 12:30 pm, funeral mass at 1 pm at St Valentine Catholic Church, on Beech Daly Road, Redford. Burial at Great Lakes Cemetery.

IDA E. KOPICKO

Age 83, Farmington Hills, MI, passed away August 14, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

JACQUELINE B. TAYLOR

Passed away at her home in Bronston, Kentucky on August 15, 2008, at the age of 68. The family had resided in Plymouth until 1994 when she retired from the Plymouth-Canton School System as a Executive Secretary. She is survived by her husband Joe and son Barry. Their daughter Stephanie passed away in 1976. She is also survived by her father Herbert J. Mitchell, brothers Herbert J. (Ana) Mitchell and William K. (Rose Marie) Mitchell, nieces Kelly, Christine and Jodi and nephew Eric, along with many cousins and friends. Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth on Wednesday with interment following at Lapham Cemetery. Contributions suggested to the American Cancer Society. Share your special thoughts and memories at: schrader-howell.com



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THEODORE R. STAGGERS

Of Birmingham passed away peacefully on July 30, 2008. Ted was born February 10, 1921 to Harley and Mabel Stuart Staggers in Fairmont, West Virginia, the youngest child of eight. A state tennis champion by the age of 15, he married his high school sweetheart, Bette Lee Clark of Grafton, W. Va., on January 14, 1944. They were married 63 years, until her death last year. Shortly after his marriage, Ted completed his military training and was sent overseas. He attained the rank of 2nd Lieutenant, and later Captain, of the Army Air Corps in WWII. A daring P-51 fighter pilot, he flew many bombing escort missions over the English Channel with the 359th Fighter group based in Fowlmere, England. On September 11, 1944, Ted was shot down over Germany and served out the balance of the war in a POW camp. Upon the liberation of the camp in May 1945, U.S. Army personnel believed he had died from starvation, but Ted had other ideas in mind. Returning to his wife back home, Ted was transferred by the Army to Arizona, where he recuperated and spent the time teaching young officers the art of golf, a lifelong passion at which, together with his tennis, he truly excelled. After his discharge in 1947, Ted earned his BA at Ohio State University and went to work for the General Electric Company, where he stayed his entire career until retirement in 1983. He and Bette relocated to Birmingham in 1951. They adopted two children, Kimberly Ann and Stephen Stuart. Together with an amazing group of friends who stayed together over 50 years, Ted and Bette enjoyed dancing, entertaining, golf and travel for many happy years. Ted was predeceased by his wife and son. He is survived by his daughter and several grandchildren. A memorial service to celebrate his outstanding life and service will be held at 10:00 a.m., on Saturday, August 23, 2008 at The First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits, Birmingham, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions be made to: AmeriCares, 88 Hamilton Avenue, Stamford, CT 06902. Arrangements: A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 248-362-2500. Share memories at: obit.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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

AUGUST

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 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.

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.

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. RSVP by Sunday, Aug. 24 by calling (734) 422-0149.

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 4th-century 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. No charge, 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 relevant 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, life-changing 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 sledie@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 beaconhillccdc@aol.com.

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 peer-to-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 Amputee 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.

Kirby 5k run

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Mom to Mom Sale

Features 75 moms selling their kids' clothes, toys, books/DVD's, baby equipment, etc., that their families have outgrown 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at Connection Church, 3855 Sheldon, north of Michigan Ave., Canton. Admission \$1. Refreshments available. Strollers welcome. For information, visit mom2momlist.com.

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 provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peer-to-peer ministry to divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

Dorje Chang is living in America

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

Music at St. John's

Opens the 2008-2009 concert series with a performance by Scott Woolweaver, an internationally renowned violinist, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. No charge and open to the public. For more information, call (734) 453-0190.

Tent sale

Begins 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.

Bethany Suburban West

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 Opegeim, 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.

Sacred music concert

Let the Heavens Rejoice: Sacred Hymns of the Carpathian Mountains, the seminary choir of the Blessed Theofodore Romzha Theological Academy of Uzhorod, Ukraine sing selections from liturgical services and religious hymns in Church Slavonic 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia. No charge, but free will offering requested to support the seminary. Open to the public. Several audio and video recordings will be available. For information, call (734) 522-3166 or visit www.seminaryconcerttour.com.

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.

Safety/health fair

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, physical fitness competitions for kids, bicycle safety, health screenings for adults, parent information on child safety and health, free car seat inspections by Canton police officers, child safety identification, at All Saints Catholic School parking lot and gym, 48735 Warren, between Beck and Ridge, Canton. For more information, call (734) 459-2490.

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.

Deacon to be ordained

Vicki Jens Page will be ordained as a deacon of the Moravian Church, North America, at a special service on Sunday, Sept. 7, at Freedom Moravian Church in Appleton, Wis. Page began her ministry at Grace Moravian Church in Westland in early August.

The order of deacon, as stated in the Moravian Book of Order, admits an individual to the first order of Ministry within the Moravian denomination. As a deacon, an individual has authority to serve in the pastoral office and to administer the Sacraments.

Page, originally from Appleton, is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, River Falls.

She was awarded her certificate in May 2008 from Moravian Theological Seminary, Bethlehem, Penn. after receiving her Master's of Divinity at United Theological Seminary in Brighton, Minn. in 2006.

She was a student pastor at West Side Moravian Church in Green Bay, Wis. and served at East Side Moravian Church (also in Green Bay) during her time at seminary. Moravians first came to North America in 1735. The 551-year-old Moravian Church is one of the oldest Protestant denominations dating back to 1457 in Europe.

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sionary emphasis and its rich musical heritage. The Moravian Church in America is comprised of the Northern and Southern Provinces.

The Northern Province has about 28,000 members in 96 congregations in 13 states in the U.S. and two Canadian provinces. The Southern Province includes nearly 20,000 members in 57 congregations, which are located primarily in the southeastern United States. The worldwide Moravian Church consists of 19 provinces with nearly 789,000 members, half of which live in Africa.

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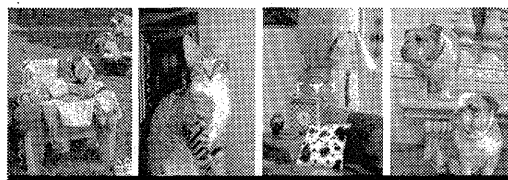
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FARMINGTON HILLS 22885 Walsingham, E. of Halstead, N. off 9 Mile. Fri-Sat, 9:30-4pm. Vintage Sunroom set, china, glassware, jewelry, office furniture, fishing & hunting collectibles, gardening misc. By Sunshine Sales.

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PLYMOUTH TWP 40628 Newport Dr, Ann Arbor Rd & Haggerty Rd area. Thur., Aug. 21, 9-5pm, Fri. Aug. 22 9-3pm. Furniture, ceramic molds, figurines, dolls & other household items.

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Aug 22-23, 11-5pm 27325 Byron St, Grand River, btwn 8 & 9 Mile off Inkster.

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WEST BLOOMFIELD
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BEVERLY HILLS
30490 Vernon S/13, E/Lahser. 8/22-23, 9-5pm. Play structure, kids' clothes, toys and misc. items.

BIRMINGHAM HUGE YARD SALE
532 Brookside, N. of Maple, E. of Old Woodard. Aug 21-23, 9-4. Clothes, household items, DVD's, etc.

BIRMINGHAM
1461 Maryland, 3 bks E. of Southfield, S. of Lincoln. Aug 21-22, 9am-3pm. Furniture, household items, collectibles & accessories.

BIRMINGHAM 20 Family Team Fundraiser Garage Sale! Sports equipment, clothing, furniture, books, small appliances, household items, toys, etc. Fri. Aug. 22, 9:30am-7pm. Sat. Aug. 23, 9am-2pm. 1862. Winthrop Lane, off Maple & Chesterfield.

BIRMINGHAM 5 family Sale! 580 Suffield, off Maple or Quorton. Thurs-Sat., Aug. 21-23, 8:30am-6pm. Antiques items, wicker, furniture, many household treasures, designer clothing, bedding, linens, child furniture, clothing, & toys, electronics, tools, exercise equipment.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Huge multi family sale. Antiques, collectibles, glassware, baby/children's clothes, toys, tools & lots more. 2014 Lakewood Ln, E. off Middlebelt, just S of Orchard Lk Rd. Thurs-Sat. 9-5.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS 245 E. Highlands, Squirrel Lake & Woodward. Aug 22-23, 11am-5pm. Clothes, leather furniture, misc. & washer/dryer.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS CHAPEL HILL ESTATES SUB SALE - Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 8/21-8/23, 9am-4pm. S. of South Blvd, btwn Adams and Squirrel Rd.

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS Multi-Family Sale, Woodedge Dr., off of Hickory Grove, btwn Woodward & Opdyke. Aug 23, 9-4. Kid's stuff & household.

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS Toys, Toys, Toys, collectibles & holiday shopping! 1980's 2000, salesmen inventory, new in box. S. off Quorton, W. of Franklin, 5528 Sutters Ln. Fri.-Sat., 10-4.

BLOOMFIELD- Huge Garage Sale! S of Square Lk W of Adams Thrus & Friday 9-4, 1285 Robson Ln. kids stuff, clothes, exercise equip., musical instruments, household goods, sporting goods, hockey equip.

CANTON - 42221 Ashbury Dr. N of Ford, E. of Lilly. Antiques, baby items, household items, books, some toys. 8/21-8/23, Thurs-Fri, 9-5; Sat 9-12noon.

CANTON August 22 & 23, 10-4pm. HUGE GARAGE SALE!! 685 BURGARE (Off Lotz, between Cherry Hill & Palmer). Crafts, jewelry, riding lawn mower, household.

CANTON Garage/Moving Sale! Aug. 22-23, 8am-5pm. 2099 South Cavalier, Palmer & Sheldon. Furniture items available.

CANTON Huge Garage Sale Covington Square Sub. (Lilley between Cherry Hill/Palmer). Oodles of items! Something for everyone! Clothing, many children's items, twin bed set, dining table. Fri., 22nd-Sun., 24th, 9-6pm

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CANTON Moving Sale! Furniture, toys, fish tank, & household items. Sat. 9am-1pm. 45120 Brunswick, N. of Warren, E. of Canton Center.

CANTON, 46146 Overhill Ln. E. off Beck Rd., S. of Cherryhill. Pleasant View Sub. Thurs-Fri. Aug. 21-22, 9am-4pm. Sat. Aug. 23 9am-12:30pm.

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DAVISBURG 11500 Shaffer, N. of White Lake Rd., E. off Ormond, White Lake area. Aug 23-Aug 24, 9am-4pm. Almost new appliances & much, much more!!

FARMINGTON ESTATE SALE
23164 Caff, in downtown Farmington. Thurs-Sat, Aug 21-23, 8-5. Furniture, clothing, misc, household items.

FARMINGTON 23885 Colchester, Farmington MI 48336, Belaire su, west of Orchard Lake & south of 10 Mile. Friday thru Sunday, 10 to 5pm. Books, puzzles, VHS tapes, clothing, misc items.

FARMINGTON HILLS - YARD SALE. Furniture, clothes & misc. Thurs 8/21 - Sat 8/23, 9-4pm. 31186 Fink Ave, Grand River & Orchard Lake area.

