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Chefs should be getting ready for the Oct. 4 Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff.

Hot chili

Organizers of the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff ask chili experts to start getting ready for the annual cookoff, scheduled for downtown Plymouth from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4.

Winners take home \$2,000 in prize money and the chance to compete in the World Championship Chili Cookoff hosted by the International Chili Society.

Along with the traditional Red Chili competition, there is a Chili Verde contest (Green Chili) and a Salsa contest. A Best Booth contest and People's Choice winners will also be awarded prizes. More than 60 different chili recipes will be available for tasting for a donation of \$1 per sample.

Fifteen restaurants will compete in the Restaurant Chili Challenge as part of the day's events. Bowls of chili will be available for a donation of \$4 per bowl or \$1 a sample from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All money raised goes to Habitat for Humanity. To register or for more information contact Annette Horn by e-mail at glr-chili@sbeglobal.net or call (734) 776-9669.

Corriveau coffee

State Rep. Marc Corriveau will be holding a coffee at the Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman on Monday, Aug. 24 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to come and meet Corriveau and have their concerns or issues addressed.

Comedy night

Three local comedians - Gary George, Dave Bell and Mike Malec - will perform at the second annual Plymouth High School Football Boosters Club Comedy Fundraiser, at the beautiful Cherry Hill Village Theater in Canton.

This evening of laughs takes place Aug. 8.

The show begins at 7:30 p.m. with doors opening at 7. This event is general admission and tickets are \$15.

Proceeds from this show will help provide needed funds to the Plymouth Football Program.

Tickets are limited and can be purchased at the Theater Box Office or on-line.



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Captains Dan and Jolene Hull arrived last month from St. Louis to assume command of the Plymouth Salvation Army, which services Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville.

Corps to the Salvation Army background drives new leaders

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Capt. Dan Hull has been in his new job long enough now to know his introduction to the community wasn't indicative of how things usually go around here.

Barely a week into his tenure — along with wife, Capt. Jolene Hull — as the new corps officer for the Plymouth Salvation Army, Hull found himself in the heat and devastation of the car-train accident at the Hannan railroad crossing in Canton Township, delivering water to parched rescue workers, police, firefighters and even the media.

It was quite an introduction. "It was such an unfortunate event," Dan Hull said. "The first thing we thought about was those poor families. It made me think of my own children. My second response was, 'Let's get out there and help, but stay out of their way.'"

"Going out there," he added, "you reflect on what we can do to help and pray for the families."

It's basically what he and Jolene have been doing for 13 years, since they started their Salvation Army careers in Anderson, Ind., some five years after they got married. Their careers have taken them to corps in Vincennes and Muncie, Ind., Tondelac and LaCrosse, Wis., and then to regional jobs

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Plymouth Salvation Army Capt. Dan Hull got a rough introduction to his new job, helping distribute water and snacks to police, fire and rescue workers at the site of last month's car-train collision in Canton.

'Perfect storm' may delay streetscape

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Faced with unhappy downtown business owners, parking deck repairs that will take longer than anticipated and gas line replacement work begun on short notice and changing frequently, Plymouth officials are considering delaying streetscape renovations until the spring.

The \$300,000 first phase of the streetscape work — resurfacing streets, repairing brick pavers and curbs and revamping pedestrian crossings to increase safety — is focused on the intersection of Main and Ann Arbor Trail. It also includes the installation of a logo in new concrete at the center of the intersection.

When the Consumers Energy natural gas line project, which is currently on Ann Arbor Trail near Main, was announced two weeks ago, city officials had hoped to coordinate streetscape work with it so as to minimize traffic disruption and avoid having to tear up streets a second time.

But business owners at Monday's City Commission meeting said they got little notice of the streetscape plans and feared it would be disruptive for customers.

"I just can't believe how you have made no effort to tell the downtown business community what is going on," said Jim McKeon, a downtown building owner and former Plymouth mayor.

"I find it kind of surprising," said Larry Bird, the owner of the gift shop Gabriel's, of what he called the lack of advance publicity. To begin a streetscape project between now and the Christmas season would be burdensome for downtown business owners, Bird said.

"This really was like a perfect storm. We would've had a very extended public relations effort" had Consumers not started its project, said Dan Dwyer, vice chairman of the Downtown Development Authority and a commission candidate.

"Clearly we're running into a time crunch here," City Manager Paul Sincok said. "I think clearly the direction is more toward spring at this point."

Sincok said the Consumers work "caught everybody by surprise," and that the scope of that project is changing nearly every day.

"It's a moving target for us," Sincok said.

Tony Bruscato, the DDA operations director, said the Consumers project has been reduced in scope from what was first announced, and may not require that streets be torn up to the extent that officials had been led to believe.

Meanwhile, renovations to the central parking deck, on Harvey between Ann Arbor Trail and Penniman, will take longer than first expected.

Workers on the project uncovered more damage that needs to be repaired, officials said. Initially expected to be completed by mid-August, officials now hope the deck project is finished by the beginning of September, said John Buzuvivis, DDA assistant operations director.

Most of the two-level deck is currently closed, with only outer parking spaces on the lower level available. Bruscato said it's hoped the second level can be completed and reopened as workers finish up on the lower level.

Bruscato said that although final numbers aren't yet in, the extra work will add an estimated \$50,000 to \$75,000 to the \$137,000 deck renovation price tag.

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Driver offers pennies for his thoughts on ticket

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Cash in hand, Robert Jastrzebski Jr. arrived Friday at 35th District Court in Plymouth to pay — and protest — the traffic ticket he received in June for not wearing a seat belt.

But Jastrzebski, of Canton Township, was turned away. Court personnel said they couldn't accept his 10,000 pennies, some of which, by Jastrzebski's own admission, were unrolled.

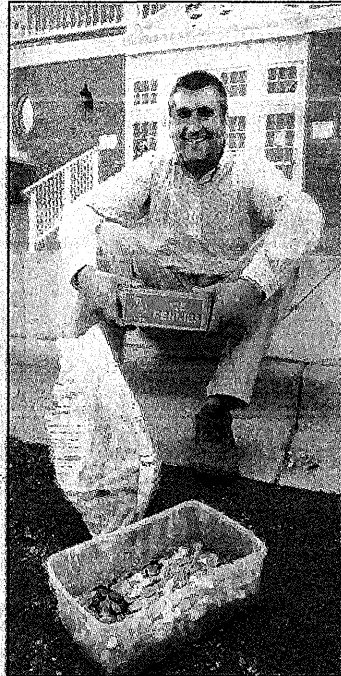
Jastrzebski believes the court is legally required to accept the pennies, but now says he's leaning toward backing away from his protest gesture and returning to the bank for some paper money to settle

the ticket. Jastrzebski's seat belt ticket, which was issued in Canton, was \$65. He knows he should've been belted, he said. "Sixty-five bucks is some major money to me," Jastrzebski said. "I don't have anything against the seat belt ticket. But the price you gotta pay, it's outrageous."

Jastrzebski works for a Canton company that sells computer software, from which, he said, he takes home less than \$300 a week. He also cooks at the Crow's Nest, a local bar.

The fact that he set the ticket aside for a couple of weeks, he said, meant a \$35 late fee. Thus the

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Bob Jastrzebski Jr. said he'll probably reconsider his protest and pay for his ticket with paper money.

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CORRECTION

A recent outline in the Sports section explaining a photo honoring the 14-and-under Livonia Travel Tarheels baseball team mistakenly identified one of the team's members as Josh DeYonker. The correct name should have read Alex DeYonker.



AROUND PLYMOUTH

"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

Antique appraisals

The Plymouth Historical Museum hosts an antique appraisal clinic with Ernie DuMouchelle of DuMouchelle Art Galleries in Detroit on Wednesday, Aug. 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Items to be appraised include antique furniture, art, and small objects. No jewelry please. Appraisals are by appointment only and time slots are filling up quickly. Oral evaluations will be

provided for \$10 per item; written evaluations will be provided for \$15 per item. There is a maximum of four items to be appraised per 15 minute time slot. Call now for an appointment, (734) 455-8940. The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 455 S. Main Street, just north of downtown Plymouth.

Cutest baby

Personalized Nursing LIGHT House sponsors its first Cutest Baby Contest during the Plymouth Fall Festival Sept. 11-13. Winners will be announced Sunday, Sept. 13 at 5 p.m. Parents should send one 5x7 (or smaller) picture with the required \$10 entry fee by Sept. 1. Mail entries to Cute Baby, c/o Teresa Smith, 575 S. Main, Ste. 6, Plymouth, MI 48170. Child must be 36 months old or younger. For more information, call (734) 451-7800.

Fall Fest crafts

The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for the Craft Show, which takes place during the Fall Festival Sept. 11-13. The show will be on Union Street north of Ann Arbor Trail. 10' X 10' foot spaces will cost \$75 per day or \$200 for the weekend. Jewelry Vendors are juried and must have their applications in by June 30. All other vendors are awarded spots on a first come-basis.

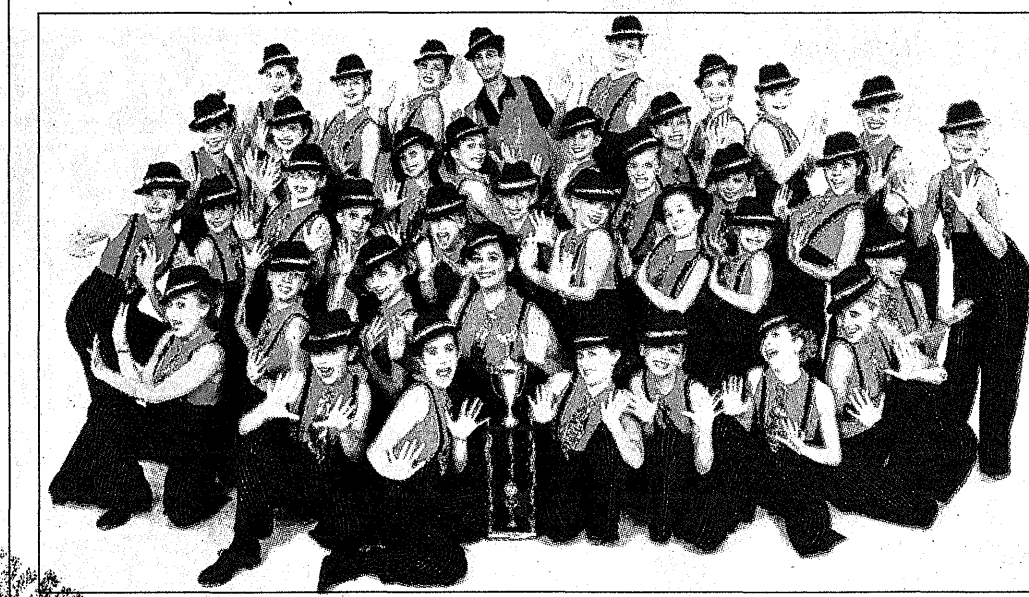
Applications can be downloaded at www.plymouthfallfestival.com or for more information e-mail Colleen Brown at cbrown57@comcast.net or call her at (734) 455-1614.

Business booths

The Fall Festival is accepting a limited number of applications from businesses interested in having a booth at the Fall Festival. A 10-foot by 10-foot space is \$800 for the weekend. The Fall Festival runs Sept. 11-13. Applications can be downloaded at www.plymouthfallfestival.com or for more information call or e-mail Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614 - cbrown57@comcast.net.

"Whimsical" Wednesdays

After enjoying Music in the Park in Kellogg Park on a hot summer Wednesday, visitors can cool off the kids with a children's story read aloud by the local author. "Whimsical Wednesdays" at the Plymouth Historical



International dance

Students from Central City Dance Center in Canton will board Royal Caribbean's Enchantment of the Seas Aug. 27-31 for the performance of a lifetime. The production, choreographed by Tim and Tamara Smola, Erin Kearney and Shannon McHale, will showcase 30 talented performers of the dance center performing Broadway-Style Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop and contemporary. The students practiced all summer and did fund-raising to raise money for the trip. The five-day cruise will sail to Key West, Florida and Cozumel, Mexico.

Museum began Wednesday. Each "Whimsical Wednesday" starts at 1:30 p.m. and features an exciting children's story with one Wednesday dedicated to a book on fun history about the city of Plymouth.

On Aug. 12, the last Whimsical Wednesday for the summer, kids are welcome to enjoy an interactive story time with Museum Education Director Anna Lopez.

The cost of admission to Whimsical Wednesdays is \$5 for adults, \$2 for kids 5-17, and \$10 for families. After each book reading, attendees can tour the Museum and see the "In the Presence of Lincoln" exhibit.

For more information, call the museum, (734) 455-8940.

Life screening

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging hosts a Life Line Screening health event to scan for risk of abdominal aortic aneurysm. Life Line Screening uses hospital quality ultrasound technology. The screening will be held Aug. 28 at the Township Friendship Station, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Register for the stroke, vascular disease and heart rhythm package for \$149. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Call to pre-register (888) 653-6441.

Senior Fest picnic

The annual Senior Fest Picnic will once again be held

at Waterford Bend Park on Wednesday, Sept. 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the PCCA Office, 201 Main Street, ticket prices are \$7 for PCCA Members and \$9 for guests. Lots of prizes, raffles, chicken lunch and entertainment.

Tables are \$50. Interested vendors should call Bobbie at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

Greece festival

The fifth annual "Taste of Greece Festival" on its way to the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church.

The festival takes place Sept. 11-13 on the grounds of the church, located at 39851 W. Five Mile Road in Plymouth. The festival will once again awaken the senses of sight, sound and taste of Greece, with exhibits of traditional Greek music, dancing, food and culture for all of Southeast Michigan to experience and enjoy.

This year's event features the Greek comedian Basile, in his first visit to Michigan in 2009.

For more information, e-mail secretarymv@sbcglobal.net or call (734) 420-0131.

Hospice volunteers

Compassionate Care Hospice is a community-based organization committed to providing excellent hospice care for patients and their families. The group is currently seeking caring and dedicated indi-

viduals to provide support by being a friendly visitor to patients in the Western Wayne County area. Training is provided.

For more information, contact Ann Christensen, Volunteer Coordinator, toll-free (888) 983-9050 or e-mail at achristensen@cchnet.net.

Orchestra auditions

The Celebration Youth Orchestras, the youth ensembles supported by the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society, conduct auditions for next season Aug. 14 at Enola Music in Canton.

The four ensembles of the Youth Orchestra include Celebration Youth Symphony for advanced students in winds, brass, percussion and strings; Celebration Flute Choir for to intermediate and advanced flute students, which in addition to playing on CYO concerts also performs for a variety of events throughout the community; Celebration Sinfonia for intermediate-level string students who are ready for more challenging repertoire and wish to continue ensemble skills; and Celebration Strings for younger string players who wish to learn ensemble playing skills such as playing in a section and listening and following a conductor.

More audition information can be found on-line at www.celebrationyouthorchestras.org

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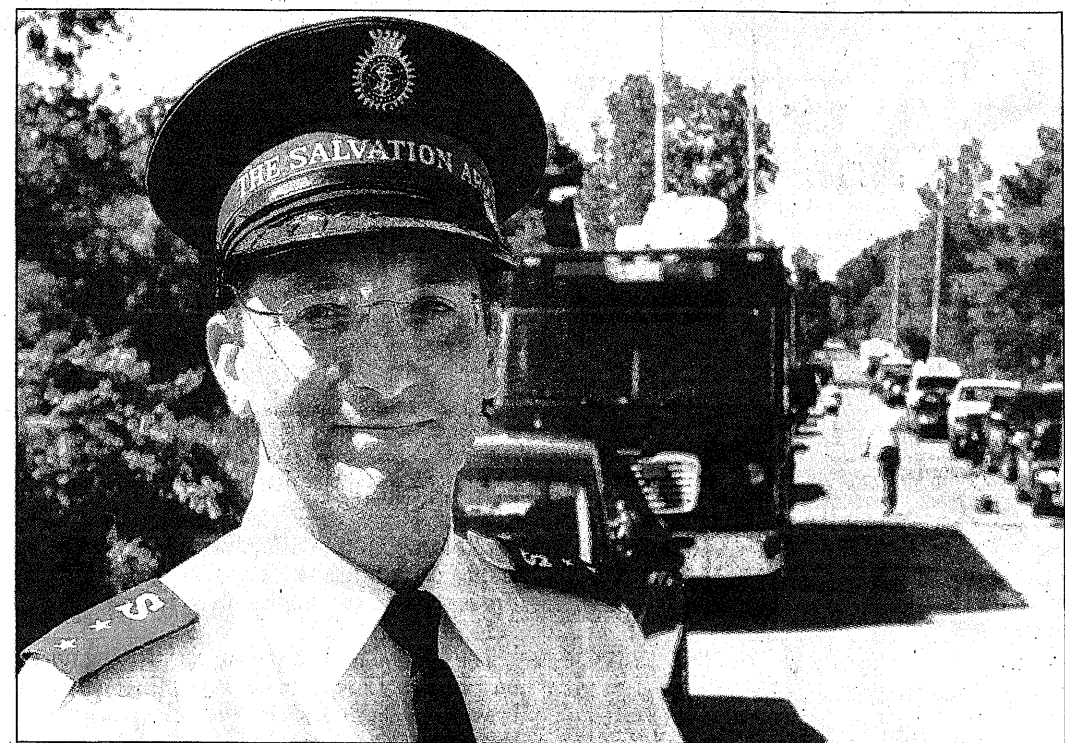
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Plymouth Salvation Army Capt. Dan Hull arrived with his wife and four children last month.

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at divisional headquarters in Minneapolis and St. Louis.

The couple completed seminary together in 1996. Having grown up in the Salvation Army (Jolene's parents were corps officers and Dan's family attended a Salvation Army church), Dan and Jolene knew what the life would be like.

Still, the longest they've been in one place is three years. "We have a vast array of abilities," Jolene Hull said. "We're flexible."

Dan Hull smiled and gave a little chuckle, thinking about all the moving.

"One skill we definitely have is packing," he said.

The couple arrived in Plymouth last month with their four children — Kirsten, 9, Andrew, 7, Nicholas, 5, and Alexander, 4 — in tow, having pulled up stakes from their previous posting in St. Louis. They replace Majors Jim and Pat Irvine, who left for Green Bay, Wis., after almost exactly three years in Plymouth.

One of the first things Jolene did was register for a library card — "I love to read, the kids love to read, it's a great family thing to do," she said. Now the couple settles in to try and make Plymouth their own.

"The Irvines left us a great history to build upon," Dan Hull said. "This is going to be good for us."

