

Township voters forced to find new polls

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Renovations at six schools in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools are wreaking havoc on Tuesday's primary election for more than a quarter of the 20,225 registered voters in Plymouth Township.

The six schools - Farrand, Allen, Bird, Fiegel and Isbister elementaries and West Middle School - all serve as voting precincts for Plymouth Township voters. But with renovations scheduled at each, those buildings won't be available for Tuesday's election.

That left Plymouth Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill scrambling to find new, temporary homes for 5,538 voters in those precincts.

"(The schools) let me know well in advance, so we could start looking," Massengill said. "We notified every voter by mail, and I will put notes on the school doors, with a map showing voters how to get to their temporary polling places."

In an effort to make it easier for the voters, Massengill said she petitioned the state for permission to allow any voter in the six affected precincts to vote absentee if they chose, but the state said "no."

So Massengill had to find new homes. She moved one to the township's senior center, Friendship Station, and moved another to the new township hall. The other four went to churches, whom Massengill praised for their help.

"As it turned out, the churches were very, very cooperative and bent over backwards to help me," Massengill said. "I appreciate that very much."

The precincts affected:

- Precinct 1 - Moved from Farrand Elementary to Friendship Station, 42375 Schoolcraft
- Precinct 3 - Moved from Allen Elementary to the new Plymouth

Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty (at Ann Arbor Road)

- Precinct 5 - Moved from Bird Elementary to First Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial
- Precinct 6 - Moved from West Middle School to First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial
- Precinct 10 - Moved from Fiegel Elementary to St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty
- Precinct 14 - Moved from Isbister Elementary to NorthRidge Church, 49555 N. Territorial

Massengill said her staff has done "everything we could" to alert people

to the changes, which she stressed are temporary for this election only. But she knows there will still be complaints.

"I'm sure people will ask, 'Couldn't you find someplace closer?' but I have to use what I have," Massengill said. "I do have (voters in) a couple of precincts who have to go a long way, and I'm sorry about that. I tried to make it the most convenient for as many as possible. Hopefully, it'll never happen again."

Questions can be directed to the clerk's office, (734) 354-3228.

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Race down to money vs. name recognition

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Republican Mark Abbo of Northville Township has raised and spent more money than the other four Republican candidates combined in his campaign for the 20th House seat held by term-limited John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township.

However, will the money make up enough ground on the name recognition afforded Beth Stewart, who is seeking to succeed her husband in the Aug. 8 primary election?

Campaign finance records filed with the Michigan Secretary of State indicate Abbo has raised \$73,390 and spent \$51,667 in the 20th House seat race. That compares to Stewart, who reports raising \$23,338 and spending \$15,528.

The other three Republican candidates - Don Schnettler of Plymouth Township, Jason Vorva of Plymouth and T. Cortez Spann Jr. of Wayne - have all indicated they will spend less than \$1,000.

"It can certainly help," said Bill Ballenger, political pundit and editor of Inside Michigan Politics, of the money raised by Abbo. "However, Abbo, and the other candidates, will have to overcome a name identification gap. In the era of term limits, spouses, sons and daughters, and even nephews and cousins, of incumbents with the same name have a big advantage."

"It's been shown throughout the state they generally win to succeed their namesake," he said. "So, Abbo is obviously trying to overcome that."

However, despite his own premise, Ballenger isn't giving the nod to Stewart next Tuesday.

"In my most recent edition, I picked Abbo to win," Ballenger said. "He's gotten the endorsement of a lot of groups, and with those endorsements comes



Gwen Wades and son Brady, 2½ years old, cool off in the sprayscape at Plymouth Township Park.

Hot ... hotter ... hottest

People scramble to beat heat

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

With the heat index climbing past 100 degrees most of this week, many people were heeding the advice of the experts and staying out of the heat.

Kendall Day would have liked to have been one of them. Unfortunately, instead of seeking cooler climes, Day was on duty in the hot temperatures of Tuesday afternoon as part of the A1's Asphalt crew out of Taylor resurfacing the asphalt parking lot at Smith Elementary School in Plymouth.

Sweat pouring down his brow, Day smiled and looked over the 350-degree asphalt he and his crewmates were smoothing when the subject of the heat came up.

"You have to have a pretty high tolerance for the heat," said Day, who has worked with asphalt for some 16 years. "You drink a lot of water, but it's hard."

It was hard for everyone, though not hot enough to bring much extra activity, according to officials at the Plymouth Community Fire Department.

"We've had a few heat-related incidents with some of our elderly people, fatigue and problems like that," fire Chief Randy Maycock said Tuesday afternoon. "Knock on wood, we haven't had too many."

Likewise at the Plymouth Salvation Army, where the district headquarters had issued a directive to open their doors as a cooling station, things were quiet.

"We would welcome people who need to get out of the heat," Salvation Army representative Cassie Hull said. "A couple of people have wandered in and just needed a place to sit and cool off."

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Plymouth Township's Frank Bartels leads Mack Bartels, 3, Amelia Bartels, 6, and Libby Bartels, 5. Grandma Jo Bartels was taking a break in the shade.

District 8 MEAP scores fall

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The 2006 high school graduating class at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park recorded Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) scores well below those of graduates from the year before.

Plymouth-Canton Schools mirrored a statewide trend, which saw scores dramatically dip from year-ago numbers. Tests in reading, writing, math and science are scored on four levels, with the top two levels - met or exceeded standards - considered as passing, or proficient.

The most dramatic drop came in reading, where scores went from 89 percent testing proficient last year to 74.3 percent for this year's graduates. Writing was down from 78 percent to 65.7 percent; math declined from 76 percent to 62.7; and science was down from 74 to 64.3 percent.

"It's always a challenge to compare year to year because we have different students," said Mike Bender, director of secondary education for Plymouth-Canton Schools. "Different students have different strengths."


"We do know for sure, the class of 2006 was the first to require students to take all portions of the MEAP as a graduation requirement," he said. "Prior to that, students were strongly encouraged to take the MEAP tests, and the expectation was they would take all portions of the MEAP. In reality, not all students took all portions."


State Superintendent of Public Instruction Mike Flanagan said the latest scores show how the need for the newly created core curriculum for

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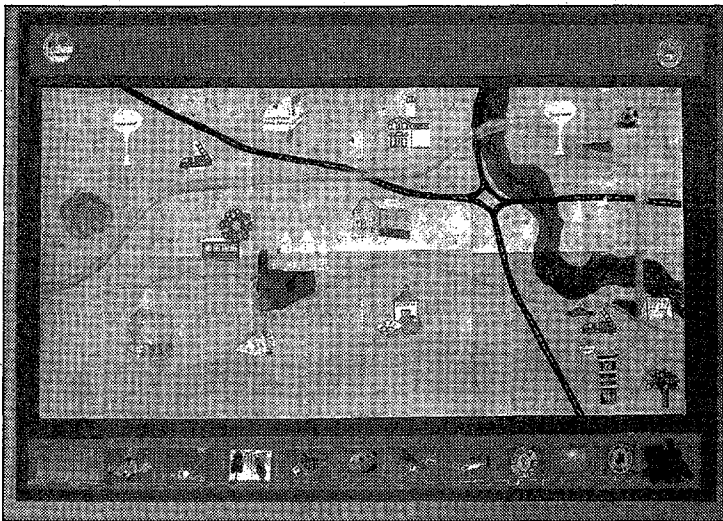
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The Plymouth Community Arts Council is sponsoring a program to put up public art at the new Plymouth Township Hall.

Arts council building mural for township hall

With the new Plymouth Township Hall open and ready for business, the Plymouth Community Arts Council is trying to decorate its walls with public art.

The PCAC, in collaboration with the Village Potters Guild and Historic Pewabic Pottery in Detroit, will create a 7-foot by 10.5-foot tile mural for the lobby. Community members will create up to 500 tiles to be included in the mural which has been designed by artists in the Village Potters Guild.

Guild members will provide instruction during one-hour classes at their studios starting

in mid-August for those aspiring potters who have registered to participate. The tiles will then be installed in the Township Hall with an accompanying legend identifying who made each tile.

Anyone would like to participate in the creation of this public art project can call the PCAC, (734) 416-4278, to register. Anyone is welcome to participate. Artists ages 7 and below must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is \$10 for each tile and helpers are welcome to make more than one. This fee will help to cover some of the costs. Grant monies from PCAC and Pewabic Pottery will cover the remainder of the expenses.

Tile creation dates and times are:

- Monday, Aug. 14, 2 and 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 15, 6 and 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 16, 10 and 11 a.m. and 2 and 3 p.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 17, 6 and 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 19, 10 and 11 a.m. and noon
- Monday, Aug. 21, 6 and 7 p.m.
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School supplies

The Plymouth Salvation Army is conducting its annual "school supply drive."

Included among the items they're looking for are notebook paper, pocket folders, pencils, erasers, colored pencils and back packs.

The Plymouth Salvation Army, which covers Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville, is located on Main, just south of Ann Arbor Road. For more information, call (734) 453-5464.

Band car wash

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band hosts its annual "PCMB Car Wash-A-Thon" Saturday, Aug. 12, at the Canton High School parking lot. The car wash is free. Money is raised through pledges gathered by approximately 200 band members.

Individual band members of the not-for-profit organization are accepting between one-half-cent to two cents for every car washed or a donation prior to the day's activities. The band expects to wash about 1,000 vehicles. Donations are tax deductible.

"The Car Wash-A-Thon" is one of the biggest fund-raisers of the year, said Mark Stamper, president of the 2006 Plymouth Canton Music Boosters. "The money raised helps the kids with participation fees to be in the band, including uniforms, instruction, and the cost to attend band camp in August. The car wash itself is fun for the kids and parents alike."

The award-winning high school band is comprised of students at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. The group of nearly 200 student musicians and performers is led by Director of Bands, Marc Whitlock.

PCMB has won the State Championship at the Michigan Competing Band Association Competition for 18 of the last 20 years. The marching band has earned the honor of top band in the Nation three times, with a combined list of 500 awards in the last two decades.

Canton High School is located at 8415 Canton Center Road. The rain date for this year's Car Wash-A-Thon is August 19.

Restaurant crawl

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts its seventh annual Old Village Restaurant Crawl 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9.

Eight participating Old Village restaurants — Station 885, Plymouth Crossing, Hermann's Olde Town Grille, Plymouth Fish & Seafood, Grecian Café, The Caboose, Cassel's and Crawford's Kitchen — will provide samplings of their specialties. Free horse-and-carriage rides will

be available for ticket-holders.

Tickets may be purchased now at Plymouth Crossing, Plymouth Fish & Seafood, Station 885 and the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail. The cost is \$15 per person; children 12 and under are \$5. Tickets can be purchased by phone using Visa, MasterCard or Discover through the chamber office only, (734) 453-1540.

Literacy volunteers

The Community Literacy Council is looking for volunteer tutors in the Plymouth-Canton area to help adults improve their reading, writing and speaking skills. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required.

The next four-part training sessions begin 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, at the Plymouth-Canton School System's Curriculum Center.

For more information, call (734) 416-4906.

Top employees

LaBelle Management has announced its 2006 #1 Club and Key One members, and the list features eight staffers at the Plymouth Bennigan's, which is owned and operated by LaBelle.

Staffers Renea Motley, Michelle Fowler and Julie Dodsworth were named Key One members (members chosen as #1 Club members at least three times), while Kayleigh Lange, Eric Hitchcock, Charlena Owens, Kristy Roberts and Art Samuels were #1 Club members.

According to LaBelle spokesperson Tina Veit, #1 club members are chosen "because of their commitment to excellence in job performance, customer service, attitude, team spirit and dependability."

American Legion sale

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 is having its annual Rummage and Bake Sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 17-19 at the IOOF Hall, 344 Elizabeth (at Ann Arbor Trail) in Plymouth.

Anyone who would like to donate items can deliver them to the hall from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 15-16. Donations are tax-deductible. All proceeds will be used to benefit veterans.

Friends of Miller Woods

The Friends of Miller Woods are looking for new members to help build an organization committed to preserving and protecting Miller Woods for future generations.

The group is planning guided tours, guest speakers, fund-raising and maintenance activities and is looking for others

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to join.

Dues are \$25 for an individual, \$40 for families and help pay for bi-annual newsletters, postage, etc.

For more information or to obtain an application form and recent newsletter, contact Cheryl Bord at (734) 459-7666.

Busch series car

The Dick Scott Automotive Group sponsors a NASCAR Charger, car #4 of the Busch racing series.

The car, along with driver Auggie Vibovich, will be on display at the Dodge dealership in Plymouth, 684 W. Ann Arbor Road, noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16.

For more information, call (734) 451-2110, Ext. 221.

'Alice in Wonderland'

The Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville hosts a summer production of the musical *Alice in Wonderland* Aug. 7 to Sept. 24.

Performances are scheduled for weekdays (Aug. 7-11 and Aug. 14-18), Monday-Friday, at 10:30 a.m. and Saturdays (Aug. 12, 19 and 26) at 11:30 a.m., with Saturday and Sunday matinees scheduled Sept. 9-10, 16-17 and 23-24 at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$8; no children under the age of 3. For school reservations, birthday parties, group rates and reserved seating for 20 or more, call (248) 349-8110.

The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main in downtown Northville.

Child seat clinic

The Plymouth Township Police Department hosts a free child safety seat clinic 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, at the department's new headquarters at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty.

The inspections will be by appointment only, and limited space is available.

Anyone who would like their seats inspected can make an appointment by calling Officer Jamie Senkbeil, (734) 354-3243.

Orchestra auditions

The Celebration Youth Orchestra holds auditions for the 2006-2007 school year Aug. 25-26 at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty in Canton.

Auditions are open to string students ages 9 and older with at least one year of instruction and wind, brass, and percussion students ages 12 and older with at least three years of instruction.

Students may live anywhere in southeastern Michigan. Auditions must be scheduled in advance. Students are asked to prepare one scale in any key and a piece of their choice. Percussionists will be provided with a snare drum, but will need to bring their own sticks.

The CYO is the youth orchestra supported by the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society. In Fall 2006 the CYO will have two

ensembles, the Celebration Sinfonia for string, wind, brass, and percussion students and the Celebration Strings. The CYO is dedicated to challenging and inspiring students through high level ensemble training and the performance of standard and new repertoire.

The Celebration Youth Orchestra is part of the Plymouth Symphony's Youth Outreach Education Program. Donations to the Symphony's No Kid without a Concert Education Campaign help to fund the CYO as well as many other programs for students throughout Southeastern Michigan.

To schedule an audition or for more information e-mail jane@plymouthsymphony.org or call the Plymouth Symphony office, (734) 451-2112.

Crafters wanted

■ Crafters needed for Delta Kappa Gamma's 20th annual juried show Saturday, Oct. 21 at West Middle School in Plymouth.

The show will run from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; West Middle School is located at 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI.

Call Clara, (734) 254-0849 or e-mail to sweisz59@comcast.net for more information.

■ The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for its Craft Show that takes place during the Fall Festival Sept. 9-10. This year the craft show will be moving to the lawn of the historic Wilcox House located at Ann Arbor Trail and Union Street. Ten-by-ten foot spots will cost \$75 per day or \$150 for the weekend. Applications are available to download at www.plymouthfallfestival.com or for more info call Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614.

Fall fest meeting

The next meeting for the 2006 Plymouth Fall Festival takes place at Plymouth City Hall 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29.

Community groups interested in operating a food booth must be in attendance at all meetings held before the festival. Booth applications are available on-line at www.plymouthfallfestival.com and they will also be available at this meeting.

For more information, call Colleen Brown, (734) 455-1614.

Senior Olympics

The Northville Senior Center hosts the Senior Olympics Aug. 21-25.

Events include: Baking Contest, Fun Walk, 3K Walk, Bridge, Softball Throw, Ring Toss, Frisbee Toss, Football Toss, Soccer Kick, Euchre (sponsored by PCCA) Tennis, Horseshoes, Basketball Shoot, Volleyball, Shuffleboard, Swimming, Billiards, Pinochle and Bocce Ball.

Register at the PCCA office. Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236, for more information.

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The final workshop is next week, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Aug. 7-11. Participants must bring a lunch and beverage each day. At the end of the week, the young actors will present a short performance for family and friends on the last day in the Biltmore Studio at the Village Theater.

The program is for children 5-15 years of age, and the fee is \$130.

For more information call (734) 751-4887 or visit online at www.everafterproductions.org.



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Justin Ralph, 9, (left to right) of Canton, Nissa Kasparian, 7, Sarah Huang 10, and Mitchell Cimino, 6, join in the fun participating in the game Captains Corner at the first day of Ever Ater Productions Drama Camp. Some 54 campers, ages 5-15 are participating in the camp out at Cherry Hill Village Theater.



Drama Camp instructor Ryan Dooley 16 hands out the script for 'The School for Princesses' to campers (all from Canton) Rachel Amodio, 12 (left to right), Allison Fries, 11, Rebecca Kurzyniec, 12, Rebecca Herschok, 12 and Mardi Fries, 6, at the camp.

MHS Berman Center hosts Family Fun Day

The Michigan Humane Society is inviting animal lovers in Westland to attend its "Meet, Greet and Treat: A Family Funday Sunday" open house Sunday, Aug. 6.

The family-friendly event, with activities for people all ages as well as their companion animals, will be held noon-3 p.m. at its Berman Center for Animal Care 900 N. Newburgh Road in Westland, as well as its facilities in Detroit and Rochester Hills.

"The open house events will be a combination community ice cream social and fun and festive celebration," said Mike Robbins, director of marketing and communication for the Michigan Humane Society. "We welcome those who are familiar and unfamiliar with the Michigan Humane Society. In addition to increasing awareness of our programs serving the community, the events will highlight the fact that we are now open for adoptions on Sundays."

Free, kid-friendly activities at the Berman Center include face painting and balloon animals, courtesy of Oddzin Ends, outdoor bowling, courtesy of Community Bowling Center and unicyclists, courtesy of Redford Unicycle Club. Visitors also will have an opportunity to meet MHS mascot "Patches" the dog.

Specials, activities and treats at all three centers will include low cost dog and cat microchipping at \$20 per animal, cat adoption fee specials, free nail clipping for dogs, cats and other companion animals, free MHS balloons for the kids, meet and mingle with MHS staff, volunteers and adoptable animals and free ice cream for people and "Frosty Paws" for pooches, courtesy of Nestle.

Visitors also will receive a \$10 off coupon for your companion animal's first visit to any of our three veterinary centers (new clients only), and the first 50 families will receive a 20 percent off coupon for a dog training class from the MHS Pet Education Center. Pet Education Center representatives will be on hand to answer questions on companion animal behavior and training.

No registration is required for the event or any of its activities.

For more information, visit the MHS Web site at www.michiganhumane.org or call the Michigan Humane Society at (866) MHUMANE 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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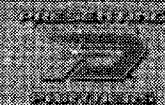
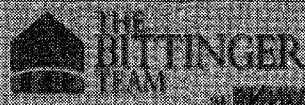
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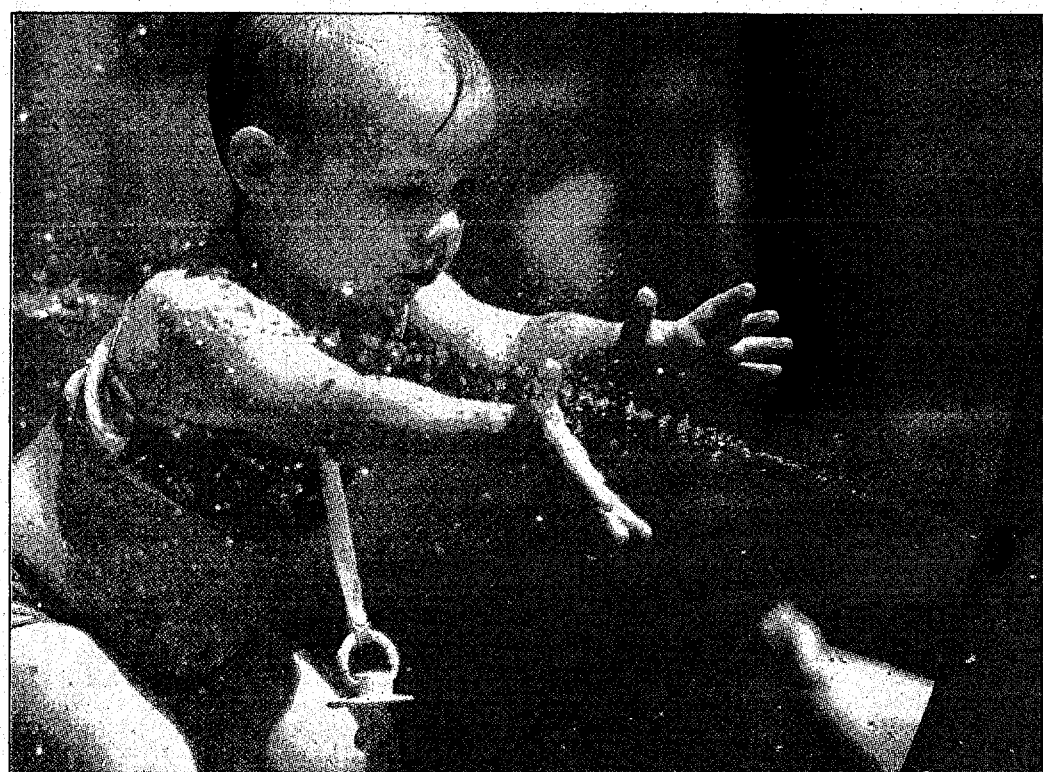
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Baby, it's hot outside

Two-year-old Kennedy Norwick plays in the water at Plymouth Township Park's sprayscape. She was there with sister Sydney, mom Mary Norwick, and grandma Cathy Holmes.

Letterman 'Stupid Trick' auditions come to area

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Remember this word — unique. It could land you a spot on national TV. Well ... you and your pet.

Producers of *The Late Show with David Letterman* will be in western Wayne County on Sunday, Aug. 20, looking for potential stars of show's "Stupid Pet Tricks" segment.

The auditions will be held at the Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland and are the only "Stupid Pet Tricks" auditions currently scheduled for the Midwest for the remainder of 2006.

"What the producers are looking for is unique tricks," said Michael Robbins, Michigan Humane Society marketing and communications director. "They've found that a majority of the tricks that do make it are what the animal naturally does and is built on. Unique wins the day."

"Stupid Pet Tricks" has been a signature segment of the *Late Show* for many years, and producers usually hold only three or four auditions around the country. The Berman Center date is the only audition scheduled in the Midwest for the remainder of 2006, Robbins said.

Late Show producers struck up a relationship with MHS several months ago, and when

they decided to tape another "Stupid Pets" segment, they approached MHS to host the auditions. It didn't take long to say yes.

"This will bring attention to the MHS in particular the celebration of the human-animal bond which we foster," Robbins said. "That's why this is a such a perfect fit."

"The Michigan Humane Society does a great job caring for pets and working with the community," said Ryan Williams, talent assistant for *The Late Show with David Letterman*. "I'm glad to be working with them on such a fun project."

Auditions will be 1-4 p.m. in the Berman Center's Pet Education Room. The center is at 900 N. Newburgh, south of Ford, in Westland. Each audition will be evaluated by representatives of the *Late Show*.

All performances will be taped for review by the show's producers. Local contestants will be evaluated from among a pool of national performances gathered by the show. Acts that the producers deem interesting will receive callbacks to select the finalists, Robbins said.

All tricks must be safe, humane and appropriate for both the animals and their guardians, he added.

Contestants must pre-register, which can be done right up to the audition date. They can

do it online at www.michigan-humane.org or by calling the Michigan Humane Society at (866) MHUMANE (648-6263) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

"We already have a pony registered," Robbins said.

The MHS has been told that up to 100 contestants could show up for the auditions, and Robbins is hoping to top that number here in Detroit.

"We know we have a lot of talented pets in Detroit," he said. Our goal is to overwhelm the producers."

MHS also is hoping Mother Nature cooperates the day of the auditions. The Pet Education Room is at the rear of the building and contestants will line-up outside. One or two contestants will be allowed into the room at a time. Two-legged spectators only will be allowed to sit in on the tapings.

"It's truly a unique opportunity for the communities of Michigan and also our neighboring states to demonstrate both our creativity and passion for our animals," said Robbins, adding that people in Ohio and Indiana have been notified of the auditions. "We encourage every animal and their guardian with a unique talent to come out. Mark the date and start practicing."

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F
Donald "Frog" Forrester
Forrester, 62, of Plymouth, died July 31.

H
Jeffrey Mark Herter
Herter, 46, of Plymouth, died June 5.
Donald William Huth
Huth, 93, of Detroit, died July 29.

M
Barbara H. Marzolf
Marzolf, 83, of Lake Isabella, died July 30.
Theodore Stanley Marecki

Marecki, of Troy, died July 25.
Frank Miller
Miller, 90, of Dexter, died July 29.

S
Gregory Jones-Sieloff
Jones-Sieloff, of West Bloomfield, died July 26.

T
Mary M. Tiell
Tiell, 60, of Plymouth, died July 27.
David A. Timcoe
Timcoe, 64, died July 22.

W
Julia Knight Whitefield

Whitefield, 89, of Birmingham, died July 27.
William Wakefield McKee
McKee, 94, of Troy, died July 26.
Y
Kam Yuen Yee
Yee, of Livonia, died July 25.

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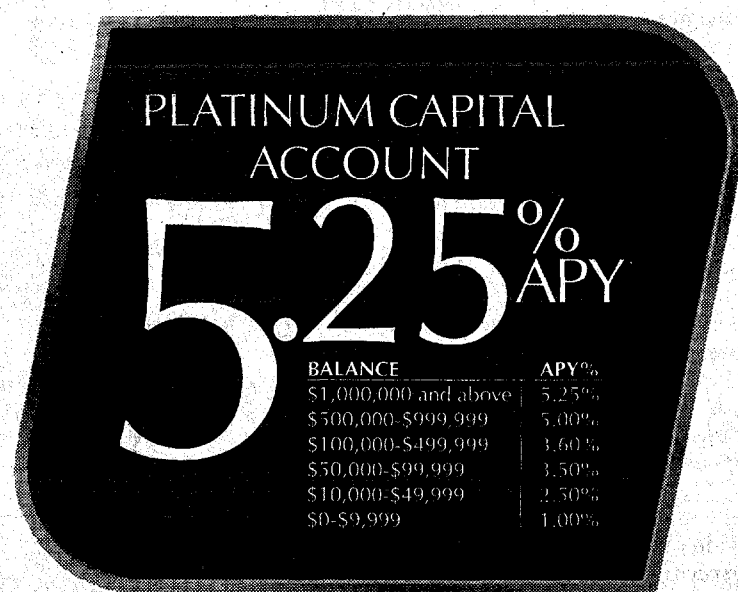


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Major developer commits to Pinnacle Aeropark project

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Under the hottest sun of the summer, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano Wednesday unveiled what he called "a hot deal."

Troy-based developer Stuart Frankel and Wayne County have reached an agreement to begin the first development in the long-delayed and controversial Pinnacle Aeropark project.

Beneath a tent set up on vacant land at Sibley and Vining, Ficano officially announced the proposed agreement for Frankel to develop 150 acres at the Pinnacle Aeropark on county-owned land near I-275 and Sibley Road in Huron Township, south of Detroit Wayne County Metro Airport. "This has been nine years in the making," Ficano said. "In the past three years that I have been in office, we have doubled the effort. Stuart Frankel believes in our plans and is putting his money on the table."

Frankel's plans call for mixed-use development, including offices, research and development, light industrial, warehouse and distribution facilities.

The county will provide \$7 million in infrastructure improvements and road construction with \$6 million covered by federal grants. Infrastructure work is expected to begin next spring.

Frankel wouldn't commit to a start date for construction of the buildings, pending necessary approvals and installation of infrastructure.

"We will develop a plan and do something transformative for southeast Michigan," Frankel said.

Stuart Frankel Development Co. owns SMDK, the company that will handle the Pinnacle development. Frankel has been involved in the development of

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Robert Ficano
Wayne County executive

Somerset mall, Somerset Apartments; manufacturing, warehousing and distribution facilities in Highland Park; 13 retail complexes and five apartment complexes.

A CREATIVE JEWEL

The Pinnacle Aeropark was first announced in 1999 by then County Executive Ed McNamara.

The plan to create a multi-use project centered around Metro Airport hit a snag when efforts to obtain additional private property through eminent domain were challenged in court.

The Michigan Supreme Court ruled against the county, in a decision that was later cited in last year's U.S. Supreme Court decision allowing use of eminent domain under some conditions for commercial projects.

"What we want to stress today is what we are witnessing is the future of Wayne County," Ficano said. "This will redefine how business is done in Wayne County."

The Wayne County Commission recently began a series of hearings on Pinnacle under Commissioner Ed Boike, D-Taylor. Frankel noted that he hoped the project would be able to move forward without a long approval and permitting process.

Boike and Commissioners Joe Palamara, D-Grosse Ile

and Kay Beard, D-Westland, attended the ceremony Wednesday.

"The project is a creative jewel of future economic growth for Wayne County," Palamara said. "Allow the Commission a few weeks to do our homework and do our due diligence."

Boike made a push to include passive and recreational features in the project.

"This is a step in the right direction," he said.

Frankel has committed to build even if he doesn't have a tenant. He said Wednesday no tenants have been signed.

"We think this will be a catalyst to other development," he said. "We're going to make a national marketing effort."

Frankel said he sees this project as a legacy.

"I've been in business 40 years and I like to do things that are difficult, everyone can do easy things," he said. "I'm willing to take the responsibility, I like the challenge."

Ficano praised the state's

congressional delegation - Sens. Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow and Reps. John Dingell and Joe Knollenberg - for their help in getting funds earmarked for the project. He also praised the efforts of Mulugetta Birru, director of economic development for Wayne County, who helped broker the deal with Frankel.

Frank Hennessey, of the Greater Wayne County Economic Development Corporation, said a coalition of nonprofit, private and public groups will be formed to provide funding for the additional costs of infrastructure development.

Pinnacle is part of a wider project to redevelop the areas around and connecting Metro Airport and Willow Run Airport, both airports are owned by Wayne County and operated by the independent Airport Authority. The "aerotropolis" concept was the subject of a project earlier this year sponsored by the University of Michigan.



Schoolcraft fall registration under way

Registration is underway for fall '06 classes at Schoolcraft College. Students can choose from online, touchtone telephone or walk-in registration. To get their first-choice classes, students should register as early as possible. Classes begin Wednesday, Aug. 30, and Sept. 8 is the final day to register.

The college is offering a number of new programs in the fall including an aviation management skills certificate or associate degree; a homeland security associate degree; a massage ther-

apy associate degree; and skills certificates to qualify as a nursing assistant in extended care facilities or an office specialist.

Students can register easily online at the Schoolcraft Web site, www.schoolcraft.edu using the WebAdvisor program. Telephone registration is available at 734-462-4800. Walk-in registration is in the McDowell Center.

New students must meet with a counselor before registering. For more information, call 734-462-4426.

Van Andel Global Trade Center hosts trade program in Livonia

Grand Valley State University's Van Andel Global Trade Center comes to Schoolcraft College in Livonia to host a program on Aug. 24 that will focus on trade mechanics with Mexico, one of the top trading partners of the U.S.

The program will provide enterprises a wide range of information involving trade within and with Mexico with sound legal perspectives on a number of related topics.

The keynote speaker will be licensed Mexico customs broker Edmundo Elias-Fernandez. He has been practicing Trade and Customs, International Trade and Antidumping with the law firm Baker & McKenzie since 1992. Fernandez received his law degree from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)

in 1989 and master degree from the Universidad Panamericana in 1991, concentrating in corporate, international finance, foreign trade and labor law. He has various publications and is the coauthor of the NAFTA Handbook and the Customs Chapter of the Mexican Tax guide.

The program will be in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia on Aug. 24. The program begins at 7:30 a.m. with registration and continental breakfast and continues through 2 p.m. and includes lunch. The fee is \$175 for members and \$300 for non-members, with an extra \$50 for registrations after Aug. 17.

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OUR VIEWS

Lowe the best choice for court

There are three solid candidates running for a seat on the bench at the 35th District Court in the Aug. 8 primary.

The top two finishers will run in the November general election. We believe incumbent Judge Ron Lowe should be voters' choice to retain his seat.

Northville attorney James Plakas and Plymouth lawyer Brian Stacey bring solid resumes and a broad range of experience, but Lowe's institutional knowledge and experience make him the best choice.

Lowe has handled more than 40,000 civil and criminal cases in his 12 years on the 35th District Court. Before that, he spent 12 years in private practice, including time as the attorney for the City of Plymouth.

A resident of the district since 1968, Lowe has been instrumental in creating some of the 35th District Court's most effective programs, such as the sobriety court and teen court. The sobriety court focuses on substance abuse of certain qualifying offenders charged with drunken driving. The teen court, a tool used by the court's juvenile probation officer, is a partnership with Plymouth High School (and being renewed this year with the Northville High School) wherein students taking the practical law class are taught about the juvenile justice system, sentencing alternatives and when they would be appropriate, and how to fill the role of teen juror.

Lowe is willing to look at tough questions, such as whether a third judge is still necessary at the court in light of declining caseload and revenues, and at the court's budget, likewise affected by declining revenues and rising costs.

He's active in the community and either currently serves or has served on the boards of most of the major legal associations. His re-election would continue an institutional memory that will be severely hampered in two years when long-serving chief Judge John MacDonald retires.

While Stacey and Plakas each has good ideas about issues involving the court, we believe Lowe's continued presence would have the great impact. Voters should return Lowe to the 35th District Court.

Stewart, Corriveau our House picks

When voters cast their ballots in Tuesday's primary for the state House's 20th District seat, we recommend Beth Stewart in the Republican race and Marc Corriveau in the Democratic primary.

Stewart, while a political newcomer in her own right, has nonetheless learned much about how Lansing works during her husband's six-year tenure. She's a strong community activist, serving for some 17 years as executive director of the Plymouth Historical Museum and in the Plymouth A.M. Rotary, where she is the president-elect. She is a strong supporter of public education, having worked with local educators to write grants to bring federal dollars into the district. She called education her top priority, and hopes to continue the fight waged by her husband. She also favors elimination of the single business tax.

Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo, who has experience in the political arena and has, by most accounts, done a good job in Northville Township, also has good credentials. But we think Stewart's moderate Republican views fit well in a district that seems to respond to them, judging by their turnout for a William Milliken book signing and their choice of Stewart's equally moderate husband, John, in three different elections. Stewart is our choice in the Republican primary.

Among the Democrats, we think Corriveau is the most ready to hit the ground running in Lansing. He cut his teeth in the 2004 election and ran an honorable campaign.

Corriveau said education is his top priority, and he'd tweak Proposal A to level out the funding problems, if that's what constituents wanted. He supports making prescription drugs more affordable, particularly to seniors. He also favors elimination of the single business tax, though not before finding a replacement for its revenues, suggesting perhaps extending the sales tax to more than just goods.

The other Democrats — Joanne Lamar and Joe Hawver — are also solid candidates. Lamar's expertise is in health care and she's served four years on the Plymouth-Canton school board. Hawver has a youthful passion that will serve him well as he gains experience. We believe Corriveau, however, has the best chance among the Democrats to have an immediate impact. We encourage voters to cast their ballots for Stewart and Corriveau.



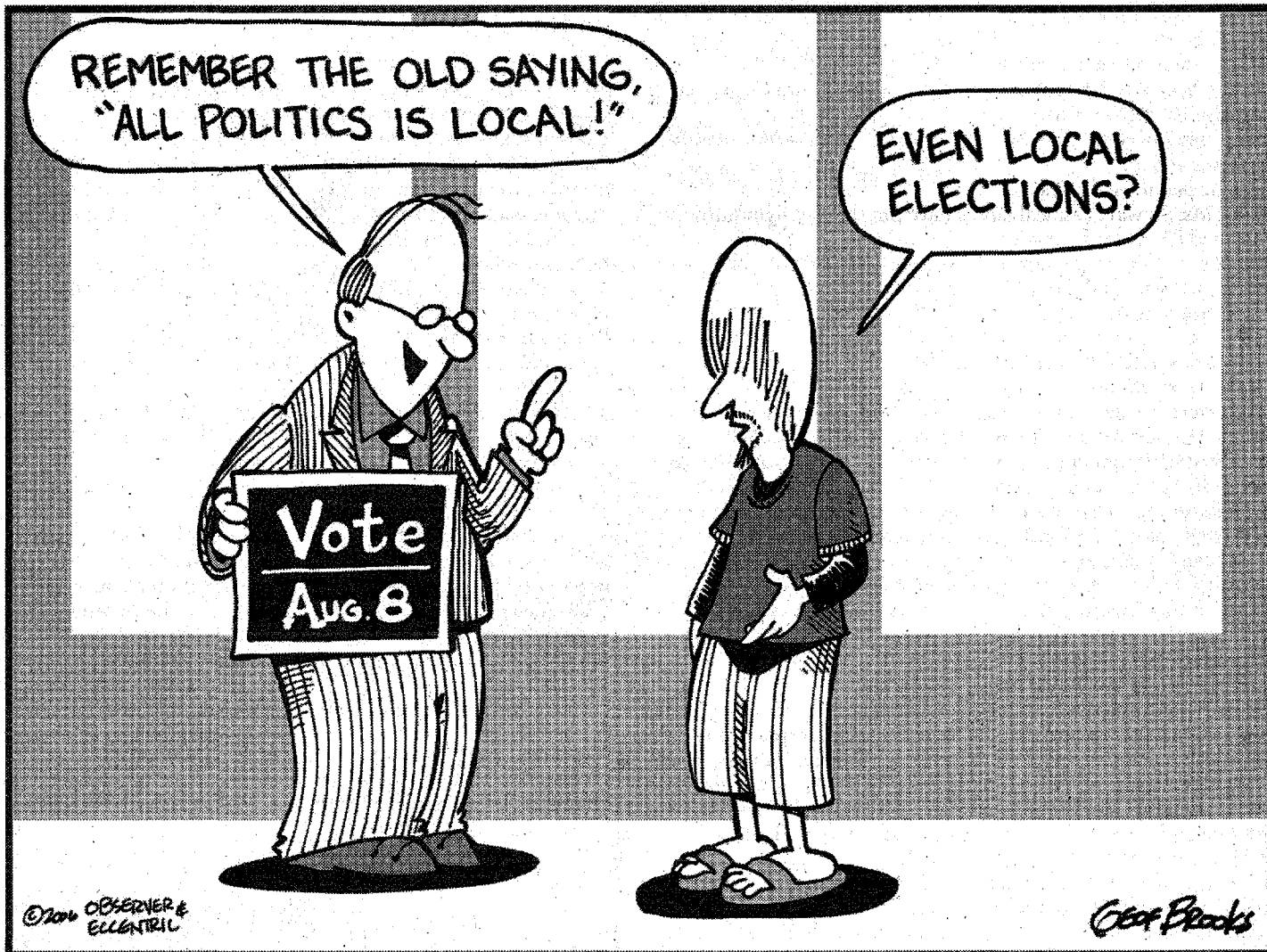
Lowe



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Editorial was wrong

I feel greatly disappointed after reading your editorial on July 27 concerning your "view" about the DDA's vote on the Penn Theater.

Your opening statement that the DDA "made its \$20,000 donation" is totally misleading. No money has been given to the "Friends of the Penn." Our motion had three conditions: the Penn had to open, the contribution could not go against our special events policy and it had to be reviewed by bond counsel. None of these conditions have been met. Therefore no donation has been "made." We are thinking through the process and we will make an informed decision.

The DDA is an autonomous board that is governed by state statute to preserve our downtown district. We set our own budget!

For you to make these erroneous statements in your editorial is a disservice to our community. As a reader, I expect you to get the facts correct before you pass judgment.

We, as a board, are volunteers who serve on the DDA with the best intentions of keeping our downtown viable. To be vilified in a public meeting as Ms. Potter did, and then to be chastised by you, is extremely disappointing. It makes one wonder: Why serve?

Jon Gary

DDA board member

Stewart is trusted

We and many others are thoroughly disgusted with those using the media to tarnish the name of the accomplished and trusted Beth Stewart in an attempt to defeat her in the Aug. 8 primary race for state representative.

Instead of addressing the issues that concern most voters — jobs, health care, our economy and education — Stewart's political foes want you to believe that she misused the Plymouth Historical Museum in her campaign. Come on! Beth Stewart has devoted 22 years of her life to making this museum the world-class place that it is today.

We have known Beth as a friend and as volunteers at the Plymouth Historical Museum for nearly 20 years. Beth Stewart is an honest, ethical and caring member of our community. She has proven this time and again in the 22 years that she and her family have lived in Plymouth Township. Her handprints are all over our communities.

Over the years, Beth has convinced several hundred people to volunteer their time at the Plymouth Historical Museum. There she has preserved from our past the memorabilia of The Daisy Air Rifle Factory, Cloverdale Dairy, the "Wilcox" House, Daly Drive-in, etc., to share with future generations.

Beth was instrumental in getting two federal grants, the last one for nearly a million dollars, for the schools and the historical museum to work together in a hands-on approach to teaching government and social studies to our children and grandchildren.

Beth Stewart and her husband, John, have been 22-year ambassadors of our communities, promoting Plymouth, Northville, Wayne and Canton across

LETTERS

this state. They are members of the local Chambers of Commerce. In an interview with another newspaper, Beth Stewart was the only candidate, out of the seven running for state representative, who knew the elected officials of each of our communities.

The list of Beth Stewart's involvement in our communities is an extensive one. She has left a lasting legacy to our western Wayne County communities through her generous giving of her time. What Beth Stewart has so graciously done for us over the past 22 years she will do for us in Lansing.

Bob and Shirley Zaetta
Plymouth

Debate issues

The debate in the 20th State House race should be about issues that affect all of us like jobs, education, campaign reforms, gas prices, social issues like hunger, homelessness, diversity, poverty.