FARMINGTON HILLS 28035 Farmington Rd., N. of 12 Mile. Aug. 21-23, 10-6pm. Micro-cassett transcriber, toys, books, clothes & household items.

FARMINGTON HILLS 36336 Fredericksburg N off 12 Mile W of Drake Aug.22-23 9-4

FARMINGTON HILLS Garage Sale - Lathe, hand tools, drill press. 22761 Purdue, 9 Mile & Middlebelt. Aug. 23rd-24th, 10am-6pm.

FRANKLIN HUGO SALE! 26296 Franklin Ct., off of Franklin Rd., 1 blk S. of 14 Mile. Aug 22-23, Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-3pm. Lots of furniture & household items.

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GARDEN CITY Estate Sale - 7055 Gillman, off Warren btwn Inker & Middlebelt. Thurs-Sun. 9-4pm. Antiques, tools, comics, glassware, vintage toys, records, furniture, WWII items, clothes & much more!

GARDEN CITY GARAGE SALE 28576 Push. Sat. 8/22 & Sun. 8/24, 8am-4pm. \$\$ Benefits American Diabetes Association: Furniture, Electronics, Toys, much more!

GARDEN CITY Multi Family Sale. 1841 Middlebelt Rd., S. of Ford Rd. Aug 21-23, Thurs & Fri. 9am-4pm, Sat. 9am-2pm.

GARDEN CITY Multi-Family. Baby clothes, household items, furniture, toys. Aug 21-23, 8-4pm, 31825 Warren 1/bk. W. of Merriman.

GARDEN CITY Presbyterian Church Annual Rummage Sale. 1841 Middlebelt Rd., S. of Ford Rd. Aug 21-23, Thurs & Fri. 9am-4pm, Sat. 9am-2pm.

GARDEN CITY YARD SALE Dolls, music boxes, some furniture, Beanie Babies. Thurs-Fri. Aug 21-Aug 22, 9-5pm. 7049 Arcola, Warren & Inkster.

LIVONIA - 36629 Grove, W of Levan, S of 6 Mile. Aug 21-23, 9-4pm. Baby/kid's items, toys, games, crib, bikes, strollers, household items & more.

LIVONIA 14830 Merriman Rd. btwn I-96 & 5 Mile. Aug 21 & Aug 23, 8-5pm. Clothes, bdrm & kitchen furniture, camping & household, MAC, table saw.

LIVONIA 31501 Gable, NW area of 7 Mile & Merriman. Aug 23-25, 10am-4pm. Kid's clothes sizes 0-18, shoes, toys, skateboard equip., sports, housewares, furniture.

LIVONIA 37567 St. Martins (Newburgh & 7 Mile). MULTI-FAMILY SALE - Good Stuff. Fri-Sat., 8/22-23, 9-5pm.

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LIVONIA 8912 Russell St., on Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne Rd. Aug. 22-23, 9am-5pm. Lots of stuff!

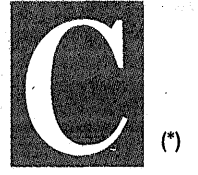
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LIVONIA GARAGE SALE 32925 West Chicago, between Farmington & Merriman. Thurs, Fri, Sat, 9-5PM. Clothes, tools, lawn stuff, toys, sports & more!

LIVONIA Multi-Family - 14830 Harrison, S of 5 Mile, E. of Middlebelt. Aug. 21-24, 10-6pm. Furniture, household items, tools & lots more!

LIVONIA Sat., 8am-4pm. 28514 Wentworth, 5 & 6 Mile, Middlebelt & Inkster. Household items, etc.

LIVONIA ONLY. 9am-5pm. 36066 Parkhurst, 5 Mile & Levan. Collectibles, furniture, & clothing.



Protect your family, home when power goes out

Power outages have been a major concern this summer. You can't control everything, but there are steps you can take to stay safer when the power goes out.

Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth Director Keith W. Cooley offers tips for consumers from the Public Service Commission and Bureau of Fire Services to stay safe while the power is out.

The U.S. Fire Administration in the Federal Emergency Management Agency reports that carbon monoxide poisoning claims approximately 480 lives and sends another 15,200 people to hospital emergency rooms for treatment every year. After June's power outages, two Michigan deaths were reported as a result of carbon monoxide poisoning from using a generator in their basement and additional individuals in unrelated incidents reported symptoms of poisoning.

"We felt very strongly after hearing of these tragic circumstances, that we need to educate as many consumers as possible about home generator use as they are becoming increasingly popular and affordable," Cooley said. "During these emergency situations, homeowners can only think of one thing — just getting their power back on. We're here to say take a few minutes to think about safety to protect your family's health first and foremost — and then your home."

Cooley said one common mistake is that homeowners believe that opening windows or running fans will prevent carbon monoxide buildup which is inaccurate.

"Our firefighters know firsthand that carbon monoxide can build up quickly — without any warning signs or smells, so much so that it's considered a silent killer. The State Fire Marshal's office recommends that every home has at least one carbon monoxide detector located near the furnace and utility room," Cooley said.

While you cannot smell carbon monoxide, it can cause symptoms such as nausea, dizziness, and weakness. If you experience these symptoms, get fresh air and seek help immediately for possible carbon monoxide poisoning in the local hospital ER where they will conduct a simple blood test.

The Public Service Commission offers an informative consumer alert http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mpsc/mpsc-ca_portablegenerator_211961_7.pdf on how to purchase the right generator with safety tips on proper use. Some tips include:

- Never operate a generator indoors or in an unventilated area. The exhaust contains deadly carbon monoxide fumes.

- Do not store gasoline for a generator indoors. Gasoline should be stored in an approved, nonglass safety con-



tainer.

- Extinguish all flames or cigarettes when handling gasoline or the generator. Always have a fully charged, approved fire extinguisher located near the generator. Make sure you have enough fuel to run a generator for an extended period of time — during a power outage, gas stations may be closed.

- Never refuel a generator while it is running. Shut it off and let it cool for 10 minutes before refueling to minimize the danger of fire.

- Parts of the generator are very hot during operation. Avoid contact — especially with the muffler area. Keep children away at all times.

- Protect the generator from rain and other moisture sources to prevent

electrocution.

- When not in use, store the generator in a dry location such as a garage or shed.

The PSC also recommends that homeowners put together an emergency use kit for their home to prepare for power outages. The kit should include:

- Flashlights
 - Battery-powered radio
 - Extra batteries
 - Candles
 - Blankets
 - First-aid kit
 - Nonperishable food
 - Battery-operated lantern
 - Drinking water — (1 gallon per person per day)
 - Some emergency cash
- Experts recommend that you keep

a list of emergency numbers near the telephone — including the number to the local electric company. Unless telephone lines are down, landline telephone service should remain available during an electrical power outage. Cellular service may not work if power to the cell tower system is disrupted.

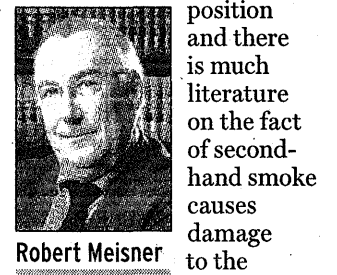
It's also important to protect electrical items like TVs, VCRs, microwave ovens, or a home computer with voltage surge suppressors. If these items are not protected, unplug them before a storm begins to prevent damage.

For more tips on surviving a power outage, check out the PSC's alert at: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mpsc/mpsc-ca_survivingelectricaloutages_211962_7.pdf

Case supports ban on smoking

Q: We are thinking about passing a restriction in our documents concerning smoking in our apartment units. Do you think we have any basis to do so?

A: There is a Colorado case that supports that



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position and there is much literature on the fact of second-hand smoke causes damage to the condominium residents. Moreover, the association, at some point, may be accused of encouraging that situation. You are best advised to consult with your attorney, but you may wish to consider banning smoking. Also, the provision may be more enforceable if the developer put it in the original documents.

Q: I am an attorney who has been retained to draft some condominium documents for a two-unit complex. I am concerned about what mechanism I can use for issues regarding the governance of the project. Do you have any suggestions?

A: You basically have several choices in regard to the operation of the association. Your choices are: (1) unanimous consent; (2) one owner has control; (3) a tie breaker such as an independent director or (4) an alternative dispute resolution mechanism such as a neutral arbitrator, but not the AAA Arbitration. The appropriate choice will depend upon the kind of project (residential, commercial, or mixed use) sophistication of the owners, the complexity of the project and whether you want the parties to have equal bargaining power or whether one party has a greater interest in making things get done well.

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.

HOMES SOLD

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of April 28 to May 2, 2008, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

City	Address	Sales Price
Canton	49965 Jackson Ln	\$205,000
	256 Shana St	\$55,000
Farmington Hills	32063 Bonnet Hill Rd	\$201,000
	32291 Chesterbrook St	\$181,000
	20861 Deerfield	\$310,000
	20953 Dunkirk St	\$67,000
	22240 Indian Creek Dr	\$139,000
	25651 Lynford St	\$185,000
	28312 Ridgebrook Rd	\$160,000
	35597 Vicksburg St	\$218,000
Garden City	32230 W 12 Mile Rd	\$85,000
	27235 Winterset Cir	\$210,000
Livonia	6020 Belton St	\$120,000
	11814 Hunters Park Ct	\$315,000
Milford	29567 Nottingham Cir	\$137,000
	432 River Oaks Dr	\$249,000
Northville	18112 Blue Heron Pointe Dr	\$330,000

City	Address	Sales Price
Novi	44432 Broadmoor Blvd	\$455,000
	22276 N Hills Ct	\$170,000
Plymouth	50637 Chesapeake Dr	\$717,000
	24116 Devonshire Dr	\$383,000
	23561 Dunston Rd	\$395,000
	230 Endwell St	\$128,000
	26203 Fieldstone Dr	\$240,000
Redford	27997 Hopkins Dr	\$136,000
	24271 Weatherlane Ct	\$207,000
South Lyon	41267 Crestwood Dr	\$225,000
	12897 Portsmouth Xing	\$263,000
Westland	9087 Tavistock Dr	\$155,000
	26025 Elba	\$165,000
Westland	14057 San Jose	\$36,000
	26033 Daria Cir W	\$100,000
	54790 Grenelefe Cir E	\$210,000
	321 Hampton Ct	\$103,000
	253 Harvard Ave	\$180,000
	943 Norchester St	\$149,000
	218 Princeton Dr	\$36,000
	34100 Hunter Ave	\$130,000
	7708 Manor Cir	\$37,000
	199 S Crown St	\$137,000
38514 Shelby Dr	\$228,000	
35328 Sheridan St	\$75,000	

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Condo operation

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office, 30200 Telegraph, Suite 467. The course is for those interested in serving on a board of directors of a condo, co-op or community association, as well as developers and managing agents who are assisting these boards. All attendees will receive a copy of attorney Robert Meisner's booklet, "Condominium Operation: Getting Started and Staying on the Right Track." Advance registration is required. For registration information, call (800) 470-4433 or e-mail bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. Checks should be payable to Meisner & Associates, P.C. Cost is \$95 per person, with \$85 each for additional attendees from the same association.