The Plymouth posting continues a calling for the Hulls. Jolene, an elementary teacher by trade, and Dan, an electrical engineer, joined the Salvation Army because they wanted to do more on something other than a part-time basis.

"We felt we'd been given these gifts, and we needed to use them more on a full-time basis rather than just on Sunday morning or Wednesday evening," Jolene said. "I love working with that (elementary) age group, and the Salvation Army has character-building programs, so I still get to work with them."

Dan is the organizer who enjoys the "business" aspects of the job. He's at his best when he's organizing and coordinating things "so our people

can get out there and help."

"I could have gotten an engineering job and made lots of money," he said. "But there's more to life."

The Hulls believe the Plymouth Salvation Army — which serves Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville — has solid programs such as Tiny Tots and Back to School, as well as a good food pantry and solid Red Kettle bell-ringing program, in place.

They'd like to "kick it up a notch." And, like the Irvines before them, the Hulls realize the need is growing, particularly in Canton and especially among those who've never needed help before.

"There are going to be people who need help who have never had to ask for help," Dan Hull said. "We're going to make sure we stretch the dollars as far as we can."

"We can't do everything and be everything to everybody," he added. "But we will continue to do what which we have done well and strongly."

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Time limit extended for downtown street parking

BY MATT JACHMAN
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Visitors to downtown Plymouth can linger over that cappuccino or do a little extra browsing in the boutiques without worrying about a \$15 parking ticket.

The Plymouth City Commission on Monday approved, with a voice vote, a temporary extension, by one hour, of the two-hour limit for on-street parking downtown.

The move, officials said, was made to balance the inconvenience of having much of the central parking deck closed for repairs. The discovery of more structural damage than

expected has required the deck, on Harvey between Ann Arbor Trail and Penniman, to undergo more extensive renovations than planned; officials now estimate the project will be finished by the beginning of September.

The move came as some downtown business owners complained about what they said was a lack of advance notice about downtown streetscape renovations. Officials said the streetscape work would likely be postponed until next spring.

The new three-hour street-parking time limit is temporary, officials said, but has no expiration date. It will take another vote

by the commission to reverse the move.

Some officials said they were open to a broader discussion of downtown parking issues.

"Anything having to do with parking and traffic — it is such a balancing act," said Dan Dwyer, a former mayor, current commission candidate and vice chairman of the Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors. "We hear you and we'll do our best to make it right."

Mayor Phil Pursell and Commissioner Michael Wright were absent on Monday.

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10,000 pennies, or \$100.

Jastrzebski said he took about \$15 worth of pennies he had sitting around, and went to the bank to get the rest. He had \$75 worth, rolled and in a plastic bag, and the remaining \$25 worth, unrolled, in a plastic container

when he arrived at court, he said.

District court administrator Debra Kubitskey said she was on vacation when Jastrzebski arrived Friday, but had heard about the situation. The court requires that coins being used as payment be rolled, Kubitskey said, and its policy is to accept no more than one roll of each type of coin.

The state court administrator's

office affirmed the district court was within its rights, Kubitskey said. A spokeswoman from the state court administrator's office confirmed that, citing a 1964 state law.

"At this point, I'm kind of at a standstill," Jastrzebski said.

"I'd have to spend money" to challenge the court's policy, Jastrzebski added. "That almost defeats the purpose."

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Police visits to drug hangout yield 2 arrests

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

1 Two men were arrested on marijuana-possession charges, in separate incidents, on consecutive afternoons last week.

Both arrests took place in Hines Park near a railroad bridge in the area of Hines Drive and Gunsolly Drive, according to Plymouth Township Police Department reports. Police said the area is a known hangout for people who use drugs there.

The first arrest, of a 21-year-old Canton Township man, took place just before 6 p.m. Friday. Two patrolling officers spotted the man and a woman on the tracks with a six-pack of beer and a bottle of liquor, a police report said.

While investigating possible underage drinking, the report said, an officer smelled marijuana on the man. He turned over about a gram of marijuana — police said it later tested positive — and also told officers where to find a pipe in the trunk of the woman's car, police said.

The woman was released.

The second arrest, of a 23-year-old Westland man, took place just before 6 p.m. Saturday in the same area.

A patrolling officer encountered a man and a woman on the railroad bridge, the police report said. The man's eyes were bloodshot and partially closed, and when the officer asked him how much marijuana he was carrying, he turned over a "joint" that he kept inside a cigarette pack, police said. He was arrested.

A test later proved the substance in the "joint" to be marijuana, police said. The woman with the suspect was released.

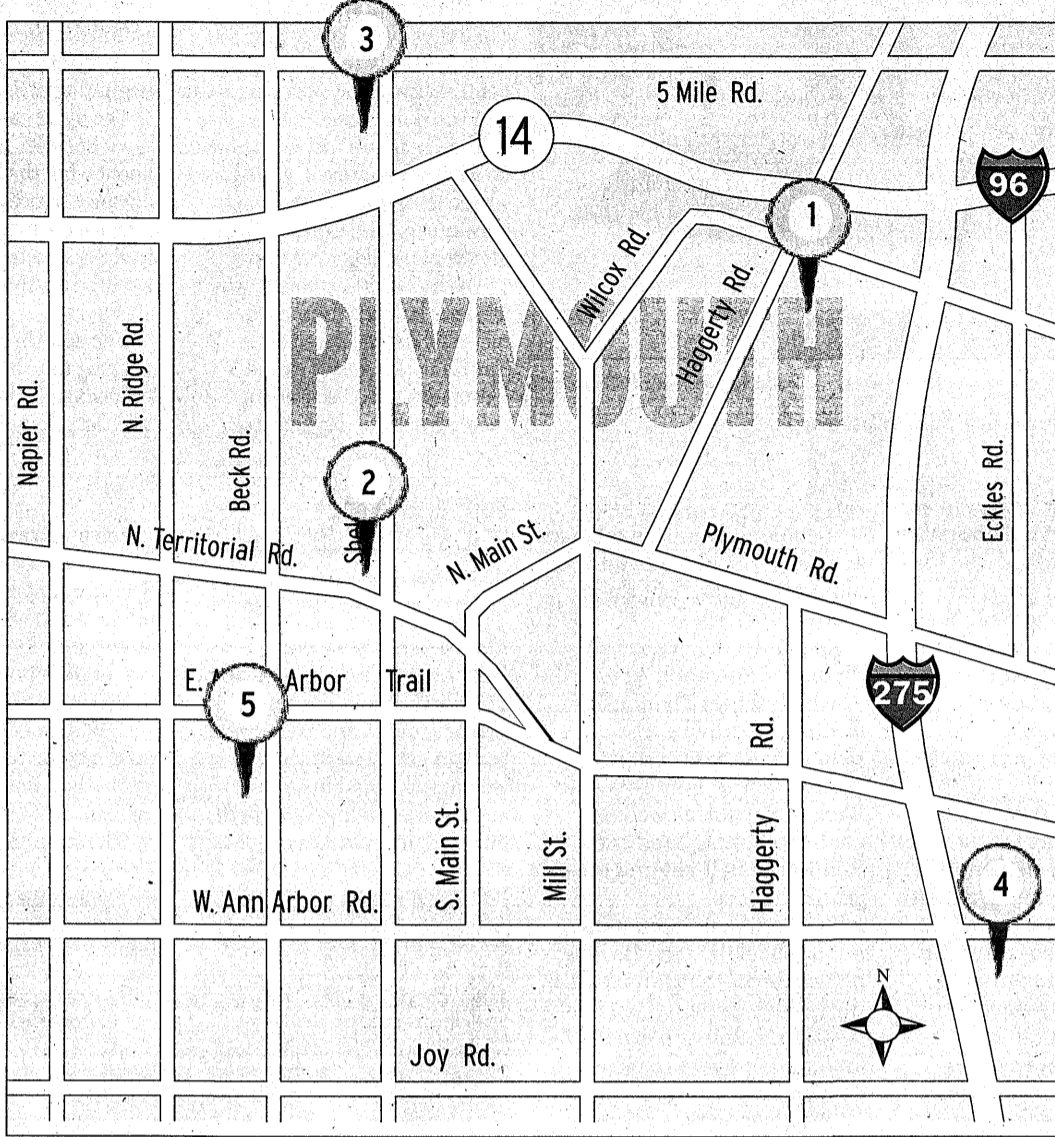
Marijuana bust

2 A traffic stop for defective equipment turned into a marijuana bust by township police at about 2 a.m. on July 27.

The suspect, a 19-year-old township man, was driving a Pontiac Grand Prix on Sheldon Road near North Territorial when an officer pulled him over for a nonworking license-plate light, a police report said.

The officer smelled marijuana in the car and spotted marijuana "roaches" in the car's ashtray, but the driver denied having marijuana, police said.

But the officer searched the car and found rolling papers, "blunt" wrappers and what turned out to be just over 19 grams of marijuana



in the glove compartment, police said.

The man was arrested on charges of possessing marijuana and narcotics paraphernalia.

Vehicle break-ins

3 Two vehicles parked outside businesses in the area of Five Mile and Sheldon Road were hit by daytime burglaries on July 26.

One break-in was in the parking lot behind Einstein Bros. Bagels on Sheldon.

A driver-side window had been broken out of a Chevrolet Astro van, and a camera case, with a checkbook, a check card and birth certificates inside, was reported stolen, a police report said.

The victim was an Einstein employee.

Another break-in occurred in the lot behind Jet's Pizza on Five Mile.

A driver-side window on an Acura was broken out, and a laptop computer, in its case, was reported stolen, police said. The victim was a Jet's employee.

Larceny

4 A golf bag with clubs inside was reported stolen from a garage on Tavistock Drive on July 30. The garage had been left open, police said.

The complainant told police the theft occurred between 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

CRIME WATCH

SUV egged

5 A Northville Township woman reported that her sport-utility vehicle was egged as she drove in Plymouth Township on the night of July 29.

The woman told police she was driving north on Beck near Powell in her Buick Enclave when it was struck by two eggs. She did not see who threw the eggs, she said.

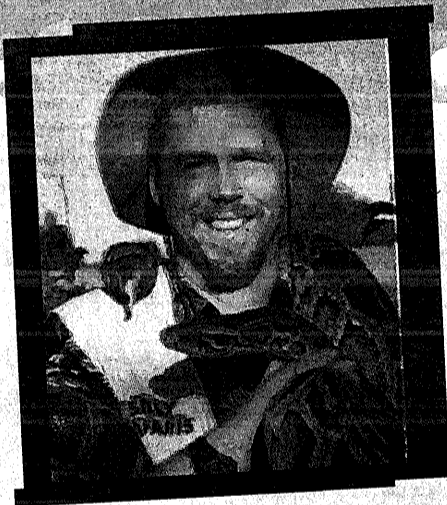
Police said one egg struck a windshield pillar and the other struck the driver-side rear door. The woman had cleaned the Enclave but was not able to remove all the egg residue, police said.

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period July 29-Aug. 4:

- Tuesday, Aug. 4 - Residential rescue runs on Eastside, on Trailwood, on Auburn, on Lilley and on Northville Road; commercial rescue run on S. Main.
- Monday, Aug. 3 - Residential rescue runs on Plymouth Road, on Sycamore, on Ross, on Beck, on Ann Arbor Trail and on Coolidge.
- Sunday, Aug. 2 - Residential rescue run on Northville Road; rescue run on Wilcox; open burn violations on Joy Road west of Sheldon.
- Saturday, Aug. 1 - Rescue run at Union and Penniman; rescue run to a public building at Church and Union; residential rescue runs on Donovan, on Starkweather and on Eastside; mutual-aid-given rescue run on Canton Center Road.
- Friday, July 31 - Residential rescue runs on Marlowe, on Fralick, on Franklin, on Grant and on Sheridan; commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road; investigation on Plymouth Road; special run on Union, behind the library.
- Thursday, July 30 - Residential rescue runs on Holbrook, on Quail Ridge and on Joann Lane; special wash-down at Main and Wing; rescue run to a public building on Haggerty; rescue run on Ann Arbor Trail.
- Wednesday, July 29 - Commercial rescue run on Haggerty; rescue run on Ann Arbor Road; residential rescue runs on Ann, on Risman, on Northville Road and on Franklin; mutual-aid-given run on Joy.

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'09 tax year has opportunities for seniors

Know this may sound a little crazy but it's not too early to start year-end tax planning. Although tax planning is something that should be done throughout the year, most people delay and wait until the last minute. Unfortunately, if you wait you can end up rushing, making an incorrect decision or missing out on an opportunity.



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

1. You must have the money to pay the tax on the amount being converted without taking it from the distribution.

2. By converting money into a Roth IRA, you will not be putting yourself into a higher tax bracket. Remember, the amount of money that you are converting from a Traditional IRA into a Roth is subject to ordinary income tax.

3. You can invest the money long term (minimum five-seven years). If you meet the criteria, it makes sense to consider a conversion.

If you convert money into a Roth IRA, the transaction must be completed before the end of the year. There is plenty of time to perform the transaction. Converting money into a Roth IRA from a Traditional IRA is simple and typically doesn't take that long. However, in today's ever crazy world, anything and everything can happen so don't wait until the last minute to perform the transaction.

Many people are under the false impression that the goal of year-end tax planning is to reduce taxes. Although, there is nothing wrong with reducing one's taxes, the real goal of year-end tax planning is to increase net worth. Lowering taxes doesn't automatically increase net worth. For year-end tax planning or, any

type of tax planning to be effective, your goal must be to increase net worth.

It is easy to lower your taxes, just lose money. Too many people get caught up in the idea that lowering their taxes will automatically increase their net worth. That is not the case. The key with tax planning is to be smart with taxes.

When it comes to tax planning, if you need the assistance of a professional, keep in mind there is a big difference between tax preparation and tax planning. Someone who prepares tax returns doesn't necessarily have the knowledge for tax planning.

If you are going to do tax planning and you are hiring a professional, make sure you deal with someone who has the expertise. In addition, it is important to be sure that whoever you deal with has a commitment to continuing education. Good tax planning a year ago is not necessarily good tax planning this year. The laws have changed and it is important that if you're paying for advice, you get what you're paying for.

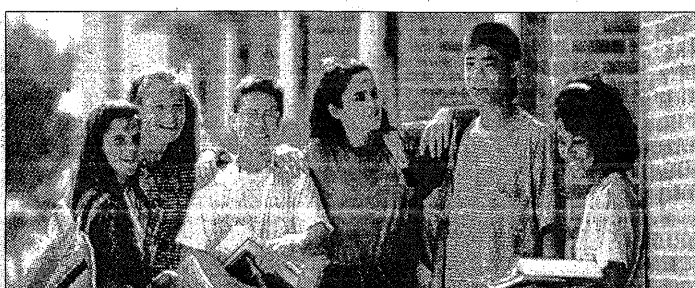
Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

This year in particular there are different opportunities, particularly for senior citizens. This year there are no mandatory required minimum distributions. Generally, when someone turns 70 1/2, he or she must begin making yearly distributions from a retirement account. Because of the economic crisis, senior citizens do not have to make a 2009 minimum required distribution. However, that doesn't mean that they should not do so. Seniors need to look at their individual situation to make a decision.

Seniors should also consider taking a distribution from their retirement account and transferring it into a Roth IRA. Roth IRAs have the advantage of growing tax free and are not subject to required minimum distributions. Many seniors are under the mistaken belief that once you turn 70 1/2 you are no longer eligible to convert from a Traditional IRA into a Roth IRA. What is confusing is when you do turn 70 1/2 the amount of your required minimum distribution is not eligible to be converted into a Roth IRA. However, since this year there is no required minimum distribution it does provide a tax loophole.

Converting Traditional IRAs into Roth IRAs is not an option available only for seniors, it is for everyone. In order to convert a Traditional IRA into a Roth IRA, the law requires adjusted gross income less than \$100,000.

Just because you are eligible to convert money into a Roth IRA, doesn't mean you should do so. The following are my rules that I use in determining whether it makes sense to do a Roth conversion.



Host Families Needed

Volunteer host families are needed to welcome high school students from around the world. Students are 15-18 years old and speak English. They will be attending local high schools. There is no typical family! Single parents, empty nesters and families with young children or teens can all enjoy welcoming a student.

For more information, please call Patty toll-free at **1-866-755-0921** or email patty@pieusa.org

Music in the Park

Here's the remaining schedule for the weekly Music in the Park concert series, hosted by the Plymouth Community Arts Council:

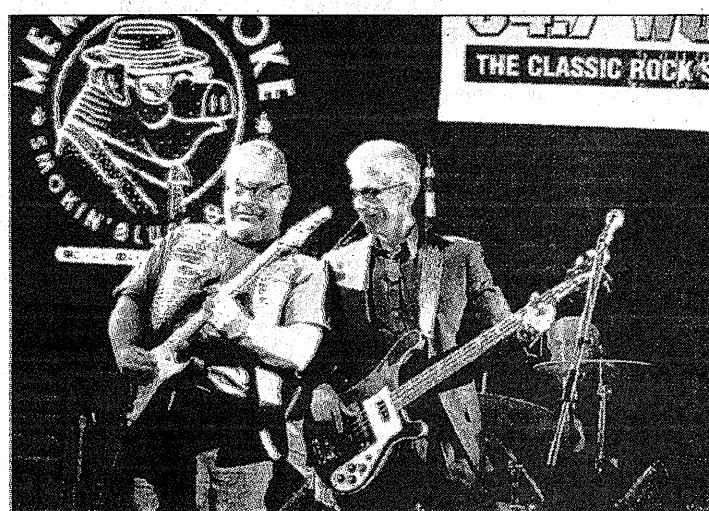
- Aug. 12, Guy Louis and his Chautauqua Express
- Aug. 19, The Cats & the Fiddler

All concerts start at noon in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. Sponsors include the Carl and Isabelle Schultz Family, The Wilcox Foundation, Huron Valley Ambulance, Monroe Bank & Trust, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., Dr. Brian Brackney, Bacinski's Best Friends of Learning Institute and Lodging by the Month.

Music in the Air

Here's the remaining schedule for the Friday night "Music in the Air" concert series, hosted by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority and sponsored by Blue Cross/Blue

ON STAGE



The Bluescasters take to the Kellogg Park stage Friday for the Music in the Air Concert series. The show starts at 7 p.m.

Shield:

- Aug. 7, The Bluescasters
- Aug. 14, The Kris K Band
- Aug. 21, The Randy Brock Group
- Aug. 28, Mass Transit
- Sept. 4, Lady Sunshine and the X Band

downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park and start at 7 p.m.