The poverty rate in the State of Michigan has increased recently. That should be of concern to all the candidates in the 20th District House race. It's a sad commentary that issues like poverty are not going to be discussed before Aug. 8. Do any of the candidates even have a position on poverty, hunger, homelessness or how to address these vital issues?

Bill Nowacki
Plymouth

Stewart covering up

After reading a recent article in the *Plymouth Observer* about Beth Stewart and her illegal activities at the historical museum, I am more convinced than ever that she is trying to cover something up. It seems that every article we read, the story changes.

First, she claims that she paid for her mailing more than other candidates have paid. Then the story changes with her claim that she paid the same as everybody else. Then she claims that she received permission from the president to use their permit. Then her story changes and claims that she received approval from the post office to use the permit.

The story goes to claim that Beth claims she rented a room at the museum, but the display was at the main event room where Gov. Milliken was signing his book. She falsely claims that she rented a room next door. She not only set up a display, but she also asked for donations at the main event.

If your head is spinning, it is because Beth is trying her best to spin her illegal actions that threaten the historical museum to lose its tax-free exemption. She has committed an illegal and immoral act by putting her employer of over 17 years in jeopardy of losing its tax exemption. Is that what we need in a person who wants to represent us in Lansing? If she twists the truth at this stage for her own benefit, think what she would do if she gets to Lansing?

We need honest people to represent us in Lansing who will go there to work for us and not their own interest. We need somebody like Mark Abbo who will represent us honestly and with integrity. I

have known Mr. Abbo for several years as a trustee and supervisor in Northville Township. I have worked with him to better both of our communities. He has done a marvelous job in Northville and we believe he will do a great job in Lansing. He has a plan to turn Michigan around, and as a certified public accountant he will be able to move Michigan ahead financially to get back to the great place Michigan deserves to be in.

I ask all to join me in voting for Mark Abbo for state representative.

Abe A. Munfakh
Former Plymouth Township trustee
Plymouth

Supports Abbo

I am writing in support of Mark Abbo for state representative. Of all the candidates in the race, only Mark Abbo brings a combination of business and local government experience.

As Michigan continues to lose jobs, only Mark Abbo has been in a position where he has created jobs. When we're facing difficult times ahead, we need someone with real experience and real leadership. As a township supervisor, Mark Abbo has balanced budgets. As a CPA, Mark Abbo has experience helping large companies manage their budgets.

Too often you hear our Lansing legislator talk about how difficult it is to balance the budget. Well it's about time we send someone with real experience to Lansing, someone who is a CPA, who has balanced budgets for large companies. Most of all, someone who won't be afraid to stand up and cut the size of government rather than trying to shift the burden onto the taxpayers.

When Mark Abbo joined the Northville Township Board in 1992, the township was in dire financial trouble. Mark placed a laser-like focus on financial accountability, and required department heads to manage to their budgets. Today, Northville Township is financially sound, and we have placed a tax cut on the Aug. 8 ballot.

As our next state representative, Mark Abbo will return fiscal responsibility to Lansing. This is why I'm supporting Mark Abbo for State Representative.

Chris Roosen
Northville Township trustee

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Stewart should withdraw

Beth Stewart should immediately announce that she is withdrawing from the State Representative race.

While it may be too late to remove her name from the August ballot, she had earlier promised to withdraw if her candidacy caused any conflicts for the Plymouth Historical Society or the Dunning Memorial Historical Museum, for which she previously worked.

Sadly, Ms. Stewart's ethical lapses have put the society and the museum in a very awkward position. The hundreds of donors and volunteers who have helped build Michigan's finest local historical museum have been placed in the middle between their community commitment and what they once believed was a trusted friendship.

Ms. Stewart should quickly ask voters to support and vote for other candidates and ask them to remove her lawn signs. Should Ms. Stewart not do this, voters should take this initiative themselves. But the citizens of Plymouth-Canton-Northville should not pull back on their tremendous support of the local historical groups just because Ms. Stewart abused her position.

W. Edward Wendover
Plymouth

Stewart has character

"Who" is Beth Stewart?

Wife of State Rep. John Stewart, mother of Laura and Sarah, director of the Plymouth Historical Museum — this we all know.

Allow me to tell you about the Beth Stewart I respect and love. Almost 17 years of working together at the Plymouth Historical Museum has given me a unique insight into a person whose integrity, intelligence, selflessness and caring personality have resulted in many accomplishments.

Beth Stewart possesses the kind of magic that produces success. Beth is a visionary who directs, but does not control. She delegates and lets you grow. Beth encourages and applauds your success. She is a leader with a smile and a velvet fist.

The growth of the Plymouth Historical Museum is due in great measure to Beth Stewart and the hundreds of volunteers she has gathered around her. We love her, we do not want her to leave. But a woman like Beth is willing to take on more challenges to serve others.

This is the Beth Stewart selected for the Plymouth Hall of Fame. This is the Beth Stewart who was admitted to the Plymouth Township Hall of Fame. Beth Stewart exhibits the moral character and integrity of a person grounded by her values. I am honored and proud to call her friend.

Donna Keough
PHM Exhibits coordinator

Chamber paid for Abbo

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce has paid for Mark Abbo. The Michigan Chamber has paid

tens of thousands of dollars for glossy mailings that have cluttered our mailboxes. The Michigan Chamber of Commerce is anti-public education. If elected, Mark Abbo would support vouchers and more charter schools.

The Michigan Chamber is also anti-women's rights, anti-environment and they resent small business and the Small Business Association of Michigan.

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce does not care about the people of the Northville and Plymouth area. Mark Abbo would vote with the Michigan Chamber of Commerce on the issues against public education, women's rights, anti-environment and to cut the revenue sharing of our local units of government.

Wake up, people. Beth Stewart will vote for our district. You know Beth and you trust Beth to vote for us. The Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce has endorsed Beth Stewart as well as many members of the local Northville and Plymouth Chambers of Commerce.

On Tuesday, Aug. 8, please vote in the Republican primary for Beth Stewart.

Jay Hohenshil
Plymouth

Stewart best choice

In times of disaster or emergencies, the ones who are in the forefront when duty calls and who are ready at a moment's notice are called "first responders."

In similar fashion, Beth Stewart is a "first responder" in the Plymouth and Northville communities. She's the one who is always right there, ready to give of her time and her talents to benefit members of our communities, just as she has done for the past 22 years.

Stewart's "automatic" response mindset has been evident in our communities. Senior citizens were guests at annual Christmas and Valentine's Day luncheons sponsored by the Plymouth A.M. Rotary, of which Beth is president-elect.

When efforts began in earnest to save the historic Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth, Beth Stewart was there. The Northville Arbor Hospice was able to count on Beth Stewart's involvement in their fund-raising campaign. Stewart has also been actively involved in conservation efforts, namely the Rouge Watershed and Northville's Johnson Creek.

Beth Stewart has a 22-year distinguished record of sustained and personal involvement in our communities. She has a "community conscience." What Beth Stewart has done for the good of our communities she could likewise accomplish by representing us at the state level in Lansing. Stewart's in-depth knowledge of issues confronting our state, her extensive involvement in our communities and her "on-the-job" record of accomplishments make Beth Stewart the best choice for state representative. Join me in voting for her on Tuesday, Aug. 8.

Hazel Jones
Plymouth

State grading system for new teachers falls short of mark

ately, there has been a great deal of attention focused on the preparation of teachers in Michigan. Most recently, the State Board of Education came up with a new plan to "grade" state Colleges of Education. As the dean of the College of Education at Wayne State University,



Paula Wood

I am in complete agreement that our programs to prepare teachers should be held accountable for the classroom effectiveness of our graduates.

But the key issue is: are the criteria established by the state going to help us produce quality teachers? My belief is that this plan will do very little to achieve this goal. Why? Because a number of the criteria have little to do with whether or not the teacher in front of the classroom received a quality education.

The first factor the state will score is the passing rate on the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC). Eighty percent of this test determines how well an individual knows subject matter such as mathematics, science, English, etc.

The state says it will examine the test pass rate over a three-year period. But the media has zeroed in on an irrelevant statistic: How many students pass the MTTC on their first attempt? This focus is misleading, not only because the state won't be looking at first-time pass rates when grading teacher colleges, but also because 100 percent of students at all institutions have to pass the MTTC before being certified by the state to teach.

But let's examine why some students might not pass the MTTC on their first attempt. For example, at WSU, because the majority of our students are transfers from other institutions both in and outside of Michigan, we require that our students take the exam early in their enrollment.

We do this because we haven't had any control over the courses they've taken prior to coming to WSU, and we want to identify areas where they might be weak and need help.

Most other institutions require their students to take the MTTC at the end of their program, after they've taken all of their courses. So WSU students might have a lower first-time pass rate, but all of our students do pass the MTTC before they can be certified to teach.

The state also wants to grade us on the amount of time students take to complete their program. But this has nothing to do with how effective a teacher is. Traditional, full-time students who have family financial support generally finish college in less time than part-time students who have to work to support them-

In short, the new grading system encourages institutions to enroll the traditional, younger student who has enough financial resources to complete a program in a traditional period of time. It discourages institutions from enrolling non-traditional students who might require more time to get through a program due to life circumstances, but who might also make excellent teachers.

selves and, often, families.

At WSU the majority of our students are older and work while they take classes, so they proceed through their program more slowly. Does this mean they will make poor teachers? Of course not. An institution that welcomes and encourages non-traditional students with job and family responsibilities should not be penalized for being accessible to them. Nor should the student be stigmatized because he/she cannot earn a degree in arbitrary period of time.

The state also says it will also look at the percentage of students from minority and other underrepresented groups. But the way the state scores this factor is likely to result in fewer numbers of minorities and teachers in high-needs areas.

Why? Because having more of these students gives an institution only five points out of a total of 70 points in the scoring system. So there is little incentive for a teacher education program to recruit and retain minorities.

The State Board of Education claims it values minority students and diversity, but its scoring system says otherwise.

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If the state wants teacher preparation programs to focus on preparing conventional students who fit only a traditional mold rather than making us accountable for the quality and effectiveness of a rich and diverse pool of graduates, this new evaluation system will do it.

Paula C. Wood is dean of the College of Education at Wayne State University in Detroit.

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Executive faces opposition from former police officer

Ficano says economy key issue



ELECTION 2006

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano faces two opponents in the Tuesday, Aug. 8, primary, former Detroit Police Lt. Ricardo Moore and Marion Ector, 24, of Detroit. Ficano and Moore responded to a questionnaire sent to all candidates as part of Michigan's Gannett Newspapers on-line Voter's Guide. The complete guide is available at www.hometownlife.com. Ector did not respond to the questions. Ramon Patrick of Detroit and Deborah West of Inkster are running on the Republican side. Neither responded to the questionnaire. The county executive serves a four-year term beginning in January 2007. The executive receives a salary of \$171,690 and oversees a budget of \$2 billion. Here are the responses from Ficano and Moore.

Robert Ficano, 53, of Livonia is running for his second term as county executive. He has a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and law degree from the University of Detroit School of Law. He was Wayne County sheriff from 1982 to 2002. He was elected county executive in 2002.

Ficano is single and has two children.

Q. What makes you the most qualified to hold this office?

A. As the chief executive officer of the largest county in the state and the 11th largest in the country, I have a view many are not privileged to receive. I see a way for us to work together to help us believe again in ourselves by delivering achievable objectives that take into the new century economy. Sitting on numerous boards, meetings with business leaders, other elected officials and forums such as Town Halls to meet with citizens across the county brings a tremendous responsibility and opportunity

to have all stakeholders represented at the table to identify and solve problems.

Q. What are the three most important issues facing the county and how would you address them?

A. Most citizens tell me the biggest problem we face is the economy, however, I believe economic transformation is part of life. I would say our lack of self-confidence and aggressive movement for substantive change is the larger issue. Local, regional and national government and business leadership must work together to lead with our strengths to reverse job loss, ineffective education standards, and citizens leaving the state seeking opportunities elsewhere.

Q. What county services would you consider vital and least eligible for cuts?

A. Core services include public safety, roads maintenance, mental health services for our most vulnerable citizens, economic development, public health, children and family services, emergency management and homeland security, parks. The two Wayne County golf courses had been losing money and running

deficits for years. After a thorough review and assessment, it was decided that we would bid for golf course maintenance and concession services. The vendor that could provide the best services most cost effectively was selected.

Q. Just a few quick, personal trivia questions: What type vehicle(s) do you own?

A. Jeep Liberty and Dodge Pick-up.

Q. What was the last book you read?

A. The Defining Moment: FDR, A Hundred Days and the Triumph of Hope by Jonathan Alter.

Q. What was the best movie you've seen in the last 12 months?

A. March of the Penguins.

Wayne County Fair takes contest entries

The Wayne County Fair is taking entries for two contests. The Car & Motorcycle Show, Aug. 12, is open to entries in muscle car, antique/classic, street machine, sports car, motorcycle and truck. Pre-entry fee is \$8, day of event entry is \$10.

Even day registration is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the fairgrounds, Quirk Road just west of Belleville Road off the I-94 N. Service Drive in Belleville. For information, call (734)635-1828 or (734)697-7002.

A Cutest Pet Contest is taking pre-entry photos through Aug. 6. Winners will be determined by votes. Photos will be turned in at the Community Arts Building at the fairgrounds 3-6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 7. Voting ends 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12. Photos must be at least 3-by-5 inches and not larger than 8-by-10 inches. Send entries to Cheryl Toms, 18273 Savage Road, Belleville, MI or email to talisman@aol.com. For information, call (734) 697-3963 or (734)635-1828.

Moore hits hard with fentanyl response

Ricardo Rodger Moore, 34, of Detroit is challenging Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano in the Aug. 8 primary for the nomination of the Democratic Party.

He has a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University and master's degree in public administration from Central Michigan University. He is a former lieutenant in the Detroit Police Department. He lists his current occupation as candidate for Wayne County Executive.

Moore is single and has a son.

Q. What makes you the most qualified to hold this office?

A. I am the only candidate that has and will publicly speak out against wrong doing in local government. I also hold a master's degree in public administration which allows me to analyze the current structure of the county and appoint the most qualified persons. I won't appoint domesticated men and women only bold leaders. I don't have any political alliances or prejudices, therefore, I can make things happen for Wayne County!

Q. What are the three most important issues facing the county and how would you address them?

A. Leadership - The current Wayne County executive has proven with the harmful drug fentanyl to ignore critical issues. The county knew about the drug in September 2005. However, nothing was made public until mid 2006! Accountability - The deficit of Wayne County is being spread over a five(5) year period. This is not acceptable.

Political Courage - Wayne County residents need to know they have a county executive that will hold other elected officials to a standard. Robert Ficano lacks the courage to stand face to face against the tone of corruption.

Q. What county services would you consider vital and least eligible for cuts?

A. All county services are important. The problem is there are too many questionable contracts in Wayne County and too many unqualified appointees in government.

Q. Just a few quick, personal trivia questions. What type vehicle(s) do you own?

A. 1998 Jeep Grand Cherokee.

Q. What was the last book you read?

A. Taking Over by Bishop Eddie Long.

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

A. A Few Good Men and The Negotiator on DVD ... my oldies but goodies.

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Grumpies grill Stabenow on the issues

BY STACY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

The Grumpies are getting as informed as they can.

The self-proclaimed Grumpies — a group of area political watchdogs who pride themselves on being avid letters-to-editor writers — invited U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow as their guest at their monthly meeting in Livonia on Monday.

Comprised of men, women, Republicans, Democrats and Libertarians from around Oakland County and Livonia, the Grumpies have been meeting for 13 years and were dubbed the Grumpies by a former newspaper editor, who joked that they sound like “bunch of grumpy old men.” They liked the moniker and it stuck. They’ve even adopted Grumpy, from the Disney classic *Snow White* as their mascot.

Ray Dubin of Farmington Hills leads the group, and assured Stabenow that the views shared by group members are varied on most issues.

So far this political season, the group has hosted political candidates Michael Bouchard, Keith Butler, Dick DeVos and Stabenow. Gov. Jennifer Granholm meets with the Grumpies about once a year in Lansing.

“We definitely want people who are running for office or who are in office,” Dubin said. “We need that input so we can know first-hand and have the opportunity to feel out the different positions.”

Stabenow, who served four years in the U.S. House before becoming a U.S. Senator two years ago, said she was impressed by the concept of the Grumpies.

“Thanks for taking the time to do this and just caring enough,” she said. “The strength for us, in this country, has been active citizens; our strength has been the fact that people care.”

ON THE ISSUES

Stabenow, who is seeking re-election this fall, has a framework of topics while serving in the U.S. Senate, including health care, trade, jobs, education and innovation.

“I think the biggest challenge for us, as a country, is how to compete in a global economy without losing our way of life,” she said, noting there will always be someone who can do our jobs overseas for much less compensation. “We need to work up to keep our middle class. Currently, we do not have a level playing field. We need to raise up education and innovation to allow us to compete at the



U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow joined members of The Grumpies at a recent meeting in the Livonia Library to discuss the ongoing issues and take questions from the group.

high end in the global economy.”

Steve Sutton, of Farmington Hills, asked Stabenow her thoughts on the oil industry — an issue hitting home with every American.

“First of all, it’s outrageous,” she said, noting Exxon Mobil recently logged the largest profits ever reported by a publicly held company. “The bottom line is that there are only five oil companies left. There is no competition.”

The production of ethanol fuel and other biofuels could be the answer, she said. By the end of the year, Michigan will have five ethanol production plants.

“We’ve got the researchers, we’ve got the know-how, we’ve got the production; the only thing we don’t have are the (ethanol fuel) pumps,” she said. Tax incentives in exchange for operators acquiring ethanol pumps could be one solution, she said.

“I think we ought to be rushing for this,” she said. “If the oil companies won’t bring the prices down, we ought to create some competition.”

On immigration reform, Stabenow voted against the bill because “it went too far,” by including a guest worker program to allow immigrants to work in the U.S. “on the theory that Americans don’t want those jobs.”

“I totally disagree with the president on this whole idea of a guest worker program,” she said. “It’s a race for the bottom — it would end up taking American jobs and creating a race for cheap wages.”

Neil Goodbred of Livonia spoke about immigration, saying it is a felony — plain and simple.

“There isn’t any agreement that would satisfy the hicks of me,” he said.

A fellow Grumpy, Les Ostrander of Livonia, said the punishment should be severe.

“If we shoot these people, they’ll figure it out and stop crossing the border. It’s a radical but logical process,” he said.

On homeland security, Stabenow explained her efforts to get a fee of \$420 per trash hauler that enters the United States from Canada for inspection purposes. There are radiation panels at the borders, but she said the X-ray equipment is ineffective on the large, bulky trucks.

“There is no one inspecting what goes in,” she said.

The bill for the fee is pending in the House. She said the importation of Canadian trash to Michigan landfills cannot be halted without formal action by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Trash is considered a commodity and is covered by the North American Free Trade Agreement, so Michigan cannot ban the importation. She said using homeland security funding and reasoning is a “back-door approach” to discourage Canada from sending its trash across the border.

“The Canadians are going crazy over this (proposal),” she said. “Hopefully, they’ll turn those trucks around.”

On the Middle East crisis, Stabenow favors an immediate cease fire, but realizes it’s only a temporary measure. She said President Bush is unwilling to sit down with the two sides.

“This president has decided to walk away from the Middle East,” she said. “He’s let the lid come off.”

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Red Cross urges you to give blood now

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Summer’s a great time for family fun, but the American Red Cross is hoping you’ll pause to consider donating blood.

“There is a tremendous need this time of year,” said Andrea Ward, spokeswoman for the Southeastern Michigan Blood Region of the Red Cross. “Each summer we do see a shortage.”

Ward said difficulty tracking down high school and college-age donors is a factor in the summer slowdown. “That’s when we go out on appeals.” The Red Cross plans ahead by finding sponsors to back blood drives.

The O negative blood type, the “universal donor” which all can receive, is especially needed. Ward noted an increase in summer accidents and elective surgeries which boosts the need for blood.

The “Give a Little, Live a Little” campaign started last summer and helped to bring donors in, she said, although this year things are running behind. The Red Cross summer campaign is with such partners as The Palace, Second City, Mark Ridley’s Comedy Castle and others and offers tickets to events for donors.

“It’s just saying what you did giving blood is priceless,” Ward said.

Blood donors must be age 17 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health. To set up an appointment to give blood, call (800) GIVE-LIFE or visit www.givelife.org on the Web.

The local Red Cross can import blood from other cities and regions, but she noted there are shortages elsewhere as well. “We need to get the word out to our community. All we have is healthy donors.”

There has been research on artificial blood but nothing has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

The Red Cross donor center on Five Mile between Levan and Newburgh in Livonia does well, although Ward noted the Red Cross in the region needs to collect 900 units per day to serve some 50 hospitals.



Red Cross nurse Joyce McLin prepares a donor for a blood donation.

“There’s no cushion, there’s no buffer.” It may be necessary to delay some surgeries, she said, due to a blood shortage. She’s found some days, such as Fridays, are particularly challenging in collecting blood.

“We really do need the public support,” Ward said. “It’s a priceless gift.”

Elaine Bain of Plymouth Township is on the receiving end of blood donations for a condition called MDS, myelodysplastic disorder. “When someone gives you their blood, how do you say thank you? It’s just truly incredible,” the East Middle School teacher said. “I hope more people would give blood.”

In her disorder, cells in the bone marrow don’t do their job. “It is a gift,” Bain added of the blood she receives. Ed Snage of Plymouth Township is among blood donors for Bain, and jokes he hears a bit of a Lebanese accent from her now.

Snage, who’s semi-retired and worked in the auto supply industry, has been a donor since college “which was a long time ago.” He had a span of seven years when he couldn’t donate due to typhoid fever.

“Because people need it and God’s given me good blood,” Snage said of his giving. He’s given to the Red Cross and now is giving to Bain.

“It really makes it special,” Snage said of giving to someone he knows. “Thank God I’m healthy. That’s my way of giving back.”

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Total ELA	69.15	61.56
Math	62.72	52.37
Science	64.35	56.77
Soc. Studies	41.85	36.79

MEAP

FROM PAGE A1

Michigan high schools is critical to the state's future.

"It's not rocket science," said Flanagan. "How can students score well on the MEAP, and next year on the new Michigan Merit Exam that includes the ACT test, if they don't learn the content of the test. If they don't take algebra and biology, how are they going to know the answers to those questions on the test, let alone have the knowledge to succeed in the global marketplace when they enter the work world?"

Among the new graduation requirements being handed down by the state, students will have to take four credits of

English, four credits of math, three of science and three of social studies.

School board President Barry Simescu has seen the MEAP scores, and says the district will be addressing the numbers.

"We're working on plans to improve," Simescu said. "I think we have a good team in place, and we'll address the concerns and work out a plan."

"We made AYP (federal Adequate Yearly Progress standards) at all our elementary, middle and high schools," he said. "We didn't make AYP at Starkweather (alternative education center), which we will address."

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Proud to be American: Wounded Warriors backs plan for new benefit Sept. 30

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Country music star Lee Greenwood will headline a benefit organized by a Westland committee that wants to help wounded soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Greenwood, known for such hits as *God Bless the U.S.A.*, will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center in Dearborn.

"This is not meant to be pro-war or against the war," said Westland City Councilman Robert Stottlemeyer, who is chairing the *Wounded Heroes* benefit. "This is simply to help the troops who are coming home wounded."

The concert will help two organizations dedicated to helping wounded soldiers — the national Wounded Warriors Project and Wayne-based Veterans Haven Inc., which serves all of western Wayne County.

Dubbed the *Wounded Heroes* tribute, the concert will raise money to help offset the financial and emotional burdens suffered by wounded military personnel and their families.

The U.S. Army Band also will perform, Stottlemeyer said.



Greenwood

Veterans Haven. President Vince Berna issued a statement seeking help in selling out the 1,200-seat Ford Center for Greenwood's concert.

"I know a lot of you have been asked to dip into your pockets lately to support other recent causes, but this one is an exception," he said. "We all need to do this."

Ticket prices range from \$33 to \$50. They can be ordered by calling the Ford Center at (313) 943-2354 or by going online at www.dearbornfordcenter.com.

Greenwood's concert will mark the second year that Stottlemeyer has organized a fund-raiser to help wounded soldiers. Last year, he led a committee that brought the Glenn Miller Orchestra to Burton Manor for a benefit that raised \$48,000.

Stottlemeyer recalled how Vietnam War veterans returned home to a sometimes-hostile atmosphere, and he said he wants military personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan to know that people care about them.

"I said to myself and to my wife (Betty) that I don't want to ever see anything like that happen again to our troops,"

Stottlemeyer said.

The Wounded Warriors Project helps injured military personnel as they try to resume their lives. The organization provides such necessities as housing and food, and it seeks to help them re-enter the workforce.

The project also provides clothing, pre-paid calling cards, personal CD players, magazines and other items to military personnel who are wounded and staying in hospitals.

Veterans Haven Inc. provides many of the same services, but its focus is closer to home in the western Wayne County area. Some 97 percent of the money raised by Veterans Haven goes directly to help veterans.

Money raised from the Greenwood concert will be divided evenly between the two groups, Stottlemeyer said.

Those who can't attend the Greenwood concert but who want to help may send checks, made payable to Veterans Haven Inc., to Veterans Haven Outreach Center, 4924 S. Wayne Road, Wayne, MI.

Potential donors or those who have questions also may contact Stottlemeyer at (734) 721-4594.

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RACE

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money."

Ballenger said the Right to Life endorsement is big for Abbo.

"Look at the race six years ago, Teresa Folino got the Right to Life endorsement and almost won," Ballenger said. "She wasn't viewed as an attractive candidate, and (John) Stewart snuck in because he was pro-choice, and the only one in the race that was. Abbo is a much stronger candidate than she (Folino) was."

On the Democratic primary ticket, Ballenger gives the nod

to Marc Corriveau of Northville Township over Joanne Lamar of Plymouth and Joe Hawver of Plymouth Township. Corriveau reported spending \$4,526; Lamar \$3,158 and Hawver \$1,334.

However, Ballenger doesn't see a Democrat with much chance of winning the November general election in the 20th District, which he said is about 57 percent Republican.

"If the Democrats can win this race, Republicans are in trouble statewide," Ballenger said.

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BY STACY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

Because there is no greater gift than freedom; and, because those who fight for it should not struggle upon their return from war, Dan Higgins felt compelled to do something.

The Farmington resident is organizing the third annual Homes for Our Troops fund-raiser in Farmington Hills at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, at Vladimir's banquet hall, 28125 Grand River.

Homes for Our Troops is a national nonprofit organization established in February 2004 in Massachusetts as a

way to help U.S. military personnel who return from duty with serious disabilities or injuries.

Homes for Our Troops raises donations of cash, building materials, professional labor and assistance in the process of building a new home or adapting an existing home for handicapped accessibility.

"With our growing network of professionals in the building industry, building material manufacturers, and generous donors from across the USA, we are able to provide this service at little or no cost to the veteran," Higgins said.

There have been no Michigan recipients, but Higgins said the Michigan group continues to raise money, "instead of waiting for something to happen to someone in our own back yard." With a recent donation of

land in Oscoda to Michigan Homes for Our Troops, the focus is clear.

"The current vision of the Michigan Homes For Our Troops is not only to raise money but to build or renovate a home in the state of Michigan. With land recently donated in Oscoda, we are now on our way to our goal," he said.

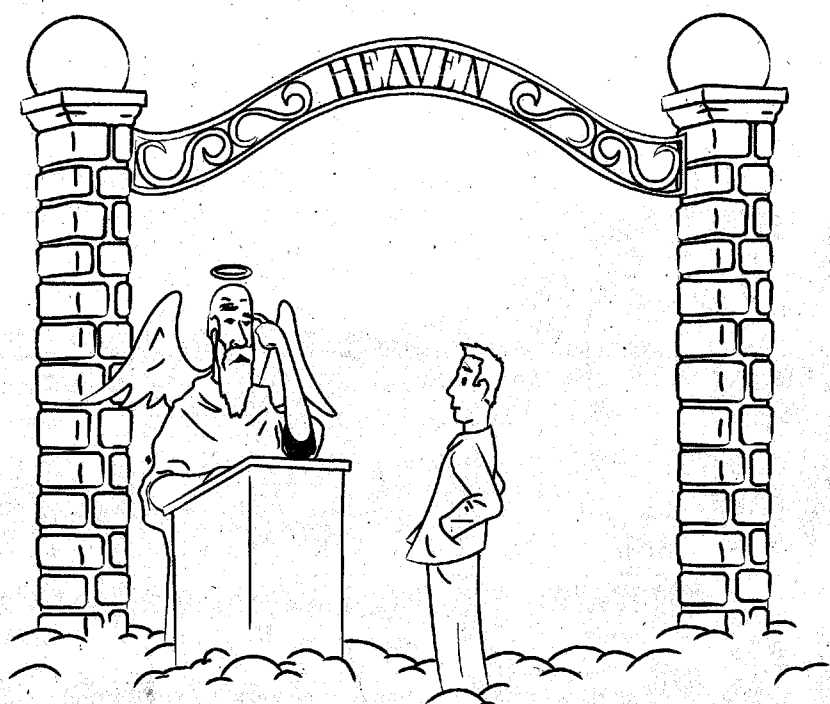
Higgins is not a veteran, but appreciates all that members of the military do for the country. He missed the draft lottery for Vietnam and his son, Ryan, contemplated joining the Marines four years ago, but decided not to join.

The event at Vladimir's is open to all, regardless of political affiliations, Higgins said.

"This has nothing to do with being a Republican or Democrat or being for or against the war," he said.

Tax deductible tickets for the Aug. 12 fund-raiser are \$25 each, which includes a buffet lunch, musical entertainment and a raffle ticket. Additional raffle tickets may be purchased for \$10 each, even if a lunch ticket is not purchased. The event will feature a veterans dedication and a silent auction. The event is supported by American Legion Post 346 in Farmington.

For tickets, call Higgins at (248) 473-0271, Kim Jaske at (248) 231-3911 or Rob Stants at (248) 538-7374. Checks may be payable to Michigan Homes for Our Troops, and can be mailed to Dan Higgins, chairman, at 34758 Oakland St., Farmington, MI 48335. Find out more information at www1.MichiganHFOT.org or e-mail MichiganHFOT@aol.com.



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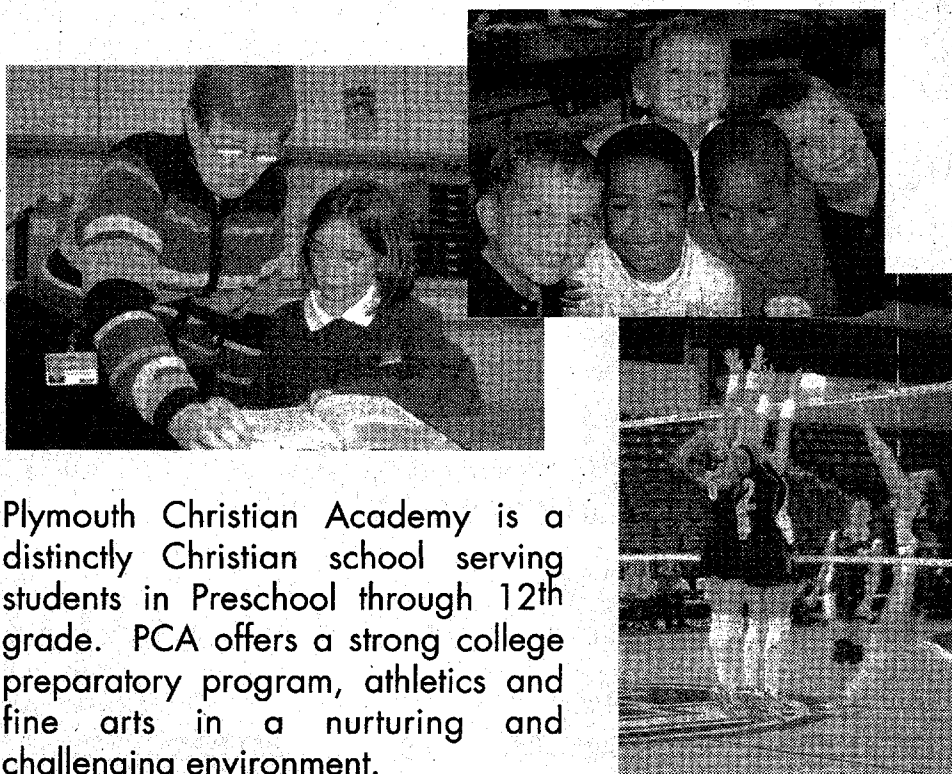
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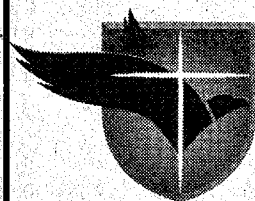


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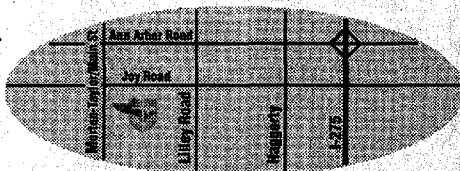
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Hermann's fund-raiser aims to raise awareness about autism

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Like many people, Neil Carrick used to know very little about autism.

And then he met Rhonda Stacer and her son, Jacob.

Now, Carrick, a Myrtle Beach, S.C., resident, is learning more and more every day and is trying to help raise awareness of the affliction.

Carrick, a former pastor in a Baltimore, Md., church, met the Stacers about a decade ago, at a Baltimore Taco Bell restaurant, where Jacob, then just 3 years old, was "acting up" and causing a stir.

What people in the restaurant — and even Rhonda herself — didn't know was Jacob was autistic, a diagnosis confirmed by doctors at the Kennedy Krieger Center at Johns Hopkins University Hospital in Baltimore.

Now 13, Jacob, who lives with his mom and brother Zachary in Livonia, has developed into a highly functioning autistic, and his story inspired Carrick to get involved in the fight to raise awareness about autism.

"Jacob is high-functioning, but it's really a struggle," said Carrick. "It's one of the fastest-growing mental problems in the country. Everyone I talk to

says (the struggle) is mind-boggling."

To help raise awareness, Carrick has organized a fund-raiser in downtown Plymouth's Old Village. The event starts at 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6, at Hermann's Old Towne Grill on Liberty at Starkweather. It will feature eight musical acts, the work of several artists and photographers and a silent auction.

"The main idea is to support (victims of) autism locally and bring exposure nationally," Carrick said.

Toward that end, Carrick has developed a Web site — www.autismchild.org — to help raise awareness. The site will feature profiles on autistic children, and is populated with photos from Plymouth photographer Gosia Nowinski.

The site is designed not only to try to help families struggling with the affliction, but even those who know little or nothing about it.

"We wanted to help the families," Carrick said. "But we also wanted a site where anyone who doesn't know anything about autism can see what it's like."

Kimberly Gingell, a former Plymouth resident who now lives in Garden City, is a friend of Rhonda Stacer and helps her take care of Jacob. An

artist, Gingell said her relationship with Jacob is what led her to get involved in the fund-raiser.

"I know how bad it is," said Gingell, who plans to draw sketches of people at the fund-raiser. "More and more kids have it, and they need help."

Carrick said the fund-raiser, and others like it he hopes to conduct, are an effort to supplement any help families can get from the government, which Carrick said can be plentiful once families get through a great deal of red tape.

"There are a lot of services there once you get there, but there are so many barriers," said Carrick, whose Web site points out autism cases are expected to jump to some 4 million in the next decade. "Getting to them is hard, and by the time families get halfway through, a lot of them are ready to give up."

Hermann's Olde Town Grille is located at 195 Liberty, at the corner of Starkweather. For more information, e-mail Carrick at info@autismchild.org or call (734) 338-9248.

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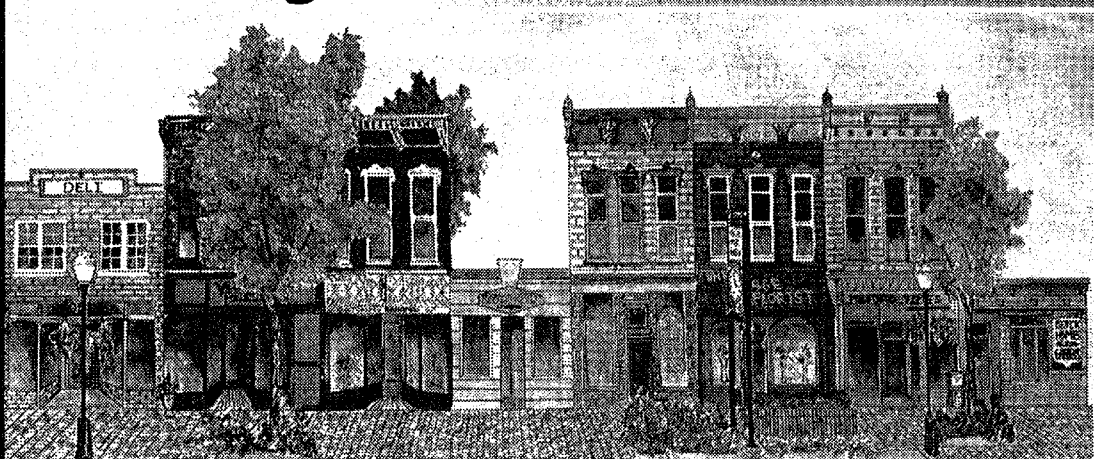
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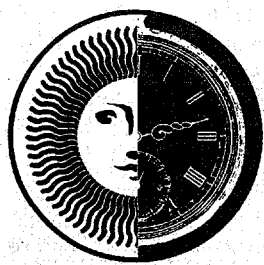
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A troubled future

Garden center feels pinch of bad economy

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Clyde Smith & Sons garden center, a 172-year-old family business and Westland landmark, may be in jeopardy of closing.

"We're here until Christmas for sure. I don't know after that," family member Carol Smith McCreedy said Thursday. "It's getting harder and harder to make money. All the garden centers in the area are hurting."

Clyde Smith & Sons, a one-time chestnut orchard and roadside stand that grew to become a sprawling farm, has stopped selling garden vegetables.

"We're no longer doing pro-

duce," McCreedy said. "We hadn't made money on it for the last couple of years. We just couldn't see doing it this year."

Located on Newburgh Road south of Joy, the business still has its greenhouses and retail garden center, selling such items as cut flowers, perennials, trees, shrubs, potted plants and houseplants.

Smith & Sons will sell pumpkins, gourds, Indian corn and other seasonal items this fall, McCreedy said, "and we're still planning on having Christmas trees."

After that, the future poses a big question mark for a family business started by Stephen Smith in 1834, when Andrew Jackson was president and

three years before Michigan celebrated its statehood.

Loyal customers and local historians hope that business will turn around and that Smith & Sons will survive amid tough economic times.

"It upsets me to think that after all these years it wouldn't be Clyde Smith's anymore," Westland historian Jo Johnson said. "It's kind of a shock. I guess I thought that Clyde Smith & Sons would always be there. It would bother me to see it go under after all these years."

Rumors have circulated for years of potential problems, McCreedy said, but the business has always survived. David and Edna Smith own it, and their three children with

help from spouses have kept it going, at times with their own children pitching in.

But the sour economy and rising costs for heating fuel, employees, taxes and other expenses may ultimately put the family out of business.

"Think of what you paid to heat your home last winter and multiply that by a hundred or more," McCreedy said. "It's hard to make money. People are spending all their money on groceries and gasoline to get to and from work, and a lot of people are out of work."

Many customers who once welcomed spring and summer by spending money on flowers, plants and other decorative items have had to adjust their expenses, she said.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

It's a familiar sign, a Westland landmark, but Clyde Smith & Sons may face closing unless the economy turns around and business picks up.

Closing would be the end of an era – the end to one of Michigan's longest-standing businesses.

Said McCreedy: "I don't want to go anywhere."

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IN BUSINESS

Metaldyne names VP

Kim Kovac has been appointed executive vice president of Human Resources and Metaldyne University, Metaldyne Corp. She will report to Tim Leuliette, chairman, president and CEO.

In this expanded role, Kovac will continue to oversee the company's global Human Resources function including compensation and benefits, leadership development and organizational design, recruiting, retention, HRIS and labor relations.

In addition, she will be responsible for Metaldyne University, a training forum that allows Metaldyne to share best practices across its global operations. Kovac also will oversee Environmental, Health and Safety functions.

"These new responsibilities are a natural fit for Kim," said Leuliette. "Under Kim's leadership, Metaldyne University and corporate Human Resources will work together to provide our employees with the best training and resources available to create a center of expertise in order to maintain a competitive edge in the marketplace."

Kovac joined Metaldyne in 2001 as a compensation and benefits consultant. She also served as corporate benefits manager and director of compensation and benefits before being appointed to her most recent position as vice president of Human Resources. Kovac played a key role in developing the innovative labor agreement with the International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America that was

part of Metaldyne's acquisition of the Chrysler Group's New Castle, Ind., facility in 2004. Before joining Metaldyne, Kovac worked as a corporate human resources director in the automotive industry. Her prior professional experience includes 14 years with Comerica Bank, where she served in a variety of human resources positions, including vice president of employee benefits.

Kovac holds a bachelor's degree and a master's of business administration degree, both from Lawrence Technological University. She resides in Grosse Ile.

Record earnings

Johnson Controls, Inc. reported record sales and earnings for the third quarter of fiscal 2006.

Sales for the 2006 third quarter increased 19 percent to \$8.4 billion from \$7.1 billion for the 2005 quarter. Building efficiency sales were double the level a year ago and power solutions sales were one-third higher. Interior experience sales were lower than the year-ago period reflecting weaker automotive markets.

Operating income for the 2006 quarter was \$280 million, including a restructuring charge of \$197 million, compared with \$368 million last year. Income from continuing operations, including non-recurring tax benefits, was \$336 million versus \$255 million the prior year. Diluted earnings per share from continuing operations were 30 percent higher, reaching \$1.70 vs. \$1.31.