Homebuying

There's a free Homebuying Seminar 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 40600

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<p>GREAT FIND This 3 bd brick ranch is perfect for you. Spacious LR, updated bath, Kit w/dining area, fin bsmt w/bar & bath, 2 car Garage w/workshop, Cent Air & so much more. \$95,000 (P-724CA)</p>	<p>THE BEST ON THE SUB Tons of upgrades on this cape cod home w/hwd flrs, 2 story GR w/ bridge overlook, corian counters, finished bsmt w/media room & bath & backs to pond. Move in ready! \$215,000 (C-674AU)</p>	<p>JUST REDUCED!!! Awesome Livonia condo w/all the features you want! New carpet & hwd flrs & appl's inc. Priced to sell, nearly 20k under SEV. Motivated sellers say bring offers. \$119,900 (C-860FI)</p>	<p>CANTON RANCH CONDO Are you ready for this? Move right into this beautiful 2 bd condo featuring large Master, cathedral ceilings, big bsmt, fresh paint & new carpet & close to everything. \$39,999 (P-388SO)</p>	<p>UNPACK & RELAX Spice up your life in this Canton colonial. Centrally located Kit w/ appl's & new floor. Fam Rm w/frpl, formal LR, Master w/WIC & bath, 2.5 car Garage & plenty of storage. \$168,900 (P-831WO)</p>	<p>LUXURIOUS LAKEFRONT LIVING Gorgeous home on Spring Hill Lake in Stonewater sub offers over 6000 sq ft, custom details t/o, granite Kit w/subzero, Sun Room & fin w/o w/au pair or in-law suite. \$699,900 (P-368CL)</p>	<p>ROOM TO ROOM Plenty of room in this 1160 sq ft, 3 bd, 2 bath ranch condo w/oak Kit, ceramic baths, LR w/frpl, private screened porch/Deck, fantastic view of pond, area pool & clubhouse. \$99,900 (C-620CU)</p>	<p>BETTER THAN NEW... 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial located in great Canton sub. This move in ready home has a great sized Kit w/granite, hwd flrs, 2nd fl laun, fresh paint & too much more or list. \$229,900 (C-155FI)</p>
<p>CUSTOM CAPE COD Beautiful wooded location on this 4 bd, 4 bath Plymouth home w/1st fl Master w/luxury bath, guest suite or in-law quarters, fin bsmt w/Fam Rm & 2nd Kit & Ply-Can Schools. \$414,900 (P-899LI)</p>	<p>CONVENIENT LOCATION Clean 2 bd, 2.5 bath move in ready condo w/open floor plan, beautiful maple Kit, Great Rm w/cath cell, 1st fl Master, 1st fl laun, neutral paint, bsmt & close to everything. \$124,900 (C-000NE)</p>	<p>MOTIVATED SELLERS Wonderful maintenance free ranch w/neutral décor, 3 bd, 2 baths, updated windows, elec plumbing, 2.5 car Garage, updated oak Kit, new roof in 2006 & home warranty. \$139,900 (P-524PE)</p>	<p>CUSTOM RANCH ON ACREAGE Newer custom built ranch featuring 4 bd, 3 baths, on 2 acres. Excellent storage in the 3 car Garage & 54x30 Pole Barn. Big rooms w/vaulted cell's, fin walkout w/8ft ceilings. Add 5 acres avail. \$315,000 (C-449RA)</p>	<p>FANTASTIC VALUE Awesome 3 bd, 2 ba ranch backing to woods. Home feat new landscaping, new carpet, new paint, 2 car Garage, appl's stay & backs to woods. \$115,000 (C-801TH)</p>	<p>FABULOUS COMMERCE CONDO Cape Cod condo feat hwd flrs, formal DR, 2 story entry, GR w/frpl, updated Kit w/Merilait cab's & pantry, Prof fin bsmt w/wet bar & bath, Gar w/attic space & more. \$339,900 (P-1596TR)</p>	<p>CONDO LIVING AT IT'S BEST Stunning 2 bd, 2 bath end unit w/ views of woods from every room, 1st fl laun, private study w/French doors, gas frpl, Master w/soaking tub, full bsmt & 2 car Garage. \$250,000 (P-865WE)</p>	<p>GREAT OPPORTUNITY Traditional floor plan feat a formal LR/DR, large island Kit w/hook & all appl's, Spacious Fam Rm with frpl, Master boasts his & her vic's & private bath. \$219,900 (P-576AA)</p>
<p>LAVISH COLONIAL Your search is over! Relocation forces sale of this fabulous 4 bd, 2.5 bath home w/2 story Great Rm, hwd flrs, jetted tub & new landscaping. \$240,000 (C-560AN)</p>	<p>NICE HOME 3 bd bungalow w/newer Deck, new front porch, 2 car Garage, large Master Bdrm, finished bsmt, 2 car Garage & more. Subject to offer sale approval - make an offer. \$55,900 (P-255AS)</p>	<p>CUTE & COZY Wonderful ranch on almost half an acre on prime real estate property. Nice open floor plan, 2 bd, big windows, bright & airy, 2 car Garage, great updates t/o & immed occup. \$100,000 (P-403CA)</p>	<p>GREAT PRICE Motivated seller's offer a great deal on this inviting home in Livonia. 1.5 baths, LR w/bay window & frpl, 2 car Garage, close to everything & addit lot next door included. \$114,900 (C-415CA)</p>	<p>FABULOUS FIND Many amenities in this Westland home. 2003 updates inc: shingles, siding, gutters, furnace, C/A, baths, oak Kit, 22x14 Patio, full bsmt built in grill. \$149,900 (C-465CA)</p>	<p>LAKE FRONT LIVING Cliffs Landing on Ford Lake offers this end unit ranch condo w/3bd, 2 ba, huge Master, LR w/frpl & drwl to balcony, updated windows, freshly painted, area pool & more. \$128,900 (P-855CL)</p>	<p>IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY 2 bd condo on beautiful Colonial Estates. Full bsmt, large Liv Rm, Dining Area, 2 car Garage w/ opener, C/A & ceiling fans. Appliances stay! \$114,900 (C-613CO)</p>	<p>PERFECT STARTER Great floor plan for this 3 bd ranch w/updated carpet, spacious eat-in Kit, finished bsmt w/dry bar, updated C/A, 2 car Garage & nice fenced yard. Walk to elementary school. \$104,900 (P-261FA)</p>
<p>GREAT BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY Well known pizza business for sale. Great chance to be your own boss. Call for further details. \$84,900 (C-344FO)</p>	<p>HIGHLY MOTIVATED SELLERS! Original owners have gone all out to get this baby ready for it's new owners! All new paint, appliances, upgraded cabinets, hwd floors, huge Master w/cath cell & much more. \$324,900 (C-754FO)</p>	<p>CHARMING COLONIAL Charming 3 bd brick colonial w/1.5 baths, 3 bds, 2 natural fireplaces, fin bsmt w/glass block, nice layout, newer windows, 2 car Garage & more. \$150,000 (P-711HU)</p>	<p>LARGE COUNTRY LOT Not your ordinary floor plan. Designer Kit w/granite & walnut flrs, 2 story Great Rm w/nat frpl & views of backyard, 1st fl Master w/ bath & WIC & great location. \$314,500 (P-927JA)</p>	<p>NEWER CONDO Great find on this 2 bd, 2.5 bath condo in Canton. Meticulously maintained, open floor plan, Great Rm w/vault cell & frpl, loft overlook, oak Kit, Patio, Deck & pond view. \$168,000 (C-173LO)</p>	<p>CHARMING RANCH Immaculate 1168 sq ft, 3 bd, 1.5 bath brick feat a large Master w/ 10x7 bonus room, refin hwd flrs, updated Kit, part fin bsmt, 2 car Garage, appl's stay & 1 yr home warranty. \$109,999 (P-999LU)</p>	<p>CUSTOM COLONIAL Come see this custom interior in this 4 bd, 3 ba home. Custom maple Kit, LR & DR w/custom built-ins & lot of room to roam. 2nd home on property can be in-laws or income property. \$249,900 (P-241MA)</p>	<p>FABULOUS COLONIAL Popular Ridgewood offers this nice colonial w/4 bd, 2.5 baths, Fam Rm w/frpl, formal LR/DR, Island Kit w/hook, large Deck off Family Rm & 2 car Garage. \$379,000 (P-487ME)</p>
<p>PLYMOUTH'S BRADBURY Beautiful view & lots of windows! 1 bd condo w/nice oak Kit, Master w/wall of closets, bath w/new tile, neutral t/o, Fam Rm in fin bsmt w/ post 2nd fl & area pool & clubhouse. \$110,000 (P-421NE)</p>	<p>PLYMOUTH CONDO Cute ranch condo w/large brick paver Patio, updated appl's & windows, pets allowed, good location & clubhouse activities w/ heated pool & home warranty! \$89,000 (P-699NE)</p>	<p>GORGEOUS CAPE COD Like new 3 bd, 2.5 bath home w/ large loft for office or game room, .265 acres of commons, 15 parks, tennis courts, walking trails, 2 pools, soccer field & so much more. \$239,900 (P-704PO)</p>	<p>SELLER MUST SELL!! Rare find on this custom ranch on almost an acre in Farm Hills. Beautiful landscaping, mature trees, updated Kit w/granite, Fam Rm w/frpl, fin bsmt, newer roof, 1st fl laun, pool & circular drive. \$189,000 (P-432RO)</p>	<p>PRESTIGIOUS LAKE PROPERTY Spacious lake front living on all sports Rush lake. Bring your own builder. Possible walkout site, nature trails, common grounds w/ gazebo, picnic tables, playgrounds & more. \$210,000 (P-113SA)</p>	<p>MOVE IN READY Move here to this 3 bd, 2 bath Plymouth ranch & relax. Plenty of updates inc: Pella Windows, bath, new tile, oversized Garage w/ workshop, fin bsmt w/bath. Must see! \$160,000 (P-908TA)</p>	<p>LOVELY LIVONIA CONDO 2 bd, 1 bath condo w/brand new carpet, great room sizes, awesome enclosed porch, Clubhouse w/ heated pool & pets are welcome. \$93,500 (C-380UN)</p>	<p>LAKE VIEW Build the house of your dreams on this lot w/an amazing view of all sports Commerce Lake. Approved for 4000 sq ft home, located on a canal w/access to lake & more. \$432,500 (C-711VA)</p>
<p>PRICED RIGHT This 4 bd home features good sized rooms, newer furnace & hwh, almost 1200 sq ft & is priced to sell. Would make a great starter or investment property. \$48,900 (C-248BA)</p>	<p>MOVE IN AND ENJOY Curb appeal abounds w/this picture perfect Garden City gem. Great location, spacious double lot, many updates inc: siding, oak Kit, carpet, glass block, 2.5 car Garage w/opener & room for RV. \$119,900 (P-543BE)</p>	<p>GREAT BUY Relocation forces sale on this great Plymouth colonial w/4 bd, 3.5 bath, island Kit, 2 tier Deck, oversized Master Bdrm, Patio, finished walkout bsmt & more. \$368,300 (C-854CH)</p>	<p>HOME SWEET HOME Fantastic 3 bd home offers a nice floor plan, hwd floors, huge Master bed, part finished bsmt, great location & close to everything. \$122,900 (P-431CO)</p>	<p>HIGHLY SOUGHT AFTER Carrington model home in upscale Central Park offers formal LR/DR, Library, 2 story FR w/wall of windows & frpl, gourmet Kit w/hwd flrs, Master w/volume cell, wic & spa bath. \$398,990 (C-780DE)</p>	<p>WHAT A DEAL!!! Beautiful end unit w/2 bd, 2 baths, Great Rm w/cath ceiling, roomy maple Kit w/all appl's, outstanding Master w/bath & WIC, 2 car Garage & great location. \$120,000 (P-952EL)</p>	<p>WHAT A DEAL! Priced to sell, well maintained 2 bd, 1 bath bungalow w/hwd flrs, bonus space on upper level, LR & DR, motivated seller says bring all offers. \$82,900 (C-460GI)</p>	<p>CANTON CONDO Beautifully decorated 3 bd, 2 bath condo has an awesome Kit, maple crowned cab's, ceramic tile, oak flring, 1st fl laun, 9 ft cell's, bsmt w/bath, Garage & more. \$224,500 (C-484GL)</p>
<p>CLEAN & WELL MAINTAINED Updates thru-out Euro style kitchen, recessed lighting, coved ceilings, hwd flooring, oversized Garage, 2 tiered Deck & fin bsmt. Home Warranty included. \$113,750 (C-874GL)</p>	<p>DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH Have it all, character, cutting edge style! Over 2000 sq ft, bright updated 4 bd, 3 bath cape cod w/ vaulted cell, skylights, chef's Kit w/ granite, huge Master, 1/2 acre lot & great location. \$359,900 (C-964HA)</p>	<p>BRICK COLONIAL 4 bd, 1.5 bath home w/1725 sq ft, natural frpl in LR, formal DR, part finished bsmt, new roof, new driveway, plenty of storage space & 2 car Garage. \$149,900 (C-418HA)</p>	<p>GREAT CONDO! Nice 2 bd, 1 bath, 1st floor condo features, some new carpet, remodeled bath, new stove & fridge, fresh paint, newer windows & nice open floor plan. \$49,895 (C-720JO)</p>	<p>FANTASTIC HOME This home offers 4 bd, 2.5 baths, Great Room w/soaring ceiling, skylights & too many updates all in 1! Great location, an absolute must see! \$180,500 (C-260LA)</p>	<p>NO PLACE LIKE HOME... Spacious 3 bd colonial in desirable Canton sub. Newer floor to ceiling windows in 1 story Great Rm, inviting Kit, large lot, new roof, home warranty & more. \$174,900 (C-202LO)</p>	<p>ROSEDALE GARDEN RANCH Bright & cheerful home w/3 bd, updated Kit, new carpet in Master, updated hwh, elec, plumb, windows & more. Close to library, park & schools. Must See! \$139,900 (C-434LO)</p>	<p>PLYMOUTH COLONIAL Desirable Hough Park offers this wonderful 4 bd, 3 bath home feat 2 fireplaces, Great Rm, 3 car att Garage, 1st fl laun, formal Dining & much more. \$514,900 (C-490MA)</p>
<p>PRICED RIGHT Westland ranch in nice neighborhood. 3 bd, 2 baths, full bsmt, Garage, 16x16 Fam Rm addition, corner lot w/fenced yard, price to sell. \$60,000 (C-888MA)</p>	<p>LARGE LOT IN PLYMOUTH Great price on this home that offers 3 bd, 2 baths, Fam Rm w/ frpl, Florida Rm, extra storage space, ceramic baths, tear off roof & att Garage. Great lot on a dead end street. \$169,900 (P-151MI)</p>	<p>55+ COMMUNITY 2 bd, 1 bath ranch condo w/many updates. Private adult community offers clubhouse w/activities & a pool. Private entry, carport, C/A, & att Garage. Great lot on a dead end street. \$114,500 (P-352NE)</p>	<p>LIVONIA SCHOOLS This 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial will knock your socks off! Many updates inc: Kit, carpet, roof, C/A, windows, doorwall, driveway, Patio & gar door. Master w/bath, huge closets & much more. \$199,900 (C-939SC)</p>	<p>TO UNIQUE TO DESCRIBE Start w/11,000 sq ft, 4 bd, 6 full & 2 half bas, private wooded lot, 4 fireplaces, walkout bsmt w/wine cellar & a 2 story building w/pool, sauna & hottubi! Too much more to list! \$1,950,000 (C-775ST)</p>	<p>SOUTHFIELD PENTHOUSE Charming 2 bd, 2 bath condo centrally located close to everything. Tennis court, pool, sauna, weight room & more. Motivated Seller says make an offer. \$121,500 (P-823CA)</p>	<p>ONE OF A KIND Great ranch nicely located on a double wooded ravine lot. Spacious rooms, 3 baths, part fin walkout, 1st fl laun & over 40k in upgrades. Home Warranty included! \$249,900 (C-063CL)</p>	<p>ALL THE WORK IS DONE Beautiful 3 bd ranch is move-in ready! Great floor plan w/Fam Rm, oak Kit w/appl's, Master w/1/2 bath, Fargo Flooring, tons of storage, Garage & priced for quick sale. \$114,900 (P-846FA)</p>
<p>WHY RENT Willow Creek Estates, 3 bd, in-unit laundry, 1 car Garage & pets are allowed. Owner is very motivated & will look at all offers. \$69,900 (P-030GR)</p>	<p>BEAUTIFULLY REMODELED 3 bd, 2 bath bungalow feat 2 possible master suites, 2 baths, new Kit, new carpet, hwh, furnace, C/A, windows, roof, elec & Garage w/opener. Must see! \$129,900 (C-304HA)</p>	<p>ROOM TO ROOM 4 bd, 2 bath, 1330 sq ft home with full bsmt, appl's stay, 1st fl laun, many updates such as furnace, C/A, windows, 25 ft covered front porch, 120x125 fenced lot & more. \$84,900 (C-210HA)</p>	<p>TURN KEY CONDO 2 bd, 1 bath end unit in quiet neighborhood. Updated Kit & bath, newer carpet, freshly painted, new windows, new hwh, plumb, roof, bsmt & private Patio. \$99,900 (C-785HE)</p>	<p>55+ COMMUNITY Lovely condo facing courtyard in Bradbury Sub. New carpet, 2 bd, 1 bath, assoc fee includes gas & water, clubhouse w/pool nearby & pets allowed. \$117,000 (P-124NE)</p>	<p>MOVE RIGHT IN Inviting Foyer welcomes you into this lovely Canton colonial. Large rooms, 1st fl laun, att 2 car Garage, 3 bd, 2.5 baths & nice landscaping w/pets more. \$234,900 (P-070NO)</p>	<p>STUNNING HOME Beautiful, well maintained home in Aviation Sub. Prof landscaping, sprinklers, updated windows, furnace, C/A, hwh. Fin bsmt, patio w/awning & so much more. \$214,000 (P-600OA)</p>	<p>PLYMOUTH CONDO Located in rear of complex...move in ready! Freshly painted, appl's stay, spacious Liv Rm, 55+ community, close to downtown Plymouth & everything else. \$62,900 (P-199SH)</p>
<p>MOVE IN READY Ideal home for 1st time buyers. Updated & spacious layout. Large Kit, fin bsmt, huge private yard, great location & fantastic private yard. \$124,900 (P-629SH)</p>	<p>POPULAR NORTH CANTON Great interior location in Mayfair Village. Updated flooring, maple island Kit, Fam Rm w/frpl, 4 bdrms, updated furnace, windows & glass block. Great Deck & hottubi! \$185,000 (P-080SH)</p>	<p>PRICED TO SELL 3 bd brick ranch featuring hwd floors, C/A, eat-in Kitchen, appl's stay, large laun room & plenty of storage space. \$109,000 (P-956ST)</p>	<p>GREAT CONDO Popular Novi sub offers this 3 bd condo featuring an updated Kit w/ all appl's, large Liv Rm w/picture window, fin bsmt w/large laun rm & tons of storage. Must see! Also avail for lease. \$105,000 (P-837WO)</p>	<div data-bbox="868 2885 1631 3153" data-label="Complex-Block"> <p>A CAREER IN REAL ESTATE! All Real Estate Companies Are Not The Same If you are serious about entering the business and profession of Real Estate sales, you owe it to yourself to investigate why we are best suited to insure your success. Take the real estate compatibility test at www.cbpreferred.com ALISSA NEAD OR LILLIAN SANDERSON (734) 459-6000 OR (734) 392-6000 COLDWELL BANKER PREFERRED, REALTORS</p> </div>			