Community Band

The Plymouth Community Band, headed by longtime leader Carl Battishill, plays Kellogg Park every Thursday at 8 p.m.

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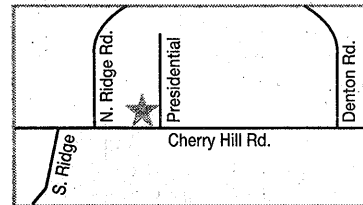
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Swim sensations



PHOTOS BY JEANNETTE WILLIAMS

Competing in the first Lifeguard Competition at Canton's Summit on the Park were (front) Rebecca Lewis, Rachel Lewis, Luke Bahrou, Brandon Burt, Benjamin Feeley and Matt Lewis; (middle) Andrea Meador, Anthony Zelinski, Sorin Oprican and Jeffrey 'Ryan' Langdon; and (back) Krystle Crandall and Chris Fry.

Inaugural competition showcases top lifeguards

At the recent first annual Summit on the Park Lifeguard Competition, Summit staffers competed in a variety of skills to determine who the top local lifeguards are.

On Friday, the winners will find out how they stack up statewide.

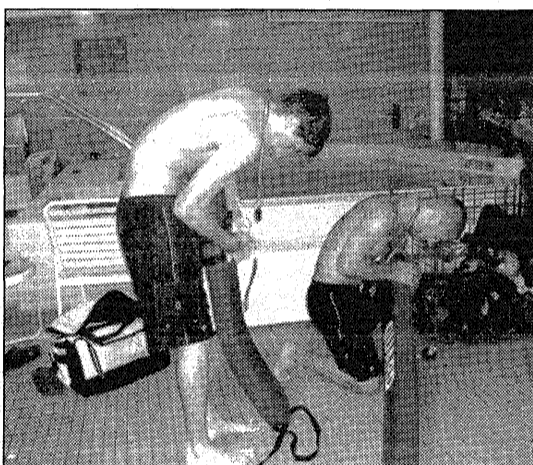
The top two teams from the Summit competition - Rachel Lewis and Rebecca Lewis and Benjamin Feeley and Jeffrey "Ryan" Langdon - earned the right to compete in the Michigan Recreation and Park Association lifeguard competition at the Troy Community Center Friday.

The event showcased some of the most talented lifeguards on staff as they performed in a variety of drills and challenges, including CPR, Backboarding, Relay races, Obstacle course, and much more. The talented staff members, cheered on by family and friends, put on quite a competition leaving two teams to prevail.

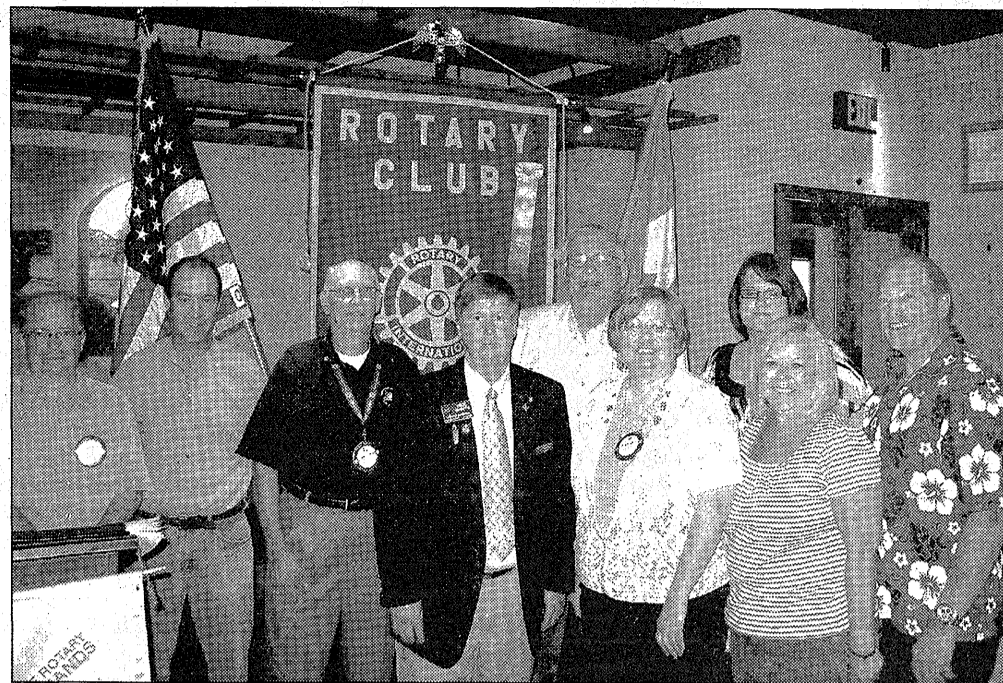
"The Summit on the Park employs some very dedicated and talented lifeguards," said Jeanette Williams, Recreation Specialist. "The competition showcased the skills and abilities that our lifeguards utilize every day to ensure the safety of our visitors."



Demonstrating their CPR Skills are Andrea Meador (front) and Rebecca Lewis (back) demonstrate their CPR skills on "unconscious" Krystle Crandall and Rachel Lewis during the first Summit on the Park lifeguard



Luke Bahrou (left) and Brandon Burt work to properly equip their lifeguard rescue tubes during the lifeguard competition.



Rotary officers

The Rotary Club of Canton announce Bill Tesen is the new president for the 2009-2010 Rotary year. New District 6400 Governor Neil McBeth from the Rotary Club of Essex, Ontario, Canada, on hand to conduct the installation ceremony. As president Tesen will coordinate the activities and projects of the Canton Rotary Club, which has 19 members who meet weekly on Monday at noon at Carrabba's Italian Grill. Among Tesen's goals: working on fund-raising to upgrade the Heritage Park Playground; collecting backpacks and school supplies for the clothing bank; presenting scholarships to seniors at local high schools; and supporting local groups such as First Step. Pictured are the Canton Rotary Club 2009/2010 Officers and Directors: Ansel Dooley, Director; Gerry Folk, Director; Bill Tesen, President; Neil McBeth, District 6400 Governor; John Kowalski, Director; Sue Kowalski, Treasurer; Michelle Burger, President Elect; Mary Beardsley, Secretary; and Ken Beardsley, Immediate Past President.

Local arts groups among online fund-raisers

When does \$50 equal \$75?

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The Plymouth Historical Society and the Village Theater

NEWS BRIEFS at Cherry Hill are among 75 organizations selected

to compete for matching funds from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, which is providing up to \$1 million to match gifts made online at www.cfsem.org.

A match of \$1 will be provided for every \$2 for donations of \$25 or more made on-line, starting Aug. 18. Gifts must be made through the Foundation's website, www.cfsem.org, and once the matching funds are gone, the program ends.

With more than 70 participants, the money is expected to go fast, perhaps as soon as within the first hour, according to officials, who are asking donors to have their fingers on the 'donate' button at 10 a.m. Aug. 18 to make the most of your much-needed donation to the Village Theater or the Plymouth Historical Society.

Matching funds will be awarded on a "first gift, first match" basis. The matching program will end as soon as the \$1 million of match funds are gone. Donors can contribute a minimum of \$25 and a maximum of \$10,000, by credit card or e-check, through the Community Foundation Web site.

Through the Web site, donors can choose THE VILLAGE



Joanne Flanigan of Farmington Hills, Sue Flatley of Livonia, Victor West of Canton, Connie Vokal of Livonia, and 10 other volunteers worked together to create 150 "Be Happy Bouquets" for Angela Hospice patients.

THEATER AT CHERRY HILL OR THE PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY to receive support by using a simple menu to locate organizations participating in the challenge. Gifts must be made online by credit card or e-check per contributor, per organization. Only completed gifts will be matched - no pledges. All gifts made during this on-line challenge will be recognized as such and all donors will receive an e-mail receipt for tax purposes.

All funds raised through this challenge will go toward cultural initiatives at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton, or the Plymouth Historical Society, housed at the Plymouth Historical Museum in Plymouth.

Floral bouquets

Victor West of Vanessa's Flowers in Plymouth enlisted the help of Angela Hospice volunteers to create 150 flower arrangements for hospice patients as part of Teleflora's

"Make Someone Smile" week.

West, a Canton resident, brought cheerful smiley face mugs and a radiant array of fresh flowers and set up shop in Angela Hospice's staff lounge. He gave the volunteers tips on how to create the bright, colorful arrangements, which were then delivered to Angela Hospice's Care Center and home care patients.

"Victor West from Vanessa's Flowers used his talent and shared his love of floral design with our volunteers to make 150 arrangements for our hospice patients," said Donna Kolodick, volunteer and spiritual care manager for Angela Hospice. "This project was completely successful in that it brought an abundance of smiles to our patients and families who truly appreciated the unexpected gift."

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The West half of Northville Road, 66 feet wide, said West half as dedicated to the use of the public in SUPERVISOR'S PLYMOUTH PLAT No. 5, part of the W 1/2 of Section 23, T. 1 S., R. 8 E., Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 66 of Plats on Page 36, Wayne County Records, the centerline of said road being more particularly described as: Beginning at a point distant S87°36'15"E 788.94 feet and S10°47'00"E 33.89 feet from the NW corner of said Section 23; thence continuing S10°47'00"E 751.44 feet to a point of curvature; thence 17.98 feet along the arc of a circular curve to the left, having a radius of 517 feet, a chord bearing and distance of S11°46'46"E 17.98 feet to the Point of Ending of said centerline. Said Point of Ending is the intersection of said centerline with the prolongation of the South line of Lot 83. The aforementioned centerline description contains approximately 769 feet/0.146 miles of roadway.

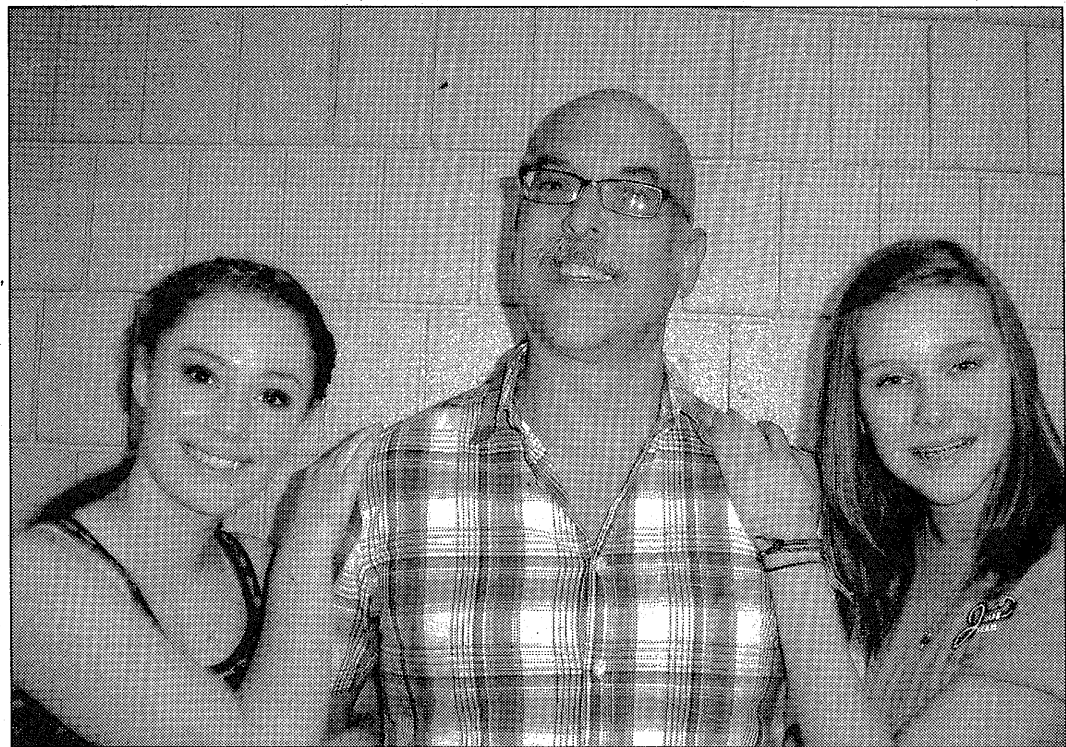
Therefore, it has been decided a Hearing be held on Thursday, SEPTEMBER 10, 2009, at 1:30 pm at Wayne County Department of Public Services, 415 Clifford Street, 3rd Floor, Detroit, Michigan 48226, and that a Hearing Examiner of the county shall hold said Hearing and obtain all necessary facts and information concerning the advisability of either granting or denying said Petition, and shall report all findings of fact to the Board of Wayne County Commissioners.

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Canton's Kelly Fillios (from left), Plymouth High School math teacher Tom Patrick and Kelsey Anderson are among cast members in "Big River."

'Big River' flows

Theater group brings Tony winner to local stage

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Before they even put shovels in the ground for the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill in Canton, officials were looking not only for local partnerships, but for a chance to partner with a local university.

That opportunity finally came up when arts director Jennifer Tobin hooked up with Phil Simmons and Ryan Lewis, key players in the drama department at Eastern Michigan University and co-executive directors of the 8th Wonder Theatre. Simmons and Lewis were looking for a way to get stage time for their college actors, and the partnership seemed a natural.

And that's the way it's worked out.

"These guys came forward and just loved the space ... it has become the most wonderful partnership," Tobin said. "They pick wonderful shows that offer opportunities not only for their students, but for other members of the community to get involved."

The 8th Wonder Theatre at the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill presents "Big River," the Tony Award-winning musical version of "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn." Music and lyrics are by 1960's country artist and composer Roger Miller.

According to Simmons, a former Broadway performer and choreographer, the show is about what he calls "the quintessential American boys," Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn.

"It's about following their journey from boyhood into the sometimes complicated and unfair 'adult' world," Simmons said. "I think everyone can identify with the journey, as everyone has to make that same trip. It's

TAKING THE STAGE

- **What:** 8th Wonder's production of "Big River"
- **Where:** Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, in Canton
- **When:** 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7; 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8; 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9; 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13 and Friday, Aug. 14; 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15; 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16
- **Tickets:** Purchase at The Summit at The Park or by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5460 or on-line at www.canton-mi.org/village-theater or at the door. Box office opens 1 hour before show time. \$17/adults, \$13/seniors & youth (Aug. 13-14, 10 a.m. shows are \$5 or more donation, general admission)

also worth mentioning that given the recent landmark election of an African-American president, some of the many messages that ring true in this story will be even more poignant.

"Big River" made its debut on Broadway and earned seven Tony awards. Roger Miller has the acclaim of being the only country artist who has won a Tony award for Best Score of a Musical.

Officials at 8th Wonder point out people of all ages will enjoy the show but warn theater-goers it is rated PG and has some strong language.

8th Wonder is a professional theatre whose profits feed directly into Scholarships and Service Awards for both incoming and continuing students at Eastern Michigan University who are

studying Music, Theatre, or Dance.

It was formed by Simmons and Lewis, who according to the group's Web site were hired at EMU and charged with helping to cultivate and energize Eastern's emerging and now retooled musical theatre program. They're joined by managing director Brian Carbine.

Simmons holds a Master of Fine Arts in Acting from the University of Georgia. He also holds bachelor's degrees in theater and English from Oklahoma State University.

Lewis has been music director for the Performance Network in Ann Arbor and for Northville's Tipping Point Theatre in their sold out inaugural season. He is currently the music director for Eastern Michigan University's Theatre Department as well as a full-time lecturer with the Department of Music and Dance.

Carbine is currently employed by Eastern Michigan University's Theatre Arts Department where he works in aspects of marketing and design.

After lots of brainstorming and number crunching, they decided that the best way to catalyze a growing program would be to affiliate themselves with an already-established, professional theatre. They researched several theatres, but their first meeting with Village Theater's Tobin convinced them The Village Theater was the right choice for them.

"They are the absolute nicest people to work with," Tobin said. "They're consummate professionals and amazingly creative, energetic people."

For more information on the group, go to www.8thwondertheatre.com or call (734) 972-4054.

Christian yoga class connects body and soul

BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There's a feeling of peace in the room as yoga instructor Jessica Beaubien gives breathing instructions to her students.

Playing in the background is *Amazing Grace*.

"Step out of your comfort zone, again listening for God's calling," she says, leading them into a stretch during a class at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington.

Called Christian Yoga, the aim of the Thursday morning class is to improve spiritual and physical health.

The poses and breathing help quiet the mind and make it more open to prayer and spirituality, Beaubien said.

"It's really to guide you into your own spirituality. I'm not a preacher. I'm just helping people find that connection," she said.

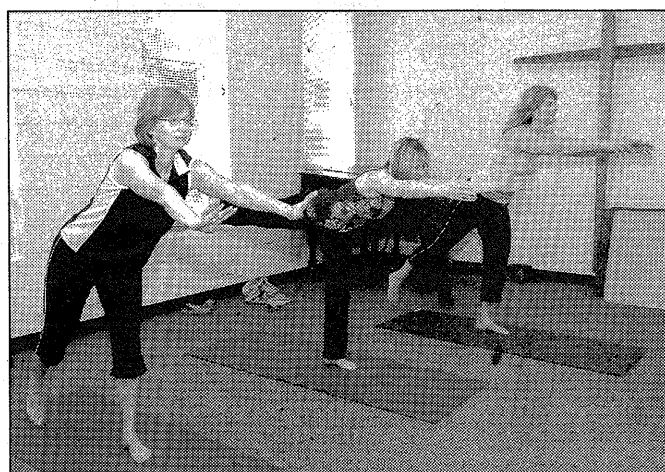
Mainly, her class is one of physical poses, called Hatha Yoga.

While yoga originated in India as a means to help yogis meditate, she said "there's no reason" it can't be practiced by Christians.

Students there agree. Many are there because the class is more in line with their beliefs than other yoga classes they've attended.

"The instructor would get incense and have a picture of a yogi," said Andasia Latimer, of Farmington Hills, describing a class she took. "This is more comfortable for me."

"I didn't care for it because they had you being one with the dirt," said Mary Caron, of Northville, of a class she took.



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From left, Patti Nagle, Karen Ludden, and Judy Miller participate in the Christian yoga class at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington.



Karen Ludden of Farmington Hills does a yoga stretch.

"We know Jesus meditated," said Karen Ludden, of Farmington Hills. "The yogis say it's better to meditate when your body is at ease."

Baubien said her Christian yoga teachers include Susan Bordenkircher, who is known for her books and tapes.

The mom of two also teaches classes in Northville,

Southfield and Royal Oak.