"Johnson Controls continues to assertively grow its businesses and take actions to improve its profitability," said John M. Barth, chairman and chief executive officer.

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-July 25, 2006

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, July 25, 2006, at 1150 Canton Center S. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo Staff Present: Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Board Minutes of July 11, 2006. Motion carried by all members present. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Bennett to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **Expenditure Recap for July 25, 2006**

General Fund	101	\$	303,685.73	Fire Fund	206		45,228.91
Police Fund	207		52,534.99	Summit Operating	208		20,487.76
Cable TV Fund	230		895.91	Twp Improvement	246		2,045.00
E-911 Utility	261		10,483.20	Auto Forfeiture(wwa)	267		5,030.87
Federal Grants Fund	274		2,160.00	Auto Theft Grant	289		751.71
Cap Proj-Road Paving	403		164,303.65	Golf Fund	584		16,990.45
Water & Sewer Fund	592		11,293.84	Construction Escrows	702		35.18
Post Employ. Benefits	736		3,433.59	Total - All Funds			739,360.79

PUBLIC HEARING: 1. PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT TRANSFER FOR DIVERSIFIED MACHINE, INC. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to open the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. for the tax abatement transfer for Diversified Machine, Inc. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to close the public hearing at 7:06 p.m. for the tax abatement transfer for Diversified Machine, Inc. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the resolution for application of Diversified Machine, Inc. for transfer of Industrial Facility exemption Certificate #99-581 for real and personal property. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION OF DIVERSIFIED MACHINE, INC. FOR TRANSFER OF INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE #99-581 FOR REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY** WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on May 3, 1983, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton by resolution established the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, as requested by the property owners; and, WHEREAS, Diversified Machine, Inc. has filed an application for a transfer of an existing Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a facility acquired from UniBoring Company (Certificate #99-581) within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District; and, WHEREAS, before acting on said application, the Charter Township of Canton held a public hearing on July 25, 2006, at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m., at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor and representatives of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and, WHEREAS, transfer of ownership of the facility is calculated to and will at the time of issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain or prevent the loss of employment in Canton Township; and, WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the Charter Township of Canton, after granting this certificate, will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton that: 1. The Canton Board of Trustees finds and determines that the approval of the transfer of Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #99-581 considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of Canton Township, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in Canton Township. 2. The application of Diversified Machine, Inc. for a transfer of Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #99-581 with respect to an existing facility acquired from UniBoring Company, and located on the following parcel of real property situated within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, to wit: **Parcel Number 003-99-0008-713** Part of the Southwest 1 of Section 1, Town 2 South, Range 8 East, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, as described as follows: Commencing at the South corner of Section 1, T.2 S., R. 8 E., thence North 02 Degrees 07 Minutes 49 Seconds West, 85.5 feet along the North and South line of Section 1, thence South 88 Degrees 45 Minutes 59 Seconds West, 49.51 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence continuing South 88 Degrees 45 Minutes 59 Seconds West, 696.16 feet to the Easterly Right of Way of I-275 Expressway and a nontangent curve concave to the Southeast, having a radius of 11,354.16 feet, to which point a radial line bears North 81 Degrees 06 Minutes, 34 Seconds West, thence Northeasterly, 759.83 feet along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 03 Degrees 50 Minutes 26 Seconds (The chord of said curve bears North 10 Degrees 48 Minutes 40 Seconds East, 759.69 feet), thence North 88 Degrees 42 Minutes 27 Seconds East, 526.00 feet, thence South 02 Degrees 07 Minutes 49 Seconds East, 743.59 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 10.50 acres of land. be and the same is hereby approved. 3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #99-581 when transferred shall be and remain in force and effect expiring December 30, 2007. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. APPROVE THE SENIOR ALLIANCE MULTI-YEAR PLAN FOR FY 2007 - FY 2009. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution affirming approval of the Senior Alliance Multi-Year Plan for Aging Services. Motion carried by all members present. **Resolution Affirming Approval of the Senior Alliance Multi-Year Plan for Aging Services** WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees, Wayne County, Michigan, recognizes the role of The Senior Alliance as the designated Area Agency on Aging for Southern and Western Wayne County to be responsible for planning, developing, coordinating, monitoring and managing a comprehensive organized service delivery system of services for older adults and caregivers; and WHEREAS, the 34 communities of Southern and Western Wayne County, including the Charter Township of Canton, comprises the Planning and Service Area and the agency's governing body; and WHEREAS, the Office of Services to the Aging require local Area Agencies on Aging to request approvals of their Multi-Year Plan from their local governments; and WHEREAS, The Senior Alliance has submitted such a plan in accordance to the Federal and State laws; and WHEREAS, The Senior Alliance has held public hearings, public input sessions, and a Key-Informant Survey was distributed to the client, caregiver and service provider population for feedback, which contributed to the development of the Multi-Year Plan for Fiscal Year 2007-2009. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Charter Township of Canton approves the Multi-Year Plan for Fiscal Year 2007-2009, as presented, and that the Clerk will forward an official copy of this resolution to the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging, the Michigan Commission on Aging, Wayne County Executive, Robert Ficano, and the Executive Director of The Senior Alliance, Bob Brown. APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Charter Township of Canton Board on July 25, 2006. **Item 2. RE-APPOINTMENTS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to re-appoint Randy Blaylock and Steven Johnson to the Zoning Board of Appeals to three-year terms to expire on August 31, 2009. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 3. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR DELTA KAPPA GAMMA'S ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve special event status and placement of signs for Delta Kappa Gamma's annual craft fair on Saturday, October 21, 2006 at West Middle School. Motion carried by all members present. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. GERIC BECK ROAD INVESTMENTS LLC REZONING. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for rezoning request of Geric Beck Road Investments LLC. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Rezoning Request of Geric Beck Road Investments LLC** WHEREAS, the petitioner has requested approximately 30.37 acres located on the east side of Denton Road between Geddes Road and Michigan Avenue be rezoned from RR, Rural Residential and R-1, Single-Family Residential to R-3, Single-Family Residential District and R-6, Single-Family Attached Residential WHEREAS, the requested rezoning WOULD be in conformity with the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan; and WHEREAS, the Canton Township Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of the request; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the petitioner to rezone tax parcel nos. 126-99-0010-000, 126-99-0011-000, from R-R, Rural Residential to R-3, Single-Family Residential District; to rezone parcel no. 126-99-0013-003, from R-1 Single-Family Residential to R-3, Single-Family Residential District; and to rezone part of parcel no. 126-99-0006-000 from RR, Rural Residential to R-6, Single-Family Attached Residential. **Item 2. CONSIDER JB DONALDSON REZONING. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt the resolution for JB Donaldson rezoning. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Rezoning Request of JB Donaldson** WHEREAS, the petitioner has requested approximately 4.85 acres located on the east side of Haggerty Road between Palmer Road and Michigan Avenue from L-I-R to L-I-1, Light Industrial 1 District WHEREAS, the requested rezoning WOULD be in conformity with the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan; and WHEREAS, the Canton Township Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of the request; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the petitioner to rezone 4.85 acres of property identified by property tax EDP No. 098-99-0028-708 to L-I-1, Light Industrial-1 District, as shown on the map. **Item 3. SET MILLAGE RATE LIMITS FOR DECEMBER 1 2006 TAX LEVY AND SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND FY 2007 BUDGETS. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo that the maximum millage rates to be levied by Canton Township on December 1, 2006 be set as follows: Charter Mills (General Fund) 2.3660 Fire Protection Special Assessment 2.3580 Police Protection Special Assessment 3.9260 Total 8.6500 I further move that a Public Hearing be held on September 12, 2006 to receive public input on the proposed millage rates and the proposed 2007 budgets. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 4. FLEET CARD FUELING SERVICES. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to award the fleet card fueling services contract to Speedway Super America LLC. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 5. CONTRIBUTION TO MMMA MEMBER RETENTION FUND AND BUDGET AMENDMENTS. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the contribution of \$350,000 to Canton's Member Retention fund in the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority. I further move to approve the following budget amendments for this contribution: Police Fund: Increase (Decrease) Appropriations: General Insurance #207-301-911-0000 \$200,000 Contribution to Fund Balance 207-301-999-0000 (200,000) Total \$-0- This budget amendment does not increase or decrease the Police Fund budget. Water & Sewer Fund: Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #592-000-699-0000 \$150,000 Increase Appropriations: General Insurance #592-441-911-0000 \$150,000 This budget amendment increases the Water & Sewer Fund budget from \$30,758,240 to \$30,908,240. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 6. APPROVAL OF ROOF REPAIR AT CHERRY HILL SCHOOL. (ACSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the price quote submitted by C. Davis Roofing Services, LLC for \$7,400 with a ten percent contingency of \$740 for a total amount of \$8,140 (Historic District Commission Capital Projects – Capital Outlay Historical Account # 101-803-976-1000) for installing a flat roof at the Cherry Hill School. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 7. APPROVE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE PARK MAINTENANCE FACILITY. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the reprogramming of \$52,955 in Community Improvement Capital Projects Account #246-750-970-0000 from Paved Surfaces on Township Property - \$250,000 budget line item, to the Parks Maintenance Building Upgrade - \$1,000,000 budget line item. The budget reprogramming would revise the Parks Maintenance Building Upgrade project budget to \$1,052,955 while the Paved Surfaces on Township Property budget would be revised to \$197,000. I further move to approve the bid from Flowtronex PSI, Ltd., 10661 Newkirk St., Dallas, Texas, in the amount of \$37,430 to be taken from Budget Account #246-750-970-0000 Community Improvement. I further move to increase the TMP Associates, 1191 West Square Lake Road, contract amount from \$53,500 to \$69,180. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 8. CONSIDER OFFER TO PURCHASE PROPERTY UNDER WAYNE COUNTY TAX FORECLOSURE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the offer to purchase the following two (2) properties under Wayne County tax foreclosure at the minimum bid amounts listed: Parcel #1 (Tax ID # 131-01-0258-000) for an amount of \$1,278.38 (Account # 101-200-971-0000 (Capital Outlay – Land) , and Parcel #2 (Tax ID # 139-99-0001-000) for an amount of \$49,496.93 (Account # 101-200-971-0000 (Capital Outlay – Land). Further, I authorize the Municipal Services Director to make the written offers on behalf of the Township Board. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 9. PURCHASE OF PROPERTY. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin that the Canton Board of Trustees accept the assignment of right to purchase tax parcel 71-052-99-0014-000 from Dearborn Realty for future road right-of-way. The purchase price and closing costs shall not exceed \$150,000 and will be funded from the Community Improvement Fund. Motion carried by all members present. **OTHER:** There will be no Board Study Session on August 1, 2006. There will be no Board Meeting on August 8, 2006 due to the Primary Election. The next Board Study Session will be Tuesday, August 15, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan, 48188. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. — Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor – Terry G. Bennett, Clerk — Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48185, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org Publish: August 3, 2006

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**CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
1150 S. CANTON CENTER RD.
CANTON, MI 48188**

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at Public Auction August 8, 2006 at 10:00 AM. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY	VIN#
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1993	BUICK		4 DR	1G4HP53L3PH469916
1986	VOLKSWAGON	JETTA	4 DR	VWVGW0166GW646838
1993	JEEP	CHEEROKEE	4 DR	1J4FJ68SXP626951
1990	TOYOTA	COROLLA	4 DR	JT2AE94A2L3332983
1988	FORD	RANGER	P/U	1FTBR10C7JUE06656
1995	FORD	F-150	P/U	1FTBF15N6SLA37108
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Looking for good homes

PETCO teams up with rescue groups to help unwanted animals

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

The ears may be pointy, but the eyes are a soft black and the fur is white. Looking at him square in the face, it's easy to understand why Cari Stebbins named her dog Falcor after the Luckdragon in *Neverending Story*.

"We have issues with the ears," the Garden City resident said to her six-month-old Samoyed who has the penchant to put his ears down.

Falcor has become a poster puppy of sorts for Wonderland Samoyed Safe Haven that is making weekend appearances at the PETCO store on Warren west of Wayne Road in Westland.

The organization, which rescues purebred and mixed breed Samoyeds and finds them new homes, is participating in several adoption events at PETCO to raise funds and awareness for pet rescue and help find local, homeless Samoyeds a new home for life.

The rescue group will be at the store from noon to 4 p.m. Aug. 5, 12 and 19, Sept. 9, Oct. 7 and Nov. 4, meeting prospective families and selling Purina Pro Plan Rally to Rescue collar and wristband sets as part of the Rally to Rescue campaign.

According to Stebbins, the pet wears the collar, the owner wears the wristband, and together they show their support for pet rescue. All proceeds from the sale of the collars and wristbands will benefit WSSH.

WSSH was founded in 2005 and has rescued 49 Samoyeds from throughout Michigan and Indiana. Some of the dogs were owner surrendered, some were rescued from abusive and neglectful settings and others came from calls from animal shelters.

"If a Samoyed is in need of finding a home, we take it in," Stebbins said. "When a Samoyed leaves us, it has all of its vaccinations, it's been spayed or neutered, it's been fully vetted. Even though we have a rescue vet, it still costs money."

Stebbins added that the PETCO visits allows WSSH representatives to meet prospective families, getting to know what their needs are in the way of a pet. The group has had as many as 14 Samoyeds available for adoption, but at present has only a few mixed breed dogs available.

While most people think Samoyeds are outdoor dogs because of their thick, heavy coats, just the opposite is true, Stebbins said. The dogs were bred in Siberia and were so valued by the villagers they were kept indoors.

"Samoyeds are most definitely a family breed," she added.

WSSH has been in the store twice and has met with several potential volunteers and met a woman who would like to be matched up with one of the rescued dogs. The weekend appearances also have opened up resources for the fairly small group, which relies heavily on donations and the efforts of volunteers.

Having a rescue group offering adoptions in the store dovetails with PETCO's common mission, strengthening the bond between people and pets, according to manager Patrick Beeny.

"This is almost the crux of PETCO and one of the core values of pet care," he said. "We opened this store in June 2001 and from day one started working with adoption groups and it has steadily increased."

The foundation was founded in 1999. It works with 3,700



Cari Stebbins (at right) of Wonderland Samoyed Safe Haven and her Samoyed named Falcor join PETCO manager Patrick Beeny in promoting animal rescue and adoption.

TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

nonprofit groups around the country and has raised more than \$30 million. It's currently holding PETCO Foundation's annual Round Up/Spay Today fund-raiser.

The campaign, which runs through Aug. 13, encourages customers to "round-up" their purchases to the next highest dollar. All proceeds benefit local spay/neuter focused animal welfare organizations.

The fund-raiser started last Sunday, when donations of \$140 exceeded the company

goal of \$100 a day.

"We do it everyday for a month and in the end have a good chunk of change for the groups," Beeny said.

In addition to helping local groups, 10 percent of all funds raised will be donated to Spay USA to support its spay/neuter programs and hotline. Spay USA is a nationwide network and referral service for affordable spay/neuter services.

"Pet overpopulation is not just a concept, it has a face," said Paul Jolly, vice president

and director of the PETCO Foundation. "In fact, it had 4 million faces last year. That's the number of animals euthanized in our country's shelters."

WSSH isn't the only rescue group working with PETCO in pet adoptions. The Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue out of Belleville; Greyhounds of Eastern Michigan; the Buster Foundation, a pitbull rescue organization; the Southeast Michigan Ferret Rescue Organization; and Tiny Paws Rabbit Rescue are at the store

to find homes for rescued animals.

"We've always had adoption groups here," Beeny said. "We can't have enough of them here."

For more information about Wonderland Samoyed Safe Haven, visit its Web site at www.wssh.org. People can also call Sarah Lichtenfelt at (989) 239-8612 or Stebbins at (734) 421-8691 or e-mail the organization at main@wssh.org.

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AUGUST

Country/Western style BBQ

6:30 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., Friday, Aug. 4, on Ward Presbyterian Church grounds picnic area, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Entertainment in Knox Hall. Prizes awarded for the best dressed cowboy and gal. Tickets \$15 and must be purchased in advance. Call (248) 374-5920.

Annual bazaar

Weekend features a jazz concert, teens presentations, open air market, Marcus Garvey African Dance Troup, children's games, food, petting farm and pony rides Aug. 4-6, at Sacred Heart Church, 3451 Rivard, Detroit. Call (313) 831-1356.

Bicycling group

10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, at Willow Metro Park, I-275 south to Exit 11A (South Huron Road), east on Huron to Park entrance, south to Washago

Pond. Single Point (age 30 and older) bike rides are geared to the tourist level rider but riders of all ability levels are welcome. All riders must wear a helmet. For more information, call Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5920.

Monthly dance

Bethany Suburban West presents a dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Aug. 5 (doors open at 7:30 p.m.), at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster road. Bethany Suburban West is a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian denominations. Cost is \$10, refreshments included. Call (734) 261-5716 for information.

Treasure Hunt

Contests, games, crafts, preschool fun zone and snow cones. All welcome, free. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6, First Congregational Church, Wayne Road, Wayne. For information, call (734) 729-7550.

Speaker

Frank Turner, WXYZ anchor and Frank Turner Ministries, speaks at First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial Road. 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6. A freewill offering and tickets are free. A full-course chicken dinner will follow the speaker and a limited number of tickets are available for \$6. For

more information, call (734) 455-2300.

Treasure seekers

9 a.m. to noon Monday-Thursday, Aug. 7-10, for kindergarten through fifth grade, at Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Grand finale is an Ice Cream Social and Program 7-8:30 p.m. Aug. 10. Call (734) 422-0149.

Vacation Bible school

For age 4 through completed sixth grade 6-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 7-11, dinner will be served each evening as part of the event, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia. No charge. For information, call (734) 421-8451.

Vacation Bible school

For ages 4-12, kids travel to Mexico, Brazil, Poland, China and Kenya to trade places with children from other countries and learn about biblical heroes who traded one place in life for another, 6:30-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 7-11 at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, between Plymouth and West Chicago. Call (313) 937-3170 to pre-register.

Vacation Bible School

Time Stone Travelers: Quest for God's 10 Commandments. 9 a.m. to noon, Monday-Friday, Aug. 7-11. Ages 4 to sixth grade, free. First Congregational

Church, Wayne Road, Wayne. For information, call (734) 729-7550.

Meditation classes

Continues 7-9 p.m. Mondays to Aug. 7, Elizabeth Cleeland will lead the class on various meditation practices at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No preregistration necessary. A freewill offering will be taken at each class. For more information, call (586) 353-2300, or visit www.renaissanceunity.org.

Nagasaki remembrance

Candlelight vigil, music, refreshments, informational tables 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, at Hope United Methodist Church, 16175 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Sneak preview of the film Full Circle, a documentary that records the journey of Buddhist monks traveling 1600 miles from San Francisco to the Trinity site in New Mexico with the flame from Hiroshima where it was extinguished forever. For details, call (734) 425-0079.

Crosstalk

With Paul Clough leading a lively discussion on a topic of current interest 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Livonia. Learn how the Bible approaches modern day events and the Christian response to them. Free childcare. Call (248) 374-5920.

Bicycling group

10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, at Newburgh Point, Hines Drive west of Newburgh Road. Single Point (age 30 and older) bike rides are geared to the tourist level rider but riders of all ability levels are welcome. All riders must wear a helmet. For more information, call Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5920.

Arctic adventure

Vacation Bible School for ages 5-12, explores faith 9:45 a.m. to noon Sunday, Aug. 13, and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Aug. 14-17, at Parkview Baptist Church, 9355 Stark Road, Livonia. For more information or transportation, call (734) 261-6180.

Bethany Together picnic

Sunday, Aug. 13, at Metro Beach, 16 Mile Road and Jefferson Ave. Cost is \$5 and a dish of real food, not a bag of chips or cookies, to pass. Also bring your favorite lawn chair to relax and listen to the music. For more information, call (586) 264-0284. Bethany Suburban West is a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian denominations.

God's Family in Action

Vacation Bible School 6-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 14-18, at Trinity Church of Livonia. Preschool, elemen-

tary, jr. high and adult classes offered (fellowship meal at 6 p.m.). There will be music, singing, crafts, puppets, food and fellowship centered around the study of book of ACTS. To register send e-mail to TrinSunSchool@aol.com, or call church office at (734) 425-2800, or Sunday School director at (313) 541-3892. When registering leave parents name(s), child's name(s) and ages, and phone number.

Vacation Bible school

This year's theme is Fiesta, where kids are hot for Jesus from Aug. 14-18 at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Please stop by for a registration form or call to register. Call (734) 464-0990. Prizes will be given away for early registration.

Conference

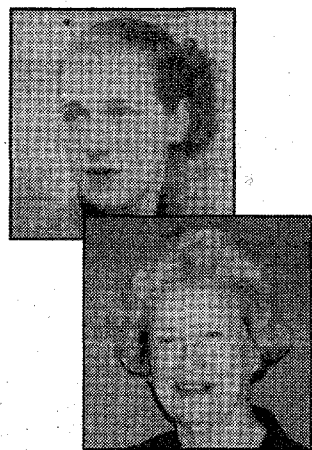
The Ministry of the Watchman International holds the 11th annual Power & Glory of God Conference Aug. 17-20, at University of Michigan-Dearborn/Fairlane Center, 19000 Hubbard Drive, Dearborn. Meetings begin 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17 (some afternoon meetings at 1 p.m.). Healing School and Miracle Service 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19. For complete schedule, call (800) 560-9240 or visit www.ministryofthewatchman.com.



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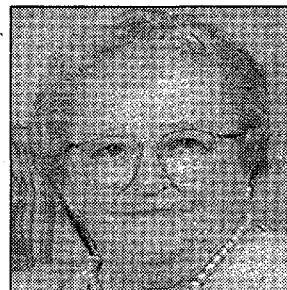
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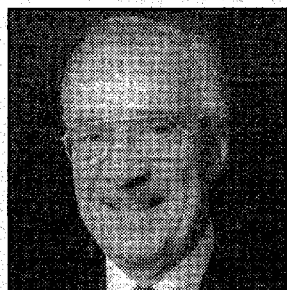
ALICE MARIE KINGSLEY

of Oxnard, California, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, MI, passed away peacefully in her sleep in her own home on June 21, 2006 after a brief illness. Alice was born on February 3, 1918, in Paterson, N.J. She led a rich and full life. Alice loved people and always had a story to share. During her life, she performed "triple duty" as a mother, wife, and career woman. Alice was an intelligent, independent, energetic, and curious woman who valued education from early in her life. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree and teaching credential from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and a Masters of Science degree in education from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Alice went on to become a pioneer in elementary and gifted education. She was a teacher for nearly 30 years in the cities of Grosse Pointe, Royal Oak, and Bloomfield Hills, MI. As a teacher, she touched the lives of innumerable students who still refer to her as their favorite teacher. When Alice retired from teaching in 1979, she received a distinguished service award from the school district. Alice was a longtime member of the American Association of University Women, from which she formed many long-lasting friendships. Alice traveled extensively during her lifetime to such places as Europe, Russia, China, Poland, Africa and even lived in Port Elizabeth, South Africa for a year. The only man in her life, her husband Walter, preceded her in death in 1979. Walter loved, valued, respected and adored her. Although it was difficult for her to leave her friends in Michigan that she so loved and cherished, eventually Alice moved to California to be closer to her only child, her son, Christopher, and his family. She grew to love this new extended family and they warmly embraced her. Altruistic in nature, Alice became involved in the activities of the Assistance League of Ventura. She found her participation in the Assistance League immensely rewarding and cherished the friendships she made through this worthy organization. As per her request, Alice was cremated and no formal memorial services will be held. Rather, to her friends and loved ones she leaves the following words from an unknown poet to express her parting feelings: "Do not stand at my grave and weep. I am not there, I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow. I am diamond glints on snow. I am the sunlight on ripened grain. I am the gentle autumn rain. When you awaken in the morning's hush, I am the swift uplifting rush of quiet birds in circled flight. I am the soft stars that shine at night. I am not stand at my grave and cry, I am not there, I did not die." author unknown. Alice is survived by her loving son, Christopher, and his wife, Patricia, of Oxnard, and step-granddaughters, Erika and Dani Skeie. As Alice's son, I was blessed to have had such a wonderful mother, whose life continues to inspire me even after her death. I know she would want us all to not die with her, but to live on for her. I love you, Mom. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Assistance League of Ventura, 913 E. Santa Clara St., Ventura, CA 93001



BARBARA H. MARZOLF

83, of Lake Isabella passed away Sunday, July 30, 2006 at home with her family by her side. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, at St. Joseph The Worker Church in Beal City with Father Thomas J. McNamara presiding. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery. Friends may call at Lux Funeral Home Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. with a vigil service beginning at 7 p.m. Visitation continues at the church on Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. until the mass begins. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Central Michigan, 401 S. Main, Mt. Pleasant MI 48858. Envelopes are available at Lux Funeral Home. Barb was born July 16, 1923 in New Boston, New Hampshire, the daughter of Roger W. and Hazel M. (Monroe) Whipple. She married Frank Marzolf on Jan. 19, 1946 at St. Mary Church in Redford. In 1941 Barb graduated from St. Mary High School in Redford. She was the secretary of Our Lady of Sorrows Credit Union, School and Parish in Farmington. She retired in 1981 at which time she and her husband moved to Lake Isabella. She is a member of St. Joseph Parish in Beal City and had been a member of St. Mary Parish in Redford and Our Lady of Sorrow in Farmington. Some of her favorite pastimes were counted cross-stitch, golfing, reading, and solving crossword puzzles. Barb is survived by her husband of 60 years, Frank Marzolf of Lake Isabella; three children, Tim (Linda) Marzolf of Kalamazoo, Pat (Steve) Rose of Ada, and Sue (Bob) Chmielewski of Klamath Falls, OR; five grandchildren, Leigh, Holly, Heather, Kathryn, and Mike; two great-grandchildren, Katie and Sydney; a sister, June Clegghorn of Rogers City; a step-sister, Henrietta Thereault of Webberville; a sister-in-law, Dorothy (and the late, Ralph) Miner; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; and three step-brothers. To view her obituary online or leave a message for the family please visit www.luxfuneralhome.com



FRANK W. WHITSON

July 30, 2006 Age 90 Former owner and partner of the Birmingham Insurance Agency. Past President of the Birmingham Lions Club and Bloomfield Village South Homeowners Association. Beloved husband of Eleanor for 64 years. Dear father of Nancy Whitson-Rubin (Donald) and James (Sandy). Grandfather of Kelly, Justin and Carly. Brother of Inez Newman. Memorial service Saturday 12noon at the Birmingham Community House, 380 S. Bates (north of Brown), Birmingham. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to The Birmingham Lions Club, P.O. Box 1121, Birmingham, MI 48009. For information call A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



DALE J. BRUBAKER

of Livonia MI. died on July 29, 2006 in his home of Natural Causes. Born in Birmamwood, WI. on February 26, 1926, son of the late Dale E. and Mural Fritsch Brubaker. He was a graduate of Birmamwood High School, class of 1944. He was a Navy Veteran of World War II, serving in the North Atlantic. He was also a Navy Veteran of the Korean Conflict. Dale was an active member of the Livonia community. Instrumental in the development of the Veterans Park Memorial Plaza. An employee of the Livonia Public school system for 25 years. He was also a member of St. Genevieve Catholic Church in Livonia. Past Commander of Livonia Post #3941, Past Commander of the 4th District, and Past State Commander (1992-1993) V.F.W. of Michigan. He was also a member of the National Council of the V.F.W. for the state of Michigan. Beloved husband of the late Margaret (Heffernan) Brubaker. Surviving are his four children: Dale W. Brubaker, of Livonia, MI; daughters Mrs. Thomas (Margaret) Gruba, of Commerce, MI; Mrs. Thomas (Patricia) Schmidt, of Wixom, MI; and son Daniel M. Brubaker (Lori), of Howell, MI. Also surviving are his ten grandchildren and three and a half great-grandchildren.

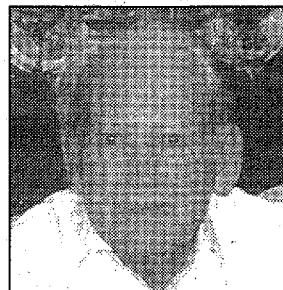


DONALD "FROG" FORRESTER

Age 62 of Plymouth, passed away July 31, 2006. Mr. Forrester worked for the Ford Livonia Transmission Plant as a welder/committee man. Member of the Local 182. Lived his whole life in Plymouth, graduate of Plymouth High School class of 1961. Member of the Plymouth Masons. Member of the Great Lakes Cruiser's Bass guitar player for the group "Danny and the Playboys" in the late 1950's and early 60's; in the 1970's the group "Southern Comfort". Married Joyce Paddock on September 26, 1964. Together they had three sons, Donald(Stacey)II, Timothy(Misty), and Jason(Melissa). Proud grandfather of Courtney, Brittney, Joshua, Jesse, Zackery, and Karlee. Dear brother of Robert. Also survived by his foster son Wesley Shepherd and by godchild George Condash. Funeral service Friday 11:00am at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth. Visitation Wednesday and Thursday 3-9pm. Internment Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. www.schrader-howell.com

HOWARD R. BENWAY

Age 64. Died June 29, 2006 in Las Vegas, Nevada. A long-time entertainer on the Las Vegas Strip, Mr. Benway grew up at Walnut Lake and was a 1959 graduate of Birmingham High School. He is survived by his nephew David Yodhes (Betty), his sister Valerie Yodhes (John), and niece Ann McKnight (James). Service to be held at Pine Lake Cemetery, Wednesday, August 9 at 10:30 AM.



DONALD WILLIAM HUTH

Age 93, July 29, 2006. Born November 14, 1912 in Detroit, Michigan to William Herman Huth and Emma (Collins) Huth. Reunited with his late wife, Dorothy Jeanette (Keener) Huth, July 29, 2006. Caring father of devoted sons, Richard William Huth, Steven Donald Huth, the late Douglas Alan Huth and daughters-in-law Carole (Norton) Huth and Lori (Zvirzdin) Huth. Generous grandfather of Eric William Huth, his wife, Karen, Tracy (Huth) Tate, her husband, Lonnie and Sarah Jennifer Huth. Dear brother of the late Ethel Hoggarth and the late Mabel Donaldson. Also remembered fondly by Hazel Hughes and other friends and family members. Donald worked diligently to provide a stable, prosperous home for his children and grandchildren, and, in so doing, he left a legacy of strong values - discipline, hard work and generosity. Throughout his forty-year teaching career at Western High School in Detroit, Donald served as business teacher, department head and night school principal. During summer vacations, Donald worked as a carpenter. Donald lived a full, balanced life. He enjoyed countless hobbies, including fishing, hunting, card playing, golfing, bowling, coin collecting, square dancing, camping and watching sports. In addition, Donald and Dorothy traveled extensively throughout Europe and North America. Donald's sharp wit and sense of humor delighted all and will be greatly missed. Resting Tuesday 2:00-9:00 p.m. of the Livonia Chapel of the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road. Funeral services, Wednesday 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Entombment Glen Eden Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to the Children's Leukemia Foundation. Envelopes available at the funeral home.

FRANK MILLER

Age 90, died Saturday, July 29, 2006, in his Dexter home. He was born January 11, 1916, in Detroit, MI, the son of Henry & Kathrina (Bosch) Miller. He lived in Plymouth from 1948 until 1990, and in Dexter since 1990. Frank worked at Tishken Products as a machinist for 29 years, retiring in 1981. Frank enjoyed gardening and outdoor activities. He was an active reader. He loved to travel and to visit his children and grandchildren. On August 1, 1938, he married Wathena Burk in Armada, MI, and she preceded him in death on November 19, 2000. Survivors include 7 daughters, Wathena Jane (Walt) Ferris of Livonia, Dawney (Earl) Menary of North Adams, Suzanne (Hobart) Thaxton of Canton, Nancy (Robert) Comstock of Whitewater, WI, Virginia Cruzen of Princeton, KY, Kathy (Paul) Bourget of Dexter, Deborah (Tim) Hulst of Addison; 1 son, Douglas (Janet) of North Bend, WA; 17 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, & several nieces & nephews. He was preceded in death by one sister, Leona E. King and a brother John Miller. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 1, at Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea, with Rev. Ronald Blake officiating. Burial at Oak Grove East Cemetery, Chelsea. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Hospice of your choice.

JEAN G. WOOLSEY

Died at the age of 88 on July 31, 2006. Dear mother of Patricia (Renaldo) Beltramo, Teresa (Jerry) Smith, Sharon Conley, and Thomas (Cathy) Woolsey. She is also survived by 8 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburg Rd., Livonia, MI. 48154.

JULIA KNIGHT WHITFIELD

Age 89 of Birmingham, Michigan. Died July 27, 2006 at home from a brief illness. Born October 27, 1916 in West Point, New York. Julia was born in the military family of Herbert and Harriet Knight at West Point, New York. Julia was a member of the Piety Hill Chapter of The DAR Chapter AX of the PEO and the Mary Chase Stratton Chapter of the Questers and other organizations. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Wilfred L. Whitfield and two daughters, Linda Hoke and Barbara Heinemann both of Seattle, Washington. She is also survived by her grandchildren Susan, Nick, Tyler and Scott, and her great-grandchildren Simon and Carter. Julia will rejoin her parents at Arlington National Cemetery where services will be held later. Memorial Tributes may be made to a cancer society. Arrangements by The Wm. R. Hamilton Co. of Birmingham. 248-644-6000.



SHIRLEY I. MONFORTON

(Nee: Preville), July 30, 2006. Age 78, of Redford. Beloved wife of Earl for 59 years. Dear mother of Kenneth (Nancy), Linda Sharpe, Denise (Clark Dekett) Zuzow, Daniel (Susan), Philip (Jean), Mary (Terrance) Sandusky, & the late Andrew. Loving grandmother of 16. Great grandmother of 8. Sister of Patricia Ulivi. Predeceased by 3 sisters and 7 brothers. Visitation at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 25450 Plymouth Rd., Redford, Thursday, 2-9, and Friday, 1-9, with a scripture service at 7 pm. A Celebration of Life Mass, Saturday, 10:30 am at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, 27201 W. Chicago, Redford. In state at 10 am at the church. Interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Donations may be made to The American Stroke Association or The Thurston High School Band Boosters.

VERONICA BALOG

Long time former Detroit, Michigan resident passed away at her home in Camarillo, CA on Wednesday, July 26, 2006 at the age of 91. Veronica was born on July 23, 1915 in Brooklyn, NY to Joseph and Katherine Leonard. She married John Balog of Glen Lyon, PA and they lived in the Detroit area from 1945 until 1978 when he passed away. In 1980 Veronica moved to Camarillo where she was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Ventura. Veronica is survived by her two sons: Thomas Balog of Camarillo, CA and John M. Balog (Ceci) of Mequon, WI, grandson Brent Balog of Chicago, IL and granddaughter Molly Kent (Andrew) of Mequon, WI. The Funeral Service will be held August 3, 2006 at 1PM in the chapel at Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park in Livonia, MI. Assisting the family with funeral arrangements is R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home in Livonia, MI

SISTER JANICE DWYER

Age 63, died at Seton Residence in Evansville, Indiana on Saturday, July 22, 2006 at 6:40 p.m. Sister Janice, (Janice Katherine), was born in Pontiac, Michigan on July 24, 1942. She was one of five children born to Edward Leahy and Gertrude Mary (Vaughn) Dwyer. She is preceded in death by her parents and brother, Francis (Hank). She is survived by three sisters, Nancy Dwyer, Diane Taylor, and Mary Popp, all of Michigan. She is also survived by a niece and three nephews, and many friends, and her Sisters in Community. Janice graduated from Farmington Senior High School, and entered the Daughters of Charity at St. Joseph Provincial House in Emmitsburg, Maryland, on September 18, 1962. In 1978, Janice earned her Masters in Social Work from The University of Michigan in Ann Arbor while on mission at St. Vincent/Sarah Fisher Home in Farmington Hills. Sister served the poor in many states during her ministry including Rhinebeck, New York, Baltimore, Maryland, Saginaw, Michigan and Farmington Hills, Michigan. In August of 1978, Sister moved to Chicago, Illinois as Director of the Child Abuse Program at Marillac Social Center. While in Chicago she became a known advocate for abused children and their parents and received several awards in recognition of her work. In 1998, Sister was appointed as superior at Marillac Residence in Chicago. Health reasons required her to be transferred to Seton Residence in Evansville in July 2005.

FRANK W. O'DONNELL

Age 71, July 31, 2006. Beloved husband of Mary. Dear father of Kelly (Nancy) and Colleen (John) Ball. Proud grandfather of Jacob, Tommy, Karis and Jessica. Retired from Dearborn Public Schools. He was an avid golfer and outdoorsman. Visitation Thursday 2-9pm. Funeral Services Friday 10am at the John N. Santeu and Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd. (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill). In lieu of flowers, memorials suggested to The Make-a-Wish Foundation.

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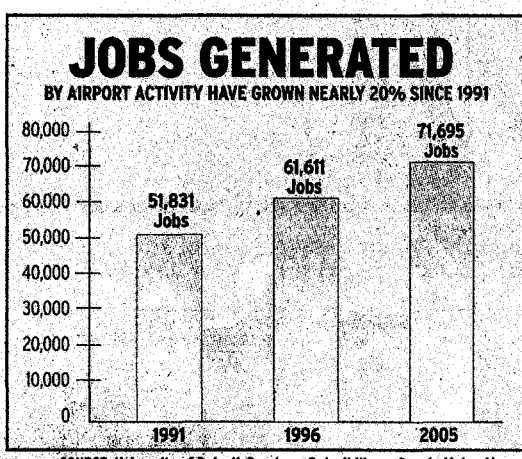
U-M study: Airport generates \$7.6 billion economic impact

Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) generates more than 71,000 jobs and more than \$7.6 billion in total economic impact across Michigan according to a study released today by the University of Michigan-Dearborn and the Wayne County Airport Authority.

"The impact of activity at Detroit Metropolitan Airport on our economy is truly enormous," said Lester Robinson, airport CEO. "Capital improvements at the airport pay for themselves many times over, in terms of generating income for citizens and prosperity for our communities. It is very clear that people throughout Michigan have a stake in the airport's continued success."

The Economic Impact Study was compiled by faculty members and students from iLABS, the University of Michigan-Dearborn School of Management's Center for Innovation Research.

The study, led by Lee



Redding, assistant professor of business economics at U-M-Dearborn, estimated the economic impact of the airport on Wayne County and on the state as a whole, measured in terms of revenues, incomes and jobs.

As part of the analysis, Kim Schatzel, associate professor of marketing at U-M-Dearborn, and a group of 12 students conducted a survey of more than 1,500 passengers traveling through the airport in December 2005

and January 2006.

In 2005, more than 36 million passengers arrived or departed from Detroit Metropolitan Airport, including 2.9 million business and pleasure travelers who stayed in Michigan and whose spending benefited Michigan's economy.

In Wayne County, the economic impact of the airport includes over \$5 billion in spending for goods and services annually, over \$1 billion in annual incomes to county

residents and more than 30,000 jobs, according to the U-M-Dearborn analysis.

Across the state, the economic impact of the airport includes over \$7.6 billion in demand for goods and services annually, over \$2 billion in annual incomes and more than 71,000 jobs for Michigan residents.

The report was based on both the direct and indirect impacts of the economic activity generated by the airport, and reflects important

multiplier effects. Redding said, "Using different multipliers captures the fact that income generated by Detroit Metropolitan Airport not only impacts Wayne County but provides substantial economic benefits to businesses and residents in other parts of Michigan."

Redding calculated that in 2005, the total demand for passenger service at the airport generated more than \$2 billion and that shipments from DTW accounted for more than 100,000 tons of freight with an impact of \$55 million.

Schatzel and her students found that two-thirds of the passengers were passing through DTW en route to other destinations, and another 23 percent were leaving or returning to homes in the region. The 11 percent of passengers surveyed who said they were visiting the area for business or pleasure would translate to 2 million visitors to southeastern Michigan per year.

Those who stayed in the

area reportedly spent an average of \$548 on hotels, meals, rental cars and other expenses while in the area. Their spending totals to more than \$700 million per year, with an additional indirect impact of \$400 million per year, and supports more than 11,000 jobs in the county.

In addition to analyzing the annual economic activity generated by the airport, the U-M-Dearborn study also looked at the effects of the Wayne County Airport Authority's current renovation projects. The airport launched a five-year capital improvement program during the 2005 fiscal year which is expected to total \$1.225 billion when complete in 2010.

"These projects not only have immediate economic impact by creating demand for construction services, but the ongoing benefits that result from a superior airport," Redding said.

The Economic Impact Report including color graphs and charts are at www.metroairport.com

Nominations open for exemplary libraries

The Library of Michigan Foundation is accepting nominations for the 2006 State Librarian's Excellence Award, which recognizes exemplary public service. This prestigious honor gives \$5,000 in privately raised funds and a distinctive trophy to one Michigan library annually.

The award will be presented Oct. 12 at the state librarian's luncheon during the Michigan Library Association annual conference at the Marriott Detroit Renaissance Center.

All types of libraries (e.g., public, academic and school) throughout Michigan are eligible to receive the State Librarian's Excellence Award and the Citation of Excellence. The nomination deadline is Aug. 31, and nominations may come from library directors, trustees, administrators or members of the public.

Criteria for the award include: demonstrating that the library provides new, innovative and superior services to its customers in a cost-effective manner, with a can-do attitude and by always delivering on promises; demonstrating the library's commitment to high standards of customer service through staff dealings with customers and synergy within the staff through a coordinated approach to supporting customers; and demonstrating that the library is a team player through its collaborations in the community.

The full nomination packet - including nomination form, criteria and submission guidelines - is available on the Web at www.michigan.gov/lmfoundation or by calling the Library of Michigan Foundation office at (517) 373-1297. Entries should be sent to: Library of Michigan Foundation, P.O. Box 30159, 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48909.

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Here's the hidden gem 13-year-old Livonian David Parks recently reeled in his 2-pound, 15-inch largemouth bass.