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Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:
 Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

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| BOOTS | HAT | SCARF |
| COAT | LONG JOHNS | SKI MASK |
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| GLOVES | MUFF | SOCKS |
- THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

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SEEK AND FIND

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3	1	9	5	7	6	2	7	8
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CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

W	S	E	F	A	R	M	U	S	E	R	A	R	M	S	K
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■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and Bank of America will sponsor a Fall Parade of Homes event running

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Fall Parade of Homes, the 14th annual fall exhibition of new model homes located across southeastern Michigan, opened on

Aug. 15 and runs 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. Architects and building industry experts will judge the homes and award winners in several categories prior to the event opening. The judges will make their decisions based on the innovative use of space and design, aesthetic appeal of the home and value for the price.

A Parade of Homes magazine containing renderings, features and location maps for all homes was distributed within select home delivery of *The Detroit News* and *Detroit Free Press* on Aug. 15 and available at select CVS/pharmacy locations in southeastern Michigan and at

all participating model homes. Parade of Homes will also be featured at BIA's Fall Remodeling & Design Expo, Oct. 10-12, at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

For additional information, call (248) 862-1032 or visit www.builders.org. The program Web site, www.BIAparadeofhomes.com, features informative news stories on home ownership and economic issues as well as details on each home.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built™ Training on Wednesday, Sept. 3, from 9-10:30 a.m. at Association headquarters, 30375 Northwestern

Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

In this third of five trainings, Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction discusses "Energy Efficiency" using materials and methods that result in Green Built™ certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making an environmental statement.

The training is free for BIA members. Advance registration is required. For registration information, call (248) 862-1008.