The church is a good fit for her class, which she just started giving at the church she said. Ironically, First Presbyterian Church of Farmington pastor Sue Ellis Melrose is currently on a sabbatical in India on a non-denominational Ashram, where she is likely to practice yoga.

For student Patti Nagle, of Berkley, the class has been helping her recover from a family loss and job and health issues.

"She is so gentle in her instructions," she said of Beaubien. "Jesus has revived me through this class."

Student Sharon Cressman, of Farmington Hills, said, "The peace you pick up in class reenergizes the rest of your day."

Classes are also offered at the church on Monday evenings. For more information, go to soulstretch.org or call (248) 685-7871 or (248) 942-yoga.

McCotter: Health care plan would kill jobs

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As Congress wrestles with health care reform, House Republicans are waiting to see what emerges from the Democratic majority, according to U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia.



McCotter

But he doesn't want Congress to race through the proposals, either.

Like many of his Republican colleagues, McCotter disagrees with President Barack Obama's health care plan.

"We're waiting to see what the Blue Dogs (fiscally conservative Democrats) do," said McCotter whose 11th Congressional District includes Westland and Garden City.

McCotter believes the president's plan will lead to rationing of health care services. Should government become more involved in health insurance, McCotter believes jobs will be lost in the health care industry from government entering the marketplace.

Republicans would like to see insurance companies have the ability to sell health insurance across state lines, McCotter said.

"Increasing the supply (of health care) will mean more jobs" in the industry, and will assist with filling the demand for an aging population as baby boomers retire, McCotter said.

Republicans also want liability reform and patient-centered wellness.

Wayne County has the second highest cost in the country for medical liability malpractice, McCotter said. "We have OB-GYN's who are leaving their practices. There has to be

tort reform, or we will continue to see defensive medicine."

The Republican plan lets small businesses band together to purchase health care for employees at a more affordable price, McCotter said. He'd also like to see Medicare and Medicaid improved by rooting out waste and fraud.

In the end, McCotter expects any health care package to move from the center of legislative moderates into the liberal and conservative camps.

McCotter said his constituents want something done with health care. "A vast majority want us to do it right and prefer to see us take our time," he said. "People are concerned with the costs of health care, but they are generally happy with the quality of it. And they want to see something for people who don't have it."

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OUR VIEWS

Picnic shift keeps event in good hands

Well, that didn't take long. The dust hadn't settled yet from Ron Edwards' announcement he would no longer head the annual Plymouth Township picnic he'd shepherded so lovingly for 13 years before fellow township board member Bob Doroshewitz said he'd pick up the mantle.

Doroshewitz has helped cook at the picnic, and he's been a supporter of it, but one of the first questions one has to ask is this: Does he know what he's getting into? It's a tremendous amount of work, particularly the way Edwards — the township treasurer — went about it, taking on the responsibility of organizing it nearly single-handedly.

But Doroshewitz showed he has an inkling what managing the picnic takes when one of the first things he said was this: "I'm going to delegate more than (Edwards)." He said he'll likely form a couple of committees to handle things, a sign he knows the size of the task on which he embarks.

There's no question Edwards did a fantastic job with the ever-popular picnic, as a record-setting 4,200 people could attest this year. He fought off criticism of how the money collected was handled, screams he used the picnic as a political ploy (he's won his three terms by wide margins the picnic had nothing to do with) and claims he strong-armed business owners into donating (though none has ever come forward to say so publicly).

It's tough to do what Edwards has done year after year in the face of that criticism, and one wonders if the political sniping (at him and his family, which has worked nearly as hard as he has) had anything to do with his decision to step down. To his credit, he doesn't say so, claiming simply "It's time," after long years of organizing the picnic and a health scare earlier this year.

Doroshewitz can avoid some of those same claims by spreading out the responsibility and by coming up with a concrete way of tracking and handling the money taken in. It's not a ton of money, but Doroshewitz can deflate some of the ridiculous claims of monetary malfeasance Edwards had to face with this one step.

Whether he understands the scope of the task he faces, Doroshewitz absolutely knows the importance of the picnic, pointing out he felt like he was "part of a Norman Rockwell painting" by attending. The picnic is a perfect complement to the Fourth of July Parade and, with the two-year-old fireworks display also championed by Edwards, makes for perhaps the most complete Fourth of July celebration in the state.

Edwards left pretty big footprints on the identity of the community. Doroshewitz realizes that and might just be the perfect person to fill them.

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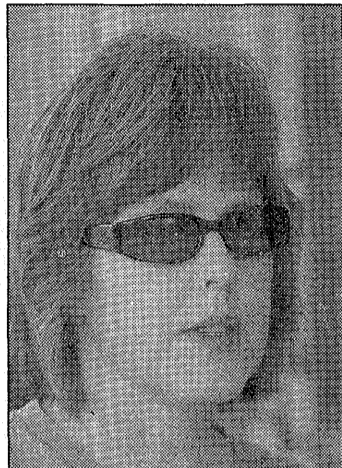
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COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you think the economy has turned the corner, and why or why not?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



"No, because all of my unemployed friends are still unemployed and all my friends who are trying to sell their houses can't sell."

Norma Johnson
Plymouth



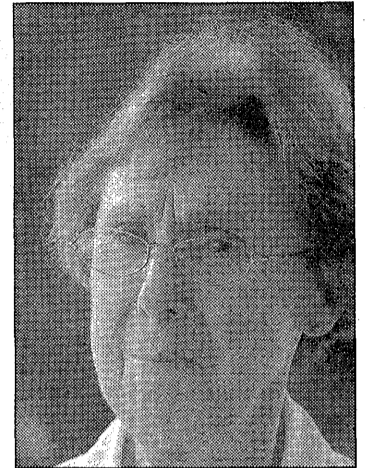
"No. I just have so many relatives and friends who are out of work and can't find any at all."

Pat Cavasin
Plymouth Township



"It's turned a bad corner. No jobs."

Courtney Sandy
Canton Township



"I don't think it's turned the corner yet, because so many people are out of work."

Dorothy Mulroy
Plymouth Township

LETTERS

Great intro

This week, we are taking our son and daughter, 14 and 11, on what we are calling a "Tour de Rust Belt," a driving trip to last a week. We are hoping to show them places not only where we born, but are not exactly tourist traps these days. On our trip from Chicago, our halfway point will be Niagara Falls, Ontario, and we'll come back through Buffalo and Cleveland.

So — our first day, we drove through Hillsdale, and viewed Hillsdale College. Then on to Ann Arbor, and a quick view of the Wolverines' stadium, and we proceeded to Detroit. Tomorrow, we plan a visit to Greenfield Village, a Ford plant tour, and the Henry Ford Museum.

Tonight, we went to dinner in downtown ... after I'm afraid I insulted our Doubletree Suites desk person by asking if going out to dinner in the Ren Cen was "safe."

Just how safe? Well, we wound up at the lovely restaurant, Andiamo, and sat outside watching a parade of cool cars go by. Behind us, was a guy from Plymouth who couldn't have been nicer and more helpful ... gave us all kinds of tips and just general nice conversation.

And then, when we tried to pay our bill and leave, our waitperson told us he had paid for our dinner because he was very happy that we came to Detroit — just to enjoy it. He loves Michigan, and is very proud of where he lives!

And WOW — what an intro to Detroit! I know his first name and won't use it here, but this is just a big "Thank You" for your kindness and for the wonderful impression of your city!

Polly & Mark Rerko
St. Charles, Ill.

Got (local) milk?

No one needs me to tell them the impact that job loss has had on the state of Michigan.

Whether you worked for an auto company that moved its production elsewhere, a supplier that either had to lay off employees or lock their doors completely, a restaurant that served those employees that no longer come, a barber, a bookstore — whatever. We've all been affected.

But, in the spirit that this region has always had, Buy Michigan! is a commitment that is growing among us and can make a real difference. All of us can be part of turning this region around when we Buy Michigan!

Why buy vegetables that have been trucked across the country when you can go to the nearest farmer's market or to one of the supermarkets that are proud to Buy Michigan! The week of July 27 was set as Buy Michigan! Week by the governor. Add on all the "3/50" signs around Plymouth encouraging residents to spend \$50 at 3 different stores to keep our community working and you have to appreciate that we're all in this together.

This is why it is so disturbing that the P-C School District has contracted out all of their milk deliveries for the coming year to a Toledo, Ohio, milk supplier.

For years Prairie Farms of Livonia had been the district's milk supplier and did a wonderful job. Located right in Livonia they had our district's interest at heart and we were well-served by them. There have been times when milk coolers broke down and someone from Prairie Farms would

run out an emergency supply to get us through the day

I can't see service like that happening when deliveries come from Toledo. Through the bid process Prairie Farms is rumored to have been underbid by \$13,000 for the year. When everything shakes down at the end of the school year if the district does in fact 'save' \$13,000 by leaving the state and going to Ohio I will be surprised. I do hope a profit of \$13,000 can be shown.

But what kind of a statement are we making when the lunch menu could be proud to state "Our milk is supplied by Michigan cows raised by Michigan farmers and processed and packaged by a Michigan supplier. We Buy Michigan!"

Are we gonna be proud to tell our students, "Milk brought in from out of state"? Sometimes the true cost of something is much more than the dollar amount.

Cindy Bastion
Canton

False assumption

In the letter "Single-payer plan pros," July 9, the letter writer presents the argument that since private medical insurance plans spend up to 21 percent of every premium dollar on administration and have to make a profit, while a public plan like Medicare spends only 3 percent on administration and does not have to make a profit, the public plan is the obvious choice as the better plan.

Although at first glance, this may make sense to a lot of people, I can assure you as someone who has spent the last 30 years in the medical business, this is a patently false assumption.

While it is true that a public plan like Medicare does not spend a lot on administration, the lack of practical administration makes the plan a perfect target for fraud and therefore, every year, billions of dollars go to unscrupulous medical practitioners who have discovered that defrauding Medicare is a piece of cake; no one is watching. Please remember this has been going on for many, many years and continues to go on to this day.

Just recently, authorities arrested 35 people in Metro Detroit for defrauding Medicare out of \$50 million by paying kickbacks to people who signed false Medicare claim forms for medical services that were never provided. Catching such people is a rare event; most are never caught and the money defrauded is hardly ever returned to the taxpayer.

If we allowed our government to administer a national health program as in a single-payer plan, the cost and the waste would be staggering and I don't think any of us want to see that happen. There are options being discussed in Congress today that will make sure all Americans have health coverage but without bankrupting the nation.

We should all pay close attention to the proposals being promoted and examine each of them with an educated and practical eye instead of an emotional one.

One thing about profit; it is not a dirty word and it is a major factor in what makes us one of the richest and most powerful nations on earth. Communist nations tried to eliminate the profit factor from their economic plans and we all know how they ended up.

Janusz M Szyszko
Canton

Lip service

It does absolutely no good to write to either of the senators from Michigan regarding one's opinion on how he/she would like them to vote on a piece of legislation. They give nothing but a canned "lip service" response to the opposing views of constituents who are presumptuous enough to believe they still have the ability to affect what happens to their lives.

Nonetheless, I still ask that the senators from Michigan be so kind as to stop treating me like I was born yesterday. Americans have already said "NO" to both of their latest pet projects once before. Do they suppose that we've finally wised up and will now embrace National Health Care and climate control in the form of Cap and Trade?

Do they think that, like a spoiled child, if they bug us enough we'll change our minds? The past six months has been like a bad rerun of the '70s. The economy was in the tank, gas prices were horrible, and the U.S. president's foreign policy was sophomoric back then, too.

I have not forgotten the Democrat Party's first attempt to nationalize health care — which was done with the same stealth as the current, secretive bill. Does Washington think Americans haven't noticed the abysmal failure of national health care in other countries? Do they think we really believe the government plan will really remain "optional?"

I am also old enough to remember when the Democrat Party tried a "climate" inspired grab for power in the '70s. Only then, it was a "New Ice Age" on the horizon instead of "Global Warming." If Washington (and some "scientists") had any humility at all they'd realize that man cannot control nature any more than he can control the fact that one day he will die.

But Washington's intentions are not altruistic with regard to either issue. This style of legislation has always been merely a way of frightening the uninformed into letting Washington further control lives that are supposed to be free in the United States.

Maybe those in power in Washington (and right now that is exclusively the Democrats) should do THEIR part for the problems America faces. Why don't THEY scale back their salaries for an unspecified amount of time? THEY might make it against the law for Washington politicians to have anything but compact, or electric cars. If THEY would scale down their own health care insurance, taxpayers might actually be able to afford their own. And those pensions that every legislator receives — one-termers and the "enshrined" alike, could be scaled down or even eliminated.

After all, our national legislature was initially intended to be a part-time job where ordinary citizens would take time out from their "real" professions to serve "the People" for a term or two. Congress might do well to revisit their first attempt at climate control by renting an old copy of the May 1978 episode of Leonard Nimoy's series, "In Search Of..." called "The Coming Ice Age."

And while they're at it, they might try to decrease their own "Carbon Footprint" by remembering that human beings EXHALE carbon dioxide not only when they breathe, but especially when they speak.

Nancy Moore
Canton

Fashion benefit

"Cause for Celebration: A Parisian Private Shopping Event" will show the hottest fashion trends for fall, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at Parisian in Laurel Park Place, Six Mile and Newburgh, Livonia.

The private night of shopping is a benefit for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Participants will get 20 percent off shopping, with a 15 percent savings on cosmetics and fragrances. Additional exclusions apply to the shopping pass, with information available from store associates. Admission is \$10 per person.

Refreshments from local restaurants will be served. Members of the Detroit Ignition will attend, and fashion designer Victor Alfaro will be on hand with his collection.

For information, call (734) 953-7500, Ext. 285. The event is sponsored by Parisian and Ford Motor Co.

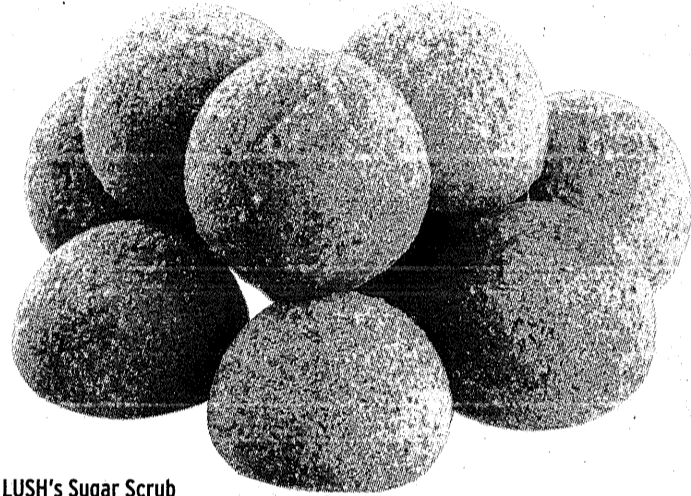
Sweet and salty

They may sound good enough to nibble, but LUSH's new Sugar Scrub and Sugar Babe are designed to help you put your best face forward. Sugar Scrub uses exfoliating Fair Trade sugar to scrub away dead skin cells. Its stimulating blend of fresh fennel and fennel oil acts as a tonic for the skin; lavender oil has a healing effect and warming ginger kicks the circulation up a notch. Sugar Babe also uses Fair Trade sugar to exfoliate and reveals a soft center of extra virgin coconut oil as it melts away. Each one-time bath ball costs \$4.95.

If you prefer salty to sugary, try LUSH's Ocean Salt Cleanser. The sea salt gently exfoliates, while avocado and coconut butters keep



LUSH's Ocean Salt Cleanser



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Community Day

Visit www.communitydayevent.com, type in your city and you'll find a long list of local organizations that will benefit from Parisian's annual Community Day on Nov. 14.

The nonprofits — everything from the Farmington High School Pompon team to Livonia Co-op Nursery — are selling \$5 Parisian discount booklets that contain coupons and offers for a savings of more than \$60. They'll keep all proceeds from the \$5 booklet price. Customers will use the booklets on Nov. 14 at Parisian, which will extend its shopping hours that day.

Organizations can sign up to participate in Community Day by logging onto www.communitydayevent.com, and submitting a registration form. Qualifying Community Day organizations include local 501C-3 nonprofit organizations, churches and schools.

Community Day has raised \$63 million for nonprofits over the past decade.

Parisian is located at Laurel Park Place, Six Mile and Newburgh, in Livonia.

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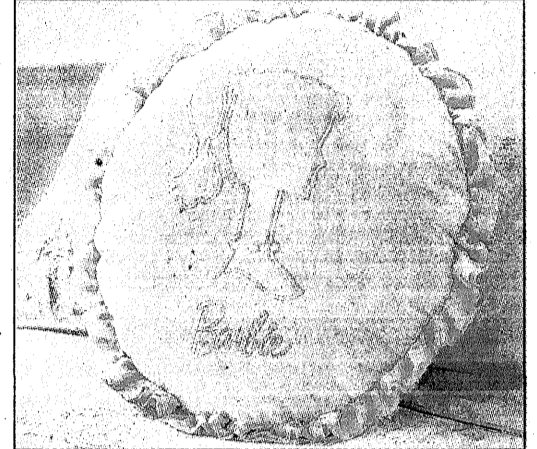
The Barbie collection, which includes a duvet, duvet cover, sheets, pillow and art work, will be available in Pottery Barn Kids stores, online at www.potterybarnkids.com/barbie and in the store catalog beginning Aug. 27. Prices range from \$129 for a full/queen duvet cover and sham to \$26 for a standard sham and \$34 for a decorative pillow.