Reel fish story

Young Livonian nets prize bass in neighborhood pond

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Watch out, Kevin Van Dam, there's a budding BassMaster right here in Livonia.

The 13-year-old David Parks may not be quite ready for the "big boys" on the pro tour just yet, but he's off to quite a start after snagging a 2-pound, 15-inch largemouth recently in a neighborhood pond, located

only a few blocks from his home on Aspen Street off Seven Mile Road.

Parks used an Ugly Stik rod with a Shimano reel, on stren line, while using a 4-inch purple soft plastic worm as bait.

"It was pretty hard (reeling it in), my rod dropped, it was bending," said Parks, who will be an eighth-grader this fall at Holmes Middle School. "It was like I was pulling something with a rope. I

thought it was cool when I pulled in a one-pound bluegill, but that doesn't measure up.

"It's the biggest fish I've ever caught. I called my grandfather, who lives in Onaway, and even he couldn't believe it."

Parks often rides his bike two streets over to fish at his favorite local pond.

"I've fished there before, I've

PLEASE SEE BASS, B3



David Parks, 13, of Livonia, proudly displays his 2-pound, 15-inch largemouth bass caught recently in a nearby neighborhood pond.

Sidelines

Icers Boston bound

Three area players, Canton goaltender Joe Moore (Compuware), Westland forward Nathan Milam (Livonia Churchill High) and Livonia defenseman Mike Campenella (Churchill), will be competing in the 32nd annual Hockey Night in Boston (Mass.) Summer Showcase of Stars, which features over 400 of the national's top scholastic hockey players from 30 states and Canada.

Milam and Campenella will play for the Michigan Great Lakes team, while Moore is a member of the Midwest squad.

The 18-team tourney runs Aug. 6-15 at the Salem (N.H.) center.

Canoe duo 8th

Livonian Tad Hill and Efrain Cruze of Belize City, Belize teamed up for an eighth-place finish in last weekend's Weyerhaeuser Au Sable Canoe Marathon, considered the longest, richest and toughest race in North America. Allen Limburg (Wausau, Wis.) and Jim Harwood (Grayling) won the event in 14 hours, 33 minutes, 50 seconds. Hill and Cruz were clocked in 15:09:52.

Triple jumper 10th

Myles White, who will be a junior this fall at Livonia Stevenson H.S., earned a 10th-place finish in the triple jump (42 feet, 2 inches) last week at the USATF Junior Nationals held at Morgan State University (Baltimore, Md.).

Competing in the Boys Intermediate division (16 year-olds), White also qualified for the Nationals in the long jump (20-11), 400 intermediate hurdles (1:00.5) and 4 x 100-meter relay.

White, a member of the Michigan Accelerators Track Club, earned a trip to the Nationals by winning the triple jump last month at the USATF Regional in Millersburg, Ohio.

Pride places 9th

The Plymouth-Canton Pride was well represented in last week's USSSA World Series held at the Disney Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, Fla.

The 12-and-under Pride Stars finished ninth in their age bracket with a 6-2 record, while the 14-and-under Stars took 13th with a 4-3 mark. The 10-and-under Stars also finished 13th.

All three Pride teams finished the season ranked No. 1 in the USSSA statewide power and point rankings.

Canton car wash

The Canton High School girls swim team will stage a car wash fund-raiser from 10 a.m. until noon at Quality Care Center of Canton, located at 6181 N. Canton Center Road (between Ford and Hanford).

Special Olympics serves up softball classic

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

A total of 30 teams converged on the Canton Softball Center for the 19th straight year Saturday for the Michigan Special Olympics State Softball Summer Sports Classic.

Eight Senior (16-and-up) divisional titles, including a Unified division where special and regular athletes compete together, were decided.

Divisions were broken down based on ability level.

Teams came as far away as East Kentwood and Bay City. Qualifiers had a play a minimum of three games to earn a spot in the tournament.

The softball tourney was also held in conjunction with a state Special

Olympics golf tournament staged Friday at Pineview Golf Course in Ypsilanti.

That event drew 61 skills athletes, 54 unified golfers, and another 40 players competing in a nine-hole event.

Approximately 200 volunteers donated their time for the two-day extravaganza.

"It's the volunteers that are the backbone of this event and make everything possible for our athletes," said Terry Jobbitt, state softball tournament games coordinator and associate director for Area 23 (Wayne County).

Numbers were down this season for what is normally a two-day event. Last year's softball tournament attracted 58 teams.

"There's another tourney on the other side of the state, the travel is a factor for

a one-day tourney as opposed to a two-day tourney," Jobbitt said. "This year our total (softball) delegation was 725, last year it was 1,449."

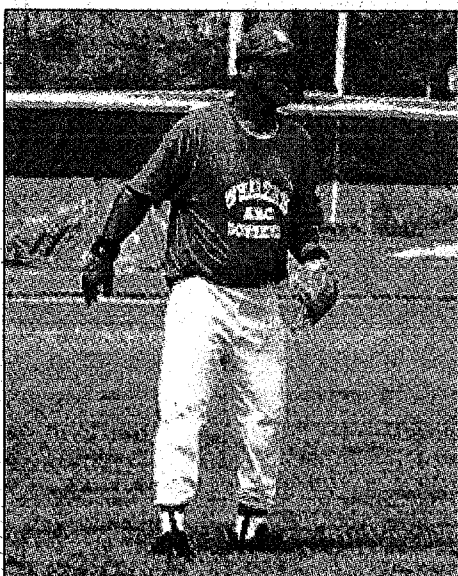
But that didn't detract from the actual competition. Among the winners were:

Division 1 (Unified): StingRays; Division 1: Cardinals; Division 2: Bay City Wolves; Division 3: Alma Tigers; Division 4: American All-Stars; Division 5: On My Own Eagles; Division 6: Eagles; Division 7: Arc Whalers; Division 8: USA All-Stars.

Among the runners-up were:

Division 1 (Unified): Good News Bears; Division 1: Badd Kompany; Division 2: Plymouth-Canton Stars; Division 3: Hillsdale; Division 4: Wayne-Westland Falcons; Division 5: Diamond Dusters; Division 6: Bay City Thunder; Division 7: Slammers; Division 8: Plymouth-Canton Rising Stars.

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A Special Olympian patrols his outfield position in last Saturday's State Softball Summer Sports Classic held at the Canton Softball Center.

Redford amputee scales new heights

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Age or handicap apparently mean nothing to Redford's Dan Boulter.

Boulter lost his right foot in a hunting accident near Bad Axe in 2001, but that only made the amputee more determined than ever.

Boulter, who was among 10 athletes sponsored by Wright & Filippis, was the oldest competitor at 59 among a field of a 150 rock climbers in last week's first O&P Extremity Games presented by College Park Industries in Orlando, Fla. Other events included BMX racing, wakeboarding and skateboarding.

He had to scale up a 24-foot wall against competitors, many of whom were over half his age.

"I did better than I thought I'd do, I was around 65th or so overall," Boulter said. "The top time was 8.1 seconds (by Jarem Frye of Oregon), then 10.6 (second place) and 11.5 (third). I've been practicing at Dick's Sporting Goods (at Novi and 12 Mile roads) on a Plexiglas wall, but this wasn't quite the same wall I trained on. I got about three-quarters up. It was a lot tougher wall."

An avid weightlifter who works out in his own home gym, Boulter



Redford's Dan Boulter (middle) meets with fellow O&P Extremity Games rock climbers Jeff Adis (left) of Plymouth and champion Jarem Frye (right) of Oregon.

wasn't about to let his misfortune keep him down.

"I can lift my own weight," said Boulter, who stands 6-foot-3 and weighs 260 pounds. "Because of my upper body strength, I could lift myself out of bed and get around in the hospital. People there were kind of amazed."

Boulter has always been active, going back to his days as a four-sport athlete in football, baseball, basketball and track at Delton-Kellogg High School.

(His son, Dan, who graduated with the last class at Redford St.

Agatha H.S. in 2001, is a starting senior defensive end for Ferris State's football team.)

Wearing a prosthetic foot fitted from Wright & Filippis, Boulter stills plays golf and basketball. He even entertained the idea of competing in the shot put in the U.S. Paralympic Games Trials this June, but couldn't afford the cost to make the trip down to Atlanta, Ga.

Losing any limb would be devastating, but Boulter took a different route.

PLEASE SEE AMPUTEE, B3

Hawks stifled

W-League playoff bid goes awry against Richmond, 2-0

The southern heat wasn't the only thing that took its toll Friday night on the Michigan Hawks in the W-League's Central Conference playoffs.

Jen Parsons scored both goals as the Richmond (Va.) Kickers Destiny downed the Midwest Division champions, 2-0, in Charlotte, N.C., which registered a heat index of 101 degrees.

Richmond, runner-up in the Atlantic Division, scored in the second minute of the match when Sarah Curtis picked off a Hawks pass and served a ball quickly into the box where Parsons ripped a hard shot to the left corner of the goal to put the Kickers Destiny up 1-0.

Despite the Hawks' constant pressure the remainder of the half, Richmond held a 1-0 lead.

In the stifling 95-degree heat at Waddell Stadium, the Hawks picked up their pressure in the second half, only to be denied by Richmond keeper Emily Niman (five saves).

The Kickers Destiny sealed the victory in the 68th minute when Parsons found herself open on the top corner of the penalty box, lofting a shot over Hawks keeper Kathryn Cumming and send Richmond into Saturday's Central Conference championship game against the host Charlotte Lady Eagles, who advanced to this weekend's North American W-League championships this weekend in Vancouver, British Columbia with a 1-0 victory.

The Lady Eagles, Atlantic Division champs, captured the other semifinal Friday beating the Minnesota Lightning on penalty kicks after the two teams battled to a 1-all draw.

Tickets go on sale for MU sports conference

Tickets are on sale for the Madonna University Sport Management Program's second annual Career and Professional Development Sport Conference.

The event, sponsored by the Plymouth Whalers, will be from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20 at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel. This year's conference features keynote speakers Shelley Appelbaum, Michigan State University senior associate athletics director and senior women's administrator, and Rob Parker, Detroit News sport columnist, host of 97.1 FM's Sportsnight with Parker and the Man, and co-host of SportsRap TV on Comcast Local.

"I'm thrilled to have Shelley and Rob as this year's keynote speakers," said Kevin King, director of MU's sport management program. "They're both so enthusiastic about participating in the conference and sharing their wealth of experience."

"Shelley brings the collegiate athletics experience and gender equity perspective, while Rob juxtaposes hip-hop and traditional sports reporting styles. And those are just the featured speakers. The breakout sessions promise to be equally as informative."

King said there's something for everyone: "Sport industry professionals once again will have the opportunity to hear from the area's sport business

experts."

The day-long event offers two breakout sessions in the morning and two after lunch. Before lunch, Michael Burg, manager of Olympic Ice Dancing Silver Medalists Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto, will share strategies for marketing an Olympian.

Wayne Hodes, executive vice-president of the Detroit Ignition, Detroit's newest indoor soccer team, will discuss professional franchise start-up strategies and challenges.

The afternoon session features Calvin O'Neal, founder of Lifestyle Business Affairs for student-athletes, who will discuss academic, social and self-esteem issues facing student-athletes today.

David Shand, attorney and former University of Michigan sport law professor, dissects sport business terminology such as salary caps, revenue sharing, arbitration and collective bargaining agreements.

Platinum sponsors include: the Detroit Tigers, McNish Sport and Trophy, the Ignition, Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel, and Hantz Group Sports & Entertainment, LLC.

Tickets are \$50 for professionals, \$40 for students and \$60 at the door. Lunch and door prizes are including.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.madonna.edu; or by calling King at (734) 432-5446.

Bucks 2 wins away from national title

BY DAN STICKRADT
STAFF WRITER

Dan Fitzgerald is only partially-surprised by what the Michigan Bucks have been able to accomplish in recent weeks.

The Bucks, members of the United Soccer Leagues/Premier Developmental League, are now just two wins away from their first national championship, even though the team entered the postseason as the 13th seed and finished second in its division (Great Lakes).

"I'm not surprised that we are winning," admitted Fitzgerald, in his first season as head coach. "We have a lot of talent, some very good young players. What is surprising me is how we are doing it. We're just crushing teams. We scored eight goals over the weekend."

Traveling to Des Moines, Ia. for the Central Conference regional, the Bucks dismantled third-seeded Boulder Rapids (Colo.) Reserve, 4-0, on Friday night, then came back Sunday and toppled No. 4 Chicago Fire Premier, 4-1.

The Bucks are now in the PDL semifinals for the fourth time in 11 seasons and first time since 2000.

"We haven't really changed the lineup around all that much," said Fitzgerald. "I think the difference in the last few weeks is that we are finishing our chances. We beat Chicago, a team that beat us twice in the regular season, 4-0 - and it could have been 6-0. We had a

ton of chances to score goals and we buried four of them."

"I think our guys have learned to rise to the occasion. I think they just play better in a playoff situation, whether it be the Open Cup or the PDL tournament. Some of our better games this summer have come in tournaments."

Michigan (11-5-3) made it to the finals in each of their first two seasons, falling to Cocoa Beach (Fla.) in 1996 and in Central Coast (Calif.) in 1997.

The Bucks again finished as one of the top teams in the PDL in their magical season of 2000 and hosted the national championship game, where they lost to the Chicago Soccers, 1-0.

This season, the Bucks finished second in the Great Lakes Division of the Central Conference.

One of 59 teams nationwide in four conferences and 10 divisions, the Bucks will represent the Central Conference in the Final Four, and will host the Orange County (Calif.) Blue Stars at 7:30 p.m. this Saturday at Rochester Stoney Creek High Schools.

Meanwhile, the Eastern Conference champion the Westchester Flames, will visit the South Conference champs, Laredo (Tex.) Heat, in the other semifinal, also on Saturday.

The Bucks blanked Boulder Rapids, a team that eliminated the Bucks last year, to advance to the regional finals.

Against Chicago, the Bucks gave up a goal to the Fire's Steve Bode in the 24th minute, but quickly reversed the deficit with four unanswered goals, two in each half.

Nate Jafta, the PDL national leader for assists with 13 and candidate for player of the year, finished with an assist and three goals in the offensive barrage. Mychal Turpin added a goal, including the game-win-

WHAT: United Soccer Leagues-Premier Developmental League Final Four.

WHERE: Michigan Bucks vs. Orange County Blue Stars (Western Conference champs) at Rochester Stoney Creek High School, 7:30 p.m., Aug. 5; Westchester Flames (Eastern Conference champs) at Laredo Heat (Southern Conference champs), 9:05 p.m., Aug. 5.

NATIONAL FINALS: Aug. 12 (at site and time to be determined).

ABOUT THE PDL: The Premier Developmental League is made up of 59 teams, placed in four conferences and 10 total divisions. The Bucks are from the Great Lakes Division of the Central Conference, where they finished second in their division but won the Central Division regional.

SEMIFINALS INFO: Tickets for the Bucks-Blue Stars game are \$10 for adults and \$5 for youths. Groups of 15 or more will receive a \$2 discount per ticket. Groups can register at gm@bucksoccer.com to organize their discount prior to arriving at the game. The game is being sponsored by the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association (MSYA) and the Michigan Soccer Association (MSA). For more information, visit the team Web site at www.bucksoccer.com.

ner in the 35th minute, and an assist for the Bucks. Kenny Uzoigwe also had two assists for Michigan.

Steve Clark (Oakland University) only had to register two saves in goal, as the Bucks outshot the Fire 16-9, including 12-3 on goal. Michael Holody (Clarkston High/University of Michigan) and Chase Tennant (Rochester High/Michigan) helped solidify the defense.

It has been the backfield play that has aided the Bucks' run, surprisingly since starters Adam Brent (Rochester/Oakland) and Brady Vance (Oakland) are likely out for the season.

"Both of those guys have injuries and haven't played in the past few weeks, but we moved some other guys into their spots and we haven't missed anything," Fitzgerald

said. "Having depth has helped us because you always seem to lose somebody."

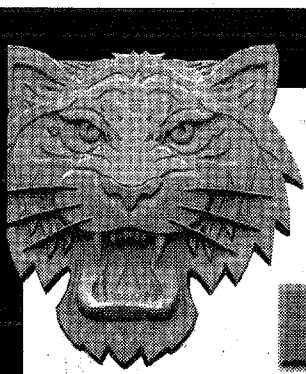
Ian Daniel (Troy Athens/Oakland) and Ty Shipalane have moved into the starting backfield.

With only 16 healthy players, the Bucks will approach Saturday's semifinal as they have all playoffs games. After all, the Bucks are as much of a secret to Orange County as that team is to the Bucks.

The unknown factor is all right with the Bucks.

"I don't know much about them. I'm working on that right now," Fitzgerald said. "They're in the semifinal, so they must be good. We'll just go out and do what we have been doing. We have good players, too."

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The newly formed U12 Michigan Dragons Baseball Team will be having tryouts for the 2007 Season at

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Rams shut down veteran Jet Box, 8-1

Age was no barrier Tuesday as the Michigan Rams took care of Jet Box of Troy, 8-1, a sandlot exhibition baseball game at Livonia's Bicentennial.

The 20-and-under Rams, headed to next week's All-American Amateur Baseball Association Tournament in Johnstown, Pa., are 25-11-1 overall.

Jet Box, an unlimited-age

SANDLOT BASEBALL

Stan Musial Division team affiliated with American Amateur Baseball Congress and National Amateur Baseball Federation, is 32-7 overall.

Billy Anderson went 2-for-4 with a double, two runs scored and four RBI for the Rams. Scott Martin added two hits and a run, while Matt Nickels contributed a double and two RBI. Scott Cain and Eric Vojtkofsky also knocked in runs, while Ryan Shay scored twice.

Winning pitcher Mike Sacha pitched four scoreless innings to pick up the victory. The Rams starter allowed just two hits and no walks with one strikeout.

Andy Paulin finished up, going the final three innings. He allowed just two hits, a pair of walks and struck out five.


Losing pitcher Kergan Beaton gave up five runs on four hits over three innings. He struck out four and walked two.

Rudy Jendvack ruined the Rams' shutout bid with an RBI single in the seventh scoring Dan Fairchild.

The Rams met Jet Box in a final pre-tournament tuneup Wednesday at Fraser High School.

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EMU's Convocation Center lands 2007 state girls basketball finals

The Convocation Center on the campus of Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti will become the home to the Michigan High School Athletic Association's girls basketball semifinals and finals for a minimum of two years beginning with the 2007 tournament.

The Convocation Center opened in 1998, and has seating available for 8,824 spectators. The building is the home to EMU basketball teams, and located adjacent to Rynearson Stadium, the school's football and track and field facility.

There are approximately 1,000 parking spaces adjacent to the building, and many more just across the street. The building has previously served as a Quarterfinal venue for the MHSAA girls volleyball tournament.

The girls basketball semifinals and finals will finish a three-year run this fall at the Breslin Student Events Center on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing.

Following the 2006 event, the Breslin Center's schedule conflicts with the tournament schedule, necessitating the need for a new venue. In relocating to the Convocation Center, MHSAA Executive Director Jack Roberts says the Association has found a wonderful home.

"People will find the Convocation Center to be per-

fect fit for our finals," Roberts said. "It's the right size. It's classy. It's primarily a basketball arena with an intimate atmosphere and great sightlines. The building has all of the features to accommodate the needs of the tournament behind the scenes, and fans will enjoy easy access to the facility."

The Convocation Center will become the ninth site to host all four games of the girls basketball finals.

"We are very excited to have this event at our venue," EMU President John A. Fallon said. "Being a basketball fan, I look forward to seeing the best teams in the state play ball here."

In 1973, the first year of the MHSAA tournament, four separate high school sites were used in Grand Blanc, East Kentwood, Owosso and Alma. From 1974 to 1976, the site was East Kentwood High School.

The finals were then played from 1977 to 1980 at Jenison Field House on the MSU campus; in 1981 and 1982 at Calihan Hall on the campus of the University of Detroit-Mercy; from 1983 to 1985 at Read Field House at Western Michigan University; from 1986 to 1989 at the Grand Valley State University Field House in Allendale; Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek hosted the event from 1990 to 1996; and Rose Arena on the campus

of Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant was the venue from 1997 to 2003.

EMU has hosted various MHSAA final tournaments over the years. As Michigan Normal College, the campus played host to some of the very first MHSAA finals in cross country, gymnastics and tennis.

In addition, EMU has hosted finals in baseball and track and field, and is now an annual venue for golf, as well as swimming and diving.

The MHSAA basketball tournament is the Association's top spectator event for girls.

In its experiences at Mt. Pleasant and East Lansing, records have been set for overall, final day and semifinal attendance.

In 2004, the Breslin Center set the marks for overall (24,211), semifinal (13,751) attendance, and single session records for doubleheaders during the Finals (6,042 for the Class D-A session) and Semifinals (3,972 for the Class A semis). The single day finals attendance record belongs to Rose Arena, which admitted 10,958 fans for the four Final games in 1999.

The girls basketball finals currently ranks as one of the top single-weekend amateur sporting events in the Greater Lansing area, with a projected economic impact of over \$500,000 on the local economy.

BASS

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been able to catch a lot of sunfish," he said. "There's a stream that comes out it. It's a clean, natural pond."

The young Livonia angler periodically makes trips with his father, Dave, and his dad's friend, Doug Adams, to a nearby fishing campground, Haas Lake, located in New Hudson.

Parks and his family enjoyed the fruits of his

catch as they were able to filet the largemouth.

And Parks dreams someday of becoming more than just recreational angler.

"Now I just need to start saving for the boat and enter the B.A.S.S. junior tournament," he said. "I like to play baseball in my neighborhood with my friends, but going to fish ... there's nothing I'd rather do."

So watch out, Mr. Van Dam, who is considered the Tiger Woods of bass fishing.

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AMPUTEE

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"In order to save my foot, the doctors said I'd be in and out of the hospital for three to four years with all the surgeries I'd need - it was that bad," he said. "I decided I didn't want to go through that."

Boulter defied the odds, moving his timetable for recovery up by months.

"They said I'd be back to work and back on my feet and able to walk in about 1 1/2 years," he said. "But I was walking by three months and was already back at work (loading trucks for Bareman's Dairy) within five months."

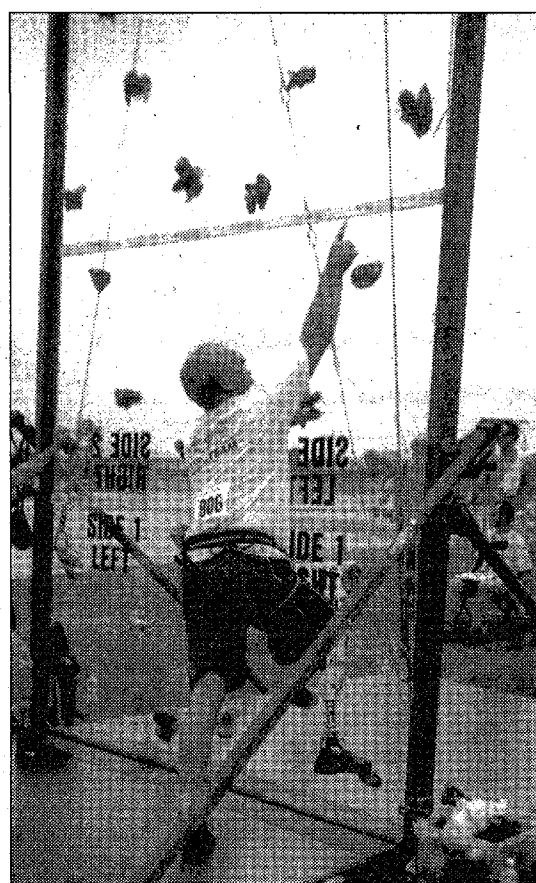
Boulter's athletic season is far from over. On Aug. 11, he'll play in an amputee golf tournament in Marlette. In November, he'll travel to San Diego to do the bike portion in a triathlon, teaming up with another swimmer and runner.

And next year he plans to return to Orlando. "I'm definitely going to do it again next year," he said. "I might do the BMX bike. The wall was very difficult, but I had a lot of fun. Just meeting all the other amputees, you felt like you knew them all your life. It was amazing. I had a good time. It was a wonderful experience."

His wife, Janet, also stands firmly in his corner.

"Next year, I think he's have a little more confidence, knowing what he's up against," she said. "He'll know what he has to do to practice it."

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Redford's Dan Boulter, 59, attempts to scale the 24-foot rock climbing wall at the O&P Extremity Games held last week in Orlando, Fla.

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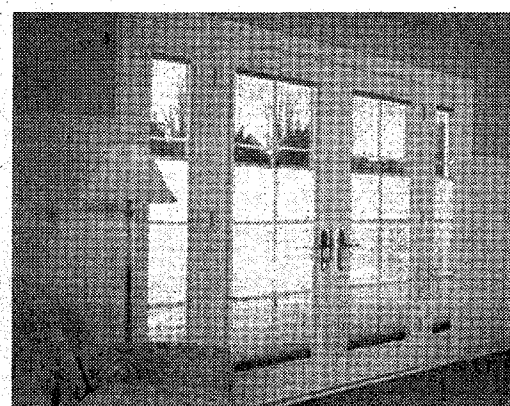
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Team camp champ

The Redford Union girls basketball team captured its division during a three-day team camp hosted July 22-24 by Adrian College. The Panthers finished 9-1 during the three-day stretch, avenging an earlier loss against Novi in the championship final. Members of the RU squad include (seated, from left) Shaheeda Greeley, Jessica McDougall, Alex Smedley, Jessica Busuito, Jasmine Johnson, Jessie Glombowski; (second row, from left) Stacey Gavin, Susan Dzbanski, Kelsey Weekley, Sarah Mayne; (back row, from left) coach Jennifer Heldt, Karen Jackett, Brittany DuPree and Danielle Sweeney. Not pictured is coach Alan Kruck.



O&E golf tourney

The annual Men's and Women's Observer & Eccentric Open golf tournament will be Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 12-13, at Whispering Willows and Fox Creek golf courses in Livonia.

The men's event is 36-hole medal play at Whispering Willows (Aug. 12) and Fox Creek (Aug. 13). The fee is \$95 (cart not included). You must have a maximum handicap of 20.

The women's tourney is 18-hole medal play, Aug. 12, at Whispering Willows. The entry fee is \$50 (does not include cart).

Entries close at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5 (limited to the first 200 golfers).

You must have a current U.S.G.A. index to participate.

For more information, call Whispering Willows at (248) 476-4493.

Hole-in-one club

Among the aces recorded recently at Fox Hills in Plymouth:

■ Matt Krupansky, 14, of Canton, used a 6-iron on the 124-yard, No. 5 hole at the Woodlands course (July 25). He shot a 46 for nine.

■ Gail McLaren, 71, of Livonia, used a driver

SPORTS SHORTS

on the 127-yard, No. 2 hole on the Lakes course (July 24). She shot a 90 for 18.

■ Robert Stewart, 62, of Canton, used an 8-iron on the 118-yard, No. 11 hole at the Strategic (July 12). He shot a 40 for nine.

■ Thomas Ropert, of Livonia, used a Callaway on the 168-yard, No. 6 hole July 2 at the Golden Fox. He shot 44 for nine.

■ Richard Butz, 80, of Livonia, used a gap wedge on the 112-yard, No. 6 hole on the Hills course (June 26). He shot a 79 for 18.

Girls hockey tryouts

■ The Livonia Knights, a girls 14-and-under hockey team, will stage tryouts for the 2006-07 season at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4; at Edgar Ice Arena.

For more information, call either coach Joe Monendo at (248) 640-1706 or coach Erik Eskildsen at (734) 673-1628. You can also visit www.eteamz.com/livoniagirls14u.

■ Fall tryouts for the Little Caesars Girls 12-and-under AAA team will be 7-8:30 p.m. today, Thursday, Aug. 3, both at Redford Ice Arena (Beech Daly between Schoolcraft (Jeffries Freeway service drive) and Plymouth roads.

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Coming off perhaps his most brilliant win as a professional at the British Open, you can expect 30 year old Eldrick to be in the hunt.

He did not always play this event until it was moved from the week before to two weeks before the PGA Championship. Tiger does not like to play an event the week before a major. He would rather get to the major venue early to prepare.

Three of the top five players in the world will be competing at the Buick this week. In addition to Tiger, they include two time defending champion Vijay Singh and Jim Furyk, who is quietly having an excellent year.

The best way to get an up close and personal look at Tiger is to pick a spot and get there early. I like the rowdy par three 17th. The key is to stay there and not give up your spot. That way you are guaranteed of seeing everyone - including Tiger - for at least one hole.

Jeff Lesson hosts "Lesson on Golf" weekend mornings on WWJ Newsradio 950 and Saturday mornings 7-8am on 1270 XYT. He also co-hosts "Michigan Golf Weekly" Saturdays at 6pm on CBS Detroit TV.

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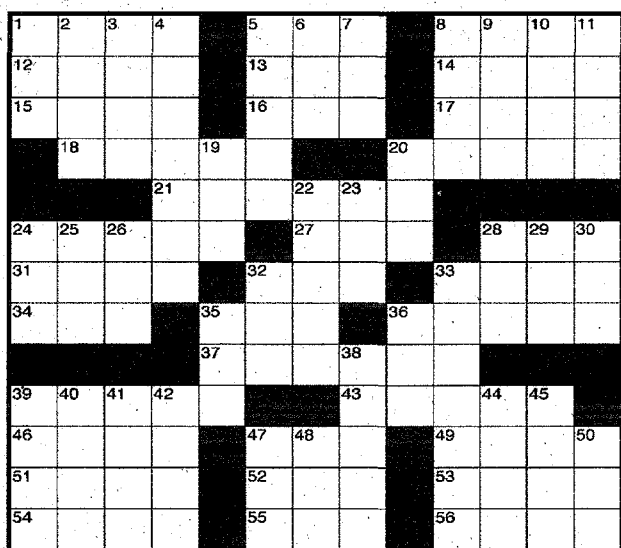
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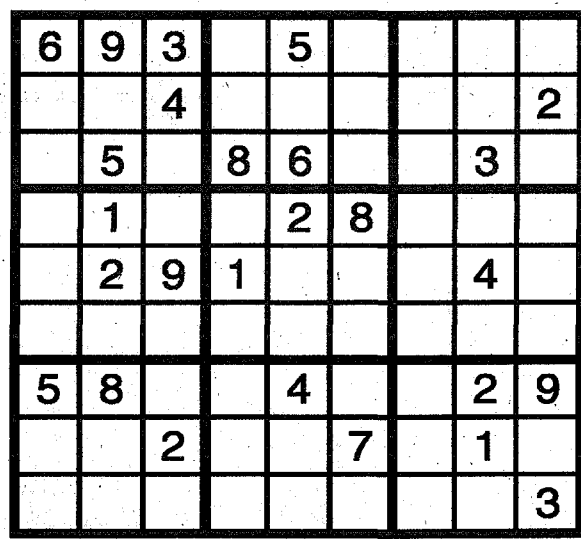
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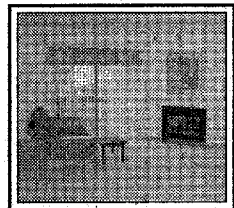
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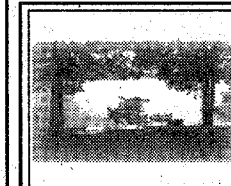
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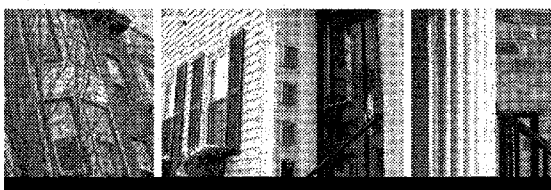
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STEREOTYPING

What undermines the image of certain industries? Nabil Nasr, assistant provost for Academic Affairs and director of the Center for Integrated Manufacturing Studies at Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, N.Y., attributes stereotyping in manufacturing to the drastic information about large companies in news reports.

Larger companies may be perceived in one direction, he states, while the majority of manufacturers in the United States are small to medium-sized companies, which typically don't make the news.

Joe Kilmartin, director of Compensation at Boston's Salary.com, maintains that obscured information buttresses the stereotype of the public sector and higher education as low-paying. Both offset pay differentials with benefits, he says. There are very, very lucrative benefits in the public sector, at levels the corporate side hasn't seen for at least a decade, such as very rich defined benefit retirement programs. Many companies restrict entry, essentially locking out new employees. Some have terminated the plans, with help from bankruptcy court getting them offloaded. Even annual salaries may be favorable. For example, superintendents in his area earn more than \$200,000 annually. The entire industry enjoys what he calls the

time-off benefit.

Neil Gussman, Communications director at the Chemical Heritage Foundation in Philadelphia, comments that poor public perception causes you to work against the cocktail party factor. You don't want to say, I write ad copy for a used car lot. Even if pay and benefits were the same, the cocktail party factor would be huge. In other words, fearing an industry image only reinforces its stereotyping and keeps you from uncovering more of the story.

SOURCES

The chemical industry, Gussman continues, has inherited some stereotypes and contributed to others. He mentions that the power of chemicals -- to pollute or, in the hands of terrorists, poison -- is both good and bad. If you make a product that cleans all of the water in the country, he explains, it could be misused and be a poison. The misuse of a disinfectant strong enough to clean the water supply, like chlorine, can really hurt a person. You want to use it to clean water.

Are chemical industry employees underpaid because of this negativity? Gussman doesn't think so, having noticed numerous job openings for new graduates, especially chemical engineers and petrochemical engineers, beginning at approximately \$50,000. A person with 10 years in chemical or petrochemical engineering can expect \$80,000 to \$130,000, he adds.

Kilmartin agrees with the strong salaries. He further notes, DuPont, Hercules and ICI Paints have had ongoing relationships with pharmaceutical companies, which are a subset. This collaboration has helped high-profile chemical companies do very well. There have been problems with product

liability lawsuits, while companies are doing handsomely in paying their employees. Companies like Merck and Wyeth aren't just mining the product, but taking the product and coming up with new uses.

VISION

Gussman points to the obvious opportunity in his industry evidenced by the recruitment of internationals to fill vacant chemical engineering jobs, which are critical to the high-tech industry: Silicon chips are made in extremely clean rooms. Chemistry is the source of clean water, ingredients for all life-saving and health maintenance drugs, materials that make modern life possible. ... Without chemistry, no high tech, no medicine, dirty water, epidemics.

Nasr mentions that skilled labor, faced with the supposed decline of manufacturing, may conclude that they should leave the industry. This is a wrong and false perception (based upon the inability to perceive its potential), he states. Kilmartin mentions that wages are rising for tool designers, although, he concedes, an assembler probably isn't safe from the threat of outsourcing because of the routine nature of the occupation.

If we give up on manufacturing, Nasr continues, we might as well give up our standard of living and the economic prosperity of our nation. We can't survive based on service alone. We have to create wealth ... through innovation, collaboration with other companies and the development of competitive advantage. In particular, he



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advocates channeling the federal Small Business Innovation Grants to more small- and medium-sized companies, which are so busy with day-to-day demands that they don't have the time or resources to compete for the grants.

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Volvo introduced the XC90 in 2002 with car-like features that made it a hit among the sport utility crowd with large families. Now, the Swedish automaker has fine-tuned its best-selling SUV and plans to take it to even higher levels in the competitive sport utility market.

The 2007 model ups the XC90's luxury factor, with more car-like comforts. A 3.2 liter, six-cylinder engine with 235 horsepower and 236 foot pounds of torque replaces a 208 horsepower, five-cylinder engine, but with the exact same dimensions and fuel consumption. A V-8 engine with 311 horsepower and 325 foot pounds of torque also is available.

Keeping with Volvo's commitment to safety, the engine size is compact enough that it reduces the risk of going into the passenger compartment in the event of a crash. Volvo was able to design a smaller engine because components such as the power steering pump and air conditioning compressor are located behind the engine and above the transmission in the space above the gearbox.

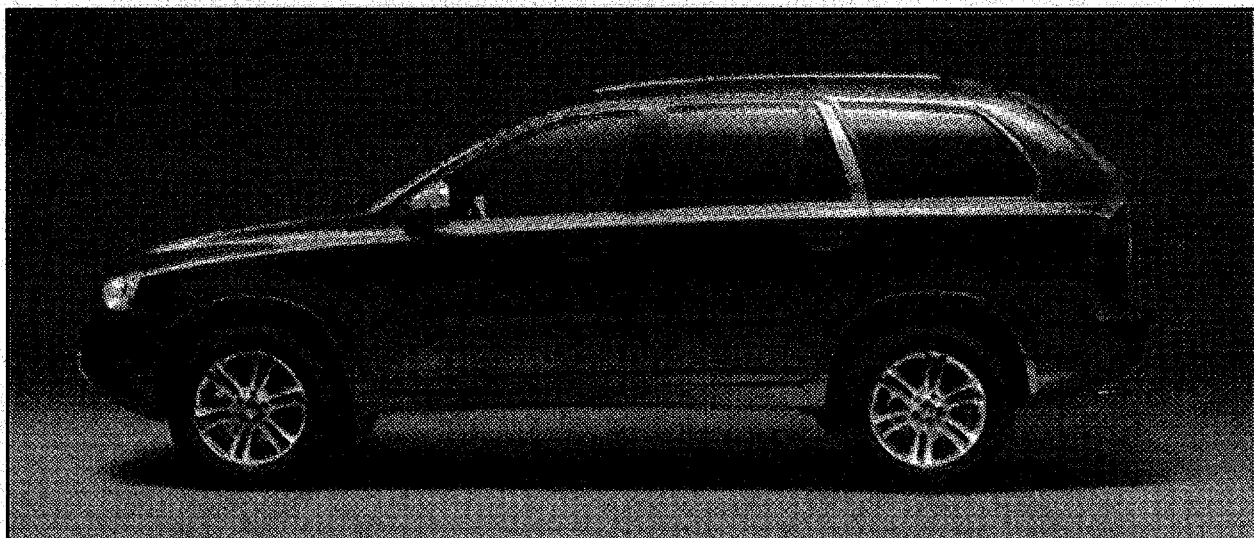
A smaller engine doesn't mean less power. The new six-cylinder engine offers plenty of flexibility, throttle and performance. Features such as Variable Cam Timing and Cam Profile Switching increase flexibility. CPS controls valve lift depending on speed and load, while VCT controls duration. The result: with normal driving, fuel use is moderate with good drivability.

The design of the XC90 was tweaked to give it more of a European appearance. A new grille with more chrome, redesigned tail lamps and recessed bumper reflectors surrounded by chrome trim give the XC90 a more refined, upscale look.

New, color coded trim moldings and door handles give the SUV a refined look. Two new colors, Electric Silver Metallic and Shadow Blue, provide more options, as well as new Camulus 18-inch aluminum wheels with the Volvo emblem in the center.

But Volvo kept what made it such a hit in the first place: its passenger car style construction with enough room to fit seven people. A third row seat is big enough to fit adults and children comfortably.

It's easy to like the XC90. The second row folds flat, as well as the front passenger seat. There are a dozen



Volvo's SUV is a hit among the sport utility crowd with large families.

beverage holders, along with 12 Volt Power Outlets. Its styling and safety features are good enough that you don't forget that you're driving a Volvo, yet it's not so pooh-pooh that you're afraid to really gun it during hectic, rush hour traffic. Smooth handling, tight turns make the XC90 Next Generation SUV. A Sport model has a stiffer chassis, firmer shock absorbers and larger, 19-inch wheels.

It's also easy to see why Volvo is aiming at discerning buyers. Little features like the dash radio display that displays the name of the artist and the song drew kudos. And we especially liked the flat folding passenger, second and third row seats. A front center armrest with CD and storage compartments is removable.

Inside, Volvo offers more options. A soft leather Sovereign Hide with contrasting stitching on the seating is new this year. The center console has been revamped with a new display and aluminum effects. There's also the choice of a Sapelli wood grain.

An upgraded navigational system, along with a digital ICE amplifier from Alpine and speakers from Dynaudio, is optional. You can also play MP3 and Windows Media Audio format with the high performance and premium sound systems. A rear entertainment system with a DVD, video screens in front head restraints and wireless headphones is optional.

The safety features that attracted Volvo customers are included: energy-absorbing zones and a low center of gravity to minimize injuries. Third row passengers are protected by an inflatable curtain.

Volvo innovations such as Roll Stability Control, which helps stabilize the car during a rollover, and Dynamic Stability and Traction Control, which reduces skidding by reducing engine torque and applying brake force, add to safer driving. A reinforced roof gives added protection, along with a Whiplash Protection System in the driver and passenger seats.

The third row's position above the rear axle reduces the risk of injury during side crashes, while the XC90's ample space behind the rear seats allows enough room to fit luggage as well as added protection during an accident.

An integrated booster cushion in the center of the second row can move up 12 inches—an industry first. Bi-Xenon headlights improve visibility when driving on dark, twisting roads by moving to follow curves in the road.

A microprocessor measures speed and steering angle to enhance the light pattern. The lights can be turned 15 degrees to the right or left, but don't work during the daylight to cut power use.

To cut the risk of blind spot crashes, a blind information system uses cameras in the door mirrors to determine if another vehicle has entered the XC90's rear blind spots. A lamp shines a light in the mirror to warn the driver and reduce the chances of an accident.

The park assist camera, a wide angle camera that displays the area behind the vehicle while showing the path the vehicle will take in reverse, will be available this fall. It shows the space behind the vehicle on the navigation screen on the dashboard, giving drivers a third eye to reduce crashes.