■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) will present "Accelerating When The Market Stalls" on Wednesday, Sept. 10, from

8:30-10:30 a.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Todd Hallett of TK Design & Architecture will present topics including planning for today's buyer, strategies for difficult lots, green building, capturing emotion with elevation, renderings, pricing strategy, and analyzing your product. The program includes a Plan Review Workshop for attendees to have their individual plans or elevations reviewed. (Provide materials to Sheila Denstaedt at BIA offices before Sept. 4.) Registration fees are \$10 for SMC members, \$15 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$25 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

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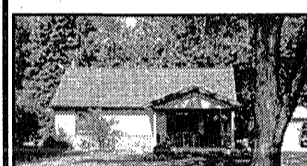
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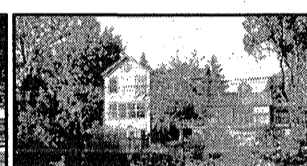
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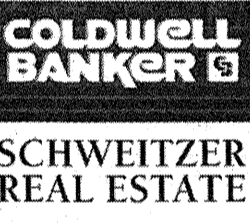


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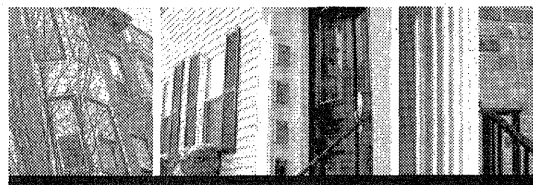
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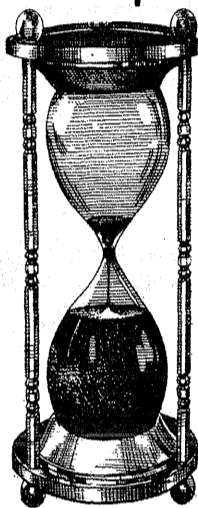
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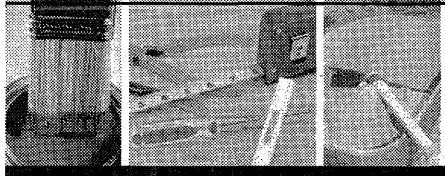
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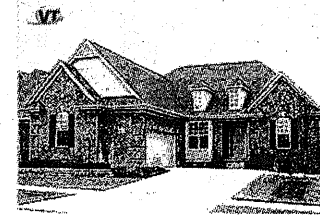
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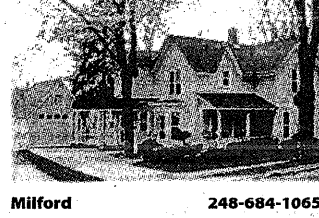
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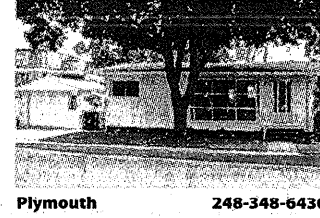
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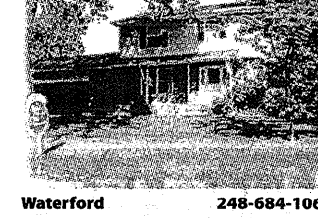
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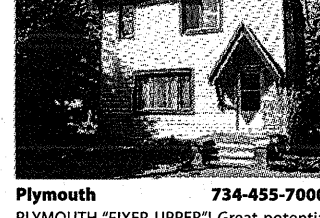
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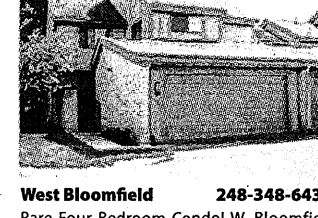
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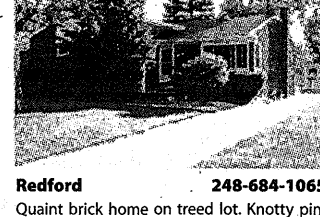
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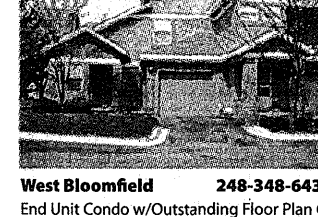
Livonia 734-591-9200
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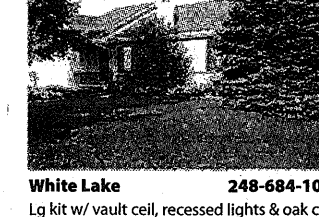
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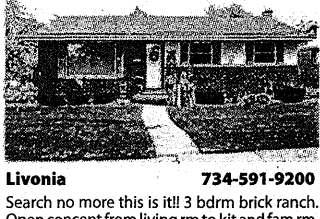
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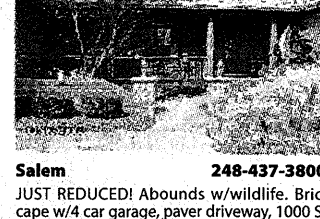
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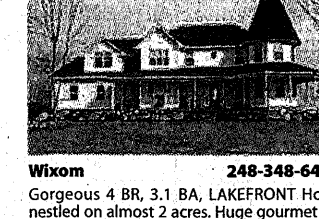
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STATE FAIR OPENS WITH NEW ATTRACTIONS

DETROIT — The Michigan State Fair is gearing up for its best year ever, Aug. 22-Sept. 1, with new rides and attractions. The nation's largest portable roller coaster will make its first appearance in Michigan during the Fair. Other new exhibits include "Grow a Pizza," which shows how pizza is developed from the farm to the table, "Pure Michigan Wonders," showcasing native Michigan businesses and attractions, and a history of agriculture exhibit depicting the evolution of industry in the state.

These new attractions join long-time favorites such as the "Miracle of Life" exhibit, the "Bottomless Cup of Chocolate Milk," and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources "Outdoor Zone," which features a catch and release fishing pond in the shape of Michigan.

Entertainment includes High School Musical star Corbin Bleu in addition to Raven Symone, Alice Cooper, a Bull Riding Rodeo, and three shows by the world famous Lipizzaner Stallions.

All-day ride wristbands are \$15 weekdays; \$25 weekends and Labor Day. General Admission is \$10/13 and over; \$5/children 3-12; \$5/62 and over; free/children 2 and under. Parking is \$7.

The 2008 Michigan State Fair is located at the Michigan State Fairgrounds at Woodward Avenue and Eight Mile Road. Fair hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Call (313) 369-8231 or visit www.michiganstatefair.com.

By W. Von Buskirk

10 questions with UB40

BY LANA MINI
O&E STAFF WRITER

UB40 comes to DTE on Friday, Aug. 22. We spoke with Robin Campbell, one of the band's founders.

Here's what he had to say about the band's current state, the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the hit song *Red, Red Wine* and the upcoming show.

UB40 original members include Robin Campbell and his brother Ali. Ali Campbell left the band earlier this year, on bad terms. He has since been replaced by third brother Duncan Campbell. **To get the personal questions out of the way, has there been any contact recently with Ali? He "would be disappointed but wouldn't object" to Duncan's place in the band...**

No, Ali has not spoken to Duncan or me since Duncan joined us. I still don't understand why he was disappointed, unless he expected us to fold when he left. That was never going to be an option for us.

What kind of vibe is on stage now that Duncan is the new lead singer and sharing the stage with Maxi? Does it feel difficult? Fresh?

The "vibe" for us is very much better with Duncan on stage. We are fueled with a drive and enthusiasm that we haven't felt in a long while. Ali hadn't been happy in the band for a long time and that affected the atmosphere amongst the band especially on stage. He didn't want to be there and we knew it.

Maxi and his band have toured with us a lot in the past two years which led us to asking him to record with us. He has recorded two songs with us on the new album *24/7* so it was a natural thing to invite him to do a guest spot on tour.

UB40 TICKET WINNERS

The following *Observer & Eccentric* and *Mirror* Newspaper readers won free tickets to see UB40 at DTE Music Theatre tomorrow night:

FRONT ROW WINNERS:

Kim Naccashian of Livonia and Misty Nickerson of Troy each received two front-row tickets, and \$25 gift certificates to DTE.

RUNNERS-UP:

James Dominski of Shelby Township and Kristen Repasky of Clawson also each received two tickets to the show.

For more great ticket giveaways, visit www.hometownlife.com.

There has been no difficulty at all, in fact Maxi and his son Marvin are great fun and have made the transition from not having Ali all the more easy. **Nationwide in the U.S., does UB40 predominately play its reggae sound to white audiences? Are Jamaican-Americans supportive of the band?**

Yes our audience is predominantly white but it depends where we are playing. We get a great mix of Hispanics, Native American, Black American (dreadlocked and not) and always some Jamaicans in the crowd, we also have a massive Hawaiian following. **Will we get to hear Duncan play the spoons, please?**

Please see **UB40, D3**

YOUTH UNDER CONSTRUCTION

DETROIT — "Youth Under Construction" members will reunite for their biggest performance ever during the Michigan State Fair at 7 p.m. Aug. 24. Founded by David "Mello-D" Sawicki of Royal Oak 15 years ago, joined by his wife Lisa Lapides-Sawicki, YUC is an award-winning organization that works with families, teachers and musicians to promote literacy, academic achievement and positive behavior in youth. Radio-friendly music and concert-style stage shows are used to spread a positive, character-building message to teens and pre-teens. At the State Fair, performers will play a full set of original music with clean lyrics, with a spotlight on performers that have experienced national success. The show is free with regular paid admission to the State Fair. For more information call (248) 545-4411 or visit www.youngpop.com.

By W. Von Buskirk

FREE SHOW IN FARMINGTON FARMINGTON HILLS

— Jill Jack, the popular singer/songwriter who has built herself a following in her home state of Michigan and beyond, will perform in the "Stars in the Park" concert on Thursday, Aug. 28.

This last concert of the series starts at 7:30 p.m. and takes place at the new amphitheater in Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, just south of Eleven Mile Road.

Jill has dominated Detroit's folk/rock scene for the past decade. She's won many Detroit Music Awards including Outstanding Songwriter, Vocalist, and Artist in the Folk Category. "She can create a musical tapestry," said All Music's Thom Jurek.

Families are invited to bring folding chairs or a blanket and a picnic (no alcoholic beverages please.) The concert lasts about 90 minutes, with rainout site at the Costick Center, 28600 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

By L. Mini

Pure Picks

Filtering your entertainment best bets for the weekend of Aug. 22-25

22 Tonight marks the last chance for music fans to experience *Rockin' on the Riverfront 2008* — and **Foreigner** will close out the series at 8 p.m. on the Riverwalk. The band, known for hits like *Cold as Ice* and *Waiting For a Girl Like You*, features a new lineup led by Mick Jones, keyboardist Jeff Jacobs, guitarist Tom Gimbel, with newly added singer Kelly Hansen, bassist Jeff Pilson and drummer Jason Bonham, son of Led Zeppelin's legendary drummer, the late John Bonham. Visit www.gmrencen.com for details on this free show.



Foreigner

24 Experience the vibrant colors and animated lines of **Brazilian painter Romero Britto's** works today when the Janice Charach Gallery hosts an opening reception for *JCG Goes Pop!* at 3 p.m. inside The Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple Road in West Bloomfield. The event is free and the exhibit runs through Sept. 25.



The vibrant style of artist Romero Britto.

Now a resident of Florida, Britto might be best known for crafting a label for Absolut Vodka in 1989. Since then he's been commissioned by everyone from Apple Computers to Disney and Volvo, and has made portraits of Arnold Schwarzenegger, Michael Jordan and Dustin Hoffman. Britto designed a piece for the JCC Maccabi Games, a Jewish teen event focused on sports and humanitarianism that will be held this month in Detroit. For more, call (248) 432-5579, or visit www.jccdet.org.

23 Today marks the start of a new exhibit that proves beautiful things come in small packages. *The Private World of India's Mughal Emperors: Albums of Painting and Calligraphy from the Chester Beatty Library* runs through Nov. 16 at the **Detroit Institute of Arts**. The exhibition features 86 miniature paintings, calligraphic works and albums from the libraries of the Great Mughals of India: Akbar (r.1556-1605), Jahangir (r. 1605-1627), and Shah Jahan (r. 1628-1666). These albums served as sources of entertainment and propaganda as the artists depicted rulers, exotic animals and events. The DIA is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit.



This work on paper, titled "A Jesuit", is attributed to Kesu Das and dates back to the late 1500s or early 1600s.

Anna Faris is "The House Bunny."