Barbie Dream Room Workshops will run

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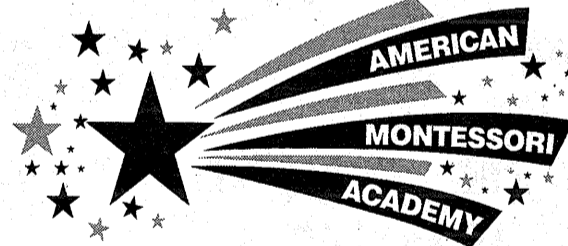


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Former Whalers goalie Bacashihua eyes Capital opportunity

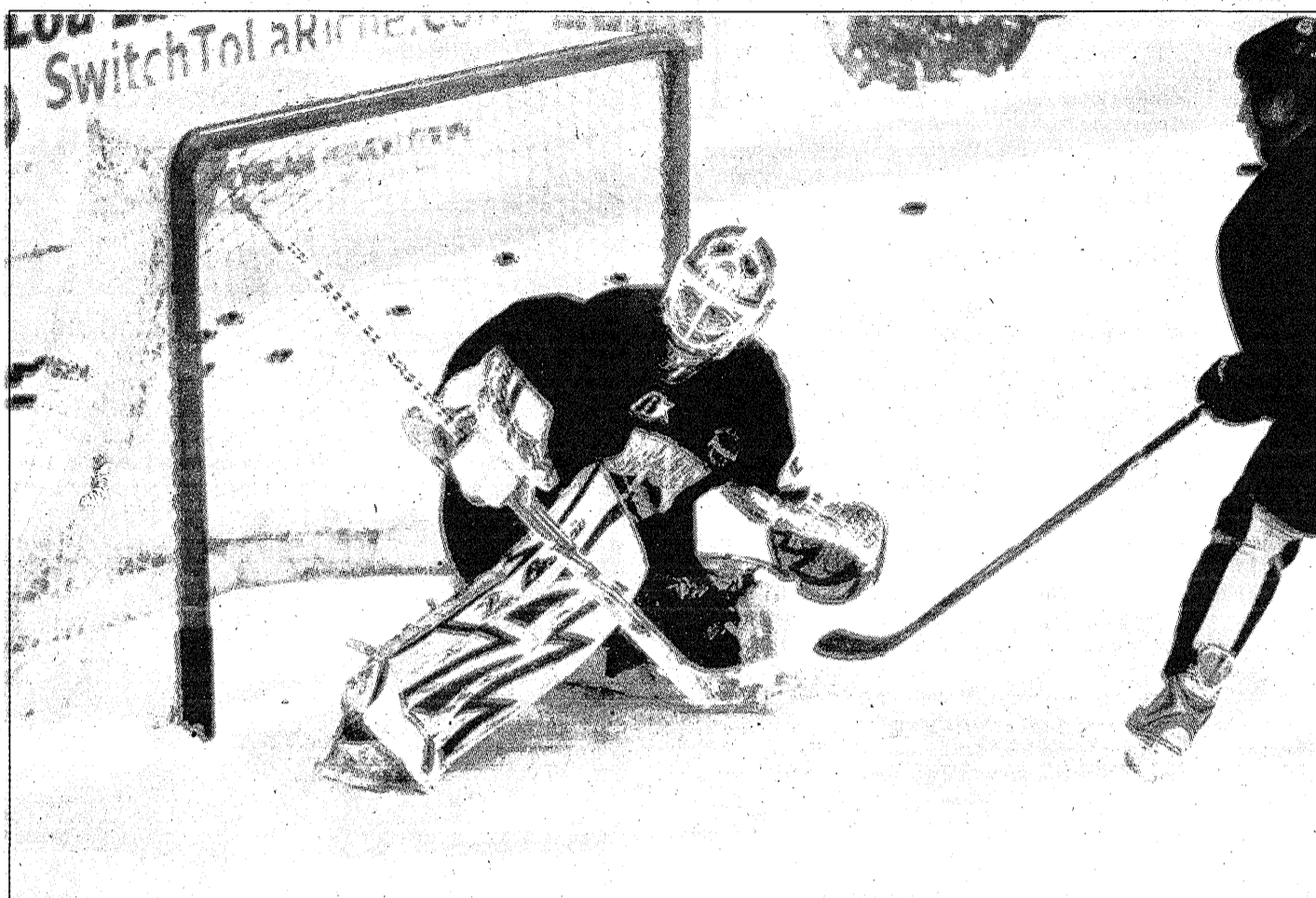
BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Who knows? Maybe this time, Jason Bacashihua will find himself in the right place, at the right time, with the right team.

The former Plymouth Whalers goaltender, with ties to Garden City, is back in town for a couple of weeks as a participant in the highly-acclaimed Bandits Goaltending School, honing his skills and preparing for next month's training camp with the Washington Capitals of the National Hockey League. The Capitals are the fourth NHL franchise to own the rights to Bacashihua, following in line behind Dallas, St. Louis and Colorado.

"It's been quite a trip, obviously, and now being with the Capitals organization this year (officially signed with American Hockey

Please see **GOALIE, B2**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Former Plymouth Whalers goalie Jason Bacashihua has been busy this week taking part in the Bandits Goaltending School at Compuware Ice Arena. Bacashihua is a member of the Washington Capitals organization and will be looking to stick with the parent club once training camp begins next month.

SIDELINES

Schmitt gets silvers

Canton High grad Allison Schmitt, entering her second season at the University of Georgia, earned a pair of silver medals last week at the 13th FINA World Swimming Championships in Rome, Italy.

After placing fourth in the 400-meter freestyle earlier in the week, the NCAA champion (500 freestyle) was runner-up to Italy's Federica Pellegrini in the 200 freestyle.

On July 28, Pellegrini eclipsed her own world record with a time of 1 minute, 52.88 seconds, while Schmitt finished second in 1:54.96. Dana Vollmer of the U.S. placed third in 1:55.64.

On July 30, Schmitt and Vollmer teamed up with Lacey Nymeyer and Ariana Kukors to place runner-up in the 4 x 200 freestyle relay with a time of 7:42.56. Schmitt's 200 freestyle split was best among the American quartet in 1:54.21.

China's Yu Yang, Qian Wei Zhu, Jing Liu and Jiaying Pang captured the event with a world record clocking of 7:42.08, eclipsing the mark of 7:44.31 set by Australia in the 2008 Beijing Olympic Summer Games.

Bowling benefit

The Bowl-4-Animal Rescue Benefit Event will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at Country Lanes, 30250 Nine Mile (west of Middlebelt), Farmington Hills.

All proceeds will benefit the Friends for the Dearborn Animal Shelter and the Michigan Animal Adoption Network.

Professional bowling champions Aleta Sill and Michelle Mullen, who co-own Aleta Sill's Bowling World and have adopted seven animals, will host the fourth annual event.

Sill is a Detroit Dream Team member and bowling's first female \$1 million player. Mullen is a USA Bowling GOLD coach and author of Bowling Fundamentals.

Tickets are \$25 and include three games, food and fun. There will be auctions, raffles, door prizes and karaoke. Bowlers can even have one of the professional bowlers throw a strike for them.

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Elks Soccer Shoot

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation's annual Elks Soccer Shoot will be at 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17 at the Livonia Community Center soccer fields, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

Registration, which is free, starts at 4:30 p.m.

Boys and girls separate age groups, determined as of Aug. 1, 2009, include 7-and-under, 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13. Age-group winners advance to the state contest in October.

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

Christoff's imprints not to be forgotten

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Larry Christoff was remembered as a dedicated educator, soccer coach and wrestling official who made a difference in both the Livonia and Novi communities.

Born in northern Greece, the 66-year-old Christoff died July 28 of complications from cancer. Services were held at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church in Farmington Hills. He was interred at Parkview Cemetery in Livonia.

He is survived by his wife Joan and two sons, Leonard and Christopher, along with a brother, Apostoli, of Kastoria, Greece.

Christoff taught the subjects of social studies and U.S. history in the Livonia Public Schools at Stevenson and Churchill high

schools. He helped launch the boys club soccer program at Stevenson and helped form a local high school league.

"He was integral in the development of Stevenson becoming a varsity soccer program," former Stevenson coach and Schoolcraft player Walt Barrett said. "He was one of the founding godfathers of soccer in the western suburbs.

"He was like a Bo Schembechler and Vince Lombardi. He pushed players beyond abilities that they couldn't think they could handle. He was hard-driving and molded his team around the European principles of hard work and dedicating yourself to a common effort. He played like he coached and he coached like he played."

Christoff later became men's

Please see **CHRISTOFF, B2**



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Michigan State University's soccer program was a powerhouse in the mid-1960s led by Larry Christoff (third from left) and Van Dimitriou (far right), both former coaches at Schoolcraft College.



Under the direction of Madonna University assistant coach Stu Rose, the Michigan MuskRats 18-and-under squad captured the 2009 Continental Amateur Baseball Association (CABA) World Series, held July 18-22 in St. Clair Shores.

World Series champion MuskRats have MU flavor

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If the summer season is any indication, the Madonna University baseball program should continue to thrive.

Under the direction of MU assistant coach Stu Rose, the Michigan MuskRats 18-and-under squad captured the 2009 Continental Amateur Baseball Association (CABA) World Series, held July 18-22 in St. Clair Shores.

The World Series crown comes on the heels of a USSSA Mayors/State Championship captured, June 26-28 in Battle Creek. The MuskRats also won the Battle of the Capitol (Lansing) and Madonna Invitational tournaments (a 4-2 win over the Michigan Mustangs).

The MuskRats finished the

summer with a 26-5 overall record.

The MuskRat roster features 10 current and future Crusaders, including CABA World Series MVP Jeremy Gooding (Livonia/Dearborn Divine Child).

After splitting their first two games at the CABA tourney, the MuskRats won six straight in four days, including a 5-4 win over the Lorain (Ohio) Panthers in the championship final.

Also named to the All-Tournament team were MU recruit Steve Pelletier (Farmington Hills Harrison), Ben Kinch (Ann Arbor Pioneer), Jon Bezak (Michigan State) and Aaron Saarela (White Lake Lakeland).

Joining Gooding this summer were 2009 MU freshmen D.J. Jaglois (Birmingham Groves), Robert Fraser (Westland John

Glenn) and Garret Rebain (Plymouth), as well as incoming freshmen Alex Charles (Farmington Hills/Birmingham Brother Rice), Brett Gossett (Farmington Hills/Novi Detroit Catholic Central), Donnie Holland (Lakeland) and Brad Lineberry (Canton).

Rounding out the squad are John Rose (CC), Tim Dezeliski (CC/Hillsdale College) and Eric Becker (CC).

Joining Rose on the coaching staff were fellow MU assistant Mike George and junior infielder Mike Gansser (Lake in the Hills, Ill.).

Madonna finished the 2009 season 39-12 overall after winning the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season title and earning its first-ever NALIA National Tournament bid as an at-large team.



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TEAM TRYOUTS

• St. Fabian CYO will be conducting fall tryouts for its volleyball, boys soccer and coed cross country teams, beginning Aug. 11.

Volleyball tryouts for fifth and sixth graders will be held inside the St. Fabian gymnasium Aug. 12 and Aug. 14 from 7-9 p.m., while seventh and eighth graders will go from 5-7 p.m. the same two days. Boys soccer tryouts for fifth through eighth graders will run Aug. 12-13 from 6-8 p.m., while fifth through eighth grade co-ed cross country tryouts will be held 6 p.m. Aug. 12-13.

For more information, contact John Mulroy, athletic director, at (248) 477-5749 or (248) 514-1772.

• Redford Union's girls volleyball team will be conducting tryouts for the freshman, junior varsity and varsity squads, Aug. 12-14, from 6-8 p.m. at the high school, located at 17711 Kinloch.

• Tryouts for the 2010 Plymouth Canton Vipers baseball team will be from 10 a.m. until noon Sunday, Aug. 16 at the Canton

High School varsity baseball field.

For more information, call Tony Boucher at (734) 454-4992; or e-mail tboucher14@yahoo.com.

• The Farmington Hills Expos U14 Travel Baseball Team will be holding tryouts for the 2009-10 season Aug. 8-9 from 9-11 a.m. at Founders Sports Park Field #6, located on 8 Mile Road between Halsted and Farmington.

This second-year team is based in Farmington Hills and managed by a former professional player and coach with 10 years of experience, including Major League Baseball. The manager also has experience with pitching and catching instruction at the professional level.

The coaching staff places an emphasis on instruction with the goal to prepare players to have the skills needed to play at the high school level.

The Expos will play in the Kensington Valley League and participate in approximately six tournaments.

Players are asked to arrive 30 minutes

early to register. For more information, contact Jeff Tomski at (248)613-8469 or fouryos1et@aol.com.

• Redford Union's boys soccer program will be holding tryouts for its varsity and junior varsity squads Aug. 12-14 from 3-5 p.m. at MacGowan School, 18255 Kinloch, in Redford. For more information, call (313) 995-4234.

• Baseball travel tryouts for the Livonia Baseball-Softball Association will be available for the following age groups at Bicentennial Park (field No. 8):

9-and-under - 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 22; 11-and-under (Titans) - 2-4 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 22; 10-and-under - noon-2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23; and 12-and-under (Tarheels) - 2-4 p.m.

Report a half-hour early prior to the tryout time to register. Age is determined as of May 1, 2010.

Manager are also wanted for the 9- and 10-and-under teams.

For more information, call director Bruce Rosen at (313) 531-0721; or visit www.livonia

niabsa.com. You can also e-mail Rosen at MBLR1218@aol.com.

• Here's the pitch. Tryouts for the 2010 Canton Cardinals travel baseball teams are continuing throughout August.

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association's travel baseball program seeks competitive and serious athletes willing to commit to weekend tournaments and games outside the community.

Pre-registration for the tryouts is required.

To do so, e-mail or call the following coaches and provide name, birth date, phone number and address (for residency requirements): 9U, Alan Zidsik, lzidzik@sbcglobal.net, (734) 397-5739; 10U, Jim Good, goodjames@comcast.net, (810) 397-6272; 11U, Rob Hirshman, hirshmal@yahoo.com, (734) 981-1402; 12U, Dan Hejka, cantoncardinalscoach@yahoo.com, (734) 776-3918; 13U, Jim Hejka, jhejkacardinals@yahoo.com, (734) 658-2446; 14U, Mike Driscoll, miked.amfinancial@tds.net, (734) 968-8700.

TEE TIME Your local golf guide

The Great Eraser Rule

By Jeanne Myers

If you substitute a ball when you are not allowed to, or drop or place a ball in the wrong place or otherwise not in accordance with the Rules, and you haven't played it yet, you are allowed to lift it without penalty and correct your mistake. This is the Rule that officials call the Great Eraser Rule!

For example, if you take relief from a lateral water hazard and drop a ball within three club-lengths of where it last crossed the hazard margin (instead of within two club-lengths), you have dropped in a wrong place. If, before you play a stroke at that ball, you realize what you have done, you may lift the ball and drop in the correct place without penalty - you just "erase" your mistake.

Or, take the case of your ball lying on a cart path, and you decide to take relief. After you have determined where to drop the ball, you mistakenly drop a ball other than the original. You have substituted a new ball when you are not allowed to do so. If you notice it before you make a stroke at it, you may pick it up under the Eraser Rule and drop the original ball as required, and there is no penalty.

Many golfers like to use a "water ball" when they have a hard shot over water, or a "putting" ball because they believe that a brand new ball is going to roll truer on the green. The Rules say that you must use the ball that you play from the tee throughout the entire hole, unless it becomes lost, is hit out of bounds or you substitute another ball under a Rule. There is no Rule that allows you to substitute a ball

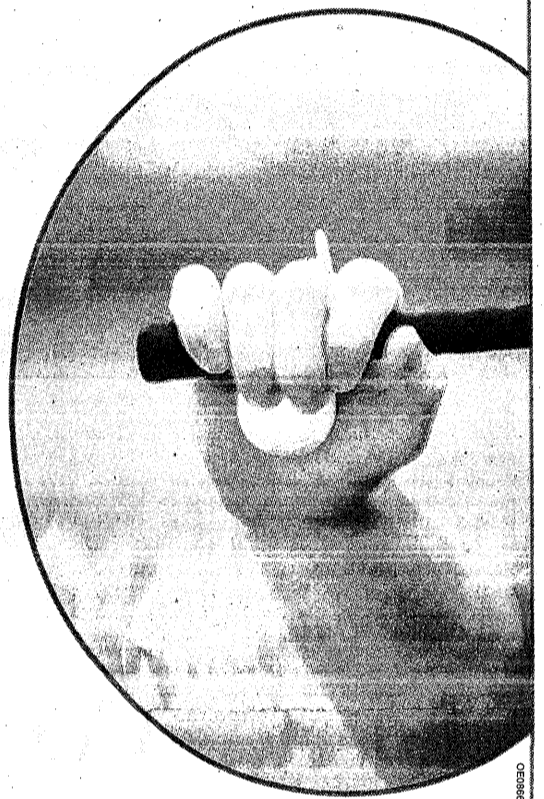
so that you don't lose a brand new ball in the water, or to substitute a new ball on the putting green just because you believe it will putt better. You can do it, but it will cost you a two stroke penalty. So, if you have substituted a new ball on the putting green, and someone lets you know you are not allowed to do that, as long as you haven't hit it, you may lift it and replace the original ball back in the correct spot without penalty. The player who lifted his ball in play in the fairway and replaced it with a "water ball" is not quite so lucky. As long as he hasn't hit the "water ball," under the Eraser Rule he can replace the original ball and avoid that penalty. However, he will still receive a one stroke penalty for lifting his ball in play when he had no right to do so.

If you drop a ball when you should have placed it, or placed a ball

when you should have dropped it, under this handy little Rule, you may lift the ball and correct your error without a penalty. If you mistakenly drop a ball a third time, instead of placing it on the spot where it hit the ground on the second drop, you can "erase" that under this Rule also.

You won't find this helpful Rule in the Rules of Golf listed as the Great Eraser Rule. It's just hiding out unobtrusively under Rule 20, Clause 6. This is one of those little gems that good golfers should know to help them get out of trouble. Not all the Rules of Golf are bad!

Jeanne Myers is the Golf Association of Michigan's Assistant Director of Rules & Competition.



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Free concert series going strong as summer wanes

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

There's still plenty of time — and places — to take in a free concert this summer. Community concert series run through the month in most locales and include a mix of music, from rock to classical, big band to jazz.

Canton's Backyard Beats Concert Series brought local bands to shared green spaces and parks in subdivisions all summer long. It wraps up with a concert by Tony Ruda Jazz Ensemble, Wednesday, Aug. 12 at Royal Pointe and Wednesday Aug. 19 at Cherry Hill Village. "I think it's five or six years old now," said Jennifer Provenzano, events specialist for Canton Leisure Services. "It was slow in the beginning — we had to approach homeowner associations to give us a chance, but now they're super excited about it. Now we have a waiting list."

"Some subdivisions build block parties around it. They've seen its success. Those (neighborhoods) who have done it before get 200 people to come out," Provenzano said, adding, "We're always excited to go into new neighborhoods. We love the chance at outreach and for people to get to know their neighbors."

For the Royal Pointe concert, head west on Ford Road, turn right on Beck, left onto Waddington and right at Royal Pointe Drive. The common area is behind houses on the left. For the Cherry Hill Village show, go south on Canton Center Road, right on Cherry Hill, left on Independence, and left on Constitution. Park on the right.