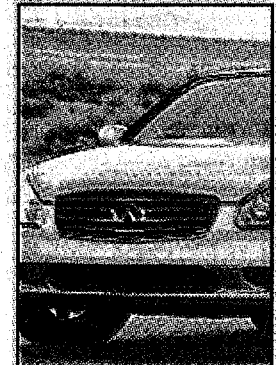
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2007 Volvo XC90
Vehicle class: Luxury sport utility vehicle.
Power: V-8, six-cylinder, diesel engines available.
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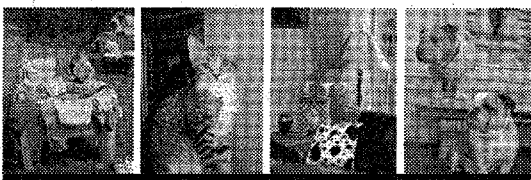
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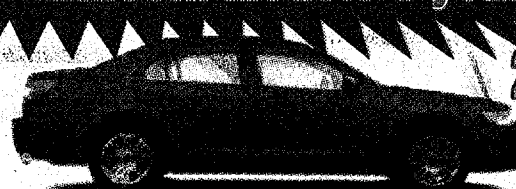
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PHOTO BY GERRY VENTO

This Fieldstone patio and steps consist of Sandstone Integral color with a dark brown release.



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This Random Slate patio was colored with a taupe integral color and an added slate green release.

Stamped or patterned walkways and patios take on a new look

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

When homes are constructed, contractors traditionally pour cement mix, creating squares of concrete for the driveway, sidewalks and porches.

Some homeowners tire of that gray appearance, so they look for ways to bring a little outdoor artistry.

One way is to use brick pavers to create pathways or short walks leading to a pool, grill or deck.

But there are alternatives for the homeowner who wants to get a little more creative: stamped concrete or patterned concrete.

"They don't want plain old gray concrete," said Gerry Vento, owner of Vento Decorative Concrete in Livonia.

Vento creates patios and walkways of stamped concrete for homeowners. Stamped concrete is a mix of cement, created with a powder release, stamping tools and touchup work.

"You can really apply them anywhere on a house," Vento said.

Patios are the bulk of Vento's business, about three days of work by a crew.

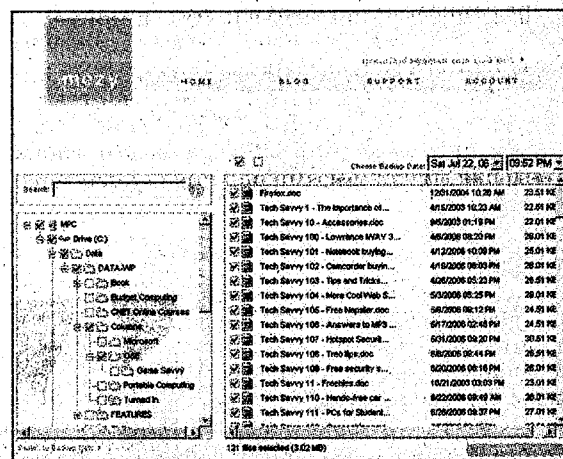
"It is a maintenance-free end product, except you have to re-seal it in about three or four years," Vento said.



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This Ashlar Slate walkway was colored with a taupe integral color with an added slate green release.

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Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

First things first: Thanks to all the readers who responded to my recent column about Macs.

Your warm comments and well-reasoned arguments gave me plenty to chew on, and I especially appreciated the many invitations to the upcoming Mac user-group meeting. I'll be there!

I'll also share some of those comments in an upcoming column, when I begin chronicling my experiences as a Windows user venturing into the Mac world. Stay tuned.

In the meantime, it's time for another discussion of my favorite subject: back-ups.

Wait, wait, hear me out. I'm not here to harangue this time, promise. I just want to tell you about a new service that's worth checking out.

PLEASE SEE BROIDA, D4

OFF THE AIR WITH DICK PURTAN & PURTAN'S PEOPLE

Anybody wanna buy Ben Wallace stuff?



Dick Purtan

I am a sports fan. I love hockey and I love football. And, like many of you, I root, root, root for the home team.

Over the years I have formed an emotional bond with all our local franchises. I have seen a doctor about this condition but, sadly, it is incurable.

Win (like the Pistons, Wings and - hooray - the Tigers) or lose (do I really need to put a team name here?) I still find myself watching and listening to every hit, every miss, every bounce and every fall.

And based on my extensive junior varsity football career I know exactly how they feel after every game.

As a result, over the years I have acquired all sorts of team paraphernalia - hats, jerseys, balls, bobbleheads, number one fingers, key chains, coffee mugs, thunder sticks, posters - even earrings (don't ask). You name it, their marketing department has thought of it and I probably have it.

Now I have a problem. There's this whole wing of former Piston Ben Wallace stuff at my house. What am I supposed to do with it all? Why, the

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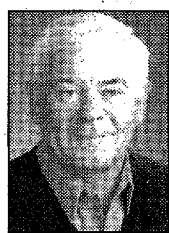
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I'm looking for good news

As you know, we have a new Maytag Neptune front load washer in our house and my wife Valerie has been testing it for almost three months.

The good news is that she doesn't have anything bad to say about it. She absolutely loves the washer.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

Oops, I forgot about her comment that she couldn't feel the purses she knits. Yes, Valerie knits these beautiful purses and then puts them into a washer full of the hottest water possible. She even turns up the temperature on the hot water tank before she does this.

During the felting process, she stops the washer to check how much the purses have shrunk. When they are the proper size, she removes them and stuffs them with paper and lets them dry. They then go to a charitable cause via an auction.

The problem occurs because the door on the washer locks during operation and Valerie can't check the shrinkage factor.

You could say it's good news

that you can't open the door while it's washing.

I can imagine one of my granddaughters walking by a door with a window in it, water splashing against the glass, and the child's natural curiosity causing her hand to pull on the door handle. The good news is I won't have to mop up a lot of water.

Maybe you have some good news that you would like to share with me.

How about telling me of an appliance in your home that has never needed service? Is there such a thing?

How about a description of the surface condition of an appliance? Has the paint faded or peeled on your dishwasher? What do the shelves look like in your refrigerator?

Drop me a note and you can even mention the brand name and the age of the appliance.

Here's another angle to reporting good news to the Appliance Doctor: How about a story concerning a service call on an appliance? Tell me about it.

How did an appliance repair company create a positive impression with you? Use its name, even the technician's name. Did they do something out of the ordinary that made you very pleased with the service?

Well, here's some good news

from the perspective of the appliance repair business: I hardly ever get a complaint about the amount of money charged for repairs.

I swear, not so many years ago, I used to get at least a dozen a week.

This is a good sign, folks. It means several things that are of a positive nature and of benefit to Michigan consumers.

We have become smarter consumers and more than ever can recognize when we are being ripped off. The unethical companies have been exposed enough times that they changed their ways or went out of business.

The Appliance Repair Act, which became law in 2002, is serving its purpose in helping to protect consumers.

Years ago, I used to hang my head in shame when asked what industry I was working in. Good news today is, I hold my head up high. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on Talk Radio WAAM 1600 at 8 a.m. Saturdays. He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP). His phone number is (734) 971-1600, Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to mklemic@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

Students get garden club scholarship

Four Henry Ford Community College students recently received scholarships from the Garden Club of Dearborn to help them further their education in environmental studies.

Charles R. Ford of Southfield, Sarah Rosaen of Garden City, Jesse Rose of Wyandotte and Ashley Wright of Romulus each received scholarships for tuition at HFCC.

The scholarship fund, which was created and funded by the Garden Club of Dearborn, focuses on helping HFCC students who have developing interests or majors in environmental studies, biology, horticulture, botanics or other studies that have a focus on the environment.

In order to apply for the Garden Club of Dearborn Scholarship at HFCC, students must have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher in sci-

ence courses and must also be enrolled for nine credit hours or more once the scholarship is received.

Applicants also must be enrolling in courses that will lead to careers in environmental studies.

Currently, HFCC has a \$10,000 endowed scholarship from the Garden Club of Dearborn. The club, which has been donating to HFCC for at least 10 years, also contributes to the scholarship yearly.

The Garden Club of Dearborn is the oldest service group in Dearborn. The club was created in 1915 with Clara Ford as its first president.

For more information about the Garden Club of Dearborn, call (313) 563-1558.

For more information on HFCC, visit www.hfcc.edu or call toll-free (800) 585-HFCC.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Garden tour

Michael Saint of Good Earth Landscape & Interior Design LLC in Clarkston announces a tour of his gardens, with donations going to The Master Gardeners Society of Oakland County. The tour will take place 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6. Donation \$5. Saint's goal is to raise \$1,000.

For more information, e-mail MichaelSaint@goodearthlandscape.com or call (248) 620-7188. Go to www.goodearthlandscape.com for a locator map.

Rose workshop

Rose Propagation Workshop will take place 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6, at Great Lakes Roses, 49875 Willow Road in Sumpter Township. The hands-on workshop will be repeated 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 7. Reservations are requested. The \$25 material fee will be collected at the door. Call (734) 461-1230. Participants will prepare and root roses from cuttings, and learn other techniques for easy at-home propagation.

Drought-tolerant plants

Learn how to spend less time watering and more time enjoying your garden in a class at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. The class, Drought-tolerant Plants, will take place Wednesday, Aug. 9. Fee is \$22. To register and for more information, call (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com. Instructor Sue Grubba is the owner of Creative Scapes, an advanced master gardener and a senior instructor at the Michigan School of Gardening.

Arranging flowers

English Gardens hosts free seminars 7 p.m. Wednesdays in August at all six stores, including locations in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506), Royal Oak-Troy (phone (248) 280-9500), Dearborn Heights (phone (313) 278-4433) and Ann Arbor (phone (734) 332-7900). Visit www.englishgardens.com. Arranging Garden Flowers will be the topic Aug. 9. Learn how to enjoy the beauty of your garden flowers indoors. English Gardens floral designers will discuss the best flowers for cutting, with a step-by-step demonstration featuring lots of inspiration and design tips. Shade Gardening will be the topic Aug. 16.

Bromeliad show

The Southeastern Michigan Bromeliad Society will host its annual show and sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 19-20, at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor.

Admission is free. For more information, call (248) 380-7359.

More than 200 plants will be on display from this fascinating and diverse plant family, which includes the pineapple and Spanish moss.

Demonstrations, books, supplies, and plants for sale will be featured.

Conference

Registrations are being accepted through Thursday, Aug. 31, for the Unusual Gardening Conference, which will take place 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17, at the Ford Education Center at the Detroit Zoo. The conference is presented by the Michigan School of Gardening, in cooperation with the Practical Gardening Institute.

Space is limited, so sign up soon. Registration is \$95 (\$75 for Practical Gardening Institute members), including parking, admittance to the zoo, lunch, all five presentations, question-and-answer sessions, and book signing with Janet Macunovich. Bring your books to the signing, or buy copies at the conference.

To register, go to www.practicalgardeninginstitute.com and visit the Gardeners' Market.

The conference will feature in-depth seminars, and time to interact and talk with presenters and fellow gardeners. Topics will be Gardens of the World (Pam Palechek), Vines and Vertical Features (Sue Grubba), Water Gardens (Scott Bates), Rock Gardens (University of Michigan Herbarium curator Tony Reznicek) and 8 Months of Color (Janet Macunovich and Steven Nikkila).

Hidden Lake classes

Classes offered at Michigan State University Hidden Lake Gardens in Tipton include Ornamental Grasses for the Home Landscape (6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3; cost is \$16), Stone Troughs (10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 5; \$45), Seven Steps to Success with Roses (6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8; \$16) and European Hand-tied Bouquets (6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9; \$20). Pre-registration is required. Call (517) 431-2060.

The ornamental grass class will feature an indoor slide lecture and a walk through the display gardens.

The stone troughs class is a workshop in which participants will learn how to make a beautiful, durable, hyper-tufa container for gardening that is lighter in weight than a stone trough. Dress to make a mess. The troughs will have to sit for a few days before they can be taken home.

The roses class will feature a slide program presented by Nancy Lindley, owner of Great Lakes Roses. She will

have items for sale after the presentation.

In the bouquets class, Helen Miller, florist and owner of Flowers & Such in Adrian, will teach you how to make attractive flower arrangements using plants available right outside your back door. Bring pruning shears, scissors and a sharp knife.

Beetle control

Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, present a series of educational programs for the public. The popular programs are at the historic 1890s barn and display garden at Great Lakes Roses, 49875 Willow Road in Sumpter Township. Admission is free. Reservations aren't required.

Each presentation lasts about 1-1/2 hours. Dress for the weather.

For information, visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com or call (734) 461-1230.

The schedule includes Japanese Beetle Control for Roses (1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13, repeated 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 14), a lecture and hands-on demonstration by Roger Lindley.

Master gardener

The Michigan State University Extension-Oakland County Master Gardener Training Program will begin Aug. 22 and run through Nov. 14.

Seats will be offered on a first come-first served basis. The application fee is \$25 and the class fee is \$300. For an application, call MSUE-Oakland County at (248) 858-0887, or go to the MSUE Web site at www.msue.msu.edu/oakland and look under horticulture and gardening. The 13-week class will meet 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the MSUE offices in the Oakland County Service Center, 1200 N. Telegraph in Pontiac. Each session will focus on a different horticultural topic that will prepare participants to fulfill a 40-hour community service commitment to earn master gardener certification.

Volunteers sought

Do you live in a condo or apartment and miss gardening?

The Royal Oak Garden Club is seeking volunteers (club members only) to tend these Royal Oak community gardens now to October: Gilda's Garden, Community Center Garden, Community Center Iris Garden, Cemetery Garden and the Zoo Garden. Club membership is \$10 per year.

Call Sherry Jurva at (248) 280-2540.

Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Mary Klemic, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail mklemic@hometownlife.com, fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314.

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This stained glass work by Laura Millikan of Troy is an example of the items featured at Fine Art at the Village of Rochester Hills, an art festival Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 5-6, at the shopping center on the northeast corner of Adams and Walton. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Additional free parking and a shuttle bus service (\$1 round-trip) will be provided at nearby Rochester High School, at the corner of Walton and Livernois. Free entertainment, an outdoor food court and a free drawing for several pieces of artwork will also be featured. The festival is sponsored by Creative Arts Council, a nonprofit art group. For more information, call (248) 689-8734 or go to www.FineArtAtTheVillage.com.

CONCRETE

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COLOR YOUR WORLD

Colors are added into the mix - an integral color system, right into the truck's mixer. The cement is poured, then "floated" and finished, then a release agent is added before the stamping begins with a cookie cutter.

Vento adds fiberglass to the cement mix to help reinforce the stamped concrete and minimize cracking.

Stamped concrete resembles the appearance of fieldstone, brick, slate and marble, Vento said. Earth tones (including sandstone, terra-cotta, silver and slate green) are popular. Vento usually recommends a color that slightly contrasts the house.

Patterns consist of random slate or ashler slate. No two jobs look the same with the random slate, Vento said, while ashler slate brings a more uniform look. Stamped concrete costs \$9-\$10 a square foot, Vento said, with steps an additional charge.

One drawback to stamped concrete: Don't use metal blades on it when removing snow.

"We recommend that they use a plastic shovel or have the person removing the snow put plastic on the blades. Salt is also bad for stamped concrete, and you should remove snow as soon as possible," Vento said.

It is also susceptible to damage in freeze-thaw cycles.

Before the stamped concrete is installed, Vento uses crushed concrete that is compacted "tighter than sand" as an aggregate type base for the concrete.

That material is recycled from demolished driveways. Fiberglass is the only reinforcement material he uses.

PATTERNED CONCRETE

"The difference (between stamped and patterned concrete) is you can still tell where you start and stop and still see seams with stamping tools," Lou DeCillis, owner of Artistic Flooring Systems in Bloomfield Hills, said about stamped concrete.

His firm does stamped con-

ARTISTIC CONCRETE

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crete but uses patterned concrete in many homes and businesses.

"We have scribing tools, we lay those out and those have no seams," DeCillis said about patterned concrete. "First you pattern it, then scribe into the wet concrete, then stain it."

"After you stain it, grout it (with a concrete mix). The work is up front and you have a stone patio without the maintenance of stone. After it's grouted, it's sealed."

Patterned concrete allows you to do overlays on existing concrete or wooden subfloors.

"You can do a simulated bamboo floor with a rough texture." Real bamboo floors are expensive, DeCillis said.

It also allows for patterns with actual leaf trimmings in interior or exterior settings.

More homeowners are creating patterned concrete countertops. Portland cement can be colored green or blue and glass put in it for a bar top or sink countertop.

Patterned concrete can be stained with either amber or epoxy. The epoxy creates a dramatic impact, enhancing the browns on one example DeCillis has.

"It really brings the color out."

It also creates offbeat furniture. It can be used in a dining room table with glass, or even walls.

Stamped concrete runs \$4.75-\$5 a square foot for the concrete, and the stamping is an additional \$5-\$7 or about \$11-\$12 a square foot, DeCillis said. Patterned concrete is about the same amount.

"We're seeing more patterned over stamped," DeCillis said.

Patterned can be used on a wood subfloor, stamped cannot, DeCillis said.

When you use stamped concrete around a pool deck or anywhere you may walk, it should be a pattern that is comfortable on your feet. Some stamped patterns may feature craggy edges that could hurt your feet.

"You should take your shoes off and pick a pattern that is comfortable on your feet," DeCillis said.

People are looking for earth tones, gray tones, but often in interiors, they look for something "wild and crazy looking, like red and blue or deep green tones that wash together with earth tones."

"This kind of look shouldn't look like anything else," DeCillis said.

DeCillis said his company contracts homes in the mid-range value, with homeowners looking for a more glamorous look and feel to them.

"It's something a little nicer than the vanilla concrete," DeCillis said. "It's finding its way into a lot of interiors."

"For the basement or a family room, you'd want something nicer than stained concrete."

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Birmingham is also site of a farmers market

In an article about farmers markets July 20, the market in Birmingham was unintentionally left out.

The lively outdoor market runs 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Sunday, until Oct. 22.

It takes place in public Parking Lot 6 on the east side of North Old Woodward, north of

Harmon Street, across from Aunt Olive's Good Food to Go in Birmingham.

It has more than 30 booths featuring locally and regionally grown produce, including organic vegetables, fruits, flowers and garden plants, and has gourmet coffee and fresh French toast.

The market is a volun-

teer effort, started by Birmingham residents Julie Plotnik and Stephanie Jacobson, and is supported by the Principal Shopping District.

It is managed by Michigan farmer Richard Hobson, who serves as the "Market Master" in charge of all market operations, including the farmers and their goods.

- Lana Mini, Staff Writer

The July 20 article inadvertently omitted information about the Rochester Farmers Market.

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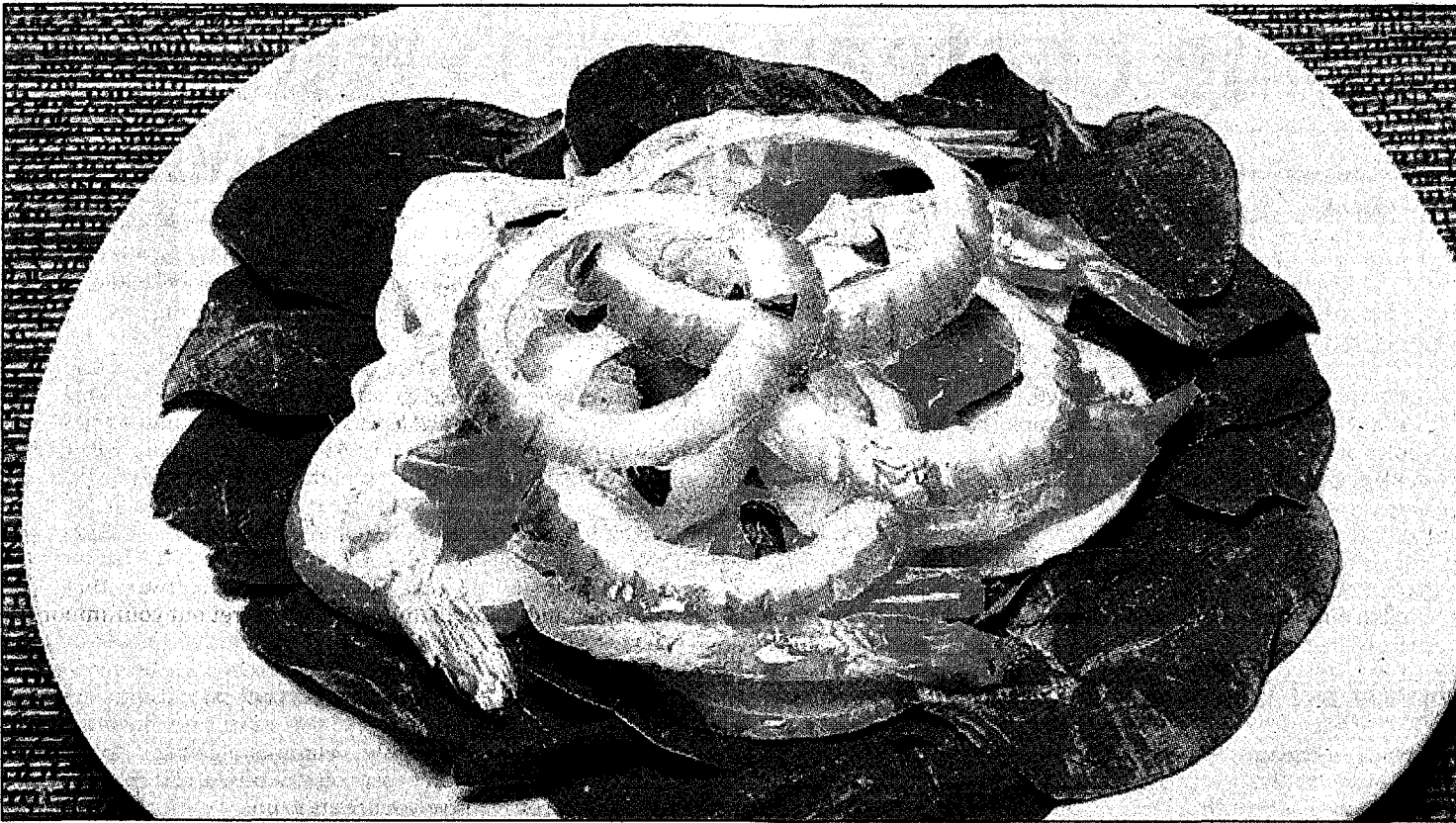
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This spinach and shrimp salad displays a mini-rainbow of colors: green, orange, gold, red and white, a feast for the eye and the body.

Color is healthy way to healthful eating

Summer is the season to eat in color.

The season's fruits and vegetables are at their peak. Markets display ripe nectarines, plums, tomatoes and peppers. So the summer plate should be colorful, too.

Eating in color is a healthier, as well as prettier, way to eat. The deeper the color of vegetables and fruits, the more likely they are to be high in nutrients and health-protective phytochemicals.

Nutritionists have encouraged people to sample the spectrum of color available this season. Doing so makes it more likely you will eat the five to nine daily servings of vegetables and fruit that the American Institute for Cancer Research's health experts recommend. Colorful vegetables and fruit have been found to contain the essential vitamins, minerals, fiber and the phytochemicals that are found only in plant foods all of which your body needs to stay healthy. The more colors on the plate, the

healthier the meal.

Deep orange and bright yellow signal the presence of the phytochemical carotenoids, including beta carotene, powerful antioxidants thought to reduce the risk of cancer and heart disease. Those colors can also indicate a rich source of vitamin C.

Bright pinks and deep reds add lycopene, a powerful antioxidant also believed to fight some cancers and heart disease. Green vegetables are rich in other phytochemicals. The carotenoids lutein and zeaxanthin are found in spinach, collards, kale and broccoli. The antioxidants found in these healthful greens and other cruciferous vegetables may fight cancer.

Even some white food is good for you. Allium vegetables such as onions, garlic, chives, scallions and leeks contain phytochemicals that have health-protective qualities.

This spinach and shrimp salad displays a mini-rainbow of colors: green, orange, gold,

red and white, a feast for the eye and the body.

SPINACH AND SHRIMP SALAD WITH CITRUS DRESSING

- 12 ounces large shrimp
- 8 cups baby spinach leaves (or flat-leaf spinach), stems removed, rinsed and dried
- 2 firm nectarines, halved and cut into thin slices
- 2 medium red bell peppers, seeded and halved
- 4 very thin slices red onion
- 1/2 cup fresh orange juice
- Juice of 1 lime
- 1/4 teaspoon ground turmeric
- 2 teaspoons extra virgin olive oil
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon fresh oregano, minced

Place shrimp in a large saucepan filled with cold water. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. When shrimp have turned pink and curled, drain and peel them. Remove their veins. Halve each shrimp lengthwise and set aside.

Arrange a quarter of the spinach in a bed on each of 4 dinner plates. (If using flat-leaf spinach, first tear it into bite-size pieces.) Arrange 4 nectarine slices on each bed of spinach. Cut pepper halves into strips. Cut strips into thirds. Arrange one-fourth on top of nectarine slices. Arrange one-fourth of the shrimp over the peppers. Separate onions into rings and arrange over shrimp.

For the dressing, whisk orange and lime juices in a small bowl with turmeric and oregano. Whisk in oil.

Season to taste with salt and pepper. Spoon 2 tablespoons dressing over each salad. Sprinkle oregano on top and serve. (Salad can be assembled and dressing made up to 4 hours ahead. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate. Dress and garnish just before serving.)

Makes 4 servings. Per serving: 160 calories, 3 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 17 g. carbohydrate, 16 g. protein, 4 g. dietary fiber, 184 mg. sodium.

Information courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

FOOD CALENDAR

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Fried artichokes, penne with fresh tomato basil sauce, mixed field greens with white balsamic vinaigrette, steak Siciliano, Monday, Aug. 7, \$23, Giulios, 31735 Plymouth, Livonia (734) 427-9500.

Cooking classes

The Community House offers the following culinary classes to the public this summer: **Gluten Free Baking**, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 7, \$30; **Fresh Italian**, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8, \$24, \$6

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Locals buy French wine chateau Season's vegetables make good salads

Chateau des Karantes (kahr-ahnt') is a new French wine in our market. Owner/partners Dr. Walter Knysz, who also owns the Bloomfield Hills-based Great Expressions dental centers, and Jean-Jacques Fertal, a partner with Knysz in Eagle Eye Imports, bought the chateau last year. The first wine releases from the 2005 vintage are in the Michigan market now.

Knysz revealed that he had the purchase of a French chateau in his mind before he had a serendipitous meeting with Fertal and the start-up of Eagle Eye Imports. His search became easier when French native Fertal, now an American citizen residing in Rochester Hills with his family, could speak French with agents seeking to find a suitable purchase.

WHY KARANTES

Fertal explained the beauty of the site in the La Clape area of Coteaux du Languedoc in southern France. "Standing on a foothill within the Karantes estate, you can see the Mediterranean from which sea breezes keep the vines cool. In another direction, there's the famous Clape Mountain, after which the region is named. Farther in the distance are the Pyrenees Mountains with snow-capped peaks."

Previously, Karantes was owned by the Barbera family. The Barbera sons still work the vineyard with estate manager and winemaker Christophe Coppolani. During World War II, Chateau des Karantes was occupied by German troops, who constructed gun turrets in the hillside overlooking Narbonne Plage (a beach about two miles from Karantes), to fend off the Allied troops they believed would invade from the south. Instead, as we know, the invasion came from the north in Normandy. Fleeing German troops burned area homes and these ruins still remain.

EXPERIENCED WINEMAKER

"When I went for an interview," 40-year-old Coppolani revealed, "I said to myself, 'I want this job.' The location with its hilly terrain and gravel, sand and clay vineyard soils has so much potential."

For 13 years, Coppolani was vineyard manager and on the winemaking team of Champagne Louis Roederer, including its famed Cristal.

He also has experience in that capacity at Roederer USA in California and has



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worked for other wineries in France and Portugal.

Chateau des Karantes is 200 acres, 43 of which are currently under vine, planted to red varieties carignan, grenache, syrah, and mourvèdre, with a small one-acre parcel of a white variety named terret, planted on the estate in 1927. Some carignan vines can be traced back to 1928. New syrah plantings have been made and more are planned.

WHAT TO BUY

In limited quantity, at \$10 each, three wines from the 2005 vintage were introduced early this summer. Blanc des Karantes is a delightfully crisp white wine made 100 percent from the terret grape. Then there's Rosé des Karantes, a blend of mourvèdre, syrah, grenache and carignan. Rouge (red) des Karantes is 100 percent carignan, made from 60-year-old vines. At \$10 (and we've seen it some places for \$8), these wines are hard to beat.

Eye-catching labels, designed by French artist Michel Cros, will help you to locate the wines easily.

Just being introduced now at \$15 is 2005 Domaine des Karantes, Coteaux du Languedoc, La Clape, a delicious blend of grenache, syrah and carignan. Enhance a summer barbecue with it and you'll make friends for life!

Near the end of this year, 2005 Chateau des Karantes Cuvée Diamond, a grenache, mourvèdre and syrah blend, will be introduced. Then in early 2007, the 2005 Chateau des Karantes Cuvée Diamond, a grenache, mourvèdre and syrah blend at \$40 will be launched, as a best of the best from the estate vineyards.

Keep reading us and we'll let you know when they're available. We tasted barrel samples that are already delicious!

The Healds are Contributing Editors for the internationally-respected *Quarterly Review of Wines* and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, and restaurants for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

WINE PICKS

Pinot Grigio (also known as **Pinot Gris**) hits the mark as a cool, summer wine with lots of flavor.

Pick of the pack: 2005 Morgan Santa Lucia Highlands R&D Francioni Vineyard Pinot Gris \$16.

Also recommended: 2005 Coppola Bianco \$11 and 2005 Babcock Santa Rita Hills \$15.

Wallet pleasers: 2005 McManis \$10 and 2005 Meridian \$10.

Chardonnay's most instructive pair. We've had many requests to recommend flavorful unoaked (oak free) chardonnays. The operative word in the request is flavorful. Many unoaked chardonnays do not have a lot of flavor. But here's a pair you should try in order to learn if you really like unoaked chards.

2005 St. Supery Napa Valley Oak Free Chardonnay \$19

2004 St. Supery Napa Valley Chardonnay \$19

Considering the expense of French cooperage, you may be surprised to see the price the same for both wines. The winery answer is that the oak-free wine is line priced with its tank fermented sauvignon blanc and the barrel fermented and barrel aged chardonnay has been underpriced for a long time. We buy that. Here's the better point. Try the wines as a pair and you don't have to choose the one you favor based on price.

If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor or order it direct from the winery.

Season's vegetables make good salads

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

California cooks show the way: Use the season's bounty of fresh vegetables, in all their appealing variety, to put together salads with minimal cooking.

Bonus point: Gorgeous greens plus other ingredients' colors can make each salad plate a small still-life work of art.

A trio of salads is offered here for home cooks by chefs from restaurants in Monterey County. Salads are a tradition for this area, with its Mediterranean-like climate. The region includes the lush Salinas Valley — self-proclaimed "salad bowl of the world" and the nation's largest producer of salad greens.

Salinas is Steinbeck country. The writer once called the local lettuce-growing industry "Green Gold," and he chronicled it and Salinas farmers in his 1952 masterpiece, *East of Eden*.

The following recipes bring with them a local sense of delight in fresh vegetables, along with touches of Mediterranean flavor. Take them as inspiration, if you like, for your own variations, tossing in what's best in your own backyard or farmers market.

This recipe from John Pisto, chef-owner of John Pisto's Whaling Station, Monterey, Calif., is a variation of a classic salad, making the most of crisp romaine lettuce paired with salmon. Pisto says he is an enthusiastic fan of using "the local stuff" — and that applies to wherever is local for you.

BLACKENED SALMON CAESAR SALAD

- 1 egg
- 4 anchovies
- 1/2 cup red-wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons kosher salt (see note)
- 3 garlic cloves
- 1 lemon (juice only)
- 1-1/2 teaspoons dry mustard
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 3 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 heads of romaine lettuce
- 1/2 cup croutons (purchased or homemade)
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- Fresh pepper to taste

Submerge egg in a pan of boiling water for 1 minute (see note). Remove from pan and set aside in cold water. Place anchovies in wooden bowl. Add vinegar and crush anchovies into a paste using a wooden spoon. Add kosher salt and continue making paste. Press garlic cloves and add to the mixture. Add lemon juice, mustard and Worcestershire sauce and stir. Crack egg and discard egg white. Add yolk to mixture and stir. Slowly pour in olive oil, stirring continuously.

Tear lettuce into bite-sized pieces and place in bowl. With tongs, gently mix lettuce with dressing until no residue is found on the bottom of bowl. Mix in croutons and sprinkle with cheese and fresh cracked pepper.

BLACKENED SALMON

- 6 salmon filets (8 to 10 ounces)
- Blackening rub of your choice, homemade or store-bought

Preheat oven to 350° F. Heat cast-iron skillet over medium to high heat.

Coat the salmon well with blackening rub. Brown salmon well on both sides. Then transfer to 350° F oven, and bake until it flakes, about 10 minutes.

Serve blackened salmon on top of the Caesar salad.

Makes 6 servings.

Note: Regular salt is twice as salty as kosher salt; and one minute is sufficient to cook ("cod-dle") the egg, Pisto says.

Wine suggestion: a Santa Lucia pinot noir.

Recipe from chef John Pisto, of John Pisto's Whaling Station, Monterey, Calif.

The following two recipes are offered by Cal Stamenov, executive chef of Bernardus Lodge, Carmel Valley, Calif. The first is a combination using the most colorful beets you can find, plus asparagus, feta cheese and a citrus vinaigrette. The second stars carrots, with a passion-fruit juice dressing.

ROASTED BEET AND SUMMER VEGETABLE SALAD

- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/2 red onion, thinly sliced
- 8 sprigs thyme
- 1/2 cup sherry wine vinegar
- Eight 2-inch-diameter beets (mixed red, yellow and chiongia; see note)

- 2 fennel bulbs, thinly sliced
- 30 asparagus stalks, blanched (see note), cut into 1/2-inch pieces

For the Vinaigrette:

- 1-1/2 oranges
- 1 lemon
- 1/2 lime
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste

For the Vegetable Garnish:

- 1 cup green beans, blanched and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1/2 cup cubed feta cheese
- 1 head frisée (cleaned, white only) or curly endive, chopped
- 4 tablespoons chopped oil-cured black olives
- 1 navel orange, peeled, segmented
- 1/2 red bell pepper, finely diced
- 1/2 yellow bell pepper, finely diced
- 12 sprigs chervil
- 1 cup baby spinach
- 1 cup shredded lollo rosa lettuce or red-leaf lettuce
- 1/2 cup finely chopped fennel fronds

To prepare the beets: Combine olive oil, red onion, thyme and sherry wine vinegar to make a marinade. Then prepare each color of beets separately; toss each color in 1/2 of the marinade. Roast each color separately in a pan covered with foil at 400° F for 45 minutes or until soft (tip of knife should insert easily). Cool, peel and cut into assorted geometric shapes. Add fennel and asparagus to cooled beets, and mix.

To make the Vinaigrette: Juice the oranges, lemon and lime to make 1-1/2 to 2 cups of juice; heat the juice in a small saucepan over medium heat, until reduced by three-fourths (when you are left with about 1/2 cup). Cool. Whisk in olive oil and season to taste with salt and pepper.

To serve: Arrange some of each vegetable — green beans, feta cheese, frisée, olives, orange, peppers, chervil, spinach, lettuce and fennel fronds — on each plate, dividing them up equally. Arrange beets on top; drizzle with vinaigrette.

Note: Chioggia beets, with their concentric rings of alternating red and white, are often called "candy cane" beets. If they are not available, use whatever colors you can find. To blanch asparagus, plunge into boiling water for about 1 minute, then immediately into cold water.

Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Wine suggestion: a Monterey County chardonnay.

Recipe from chef Cal Stamenov of Bernardus Lodge, Carmel Valley, Calif.

Carrots are available year-round, but are at their peak from October to April, Stamenov says. "I visit the neighboring farm stand, Earthbound Farm, and use their sweet red, yellow and orange baby carrots in this salad, which reflects the sweetness of young spring produce."

SIX CARROT SALAD

- 6 large or up to 25 baby carrots, peeled and blanched to desired texture, i.e. al dente (see note)

- 12 large green or white asparagus spears, blanched until tender, about 1 minute

- 1 cup cubed feta cheese

For Passion Fruit Dressing:

- 2 cups passion fruit juice (see note)
- 1 lime, juiced
- 1 cup olive oil
- Salt and cracked black pepper
- Herbs: 3 tablespoons each finely chopped parsley and mint
- 10 mustard leaves

To prepare Passion Fruit Dressing: Over medium heat in small saucepan reduce juice slowly to 1/2 cup. Watch carefully to keep color and consistency. Whisk in drizzle of olive oil as needed to thicken. Add lime juice, seasoning to taste. Season to taste with salt and cracked pepper.

To assemble Carrot Salad: Cut blanched carrots and asparagus into a variety of shapes, as desired. Toss with dressing and feta cheese. Garnish with assorted herbs.

Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Note: Use as many varieties of carrots as you can find if you want a colorful medley and adjust the number according to the sizes. If you cannot find passion-fruit juice, you can substitute a mix of orange, lemon and lime juice, or just use orange juice.

Wine suggestion: a Carmel Valley Sauvignon blanc. Recipe from chef Cal Stamenov of Bernardus Lodge, Carmel Valley, Calif. (Recipes made available to the AP by the Monterey County Visitors Bureau.)

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On the fourth day, not wanting to see broccoli again, I sneaked some chopped

Place the broccoli, garlic,

Dana Jacobi is author of *The Joy of Soy* and recipe creator for AICR's *Stopping Cancer Before It Starts*.

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tacos, serve the extra on the
side. With its fresh tang of lime
balancing the chili-flavored
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The Famous Kimono Wrap

Project Runway designer Kara Janx dishes on 'the dress'

By Wendy White



Janx

South African-born designer Kara Janx didn't win *Project Runway* Season 2, but one of her designs became an overnight sensation. During the show's final challenge, she wore a black jersey wrap dress edged in emerald green, tied at the waist with an obi-inspired sash. Judge Michael Kors commented that what she was wearing was much more interesting than what she showed on the runway.

The rest is history.

Janx's kimono wrap dress (\$210) was soon featured in magazines and orders came pouring in.

For Fall, Janx has added a version in silk (\$350), and a versatile silk wrap skirt that doubles as a baby-doll dress.

Janx visited Detroit to judge Haberman Fabric's "Make It Work" fashion design challenge on Aug. 1. With her, she brought variations of her kimono dress and shared its story.

Formerly an architect, Janx launched her first clothing collection in 2002, but got off to a slow start until she appeared on *Project Runway*. Now, despite her newfound fame, she is keeping her company tightly focused on hip and functional "democratic fashion" for the urban girl. Her line also includes underwear, bikinis and an eccentric wool hat for women, along with silk-screened tees and military jackets for men.

We caught up with Janx to find out what she's been up to, and just what it is about that dress!

How is life after *Project Runway*?

It's been great. It really has. There's been such a positive response to both me as a person and the business. It's been an incredible ride. It's taken me places I couldn't have imagined taking myself.

Are you non-stop busy?

I'm so busy that I'm running on empty. I'm like dead. I wake up in the morning, and I'm like where am I? But I love it so I don't like to complain.

So your kimono dress is a hit?

I was fortunate to have that kimono dress shown at the end of the show, and it was serendipitous and so bizarre. Since then I've sold thousands and thousands of dresses. I just happened to wear it to the final challenge. I had worn everything in my closet, and I thought 'oh I'll just wear this thing.'

It was so twisted, and the editing just kind of allowed it to get a lot of attention.

Why do you think it's so popular?

It's flattering—it completely hides the bumps and gives you a divine waist.

What will you talk about in Detroit?

I'm going to be bringing the different variations of the kimono dress, and talking about the evolution, what it's all about, and how it's become a craze. And how I've sort of manipulated the whole design.



What is your design philosophy?

I think just to keep it very true to my personality. I make things that are multifunctional—very wearable, timeless pieces, that are really well thought out with interesting silhouettes, where you can manipulate them and wear them in different ways.

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So You Think You Can Dance?

Detroit Ignition indoor soccer team will audition dancers 5-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11 at Tequila Rain in Novi. Sixteen dancers chosen for the Dance Team will perform at 15 home games during the 2006-07 season under choreographer Michael Lemansky of Juliana's Academy of Dance. Candidates must be 18 by Sept. 1, and will have an hour to learn and perform a combination in front of a panel of judges including PINK Editor Wendy Von Buskirk. For complete rules on what to wear and bring, call 1-888-436-GOAL or visit www.detroitignition.com. Tequila Rain is located in Fountain Walk Plaza, 44325 Twelve Mile, Novi. Visit www.tequilarainnovi.com.

Detroit Urban Craft Fair

See what local creatives are crafting, and find one-of-a-kind items made with love as more than 150 vendors gather for the first-ever Detroit Urban Craft Fair, hosted by Handmade Detroit 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5 at Majestic Theatre in Detroit. Visit www.myspace.com/detroiturban-craftfair.