25 Have a laugh at the movies with Columbia Pictures' new comedy *The House Bunny*. In it Anna Faris portrays Shelley Darlington, a **Playboy Bunny** who teaches a group of socially awkward sorority girls the rules of men and makeup, but manages to learn a few lessons of her own. The sweet comedy also stars Colin Hanks, Emma Stone, Katharine McPhee, Rumer Willis and Beverly D'Angelo. It is rated PG-13 and in area theaters now.

Compiled By Stephanie Angelyn Casola, O&E Staff Writer

Bullfrog Bar rocks with indie punk bands

BY LANA MINI
OGE STAFF WRITER



Maryz Eyez rocks the Bullfrog Bar in Redford.

Maryz Eyez, a band that's rocked fans at Warped, hails from Detroit and now has set up camp in Los Angeles, is coming back to the Motor City to play the Bullfrog Bar in Redford.

Maryz Eyez has attracted such a crowd at Bullfrog that the foursome makes the trek back to Michigan six times a year to play there.

"The Bullfrog has been really good to us and it's always a blast," Maryz Eyez bass player, percussionist and vocalist Eric Wagler said. "It's always the fourth weekend and always a blast. Good times, good people, good music and good friends."

Maryz Eyez is Wagler, plus his brother Ryan Wagler who also sings, plays guitar, drums and synth. The other members equally are guitarist/vocalist/percussionist Mike Nichols and Mike Burlett on drums, guitar and vocals.

The band members are all blood-related as cousins and half-brothers.

"We were all born in Hillsdale County which is out in the sticks just south of Jackson," Eric Wagler said. "We all went to the same high school, graduated and moved to Kalamazoo where we attended college together. After that Nichols and Burlett moved to Detroit and Ryan and I moved out to L.A. A few years later Ryan and I talked the other guys into ditching the snow so now we're all here, but we still consider ourselves now and always a band from Michigan, and we love giving props to Detroit."

Maryz Eyez describes its genre by describing music that influences them.

"Our sound has definitely evolved over the years and I believe it has done so due to the range of our musical influence and taste evolving as well. We grew up when '90s grunge was huge and we breathed Nirvana. It's still a huge influence in our songwriting, as is Pearl Jam, Foo Fighters, Chili Peppers and the Offspring. You can for sure hear the influence on all our records especially the first, *Mary-go-round*."

From there they got into power pop punk like Green Day and Blink 182 and then grew into MXPX, NOFX and Lagwagon.

Later they discovered Social Distortion, Pennywise and Bad Religion.

The band's CD *For all the Haters* features the above influences.

Now with the release of *Memento*



From Bad Religion to Johnny Cash, Maryz Eyez credits its raw sound to those that influence them.

Mori there's influence from grunge, punk plus The Beatles, Johnny Cash and the Beach Boys.

Maryz Eyez is a band name the boys invented in their high school years.

"I think it had some reference to Bloody Mary and the old myth that 'She could stare a man dead with her black eyes ...' something ridiculous like that," the band writes to explain the name.

"On interviews this question is always asked and we used to take turns making up a different story every time, but this

FOURTH FRIDAYS AT BULLFROG BAR

What: Maryz Eyez, Allyra, False City and others
When: 7 p.m., Friday Aug. 22
Where: Bullfrog Bar, 15414 Telegraph, Redford, (313) 533-4477
Cost: \$7
Hear them: Listen to the music by Maryz Eyez, a band that has played Warped, at www.maryzeyez.com

one is the truth. Ha ..."
When the band was asked to describe their shows Eric Wagler said:

"We like to have a good time, and we love to see our friends and fans have a good time. When we plan out a show we try and think what is going to make people want to come back and then we cater everything we do around that. Lots of crowd interaction and energy. If you want to go see Kenny G and sip on a spritzer you probably got the wrong place, but if you wanna come have a good time, sing along, and be entertained then come join us at the Bullfrog. "We like to switch it up, I think I have A.D.D and even when I'm watching bands I love if they don't do things differently and change it up I get bored, so we try our best to switch it up with all four of us singing lead on different songs, switching from guitars to drums, switching the mics, and just trying to be different."

DANCE ENSEMBLE MOVES INTO NEW STUDIO

BIRMINGHAM — Eisenhower Dance Ensemble and the EDE Center for Dance will open a new dance studio in Birmingham's Rail District. The facility, at 2171 Cole St., is in the process of being refurbished inside and out to include two studios with sprung dance floors, a reception area, changing room and two restrooms. Large picture windows will let in light throughout. Offerings will include youth and adult classes in ballet, modern, jazz, tap, hip-hop, pointe, pre-pointe, creative movement, boy's classes, mom & tot, tone & stretch and social dance. An open house will be held 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26 with a performance by EDE's professional dancers at 5 p.m. Classes at the new facility will start in September.

By W. Von Buskirk

MICHIGAN BALLET SEEKS BOARD

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — The Michigan Classic Ballet Company, a nonprofit pre-professional ballet company, is seeking board members for its upcoming 2008/09 season, which begins Sept. 5. The goal of the Board is to uphold and maintain the company's role in metropolitan Detroit as a provider of quality ballet productions (such as the full-length ballets *Coppelia*, *Giselle*, *The Nutcracker*, *Swan Lake* and *Cinderella*), and to educate the public in the appreciation of the history and technique of classical ballet. Candidates should have experience with non-profit groups and will need to attend meetings and participate with productions, committees and fund-raising. For more information call (248) 334-1300 or visit www.michiganclassicalballet.com.

WESTLAND COMPANY DUBS ELVIS FILM

WESTLAND — Epic Translations of Westland has been selected to provide translation and voice over for the Japanese version of the documentary featuring the life story of Elvis. The voice over is a very technical undertaking that requires heavy duty audio equipment, world class software and intense coordination between talent and staying true to the script. Technical expertise and time are needed to make sure the voice over is as accurate as possible, and keeps pace with the fast moving video and audio of the original film. Six Japanese voices will be used, including a narrator for the documentary, and five people who were close to Elvis. Epic Translations is one of the premier language service providers in the Detroit area. Visit www.epictranslations.com.

By W. Von Buskirk

AFTER JAZZ JAM FEST

DETROIT — Jazz Cafe at Music Hall will be the hot spot to be — and play — after the lights go down at The Detroit Jazz Fest. Musicians are encouraged to bop on over to 350 Madison Ave., Detroit for The After Jazz Fest Jam Sessions, Aug. 29-31, and join fellow Jazz Fest performers as well as other local musicians for an inspired late night of impromptu creativity. Each night will have a designated ring-leader — Friday, R.J. Spangler; Saturday, Carl Cafagna; and Sunday, Patrick Prouty. All genres and non-musicians are welcome. Sets start at 10 p.m. Admission is \$5. Call (313) 887-8532 or visit jazzcafe@musichall.org and myspace.com/jazzcafedetroit.

By W. Von Buskirk

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No I don't think so. Like all good reggae artists, your music is very socially/politically conscious (thank you). Tell us how the current issues (Iraq war, Burma's oppression, global warming) affected your songwriting on 24/7.

Like all forms of music, reggae is not dependant on political or socially conscious lyrics to be good reggae. The reggae I grew up on in the late '60s & early '70s was predominantly love songs. Having said that when we write lyrics of course we write about issues that disturb us or fire us up. 24/7 covers such subjects as Iraq, Afghanistan, the Bush Administration, (or lack of it in New Orleans) inequality or injustice. There is also a song called *The Road* inspired by actor Don Cheadle's campaign for Darfur "The Road From Darfur Rums Red with Denial, Waterless Mile after Waterless Mile". But I'm not writing a book here, listen to the CD. Oh yeh, there are also some love songs.

20 years since "Red Red Wine"— Who initially brought the song to the table to UB40? How did that come about?

Actually it's 25 years. We released *Red Red Wine* in '83, and it went to number one in 30 countries it just took five years longer to become a hit in the U.S. Contrary to an article I read the other day, we didn't discover it in the '80s, it's one of my favorite songs of my youth. I knew it by a guy called Tony Tribe who recorded it in 1969

and I still have the original 7-inch vinyl. There was also a version by Jimmy James and the Vagabonds. We had no idea it was a Neil Diamond track until we recorded it in '83.

I was also told by an American journalist that Neil Diamond did not write it but bought the rights to the song in the mid '60s. Have you ever shared the stage with Cher for "I Got You Babe?"

No. From what we've heard so far, your new sound has a wonderfully raw edge. While other bands that have existed for so long seem to lose their edge, you've seemed have gained it! How?

I think too much success, like we had in the '80s & '90s, breeds complacency. We started doing music on auto pilot in the late '90s, working in shifts. There was only one or two of us in the studio at one time; it kind of became music by numbers. We were lazy and it showed, but I think we rediscovered ourselves (and our edge) when we went back to composing and recording as a band, like we used to be. We regained our trust in each others' abilities and sound like UB40 again.

For people who have never seen UB40 live, what can they "expect" from a show?

Lots of dancing and singing (from the audience as well as us). Lots of hits and good reggae music from a band that's been playing live gigs for 30 years and still loves doing it. In fact as I said before we are enjoying ourselves more now than we have for a long time, and it shows. See you there, Big Love, Robin.

NIN still attracts the underground crowd

It was 19 years ago that I was browsing the aisles of Record Time in Roseville when I heard Nine Inch Nails for the first time:



Lana Mini

God money I'll do anything for you.

God money just tell me what you want me to.

God money nail me up against the wall.

God money don't want everything he wants it all.

I remember stopping my shopping, leaning against a record bin, and just

standing there listening to the song *Head Like A Hole* off the album *Pretty Hate Machine*.

Head like a hole.

Black as your soul.

I'd rather die than give you control.

Head like a hole.

Black as your soul.

I'd rather die than give you control.

I bought the CD and listened to it exclusively for weeks.

There's a handful of bands in my lifetime whose albums have actually stunned my movement: Led Zeppelin, Bauhaus, Bob Marley, Iggy Pop, The Sex Pistols, The Doors and absolutely Jane's Addiction. It almost happened with Nirvana, almost.

NIN, the alt-metal, industrial band, has released 13 albums — the latest one, *The Slip*, is free on www.nin.com. Trent Reznor, NIN's mastermind, thanks his audience and offered it on the house.

NIN is coming to the Palace on Aug. 23.

MORE ON MUSIC

Check out my blog: DTE is still one of summer's highlights. The Motorhead/Heaven and Hell/Judas Priest show was my proof. Visit www.hometownlife.com Click on "Voices & Views" and then click on "Blogs"

Upcoming: See Nine Inch Nails at The Palace on Saturday, August 23. For tickets visit www.palacenet.com or call Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666 or at the box office.

old Latin Quarter on New Year's Eve in 1990.

Wearing a New Year's Eve black dress and dealing with workers who didn't care that we were lined up in freezing temperatures was miserable.

But, had to see Trent Reznor.

Reznor's career and personal life has been fascinating. This was a band that was truly underground, opening for Skinny Puppy back in 1988 at medium-size night-clubs.

Today he can sell out The Palace. Reznor has dated Courtney Love, purchased the house where Sharon Tate was murdered (used it as a studio space), feuded with Fred Durst, fought with the music industry that tried to control him, produced several Marilyn Manson CDs, was described by *Spin* magazine "as the most vital artist in music," played in the band Pigface, remade Queen's *Get Down, Make Love* and did a better job than Freddie Mercury, much respectively.

NIN has recorded 13 albums — all of them good and several of them great. The band is touring to support *The Slip*.