Canton's Thursday Night Concert Series at Heritage Park Amphitheatre winds up tonight, Aug. 6, with Toxic Groove. Bring a blanket or folding chair for the amphitheater lawn. The show runs from 7:30-9 p.m. Heritage Park is located at 1010 Canton Center Road.

"We've seen higher numbers this year than we've seen in recent years," Provenzano noted. "You can tell people are looking for free and inexpensive things to do. On a good night you'll see 500 people. It's been a great summer for outdoor concerts."

The Downtown Development Authority's Friday Jazz Concert Series runs 7-9 p.m. in store parking lots along Ford Road. Bring a chair and listen to Thornetta Davis, Aug. 7 at IKEA; Doug Cassens, Aug. 14, at Super Bowl; Tumbao Bravo, Aug. 21, at Centre Village (Bailey's); and Bugs Beddow Band, Aug. 28, at Sam's Club, on Ford Road at Lotz.

All concerts are weather dependent. Call (734) 394-5460 for cancellation or schedule changes.

LIVONIA SERIES

Livonia's Music From The Heart series of Thursday night concerts run through Aug. 27.

Shows start at 7 p.m. and are co-sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission and the Performers Trust Fund.

Hear Toppermost's tribute to the Beatles, today, Aug. 6, Stewart Franke with soul music on Aug. 13 and Dezie McCullers in a jazz concert Aug. 20. All shows are scheduled for Civic Center Park, Five Mile and Farmington Road. Both shows will be in the park. The series ends



Bomb Squad plays Aug. 13 in Heritage Park, Farmington Hills.

Aug. 27 with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra at the Livonia Community Center, Five Mile and Hubbard. For information call (734) 466-2540.

both have been popular this year.

"They've been enormous," she said, assessing the crowds. "They've been great, both the kids' concerts and the Music in the Air on Friday night. It's been standing room only."

Only two noon Wednesday children's shows remain. Guy Louis brings his popular Chautauqua Express show to Kellogg Park, 381 S. Main on Aug. 12. Cats & the Fiddler wind up the children's series on Aug. 19.

The community's Friday Night Concert series in Kellogg Park runs through Sept. 4. All shows start at 7 p.m. Bluescasters play Aug. 7; Kris K Band on Aug. 14; Randy Brock Group, Aug. 21; Mass Transit, Aug. 28 and Lady Sunshine & the X Band wrap up the series on Sept. 4. (734) 453-1540

REDFORD'S CAPITOL PARK

Redford Township's Concerts in the Park series continues Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. through Aug. 25 in Capitol Park, 26590 Capitol, north of Plymouth Road and west of Beech Daly.

Little Davy & Diplomats play a musical variety on Aug. 11; Sun Messengers performs rhythm and blues on Aug. 18; and Missing Links Band brings a big band sound to the park on Aug. 25.

The concession stand will be open during the concert, selling snacks and beverages. Bring your own blanket or chair. Call (313) 387-2650 for more information.

FARMINGTON AREA

Bring lawn chairs, blankets and a picnic basket to the Thursday night concert series in Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, in

Farmington Hills and then do it all over again the next night in Riley Park, 33113 Grand River Ave., east of Farmington Road in downtown Farmington.

The Heritage Park series runs from 7:30-9 p.m. Let the Farmington Community Chorus serenade you Aug. 6. Bomb Squad play music of the 70s and 80s Aug. 13 and Serieux and Friends offers a Motown Review Aug. 20. The series ends with Uprizin's swinging Caribbean rhythms Aug. 27.

No alcohol or pets are allowed in Heritage Park. The Costick Center, 28600 W. Eleven Mile, in Farmington Hills, is the designated site in case of rain. For more information call (248) 473-1857/1870.

Rhythmz in Riley Park concerts start at 7 p.m. Fridays. Scoot Magoo plays hits by U2, Boston and KC & The Sunshine Band, among others Aug. 7. Billy Mack & The Juke Joint Johnnies play Rockabilly on Aug. 14. Renegade, a country music cover band, plays Aug. 21; and Volebeats, a legendary Detroit-area band known for its vocal harmonies, wraps up the series on Aug. 28.

The First United Methodist Church, across from the park on Grand River Ave., is the rain-out site. For more information about the downtown music series and other events call (248) 473-7276.

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Time/Date: Open Mic 8 p.m. most Wednesdays

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

Meadow Brook Music Festival

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, Jim Gaffigan; tickets, \$49.50 pavilion and \$15 lawn

Location: 3554 Walton Blvd Rochester Hills

Contact: (248) 377-0100, Ticketmaster.com

Palace of Auburn Hills

Time/Date: Frank Caliendo/Bill Engvall, Oct. 24

Location: 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills

Contact: (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com

CONCERTS

Callahan's Music Hall

Time/Date: Moreland & Arbuckle, Aug. 7; Robert Noll Blues Mission, Aug. 8; Tab Benoit, Aug. 9

Location: 2105 South Boulevard, south of the Palace, Auburn Hills

Contact: www.atcallahans.com, (248)858-9508

Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Date: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 & 8:30 p.m.

Location: 5200 Woodward Ave

Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

DTE Energy Music Theater

Time/Date: The Temptations & The Four Tops, Aug. 6; Newsboys, Aug. 7; Moody Blues, Aug. 9; Nickelback with Hinder, Papa Roach and Saving Abel, Aug. 12; Jimmy Buffett and The Choral Reefer Band, Aug. 13; MC Hammer with Coolio and Tone Loc, Aug. 14; Crue Fest 2 with Motley Crue, Aug. 15; Randy Travis with Keith Anderson, Aug. 16; Demi Lovato with David Archuleta and Jordan Pruitt, Aug. 18; B.B. King with Robert Cray Band, Aug. 19; The B-52s, Aug. 20; blink-182 with Fall Out Boy & Panic at the Disco, Aug. 22; Kenny G, Aug. 23; Creed, Aug. 25; Soul Asylum with Seven Mary Three and Sponge, Aug. 27; Dennis DeYoung - The Music of Styx with Rock Symphony, Aug. 28; Eddie Money with Pat Travers, Aug. 29; Lil Wayne wsg Young Jeezy, Soulja Boy, Drake, Aug. 30; Michael W. Smith, Sept. 4; Tesla, Sept. 5; Darius Rucker with Luke Bryan, Sept. 17

Focus Hope

Time/Date: 2-8 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 22

Details: Hot Summer Nights Music Festival, a free concert, features Paul Miles the Blues Man, Ortheia Barnes, Lola Morales, the Carolyn Striho Bande, Wojamm and Shiron Denise and General Population, with WAE and Peace. The mobile hip hop museum also will be on site. Family-friendly event with children's activities, moon bounce and face painting

Location: 1355 Oakman Boulevard, Detroit

Contact: (313) 598-0408

Magic Bag



"Nightfall on the City" by Darcel Deneau

Time/Dates: The Why Store, Aug. 14; 40oz. to Freedom, Aug. 16; AJA: A Tribute to the Music of Steely Dan, Aug. 21; The Mega 80's, Aug. 22; Buckwheat Zydeco with Josh Charles, Aug. 25;

Location: 22920 Woodward, FerndaleThe Original Wailers, Aug. 26; Echoes of Pink Floyd, Aug. 28

Contact: (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com

Meadow Brook Music Festival

Time/Dates: George Thorogood & The Destroyers/Jonny Lang, Aug. 16; Heaven & Hell with Coheed and Cambria, Aug. 21; Peter Frampton, Aug. 22; GetBack! The Cast of Beatlemania, Aug. 29; O.A.R. with special guest Brett Dennen, Sept. 4; Highland Heartbeat, Sept. 5

Location: 3554 Walton Blvd Rochester Hills

Contact: (248) 377-0100, Ticketmaster.com

Oakland Community College

Time/Dates: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Highland Lakes Campus. Aug. 4, Pamela Wise and the Latin Jazz All Stars; Aug. 11, Cats and the Fiddle; Aug. 18: Blackthorn

Details: Free summer concerts

Location: 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford

Palace of Auburn Hills

Time/Dates: AC/DC, Aug. 16; American Idols Live! Aug. 26; The Circus Starring Britney Spears with Ciara, Sept. 8; Aerosmith w/ZZ Top, Sept. 16; King of Leon with Glasvegas, Sept. 22; Miley Cyrus, Oct. 6

Location: 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills

Contact: (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com

Trinity House

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9

Details: Benefit for medical costs of cancer survivor, singer-songwriter Ralston Bowles. Performances by Dave Boutette, Billy Brandt (of Grievous Angel), Chris Buhalis, Annie and Rod Capps, Stewart Francke, Jill Jack, Jan Krist, Mustard's Retreat, D.K. Rossiter (of Hoodang), and others Trinity House Theatre, 38840 West Six Mile Rd., Livonia. Tickets \$15; \$12 for Trinity House members

Contact: For tickets call (734)464-6302 or write tickets@trinityhouse.org

FAMILY

Bakers Keyboard Lounge

Time/Dates: 2-5 p.m. Sundays

Details: Jazz for Kids Program

Location: 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit

Contact: (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com

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Center for Japanese Studies

Time/Dates: Free summer film series offers "Honey and Clover," Friday, July 31; "Funky forest: The First Contact," Friday, Aug. 7; "Ping-Pong," Friday, Aug. 14 and "Happily Ever After," Friday, Aug. 21; 7 p.m.

Location: Ashwith Auditorium, Lorch Hall, 611 Tappan Street, Ann Arbor, on the University of Michigan campus

Details: All films are in Japanese with English subtitles

Contact: (734) 764-6307

Compuware Sports Arena Drive-in

Time/Date: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30

Details: "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" and "Transformers - Revenge of the Fallen," screen 1; "G-Force" and "Up," screen 2; "Ice Age - Dawn of the Dinosaurs," and "The Proposal," screen 3

Location: 14900 Beck, Plymouth

Contact: (734) 927-3284

Detroit Historical Society

Time/Dates: Soupy Sales film series, 1 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays through Aug. 30

Details: Free with museum admission. Free museum admission, July

Location: 5401 Woodward Ave. northwest of Kirby, Detroit's Cultural Center area

Contact: (313) 833-1805, www.detroithistorical.org

Henry Ford IMAX

Location: 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn

Contact: (313) 271-1570

Penn Theatre

Time/Dates: Summer family movie series. July 30, "Annie," Aug. 6, "In Search of the Castaways," Aug. 13, "Babe," Aug. 20: "Apple Dumpling Gang," Aug. 27: "The Muppets Take Manhattan." 1 p.m., 7 p.m., \$3/seat

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Contact: (734) 453-0870, www.penntheatre.com

Redford Theatre

Time/Dates: "Lawrence of Arabia," Aug. 7-9; "Planet of the Apes," Aug. 21-22

Location: 17360 Lahser, Detroit

Contact: www.redfordtheatre.com

MUSEUMS

Cranbrook Institute of Science

Time/Dates: "Hatching the Past," through Sept. 6; Planetarium shows Friday nights and week-ends; 11 permanent exhibits

Location: 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills

Contact: (248) 645-3200, http://science.cranbrook.edu

Detroit Historical Museum



Kirsten Crockett (left) plays Alice's daughter and Diviini Huff is Alice in 8th Wonder Theatre's production of "Big River."

Time/Dates: "Detroit's Classic TV Personalities" through Sept. 6. Standing exhibits include Streets of Old Detroit, Frontiers to Factories, The Motor City, The Glancy Trains

Location: 5401 Woodward, Detroit

Contact: (313) 833-1805, www.detroithistorical.org

Detroit Science Center

Time/Date: On-going exhibit, "Star Trek: The Exhibition"

Location: 5020 John R

Contact: (313) 577-8400, www.detroitsciencecenter.org

Greenfield Village

Location: 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn

Contact: (313) 982-6001 or the-henryford.org

Plymouth Historical Museum

Time/Dates: "In the Presence of Lincoln," through Nov. 4, 155 S. Main St. 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, \$5; \$2 students 6-17; \$10 families

Contact: (734) 455-8940, www.plymouthhistory.org

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Detroit Historical Society

Time/Dates: Weekly



The Moody Blues

Details: "Behind the Scenes" tours. \$20 society members, \$30 for guests

Contact: (313) 833-1801, or www.detroithistorical.org

Penn Grill & Bar

Time/Dates: Tuesdays, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Details: Karaoke

Location: 820 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Contact: (734) 453-3570

THEATER

Barefoot Productions

Time/Dates: 7 p.m. July 30, 8 p.m. July 31 and Aug. 1, and 2 p.m. Aug. 2.

Details: A comedy double feature - "Picasso" and "Neato-Man;" tickets are \$12 general admission and \$10 senior and student

Contact: (734) 560-1493

Location: Walker-Buzenberg Building, 240 North Main Street,

Plymouth 8th Wonder

Time/Dates: 8 p.m., Friday, July 31 and Saturday, Aug. 1, staged reading of the play "The Known Limits" by Joe Zettella

Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, at the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge Roads, Canton

Tickets: \$10 general admission

Coming up: "Big River," the musical version of "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," Aug. 7-9 and 13-16; tickets \$17 for adults and \$13 for seniors and youth

Contact: www.8thwondertheatre.com or (734) 972-4054

Fisher Theatre

Location: 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit

Contact: (800) 982-2787, www.ticketmaster.com, www.broadwayindetroit.com

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BUSINESS MILESTONES

Appreciation party

Organizers of a party at Boulder's Restaurant tonight want to say "thank you" for customers' loyalty, trust and confidence in allowing them to take care of personal real estate needs, as well as "your family and friends that you refer to us ... and the individuals who help make our community the best it can be," and they're using a Summer Appreciation Party at Boulders Restaurant to do it. The party takes place today (Thursday) from 6 p.m. to whenever at Boulder's Restaurant (under new management), 1020 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. The evening includes entertainment from singer/songwriter/guitarist Teddy Richards, appetizers provided by Bruce Webb and Kevin DeVoy of Coldwell Banker Preferred and a cash bar. Seating will be limited to the first 150 people. Sponsors include Boulder's Restaurant and Lounge; Kurt Olson, Attorney; Dan Wright, Outdoor Fun Store; Linda Robin, Showroom of Elegance; Kathryn Smith, Ameriprise Financial; Bill Springer, Conrad Insurance Agency; Jack Schwartz, Home Loan Specialist; Chico Rodriguez, Rose Catering;

and Coldwell Banker Preferred Realtors For more information, e-mail Bruce Webb at bruce@brucewebb.com or call (734) 392-6021.

Masters dance

Metro Dance Company is hosting their 2nd annual Masters Dance Intensive Aug 17 - 20 at their Plymouth dance studio. The intensive consists of eight 90-minute dance classes including Latin, Modern, Bollywood, Contemporary, Russian, Irish and Breaking/Hip Hop with guest artist Stringz of Hardcore Detroit. All classes are for advanced level dancers ages 13 - adult. Area teachers and pre-professional and professional dancers are welcome. Prices are \$24/class or \$179 for the entire 4-day intensive. Metro Dance Company is located at 541 S Mill in Plymouth, on the corner of Mill (Lilley) and Ann Arbor Trail. Register for classes by calling 734.207.8970 or email at info@MetroDanceCompany.com

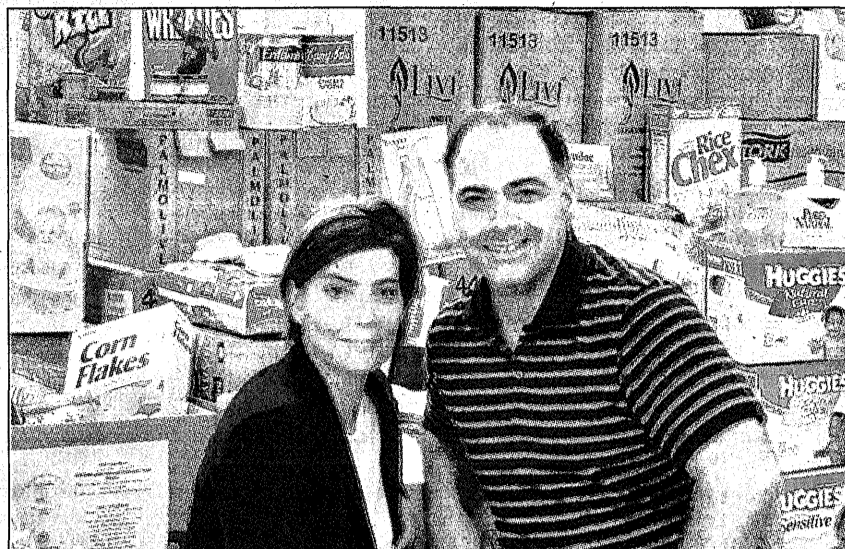
'Happy' anniversary

The Happy Hounds Dog Day Care facility in Plymouth celebrates its fifth anniversary 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, hosting what they are calling a "Dog Extravaganza," featuring all things

for dogs that will interest dog owners throughout the county. In addition to great party food for humans, the event will be hosting various dog-related businesses displaying their wares in vendor booths on the property. An open house will provide tours of the dog day care facility as well as their boarding facility, both of which sport the unique label of "Totally Cage-Free."

There will be door prizes and a raffle with prizes donated by many local Plymouth merchants to benefit the various dog rescue groups. Your sociable and friendly pet dogs are also welcome to attend, but must remain on leash during the event. There will be splash pools for the dogs to have fun as well.