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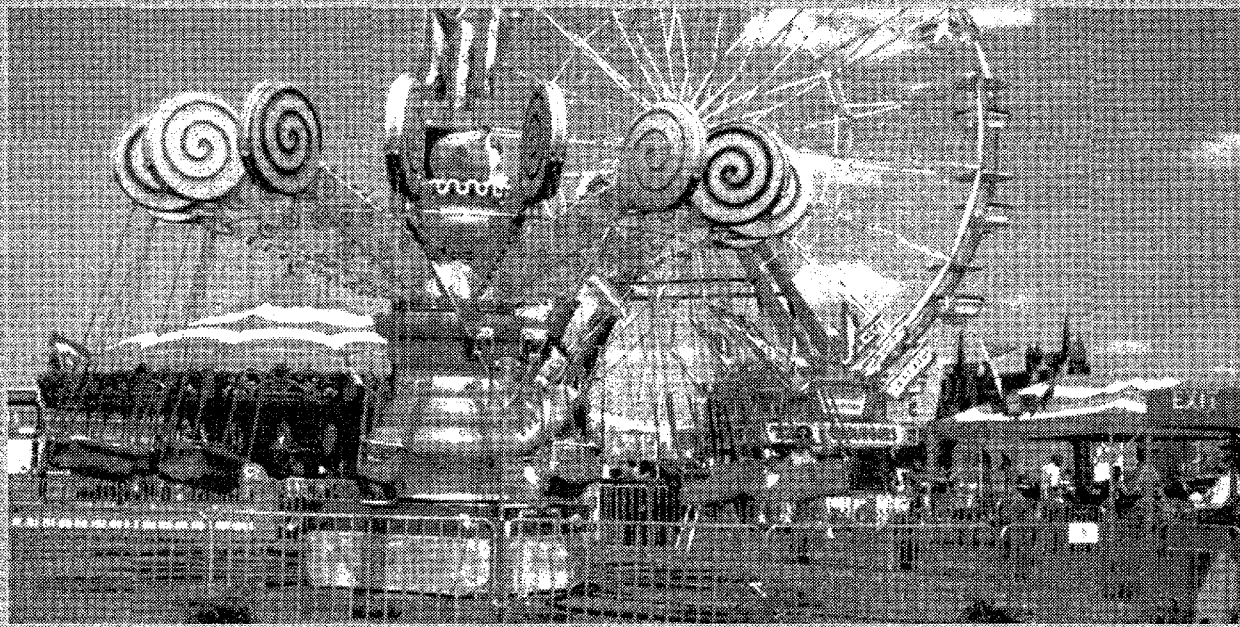
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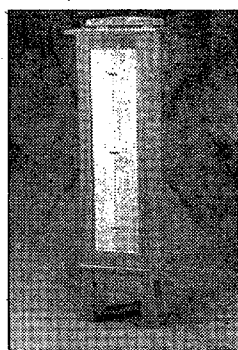
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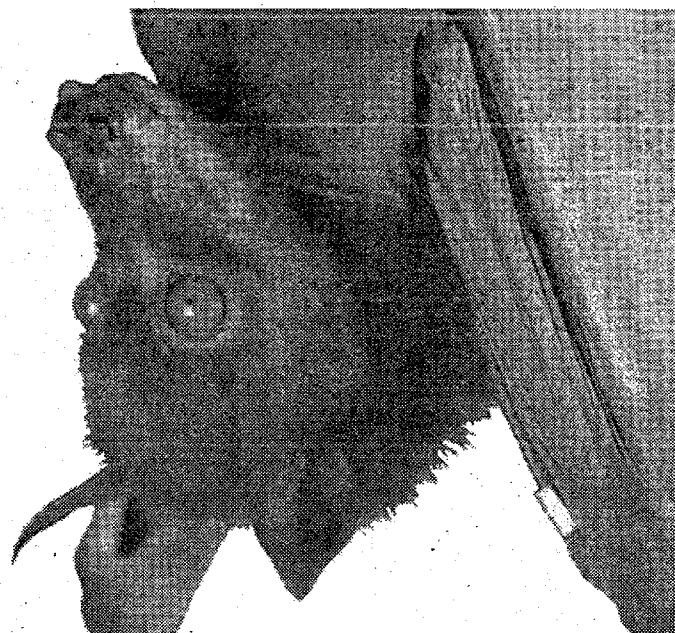
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NIGHT FLIGHT

Annual festival celebrates bats of all kinds

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Barbecue is on the menu and, for visual entertainment, live bats.

You mean you've never sat on your back porch and scanned the night skies for a set of flapping black wings?

The annual Great Lakes Bat Festival, slated for Saturday at Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills, goes to show that bats, not just movies about the nocturnal creatures, have entertainment value.

And, contrary to popular belief, bats do much in our service.

"They eat lots of different things and are so beneficial to the environment, from controlling nocturnal insects, to pollinating flowers in the United States deserts, to dispersing fruit seeds in the rainforest," explained Rob Mies, the conservation biologist who co-founded and directs the Organization for Bat Conservation, which hosts the annual all-ages bats festival.

This year's festival activities include a bat-making crafts workshop for kids, bat detection and radio tracking demonstrations, live music with the barbecue and the opportunity to see several types of bats - from those you're likely to spot in your back yard to the giant fruit

GO BATTY

What: Fifth annual Great Lakes Bat Festival.

When: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5.

Where: Organization for Bat Conservation at Cranbrook Institute of Science, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills.

Admission: Free with museum admission, which is \$7 for adults; \$5 for children age 2-12 and senior citizens (65+) and free for children under age 2 or Cranbrook members. For more information, call (877) 462-7262 or (248) 645-3200 or visit www.batconservation.org or www.cranbrook.edu.

bats that populate Africa and Asia.

Several speakers will lead educational programs about bats and other animals. A member of the American Birding Conservancy plans to give a how-to demonstration on creating a backyard wildlife habitat.

The festival's highlight is an outdoor mist netting of bats at nightfall.

But don't forget to observe what's new at the conservancy. And that's a whole lot of bats, including three Indian flying fox fruit bats and three injured male bats, plus two barred owls from a Michigan zoo.

In other words, said Mies, "We have some new residents at the Bat Zone."

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Caretaker of bats

Director's work is in the cages, on computer and on TV

We asked conservation biologist Rob Mies, director and co-founder of the Organization for Bat Conservation, about his work and his interest in bats, but found out that love lured him into the profession.

Filter: How does your typical day begin?

Mies: No such thing as a typical day. Some days I am cleaning cages, feeding bats, and training with the animals. Other days, I am in the office answering e-mail, making phone calls, and having meetings. Other days, I am on the road traveling with live bats to do programs at museums, wildlife festivals, or such. Other days, I am out in the field doing research.

F: What are all the things that you need to do to care for the bats?

M: Every day, two people come in and clean cages, feed bats, and prepare for

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Fine Art at the Village is part festival, part shopping

BY STAFF WRITER
NICOLE STAFFORD

A little shopping. A little browsing for art.

You can do both at Fine Art at the Village of Rochester Hills.

BEST OF BOTH

What: Fine Art at the Village of Rochester Hills.

When: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6. Mall shopping hours are the same.

Where: Village of Rochester Hills, northeast corner of Walton and Adams, Rochester Hills.

Admission: Free, call (248) 689-8734 or visit www.fineartatthevillage.com.

The annual art festival, slated for Aug. 5-6 at the 375,000-square-foot outdoor shopping mall, brings the best of both worlds to patrons.

Now in its fourth year, the event boasts a juried art show with

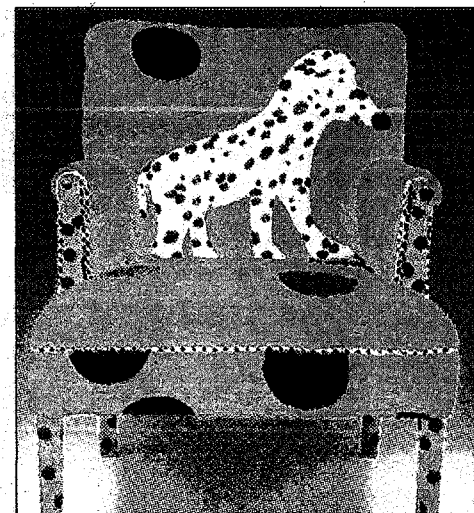


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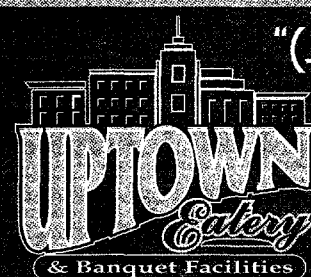
The festival exhibits media of all kinds, even furniture.

100 artists from across the country. Media exhibited include ceramics, glass, painting, sculpture, photography, fiber art, wood, jewelry, you name it.

If you don't find that unique gift or home decor on your list, the Village of Rochester Hills' 50 stores are just steps away. "The Village of Rochester Hills is proving to be the perfect relaxed and gracious setting for perusing fine art," said festival executive director Donna Beaubien.

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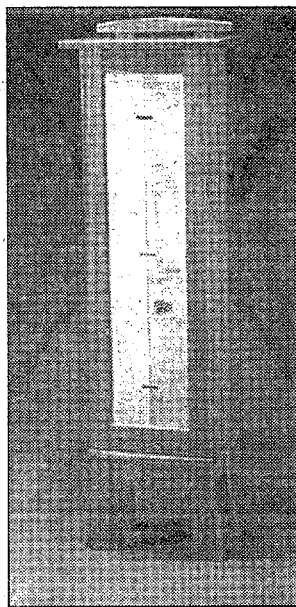
Orchard Lake show offers quality art in lush setting

The Orchard Lake Fine Art Show set for this weekend (Aug. 4-6) on the campus of Orchard Lake Schools promises fantastic art, great food, music and lots of children's activities. But this show is different from other art fairs because the focus is quality art.

"While music and food are a part of the experience, they are not permitted to intrude in the relationship between artist and patron," said Patty Narozny, event coordinator.

The Orchard Lake Fine Art Show is an upscale event featuring 140 of the nation's finest artists. Many of these artists produce enough art to do only a few events each year. This show may be their only Midwest appearance.

The show opens Friday with a preview party from 6-9 p.m. Party patrons will have the first opportunity to preview and purchase artwork before the show opens to the public on Saturday. Sheila Landis Trio and Jubilee will provide the entertainment. Tickets are \$25 and include complimentary drinks (including beer and wine) and hors d'oeuvres from The Townsend Hotel and Whole Foods Market and Maggie's



JACK SCHWAB

Jack Schwab created this piece for the 2005 show.

ORCHARD LAKE FINE ART SHOW

What: Fine art show featuring 140 artists.

When: Preview 6-9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4; show 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Where: Orchard Lake St. Mary's Schools, 3535 Indian Trail (corner of Indian Trail and Commerce roads) Orchard Lake.

Admission: \$25, preview; show is free. Parking \$5. Visit www.hotworks.org or www.ticketweb.com

For more information, call the event hot line at (248) 685-3748.

Chocolate Fountain Bar. Tickets are available at ticketweb.com. Ticket sales help support Orchard Lake Schools. Last year, some 2,000 people attended the preview.

New for 2006, the event has moved to the corner of Indian Trail and Commerce Roads, still on the campus of the Orchard Lake Schools. This new location provides trees for shade, grass for flooring and a view of Orchard Lake.

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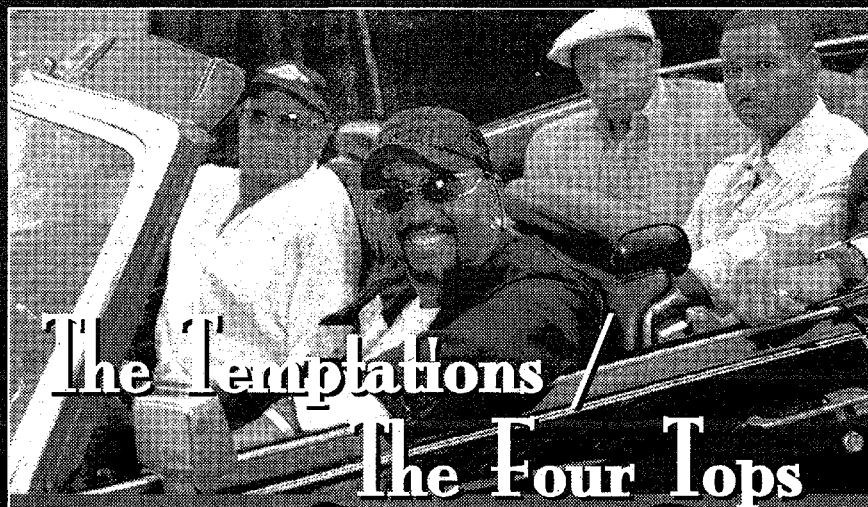
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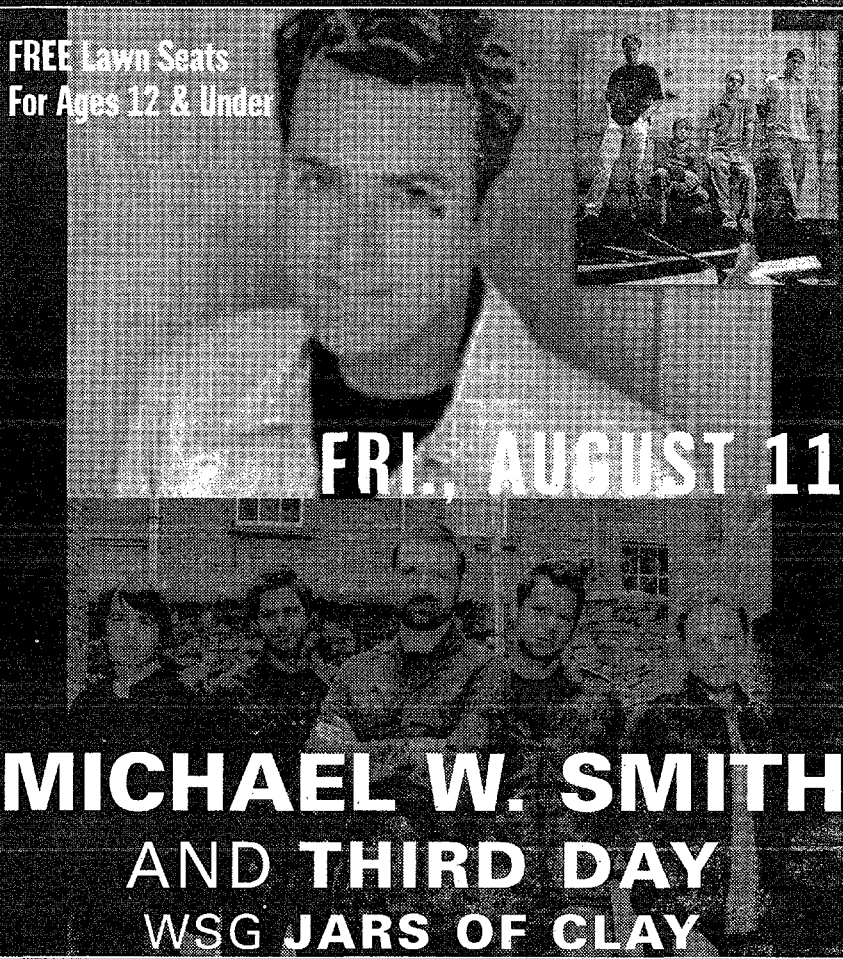
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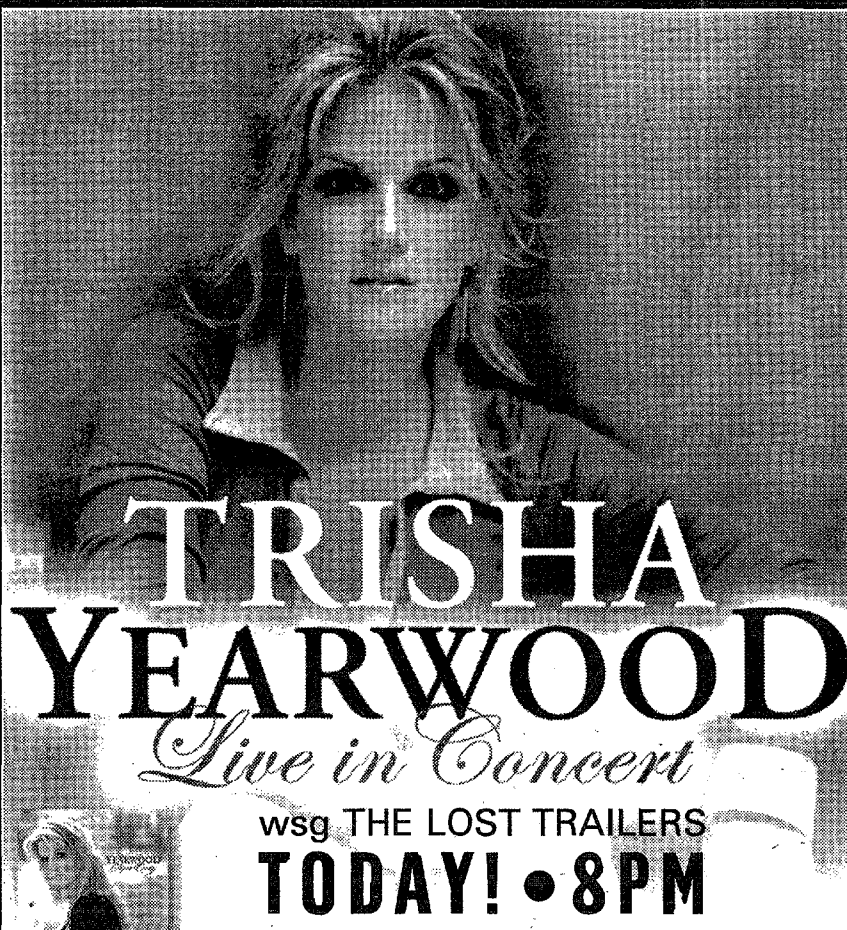
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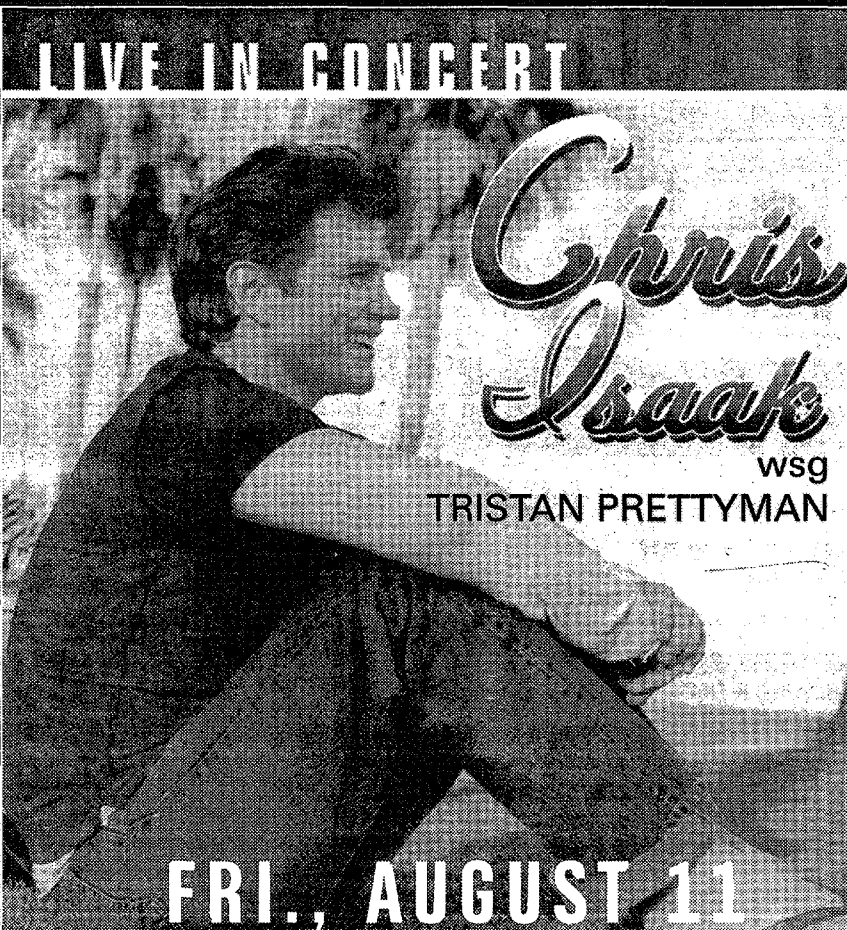
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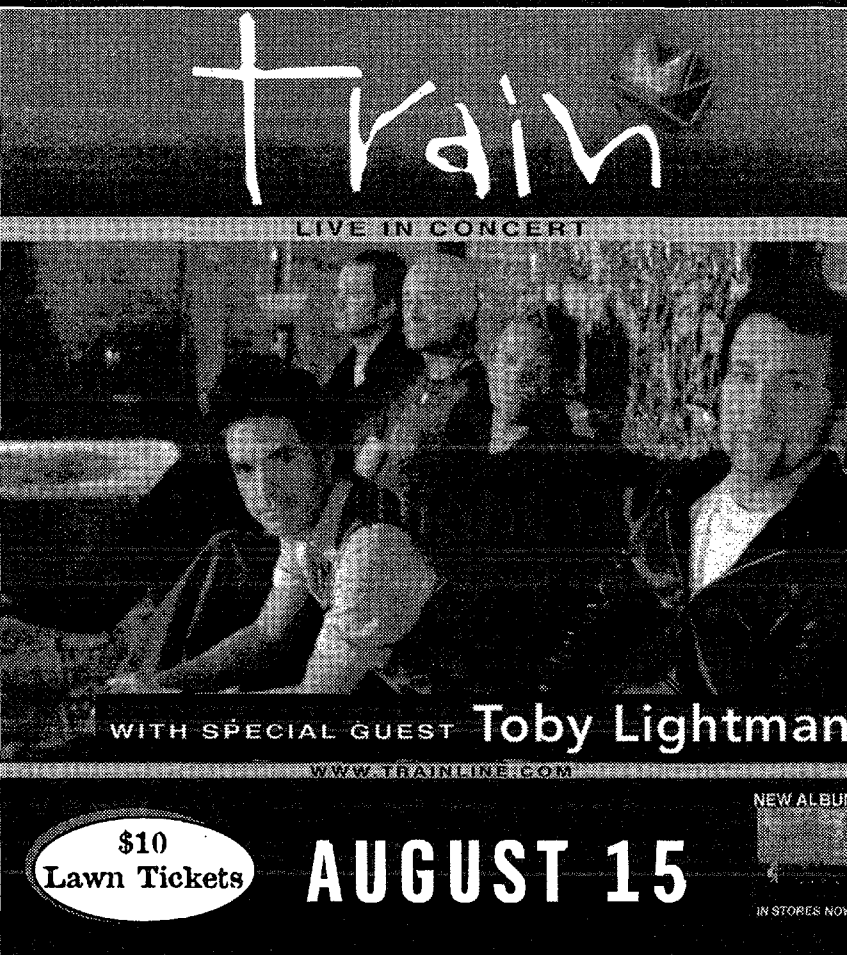
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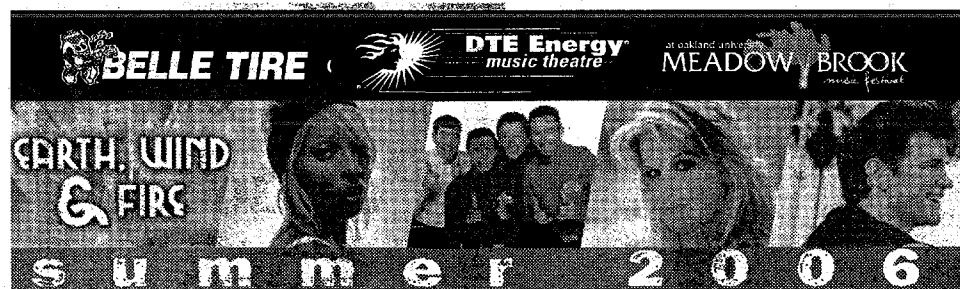


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Jim Patterson's 'Winter Cardinals.'

Watercolor artist paints Michigan scenes

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His paintings will be displayed through Sunday, Aug. 27, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, in Canton.

Patterson, who was a graphic artist at General Motors, began exhibiting his

work at many of Michigan's summer art shows years ago. Today, he works primarily with transparent watercolors and exhibits his work year round at different galleries.

The artist doesn't just snap a photo of the outdoors and paint in the comfort of his indoor studio. Instead, he creates his

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The group comes for two shows at 3 and 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11, at The Palace of Auburn Hills. It's their 15th anniversary concert.

The Wiggles, one of the world's top preschool bands (ask any parent), have performed in front of more than 700,000 fans since 2005 in the United States alone.

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Tickets are available through all Ticketmaster locations, www.ticketmaster.com, and The Palace of Auburn Hills box office. Prices range from \$15.50-\$32.50. Seating for tickets purchased at the \$32.50 level will take place in the "hot potato seats" and will include an exclusive peel 'n' stick Wiggles game.

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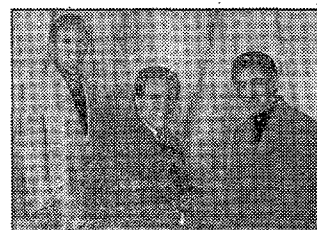


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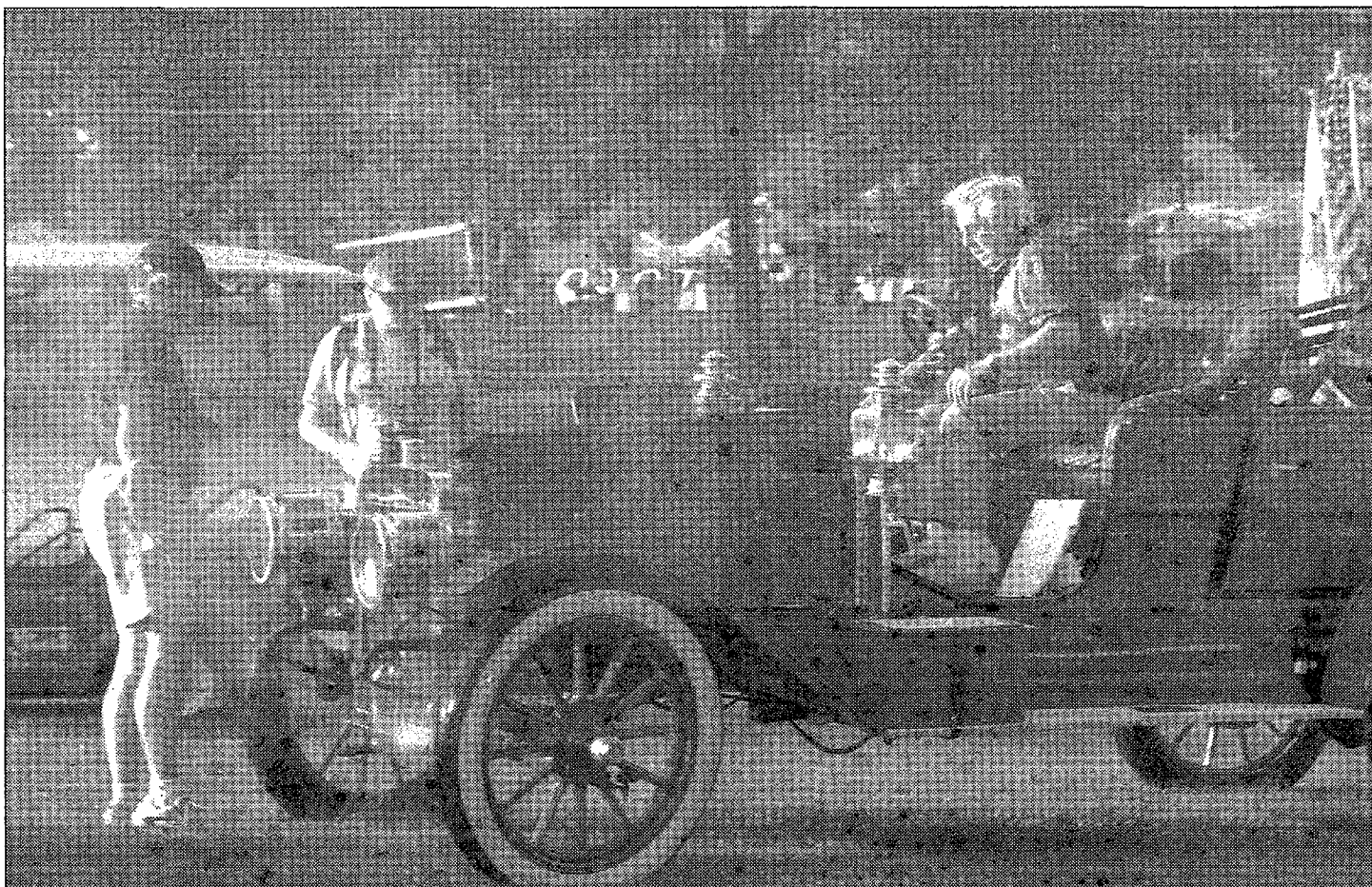


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About 250 top-notch antique cars will be exhibited and judged at the 28th Annual Meadow Brook Concours d' Elegance.

Elegant and family-friendly

Concours d'Elegance welcomes collectors and their kids

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Concours d'Elegance is a local event about which to boast.

Major collectors of antique automobiles from across the country and across the Atlantic Ocean descend on Detroit to show their prized and pricey vehicles at the acclaimed car show.

But this year's event, set for Sunday, Aug. 6, on the picturesque grounds of Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester Hills, is playing nice to families, not just car collectors.

"We've always wanted to make it more family-oriented," said Don Sommer, founder and chairman of Concours d'Elegance.

So, in addition to all those swanky cars, keep your eyes open for a handful of Disney Pixar cars, including such characters as Lightning McQueen and Sally.

There's also a children's balloon car race on Sunday. Sponsored by the Reid Family Foundation, the new event allows kids of all ages to build miniature balloon-powered cars from Lego sets and put them to the test in a mini-race.

Also new this year is the Concours Cafe

where attendees can have a buffet lunch.

Of course, the event's major draw is the exhibition of automobiles. This year's theme is "a new kind of classic." About 250 cars will be on view and the exhibition features Golden Era classics. The oldest car showing dates back to 1903.

Highlights include 23 Golden Era Mercedes-Benz automobiles, some worth in the \$10 million range, and five DuPonts coming directly from the DuPont family.

"Big shows like this aren't just cars, they're cars and people," said Sommer. "To have a world class show, you've got to have world class car collectors."

As in the past, there are numerous pre-show events in which to partake.

Among them is a motor tour of cars participating in Concours d'Elegance that gives car aficionados an up-close and advance look at the beautiful cars.

Slated for Friday, the tour departs from Meadow Brook Hall and concludes at the Royal Park Hotel in downtown Rochester where the cars will go on display.

So if you want to talk to a few serious car collectors, here's your best shot.

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THE SHOW

What: 28th Annual Meadow Brook Concours d' Elegance.

When: Car show, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6.

Related events start Thursday, Aug. 3, and VIP ticket package with access to multiple events can be purchased; see Related Events schedule for details.

Where: Meadow Brook Hall and grounds, Oakland University campus, Rochester Hills.

Car show admission: Advance, \$30. At gate, \$40. Tickets for students age 13-20, \$20, and children age 12 and under, free with an adult admission.

VIP package: \$100 per person or \$175 per pair. Includes car show admission, commemorative poster and program, VIP parking, buffet lunch in the Concours Bistro, access to Concours VIP lounge and tour of Meadow Brook Hall.

Information & ticket purchase: Details about and tickets for all events are available at www.meadowbrookconcours.org or by calling (248) 269-7672. All tickets purchased on or after Aug. 1 will be held at Meadow Brook Hall will call.

'Concours d'Elegance' means more than a car show

The phrase "concours d'elegance" is not an event title, but rather a type of event. And the words denote more than a high-end car show. Reflecting its origin, the phrase is French and literally means "competition of elegance."

Today, the words are well recognized as indicating a show or contest of automobiles and accessories in which the entries are judged chiefly on excellence of appearance.

The first concours d'elegance was an elegant marketing affair. Custom automobile coach builders and Parisian fashion couturiers wanted a new way to showcase their important designs and luxury items. They decided on holding a grand exhibition that combined both automobiles and fashion and called it "concours d'elegance."

The automobiles were luxury models with custom features, many of them one of a kind. Fashion models dressed in the latest Paris creations drove the automobiles to a reviewing stand for judging. The cars and fashions were judged based on beauty, design and style, and awards were given.

Prior to World War II, the event format was a popular, premiere social event. In other words, Concours d'Elegance was not only a car show, but also a total extravaganza of style.

Nicole Stafford

RELATED EVENTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, Aug. 3

■ Invitational Artists Reception, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Royal Park Hotel, 600 E. University, downtown Rochester, \$35.

Friday, Aug. 4

■ Motoring Tour of Concours exhibitors, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For observers, the tour starts at Meadow Brook Hall, runs through northern Oakland County and concludes in downtown Rochester with cars going on display at the Royal Park Hotel, 600 E. University, downtown Rochester, free.

■ Mode du Concours Fashion Show Luncheon, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., 600 E. University, downtown Rochester, \$100-\$175 and \$50 for girls under age 12, general admission tickets and up include a beauty gift and/or gift card.

■ RM Auction Preview, 7-9 p.m.

Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion, Meadow Brook Hall, for details, go to www.rmauctions.com.

Saturday, Aug. 5

■ RM Auctions Inc. Classic Motor Car Auction, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion, Meadow Brook Hall, for details, go to www.rmauctions.com.

■ Gaia Strolling Dinner & Art Auction, 6-11 p.m., Meadow Brook Hall, \$250.

SCENES

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work at the scene — outdoors. There he takes in the scents, the sun, and the sounds of nature to capture Michigan's essence.

Nature, he said, is a moving colorful design. It allows his technique to flow throughout the painting, providing a balance of color and composition that awakens the imagination of the viewer.

Patterson, a native of the Upper

Peninsula, studied at the Meininger Art School and the Society of Arts and Crafts — which is now the Center for Creative Studies.

He is also a member of the Michigan Watercolor Society, Farmington Artists Club, Plein Air Society, and the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.

Meet Patterson from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6. Hours for the exhibit are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Fridays; then Fridays and Saturdays from 7-9 p.m.; and Sundays from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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Inn Season Cafe stands out with vegan menu



Try one of the lunch specials at Inn Season Cafe, such as saffron Basmati rice tossed with scallion, red pepper, green beans, toasted cashews, mint, Thai basil, ginger, lime and olive oil.

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Vegetarian? That's passé. Old hat.

A vegetarian is someone who eats vegetables, fruits, grains, nuts and sometimes dairy products and eggs — and that means no fish, no pork, no poultry, no beef. If you eat fish, but no other animal ... that still doesn't make you a veg-e-tar-ian.

A vegan consumes no animal products whatsoever. No flesh, no dairy, no eggs, no gelatin, no casein (that's the stretchy protein put in even some soy cheeses to make cheese melty and gooey).

I'd bet that most people today who aren't living under a rock know at least one vegan.

When you meet one, you'll discover that vegan diets actually aren't limited — they're expanded because most vegans are willing to seek out the most exotic, interesting herbs and vegetables from every ethnicity. No limitations.

Nearly every restaurant (but always call

first) offers something to vegetarians, usually at least a pasta with marinara or a vegetable stir fry. More and more throughout metropolitan Detroit are offering vegan dishes too — so hold the cheese on top of that pasta.

One of the most popular vegetarian/vegan restaurants in metro Detroit is Inn Season Cafe in Royal Oak.

Gourmet meals are served in a cute little building just steps away from the Main Street chaos.

Ingredients there come from local farmers, organic items whenever possible.

Inn Season serves no meat whatsoever, and offers just a few dishes with dairy cheese.

If you go there, experiment. Try the soy-based, casein-free cheeses. The flavor is rich — sometimes nutty but never bland.

It's my favorite Sunday spot because of its brunch. I recently enjoyed an incredible, filling, tasty vegan omelet.

The dish is \$9.95 and is often served as a special, but not every week. The "egg part" of the omelet is soy-based and

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stuffed with soy cheese, chick peas, tomatoes, mushrooms and olives. Most of it is organic.

It was served with a big portion of herb-roasted potatoes, an interesting organic ketchup, a tempeh maple patty and fruit. Tempeh is also soy-based, but unlike some tofu, it's not slippery. It's dense. The meal was incredible.

Inn Season is also known for gourmet pizzas topped with items like artichoke, soy cheese and gourmet mushrooms; there's cheeseless cheese-cakes, vegan chocolate cakes and ice cream sundaes. The Inn Season Salad (see information box) and the Big Baprawski vegan burger are the most popular, according to owner Nick Raftis (they also happen to be my favorites, too).

But there's also less conventional dishes like Udon Noodles with Tofu. The daily specials often have an Indian flair — samosas, curries and more. Don't ever pass on the soup, especially the Budapest Mushroom or the Ginger Carrot.

With such exotic dishes, meat and dairy aren't even missed. Much of Inn Season's clientele are not vegetarian or vegan, rather those who want interesting meals.

The ambiance is casual — dark wood floors, hardy wooden tables and booths topped with little vases of fresh flowers, candles at night, and walls adorned with original Peter Max paintings.

The clientele is eclectic and casual: senior citizens, families, hipsters, skate kids, business people, hippies. On any day you might find local fashion designers, executives and local rock bands — they all dine there. The friendly atmosphere is enhanced by the impeccable service of a knowledgeable staff.

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INN SEASON

Cuisine: Gourmet vegan and vegetarian. No meat.

Location: 500 Fourth St., Royal Oak, east of Main

Phone: (248) 547-7916.

Price: Most dishes under \$10, many a la carte. Specials usually contain at least the main course and a side dish. **Salad prices:** \$3.95-\$8.95

Try: The Budapest Mushroom Soup with dill, delicious and the Inn Season salad with organic greens, cherry tomatoes, sunflower seeds, raisins, cucumbers, carrots, sunflower sprouts, your choice of avocado or tofu, and order it with the balsamic dressing.

Main dish: Try the vegan Big Baprawski — it's like a gourmet hamburger, but it's vegan with Thousand Island Dressing. The vegan chocolate desserts and soy-based vanilla ice cream are incredible. Also known for its specials with an Indian flair.

Hours: Tuesdays through Thursdays 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Saturdays, noon to 9:30 p.m.; and brunch on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Alcohol: No

OTHER RESTAURANTS WITH

VEGAN OPTIONS:

Red Star Chinese Restaurant, 13944 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, (313) 581-1451. Chinese food with mock meats: fake chicken, fake beef. Vegans from miles around make the drive for this restaurant.

Kathmandu Chullo, 411 S. Washington, Royal Oak (248) 546-7286 and **Everest Express,** 23331 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 474-8024. Nepalese cuisine. And it's fun because you sit on the floor on rugs and pillows. Friendly staff who will take a seat next to you on the floor and help you choose a dish.

Amici's Pizza, 1201 S. Main St., Royal Oak, (248) 547-7117 and 249 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley, (248) 544-4100. Soy cheese, whole wheat crust and three vegan pizzas packed thick with items.

Buddy's: This pizzeria/restaurant is a Michigan favorite and now offers quality soy cheese (but it's not vegan, it contains casein), at 2612 N. Squirrel, Auburn Hills, (248) 276-9040; 31646 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills, (248)

855-4600; 33605 Plymouth, Livonia, (734) 261-3550, visit www.buddyspizza.com for other locations.

Jerusalem Pizza, 26025 Greenfield, Southfield, (248) 552-0088. Kosher and vegan with mock meats, flavorful pizzas. You must try it to believe it.

Sugar Kisses, 1025 S. Washington, Royal Oak, (248) 542-5622, vegan decadent desserts, soups, sandwiches, and many items for those with allergies. My favorite: Spicy brownies. It's a rich chocolate brownie with cayenne and any of the cookies. I also love the flourless chocolate cake.

Xhedos Cafe, 240 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale, (248) 399-3946. Vegan chili dogs, vegan desserts and more. This ultra-casual cafe/coffeehouse features vegan brunches on the weekends accompanied often with live music.

Grape Leaves, 2850 W. Maple, Troy, (248) 816-2000. Middle Eastern restaurants are packed with vegan options such as falafel, crushed lentil soups, hummus, fool, fruit smoothies and

more.

Karmic Cafe, 500 Griswold Ave., Suite 100 (in Guardian Building), Detroit, (313) 967-7777. It's only open during the week, but has interesting organic dishes. This new restaurant is already a hit with vegans and office workers in Detroit who want fast, healthy meals.

The Blue Nile, 545 W. Nine Mile, Ferndale, (248) 547-6699. Ethiopian. The vegetarian platter is actually vegan. Refills are free and the flavors are spicy. There's yellow lentils, spicy red lentils, collard greens, potatoes and carrots, cabbage and salad all on one plate. The bread is your edible utensil.

Udipi, 29210 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills (248) 626-6021. Vegetarian Indian cuisine from both the northern and southern regions with many vegan items. Friendly staff, large portions, well-priced.

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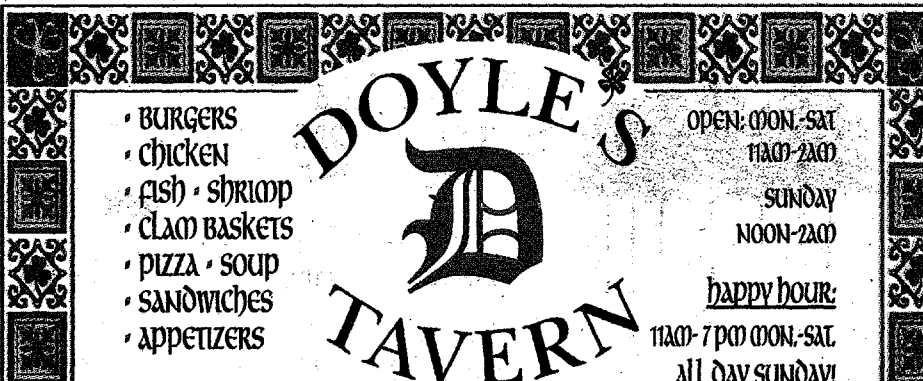
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Cranbrook Art Museum

An exhibit of Philip Treacy's hats for muse Isabella Blow runs through Aug. 27, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, \$4-\$6, call (877) GO-CRANBROOK or visit www.cranbrookart.edu.

Metalsmithing

Critical Mass: Metalsmithing at Cranbrook under Gary Griffin, through Oct. 15, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, \$4-\$6, call (877) GO-CRANBROOK or visit www.cranbrookart.edu.

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Meadow Brook Art Gallery

Oakland University, 208 Wilson Hall, Rochester Hills, free, call (248) 370-3005 or visit www.oakland.edu/mbag.

Orchard Lake Art Gallery

4301 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 538-9021.