Yes, industrial music has come a long way.

NIN performs with special guest Does It Offend You, Yeah? at The Palace on Saturday, Aug. 23 at 8 p.m. Tickets at \$59.50 reserved and general admission floor and \$39.50 at The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster locations. Special Superfan seating is also available. Tickets may also be charged by phone to American Express, Discover, Visa, and MasterCard by calling (248) 645-6666.

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New improv theater opens this fall in Ferndale

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
O&E STAFF WRITER

Metro Detroiters get ready to Go Comedy.

The brainchild of partners-in-comedy PJ Jacokes of Ferndale, Gerald Knight of Ann Arbor, Tommy LeRoy of Ferndale and Chris DiAngelo of Waterford, Go Comedy! Improv Theater is poised to grant sketch comedy a shiny new home in Ferndale this fall.

The theater, located along Nine Mile east of Woodward, is undergoing extensive renovation which is expected to be finished this month. Formerly a Secretary of State office location, the red brick building holds 2,500 square feet, and will seat between 70 to 95 patrons once it's complete.

Drop ceilings have been removed to reveal an urban charm alongside exposed brick walls. The front lobby will give way to a bar and a walkway into the main theatre room. A low-set stage will likely be surrounded by tables to maintain

an intimate feel. Backstage space has been designated for an office and storage. And convenient parking is adjacent to the building.

Choosing Ferndale for the location was a no-brainer. "Oh Ferndale," said Jacokes, "there's an improviser on almost every block."

With more than 12 years of experience in improvisation and comedy, Jacokes is producer for the theater. Knight serves as president of Go Comedy!, while DiAngelo handles art direction and LeRoy is the building and stage manager.

When it opens, by early October, the theater will feature a variety of performances with three shows a night, Wednesday to Sunday.

Go Comedy! is currently casting three groups of performers who will make up a resident company and two house troupes. The laughs will be affordable, too. On Wednesday, Thursday and Sundays, admission costs \$5 and patrons are free to stay throughout the

GOCOMEDY!

What: Sketch comedy and improv theater offers three performances nightly, Wednesday-Sunday, as well as classes, workshops and corporate performances.

Opening: Late September, early October 2008

Where: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

More information: Visit www.gocomedy.net or call (248) 327-0575.

evening. Friday and Saturday shows will be closer to \$15 each.

Each night will feature its own brand of improv and comedy. Wednesday nights are reserved for a launch troupe, newcomers to improvisation. Look out for local celebrities on Thursday nights, as they share tales of life experience while The House Team performs scenes inspired by those stories.

Friday and Saturday nights will feature the Go Comedy! Resident Company, "the



Tommy LeRoy (from left), P.J. Jacokes, Chris DiAngelo and Gerald Knight have something to smile about. They are about to open the GoComedy Theatre in downtown Ferndale this Fall.

best we have," according to Jacokes. That's when audiences can catch the *Super Happy Funtime Show!*, an improvised game show peppered with plenty of audience interaction. Sundays offer a chance to step out of the improv world and offer up a full production, beginning with *Timeless: The Danceical*, a musical comedy showcasing songs from the 1980s. "It's a musical but they'll break into dance, not song," said Jacokes.

The theater will also host its own take on a late night talk show, *Ferndale Tonight*, which is poised for broadcast on public access television. Everything

from open mic stand up to rock band karaoke is in the planning stages.

Alongside the performances, Go Comedy! is setting up a training center, Go U: The Improv Academy, with classes at varying levels. And Go Corp will book corporate shows to inspire team-building. Clients have included Google and Horiba.

Jacokes, who headed up the training center at Second City and taught at the Improv Inferno in Ann Arbor, looks forward to offering improvisation classes and workshops. He said it's "amazing to watch" students as they find their way

on stage.

"At no point in my life did I think I would run a theater," said Jacokes, who grew up in Farmington Hills. "But I fell so in love with (improv). It's so much fun. It's so freeing."

He took his first improv class as a way to become more comfortable while playing onstage with his band at the time. "I kind of found my voice through it," he said. "It's so based on trust."

Jacokes still remembers what it was like to take the stage the first time, and inspire laughter. "It's such an amazing feeling."

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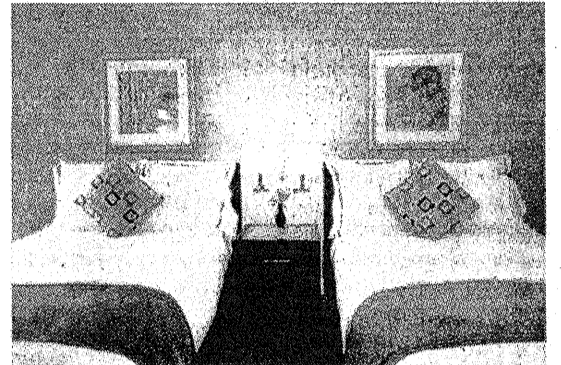
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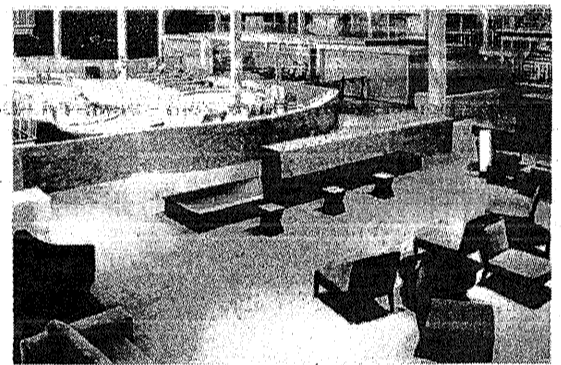
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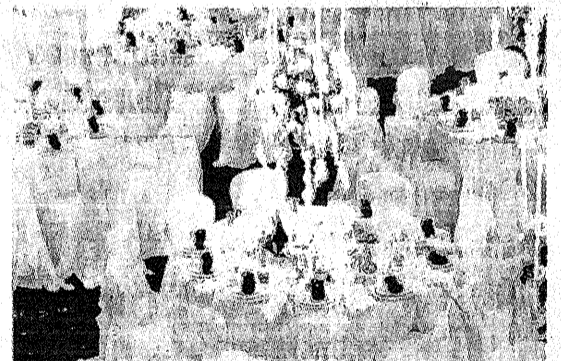
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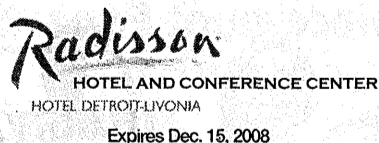


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Tasting Tours in metro Detroit

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
O&E STAFF WRITER

Some regions are simply known for certain foods — the Chicago hot dog, New York style cheesecake or North Carolina barbecue. Now Farmington Hills' own Ann Wilson plans to put the tastes of the Motor City on the map.

She has founded Culinary Escapes, a company that organizes both public and customized private tasting tours focusing on local flavor. Wilson recently returned to the metro Detroit area from Illinois and was interested in starting her own business. She noticed the communities she knew had grown and changed for the better, she said. Add to that the onset of higher gas and airline prices, Wilson noted, the concept of "stay-cationing" has become increasingly popular.

So she's crafted culinary tours to increase visibility of walkable metro area neighborhoods and, in particular, to highlight independent businesses.

The concept came together rather quickly, thanks in part to her event planning and fund-raising experience with the American Heart Association. "I didn't know anyone had a food tour," said Wilson. With a little online detective work she found culinary tours in Chicago, New York and Philadelphia. The Chicago tour proved worthy of research and Wilson found she enjoyed the variety of eateries on the list, as well as the cultural and historical components.

She's combined both of those elements into her first walking and tasting tour in Royal Oak, which has run every other Saturday since July 5.

The city was an instant draw, said Wilson, because it hosts its own Farmer's Market featuring produce grown only in Michigan. Tours begin there and continue on to include Royal Oak staples like Holiday Market, Memphis Smoke, Superior Fish Company, and smaller hot spots like Zumba Mexican Grille and Goldfish Tea, where owners Jim and Janice Girling are on hand to teach patrons about the traditions of tea, and offer tastes of Chinese imported varieties.

"We were extremely pleased to be selected as one of the Royal Oak 'Cutting Edge Cuisine' tour stops," said Janice Girling. "The tours are a wonderful opportunity for us to provide a quick introduction of our tea shop to potential new customers who might not have otherwise discovered us."

"The tours will also benefit the Royal Oak community as a whole by drawing in consumers from outside the community and highlighting the city's many wonderful destination places."

Tim Castaneda, owner of Zumba Mexican Grille, said every tour-goer so far was new to his restaurant. He also said he was glad Zumba was chosen to represent the variety of food choices in the area. "It definitely reminds people that Royal Oak is the dining and entertainment spot in the Detroit area," he said.

Wilson will expand Culinary Escapes tours to focus on Ferndale, Birmingham, Eastern Market and Ann Arbor. She even has plans to offer a bus tour of various culinary communities in around the city of Detroit - from Mexican Town to Hamtramck to Dearborn.

In every case, Wilson said, "you'll have 10 food stops to sample varieties from independently-owned eateries and you'll get to know the personal history from the actual owners."



Culinary Escapes tours began last month — with stops around Royal Oak including the sweet tooth haven Gayle's Chocolates.

She hopes tour-goers learn something about the communities — whether they are residents of the city, state or just visiting from out of town. Either way, they'll be likely to return, she said. Tour patrons are given maps of the area denoted with tour stops.

In addition to the twice-monthly tours which will run from April to September, Culinary Escapes offers private tours customized for patrons. Choose the eateries, the time and day, and the tour length. It's a great option for informal get-togethers, bridal parties, business, or senior outings, Wilson said.

As the tours grow or new businesses come into communities, Wilson may consider adding legs onto the already established tours. For now, the tasting tour includes about 10 to 15 minutes in each establishment. Because of the schedule, Wilson said, tour-goers are asked not to shop during the tour but they may return afterward to make purchases.

"This is a way to get people to find places where they'll love to eat," said Wilson. Due to the slumping economy, independently-owned businesses stand to benefit from being a stop on the Culinary Escapes tours.

There are only three more Royal Oak tours left this summer, though private tours may be scheduled year-round. Look for additional organized tasting tours in Wayne and Oakland county communities to rev up again beginning in April 2009. Tours are held rain or shine. "Come hungry," said Wilson. "Come prepared to walk. It's a two-mile walk. You eat a lot but you exercise too. That's a great benefit."

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Michigan's best wines not stuck in a rut

Recently, *New York Times* wine critic Eric Asimov wrote, "It's so easy to fall into a wine drinking rut."

That was not the case for 23 wine judges at the 31st annual Michigan Wine & Spirits Competition, held at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing on Aug. 5. Evidence is clear in their choice of Best of Class wines from 346 entered this year.



Focus on Wine
Ray & Eleanor Heald

■ Best of Class Dry White — 2007 Chateau Fontaine Dry White Riesling.

■ Best of Class Semi-Dry White — 2007 St. Julian Braganini Reserve Traminette. Not a grape variety on your radar screen? The grape index on AppellationAmerica.com describes traminette as the "spicy bad girl of the royal vinifera clan, gewurztraminer ... a perfect spring garden of floral scents whipped by the winds of enchantment." Indeed, it's a lot like gewurztraminer, but not as aggressively aromatic. Description continues, "there is a fire that longs to seduce all who venture to know you." It surely was that way with the judges.