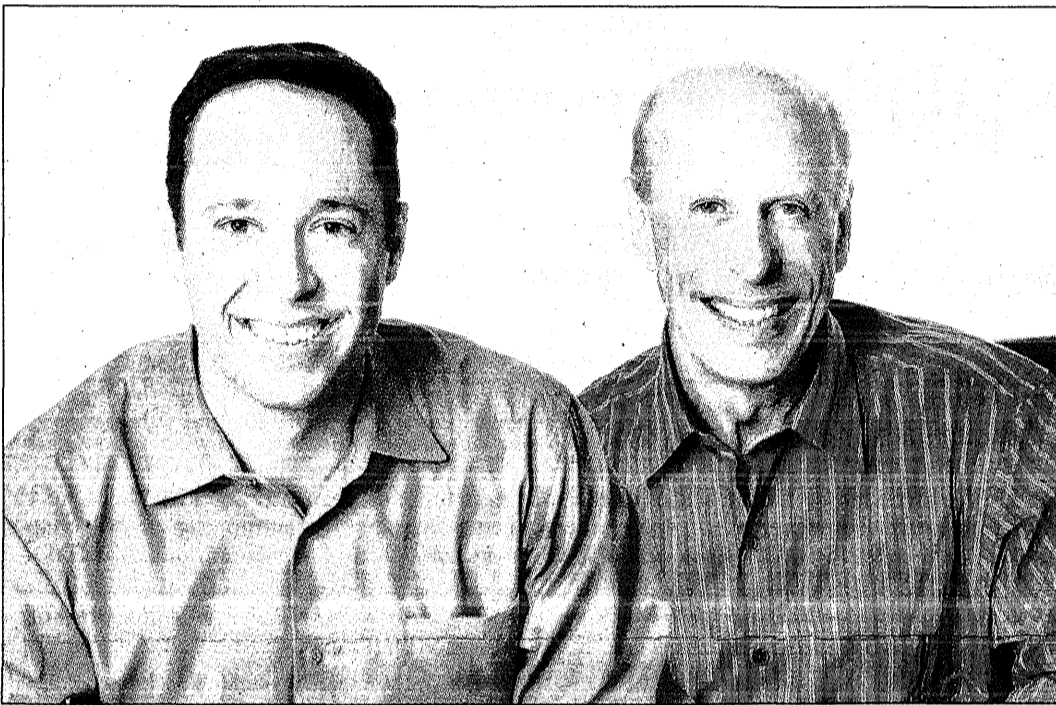
Happy Hounds Dog Day Care is owned and operated by Nancy Janoch, a resident of Plymouth. After leaving the corporate world after 20+ years in management, she previously owned a successful professional in-home pet sitting business for 6 years. Happy Hounds is located at 673 S. Main in Plymouth. Visit their Web site (www.happyhoundsdaycare.com) or call (734) 459-DOG6 for more information.



Freudenberg projects

In honor of the company's 20th anniversary, Freudenberg-NOK employees pulled together to help others in their local communities. At the company's Plymouth headquarters, employees participated in several community service projects including a food and baby supply drive that garnered impressive results to help the homeless. Freudenberg-NOK Project Coordinators Antje Sickenberger and Joe Grima proudly displayed their facility's donations of more than \$4,000 in supplies for the SOS Crisis Center's Emergency Food Program. Based in Ypsilanti, SOS Crisis Center provides services including utility and rental assistance and counseling for thousands of people annually. The company received sizable donations to the cause from Detroit-area companies Premium Services and Nelco Supply.

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Dr. John R. Robison and Dr. John D. Robison are continuing the dental tradition at Robison Dental Group in Canton.

Training, education key to dental patient care

Observer: Please tell us about your business.

Robison Dental: Dentistry has evolved from repairing holes in teeth to understanding how the health of the mouth affects ones overall and life-long health. Our specific dental hygiene program treats the health of the tissues of the mouth and the doctors form long-term relationships with their patients and help them to achieve optimum dental health.

Observer: What makes you unique?

Robison Dental: The practice is unique in its constant training and education. Improved techniques and information enhance the patient care, comfort and effectiveness of treatment. We are working with two hospital clinics and one of the latest advances involves treating snoring. We have been able to successfully increase health through improved rest and sleep.

Our latest addition that we are really excited about is the Itero, a digital scanning instrument used to take precision pictures for crowns and cosmetic cases instead of gagging on impressions. This new machine creates a better fit and seal allowing for greater longevity and better health of the gum tissue. There are only about 400 of these in the country. We are hosting a seminar next month to show its effectiveness to other doctors in our area.

Observer: How did you first to decide to open your own business?

Robison Dental: The original dental practice was opened in 1940 when Dr. John M. Robison was also teaching at the University of Michigan. Dr. John R. Robison grew up in the home attached to the office on Penniman, and worked doing dental lab work for his father. John R. Robison moved the office to Canton Center Road when he needed to have space to update the practice.

Observer: How did you decide to locate here?

Robison Dental: When the first Dr. Robison chose Plymouth to start his practice, he was teaching at U of M, and Plymouth was a terrific small town environment, close to Ann Arbor.

Observer: How has your business changed since you opened?

Robison Dental: From 1940 to 1960 dentistry was primarily repair based. More permanent procedures were devised such as crowns, root canals and orthodontics, which became the standard of care. Now the focus is on what we term medically based dentistry. Research has shown increased incidence of heart attacks, strokes, diabetes and low birth weight babies in patients that suffer from some types of infections in the mouth.

Observer: Do you have an amusing anecdote about your business?

ROBISON DENTAL GROUP

- **Business Name:** Robison Dental Group
- **Business Address:** 8504 Canton Center Road, Canton
- **Your Name and position:** Dr. John R. Robison and Dr. John D. Robison, owners
- **Your Hometown:** Plymouth
- **Number of Employees:** 8 (two doctors, two dental hygienists, four staffers)
- **Your Business Specialty:** Specialties include comprehensive and cosmetic dentistry, children's dentistry and orthodontics. Also very successfully treating snoring and sleep difficulties without invasive surgery.
- **Hours of Operation:** Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Business Phone/Web site:** (888) 66-5MILE; www.robisondentalgroup.com

Robison Dental: Some of the current patients refer to Dr. John R. Robison as "Johnny." He was young enough when the practice was in his home and would wander into his dad's office visit with the patients.

Observer: How has the economy affected your business?

Robison Dental: The economy has affected every business and person in this country. We all are making choices more carefully. Our office is willing and feels it is our responsibility to help someone achieve dental health. It is possible to phase treatment over several months and even years, as long as one has the understanding of how to care for their mouth.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Robison Dental: Be a continuous student of front edge developments in your type of business. Your clients deserve the very best obtainable. Give them choices and focus on quality as well as exceptional service. People demand and deserve value - not cheap.

Observer: What is in store for the future of your business? Lots!!!

Robison Dental: Working with other medical specialists such as neurologists, ENT sleep medicine to further increase our patient's health and access to the best care possible. Sleep apnea is a new and exciting area we have had some great success stories in and is a rapidly growing area of our practice. Treatment of chronic head, neck and shoulder pain continues to get more and more sophisticated and successful. We are presently using instrumentation similar to an EKG to detect hyperactive and stressed muscles that can be treated very conservatively.

CHAMBER CHAT

After hours

Bennigan's is rolling out the music and the summer fun to turn their restaurant into the most "Rocking"



Wes Graff

summer networking event for our Plymouth Community Chamber members. The summer themed activities will give every-

one the opportunity to meet each other. The Chamber's best summer networking event is 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, at

Bennigan's on Ann Arbor Road. There will be light hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and a fun summer networking game. Members will have an opportunity to win door prizes including dining gift certificates. This will also be a great opportunity to network with Chamber members you may not have seen all summer. To RSVP for this event, please e-mail Teri@plymouthmich.org or call (734) 453-1540. There is no cost to attend. Bennigan's is located at 40441 Ann Arbor Road.

Business and Community News

• **Children's Concerts on Wednesdays -** On summer Wednesdays at noon Kellogg Park is full of strollers, young children and parents enjoying Music in the Park, a series of children's concerts hosted by the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

The concerts run through Aug. 19. For more information and a list of performers go to www.plymoutharts.com

Wes Graff is executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. He can be reached by e-mail at wes@plymouthmich.org or by calling (734) 453-1540.

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Chili contest raises money for charity in downtown Plymouth

Think you've got what it takes to make a winning pot of chili?

Put your cooking skills to the test by entering the 14th annual Great Lakes Chili Cook-off and you might win money, a trophy, accolades and a chance to compete in the World Championship Chili Cookoff sponsored by the International Chili Society.

Some regional winners will take home \$2,000 in prize money. The world champ gets \$25,000.

The regional event runs from 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 4 in downtown Plymouth.

In addition to the traditional Red Chili competition, the event offers a Chili Verde contest (Green Chili) and a Salsa contest. A Best Booth contest and Peoples Choice winners will also be awarded prizes.

Just want to come and sample chili? More than 60 different kinds of chili will be available beginning at noon for a donation of \$1 per sample.

Fifteen restaurants will serve their finest chili in the "Restaurant Chili Challenge." Past winning restaurants include 1999 Tavern, The Picnic Basket Market, The Omelette and Waffle Cafe, Station 885, Boulders Restaurant, Plymouth Pub, Doyle's Tavern, and Plymouth Crossing. Bowls of chili will be available for a donation of \$4 per bowl or \$1 a sample from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

All money raised during the event goes to Habitat for Humanity.

MotorCity Harley Davidson, BMW Motorcycles of Southeast Michigan and Indian Motorcycles plan a Bike Show and a Chili Ride in conjunction with the cook-off.

The event also will include kids' activities, live music, dance team performances and more.

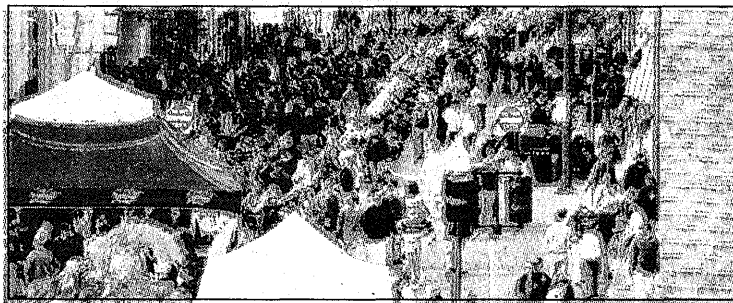
To register or for more information, call Annette Horn at (734) 776-9669, or e-mail to glrchili@sbcglobal.net or visit www.greatlakeschili.com.

For Bike show and Chili Ride information, call MotorCity Harley Davidson at (248) 473-7433 or visit www.motorcity-harley.com; call BMW of Southeast Michigan at (734) 981-1479 or visit www.bmwsem.com or call Indian Motorcycles at (734) 398-5454 or visit www.dickscott.com.

LAST YEAR'S CHAMP

Need inspiration to cook up a unique recipe?

Here's the 2008 world champion recipe, "Southern Chili Georgia Style," by Georgia Weller. It's from the International Chili Society Web site:



Chili lovers flock to downtown Plymouth for their favorite food.

SOUTHERN CHILI GEORGIA STYLE

Ingredients:
 4 Tablespoons California chili powder
 3 Tablespoons Gebhardt's chili powder
 1 Tablespoon Pasilla chili powder
 1 Tablespoon Chimayo chili powder
 2 1/2 Tablespoons cumin
 1 Tablespoon granulated garlic
 1 Tablespoon onion powder
 1/2 teaspoon Cayenne powder
 2 teaspoons salt

Combine above ingredients for spice mix. Reserve 4 Tablespoons of mix and set aside. Divide the remaining amount into two equal parts.

3 pound tri-tip roast or chuck tender cut in small chunks
 1 1/2 ounce can of beef broth (Swansons)
 1 1/2 ounce can of chicken broth (Swansons)
 1 10 ounce can of tomato puree (Hunts)
 2 green chiles - from a 4 ounce can of whole ones - blended
 Tabasco to taste
 Salt to taste

Instructions:
 In chili pot, combine beef broth, chicken broth, tomato puree and 1/2 of remaining spice mix.
 In skillet, brown the meat, drain and add to chili pot.
 Cook for about 1 1/2 hours.
 Add other 1/2 of spice mix and blended green chiles and simmer for an additional hour.
 Add reserved 4 Tablespoons of spice mix and cook a 1/2 hour more or until meat is tender.
 Adjust salt if necessary.
 Add Tabasco to taste.

CITY BITES

Berry Desserts

Ann Arbor — Hiller's Homemade in-store free samplings show shoppers how to get the most bang for their grocery buck and make great food at the same time.

"You don't have to sacrifice quality, flavor or nutrition to save money," states Executive Chef Peter Julian. "The answer is really getting back to basics — the more we make from scratch, the more we can save money and use quality, health-promoting ingredients. This summer, it's my mission to empower shoppers to spend less and eat better."

Check out "Cooking and Conversation with Chef Pete" at noon, 1 and 2 p.m. Aug. 15 for berry desserts, at the Ann Arbor store, 3615 Washtenaw Ave.; (734) 677-2370.

Restaurant Week

Farmington — Restaurant Week wraps up Saturday, Aug. 8, but there's still time to score a bargain or two at local eateries. Here's a sampling:

■ Sunflour Bakehaus offers daily samplings of breads and other baked goods (SunflourBakehaus.com)

■ Sample Iced Ginger's Peach Tea, homemade ginger bread and peach cobbler at Gingers Cafe and Gourmet Shoppe. (gingerscafeoffarmington.com)

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Whip up a tasty bowl of potato salad

Julie Dohring of Canton says she gets compliments every time she serves Eileen's Potato Salad.

"It's a fast and easy recipe and it's very good. This is my friend's creation that I borrowed some years ago. It is always winner and many time requested at summer events."

Dohring, who works for Ford Motor Company and is the mother of two-year-old twins, has used the recipe on marketing materials for her part-time real estate job. She said customers are more likely to keep a real estate postcard on hand longer if it includes something they'll use again and again.

She generally doubles the potato salad recipe and loosely follows ingredient measurements.

"I'm not great at measurements, I only write down ingredients and then just make it," she said, adding "I just seem to cook as if I'm at home with my large Italian family by doubling everything."

Dohring advises readers to "be ready to hand out the recipe"


when they serve it "because it's delicious."

— Sharon Dargay

EILEEN'S POTATO SALAD

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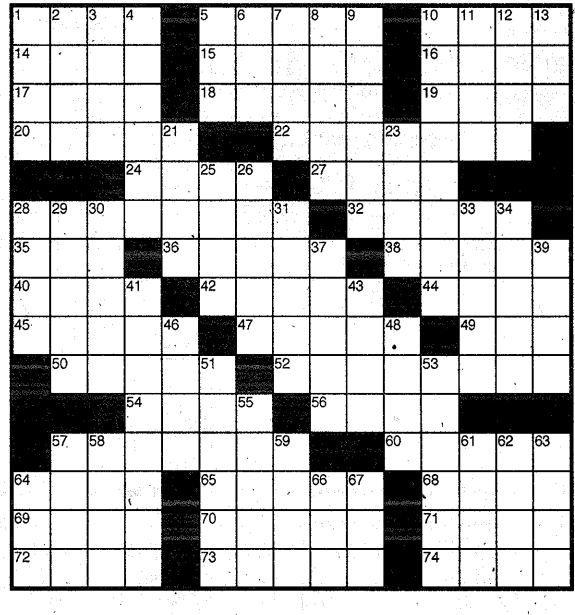
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Clunkers Program Delivers July Sales Spike - And Now What?

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By Dale Buss

The crescendo of activity in American auto showrooms around the Cash-For-Clunkers program late last week produced a correspondingly huge surge in U.S. auto sales, and consumers kept scrounging through the weekend for fuel-efficient vehicles to buy under the generous government rebates.

Consequently, sales for all of July for the industry came up only 12 percent short of their level a year ago - when \$4-a-gallon gasoline also was goosing shopper interest in fuel-efficient vehicles.

Total sales of 997,000 units in July represented a seasonally adjusted annual rate of about 11.3 million vehicles, making for the hottest U.S. market since last August. Sales rates have been only 9-million-plus for the last few months as consumers have battled rising unemployment and other bad economic news, and General Motors and Chrysler were struggling to survive.

Yet because the \$1-billion Car Allowance Rebate System (CARS) program spent itself in just one week, and Congressional funding of an expansion remained uncertain into this week, doubts already were arising about its long-term impact on auto sales - and about whether consumers would have traded in all those clunkers anyway.

"There was a frenzy on the internet last week, with consumers counseling other consumers that the [CARS]

program was going to run out of money," said Jeremy Anwyl, chief executive officer of Edmunds.com. "So it should be understandable that you have what should be two to four months of clunker activity, occurring at dealerships all at once. That doesn't mean it's sustainable."

But nearly every OEM executive had nothing but good things to say about how the Cash-For-Clunkers program attracted both buyers and shoppers-only, energized dealership networks that had been looking for something to get excited about, and jump-started demand for a wide variety of relatively fuel-efficient vehicles that - after all - are going to be the future of the business.

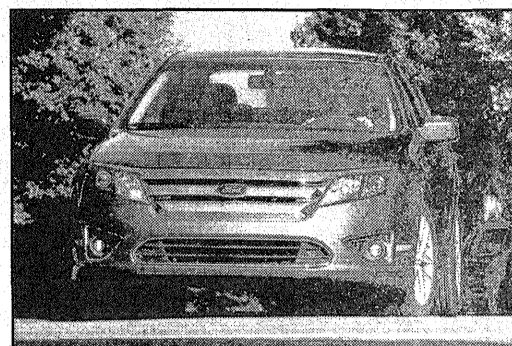
"It's smoking hot, a home run, and we're not keeping any [vehicles] on the ground," said Mark LaNeve, GM's vice president of U.S. sales and marketing.

Peter Fong, Chrysler's new president and chief executive officer, said that the company doesn't expect the industry sales forecast "to change dramatically," but he saw in CARS' success "encouraging signs that consumer confidence is building, and more consumers are considering purchasing a new vehicle."

Jim Lentz, president of Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A., enthused, "Beyond the tangible economic stimulus, the positive environmental benefits of the CARS program are clear to see."



The new Chevrolet Equinox -- along with the version it replaced -- has been very popular under the Cash-For-Clunkers program.



Ford has taken advantage of the Cash-For-Clunkers program to sell thousands of fuel-efficient Fusion compacts.

Ford executives agreed. "It was the greatest one-week energy-conservation program that could have come out of Washington or anywhere else," said George Pipas, Ford's head of U.S. industry analysis, noting the big gains in the fuel efficiency of the national automotive "park" represented by the collective mileage deficit between the clunkers turned in and the new small sedans, crossovers and other models that were popular last week.

And using the \$4,200 that was the average amount of CARS vouchers last week, Ford calculated that the average buyer under the program would save about 300 gallons of gasoline a year with their new vehicle, or maybe \$1,000 annually. "Cars-for-clunkers is living up to its premise as a win-win-win for consumers, the economy and the environment," Pipas said.

In fact, GM estimated that CARS alone had boosted the seasonally adjusted sales rate by one million units for July. The automaker figured, on a rough basis, that the program boosted sales by about 118,000 units, with 85,000 of those sales coming from direct traders of clunkers - yet another 33,000 sales

coming from the extra traffic who showed up in dealerships without a trade-in that qualified for CARS.

The heady experience of last week, and automakers' dwindling inventories of many models, already are prompting them to consider when they might be able to increase production again after a disastrous year of bloodletting.

"If we can sustain this momentum in the industry, it will translate into having a very good ability - for the first time in a long time - to increase production," said Michael DiGiovanni, GM's executive director of global market analysis. "And that will help stem the rising tide of unemployment, and will feed on itself to revive the economy. Recoveries are usually fed by the auto sector."