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Student Art Show at the Highland Lakes Campus, Woodland Hall Library, 7300 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts

Artists' exchange show with Oasis Gallery from Upper Peninsula, show runs until Aug. 5, PCCA Main Gallery, 407 Pine St. (at Fourth) in Rochester, (248) 651-4110, www.pccart.org

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Birmingham Community House

Sylvia Clark's works in oil are being showcased during the month of August in the Martha Maxwell Gallery located on the second floor of The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832.

Michigan Watercolor Society

59th annual Exhibition Travel Show, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit, mwcsart.com, (313) 831-1250.

Farmington Library

Rosa Paulus, one woman art show, month of August, 23500 Liberty, Farmington, (248) 553-0300

Kresge Art Museum

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(313) 535-4664.

Club 2000

Fat Twosdays with DJ Carl the Invisible Man 9 p.m. Tuesdays, hip-hop, 18 and over, 299 E. Woodbridge, Detroit, (313) 235-2233.

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Emerald Theatre

Concert house, dancing, 32 N. Walnut, Mount Clemens, (586) 913-1920.

Fiamma Grille

Roy Scoutz, 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, George "The Kat" plays saxophone, 7-10 p.m. Thursdays, 380 Main, Plymouth, (734) 416-0100.

Gator Jake's

DJ Tony T, Wednesday-Friday, 36863 Van Dyke, Sterling Heights, (586) 983-3700, www.gatorjakes.com

Ginopolis on the Grill

Don Swindell and Shuffle Play, with Swindell, Sheila Brown, Mike Lorenz and Jake Reichhart, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 27851 Middlebelt (at 12 Mile) in Farmington Hills, no cover, (248) 851-8222.

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Leland City Club

Avant garde, open until 4 a.m., access through unmarked door on the First Street side of the Ramada Hotel building, 400 Bagley, Detroit, www.lelandcityclub.com.

O'Mara's Restaurant and Pub

Blackthorn, 9:30 p.m. Aug. 4-5, and Aug. 11-12, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road (at Coolidge) in Berkley, (248) 399-6750. for information on Blackthorn, visit www.blackthorn1.com.

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Wild Wednesdays with DJ Oz, Trivia Night and Ladies Night Thursdays, Funky Fridays with DJ Paul, Insane Saturdays with DJ Oz, 7790 Auburn, Utica, (586) 731-3323, www.lockerroomsaloon.com, www.ckpep.com

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High-energy dance club, 1500 Woodward, northeast corner at John R, Detroit, (313) 963-9797.

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Big Band Wednesdays with Johnny Trudell and his 18-piece band, 7-11 p.m., playing a mix of jazz favorites. The restaurant also features live jazz every night of the week, located in Tower 400, Level 1 of the GM Renaissance Center next to the Marriott, call (313) 567-7301.

Sky Club

Tango, salsa, and Latin dancing every Wednesday beginning at 8 p.m., located above Sangria's Restaurant, 401 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, (248) 543-1964.

Token Lounge

28949 Joy, Westland, (734) 513-5030.

Wild Woody's

DJ Doug E Fresh, Thursday-Saturday, 32500 Gratiot, Roseville, (586) 294-5331, www.wild-woodys.co

COMEDY

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase

Comedy Jamm, open mic night Thursday nights, starting 8 p.m. through October, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 996-9080.

JD's House of Comedy

Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday, \$10-\$15, 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticket-master.com.

Second City

Bobbie Heads of State, performances are Wednesday-Sunday, \$15-\$20, 42705 Grand River, Novi, call (248) 348-4448. For tickets, call (248) 645-5555 or www.ticketmaster.com.

Wise Guys Comedy Club

40380 Grand River, Novi, (248) 919-3216.

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Stand-up, 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com.

DANCE

Dance Challenge

The sixth annual Michigan Dance Challenge Ballroom Dance Competition for professionals and amateurs, plus a fabulous Saturday night show, Aug. 18-20, Hyatt Regency, Fairlane Town Center, Dearborn, for tickets call Mark Brock at (248) 561-7711, or visit www.michigandancechallenge.com

DOWNTOWN DISTRICTS

Chelsea

Sounds & Sights through Sept. 7, live entertainment, carriage rides, kids activities, art market, (734) 475-1145 or www.chelseafestivals.com.

Ferndale

3rd Thursdays on the Nine, live entertainment, Aug. 17, Nine Mile, www.downtownferndale.com.

dale.com.

FAMILY

Great Lakes Bat Festival

10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, Cranbrook Institute of Science, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, free with museum admission, call (877) 462-7262 or visit www.batconservation.org.

Robot exhibit

"Robot City," new interactive exhibit, continues through Sept. 17, 5020 John R, Detroit, \$6-\$7, call (313) 577-8400 or visit www.detroitssciencecenter.org.

Cranbrook Institute of Science

"Playing With Time," runs through Sept. 4, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, \$5-\$7, call (877) GO-CRANBROOK or visit www.cranbrook.edu.

Detroit Science Center

Exhibits include *As Time Goes By*, new exhibit about the aging process, and *A Journey to Our Future*, now open to accompany center's new permanent Space Laboratory exhibit, 5020 John R, Detroit, \$6-\$7, call (313) 577-8400 or visit www.detroitssciencecenter.org.

Detroit Zoo

"The Peregrine Falcon: Return of an Endangered Species" exhibit with photos, interactive displays and videos, runs through Sept. 8, open daily during regular zoo hours, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at no additional charge, zoo admission \$7-\$11, (248) 398-0900, www.detroitzoo.org.

FARMERS MARKETS

Farmington Farmers & Artisans Market

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays through Nov. 18, live music from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and a market basket giveaway, Walter Sundquist Pavilion & Riley Park, Farmington Road and Grand River, visit www.downtownfarmington.org for more information.

FESTIVALS

Detroit Urban Craft Fair

11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, Majestic Theater, 4140 Woodward, Detroit, free. For details, visit www.detroiturbancraftfair.com

Fine Art at the Village of Rochester Hills

10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Aug. 5 and noon to 6 p.m. Aug. 6, Village of Rochester Hills, Walton and Adams, Rochester Hills, free, call (248) 689-8734 or visit www.fineartatthevillage.com.

Dearborn Homecoming

Aug. 4-6, children's contests, carnival rides, fireworks, www.cityofdearborn.org, (313) 943-2285.

2006 International Summer Festival

1-6 p.m. Aug. 12, ethnic foods, bazaar, rides and open house tours of Crescent Academy, 40440 Palmer Road, Canton, free admission, sponsored by the Crescent Academy and the Canton Muslim Community.

Chaldean Fest

Noon to 10 p.m. Aug. 12-13, lawn in front of Southfield's Civic Center along Evergreen, festival admission is free, www.chaldeanfestival.com, (248) 538-3700.

Melon Festival

47th annual Howell Jaycees Melon Festival, Aug. 18-20, historic downtown Howell, (517) 546-7477, www.jcmelonfestival.com

FILM

Comcast Summer Film Series

Free films, through Aug. 26, every Saturday at Campus Martius Park, downtown Detroit, entertainment starts at 8 p.m., films show at about 9 p.m. For information, visit www.comcastfilmseries.com.

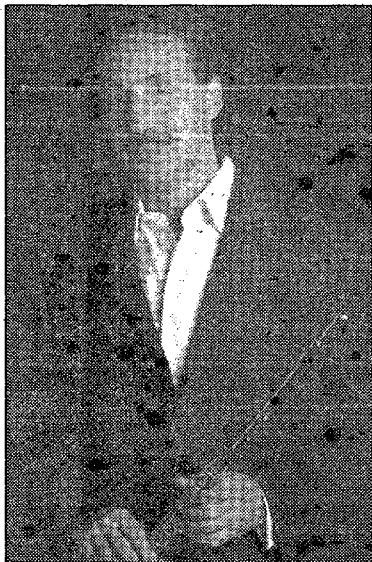


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The 11th annual "Jazz on the River" in Trenton features an international cast of smooth jazz artists, from Canada's Alexander Zonjic to Japan's Keiko Matsui. Slated 1-9 p.m. Aug. 5-6, Elizabeth Park, located off Jefferson, east of I-75 and south of West Road, in Trenton. Free with \$5 suggested donation for parking; free shuttle from downtown Trenton. Park opens at noon. For more information, call (734) 261-1990 or visit www.waynecounty.com/parks

FUND-RAISERS

Vin Voyage

Features Michigan's three master sommeliers, wines, gourmet foods, 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, McInerney Center, Oakland County International Airport in Waterford, proceeds benefit research, prevention and treatment of cardiovascular diseases at Henry Ford Hospital's Heart & Vascular Institute, tickets \$100-\$1,000, (313) 874-4088 or henryford.com/wine, preview dinner 6:30 p.m. Aug. 22 at Coach Insignia in Detroit, \$500, (313) 874-4088, henryford.com/wine.

JAZZ

Jazz on the River

Annual smooth jazz concerts, 1-9 p.m. Aug. 5-6, Elizabeth Park, Jefferson, east of I-75 and south of West Road, in Trenton. Free with \$5 suggested donation for parking; free shuttle from downtown Trenton. Call (734) 261-1990 or visit www.waynecounty.com/parks

Windsor Detroit Jazz Club

Chuck Moss and the Paint Creek Jazz Society Band, 1-4 p.m. first and third Saturday of every month, Shield's Pizza, 25101 Telegraph (northwest corner of 10 Mile and Telegraph), Southfield, \$8 cover, (248) 478-0172.

Jazz and dinner

"Kind of Blue Tuesdays," at Lola's, Harmonie Park. Led by the Gerard Evans Quartet, the shows help musicians play with the core group at 9 p.m. every Tuesday, 1427 Randolph St. in Detroit's Harmonie Park, (313) 962-0483.

MORE MUSIC

American Idol Tour

The American Idols Live! 2006 tour, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, Joe Louis Arena, Detroit, \$38.50-\$70, call (248) 645-6666 or visit www.ticketmaster.com. For information, call (313) 471-6611.

Outdoor Music Series

"Hot Fun in the Summertime" music series, featuring Mystery Train featuring Jim McCarty, Aug. 3, concerts scheduled 7-9 p.m., Beverly Park, Beverly Hills.

Music in the Park

Concerts start at noon, featuring Gemini, noon, Aug. 9; Guy Louis Chautauqua Express, Aug. 16; Matt Watroba, Aug. 23; Kellogg Park, Plymouth, sponsored by Plymouth Community Arts Council, (734) 416-4278, www.plymoutharts.com

Heritage Park in Canton

Thursday Night Concerts in the Park, Dwayne Allen Harlick, 7:30-9 p.m., Aug. 3; Tuesdays are Terrific-Youth Variety Series, features The Timekeepers, noon, Aug. 8, park is west of Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill in Canton, (734) 394-5460.

Classic Cars and Concerts in the Park Summer Series

Pat McDunn and the Irish Gaels, Aug. 3, bring your classic car and enjoy free concerts, 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Thursday through Aug. 24, White Horse Inn, Metamora, one block east of Lapeer Road, visit www.metamorachamber.com for information.

Stars in the Park

Violinist Jeremy Kittel, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 3, Heritage Park, Farmington Road just south of 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, rain-out site is Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile Rd.

KerryTown

415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor, reservations recommended, (734) 769-2999, www.kerrytownconcerthouse.com.

Station 885

Tony Ruda and Pat Smith play jazz 7-10 p.m. every Thursday (bass and piano), 885 Starkweather, Plymouth, (734) 459-0885.

Trinity House

Reservations recommended for 87-seat concert house, 38840 W. Six Mile (just west of I-75), Livonia, shows 8 p.m., no alcohol, no smoking, (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org.

Magic Bag

Gary Hoey with Space Nelson, Friday, Aug. 4, \$15.

MUSEUMS

Henry Ford Museum

20900 Oakwood Blvd., west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. Additional charges and varying hours for entry to Greenfield Village, Ford Rouge Factory Tour and IMAX Theatre. For more information, call (313) 982-6001 or visit www.hfmgv.org.

Cranbrook Science Museum

Featured exhibit is It's a Nano World. Permanent exhibits include planetarium, nature center and Bat Zone Conservatory, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, general admission is \$5-\$7, planetarium, \$1-\$3, (248) 645-3200 or www.cranbrook.edu.

Detroit Science Center

Premiere of *Magnificent Desolation: Walking on the Moon* narrated by Tom Hanks and new planetarium show, *Journey to the Edge of Space and Time*, \$6, shows run indefinitely, 5020 John R, Detroit, \$6-\$7, (313) 577-8400, www.detroitsciencecenter.org.

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm

1927 Dairy Barn, 1850 and 1840 furnished farmhouses with permanent and temporary exhibits about regional history. General admission \$5 adults, \$3 seniors and students, (248) 656-4663, www.rochesterhills.org.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Get Ready For Dream Cruise

A Picnic experience at Fox & Hounds in Birmingham, 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17: Great music and dancing to "Blu Pearls" Rockin Tunes, muscle car show, tickets are \$100, guests must be 21 and older, (248) 644-4800.



Metal band Silent Civilian appears at 8 p.m. Aug. 4 at The Machine Shop, 3539 Dort Highway, Flint, (810) 715-2650, visit www.themachineshop.info/info.php.

Michigan's Family Album

Special historical photography exhibit of 1,200 photographs from David Tinder collection, opens Aug. 5 at the Michigan Historical Museum, runs through Jan. 14, 2007, Michigan Historical Museum, inside Michigan Library and Historical Center, 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, for more information, visit www.michigan.gov/museum or call (517) 373-3559.

Giant Yard Sale

10 a.m.-3 p.m., Aug. 12, Summit on the Park/Heritage Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, (734) 394-5460

2006 Champagne Cruise

Friday, Aug. 18, to benefit Forgotten Harvest with taste fest, live music and sneak preview of the Woodward Dream Cruise, 6-10 p.m., Westborn Market, 27659 Woodward, Berkley, \$125, call (248) 350-3663, ext 102.

Shakespeare in the Park

The Comedy of Errors Gold Rush Style, Water Works Theatre Company, Thursdays-Sundays, through Aug. 6, Starr Jaycee Park, 1101 W. 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak, tickets \$15-\$20, special "kids free" matinees July 29 and Aug. 6, (248) 399-3727, www.waterworkstheatre.com.

Book signing

Conrad Sucatre, author of *Old School Romance*, 2 p.m., Aug. 5, Paperback Outlet, 29170 Hoover, Warren, (586) 751-7228.

Drive-In movies

Compuware Sports Arena, double features, through Sept. 3, \$6-\$8, 14900 Beck, Plymouth Township, (734) 927-3284.

Meadow Brook Hall and Garden

Special Little Ladies Tea, Aug. 22, \$45 per person, reservations required, on campus of Oakland University in Rochester, (248) 364-6263, www.meadowbrookhall.org

Veggies in Motion

Third Annual Vegan Retreat, Aug. 25-27, Tibbits Nature Sanctuary & Land Stewardship Center in Columbiaville, Mich. (10 miles northwest of Lapeer), \$30 adults, \$10 children under 12, free camping on site, www.veggiesinmotion.org, (248) 616-9676.

Ballroom dancing

8-11 p.m., third Friday each month, Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills, (248) 473-1830.

Rochester Hills Museum

Fun Friday events, bring picnic lunch, swimsuit and watershoes to enjoy entertainment noon to 2 p.m. and 100-foot Slip & Slide, \$2, 1005 Van Hoosen, Rochester Hills, (248) 608-8261, www.rochesterhills.org.

Sturgis Bike Week

Rock 'n the Rally Music Festival, new music fest, Aug. 6-10, featuring Nickelback, Big and Rich with Cowboy Troy, Sammy Hagar, The Steve Miller Band, Keith Urban and Cheap Trick, in North Dakota, for ticket info, visit www.starticketsplus.com

St. Joseph Mercy Health Exploration Station

Free Family Fun Days, fourth Thursday of each month, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., inside the St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Building at 1600 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, (734) 398-7518, www.healthexplorationstation.com.

Preservation Wayne

Walking tours offered of five historic areas of Detroit (downtown, Eastern Market, Midtown, Auto Heritage and the Cultural Center), Saturdays at 10 a.m. or Tuesdays after work, through September, \$10 per person, visit www.preservationwayne.org or call (313) 577-7674.

Southfield Public Library

During August, sneak peek of Books & Beyond Festival, Sept. 16 and 17, clay sculptures, wall hangings, contemporary paintings, needlework, wearable art clothing, 26300 Evergreen Road, (248) 796-4224, www.sfldlib.org.

Movies at the Redford Theatre

Located at 17360 Lahser, Detroit. Visit www.redfordtheatre.com or call (313) 537-2560.

Wyandotte Waterside Concerts

7-8:30 p.m. at Bishop Park, Pelts and Company, Aug. 16; (734) 324-4506.

Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit

Purliel, Detroit Film Theatre, Detroit Institute of Arts, Aug. 18-27, \$12-\$18, children 5 and under not permitted in theater, www.mosaicdetroit.org, call DIA to charge by phone (313) 833-4005.

Flint Institute of Music

Open house showcases music and dance classes, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, Dort Music Center, 1025 E. Kearsley St. in Flint, (810) 238-1350, FlintInstituteofMusic.org.

Ann Arbor Bonsai Society

Annual show featuring 100 member trees on display, demonstrations, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 26 and 27, Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor, <http://www.annarborbonsaisociety.org>

SUMMER SERIES

Detroit Zoo

Wild Summer Nights at the Detroit Zoological Institute featuring live entertainment and

extended hours, Wednesdays, through Aug. 30, 10 Mile and Woodward, Royal Oak, (248) 398-0900 or www.detroitzoo.org.

THEATER — COMMUNITY

Village Players of Birmingham

The Last of the Aztecs, original comedy by local playwright Joe Feinstein, Midwest premiere, 8 p.m. Aug. 11 and 12, Village Players Playhouse, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham, \$10 general admission, (248) 644-2075.

THEATER — PROFESSIONAL

Purple Rose Theater

"Honus & Me," through Aug. 26, The Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park, Chelsea, \$25-35 call (734) 433-7673 or visit www.purplerosetheatre.org.

Michigan Shakespeare Festival

Through Aug. 6, Potter Center at the Jackson Community College, Jackson, \$8-\$26, (866) 705-2636 or www.michshakefest.org.

Fisher Theatre

3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, \$28-\$69, call (248) 645-6666 or visit www.NederlanderDetroit.com or www.ticketmaster.com.

Breathe Art Theatre

Call (519) 980-0607 in Windsor or (313) 965-1515 in Detroit.

Menopause the Musical

Celebrate the longest-running professional production in Detroit history at the Gem Theatre. Show times are 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and also 4 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, \$39.50, (313) 963-9800, or Ticketmaster charge by phone, (248) 645-6666, or visit www.ticketmaster.com.

TICKETS ON SALE

DTE Energy Music Theatre: Temptations and Four Tops, Aug. 6; Ted Nugent, Aug. 17; Styx/Foreigner, Sept. 7; Hootie & the Blowfish, Sept. 8; Alan Jackson, Sept. 23, and Aerosmith with Motley Crue, Oct. 11.

Meadow Brook Music Festival: Get Back! Cast of Beatlemania, Aug. 12; Billy Ray Cyrus, Aug. 17; Ted Nugent, Aug. 18; Hootie & the Blowfish, Sept. 6, and Jim Gaffigan, Sept. 23. For DTE, Meadow Brook Music Festival and Palace shows, visit www.palacenet.com or call Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666 or visit any Ticketmaster location.

Fisher Theatre

Tickets for 2006-07 subscription series, five shows, \$199-\$346, call the Fisher Theatre at (313) 872-1000, Ext. 0, or visit www.NederlanderDetroit.com.

Not ya mama's needlework

Urban Craft Fair introduces Detroit to the crafts revolution

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

When did yarn, felt and shiny sequins get hip?

The crafts revolution has been upon us, and now the wave has come to Detroit, according to members of Handmade Detroit, a local group of hipster crafters.

"Young people all over the United States are picking up more traditional hobbies like knitting and sewing left and right," said Stephanie Tardy, founder of Handmade Detroit. "We believe that Detroit's indie craft scene has been picking up momentum in the past few years, and that its time has come to join this crafty revolution on a larger scale."

The curious and crafty alike can check out the revolution Saturday at the first ever

CRAFTY

What: Detroit Urban Craft Fair.

When: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5.

Where: Majestic Theater, 4140 Woodward, Detroit.

Admission: Free. For details, visit www.detroiturbancraftfair.com

Are you game?

and connect them with other people who like the same stuff," Tardy added. "And we're planning to have a lot of fun, too."

So what can you expect to find at the fair? Yes, all the usual suspects — one-of-a-kind crafts — but there's a difference. These crafts are rendered the way only the hip and happening know how.

Items include handmade apparel, bags, jewelry, zines, cards, soaps, glassware, plush animals, wallets, silk-screened neckties, handmade shoes, voodoo dolls, room dividers, reconstructed clothing and pirate sock monkeys. Among the wares not available for sale are cars, buildings, treadmills, applesauce and bicycles.

The hipster aesthetic isn't the



Detroit's do-it-yourself community believes a crafts revolution is upon us. You can show your support by purchasing a Handmade Detroit mitten pin. All proceeds from pin sales directly help produce and promote the Detroit Urban Craft Fair.

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HANDMADE DETROIT

Not to mention, these crafters are feisty. "We are all makers ourselves and interested in pushing our community to grow and connect. What better way than to start a large-scale craft fair?" said

Tardy. "We can't wait to see you at

the fair. Long live the crafty revolution!"

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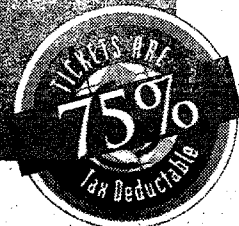
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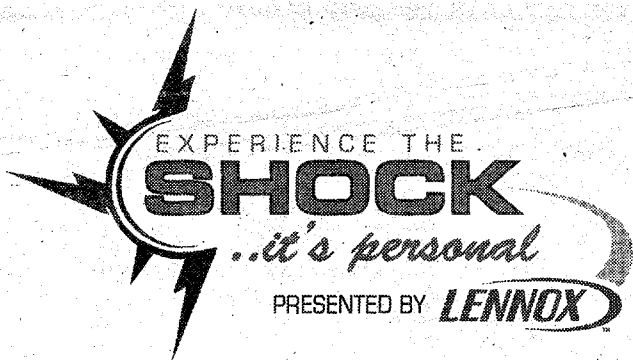


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Don't forget: DIA closed this month

The Detroit Institute of Arts closed its doors to the public starting Aug. 1 to facilitate the final stage of renovations at the museum.

The DIA is set to reopen Sept. 5.

While many will be enjoying their summer vacations, DIA staff and construction crews will be working diligently to complete a major portion of construction that's part of the museum's master plan.

Temporary closings enable crews to complete crucial projects without

interfering with visitors' activities.

The DIA closed in August 2005 to install structural steel and flooring in the museum's North Court and complete work in Prentis Court, as well as, areas by the Detroit Film Theatre Auditorium.

August is the DIA's slowest month in terms of museum attendance.

To contact the DIA, call (313) 833-7900 or visit www.dia.org.

Nicole Stafford

CARETAKER

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programs ... Each day, we chop about 10 gallons of fruit and veggies. When we have animals that have a hurt wing, or are sick, we give them meds and take special care of them. We have over 100 animals, including a two-toed sloth, owls, flying squirrels, and many different kinds of bats ... We also receive about 50 phone calls each day.

F: What would be an exciting or unique day at the Organization for Bat Conservation?

M: Personally, I do many programs in October ... I also often appear on several TV shows around Halloween, including *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*, *Martha Stewart*, *Live with Regis and Kelly* and many others.

F: Do you have a favorite bat at the conservancy?

M: Kamilah is an 8-year-old Malaysian fruit bat. Her species is the largest in the world, weighing about 2 pounds and having about a 6-foot wingspan ... Kamilah is a very beautiful bat. I take her on the road with me to do programs at museums and other educational institutions. Kamilah is by far the show stopper!

F: Obviously you know all about bat behavior, but do the bats ever do things that surprise you?

M: All bats have different personalities. They often surprise me when they do something funny, sad, etc. I believe that bats are very intelligent, and thus have similar behavior to primates.

F: What's your favorite thing about bats?

M: My favorite thing about bats is the diversity. There are over 1,000 different species around the world. They come in

all sizes, shapes, colors.

F: How do most people react when you tell them what you do?

M: Many people are speechless. They usually need to think about how they feel prior to saying something. Sometimes, people tell me when they first saw a bat and they killed it. Not a great story to hear for me. Others tell me some facts they heard and ask questions about bat houses. Many people tell me that they think bats are cool and what I do must be very interesting.

F: What is the most common myth about bats?

M: Many people believe that bats are not worth anything. In fact, bats are the primary predators of night time insects. They can eat between 2,000 and 6,000 insects each night.

F: Could you share some unusual facts about bats or different species with us?

M: The smallest bat in the world may be the smallest mammal in the world: the Hog-nosed Bat of Thailand. It is about the size of a large jellybean, weighing about 2 grams, about the weight of a dime. The largest bat is the Malaysian fruit bat, with a 6-foot wingspan.

F: Tell the story of how you came to become so interested in bats.

M: I was studying conservation biology at Eastern Michigan University and met an attractive, intelligent, graduate student named Kim Williams ... I had a chance to work with Kim and others netting bats in the rainforest. I thought it was amazing to learn about them. For the next three years, Kim and I spent our time in the swamps of mid-Michigan studying the Indiana bat in its natural habitat. Kim and I married in 1995 and have been running the Organization for Bat Conservation together ever since.

Nicole Stafford



Jack Schwab of Sylvania, Ohio, won "Best in Show" in 2005 for his beautiful wood pieces.

JEFFREY CHARLES PHOTO

ART

FROM PAGE E5

with fountains, displaying a beautiful landscape as a centerpiece built just for this show. Fresh flowers provided by Gerych's Florist help set the ambiance of this first class art show.

Children's art activities include plaster painting, tie-dye T-shirts, candle making, face painting and more.

Sculpture and glass work demonstrations help guests to understand the quality of what they see.

The show focuses on quality. In order to achieve that among the artwork represented, a group of four art professionals gather together to review the work of

hundreds of artists who applied to the 2006 event.

Jury members include Anne Kuffler, director and owner of Ariana Gallery in Royal Oak; Brian K. Young, curator of Cranbrook Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills; Joseph T. Marks, curator of collections and exhibitions of The Alfred Berkowitz Gallery at The University of Michigan - Dearborn; and Barbara White Fredricks Miner, associate professor, director of foundations, Department of Art at University of Toledo.

"I love watching people when they first arrive," said Narozny. "They are amazed by the landscaping, enhanced by the live music, the flowers and really enjoy seeing art in an entirely different atmosphere."

Go to www.hotworks.org for more on the show and a list of artists featured.

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The Ghoul (real name Ron Sweed), the legendary television B-movie host, is

appearing live at Thomas Video from 1-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, during the Clawson Lions Club's "Down on Main Street Car Show."

On the same day, if the crazy Ghoul isn't for you (where's your sense of humor?), you might want to meet Mark Nowotarski.

Nowotarski, the producer/director of a new DVD, *Detroit TV Memories*, also will be there. His DVD features clips of Detroit TV personalities such as Sir

Graves Ghastly, Soupy Sales, pro wrestlers the Sheik and Dick the Bruiser, Bill Kennedy and more.

Isn't it fun?

"(Nowotarski) made the disc in memory of his parents, Helen and Mitchell Nowotarski. Proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society and the Detroit Area Agency on Aging," said Jim Olenski, owner of Thomas Video & DVD.

As for The Ghoul, he'll pose for pictures, and be his quirky (some might say weird) self while signing autographs to

promote his new double-disc 35th anniversary DVD.

If you have no idea about the cult phenomena of the Ghoul ... well ... he hosted B-flicks at various Detroit area television stations. His humor was wild and he had, and still maintains, a loyal fan base in metropolitan Detroit and Ohio.

Thomas Video & DVD is located at 122 S. Main, Clawson, (248) 280-2833. www.thomasvideo.com

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USA WEEKEND BOX-OFFICE SUMMARY

(Updated July 28 with Sunday estimates of weekend gross.)

1. *Miami Vice*, \$25.2 million
2. *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest*, \$20.5 million
3. *John Tucker Must Die*, \$14.1 million
4. *Monster House*, \$11.5 million
5. *The Ant Bully*, \$8.14 million
6. *Lady in the Water*, \$7 million
7. *You, Me and Dupree*, \$7 million
8. *Little Man*, \$5.1 million
9. *The Devil Wears Prada*, \$4.78 million
10. *Clerks II*, \$3.94 million

TOP 10 U.S. DVD RENTALS

For the week ending July 23

1. *She's the Man*, \$6.9 million
2. *Failure to Launch*, \$5.7 million
3. *Syriana*, \$4.6 million
4. *The Matador*, \$4.5 million
5. *The Hills Have Eyes*, \$4.4 million
6. *ATL*, \$4.4 million
7. *Basic Instinct 2*, \$4.1 million
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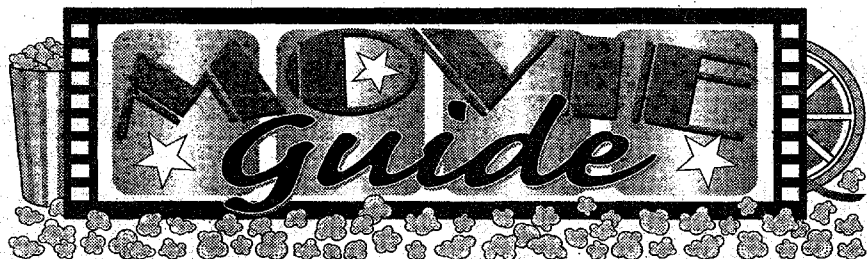
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'The Ant Bully' is reminiscent of 'Monster House'

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Capsule reviews of films that opened last week:

The Ant Bully

Another week, another animated movie with a scorchingly starry vocal cast. Meryl Streep! Julia Roberts! Nicolas Cage! (Though the best work comes from Bruce Campbell, best known for the cult favorite "Evil Dead" series.) There's not much new here. Structurally, it's reminiscent of this summer's superior "Monster House," with an awkward boy (Zach Tyler Eisen) experiencing adventures and learning to trust what he'd once feared while his clueless parents are on vacation. Thematically, it calls to mind "Over the Hedge," with its ideas about suburban sprawl destroying nature (it even features a villainous exterminator, voiced by ... Paul Giamatti!). And visually, it's similar to "Antz" from 1998. As in, it looks just like "Antz." But the movie certainly means well, and its worthwhile message (teamwork is good, selfishness is bad) should penetrate the brains of kids old enough to stay in their seats and listen. PG for some mild rude humor and action. 90 min. Two stars out of four.

- Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

Brothers of the Head

Generally played for laughs, as in "This Is Spinal Tap" or "Best in Show," the faux documentary gets more sober treatment with this snapshot of a fictional 1970s punk band fronted by conjoined twins. The movie offers plenty of understated, twisted black humor. Yet directors Louis Pepe and Keith Fulton craft a predominantly bleak and often disturbing look at a creative duo who, despite physiological and emotional interdependence, also find themselves subtly at odds, with no way to escape each other. The movie follows the short career of Tom and Barry Howe (played by twins Harry and Luke Treadaway) who are joined at the lower chest and are groomed as a punk-rock novelty act. The siblings are rather bland early on, the movie only picking up dramatic momentum in the final act as the story slips into musings about merged and secret identities. R for language, drug use and sexuality. 93 min. Two and a half stars out of four.

- David Germain, AP Movie Writer

John Tucker Must Die

This teen comedy offers a dose of the

cutes, but the movie still is a cut above the typical adolescent farce. For teenage girls, there's a quartet of likable young women who bond in a positive fashion rather than cat-fighting their way through cinematic high school clichés. Jesse Metcalfe stars as the title character, a stud simultaneously dating three girls (Ashanti, Arielle Kebbel and Sophia Bush).

When the three find out, they seek revenge by getting their beau to fall for a misfit newcomer (Brittany Snow), who then will break his heart. Director Betty Thomas and screenwriter Jeff Lowell refreshingly sidestep the gross-out gags that litter most youth comedies.

Though the movie strays deep and often into saccharine country, the filmmakers treat the characters with more respect than teen protagonists normally get in Hollywood. PG-13 for sexual content and language. 90 min. Two stars out of four.

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Little Miss Sunshine

Back in the day, Public Enemy urged us, "Don't believe the hype." Here, you should just ignore the hype entirely, tune out the buzz that's been building steadily for this movie since it was picked up at the Sundance Film Festival in January for a record \$10.5 million. Just buckle up and go along for the ride. The road trip comedy subverts the genre (a welcome change a few months after the lame "RV") and instead offers a surprising mix of dark humor and heart, with rich performances from a strong cast. What's even more amazing is that this is the first feature from husband-and-wife directors Jonathan Dayton and Valerie Faris, as well as screenwriter Michael Arndt. A family of losers in a society obsessed with winning packs up the VW bus and heads to Southern California for the garishly oversexualized Little Miss Sunshine pageant, where the sweetly awkward youngest child (Abigail Breslin) plans to compete. Greg Kinnear, Toni Collette, Steve Carell, Alan Arkin and Paul Dano help her get there. R for language, some sex and drug content. Running time: 99 minutes. Three and a half stars out of four.

- Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

Miami Vice

Unlike other recent film versions of TV shows like "The Dukes of Hazzard," "Starsky & Hutch" and "Bewitched," which toyed with the innate campiness of their source material, "Miami Vice" plays it completely straight. Deadly straight,

actually. It's so self-serious at times, it'll make you laugh out loud at moments that aren't supposed to be funny. Which is a total letdown because, theoretically, this is Michael Mann's pure, true vision, now that he's free from the constraints of television decency standards. The film looks fantastic, shot in intense, intimate high-definition like Mann's "Collateral." It's still a sexy, rock 'n' roll world of crime and corruption that the ever-fashionable undercover detectives Sonny Crockett (Colin Farrell) and Ricardo Tubbs (Jamie Foxx)

inhabit. But the story is simultaneously convoluted and forgettable (it has something to do with the duo infiltrating a drug cartel to determine the source of an intelligence leak, in case you care). Gong Li is gorgeous but often incomprehensible as the money launderer Sonny falls for, and John Ortiz clearly watched "Scarface" too many times in preparation for his role as a drug runner. R for strong violence, language and some sexual content. 133 min. Two stars out of four.

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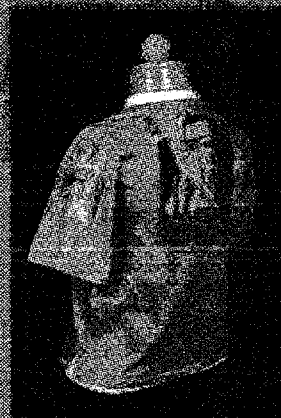
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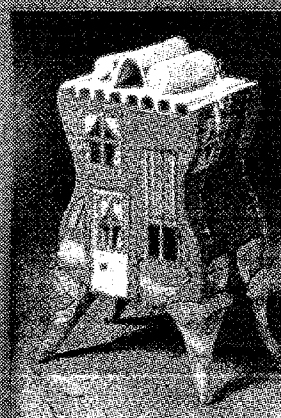
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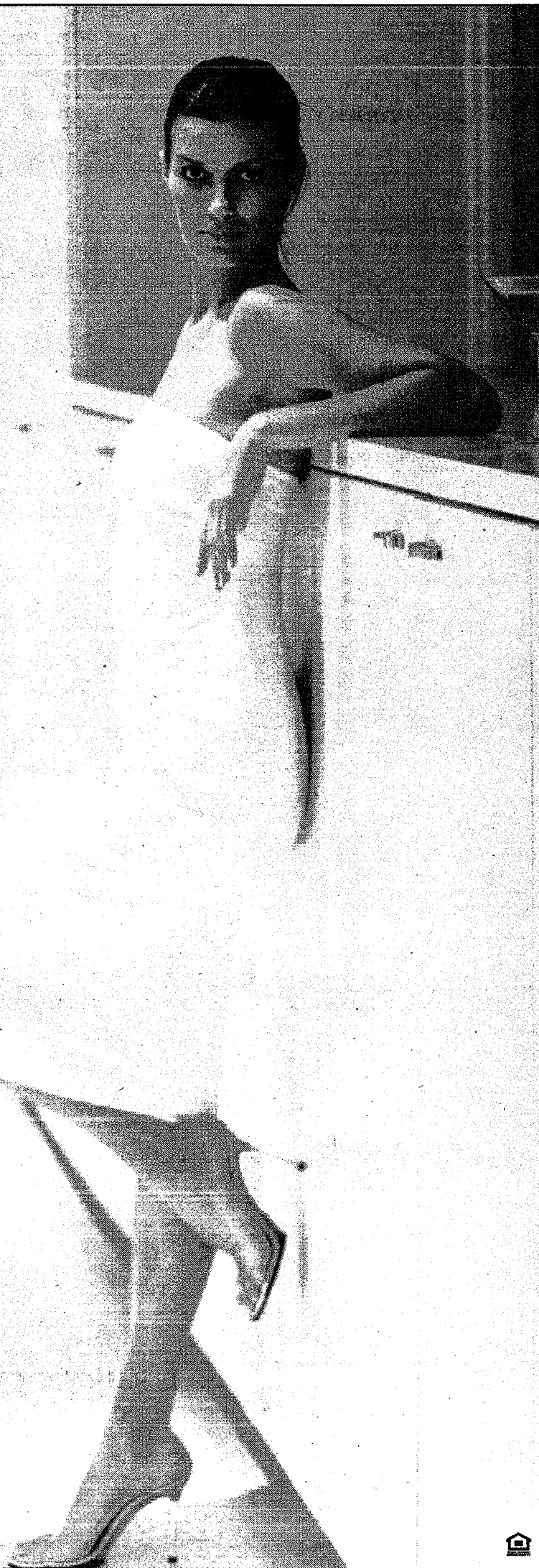


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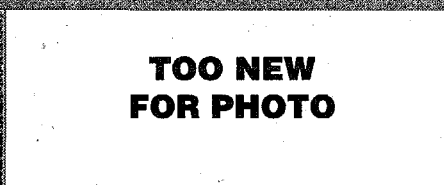
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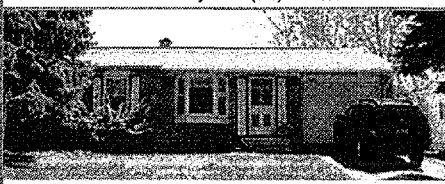
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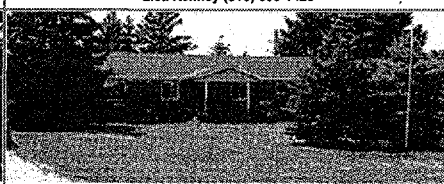
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Commercial Real Estate Women aid First Step

The metropolitan Detroit chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW-Detroit) is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year by helping the domestic violence and sexual assault prevention organization First Step replace its aging shelter in Wayne County.

CREW-Detroit's 133 members represent all areas of the commercial property industry, from finance, law and brokerage to architecture, construction and engineering. They're contributing their expertise and in-kind services to help First Step determine the best way to meet its current and future facility needs – and encouraging their vendors and employers to donate services and materials at cost or less.

For the past 10 months, CREW has worked closely with First Step to identify alternatives to replace its more-than 60-year-old, 15,000-square-foot shelter. The former farmhouse/nursing home, while safe and clean, is "worn out" and no longer meets First Step's needs, said Judy Ellis, First Step executive director. CREW's committee members have helped First Step evaluate all aspects of the plan to develop a shelter that will

best serve the nonprofit's requirements and create a model for the future.

First Step bought and renovated its current property into a shelter for 42 women in 1987. Now, it often houses up to 50 people because there are no other alternatives, Ellis said. The shelter, which in 2005 provided 11,000 shelter nights for 231 adults and 342 children fleeing domestic violence, has just eight bedrooms, only some of which have bathrooms. Families often share bedrooms – with as many as three families in a room. The building lacks adequate space for counseling and other programming needs, children's play, resident dining, donation storage and offices. The roof leaks, the electrical wiring is inadequate and the deteriorating mechanical systems constantly need repair.

Working from First Step's wish list, CREW members outlined the square footage and elements required in a new facility. While First Step hopes to keep the shelter in its current community, the group will consider other feasible sites in western Wayne County.

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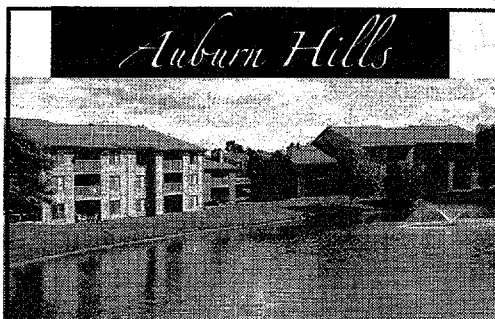


shelter, CREW recently managed a bidding process to select an architect, Hobbs + Black of Ann Arbor, and a general contractor, FH Martin Constructors of Warren, for the work. CREW members also helped First Step evaluate some immediate challenges, including repairs to an asphalt parking lot, and donated services including an environmental assessment and land survey of the current shelter property, appraisals and title work on the shelter and the Plymouth Township office building.

marketing and alternative site surveys.

"CREW-Detroit's members have really stepped up and provided the assistance that First Step really needs to get its project under way. The value of service contributed has already totaled more than \$50,000," said Marilyn Nix, chair of CREW's 22-member 20th anniversary committee and an associate with Grand Sakwa Properties in Farmington

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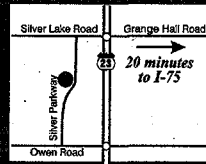
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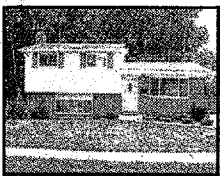
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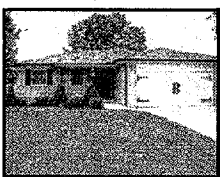
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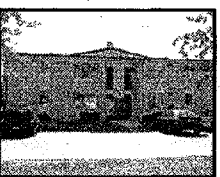
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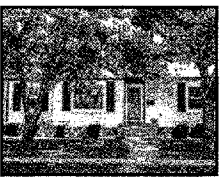
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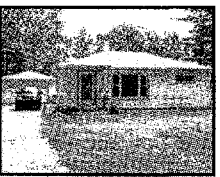
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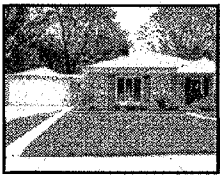
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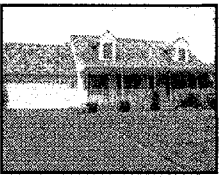
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\$315,000 (C-713MA)



PLYMOUTH COLONIAL Desirable Hough Park. Over 2500 sq ft w/4 bd, 3 baths, formal dining, 1st floor laundry, recently added Great Room, & 3 car garage. Great neighborhood!