■ Best of Class Dry Red — 2007 Longview Rustic Red, a 100 percent estate-grown frontenac made by owner winemaker Alan Eaker with consulting winemaker Shawn Walters of the new Forty-Five North winery in Leelanau County.

AppellationAmerica.com says frontenac is "part of a band of Native and French-Americans that could easily be called the 'Polar Bear Gang,' due to its birth in Minnesota. It comes across as Bordeaux-like, yet a lot softer.

■ Best of Class Fruit — Mackinaw Trail Winery Razzberry.

■ Best of Class Dessert — 2007

WINE PICKS

Some "Double Gold" medal winners in the 2008 Michigan Wine & Spirits Competition are as impressive as Best of Class wines. Double Gold is a unanimous "gold" opinion by every judge in the panel. Our favorites are:

- Bel Lago NV Leelanau Peninsula Brillante sparkling wine
- Black Star Farms 2006 Arcturos Merlot
- Chateau Fontaine 2006 Pinot Gris
- Left Foot Charley 2007 Riesling
- Peninsula Cellars 2007 Kroupa Estates Pinot Blanc and 2005 Hogs Back Vineyard Merlot

A complete list of all medal winners can be found on www.michiganwines.com.

Brys Estate Vineyard and Winery Dry, 100 percent riesling with a residual sugar of 6.8 percent that will be released in October.

Judges' Merit Award — 2007 Bowers Harbor Vineyards Pinot Noir Rose.

We asked fellow judge Ann Littlefield, a wine marketing consultant from Napa, Calif., what she thought of the entries she judged. "WOW," she said. "I am blown away by the quality level across the board. These are deliciously impressive cool climate wines. It's such a pleasure to taste wines that are not over-the-top as some being produced in other regions."

Joe Borello, President of Taster's Guild International said, "I'm impressed with the advancement in Michigan's dry red wines, especially merlot and cabernet franc. Among white wines, I'm impressed with dry style rieslings, such as the 2007 Chateau Fontaine Dry White Riesling. For years, this wine is what I've been looking for in this category."

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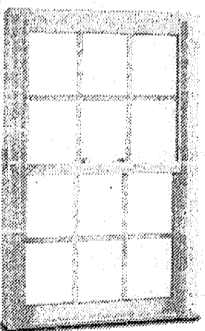
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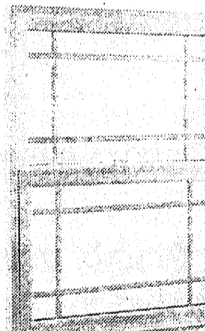
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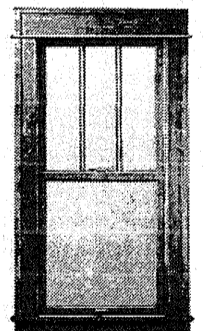
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BY LANA MINI
O&E STAFF WRITER

Mark your calendars for chili The 13th Annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off and Motorcycle Bike Show return to downtown Plymouth, Sunday Oct. 5.

The cook-off features traditional Red Chili, Green Chili, Restaurant Chili, and Salsa competitions. The winners in each category will advance to the 2009 World Championship Chili cook-off next fall. There's also a Peoples Choice Chili sampling.

The GLR Chili Bike Show is a ride-in show with 17 different bike categories including Harley and non Harley classes. And, there will be a "Chili Ride" beginning at MotorCity Harley Davidson in Farmington Hills and ending up at the Chili Cook-off. Another ride is planned to begin at the BMW dealership on Ford Road in Canton for all BMW bikers.

There's also dog costume contests, dance teams and live music.

The Restaurant Chili Challenge will take place 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Penniman Ave. Visit www.greatlakeschili.com and if you want to ride visit www.motorcityharley.com. www.bmwmcsem.com.

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Continental Services, Michigan's largest independent food management company, hosts the German Wine & Food Fest at two golf clubs through Aug. 31.

German culinary selections and wines are offered at the Stonebridge Grille at the Twin Lakes Golf & Swim Club in Oakland Township and at the Grill at Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton Township.

"Germany is noted for producing outstanding wines, and we will offer a good sample for sale during this promotion, along with special German menu items," said Chuck Sansone, corporate executive chef for Continental.

Sansone said four separate German wines are available,

ranging from \$3 per glass to \$25 per bottle. Menu items include "Raucherlachs und Lauch Flammkuchen," a German pizza which substitutes sour cream for tomato sauce.

Twin Lakes is located at 455 Twin Lakes Dr., just off Rochester Road. Pheasant Run is located at 46500 Summit Parkway in Canton Township.

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This year a Healthy Vegetarian Burger contest will be held at the Michigan State Fair.

The vegetarian burger contest is Sunday, Aug. 31, at noon in the Community Arts Building on the grounds. Any Michigan resident can enter at www.michiganstatefair.com. Click on Community Arts and then Daily Contests, or call (313) 369-8260 for more information.

Each of the three winners for the contest will receive gift cards and gift baskets.

Businesses contributing include Whole Foods Market, Zerbo's Health Foods (in Livonia), Zaccaro's Market (in Detroit), Good Food Co. (in Troy), Eden Foods (based in Clinton, Mich.), Amy's Kitchen, and Pacific Natural Foods. The total amount of gift cards and baskets is over \$500.

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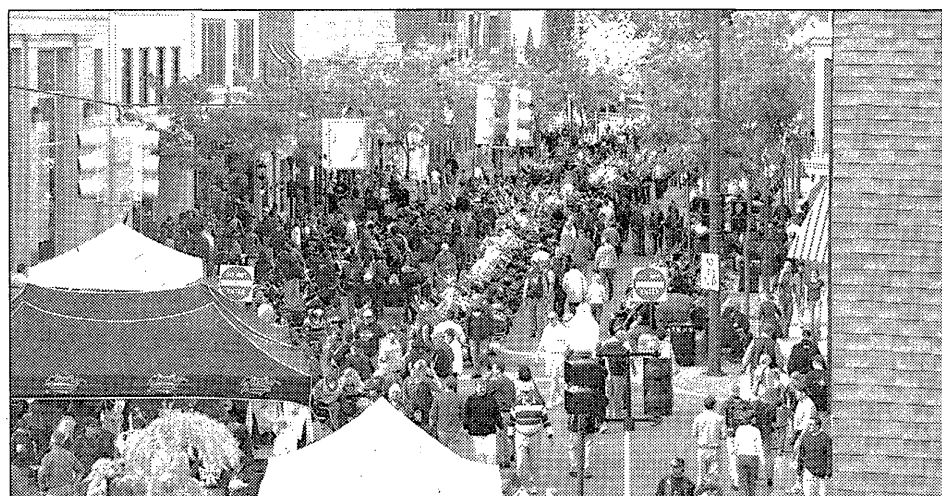
You don't need a campfire for these S'mores, just the secret ingredient: Blue Bunny 100 Calorie Vanilla Fudge Bars. Check out BlueBunny.com

Ingredients:

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- 1 cup chocolate
- 1/2 cup mallow cream
- 4 large marshmallows (if you're seeking a fat-free marshmallow visit <http://www.veganessentials.com>)
- 1 tablespoon chocolate sauce

Break graham crackers in half. Spread mallow cream on

one side of four cracker halves. Layer in sandwiches from bottom to top: graham cracker, softened Vanilla Fudge Bar, and top with the mallow-spread graham cracker. Gently squeeze both graham crackers and slide stick out of Vanilla Fudge Bar. Arrange on plate and place in freezer for 10 minutes. Skewer and toast four large marshmallows to garnish; drizzle with chocolate sauce. Serves four. Prep time: 15 minutes.



The chili cook-off in Plymouth attracts crowds from throughout the state.

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Wool & Water in Royal Oak offers classes to make scarves such as this one.

Fiber artist offers Nunofelt classes for kids and adults

BY LANA MINI
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Yvonne Stefani, of Ferndale, is a Buddhist who likes to make scarves. She likes it so much, she has taken a break from her successful career as a chef to open Wool & Water, a fiber art studio in Royal Oak where she teaches workshops on various methods of felting. Felting is a little-known yet fast growing art form in the U.S., Stefani said. Stefani learned about the procedure called "Nuno Felt making" through fellow mothers whose children attend Waldorf school in Rochester. There are many students from Germany at the school, and Nuno Felt is popular in Germany, Stefani said. "I fell in love with it," she said. The process of making intricate, wearable art pieces through Nuno Felt consists of wool, water and friction. Artists rub the

fibers to create the felt. There is not any knitting or sewing involved. "Felt-making is one of the oldest known forms of textile craft," Stefani said. "Archeological finds date skillful application of this technology to at least 6500 B.C." Nuno Felt is a specialized application of feltwork made by arranging open weave fabric, such as silk, with loose wool fiber in an alkaline liquid environment, and then rubbing the materials using only your own two hands. Wool & Water opened in April and this summer Stefani has been busy hosting classes for youth where they made all types of items — from hats to scarves. Once kids go back to school, Stefani's world of art shifts into higher

gear as she displays her work at local fall art festivals. Also in the fall, Stefani plans to be geared more to adults. Stefani plans to host events like "Girls Nights Out" and birthday parties as meeting places for women to gather. Bring your lunch, register with some friends, and sit at the long harvest-style tables while making personalized, unique scarves, shawls or other items in the six-hour classes. "By opening my studio, I wanted to create a space and "community" for textile artists in and around the Royal Oak area," Stefani said. Scarves are the highest-demand item. But Nuno Felt is also made into Nordic hats and boots, Tyrolean jackets and vests, handbags and magnificent rugs, she said.

Madonna at 50: She still dresses to her own beat

No matter what your taste, there's probably a Madonna for you. The pop star, who is turning 50 Saturday, is one of fashion's great chameleons. She's been a punk princess and lady of the manor. She has channeled Marilyn Monroe, Eva Peron and a geisha. The whole underwear-as-outerwear trend? That came from Madonna. Not to mention those '80s blondes who proudly showed their roots while wearing lace gloves and lots of chains. And would Kabbalah and yoga as lifestyle trends be where they are today without her? "She's become an adjective. Friends will go shopping with each other and say, 'It's so Madonna.' That's what you want in

fashion," says stylist and TV commentator Robert Verdi. Lately Madonna has mostly been spotted in workout gear, perhaps in preparation for her "Sticky & Sweet" world tour that will be partially outfitted by Givenchy. Designer Riccardo Tisci has worked up two outfits: a frock coat in black stretch satin and a long cape worn over a black dress embellished with colorful ribbons — for a Gypsy-inspired outfit. It's hard to say if the Gypsy look will start another trend. The cone-front corset Jean Paul Gaultier created for her Blond Ambition tour in 1990 didn't fully catch on with the masses.

But whether her looks are influential or merely memorable, Madonna always finds a way to connect with people and she never wears a look long enough for it to become stale, observes Verdi. If the disco revival look of her "Hung Up" era in 2005 clicked with him, her cowgirl-hat days in 2000 spoke to someone else. "I don't love all her looks but can appreciate them all," he says. "She's always operated from a position that's a good hybrid of contemporary pop culture — the psyche of the nation — but also an artistic slant and art always pushes the envelope."

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