But displaying appropriate caution, neither DiGiovanni nor any other OEM executive pledged immediately to boost production in the wake of CARS mania. LaNeve said that GM is "looking for ways to add production" during the third and fourth quarters, but he didn't make specific promises. And Ford's Pipas said that the company had "no announcement" about a production increase.

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Beautiful home on private 2 acre tree lot. Horses allowed. Walk to downtown Milford. FR and GR w/ gas FP, doorwalk to deck. Neutral decor t/o.
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SHARP END UNIT TOWNHOME Affordable living w/open floor plan & neutral decor. 2 BR, 2.1 bath, great room & family room. Private entry & 2 car attached garage w/direct access. Pool & tennis.
(29098758) \$125,000



Taylor 248-437-3800
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(29050633) \$42,900



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Auburn Hills. What a great buy for a 3brdm, condo. All major repairs are done. Must see.
(29037103) \$39,900



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NEVER ALMOST EVERYTHING! GREAT LOCATION Updates include wood floors, windows, furnace, A/C, roof, 3 season porch, finished basement. All appliances included. 2 car garage.
(29073908) \$110,000



Highland 248-684-1065
Ten beautiful acres! - Farmhouse was built back in 1859 - needs some finishing touches and TLC. Motivated sellers! BATVAI on splits & horses allowed.
(29087531) \$199,000



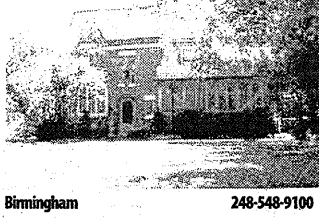
Livonia 248-851-4100
NEVER CONSTRUCTION TONS OF UPDATES. 3 BR Features granite kitchen counters, HWF, 3.5 baths, finished bsmt w/full bath, MBR w/master bath & huge WIC. New deck, fenced lot.
(29100427) \$90,000



Redford 248-348-6430
Cozy Brick Ranch with many updates: Kitchen, appliances, roof, electrical. Florida room with wood stove and vaulted ceiling, finished basement with 4th bedroom & full bath.
(29029108) \$102,500



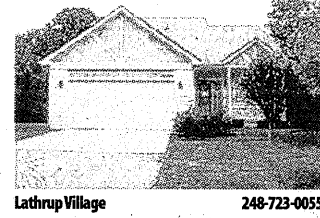
Walled Lake 248-348-6430
Fabulous Sunsets Loads Of Summer Fun 3 bed, 2 bath vinyl sided home, just steps away from Walled Lk. Full basement. 2 car garage. Great deck and yard for entertaining. All appl. inc. Home warranty.
(29056790) \$144,900



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(29012125) \$950,000



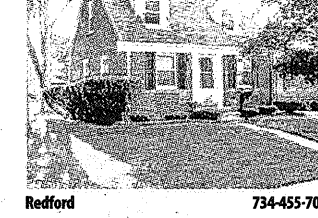
Farmington Hills 248-851-4100
TOTALLY UPDATED HUNTERS POINT COLONIAL Top of the line kitchen w/granite counters. Updates include wood floors, windows, furnace, tub overlooks pool. Exquisite master bath w/ custom stone floor & tile.
(29013408) \$350,000



Lathrup Village 248-723-0055
GREAT HOME, GREAT AREA, GREAT PRICE Three bedrooms, two baths, dining room, fireplace in great room, partial fin bsmt, attached garage. Bank Owned
(29096840) \$96,500



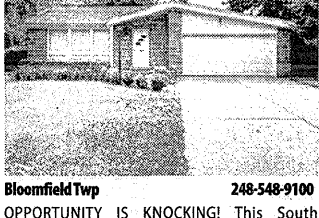
Livonia 248-348-6430
Highly Desirable 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath 1st floor condo. No stairs to climb! New kitchen, carpet, paint & all appliances stay. Set in a private wooded location just steps away from pool and clubhouse.
(28162574) \$65,000



Redford 734-455-7000
"CAPE COD" CLASSIC Top of the line move-in shape brick 3BR "Cape Cod" in quiet, wooded setting. Redone kitchen, BA, windows, roof, furn, & much more! All appl, like new. Awesome!
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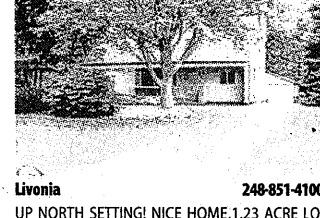
Walled Lake 248-348-6430
Updated End Unit Townhouse Bargain Price Condo with brand new hardwood FLRS, updated kitchen & baths, fresh bsmt & attached garage. New windows & all appliances ready to move in NOW! Also for lease.
(29095220) \$79,000



Bloomfield Twp 248-548-9100
OPPORTUNITY IS KNOCKING! This South Bloomfield Village has 3 BR, 3 1/2 baths and is in outstanding condition! New kitchen & baths, fin. bsmt & attached garage. 720
(29081411) \$150,000



Farmington Hills 248-851-1900
RAMBLEWOOD FOREST ESTATES Outstanding 3 BR 2.1 bath detached 2600 sq.ft. condo. Beautiful 1st flr master suite. Dramatic & stunning t/o. Large GR, library, full bsmt, 2 car side entry garage.
(29090439) \$275,000



Livonia 248-851-4100
UP NORTH SETTING! NICE HOME, 1.23 ACRE LOT Private & wooded w/hilly ravine & creek view. Large open great rm w/soaring ceiling & fireplace. 3 BR, 1.1 baths. New 3 car garage. Breakfast rm & kitchen w/HWF.
(29093278) \$199,000



Macomb Twp 586-532-5500
BEAUTIFUL & MOVE IN READY! Upgrades! Inviting Fir plan, beautiful Lndscpp, lg Bdrms, 3 FULL Baths, Den, GR w/nat Frplc, Mstr Bdrm w/Skylites & Bay Wndw throughout. Full Bsmt & More!
(30716558) \$205,000



Redford 734-591-9200
Move in Ready. Sharp Bungalow on quiet street. Large Family Room has 2 full baths. Hardwood flooring in living room. Corner lot---Won't last long.
(29083737) \$88,000



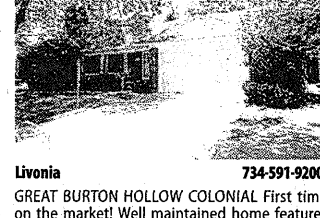
Wayne 734-284-5400
WELCOME HOME Move right in! All repairs have been done. Great Open Floor Plan. 3 BD, 2 full baths. Open Kitchen & nook, master ste w/ garden tub. Skylights, lg deck, C/A.
(29048440) \$125,000



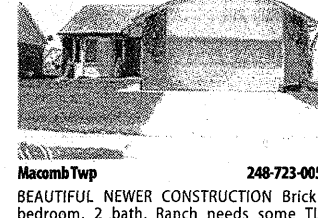
Brighton 248-437-3800
Stunning Turn Key Home! Offering 5 lg BR all above grade, a 1st flr mstr suite, spacious gourmet kit w/granite island, fully finished bsmt. New kitchen & baths, fin. bsmt & attached garage. 720
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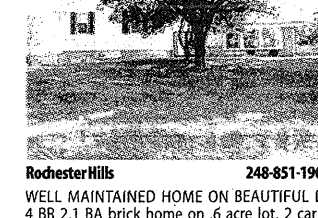
Farmington Hills 248-851-1900
ENJOY THIS UPDATED ROLLING OAKS HOME! All new within last 5 years are windows, paint, cement drive, roof, furnace, entry door, landscaping. FR w/gas FP, built-ins & French doors to patio. Heated Florida rm
(29056838) \$270,000



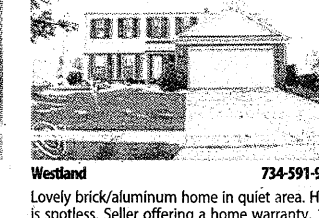
Livonia 734-591-9200
GREAT BURTON HOLLOW COLONIAL First time on the market! Well maintained home features hardwood flrs throughout, 3 season rm, partially fin. bsmt, new furnace, newer AC & roof. Walk to school!
(29094081) \$189,000



Macomb Twp 248-723-0055
BEAUTIFUL NEWER CONSTRUCTION Brick 3 bedroom, 2 bath, Ranch needs some TLC. Fireplace in living rm, central air, basement, attached garage. Bank Owned
(29086921) \$144,900



Rochester Hills 248-851-1900
WELL MAINTAINED HOME ON BEAUTIFUL LOT 4 BR 2.1 BA brick home on .6 acre lot. 2 car att garage + 3 car att workshop. Newer furnace & windows. Walkout LL to brick paver patio. 2538 SF.
(29092211) \$200,000



Westland 734-591-9200
Lovely brick/aluminum home in quiet area. Home is spotless. Seller offering a home warranty. 1870 sq ft 4 bedroom Colonial has 2 baths, new kitchen w/stainless steel appliances that stay.
(29080955) \$150,000



Canton 248-851-4100
A DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH 3 BR, 2 bath HWF in kitchen & DR. Master suite features fireplace & jetted tub. Beautiful library/office w/built-ins. LR w/fireplace. Finished bsmt. Large wooded lot.
(29082911) \$130,000



Farmington Hills 248-851-1900
WELL MAINTAINED 3 BR 2.1 BATH RANCH Wide corner lot. Super location & sub w/outstanding schools. Features LR w/FP, lrg FR, finished bsmt w/bath & office. Kitchen w/breakfast area. Newer furnace & roof.
(29084663) \$175,000



Livonia 734-591-9200
Spacious Brick/vinyl Tri-level Featuring a new gourmet kitchen with radiant floor, granite countertops, maple cabinets & more. Updated baths, fresh paint throughout. Near Livonia Rec center.
(29082876) \$169,900



Milford 248-684-1065
Move-in ready ranch on 2.36 acres across from Highland Rec Area. GR w/ loft, Fin W/O w/ 4th BR & full BA. Barn w/ hay loft & pole barn. Fine country living!
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South Lyon 248-437-3800
New Ranch! Home constructed by Keder Homes, feature Pella windows, spacious kitchen w/granite & stainless steel appl. www.realestateone.com/29053389.
(29053389) \$299,900



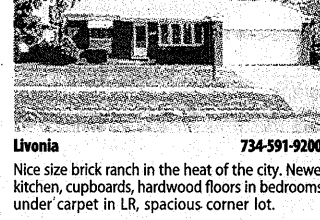
Westland 734-455-7000
NEED ROOM TO ROAM? This Westland home is perfect for you! Over a 1/4 of an acre, 3 car garage, 2 newer baths, basement, brick paver patio...Potential, Potential, Potential.
(29084222) \$100,000



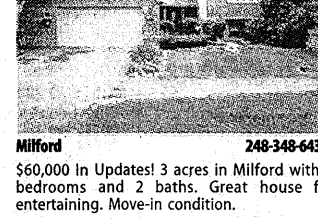
Canton Twp 734-284-5400
BANK OWNED BEAUTY 2 bedrooms plus loft. Lower level walkout could be used as 3rd bedroom. Backs to open area with a pond. Fireplace. Hardwood flrs. Corian counters. Needs paint.
(29077855) \$119,900



Farmington Hills 248-851-1900
3 BR 2 BA CONDO W/ATT. GAR IN RAMBLEWOOD Living room w/bay window. Open kitchen, all appliances included.
(29095683) \$129,900



Livonia 734-591-9200
Nice size brick ranch in the heat of the city. Newer kitchen, cupboards, hardwood floors in bedrooms, under carpet in LR, spacious corner lot.
(29027682) \$164,900



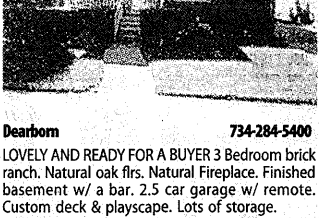
Milford 248-348-6430
\$60,000 in Updates! 3 acres in Milford with 4 bedrooms and 2 baths. Great house for entertaining. Move-in condition.
(29057240) \$234,900



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Don't miss this beautiful Ranch Home! Home features living room w/large front window, family rm w/FP, hardwood flooring and doorwalk leading to deck. www.realestateone.com/29051162
(29051162) \$169,900



Westland 248-851-4100
CUTE 3 BEDROOM RANCH, NICE AREA! Close to everything. Home features family rm w/fireplace & doorwalk leading to Florida rm on a large corner lot. 2 car garage w/space for extra parking.
(29092685) \$99,900



Dearborn 734-284-5400
LOVELY AND READY FOR A BUYER 3 Bedroom brick ranch. Natural oak flrs. Natural fireplace. Finished basement w/ a bar. 2.5 car garage w/ remote. Custom deck & playcape. Lots of storage.
(29063338) \$119,900



Garden City 734-284-5400
HOME SWEET HOME Inviting from the moment you walk in. Updated kitchen w/appliances & kitchen table stays. Jacuzzi tub. Lots of closet space. half acre lot. 2 car garage. Pool.
(29086116) \$124,900



Livonia 734-455-7000
PARK-LIKE LOT IN A CITY SPOT! 3BR/1.5BA, updated. Newer roof, H2O, vinyl windows, hardwood floors, finished basement. Very clean. Maintained in wonderful neighborhood.
(29057764) \$164,900



Novi 248-348-6430
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(29060084) \$169,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Sharp Condo Unit... Move In Condition Located close to clubhouse w/indoor pool & fitness rm. Features include vaulted ceiling in lrg living rm. www.realestateone.com/28205923.
(28205923) \$69,000



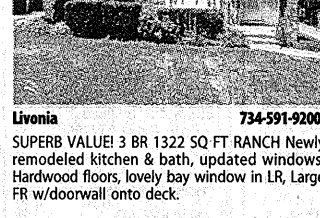
Westland 734-455-7000
WESTLAND "CREAM PUFF!" Ultra sharp 3BR Westland ranch that's updated to the max! Gorgeous kitchen w/appliances, refinished hardwood floors, custom trim and much more!
(29069047) \$98,500



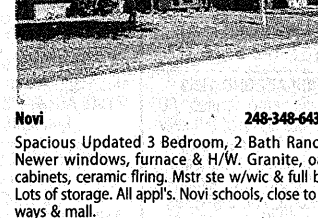
Dearborn Hgts 248-437-3800
Sharp Move In Ready Ranch! Updated thru-out. Updates include: roof 2008, kitchen windows, bath, furnace, C/A, hot water heater, carpet & much more! www.realestateone.com/29077944.
(29077944) \$34,900



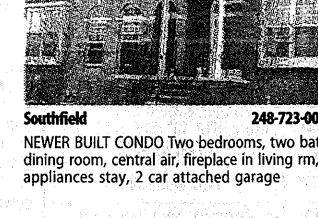
Garden City 734-455-7000
GARDEN CITY RANCH! 3 bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths, well-maintained ranch. Beautiful neighborhood. Fenced yard. Garage.
(29069023) \$114,900



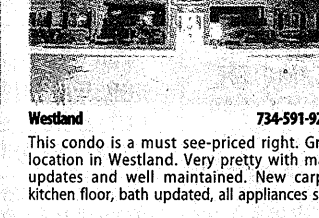
Livonia 734-591-9200
SUPERB VALUE! 3 BR 1322 SQ FT RANCH Newly remodeled kitchen & bath, updated windows, hardwood floors, lovely bay window in LR, Large FR w/doorwalk onto deck.
(29094868) \$109,000



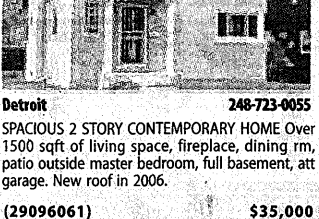
Novi 248-348-6430
Spacious Updated 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Ranch. Newer windows, furnace & H/W. Granite, oak cabinets, ceramic fling. Mstr ste w/wic & full ba. Lots of storage. All appl's. Novi schools, close to x-ways & mall.
(29063344) \$155,000



Southfield 248-723-0055
NEWER BUILT CONDO Two bedrooms, two baths, dining room, central air, fireplace in living rm, all appliances stay, 2 car attached garage
(28166451) \$59,000



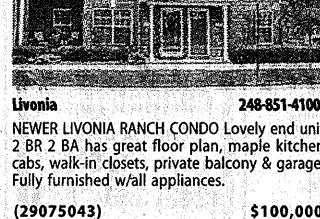
Westland 734-591-9200
This condo is a must see-priced right. Great location in Westland. Very pretty with many updates and well maintained. New carpet, kitchen floor, bath updated, all appliances stay.
(2909691) \$72,799



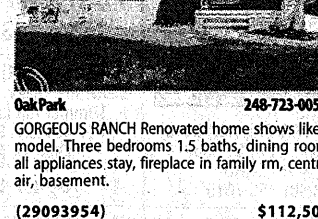
Detroit 248-723-0055
SPACIOUS 2 STORY CONTEMPORARY HOME Over 1500 sqft of living space, fireplace, dining rm, patio outside master bedroom, full basement, att garage. New roof in 2006.
(29096061) \$35,000



Garden City 734-455-7000
DON'T MISS THIS GREAT HOME! Full brick ranch in nice quiet neighborhood of like homes. 3BR/1.1BA, hrwd flrs under carpet. Fin bsmt w/rec rm & FP. Oversized 2car gar. Immediate Occupancy.
(29096021) \$95,000



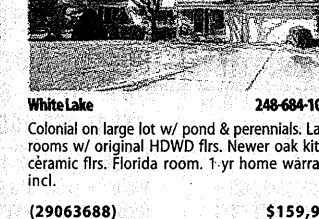
Livonia 248-851-4100
NEWER LIVONIA RANCH CONDO Lovely end unit 2 BR 2 BA has great floor plan, maple kitchen cabinets, walk-in closets, private balcony & garage. Fully furnished w/all appliances.
(29075043) \$100,000



Oak Park 248-723-0055
GORGEOUS RANCH Renovated home shows like a model. Three bedrooms 1.5 baths, dining room, all appliances stay, fireplace in family rm, central air, basement.
(29093954) \$112,500



Southfield 248-723-0055
GREAT CONDO / GREAT LOCATION Two bedroom, 1.5 bath condo is turn key ready. Fireplace in living room, eat in kitchen, basement. Subject to 3rd party approval.
(29087575) \$40,000



White Lake 248-684-1065
Colonial on large lot w/ pond & perennials. Large rooms w/ original HDWD flrs. Newer oak kit w/ ceramic flrs. Florida room. 1-yr home warranty incl.
(29063688) \$159,900