\$479,900 (C-490MA)



PRICED TO SELL! Barely lived in 2 Bd, 2.5 Ba. 2 story condo built in 2005. Large open 1st floor w/9ft ceilings, Open maple Kitchen w/all appl, spacious Master w/cath ceiling, WIC & bath, 1 car garage, pool & clubhouse. Neat, neutral & immediate occupancy!

\$154,900 (C-536PE)



FANTASTIC RANCH Wonderful updated ranch w/spacious floor plan, 5 bd, 2 baths, updated windows, entry doors, maple Kitchen, Nook, 1st floor laundry, new driveway, & more.

\$195,000 (P-660AR)



AFFORDABLE 3 bd bungalow on a quiet street. Bay windows in Living & Dining, natural frpl, hwd floors, & all appliances.

\$95,000 (P-900AS)

CANTON

CANTON CONDO. 2 bd, 2 bath condo w/possible 3rd bd on lower level. Open floor plan, island Kitchen, Balcony, finished walkout, Master w/WIC, & good location.

(P-796CH) \$239,900

CANTON

CARE FREE CONDO. End unit condo w/1st floor Master, 2 full baths, cathedral ceilings, 1st floor laundry, bsmt, 2 car Garage, freshly painted, & appliances stay.

(P-870HU) \$149,900

CANTON

SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE. No need to wait for builder on this almost new 2 bd, 2 bath 'townhome in the Links at Fellows Creek. Great Room w/frpl, Kitchen w/all appl, & balcony.

(P-071KN) \$159,900

CANTON

OUTSTANDING SETTING. Stunning Burlington model situated on a village lot backing to walking/bike path. Upgrades t/o, gourmet kitchen, Corian, hwd, 2nd floor laundry, & more.

(P-578MC) \$449,900

CANTON

STUNNING CAPE COD. Beautiful Cape Cod w/2 story Foyer, GR w/frpl, vaulted ceilings, hwd floors, Master w/WIC's, & prof landscaped w/sprinklers.

(P-775PA) \$278,900

CANTON

GREAT RANCH. Loads of potential & priced to sell. 3 bd, 2 baths, FR w/frpl, garage w/workshop, partially finished bsmt, & good neighborhood.

(C-470PR) \$164,900

CANTON

PERFECT CONDO. Great for 1st timers! Crown moldings, Pergo, all appliances stay, balcony, spacious bedrooms, & great location.

(P-419SA) \$102,900

CANTON

MOVE RIGHT IN! Updated condo w/2 bd, 1.5 baths, updated Kitchen, cathedral ceilings, skylights, partially finished bsmt, & a private courtyard.

(P-38250) \$134,900

CANTON

EXCELLENT CONDITION. 4 bd colonial near golf course. Gourmet Kitchen, Master w/bath, Family Room, beautiful Deck, & close to everything.

(C-285ST) \$249,900

GARDEN CITY

FABULOUS LOCATION. 3 bd home on - acre corner lot. Updated maple Kitchen, custom ceramic, & updated bath. Extensive landscaping, brick pavers, 2 car garage, pool, deck & privacy fence.

(P-116AL) \$149,900

GARDEN CITY

ALL UPDATES DONE. Clean & updated brick ranch. Updates inc windows, roof, furnace, hwh, paint, & glass block. Large Kitchen, updated bath, large bsmt, 2 car Garage, & oversized lot.

(C-223DE) \$145,000

GARDEN CITY

A MUST SEE! Great colonial w/open floor plan, large LR & FR, Deck w/large pool, bsmt, updated windows, carpet, & roof. Hurry!

(P-110KA) \$179,900

HARRISON TWP

QUIET COMPLEX. 2 story townhouse w/oversized master, partially finished bsmt w/bar, immediate occupancy & home warranty.

(C-152BA) \$124,900

INKSTER

APPEAL PLUS! Maintained brick ranch w/2 bd, 2 baths, & could be converted back to a 3 bd. Nicely decorated, finished bsmt, new furnace, a/c, windows, fenced yard & appliances.

(C-994GL) \$99,900

INKSTER

WELL MAINTAINED. 3 bd ranch w/newer windows, furnace, roof, hwh, neutral carpet & decor, & updated bath. 1 yr home warranty.

(P-642ST) \$115,000

LIMA TWP

WOW! Well maintained ranch on almost an acre. Oversized Garage, Kitchen w/Patio door to Florida Room, huge yard, hwd, & wide open finished bsmt.

(C-3800L) \$190,000

DEXTER

COUNTRY ESTATE. 10 acre estate w/stunning 3500 sq ft home. Formal LR & DR, Master w/WIC's, gourmet Kitchen, walkout bsmt w/frpl, oversized Deck w/gazebo, & 3 car Garage.

(P9885TO) \$999,000

LIVONIA

GORGEOUS RANCH. Updated brick ranch backs to woods. Superb finished bsmt, newer carpet, windows, doors, roof, & furnace. Open floor plan, neutral decor, & quiet location.

(C-032BR) \$199,900

LIVONIA

MOVE-IN CONDITION. Cute condo decorated w/ designer colors. Hwd floors, Garage, library study area, GR wired for surround sound. Patio, & much more. This will not last!

(C-110NE) \$184,900

LIVONIA

WELCOME HOME. Outstanding brick ranch w/3 bd, 2 baths, finished bsmt, updated maple Kitchen, & huge backyard. 1 year home warranty for Buyer.

(C-6100H) \$209,900

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NEWBURGH LAKES CONDO. Spacious 1st floor end unit w/neutral decor. Very clean, huge master w/WIC, & all appliances are included. Excellent location.

(C-192AN) \$95,500

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SPACIOUS END UNIT. Livonia condo w/soaring ceilings, GR w/frpl, Kitchen w/Corian, 1st floor laundry, 1st floor Master w/bath, full bsmt, & Garage. Neutral decor & new carpet.

(P-323EA) \$225,000

LIVONIA

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(P-866FI) \$140,800

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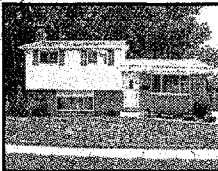
IMMACULATE! 3 bd, 1.5 bath, updates include Kitchen, windows, roof, refinished hwd, elec, & Fieldstone frpl. Don't wait too long on this one.

(C-424NO) \$219,900



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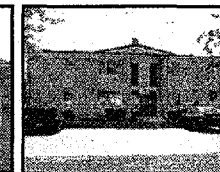
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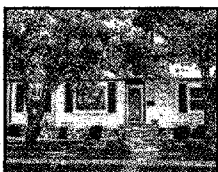
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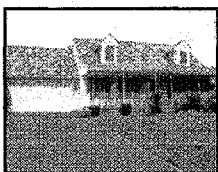
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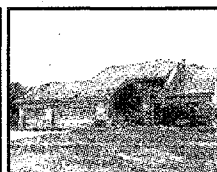
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Nestled in the trees, this enchanting Cape Cod is less than 5 minutes from Kensington & I-96! 2-story entry, vaulted GR w/FP. Hrdw flrs in KIT & DR. First flr Mstr w/leited tub. Fin LL, 3-car garage. Cedar decking. Very private setting on 1+ acre. \$379,900 (MR36WIN)

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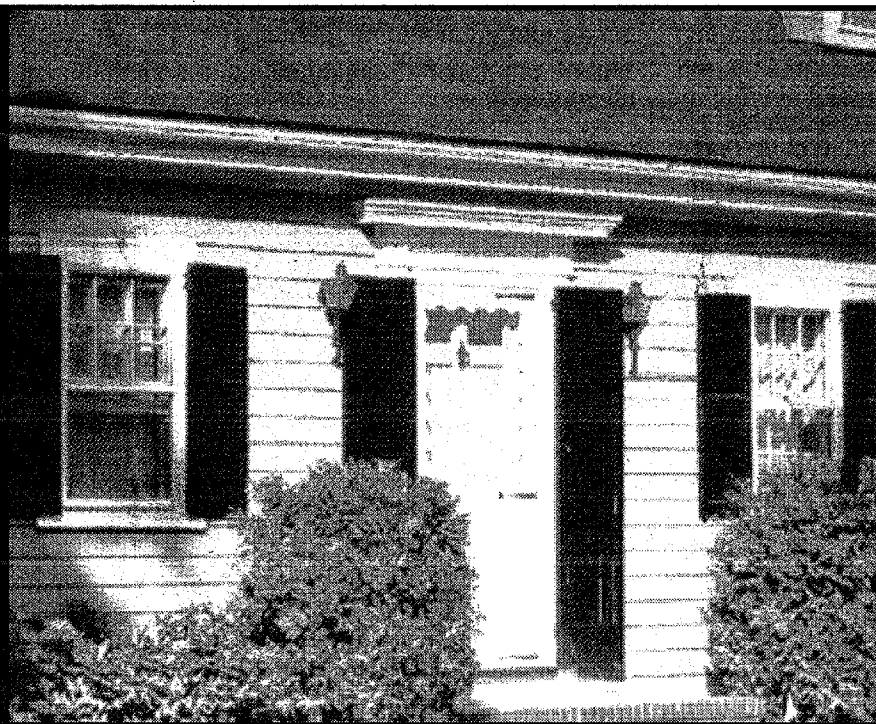
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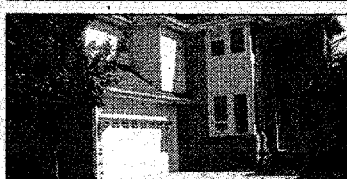
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On 2+ Acres w/2 story foyer w/marble flr, LR w/hdwd flr, DR w/French drs to patio, 2 story FR, gour kit w/dbl oven, walk-in pantry, eat-in nook, prof fin LL W/O w/FP, in-law ste, 5 car gar, extensive Indscpg & deck.
MLS# 26121594 734-347-3050**CANTON** \$825,000
On 1+ acres! FF mstr ste w/sitting rm, volume ceilings t/o, granite counters, FR open to kit, 10 ft ceilings on 1st flr, 4.5 car gar, paver patios, dual staircases, Jack & Jill BA, fin w/o w/bar, office, rec rm & full BA.
MLS# 26081938 734-347-3050**NOVI** \$575,000
Contemp home backing to protected woodlands! FF mstr w/jacuzzi & shower & private deck, 2-story GR w/wall of wndws, kit w/white cabs & butler's pantry, bridge, fin LL w/o, New roof, new HWH, 3.5 car gar.
MLS# 25754029 734-347-3050**CANTON** \$535,000
Sought after "Carrington" model! Dramatic 2 stry grand entry w/cer flr, grmt cherry kit w/ss appl & cer flr, lib w/bay win, mstr ste w/tray clng, glam ba w/2 WIC, prof fin LL w/full ba, cent vac, b/l spkrs t/o.
MLS# 26116710 734-453-6800**NOVI** \$525,000
On a private cul-de-sac backing to woods w/FF mstr ste w/vaulted ceiling w/Jacuzzi & shower, new granite kit, new crpt T/O, 2 story foyer, gathering r w/2 way fp, neutral decor T/O, updated Indscpg w/paver patio.
MLS# 26128218 248-347-3050**NOVI** \$525,000
Custom beauty w/dramatic 2 story foyer, formal LR w/ fp, library w/tray ceiling, gourmet kit w/island, 42" cabs, walk-in pantry, 4 season sun rm, FR w/tp, fin LL w/in-law ste, 3 car gar, deck overlooking gardens!
MLS# 26112787 248-347-3050**PLYMOUTH** \$464,500
IMPECCABLE COLONIAL w/o w/5 BR & 3.1 BA. Cherry kit w/granite & hdwd flrs. 2 sty GR w/nat FP. Mstr w/2 lg WICs. Fin LL w/full BA, FR & exer rm. Low maint deck, stamped patio. Oversized 3 car gar.
MLS# 26072008 734-453-6800**CANTON** \$400,000
Dramatic 2 story foyer, library w/French drs & crn molding, vaulted fam rm w/gas frplc, gourmet kit, brkst nook w/drwl to deck, mstr ste w/vaulted ceiling & separate sitting area, glamour bath w/2 WIC.
MLS# 26112239 734-453-6800**LIVONIA** \$398,900
Move Right In! This home is ready for your family - just call the movers! 4 bedroom colonial w/3.5 baths. Updated kitchen. Professionally finished basement w/ sauna. Lovely back yard w/mature trees.
MLS# 26121946 734-453-6800**NOVI** \$375,000
HONEY! STOP THE CARI!! Decorator perfect home in very desirable Vista Hills, backs to wooded beauty! Luxury master suite, kit open to family room & deck. The perfect spot for entertaining this summer & fall.
MLS# 26081164 248-360-1425**CANTON** \$379,900
3 BR, 2.2 BA Cape Cod in premier golf course comm on extra large lot. Kit-nook w/hdwd flrs, island & all appls, 1st flr master w/fash bath. GR w/soaring clgs & gas FP. Den could be 4th BR. Prof fin bsmt.
MLS# 26118625 734-453-6800**NORTHVILLE** \$365,000
New custom leaded front dr, hdwd flrs T/O, kit w/gran, cherry cabs, island, vaulted ceiling to 2nd flr loft area/office, FR w/tp, formal LR & DR, vaulted mstr ste w/tp, new glam mstr BA, new main BA & 2 car att gar.
MLS# 26128589 248-347-3050**LIVONIA** \$359,900
3-story w/open kit w/maple cabs, FR w/bt-in cabs & gas fp, 9 ft ceilings on 1st flr, 2 WIC's, tub & shower in mstr ste, 2nd flr laundry, fin LL w/full BA & media rm/in-law suite, 2.5 car gar, 2 decks & alarm system.
MLS# 26104519 248-347-3050**HARTLAND** \$334,900
Beautiful Cape Cod with open floor plan. Volume ceiling, hdwd flrs, loft, unfinished walkout, 3 car garage. Home warranty. Huge bonus rm/opt 4th bdrm.
MLS# 26123783 248-437-4500**CANTON** \$334,000
Pulte Baybrook model in popular Sunflower Village. Oak kit w/isl, brst nook w/doorwall to two tier deck. Home boasts 2 story foyer, lge master suite w/ jet tub.
MLS# 26117729 734-453-6800**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$325,000
Privacy in the city. 3/4 wooded acre lot. Spacious 4 bedroom, FP in LR/FR. Freshly painted and new carpeting. Basement. Secluded backyard/new deck.
MLS# 26126159 248-437-4500**LIVONIA** \$319,900
Detached Condo w/a dramatic 2 story GR w/lofts of windows. Lg deck overlooking the manicured lawns & gardens. Top-of-the-line energy eff furnace & C/A. Lg kit w/brkfst nook & sep formal DR, FF mstr BR.
MLS# 26120886 248-347-3050**MILFORD** \$311,900
Awesome Condo. Many upgrades including granite in kitchen & hardwood flrs. First flr master suite. 2-story great room w/loft, 3 bdr, 2.5 baths. Walk-out bsmt. 2 car gar. Low assoc fee. Only 1 yr old. Smart Home.
MLS# 26119926 248-646-1800**NOVI** \$299,900
This 3000 sq ft home is set on Hearthbrae Lake. It has all the amenities including a lovely view. Granite countertops & 2nd floor laundry. Beautiful master suite with vaulted ceiling. Expect to be impressed!!
MLS# 26099885 248-646-1800**COMMERCE** \$285,000
Beacon Hills Golf Community. Formal LR/DR w/crown molding, foyer w/hdwd flr, open kit w/hdwd flr, eat-in nook w/drwl to deck, FR w/vaulted ceiling, FP, vaulted mstr BR, over 2700 sq ft w/fin LL for entertaining!
MLS# 26108007 248-347-3050**NOVI** \$279,900
Shows like a model! 3 bedroom, 3.1 bath Cape Cod w/new hardwood floors t/o first level. Newer kitchen. Private fenced yard. Finished basement w/fireplace and bath. Novi schools.
MLS# 26123335 248-437-4500**PUTNAM** \$274,900
Fantastic buy, 4 beds/2 bath for under \$275,000. Open floor plan and island kitchen with many extras. Superb curb appeal. Home warranty. Must see.
MLS# 26127282 248-437-4500**NOVI** \$270,000
4 BR Ranch w/updates galore! Foyer open to formal LR w/tp, dining rm, open kit w/cabs galore, cockpit, 4 season sun rm, mstr ste w/BA, newer guest BA, fin bsmt, 2 car gar. Inter lot surrounded w/ mature trees.
MLS# 26128185 248-347-3050**PLYMOUTH** \$254,900
Duplex designed & built in 1967 w/separate basement. Separate meters gas, electric & water. Each unit has 2 BR's 1.5 BA & appls. Brick - no exterior painting. Newer insulated windows. C/A.
MLS# 26080214 734-453-6800**CANTON** \$254,900
Transfer forces sale! Almost brand new 3 BR, 2.5 BA condo at back of quiet complex. Dramatic GR w/gas FP. Fab kitchen w/upgraded 42" cabs & appls. Maintenance free trex deck. Must see!
MLS# 26111085 734-453-6800**WATERFORD** \$250,000
Premium penthouse unit w/views of Cass Lake! Vaulted ceiling in GR w/skylit open to kit. Remodeled t/o w/ceramic tile in foyer & kit, upgraded lighting, new cabs, balcony, no fee inc: basic cable & water.
MLS# 26066742 248-347-3050**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$250,000
Inground 16x32 gunnite pool. Open kit w/breakfast bar, fam rm w/gas fireplace, triml dining rm, huge liv rm w/corn molding, Florida rm, hardwood flrs in all bedrooms, mstr ste w/full bath, tons of storage.
MLS# 26116698 734-453-6800**WIXOM** \$245,000
Gorgeous 3 bedroom Colonial on private lot w/creek and mature trees. Formal dining room, family room, finished basement w/24x12 storage room. Oak kitchen w/wood floors.
MLS# 26108309 248-437-4500**CANTON** \$239,900
2 BR ranch condo is a real stand out w/upgraded carpeting, lighting & hardware! Plus, prof finished basement w/daylight windows, FP & 3rd bath. Maple cabinets in kit & lux master ste. Lg deck w/pond views.
MLS# 26112904 734-453-6800**COMMERCE/WEST BLOOMFIELD • 2685 Union Lake Rd.****LIVONIA • 36650 Five Mile Road, Suite 101****NORTHVILLE • 41860 Six Mile Road****PLYMOUTH • 218 South Main Street****SOUTH LYON • 12568 Ten Mile Road****Real Estate Classes & Training. 888-414-8330**

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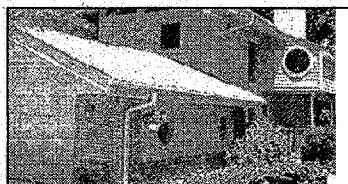
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If it's on the market, it's on our website...www.cbschweitzer.com**PITTSFIELD** \$234,000

Special Financing Incentives On This Lovely 3 Bedroom, 2.1 Bath Cape Cod Model. Large Kitchen. Huge Basement. Premium Lot. Backs To Commons. Ann Arbor Schools. MLS# 26122434 248-437-4500.

**LIVONIA** \$229,900

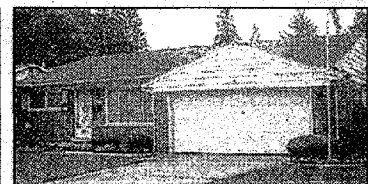
Brick Colonial W/Updates: Newer White Kit W/Apps (SS Dishw & Refrig Brand New), Roof, Siding & Gutters, HWH, Formal LR & FR W/Rec. Ls, Vinyl Wns. Neut Decor, Most Hdwd Flrs. Fin Bsmt, Wash & Dry Stay! 2 Car Att Gar. MLS# 26099306 248-347-3050

**PLYMOUTH** \$224,900

Year Round Wonderland! 3 Br, 3.1 Ba Condo. All Extras Included By Builder Owner. Spacious End Unit W/2 Walkout Decks And Patio. Lge Living Area & Cozy Nooks, 2 Gas Fp. All On Low Traffic Street. MLS# 26077176 734-453-6800

**PLYMOUTH** \$224,900

Move In Condition! Backs To Hime's Park. Remodeled Kit-New Crpt In Fr-Interior Freshly Painted - Newer Furn, H2o, Humid, Complete Tear Off Roof. Wd Firg T/O Except Fr: Sun Room. Lg Cedar Dk. Very Desirable Sub. MLS# 26085718 734-453-6800

**LIVONIA** \$209,900

Classic 3 Br Brick Ranch W/Loads Of Updates - Newer Kit, Roof, Windows, C/A, Water Heater, Furnace, Electrical, Plumbing And More. Nat Fireplace, Finished Basement. MLS# 26126316 248-437-4500

**PLYMOUTH** \$209,000

Plymouth Bungalow! This Must See Home Offers 3 Br's, 1.5 Ba, Lr W/Nat Fp, Dr & 1st Fr Master. All W/Beautiful Hdwd, Newer Wndws, Furnace, Carpet & Paint. Kit Offers Newer Counters. Prof. Fin Basement Too. MLS# 26087499 734-453-6800

**PLYMOUTH** \$194,900

Beautiful 3 Br Brick Ranch In Plymouth Twp.. Hardwood Floors T/O, All Updated Kitchen W/Skylight & Doorwall Leading To A Great Back Yard. Finished Basement, 2 Car Garage, C/A. Sprinkler System. MLS# 26117979 734-453-6800

**LIVONIA** \$192,500

4 Bedroom, 1.5 Bath Home With Over 1700 Square Feet. Gas Fireplace In The Large Neutral Family Room, 2 Car Garage With Opener And A Shed, Lovely Deck Off The Back With Beautiful Landscaping In The Backyard. MLS# 26120624 248-347-3050

**CANTON** \$192,500

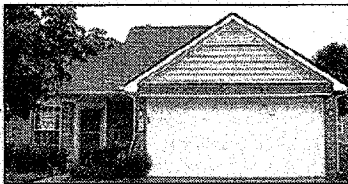
Plym/Canton Schools W/Grt Price. 3 Br Col In Brentwood Est! Open Kit, Bn W/Dwl To Deck & Lg Fenced Yd. Lr W/Cm Mldg, Lg Mstr Ste, Prof Landscaped Yd, Close X-Ways, Parks, Schools & Shop. Great Family Neighborhood! MLS# 26116687 734-453-6800

**NOVI** \$189,900

Ranch On 1 Acre W/All Sports Walled Lake Access. Cathedral Ceilings, Ba W/Oak Cbnts. Updtd Kit W/Oak Cbnts & Bristd Bar. Nwr Apps All Stay, Sitting Pch & Deck At Rear. Recessed Lighting T/O. Att Gar. New Furnace & /Ca. MLS# 26122520 248-347-3050

**PLYMOUTH** \$184,900

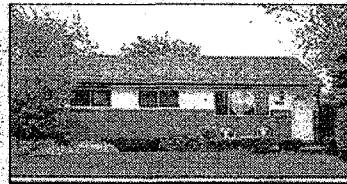
Lovely, Clean, Well-Maintained Brick Ranch W/3 Br, 1 Ba, Fr, Basement & 2 Car Gar Features Open Floor Plan. Kitchen W/Oak Cabinets, Nook & Dw To Deck. Updates: Kit, Bath, Furn, Ac, Wndws, Paint, Cpt & More. MLS# 26086355 734-453-6800

**NOVI** \$175,000

Golf Course Community! Condo Updates Inc: Newer Roof, Newer Hwh, Newer Dwy, Newer Garage Dr & Opener, Remodeled Kit W/New Cabs, New Carpet T/O, Newer Kit Fir, Gr W/Gas Fp, Patio, Alarm, C/A, Common Pool, Tennis Courts & Clubhouse. MLS# 26124879 248-347-3050

**SOUTH LYON** \$171,900

Better Than New Cosmopolitan Style Home. Warm Toned Custom Decor W/High Ceilings. French Doors To Balcony, 1st Fr Mstr Ste W/T Die For Closets, Private Ba. Beautiful Pondsetting. Minutes From Ann Arbor, Brighton, & Novi. MLS# 26119145 248-347-3050

**WESTLAND** \$169,900

Gorgeous 3 Br Brick Ranch In Westland W/Livonia Schools! Open & Airy Fam Rm W/Gas Fp & Doorwall To Covered Patio. Charming Updated Kitchen. Spac Liv Rm. Beautiful Prof Fin Bsmt W/Lots Of Storage. Great Curb Appeal! MLS# 261100579 734-453-6800

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** \$169,900

Beautiful 3 Bedroom Home On Quiet Dead-End Street. North Dearborn Heights Area. Landscaped Backyard With Iron Rod Fence Around Patio. Home Warranty. MLS# 26106681 248-437-4500

**WESTLAND** \$165,000

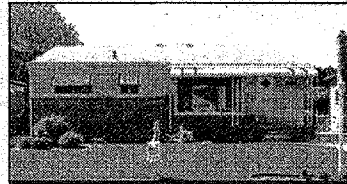
Brick Ranch W/Mature Trees. Close To Schools, Mall, & X-Ways. Updated, 3br 1.5 Ba Home Offers Fresh Paint In Neutral Tones T/O, New Carpet, Newer Kit Fir, Newer Roof, Hwh & Furnace. Fla Rm Offers Great Extra Space. Appl Stay. MLS# 26122114 248-347-3050

**LYONS** \$163,000

Home With A Warm Heart! This Cozy 3 Br Bungalow Is Filled With Charm. Hardwood Floors In Living Room And Dining Room, 4 Seasons Sun Porch, Full Bsmt, And Upgrades Galore. MLS# 26122206 248-437-4500

**OAK PARK** \$159,900

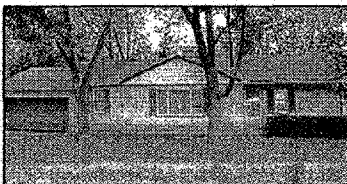
Beautifully Decorated Home With Ferndale Schools. Mint Condition. Won Beautification Award For 2 Years. Neutral Colors. Home Warranty Included! MLS# 26092105 248-437-4500

**GARDEN CITY** \$159,900

Move In Ready! Enjoy The Holidays In This Gorgeous 3 Br Ranch In A Desirable. Garden City Neighborhood. Close To Schools, Shopping & Everything Else. All Updates Have Been Done. Start Packing! MLS# 26116730 734-453-6800

**FLUSHING** \$159,900

A Choice Location! This 3 Br, 1.5 Ba Colonial Has A Spacious Country Kitchen, Gorgeous Hardwood Floors, Lovely Yard W/ Screened-In Porch And Pool. Finished Basement. MLS# 26123586 248-437-4500

**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$159,900

Sprawling Brick Ranch! Features 2 Gas Fireplaces. Updates: Elect Box/Outlets, Central Air, Gutters, 05; Roof, 98; Furnace, 98; Newer Hwh. Freshly Painted/Move-In Condition. 2 Car Att Garage. Tons Of Storage. MLS# 26096707 734-453-6800

**NOVI** \$155,000

3 Br Condo W/Pergo Fir In Foyer, Hallway, New Carpet In Living, Dining, Stairs, & Br's. New Fp Mantle In Lr. New Win. T/O, New Dwy, New Furnace, C/A, Courtyard Patio, Fin Bsmt. W/Dry Bar, Common Pool, Clubhouse & Tennis Courts. MLS# 26063894 248-347-3050

**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$154,900

Handyman / Investors. Bring Your Hammer All Renovation Supplies On The Site. City Apprv'd Prints. For 3 Bdrms, 2 Full Baths. Has (04) Huge 2.5 Garage With A Loft. Call For Details & Supplies. Today. MLS# 26096250 248-360-1425

**DEARBORN** \$147,900

Decorator Perfect Condo W/A Great Interior Location. Updates Inc: Pergo Flooring On Almost The Entire 1st Level, Striking Decorator Colors T/O. Largest Floor Plan W/Great Open Spaces & Vaulted Cathedral Ceilings. MLS# 26120845 248-347-3050

**CANTON** \$146,000

2 Story Condo, Neutral Colors T/O. Spacious Gr W/Gas Fp, Kit W/All Appls. Dr W/Doorwall To Lrg Deck, 2 Br's W/Direct Access To Ba W/Jacuzzi Soaking Tub, Sep Shower, Double Sink, 1st Fr Laundry, 1 Car Att Gar, & New Carpet. MLS# 26120408 248-347-3050

**REDFORD** \$142,500

Nothing To Do But Move Into This Meticulous 3 Bedroom Ranch. Updates Galore: Eat-In Kitchen, Baths, Windows, Roof, Vinyl Siding And More. Serene Backyard. MLS# 26119003 248-437-4500

**ROMULUS** \$139,000

Home Went Through A 'To The Studs' Remodeling In 02 & A 1st Fr Mstr Ste. Open Floor Plan Doorwalls Lead To A Lrg Deck & The Bsmt Is Almost Entirely Finished. The Home Is W/in Walking Distance Of The Park & Downtown. MLS# 26126144 248-347-3050

**WESTLAND** \$137,900

Totally Updated Ranch! Huge Open Kitchen W/New Floor. Freshly Painted W/Neutral Decor T/O. 2.5 Car Garage. Patio Overlooking Deep Fenced Yard. Some Updates Incl: Roof, Garage, Furn, C/A, H2o, Appls. And More! MLS# 26123292 734-453-6800

**REDFORD** \$128,500

Charming Brick Ranch W/Updates Galore! Hdwd Flrs, New Grnt Kit W/App'l To Stay. New Glem Ba, Lr & Fr. Award Winning Perennial Garden, Patio, Unbelievable Mechanics Dream Garage, New Roof, Elect. MLS# 26116667 734-453-6800

**WESTLAND** \$125,000

Don't Miss This Charm Brick Ranch W/New Cpt T/O, Grnt Kit W/ Cer Tile, Oak Cab & Appl Stay. New Glem Ba, Lr W/Crm Mldg, Fin LI W/Poss 4th Br, New Roof, Wndws, Plmbg, Elec & More. MLS# 26115796 734-453-6800

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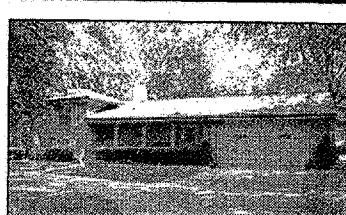
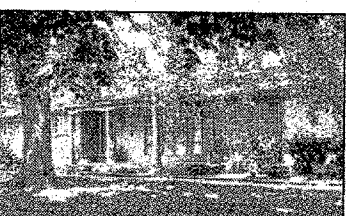
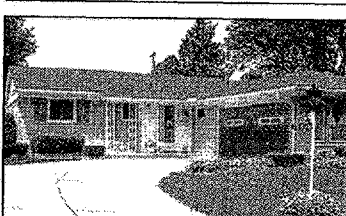
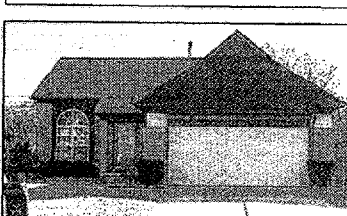
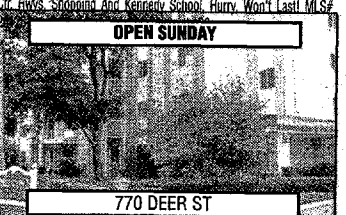
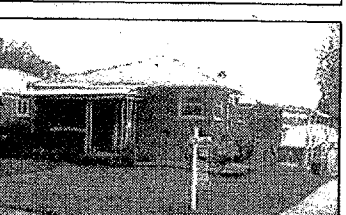
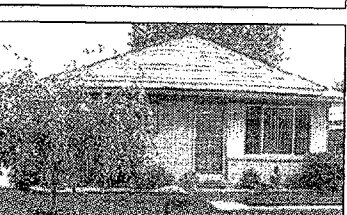
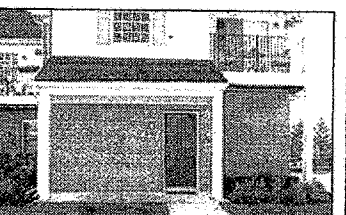
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Gorgeous 4bed/2ba Colonial in Popular Plymouth Twp. Sub. Huge Family Room w/ Fireplace, 5th Bd or Library on 1st, 1st fl Lav, Finished Lower Level, 2643 Sq Ft. Newer items: Roof, Vinyl siding, A/C, Deck, Driveway. MLS# 26058097 Dave Jones 734-591-0333**LIVONIA** \$329,900
Outstanding Ranch! Quality Built. Include: Bath W Granite & Marble, FP in LR, Jacuzzi, 16x14 FR, "Award Winning" Garden, Circulating Water Fall Pond & Pergola. 3-tiered Deck. Newer Furn, Air, Roof & Kit. 1/2 Acre. MLS# 26119984 Carol Kery 734-313-6046**LIVONIA** \$325,000
Simply beautiful 4 bedroom Cape Cod! Cathedral ceilings, large arched windows, inlaid mosaic tile in foyer, french doors open to library. Bsmnt plumbed for 3rd bath, Great Room w/ dramatic staircase & a marble F/P. MLS# 26120009 734-591-0333**LIVONIA** \$309,000
Home Owners hate to move...this is their Pride & Joy. This 2200 sq ft Quad Sits On Over An Acre. Relax On Back Porch Over Looking Park Like Setting. New Tear-off Roof & New Hwb In '05. Bring Your Decorating Ideas! MLS# 26098240 Theresa Barr 734-377-7031**MILFORD** \$290,000
Gorgeous Cape Cod Condo - Meticulously Clean! 2 Bedroom -Possibly 3. Great Room Has Many Windows, Cathedral Ceil, FP & Opens To Dr. Many Upgrades. W/O Bsmnt W 9ft Ceilings. Very Private Backs To Woods. Open And Airy MLS# 2611787 734-591-0333**LIVONIA** \$284,900
2000 Built Cape, Shows Like A Model. Open Floor Plan W/balcony Overlooking Great Room, Tall Windows On Main Floor. Beautiful Fin Bsmnt W/bath, Brick Paver Patio. Includes Stove, Ref, Washer & Dryer. This is A "10". MLS# 26113763 734-591-0333**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$230,000
COUNTRY IN THE CITY. SHARP BRICK RANCH. FORMAL D/R, L/R W/ F/P. MSTR BR W FULL BATH & WIC. THREE SEASONS ROOM. PRIVATE YARD. FIN BSMNT W PLAY AREA. GREAT HOME, NEEDS LITTLE UPDATING. OWNER HAS PRICED IT TO SELL. MLS# 26117400 734-591-0333**LIVONIA** \$210,000
Make An Offer! Newer Walkside Windows, Siding, Gutters, Entry & Garage door, Glass Block Win. Updated White Kit W/ Corian Counters. Gas FP. All Appl Stay. Fin Bsmnt W Bar. Holmes Middle & Stevenson High School. MLS# 26128216 Theresa Barr 734-377-7031**LIVONIA** \$209,000
Pride In Ownership Really Shows Here. 3 Bdrm Brick Ranch. Updates: Roof & Gutters 03, Walkside Windows 01, Kit Appls 00, The List Goes On. 2 Car Att Side Ent Grp. 2 Newer Doorways Lead To 11x23 Screened Porch. MLS# 26122486 Kathy Kaltz 734-853-4667**WESTLAND** \$207,900
Just Reduced! Simply Beautiful 3 Bedroom Brick Ranch! Open & Airy Home. Cathedral Ceilings In The Kitchen & Living Rm. Fin Bsmnt. 2.5 Baths. 1st Flr Laundry. Large Kit. Great Deck. Close To Schools & Parks! MLS# 26125570 Cathy Elias 734-591-0333 ext 126**CANTON** \$199,900
"Canton Forest" 1997 Built & Still Like New W Upgraded Corian Kit & Prof Fin Bsmnt. Open 2-Story Staircase. Private Lg Deck Offer Wooded View. Marble FP In Lg LR. \$210 Assoc Fee Inc Water Great Condo & Location. MLS# 26100831 734-591-0333**LIVONIA** \$198,000
Beautiful 3 Br Brick Ranch! Prime Location! Home Features A Fin. Basement - 1356 Sq Ft. Kitch Opens To Dining Rm. Fr Has A Fr And Overlooks Deck And Well Manicured Yard W/ 2 Ponds And A Hot Tub. Elect. Updated Hw/00, Furnace/95, Roof T/o 03. Vinyl Windows, White Pergo Fir In Kitchen. Entire Home Has Surge Protection. Close To Rec. Cir. Hwys. Shopping And Kennedy School. Hurry! Won't Last! MLS# 26117913 734-591-0333**LIVONIA** \$198,000
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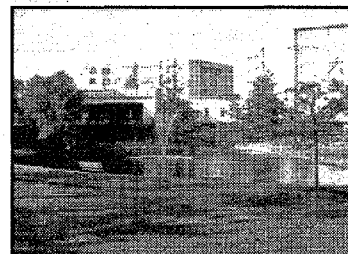
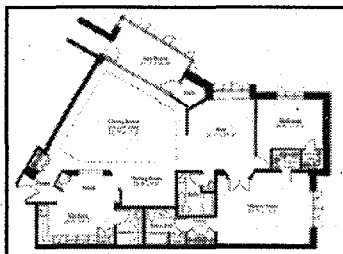
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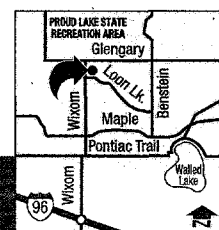
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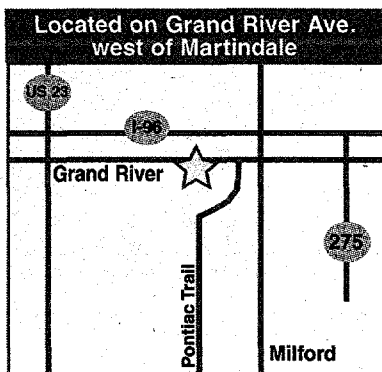
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"CREW-Detroit members wanted to mark our 20th anniversary with more than a party. We wanted to give something back to the community by doing what we do best," explained Nix, an early member of CREW-Detroit. The group has grown since its 1986 founding into one of the largest chapters of CREW Network, a

national association of nearly 7,000 commercial real estate professionals in 60 chapters across North America.

CREW-Detroit completed a similar effort for Detroit's Alternatives for Girls in 2002, contributing in-kind services and expertise to help build the nonprofit's 32,000-SF shelter for at-risk girls, said Debra Osuch, CREW-Detroit president and manager, property development services, at Soil and Materials Engineers in

Shelby Township. That effort won a national community service award from CREW Network, the national professional association.

"After we've completed First Step's facility, it would be great if CREW-Detroit is able to provide this real estate consulting service to other worthy nonprofits on a regular basis," Osuch said.

Gaining additional room for First Step's many other services addressing domestic violence

and sexual assault is just as critical as expanding the shelter, said Theresa Bizoe, First Step associate director.

"The shelter is a small but important part of what First Step does. Our programs and services touched the lives of 15,948 people in metro Detroit last year. That includes responding to 14,802 calls for help through our 24-hour help line at (888) 453-5900 or (734) 459-5900. First Step children's advocates worked with 770

children to overcome the affects of violence, and we provided domestic violence educational awareness presentations to 1,232 children," Bizoe said.

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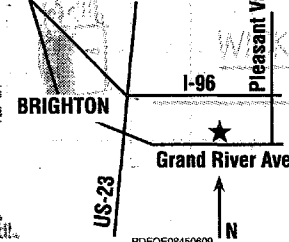
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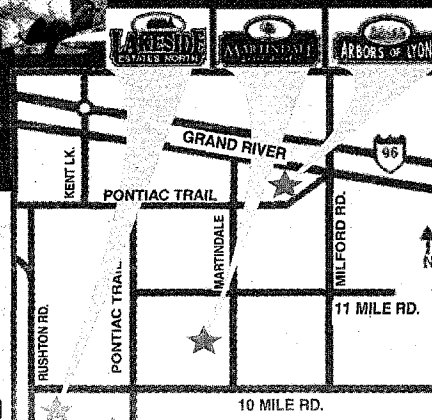


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A. Because the sellers made an affirmative representation which may be fraudulent, you may have a basis. However, if you are pursuing a claim of silent fraud against the Realtor who did not say anything, you must first establish a legal duty to make the disclosure and generally speaking, real estate agents do not have a duty to disclose material facts involving the property to the purchaser. If the Realtor did not make any such



Robert Meisner

representation, you may not have a basis against them. See a good lawyer.

Q. Are co-op laws pretty similar to condo laws?

A. There is not statute that specifically deals with the traditional co-op unlike condos which have a condominium statute. In a co-op, the resident is typically leasing the unit from the co-operative but owns a share of stock in the corporation. Therefore, corporation and landlord law generally applies.

Q. For an assessment to unit owners in a condo, is it proportionate to their size of the unit or is it equal to all owners alike?

A. This depends upon what the condominium documents say based upon what the developer put in the documents. Some condo assessments are based upon their percentage of value and others are based upon equal assessment for all units. It is something that the association can investigate with its legal counsel in terms of changing the methodology.

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43490 Algonquin	3BR/2.2BA/2car/condo	\$282,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26115313
43841 Algonquin	2BR/2BA/2car/deck	\$269,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26094949
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23503 Stonehenge	2BR/1BA/1car/condo	\$125,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/25157102
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